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Hello again CNRE,

Mozilla was quick and has already patched the “Extremely Critical” vulnerability that I wrote about yesterday. To update your Firefox application simply start Firefox, select the “Check for Updates...” option from the “Help” menu, and install any update that it displays. Once complete you should be running version 3.6.12. If you want to reset Firefox as your default browser follow the steps below for your OS. Thanks and as always please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) for questions or problems. Lon.

Windows:

1. Start Mozilla Firefox.
2. If prompted to make Firefox your default browser click on “Yes” and you’re done.
3. If not prompted then click on the “Tools” menu and select the “Options” menu option.
4. Click on the “Advanced” button.
5. On the “General” tab click on the “Check Now” button.
6. Click on the “Yes” button when prompted to make Firefox your default browser.
7. Click on the “Ok” button.
8. Done.

OS X:

1. Start Firefox.
2. If prompted to make Firefox your default browser click on “Yes” and you’re done.
3. If not prompted then click on the “Firefox” menu and select the “Preferences...” menu option.
4. Click on the “Advanced” button.
5. On the “General” tab click on the “Check Now” button.
6. Click on the “Yes” button when prompted to make Firefox your default browser.
7. Close the “Preferences...” window.
8. Done.

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**From:** CNREHelpDesk

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 27, 2010 9:31 AM

**To:** CNREHelpDesk

**Subject:** Security Alert: Stop using Mozilla Firefox (for now)

**Importance:** High

Hello CNRE,

Mozilla has announced an unpatched "Extremely Critical" vulnerability in their Firefox browser application. This has the rating of Extreme which means that it is currently being exploited to take over users computers. **I highly recommend that all Firefox users start using either Internet Explorer in Windows or Safari in OS X until this security hole has been patched!** See the steps below on changing your default web browser application for your Operating System. I will send out another note when this has been patched and it's once again safe to use Mozilla Firefox. Thanks and as always please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) for problems or questions. Lon.

Windows:

1. Start Internet Explorer.
2. If prompted to make Internet Explorer your default browser click on "Yes" and you're done.
3. If not prompted then click on the "Tools" menu and select the "Internet Options" menu option.
4. Click on the "Programs" tab.
5. Click on the "Make default" button under the "Default web browser" section.
6. Click on the "Ok" button.
7. Done.

OS X:

1. Start Safari
2. Click on the "Safari" menu and select the "Preferences..." menu option.
3. On the "General" tab set the "Default web browser:" option to "Safari.app (5.0.2)"
4. Close the "Preferences..." window.
5. Done.

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