



CVE-2021-39161

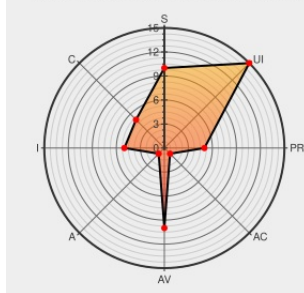
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CVE-2021-39161 - advisory for GHSA-xhmc-9jwm-wqph

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



Certain versions of [Discourse](#) from [Discourse](#) contain the following vulnerability:

Discourse is an open source platform for community discussion. In affected versions category names can be used for Cross-site scripting(XSS) attacks. This is mitigated by Discourse's default Content Security Policy and this vulnerability only affects sites which have modified or disabled or changed Discourse's default Content Security

Policy have allowed for moderators to modify categories. This issue is patched in the latest stable, beta and tests-passed versions of Discourse. Users are advised to ensure that the Content Security Policy is enabled, and has not been modified in a way which would make it more vulnerable to XSS attacks.

CVE-2021-39161 has been assigned by [security-advisories@github.com](#) to track the vulnerability - currently rated as **MEDIUM** severity.

Affected Vendor/Software: [discourse](#) - **discourse** version < 2.7.8

Affected Vendor/Software: [discourse](#) - **discourse** version >= 2.8.0.beta1, < 2.8.0.beta4

CVSS3 Score: **5.4 - MEDIUM**

Attack Vector	Attack Complexity	Privileges Required	User Interaction
NETWORK	LOW	LOW	REQUIRED
Scope	Confidentiality Impact	Integrity Impact	Availability Impact
CHANGED	LOW	LOW	NONE

CVSS2 Score: **2.1 - LOW**

Access Vector	Access Complexity	Authentication
NETWORK	HIGH	SINGLE
Confidentiality	Integrity	Availability

Impact

NONE

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PARTIAL

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NONE

CVE References

Description

Tags

Link

XSS via category name · Advisory · discourse/discourse · GitHub

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github.com/discourse/discourse/security/advisories/GHSA-xhmc-9jwm-wqph

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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
Application	Discourse	Discourse	All	All	All	All
Application	Discourse	Discourse	2.8.0	beta1	All	All
Application	Discourse	Discourse	2.8.0	beta2	All	All
Application	Discourse	Discourse	2.8.0	beta3	All	All
Application	Discourse	Discourse	2.8.0	beta4	All	All

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