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Gitlab Critical Vulnerabilities

CVE-2023-7028

CVE-2023-5356

CE/EE

Critical Vulnerability

Executive Summary

The California Cyber Threat Integration Center (Cal-CSIC) has become aware of vulnerabilities known as CVE-2023-7028 and CVE-2023-5356.¹ The vulnerabilities affect self-managed instances of GitLab Community Edition (CE) and Enterprise Edition (EE).² Exploitation of CVE-2023-7028 could allow attackers to facilitate account takeover by sending password reset emails to an unverified email address. Exploitation Of CVE-2023-5356 could allow a threat actor to abuse Slack/Mattermost integrations to execute slash commands as another user.^{3,4}

The Cal-CSIC recommends immediately upgrading the affected instances to the appropriated patched version and to enable multi-factor authentication, (MFA).

For further information on applying patches, please refer to [GitLab Critical Security Release](#).

Organization, Source, Reference, and Dissemination Information

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¹ Bleeping Computer; "GitLab warns of critical zero-click account hijacking vulnerability;" <https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/gitlab-warns-of-critical-zero-click-account-hijacking-vulnerability/>; accessed 12 January 2024

² Mitre; "CVE-2023-7028;" <https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2023-7028>; accessed 12 January 2024

³ The Hacker News; "Urgent: GitLab Releases Patch for Critical Vulnerabilities - Update ASAP;" <https://thehackernews.com/2024/01/urgent-gitlab-releases-patch-for.html>; accessed 12 January 2024

⁴ SC Media; "GitLab vulnerability risks account takeover via simple password reset;" <https://www.scmagazine.com/news/gitlab-vulnerability-risks-account-takeover-via-simple-password-reset/>; accessed 12 January 2024

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