



# 0-Day Patch

## Exposing vendors (in)security performance

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# Evolution of the Security Ecosystem

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## What is the big picture?

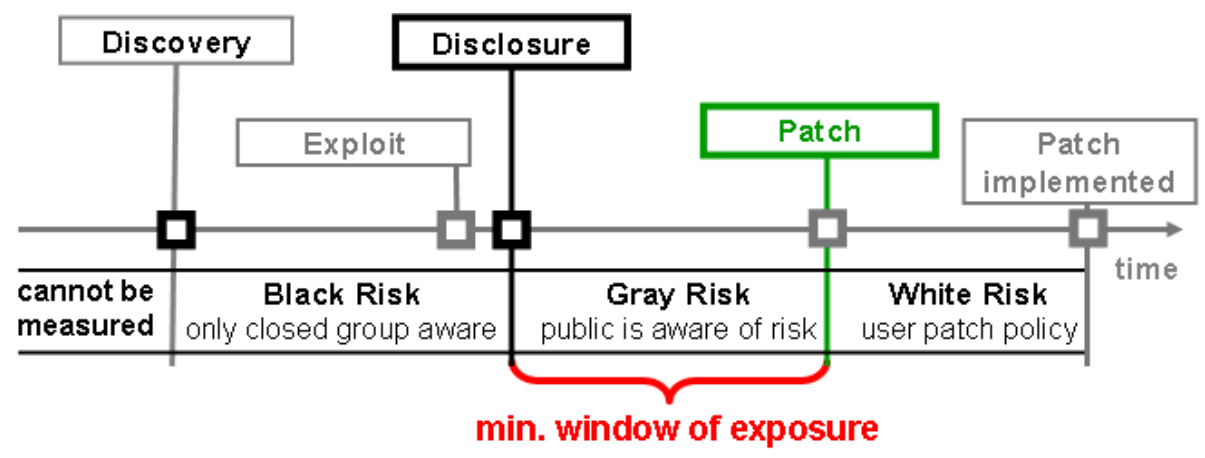
- What is the performance of software vendors?
- How many patches available at 0-Day?
- Does responsible disclosure really work?
- Global trends vs. vendor specific issues



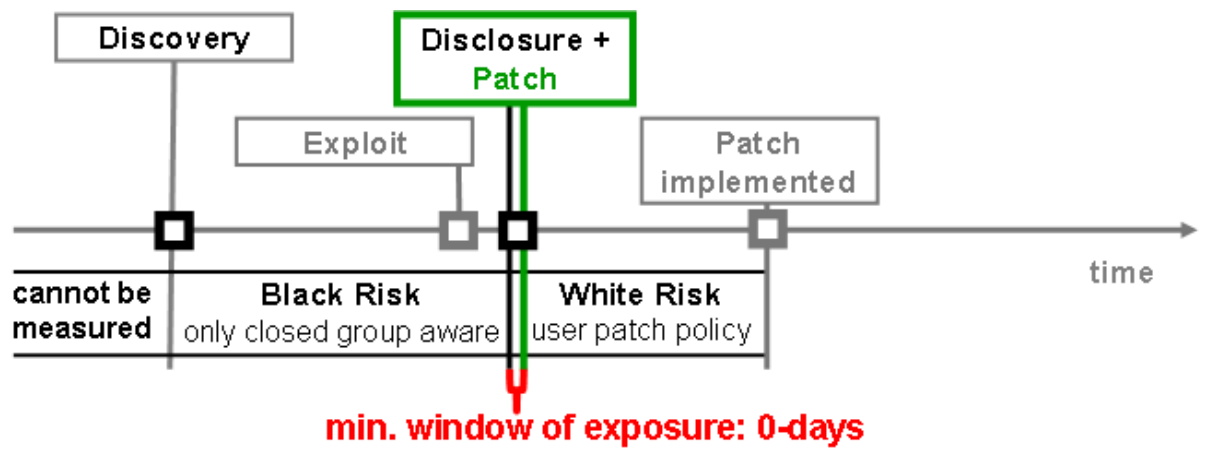
# What is a 0-Day Patch?

- Lifecycle of a vulnerability - **exposure time**

Non-0-Day Patch



0-Day Patch





## What is the Disclosure-Date?

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### Our requirements:

- Vulnerability information is freely available to public
- Disclosed by a trusted and independent source
- Vulnerability is analyzed and rated by experts

