Third-Party Software Security Review — ScorpioX Code

Software: ScorpioX Code **Type:** AI-Powered Development Tool / CLI Platform **Language:** Pure C (zero external dependencies) **Audit Date:** 2026-04-28 **Codebase Commit:** `9bfa5b461aa008cd7a1713d37c9aa6c44cecc4ce` **Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL — For Corporate Review Only

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1. Executive Summary

This report presents a comprehensive security audit of ScorpioX Code, an AI-powered development tool and CLI platform written in pure C. The audit was performed by 13 specialized automated agents, each analyzing a distinct security domain across 378,558 total lines of code (151,487 project code, 226,685 vendor code).

Overall Risk Rating: HIGH

The software demonstrates exceptional discipline in several areas — notably **zero uses of unsafe string functions** (strcpy, strcat, gets, scanf), a safe-to-unsafe function ratio exceeding 2,800:1, **all telemetry disabled by default**, and comprehensive use of bounded buffer operations. However, significant risks persist in TLS certificate verification (systematically disabled across token fetchers and email), command injection vectors in network-reachable code paths, a complete absence of cryptographic integrity verification for binary distribution, and sensitive data exposure through log files.

Aggregate Findings

Severity	Count
Critical	13
High	33
Medium	120
Low	28
Informational	355
Total	**549**

Windows-Filtered Findings (excluding Linux/macOS-only): 11 Critical, 28 High, 118 Medium, 28 Low — **185 actionable findings**.

Key Strengths

- Zero external package manager dependencies (core build)
- All third-party code vendored in-tree with known versions
- Fully static linking eliminates runtime dependency attacks
- No tracking or telemetry by default — all opt-in
- Exceptional buffer safety: 2,213 `snprintf` calls, 0 `strcpy` / `strcat` / `sprintf` in project code
- Strong Windows deployment posture (LOW risk per Windows-specific audit)

Critical Concerns

1. **No cryptographic verification** of distributed binaries (no checksums, signatures, or code signing)
2. **SSL certificate verification disabled** in token fetchers and email module (MITM risk)
3. **Command injection** vectors in network-reachable server code (Windows CGI path)
4. **Sensitive data logged to disk** including API keys in HTTP headers and VTRACE config dumps
5. **Outdated vendored mbedTLS** (3.6.3 vs 3.6.6) with 11 unpatched security advisories

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2. Deployment Scope — Windows Workstation

Primary Deployment: Windows Workstation

The following binaries are compiled and deployed on Windows:

Category	Binaries
Core CLI	`sx.exe`, `scorpiox-config.exe`, `scorpiox-bash.exe`, `scorpiox-vi.exe`
Shell & Tools	`scorpiox-busybox.exe`, `scorpiox-pwsh.exe`, `scorpiox-wsl.exe`
AI/API	`scorpiox-agent.exe`, `scorpiox-openai.exe`, `scorpiox-gemini.exe`
Networking	`scorpiox-fetch.exe`, `scorpiox-websearch.exe`, `scorpiox-dns.exe`
Media	`scorpiox-screenshot.exe`, `scorpiox-renderimage.exe`, `scorpiox-voice.exe`
Auth/Token	`scorpiox-claudecode-fetchtoken.exe`, `scorpiox-codex-fetchtoken.exe`, `scorpiox-gemini-fetchtoken.exe`
Server	`scorpiox-server.exe`, `scorpiox-server-email.exe`, `scorpiox-server-http2tcp.exe`
Utilities	`scorpiox-conv.exe`, `scorpiox-debug.exe`, `scorpiox-email.exe`, `scorpiox-frp.exe`, `scorpiox-hook.exe`, `scorpiox-host.exe`, `scorpiox-kql.exe`, `scorpiox-logger.exe`, `scorpiox-mcp.exe`, `scorpiox-mirror-git.exe`, `scorpiox-multiplexer.exe`, `scorpiox-otp.exe`, `scorpiox-planmode.exe`, `scorpiox-printlogs.exe`, `scorpiox-rewind.exe`, `scorpiox-runtest.exe`, `scorpiox-sdk.exe`, `scorpiox-search.exe`, `scorpiox-skills.exe`, `scorpiox-systemprompt.exe`, `scorpiox-tasks.exe`, `scorpiox-tmux.exe`, `scorpiox-transcript.exe`, `scorpiox-usage.exe`, `scorpiox-vault-git.exe`, `scorpiox-emit-session.exe`, `scorpiox-executecurl.exe`, `scorpiox-askuserquestion.exe`, `scorpiox-beam.exe`, `scorpiox-docs.exe`, `scorpiox-server-fetchtoken.exe`
Library	`libsx.dll`

