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[Windows 7, XP SP3 and Vista SP1 Vulnerability Exploit Included in Malware Kit](#)

Available for in the wild

The exploit for a vulnerability affecting the Server Service on all supported versions of Windows has been included in a commercial malware kit, available for sale. [MS08-067](#) is labeled with a maximum severity rating of Critical, and the security bulletin is designed to patch vulnerable Windows operating systems, which could allow for remote code execution via a successful attack involving a specially crafted, malicious RPC request. The vulnerability affects the latest Windows client and server operating systems, including [Windows 7](#), Windows Vista Service Pack 1 and Windows XP Service Pack 3.

"Probably the most widely reported topic in the Chinese Security community this month will be the availability of a commercial MS08-067 attack pack, customized for Chinese users. On October 26th, 2008, exploit code was posted on to a well-known public repository site. In a few days, malware kit author, WolfTeeth, was quick to sell a MS08-067 port scanning tool with attack capability to his 'customers,' using free code from the Internet," revealed [Haowei Ren and Geok Meng Ong](#), from the McAfee Avert Labs.

The security issue is rated Critical on Windows Server 2004, Windows XP (including SP3), and Windows Server 2003, and just Important on Windows Vista (SP1) and Windows Server 2008. Microsoft made available MS08-067 as an out-of-band release in October 2008. During the same month the company issued the first security patch for Windows 7, designed for the pre-Beta Build 6801 Milestone 3 release.

"A security issue has been identified that could allow an authenticated remote attacker to compromise your Microsoft Windows-based system, and gain control over it. You can help protect your computer by installing this update from Microsoft. After you install this item, you may have to restart your computer. This update is provided to you and licensed under the Windows 7 Pre-Release License Terms," Microsoft informed in the description of Security Update for Windows 7 Pre-Beta ([KB958644](#)).