



Security Bulletin: Inadequate Pod Communication Restrictions, affects watsonx.data

Security Bulletin

Summary

A security vulnerability has been identified in IBM watsonx.data due to insufficient restrictions on inter-pod communication. This misconfiguration may allow unauthorized data transfer between pods within the environment.

Vulnerability Details

CVEID: [CVE-2025-36180](https://www.cve.org/CVERecord?id=CVE-2025-36180) (<https://www.cve.org/CVERecord?id=CVE-2025-36180>)

DESCRIPTION: IBM Lakehouse does not properly restrict communication between pods which could allow an attacker to transfer data between pods without restrictions.

CWE: [CWE-923: Improper Restriction of Communication Channel to Intended Endpoints](https://cwe.mitre.org/data/definitions/923.html)

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CVSS Source: IBM

CVSS Base score: 5.3

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

Affected Products and Versions

Affected Product(s)	Version(s)
watsonx.data	2.2-2.3

Remediation/Fixes

The product needs to be installed or upgraded to the latest available level watsonx.data 2.3.1 or watsonx.data on CPD 5.3.1. Installation/upgrade instructions can be found here: <https://www.ibm.com/docs/en/software-hub/5.3.x?topic=watsonxdata-installing> (<https://www.ibm.com/docs/en/software-hub/5.3.x?topic=watsonxdata-installing>)

Workarounds and Mitigations

None

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References

[Complete CVSS v3 Guide](#) ↗

[On-line Calculator v3](#) ↗

Related Information

[IBM Secure Engineering Web Portal](http://www.ibm.com/security/secure-engineering/bulletins.html) (<http://www.ibm.com/security/secure-engineering/bulletins.html>)

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

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