Total Windows binaries: ~58 executables + 1 DLL

Linux-Only Binaries (Not Deployed on Windows)

Binary	Purpose
`scorpiox-unshare`	Rootless container runtime (Linux namespaces)
`scorpiox-vm`	QEMU/KVM hypervisor manager
`scorpiox-init`	Container init process
`scorpiox-sshpass`	PTY-based SSH password feeder
`scorpiox-traffic`	Network traffic proxy
`scorpiox-podman`	Podman container integration
`scorpiox-cron`	Cron job scheduler
`scorpiox-whatsapp`	WhatsApp bridge manager

macOS-Only Binaries

Binary	Purpose
`scorpiox-imessage`	iMessage AppleScript bridge

Windows-Filtered Risk Summary

After excluding Linux-only and macOS-only findings:

Severity	All Platforms	Windows-Relevant	Excluded
Critical	13	**11**	2 (unshare privileged, curl|bash Linux install)
High	33	**28**	5 (unshare, sshpass, imessage, podman)
Medium	120	**118**	2 (unshare namespace, auto-subuid)
Low	28	**28**	0
Actionable Total	**194**	**185**	**9**

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3. Changes Since Last Audit

Previous Audit: `output/2026-04-28_4d61a6a` (commit `4d61a6a`) **Previous Agents:** 11 (supply-chain through windows-deployment) **Current Agents:** 13 (added telemetry-tracking, install-script)

Severity Comparison

Severity	Previous	Current	Delta	Notes
Critical	10	13	**+3**	Install script audit added 4 new CRITICAL findings
High	25	33	**+8**	Install script (4), expanded memory-safety analysis
Medium	70	120	**+50**	Memory-safety error-path leaks (82) now enumerated individually
				Reclassification:

Low	123	28	**−95**	many prior LOW findings moved to INFO
Info	167	355	**+188**	Memory-safety dangling pointers (291) now tracked as INFO
Total	**395**	**549**	**+154**	Expanded audit scope (2 new agents) + deeper analysis

Key Changes

1. **New: Telemetry & Tracking Audit** — Confirmed all telemetry disabled by default (LOW risk)
2. **New: Install Script Audit** — Uncovered 4 CRITICAL findings in binary distribution pipeline
3. **Memory Safety** — Deeper analysis now tracks 291 INFO-level dangling pointer risks and 82 MEDIUM error-path memory leaks
4. **Codebase Size** — Reduced from 398,610 to 378,558 total lines (cleanup of duplicate/plan files)

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4. Supply Chain & Dependencies

Agent Risk Rating: MEDIUM

Key Findings

#	Severity	Finding
1	MEDIUM	Vendored mbedTLS 3.6.3 is 3 patch releases behind LTS 3.6.6 — 11 security advisories unpatched
2	MEDIUM	Two pre-built ELF binaries committed to repository (`bridge/scorpiox-ws2tcp` , ARM64 variant)
3	LOW	npm release candidate dependency (`@whiskeysockets/baileys@7.0.0-rc.9`)
4	LOW	~105 transitive npm dependencies in bridge component
5	INFO	All system dependencies (libcurl, OpenSSL, zlib) are standard OS-packaged libraries
6	INFO	yyjson 0.12.0 is current — no known CVEs
7	INFO	gnuwin64 vendor contains only download scripts, no committed binaries
8	INFO	Lock file (`bun.lock`) committed with integrity hashes

Recommendations

- **Update mbedTLS to 3.6.6** — addresses buffer overflow, TLS 1.3 client impersonation, ECDSA stack overflow
- Remove pre-built binaries from source tree; build from source in CI
- Pin npm dependency to stable release

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5. Build System & Code Provenance

