CVE-2025-48038

Unverified File Handles can Cause Excessive Use of System Resources

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Weakness Type (CWE)

CWE-770 — CWE-770 Allocation of Resources Without Limits or Throttling

CAPEC

CAPEC-130 — CAPEC-130 Excessive Allocation
CAPEC-131 — CAPEC-131 Resource Leak Exposure

CVSS 4.0 Score

5.3

MEDIUM

CVSS:4.0/AV:N/AC:L/AT:N/PR:L/UI:N/VC:N/VI:N/VA:L/SC:N/SI:N/SA:N

Vulnerability description

Allocation of Resources Without Limits or Throttling vulnerability in Erlang OTP ssh (ssh_sftp modules) allows Excessive Allocation, Resource Leak Exposure.
This vulnerability is associated with program files `lib/ssh/src/ssh_sftpd.erl`.

This issue affects OTP form OTP 17.0 until OTP 28.0.3, OTP 27.3.4.3 and 26.2.5.15 corresponding to ssh from 3.0.1 until 5.3.3, 5.2.11.3 and 5.1.4.12.

Affected

`pkg:otp/ssh`

Module	Source File
ssh_sftp	`lib/ssh/src/ssh_sftpd.erl`

Status	Type	Version	Changes / Fixed in
Affected	otp ⓘ	`3.0.1`	• unaffected at `5.3.3` • unaffected at `5.2.11.3` • unaffected at `5.1.4.12`

pkg:github/erlang/otp

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Affected	git ⓘ	07b8f441ca71	• unaffected at 4e3bf86777ab • unaffected at f09e0201ff70

Configurations

The SFTP subsystem must be enabled on the SSH server and the SSH port must be reachable by the attacker. SFTP is enabled by default unless explicitly disabled by setting `{subsystems, []}` in the SSH daemon configuration.

Workarounds

- Disable `sftp`
- limiting number of `max_sessions` allowed for `sshd`, so exploiting becomes more complicated

References

- https://github.com/erlang/otp/security/advisories/GHSA-pvj7-9652-7h9r **vendor-advisory** **related**
- https://osv.dev/vulnerability/EEF-CVE-2025-48038 **related**
- https://github.com/erlang/otp/pull/10156 **patch**
- https://github.com/erlang/otp/commit/4e3bf86777ab3db7220c11d8ddabf15970ddd10a **patch**
- https://github.com/erlang/otp/commit/f09e0201ff701993dc24a08f15e524daf72db42f **patch**

Credits

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