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Sensitive files/ data exists post deletion of user account

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Advisory at <https://github.com/nextcloud/security-advisories/security/advisories/GHSA-xcj9-3jch-qr2r>

TIMELINE



geekysherlock submitted a report to Nextcloud.

Jun 10th (about 1 year ago)

In the latest android app ,I created an account in the name of geekysherlock1@gmail.com.

After few activities,deleted the account .

Files containing user emails and tokens still exist.Relevant files not deleted upon deletion of account.

Content of files post deletion of account:

```
generic_x86:/data/data/com.nextcloud.client/shared_prefs # ls
```

```
FirebaseAppHeartBeat.xml WebViewChromiumPrefs.xml
```

```
com.google.android.gms.appid.xml com.nextcloud.client_preferences.xml migrations.xml
```

```
variant-emoji-manager.xml
```

```
generic_x86:/data/data/com.nextcloud.client/shared_prefs # cat
```

```
com.nextcloud.client_preferences.xml
```

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='utf-8' standalone='yes' ?>
```

Code 1004 Bytes

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```
1 <map>
2   <boolean name="keysMigration" value="true" />
3   <string name="select_oc_account">geekysherlock1@gmail.com@us.cloudamo.com</string>
4   <boolean name="autoUploadPathUpdate" value="true" />
5   <boolean name="autoUploadInit" value="true" />
6   <int name="prefs_uploader_behaviour" value="1" />
7   <boolean name="storagePathFix" value="true" />
8   <boolean name="autoUploadEntriesSplitOut" value="true" />
```

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12     <string name="storage_path">/storage/emulated/0/Android/media/com.nextcloud.clie
13     <boolean name="legacyClean" value="true" />
14     <string name="upload_from_local_last_path">/storage/emulated/0/Pictures</string>
15     <int name="lastSeenVersionCode" value="30160190" />
16 </map>

```

Images folder

```

generic_x86:/data/data/com.nextcloud.client/shared_prefs # cd
/storage/emulated/0/Pictures
generic_x86:/storage/emulated/0/Pictures # ls
2131099731.jpg 2131099732.jpg 2131099733.jpg

```

Impact

This information could be misused as sensitive token related ,images,user related details exist inspite of user account being deleted.

1 attachment:

F1333138: [com.nextcloud.client_preferences-xml.txt](#)



[geekysherlock](#) posted a comment.

Jun 12th (about 1 year ago)

Yes.Have looked into the above aspects.



[OT:](#) posted a comment.

Jun 14th (about 1 year ago)

Thanks a lot for reporting this potential issue back to us!

Our security team will take a look at this issue as soon as possible. We will reply to your report within 72 hours, usually much faster. For obvious reasons we'd like to ask you to not disclose this issue to any other party.



[lukasreschkenc](#) changed the status to ○ **Needs more info**.

Jun 14th (about 1 year ago)

Thanks for you report. Much appreciated.

Could you clarify whether you have downloaded the image manually to the Pictures folder?
Or if that was an automatic action?



geekysherlock changed the status to ○ New.
This was an automated action,not manual.

Jun 14th (about 1 year ago)



lukasreschkenc changed the status to ○ Triaged.
I was able to confirm that not all necessary information is deleted from the
`/data/data/com.nextcloud.client` folder.

Jun 15th (about 1 year ago)

However, I was unable to confirm the issue regarding `/storage/emulated/0/Pictures` as the folder stayed empty in my tests. If you are able to reproduce this, please do let us know the steps. (we'll regardless let the product team know)



geekysherlock posted a comment.
Created new account and then deleted account.
Post deletion files have been attached. Many folders ,especially database/files have remnant data .

Jun 16th (about 1 year ago)

1 attachment:
F1340407: [post_deletion.zip](#)



geekysherlock posted a comment.
Account deletion screenshot

Jun 16th (about 1 year ago)

1 attachment:
F1340418: [account_deletion.png](#)



geekysherlock posted a comment.
Hi ,
Would like to know if there is any update.
Thnx

Jun 21st (about 1 year ago)



lukasreschkenc posted a comment.
There is unfortunately no update from the product team.


Jun 22nd (about 1 year ago)

geekysherlock posted a comment.


Jun 22nd (about 1 year ago)


 @lukasreschkenc


Do you have any updates on this ?

 nickvergessen Nextcloud staff closed the report and changed the status to Resolved. Mar 23rd (8 months ago)
Thanks a lot for your report again. This has been resolved in our latest maintenance releases and we're working on the advisories at the moment.

If you have a GitHub account please let us know the username, and we will associate it with the advisory.


 geekysherlock posted a comment. Mar 23rd (8 months ago)
Thanks for the response. My github account is geekysherlock1@gmail.com

 geekysherlock posted a comment. Mar 23rd (8 months ago)
Would like to know the severity assigned to the bug .Also , is it eligible for a bounty ?


 nickvergessen Nextcloud staff posted a comment. Mar 23rd (8 months ago)
We are discussing this internally at the moment


 nickvergessen Nextcloud staff updated the severity from Medium to Low (2.1). Mar 23rd (8 months ago)

 geekysherlock posted a comment. Mar 30th (8 months ago)
Any updates on the bounty ?

 geekysherlock posted a comment. Apr 20th (7 months ago)
My apologies for the follow up, would like to know if there is any update on the bounty..

 Nextcloud rewarded [geekysherlock](#) with a \$150 bounty. Apr 26th (7 months ago)

 geekysherlock posted a comment. Apr 26th (7 months ago)
Thanks for the bounty!

 nickvergessen Nextcloud staff posted a comment. May 2nd (7 months ago)



qr2r

Please let us know if you wish any changes to the advisory.



geekysherlock posted a comment.

May 2nd (7 months ago)

Looks good to go.



nickvergessen Nextcloud staff updated CVE reference to [CVE-2022-29160](#).

May 5th (7 months ago)



nickvergessen Nextcloud staff requested to disclose this report.

May 20th (6 months ago)



geekysherlock agreed to disclose this report.

May 20th (6 months ago)

Am fine with this.



This report has been disclosed.

May 20th (6 months ago)