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## NCSC Alert

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**Critical Vulnerabilities exist in Fortinet FortiOS, FortiProxy  
CVE-2023-42789, CVE-2023-42790 (CVSSv3: 9.3)**

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## Description

**Published:** 2024-03-12T15:15:00

**Vendor:** Fortinet

**Product:** FortiOS, FortiProxy

**CVE ID:** CVE-2023-42789

**CVSS3.0 Score<sup>1</sup>:** 9.3

**Summary:** A out-of-bounds write in Fortinet FortiOS, FortiProxy captive portal allows attacker to execute unauthorised code or commands via specially crafted HTTP requests.

**CVE ID:** CVE-2023-42790

**CVSS3.0 Score:** 9.3

**Summary:** A stack-based buffer overflow in Fortinet FortiOS, FortiProxy captive portal allows attacker to execute unauthorised code or commands via specially crafted HTTP requests.

More information related to this issue including a workaround can be found at the following link(s):

<https://fortiguard.fortinet.com/psirt/FG-IR-23-328>

## Products Affected

Fortinet FortiOS, FortiProxy

- FortiOS version 7.4.0 through 7.4.1
- FortiOS version 7.2.0 through 7.2.5
- FortiOS version 7.0.0 through 7.0.12
- FortiOS version 6.4.0 through 6.4.14
- FortiOS version 6.2.0 through 6.2.15
- FortiProxy version 7.4.0
- FortiProxy version 7.2.0 through 7.2.6
- FortiProxy version 7.0.0 through 7.0.12
- FortiProxy version 2.0.0 through 2.0.13

## Impact

**Common Weakness Enumeration (CWE)<sup>2</sup>:** Execute unauthorised code or commands

**Present in CISA Known Exploited Vulnerability(KEV)<sup>3</sup> catalog:** NO

**Used by Ransomware Operators:** Not Known

<sup>1</sup><https://www.first.org/cvss/v3.0/specification-document>

<sup>2</sup><https://cwe.mitre.org/>

<sup>3</sup><https://www.cisa.gov/known-exploited-vulnerabilities-catalog>

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## Recommendations

The NCSC strongly advises affected organisations to review the latest release notes and install the relevant updates from Fortinet.

Additional recommendations and mitigation's including a workaround for CVE-2023-42789 and CVE-2023-42790 can be found in the respective link(s) below:

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