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A vulnerability called the DirtyCOW has been disclosed for all Linux systems. The vulnerability is especially problematic for multi-user systems, which allows local-user accounts to gain escalated privileges for the affected system.

This vulnerability has been assigned CVE-2016-5195. We recommend applying the latest patches to your Linux machine. A bulletin has also been created for this:

<http://bulletins.it.ubc.ca/archives/28072>

For more information on this vulnerability, please review the following links:

<https://access.redhat.com/security/vulnerabilities/2706661>

<https://security-tracker.debian.org/tracker/CVE-2016-5195>

<https://nakedsecurity.sophos.com/2016/10/21/linux-kernel-bug-dirtycow-easyroot-hole-and-what-you-need-to-know/>