

## Re: Why no patch for the .wmf problem?

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"Richard Urban" <richardurbanREMOVETHIS@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:ut44kSAEGHA.1120@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:ut44kSAEGHA.1120@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

> You have to understand the fact that Ilfak Guilfanov does not really have  
> to worry about breaking any applications, and he did say to use it at your  
> own risk.  
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> Microsoft, on the other hand, has to test a patch against thousands of  
> applications to make sure that the patch doesn't break a competitors  
> product. If they don't, the competitor will be in court looking for money!  
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Don't forget to toss in the many development platforms used to create countless custom apps.

It looks like this problem is not technically a bug, but the result of a design from long ago. If the fix requires changing expected behavior, much greater care needs to be taken to avoid breaking existing functionality.

It's tough to say what a fix might impact, but imagine if a quick fix from MS "broke" a large number of the printer drivers in use. To avoid that kind of thing, MS may need to get a long list of partners to test a fix before it can be released.

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• *References:*

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    ◇ *From:* Stephen Howe
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    ◇ *From:* Richard Urban

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