

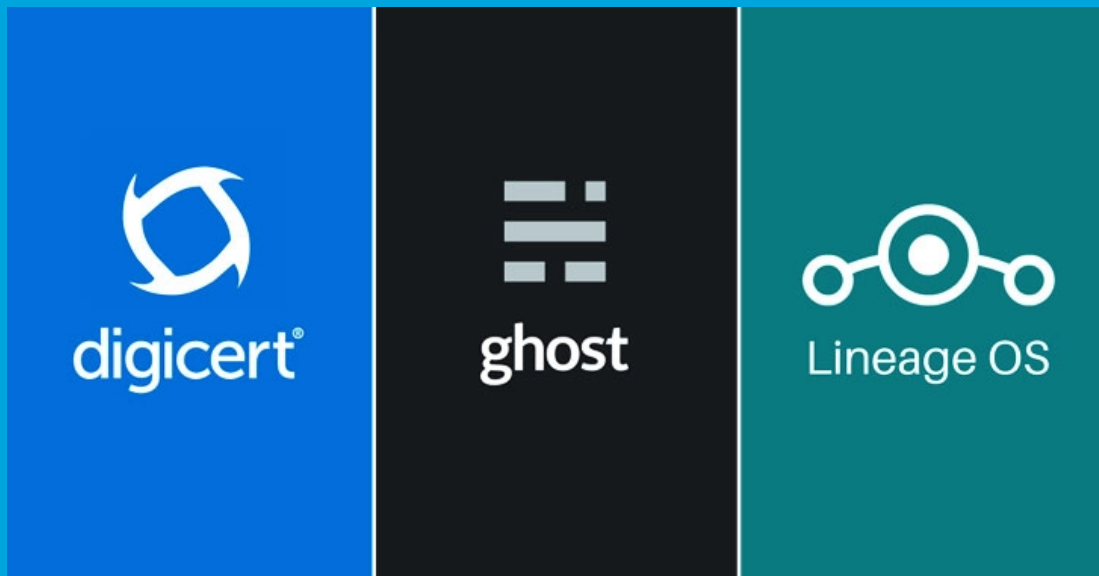


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Hackers Breach LineageOS, Ghost, DigiCert Servers Using SaltStack Vulnerability



Days after cybersecurity researchers sounded the alarm over two critical vulnerabilities in the SaltStack configuration framework, a hacking campaign has already begun exploiting the flaws to breach servers of LineageOS, Ghost, and DigiCert. Tracked as CVE-2020-11651 and CVE-2020-11652, the disclosed flaws could allow an adversary to execute arbitrary code on remote servers deployed in data centers and cloud environments. The issues were fixed by SaltStack in a release published on April 29th.

Salt versions before 3000.2 and 2019.2.4 are vulnerable to CVE-2020-11651 and CVE-2020-11652. F-Secure disclosed the two vulnerabilities last week saying that “any competent hacker” would need less than 24 hours to develop a 100% reliable exploit. These organizations above are just a few examples of victims of the two Salt vulnerabilities published by F-Secure. Coin mining seems to be the main goal of the threat actor but more insidious payloads could be used instead.

With F-Secure's alert revealing more than 6,000 Salt vulnerable servers that can be exploited via this vulnerability, if left unpatched, companies are advised to update the Salt software packages to the latest version to resolve the flaws.

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