

# MONTHLY VULNERABILITY INSIGHTS

*Based on Data from Secunia Research*

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# Introduction

Welcome to our Monthly Vulnerability Insights by Flexera. This comprehensive, monthly review is based upon data from the Secunia Research team at Flexera who produces valuable advisories leveraged by users of Flexera's [Software Vulnerability Research](#) and [Software Vulnerability Manager](#) solutions.

The Secunia Research team is comprised of several security specialists who methodically test, verify and validate disclosed vulnerabilities from hundreds of sources. Since the founding of the Secunia Research team in 2002, it has been our goal to provide the most accurate and reliable source of vulnerability intelligence.

## Secunia Research software vulnerability tracking process

A vulnerability is an error in software which can be exploited with a security impact and gain. Secunia Research validates, verifies and tests vulnerability information to author security advisories which provide valuable details by following consistent and standard processes which have been refined over the years.

Whenever a new vulnerability is reported, it's verified and a Secunia Advisory is published. A Secunia Advisory provides details, including description of the vulnerability, risk rating, impact, attack vector, recommended mitigation, credits, references and more, including additional details discovered during verification and testing, thus providing the information required to make appropriate decisions about how to protect systems. Click here to learn more about [Secunia Advisories and their contents](#).

## Summary

Total advisories : **544** ↓ (last month: **591**) .

**September** reported less advisories than August , After **9** consecutive months , September is the first month when vendors did not have to disclose **Log4j** vulnerability information for one of their products.

Important **conclusions** from this month report are:

- The Secunia Research Team reported **3 extremely** critical advisories.
- **13 Zero-Day** Advisory reported (more than double from last month when **6** zero-day advisories were reported) mostly Microsoft and Apple and 1 for Google.
- Over **1,686** CVE's ( last month : **1,982**) were covered in the **544** Advisories
- Threat Intelligence indicates that more **Medium and Highly Critical Vulnerabilities** are targeted by hackers.
- More than half of all advisories are disclosed by **SUSE, Ubuntu (Canonical) , IBM and RedHat**
- This month **SUSE** was identified as the vendor with the most **rejected** advisories (**25 out of 87 advisories**) And the vendor with the most disclosed Advisories (19.04% of all advisories)
- **Cisco** is contributing to **63.04%** of all Networking related Advisories.

Last month we reported that **68.70%** of all Secunia Advisories had a **Threat** ( exploits, malware, ransomware , etc.) associated with them, this month the number has been significant lower to **59.74%** , with an increase in the lower and medium criticality range.

Using Threat Intelligence is going to help you with prioritizing what needs to be **patched** immediately.

Software Vulnerability – and Patch Management is becoming more and more important.

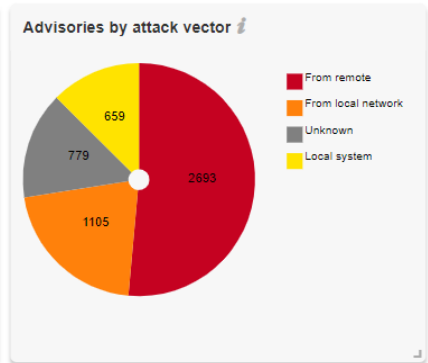
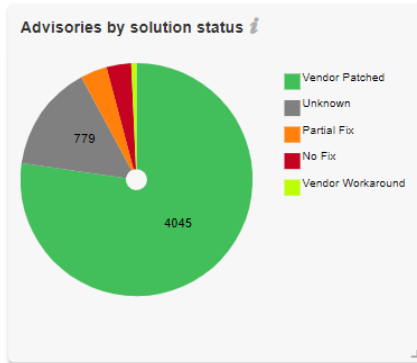
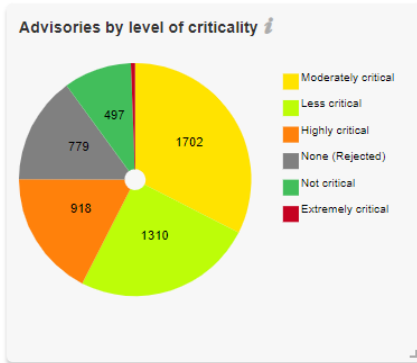
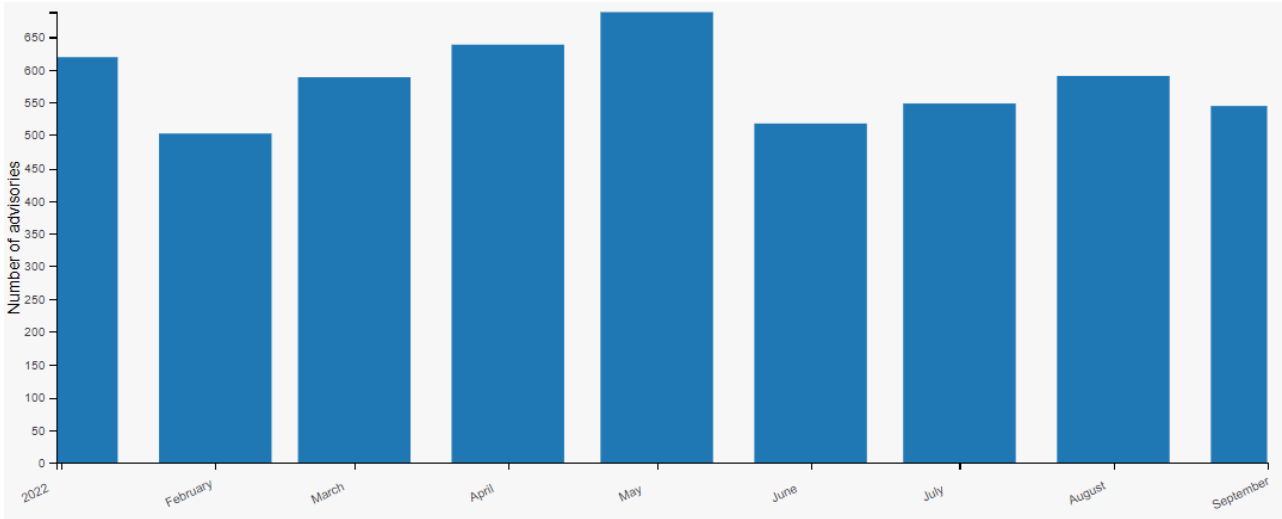
Due to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict , attacks on critical infrastructures in many countries are increasing.