➔ **Disclosure-Date of a vulnerability:**

**Date of the first advisory issued  
by a trusted and independent source**

## Data Sources

Source	Unique CVEs	Advisories	DiscoDat	ExploDat	DisciDat	PatchDat
microsoft.com	992	611	0	0	0	611
frsirt.com	10771	10120	0	0	10120	0
iss.net	27595	36483	0	0	32048	0
secunia.com	16246	21131	0	0	21131	0
secwatch.org	5238	13940	0	0	10903	0
securitytracker.com	8233	12083	0	6075	12082	0
apple.com	820	101	0	0	0	101
oracle.com	335	33	0	0	0	33
nvd.gov	28464	28464	0	0	28357	0
cert.org	2246	2380	5	0	2377	0
securityfocus.com	21573	24789	0	0	24698	0
mitre.org	26053	29797	0	0	0	0
zerodayinitiative.com	120	136	136	0	136	0
idefense.com	570	567	509	7	559	0
milw0rm.com	1872	2279	0	2056	0	0
redhat.com	1678	1160	0	0	0	1139
osvdb.org	24996	38908	3487	13482	38416	0
mozilla.org	238	186	0	0	0	126
adobe.com	65	132	0	0	0	132





## 0-Day patch: Overall performance

### Interpretation of plots

- 0-Day patch rate since 2002
- For High and Medium risk vulnerabilities patched till Dec 2007
- Sliding window, 360 days
- **Green** (0-day patch) measures share of the responsible disclosure process
- **Blue+Red** measure the performance of vendor to produce a patch in **30** or **90** days
- **Grey**, do we ever get a patch? (ever = in less than 180 days)

### Y-Axis:

Fraction of vulnerabilities patched in less than:

-  1 day (0-day)
-  30 days
-  90 days
-  180 days after disclosure

### X-Axis:

time (years)

### # Vulnerabilities

patched between 2002-2008

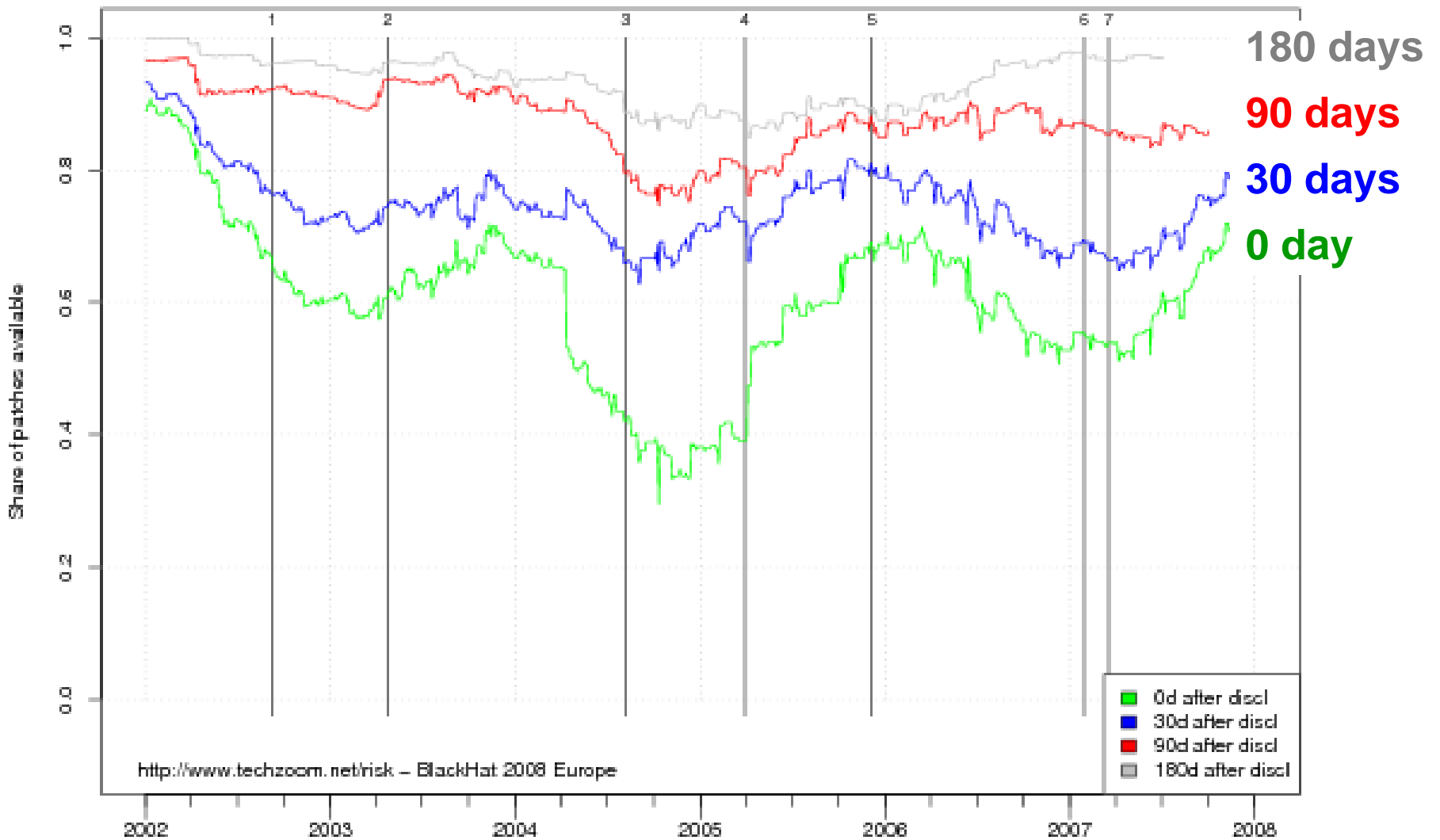
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Microsoft: 658