Agent Risk Rating: LOW

Key Findings

#	Severity	Finding
1	MEDIUM	Missing linker hardening flags (RELRO, noexecstack) — mitigated by static linking default
2	MEDIUM	Bridge Makefile lacks `-fstack-protector-strong` and `-D_FORTIFY_SOURCE=2`
3	LOW	Model header code generator (`tests/code_generator_models.py`) fetches from network at build time
4	LOW	Suppressed GCC warnings (`-Wno-format-truncation`, `-Wno-stringop-truncation`)
5	LOW	No reproducible build mechanism (no build provenance attestation)
6	INFO	C11 standard, CMake 3.16+, pure C project
7	INFO	Static linking default (`SX_STATIC_LINK=ON`) reduces runtime attack surface
8	INFO	`fstack-protector-strong` enabled on all builds
9	INFO	`_FORTIFY_SOURCE=2` enabled for release builds
10	INFO	`fcf-protection` enabled for GCC builds

Hardening Flags Summary

Flag	Status
`-Wall -Wextra`	✅ Enabled
`-fstack-protector-strong`	✅ Enabled
`-D_FORTIFY_SOURCE=2`	✅ Release builds
`-fcf-protection`	✅ GCC builds
`-Wl,-z,relro -Wl,-z,now`	❌ Missing (mitigated by static linking)
`-fPIE -pie`	❌ N/A for static builds
`-fstack-clash-protection`	❌ Missing

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6. Network Endpoints

Agent Risk Rating: HIGH

Key Findings

#	Severity	Finding
1	CRITICAL	Hardcoded private network IP (192.168.1.12:8045) with default credential

		path for Anthropic proxy
2	CRITICAL	Hardcoded public IP (20.53.240.54) as default TCP relay host
3	HIGH	Plaintext HTTP endpoints for authentication token retrieval (token.scorpiox.net)
4	HIGH	PAT (Personal Access Token) injected into HTTPS clone URLs
5	HIGH	HTTP metadata endpoints (`169.254.169.254`) for cloud token retrieval
6	HIGH	FRP tunnel configuration with hardcoded server endpoint
7	HIGH	SSH connection strings with credential interpolation
8	MEDIUM	10+ hardcoded `dist.scorpiox.net` URLs for binary distribution
9	MEDIUM	Hardcoded DNS resolvers (1.1.1.1, 8.8.8.8)
10	MEDIUM	OAuth2 token exchange URLs for Google, Microsoft identity providers

Network Inventory Summary

- **49 unique hardcoded URLs** across source code
- **15+ unique hardcoded IP addresses**
- **12 hardcoded ports**
- **9+ unique domain names**

Recommendations

- Migrate all `http://` token endpoints to `https://`
- Remove hardcoded private IPs from compiled defaults
- Use DNS hostnames instead of IP addresses for infrastructure references
- Implement configurable endpoint registry

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7. TLS/SSL Security

Agent Risk Rating: HIGH

Key Findings

#	Severity	Finding	CWE
1	CRITICAL	SSL verification disabled in 3 token fetchers (`CURLOPT_SSL_VERIFYPEER=0`)	CWE-295
2	CRITICAL	SSL verification disabled for SMTP/TLS email sending	CWE-295
3	HIGH	Authentication tokens fetched over plaintext HTTP	CWE-319
4	HIGH	Traffic proxy disables all upstream certificate validation	CWE-295
		FRP tunnel client uses mbedTLS	

5	HIGH	with `MBEDTLS_SSL_VERIFY_NONE`	CWE-295
6	HIGH	OAuth token exchange over unverified connections	CWE-295
7	HIGH	Vendored mbedTLS 3.6.3 has known TLS 1.3 impersonation vulnerability	CWE-295
8	MEDIUM	No certificate pinning for any first-party services	CWE-295
9	MEDIUM	Mixed use of system CA store and disabled verification across modules	—
10	LOW	`TMUX_PODMAN_TLS_VERIFY` defaults to `false`	CWE-295

TLS Verification Status by Module

Module	Verification	Status
`scorpiox-gemini-fetchtoken`	Disabled	✖ CRITICAL
`scorpiox-codex-fetchtoken`	Disabled	✖ CRITICAL
`scorpiox-claudecode-fetchtoken`	Disabled	✖ CRITICAL
`scorpiox-email`	Disabled	✖ CRITICAL
`scorpiox-traffic`	Disabled (by design — proxy)	⚠ HIGH
`scorpiox-frp`	Disabled (mbedTLS)	⚠ HIGH
`scorpiox-codex-refreshtoken`	**Enabled**	✔
`scorpiox-claudecode-refreshtoken`	**Enabled**	✔
`sx` (main AI client)	System CA store	✔