Back in 2019 (just before Covid) patching was recommended within 30 days (or 14 days for CVSS score 7 or higher)

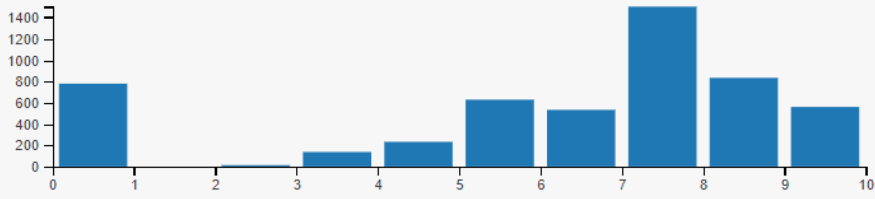
Right now , hackers are able to deploy exploits within 1 week and even within **24 hours** . This means that organizations need to prioritize even better to quickly patch vulnerabilities (especially the ones with threats associated with them)

# Year-to-date overview

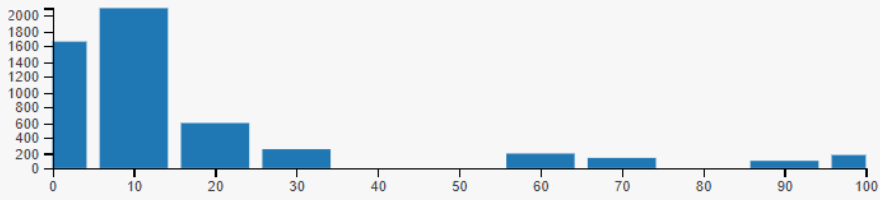
As of **September 30, 2022**, the year-to-date total is at **5,236** Advisories **↑** which is higher than 2021 : **4,556** YTD Advisories)



Advisories by CVSS score *i*



Advisories by Threat score *i*



# Monthly data

This month, a total of **544** ↓ (last month: **591**) advisories were reported by the Secunia Research Team.

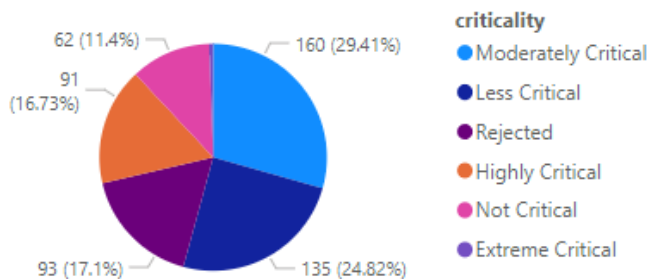
| This month:           | #          | Change (last month): |
|-----------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Total # of advisories | <b>544</b> | ↓ (591)              |
| Unique Vendors        | <b>73</b>  | ↓ (80)               |
| Unique Products       | <b>346</b> | ↑ (322)              |
| Unique Versions       | <b>445</b> | ↑ (404)              |
| Rejected Advisories * | <b>93</b>  | ↑ (86)               |

