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We run Windows 2000 Pro SP4, use RIS to deploy the OS and Group Policy to deploy Office XP, Project 2002 and Visio 2002 from admin installation points.

Given the announcement by MS I thought it would be prudent to get patching.

So I RIS'd two fresh machines – installation was identical except, in addition to Office XP SP2 (yes we are behind a service pack), the second machine had Visio Pro 2002 SP 2 and Project Std 2002 installed automatically via Group Policy. The two machines use exactly the same source software so there could be no discrepancies there.

Before I dived into MBSA, WU, OfficeUpdate etc I thought I would just check the Office versions, you know – Help, About Microsoft (Word) (Excel) etc.

Well I was quite surprised and confused.

PC1

Word
(10.5522.4219) SP2

Excel
(10.4524.4219) SP2

Outlook
(10.4712.4219) SP2

PowerPoint
(10.4205.4219) SP2

PC2

Word
(10.5522.6626) SP3

Excel
(10.4524.6626) SP3

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Outlook
(10.4712.6626) SP3

PowerPoint
(10.4205.6626) SP3

So one PC had Office XP reporting itself as SP2 and the other as SP3. Since the only difference between the 2 machines was Visio and Project, I reasoned one of these must be the culprits. So I put PC1 into a W2K group which resulted in Group Policy installing Visio 2002 SP2 (10.0.5110) at reboot and sure enough PC1 also reports itself as Office XP SP3. And just to be sure I wasn't going mad, I re-RIS'd both PCs again and achieved exactly the same results.

I look forward to more confusing reports from MBSA and OfficeUpdate....

Regards

Brendon

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[snipped].

6. Office should be patched via OfficeUpdate. I'd appreciate hearing from people who have been there (and not just WU). Did it work, didn't it, etc...

Cheers,
Russ - NTBugtraq Editor

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