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# THREAT ADVISORY



## VULNERABILITY REPORT

**Microsoft tackles three actively exploited zero-day vulnerabilities and several other bugs**

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# Summary

**First Seen:** February 14, 2023




**Affected Product:** Microsoft Windows, Exchange Server, and Sharepoint

**Impact:** Remote Code Execution, Privilege Escalation, Information Disclosure, Spoofing, Security Feature Bypass, and Denial of Service.

## CVEs

CVE	NAME	PATCH
CVE-2023-21823*	Windows Graphics Component Remote Code Execution Vulnerability	
CVE-2023-21715*	Microsoft Publisher Security Features Bypass Vulnerability	
CVE-2023-23376*	Windows Common Log File System Driver Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability	
CVE-2023-21808	.NET and Visual Studio Remote Code Execution Vulnerability	
CVE-2023-21716	Microsoft Word Remote Code Execution Vulnerability	
CVE-2023-21718	Microsoft SQL ODBC Driver Remote Code Execution Vulnerability	
CVE-2023-21815	Visual Studio Remote Code Execution Vulnerability	

\*zero-day vulnerability

CVE	NAME	PATCH
CVE-2023-21803	Windows iSCSI Discovery Service Remote Code Execution Vulnerability	
CVE-2023-21717	Microsoft SharePoint Server Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability	
CVE-2023-21777	Azure App Service on Azure Stack Hub Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability	
CVE-2023-21806	Power BI Report Server Spoofing Vulnerability	
CVE-2023-21804	Windows Graphics Component Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability	
CVE-2023-21819	Windows Secure Channel Denial of Service Vulnerability	
CVE-2023-21689	Microsoft Protected Extensible Authentication Protocol (PEAP) Remote Code Execution Vulnerability	
CVE-2023-21688	NT OS Kernel Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability	
CVE-2023-23381	Visual Studio Remote Code Execution Vulnerability	
CVE-2023-21690	Microsoft Protected Extensible Authentication Protocol (PEAP) Remote Code Execution Vulnerability	

# Vulnerability Details

## #1

The February Patch Tuesday addresses three zero-day vulnerabilities. One of these vulnerabilities is an Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability in the Microsoft Windows Graphics Component, which has been actively exploited in the wild and is tracked as CVE-2023-21823. To exploit this weakness, an attacker must log into a vulnerable machine and run a specially created program. If successfully exploited, an attacker would be able to run processes in an elevated context.

## #2

A Security Features Bypass vulnerability in Microsoft Publisher is the second zero-day vulnerability. Exploiting CVE-2023-21715 allows an attacker to bypass Office macro security measures using a specially designed document and execute code that would otherwise be blocked by policy. This can deceive the user into opening the file and executing arbitrary code on the system.

## #3

The Windows Common Log File System Driver Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability, designated as CVE-2023-23376, is the third vulnerability currently being actively exploited. This vulnerability is caused by a boundary error in the Windows Common Log File System Driver, which can be triggered by a local user. If exploited, this vulnerability can result in memory corruption and enable arbitrary code to be executed with SYSTEM privileges.

## #4

The flaw in Power BI, designated as CVE-2023-21806, allows a remote attacker to launch a spoofing attack. This vulnerability exists due to incorrectly processed user-supplied data, which can deceive the victim into opening a malicious file and then spoof it. The Windows ALPC vulnerability, designated as CVE-2023-21688, allows a local user to gain elevated system access. The vulnerability is caused by a boundary mistake within the NT OS Kernel. If a local user with SYSTEM access exploits this vulnerability, they can cause memory corruption and execute arbitrary code.