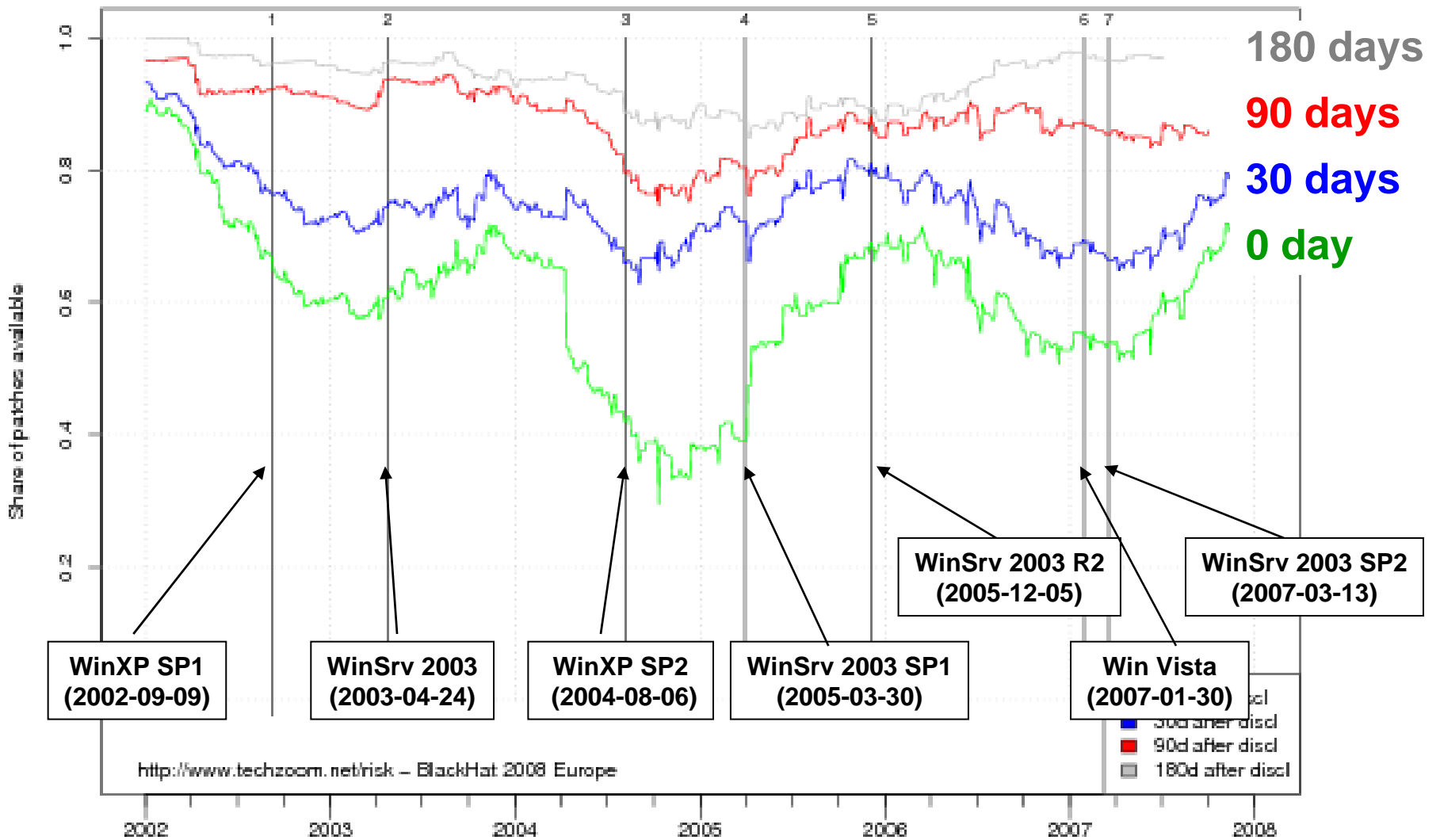
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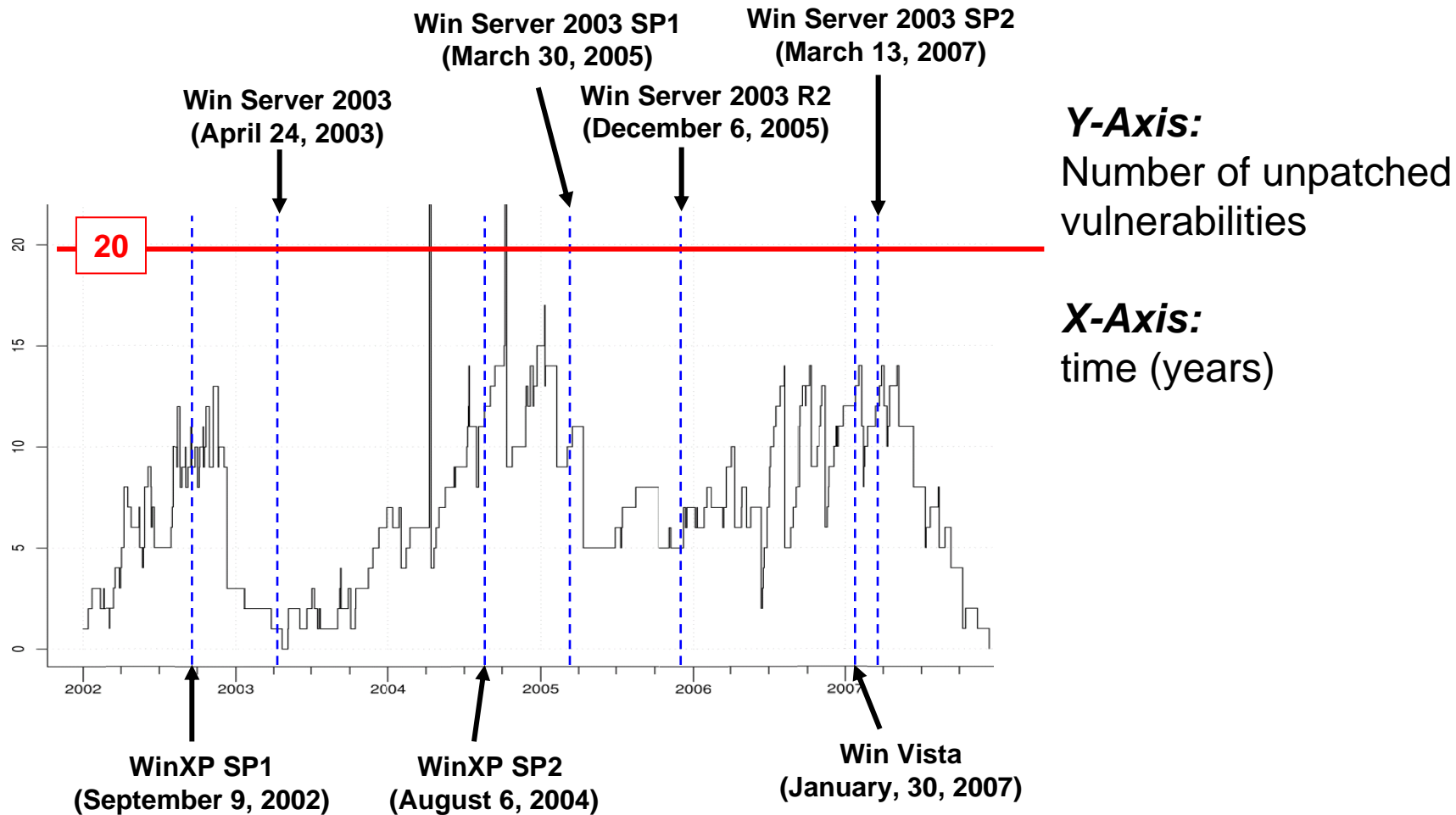
