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Patch management for third-party software isn't always easy, *but it is very necessary.*

Even when lapses of even a day or two could result in serious security vulnerabilities, compliance holes and downtime.
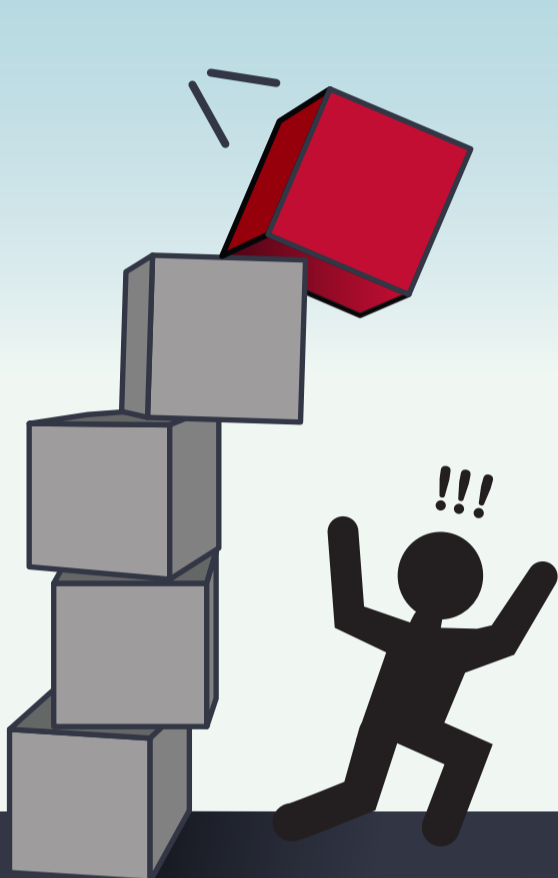
Security and compliance are **huge concerns** today, as well they should be.

5291
VULNERABILITIES REPORTED

Average of
$324K
IN MONETARY LOSSES

Despite these obvious – *and expensive* – dangers, patch management efforts tend to be intermittent at best.

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Only about half reported patching Adobe products and Java regularly; and the rate for other third-party applications, such as browsers and plug-ins, falls off quickly
source: QuickPulse

60%
So it's not surprising that almost **60 percent of organizations** are not fully effective in identifying what vulnerabilities need updates
source: QuickPulse

The most popular applications are the biggest targets and often represent the *greatest risk.*

Of course there are many contributing factors to these alarming statistics.

COMPLEX THIRD-PARTY APPLICATION ENVIRONMENT	LACK OF CONTROL/ VISIBILITY INTO USER DOWNLOADS	FRAGMENTED RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN SECURITY AND OPS	STRETCHED IT STAFF	TIGHT BUDGETS

Compound that with the use of manual processes, and IT ends up spending a lot of unnecessary time performing the mundane, albeit necessary, task of patching the complex web of third-party applications.

Fortunately there are best practices that can help, allowing IT to put those 27 hours to better use innovating and furthering strategic business objectives.

Average
27 MAN-HOURS SPENT PATCHING

- Assessment
- Analysis
- Application
- Assurance

Automation, in combination with those best practices, is the key to successful patch management – making the process routine, like Microsoft's monthly Patch Tuesday, with all the benefits.

- ☑ **EFFICIENT**
- ☑ **PROACTIVE**
- ☑ **ALL-ENCOMPASSING**
- ☑ **ERROR FREE**

INDEED, AUTOMATED PATCH MANAGEMENT IS WORTH THE INVESTMENT.

Confidence in software status, proactive security and compliance readiness

Freed IT resources that can put patch management out of their minds and focus on the business at hand

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