

Threat Protection System

Snort Engine Update 110

Release Summary

Release Date: 09-October-2007

Purpose: This update is SEU 110 for all models of the 3D Sensor version 4.7, the 4.7 and 4.6 series of the Defense Center and Intrusion Sensor version 4.6.

<u>Synopsis</u>

The Nortel TPS team is aware of multiple vulnerabilities affecting Microsoft products.

<u>Details</u>

Microsoft Security Bulletin MS07-055:

Kodak Image Viewer contains a flaw that may allow a remote attacker to execute code via a specially crafted image file.

Rules to detect attacks targeting this vulnerability are included in this release and are identified as SIDs 12631 through 12634.

Microsoft Security Bulletin MS07-056:

Microsoft Outlook Express and Windows Mail for Vista contain a programming error that may allow a remote attacker to execute code on an affected host via an NNTP server response.

A shared object rule to detect attacks targeting this vulnerability is included in this release and is identified as GID 3 SID 12636.

Microsoft Security Bulletin MS07-057:

Microsoft Internet Explorer does not correctly handle errors encountered when handling file download queues. This may allow a remote attacker to execute code on a vulnerable host.

Previously released rules identified as SIDs 10504 and 10505 will generate events on attempts to exploit this vulnerability. Additionally, a rule to detect other attack vectors targeting this vulnerability is included in this release and is identified as SID 12630.

Microsoft Security Bulletin MS07-058:

Microsoft Windows systems using RPC may be vulnerable to a Denial of Service (DoS) condition that occurs when a malformed authentication request is transmitted to an affected host.

A rule to detect attacks targeting this vulnerability is included in this release and is identified as SID 12635.

Microsoft Security Bulletin MS07-059:

Microsoft Windows SharePoint Services and Microsoft Office SharePoint Server suffer from a programming error that may allow an attacker to execute code and escalate privileges on an affected system.

A rule to detect attacks targeting this vulnerability is included in this release and is identified as SID 12629.

WARNING: Nortel Threat Protection System customers must upgrade to 4.5.1 prior to applying this patch. Failure to upgrade will result in sensor failure when installing these rules.

Snort Engine Updates: In Threat Protection System v4.1, Snort Engine Updates (SEUs) replaced rule pack updates as the mechanism for updating Snort and Snort-based rules. In addition, SEUs can provide new and updated preprocessors and protocol decoders that aid in detecting intrusion attempts.

Note that SEUs can contain new binaries (in the form of shared object rules and new versions of Snort), so make sure that your process for installing new SEUs complies with your network and security policies. Shared Object Rules: Shared object rules (SORs) are a new type of rule that allows the Nortel Threat Protection System Team more flexibility in detecting possible intrusions. SORs are delivered in SEUs in binary format as compared with the text rules (now called standard text rules or STRs) that were provided in previous rule packs.

You can view the rule documentation and create copies of shared object rules just as you could with standard text rules. However, you can only view and modify attributes such as the message or the source and destination ports and addresses in the rule header. You cannot view or modify the rule keywords section, including rule content keywords. Note that you can still create and modify your own standard text rules, and you can view, copy, and modify any of the legacy standard text rules.

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