



# jq: Stack overflow via unbounded recursion in `jq__contains`

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## Summary

<b>CVE</b>	CVE-2026-40612
<b>State</b>	PUBLISHED
<b>Assigner</b>	GitHub_M
<b>Source Priority</b>	CVE Program / NVD first with legacy fallback
<b>Published</b>	2026-05-11 18:16:33 UTC
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<b>Description</b>	jq is a command-line JSON processor. In 1.8.1 and earlier, <code>jq__contains</code> recurses into nested arrays/objects with no depth limit.

## Risk And Classification

**Primary CVSS:** v4.0 5.4 MEDIUM from security-advisories@github.com

CVSS:4.0/AV:L/AC:L/AT:N/PR:N/UI:P/VC:N/VI:N/VA:H/SC:N/SI:N/SA:N/E:P/CR:X/IR:X/AR:X/MAV:X/MAC:X/MAT:X/MPR:X/MUI:X/MVC:X/MVI:X/MVA:X/MSX/MSI:X/MSA:X/S:X/AU:X/R:X/V:X/RE:X/U:X

**EPSS:** 0.000120000 probability, percentile 0.018520000 (date 2026-05-14)

**Problem Types:** CWE-674 | CWE-674 CWE-674: Uncontrolled Recursion

Version	Source	Type	Score	Severity	Vector
4.0	security-advisories@github.com	Secondary	5.4	MEDIUM	CVSS:4.0/AV:L/AC:L/AT:N/PR:N/UI:P/VC:N/VI:N/VA:H/SC:N/SI:N/SA:N/E:P/CR:X/IR:X/AR:X/MAV:X/MAC:X/MAT:X/MPR:X/MUI:X/MVC:X/MVI:X/MVA:X/MSX/MSI:X/MSA:X/S:X/AU:X/R:X/V:X/RE:X/U:X
4.0	CNA	DECLARED	5.4	MEDIUM	CVSS:4.0/AV:L/AC:L/AT:N/PR:N/UI:P/VC:N/VI:N/VA:H/SC:N/SI:N/SA:N/E:P/CR:X/IR:X/AR:X/MAV:X/MAC:X/MAT:X/MPR:X/MUI:X/MVC:X/MVI:X/MVA:X/MSX/MSI:X/MSA:X/S:X/AU:X/R:X/V:X/RE:X/U:X
3.1	nvd@nist.gov	Primary	5.5	MEDIUM	CVSS:3.1/AV:L/AC:L/PR:N/UI:R/S:U/C:N/I:N/A:H

## CVSS v4.0 Breakdown

Attack Vector

Local

Attack Complexity

Low

Attack Requirements

None

Privileges Required

None

User Interaction

Passive

Confidentiality

None

Integrity

None

Availability

High

Sub Conf.

None

Sub Integrity

None

Sub Availability

None

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### CVSS v3.1 Breakdown

Attack Vector

Local

Attack Complexity

Low

Privileges Required

None

User Interaction

Required

Scope

Unchanged

Confidentiality

None

Integrity

None

Availability

High

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

### NVD Known Affected Configurations (CPE 2.3)

Type	Vendor	Product	Version	Update	Edition	Language
Application	Jqlang	Jq	All	All	All	All

### Vendor Declared Affected Products

Source	Vendor	Product	Version	Platforms
CVE-2024-2511	...	...	...	...

CNA	Jqlang	Jq	affected <= 1.8.1	Not specified
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## References

Reference	Source	Link	Tags
github.com/jqlang/jq/security/advisories/GHSA-r7m6-x9c7-h69j	134c704f-9b21-4f2e-91b3-4a467353bcc0	<a href="https://github.com">github.com</a>	Exploit, Mitigation
CVE Program record	CVE.ORG	<a href="https://www.cve.org">www.cve.org</a>	canonical
NVD vulnerability detail	NVD	<a href="https://nvd.nist.gov">nvd.nist.gov</a>	canonical, analysis

No vendor comments have been submitted for this CVE.

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

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