



# WordPress Author Avatars List/Block Plugin <= 2.1.17 is vulnerable to Cross Site Scripting (XSS)

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## Summary

<b>CVE</b>	CVE-2023-49846
<b>State</b>	PUBLISHED
<b>Assigner</b>	Patchstack
<b>Source Priority</b>	CVE Program / NVD first with legacy fallback
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<b>Description</b>	Improper Neutralization of Input During Web Page Generation ('Cross-site Scripting') vulnerability in Paul Bearne Author Av

## Risk And Classification

**Primary CVSS:** v3.1 5.4 MEDIUM from nvd@nist.gov

**CVSS:** 3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:L/UI:R/S:C/C:L/I:L/A:N

**EPSS:** 0.001810000 probability, percentile 0.393680000 (date 2026-04-28)

**Problem Types:** CWE-79 | CWE-79 CWE-79 Improper Neutralization of Input During Web Page Generation ('Cross-site Scripting')

Version	Source	Type	Score	Severity	Vector
3.1	nvd@nist.gov	Primary	5.4	MEDIUM	CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:L/UI:R/S:C/C:L/I:L/A:N
3.1	audit@patchstack.com	Secondary	6.5	MEDIUM	CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:L/UI:R/S:C/C:L/I:L/A:L
3.1	CNA	CVSS	6.5	MEDIUM	CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:L/UI:R/S:C/C:L/I:L/A:L

## CVSS v3.1 Breakdown

Attack Vector

Network

Attack Complexity

Low

Privileges Required

Low

User Interaction

Required

Scope

Changed

Confidentiality

Low

Integrity

Low

Availability

None

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#### NVD Known Affected Configurations (CPE 2.3)

Type	Vendor	Product	Version	Update	Edition	Language
Application	Bearne	Author Avatars List/block	All	All	All	All

#### Vendor Declared Affected Products

Source	Vendor	Product	Version	Platforms
CNA	Paul Bearne	Author Avatars List/Block	affected n/a 2.1.17 custom	Not specified

#### References

Reference	Source	Link
patchstack.com/database/vulnerability/author-avatars/wordpress-author-avatar...	af854a3a-2127-422b-91ae-364da2661108	patchstack.co
CVE Program record	CVE.ORG	www.cve.org
NVD vulnerability detail	NVD	nvd.nist.gov

#### Vendor Comments And Credit

Discovery Credit

**CNA:** NGÔ THIÊN AN / ancorn\_ from VNPT-VCI (Patchstack Alliance) (en)

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

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