Vulnerability Lookup

An open source tool to support CVD processes



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Who is behind Vulnerability Lookup?

- Vulnerability Lookup¹, an Open Source project led by CIRCL.
- Co-funded by **CIRCL** and the **European Union**.
- Part of the NGSOTI² project, dedicated to training the next generation of Security Operations Center (SOC) operators.

¹https://github.com/cve-search/vulnerability-lookup

²https://www.restena.lu/en/project/ngsoti

Origin and Challenges we aim to address

- cve-search³ is an open-source tool initially developed in late 2012, focusing on maintaining a **local** CVE database.
- cve-search is widely used as an internal tool.
- The design and scalability of cve-search are limited. Our operational public instance at https://cve.circl.lu is reaching a hard limit of 20,000 queries per second.
- Vulnerability sources have diversified, and the NVD CVE is no longer the sole source of vulnerability information.

³https://github.com/cve-search/cve-search

Current sources in Vulnerability Lookup

- CISA Known Exploited Vulnerability (via HTTP)
- NIST NVD CVE (via API 2.0)
- CVEProject cvelist (via git submodule repository)
- Cloud Security Alliance GSD Database (via git submodule repository)
- GitHub Advisory Database (via git submodule repository)
- PySec Advisory Database (via git submodule repository)
- **CSAF 2.0** (via git submodule repository)
- VARIoT (via API)
- Japan Database JVN DB (via HTTP)
- Tailscale (via RSS)

Open Data Initiative: Committed to regularly publishing comprehensive JSON dumps of all integrated sources as open data.

Main functionalities of Vulnerability Lookup - v2.0.0

- A fast lookup API to search for vulnerabilities and find correlation.
- Modular system to import different vulnerability sources.
- Support of **local source** per instance with custom IDs and JSON schemas (data validation).
- Exploit Prediction Scoring System⁴ score from FIRST.
- CVE Publication as CNA: Integration of Vulnogram.⁵
- Extensive support for RSS/Atom.

⁴https://www.first.org/epss

⁵https://github.com/Vulnogram/Vulnogram

Improving threat intelligence

- Bundles: Allow to combine similar vulnerabilities.
- **Comments:** Provide additional context (PoC, remediations, etc.).
- Tags: Attach tags to comments from the MISP vuln taxonomy⁶.

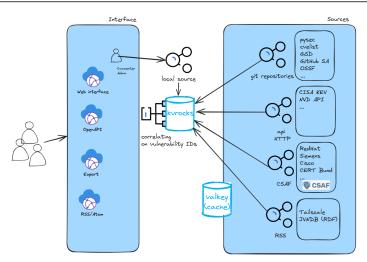
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vulnerability:information=remediation
```

• Sightings: Provide observations on vulnerabilities.

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{
    "uuid": "99c0bf75-48c6-41ac-a26f-572752dffd27",
    "vulnerability_lookup_origin": "1a89b78e-f703-45f3-bb86-59eb712668bd",
    "author": "8dfa6142-8c6d-4072-953e-71c85404aefb",
    "vulnerability": "CVE-2023-39328",
    "type": "exploited",
    "creation_timestamp": "2024-10-22T16:27:23.729320Z"
}
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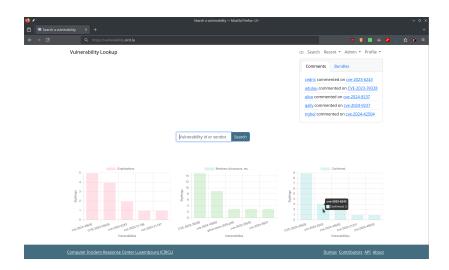
 $^{^6}$ https://www.misp-project.org/taxonomies.html#_vulnerability_3 of 11

Vulnerability Lookup high level architecture



Overview of the vulnerability-lookup architecture - https://github.com/cve-search/vulnerability-lookup

Demo



Future development

- EPSS (or similar models) and Vuln4Cast⁷. We would like to test it with our data set to regenerate the EPSS model.
- Connection with Fediverse / AIL⁸ → Automatic sighting.
- Synchronization between Vulnerability Lookup instances.
- Full-text search across all sources.

⁷https://github.com/FIRSTdotorg/Vuln4Cast

⁸https://www.ail-project.org

References

🖍 https://vulnerability.circl.lu

• https://github.com/cve-search/vulnerability-lookup

https://vulnerability-lookup.readthedocs.io

Thank you for your attention

- Issues, new sources or ideas: https://github.com/cve-search/vulnerability-lookup
- For support and questions, contact: info@circl.lu