



## Bug 2391104 (CVE-2025-57851) - CVE-2025-57851 mce: privilege escalation via excessive /etc/passwd permissions

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**Alias:** CVE-2025-57851

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**Product:** Security Response

**Fixed In Version:**

**Component:** vulnerability

**Clone Of:**

**Environment:**

**Version:** unspecified

**Last Closed:**

**Embargoed:**

**Hardware:** All

**OS:** Linux

**Priority:** medium

**Severity:** medium

**Target Milestone:** ---

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[Description](#)

The /etc/passwd file is created during build time with group-writable permissions. In certain conditions, an attacker who can execute commands within an affected container, even as a non-root user, may be able to leverage their membership in the root group to modify the /etc/passwd file. This could allow the attacker to add a new user with any arbitrary UID, including UID 0, leading to full root privileges within the container.

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