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1. <u>Introduction.</u> Cyber Security researchers have discovered critical vulnerabilities in Microsoft Windows, Microsoft Office, internet explorer (1E), powershell, visual studio and adobe flash player .These vulnerabilities facilitate a remote attacker to execute malicious code on vulnerable system.

2. <u>Technical Analysis</u>

a. These critical issues are observed due to memory corruption flaws in internet explorer, edge browser and chakra scripting engine.

A critical flaw (CVE-2018-8327) affects Powershell editor services that could allow a remote attacker to execute malicious code on vulnerable system.

Following the most critical vulnerabilities found in Microsoft Windows and other softwares:-

- (1) Scripting Engine Memory Corruption Vulnerability (CVE-2018₇8242).
- (2) Edge Memory Corruption Vulnerability (CVE-2018-8262).
- (3) Chakra Memory Corruption Vulnerability (CVE-2018-8280).
- (4) Microsoft Edge Memory Corruption Vulnerability (CVE-2018-8301).
- (5) Microsoft Edge Information Disclosure Vulnerability (CVE-2018-8324).

3. Affected Products. These vulnerabilities affect Microsoft Windows and following softwares:-

- a. Internet Explorer IE
- b. ChakraCore
- c. Microsoft .NET Framework
- d. PowerShell
- e. Visual Studio
- f. Microsoft Office
- g. Adobe Flash Player
- h. Microsoft Share Point
- i. ASP .NET.

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4. Recommendations

- a. Security patches have been released by all vendors; it is strongly advised to update against these vulnerabilities.
- b. For updating Microsoft Windows go to Setting → Update & Security → Windows → Updates → Check for updates.
- Install and update well reputed antivirus such as Kaspersky,
 Bitdefender, Nod32 and Avast etc.
- d. Regularly update all software's including **Windows OS** and **Microsoft**Office.
- e. Don't download attachments from, unknown emails source.

5. Forwarded for perusal and dissemination of information to all concerned, please.

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