

## HealthShare HS2024-02 Alert

1-FEB-2024

Dear InterSystems Customer:

I am writing because you are listed as the Security Contact for your organization. When risks have been uncovered that concern your use of InterSystems products, we are committed to providing you the necessary information so that you can assess your situation as quickly as possible.

We have identified several risks that may affect you when using InterSystems HealthShare® solutions, and the HealthShare® Health Connect and InterSystems IRIS for Health™ products.

Please read the information that follows. If you have any questions, please contact InterSystems Support at [support@intersystems.com](mailto:support@intersystems.com) or +1.617.621.0700.

We understand and take very seriously our commitment to you to provide an effective and efficient solution while protecting patient safety and safeguarding patient information. Our Alert process complements our existing support processes. If you have questions about our processes for data protection, privacy, security, or clinical safety, including our Global Trust program, you can reach our Data Protection Officer, Ken Mortensen at [globaltrust@intersystems.com](mailto:globaltrust@intersystems.com).

If you ever have any clinical safety, privacy, security or operations related questions about HealthShare, do not hesitate to contact the Worldwide Response Center (WRC) through [support@intersystems.com](mailto:support@intersystems.com) or +1.617.621.0700, so that we can assist you.

Respectfully,

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## Summary of Alerts

Alert	Product & Versions Affected	Risk Category & Score
HS2024-02-01: Upgrade May Fail if Custom Code in HS.Local Package Fails to Compile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unified Care, Clinical Viewer, Care Community, Provider Directory, Healthcare Action Engine               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Version 2023.2</li> </ul> </li> <li>• InterSystems IRIS for Health 2023.3</li> </ul>	Operational: 3 - Medium Risk
HS2024-02-02: Cross-site Scripting Vulnerability in Administrative User Interface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HealthShare® Solutions products: Unified Care Record, Clinical Viewer, Care Community, Patient Index, Provider Directory, Personal Community               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All versions</li> </ul> </li> <li>• HealthShare® Health Connect               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All versions</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Healthcare Action Engine               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All versions</li> </ul> </li> <li>• InterSystems IRIS for Health™               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All versions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Security: 3 – Medium Risk

## Detail of Alerts

### HS2024-02-01: Upgrade May Fail if Custom Code in HS.Local Package Fails to Compile

Issue date: 1-FEB-2024

#### Risk Category and Score:

Clinical Safety	Privacy	Security	Operational
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	3-Medium Risk

#### Version and System Area Affected

Products:	HealthShare® Unified Care Record, Clinical Viewer, Care Community, and Provider Directory version 2023.2 Healthcare Action Engine version 2023.2 InterSystems IRIS for Health™ version 2023.3
Versions:	See above
System areas affected:	Upgrade, Customization
Reference:	HSIEO-10078

#### Summary of Issue

Many customizations in the products are made possible by allowing customers to edit and compile ObjectScript code in the `HS.Local.*` package of classes. This includes customizing the SDA3 data model, custom callbacks for OAuth2, and many others.

- Customers who have made customizations in the `HS.Local.*` package may be affected by this defect.
- Customers with no customizations in `HS.Local.*` are not impacted by this defect.

The defect occurs when a customer is upgrading to an affected product version. During the upgrade process, the code in the `HS.Local.*` package is automatically compiled using the new version of the compiler. If any error occurs while compiling the `HS.Local.*` package, subsequent upgrade steps will also fail. The end result is that the instance will be left in a non-functioning state after the upgrade. This defect is a regression from previous versions in which any errors compiling the `HS.Local.*` package would not negatively affect subsequent upgrade steps.

All subsequent upgrade attempts will result in failure until the compilation errors in `HS.Local.*` are debugged and resolved.

**NOTE:** It is always recommended to test upgrades in a development or other lower-level, non-production environment before upgrading a LIVE environment. If the compilation errors in `HS.Local.*` are discovered, debugged, and resolved in a lower-level environment, the risk of this defect affecting an upgrade to a LIVE environment is drastically reduced.

