

# Microsoft PrintNightmare

## Public 0-day exploit allows domain takeover

<https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide/vulnerability/CVE-2021-34527>  
 CVEs: CVE-2021-34527

A remote code execution vulnerability exists in Windows OS when the Windows Print Spooler service improperly performs privileged file operations. An attacker who successfully exploited this vulnerability could run arbitrary code with SYSTEM privileges. An attacker could then install programs; view, change, or delete data; or create new accounts with full user rights. Microsoft is encouraging customers to either "Disable the Print Spooler service" or "Disable inbound remote printing through Group Policy". <https://msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide/vulnerability/CVE-2021-34527>

### Background

On June 30 it was disclosed that the technical details and a proof-of-concept (PoC) exploit have been accidentally leaked for a currently unpatched vulnerability in Windows that allows remote code execution. Despite the need for authentication, the severity of the issue is critical as threat actors can use it to take over a Windows domain server to easily deploy malware across a company's network. The issue affects Windows Print Spooler and the researchers named it PrintNightmare.

<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/public-windows-printnightmare-0-day-exploit-allows-domain-takeover/>

### Announced

June 30: Initial details emerge -

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### Latest Developments

July 7 - Full patch / fix released -

<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/microsoft-printnightmare-now-patched-on-all-windows-versions/>

July 6 - Microsoft released a security patch (found later to be a partial fix) -

<https://us-cert.cisa.gov/ncas/current-activity/2021/07/06/microsoft-releases-out-band-security-updates-printnightmare>

July 2 - Microsoft is investigating the vulnerability and assigned a CVE to the vulnerability -

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## Fortinet Products Summary

Services	Version	Other Info
<b>FortiGate</b> IPS	6.0+	FortiGuard IPS blocks the Exploit
<b>FortiClient</b> Vulnerability	6.2+	Detects Vulnerable Endpoints and triggers Auto-Patching
<b>FortiAnalyzer</b> Event Handlers & Reports	6.2+	Detects vulnerable endpoints and intrusion attempts against the network, covering FortiGate and FortiClient
<b>FortiSIEM</b> Rules & Reports	6.2+	Detects vulnerable endpoints and intrusion attempts against the network, covering FortiGate, FortiClient and 3rd party products

## Cyber Kill Chain



## Incident Response (Security Operations)

To help customers identify and protect vulnerable, FortiAnalyzer, FortiSIEM and FortiSOAR updates are available to raise alerts and escalate to incident response:

### Analyzer / SIEM / SOAR Threat Hunting & Playbooks



#### FortiAnalyzer

Event Handlers & Reports  
 Version Info: 6.2+  
 Link: <https://kb.fortinet.com/kb/microsites/microsite.do?cmd=displayKC&docType=kc&externalId=FD52678>



#### FortiSIEM

Rules & Reports  
 Version Info: 6.2+  
 Link: <https://kb.fortinet.com/kb/microsites/microsite.do?cmd=displayKC&docType=kc&externalId=FD52679>