

# Vulnerability

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## Definition #1

A **Vulnerability** is a [Cybersecurity](#) term that refers to a flaw in a system that can leave it open to attack. A vulnerability may also refer to any type of [Weakness](#) in a computer system itself, in a set of [Business Processes](#), or in anything that leaves information security exposed to a cyberthreat.

Source: <https://www.techopedia.com/definition/13484/vulnerability>

## Definition #2

A [Weakness](#) or flaw in the functional behavior of a vulnerable computational [Component](#) ([Software \(SW\)](#) or [Hardware \(H/W\)](#)) that can be exploited, resulting in a negative impact to the Confidentiality, Integrity, and/or Availability of an impacted Component.

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