↑ increased ↓ lower ↔ same

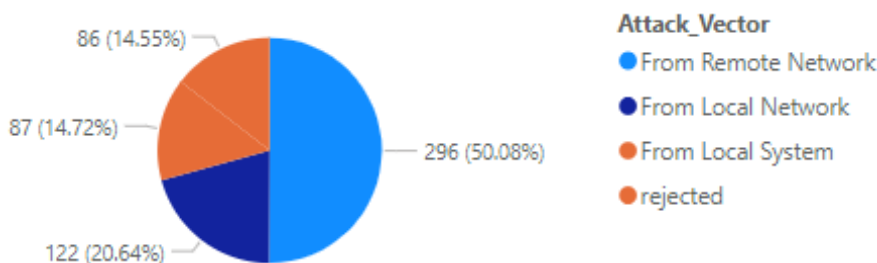
\* **93** advisories have received the “rejected” status which means in general that leveraging it would require one or more violations of security best practices (e.g., product not securely configured or not used securely) or that it was “too weak of a gain” (e.g., administrative, local users already being too privileged so that additional gain becomes neglectable). More information about rejections can be found in the rejection section.

## Vulnerability information

### Advisories by attack vector



### Advisories by criticality





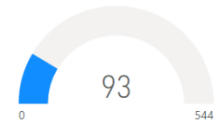
## Advisories per day

Below an overview of the daily advisory count.

| Year         | Month     | Day | # of Advisories |
|--------------|-----------|-----|-----------------|
| 2022         | September | 1   | 25              |
| 2022         | September | 2   | 15              |
| 2022         | September | 3   | 4               |
| 2022         | September | 5   | 7               |
| 2022         | September | 6   | 23              |
| 2022         | September | 7   | 35              |
| 2022         | September | 8   | 18              |
| 2022         | September | 9   | 14              |
| 2022         | September | 12  | 21              |
| 2022         | September | 13  | 41              |
| 2022         | September | 14  | 41              |
| 2022         | September | 15  | 38              |
| 2022         | September | 16  | 6               |
| 2022         | September | 19  | 19              |
| 2022         | September | 20  | 16              |
| 2022         | September | 21  | 36              |
| 2022         | September | 22  | 17              |
| 2022         | September | 23  | 12              |
| 2022         | September | 26  | 36              |
| 2022         | September | 27  | 25              |
| 2022         | September | 28  | 44              |
| 2022         | September | 29  | 36              |
| 2022         | September | 30  | 15              |
| <b>Total</b> |           |     | <b>544</b>      |

## Rejected advisories

There are many vulnerabilities posted to the National Vulnerability Database (NVD) by a lot of people and companies. They are not always valid, assigned a proper criticality, and in some cases, a vulnerability may be legitimate but not afford the attacker any benefit.

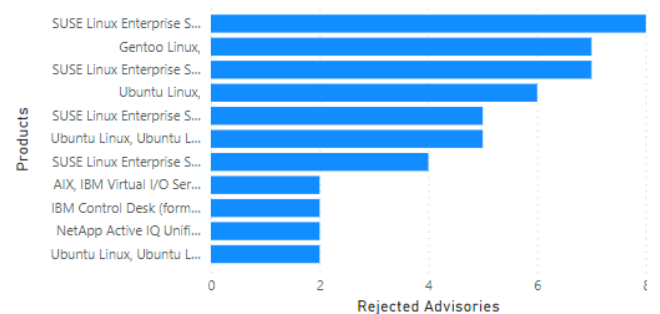


The Secunia Research team at Flexera evaluates vulnerabilities from hundreds of sources, rescores them when necessary and even rejects vulnerabilities not worth your attention. Rejection Advisories help you to reduce the volume of vulnerabilities to be mitigated by helping you focus only on those that present a reasonable risk to your environment.

