



Bug 2439039 (CVE-2026-26157) - CVE-2026-26157 busybox: BusyBox: Arbitrary file overwrite and potential code execution via incomplete path sanitization

Keywords: Security

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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: high

Severity: high

Target Milestone: ---

Assignee: Product Security DevOps Team

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[Description](#)

Affects: BusyBox v1.36.1 and v1.37.0 (likely affects earlier versions too)
CVSS: 8.6 (HIGH)
Component: strip_unsafe_prefix() function in archive extraction utilities (tar, unzip, rpm, ar, dpkg)

Description:
Incomplete path sanitization fails to detect trailing ".." components in filenames (e.g., "logs/data/.."), allowing files to be written outside the intended extraction directory when the current working

directory matches the target location. An attacker can craft malicious archives that overwrite arbitrary files within the extraction directory scope.

Impact:

Arbitrary file overwrite, potential code execution through modification of shell configuration files, cron jobs, or other sensitive files.

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