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## Prototype Pollution using .parse() #60

🔒 Closed

keerok opened this issue on Feb 23 · 14 comments · Fixed by #62

keerok commented on Feb 23

Hi, There's a prototype pollution vulnerability in .parse() related to the xml that are being parsed in it. In the following example the prototype pollution will affect the length parameter.

```
var plist = require('simple-plist');

var xml = `
<plist version="1.0">
  <key>metadata</key>
  <dict>
    <key>bundle-identifier</key>
    <string>com.company.app</string>
  </dict>
</plist>`;

console.log(plist.parse(xml));
/**
 * * * * *
 * * * * END OF THE NORMAL CODE EXAMPLE! * * * * *
 * * * * *
 */

/**
 * * * * *
 * * * * *
 * * * * *
 */
var xmlPollution = `
<plist version="1.0">
  <dict>
    <key>__proto__</key>
    <dict>
      <key>length</key>
      <string>polluted</string>
    </dict>
  </dict>
</plist>`;
```

```
</plist>`;
console.log(plist.parse(xmlPollution).length); // polluted
```

More information about the vulnerability: [https://github.com/HoLyVieR/prototype-pollution-nsec18/blob/master/paper/JavaScript\\_prototype\\_pollution\\_attack\\_in\\_NodeJS.pdf](https://github.com/HoLyVieR/prototype-pollution-nsec18/blob/master/paper/JavaScript_prototype_pollution_attack_in_NodeJS.pdf)



SimenB commented on Mar 30

Since [GHSA-gff7-g5r8-mg8m](#) is a thing now, maybe a ping to @wollardj could get this fixed? 😊



kathaypacific mentioned this issue on Mar 30

**Update known vulnerabilities** valora-inc/wallet#2270

Merged

Sujay-shetty commented on Mar 30

could you please update plist package to latest version (3.0.5) where this vulnerability is fully fixed?  
[TooTallNate/plist.js#114](#)

csutorasr mentioned this issue on Mar 30

**fix: update plist to 3.0.5** #62

Merged

mergify pushed a commit to valora-inc/wallet that referenced this issue on Mar 30

Update known vulnerabilities ([#2270](#)) ...

✖ 2e56a31

wollardj closed this as completed in [#62](#) on Mar 30

wollardj commented on Mar 30

Owner

I'm re-opening this for a bit. I want to write some tests to go along with this before I cut a new release, but I won't have time until later this evening.

 **wollardj** reopened this on Mar 30

**SimenB** commented on Mar 30 • edited ▼

Seems weird the advisory points to this module if the bug is in a dependency...

 **EmilianoSanchez** mentioned this issue on Mar 30

**Vulnerability fixes and general polishing** splitio/react-native-client#17

 Merged

**wollardj** commented on Mar 30

Owner

I've just published v1.3.1 to npm (<https://www.npmjs.com/package/simple-plist/v/1.3.1>) and tagged it as latest . Let me know if anyone sees any issues or if any additional audits are failing.

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 **Sujay-shetty** mentioned this issue on Mar 31

**Critical vulnerability in simple-plist package (Prototype Pollution using .parse())**  
apache/cordova-node-xcode#124

 Open

**srithar21** commented on Apr 1

Hi ,

I am getting the same issue in 1.3.1 version.

**M** **simple-plist** - Prototype Pollution

VULNERABILITY | [CWE-1321](#) | [CVE-2022-26260](#) | [CVSS 5.6](#) **MEDIUM** | [SNYK-JS-SIMPLEPLIST-2413671](#)

SCORE  
**459**

Introduced through [@react-native-firebase/app@14.7.0](#), [@react-native-firebase/crashlytics@14.7.0](#) and others

Exploit maturity

PROOF OF CONCEPT

Show less detail ^

**Detailed paths**

- Introduced through: [Swell@0.0.1](#) › [@react-native-firebase/app@14.7.0](#) › [@expo/config-plugins@4.1.0](#) › [xcode@3.0.1](#) › [simple-plist@1.3.1](#)  
Fix: No remediation path available.
- Introduced through: [Swell@0.0.1](#) › [@react-native-firebase/crashlytics@14.7.0](#) › [@expo/config-plugins@4.1.0](#) › [xcode@3.0.1](#) › [simple-plist@1.3.1](#)  
Fix: No remediation path available.
- Introduced through: [Swell@0.0.1](#) › [react-native@0.67.2](#) › [@react-native-community/cli-platform-ios@6.2.0](#) › [xcode@2.1.0](#) › [simple-plist@1.3.1](#)  
Fix: No remediation path available.

