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Subject: Security Alert: Extremely Critical Microsoft Windows Vulnerability
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Hello again CNRE,

Yesterday was Microsoft's patch Tuesday (2nd Tuesday of every month) and one of the patches they pushed out was a fix to the zero-day vulnerability that I sent out a note about last month (see below). Therefore if you followed my recommendation and enabled the Microsoft workaround it's now time to undo that workaround using the following instructions. If you didn't enable that workaround then there are no further steps you need to take. Thanks and as always please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) with questions or problems. Lon.

DISABLING the TrueType font workaround (does not require a reboot and only takes about a minute):

1. Note that these directions are for Internet Explorer and downloading options may vary with other browsers.
2. Go to <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/2639417>.
3. About midway down the screen you should see two "Fix it" buttons, this time click on the one in the "Disable" side.
4. When prompted to "Run" or "Save" choose "Run".
5. If prompted to "Run" or "Save" again choose "Run".
6. Check the "I Agree" check box in the "Microsoft Fix it" window that appears and click the "Next>" button.
7. If prompted by a "User Account Control" dialog box select the "Yes" button.
8. Click on the "Close" button.
9. Done.

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Hello CNRE,

Microsoft has announced an Extremely Critical vulnerability in the way TrueType fonts are handled in Windows. This is a zero-day vulnerability (currently being exploited in the wild) and affects ALL versions of Windows. All you have to do is open a malicious document and your computer can be taken over or added to some botnet!

Microsoft has yet to announce when they will patch this security hole but they have

created a workaround that essentially disables TrueType fonts on your computer. Even though this will cause some fonts to not appear properly I highly recommend that you enable this Microsoft workaround on all your windows based computers including Paralleled or Boot Camp windows installs on Macs. When the security hole is patched I will send out another note with instructions on how to undo or disable this workaround. To enable this workaround and protect your computer follow the instructions below. Thanks and as always please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) with questions or problems. Lon.

Enabling the TrueType font workaround (does not require a reboot and only takes about a minute):

10. Note that these directions are for Internet Explorer and downloading options may vary with other browsers.
11. Go to <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/2639658>.
12. About midway down the screen you should see two "Fix it" buttons, click on the one in the "Enable" side.
13. When prompted to "Run" or "Save" choose "Run".
14. If prompted to "Run" or "Save" again choose "Run".
15. Check the "I Agree" check box in the "Microsoft Fix it" window that appears and click the "Next>" button.
16. If prompted by a "User Account Control" dialog box select the "Yes" button.
17. Click on the "Close" button.
18. Done.

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