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Adobe pushed an emergency patch Friday for its Flash Player to fix a flaw that's being actively exploited to attack computers running Windows.

Meanwhile, software writers are still scrambling to fix a vulnerability, made public earlier this week, in PHP, a scripting language which is used widely to run servers on the Web, including those of Facebook.

The Adobe fix aims to cure an "object confusion vulnerability" discovered in all versions of the player -- Windows, Macintosh, Linux, and Android -- but thus far has only been used to attack Windows systems using Microsoft's browser software, Internet Explorer, according to a company bulletin on the subject.

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