



# All about Common vulnerabilities and exposures in PostgreSQL

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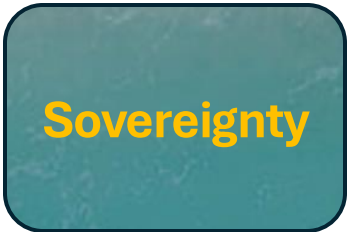
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# Agenda

## The CVE Landscape

- An Introduction to CVE system
- Components of CVE: CVSS, CWE, CPE, ADP
- What? Who? How?

## CNA :

## Vulnerability Hunting 101

- Where and what to check?
- Example CVEs

## PostgreSQL & CVE Handling

- PostgreSQL CNA and its scope
- PostgreSQL CVE list

## Bug Reporting & Resolution

- Reporting a security bug
- Lifecycle of the bug and release timelines

## Takeaways & Action Steps

- Why should you care? What should you do?

# What is CVE?

**Periodic Table of the Elements**

1 IA 11A H Hydrogen 1.008	2 IIA 2A He Helium 4.003																
3 Li Lithium 6.941	4 Be Beryllium 9.012											5 B Boron 10.811	6 C Carbon 12.011	7 N Nitrogen 14.007	8 O Oxygen 15.999	9 F Fluorine 18.998	10 Ne Neon 20.180
11 Na Sodium 22.990	12 Mg Magnesium 24.305	13 Al Aluminum 26.982	14 Si Silicon 28.086	15 P Phosphorus 30.974	16 S Sulfur 32.066	17 Cl Chlorine 35.453	18 Ar Argon 39.948										
19 K Potassium 39.098	20 Ca Calcium 40.078	21 Sc Scandium 44.956	22 Ti Titanium 47.88	23 V Vanadium 50.942	24 Cr Chromium 51.996	25 Mn Manganese 54.938	26 Fe Iron 55.833	27 Co Cobalt 58.933	28 Ni Nickel 58.693	29 Cu Copper 63.546	30 Zn Zinc 65.39	31 Ga Gallium 69.723	32 Ge Germanium 72.61	33 As Arsenic 74.922	34 Se Selenium 78.09	35 Br Bromine 79.904	36 Kr Krypton 84.80
37 Rb Rubidium 84.468	38 Sr Strontium 87.62	39 Y Yttrium 88.906	40 Zr Zirconium 91.224	41 Nb Niobium 92.906	42 Mo Molybdenum 95.94	43 Tc Technetium 98.907	44 Ru Ruthenium 101.07	45 Rh Rhodium 102.905	46 Pd Palladium 106.42	47 Ag Silver 107.868	48 Cd Cadmium 112.411	49 In Indium 114.818	50 Sn Tin 118.71	51 Sb Antimony 121.760	52 Te Tellurium 127.6	53 I Iodine 126.904	54 Xe Xenon 131.29
55 Cs Cesium 132.905	56 Ba Barium 137.327	57-71 Lanthanide Series	72 Hf Hafnium 178.49	73 Ta Tantalum 180.948	74 W Tungsten 183.85	75 Re Rhenium 186.207	76 Os Osmium 190.23	77 Ir Iridium 192.22	78 Pt Platinum 195.08	79 Au Gold 196.967	80 Hg Mercury 200.59	81 Tl Thallium 204.383	82 Pb Lead 207.2	83 Bi Bismuth 208.980	84 Po Polonium [209]	85 At Astatine 209	86 Rn Radon 222.018
87 Fr Francium 223	88 Ra Radium 226	89-103 Actinide Series	104 Rf Rutherfordium [261]	105 Db Dubnium [262]	106 Sg Seaborgium [266]	107 Bh Bohrium [264]	108 Hs Hassium [269]	109 Mt Meitnerium [268]	110 Ds Darmstadtium [269]	111 Rg Roentgenium [272]	112 Cn Copernicium [277]	113 Uut Ununtrium [288]	114 Fl Flerovium [289]	115 Uup Ununpentium [288]	116 Lv Livermorium [293]	117 Uus Ununseptium [294]	118 Uuo Ununoctium [294]

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**Fe**

**Iron**

55.845

57 La Lanthanum 138.905	58 Ce Cerium 140.12	59 Pr Praseodymium 140.908	60 Nd Neodymium 144.24	61 Pm Promethium [145]	62 Sm Samarium 150.36	63 Eu Europium 151.964	64 Gd Gadolinium 157.25	65 Tb Terbium 158.925	66 Dy Dysprosium 162.50	67 Ho Holmium 164.930	68 Er Erbium 167.26	69 Tm Thulium 168.934	70 Yb Ytterbium 173.04	71 Lu Lutetium 174.967
89 Ac Actinium 227.028	90 Th Thorium 232.038	91 Pa Protactinium 231.036	92 U Uranium 238.029	93 Np Neptunium 237.048	94 Pu Plutonium 244.064	95 Am Americium 243.061	96 Cm Curium 247.070	97 Bk Berkelium 247.070	98 Cf Californium 251.080	99 Es Einsteinium [252]	100 Fm Fermium 257.095	101 Md Mendelevium 258.1	102 No Nobelium 259.101	103 Lr Lawrencium [262]

- Alkali Metal
- Alkaline Earth
- Transition Metal
- Semimetal
- Nonmetal
- Basic Metal
- Halogen
- Noble Gas
- Lanthanide
- Actinide

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# CVE list

- Free and publicly available
- Catalog of CVEs :
  - CVE ID : **CVE-yyyy-nnnn**
  - Description :  
    **[Problem Type] [Affected Component] [Cause] [Impact]**
  - at least one public reference

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# Looking up for CVE with keywords

Showing 1 - 5 of 5 results for **pgbouncer**

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## **CVE-2025-2291**

CNA: PostgreSQL

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## **CVE-2021-3935**

CNA: Fedora Project (Infrastructure Software)

When PgBouncer is configured to use "cert" authentication, a man-in-the-middle attacker can inject arbitrary SQL queries when a connection is first established, despite the use of TLS certificate verification and...

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## **CVE-2015-6817**

CNA: Debian GNU/Linux

PgBouncer 1.6.x before 1.6.1, when configured with auth\_user, allows remote attackers to gain login access as auth\_user via an unknown username.

## **CVE-2015-4054**

CNA: Debian GNU/Linux

PgBouncer before 1.5.5 allows remote attackers to cause a denial of service (NULL pointer dereference and crash) by sending a password packet before a startup packet.

## **CVE-2012-4575**

CNA: Red Hat, Inc.

The add\_database function in objects.c in the pgbouncer pooler 1.5.2 for PostgreSQL allows remote attackers to cause a denial of service (daemon outage) via a long database name in a...

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### Product Status

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<b>Vendor</b> n/a	<b>Product</b> PgBouncer
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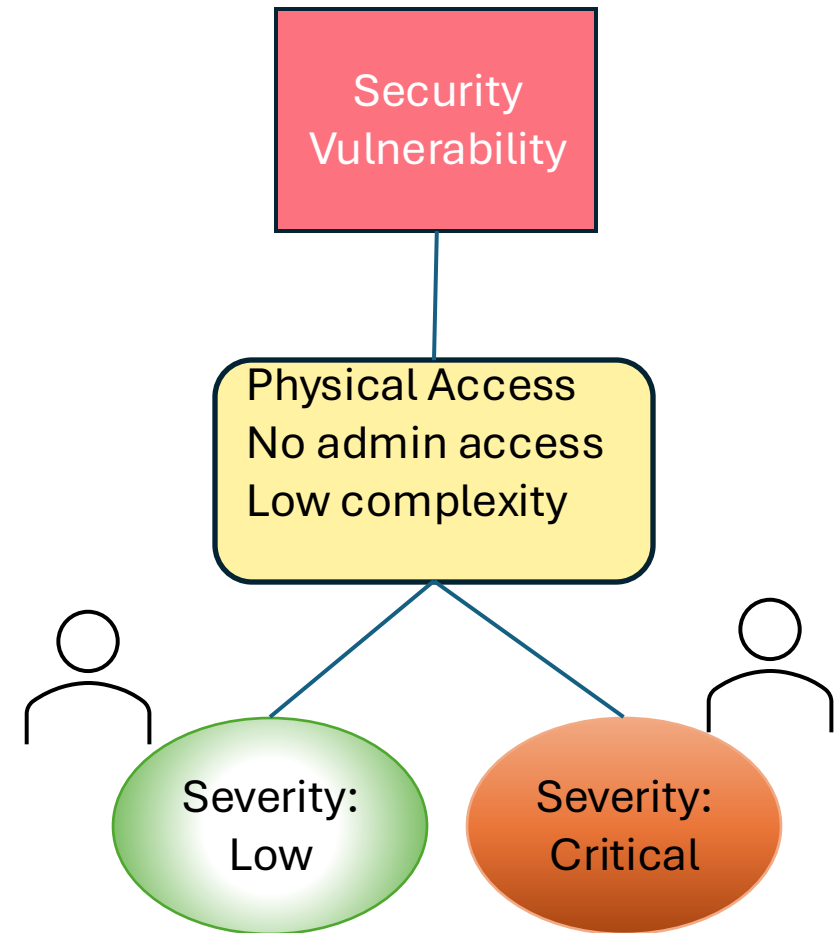
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# CVSS

- Common Vulnerability Scoring System
- A numerical score to determine the severity of a vulnerability