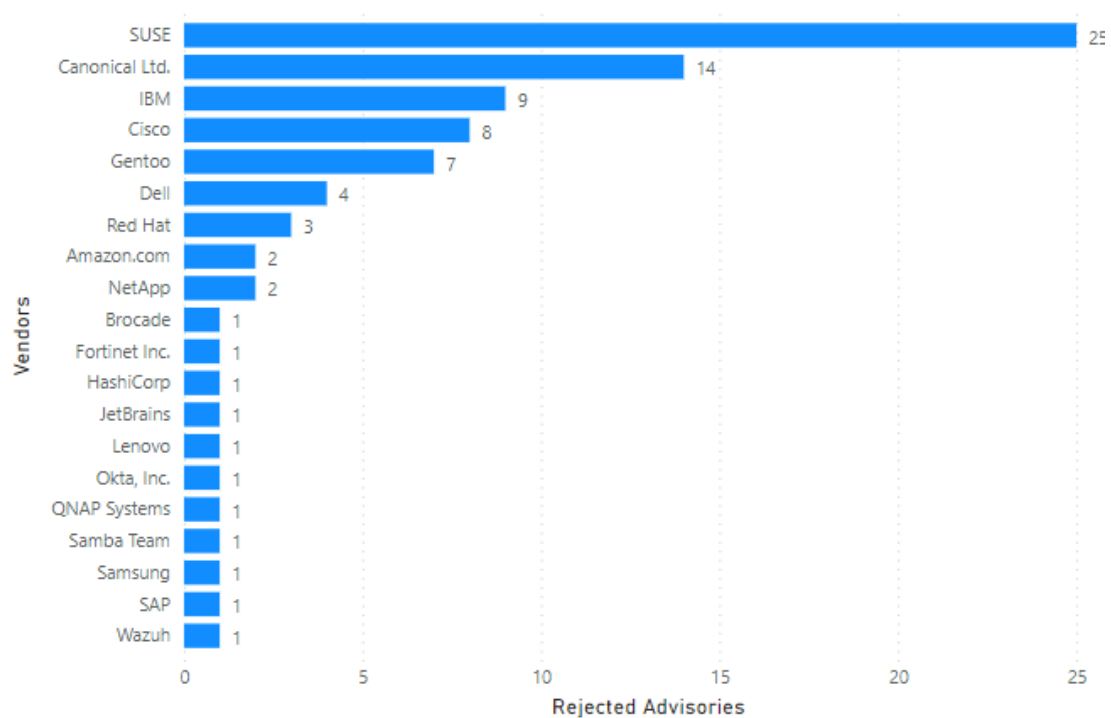
An advisory may be rejected many reasons. The most common are:

- **No reachability**  
The vulnerability cannot be exploited because the affected systems cannot be reached by an attacker.
- **No gain**  
The vulnerability may be reached, but without any gain for the attacker.
- **No exploitability**  
The vulnerability cannot be exploited because, for example, policy forbids installation of the affected software.
- **Dependent on other**  
The vulnerability cannot be exploited by itself, but depends on another vulnerability being present.

Rejected Advisories by Products



Rejected Advisories by Vendors





# Addressing awareness with vulnerability insights

**Prevalence:**

- How many systems would benefit from any given security update?
- Does it pose a risk? It's on all systems? Patch.

**Asset Sensitivity:**

- What systems would result in the most risk if compromised?
- Is it a high-risk device? Patch.

**Criticality:**

- The most popular method of thoughtful prioritization.
- If exploited, how bad could it affect your security? Is it designated to be of a high criticality? Patch.

**Threat Intelligence:**

- The newest and most impactful method focuses on the likelihood of exploitation.
- Is it likely to be exploited? Patch.



**How do we know that more insights/data is needed?**

Focusing on vulnerabilities with CVSS 7 or higher would address about 50 percent of exploits. Most exploits are CVSS scored between 4 and 7. Focusing on vulnerabilities for the top 20 vendors would address only about 20 percent.

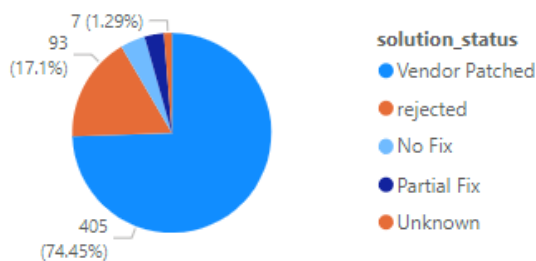
| criticality         | avg threat score x # of advisories |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| Moderately Critical | 2,326.00                           |
| Highly Critical     | 1,974.00                           |
| Less Critical       | 1,553.00                           |
| Not Critical        | 372.00                             |
| Extreme Critical    | 64.00                              |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>6,289.00</b>                    |

**Take away 1:**

Critical vulnerabilities do not necessarily present the most risk. Leverage threat intelligence to better prioritize what demands your most urgent attention. Organizations who do not have Threat Intelligence data should consider implementing this to ensure they have the complete picture.

