

Advisory :

Microsoft Internet Explorer DoS in Rendering Malicious PNG Files.

Version Affected:

IE 7 (7.0.5730)/ IE 8 (8.0.6001) BETA

Background:

Mshtml.dll is a standard library which is responsible for rendering objects in web pages in Internet Explorer.

Description:

The Internet Explorer 7 is vulnerable to Denial of Service while handling malicious PNG files. The IE shows an intrinsic vulnerable response while loading images. This issue can be exploited by an attacker by letting a victim to visit a malicious web page embedded with rogue PNG Files there by leading to denial of service.

Analysis:

The internet explorer unable to render and load the malicious png image. On further discussion, Microsoft team stated that CDwnTaskExec::ThreadExec enters an infinite loop that keeps grabbing task and runs them synchronously. This results in failure in completion of task. When a task never completes, or timeouts all subsequent task will be blocked. IE will fail to load all subsequent image after an attempt to load the malicious PNG file.

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