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# Unauthenticated DoS in avatar cache in Grafana

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<b>Product:</b>	Grafana
<b>CVSS Score:</b>	7.5
<b>CVSS Vector:</b>	CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:N/I:N/A:H
<b>Fixed Versions:</b>	<code>&gt;=12.3.0 &lt;12.3.1+security-01</code> <code>&gt;=12.2.0 &lt;12.2.3+security-01</code> <code>&gt;=12.1.0 &lt;12.1.5+security-01</code> <code>&gt;=12.0.0 &lt;12.0.8+security-01</code> <code>&gt;=3.0.0 &lt;11.6.9+security-01</code>

## Summary



Grafana is an open-source platform for monitoring and observability. The platform supports users having their own avatars, which can be sourced from the Gravatar service API. This uses a cache, to ensure that we don't overload the service.

If these requests time out after 3 seconds, a Goroutine is left running forever. This can cause a denial of service (DoS) if an attacker repeats these requests.

This bug was reported by sam18191 via our [bug bounty program](#).

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