



# Bug 2419369 (CVE-2025-14104) - CVE-2025-14104 util-linux: util-linux: Heap buffer overread in setpwnam() when processing 256-byte usernames

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**Alias:** CVE-2025-14104

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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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A flaw was found in util-linux. Heap buffer overread when processing 256-byte usernames. Affects any SUID login-utils utility writing to password database. The setpwnam() function allocates a 256-byte buffer but accesses linebuf[256] when username length equals 256, causing a heap buffer overread.

Karel Zak 2026-01-14 13:10:32 UTC

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Fixed in upstream release v2.41.3, upgrade already available in f44 and f43.

The bugfix was also backported into f42 (util-linux-2.40.4-8.fc42).

The bug is in very old code (from 1997), so all older versions are affected.

John 2026-01-14 16:16:29 UTC

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Status request: What is the timeline for backporting [CVE-2025-14104](#) to CentOS Stream 9?

Timeline data:

- CVE disclosed: Dec 2024 (13 months ago)
- Upstream fix: Available Dec 2024
- Fedora 43: Patched Dec 2024
- SUSE: Patched Jan 2026
- CentOS Stream 9: util-linux-2.37.4-21 (last update ~Feb 2025)

This affects SUID utilities in multi-user environments. A 13-month delay for a moderate CVE with available upstream fixes seems unusual for a security-focused distribution.

Is there a backport timeline or reason for the delay?

errata-xmlrpc 2026-02-02 10:05:16 UTC

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Is there no intention to fix the [CVE-2025-14104](#) vulnerability for CentOS Stream 9?

Karel Zak 2026-02-04 07:25:27 UTC

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The bugfix is expected in RHEL-9.8 and 10.2, it's already in the c10s branch

<https://gitlab.com/redhat/centos-stream/rpms/util-linux/-/commit/bde27314c01431821a0dd620a51643ab2170c40b>

and in c9s branch by commit:

<https://gitlab.com/redhat/centos-stream/rpms/util-linux/-/commit/22261c4fc3ece3f3d74ef4ea37aacc87c38eaf3d>

Karel Zak 2026-02-04 07:33:46 UTC

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Adn builds:

<https://kojihub.stream.centos.org/koji/packageinfo?packageID=2257>

util-linux-2.37.4-24.el9	2025-12-15 11:02:17
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