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Of the seven Windows patches that Microsoft is expected to release, four are listed as *"critical"* . These patches fix bugs that allow hackers to run malicious code on users' machines by pushing them to a dangerous website or email link.

The first patch is for **Internet Explorer** (6-10) on platforms from Windows XP to Windows 8. The second patch is for **Silverlight plug-in** , a plug-in that runs on many other browsers. each other allows the display of videos and other complex content on browsers.

The third patch is for **Visio** users and **Office Filter Pack** . However, according to *CNET*, CTO (technical director) of Qualys security company cannot explain why this patch is rated *"extremely important"*. According to the CTO, *"it is difficult to understand why a patch for a software that users can only be attacked when opening the infected file is classified as" extremely important "" "*.

The final patch is for **Microsoft Sharepoint**, a very popular Microsoft content management system. Therefore, this patch will only affect SharePoint businesses.

The 3 remaining patches released by Microsoft on March 12 are also classified as "*important*" - Important. Therefore, although the vulnerabilities that these patches fix are not as serious as the above flaws, users should still install these patches.

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