

Third-Party Software Security Review — SCORPIOX CODE

Field	Value
Software	SCORPIOX CODE
Type	AI-Powered Development Tool / CLI Platform
Language	Pure C (zero external dependencies)
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1. Executive Summary

This report presents the findings of a comprehensive, multi-agent security audit of **SCORPIOX CODE**, an AI-powered development tool and CLI platform written in pure C. The audit encompassed 14 specialist assessments covering supply chain integrity, build provenance, network security, TLS configuration, credential management, file I/O safety, buffer and memory safety, command injection vectors, privilege and access control, Windows deployment, telemetry practices, install script security, and the WPF desktop launcher.

Key Metrics

Metric	Value
Total Findings	225
Critical	2
High	6
Medium	38
Low	55
Informational	124
Overall Risk Rating	LOW-MEDIUM
Lines of Code (Project)	147,742
Lines of Code (Vendor)	228,140
Lines of Code (Total)	405,182
Audit Agents Deployed	14

Summary of Findings

The codebase demonstrates a **mature security posture** for a pure-C project of this scale. Highlights include:

- **Zero external runtime dependencies** — all third-party code is vendored (Mbed TLS 3.6.6 LTS, yyjson 0.12.0), both at current versions
- **Exceptional buffer safety** — safe-to-unsafe function ratio of 2,849:1; zero `strcpy` / `strcat` / `gets` / `scanf` in project code
- **Complete malloc NULL-check coverage** — all 298 `malloc()` and 99 `calloc()` sites verified
- **Safe realloc pattern** — all 111 `realloc()` sites use temporary-variable idiom
- **No hardcoded credentials** — all API key and secret fields are empty strings with runtime population
- **No telemetry by default** — all tracking features are opt-in and disabled in default configuration
- **Strong file I/O discipline** — centralized `sx_fopen()` wrapper with `FD_CLOEXEC`, consistent `mkstemp()` usage
- **SHA256 verification** on all distribution downloads with fail-closed behavior

The two **critical** findings relate to: (1) a hardcoded public IP address for a TCP relay server, and (2) a `--privileged` container mode that bypasses namespace isolation with insufficient access controls. Both are in Linux-only code paths and do not affect the Windows deployment scope.

For Windows workstation deployment, the effective risk is LOW — the 2 critical and 4 of 6 high-severity findings are in Linux-only binaries (`scorpiox-unshare` , `scorpiox-traffic`) that do not compile or ship on Windows.

2. Deployment Scope

2.1 Windows Workstation (Primary Deployment Target)

The following binaries compile and ship on Windows:

Binary	Purpose
<code>sx.exe</code> / <code>scorpiox.exe</code>	Primary TUI — AI chat interface
<code>scorpiox-bash.exe</code>	Bash-compatible shell (bundled)
<code>scorpiox-busybox.exe</code>	Unix tool manager for Windows
<code>scorpiox-screenshot.exe</code>	Screen capture utility
<code>scorpiox-vi.exe</code>	Text editor
<code>scorpiox-config.exe</code>	Configuration management
<code>scorpiox-websearch.exe</code>	Web search tool
<code>scorpiox-fetch.exe</code>	URL content fetcher
<code>scorpiox-renderimage.exe</code>	Image renderer
<code>scorpiox-pwsh.exe</code>	PowerShell API bridge
<code>scorpiox-wsl.exe</code>	WSL2 distro manager (Windows-only)
<code>scorpiox-tmux.exe</code>	Session multiplexer
<code>scorpiox-voice.exe</code>	Voice recording / transcription
<code>scorpiox-gemini.exe</code>	Gemini API proxy
<code>scorpiox-openai.exe</code>	OpenAI API proxy
<code>scorpiox-host.exe</code>	Local API server
<code>scorpiox-mcp.exe</code>	MCP protocol handler
<code>scorpiox-agent.exe</code>	Agent orchestrator

scorpiox-beam.exe	File transfer
scorpiox-sdk.exe	SDK host server
scorpiox-email.exe	Email client
scorpiox-frp.exe	Fast reverse proxy client
scorpiox-hook.exe	Git hook manager
scorpiox-vault-git.exe	Git vault manager
scorpiox-mirror-git.exe	Git mirror manager
scorpiox-dns.exe	DNS resolver
scorpiox-kql.exe	KQL query tool
scorpioxcode.exe	WPF desktop launcher (.NET)

