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Hello CNRE,

Yesterday was patch Tuesday and one of the many security updates that Microsoft released was the one for the "Extremely Critical" IE vulnerability that I had sent out a message about (shown below) back in mid-November. That message had you run a workaround tool that made it safe to use IE once again until they patched it. Now that they have patched it you should run the tool that undoes that workaround. However, before doing this make sure that your computer has gotten the latest updates from Microsoft by performing a "Windows Update" from either the "Tools" menu of Internet Explorer or the "Start" menu. Note that if your computer needs to be updated it will require a restart. Once you have updated/verified that you're up-to-date you should perform the steps below. Thanks and as always please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) for questions or problems. Lon.

Implementing Microsoft's Workaround: (will not require a restart)

1. Go to <http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=9750330>.
2. Click on the "Run" button. If you're using Firefox you'll need to save the "MicrosoftFixit50557.msi" file to your computer and then double click on it to run the installer.
3. Just follow the setup wizard to install this fix-it tool which undoes the original fix-it tool. Note that if you get the message "This Microsoft Fix it does not apply to your operating system or application version" then you have either already run it or the original workaround was not installed or installed improperly. In either case you're done at this point.
4. The fix-it tool should automatically launch IE when it is finished.
5. Done.

\*\*\* Original Message \*\*\*

Security Alert: Workaround Tool Available for Extremely Critical Vulnerability in Internet Explorer

Hello again CNRE,

Microsoft has created a workaround tool which “supposedly” makes it safe to use Internet Explorer once again (at least from this vulnerability) until they actually get around to patching it. Please follow the instructions below to implement this workaround, it should only take about a minute. Once they actually do release a patch I will send out another note on how to undo the workaround and update Internet Explorer. Thanks and as always please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) for questions or problems. Lon.

Implementing Microsoft’s Workaround: (will not require a restart)

6. Go to <http://go.microsoft.com/?linkid=9750329>.
7. Since you’re probably using Firefox at this point you’ll need to save the “MicrosoftFixit50556.msi” file to your computer and then double click on it to run the installer, if you’re using IE then click on the “Run” button.
8. Just follow the setup wizard to install the workaround.
9. The fix-it tool should automatically launch IE when it is finished.
10. If you want set IE back to being your default web browser then continue on to the next step.
11. If prompted to make Internet Explorer your default browser click on “Yes” and you’re done.
12. If not prompted then click on the “Tools” menu and select the “Internet Options” menu option.
13. Click on the “Programs” tab.
14. Click on the “Make default” button under the “Default web browser” section.
15. Click on the “Ok” button.
16. Done.

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