

# **[Live-devel] [Security Issue][liblivemedia] stack buffer overflow in liblivemedia**

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[summary]
In the latest version of live555 mediaserver, there is a stack based buffer
overflow vulnerability when parsing 'PLAY' command.
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An attacker is able to send a sequence of malformed RTSP packets to trigger this issue. In the worst case, the media server running this service can be exploited remotely without user interaction.

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bug details]
The bug is in function RTSPServer::RTSPClientSession::handleCmd PLAY().
It calls a sscanf function to get absolute start time and end time as
strings. This is an unsafe c function that should be taken good care of.
...cpp
    } else if (sscanf(paramStr, "clock = %n", &numCharsMatched3) == 0 &&
numCharsMatched3 > 0) {
        rangeStart = rangeEnd = 0.0;

        char const* utcTimes = sparamStr[numCharsMatched3];
        size_t len = strlen(utcTimes) + 1;
        char* as = new char[len];
        char* ae = new char[len];
        int sscanfResult = sscanf(utcTimes, "%[^-]-%[^\\n\\n]", as, ae);    ///  

<==== dangerous function call
        if (sscanfResult == 2) {
            absStartTime = as;
            absEndTime = ae;
        } else if (sscanfResult == 1) {

```

The `absStartTime` and `absEndTime` will then be filled into a buffer in the stack whose size is 100. While the `absStart` and `absEnd` are controllable by us, so it is possible to overflow the buffer in the stack.

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...cpp
char buf[100];
.....
if (absStart != NULL)
{
    // We're seeking by 'absolute' time:
    if (absEnd == NULL)
    {
        sprintf(buf, "Range: clock=%s-\r\n", absStart);
    }
    else
    {
        sprintf(buf, "Range: clock=%s-%s\r\n", absStart, absEnd);
    }
    delete[] absStart;
    delete[] absEnd;
}
...

```

[proof of concept]  
I've attached a python script to trigger this issue.

[illegible]

Best Regards,  
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