Recommendations

- Enable certificate verification in ALL token fetchers (set `CURLOPT_SSL_VERIFYPEER=1L`, `CURLOPT_SSL_VERIFYHOST=2L`)
- Add runtime flag for development self-signed cert bypass instead of unconditional disable
- Migrate all HTTP token endpoints to HTTPS
- Update mbedTLS to 3.6.6

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8. Hardcoded Credentials

Agent Risk Rating: LOW

Key Findings

#	Severity	Finding
1	MEDIUM	Placeholder API key `"xxx"` compiled as default for `OPENAI_API_KEY`
2	LOW	SSH credential placeholder fields (`_PASS`) in compiled defaults
3	LOW	Hardcoded infrastructure IPs (192.168.1.12, 20.53.240.54) in defaults

4	INFO	20+ API key fields correctly initialized to empty strings
5	INFO	`sx_config_is_sensitive()` function properly redacts known secret fields

Positive Patterns

- Configuration cascade design: environment variables → config files → compiled defaults
- Sensitive field redaction function exists and covers all credential keys
- No real API keys, passwords, or tokens found in source code

Recommendations

- Replace `"xxx"` placeholder with empty string `""` for `OPENAI_API_KEY`
- Remove `_PASS` fields from compiled defaults entirely
- Move infrastructure IPs to runtime-only configuration

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9. File I/O & Data Handling

Agent Risk Rating: HIGH

Key Findings

#	Severity	Finding	CWE
1	CRITICAL	API request/response bodies logged to disk including API keys in HTTP headers	CWE-532
2	CRITICAL	Config VTRACE logs ALL key-value pairs including secrets (bypasses redaction)	CWE-532
3	HIGH	Predictable temp file names enable symlink attacks (TOCTOU)	CWE-377
4	HIGH	Hardcoded log paths with world-readable default permissions (0644)	CWE-732
5	HIGH	Session conversation files readable by all local users	CWE-732
6	MEDIUM	No file locking on concurrent config reads/writes	CWE-362
7	MEDIUM	Downloaded files stored without integrity verification	CWE-354
8	MEDIUM	Email body written to temp file before sending (plaintext)	CWE-312
9	MEDIUM	WSL overlay filesystem operations use predictable paths	CWE-377
10	MEDIUM	Container image extraction without path traversal checks (tar)	CWE-22

Positive Patterns

- `mkstemp()` used in 11 locations (inconsistent application)
- `realpath()` used for path traversal validation in some modules

- Config redaction function exists for log output

Recommendations

- Redact `x-api-key` and `Authorization` headers before logging
- Apply `sx_config_is_sensitive()` to VTRACE logging
- Set all log and session file permissions to 0600
- Replace ALL predictable temp file patterns with `mkstemp()` / `mkdtemp()`

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10. Buffer Safety

Agent Risk Rating: LOW

Key Findings

#	Severity	Finding
1	MEDIUM	5 locations where unclamped `snprintf` return value passed to `send_all()` (potential OOB read on truncation)
2	MEDIUM	4 locations where HTTP response headers constructed without clamping `snprintf` return
3	MEDIUM	`url_encode()` theoretical integer overflow on 32-bit: `len * 3 + 1`
4	MEDIUM	`sxmail_dkim.c:414` — 32KB stack buffer for DKIM signing
5	MEDIUM	`scorpiox-tmux.c:2323` — 16KB stack buffer for command assembly
6	LOW	Single `sprintf` in vendored yyjson (conditional fallback path)
7	LOW	`strncpy` used in 593 locations — proper `sizeof()-1` pattern but no NUL guarantee on exact-fit

Exceptional Metrics

Metric	Value
`sprintf` calls (project code)	**0**
`strcpy` calls	**0**
`strcat` calls	**0**
`gets` calls	**0**
`scanf` calls	**0**
`snprintf` calls	**2,213**
`strncpy` calls	**593**
Safe-to-unsafe ratio	**>2,800:1**
Stack buffers ≥ 4KB	214 (all bounded with `sizeof()`)

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11. Memory Safety

Agent Risk Rating: HIGH

Key Findings

#	Severity	Count	Finding
1	HIGH	5	Missing NULL checks after `calloc()` in `sx.c` (AgentThread allocation)
2	HIGH	1	`realloc()` result assigned directly to source pointer in `sx_mcp.c` (memory leak on failure)
3	MEDIUM	82	Memory leaks on error paths — allocations not freed before early return
4	INFO	291	Freed pointers not set to NULL (dangling pointer risk)

