

Oracle says Java flaw will be fixed 'shortly'

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Oracle Corp. says it will soon fix a [flaw in its Java software](#) that caught the attention of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

In a statement Saturday, the company said it was "aware of a flaw in Java software integrated with web browsers."

The glitch is only in the JDK7 version of the software, and it "does not affect Java applications directly installed and running on servers, desktops, laptops and other devices," the company said.

"A fix will be available shortly," the company added.

On late Thursday, the DHS had advised people to temporarily disable the Java software on their computers to avoid potential hacking attacks. Computer security experts believed that hackers had found a flaw in Java's coding that creates an opening for criminal activity and other high-tech mischief.

Java is a widely used technical language that allows [computer programmers](#) to write a wide variety of Internet applications and other software programs that can run on just about any computer's operating system. Oracle bought Java's creator, [Sun Microsystems](#), in 2010.

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