#### Risk Assessment

The risk score and category were determined using InterSystems' Risk Rating process (outlined in the [Addendum](#)), and based on the following assessments:

<b>Operational:</b>	3 – Medium Risk	Impact of typical adverse outcome = 4 out of 5 Likelihood of typical adverse outcome = 2 out of 5
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## Recommended Actions

Always test upgrades in a non-production environment before attempting to upgrade a LIVE environment. Before beginning an upgrade, always test that customizations, including those in `HS.Local.*`, compile on your current system as recommended in the pre-upgrade instructions.

- Only customers upgrading to HealthShare 2023.2 can request from the WRC a full-kit adhoc for HSIEO-10078 to be included on the target upgrade version of HS 2023.2. A patch adhoc is not available because this issue affects upgrades.
- Because IRIS for Health 2023.3 is a CD release, IRIS for Health 2023.3 customers *will not* be able to receive corrections for HSIEO-10078.

The correction for this defect, HSIEO-10078, will be included in all future releases of HealthShare including the planned 2023.2 maintenance release of HealthShare Solutions products.

Reference Information: HSIEO-10078

If you have any questions regarding this alert, please contact the [Worldwide Response Center](#), and reference “Alert HS2024-02-01”.

– End of Alert HS2024-02-01 –

## HS2024-02-02: Cross-site Scripting Vulnerability in Administrative User Interface

Issue date: 1-FEB-2024

### Risk Category and Score:

Clinical Safety	Privacy	Security	Operational
Not Applicable	Not Applicable	3-Medium Risk	Not Applicable

### Version and System Area Affected

- Products:
- HealthShare® Solutions products:
    - Information Exchange, Unified Care Record, Clinical Viewer, Care Community, Patient Index, Provider Directory, Personal Community
  - HealthShare® Health Connect
  - Healthcare Action Engine
  - InterSystems IRIS for Health™
- Versions: All released versions of all products
- System areas affected: UI security
- Reference: HSHC-3809

### Summary of Issue

A Cross-site Scripting (XSS) vulnerability has been found in the product user interface that can be exploited only by an authenticated user with administrative privileges.

The CVSS score is 6.1 (Medium):

<https://www.first.org/cvss/calculator/3.0#CVSS:3.0/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:R/S:C/C:L/I:L/A:N>

### Risk Assessment

The risk score and category were determined using InterSystems' Risk Rating process (outlined in the [Addendum](#)), and based on the following assessments:

**Security:** 3 – Medium Risk <https://www.first.org/cvss/calculator/3.0#CVSS:3.0/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:R/S:C/C:L/I:L/A:N>

### Recommended Actions

A correction is available from the Worldwide Response Center (WRC) as an ad hoc patch. This patch has been tested going back to version 2020.1. For versions older than 2020.1, an ad hoc patch may be made available on request once it has been produced and tested.

Reference Information: HSHC-3809

If you have any questions regarding this alert, please contact the [Worldwide Response Center](#), and reference "Alert HS2024-02-02".

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## Addendum

Contents:

1. [Clinical Risk Rating Process](#)
2. [Operational Risk Rating Process](#)
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### Clinical Risk Rating Process

InterSystems' clinical risk rating uses standard methodology to estimate the risk of a system hazard based on the most typical foreseeable adverse patient outcome, as opposed to the worst-case scenario. Experienced clinicians on our clinical safety team provide an estimate of the severity and likelihood using standard ordinal scales to derive the risk category.

#### Description of Outcome Severity

Scale	Severity Classification	Number of Patients Affected	Interpretation
1	Minimal	Single	Minimal injury from which recovery is expected in the short term. Minor psychological upset. Inconvenience.
2	Minor	Single	Minor injury from which recovery is not expected in the short term. Significant psychological trauma.
		Multiple	Minor injury from which recovery is expected in the short term. Minor psychological upset. Inconvenience.
3	Moderate	Single	Severe injury or incapacity from which recovery is expected in the short term. Severe psychological trauma.
		Multiple	Minor injury from which recovery is not expected in the short term. Significant psychological trauma.
4	Major	Single	Death. Permanent life-changing incapacity. Severe injury or incapacity from which recovery is not expected in the short term.
		Multiple	Severe injury or incapacity from which recovery is expected in the short term. Severe psychological trauma.
5	Catastrophic	Multiple	Death. Permanent life-changing incapacity. Severe injury or incapacity from which recovery is not expected in the short term.

