



# CVE-2020-1979

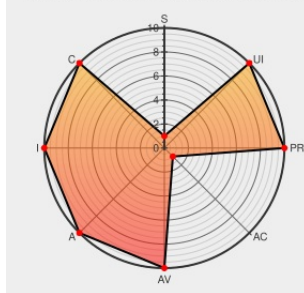
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CVSS:31/AV:N/AC:H/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H



Certain versions of [Pan-os](#) from [Paloaltonetworks](#) contain the following vulnerability:

A format string vulnerability in the PAN-OS log daemon (logd) on Panorama allows a network based attacker with knowledge of registered firewall devices and access to Panorama management interfaces to execute arbitrary code, bypassing the restricted shell and escalating privileges. This issue affects only PAN-OS 8.1 versions

earlier than PAN-OS 8.1.13 on Panorama. This issue does not affect PAN-OS 7.1, PAN-OS 9.0, or later PAN-OS versions.

CVE-2020-1979 has been assigned by psirt@paloaltonetworks.com to track the vulnerability - currently rated as **HIGH** severity.

Affected Vendor/Software: **Palo Alto Networks** - **PAN-OS** version < 8.1.13

Affected Vendor/Software: **Palo Alto Networks** - **PAN-OS** version != 8.1.13

Affected Vendor/Software: **Palo Alto Networks** - **PAN-OS** version != 9.0.0

Affected Vendor/Software: **Palo Alto Networks** - **PAN-OS** version != 7.1.0

Affected Vendor/Software: **Palo Alto Networks** - **PAN-OS** version != 9.1.0

### Vulnerability Patch/Work Around

This issue affects the management interface of Panorama and is mitigated by following best practices for securing the Panorama management interface. Our best practices guidelines reduce the exposure of the management interface to potential attackers. Please review the Best Practices for Securing Administrative Access in the PAN-OS 8.1 technical documentation, available at: <https://docs.paloaltonetworks.com/pan-os/8-1/pan-os-admin/getting-started/best-practices-for-securing-administrative-access>.

CVSS3 Score: **7.8 - HIGH**

Attack  
Vector

Attack  
Complexity

Privileges  
Required

User  
Interaction

LOCAL

LOW

LOW

NONE

Scope

Confidentiality

Integrity

Availability

| Impact                    |                   | Impact              | Impact |
|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|
| UNCHANGED                 |                   | HIGH                | HIGH   |
| CVSS2 Score: 4.6 - MEDIUM |                   |                     |        |
| Access Vector             | Access Complexity | Authentication      |        |
| LOCAL                     | LOW               | NONE                |        |
| Confidentiality Impact    | Integrity Impact  | Availability Impact |        |
| PARTIAL                   | PARTIAL           | PARTIAL             |        |

CVE References

| Description                                                                                                                   | Tags                                                                                                          | Link                                                                                                                                                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CVE-2020-1979 PAN-OS: A format string vulnerability in PAN-OS log daemon (logd) on Panorama allows local privilege escalation | <a href="#">Vendor Advisory</a><br><a href="#">security.paloaltonetworks.com</a><br><a href="#">text/html</a> |  MISC<br><a href="#">security.paloaltonetworks.com/CVE-2020-1979</a> |

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There are currently no QIDs associated with this CVE

Known Affected Configurations (CPE V2.3)

| Type                                     | Vendor                           | Product                | Version | Update | Edition | Language |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---------|--------|---------|----------|
| Operating System                         | <a href="#">Paloaltonetworks</a> | <a href="#">Pan-os</a> | All     | All    | All     | All      |
| Operating System                         | <a href="#">Paloaltonetworks</a> | <a href="#">Pan-os</a> | All     | All    | All     | All      |
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