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FREERTOS-PLUS-TCP CONTAIN A BUFFER OVER-READ ISSUE IN THE DNS RESPONSE PARSER (CVE-2024-38373, CVSS 8.1 HIGH)

1. CVEID – CVSS vector [base score]

CVE-2024-38373 - CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:N/A:H[8.1]

2. Publication date

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3. Summary

FreeRTOS-Plus-TCP is a lightweight TCP/IP stack for FreeRTOS. FreeRTOS-Plus-TCP versions 4.0.0 through 4.1.0 contain a buffer over-read issue in the DNS Response Parser when parsing domain names in a DNS response. A carefully crafted DNS response with domain name length value greater than the actual domain name length, could cause the parser to read beyond the DNS response buffer. This issue affects applications using DNS functionality of the FreeRTOS-Plus-TCP stack. Applications that do not use DNS functionality are not affected, even when the DNS functionality is enabled.

4. Affected products (and versions)

Product Family	Software	Version
RZ Family	RZ Family Flexible Software Package (FSP)	RZ/A FSP v3.1.0 and earlier
RA Family	RA Family Flexible Software Package (FSP)	FSP v5.4.0 and earlier

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5. (Potentially) Impacted features

FreeRTOS-Plus-TCP SW used with FreeRTOS and included in the RZ and RA Family Flexible Software Package (FSP).

6. Suggested fixes/actions/mitigations/remediations.

- RZ Family
Update to RZ/A FSP v3.2.0 or later.
- RA Family
Update to FSP v5.5.0 or later.

7. Source/External references

<https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2024-38373>

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1.0	Initial publication.	Mar. 7, 2025

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