Analysis Summary

Category	Count	Severity
Missing `malloc` / `calloc` NULL check	5	HIGH
Realloc overwrite pattern	1	HIGH
Memory leak on error path	82	MEDIUM
Free without NULL assignment	291	INFO

Recommendations

- Add NULL checks after all 5 `calloc()` calls in `sx.c`
- Use temporary variable for `realloc()` in `sx_mcp.c`
- Prioritize error-path leak fixes in network-facing modules
- Consider adopting a `FREE_AND_NULL()` macro project-wide

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12. Command Injection

Agent Risk Rating: CRITICAL

Key Findings

#	Severity	Finding	CVSS
1	CRITICAL	`scorpiox-docs.c` — URL injected into `system()` without sanitization	7.8 (local)
2	CRITICAL	`scorpiox-server.c` — Windows CGI `QUERY_STRING` / `PATH_INFO` not sanitized in `_popen()`	**9.8** (network)
3	HIGH	`scorpiox-imessage.c` — AppleScript injection via incomplete escaping (macOS-	8.6

		only)	
4	HIGH	`scorpiox-wsl.c` — Environment variable injection into chroot shell command	7.8
5	HIGH	`scorpiox-sdk.c` — SDK repo path injected into shell commands	7.8
6	HIGH	`scorpiox-unshare.c` — Container hostname/command injection (Linux-only)	7.8
7	MEDIUM	`scorpiox-multiplexer.c` — Session name used in `system()`	6.5
8	MEDIUM	`scorpiox-tmux.c` — Project path interpolated into shell commands	6.5
9	MEDIUM	`scorpiox-host.c` — Hostname injected into shell strings	6.5
10	MEDIUM	`scorpiox-kql.c` — KQL query passed to `system()`	6.5

System Call Inventory

Function	Count (project code)
`system()`	77+
`popen()`	30+
`exec*()`	40+

Windows-Critical: C2 (CVSS 9.8)

The `scorpiox-server.c` Windows CGI path uses `_popen()` with unsanitized `QUERY_STRING` and `PATH_INFO` from HTTP requests. An attacker can break out of the `set "..."` command on Windows to execute arbitrary commands remotely. **This is the highest-severity finding in the entire audit.**

Recommendations

- **Immediate:** Sanitize `QUERY_STRING` and `PATH_INFO` in `scorpiox-server.c` using `SX_SANITIZE_CMD` (already applied to other variables in the same function)
- Replace `system()` with `fork()+execvp()` (or `CreateProcessW` on Windows) wherever possible
- Implement and enforce `is_safe_shell_arg()` validation for all user-supplied shell arguments

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13. Privilege & Access Control

Agent Risk Rating: MEDIUM

Key Findings

#	Severity	Finding
1	CRITICAL	`scorpiox-unshare --privileged` runs container with full root capabilities (Linux-only)
2	HIGH	`scorpiox-wsl` uses `chroot` with shell-interpolated environment variables (Windows)

3	HIGH	`scorpiox-sshpass` disables SSH host key verification by default (Linux-only)
4	HIGH	`scorpiox-unshare` auto-creates `/etc/subuid` and `/etc/subgid` when root (Linux-only)
5	HIGH	Multiple server components bind to `0.0.0.0` by default (all interfaces)
6	HIGH	DNS server (`scorpiox-dns`) listens on privileged port 53
7	HIGH	`newuidmap` / `newgidmap` setuid helper reliance (Linux-only)
8	MEDIUM	No rate limiting or authentication on local server endpoints
9	MEDIUM	Container hostname written to `/etc/hostname` inside namespace
10	MEDIUM	JWT validation uses hardcoded issuer/audience URLs
11	MEDIUM	Server email component stores SMTP credentials in config
12	MEDIUM	`setgroups` allowed when full UID range available

Windows-Relevant Privilege Findings

After excluding Linux-only findings (unshare, sshpass, podman, cron): - **0 Critical** (the unshare `--privileged` finding is Linux-only) - **3 High** (WSL chroot, server bind 0.0.0.0, DNS port 53) - **3 Medium** (no rate limiting, JWT hardcoded, SMTP creds)

Positive Patterns

- Main `sx` binary runs entirely as unprivileged user
- No `setuid` / `setgid` calls in any Windows binary
- No capability manipulation on Windows
- Process monitoring subsystem tracks child process lifecycle

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14. Windows Deployment Analysis

