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Advisory 94: Trend Micro Apex One (CVE-2025-54948)

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Impact: **HIGH / CRITICAL**

TLP: CLEAR

CERT Vanuatu (CERTVU) and the Department of Communication and Digital Transformation (DCDT) provide the following advisory.

This alert is relevant to Organizations and individuals that utilize the above products. This alert is intended to be understood by technical users and systems administrators.

What is it?

CVE-2025-54948 is a **critical remote code execution (RCE)** vulnerability in the **on-premise Trend Micro Apex One Management Console**, allowing pre-authenticated remote attackers to update malicious code and execute system commands. It stems from an OS command injection (CW-78_ flaw due to insufficient input validation in the console's backend.

What are the Systems affected?

Affected Versions;

- Trend Micro Apex One (on-premise) Management Console – specifically Version 2019 (14.0), including Management Server Version 14039 and earlier.
- Trend Micro Apex One as a service (Cloud/SaaS) and Trend Vision One Endpoint Security (Standard Endpoint Protection) were impacted initially but were remediated automatically requiring no customer action

What does this mean?

The vulnerability could allow a remote attacker to upload malicious code and execute commands on affected installations.

Mitigation process

Critical Patch (SP1 CP B14081) is released – this is the permanent solution and restores the Remote Install Agent functionality.

Restrict access to the Apex One Console – especially if it's IP is exposed externally. Use network-level restriction or firewall rules to limit interfaces that reach the console.

[More information on the Mitigation and solution](#)

Reference

1. <https://www.cve.org/CVERecord?id=CVE-2025-54948>
2. <https://success.trendmicro.com/en-US/solution/KA-0020652>