

PTA Security Advisory-No: 45

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Threat Classification: Security Vulnerability

Name: Elevation of Privilege Vulnerability (CVE-2019-5511, CVE-2019-5512)

Source: Affect following products of VMware:

- VMware Workstation Pro
- VMware Workstation Player

Distribution: The vulnerabilities can be exploited in the following versions of VMware:

- VMware Workstation Pro versions prior to 14.1.6 & 15.0.3
- VMware Workstation Player versions prior to 14.1.6 & 15.0.3

Exploited Vulnerabilities: Hackers can exploit above vulnerabilities exist in the VMware Workstation; the remote attackers can exploit this vulnerability to trigger elevation of privilege on the targeted system.

Recommendations:

Use the following updated versions to fix the aforementioned vulnerabilities:

- <https://www.vmware.com/go/downloadworkstation> //VMWare Workstation Pro 14 & 15
- <https://www.vmware.com/go/downloadplayer> //VMWare Workstation Player 14 &15
- Whenever possible, run software with minimal access rights and privileges.
- Use licensed antivirus and regularly obtain its latest updates with its real-time scanning capabilities enabled.
- Use only licensed software and avoid to use/ download cracked or pirated software.
- Designate PoC from your security / network team (if yet not designated), for seeking assistance and reporting security issues.
- In case of any incident, please report to this office.