# CVSS score range

Score Range	Severity
0.0	None
0.1 – 3.9	Low
4.0 – 6.9	Medium
7.0 – 8.9	High
9.0 – 10.0	Critical

# Determining CVSS

Base metric group : mandatory

Temporal metric group

Environmental metric group

# Base metric group

## Exploitability metrics

Attack Vector : *N, A, L, P*

Attack Complexity : *L, H*

Privileges Required : *N, L, H*

User Interaction : *N, R*

Scope : *U, C*

## Impact metrics

Confidentiality impact : *N, L, H*

Integrity impact : *N, L, H*

Availability impact : *N, L, H*

# Temporal metric group

Explicit code maturity : X, U, P, F, H

Remediation level : X, O, T, W, U

Report confidence : X, U, R, C

# Environmental metric group

## Exploitability Metrics

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Confidentiality metrics

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## Impact Subscore Modifier

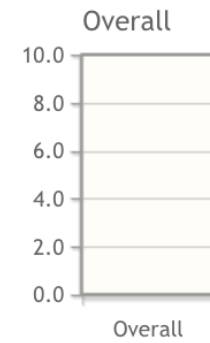
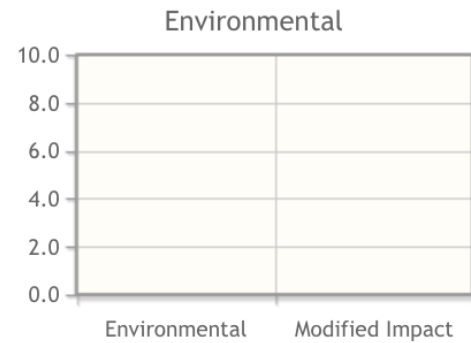
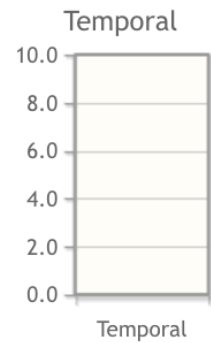
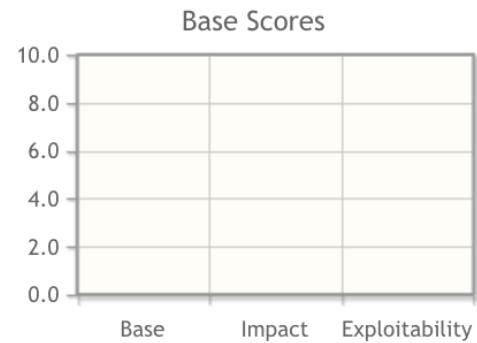
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Integrity Requirement : X, L, M, H

Availability Requirement : X, L, M, H

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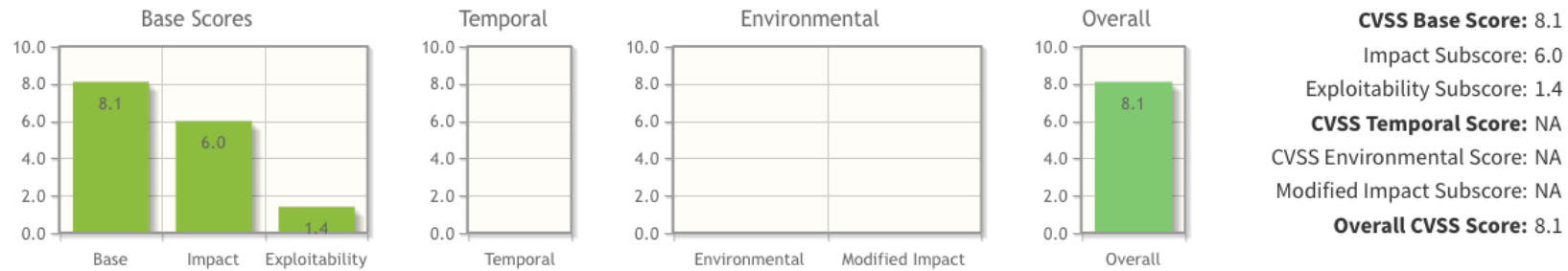
- <https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln-metrics/cvss/v3-calculator>



**CVSS Base Score:** NA  
Impact Subscore: NA  
Exploitability Subscore: NA  
**CVSS Temporal Score:** NA  
CVSS Environmental Score: NA  
Modified Impact Subscore: NA  
**Overall CVSS Score:** NA

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# CVSS calculator Base Score metrics



Show Equations

**CVSS v3.1 Vector**  
AV:L/AC:H/PR:N/UI:N/S:C/C:H/I:H/A:H

## Base Score Metrics

### Exploitability Metrics

#### Attack Vector (AV)\*

Network (AV:N) Adjacent Network (AV:A) **Local (AV:L)** Physical (AV:P)

#### Attack Complexity (AC)\*

Low (AC:L) **High (AC:H)**

#### Privileges Required (PR)\*

**None (PR:N)** Low (PR:L) High (PR:H)

#### User Interaction (UI)\*

**None (UI:N)** Required (UI:R)

### Scope (S)\*

Unchanged (S:U) **Changed (S:C)**

### Impact Metrics

#### Confidentiality Impact (C)\*

None (C:N) Low (C:L) **High (C:H)**

#### Integrity Impact (I)\*

None (I:N) Low (I:L) **High (I:H)**

#### Availability Impact (A)\*

None (A:N) Low (A:L) **High (A:H)**

\* - All base metrics are required to generate a base score.

# CVSS calculator Base Score metrics

## CVSS v3.1 Vector

AV:L/AC:H/PR:N/UI:N/S:C/C:H/I:H/A:H

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Attack  
vector

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Req

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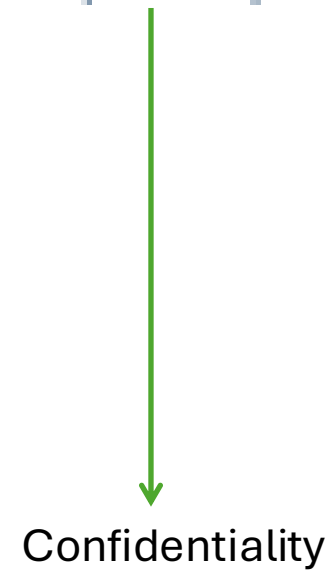


Scope

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Integrity

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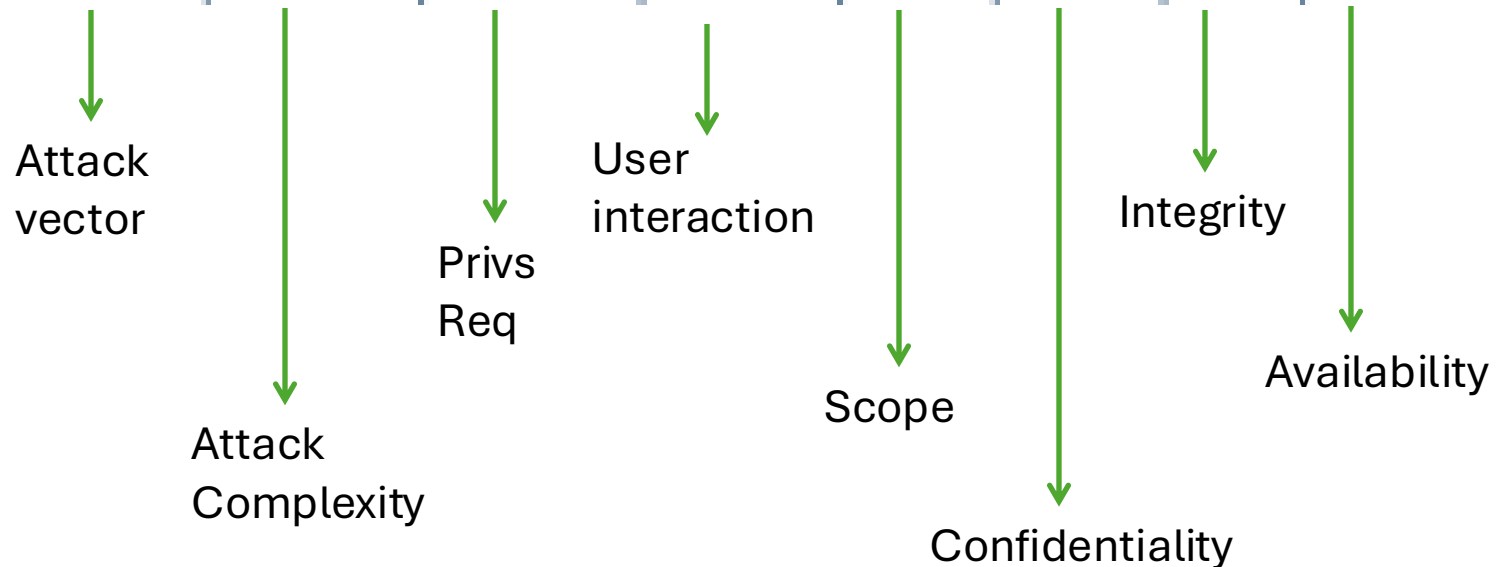


Availability

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# CVSS calculator Temporal and Env. metrics

