CYBER ADVISORY

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Critical Function Vulnerability impacting WebPros cPanel, WebHost Manager, and WordPress Squared

Patch Available	Remote Authentication Bypass	Proof-of-Concept Available	Active Exploitation

The California Cybersecurity Integration Center (Cal-CSIC) has become aware of a critical function vulnerability impacting WebPros cPanel, WebHost Manager (WHM), and WordPress Squared (WP2). CVE-2026-41940 carries a CVSS 3.1 score of 9.8.[1] It is an authentication bypass caused by a Carriage Return Line Feed (CRLF) injection in the login and session loading processes of cPanel and WHM.

Successful exploitation allows unauthenticated remote attackers to bypass authentication to gain unauthorized administrative access to the targeted system. Additionally, it grants the attacker control over the cPanel host system, its configurations and databases, and the websites it manages.

A proof-of-concept and technical analysis for CVE-2026-41940 has been published, and there is confirmation of active exploitation in the wild.[2]

For additional technical vulnerability details and remediation instructions within the vendor's security advisory, please use these links:

Advisory: Security: CVE-2026-41940 - cPanel & WHM / WP2 Security Update 04/28/2026 – cPanel

Proof-of-Concept: https://github.com/watchtowrlabs/watchTowr-vs-cPanel-WHM-AuthBypass-to-RCE.py/blob/main/watchTowr-vs-cPanel-WHM-AuthBypass-to-RCE.py

Affected Product and Version:

Product	Version
cPanel and WebHost Manager	*11.110.0* *11.118.0* *11.126.0* *11.132.0* *11.134.0* *11.136.0*
WordPress Squared	*11.136.1*

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References

[1] NVD; "CVE-2026-41940 Detail"; https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2026-41940; accessed 04 May 2026
[2] Rapid7; "CVE-2026-41940: cPanel & WHM Authentication Bypass"; https://www.rapid7.com/blog/post/etr-cve-2026-41940-cpanel-whm-authentication-bypass/; accessed 04 May 2026