



Side-Channel Analysis Method

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On January 3, 2018 a team of security researchers revealed new vulnerabilities that take advantage of techniques commonly used in many modern processor architectures. Collectively known as Meltdown and Spectre, these vulnerabilities utilize a new method of side-channel analysis and could allow an unprivileged attacker, in specific circumstances, to read privileged memory belonging to other processes or memory allocated to the operating system kernel. As a result, customers and prospects in different regions may raise concerns or seek advice and support from Fujitsu.

Variant 3a and Variant 4 are derivatives of side channel methods previously disclosed in January. Like the other variants, Variant 3a and Variant 4 use speculative execution, a feature common to most modern processor architectures, to potentially expose certain kinds of data through a side channel.

Below are the procedures to protect UNIX Servers. For other Fujitsu products, please see the following pages.

- [CPU hardware vulnerable to side-channel attacks \(CVE-2017-5715, CVE-2017-5753, CVE-2017-5754\)](#) 
- [CPU hardware vulnerable to side-channel attacks \(CVE-2018-3639, CVE-2018-3640\)](#) 

How to Protect UNIX Servers

- The UNIX Servers shown below are not affected by Meltdown (CVE-2017-5754), Spectre Variant 2 (CVE-2017-5715) and Spectre Variant 3a (CVE-2018-3640). In addition, SPARC Enterprise M series servers are not affected by Spectre Variant 4 (CVE-2018-3639).
- For Spectre Variant 1 (CVE-2017-5753) and Spectre Variant 4 (CVE-2018-3639), the minimum revisions of firmware and/or Oracle Solaris software releases to protect UNIX Servers are shown below. Fujitsu's testing has shown that these fixes do not cause an impact on system performance.

- Spectre Variant 1 (CVE-2017-5753)

The firmware and Oracle Solaris SRU/patch can be applied in any order.

- Firmware for UNIX Servers

Product	Firmware with necessary updates
Fujitsu SPARC M12	XCP3051 or later
Fujitsu M10	XCP2351 or later
SPARC Enterprise M series	Firmware update is not needed

XCP3051 and XCP2351 are available from your authorized service provider.

- Oracle Solaris for UNIX Servers
Specific Oracle Solaris 11 SRU/Oracle Solaris 10 patch are available from your authorized service provider.

- Spectre Variant 4 (CVE-2018-3639)

The following version of firmware must be applied.

- Firmware for UNIX Servers

Product	Firmware with necessary updates
Fujitsu SPARC M12	XCP3052 or later
Fujitsu M10	XCP2352 or later
SPARC Enterprise M series	Firmware update is not needed

XCP3052 and XCP2352 are available from your authorized service provider.

- Oracle Solaris for UNIX Servers

No action is required.

Details

For more details, please see the following links.

- US-CERT: [VU#584653: CPU hardware vulnerable to side-channel attacks](#)
- CVE: [CVE-2017-5715](#)
- CVE: [CVE-2017-5753](#)
- CVE: [CVE-2017-5754](#)
- CVE: [CVE-2018-3639](#)
- CVE: [CVE-2018-3640](#)
- US-CERT:
 - [Alert \(TA18-141A\) Side-Channel Vulnerability Variants 3a and 4](#)
 - [VU#180049 CPU hardware utilizing speculative execution may be vulnerable to cache side-channel attacks](#)

Contact

For further information, please contact your authorized service provider.