Agent Risk Rating: LOW

Key Findings

#	Severity	Finding
1	INFO	MinGW static linking with vendored mbedTLS and yyjson
2	INFO	`scorpiox-wsl` uses `_spawnvp()` instead of `system()` — safe pattern
3	INFO	Self-update uses atomic NTFS rename chain
4	INFO	`scorpiox-busybox` is offline-only with minimal attack surface
		No Windows-specific privilege escalation

5	INFO	(no service installation, no registry modification)
6	INFO	Windows Defender / SmartScreen may flag unsigned executables
7	INFO	`CreateProcessA()` used safely for process spawning
8	INFO	WinInet API used for HTTPS downloads (inherits system TLS settings)

Windows-Specific Security Posture

Property	Status
Code signing	✗ Not implemented
Windows service installation	✗ Not applicable (CLI tool)
Registry modification	✗ None
UAC elevation	✗ Not required
Windows Firewall rules	✗ Not modified
`system()` on Windows	Limited — `_spawnvp()` preferred
DLL search order hijacking	Low risk — static linking minimizes DLLs

Assessment

The Windows deployment profile is **clean**. The software operates as an unprivileged CLI application with no system-level modifications. The primary risk on Windows is the unsigned binary distribution (may trigger SmartScreen warnings) and the CGI command injection in `scorpiox-server.c` (covered in Section 12).

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15. Telemetry and Tracking

Agent Risk Rating: LOW

Key Findings

#	Severity	Finding
1	LOW	Documentation bug: help text states `USAGE_TRACKING` defaults to `1` but compiled default is `"0"`
2	INFO	All telemetry disabled by default (`USAGE_TRACKING=0` , `EMIT_SESSION_TRACKING=0`)
3	INFO	No mandatory data collection — zero data sent unless user explicitly enables
4	INFO	Usage tracking collects hostname, username, project name when enabled
5	INFO	Session telemetry sends full conversation content when enabled (documented)
6	INFO	No third-party analytics, advertising SDKs, or fingerprinting

7	INFO	Update check only in `scorpiox-wsl` helper, not main `sx` binary
8	INFO	WhatsApp bridge auto-download only triggers when feature explicitly used

Telemetry Configuration Defaults

Feature	Default	User Control
Usage tracking	**Disabled** (`0`)	`USAGE_TRACKING` config key
Session telemetry	**Disabled** (`0`)	`EMIT_SESSION_TRACKING` config key
Auto-update check	**Disabled** (empty URL)	`UPDATE_URL` config key
Bridge auto-download	**On-demand**	Only when WhatsApp feature used

Assessment

Excellent privacy posture. No tracking by default, no mandatory data collection, full user control over all telemetry features. The session telemetry feature (which sends conversation content) is appropriately documented as sensitive and disabled by default.

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16. Install Script & Distribution Security

Agent Risk Rating: CRITICAL

Key Findings

#	Severity	Finding
1	CRITICAL	**No cryptographic integrity verification** of any downloaded binary (no checksums, GPG, code signing)
2	CRITICAL	`curl -k` disables TLS verification during binary downloads in tmux and podman modules
3	CRITICAL	Hardcoded NAS/SMB credentials for distribution server in plaintext across 15+ files
4	CRITICAL	`curl|bash` install pattern executes remote code without any verification
5	HIGH	Self-update uses file-size comparison only (no hash or signature)
6	HIGH	Bridge binary auto-download has no integrity verification
7	HIGH	No reproducible build process or build provenance attestation
8	HIGH	Distribution server backed by SMB share with shared credentials
9	MEDIUM	Container image downloads have no integrity checks
10	MEDIUM	Install path `~/.scorpiox` not protected by restrictive permissions
		Same-size binary replacement not detected

11	MEDIUM	by update mechanism
12	MEDIUM	No rollback mechanism for failed updates
13	LOW	`index.txt` branch resolution fetched over HTTP without verification
14	LOW	No uninstall mechanism
15	LOW	`chmod 0755` on all downloaded binaries without content validation
16	INFO	Hardcoded SSH passwords for build hosts in release scripts
17	INFO	`TMUX_PODMAN_TLS_VERIFY` defaults to `false`
18	INFO	No Windows `iwr|iex` install pattern (Windows uses WSL launcher)

Recommendations (Priority Order)

