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Vulnerability Title

CodeMeter Runtime DoS due to Buffer Access with Incorrect Length Value

Vulnerability description

Multiple memory corruption vulnerabilities exist where the packet parser mechanism of CodeMeter does not verify length fields. An attacker could send specially crafted packets to exploit these vulnerabilities.

- CVE: CVE-2020-14509
- CVSS v3.1 base score: 10.0
- CVSS v3.1 vector string: [AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:C/C:H/I:H/A:H](#)
- Vulnerability type: CWE-805

Vulnerability details

Sending malicious TCP/IP packets via local or remote network connections to CodeMeter.exe can cause a crash of CodeMeter.exe due to improper length value checks. Also a heap buffer overflow may occur, which could enable a remote code execution attack.

Affected products

Product name	Affected versions	Fixed versions
CodeMeter Runtime	All versions prior to 7.10a	CodeMeter Runtime 7.10a or newer.

Mitigation for affected versions

- Run CodeMeter as client only and use localhost as binding for the CodeMeter communication which is already the default configuration since CodeMeter Runtime 6.90. With binding to localhost an attack is no longer possible via remote network connection.
- If CodeMeter Runtime is required to run as network server use the CodeMeter License Access Permissions feature to restrict the usage of CodeMeter API.

General security best practices can help to protect systems from local and network attacks.

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