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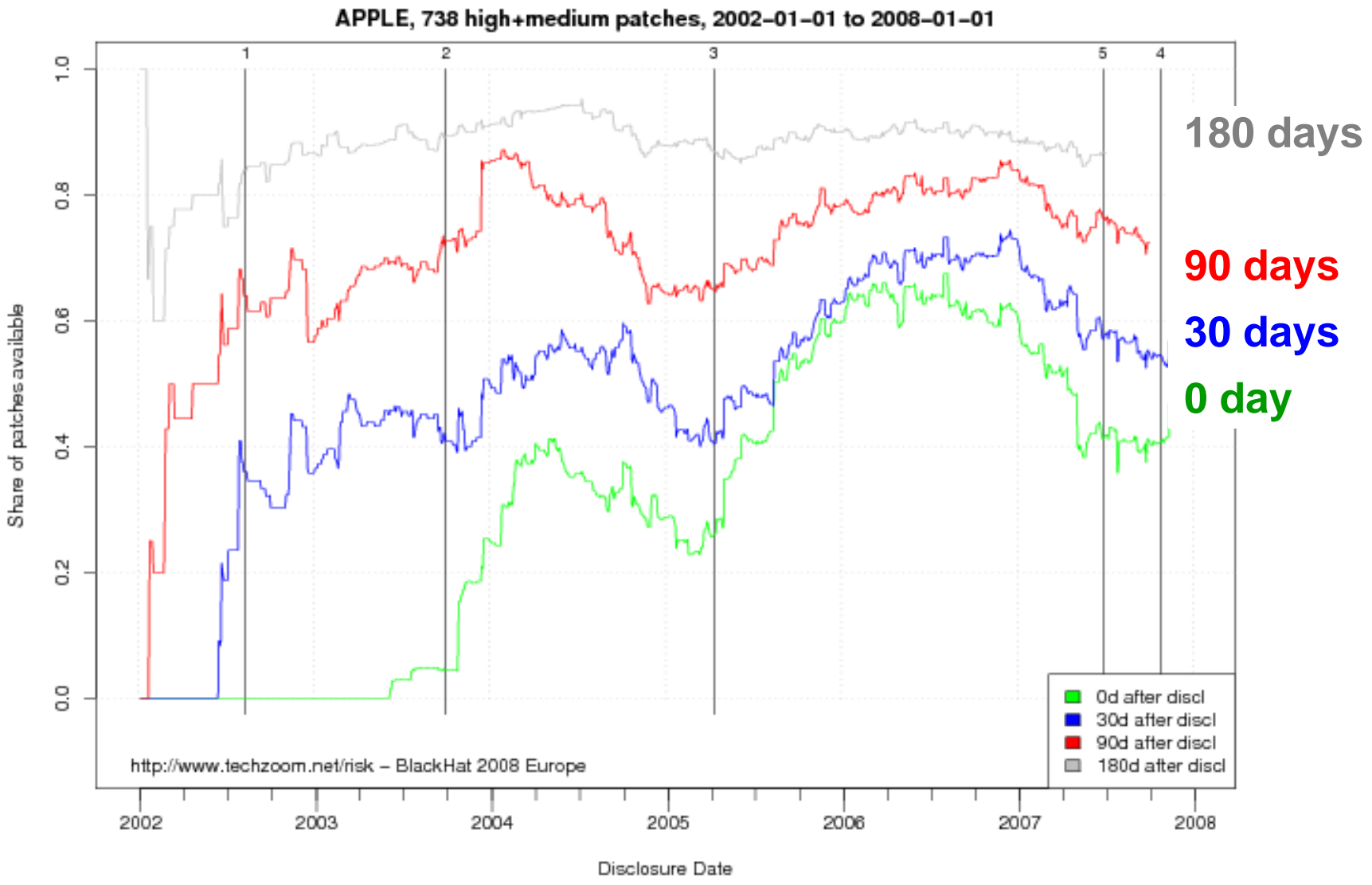
# # of Unpatched Vulnerabilities: Microsoft



