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MARCH - PATCH TUESDAY

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IMPACT	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
EASE OF EXPLOIT	HARD	MEDIUM	EASY

OVERVIEW

Microsoft have released security patch updates for 82 fixes including 3 zero day flaws, one of which is a web browser bug currently under active attack in the wild [CVE-2021-26411](https://cve.mitre.org/cve/2021/26411) that affects both Internet Explorer v11 and the newer Microsoft Edge enabling attackers to run files after ensnaring victims with fake or hacked websites. There are also 3 non-security, cumulative updates for Windows 10 released by Microsoft which are KB5000802, KB5000808 & KB5000822 which are causing issues for some users by crashing their systems and displaying the Blue Screen of Death (BSOD). Microsoft is reported to be issuing fixes for these later in the week.

BREAKDOWN

Microsoft Windows:

- 82 fixes in total
- 10 rated CRITICAL
- 72 rated IMPORTANT

Other vendor releases:

- Adobe
- Apple
- Android
- SAP
- Cisco
- VMWare

REMEDIATION STEPS

- Back up all critical data before performing updates
- Install latest Windows security updates and patches – For a full list see the resources listed below

REFERENCES & RESOURCES

Microsoft	https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide
Rapid7 Blog	https://blog.rapid7.com/2021/03/09/patch-tuesday-march-2021/
Bleeping Computer	https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/microsoft/microsoft-march-2021-patch-tuesday-fixes-82-flaws-2-zero-days/
Sophos News	https://news.sophos.com/en-us/2021/03/09/critical-updates-dominate-march-2021-patch-tuesday-releases/
Helpnet Security	https://www.helpnetsecurity.com/2021/03/09/march-2021-patch-tuesday/
ZDNet	https://www.zdnet.com/article/microsoft-march-patch-tuesday-critical-remote-code-execution-flaws-fixed/