



# CVE-2023-22489

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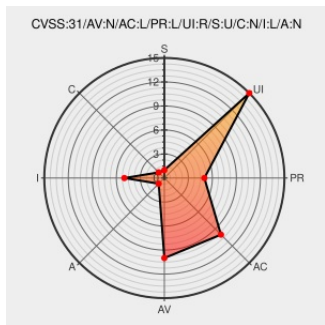
## CVE-2023-22489 - advisory for GHSA-hph3-hv3c-7725

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

Flarum is a discussion platform for websites. If the first post of a discussion is permanently deleted but the discussion stays visible, any actor who can view the discussion is able to create a new reply via the REST API, no matter the reply permission or lock status. This includes users that don't have a validated email. Guests cannot successfully

create a reply because the API will fail with a 500 error when the user ID 0 is inserted into the database. This happens because when the first post of a discussion is permanently deleted, the `first\_post\_id` attribute of the discussion becomes `null` which causes access control to be skipped for all new replies. Flarum automatically makes discussions with zero comments invisible so an additional condition for this vulnerability is that the discussion must have at least one approved reply so that `discussions.comment\_count` is still above zero after the post deletion. This can open the discussion to uncontrolled spam or just unintentional replies if users still had their tab open before the vulnerable discussion was locked and then post a reply when they shouldn't be able to. In combination with the email notification settings, this could also be used as a way to send unsolicited emails. Versions between `v1.3.0` and `v1.6.3` are impacted. The vulnerability has been fixed and published as flarum/core v1.6.3. All communities running Flarum should upgrade as soon as possible. There are no known workarounds.

CVE-2023-22489 has been assigned by security-advisories@github.com to track the vulnerability - currently rated as **LOW** severity.

Affected Vendor/Software: **flarum - framework** version =  $\geq 1.3.0, < 1.6.3$

CVSS3 Score: **3.5 - LOW**

Attack Vector	Attack Complexity	Privileges Required	User Interaction
<b>NETWORK</b>	<b>LOW</b>	<b>LOW</b>	<b>REQUIRED</b>
Scope	Confidentiality Impact	Integrity Impact	Availability Impact