**Take away 2:**

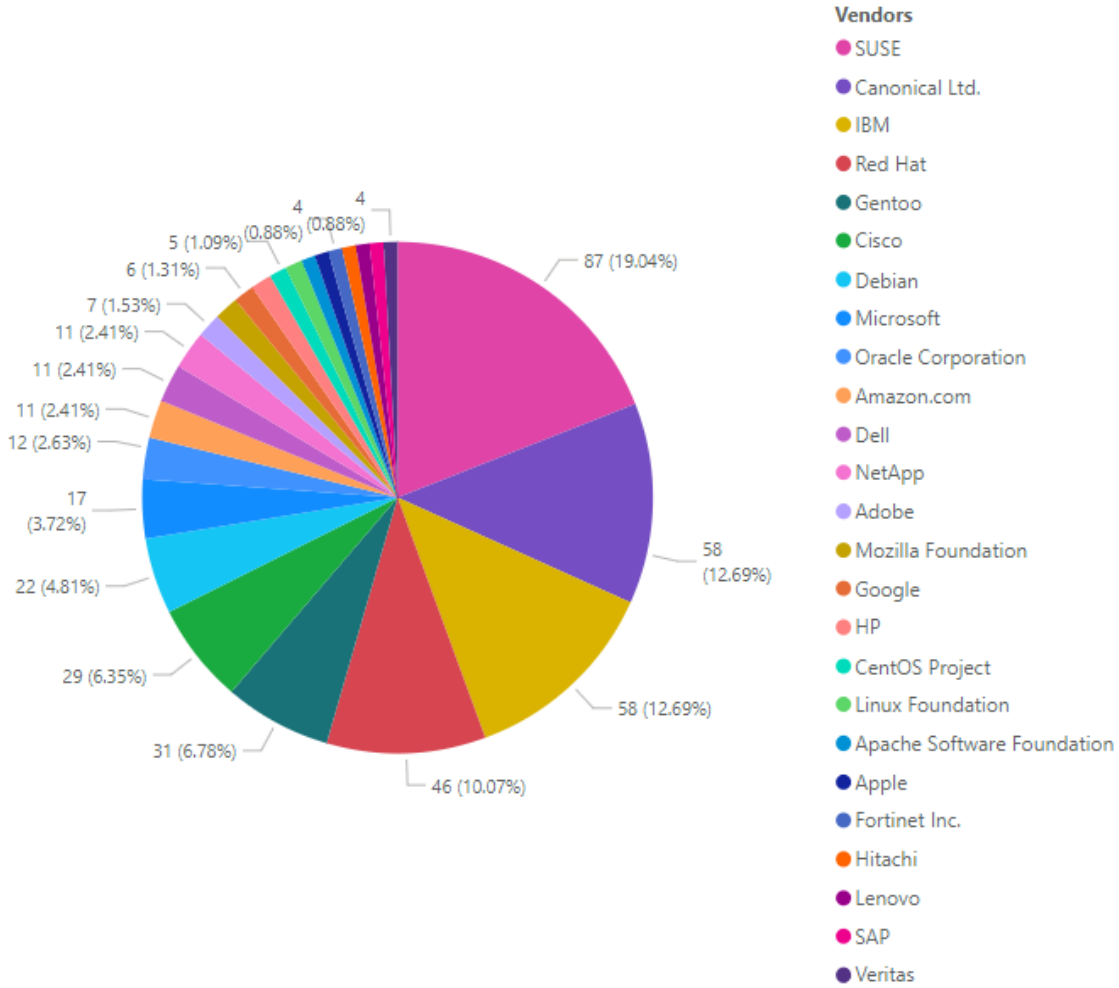
Most vulnerabilities have a patch available (typically within 24 hours after disclosure).



Previous month : 449 Vendor Patched (75.97%)  
 This Month : 405 Vendor Patched (74.45%)

