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secuvera-SA-2021-01: Privilege Escalation in NetSetMan Pro 4.7.2

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Affected Products
NetSetManPro 4.7.2 (other/older releases have not been tested)

References

<https://www.secuvera.de/advisories/secuvera-SA-2021-01.txt> (used for updates) CVE-2021-34546
(<https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2021-34546>)

Summary:

"NetSetMan is a network settings manager software for easily switching between your preconfigured profiles."

The save file dialogue within the action log window after switching a profile using the pre-logon profile switching (if intentionally enabled) leads to arbitrary command execution as system authority user enabling an unauthenticated attacker to log on.

Effect:

An unauthenticated attacker with physical access to a computer with NetSetMan Pro 4.7.2 installed, that has the pre-logon profile switch activated (not enabled by default) as button within the windows logon screen, is able to drop to an admin-istrative shell and execute arbitrary commands as system user by the use of the "save log to file" feature within NetSetMan Pro.

Example:

On a client computer running Microsoft Windows 10 and NetSetMan Pro an Icon can appear on the Windows lock-screen if configured. The following steps must be performed in order to gain an administrative shell:

1. Boot the client system
2. Click on the NetSetMan Pro Icon.
3. Choose an user defined (empty) setting.
4. Click on the "save" button in the appearing Window within the "Log" section (save icon)
5. Click on "File-Type" and Choose "*.exe"
6. Navigate to path "C:\Windows\System32\"
7. Right-Click on on "cmd.exe" and choose "Run as administrator...".
8. The appearing command prompt has administrative rights.

To be able to bypass authentication a local user with administrative rights can be added using the following commands:
a. net user Pentest Password123! /add
b. net localgroup Administrators Pentest /add

Solution:

Update to Version 5.0 or newer (5.0.6 was tested by the researcher).

Disclosure Timeline:

2021/05/17 vendor initially contacted, submitted all details.
2021/05/17 vendor replied suggesting vulnerability already fixed in newer versions prior researcher contact
2021/06/02 verified vendor suggested fix using version 5.0.6; updated advisory and contacted vendor again; vendor suggested edits
2021/06/09 updated advisory and requested CVE identifier
2021/06/10 public disclosure

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