



Windows Shell Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability

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Summary

CVE	CVE-2026-26165
State	PUBLISHED
Assigner	microsoft
Source Priority	CVE Program / NVD first with legacy fallback
Published	2026-04-14 18:16:49 UTC
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Description	Use after free in Windows Shell allows an authorized attacker to elevate privileges locally.

Risk And Classification

Primary CVSS: v3.1 7 HIGH from secure@microsoft.com

CVSS: 3.1/AV:L/AC:H/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H

EPSS: 0.000450000 probability, percentile 0.137930000 (date 2026-04-21)

Problem Types: CWE-416 | CWE-416 CWE-416: Use After Free

Version	Source	Type	Score	Severity	Vector
3.1	secure@microsoft.com	Secondary	7	HIGH	CVSS:3.1/AV:L/AC:H/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H
3.1	CNA	CVSS	7	HIGH	CVSS:3.1/AV:L/AC:H/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H/E:U/RL:O/RC:C

CVSS v3.1 Breakdown

Attack Vector

Local

Attack Complexity

High

Privileges Required

Low

User Interaction

None

Scope

Unchanged

Confidentiality

High

Integrity

High

Availability

High

CVSS:3.1/AV:L/AC:H/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H

Vendor Declared Affected Products

Source	Vendor	Product	Version	Platform
CNA	Microsoft	Windows 11 Version 22H3	affected 10.0.22631.0 10.0.22631.6936 custom	ARM64
CNA	Microsoft	Windows 11 Version 23H2	affected 10.0.22631.0 10.0.22631.6936 custom	x64-bit
CNA	Microsoft	Windows 11 Version 24H2	affected 10.0.26100.0 10.0.26100.8246 custom	ARM64
CNA	Microsoft	Windows 11 Version 25H2	affected 10.0.26200.0 10.0.26200.8246 custom	ARM64
CNA	Microsoft	Windows 11 Version 26H1	affected 10.0.28000.0 10.0.28000.1836 custom	ARM64
CNA	Microsoft	Windows Server 2022	affected 10.0.20348.0 10.0.20348.5020 custom	x64-bit
CNA	Microsoft	Windows Server 2022 23H2 Edition Server Core Installation	affected 10.0.25398.0 10.0.25398.2274 custom	x64-bit
CNA	Microsoft	Windows Server 2025	affected 10.0.26100.0 10.0.26100.32690 custom	x64-bit
CNA	Microsoft	Windows Server 2025 Server Core Installation	affected 10.0.26100.0 10.0.26100.32690 custom	x64-bit

References

Reference	Source	Link	Tags
msrc.microsoft.com/update-guide/vulnerability/CVE-2026-26165	secure@microsoft.com	msrc.microsoft.com	
CVE Program record	CVE.ORG	www.cve.org	canonical
NVD vulnerability detail	NVD	nvd.nist.gov	canonical, analysis

No vendor comments have been submitted for this CVE.

There are currently no legacy QID mappings associated with this CVE.

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