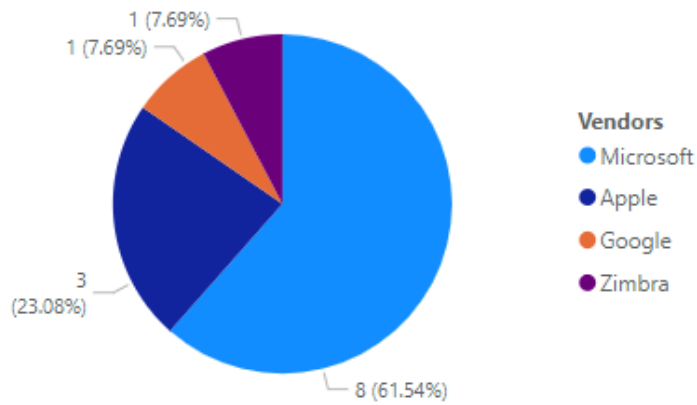
## Vendor view

### Top vendors with the most advisories

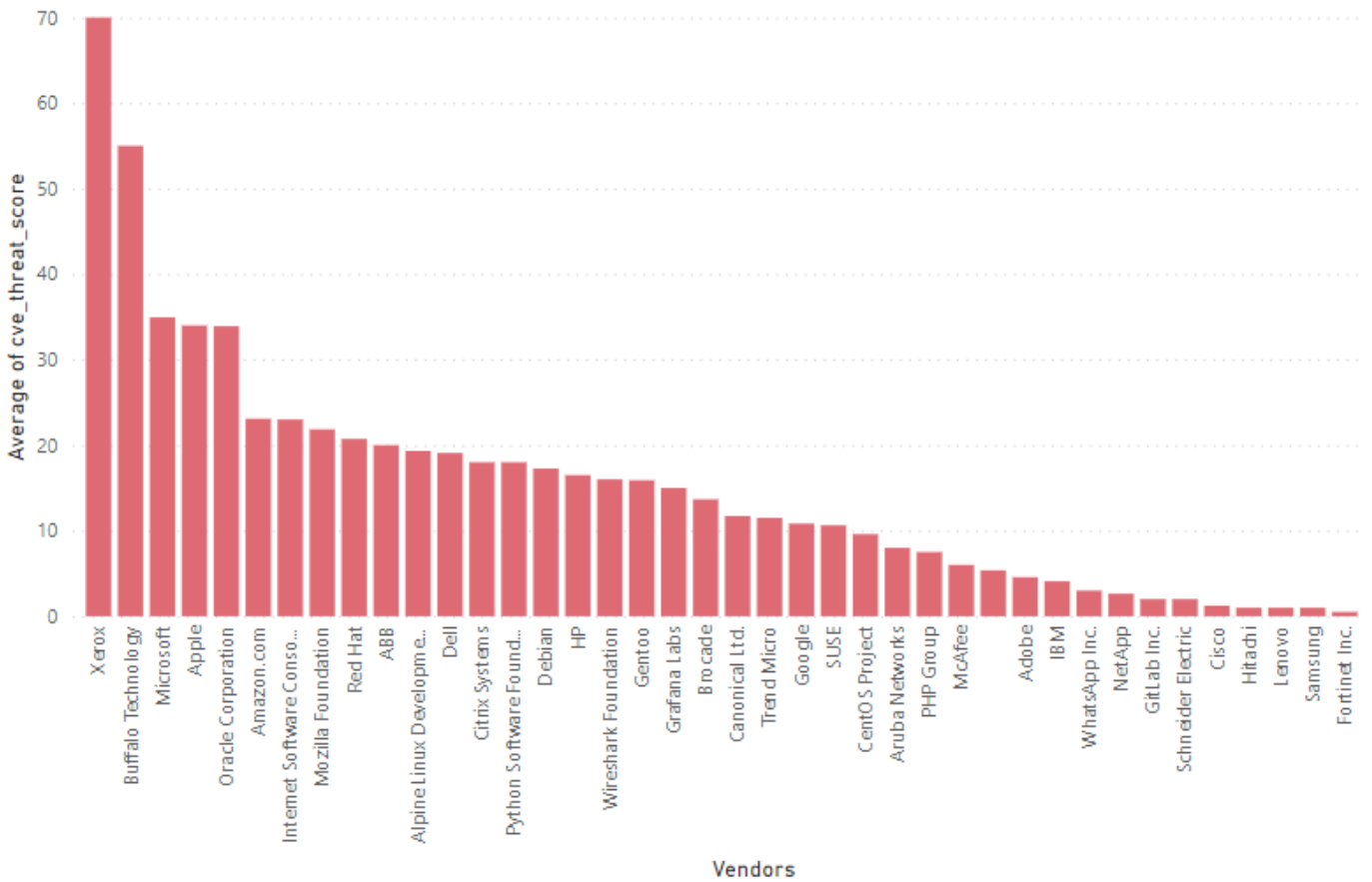


## Top vendors with zero-day

Top Vendors with Zero-Day



## Top Vendors with highest average threat score

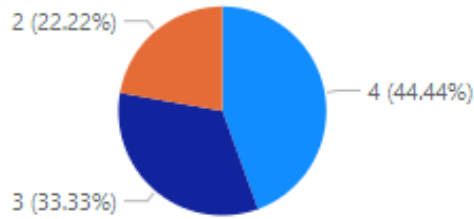


## Browser-related advisories

### Advisories per browser

**Products**

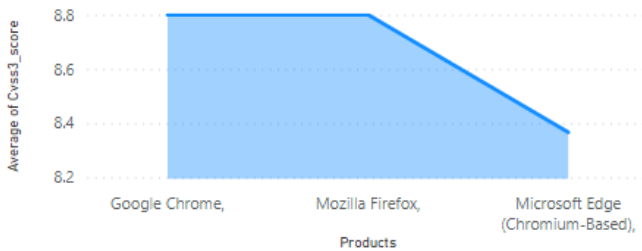
- Google Chrome,
- Microsoft Edge (Chromium-Based),
- Mozilla Firefox,