# Vulnerability

CVE ID	AFFECTED PRODUCTS	AFFECTED CPE	CWE ID
CVE-2023-21823	Windows: 10 - 11 22H2 & Windows Server: 2008 - 2022 20H2	cpe:2.3:o:microsoft:windows:-:*:*:*:*:* cpe:2.3:o:microsoft:windows_server:-:*:*:*:*:*	CWE-119
CVE-2023-21715	Microsoft Office: 365 & Microsoft Publisher: 1912 12325.20264 - 2301 16026.20170	cpe:2.3:a:microsoft:microsoft_office:365:*:*:*:*:* cpe:2.3:a:microsoft:microsoft_publisher:- :*:*:*:*:*	CWE-254
CVE-2023-23376	Windows: 10 - 11 22H2 & Windows Server: 2008 - 2022 20H2	cpe:2.3:o:microsoft:windows:-:*:*:*:*:* cpe:2.3:o:microsoft:windows_server:-:*:*:*:*:*	CWE-119
CVE-2023-21808	Visual Studio: 15.9 - 17.4.4 17.4.33213.308, Microsoft .NET Framework: 3.5 - 4.8.1 & Microsoft .NET Core: 6.0.0 - 7.0.2	cpe:2.3:a:microsoft:visual_studio:-:*:*:*:*:*	CWE-20
CVE-2023-21716	Microsoft Office: 365 – 2021 & Microsoft Word: before 16.0.16026.20200	cpe:2.3:a:microsoft:microsoft_office:-:*:*:*:*:*	CWE-119
CVE-2023-21718	Microsoft SQL Server: 2014 12.0.2000.8 - 2022 RC1 16.0.950.9	cpe:2.3:a:microsoft:microsoft_sql_server:-:*:*:*:*:*	CWE-20
CVE-2023-21815	Visual Studio: 15.0 26228.04 - 17.4.4 17.4.33213.308	cpe:2.3:a:microsoft:visual_studio:-:*:*:*:*:*	CWE-119
CVE-2023-21803	Windows: 10 - 10 1809 & Windows Server: 2008 - 2008 SP2	cpe:2.3:o:microsoft:windows:-:*:*:*:*:* cpe:2.3:o:microsoft:windows_server:-:*:*:*:*:*	CWE-20
CVE-2023-21717	Microsoft SharePoint Server: 2013 - 2019 & Microsoft SharePoint Server: 2013	cpe:2.3:a:microsoft:microsoft_sharepoint_server:- :*:*:*:*:*	CWE-284
CVE-2023-21777	Azure App Service on Azure Stack Hub: All versions	cpe:2.3:a:microsoft:azure_app_service_on_azure_stack_hub:*:*:*:*:*	CWE-94

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CVE-2023-21806	Power BI Report Server: 14.0.600.271 - 15.0.1110.135	cpe:2.3:a:microsoft:power_bi_report_server:-:*:*:*:*:*	CWE-451
CVE-2023-21804	Windows: 10 - 11 22H2 & Windows Server: 2012 - 2022 20H2	cpe:2.3:o:microsoft:windows:-:*:*:*:*:* cpe:2.3:o:microsoft:windows_server:-:*:*:*:*:*	CWE-119
CVE-2023-21819	Windows: 10 20H2 - 11 22H2 & Windows Server: 2019 - 2022 20H2	cpe:2.3:o:microsoft:windows:-:*:*:*:*:* cpe:2.3:o:microsoft:windows_server:-:*:*:*:*:*	CWE-20
CVE-2023-21689	Windows: 10 - 11 22H2 & Windows Server: 2008 R2 - 2022 20H2	cpe:2.3:o:microsoft:windows:-:*:*:*:*:* cpe:2.3:o:microsoft:windows_server:-:*:*:*:*:*	CWE-20
CVE-2023-21688	Windows: 10 - 11 22H2 & Windows Server: 2008 - 2022 20H2	cpe:2.3:o:microsoft:windows:-:*:*:*:*:* cpe:2.3:o:microsoft:windows_server:-:*:*:*:*:*	CWE-119
CVE-2023-23381	Visual Studio: 15.9 - 17.4.4 17.4.33213.308	cpe:2.3:a:microsoft:visual_studio:-:*:*:*:*:*	CWE-119
CVE-2023-21690	Windows: 10 - 11 22H2 & Windows Server: 2008 R2 - 2022 20H2	cpe:2.3:o:microsoft:windows:-:*:*:*:*:* cpe:2.3:o:microsoft:windows_server:-:*:*:*:*:*	CWE-20

# Recommendations



## Security Leaders

Asset and vulnerability management solutions should be implemented to ensure that all internet-accessible devices are secure, patched, updated, hardened, and monitored. Integrate and communicate all lessons learned.



