

Security Bulletin

Multiple vulnerabilities in Elastic products (Kibana and Elasticsearch)

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List of changes

| Version | Date | Description |
|---------|------------|------------------------|
| 0.1 | 2025/02/19 | Initial Eviden version |
| 0.2 | 2025/03/18 | Added fix version |
| 0.3 | 2025/05/16 | TLP changed for CLEAR |

Executive summary

CVE-2024-37284 - 5.5 (Medium)

Elastic Defend Improper Handling of Alternate Encoding Leads to Crash (ESA-2024-24)

Improper handling of alternate encoding occurs when Elastic Defend on Windows systems attempts to scan a file or process encoded as a multibyte character. This leads to an uncaught exception causing Elastic Defend to crash which in turn will prevent it from quarantining the file and/or killing the process.

CVE-2024-43709 - 6.5 (Medium)

Elasticsearch allocation of resources without limits or throttling leads to crash (ESA-2024-25)

An allocation of resources without limits or throttling in Elasticsearch can lead to an OutOfMemoryError exception resulting in a crash via a specially crafted query using an SQL function.

CVE-2024-52973 - 6.5 (Medium)

Kibana allocation of resources without limits or throttling leads to crash (ESA-2024-26)

An allocation of resources without limits or throttling in Kibana can lead to a crash caused by a specially crafted request to `/api/log_entries/summary`. This can be carried out by users with read access to the Observability-Logs feature in Kibana.

Vulnerability Info

| CVE No. | CVSS Score | Type of Vulnerability |
|----------------|------------|--|
| CVE-2024-37284 | 5.5 | Improper Handling of Exceptional Conditions |
| CVE-2024-43709 | 6.5 | Allocation of Resources Without Limits or Throttling |
| CVE-2024-52973 | 6.5 | Allocation of Resources Without Limits or Throttling |

Eviden is investigating the exact nature of these vulnerabilities to provide validated remediation.

Affected products

| Products | Fixed version | Status | Comments |
|----------|---------------|--------|----------|
| Elastic | 8.13.3 | Fixed | |
| Elastic | 7.17.21 | Fixed | |
| Kibana | 7.17.23 | Fixed | |
| Kibana | 8.14.2 | Fixed | |

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TBD (to be defined) indicates that a new version fixing the vulnerabilities is under study.

Unpatched means that the vulnerability is presumably present, but there is no plan to provide a fix. This can be investigated on demand.

List of HPC Management products

| Products | Fixed version | Status | Remaining vulnerabilities |
|----------------|---------------|--------|---------------------------|
| SMC xScale 1.6 | 1.6.10 | Fixed | |

Recommendations

Eviden recommends applying its Technical States upgrade on its servers as soon as they are made available.

Available Vendor Patches

No validated patch is available at the time. Eviden is working with its suppliers to distribute updates as soon as possible.

Available Workarounds

No workaround is available.

Available Mitigations

No mitigation identified.

Available Exploits/PoC

Eviden is not aware of any exploitation of the reported vulnerabilities.

References

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3. <https://discuss.elastic.co/t/elasticsearch-7-17-21-and-8-13-3-security-update-esa-2024-25/373442>
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Glossary of terms

| Term | Description |
|----------------|--|
| Mitigation | Refers to a setting, common configuration, or general best-practice, existing in a default state that could reduce the severity of exploitation of a vulnerability |
| Neutralization | The neutralization phase is the decision-making process during which the risk posed by an incident is evaluated. |
| PoC | Proof of Concept |
| Remediation | The remediation phase ends with the delivering of a qualified solution/update fixing the vulnerability without regression. |
| TI | Threat Intelligence |
| TLP | Traffic Light Protocol (TLP) FIRST Standards Definitions and Usage Guidance — Version 2.0. https://www.first.org/tlp/ |
| Workaround | Refers to a setting or configuration change that does not correct the underlying vulnerability but would help block known attack vectors before you apply the update |

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