Asterisk Project Security Advisory - AST-2007-013

Product	Asterisk	
Summary	IAX2 users can cause unauthorized data disdosure	
Nature of Advisory	Unauthorized information disclosure	
Susceptibility	Remote authenticated sessions	
Severity	Low	
Exploits Known	No	
Reported On	April 27, 2007	
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Posted On	May 4, 2007	
Last Updated On	August 21, 2007	
Advisory Contact	kpfleming@digium.com	
CVE Name	CVE-2007-2488	

Description	> From: Tim Panton <tim@mexuar.com></tim@mexuar.com>
	> Date: 27 April 2007 08:02:36 BDT
	> To: "Kevin P. Fleming" <kpfleming@digium.com></kpfleming@digium.com>
	> Subject: Possible IAX2 vulnerability (Minor)
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	> We've stumbled on a bug in the way Asterisk's IAX2 handles text
	> frames.
	> I'm emailing you because it is a borderline security vulnerability,
	> and my
	> friends in the security world tell me that I should notify the
	> vendor privately
	> first. If you feel it isn't a security issue, let me know and I'll
	> put it in mantis.
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	> chan_iax2 assumes that the content of a text frame is a null > terminated
	> string (C style), and when time comes to forward the string it uses
	> strlen
	> to determine the message length.
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	> If you send a frame without a 0 byte in it, Asterisk forwards a
	> frame that
	> includes the sent data and some extra (presumably heap) data.
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	> If an attacker were lucky, the extra data could contain something
	> interesting.
	> Or conceivably it could cause a segmentation violation.

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Resolution

Asterisk code has been modified to enforce null-termination of incoming text frames received by the IAX2 channel driver (chan_iax2). When text frames are received without null-termination, this may result in the last byte of data in the frame being lost, if the IAX2 reception process does not have space in its receive buffer to add a null character.

As this vulnerability is of 'low' severity, it does not justify new releases of Asterisk solely for mitigating its impact. The fix for this vulnerability has been committed to the Asterisk Subversion source code repositories and is available to all users who wish to upgrade to a prerelease checkout of the respective development branch for their release series of Asterisk. All other users can upgrade when the next regularly scheduled release of their product is produced.

Affected Versions				
Product	Release Series			
Asterisk Open Source	1.0.x	has not been evaluated as this release series is no longer maintained		
Asterisk Open Source	1.2.x	all releases prior to 1.2.19		
Asterisk Open Source	1.4.x	all releases prior to 1.4.5		
Asterisk Business Edition	A.x.x	all releases		
Asterisk Business Edition	B.x.x	all releases prior to B.2.1		
AsteriskNOW	pre- release	all releases prior to and including Beta 5		
Asterisk Appliance Developer Kit	0.x.x	all releases prior to 0.4.1		

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Corrected In				
Product	Release			
Asterisk Open Source	1.2.19 and 1.4.5 will be available from http://http.digium.com/pub/telephony/asterisk when released			
Asterisk Business Edition	B.2.1, will be available from the Asterisk Business Edition user portal on http://www.digium.com or via Digium Technical Support when released			
AsteriskNOW	Beta 6, when available from http://www.asterisknow.org , Beta 5 users can use 'System Update' in the appliance control panel to update their version of AsteriskNOW when Asterisk 1.4.4 has been released			
Asterisk Appliance Developer Kit	0.4.1, will be available from http://downloads.digium.com/pub/telephony/aadk when released			

Links	http://bugs.digium.com/view.php?id=9638
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Revision History				
Date	Editor	Revisions Made		
May 4, 2007	kpfleming@digium.com	initial release		
May 4, 2007	kpfleming@digium.com	proper 'corrected in' release number for Asterisk 1.4		
August 21, 2007	russell@digium.com	Changed name prefix from ASA to AST		