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**TIPPINGPOINT RESPONSIBLE FOR DISCOVERY OF TWO MICROSOFT
VULNERABILITIES, AND OFFERS PROTECTION FOR MICROSOFT
BULLETINS RELEASED TODAY**

*TippingPoint's Zero Day Initiative Leads to Discovery and Patch of Vulnerabilities
through Collaboration with Vendor; 3Com Protects Customers Before Flaws Disclosed
Publicly*

AUSTIN, Texas – December 12, 2006 –TippingPoint, a division of 3Com and the leader in intrusion prevention, today announced the discovery and patch of two new vulnerabilities in Microsoft Internet Explorer disclosed through TippingPoint's Zero Day Initiative (ZDI). Patches for the security flaws were released in today's Microsoft Bulletin. TippingPoint reported the issues to Microsoft on June 15 and August 31 after validating the vulnerabilities. TippingPoint™ Intrusion Prevention System customers have been preemptively protected against potential zero day attacks targeting these vulnerabilities.

The first vulnerability involves a flaw in how Internet Explorer handles malicious JavaScript (CVE-2006-5581), and the second vulnerability relates to an ActiveX control (CVE-2006-4704). Both vulnerabilities could allow an attacker to take control over a victim's computer if the targeted user viewed a malicious Web page. TippingPoint also provided protection for all critical Microsoft Bulletins released today.

"More zero day exploits targeting Microsoft products have been emerging in the last few months," said David Endler, director of security research for TippingPoint. "Through the Zero Day Initiative, we're unearthing these issues ahead of time and working responsibly with Microsoft and other affected vendors to protect our mutual customers."

The goal of the Zero Day Initiative is to enable the responsible disclosure of vulnerabilities in order to make technology more secure for users and businesses. A zero day vulnerability is one that is unknown or one that has been publicly disclosed without a corresponding patch. Through the program, 3Com rewards security researchers for responsibly informing 3Com of newly discovered zero day vulnerabilities.

In addition to protecting customers from the Internet Explorer vulnerabilities, TippingPoint Intrusion Prevention Systems were inoculated against all remotely exploitable issues in today's Microsoft bulletins through the Digital Vaccine® service. The TippingPoint IPS provides protection for the following security bulletins announced by Microsoft today:

(1) *MS06-072*

Cumulative Security Update for Internet Explorer
(Rating: *Critical*)

(2) *MS06-073*

Vulnerability in Visual Studio Could Allow Remote Code Execution
(Rating: *Critical*)

(3) *MS06-074*

Vulnerability in SNMP Could Allow Remote Code Execution
(Rating: *Important*)

(4) *MS06-076*

Cumulative Security Update for Outlook Express
(Rating: *Important*)

(5) *MS06-077*

Vulnerability in Remote Installation Service Could Allow Remote Code Execution
(Rating: *Important*)

(6) *MS06-078*

Vulnerability in Windows Media Player Could Allow Remote Code Execution
(Rating: *Critical*)

For more information on the Microsoft vulnerabilities, please visit:

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/bulletin/ms06-dec.msp>. For a full list of ZDI advisories, please visit: <http://www.zerodayinitiative.com/advisories.html>.

About TippingPoint, a division of 3Com

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