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Exploit of CapitalOne Breach

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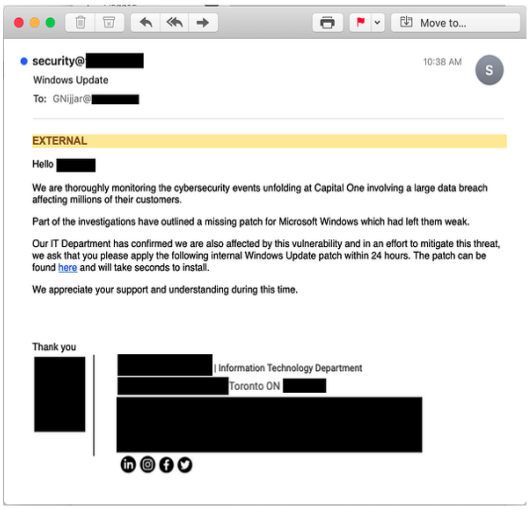
Hackers Exploit CapitalOne Breach to offer fake "Microsoft Patch"

The bad guys are now exploiting news of the CapitalOne breach to push a malicious backdoor Trojan via a phishing email claiming to offer a Windows Security Update.

Clicking the link in that email downloads a file named KB3085604 (dot) exe — named to resemble Microsoft patch files and security updates.

The phishing email itself spoofs the targeted organization's IT department, and the language used is sufficiently informal (as well as a little technical and even awkward) to appear credible. See the phishing email example below:



As a result, some users just might fall for it — especially those working in organizations that occasionally ask employees to perform routine IT tasks (e.g., applying updates, updating AV definitions, etc.).

What should you do?

If you receive a similar email don't click on any links, especially not an .exe file, or reply to the email. If you are a WESTprotect customer and suspect a phishing email, you should forward the original email as an attachment to: 411@poweredbywest.com.