Ordinal scale for the quantification of the severity of a specified patient outcome

#### Description of Outcome Likelihood

Scale	Likelihood Classification	Interpretation	Frequency
1	Very low likelihood of harm	Harm will probably never happen/recur	Harm not expected to occur for years
2	Low likelihood of harm	Do not expect harm to happen/recur but it is possible it may do so	Harm expected to occur at least annually
3	Medium likelihood of harm	Harm might happen or recur occasionally	Harm expected to occur at least monthly
4	High likelihood of harm	Harm will probably happen/recur, but it is not a persisting issue/circumstances	Harm expected to occur at least weekly
5	Very high likelihood of harm	Harm will undoubtedly happen/recur, possibly frequently	Harm expected to occur at least daily

Ordinal scale for the quantification of the likelihood of a specified patient outcome

## Risk Category

Risk Category as Allocated by Likelihood and Severity						
		Risk Score				
Severity	5 - Catastrophic	3	4	4	5	5
	4 - Major	2	3	3	4	5
	3 - Moderate	2	2	3	3	4
	2 - Minor	1	2	2	3	4
	1 - Minimal	1	1	2	2	3
		1-V low	2-Low	3-Med	4-High	5-V High
Likelihood of Harm						

Matrix showing risk category allocated on the basis of likelihood and severity for a specified patient harm.

## Risk Acceptability

Risk Score	Risk Category	Response to Baseline Risk	Response to Residual Risk
1	Very low risk	Risk tolerable but mitigation is desirable.	Risk tolerable, passive surveillance recommended.
2	Low risk	Risk tolerable but mitigation is highly desirable.	Risk tolerable, passive surveillance required.
3	Medium risk	Undesirable level of risk. Attempts should be made to eliminate or control to reduce risk to an acceptable level.	Shall only be acceptable when further risk reduction is impractical.
4	High risk	Risk highly likely to be unacceptable. System, module or functionality should not go live, or should be taken out of use if possible, unless the risks arising from loss of use exceed those of continuing to use the system. Active surveillance required and urgent mitigation is mandatory.	Risk highly likely to be unacceptable unless the risks arising from loss of use exceed those of continuing to use the system. Consideration must be given to further risk mitigation and active surveillance required.
5	Very high risk	Unacceptable risk. System, module or functionality cannot go live, or must immediately be taken out of use. Mitigation mandatory.	System, module or functionality cannot go live, or must immediately be taken out of use. Further risk mitigation mandatory if system, module, or functionality to be returned to service.

InterSystems response to baseline and residual risks

## Operational Risk Rating Process

InterSystems' risk rating uses standard methodology to estimate the risk to operations based on the most typical foreseeable adverse outcomes, as opposed to the worst-case scenario, which is used to determine the impact and likelihood using standard ordinal scales to derive the risk rating. Operational Risk is the failure of the operational system (application, O/S, database, etc.) relating to:

- **System Performance:** the system performs with the expected functionality, throughput, and utilization.
- **Data Quality:** the system can provide assurance of the accuracy and consistency of data over the entire life-cycle of the data, including recording the data exactly as intended and, upon later retrieval, ensuring the data are the same as when data were originally recorded.
- **System Availability:** the system responds to operations in a time better than the calculated or estimated Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF) and continues to operate without noticeable (based upon expected performance) interruption or delay.

