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**Subject:** Security Alert: Highly Critical Update for Firefox version 3.6.x (PC & Mac)  
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Hello CNRE,

Before I dive into the actual security announcement I want let everyone know that I have made some additions to who all receives these messages. Up to this point it has been just current CNRE faculty and staff but I've added two new groups. The first being the newly created college graduate student listserv ([CNRE\\_Grad\\_Students@listserv.vt.edu](mailto:CNRE_Grad_Students@listserv.vt.edu)) which includes all graduate students from all the departments. Many of our graduate students have or are using departmentally owned computers and it makes sense that they receive these alerts as well so they can patch and update accordingly. One drawback is that if you're a faculty or staff member and subscribed to this listserv you will receive duplicate announcements (Sorry). The second group is a new distribution list that I just created for other individuals who wish to receive these types of announcements. Currently it is comprised mostly of retired faculty who requested to be added but it can include anyone, all they have to do is ask and I will be happy to add them. Now on to the actual alert...

Mozilla has patched a "Highly Critical" vulnerabilities in the 3.6.x version of their Firefox browser application. This affects both Windows and OS X so **ALL users of the 3.6.x version should update ASAP!** It should only take about a minute and will not require a restart of your computer. See below for determining if you have Firefox installed and if so which version you're running. To update the 3.6.x version of Firefox simply start Firefox, select the "Check for Updates..." option from the "Help" menu, and install any update that it displays. When finished you should be at version 3.6.26.

A general note to Firefox users, Firefox has switched to a rapid release program and is actually up to version 10.0! If you're still running an older version you may want to consider upgrading all the way up to version 10. The simplest way to do this is go to <http://www.firefox.com> and download the latest version. Alternatively, if you are running Firefox version 5 or later then simply going to the "About Firefox" as described below will check for the latest update/version and provide a mechanism to install it. Thanks and as always please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) for questions or problems. Lon.

#### **Do I have Firefox installed – Windows?**

Look for a "Mozilla Firefox" folder in your Programs listing under the "Start" menu or button.

#### **Do I have Firefox installed – OS X?**

Look for the "Firefox.app" in your "Applications" folder.

**Which version of Firefox am I running – Windows?**

Start Firefox and select the "About Firefox" option from the "Help" menu.

**Which version of Firefox am I running – OS X?**

Start Firefox and select the "About Firefox" option from the "Firefox" menu.

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