- Evolution of the number of unpatched vulnerabilities at a certain date

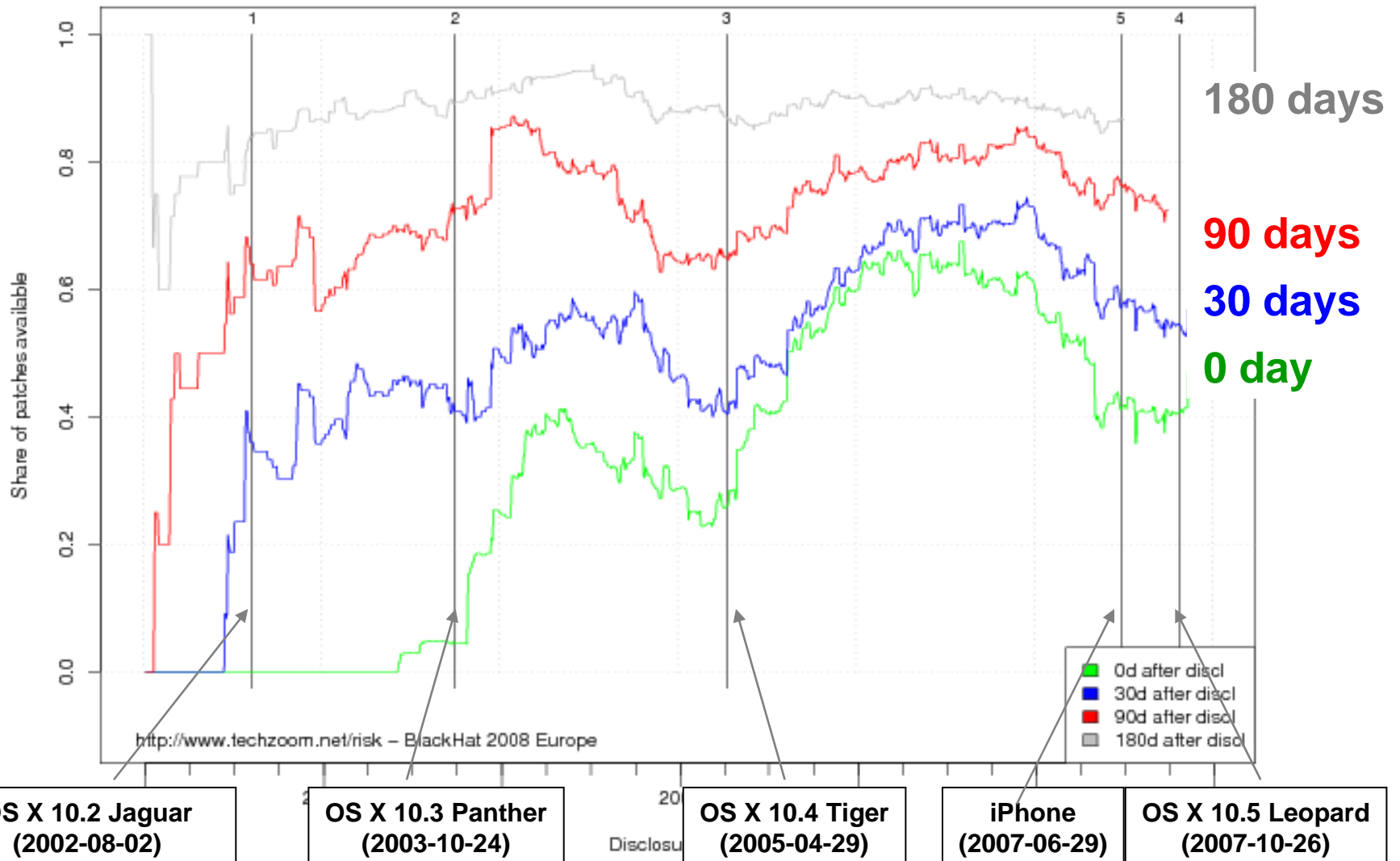


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