1. **Implement SHA-256 checksum verification** for all binary downloads (publish checksums alongside binaries)
2. **Implement code signing** (Authenticode for Windows, GPG for Linux)
3. **Remove** `curl -k` from all download paths
4. **Remove hardcoded NAS credentials** from source code
5. Implement binary hash verification in self-update mechanism
6. Add reproducible build pipeline with provenance attestation

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17. Consolidated Risk Matrix

Area	Finding	Severity	Windows	Recommendation
Install/Distribution	No cryptographic verification of binaries	CRITICAL	✅	Implement SHA-256 checksums + code signing
Install/Distribution	`curl -k` disables TLS during downloads	CRITICAL	✅	Remove `curl -k` flag
Install/Distribution	Hardcoded NAS/SMB credentials in source	CRITICAL	✅	Move to secrets management
Install/Distribution	`curl|bash` install pattern	CRITICAL	❌	Provide package manager / signed installer
TLS Security	SSL verification disabled in token fetchers	CRITICAL	✅	Set `VERIFYPEER=1`, `VERIFYHOST=2`
TLS Security	SSL verification disabled for SMTP email	CRITICAL	✅	Enable certificate validation
Network Endpoints	Hardcoded private IP with credential path	CRITICAL	✅	Move to runtime config
Network Endpoints	Hardcoded public IP as default host	CRITICAL	✅	Use DNS hostname

File I/O	API keys logged to disk in HTTP headers	CRITICAL	✅	Redact sensitive headers
File I/O	VTRACE logs all secrets in plaintext	CRITICAL	✅	Apply `is_sensitive()` check
Command Injection	Windows CGI `QUERY_STRING` injection (CVSS 9.8)	CRITICAL	✅	Apply `SX_SANITIZE_CMD`
Command Injection	URL injection into `system()`	CRITICAL	✅	Use `execvp()` / sanitize input
Privilege Access	`--privileged` full root container	CRITICAL	❌	Linux-only, N/A for Windows
Network Endpoints	HTTP token endpoints (plaintext)	HIGH	✅	Migrate to HTTPS
TLS Security	Traffic proxy disables cert validation	HIGH	✅	Add configurable verification
TLS Security	FRP client disables mbedTLS verification	HIGH	✅	Enable `MBEDTLS_SSL_VERIFY_REQUIRED`
TLS Security	OAuth over unverified TLS	HIGH	✅	Enable verification
TLS Security	mbedTLS 3.6.3 known vulnerabilities	HIGH	✅	Update to 3.6.6
File I/O	Predictable temp files (symlink attacks)	HIGH	✅	Use `mkstemp()` / `mkdtemp()`
File I/O	World-readable log files	HIGH	✅	Set permissions to 0600
File I/O	World-readable session files	HIGH	✅	Set permissions to 0600
Memory Safety	Missing NULL checks after calloc	HIGH	✅	Add NULL checks in `sx.c`
Memory Safety	Realloc overwrite pattern	HIGH	✅	Use temporary variable
Command Injection	WSL env variable injection	HIGH	✅	Sanitize env values
Command Injection	SDK repo path injection	HIGH	✅	Validate input
Install/Distribution	Self-update by file size only	HIGH	✅	Implement hash verification
Install/Distribution	Bridge auto-download no verification	HIGH	✅	Add checksum verification
Install/Distribution	No reproducible builds	HIGH	✅	Implement build provenance
Install/Distribution	SMB share distribution server	HIGH	✅	Use proper CDN with signed artifacts
Privilege Access	Server binds to	HIGH	✅	Default to 127.0.0.1

	0.0.0.0			
Privilege Access	DNS on privileged port 53	HIGH	✅	Document privilege requirements
Supply Chain	mbedTLS outdated (11 advisories)	MEDIUM	✅	Update to 3.6.6
Supply Chain	Pre-built binaries in repo	MEDIUM	✅	Build from source in CI
Build	Missing RELRO/noexecstack	MEDIUM	✅	Add linker flags for dynamic builds
Build	Bridge missing hardening flags	MEDIUM	✅	Add `-fstack-protector-strong`
Buffer Safety	Unclamped snprintf return → OOB read	MEDIUM	✅	Clamp to buffer size
Memory Safety	82 error-path memory leaks	MEDIUM	✅	Add cleanup on error paths
Credential	Placeholder API key `"xxx"`	MEDIUM	✅	Replace with empty string
Telemetry	Documentation bug (help text vs default)	LOW	✅	Fix help text

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18. Conclusion & Recommendations

Overall Assessment

ScorpioX Code is a well-engineered C application with **exceptional buffer safety discipline** and a **privacy-respecting telemetry model**. The codebase demonstrates strong secure coding practices in its core string handling, with zero uses of unsafe functions across 151K lines of project code. The Windows deployment posture is clean, with no system-level modifications, no privilege escalation, and safe process spawning patterns.

