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Internet Explorer (IE) has been launched since 1995 and is always included in Windows computers by default. Recently, security researcher John Page has discovered a new security vulnerability in this outdated web browser that allows hackers to steal user data. The special thing is that without users opening Internet Explorer, if it exists on the computer, hackers can still take advantage of this vulnerability to attack the system.

When there are .MHT files, Windows will default to opening them with IE because current web browsers do not use this format. When hackers send malicious code in the form of a .MHT file to users via email, instant messenger or other file transfer services. As long as the user has to open or right click to enter the "preview" or "print" command on the website, the vulnerability has been activated. Since then, hackers can take advantage of it to monitor remote victims' computers.



John Page said, even on IE 11, the final version of Internet Explorer exists. Every Windows 7, Windows 10, and Windows Server 2012 R2 user is affected.

Page reported this vulnerability to Microsoft. However, technology companies say that this is not an 'urgent' error, they will only consider and fix this error in a future update.

Currently, IE accounts for less than 10% of the web browser market share. However, most computers now install this browser and hackers just need it.

In early 2019, Chris Jackson, Microsoft's network security expert, urged users to stop using Internet Explorer.

The video shows that the security hole in IE is absolutely a risk to users.

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