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Coverity Scan Static Analysis Report

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Statement of Intent

Overview

This document aims to provide a record of static code analysis performed on a specific issue from the Coverity SAST scan for the NASA ION Open-Source code 4.1.1 project.

The primary purpose of this document is to validate the issue identified via the automated detection process to eliminate false positives.

Depending on findings, secondary purposes can include but are not limited to listing/providing recommended fixes alongside a list of attack vectors and potential exploits for consideration.

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# Introduction

## Objective

The primary objective of this analysis is to determine whether the defects identified in the Coverity Report for the ION Open Source 4.1.1 project are:

* Indeed, defects.
* Potentially exploitable.

The secondary objective of this analysis, where applicable, is to provide the following:

* Recommendation(s) to fix.
* Any exploit for consideration.

## Scope

This static code analysis is limited to the ***High Impact Quality*** type defect identified in the following CIDs:  
***1520853***

# Acronyms and Abbreviations

Please keep an updated list of acronyms and abbreviations used throughout the report.

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| **Acronym** | **Meaning** |
| DTN | Delay/Disruption Tolerant Network |
| ION | Interplanetary Overlay Network |
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# Code Review and Analysis

## Overview

By analyzing “**ionwarn.c**” code base within the “**ici**” directory, Coverity highlighted a “**high impact quality”** vulnerability with the use of casting INT to the 32-bit time\_t data type at line 422 in the checkForCongestion function*.*

## Observations

A 32-bit unsigned integer encodes a non-negative integer within the range 0 to 4294967295. The challenge here is that if a primitive data structure is given a value greater than what it can hold, the program may lose data. As a result, if the “**change->time”** function gets a value that the unsigned integer data type cannot hold, the program's execution may fail.

## Supporting Evidence

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Figure - Function is assigned to unsigned INT

# Conclusions and Recommendations

This is not an exploitable vulnerability. The solution to that issue would be to convert the “**change->time”** function to a signed integer data type. A signed integer can include both positive and negative integers. This must then be verified to confirm that the code is still valid. Another solution to rectify the issue would be to use a function such as gmtime().

References  
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