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Hello again CNRE,

Even though I've titled this a security alert it's more of an FYI message. A few weeks ago Microsoft announced a 0-day (currently being exploited in the wild) vulnerability with the viewing of thumbnails in Windows XP and Vista. Microsoft has yet to release a patch for this Extremely Critical vulnerability but they have come up with a temporary workaround until they do patch it. I have been pushing this workaround to most of the college's computers via group policy and one of the side effects of this workaround is the inability to view your graphics files in the thumbnail view. Another side effect of this workaround is the disabling of the "Windows Picture and Fax Viewer" application which is the default image viewing program (unless you or another program that you've installed has changed it). I hope this security setting hasn't caused too many problems and once Microsoft patches this vulnerability I will undo it. Thanks. Lon.

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