



## **COT Security Alert - Vulnerability in Mozilla Firefox**

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The COT Security Administration Branch has received reports that a vulnerability found in the web browser Mozilla Firefox versions 3.5x and 3.6x could allow attackers to execute arbitrary code on affected systems. Exploitation can occur if a user visits a webpage designed to take advantage of this vulnerability. A successful exploitation could result in an attacker gaining the logged on user's level of privileges. Depending on the level of privileges gained, an attacker could then install programs; view, change, or delete data; or create new accounts with full user rights. Failed exploit attempts may result in a denial-of-service condition.

There is currently no patch available for this vulnerability. Reports indicate that the vulnerability has been exploited and is currently being used to spread malware over the Internet.

Internet Explorer is available to users and is not affected by this vulnerability. Users may consider using Internet Explorer until a patch for this vulnerability can be applied. As always, users are reminded not to visit un-trusted websites or follow links provided in emails from unknown or un-trusted sources.

NOTICE: COT is providing this information so that you are aware of the latest security threats, vulnerabilities, software patches, etc. You should consult with your network administrator or other technical resources to ensure that the appropriate actions for these alerts are followed. If you are a network administrator and need additional information, please call the Help Desk at 502.564.7576.

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