

# [NEWS] Attacking a Lotus Notes Client

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## SUMMARY

A security vulnerability in Lotus Notes Mail allows users to create LotusScript (an internal interpreted language) with a malicious intent, and to cause it to execute without the user's control.

## DETAILS

Vulnerable systems:

Lotus Notes Client 5 All releases

Lotus Notes Client 4.6 All releases

With a little LotusScript in your mail, you can execute all what you want on the recipient's computer – even out of Notes.

Follow these steps:

- 1) Create a new mail, add recipients
- 2) Go to the body and click in the menu "Create..Object"
- 3) Select "Control" and any object you please such as "ActiveXPlugin Object"
- 4) Do one of the following:
  - In Client 4.6, right click on the object to get "Properties"

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In Client 5, click on the menu the new "Applet" feature, and go to "Properties" then check "run the object when the document is read"  
5) Then select "Edit events": An event pane opens linked to the object  
6) In the "Initialize" section Add the following code, where "My EMAIL" is your Lotus Notes account name (if you get this part wrong, you will bomb yourself):

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Sub Initialize
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