

## **Department of the Environment, Climate & Communications**



# **NCSC Alert**

# Critical Vulnerability exists in Atlassian Confluence Data Center and Confluence Server (CVE-2023-22527)(CVSSv3: 9.8)

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## **Description**

CVE Published: 2024-01-16T05:15:00

Vendor: Atlassian

**Product:** Confluence Data Center and Confluence Server

CVE ID: CVE-2023-22527 CVSS3.0 Score<sup>1</sup>: 9.8 EPSS Percentile<sup>2</sup>: 0.24036

**Summary:** A template injection vulnerability on older versions of Confluence Data Center and Server allows an unauthenticated attacker to achieve Remote Code Execution (RCE) on an affected instance. Customers using an affected version must take immediate action.

Most recent supported versions of Confluence Data Center and Server are not affected by this vulnerability as it was ultimately mitigated during regular version updates. However, Atlassian recommends that customers take care to install the latest version to protect their instances from non-critical vulnerabilities outlined in Atlassian's January Security Bulletin.

More information related to this issue can be found at the following link(s):

https://confluence.atlassian.com/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=1333335615

https://jira.atlassian.com/browse/CONFSERVER-93833

#### **Products Affected**

- · Atlassian Confluence Data Center
- Confluence Server

Versions 8.0.x, 8.1.x, 8.2.x, 8.3.x, 8.4.x, and 8.5.0-8.5.3.

### **Impact**

CVE-2023-22527 is a template injection vulnerability that allows an unauthenticated attacker to achieve RCE on an affected version of Confluence Data Center and Confluence Server

Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE)<sup>3</sup>: RCE (Remote Code Execution) Present in CISA Known Exploited Vulnerability(KEV)<sup>4</sup> catalog: YES

#### Recommendations

The NCSC strongly advises affected organisations to review the latest release notes and install the relevant updates from Atlassian.

Additional recommendations and mitigation's for CVE-2023-22527 can be found in the respective link(s) below:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>https://www.first.org/cvss/v3.0/specification-document

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>https://www.first.org/epss/articles/prob\_percentile\_bins

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>https://cwe.mitre.org/

<sup>4</sup>https://www.cisa.gov/known-exploited-vulnerabilities-catalog

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