

Advisory	EXX-2021-01			January 21, 2021	
Manufacturer	Vodafone		Product	Unitymedia email verification	
Affected Version(s)	N/A		Tested Version(s)	N/A	
CWE	CWE-601: URL redirection to untrusted site		CVE	N/A	
Risk	MEDIUM		Status	ACTIVE	

Overview

[1] The URL http://scb.unitymedia.de/click?redirect_to= is vulnerable to the Open Redirect vulnerability (CWE-601) This URL is used by Vodafone to redirect customers to a verification page, but using any host name as parameter, it can be abused for phishing, redirecting users to malicious websites.

Vulnerability Details

URL redirection to untrusted site allows an attacker, to redirect a victim to a page the victim does not want to visit, resulting in phishing. An attacker prepares an email containing this Unitymedia URL to make it appear as a legit Vodafone/Unitymedia email. The attacker redirects the victim to a phishing page and tries to obtain credentials.

Proof of Concept (PoC)

Call http://scb.unitymedia.de/click?redirect_to= with any host name, for example http://scb.unitymedia.de/click?redirect_to=www.exxeta.com

Solution

The `redirect_to` parameter needs to be checked on the server side. A temporary solution for clients is to check the `redirect_to` parameter for conspicuous values.

Disclosure Timeline

2020-12-21	Discovery of the open redirect
2020-12-21	Open redirect reported to Vodafone
2021-01-22	Advisory published

References

- [1] REF Description
<https://exxeta.com>

Credits

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