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ISVM Title: 2018-408781-0-TA-Meltdown Vulnerability

CVE Number: CVE-2017-5754

Severity: High

Acknowledgement Required: No Compliance Response Required: No

Release Date: 01/04/2018

Revision Summary: N/A

Type of Systems Affected:

- Databases
- Networking
- Servers
- Workstations

Platform Affected (*additional platforms may apply):

- Windows
- Linux
- Unix
- Mac OS

Products & Version Affected:

Potential Impact of Threat:

Impact to Systems

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Cortex-A17	Yes	Yes	No	No
Cortex-A57	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Cortex-A72	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Cortex-A73	Yes	Yes	No	No
Cortex-A75	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

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Internet Explorer 11	Windows 10 Version 1709 for 64-based Systems	<u>4056892</u>	Security Update	4054517
Internet Explorer 11	Windows 10 for 32-bit Systems	4056893	Security Update	4053581
Internet Explorer 11	Windows 10 for x64-based Systems	4056893	Security Update	4053581
Internet Explorer 11	Windows 10 Version 1511 for 32-bit Systems	<u>4056893</u>	Security Update	4053581
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Internet Explorer 11	Windows 10 Version 1607 for 32-bit Systems	<u>4056890</u>	Security Update	4053579
Internet Explorer 11	Windows 10 Version 1607 for x64-based Systems	<u>4056890</u>	Security Update	4053579
Internet Explorer 11	Windows Server 2016	<u>4056890</u>	Security Update	4053579
Internet Explorer 11	Windows 7 for 32-bit Systems	<u>4056568</u>	<u>IE Cumulative</u>	4052978

	Service Pack 1			
Internet Explorer 11	Windows 7 for x64-based Systems Service Pack 1	4056568	IE Cumulative	4052978
Internet Explorer 11	Windows 8.1 for 32-bit systems	4056568	IE Cumulative	4052978
Internet Explorer 11	Windows 8.1 for x64-based systems	4056568	IE Cumulative	4052978
Internet Explorer 11	Windows Server 2008 R2 for x64-based Systems Service Pack 1	<u>4056568</u>	IE Cumulative	4052978
Internet Explorer 11	Windows Server 2012 R2	4056568	<u>IE Cumulative</u>	4052978
Microsoft Edge	Windows 10 Version 1703 for 32-bit Systems	4056891	Security Update	4053580
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Microsoft Edge	Windows 10 Version 1511 for 32-bit Systems	4056888	Security Update	4053578
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Microsoft Edge	Windows 10 Version 1607 for 32-bit Systems	4056890	Security Update	4053579
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Microsoft Edge	Windows Server 2016	<u>4056890</u>	Security Update	4053579
Microsoft SQL Server 2016 for x64-based Systems Service Pack 1		4057118	Security Update	
Microsoft SQL Server 2016 for x64-based Systems Service Pack 1 (CU)		4057119	Security Update	
Microsoft SQL Server 2017 for x64-based Systems		4057122	Security Update	
Microsoft SQL Server 2017 for x64-based Systems (CU)		4052987	Security Update	

Windows 10 for 32-bit Systems	4056893	Security Update	4053581
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Windows 10 Version 1511 for 32-bit Systems	4056888	Security Update	4053578
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1 (Server Core installation)			
Windows Server 2012	4056899	Security Only	
Windows Server 2012 (Server Core installation)	4056899	Security Only	
Windows Server 2012 R2	4056898	Security Only	
Windows Server 2012 R2 (Server Core installation)	<u>4056898</u>	Security Only	
Windows Server 2016	<u>4056890</u>	Security Update	4053579
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Redhat

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Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7	kernel-rt	Affected	In-Progress
Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6	kernel	Affected	In-Progress
Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5	kernel	Affected	

<u>SUSE</u>

CVE-2017-5754

Product(s)	Source package	State
SUSE Linux Enterprise Desktop 12 SP2	kernel-source	In progress
SUSE Linux Enterprise Desktop 12 SP3	kernel-source	In progress
SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 SP3 LTSS	kernel-source	In progress
SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 11 SP4	kernel-source	In progress
SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 GA LTSS	kernel-source	In progress
SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP1 LTSS	kernel-source	In progress
SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12 SP2	kernel-source	In progress
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Patch Number(s):

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ARM

Step 1

Check the table below to determine if you have an affected processor.

- Only affected cores are listed, all other Arm cores are NOT affected.
- No indicates not affected by the particular variant.
- Yes indicates affected by the particular variant but has a mitigation (unless otherwise stated).

