

com/thoughtworks/go/domain/ DownloadAction.java	82	2	SECURITY	PREDICTABLE_RANDOM	 
com/thoughtworks/go/security/ X509CertificateGenerator.java	264	2	SECURITY	PREDICTABLE_RANDOM	 
com/thoughtworks/go/util/System Util.java	55	2	SECURITY	PREDICTABLE_RANDOM	 


```

private double backout(int retryCount) {
    return (retryCount * 0.5) + (0.5 * Math.random());
}
"common/src/main/java/com/thoughtworks/go/domain/DownloadAction.java" 84L, 2237C 82,58

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```

private BigInteger serialNumber() {
    return new BigInteger(Long.toString(Math.round(Math.random() * 1122845564494901)));
}

private KeyPair generateKeyPair() {
"common/src/main/java/com/thoughtworks/go/security/X509CertificateGenerator.java" 310L, 14150C 264,90

```



```

public static String getLocalHostNameOrRandomNameIfNotFound() {
    if (hostName != null) {
        return hostName;
    }
    try {
        hostName = InetAddress.getLocalHost().getHostName();
    } catch (UnknownHostException e) {
        hostName = "unknown-host-" + Math.abs(new Random(System.currentTimeMillis()).nextInt()) % 1000;
"base/src/main/java/com/thoughtworks/go/util/SystemUtil.java" 177L, 6350C 55,13

```

The use of java.lang.Math.random() is predictable

The use of java.util.Random is predictable

The use of a predictable random value can lead to vulnerabilities when used in certain security critical contexts.

For example, when the value is used as:

- a CSRF token: a predictable token can lead to a CSRF attack as an attacker will know the value of the token

- a password reset token (sent by email): a predictable password token can lead to an account takeover, since an attacker will guess the URL of the "change password" form

- any other secret value

A quick fix could be to replace the use of java.util.Random with something stronger, such as java.security.SecureRandom.

Vulnerable Code:

```
String generateSecretToken() { Random r = new Random(); return Long.toHexString(r.nextLong()); }
```

Solution:

```
import org.apache.commons.codec.binary.Hex; String generateSecretToken() { SecureRandom secRandom = new SecureRandom(); byte[] result = new byte[32]; secRandom.nextBytes(result); return Hex.encodeHexString(result); }
```

References

Cracking Random Number Generators - Part 1 (<http://jazzy.id.au>)

CERT: MSC02-J. Generate strong random numbers

CWE-330: Use of Insufficiently Random Values

Predicting Struts CSRF Token (Example of real-life vulnerability and exploitation)