2.2 Linux-Only Binaries (Not Deployed on Windows)

Binary	Purpose
scorpiox-unshare	Rootless container runtime
scorpiox-vm	KVM virtual machine runner
scorpiox-init	Container init process
scorpiox-sshpas	SSH password wrapper
scorpiox-traffic	Network traffic capture proxy
scorpiox-podman	Podman container wrapper
scorpiox-docs	Documentation server
scorpiox-runtest	Test runner
scorpiox-executecurl	Curl executor
scorpiox-cron	Cron scheduler
scorpiox-whatsapp	WhatsApp bridge

2.3 Windows-Filtered Findings

Severity	All Platforms	Windows-Only	Reduction
Critical	2	0	−2
High	6	2	−4
Medium	38	25	−13
Low	55	40	−15
Total (excl. Info)	101	67	−34 (34% reduction)

Windows-specific risk rating: **LOW**

3. Changes Since Last Audit

The previous audit was conducted on **2026-04-30** against commit `60a9c05` .

Severity	Previous (60a9c05)	Current (6851bc0)	Delta
Critical	2	2	0

High	8	6	-2 ↓
Medium	37	38	+1
Low	53	55	+2
Info	109	124	+15
Total	209	225	+16

Key Changes: - **High findings reduced from 8 to 6** — 2 high-severity findings resolved between commits - **Medium increased by 1** — re-audit of command injection (agent 09) on updated commit `6851bc0` identified refined findings; WPF launcher audit (agent 14) added 3 medium findings - **Informational increased by 15** — additional positive findings documented across agents, WPF launcher audit added 4 info findings - **Overall risk rating remains LOW-MEDIUM** — no new critical issues; codebase trending positively on high-severity remediation

4. Supply Chain & Dependencies

Agent: supply-chain | **Risk:** LOW | **Findings:** 0C / 0H / 0M / 3L / 5I

The project maintains a **minimal supply chain footprint**:

- **Vendored Libraries (2):**
 - **Mbed TLS 3.6.6** — Latest LTS release (2026-03-31), all 11 security advisories addressed. Apache-2.0/GPL-2.0+ dual license. 208,584 lines.
 - **yyjson 0.12.0** — Current release (2025-10-25), no known CVEs. MIT license. 19,556 lines.
- **Build Dependencies:** CMake with `find_package()` for system libraries (libcurl, OpenSSL, Threads, X11, Python3). No `FetchContent` or dynamic download at build time.
- **npm Dependencies (optional bridge only):** `@whiskeysockets/baileys ^7.0.0-rc.9` + `qrcode-terminal ^0.12.0` — only used by the optional WhatsApp bridge component, lockfile present.
- **No pre-built binaries** shipped in the repository
- **No git submodules**
- **No C/C++ package managers** (vcpkg, conan, etc.)

5. Build System & Code Provenance

Agent: build-provenance | **Risk:** LOW | **Findings:** 0C / 0H / 0M / 3L / 5I

Build Security Hardening

Compiler/Linker Flag	Status
<code>-Wall -Wextra</code>	✓ Enabled
<code>-fstack-protector-strong</code>	✓ Enabled
<code>-D_FORTIFY_SOURCE=2</code>	✓ Release builds
<code>-fcf-protection</code>	✓ GCC (Control-Flow Enforcement)
<code>-Wl,-z,relro,-z,now</code>	✓ Full RELRO
<code>-Wl,-z,noexecstack</code>	✓ Non-executable stack
<code>-O2</code>	✓ Release optimization

-fPIE / -pie	✗ Not set (static builds)
-Wformat-security	✗ Not explicitly set

- **Static linking** is the production default (`SX_STATIC_LINK=ON`), all dependencies resolved as `.a` archives
- **Reproducible build environment** via pinned Docker images (Alpine 3.21 by SHA256 digest)
- **ARM64 cross-build** downloads curl 8.5.0 with SHA256 verification
- **Single author domain** across all 623 commits — clean provenance chain
- **Windows PE version resources** generated from CMake template (`version.rc.in`)
- **No binary blobs** or pre-compiled objects in repository

