Bug Bounty for SAP Applications

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What is bug bounty?
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Bug bounty goals

- **Improve software security** by leveraging the knowledge and experience of the worldwide hacker community
- **Improve relationship** between hackers and software vendors
- **Compensate** hackers for their continuous effort to improve software security
- **Learn** about new attack vectors, scenarios, impact of combination of vulnerabilities
- **Add new defensive measure** and mitigate entire classes of bugs
Bug bounty history and basics
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Netscape (1995), Mozilla (2004), subsequently Google, Facebook, PayPal, Microsoft, SAP

Ethical hackers are rewarded for finding vulnerabilities

- Strict rules for what is in scope and what is out
- Responsible disclosure of findings
- Rewards (bounties) are paid according to criticality of the finding based on CVSS (Common Vulnerability Scoring System)

Bug bounty platform provider

- Registered hackers are under NDA and vetted according to specific criteria
- Manage relationship with ethical hacker community
- Manage communication between business and hackers
- Do first triage to eliminate false positives
Bug bounty at SAP
SAP’s journey to bug bounty program

2016
Public “Hall of Fame” for security researchers submitting vulnerabilities to SAP Secure Inbox

2017 - 2021
Set up and continuous evolution of bug bounty programs at SAP

2022 onwards
General availability of bug bounty programs for all interested applications at SAP
SAP bug bounty program today

SAP Global Security provides

- **Central budget** for bug bounty platform service
- **Support** for setting up and running the bug bounties
  - Checklists
  - Legal and regulatory compliance
  - Compliance with internal security standards
  - Risk management
  - Coordinators that interface between bug bounty platform and development, create security incident tickets, consult on CVSS, and reward payouts

Findings are subject to SAP **SLAs** for fixing security vulnerabilities

Test systems are **isolated systems** with test data

Voluntary

Development provides

- Necessary staff
- Reward pool
SAP bug bounty program statistics

One of the main sources for vulnerability findings beside general vulnerability reports and customer disclosures

75% true positive rate

17% of disclosures rated with CVSS higher than 7.0

Reward range between $100 and $4000 to submissions with CVSS scores between 2.9 and 9.6

Average payout $983 per vulnerability

Findings range from simple vulnerabilities to design flaws
Bug Bounty vs Conventional Security Testing

**Bug Bounty**
- After product release
- Defined scope (in / out of scope definition)
- Ongoing
- As many testers as you like
- Regular scope extensions
- Private and public programs
  - **Private**: Invited hackers only
  - **Public**: All hackers who are registered with the bug bounty platform service provider

**Conventional security testing**
- During the development lifecycle of a product
- Narrow scope
- One time activity at a set point in time with limited pen testers

Bug Bounty in the Secure Software Development and Operations Lifecycle

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Where to Report Security Issues to SAP?
Product Security Findings

Report a Security Issue

SAP is committed to identifying and addressing security issues that affect our software and cloud solutions. We are continuously working on improving our security processes. To report a potential security issue, choose from the options below:

SAP customers
Report a customer security issue by using the SAP ONE Support Launchpad to find a solution and get real-time support from an expert.
View the launchpad »

Security researchers
Inform the SAP Security Response Team of a security issue by completing and submitting the security vulnerability form.
Access the form »

Note: Include the following details in the report, as applicable, so that we can better analyze the nature and scope of the security issue: issue category, affected product version with support package and patch level, necessary pre/post-conditions for the exploit to work, description with proof of concept or exploit code, and impact of the issue if exploited.

https://www.sap.com/about/trust-center/security/incident-management.html
SAP Security Patch Day and Researcher Acknowledgement

SAP Security Patch Day

Fix vulnerabilities discovered in SAP products
Review notes from our monthly SAP Security Patch Day to learn about vulnerabilities discovered in SAP products and apply patches to protect your SAP landscape.
Read the SAP Security Patch Day blog

Join us in acknowledging our security researchers
Learn about the security researchers who help us identify and solve security vulnerabilities, so we can help maintain the security and safety of our customers and partners.
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