## Security Engineers

- **Uni5 Users:** This is an actionable threat advisory in HivePro Uni5. Prioritize the vulnerability, identify the impacted assets, and patch them through your Command Center. Test your controls with Uni5's Breach & Attack Simulation.
- **All Engineers:** Refer to and action upon the 'Potential MITRE ATT&CK TTPs' on the following pages.



## Potential MITRE ATT&CK TTPs

<b><u>TA0001</u></b> Initial Access	<b><u>TA0002</u></b> Execution	<b><u>TA0003</u></b> Persistence	<b><u>TA0004</u></b> Privilege Escalation
<b><u>TA0005</u></b> Defense Evasion	<b><u>TA0040</u></b> Impact	<b><u>TA0043</u></b> Reconnaissance	<b><u>T1556</u></b> Modify Authentication Process
<b><u>T1203</u></b> Exploitation for Client Execution	<b><u>T1036</u></b> Masquerading	<b><u>T1082</u></b> System Information Discovery	<b><u>T1068</u></b> Exploitation for Privilege Escalation
<b><u>T1210</u></b> Exploitation of Remote Services	<b><u>T1592</u></b> Gather Victim Host Information	<b><u>T1190</u></b> Exploit Public-Facing Application	<b><u>T1499</u></b> Endpoint Denial of Service

## Patch Links

<https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide/en-US/vulnerability/CVE-2023-21823>  
<https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide/en-US/vulnerability/CVE-2023-21715>  
<https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide/en-US/vulnerability/CVE-2023-23376>  
<https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide/en-US/vulnerability/CVE-2023-21808>  
<https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide/en-US/vulnerability/CVE-2023-21716>  
<https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide/en-US/vulnerability/CVE-2023-21718>  
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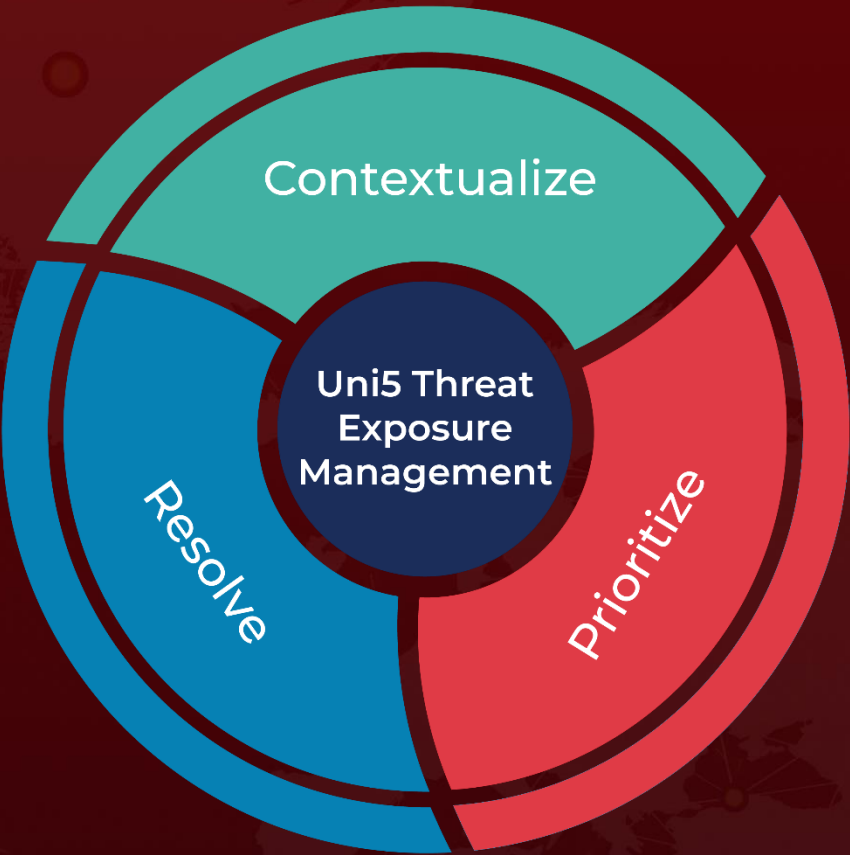
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# What Next?

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