

COT Security Alert – Windows Workstation Service Vulnerability

A vulnerability discovered in Windows could allow attackers to execute arbitrary code on affected systems. The vulnerability is within the Windows Workstation Service responsible for routing local file requests to the appropriate system. Exploitation of the vulnerability could allow an attacker to install programs, create accounts or access, change or delete data. Failed exploit attempts could result in a denial of service.

The MS09-041 bulletin released August 11, 2009 addresses this vulnerability. In addition to the bulletin, anti-virus software should be current and users should not visit un-trusted websites or follow links in emails from unknown sources. MS09-041, needed for this vulnerability, may be found at <http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/bulletin/MS09-041.msp> .

The Microsoft Bulletin Summary for August includes 8 other bulletins, 5 of which are rated as **critical**. They may be found at <http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/bulletin/ms09-aug.msp> .

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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