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APRIL – PATCH TUESDAY

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IMPACT

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

EASE OF EXPLOIT

HARD

MEDIUM

EASY

OVERVIEW

Microsoft has addressed 97 CVEs in the latest “Patch Tuesday” roll, including one actively exploited zero-day vulnerability. Seven vulnerabilities have been classified as 'Critical' for allowing remote code execution, Security feature bypass, or elevation of privileges attacks.

BREAKDOWN

Microsoft Windows:

- 97 updates in total (1 zero-day)
Windows Common Log File System Driver Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability [CVE-2023-28252](#) CVSS: 7.8
- 7 classified as CRITICAL
- Remote Code Execution Vulnerabilities
[CVE-2023-28285](#), [CVE-2023-28295](#), [CVE-2023-28287](#), and [CVE-2023-28311](#).

Other vendor releases:

- Apple
- Cisco
- Fortinet
- Google

REMIEDIATION STEPS

- Back up all critical data before performing updates.
- Install the latest security updates and patches – See the resources below for a complete list.

REFERENCES & RESOURCES

Microsoft	https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide
Bitdefender	https://www.bitdefender.com/blog/hotforsecurity/apple-patches-first-zero-day-flaw-reported-in-2023-on-ios-and-macos/
Bleeping Computer	https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/microsoft/microsoft-april-2023-patch-tuesday-fixes-1-zero-day-97-flaws/
Cisco	https://sec.cloudapps.cisco.com/security/center/publicationListing.x
Sophos News	https://news.sophos.com/en-us/2023/04/11/april-showers-windows-updates-on-sysadmins/