

CVE-2022-21587: Rapid7 Observed Exploitation of Oracle E-Business Suite Vulnerability

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, a critical arbitrary file upload vulnerability (rated 9.8 on the CVSS v3 risk metric) impacting Oracle E-Business Suite (EBS). Oracle published a [Critical Patch Update Advisory](#) in October 2022 which included a fix, meanwhile, CISA added CVE-2022-21587 to its Known Exploited Vulnerabilities (KEV) catalog on February 2, 2023.

Oracle E-Business Suite is a packaged collection of enterprise applications for a wide variety of tasks such as customer relationship management (CRM), enterprise resource planning (ERP), and human capital management (HCM).

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On January 16, 2023, [Viettel Security](#) published an analysis of the issue detailing both the vulnerability's root cause and a method of leveraging the vulnerability to gain code execution. An exploit based on the Viettel Security analysis technique [was published on GitHub by “HMs”](#) on February 6, 2023.

On February 8, 2023, Rapid7 posted a technical analysis of CVE-2022-21587 on [AttackerKB](#). Of particular note, we found that it is possible to upload arbitrary Java Server Pages (JSP) allowing for exploitation beyond the Perl web shell that has been observed so far.

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- Oracle Web Applications Desktop Integrator as shipped with Oracle E-Business Suite versions 12.2.3 through 12.2.11 are vulnerable.

What we're seeing

The attacker(s) are using the above-mentioned proof of concept exploit, uploading a perl script, which fetches (via curl/wget) additional scripts to download a malicious binary payload making the victim host part of a botnet.

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2022-21587 have been available since November 2022. Note that these require valid Oracle Database credentials to be configured in order to collect the relevant patch level information.

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customers: in our current investigations, the previously existing detections have been triggering post exploitation:

- Suspicious Process - Wget to External IP Address
- Attacker Technique - Curl or Wget To Public IP Address With Non Standard Port

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