



Microsoft Bulletin

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As has been widely reported in the press and on Microsoft's own web site, on July 16th we released a critical security bulletin (MS03-026) and a patch regarding a vulnerability in the Windows operating system. We wanted to make sure that if you were not aware of this bulletin and corresponding patch that you take a moment to go to [http://www.microsoft.com/security/security\\_bulletins/ms03-026.asp](http://www.microsoft.com/security/security_bulletins/ms03-026.asp) to find out if you are running an affected version of the Windows operating system and get the specific information as to what you need to do to apply this patch if you have not already. Although we encourage you to pay attention to all security bulletins and to deploy patches in a timely manner we wanted to call special attention to this particular instance as we have become aware of some activity on the internet that we believe increases the likelihood of the exploitation of this vulnerability. Specifically, code has been published on several web sites that would allow someone to spread a worm/virus that takes advantage of the vulnerability in question thereby impacting your computing environment.

Although it is our goal to produce the most secure and dependable products possible, we do become aware of these types of vulnerabilities. In order to minimize the risks of such vulnerabilities to your computing environment, we encourage you to subscribe to the Windows Update service by going to <http://www.windowsupdate.com> and also subscribe to Microsoft's security notification service at <http://register.microsoft.com/subscription/subscribeme.asp?ID=135> if you have not already. By subscribing to these two services you will automatically receive information on the latest software updates and the latest security notifications thereby improving the likelihood that your computing environment will be safe from worms and viruses that occur.

We do apologize for any inconvenience the implementation of this patch might cause but do appreciate you taking the time to update your system.

Thank you,  
Microsoft Corporation