## Temporal Score Metrics

### Exploit Code Maturity (E)

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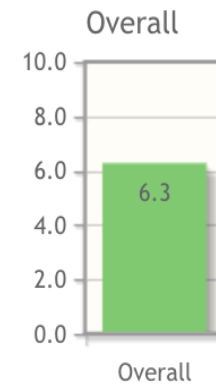
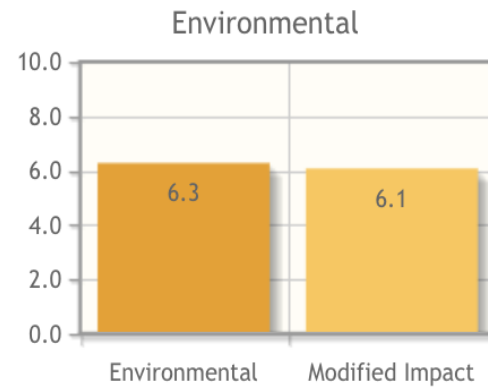
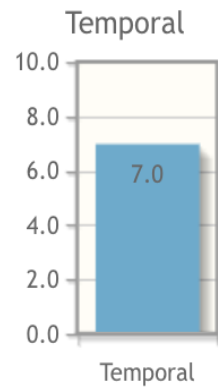
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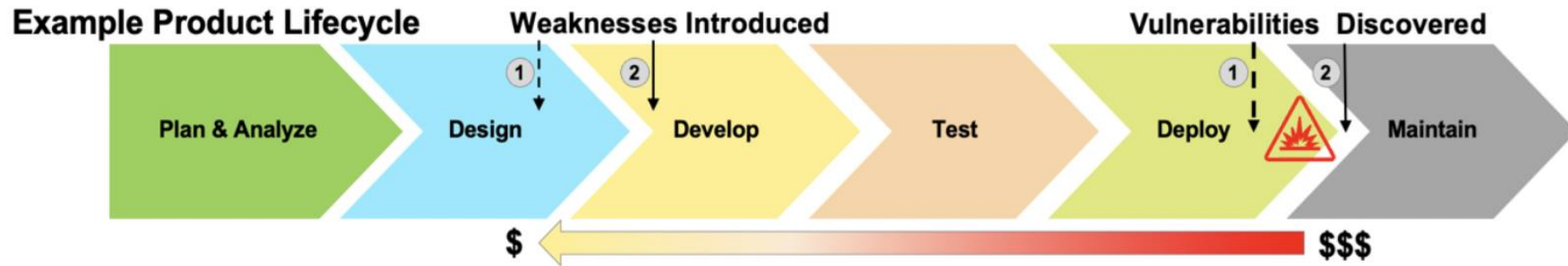
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Impact Subscore: 6.0  
Exploitability Subscore: 1.4  
**CVSS Temporal Score:** 7.0  
CVSS Environmental Score: 6.3  
Modified Impact Subscore: 6.1  
**Overall CVSS Score:** 6.3

# Common Weakness enumeration

- Community developed list of software and hardware weaknesses



- Root cause mapping for CVE



# CWE navigation <https://cwe.mitre.org/>

## View CWEs by

Software Development

Hardware Design

All Weaknesses

Other Select Options

# CWE navigation

Software Development

## 699 - Software Development

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- Authentication Errors - (1211)
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- Concurrency Issues - (557)
- Credentials Management Errors - (255)
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# CWE navigation

## Software Development

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  - [-]  **B** Use of Password System for Primary Authentication - (309)
  - [-]  **B** Key Exchange without Entity Authentication - (322)
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  - [-]  **B** Overly Restrictive Account Lockout Mechanism - (645)

# CWE navigation

Software Development

Use of Single-factor Authentication - (308)

## CWE-308: Use of Single-factor Authentication

Weakness ID: 308  
**Vulnerability Mapping: ALLOWED**  
Abstraction: Base

View customized information:

Conceptual

Operational

Mapping  
Friendly

Complete

Custom

### Description

The use of single-factor authentication can lead to unnecessary risk of compromise when compared with the benefits of a dual-factor authentication

### Extended Description

While the use of multiple authentication schemes is simply piling on more complexity on top of authentication, it is inestimably valuable to have such passwords is rampant on the internet. Without the added protection of multiple authentication schemes, a single mistake can result in the compromise and also easy to use, they should be implemented and required.

### Common Consequences



#### Impact

#### Details

*Bypass Protection  
Mechanism*

**Scope: Access Control**

If the secret in a single-factor authentication scheme gets compromised, full authentication is possible.

### Potential Mitigations

Phase(s)	Mitigation
Architecture and Design	Use multiple independent authentication schemes, which ensures that -- if one of the methods is compromised

# CVE and CWE

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## ▼ Modes Of Introduction



Phase

Note

Architecture and Design

REALIZATION: This weakness is caused during implementation of an architectural security tactic.

For this reason, it is important to replace keys within a period of time proportional to their strength.

## ▼ Common Consequences



Impact

Details

*Bypass Protection Mechanism; Gain Privileges or Assume Identity*

Scope: Access Control

The cryptographic key in question may be compromised, providing a malicious user with a method for authenticating as the victim.

## ▼ Potential Mitigations

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Adequate consideration should be put in to the user interface in order to notify users previous to the key's expiration, to explain the importance of new key generation and to walk users through the process as painlessly as possible.

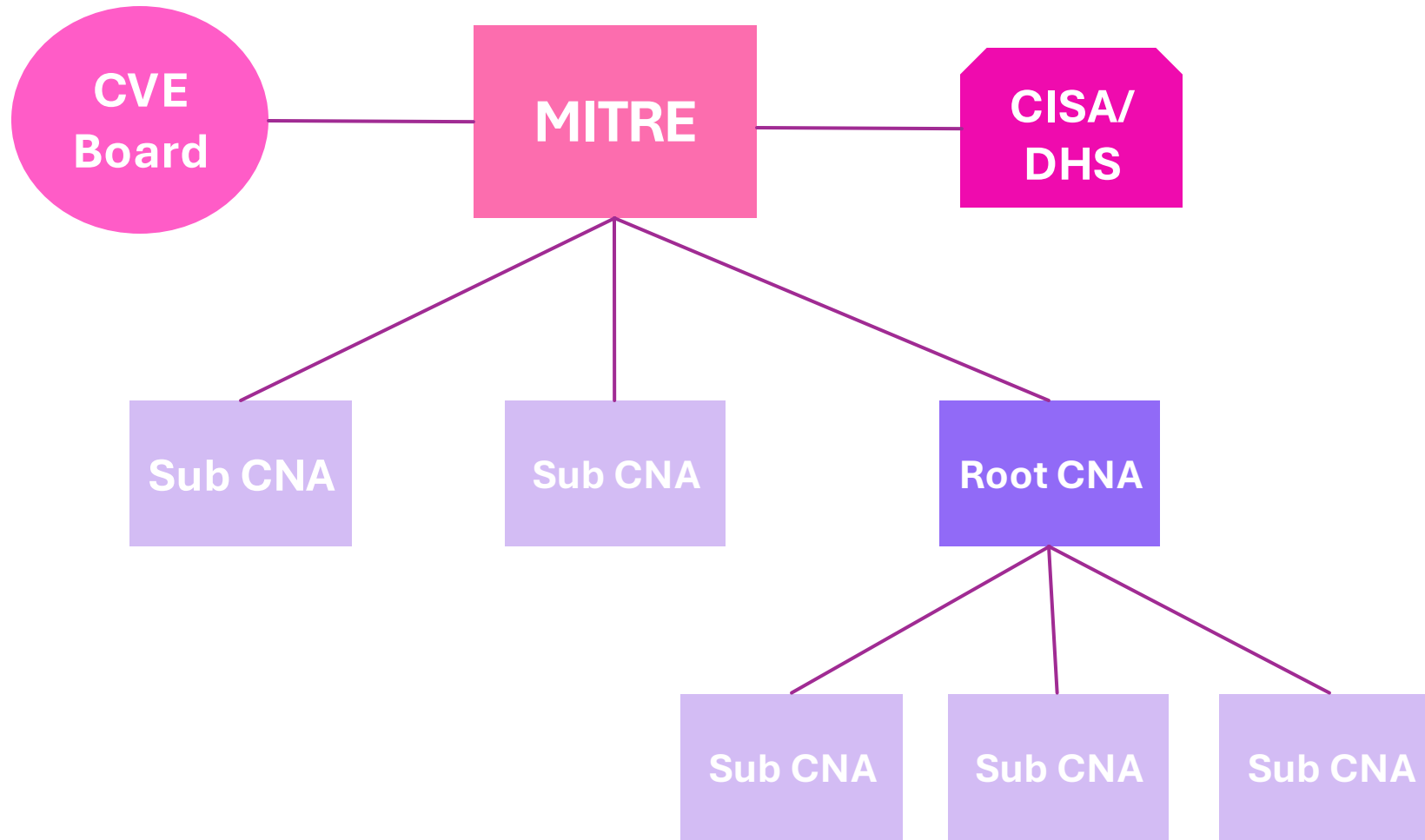
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- Authorised Data Publisher (ADP)
  - Enriches a published CVE
  - + Review – Research
  - + CVSS score
  - + CWE
  - + Additional information
- Eg: NVD, CISA, Github Advisory Databases

# What is CNA?

- CVE numbering Authority
- Every CNA has a specific scope
- CNAs control CVE publication
- Provide enrichment since April 2024

