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## Fortra GoAnywhere MFT Vulnerability

CVE-2024-0204

Fortra

Authentication Bypass

Critical Vulnerability

### Executive Summary

The California Cyber Threat Integration Center (Cal-CSIC) has become aware of a critical vulnerability known as CVE-2024-0204.<sup>1</sup> The vulnerability affects Fortra's GoAnywhere MFT prior to version 7.4.1.<sup>2</sup> Exploitation of the vulnerability via authentication bypass could allow an attacker to create an admin user via the administration portal.<sup>3,4</sup>

The Cal-CSIC recommends immediately upgrade to version 7.4.1 or higher. The vulnerability may also be eliminated in non-container deployments by deleting the InitialAccountSetup.xhtml file in the install directory and restarting the services. For container-deployed instances, replace the file with an empty file and restart.

For further information on applying upgrades and mitigations, please refer to [Fortra Security and Trust Center](#).

### Organization, Source, Reference, and Dissemination Information

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<sup>1</sup> Bleeping Computer; "Fortra warns of new critical GoAnywhere MFT auth bypass, patch now;" <https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/fortra-warns-of-new-critical-goanywhere-mft-auth-bypass-patch-now/>; accessed 23 January 2024

<sup>2</sup> Github; "Authentication bypass in Fortra's GoAnywhere MFT prior to...;" <https://github.com/advisories/GHSA-f8xf-39w2-mrc6>; accessed 23 January 2024

<sup>3</sup> National Vulnerability Database; "CVE-2024-0204 Detail;" <https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2024-0204>; accessed 23 January 2024

<sup>4</sup> Sec Alerts; "CVE-2024-0204: Authentication Bypass in GoAnywhere MFT;" <https://secalerts.co/vulnerability/CVE-2024-0204>; accessed 23 January 2024

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