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SUMMARY

A security vulnerability in pcAnywhere – a product by Symantec that allows system administrator to manage remotely Windows based operating systems – suffer from a denial-of-service vulnerability that allows remote attackers to no longer respond to legitimate connection requests.

DETAILS

Vulnerable systems:

pcAnywhere version 9.2

pcAnywhere version 10.0

Immune systems:

pcAnywhere version 9.2.1

When the socket which the pcAnywhere server is listening on is fed an abnormal amount of random characters immediately upon connection, any further communications between any pcAnywhere client and the server is prevented. The server indicates continuing to listen for a connection but

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no longer accepts client connections until the server application is restarted.

Solution:

Symantec has developed fixes for pcAnywhere v 9.x and 10.x for this issue. Patches have been posted to the following location for download and are to be included in the pcAnywhere LiveUpdate the week of 5-9 March:

pcA 9.x

<<http://www.symantec.com/techsupp/files/pca/pca9-9598nt.html>>
<http://www.symantec.com/techsupp/files/pca/pca9-9598nt.html>

pcA 10.x

<http://www.symantec.com/techsupp/files/pca/pca_10.html>
http://www.symantec.com/techsupp/files/pca/pca_10.html

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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