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Lab 6 – Safety and Security

GraphicsMagick, an image processing system, had a denial-of-service vulnerability where a null pointer was being dereferenced while transferring JPEG scanlines in the ReadOneJNGImage function under coders/png.c in GraphicsMagick 1.3.26. It is reported that the issue was related to a PixelPacket pointer as there were no conditional checks in place to see if the PixelPacket pointer was null. If this were made in Rust, the compiler would have complained that there is a chance that a null pointer is being dereferenced and it would have not compile.

URL: http://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2017-15930