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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 ***Improper Input Validation*** type defect identified in the following CIDs:  
***1520818***

# 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

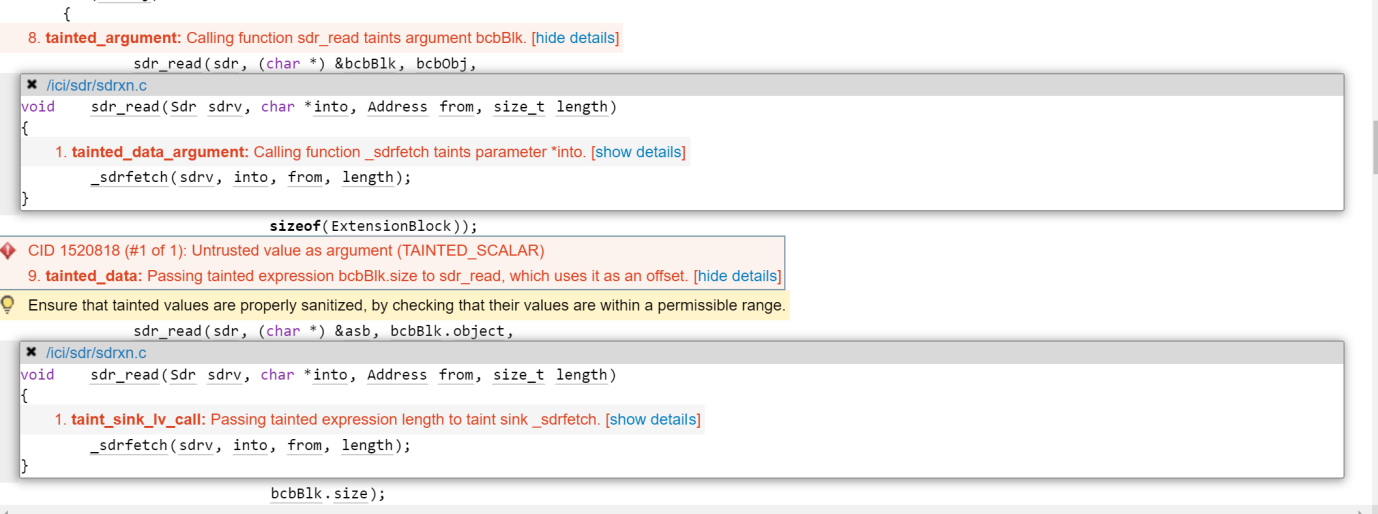
## Overview

## This report revolves around the error analysis of warning 8 and warning 9 raised by the sdr\_read function located in the "/ici/sdr/sdrxn.c" file.They seem to be about some data that might be unsafe or "tainted".

## Observations

## Both issues 8 and 9 correspond to the tainted data, emphasizing the possibility that the program might process untrusted or compromised data. In the details we can see these two errors raised by function \_sdrfetch.The tainted data might either be passed to this function or be returned by it, leading to potential security vulnerabilities.

## Supporting Evidence



For warring 8:The function call \_sdrfetch(sdrv, into, from, length); apparently taints the into parameter, as indicated by the tainted\_data\_argument warning. This means that the data in into might get polluted by potentially untrusted sources.

For warring 9:The same function call seems to pass a tainted length value, as shown by the taint\_sink\_lv\_call warning. This could raise concerns if the length parameter influences memory read/write operations without validation.

# Conclusions and Recommendations

Both issues 8 and 9 correspond to the tainted data, emphasizing the possibility that the program might process untrusted or compromised data. In the details we can see these two errors raised by function \_sdrfetch.The tainted data might either be passed to this function or be returned by it, leading to potential security vulnerabilities. And Inspect the \_sdrfetch function's implementation to identify and mitigate the source of the tainted data.

References  
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7 Pernicious Kingdoms (CWE Draft 3, 2006-07-19, Submitted on July 19, 2006).

<https://cwe.mitre.org/data/definitions/20.html>

Appendix

Include additional information/documentation here to help the readers understand complex information.