

Press Release

New Security Exploit Effects all Internet Explorer Browsers Users urged to temporarily switch browsers until patch is released

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Just three days after Microsoft's monthly "Patch Tuesday" release of software updates, a new and previously unknown security vulnerability threatens all Internet Explorer users with computer memory corruption if exploited.

Presently there is no patch for this security exploit, and while Microsoft has acknowledged that the exploit exists, they have not stated how long users will have to wait until a patch is released to close the vulnerability. In a much criticized release, Microsoft has recommended that all Internet Explorer users turn off all ActiveX and scripting support in their Internet Explorer browsers as a temporary work around until a patch can be designed and released.

"Asking people to turn off a core component of their internet experience is like the cable company telling you to temporarily switch to your old rabbit ears until they can fix a problem," Thor Schrock, owner of Schrock Innovations said.

While disabling all scripting controls in Internet explorer would be an effective workaround for this problem, it could also render many other websites inoperable – including some features on the Windows Update website itself. Schrock notes that there is a second workaround available that would allow users to continue browsing the Internet in full until Microsoft is able to repair Internet Explorer.

"We are encouraging our customers to install the FireFox browser on their computers," Schrock said. "FireFox is free and it is not effected by the latest Internet Explorer problem."

FireFox is an open source web browser that competes with Microsoft's Internet Explorer. FireFox works differently from Internet Explorer, so it is not affected by the latest security problem. While many users would prefer not to switch their browser from one they are familiar with, Schrock said that installing FireFox as a temporary workaround is the best, and in some cases, the only viable workaround until a Microsoft patch is released.

You can download the Firefox browser free of charge at www.getfirefox.tv, or it can be obtained directly from the Schrock Innovations website at www.schrockinnovations.com.

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