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# OUTBREAK ALERTS 🗘



### The SolarWinds supply chain attack

https://www.solarwinds.com/securityadvisory CVEs: CVE-2020-10148

SolarWinds [signed] software containing a planted vulnerability released in March 2020 as a regular (trusted) software patch. The backdoor was not discovered until the FireEye breach became public 9 months later.

#### Background

SolarWinds was the victim of a complex & targeted supply chain cyber attack, with the primary goal of inserting a malicious backdoor into trusted (signed) software, which could later be exploited in end-customer installations of the SolarWinds Orion platform. As reported by SolarWinds, the earliest visible account of the attacker shows test code inserted in the October, 2019 software release. https://www.solarwinds.com/securityadvisory

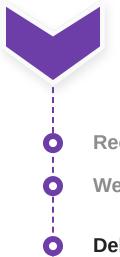
It's been claimed the attackers first gained access to SolarWinds infrastructure by exploiting an Authentication Service vulnerability. They were then able to persist and monitor emails & files, to identify the developers they needed to target. Once identified, the targets were infiltrated using Spear Phishing techniques to infect their local compute instances trusted to check-in source code Starting in March, 2020, SolarWinds began distributing infected patches via its website (as regular software patches) to unsuspecting SolarWinds Orion customers. The impacted versions are 2019.4 HF 5, 2020.2 unpatched, and 2020.2 HF 1. Once upgraded to the vulnerable version, the initial foothold is obtained to the end customer's SolarWinds Development Server, and the malware can then target desired endpoints to install the infiltration malware to those systems. Post-installation to the victim, it may download subsequent malware and eventually make connection to the C&C server. On December 8, 2020, FireEye announced it was the victim of a cyber attack, disclosing that some of its advanced "red team" tools had been stolen. Within the following week, they determined the breach was due to the SolarWinds vulnerability.

Announced

SolarWinds subsequently released a detailed announcement: https://www.solarwinds.com/securityadvisory#anchor1

Latest Developments

On December 13, 2020, CERT issued Emergency Directive 21-01 regarding this issue: https://us-cert.cisa.gov/ncas/alerts/aa20-352a



# PROTECT

Countermeasures across the security fabric for protecting assets, data and network from cybersecurity events:

Reconnaissance

Weaponization

Delivery

### AV

Blocks trojan payload

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	Develop containment techniques to mitigate impacts of security events:
	Automated Response
	Services that can automaticlly respond to this outbreak.
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	Assisted Response Services
	Experts to assist you with analysis, containment and response activities.
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	Incident Response



Improve security posture and processes by implementing security awareness and training, in preparation for (and recovery from) security incidents:

### **NOC/SOC Training**

Train your network and security professionals and optimize your incident response to stay on top of the cvberattacks.

Image: NSE TrainingImage: Response Readiness
End-User Training
Raise security awareness to your employees that are continuously being targetted by phishing, drive-by download and other forms of cyberattacks.
Security Awareness & Training
IDENTIFY Identify processes and assets that need protection:
Attack Surface Hardening
Check Security Fabric devices to build actionable configuration recommendations and key indicators.
Security Rating
Vulnerability Management
Reduce the attack surface on software vulnerabilities via systematic and automated patching.
FortiClient FortiEDR

## **Additional Resources**

CISA	https://www.cisa.gov/uscert/ncas/alerts/aa20-352a
The Hacker News	https://thehackernews.com/2020/12/a-new-solarwinds-flaw-likely-had-let.html
Bleeping Computer	https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/the-solarwinds-cyberattack-the-hack-the-victims-and-what-we-know/

Learn more about FortiGuard Outbreak Alerts

