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PIRS 2007 local buffer overflow vulnerability

Release date: 13.7.2007
Severity: Less critical
Impact: Buffer overflow
Status: Official patch available
Software: PIRS 2007 (CD version)
Tested on: Microsoft Windows Professional XP SP2
Vendor: <http://www.pirs.si>
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Summary:

Poslovni informator Republike Slovenije (PIRS) 2007 is vulnerable to local buffer overflow. It might be possible to execute arbitrary code in a context of currently logged on user. Direct remote code execution is not possible.

Analysis:

PIRS is a data collection of companies and other active business subjects in Slovenia. The main application **pirs32.exe** contains buffer overflow that may allow code execution. Input validation is not performed on search parameter length which leads to overflow condition. Entering =>528 ASCII characters in any input/search field within PIRS GUI will cause application to silently crash.

Proof of concept:

The following string **512*A + 4*B + 8*A + 4*C** will overwrite **ECX** and **EIP** registers. EIP is the pointer to location where the next instruction will be executed.

Note: because pirs32.exe silently crashes the PoC must be reproduced inside debugger.

Solution:

Vendor has released a patch that limits the maximum search string length to 255 characters.

Download link:

http://www.pirs.si/slo/index.php?dep_id=29&help_id=60

Timeline:

24.06.2007 – vulnerability discovered
25.06.2007 – vendor informed
13.07.2007 – patch released
13.07.2007 – public disclosure

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