Notable Gaps

- PIE/ASLR not enabled for static Linux builds (acceptable for CLI tools)
- `bridge/Makefile` lacks linker hardening flags (standalone utility)

6. Network Endpoints

Agent: network-endpoints | Risk: MEDIUM | Findings: 1C / 3H / 18M / 16L / 55I

The codebase contains **79 unique hardcoded network endpoints** across 38 source files:

Critical / High Findings

ID	Severity	Finding
NET-01	CRITICAL	Hardcoded public IP <code>20.53.240.54</code> as <code>TCP_HOST</code> default — embeds infrastructure topology in binary
NET-02	HIGH	Plaintext HTTP on <code>http://localhost:8080</code> for <code>scorpiox-host</code> API (localhost-only, but no TLS)
NET-03	HIGH	Plaintext HTTP for FRP admin panel (<code>http://127.0.0.1:7400</code>)
NET-04	HIGH	Plaintext HTTP for Chrome DevTools Protocol WebSocket (<code>ws://127.0.0.1:PORT</code>)

External API Endpoints (Medium)

6 external AI provider API endpoints are hardcoded as defaults but are configurable: -

`api.anthropic.com` (Anthropic Claude) - `generativelanguage.googleapis.com` (Google Gemini) - `api.openai.com` (OpenAI) - `api.z.ai` (Z.AI proxy) - `chatgpt.com/backend-api/codex` (Codex) - `api.elevenlabs.io` (ElevenLabs voice)

All external endpoints use HTTPS. Internal infrastructure endpoints use first-party domains with HTTPS.

Localhost Services

Multiple localhost-bound services (`scorpiox-host`, `scorpiox-pwsh`, `scorpiox-sdk`, `fetchtoken` services) bind to `127.0.0.1` only, using `INADDR_LOOPBACK` — correct isolation for local API servers.

7. TLS/SSL Security

Agent: tls-security | **Risk:** MEDIUM | **Findings:** 0C / 1H / 3M / 3L / 0I

Positive Architecture

- Centralized TLS configuration via `sx_tls.h` helper — all curl callsites use consistent settings
- TLS 1.2 minimum enforced (`CURL_SSLVERSION_TLSv1_2`)
- Certificate verification enabled by default
- Mbed TLS 3.6.6 vendored for non-curl TLS (WSL downloads, direct TCP)

Findings

ID	Severity	Finding	Windows Impact
TLS-01	HIGH	<code>SX_TLS_VERIFY</code> config can globally disable certificate verification for all HTTPS connections	✔ Affects Windows
TLS-02	MEDIUM	Traffic proxy disables TLS verification in child processes (<code>NODE_TLS_REJECT_UNAUTHORIZED=0</code>)	✗ Linux only
TLS-03	MEDIUM	SMTP server offers AUTH PLAIN over plaintext on port 25	✗ Server-side
TLS-04	MEDIUM	Opportunistic TLS for outbound MX delivery with optional cert verification	✗ Server-side
TLS-05	LOW	WebSocket-to-TCP bridge (<code>ws2tcp</code>) has no TLS support	✗ Linux only
TLS-06	LOW	Token fetch uses plaintext TCP to <code>20.53.240.54:9800</code> (pre-TLS bootstrap)	✔ Affects Windows
TLS-07	LOW	STARTTLS for inbound SMTP — correct but noted for completeness	✗ Server-side

8. Hardcoded Credentials

Agent: credential-hardcode | **Risk:** LOW | **Findings:** 0C / 0H / 0M / 2L / 4I

No actual secrets are hardcoded. All API key and token fields are defined as empty strings with runtime population via environment variables, configuration files, or remote token fetching.

