

Top FOSS security vulnerabilities

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Palamida, the San Francisco company that helps companies to audit their use of open source software, has released a list of what it calls "the top five most overlooked open source vulnerabilities." To this list, Palamida has added an additional five vulnerabilities exclusively for Linux.com.

The list is partly a promotion of Palamida's Vulnerability Reporting Solution, which recently added 431 security alerts based on National Vulnerability Database listings. However, the list is also designed to draw attention to the lax practices surrounding the use of open source software in business, according to Theresa Bui, co-founder and vice president of marketing at Palamida.

To be precise, the vulnerabilities on the list are based on Palamida's audits of its clients. These audits vary from scans of a few hundred megabytes of code to hundreds of gigabytes in a company's complete software infrastructure. The list summarizes the results of scanning 3-5 million lines of code, representing a minimum of 30% of a company's software assets and, more often, at least 50%.

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