

Remote Takeover of F5's Big-IP



F5 disclosed a critical remote code execution vulnerability tracked under CVE-2022-1388 on 4 May 2022, which allows exploiting implementation flaws in BIG-IP system's management interface, much like its predecessor CVE-2020-5902. The vulnerability allows an unauthenticated adversary to bypass the authentication mechanism and gain root privileges. The vulnerability affects multiple versions of the network management interface of F5's BIG-IP systems, and basis the gathered open-source intelligence, it is estimated that around 16000 BIG-IP systems are on public facing internet, which are at the risk from attackers.

The vulnerability emerges from a faulty authentication in the webbased management interface. The REST API component of F5's BIG IP modules - iControl, is impacted with authentication bypass vulnerability. Since its disclosure, organizations are being mass scanned for potentially exposed management port of BIG IP appliances and several proof-of-concepts are already being circulated throughout the internet. Attackers are keen on using this as an initial attack vector to gain access of the system and leverage it for further infiltration into the victim's network. Once compromised, threat actors might drop web shells to gain backdoor access or install malware on the system.

Given the criticality and triviality of the issue, organizations are urged to assess their infrastructure for the vulnerability and upgrade to the latest software version as suggested by F5. Further it is advised to take down the management interface over the public internet in order to mitigate this vulnerability.

#### What should you do?

- Monitor Indicators of Compromise (IoCs) in your environment to identify anomalies.
- Ensure your Windows environment is patched to the brim and is protected with multi-factor authentication.
- Conduct a comprehensive, full spectrum, threat assessment exercise to uncover blind spots and improvement areas.

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Indicators of Compromise: IP Addresses	
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64.39.98[.]40	212.102.50[.]210
77.91.72[.]39	209.58.170[.]164
217.252.7[.]13	196.65.108[.]171
208.71.210[.]1	154.23.191[.]157
66.94.126[.]14	85.106.114[.]175
64.39.98[.]227	202.28.229[.]174
64.39.98[.]196	68.183.202[.]236
64.39.98[.]159	66.254.159[.]252
64.39.98[.]152	193.178.210[.]87
146.19.75[.]41	223.187.119[.]114
223.72.39[.]119	204.195.115[.]184
210.92.18[.]153	198.252.101[.]110
139.99.149[.]66	198.211.120[.]110
69.24.129[.]229	216.162.206[.]213
77.91.101[.]249	209.127.252[.]207
194.156.98[.]67	202.103.212[.]140
194.156.98[.]43	

Indicators of Compromise: Domains	
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Indicators of Compromise: Hashes
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