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**VULNERABILITY
REPORT**

VMware could not fix a vulnerability that has been disclosed for eleven months

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Summary

VMware disclosed a vulnerability in November 2021 that has not been fixed as of October 2022. VMware initially patched this vulnerability, but later discovered that it did not fix it. The vulnerability can be exploited by an attacker to escalate to a SYSTEM.

CVE

CVE	NAME	PATCH
CVE-2021-22048	VMware vCenter Server IWA privilege escalation vulnerability	

Potential MITRE ATT&CK TTPs

TA0004 Privilege Escalation	T1548 Abuse Elevation Control Mechanism	T1068 Exploitation for Privilege Escalation	TA0001 Initial Access
T1190 Exploit Public-Facing Application			

Technical Details

The vulnerability can be exploited by attackers with non-administrative access to elevate privileges. This flaw, however, can only be exploited by attackers using a vector network adjacent to the targeted server in high-complexity attacks requiring low privileges and no user interaction. While patches are pending for all affected products, VMware has provided a workaround to remove the attack vector.

Vulnerability Details

CVE ID	AFFECTED PRODUCTS	AFFECTED CPE	CWE ID
CVE-2021-22048	vCenter Server: 8.0, 7.0, 6.7, 6.5	cpe:2.3:a:vmware:vcenter_server:*:*:*:*:*:*	CWE-264

References

<https://www.vmware.com/security/advisories/VMSA-2021-0025.html>

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