

Subject:- **Microsoft Releases Updates to Monitor Users Behaviour (Advisory No 13, October 2015)**

Microsoft has released several updates that provide them with capability to monitor user's activities on Windows 7,8,8.1 and 10. Such problems become serious as most users enables windows to automatically download and install updates as it is advised by experts also.

**2. Analysis.** Analysis revealed that some of the latest updates are used for collecting user's activities. For example, the two recent Windows updates having the identification number, KB3075249 and KB 30.80149, grants a capability to windows to capture and send behavioral data to company's servers.

**3. List of Updates used for Data Collection.**

- a. KB3075249
- b. KB3080149
- c. KB2876229
- d. KB2923545
- e. KB2970228
- f. KB3035583
- g. KB2990214
- h. KB3021917
- i. KB3068708
- j. KB2592687
- k. KB2660075
- l. KB2506928
- m. KB2952664
- n. KB3050265
- o. KB2726535
- p. KB2994023
- q. KB3022345
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- r. KB2545698
- s. KB3065987
- t. KB2505438
- u. KB2670838
- v. KB2976978

w. KB3075249

x. KB3080149

4. **Recommendation** . It is recommended the following steps should be followed to uninstall and block the updates:-

- a. **Uninstall Updates.** In "Control Panel " go to "Programs and Features" and click on "View Installed Updates " and select the update mentioned at para 3 and then click uninstall.
- b. **Control on Updates.** In " Control Panel" go to "Window Update" and then click on "Change Setting". Under "important Updates" click on "Check for updates but let me choose whether to download and install them".
- c. **Block Unwanted Updates from Automatic Installation.** In "\_Control panel" go to "Windows Updates" and right click on update mentioned at para 3 and select "Hide Update".
- d. Malicious /suspicious emails may be forwarded on following emails address for analysis:-
  - (1) **eagle 1978@mail.com**
  - (2) **shikra343@gmail.com**