# CNA organization



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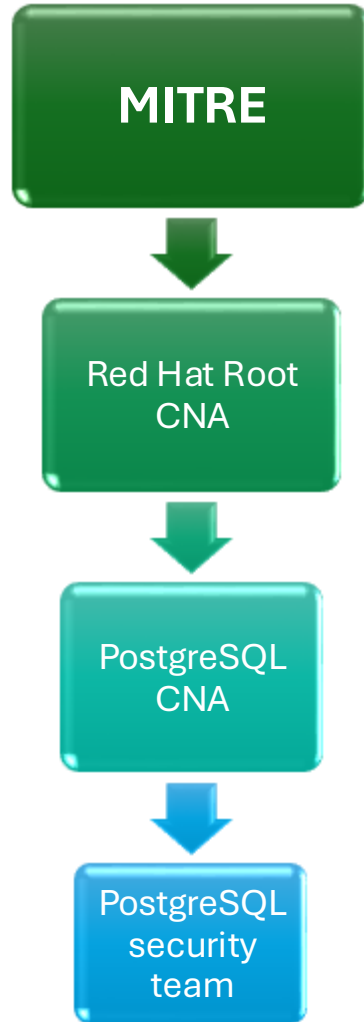
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# Reference example

- Security
  - Fix CVE-2025-2291: Previously PgBouncer did not take into account the VALID UNTIL of a user password when querying for password hashes using its auth\_query. So if PgBouncer is used as a transparent proxy in front of Postgres it could allow passwords that had already expired. To solve this issue the default auth\_query and the examples of custom auth\_query functions in the documentation have been changed to take VALID UNTIL into account. If you are using a custom auth\_query you should update that accordingly. If you are using the default auth\_query, you can either update to PgBouncer 1.24.1 or change your config to use the new default auth\_query on a previous release of PgBouncer.
- Fixes
  - Fix PAM support by reverting pam authentication support in HBA file. ([#1291](#)) (bug introduced in 1.24.0)
  - Fix bug when decrementing user connection count. This was included in the tag of 1.24.0 on GitHub, but the release tarball did not contain this fix. ([#1238](#)) (bug introduced in 1.24.0)
  - Add test\_load\_balance\_hosts.py to the tarball. ([#1282](#))
  - Fix issues with tests to allow them to be run by Debian packagers. ([#1266](#), [#1250](#))
- Docs
  - Update auth\_query example to set a safe search\_path. ([#1245](#))

# PostgreSQL and CVEs



## Projects :

- PostgreSQL
- PostgreSQL RPM and DEB packaging
- PostgreSQL windows/mac installers
- pgJDBC
- psqlODBC
- pgAdmin
- pgbouncer

- **What is considered a security vulnerability in Postgres?**

- ✓ allows a user to gain access to privileges or data outside permission
- ✓ allows a user to execute arbitrary code through a PostgreSQL process.

- **What is not considered a security vulnerability in Postgres?**

- x Superuser actions
- x a denial-of-service on a PostgreSQL server from an authenticated, valid SQL statement

# Reporting a bug

PostgreSQL

PostgreSQL installers

pgAdmin



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PostgreSQL JDBC driver



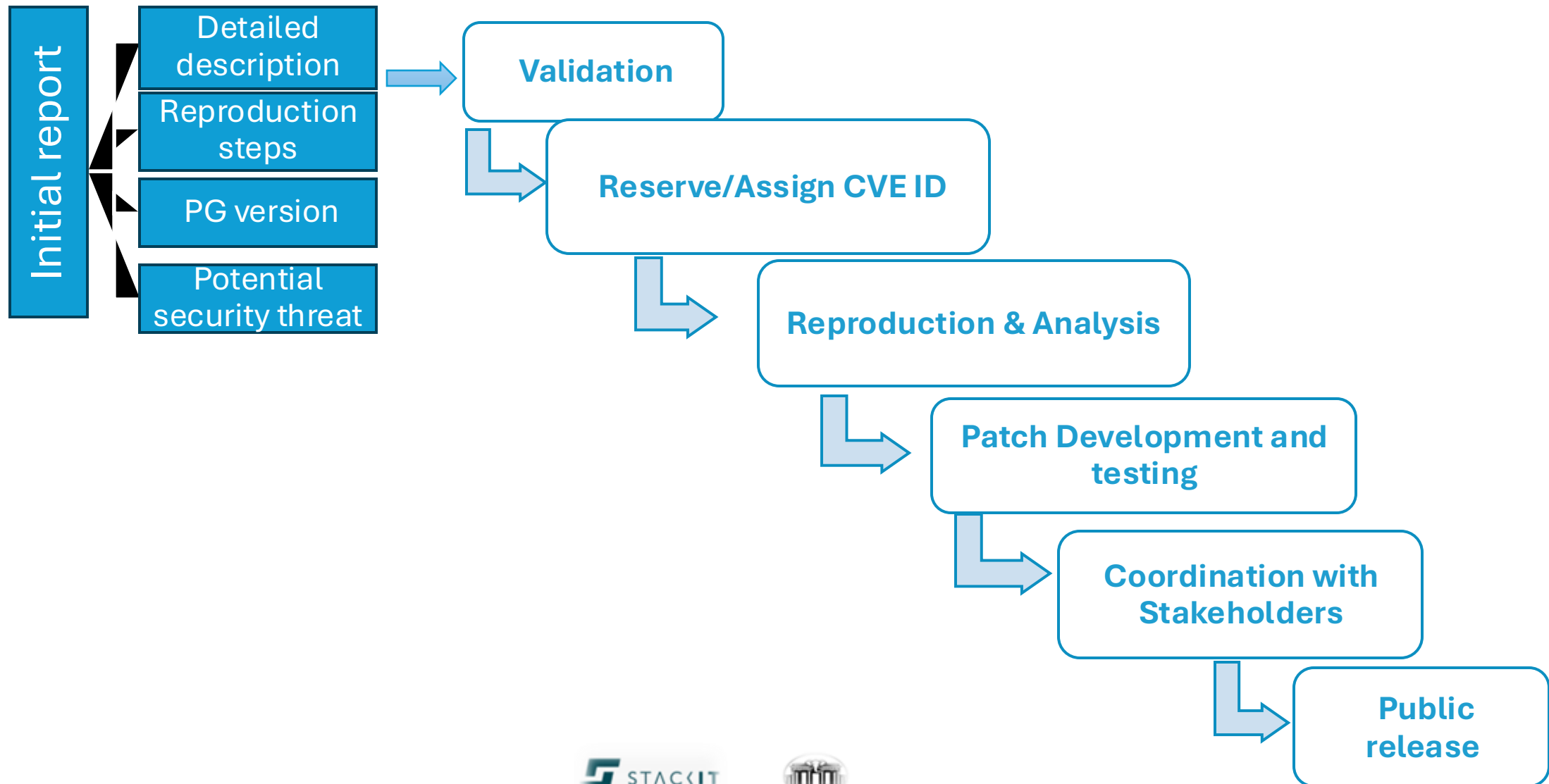
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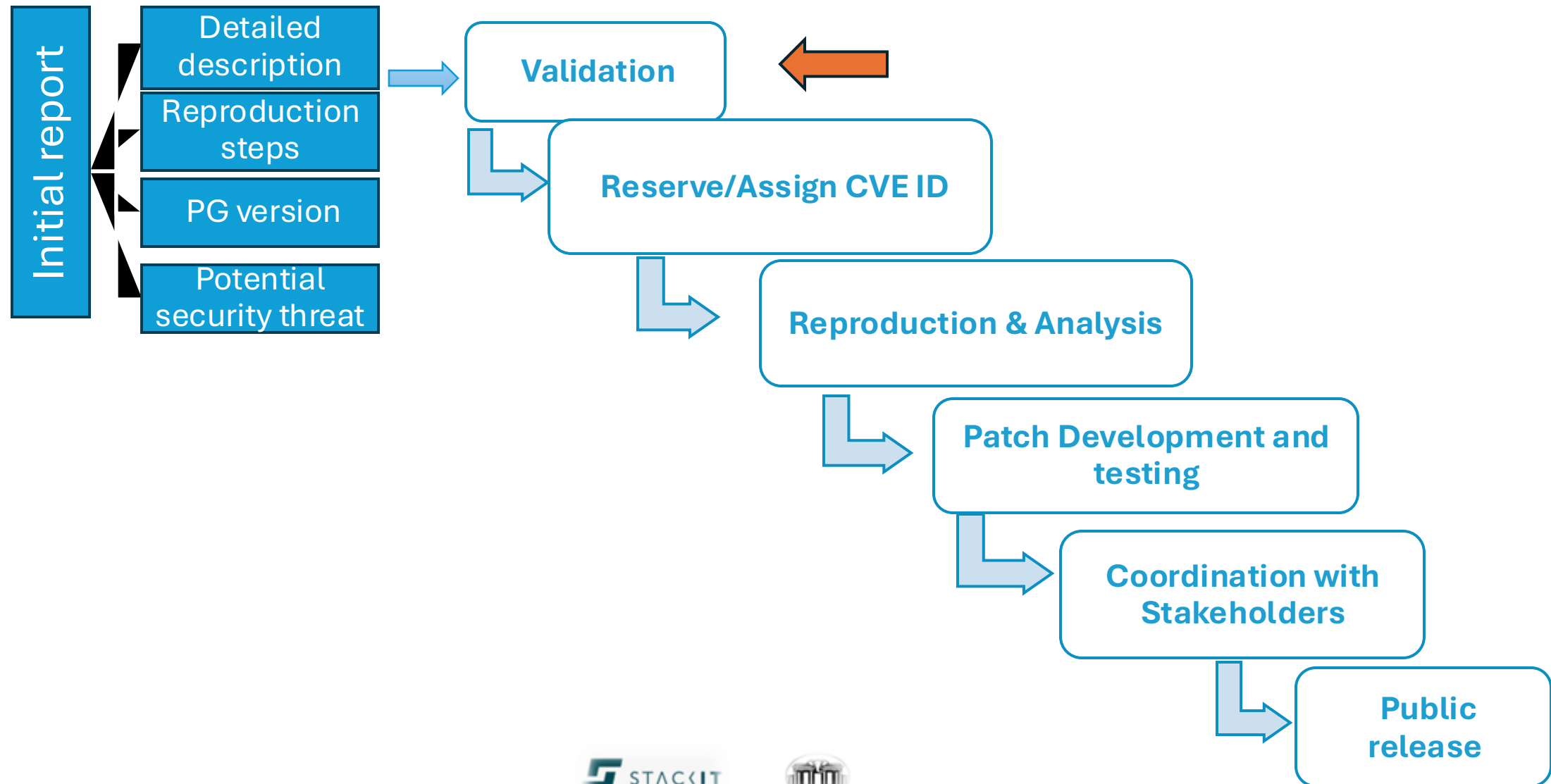


