



# CVE-2016-3961

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| Summary         |                                                                                                                           |
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| CVE             | CVE-2016-3961                                                                                                             |
| State           | PUBLISHED                                                                                                                 |
| Assigner        | mitre                                                                                                                     |
| Source Priority | CVE Program / NVD first with legacy fallback                                                                              |
| Published       | 2016-04-15 14:59:14 UTC                                                                                                   |
| Updated         | 2026-05-06 22:30:45 UTC                                                                                                   |
| Description     | Xen and the Linux kernel through 4.5.x do not properly suppress hugetlbfs support in x86 PV guests, which allows local PV |

Risk And Classification

Primary CVSS: v3.0 5.5 MEDIUM from nvd@nist.gov

CVSS:3.0/AV:L/AC:L/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:N/I:N/A:H

Problem Types: CWE-20 | n/a

| Version | Source       | Type    | Score | Severity | Vector                                       |
|---------|--------------|---------|-------|----------|----------------------------------------------|
| 3.0     | nvd@nist.gov | Primary | 5.5   | MEDIUM   | CVSS:3.0/AV:L/AC:L/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:N/I:N/A:H |
| 2.0     | nvd@nist.gov | Primary | 2.1   |          | AV:L/AC:L/Au:N/C:N/I:N/A:P                   |

| CVSS v3.0 Breakdown |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Attack Vector       | Local     |
| Attack Complexity   | Low       |
| Privileges Required | Low       |
| User Interaction    | None      |
| Scope               | Unchanged |
| Confidentiality     | None      |
| Integrity           | None      |
| Availability        |           |

High

CVSS:3.0/AV:L/AC:L/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:N/I:N/A:H

CVSS v2.0 Breakdown

Access Vector

Local

Access Complexity

Low

Authentication

None

Confidentiality

None

Integrity

None

Availability

Partial

AV:L/AC:L/Au:N/C:N/I:N/A:P

NVD Known Affected Configurations (CPE 2.3)

| Type             | Vendor    | Product      | Version | Update | Edition | Language |
|------------------|-----------|--------------|---------|--------|---------|----------|
| Operating System | Canonical | Ubuntu Linux | 14.04   | All    | All     | All      |
| Operating System | Canonical | Ubuntu Linux | 15.10   | All    | All     | All      |
| Operating System | Canonical | Ubuntu Linux | 16.04   | All    | All     | All      |
| Operating System | Xen       | Xen          | All     | All    | All     | All      |

Vendor Declared Affected Products

| Source | Vendor | Product | Version      | Platforms     |
|--------|--------|---------|--------------|---------------|
| CNA    | Na     | N/a     | affected n/a | Not specified |

References

| Reference                                                          | Source |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| XSA-174 - Xen Security Advisories                                  | af8    |
| Xen CVE-2016-3961 Denial of Service Vulnerability                  | af8    |
| USN-3007-1: Linux kernel (Raspberry Pi 2) vulnerabilities   Ubuntu | af8    |
| USN-3002-1: Linux kernel (Wily HWE) vulnerabilities   Ubuntu       | af8    |
| USN-3005-1: Linux kernel (Xenial HWE) vulnerabilities   Ubuntu     | af8    |
| Debian -- Security Information -- DSA-3607-1 linux                 | af8    |
| USN-3050-1: Linux kernel (OMAP4) vulnerabilities   Ubuntu          | af8    |

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| USN-3003-1: Linux kernel vulnerabilities   Ubuntu                                                                                 | af8 |
| Xen hugetlbfs Support Lets Local Users on a Guest System Cause Denial of Service Conditions on the Guest System - SecurityTracker | af8 |
| USN-3004-1: Linux kernel (Raspberry Pi 2) vulnerabilities   Ubuntu                                                                | af8 |
| USN-3049-1: Linux kernel vulnerabilities   Ubuntu                                                                                 | af8 |
| USN-3001-1: Linux kernel (Vivid HWE) vulnerabilities   Ubuntu                                                                     | af8 |
| USN-3006-1: Linux kernel vulnerabilities   Ubuntu                                                                                 | af8 |
| xenbits.xen.org/xsa/xsa174.patch                                                                                                  | af8 |
| CVE Program record                                                                                                                | CV  |
| NVD vulnerability detail                                                                                                          | NV  |
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No vendor comments have been submitted for this CVE.

There are currently no legacy QID mappings associated with this CVE.