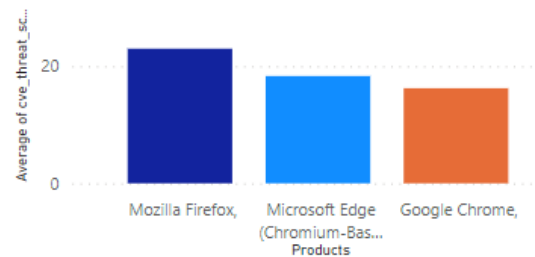
### Browser zero-day vulnerabilities

| Count of Advisories | Products                         | Advisories |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| 1                   | Google Chrome,                   | SA110561   |
| 1                   | Microsoft Edge (Chromium-Based), | SA110604   |
| 2                   |                                  |            |

### Average CVSS (criticality) score per browser

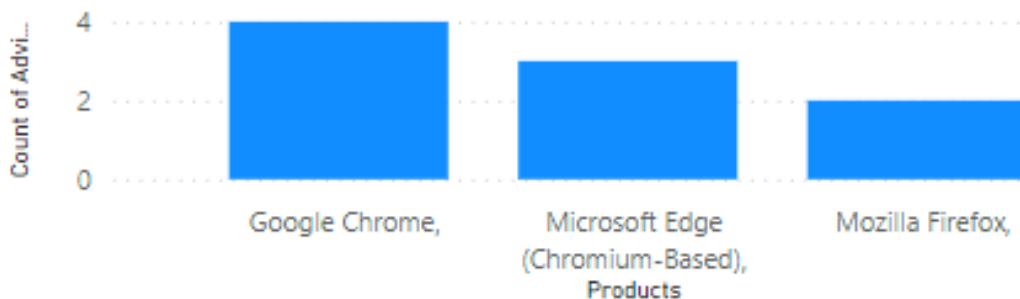


### Average threat score per browser

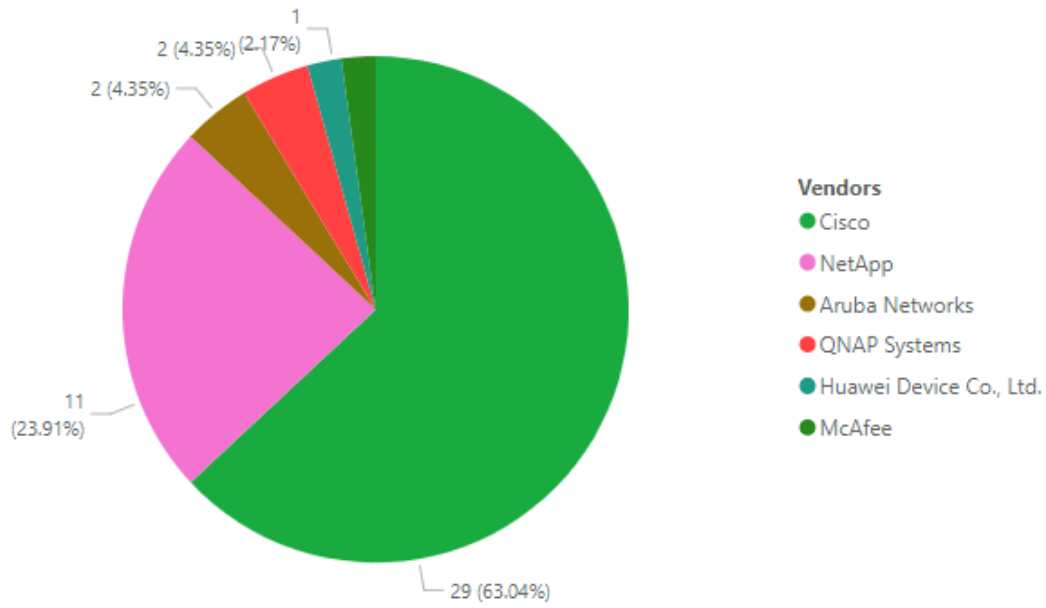


### What's the Attack Vector ?

**Attack\_Vector** ● From Remote Network



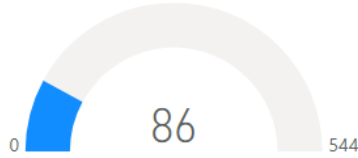
Networking related advisories



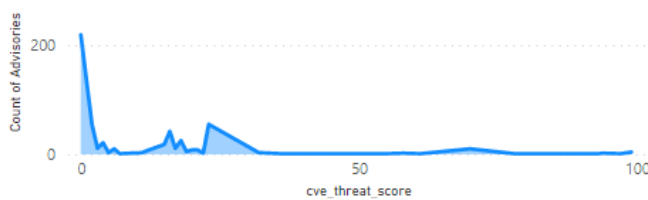
## Threat intelligence

A look at threat intelligence related data for the month.

