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A9:2017-Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities

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Threat Agents / Attack Vectors		Security Weakness		Impacts	
App. Specific	Exploitability: 2	Prevalence: 3	Detectability: 2	Technical: 2	Business ?
While it is easy to find already-written exploits for many known vulnerabilities, other vulnerabilities require concentrated effort to develop a custom exploit.		Prevalence of this issue is very widespread. Component-heavy development patterns can lead to development teams not even understanding which components they use in their application or API, much less keeping them up to date. Some scanners such as retire.js help in detection, but determining exploitability requires additional effort.		While some known vulnerabilities lead to only minor impacts, some of the largest breaches to date have relied on exploiting known vulnerabilities in components. Depending on the assets you are protecting, perhaps this risk should be at the top of the list.	
Is the Application Vulnerable?			How to Prevent		
You are likely vulnerable: * If you do not know the versions of all components you use (both client-side and server-side). This includes components you directly use as well as nested			There should be a patch management process in place to: * Remove unused dependencies, unnecessary features, components, files, and documentation.		