

CAE-383: Minor Application Residing On Unknown GSS



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Abstract

The VA application is a minor application that may be either in development or in production, that resides on an unknown General Support System (GSS).

Explanation

It is very common that a minor application may have a majority of its security controls provided by the General Support System (GSS) or major application on which it resides. In this case however while it is known that the minor application resides on a GSS, it is unknown which GSS.

All VA applications should ultimately belong to a FISMA-reportable system, with the exception of unmonitored applications. The term "unmonitored" refers to applications that have not been deployed to a FISMA-reportable system and as such their operation is not being monitored by VA accordingly.

References

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