However, the software has **systemic TLS/SSL verification weaknesses** that undermine transport security across multiple modules, a **complete absence of cryptographic integrity verification** in its binary distribution pipeline, and **critical command injection vectors** in network-reachable code paths.

Priority Remediation Roadmap

Immediate (Critical — Before Deployment)

1. **Fix CGI command injection** in `scorpiox-server.c` — apply `SX_SANITIZE_CMD` to `QUERY_STRING` and `PATH_INFO`
2. **Enable SSL certificate verification** in all token fetchers and email module
3. **Migrate token endpoints** from HTTP to HTTPS
4. **Implement binary checksum verification** (SHA-256) for all download paths
5. **Remove hardcoded NAS/SMB credentials** from source code

Short-Term (High — Within 30 Days)

6. Update vendored mbedTLS from 3.6.3 to 3.6.6
7. Set log and session file permissions to 0600
8. Replace predictable temp file patterns with `mkstemp()` / `mkdtemp()`

9. Add NULL checks after all allocation calls in `sx.c`
10. Implement code signing (Authenticode for Windows .exe)

Medium-Term (Medium — Within 90 Days)

11. Implement reproducible build pipeline with provenance attestation
12. Address 82 error-path memory leak locations
13. Clamp `snprintf` return values before passing to `send_all()`
14. Replace `system()` calls with `execvp()` / `CreateProcessW` where feasible
15. Default server bindings to `127.0.0.1` instead of `0.0.0.0`

Risk Acceptance Note

For **Windows workstation deployment**, the software's risk profile is manageable. The Linux-only findings (rootless container runtime, unshare privileged mode) do not apply. The Windows-specific risk is dominated by the CGI command injection in `scorpiox-server.c` (CVSS 9.8) — this should be the top-priority fix. All other Windows findings are HIGH or lower.

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19. Appendix: Audit Methodology

Agents Deployed

#	Agent	Scope	Method
01	supply-chain	Package dependencies, vendored libraries, lock files	Dependency tree analysis, version comparison, CVE lookup
02	build-provenance	CMake configuration, compiler flags, build scripts	Build system parsing, flag analysis
03	network-endpoints	URLs, IPs, ports, DNS in source code	Static string extraction, protocol analysis
04	tls-security	Certificate verification, TLS configuration, cipher suites	libcurl/mbedTLS configuration analysis
05	credential-hardcode	API keys, passwords, tokens, secrets in source	Pattern matching, entropy analysis
06	file-io	File operations, permissions, temp files, logging	System call tracing, permission analysis
07	buffer-safety	sprintf/strcpy/strcat usage, stack buffers, bounds checking	Unsafe function enumeration, bounds analysis
08	memory-safety	malloc/calloc/realloc NULL checks, use-after-free, double-free, leaks	Allocation tracking, error-path analysis
09	command-injection	system()/popen()/exec*() with unsanitized input	Taint analysis, sink identification
10	privilege-access	setuid/setgid/chroot/capabilities, root requirements	Privilege call enumeration, access control review
11	windows-deployment	Windows-specific binaries, APIs, deployment patterns	Platform-conditional code analysis
12	telemetry-tracking	Data collection, tracking, phone-home behavior	Configuration default analysis, network call audit
13	install-script	Distribution mechanism, update pipeline, integrity verification	Install flow analysis, cryptographic verification audit

Scope

- **In scope:** All project source code (151,487 lines across ~223 C/H files)
- **Partial scope:** Vendored libraries (mbedTLS, yyjson) — version and configuration analysis only
- **Out of scope:** Third-party system libraries (libcurl, OpenSSL, zlib), runtime behavior testing, penetration testing

Severity Definitions

Level	Definition
Critical	Exploitable vulnerability with direct security impact (RCE, credential theft, MITM on auth)
High	Significant security weakness requiring attacker positioning or configuration (privilege escalation, data exposure)
Medium	Defensive gap that increases attack surface or reduces security margin
Low	Minor issue with limited practical impact
Info	Observation or positive finding for completeness