Security Advisory

Admin By Request
ZERO TRUST PLATFORM

Product Platform: **Mac**
Product Version: **5.2**
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ABR-MAC-26-01

This advisory describes a possible local privilege escalation vulnerability in the Admin By Request macOS client.

Notification

Metric	Value
Criticality:	**High**
Published:	2026-08-26
CVE ID:	CVE-2026-78236
CWE:	TBD
ABR ID:	ABR-MAC-26-01

Rating

Metric	NVD Calculated Rating
CVSS 3.1 Score	8.8
CVSS 3.1 Vector	AV:L/AC:L/PR:L/UI:N/S:C/C:H/I:H/A:H

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Considerations

Admin By Request's internal assessment scores the risk to be **high** based on the following:

- Exploitation of the vulnerability requires an attacker to have access to the endpoint.
- An attacker must have the ability to programmatically execute the exploit.
- Given the above, an attacker can exploit the vulnerability to gain non-approved elevation.

Description

A vulnerability allowing local privilege escalation has been discovered in the Admin By Request macOS client.

The vulnerability can be leveraged by masquerading as an Apple signed application – allowing communication with the Admin By Request service via XPC - and leverage this to gain non-approved elevation.

Mitigation

The affected driver vulnerability has been resolved in **Admin By Request 5.3 for Mac**. Updating to a version >= 5.3 mitigates the vulnerability.

Acknowledgment

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Document History

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