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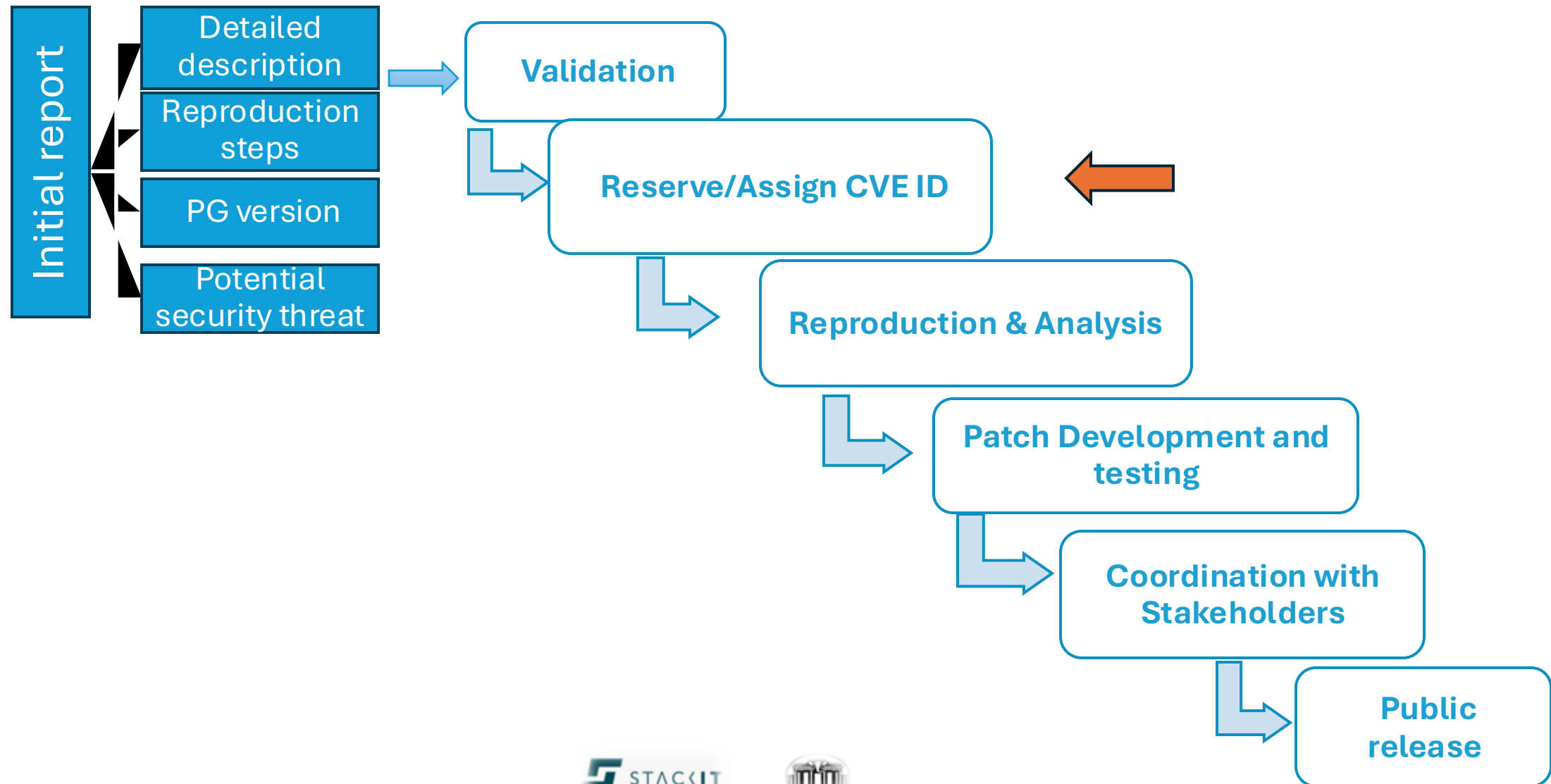
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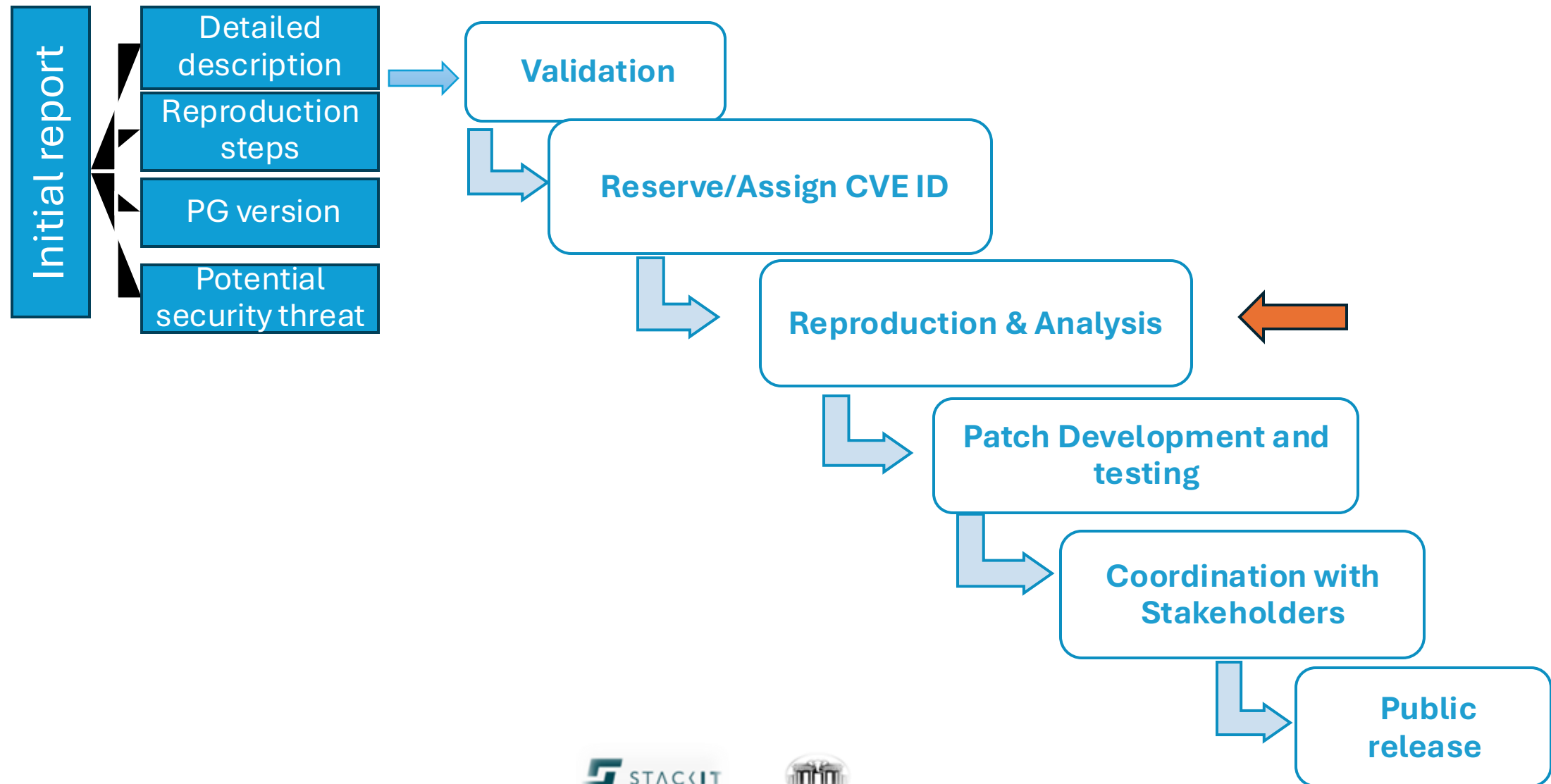
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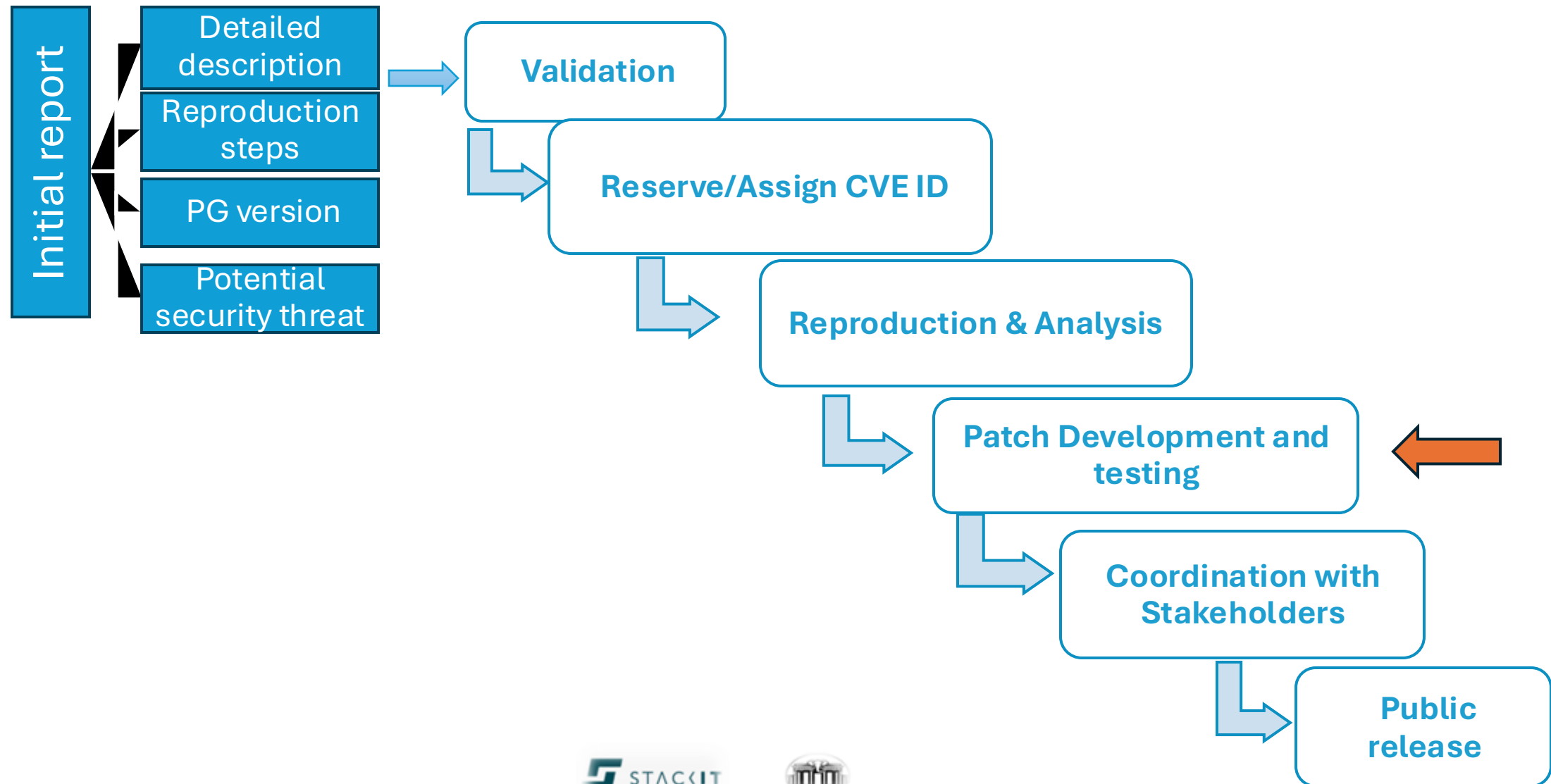
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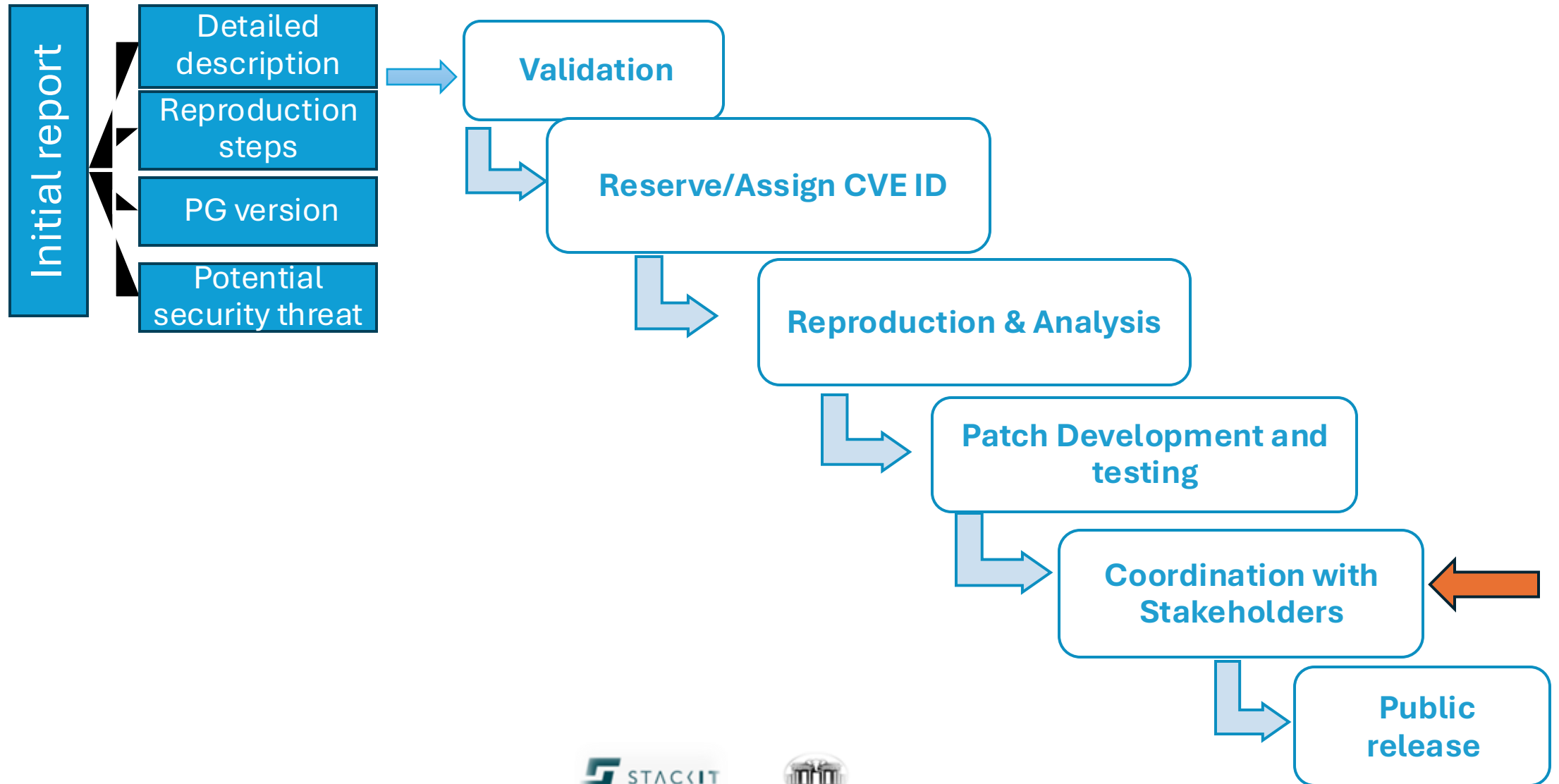
