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MICROSOFT DISCOVERS SOLARWINDS VULNERABILITY

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IMPACT

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH

EASE OF EXPLOIT

HARD

MEDIUM

EASY

OVERVIEW

A further hot-fix has been released by SolarWinds after Microsoft discovered more vulnerabilities in the SolarWinds Serv-U Managed File Transfer and Secure FTP products which has been exploited in a limited number of customers.

BREAKDOWN

This further Remote Code Execution (RCE) vulnerability was discovered by Microsoft researchers and a Proof of Concept (PoC) provided to SolarWinds who have responded by releasing a temporary fix and allows an attacker to run arbitrary code under privilege. A "limited" selection of customer have been targeted by a threat actor who has successfully exploited the vulnerability, and at this stage looks like a lone threat actor. This current attack is observed to be outside of the supply-chain attacks earlier this year as a stand-alone vulnerability.

REMEDIATION STEPS

- All customers using Serv-U version 15.2.3 HF1 (released in May 2021) should upgrade to the latest version.
- Apply all hot fixes provided by SolarWinds.
- Subscribe to the RSS Feed for further updates.

REFERENCES & RESOURCES

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