**Overview**

[simple-plist](#) is an A wrapper utility for interacting with plist data.

Affected versions of this package are vulnerable to Prototype Pollution via the `.parse()` function. This vulnerability can be exploited when parsing a specially crafted XML.

  **srithar21** mentioned this issue on Apr 1

**Prototype Pollution in simple-plist package - dependency of @react-native-firebase/app**  
**[solution: reinstall node\_modules to get updated simple-plist]** [invertase/react-native-firebase#6172](#)

✓ Closed

**wollardj** commented on Apr 2 • edited ▼

Owner

@srithar21 - I'm not sure how they're able to do that. I attempted to verify their POC by adding a test for it and the underlying [plist.js](#) library throws when it detects a `__proto__` key.

```

20     test("snyk POC", () => {
21         var xmlPollution = `<plist version="1.0">
22         <dict>
23             <key>__proto__</key>
24             <dict>
25                 <key>length</key>
26                 <string>polluted</string>
27             </dict>
28         </dict>
29     </plist>`;
30     expect(() => plist.parse(xmlPollution)).toThrow();
31     });
32 });
33

```

PROBLEMS 1 OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL GITLENS COMMENTS

**PASS** \_\_tests\_\_/CVE-2022-26260.test.ts

CVE-2022-26260

- ✓ filters out unsafe properties (12 ms)
- ✓ snyk POC (8 ms)

File	% Stmts	% Branch	% Funcs	% Lines	Uncovered Line #s
All files	100	100	100	100	
index.ts	100	100	100	100	

Test Suites: 1 passed, 1 total

Tests: 2 passed, 2 total

Snapshots: 1 passed, 1 total

Time: 3.131 s

Ran all test suites related to changed files.

Less important, but also a little suspicious, their POC wouldn't work anyway because the first byte is an unexpected ASCII sequence which would have made `simple-plist` attempt to use the binary parser. Since the file isn't binary, their example results in a different error with the message "Unable to determine format for plist aStringOrBuffer".

It's entirely possible if not likely that their POC is suffering from a formatting problem, but it's still worth noting since the POC doesn't appear to be valid.

Happy to be wrong about this if someone can point out something that I might be missing.



oanatinus commented on Apr 3

I wonder if you need to close this GitHub issue in order to trigger the various vulnerability databases to "recheck" the vulnerability...

**elopezanaya** commented on Apr 4

Hello, does someone know the status of this issue?, it seems like it was already solved , but this issue still is open, and in all CVE references is marked as not patched

**MaeveOReilly** commented on Apr 5

npm audit still listing it as open with no patch for me; I'm guessing **@oanatinus** is correct and this issue needs to be closed?

**oanatinus** commented on Apr 8

**@wollardj** what do you think, do you want to try closing this issue to see if that triggers the vulnerability databases to mark 1.3.1 as the fixed version?

**wollardj** commented on Apr 13

Owner

It's worth a shot



**wollardj** closed this as completed on Apr 13

**brice-noowu** commented on Apr 20

Still an issue here, npm audit still listing it as open with no patch



**maschad** mentioned this issue on Apr 28

**Security Vulnerability #63**

✓ Closed



**TuurDutoit** mentioned this issue on May 24

**[GHSA-gff7-g5r8-mg8m] Prototype Pollution in simple-plist** [github/advisory-database#326](#)

🔗 Merged

darakian commented on Jun 1

It's worth a shot

In the future give us a shout over at <https://github.com/github/advisory-database/> if we're out of date 😊

#### Assignees

No one assigned

#### Labels

None yet

#### Projects


None yet

#### Milestone

No milestone

#### Development

Successfully merging a pull request may close this issue.

 **fix: update plist to 3.0.5**  
csutorasr/simple-plist

10 participants