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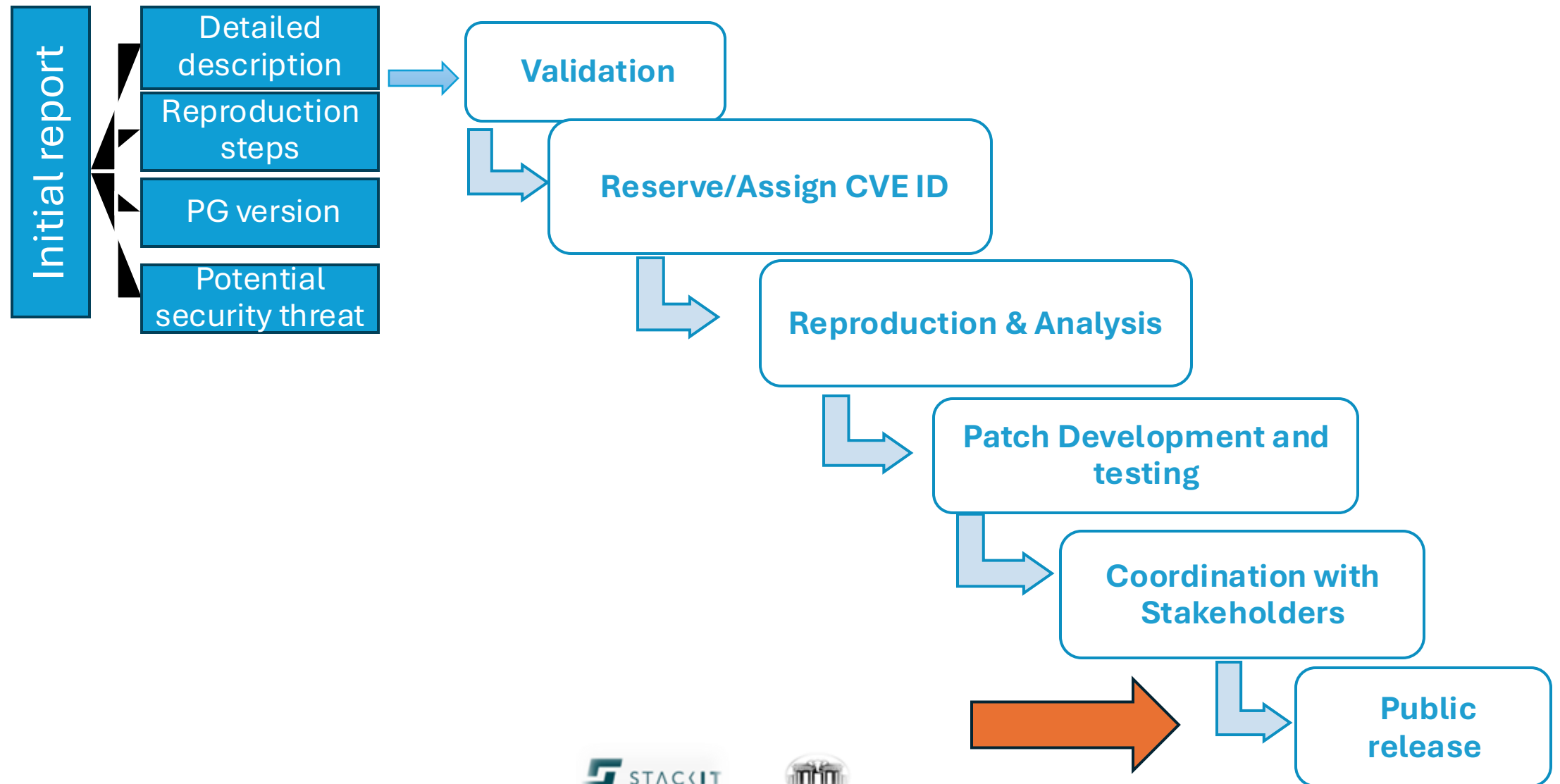
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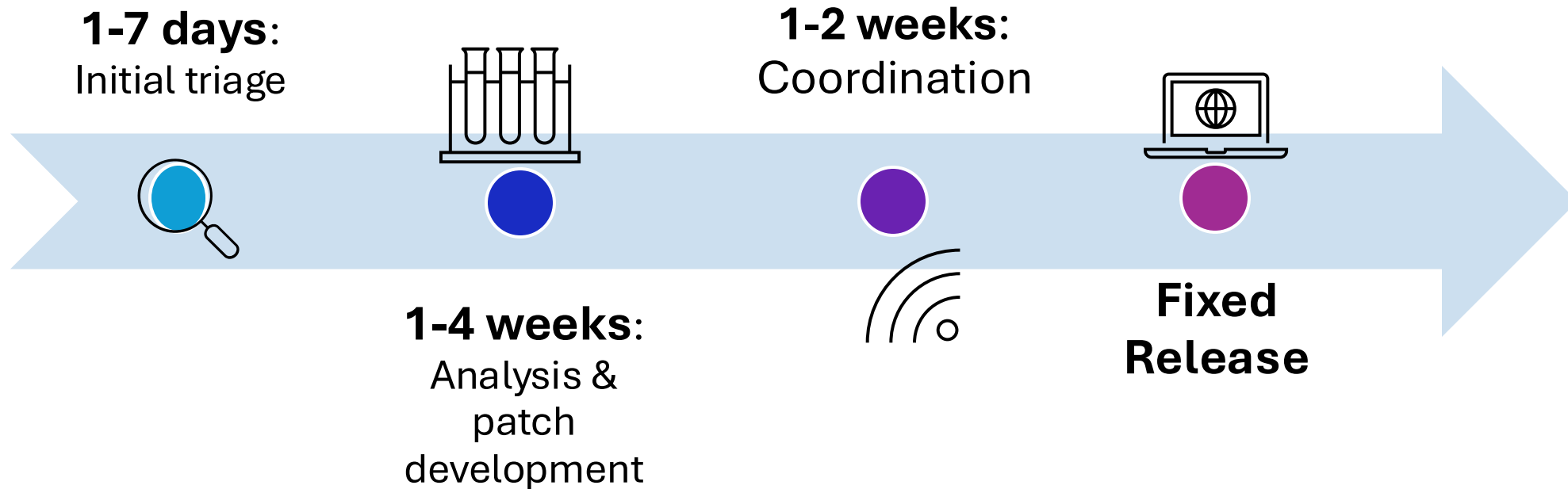
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# Postgres Security release Timeline(approx)