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Step 2

- If you are running Linux, please follow the directions below according to the variant identified in the table.
- If you are running Android, please check with Google for the detail of supported kernel versions.
- If you are running another OS, please contact the OS vendor for details.
- For JIT development, check the generated code and replace with new instruction sequences as detailed in the Cache Speculation Side-channels whitepaper.

For Linux

Variant 1 Action required:

- Search your code for the code snippets as described in the Cache Speculation Side-channels whitepaper.
- Once identified use the compiler support for mitigations as described in Compiler support for mitigations to modify your code, and recompile using an updated compiler.

Variant 2

The mitigation will vary by processor micro-architecture:

For Cortex-A57 and Cortex-A72:

- Apply all kernel patches provided by Arm and available at https://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/git/arm64/linux.git/log/?h=kpti
- Also apply all Arm Trusted Firmware patches.

For Cortex-A73:

- Apply all kernel patches provided by Arm and available at https://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/git/arm64/linux.git/log/?h=kpti
- Also apply all Arm Trusted Firmware patches.

For Cortex-A75:

- Apply all kernel patches provided by Arm and available at https://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/git/arm64/linux.git/log/?h=kpti
- Also apply all Arm Trusted Firmware patches.

Variant 3

For Cortex-A75:

- Apply all kernel patches provided by Arm and available at https://git.kernel.org/pub/scm/linux/kernel/git/arm64/linux.git/log/?h=kpti
- There is no need to further check or modify code outside of kernel code.

Variant 3a

For Cortex-A15, Cortex-A57, and Cortex-A72:

• In general, it is not believed that software mitigations for this issue are necessary. Please download the Cache Speculation Side-channels whitepaper for more details.

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Vendor Patches

Meltdown

ARM – https://developer.arm.com/support/security-update

Microsoft – https://portal.msrc.microsoft.com/en-US/security-guidance/advisory/ADV180002

RedHat - https://access.redhat.com/solutions/3307791

https://access.redhat.com/articles/3307751

https://access.redhat.com/solutions/3307851

SUSE - https://www.suse.com/security/cve/CVE-2017-5754/

Overview:

Multiple Vendors has released security advisories to address vulnerabilities, in which successful local/remote exploitation may result in information disclosure.

Action:

All DHS Components are encouraged to ensure all available updates or workarounds are applied to all affected systems. Components are responsible for any testing necessary to confirm that system changes do not cause a significant negative impact on their systems. Components should take steps to ensure that they have addressed the vulnerability either via a software upgrade or workarounds in place as appropriate in order to mitigate any risk from potential exploitation.

CVE Details:

Total # of CVEs: 1

CVE Number	CVE Details
CVE-2017-5754	Systems with microprocessors utilizing speculative execution and indirect branch prediction may allow unauthorized disclosure of information to an attacker with local user access via a side-channel analysis of the data cache.

Additional Information:

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Official Notices

US-CERT VU#584653 http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/584653

MITRE CVE-2017-5753 https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2017-5753
MITRE CVE-2017-5715 https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2017-5755
MITRE CVE-2017-5754 https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2017-5755

Informational Links

https://googleprojectzero.blogspot.com/2018/01/reading-privileged-memory-with-side.html https://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/2018/01/03/fckwit-aka-kaiser-aka-kpti-intel-cpu-flaw-needs-low-level-os-patches/

https://www.theregister.co.uk/2018/01/02/intel cpu design flaw

https://arstechnica.com/gadgets/2018/01/whats-behind-the-intel-design-flaw-forcing-numerous-patches/

Vendor Updates

Cloud

Vendor	<u>Link</u>	<u>Last</u> <u>Checked</u>	<u>Updates</u>
MS	https://azure.microsoft.com/en-	1/4/2018	The majority of Azure infrastructure has already

Azure	us/blog/securing-azure-customers-from- cpu-vulnerability/	9:38 AM	updated to address this vulnerability. Some aspe Azure are still being updated and require a rebocustomer VMs for the security update to take eff Many of you have received notification in recen of a planned maintenance on Azure and have alr rebooted your VMs to apply the fix, and no furth by you is required.
Amazon AWS	https://aws.amazon.com/security/security-bulletins/AWS-2018-013/	1/4/2018 9:38 AM	All but a small single-digit percentage of instand the Amazon EC2 fleet are already protected. The remaining ones will be completed in the next see hours, with associated instance maintenance notifications. While the updates AWS performs underlying infrastructure, in order to be fully proagainst these issues, customers must also patch to instance operating systems. Updates for Amazon have been made available, and instructions for unexisting instances are provided further below all any other AWS-related guidance relevant to this

