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**3COM'S ZERO DAY INITIATIVE ISSUES ADVISORY FOR MACROMEDIA  
VULNERABILITY DISCOVERED THROUGH PROGRAM**

*Zero Day Initiative Leads to Discovery and Patch of Vulnerability through Collaboration  
with Vendor; 3Com Protects Customers Before Flaw Disclosed Publicly*

**MALBOROUGH, Mass. – February 23, 2006** – 3Com and its TippingPoint division, today announced a new vulnerability in Adobe Macromedia Shockwave discovered and disclosed through the Zero Day Initiative (ZDI). Through ZDI, 3Com notified Macromedia, recently acquired by Adobe, of the vulnerability. The company worked quickly to issue a corresponding software update, eliminating the threat of a zero day attack. The vulnerability was discovered in the Macromedia Shockwave installer, and could allow an attacker to compromise a vulnerable host.

Upon validating the vulnerability information, 3Com reported the threat to Macromedia on November 22, 2005, who in turn applied the necessary resources to address the vulnerability, disclosed today with a software update. 3Com customers using the TippingPoint™ Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) have been preemptively protected against potential zero day attacks targeting the vulnerability since November 22, 2005.

The Zero Day Initiative was launched by 3Com in July 2005 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 or solution. Since the launch, over 250 researchers have registered for the program.

Through the program, 3Com rewards security researchers for responsibly informing 3Com of newly discovered zero day vulnerabilities. 3Com notifies the affected vendor so a patch can be developed and the researcher agrees to keep the information confidential until the patch is issued so affected organizations are not at risk of attack. In addition to protecting all users from zero day threats by ensuring potentially harmful information is kept confidential until a solution is available, TippingPoint customers are protected against exploits of zero day vulnerabilities through security filters delivered through the Digital Vaccine<sup>®</sup> service.

“The Macromedia vulnerability is the fifth vendor vulnerability disclosed through ZDI with a corresponding fix,” said David Endler, director of security research for 3Com’s TippingPoint division. “By ensuring threat information remains confidential until a solution is available, we are helping strengthen security for all technology users and reducing the risk of zero day attacks.”

Discovered by an independent researcher, the vulnerability allows an unauthenticated attacker to compromise a user’s machine remotely.

For a full list of ZDI advisories and specific information on the Macromedia vulnerability, please visit: <http://www.zerodayinitiative.com/advisories.html>.

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