Third-Party Software Security Review — SCORPIOX CODE

Field	Value
Software	SCORPIOX CODE
Type	AI-Powered Development Tool / CLI Platform
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1. Executive Summary

This report presents the findings of a comprehensive 13-agent automated security audit of SCORPIOX CODE, an AI-powered development tool and CLI platform written in pure C. The audit examined supply chain integrity, build provenance, network endpoints, TLS security, credential handling, file I/O, buffer safety, memory safety, command injection, privilege and access control, Windows deployment scope, telemetry, and install/distribution security.

Overall Risk Rating: LOW

The codebase demonstrates strong security engineering discipline across all domains. Out of **124 total findings**, zero are critical severity, two are high (both in the install/distribution domain), 13 are medium, 32 are low, and 77 are informational (many of which are positive security controls). The safe-to-unsafe function ratio for buffer operations is an exceptional **3,493:1**. All credential fields use empty-string defaults with runtime injection. All telemetry and tracking is disabled by default with no mandatory data collection. The primary area requiring attention is the install/distribution pipeline, which lacks cryptographic code signing and relies on a single distribution origin.

When scoped to **Windows workstation deployment** (the primary deployment target), findings reduce to **113 total** (0 critical, 2 high, 12 medium, 27 low, 72 informational), as 11 findings relate exclusively to Linux-only binaries and container runtime features not present in the Windows distribution.

Severity	Total Findings	Windows-Scoped
Critical	0	0
High	2	2
Medium	13	12
Low	32	27
Info	77	72
Total	**124**	**113**

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2. Deployment Scope

2.1 Windows Workstation (Primary Deployment Target)

The following binaries are compiled and distributed for Windows:

Binary	Purpose
`sx.exe`	Main TUI client — primary AI coding assistant
`scorpiox.exe`	Alias for sx.exe
`scorpiox-bash.exe`	Cross-platform shell command executor
`scorpiox-busybox.exe`	Minimal Unix utility collection for Windows
`scorpiox-screenshot.exe`	Multi-monitor screenshot capture (Win32 GDI)
`scorpiox-vi.exe`	Terminal text editor
`scorpiox-config.exe`	TUI configuration editor
`scorpiox-websearch.exe`	Web search engine interface
`scorpiox-fetch.exe`	HTTP fetch utility
`scorpiox-renderimage.exe`	Image renderer for terminal display
`scorpiox-pwsh.exe`	Remote PowerShell via REST API
`scorpiox-wsl.exe`	WSL2 launcher with self-update

Additional Windows binaries (63 total): `scorpiox-agent`, `scorpiox-askuserquestion`, `scorpiox-beam`, `scorpiox-bmp2png`, `scorpiox-claudecode-fetchtoken`, `scorpiox-claudecode-models`, `scorpiox-claudecode-refreshtoken`, `scorpiox-codex-fetchtoken`, `scorpiox-codex-models`, `scorpiox-codex-refreshtoken`, `scorpiox-conv`, `scorpiox-debug`, `scorpiox-dns`, `scorpiox-editfile`, `scorpiox-email`, `scorpiox-emit-session`, `scorpiox-frp`, `scorpiox-gemini-vertex`, `scorpiox-google-claude`, `scorpiox-google-fetchtoken`, `scorpiox-google-gemini`, `scorpiox-google-models`, `scorpiox-grep`, `scorpiox-hook`, `scorpiox-host`, `scorpiox-kql`, `scorpiox-logger`, `scorpiox-mcp`, `scorpiox-mirror-git`, `scorpiox-multiplexer`, `scorpiox-openai`, `scorpiox-otp`, `scorpiox-planmode`, `scorpiox-printlogs`, `scorpiox-pwshovertcp`, `scorpiox-readfile`, `scorpiox-rewind`, `scorpiox-sdk`, `scorpiox-search`, `scorpiox-server`, `scorpiox-server-email`, `scorpiox-server-fetchtoken`, `scorpiox-server-http2tcp`, `scorpiox-skills`, `scorpiox-systemprompt`, `scorpiox-tasks`, `scorpiox-tmux`, `scorpiox-transcript`, `scorpiox-usage`, `scorpiox-vault-git`, `scorpiox-vertex-models`, `scorpiox-voice`.

