



Bug 1642203 (CVE-2018-16840) - CVE-2018-16840 curl: Use-after-free when closing "easy" handle in Curl_close()

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Alias: CVE-2018-16840

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Product: Security Response

Fixed In Version: curl 7.62.0

Component: vulnerability

Clone Of:

Version: unspecified

Environment:

Hardware: All

Last Closed: 2021-10-25 09:51:37 UTC

OS: Linux

Embargoed:

Priority: low

Severity: low

Target Milestone: ---

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[Description](#)

Curl versions 7.59.0 to 7.61.1 are vulnerable to heap use-after-free flaw in code related to closing an easy handle.

When closing and cleaning up an "easy" handle in the ``Curl_close()`` function, the library code first frees a struct (without nulling the pointer) and might then subsequently erroneously write to a struct field within that already

freed struct.

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Acknowledgments:

Name: the Curl project

Upstream: Brian Carpenter (Geeknik Labs)

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External Reference:

<https://curl.haxx.se/docs/CVE-2018-16840.html>

Upstream Patch:

<https://github.com/curl/curl/commit/81d135d67155c5295b1033679c606165d4e28f3f>

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