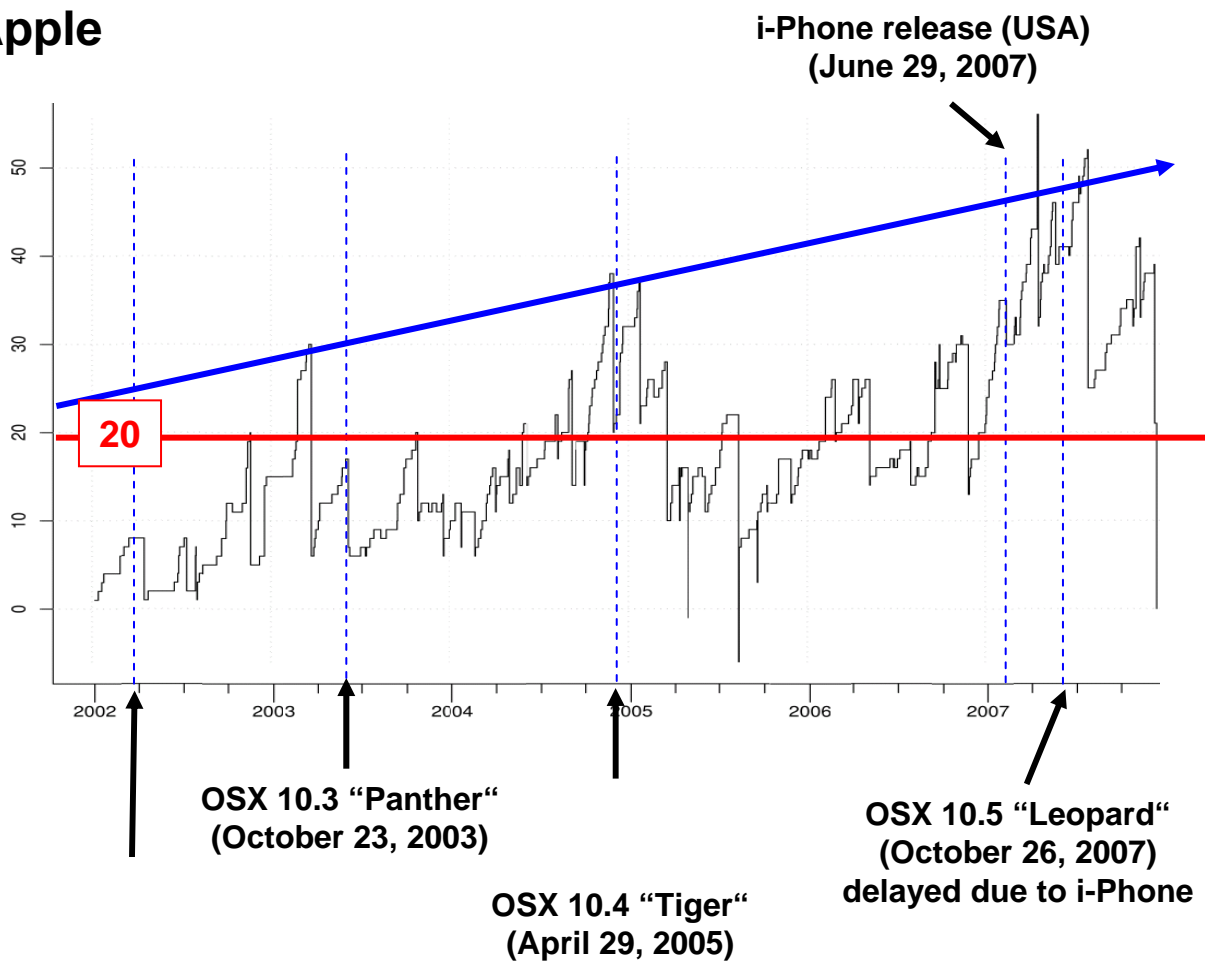
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# # Unpatched Vulnerabilities: Apple