### Count of malware-exploited CVEs



### Count of advisories by CVE threat score



### Threat intelligence advisory statistics:

|                                 |                    |        |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------|
| SAIDs with a threat score (1+)  | <b>325</b> ↓ (406) | 59.74% |
| SAIDs with no threat score (=0) | <b>219</b> ↑ (185) | 40.26% |

SAID: Secunia Advisory Identifier

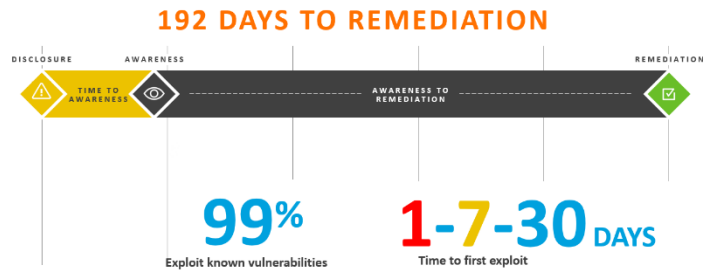
| Range  | Score        | Last month   |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Medium-range threat score SAIDs (13-23)</b> | <b>174</b> ↓ | <b>(204)</b> |
| <b>Low-range threat score SAIDs (1-12)</b>     | <b>115</b> ↓ | <b>(156)</b> |
| Critical-range threat score SAIDs (45-70)      | 14 ↓         | (18)         |
| Very critical threat score SAIDs (71-99)       | 14 ↓         | (22)         |
| High-range threat score SAIDs (24-44)          | 8 ↑          | (6)          |

# Patching

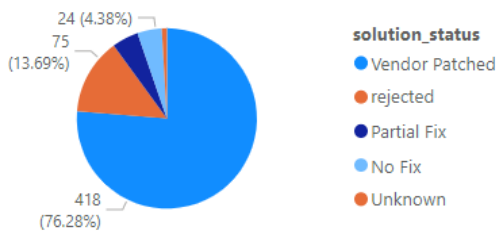
Most of this month's vulnerabilities are vendor patched. In fact, most vulnerabilities are patched within 24 hours after disclosure.

The challenge remains that organizations do not have full visibility or awareness when a vulnerability is disclosed (time to awareness). Another big challenge is the time to remediation (the time from having this information, correlating that with your environment and initiating the process to get the software updated to a secure version).

## The Risk Window



## Vulnerabilities that are vendor patched

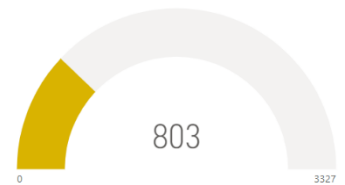
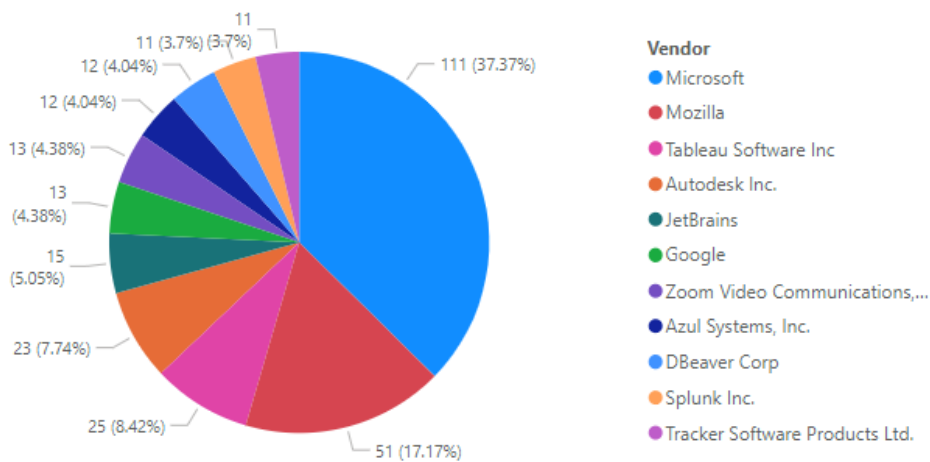


## Flexera's Vendor Patch Module (VPM) statistics

Flexera has the largest third-party patch catalog (**More than 3300**) in the world. This helps customers act quicker and save time by offering an integrated approach to effectively locate, prioritize threats and remediate them quickly to lower the risk to your organization.

## This month's top vendor patches

(Updated Patches per vendor)





## More information

Below a few links with information about how Flexera can help you with creating an effective software vulnerability and patch management process to reduce security risk.

- [Flexera's Software Vulnerability Manager landing page](#)
- [Request a trial / demo](#)
- [Flexera's Community Pages](#) with lots of great resources of information including:
  - Software Vulnerability Management Blog
  - Software Vulnerability Management Knowledge Base
  - Product Documentation
  - Forum
  - Learning Center

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