### Description of Impact Rating

5	<b>Very high risk</b>	Full failure of safeguard(s) (administrative, physical, or technical) relating to performance, quality, or availability
4	<b>High risk</b>	Major (majority) failure of safeguard(s) (administrative, physical, or technical) relating to performance, quality, or availability
3	<b>Medium risk</b>	Limited failure of safeguard(s) (administrative, physical, or technical) relating to performance, quality, or availability
2	<b>Low risk</b>	Marginal failure of safeguard(s) (administrative, physical, or technical) relating to performance, quality, or availability
1	<b>Very low risk</b>	Incomplete (or intermittent) failure of safeguard(s) (administrative, physical, or technical) relating to performance, quality, or availability

### Description of Outcome Likelihood

5	<b>Very high risk</b>	Will undoubtedly happen/recur, possibly frequently	Expected to occur at every operational or use or with all processing
4	<b>High risk</b>	Will probably happen/recur, but it is not a persisting issue/ circumstances	Expected to occur regularly or with most processing
3	<b>Medium risk</b>	Might happen or recur occasionally	Expected to occur occasionally or with some processing
2	<b>Low risk</b>	Do not expect it to happen/recur but it is possible it may do so	Expected to occur a few times or with limited processing
1	<b>Very low risk</b>	Unlikely happen/recur	Not expected to occur over time of normal operation

### Risk Score & Category

The combination of the Impact and Likelihood produce an overall Risk Score and Risk Rating as follows:

<b>Impact</b>	5	3	4	4	5	5
	4	2	3	3	4	5
	3	2	2	3	3	4
	2	1	2	2	3	4
	1	1	1	2	2	3
		1	2	3	4	5
		<b>Likelihood</b>				

Risk Score	Risk Category
5	Very high risk
4	High risk
3	Medium risk
2	Low risk
1	Very low risk

## Privacy Risk Rating Process

InterSystems' risk rating uses standard methodology to estimate the risk to privacy based on the most typical foreseeable adverse outcomes, as opposed to the worst-case scenario, which is used to determine the impact and likelihood using standard ordinal scales to derive the risk rating.

### Description of Impact Rating

5	<b>Critical</b>	Full public disclosure of confidential information, complete impact to data integrity, severe violation of legitimate basis for processing.
4	<b>High</b>	Disclosure to improper and unauthorized parties, operational impact to data integrity, elevated violation of legitimate basis for processing
3	<b>Moderate</b>	Limited disclosure to improper or unauthorized parties, limited impact to data integrity, existing violation of legitimate basis for processing
2	<b>Low</b>	Restricted disclosure to improper parties, restricted impact to data integrity, marginal violation of legitimate basis for processing
1	<b>Minimal</b>	No disclosure to improper or unauthorized parties, no discernable impact to data integrity, trivial or technical violation of legitimate basis for processing

### Description of Outcome Likelihood

5	<b>Critical</b>	Will undoubtedly happen/recur, possibly frequently	Expected to occur at every operational or use or with all processing
4	<b>High</b>	Will probably happen/recur, but it is not a persisting issue/ circumstances	Expected to occur regularly or with most processing
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		<b>Likelihood</b>				

Risk Score	Risk Category
5	Very high risk
4	High risk
3	Medium risk
2	Low risk
1	Very low risk

## Security Risk Rating Process

InterSystems' risk rating uses standard methodology to estimate the risk to security based on the most typical foreseeable adverse outcomes, as opposed to the worst-case scenario, which is used to determine the impact and likelihood using standard ordinal scales to derive the risk rating.

### Description of Impact Rating

5	<b>Critical</b>	Full failure of safeguard(s) (administrative, physical, or technical) relating to confidentiality, integrity, and/or availability
4	<b>High</b>	Major (majority) failure of safeguard(s) (administrative, physical, or technical) relating to confidentiality, integrity, and/or availability
3	<b>Moderate</b>	Limited failure of safeguard(s) (administrative, physical, or technical) relating to confidentiality, integrity, and/or availability
2	<b>Low</b>	Marginal failure of safeguard(s) (administrative, physical, or technical) relating to confidentiality, integrity, and/or availability
1	<b>Minimal</b>	Incomplete (or intermittent) failure of safeguard(s) (administrative, physical, or technical) relating to confidentiality, integrity, and/or availability

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		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		<b>Likelihood</b>				

Risk Score	Risk Category
5	Very high risk
4	High risk
3	Moderate risk
2	Low risk
1	Minimal risk

– End of HS2024-02 Alert Communication –