Apple



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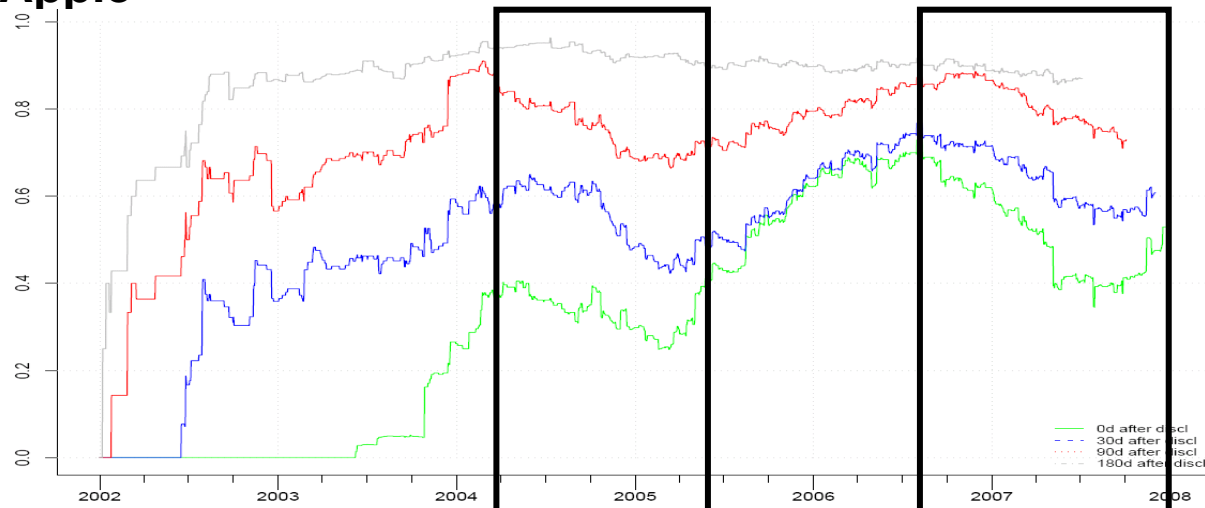
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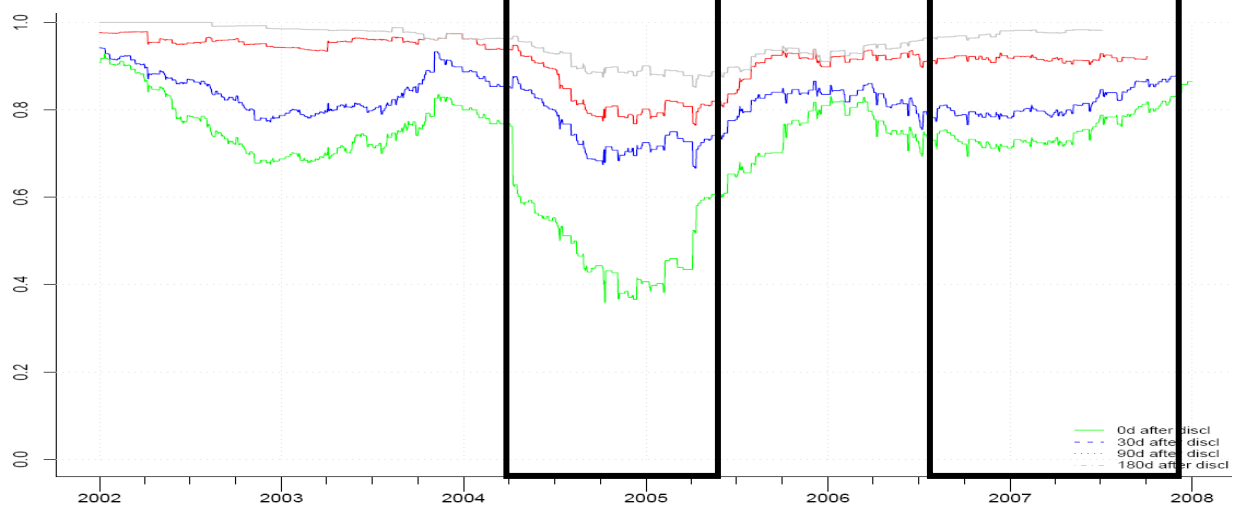