Workstation/Server Operating Systems

Vand	Link	Last Chec ked	<u>Updates</u>
MS Wind ows	https://portal.msrc.microsoft.com/en-US/security-guidance/advisory/ADV180002	1/4/20 18 9:38 AM	Updates available for Windows Server, version 1709 (Server Core Installati on); Windows Server 2016; Windows Server 2012 R2; Windows Server 2008 R2; Windows 10 (RTM,

			1511, 1607, 1703, 1709), Windows 8.1, Windows 7 SP1 (NOT Window s Server 2012; Window s Server 2008)
Redha t	https://access.redhat.com/security/vulnerabilities/speculativeexecution?sc_cid=701f2000000tsLNAAY&	1/4/20 18 9:38 AM	Red Hat customer s running affected versions of the Red Hat products are strongly recomme nded to update them as soon as errata are available.
Apple OSX			

Antivirus

Vend or	<u>Link</u>	Last Chec ked	<u>Updates</u>
Micro soft (Advi sory)	https://support.microsoft.com/en-in/help/4072699/important-information-regarding-the-windows-security-updates-released	018 10:5 0 AM	AV Vendors need to set a specific registry key to

			indicate to the Windows OS that they are compatibl e with the update before it will be served to the endpoint. Windows Defender for Windows 10 and Microsoft Security Essentials for Windows 7 are compatibl e.
OSIN T	https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/184wcDt9I9TUNFFbsAVLpzAtckQxYiuirADzf3cL42FQ/htmlview?sle=true#gid=0	0.18	Table maintaine d by independ ent researche r Kevin Beaumon t (@Gossi TheDog on twitter) of AV vendor responses
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			ng team
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			off guard
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			vulnerabil
			ities
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			were
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			for
			release
			next
			week. Updates
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			for their ERASER
			Engine Engine
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C		018	358) that
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littec		0	compatibl
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			update
			from Microsoft
			for the
			Windows
			OS.
			Sophos is
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		initial
		results
		showing
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		issues.
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		plans to
		automatic
		ally add
		the
		registry
		key early
		next
		week,
		once all
		tests have
		been
		complete
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Hypervisors

Vendor	<u>Link</u>	<u>Last</u> Checked	<u>Updates</u>
VMWare	https://www.vmware.com/us/security/advisories/VMSA -2018-0002.html	1/4/2018 10:36 AM	Updates available for ESXi 5.5, 6.0, 6.5; Workstation 12.x; Fusion 8.x (on OSX) to mitigate CVE- 2017-5753, CVE-2017-5715

Chip Manufacturers

Vendor	<u>Link</u>	<u>Last</u> Checked	<u>Updates</u>				
IINTAL	https://newsroom.intel.com/news/intel-responds- to-security-research-findings/	1/4/2018 10:36 AM	Intel believes these exploits do not have the potential to corrupt, modify or delete data. Based on the analysis to date, many types of				

			computing devices — with many different vendors' processors and operating systems — are susceptible to these exploits.
AMD	https://www.amd.com/en/corporate/speculative- execution	1 1 1 1 11 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Software solution to CVE-2017-5753 available, not vulnerable to CVE-2017-5715 or CVE-2017-5754
ARM	https://developer.arm.com/support/security-update	1/4/2018 12:08 PM	

Mobile Operating Systems

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Link</u>	Last Checked	<u>Updates</u>
Apple iOS	N/A	N/A	N/A
Google Android	N/A	N/A	N/A

References:

Proof-of-Concept (PoC)

https://meltdownattack.com/

https://googleprojectzero.blogspot.com/2018/01/reading-privileged-memory-with-side.html

Vendor Details

Amazon

https://aws.amazon.com/de/security/security-bulletins/AWS-2018-013/

https://alas.aws.amazon.com/ALAS-2018-939.html

Microsoft - https://portal.msrc.microsoft.com/en-US/security-guidance/advisory/ADV180002

Redhat

https://access.redhat.com/security/vulnerabilities/speculativeexecution

SUSE

https://www.suse.com/c/suse-addresses-meltdown-spectre-vulnerabilities/

Vendor Patches

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AMS – https://alas.aws.amazon.com/ALAS-2018-939.html

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SUSE - https://www.suse.com/security/cve/CVE-2017-5754/

Contact Information:

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