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K000139571: BIG-IP HTTP vulnerability CVE-2025-36557

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✓ Evaluated products:

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Security Advisory Description

When an HTTP profile with the Enforce RFC Compliance option is configured on a virtual server, undisclosed requests can cause the Traffic Management Microkernel (TMM) to terminate. ([CVE-2025-36557](#))

Impact

Traffic is disrupted while the TMM process restarts. This vulnerability allows a remote, unauthenticated attacker to cause a denial-of-service (DoS) on the BIG-IP system. There is no control plane exposure; this is a data plane issue only.

Security Advisory Status

F5 Product Development has assigned ID 1322973 (BIG-IP, BIG-IP Next SPK, and BIG-IP Next CNF) to this vulnerability. This issue has been classified as [CWE-120: Buffer Copy without Checking Size of Input \('Classic Buffer Overflow'\)](#).

To determine if your product and version have been evaluated for this vulnerability, refer to the **Evaluated products** box. To determine if your release is known to be vulnerable, the components or features that are affected by the vulnerability, and for information about releases, point releases, or hotfixes that address the vulnerability, refer to the following tables. You can also use [iHealth](#) to diagnose a vulnerability for BIG-IP, BIG-IQ, and F5OS systems. For more information about using iHealth, refer to [K27404821: Using F5 iHealth to diagnose vulnerabilities](#). For more information about security advisory versioning, refer to [K51812227: Understanding security advisory versioning](#).

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BIG-IP Next

Note: After F5 releases a fix for a given branch, that fix applies to all subsequent minor, maintenance, and point releases for that branch; F5 will not list additional fixes for that branch in the table. For example, when F5 releases a fix in 20.0.2, the fix also applies to 20.0.3 and all later 20.1.x releases. For more information, refer to [K51812227: Understanding security advisory versioning](#).

Product	Branch	Versions known to be vulnerable ¹	Fixes introduced in	Severity/CVSS score ²	Vulnerable component or feature
BIG-IP Next (all modules)	All	None	Not applicable	Not vulnerable ³	None
BIG-IP Next Central Manager	All	None	Not applicable	Not vulnerable	None
BIG-IP Next SPK	2.x	None	2.0.0	High/7.5 (CVSS v3.1) High/8.7 (CVSS v4.0)	fsm
	1.x	1.8.0 - 1.9.2 1.7.0 - 1.7.8	1.7.9		
BIG-IP Next CNF	2.x	None	2.0.0	High/7.5 (CVSS v3.1) High/8.7 (CVSS v4.0)	fsm
	1.x	1.1.0 - 1.3.3	1.4.0		
BIG-IP Next for Kubernetes	All	None	Not applicable	Not vulnerable	None

¹F5 evaluates only software versions that have not yet reached the End of Technical Support (EoTS) phase of their lifecycle. For more information, refer to the **Security hotfixes** section of [K4602: Overview of the F5 security vulnerability response policy](#).

²Starting with the August 2024 Quarterly Security Notification, F5 will provide the CVSS v4.0 base score in addition to the CVSS v3.1 score, for first-party security issues only. The CVSS score link takes you to a resource outside of MyF5, and the content may be removed without our knowledge. For more information about how F5 uses CVSS v4.0, refer to [K000140363: Overview of CVSS v4.0 in F5 security advisories](#).

³BIG-IP Next was vulnerable in earlier versions and is no longer vulnerable starting from BIG-IP Next 20.1.0.

BIG-IP and BIG-IQ

Note: After F5 releases a fix for a given branch, that fix applies to all subsequent minor, maintenance, and point releases for that branch; F5 will not list additional fixes for that branch in the table. For example, when F5 releases a fix in 17.1.2.1, the fix also applies to 17.1.2.2 and all later 17.1.x releases (17.1.3.x, 17.1.4.x). For more information, refer to [K51812227: Understanding security advisory versioning](#).

Product	Branch	Versions known to be vulnerable ¹	Fixes introduced in	Severity/CVSS score ²	Vulnerable component or feature
BIG-IP (all modules)	17.x	171.0 - 171.1	171.2	<u>High/7.5</u> (CVSS v3.1) <u>High/8.7</u> (CVSS v4.0)	TMM
	16.x	161.0 - 161.4	161.5		
	15.x	None	Not applicable		
BIG-IQ Centralized Management	All	None	Not applicable	Not vulnerable	None

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F5 Distributed Cloud and NGINX Services

Service	Severity/CVSS score	Vulnerable component or feature
F5 Distributed Cloud (all services)	Not vulnerable	None
F5 Silverline (all services)	Not vulnerable	None
NGINX One Console	Not vulnerable	None

F5OS

Product	Branch	Versions known to be vulnerable ¹	Fixes introduced in	Severity/CVSS score	Vulnerable component or feature
F5OS-A	All	None	Not applicable	Not vulnerable	None
F5OS-C	All	None	Not applicable	Not vulnerable	None

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NGINX

Product	Branch	Versions known to be vulnerable ¹	Fixes introduced in	Severity/CVSS score	Vulnerable component or feature
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NGINX (all products)	All	None	Not applicable	Not vulnerable	None
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Other products

Product	Branch	Versions known to be vulnerable ¹	Fixes introduced in	Severity/CVSS score	Vulnerable component or feature
Traffix SDC	All	None	Not applicable	Not vulnerable	None

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Security Advisory Recommended Actions

If you are running a version listed in the **Versions known to be vulnerable** column, you can eliminate this vulnerability by installing a version listed in the **Fixes introduced in** column. If the **Fixes introduced in** column does not list a version for your branch, then no update candidate currently exists for that branch and F5 recommends that you upgrade to a version with the fix (refer to the tables).

If the **Fixes introduced in** column lists a version prior to the one you are running, in the same branch, then your version should have the fix.

Mitigation

F5 recommends you configure the BIG-IP and BIG-IP Next systems with high availability (HA) to lessen the impact of the vulnerability.

BIG-IP

- Configure systems with HA clustering. For more information, refer to [K02234544: Manually setting up device service clustering](#).
- Configure the HA table to take specific actions. For more information, refer to [K9231: Overview of BIG-IP daemon heartbeat failsafe](#).

BIG-IP Next

Create a BIG-IP Next HA instance. For more information, refer to [How to: Create a BIG-IP Next VE, VELOS and rSeries HA from BIG-IP Next Central Manager](#) on F5 Cloud Docs.

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Related Content

- [K000151187: Does BIG-IP 17.5.0 contain the same security fixes as 17.1.x?](#)
- [K41942608: Overview of MyF5 security advisory articles](#)
- [K12201527: Overview of Quarterly Security Notifications](#)
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- [K4602: Overview of the F5 security vulnerability response policy](#)
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