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The Difference Between CWE and CVE | Daniel Miessler

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MITRE is a government-funded organization that puts out standards to be used by the information security community. Two of the most popular of these are CWE and CVE, and they're often confused by security practitioners. Here's the simple distinction:

- **CWE** stands for Common *Weakness* Enumeration, and has to do with the vulnerability—not the instance within a product or system.

- **CVE** stands for Common *Vulnerabilities* and Exposures, and has to do with the specific instance within a product or system—not

the underlying flaw.