

Vendor: Sophos, <http://www.sophos.com>
Affected Products: Sophos Anti-Virus for Windows
Sophos Anti-Virus for Unix/Linux
Vulnerability: Infinite Loop DoS (remote)
Risk: MEDIUM

Vendor communication:

2007/05/07	initial notification to Sophos
2007/05/09	Sophos Response
2007/05/14	PGP public keys exchange
2007/05/14	PoC files sent to Sophos
2007/05/17	Sophos acknowledged the PoC files
2007/05/17	Sophos Corporation validate the Vulnerability
2007/05/17	Sophos notify tentative update release date
2007/07/31	Sophos notify a delay in the update release date
2007/08/23	Sophos released Update with fixes

Overview:

Sophos is a world leader in IT security and control solutions purpose-built for business, education, government organizations and service providers. Their reliably engineered, easy-to-operate products protect over 100 million users in more than 150 countries from viruses, spyware, adware, Trojans, intrusion, spam, policy abuse, and uncontrolled network access.

Description:

A remotely exploitable vulnerability has been found in the file parsing engine.

In detail, the following flaw was determined:

- Infinite Loop in BZip file parsing

Impact:

This problem can lead to a remote Denial of Service (DoS) situation through high CPU consumption and exhaustion of storage resources if an attacker carefully crafts a file that exploits the aforementioned vulnerability. The vulnerability is present in Sophos Anti-virus software mentioned above on all platforms supported by the affected products prior to the engine Version 2.48.0.

Solution:

The vulnerability was reported on 07.May.2007 and an update has been issued on 23.Aug.2007 to solve this vulnerability. For detailed information about the fixes follow the link in the References [1] section of this document.

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Credit:

Bugs found by Sergio Alvarez of n.runs AG.

References:

<http://www.sophos.com/support/knowledgebase/article/28407.html> [1]

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