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Hello yet again CNRE,

This is just a heads up that there is an unpatched "Highly Critical" vulnerability in Adobe's Reader and Acrobat applications. All you have to do is open a malformed PDF attachment or click on a PDF web link and your computer could potentially be taken over. Adobe has yet to release a patch for this vulnerability so the only protection you have at this point is to be careful when opening PDF's. Word on the street is that the patch will be released next week sometime at which time I will send a follow up notice to patch. Remember **NEVER** open unknown or unsolicited PDF attachments or click on PDF links on web pages that are not trusted or known. Thanks and as always please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) for any questions or concerns that you may have. Lon.

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