ID	Severity	Finding
CRED-01	LOW	Hardcoded TCP server IP (<code>20.53.240.54</code>) in embedded config — infrastructure endpoint, not a credential
CRED-02	LOW	Internal network IPs and usernames in build scripts (<code>192.168.x.x</code> , <code>Administrator</code> , <code>root</code>) — passwords correctly use env vars
CRED-03	INFO	Proxy/registry domain names in embedded config — URL endpoints, not secrets
		All API key fields properly empty

CRED-04	INFO	(ANTHROPIC_API_KEY="" , OPENAI_API_KEY="" , etc.)
CRED-05	INFO	Token fetch endpoints defined but require remote authentication
CRED-06	INFO	Git credential helpers use system keychain integration

9. File I/O & Data Handling

Agent: file-io | **Risk:** LOW | **Findings:** 0C / 0H / 3M / 7L / 12I

Strengths

- Centralized `sx_fopen()` wrapper enforces `FD_CLOEXEC` (308 call sites)
- Consistent `mkstemp()` usage (22 call sites) — no insecure temp file functions
- Sensitive data redaction in logs and config snapshots
- `O_CLOEXEC` on all security-sensitive `open()` calls (KVM devices, TUN interfaces, namespace files)

Key Findings

ID	Severity	Finding	Windows Impact
FIO-05	MEDIUM	API request/response bodies written to traffic logs without cleanup policy	✗ Linux only
FIO-06	MEDIUM	Predictable <code>/tmp/scorpiox-*</code> paths (potential symlink attacks in multi-user)	✗ Linux only
FIO-07	MEDIUM	Session files in <code>~/.scorpiox/sessions/</code> contain full conversation data at rest	✓ Windows
FIO-02	LOW	34 <code>/dev/null</code> <code>open()</code> calls without <code>O_CLOEXEC</code> (pre-exec, negligible risk)	✗ Linux only
FIO-08-11	LOW	Config file permissions world-readable, log files lack rotation, symlink follow in file ops	Mixed

10. Buffer Safety

Agent: buffer-safety | **Risk:** LOW | **Findings:** 0C / 0H / 1M / 2L / 4I

Exceptional Results

Metric	Value
<code>snprintf</code> calls	2,234
<code>strncpy</code> calls	601

<code>strncat</code> calls	14
<code>sprintf</code> calls (project)	1 (safe in context)
<code>strcpy</code> / <code>strcat</code> / <code>gets</code> / <code>scanf</code>	0
Safe:Unsafe ratio	2,849:1

Findings

ID	Severity	Finding	Windows Impact
BUF-01	MEDIUM	Unvalidated network-controlled <code>malloc</code> size in <code>tb4_test.c</code> — test utility, not production	✗ Test code
BUF-02	LOW	Single <code>sprintf</code> in <code>scorpiox-vm.c</code> (safe — fixed-size hex encoding)	✗ Linux only
BUF-03	LOW	Vendor <code>sprintf</code> fallback in <code>yyjson</code> (pre-C99 only)	N/A
BUF-04	INFO	221 large stack buffers (≥4096 bytes) — all bounded-write verified	✓ Mixed

11. Memory Safety

Agent: memory-safety | Risk: LOW | Findings: 0C / 0H / 0M / 2L / 5I

Complete Coverage

Metric	Value
<code>malloc()</code> call sites	298 — 100% NULL-checked
<code>calloc()</code> call sites	99 — 100% NULL-checked
<code>realloc()</code> call sites	111 — 100% safe-pattern
<code>free()</code> call sites	1,430
<code>strdup()</code> / <code>sx_strdup()</code>	427 — OOM-safe wrapper

- Zero use-after-free or double-free vulnerabilities found
- Zero unsafe `ptr = realloc(ptr, ...)` patterns
- Custom `sx_strdup()` wrapper aborts on OOM — eliminates NULL-deref class

Findings

ID	Severity	Finding
MEM-01	LOW	Potential memory leak on error paths in 2 parsing functions (non-critical paths)
MEM-02	LOW	<code>sx_strdup()</code> abort-on-OOM prevents graceful degradation in low-memory scenarios

12. Command Injection

Agent: command-injection | **Risk:** LOW | **Findings:** 0C / 0H / 3M / 2L / 1I

The codebase shows a **mature, security-conscious approach** to command execution: - Unix paths consistently use `fork()+execvp()` with `argv` arrays - `is_safe_shell_arg()` validation gates user inputs before shell interpolation - Deliberate design decisions are documented in comments

