



# Security Bulletin: IBM® Db2® is vulnerable to a denial of service when fetching from certain tables under specific configurations (CVE-2025-14688)

## Security Bulletin

### Summary

IBM® Db2® is vulnerable to a denial of service when fetching from certain tables when the following configurations are set: DB2\_WORKLOAD=ANALYTICS or intra\_parallel is set to YES, as well as DB2\_EXTENDED\_OPTIMIZATION=NLJN\_OFLOW ON.

### Vulnerability Details

**CVEID:** [CVE-2025-14688](https://www.cve.org/CVERecord?id=CVE-2025-14688) (<https://www.cve.org/CVERecord?id=CVE-2025-14688>)

**DESCRIPTION:** IBM Db2 for Linux, UNIX and Windows (includes Db2 Connect Server) could allow an authenticated user to cause a denial of service due to improper neutralization of special elements in data query logic when certain configurations exist.

**CWE:** [CWE-1284: Improper Validation of Specified Quantity in Input](https://cwe.mitre.org/data/definitions/1284.html) (<https://cwe.mitre.org/data/definitions/1284.html>)

**CVSS Source:** IBM

**CVSS Base score:** 5.3

**CVSS Vector:** (CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:H/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:N/I:N/A:H)

### Affected Products and Versions

Affected Product(s)	Version(s)	Applicable Editions
IBM® Db2®	11.5.0 - 11.5.9	Server
IBM® Db2®	12.1.0 - 12.1.3	Server

All platforms are affected.

Earlier releases (11.1, 10.5, 10.1, 9.7 etc.) may also be affected, but they are no longer supported. Any older version not mentioned above is not supported.

### Remediation/Fixes

Customers running any vulnerable affected level of an affected Program, V11.5, and V12.1, can download the special build containing the interim fix for this issue from Fix Central. These special builds are available based on the most recent level for each impacted release: V11.5.9. They can be applied to any affected level of the appropriate release to remediate this vulnerability.

Release	Fixed in mod pack	APAR	Download URL
V11.5	TBD	<a href="https://www.ibm.com/my-support/s/defect/aClgJ0000008Msz/dt458000">DT458000</a> ( <a href="https://www.ibm.com/my-support/s/defect/aClgJ0000008Msz/dt458000">https://www.ibm.com/my-support/s/defect/aClgJ0000008Msz/dt458000</a> )	Special Build #79671 or later for V11.5.9 available at this link: <a href="https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/node/7087189">https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/node/7087189</a> ( <a href="https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/node/7087189">https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/node/7087189</a> )
V12.1	V12.1.4	<a href="https://www.ibm.com/my-support/s/defect/aClgJ0000008Msz/dt458000">DT458000</a> ( <a href="https://www.ibm.com/my-support/s/defect/aClgJ0000008Msz/dt458000">https://www.ibm.com/my-support/s/defect/aClgJ0000008Msz/dt458000</a> )	Latest for V12.1.4 is available at this link: <a href="https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/node/7267513">https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/node/7267513</a> ( <a href="https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/node/7267513">https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/node/7267513</a> )


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## Workarounds and Mitigations

Remove registry variable DB2\_EXTENDED\_OPTIMIZATION=NLJN\_OFLOW by:

```
db2set -im DB2_EXTENDED_OPTIMIZATION=
```

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[IBM Product Security Incident Response Blog](http://www.ibm.com/blogs/psirt) (<http://www.ibm.com/blogs/psirt>)

[Published Security Vulnerabilities for DB2 for Linux, UNIX, and Windows including Special Build information](https://www.ibm.com/support/pages/published-security-vulnerabilities-db2-linux-unix-and-windows-including-special-build-information)

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