

# Is Your Software Vulnerable To Cybercrime?

Third-party support and self-maintenance can't protect you—the real solution is at the source.

## Cybercrime is Real

# \$12.2 trillion

The predicted annual average cost of cybercrime damages worldwide by 2031<sup>1</sup>

 Cyberattacks and data breaches continue to increase exponentially<sup>2</sup>

Global average cost of a data breach

## \$4.44 million

as of 2025<sup>3</sup>

## Ransomware attacks

are a constant threat affecting all industries<sup>4</sup>

Many businesses never recover from the fallout

-   
Sensitive, proprietary information
-   
Operational disruption
-   
System and files restoration
-   
Fines and litigation
-   
Reputation and brand damage
-   
Customer and employee trust

## Don't be fooled by third-party support providers and self-maintenance security methods

### 1 There's no patching in "virtual patching"

Virtual patching is a workaround that doesn't actually patch or update your software.

- ▶ Temporary solution
- ▶ Neglects root problem
- ▶ Ignores full scope of vulnerabilities

#### U.S. Department of Homeland Security

"It is necessary for all organizations to establish a strong ongoing patch management process to ensure the proper preventive measures are taken against potential threats."

<https://www.cisa.gov/>

### 2 Firewalls aren't fireproof

Perimeter-focused security strategies leave your software open to attack.

- ▶ Susceptible to internal breaches
- ▶ Minimal visibility into network threats
- ▶ Ignores actual security in the software

#### E.U. General Data Protection Regulation

A single set of rules to enhance data privacy and guarantee the security of personal data and data processing.

- ✔ Applies to any organization handling EU citizen data
- ✔ Enforceable May 25, 2018
- ✔ Noncompliance or violation can lead to heavy fines

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/eu-data-protection-rules\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/eu-data-protection-rules_en)

### 3 Self-maintenance = potential liability

Doing it yourself cuts your software off from critical security updates.

- ▶ Powerless to (legally) fix vulnerabilities
- ▶ Unable to access new patches and updates
- ▶ Limited resources to reliably maintain and secure

## The Bottom Line

Security patching is essential for securing enterprise software, including Oracle's. If you don't own the code, you can't access or update it. That leaves your software open to attack and your business open to risk.



- ▶ Inadequate security updates
- ▶ Inadequate security fixes
- ▶ Inadequate protection against vulnerabilities

## Only Oracle Can Secure Oracle Software

Oracle Support is the only way to guarantee mission-critical security updates and protection for your Oracle software.

-  **Oracle creates and owns the source code**
  - ▶ Vulnerabilities and emerging threats identified and addressed at the source
  - ▶ Reliable security updates to the source

-  **Oracle provides security at every level**
  - ▶ Patches at every layer of the software stack
  - ▶ Regression testing across the full stack

-  **Oracle has the tools, experience, and knowledge**
  - ▶ Proactive change management processes
  - ▶ Uniform release management process
  - ▶ Dependable, ongoing, and unparalleled innovation

## Get more from Oracle.

When your business is on the line, there's no substitute for trusted, secure, and comprehensive support.

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