



Threat Protection System

Snort Engine Update 152

Release Summary

Release Date: 08-July-2008

Purpose: The SEU 152 (previous SEU-151) applies to:

- 3D Sensor Version: 4.7
- Defense Center Version(s): 4.7 and 4.6.0.2
- Intrusion Sensor Version(s): 4.6

Note: All SEU packages are cumulative. The installation of prior SEU packages is not required before installing the current package.

WARNING: The time taken to install the latest SEU will depend on the last time the 3D System was updated with an SEU. Installing SEUs weekly can help lessen the installation time. Additionally, SEUs require 50 Megabytes of free space in /tmp and 150 Megabytes of free space in /var to install successfully.

Synopsis:

The Nortel Threat Protection System team is aware of multiple vulnerabilities affecting Microsoft products.

Details:

Microsoft Security Advisory (MS08-037):

Microsoft Windows DNS client and server are prone to a DNS spoofing vulnerability that may allow an attacker to redirect network traffic.

A rule to detect attacks targeting this vulnerability is included in this release and is identified with GID 3 and SID 13887. In addition, a previously released rule will detect attacks targeting this vulnerability and is identified with GID 3 and SID 13667.

Microsoft Security Advisory (MS08-038):

Microsoft Windows Explorer does not correctly parse search files when saving. Explorer may exit and restart in an exploitable manner, allowing a remote attacker to execute code on an affected system in the context of the current user.

Rules to detect attacks targeting this vulnerability are included in this release and are identified with GID 3, SIDs 13893 and 13911.

Microsoft Security Advisory (MS08-039):

Microsoft Outlook Web Access for Exchange Server is vulnerable to a cross site scripting attack that may allow a remote attacker to escalate their level of privilege on an affected system.

Rules to detect attacks targeting this vulnerability are included in this release and are identified with GID 3, SIDs 13894 and 13895.

Microsoft Security Advisory (MS08-040):

Microsoft SQL Server contains multiple vulnerabilities that may allow an attacker to escalate their level of privilege on an affected system.

Rules to detect attacks targeting this vulnerability are included in this release and are identified with GID 3, SIDs 13888 through 13892.

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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