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**Critical Remote Code Execution Vulnerability in Mattermost**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The UAE Cyber Security Council has observed a critical vulnerability has been discovered in Mattermost, an open-source team collaboration platform widely used by enterprises and government organizations.

## TECHNICAL DETAILS:

A critical vulnerability (CVE-2025-4981) has been discovered in Mattermost, an open-source team collaboration platform widely used by enterprises and government organizations. The flaw, rated CVSS 9.9, enables authenticated users to perform path traversal attacks during archive file extraction, potentially leading to remote code execution (RCE) on the host system.

The vulnerability affects multiple versions of Mattermost and stems from improper validation of file paths in uploaded compressed archives (e.g., .zip, .tar.gz). If default settings for file attachments and content extraction are enabled, malicious users can plant files in sensitive system directories, execute arbitrary code, and escalate privileges.

This issue poses a severe threat to organizations using Mattermost for internal communications, especially in sectors handling confidential data such as healthcare, finance, and government.

### Vulnerability Details

- **CVE:** CVE-2025-4981
- **CVSS Score:** 9.9 (Critical)
- **Vulnerability Type:** Path Traversal → Arbitrary File Write → RCE
- **Attack Vector:** Authenticated file upload of malicious archive
- **Impact:** Remote Code Execution, Privilege Escalation, File System Compromise
- **Exploitable By:** Any authenticated user with file upload permissions

### Affected Versions:

- $10.5.x \leq 10.5.5$
- $9.11.x \leq 9.11.15$
- $10.8.x \leq 10.8.0$
- $10.7.x \leq 10.7.2$
- $10.6.x \leq 10.6.5$

### Fixed Versions:

- 10.9.0
- 10.8.1
- 10.7.3
- 10.6.6
- 10.5.6
- 9.11.16

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

The UAE Cyber Security Council recommends to Upgrade Mattermost to the latest secure version immediately.

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://mattermost.com/security-updates/>