



**State of Alaska Cyber Security &  
Critical Infrastructure  
Cyber Advisory**

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**SUBJECT:**

Microsoft Internet Explorer 7 Product Key Phishing E-mail

**OVERVIEW:**

Over the last few days, we received reports of a bogus email message, purporting to be from Microsoft, inviting users to download a "Microsoft Internet Explorer 7.0 Product Key." These messages are not actually from Microsoft, but rather are intended to trick users into clicking on a malicious link.

Note that the malicious file on this site is offline at the time of this bulletin's release. However, it is possible it may reappear in the future. Additionally, the sites used to distribute malware may change over time and the contents of the email message may change. It should also be noted that the sender's email address may change. Therefore, blocking or filtering based on the current site and email address may temporarily mitigate the problem but will not fully reduce your risk of exposure.

Below is an example of a recent spoofed email:

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From: [service@microsoft.com](mailto:service@microsoft.com)

Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2007 9:15 PM

To:

Subject: Microsoft Internet Explorer 7 Product Key

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Please keep this e-mail for your records.

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Thank you for your interest in Microsoft Internet Explorer 7. Your Product Key is included at the bottom of this message. You may install IE7 on up to 10 PCs using the same Product Key.

To help answer questions you may have related to installation and use, we have created newsgroups for Microsoft Internet Explorer 7. To join or read postings in these newsgroups please visit <http://windowshelp.microsoft.com>.

For the latest information on Microsoft Internet Explorer 7, please visit <http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkID=65938>

< <http://zanatas.xom/include/phplib/IEdownloader.exe>>.

Thank You,

Microsoft

Product Key:

W4297-XY4FV-2DTG5-WPCQP-3MQM8

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- End users are your first line of defense. Inform and educate your end users about social engineering techniques and make sure they understand they should not click on links contained in emails, even when it appears to originate from a trusted source.
- Do not open or preview emails from unknown sources.
- Use web and spam filtering software.
- Block access to the domain name noted above and log any attempt to access these sites since it may be an indication of a possible infection.