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Subject: Security Alert: Extremely Critical Adobe Flash Player Vulnerability
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Hello yet again CNRE,

Adobe has just announced an “Extremely Critical” (currently being exploited) vulnerability in their Flash player. What makes this one particularly bad is that all you have to do is visit a malicious website with Flash installed and your computer could be taken over! Adobe doesn’t plan on patching it until November 9th so I **HIGHLY** recommend uninstalling Flash from all your Windows boxes until the patch is released. The Mac version of Flash is also affected but there hasn’t been any reported cases of this exploit on that platform. If that changes I will send out a note about disabling Flash on the Mac. Windows users please follow the appropriate steps below for removal instructions, it should only take a few minutes and will not require a restart. Once Adobe patches this nasty security hole I will send out a notice saying that it’s once again safe to reinstall the Flash Player. I will also mention that since Adobe Acrobat/Reader has the Flash Player embedded in its code your computer could also be compromised by opening a malicious PDF file. Therefore remember to **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](#) with problems or questions. Lon.

Windows XP:

1. Launch the “Control Panel”.
2. Double click on the “Add or Remove Programs” control panel applet.
3. Look for “Adobe Flash Player 10 ActiveX” and/or “Adobe Flash Player 10 Plugin” in the “Currently installed programs:” list.
4. If you don’t see either of them then then jump to step 8.
5. Repeat steps 6 and 7 for each of one of the two Flash Players you have installed.
6. Single click on it.
7. Click on the “Remove” button that’s off to the right side. Note that you may be asked to quit Internet Explorer before continuing.
8. Close the “Add or Remove Programs” applet.

9. Close the "Control Panel"
10. Done.

Windows 7:

1. Launch the "Control Panel".
2. Single click on the "Programs and Features" control panel applet.
3. Look for "Adobe Flash Player 10 ActiveX" and/or "Adobe Flash Player 10 Plugin" in the "Name" column.
4. If you don't see either of them then jump to step 8.
5. Repeat steps 6 and 7 for each of one of the two Flash Players you have installed.
6. Single click on it.
7. Click on the "Uninstall" button above the "Name" column. Note that you may be asked to quit Internet Explorer before continuing.
8. Close the "Programs and Features" applet.
9. Done.

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