Prudent Patching

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Definition

pru-dent (prood'nt) adj.

- 1. Wise in handling practical matters; exercising good judgment or common sense.
- 2. Careful in regard to one's own interests; provident.
- 3. Careful about one's conduct; circumspect.





- Desktops/laptops: Responsible for or involved in patching 5000 or more, 500, 50
- Servers: Responsible for or involved in patching 1000 or more, 100, 10
- Tools: What do you use to patch?
- Timing: "Patch Tuesday" ... 30 days or less, 60 days, 90 days, don't ask
- Info: "In the wild" sources?
- Life: Are you happy?



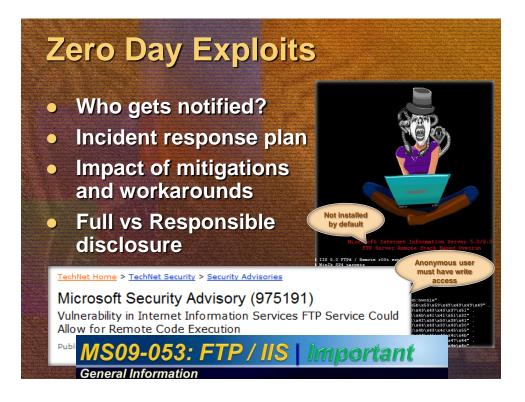




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Rating the Risk Am I Hot or Not?

- Bulletin Rating
 - > Aggregate across all versions
 - Critical | Important | Moderate | Low
- Per Vulnerability Info
 - > Exploitability index
 - Publicly disclosed
 - Is it currently being exploited?
- Any known issues with the fix?
- Deployment Priority



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Securing the Stack

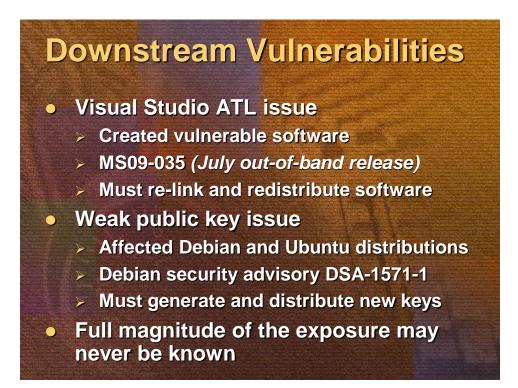
- **OS**
- Service Packs
- Runtime environments
- Applications
- Patches
- Backend data systems
 - Data in transit
 - Data at rest
- Partners
- What about the cloud?

Lifecycle Matters

- Mainstream support
- Extended support
- Then what?
- Service pack lifecycle
 - One or two years from release of <u>next</u> SP
 - XP SP3 released 4/21/2008
 - XP SP2 released 9/17/2004, retires 7/13/2010
 - Windows 2000 SP4 released 6/26/2003
- www.microsoft.com/lifecycle
- W2K extended support ends July 2010!

Lifecycle Timeframes Service Packs

Product Family	12 Months	24 Months	
Vindows		Yes	
licrosoft Dynamics SL, Microsoft		Yes	
Oynamics GP, Microsoft Dynamics NAV,			1000
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Dynamics AX			
Office	Yes		
Servers	Yes		
Developer Tools	Yes		
Business Solutions	Yes		
Consumer, Hardware, Multimedia, Games	Yes		



Modifying Source Code

- Good idea or bad idea?
- Regressions based on ISV updates
- Core competencies
- Security-trained developers
- passfilt.dll
 - Modify securely
 - Test, test, test
 - Maintain baseline
 - Maintain configuration for ALL DCs

Wrap Up

- Patching is not going away anytime soon, rhythm of the business
- Process beats ad hoc, and should align to policy
- Due diligence and rapid response are not necessarily opposed
- It may be bigger than it first appears
- Tomorrow will bring something new, but something old may come back

Resources

- Best Practices for Applying Service Packs, Hotfixes
 and Security Patches
 http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc750077.aspx
- Ten Principles of Microsoft Patch Management http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/library/cc512589.aspx
- TechNet Radio: Patch Management at Microsoft
 <u>http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/bb643270.aspx</u>
- Security Bulletin Severity Rating System <u>http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/bulletin/rating.mspx</u>
- Microsoft Exploitability Index http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/security/cc998259.aspx

