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More Vulnerabilities Found In Google Android Than Any Other Program In 2016

Amassing 523 distinct coding flaws this past year, Google's Android mobile operating system took top spot among the 50 products with the most discovered vulnerabilities in 2016, according to the security vulnerability database website CVE Details.

Android's vulnerability totals far surpassed those of runners-up Debian Linux and Ubuntu Linux, which compiled 319 and 278 bugs respectively. Adobe's multimedia viewer Flash Player, which had the third highest number of vulnerabilities in 2015, claimed the fourth most errors this past year with 266.

With nine of its applications making the top 50, Adobe actually had the most overall vulnerabilities of any other product vendor on the list, with 1,383, edging out Microsoft's 1,325 bugs. Adobe's Acrobat Reader DC, Acrobat DC and Acrobat and Reader had the seventh, eighth, ninth and 12th most vulnerabilities, respectively.

While the statistics are intriguing to pore over, Adam Bacchus, chief bounty officer at HackerOne, told SC Media in an email statement that the figures must be looked at in the proper context. "CVEs provide a useful unique vulnerability identifier to allow anyone to ensure their software is patched

for known vulnerabilities, but counting CVEs is not a meaningful way to assess the security of any product,” Bacchus explained.