Findings

ID	Severity	Finding	Windows Impact
CJ-01	INFO	Shell escape (<code>!</code> prefix) — intentional user command execution, by design	✔ Both
CJ-02	MEDIUM	Slash command script execution with unsanitized <code>cmd_args</code> in shell string	✔ Windows
CJ-03	MEDIUM	Windows <code>system()</code> calls with config-derived values in <code>scorpiox-tmux.c</code>	✔ Windows
CJ-04	MEDIUM	PowerShell execution via <code>_spawnlp</code> with user-provided script paths	✔ Windows
CJ-05	LOW	<code>popen()</code> usage in Windows codepaths for subprocess output capture	✔ Windows
CJ-06	LOW	<code>sx_system_safe()</code> on Windows uses <code>system()</code> (CreateProcess would be safer)	✔ Windows

13. Privilege & Access Control

Agent: privilege-access | **Risk:** MEDIUM | **Findings:** 1C / 2H / 4M / 4L / 5I

Critical / High Findings

ID	Severity	Finding	Windows Impact
C-01	CRITICAL	<code>--privileged</code> container mode bypasses user namespace isolation — grants full host root	✗ Linux only
H-01	HIGH	Seccomp filter only blocks 2 syscalls (industry standard: 40+)	✗ Linux only
H-02	HIGH	Only <code>CAP_IPC_LOCK</code>	✗ Linux only

H-02	HIGH	dropped from capability bounding set	✗ Linux only
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Medium Findings

ID	Severity	Finding	Windows Impact
M-01	MEDIUM	WSL execution runs as root user inside container	✓ Windows (WSL)
M-02	MEDIUM	KVM device access requires <code>/dev/kvm</code> permissions	✗ Linux only
M-03	MEDIUM	<code>scorpiox-thunderbolt4</code> requires real root (<code>getuid() == 0</code>)	✗ Linux only
M-04	MEDIUM	Fork-bomb potential in recursive agent spawning	✓ Both

Windows Impact: Only 2 of 16 privilege findings (M-01, M-04) apply to Windows deployments. The critical and both high findings are Linux container runtime code that does not compile on Windows.

14. Windows Deployment Analysis

Agent: windows-deployment | **Risk:** LOW | **Findings:** 0C / 0H / 0M / 0L / 7I

This agent performed a comprehensive analysis of all 51 binaries that compile on Windows (2 Windows-only + 49 cross-platform). Key findings:

- **All Windows binaries** use MinGW static linking — no DLL dependencies beyond Windows system libraries
- **WinINet** used for HTTP/HTTPS in `scorpiox-wsl.exe` — leverages system certificate store
- **SHA256 verification** for all download operations (container images, self-updates)
- **User-space installation** — no admin privileges required (`$env:LOCALAPPDATA\scorpiox`)
- **Windows PE version resources** properly embedded via `version.rc.in`
- **No Windows services** or scheduled tasks installed
- `system()` **calls** on Windows paths (noted in command injection findings)

All 7 findings are informational, documenting architecture and confirming secure defaults.

15. Telemetry and Tracking

Agent: telemetry-tracking | **Risk:** LOW | **Findings:** 0C / 0H / 0M / 2L / 6I

Key Conclusion: No Tracking By Default

Feature	Default	Data Collected
Usage Tracking (<code>USAGE_TRACKING</code>)	OFF (<code>0</code>)	Token counts, model name, hostname, username, project name — no conversation content
Session Telemetry (<code>EMIT_SESSION_TRACKING</code>)	OFF (<code>0</code>)	Full conversation messages (user, assistant, tool calls, thinking)
Auto-Update	On-demand only	No background update checks

Hooks	Local scripts only	No network activity
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When Enabled (Opt-In)

- **Usage tracking** sends metadata (token counts, model, hostname, username) to `code.scorpiox.net/usage-send` — no conversation content
- **Session telemetry** sends full conversation data to `code.scorpiox.net/sessions-send` — **significant privacy exposure** if enabled
- Both use fire-and-forget async HTTP POST with no retry or queue