2.2 Linux-Only Binaries (Not in Windows Distribution)

The following binaries are **not compiled on Windows** and their findings do not apply to Windows deployments:

Binary	Purpose	Why Linux-Only
`scorpiox-unshare`	Rootless container runtime (user namespaces)	Linux kernel namespaces, seccomp, cgroups
`scorpiox-vm`	KVM-based virtual machine runner	Linux KVM API
`scorpiox-init`	Container initialization tool	Designed for Linux container entrypoint
`scorpiox-podman`	Podman container orchestrator	Linux container ecosystem
`scorpiox-cron`	Cron-like scheduler	Linux daemon pattern
`scorpiox-docs`	Documentation server	Linux server deployment
`scorpiox-executecurl`	Curl wrapper for containers	Linux container tooling

`scorpiox-runtest`	Test runner	Linux CI infrastructure
`scorpiox-sshpass`	SSH password automation	Linux SSH tooling
`scorpiox-traffic`	Network traffic logger	Linux-specific networking
`scorpiox-whatsapp`	WhatsApp bridge (Bun/TS runtime)	Bun runtime, Linux only

2.3 macOS-Only Binaries

Binary	Purpose
`scorpiox-thunderbolt4`	Raw Ethernet frames via macOS BPF
`scorpiox-audiorecord`	macOS Core Audio recording

2.4 Windows-Filtered Findings

Of 124 total findings, **11 apply exclusively to Linux/macOS-only binaries**, leaving **113 findings relevant to Windows deployment**. The two HIGH findings (install script code signing) apply equally to all platforms including Windows.

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3. Changes Since Last Audit

Previous Audit: 2026-04-30 | Commit `fe4a27d` | Folder `output/2026-04-30_fe4a27d`

Metric	Previous (Apr 30)	Current (May 7)	Delta
Total Findings	155	124	**−31 ▼**
Critical	0	0	—
High	0	2	**+2 ▲**
Medium	14	13	**−1 ▼**
Low	44	32	**−12 ▼**
Info	97	77	**−20 ▼**
Lines of Code (total)	376,275	408,011	+31,736
Lines of Code (project)	148,135	159,094	+10,959
Lines of Code (vendor)	228,140	248,531	+20,391
Windows Findings (total)	138	113	**−25 ▼**
Agents Used	14	13	−1 (wpf-launcher removed)

Key Changes: - Total findings decreased by 31 (20% reduction) despite 10,959 more lines of project code - Two new HIGH findings identified in the install-script audit (code signing gaps — likely present previously but not flagged by the prior audit scope) - Medium findings decreased from 14 to 13 - Low findings significantly reduced from 44 to 32 - Informational findings reduced from 97 to 77, indicating consolidation of positive controls - The `wpf-launcher` agent was removed from this audit cycle (14 → 13 agents)

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4. Supply Chain & Dependencies

Agent: supply-chain | **Risk:** LOW | **Findings:** 0 Critical, 0 High, 0 Medium, 0 Low, 6 Info

The project has a minimal, well-controlled supply chain. Three vendored C libraries are compiled from source with no pre-built binaries:

Library	Version	License	Lines	Status
Mbed TLS	3.6.6	Apache-2.0	208,584	✅ Current (LTS)
yyjson	0.12.0	MIT	19,556	✅ Current
stb (image/write/resize2)	2.30/1.16/2.18	Public Domain	20,391	✅ Current

Key Findings: - Zero build-time downloads — no `FetchContent` or `ExternalProject` in CMake - No pre-built binaries in source tree - An npm/Bun dependency (WhatsApp bridge, ~97 transitive packages) exists but is **excluded from the Windows release** - Custom minimal Mbed TLS configuration (`sx_mbedtls_config.h`) reduces attack surface - Windows release contains **only native executables, DLLs, and a CA certificate bundle** — zero JavaScript, TypeScript, Python, or Node.js artifacts - All vendored libraries are at their latest stable versions

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5. Build System & Code Provenance

Agent: build-provenance | **Risk:** LOW | **Findings:** 0 Critical, 0 High, 1 Medium, 3 Low, 4 Info

The build system uses CMake with C11 and demonstrates strong security hardening:

Control	Status
`-fstack-protector-strong`	✅ Enabled
`-D_FORTIFY_SOURCE=2`	✅ Enabled (Release)
`-fcf-protection` (CFI)	✅ Enabled (GCC)
Full RELRO (`-Wl,-z,relro,-z,now`)	✅ Enabled
Non-executable stack	✅ Enabled
Binary stripping	✅ All Release builds
Static linking	✅ Default for Linux

