

Security Brief

Detecting and Responding to PrintNightmare

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Identify Print Nightmare Vulnerable systems

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Locate Vulnerable Assets



Uncover all assets with a running vulnerable print spooler

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MSFT - recommends that customer follow these steps immediately:

- In ALL cases, apply the CVE-2021-34527 security update. The update will not change existing registry settings
- After applying the security update, review the registry settings documented in the CVE-2021-34527 advisory
- If the registry keys documented do not exist, no further action is required
- If the registry keys documented exist, in order to secure your system, you must confirm that the following registry keys are set to 0 (zero) or are not present:
 - HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows NT\Printers\PointAndPrint
 - NoWarningNoElevationOnInstall = 0 (DWORD) or not defined (default setting)
 - UpdatePromptSettings = 0 (DWORD) or not defined (default setting)
- For more in-depth guidance, please see <u>KB5005010: Restricting installation of new printer drivers after applying the</u> July 6, 2021 updates and <u>CVE-2021-34527</u>.
- · If our investigation identifies additional issues, we will take action as needed to help protect customers

Microsoft Documented Workarounds: (if patch is not available)

Find Systems With Print Spoolers

- Users are urged to disable the "Print Spooler" service on servers that do not require it. Microsoft has provided a series of <u>workarounds</u> to be applied. Determine if the Print Spooler service is running (run as a Domain Admin)
- Run the following as a Domain Admin: Get-Service
 Name Spooler
- 3. If the Print Spooler is running or if the service is not set to disabled, select one of the following options to either disable the Print Spooler service, or to Disable inbound remote printing through Group Policy.

Option 1: Disable Print Spooler

If disabling the Print Spooler service is appropriate for your enterprise, use the following PowerShell commands:

Stop-Service -Name Spooler -Force Set-Service -Name Spooler -StartupType Disabled

Impact of workaround: Disabling the Print Spooler service disables the ability to print both locally and remotely.

Option 2: Disable Remote Printing

You can also configure the settings via Group Policy as follows: Computer Configuration / Administrative Templates / Printers

Disable the "Allow Print Spooler to accept client connections:" policy to block remote attacks.

Impact of workaround: This policy will block the remote attack vector by preventing inbound remote printing operations. The system will no longer function as a print server, but local printing to a directly attached device will still be possible.

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Active Print Nightmare Attack

Locate Vulnerable Assets



Identify the offending systems

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To mitigate the threat from these attacks



Select the offending hosts

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