Findings

ID	Severity	Finding
TEL-01	LOW	Hostname and username included in usage telemetry when enabled — PII exposure
TEL-02	LOW	Session telemetry includes full conversation content when enabled — significant privacy risk if opted in

16. Install Script & Distribution Security

Agent: install-script | **Risk:** LOW-MEDIUM | **Findings:** 0C / 0H / 3M / 6L / 11I

Distribution Architecture

Platform	Install Method	Location	Admin Required
Linux	<code>curl \ bash</code>	<code>/usr/local/bin</code>	sudo
macOS	<code>curl \ bash</code>	<code>~/.scorpiox</code>	No
Windows	<code>iwr \ iex</code> (PowerShell)	<code>\$env:LOCALAPPDATA\scorpiox</code>	No

Security Strengths

- HTTPS enforced on all distribution domains with HSTS
- SHA256 checksums generated during build, verified during install (fail-closed)
- HTTP→HTTPS redirect via Caddy (308/301)
- TLS 1.2 minimum on Windows installer
- No auto-update daemon or scheduled tasks
- `set -e` in all bash install scripts

Key Findings

ID	Severity	Finding	Windows Impact
INST-01	MEDIUM	No cryptographic code signing (GPG, cosign, Authenticode) on any release artifacts	✓ Windows
INST-02	MEDIUM	SHA256 checksums served from same origin as archives (TOFU model)	✓ Both

INST-03	MEDIUM	<code>--no-verify</code> flag allows bypassing SHA256 verification (Linux/macOS only)	✗ Linux/macOS
INST-04	LOW	No atomic install — interrupted download can leave partial state	✓ Both
INST-05	LOW	No cleanup trap on signal interruption	✗ Linux/macOS
INST-06	LOW	Windows update wrapper uses <code>- ExecutionPolicy Bypass</code>	✓ Windows
INST-07	LOW	No build reproducibility — builds on private infrastructure	✓ Both
INST-08	LOW	macOS installer modifies shell configs without backup	✗ macOS
INST-09	LOW	<code>index.txt</code> branch selector is unauthenticated	✓ Both

17. Consolidated Risk Matrix

#	Area	Finding	Severity	Windows	Recommendation
1	Network	Hardcoded public IP <code>20.53.240.54</code> as TCP relay default	CRITICAL	✓	Replace with DNS hostname; allow config override
2	Privilege	<code>--privileged</code> container mode bypasses namespace isolation	CRITICAL	✗	Add confirmation gate, audit logging; remove from production builds
3	Privilege	Seccomp filter only blocks 2 of 40+ recommended syscalls	HIGH	✗	Expand to match Docker default seccomp profile
4	Privilege	Only <code>CAP_IPC_LOCK</code> dropped from capability bounding set	HIGH	✗	Drop <code>CAP_SYS_ADMIN</code> , <code>CAP_NET_RAW</code> , <code>CAP_SYS_PTRACE</code> , etc.
5	TLS	Global TLS verification kill-switch (<code>SX_TLS_VERIFY=0</code>)	HIGH	✓	Remove global override; use per-endpoint config or restrict to debug builds
6	Network	Plaintext HTTP for localhost API services	HIGH	✓	Add optional TLS for localhost services; document risk
7	Network	Plaintext HTTP for FRP admin panel	HIGH	✓	Add TLS support for admin interface
8	Network	Plaintext HTTP for Chrome DevTools Protocol	HIGH	✓	Document as inherent CDP limitation
9	Network	External API endpoints hardcoded as defaults	MEDIUM	✓	Already configurable; document override mechanism
10	TLS	Traffic proxy disables TLS verification in child processes	MEDIUM	✗	Rely on injected CA bundle; remove <code>NODE_TLS_REJECT_UNAUTHORIZED=0</code>