# Release Roadmap

- <https://www.postgresql.org/developer/roadmap/>
- At least one minor release every quarter
- The second Thursday of February, May, August, and November.
- Exception: more releases in between for important bug fixes

## Latest/Upcoming :

- May 8th, 2025
- August 14th, 2025
- November 13th, 2025
- February 12th, 2026

# Where to check? What to check?

<https://www.postgresql.org/support/security/>

## Known PostgreSQL Security Vulnerabilities in Supported Versions

You can filter the view of patches to show just patches for version:

[17](#) - [16](#) - [15](#) - [14](#) - [13](#) - [all](#)

Reference	Affected	Fixed	Component & CVSS v3 Base Score	Description
<a href="#">CVE-2025-1094</a> Announcement	17, 16, 15, 14, 13	17.3, 16.7, 15.11, 14.16, 13.19	client <b>8.1</b> AV:N/AC:H/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H	PostgreSQL quoting APIs miss neutralizing quoting syntax in text that fails encoding validation <a href="#">more details</a>
<a href="#">CVE-2024-10979</a> Announcement	17, 16, 15, 14, 13	17.1, 16.5, 15.9, 14.14, 13.17	core server <b>8.8</b> AV:N/AC:L/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H	PostgreSQL PL/Perl environment variable changes execute arbitrary code <a href="#">more details</a>
<a href="#">CVE-2024-10978</a> Announcement	17, 16, 15, 14, 13	17.1, 16.5, 15.9, 14.14, 13.17	core server <b>4.2</b> AV:N/AC:H/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:L/I:L/A:N	PostgreSQL SET ROLE, SET SESSION AUTHORIZATION reset to wrong user ID <a href="#">more details</a>
<a href="#">CVE-2024-10977</a> Announcement	17, 16, 15, 14, 13	17.1, 16.5, 15.9, 14.14, 13.17	client <b>3.1</b> AV:N/AC:H/PR:N/UI:R/S:U/C:N/I:L/A:N	PostgreSQL libpq retains an error message from man-in-the-middle <a href="#">more details</a>
<a href="#">CVE-2024-10976</a> Announcement	17, 16, 15, 14, 13	17.1, 16.5, 15.9, 14.14, 13.17	core server <b>4.2</b> AV:N/AC:H/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:L/I:L/A:N	PostgreSQL row security below e.g. subqueries disregards user ID changes <a href="#">more details</a>

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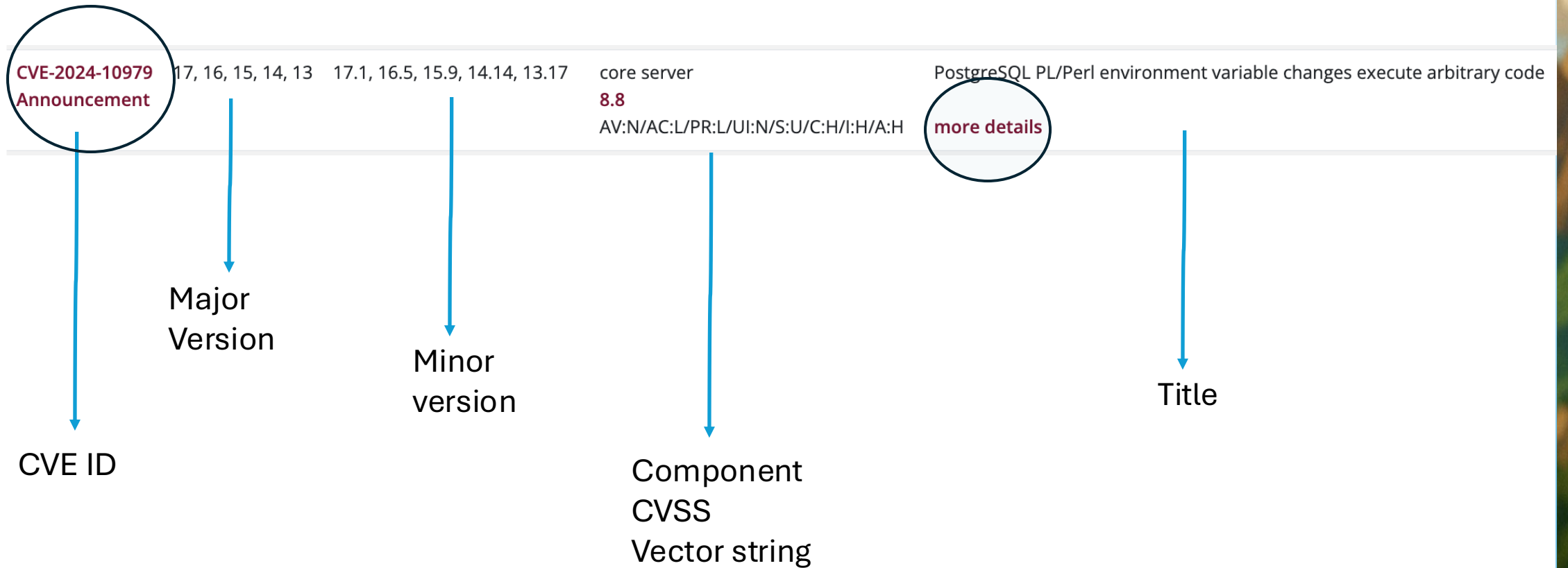
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## CVE-2024-10979

### PostgreSQL PL/Perl environment variable changes execute arbitrary code

Incorrect control of environment variables in PostgreSQL *PL/Perl* allows an unprivileged database user to change sensitive process environment variables (e.g. `PATH`). That often suffices to enable arbitrary code execution, even if the attacker lacks a database server operating system user. Versions before PostgreSQL 17.1, 16.5, 15.9, 14.14, 13.17, and 12.21 are affected.

