



Homeland Secure IT Alert for Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Greetings and salutations John,

This week's updates that you should be aware of include:

MICROSOFT WINDOWS, OFFICE & VISUAL BASIC: -CRITICAL-

Microsoft released the May Security Bulletin yesterday and it includes updates for Microsoft Windows, Office and Visual Basic for Applications. These vulnerabilities may allow an attacker to execute arbitrary code. The solution – Update, update, update.

Microsoft instructions for applying the patches to prevent this are located here:

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/bulletin/ms10-may.msp>

ADOBE SHOCKWAVE PLAYER: -CRITICAL-

Adobe announced that critical vulnerabilities have been identified in Adobe Shockwave Player 11.5.6.606 and earlier on both the Windows AND Macintosh operating systems.

These vulnerabilities could allow an attacker to run malicious code on the affected systems.

Adobe recommends users to update to Adobe Shockwave Player 11.5.7.609.

Adobe instructions can be located here:

<http://www.adobe.com/support/security/bulletins/apsb10-12.html>

APPLE SAFARI VULNERABILITY: -CRITICAL-

A vulnerability in Apple Safari would allow an attacker to execute arbitrary code by convincing a user to open a specially crafted web page. Exploit code for this vulnerability is publicly available.

US-CERT encourages users and administrators to disable JavaScript until a fix is provided by the vendor.

Additional information regarding this vulnerability can be found here:

<http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/943165>

Keep your operating systems and applications up to date, and your anti-virus current and you will avoid most problems.

If we can be of any assistance at all, please do not hesitate to contact us...

Enjoy your hump day!

John

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