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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:  
***1520884***

# 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

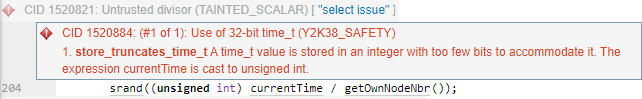
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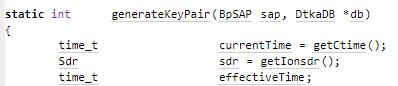
On conducting the static code analysis for the code base “dtka.c” within the /tc/dtka directory using the ION Open Source 4.1.1 dashboard for CID 1520884, there is a HIGH impact problem that has been identified and highlighted by Coverity involving the use case of a 32-bit time\_t function. The Coverity scan tool has identified it problem to be present at line 204 in the generateKeyPair function.

## Observations

A non-negative number in the range [0 - 4294967295] is stored as a 32-bit unsigned integer. The issue here is that if a data structure is given a value that exceeds its capacity, the application may lose data. As a result, the program's execution may fail if the CurrentTime function returns a number that the unsigned integer data type cannot store.

## Supporting Evidence





# Conclusions and Recommendations

This is not a vulnerability that can be exploited. To address this issue, modify the "currentTime" function to a signed integer data type. Positive and negative integers can both be part of a signed integer. This must then be validated to ensure that the code remains valid. Another option for resolving the problem is to use a method that could contain the time represent the time using other methods such as struct currentTime*.*

References  
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