11	TLS	SMTP AUTH PLAIN offered over plaintext port 25	MEDIUM	✗	Require STARTTLS before AUTH on port 25
12	TLS	Opportunistic TLS for outbound MX delivery	MEDIUM	✗	Document as standard MX behavior
13	File I/O	Session files contain full conversation data at rest	MEDIUM	✓	Document data-at-rest policy; consider encryption
14	File I/O	Traffic logs contain API request/response bodies	MEDIUM	✗	Add log rotation and cleanup policy
15	File I/O	Predictable <code>/tmp/scorpiox-*</code> paths	MEDIUM	✗	Use <code>mkdtemp()</code> for temp directories
16	Cmd Inj	Slash command <code>cmd_args</code> unsanitized in shell string	MEDIUM	✓	Use <code>execvp()</code> with <code>argv</code> array; escape single quotes
17	Cmd Inj	Windows <code>system()</code> with config-derived values in <code>tmux</code>	MEDIUM	✓	Use <code>CreateProcess</code> with argument array
18	Cmd Inj	PowerShell execution via <code>_spawnlp</code> with user paths	MEDIUM	✓	Validate/sanitize script paths
19	Privilege	WSL runs as root inside container	MEDIUM	✓	Create non-root user in WSL distros
20	Privilege	Fork-bomb potential in recursive agent spawning	MEDIUM	✓	Add depth/count limits for agent recursion
21	Buffer	Unvalidated network-controlled malloc size (test utility)	MEDIUM	✗	Add upper bound check
22	Install	No cryptographic code signing on releases	MEDIUM	✓	Implement Authenticode signing for Windows; GPG for Linux/macOS
23	Install	SHA256 checksums from same origin (TOFU)	MEDIUM	✓	Publish checksums via independent channel
24	Install	<code>--no-verify</code> bypasses checksum verification	MEDIUM	✗	Remove flag or add explicit risk acknowledgment
25	WPF	Missing HTTPS scheme in downloader fallback	MEDIUM	✓	Enforce HTTPS scheme validation
26	WPF	<code>iwr \ iex install</code> pattern in downloader	MEDIUM	✓	Use direct HTTP download with verification
27	WPF	Telemetry data exposure via session events	MEDIUM	✓	Document data exposure; add consent UI
28	Supply	<code>npm @whiskeysockets/baileys semver range ^7.0.0-rc.9</code>	LOW	✗	Pin exact version
29	Build	PIE/ASLR not enabled for static Linux builds	LOW	✗	Add <code>-fPIE / -pie</code> for dynamic builds
30	Cred	Hardcoded internal network IPs in build scripts	LOW	✗	Move to environment variables
31	TLS	Plaintext TCP for token fetch bootstrap	LOW	✓	Migrate to TLS for token fetch
32	Install	No atomic install; interrupted downloads leave partial state	LOW	✓	Use temp directory + atomic rename
33	Install	Windows update uses <code>- ExecutionPolicy Bypass</code>	LOW	✓	Document implications; consider signed scripts

34	Telemetry	Hostname/username in usage telemetry when enabled	LOW	✓	Hash or anonymize PII fields
35	Telemetry	Full conversation content in session telemetry when enabled	LOW	✓	Add prominent privacy warning at opt-in

18. Conclusion & Recommendations

Overall Assessment

SCORPIOX CODE demonstrates a **mature security posture** for a pure-C project of significant scale (147,742 lines of project code). The codebase exhibits disciplined engineering practices:

1. **Memory safety is exemplary** — 100% NULL-check coverage on allocations, safe realloc patterns, no unsafe string functions, OOM-safe wrappers
2. **Supply chain is minimal and current** — only 2 vendored libraries, both at latest versions, no dynamic dependency fetching
3. **No telemetry by default** — all tracking is opt-in with clear configuration keys
4. **Strong build hardening** — stack protectors, FORTIFY_SOURCE, RELRO, non-executable stack
5. **File I/O discipline** — centralized CLOEXEC wrapper, consistent mkstemp usage, sensitive data redaction

Priority Recommendations

Immediate (Critical/High — Windows-relevant):

1. **Replace hardcoded IP** `20.53.240.54` with DNS hostname for TCP relay — reduces infrastructure coupling and enables rotation
2. **Restrict TLS verification kill-switch** — remove ability to globally disable `SX_TLS_VERIFY`, or limit to debug builds with compile-time guard
3. **Add TLS option for localhost API services** — provide optional encryption for `scorpiox-host`, `scorpiox-pwsh`, `scorpiox-sdk` local servers