# High- and Medium Risk Patches: Apple vs. Microsoft

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## Microsoft



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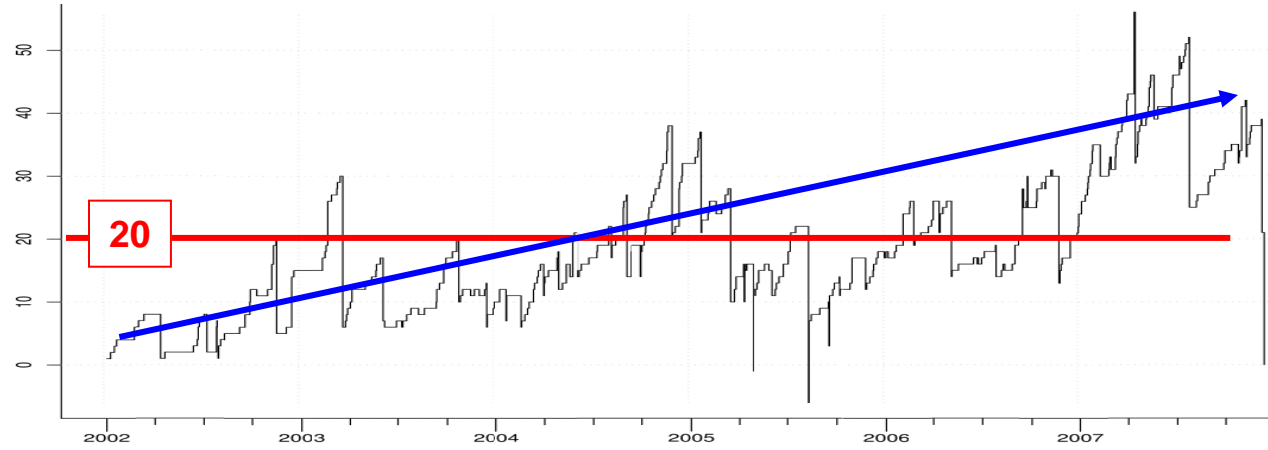
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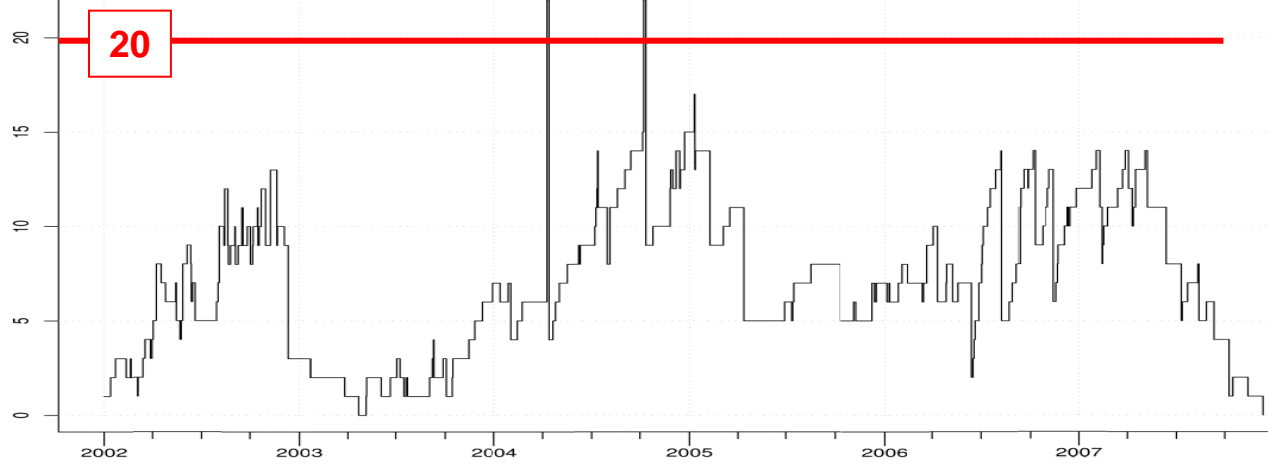
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Number of unpatched vulnerabilities

**X-Axis:**  
time (years)

## Microsoft



**# Unpatched Vulnerabilities (Average)**  
**Apple:** increasing  
**Microsoft:** stable



## What does this mean?

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- **High and medium risk**
  - Coordinated disclosure process is either at a high level (MS) or has increased considerably (Apple)
  - Fraction of vulnerabilities with 0-day patch is both surprisingly high and shockingly low over last 5 years
  - Service pack and OS development binds (security) resources
  
- **Number of concurrent unpatched vulnerabilities**
  - Microsoft: Remains in the same range (impacted by software lifecycle > devel. resources)
  - Apple: trend shows increasing number (to few resources to cope with side-effects of increased popularity of their products? )



## Conclusion

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- Introduction of 0-day patch as viable metric to measure the security processes of vendors
- Metric based entirely on publicly available data
- Unbiased data set by correlating information from multiple sources to antagonize possible bias in vendor information

## Future

- Continued monitoring and database updates
- Analysis of implications and applications of these findings to security ecosystem and risk analysis models





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- Feedback and comments highly appreciated

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