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CYBER SECURITY COUNCIL
United Arab Emirates

# Fortinet Data Breach Incident

Tracking #:432316279

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The UAE Cyber Security Council has observed Fortinet disclosed a significant data breach involving unauthorized access to files on a third-party cloud-based shared file drive.

## TECHNICAL DETAILS:

On September 12, 2024, Fortinet disclosed a significant data breach involving unauthorized access to files on a third-party cloud-based shared file drive.

**Details of the Incident:**

- **Nature of the Breach**: An unauthorized individual accessed a limited number of files related to Fortinet customers stored on a third-party cloud service, leading to the extraction of approximately 440 GB of data, as reported by a hacker on an underground forum.
- **Scope of Impact**: The breach reportedly affects a small subset of Fortinet customers, (less than 0.3%). Fortinet has communicated directly with the affected customers and reassured stakeholders that there is no current indication of malicious activity stemming from the breach.
- **Response Actions**: Fortinet has initiated an investigation, engaged external forensic experts, and implemented additional security measures to prevent future incidents. The company has also notified law enforcement and cybersecurity agencies about the breach.
- **Ongoing Monitoring**: Fortinet continues to monitor the situation closely, emphasizing that its operations and services remain intact despite the breach.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Immediate Assessment: Organizations using Fortinet products or services should assess their exposure to the breach and verify whether their data was affected.
- Enhanced Monitoring: Implement enhanced monitoring of network activity and user access logs to detect any unauthorized access or anomalies.
- Incident Response Plan Review: Review and update incident response plans to ensure readiness for potential data breaches or cyber incidents.
- Stay Informed: Regularly check for updates from Fortinet and other cybersecurity sources regarding the breach and any emerging threats.

Kindly circulate this information to your subsidiaries and partners as well as share with us any relevant information and findings.

The UAE Cyber Security Council extends its appreciation for the continued collaboration.

## REFERENCES:

- https://www.fortinet.com/blog/business-and-technology/notice-of-recent-security-incident