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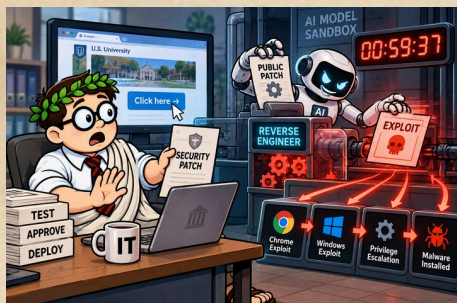


Welcome to the Coeus Chronicle, your monthly briefing from **Coeus Consulting**.

We bring clarity to the technology decisions shaping modern businesses.

The Omen

Signals of Change



AI Can Turn a Patch Into a Weapon in Under an Hour

A recent China-linked attack used a link hosted on a legitimate U.S. university website to compromise vulnerable Windows PCs running Chrome. One click triggered a chain of Chrome and Windows exploits that escaped the browser sandbox, elevated privileges, and installed malware, effectively giving the attacker control of the PC.

Researchers believe the attackers reverse-engineered publicly visible Chromium fixes before those patches reached stable Chrome users. Separate Anthropic research showed a frontier AI model could take a security patch and vulnerable software and produce a working browser exploit in **under one hour**.

Coeus Perspective: A security patch can now start a race between defenders deploying the fix and attackers using AI to turn it into a working exploit, significantly shrinking the window businesses have to patch.

Coeus Insight: Treat browser and operating-system updates as time-sensitive security controls, with automatic or tightly managed deployment wherever practical.

Sources: Volexity, Mind the (Patch) Gap | Anthropic, Measuring LLMs' Impact on N-day Exploits

The Proven Path

Strategies for Today

Automate the Gaps Between Your Tools

Small businesses are increasingly using automation to reduce routine work. A 2026 SMB study found that **69% use at least one form of automation**, with billing, invoicing, payments, marketing, and scheduling among the most common targets.

Coeus Perspective: The best automation often happens between applications, where employees otherwise re-enter data, chase approvals, or move information manually. That makes API access, webhooks, usable exports, or other supported back-end access increasingly important when selecting software.

Coeus Insight: Favor vendors that provide practical access to your own data through APIs, webhooks, exports, or other supported methods, because restricting that access limits automation today and can make changing vendors much harder tomorrow.

Source: inTandem, 2026 Small Business Digital Adoption Report



The Horizon

Preparing for Tomorrow



AI Can Skip the Developer. It Can't Skip Compliance.

Gartner predicts that by 2029, **80% of new applications will be intentionally disposable and used for less than a year** as AI makes it easier for employees to create their own software. But compliance requirements do not disappear just because an app was built with a prompt instead of a development team.

NIST and OWASP guidance points toward a clear expectation: AI-generated code still needs human ownership, review, security

testing, and documented approval before production use. That matters because Veracode found known security vulnerabilities in about **44% of AI-generated coding tasks** in its 2026 testing.

Coeus Perspective: Vibe coding can turn almost anyone into a software creator, but regulated businesses still need to know what applications exist, what data they touch, who approved them, and whether a qualified human reviewed the code before deployment.

Coeus Insight: Treat AI-built applications like any other production software once they handle business or regulated data: inventory them, assign a human owner, require human code review, run security testing, and document approval before deployment.

Sources: Gartner | NIST | OWASP | Veracode

The Agora

Meet Coeus

Meet Us This December

Coeus will be at two December events connecting us with the industries we serve and the managed IT community.

DEC 9-10 **Phoenix Build Expo**

Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix. Coeus will be exhibiting at the Phoenix Build Expo. Stop by our booth to talk IT and construction, from field connectivity and cybersecurity to cloud, compliance, and the technology challenges affecting your projects.

DEC 9 **MSP Titans of the Industry Awards Gala**

The Beverly Hilton, Beverly Hills. Coeus has been named an MSP Titans of the Industry finalist for the second year in a row, and we'll be attending the December awards gala.

About Coeus Consulting

Coeus Consulting helps growing businesses make technology more secure, reliable, and predictable. We bring enterprise-level discipline and practical guidance to SMBs across the Southwest so technology supports growth instead of creating surprises.

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