



# OpenSSL Vulnerabilities Announced on June 5, 2014

## How Does It Affect You?

## Overview

Several new vulnerabilities related to OpenSSL were disclosed on 6/5/14. Of these, the most serious is **CVE-2014-0224**. It deals with how OpenSSL handles the 'ChangeCipherSpec' message in the SSL protocol, tricking the client and server to communicate without encryption. And, unlike Heartbleed, which penalizes organizations running on the latest release, CVE-2014-0224 affects a broader set of OpenSSL systems.

By comparison, exploiting this vulnerability is more complex and the attack is much more targeted than Heartbleed. In order to take advantage of this vulnerability, the attacker needs to launch a man-in-the-middle attack. To exploit, both ends of the conversation need to be vulnerable; fixing just the web browser fixes the issue for example. This vulnerability complements existing man-in-the-middle attacks that exploit weak SSL already (such as hoping a user accepts an incorrect SSL certificate). Organizations of all sizes are concerned about the recent surge in vulnerabilities related to OpenSSL and CVE-2014-0224 is yet another vulnerability that may erode confidence in the security of the "cloud."

## How can Tenable help you?

Tenable has released several new updates for multiple products including **Nessus®** and the **Passive Vulnerability Scanner™** that will help customers detect this vulnerability:

Question	Response
<b>Name of Threat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OpenSSL Security Advisory [05 Jun 2014]</li> <li>CVE-2014-0224 – MiTM vulnerability</li> <li>CVE- 2014-0195 – was published and covers a DoS and potential code execution vulnerability (separate from the MiTM attack). Nessus contains plugins to check for this CVE as well.</li> </ul>
<b>What is it?</b>	An attacker using a carefully crafted handshake can force the use of weak keying material in OpenSSL SSL/TLS clients and servers. This can be exploited by a man-in-the-middle (MITM) attack where the attacker can decrypt and modify traffic from the attacked client and server.
<b>Who is affected?</b>	<p>Both the client and server must be vulnerable for the attack to be successful.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clients: OpenSSL clients in all versions of OpenSSL</li> <li>Servers: OpenSSL 1.0.1 and 1.0.2-beta1 servers. Users of OpenSSL servers earlier than 1.0.1 are advised to upgrade as a precaution</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: Most widely deployed web browsers (for example IE, Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Safari) on desktops are NOT vulnerable as they are not using the OpenSSL libraries. However, Chrome for Android does use OpenSSL, and <a href="#">Google has released an updated version which fixes the vulnerability</a>.</p>
<b>How serious is the issue?</b>	<p>While this vulnerability is not as critical as Heartbleed, it is definitely serious.</p> <p>It requires several conditions to be exploited: the client and the server must use OpenSSL, which excludes most web browsers already (but not VPN clients), and the attacker must be able to sniff the traffic, which also greatly reduces the exposure of the attack.</p>
<b>What is the workaround/fix?</b>	<p>No patch is available.</p> <p>The workaround for this is to upgrade to the latest versions of OpenSSL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OpenSSL 0.9.8 SSL/TLS users (client and/or server) should upgrade to 0.9.8za</li> <li>OpenSSL 1.0.0 SSL/TLS users (client and/or server) should upgrade to 1.0.0m</li> <li>OpenSSL 1.0.1 SSL/TLS users (client and/or server) should upgrade to 1.0.1h</li> </ul>
<b>Does an exploit already exist?</b>	Unknown at this time.
<b>Which Tenable products detect the vulnerability?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nessus and Nessus Enterprise - Plugin#74326. An updated version of the Nessus UI will be pushed alongside the plugin. It modifies the "Heartbleed" detection wizard to also enable plugin#74326</li> <li>Nessus and Nessus Enterprise – Several local checks have been released for Linux and UNIX distributions and specific checks for web servers implementing vulnerable OpenSSL libraries</li> <li>Nessus Enterprise Cloud – already updated with the new plugin</li> <li>SecurityCenter™ - plugin#74326 as soon as it hits the feed</li> <li>SecurityCenter CV™ - plugin#74326 and PVS 8253 as soon as it hits the feed</li> <li>Passive Vulnerability Scanner (PVS) – plugin 8253 was also added to detect OpenSSL</li> </ul>
<b>How does a customer find out if they are susceptible?</b>	Customers must scan their environments, using both remote and local checks, to find out if their environments are susceptible to this vulnerability. Currently any Tenable solution that includes Nessus can be used to identify the vulnerability.

