

TopResponse Threat Advisory

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Purpose: The Corero TopResponse team is issuing an advisory, which provides information needed to block known attacks targeting the Microsoft Publisher Memory Corruption Vulnerability (MS11-091,CVE-2011-3412).

Corero Products: Corero IPS 5500 E-Series and later.

Vulnerable Infrastructure: Microsoft Office 2003 SP3, Microsoft Office 2007 SP2 and Microsoft Office 2007 SP3.

Alert Type: Critical Vulnerability

Risk Assessment: Critical

Threat Impact: Remotely exploitable vulnerability that could allow an attacker to control vulnerable systems

Advisory Impact: Prevention

Summary: Microsoft Publisher contains a vulnerability in the way memory values are handled when parsing PUB files. The reported vulnerability could allow an attacker to execute arbitrary code on users' systems in the context of the logged-on user by enticing the user to open a specially crafted PUB file.

Recommended Action: Corero recommends the following actions:

Download and apply Protection Pack 2011-12-15-04 (or later) to put this new protection into place. This will put into place protection for the Microsoft Publisher Memory Corruption Vulnerability that will be applied to the "Recommended Client Protection" IPS Rule Set.

In order to take advantage of the protection provided in this Protection Pack, make sure the IPS rule tln-106406 is enabled in the IPS Rule Set used to inspect traffic to your Microsoft Publisher infrastructure.

References: Use the following sources for additional information:

Additional Information	Location
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Corero Support	https://support.corero.com/
Microsoft Advisory	http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/security/bulletin/ms11-091

Relevant IPS 5500 Rules: tln-106406.

Relevant TopResponse Protection Pack(s): 2011-12-15-04.