The PostgreSQL project thanks Coby Abrams for reporting this problem.

### Version Information

Affected Version	Fixed In	Fix Published
17	17.1	Nov. 14, 2024
16	16.5	Nov. 14, 2024
15	15.9	Nov. 14, 2024
14	14.14	Nov. 14, 2024
13	13.17	Nov. 14, 2024
12	12.21	Nov. 14, 2024

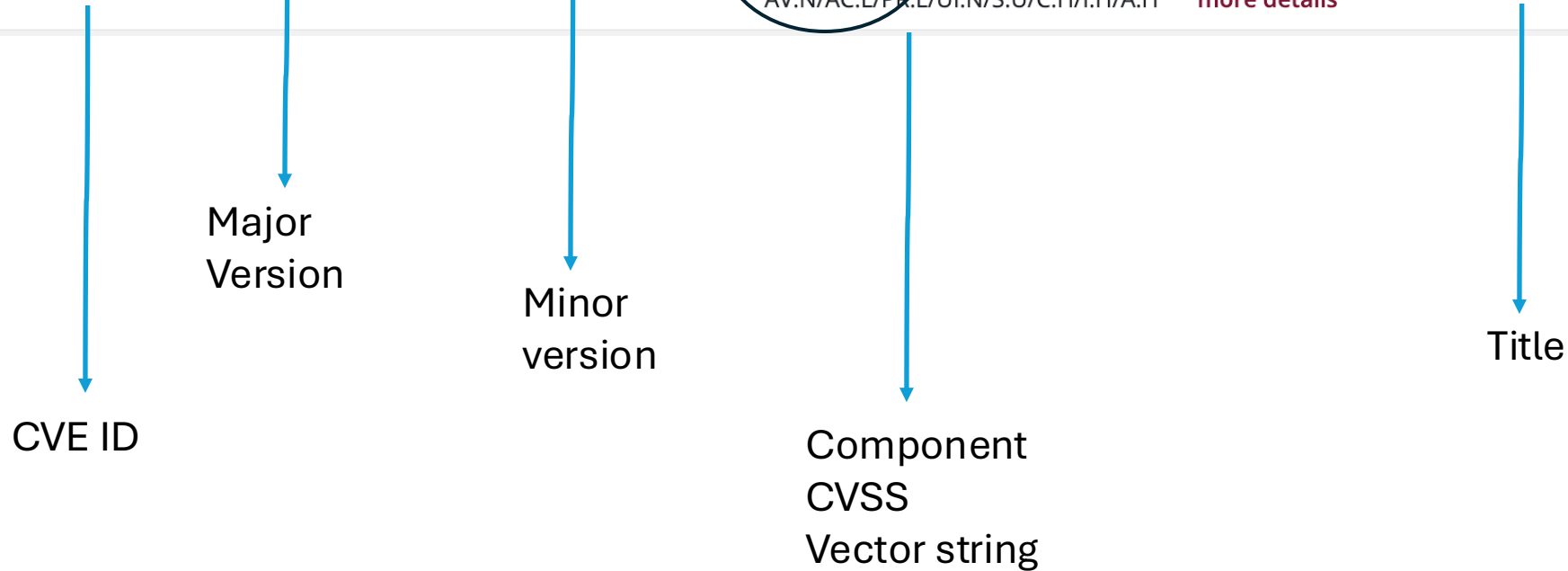
For more information about [PostgreSQL versioning](#), please visit the [versioning page](#).

### CVSS 3.0

Overall Score	<b>8.8</b>
Component	core server
Vector	AV:N/AC:L/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H

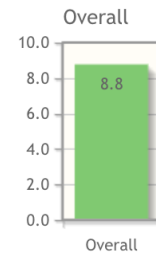
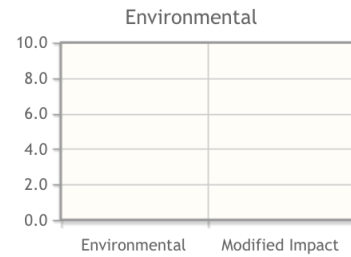
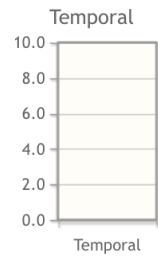
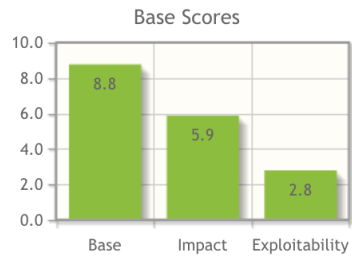
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[more details](#)



# Where to check? What to check?

core server  
**8.8**  
 AV:N/AC:L/P



**CVSS Base Score:** 8.8  
 Impact Subscore: 5.9  
 Exploitability Subscore: 2.8  
**CVSS Temporal Score:** NA  
 CVSS Environmental Score: NA  
 Modified Impact Subscore: NA  
**Overall CVSS Score:** 8.8

Show Equations

### CVSS v3.1 Vector

AV:N/AC:L/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H

## Base Score Metrics

### Exploitability Metrics

#### Attack Vector (AV)\*

Network (AV:N) Adjacent Network (AV:A) Local (AV:L) Physical (AV:P)

#### Attack Complexity (AC)\*

Low (AC:L) High (AC:H)

#### Privileges Required (PR)\*

None (PR:N) Low (PR:L) High (PR:H)

#### User Interaction (UI)\*

None (UI:N) Required (UI:R)

### Scope (S)\*

Unchanged (S:U) Changed (S:C)

### Impact Metrics

#### Confidentiality Impact (C)\*

None (C:N) Low (C:L) High (C:H)

#### Integrity Impact (I)\*

None (I:N) Low (I:L) High (I:H)

#### Availability Impact (A)\*

None (A:N) Low (A:L) High (A:H)

# Why Should you care?

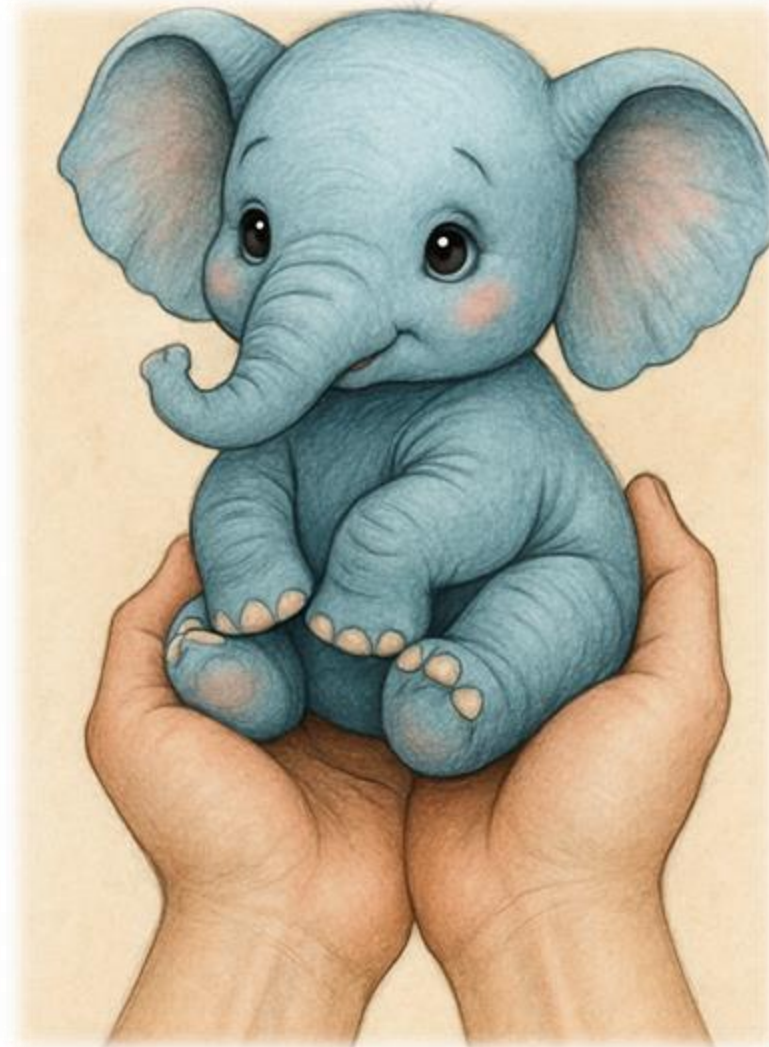
Compliance

Protection

Uptime

Stability

Reputation



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<https://www.postgresql.eu/events/pgconfde2025/feedback/6547/>