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Executive Summary

- A macOS Screen Sharing flaw (CVE-2026-65400) went from Apple's August 6 fix to CISA's exploited-vulnerabilities list on August 18, with a federal due date of August 21.
- Microsoft's August Patch Tuesday carried roughly 400 CVEs, including an exploited afd.sys zero-day and a Windows DNS Server flaw described as wormable.
- Intune 2608 and Omnissa UEM 2607 move Apple updates and apps to declarative management, and Windows 11 26H2 reached Release Preview.

Executive view: cost and risk

- **Opex:** Finding which Macs were reachable on TCP 5900 is labor, and investigating exposed Macs for SSH keys, new LaunchDaemons and miner processes is the expensive case. Setting patch-level grace periods in Android compliance rules avoids false noncompliance tickets, and the move to declarative management is planned engineering work.
- **Capex:** Windows 11 26H2 arrives as an enablement package for 24H2 and 25H2 devices, so it shouldn't drive refresh on its own. Devices on 26H1 run a different branch and can't move to 26H2 directly, and 24H2 Home and Pro devices that can't move on reach end of updates on October 13.
- **Enterprise impact:** An advisory with no exploitation note was on CISA's exploited-vulnerabilities list 12 days later. Per Tanium's account of the Dutch NCSC report, exposed Macs were compromised with a Monero miner, and a wormable DNS Server flaw puts Windows infrastructure at risk.
- **Decision needed:** Add exposure checks for remote-access services to your compliance reporting. Agree a rule for when an advisory with no exploitation note still gets a fast ring, such as unauthenticated flaws reachable over the network.

My position

Patch compliance tells you the fix exists. It doesn't tell you who was exposed while you waited, so exposure checks for remote-access services belong in compliance reports.

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