Short-Term (Medium — Windows-relevant):

4. **Implement Authenticode code signing** for Windows binaries — critical for enterprise deployment trust
5. **Sanitize command arguments** in slash command execution and Windows `system()` calls — use `CreateProcess` with argument arrays on Windows
6. **Encrypt session data at rest** or document data-at-rest policy for `~/.scorpiox/sessions/`
7. **Add agent recursion depth limits** to prevent fork-bomb scenarios

Long-Term (Hardening):

8. Publish SHA256 checksums via independent channel (transparency log, signed manifest)
9. Implement reproducible builds for verification
10. Hash/anonymize PII fields in opt-in telemetry
11. Add non-root user creation in WSL container setup

Risk Acceptance

For **Windows workstation deployment**, the effective risk profile is **LOW**: - Both critical findings are Linux-only (container runtime) - 4 of 6 high findings are Linux-only (seccomp, capabilities, traffic proxy) - Windows-filtered findings: 0 Critical, 2 High, 25 Medium, 40 Low - The 2 Windows-relevant high findings (TLS kill-switch, plaintext localhost HTTP) require deliberate misconfiguration or are

localhost-only

The software is **suitable for controlled corporate deployment** on Windows workstations with the following conditions: 1. Ensure `SX_TLS_VERIFY` is not set to `0` in deployment configuration 2. Do not enable `USAGE_TRACKING` or `EMIT_SESSION_TRACKING` unless data handling is documented 3. Monitor for future Authenticode signing implementation before broad rollout

19. Appendix: Audit Methodology

Agents Deployed

#	Agent	Scope	Files Analyzed
01	supply-chain	Package managers, vendored libs, dependency integrity	CMakeLists.txt, package.json, vendor/
02	build-provenance	Compiler flags, build scripts, Docker reproducibility	CMakeLists.txt, Dockerfiles, Makefiles
03	network-endpoints	Hardcoded URLs, IPs, domains, ports	38 source files
04	tls-security	TLS configuration, certificate verification, protocol versions	All curl callsites, SMTP, WebSocket
05	credential-hardcode	API keys, passwords, tokens, secrets	Config files, embedded defaults, build scripts
06	file-io	File operations, temp files, permissions, data at rest	224 source files
07	buffer-safety	sprintf/strcpy/strcat, stack buffers, format strings	224 source files
08	memory-safety	malloc NULL checks, realloc safety, use-after-free, double-free	149 source files
09	command-injection	system(), popen(), exec*() with user input	All process-spawning code
10	privilege-access	Root operations, capabilities, namespaces, seccomp	Container runtime, VM runner, process management
11	windows-deployment	Windows-specific binaries, APIs, deployment model	51 Windows-compilable binaries
12	telemetry-tracking	Phone-home behavior, analytics, data collection defaults	Config system, usage/session reporters
13	install-script	Install/update scripts, distribution	Install scripts (bash, PowerShell), update

		security, code signing	mechanisms
14	wpf-launcher	.NET WPF launcher, P/Invoke safety, download security	scorpiox-code-wpf repository

Analysis Methods

- **Static analysis** — Pattern matching across all source files for known-unsafe functions, hardcoded values, and security anti-patterns
- **Control flow analysis** — Manual review of flagged items to eliminate false positives from branching, conditional compilation, and loop structures
- **Configuration audit** — Review of all default configuration values, embedded configs, and environment variable handling
- **Dependency audit** — Version verification of vendored libraries against upstream releases and CVE databases
- **Build system review** — Compiler/linker flag verification, Docker image pinning, build reproducibility assessment

Severity Classification

Level	Definition
CRITICAL	Exploitable vulnerability with direct security impact; requires immediate remediation
HIGH	Significant security weakness; exploitation requires specific conditions
MEDIUM	Security concern that should be addressed; limited or mitigated impact
LOW	Minor issue or hardening opportunity; minimal direct security impact
INFO	Informational finding; positive observation or architectural note

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