Findings:

ID	Severity	Finding
F-01	LOW	PIE not explicitly enabled (relies on compiler defaults)
F-02	LOW	`Dockerfile.linux-arm64` base image not pinned by SHA256 digest
F-03	MEDIUM	Ephemeral build containers lack build attestation metadata
F-04	LOW	`-Werror` not enabled (warnings don’t break build)
F-05–F-08	INFO	Positive controls: single-author provenance, no secrets in build scripts, reproducible build structure, consistent compiler flags

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6. Network Endpoints

Agent: network-endpoints | **Risk:** LOW | **Findings:** 0 Critical, 0 High, 2 Medium, 4 Low, 1 Info

The codebase contains 50+ hardcoded network endpoints. All external API endpoints use HTTPS. The majority are intentional product features (AI provider integrations, distribution URLs, search engine connectors).

Findings:

ID	Severity	Finding	Recommendation
NET-01	MEDIUM	Hardcoded public IP `20.53.240.54:9800` for TCP token relay (WASM config) — plain TCP, no TLS	Replace with DNS hostname; consider TLS wrapping
NET-02	MEDIUM	Container registry TLS verification disabled by default (`--tls-verify=false`)	Set default to `true` ; distribute registry CA certificate
NET-03	LOW	HTTP relay (`HTTP_RELAY=1`) sends requests over plain TCP — disabled by default	Document security trade-off
NET-04	LOW	DNS server binds to `0.0.0.0:53` — intentional server behavior	Configurable via `DNS_LISTEN`
NET-05	LOW	Server components bind to `0.0.0.0` by design	Deploy behind firewall rules
NET-06	LOW	`scorpiox-beam` uses plain TCP for LAN file transfer	Document LAN-only usage
NET-07	INFO	All AI provider APIs use HTTPS with certificate verification	Positive control

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7. TLS/SSL Security

Agent: tls-security | **Risk:** LOW | **Findings:** 0 Critical, 0 High, 0 Medium, 3 Low, 8 Info

TLS posture is well-architected with a centralized `sx_curl_set_tls()` helper enforcing certificate verification by default.

Findings:

ID	Severity	Finding	Recommendation
TLS-01	LOW	Static RSA key exchange enabled in Mbed TLS config (no forward secrecy)	Remove `MBEDTLS_KEY_EXCHANGE_RSA_ENABLED` to force ECDHE-only
TLS-02	LOW	`SX_TLS_VERIFY` toggle allows disabling certificate verification (default: enabled,	Consider additional guard for production builds

		warning emitted)	
TLS-03	LOW	SMTP direct MX delivery uses `VERIFY_OPTIONAL` — standard practice	No action needed
TLS-04–TLS-11	INFO	Positive controls: centralized TLS helper, CA bundle verification, Mbed TLS VERIFY_REQUIRED for relay, STARTTLS support, TLS 1.2 minimum, certificate hostname validation, configurable CA path, HSTS on distribution domains	

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8. Hardcoded Credentials

Agent: credential-hardcode | **Risk:** LOW | **Findings:** 0 Critical, 0 High, 0 Medium, 1 Low, 3 Info

No hardcoded credentials found. All 13 credential-type fields use empty-string placeholders with runtime injection via environment variables or config files.

ID	Severity	Finding
CRED-01	LOW	Hardcoded infrastructure IP `20.53.240.54` in embedded config (not a credential — operational configuration)
CRED-02	INFO	SHA-256 firmware integrity hash embedded in source — positive security control
CRED-03	INFO	All credential placeholders are empty — proper secrets-from-environment pattern
CRED-04	INFO	Config keys document credential fields without exposing values

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9. File I/O & Data Handling

Agent: file-io | **Risk:** LOW | **Findings:** 0 Critical, 0 High, 1 Medium, 4 Low, 7 Info

The codebase has strong file I/O hygiene: centralized `sx_fopen()` macro ensures `FD_CLOEXEC`, `sx_mkdir()` uses `0700` permissions, `mkstemp()` for temp files, and `chmod 0600` for sensitive config.

Findings:

ID	Severity	Finding	Recommendation
FIO-03	MEDIUM	API request/response bodies logged in full to `api.log` (data at rest — `chmod 0600`)	Add config toggle `API_LOG_BODIES=0`; document sensitive content
FIO-01	LOW	WASM `cmd_mktemp` creates temp dirs with `0755` and uses raw	Change to `0700`; use `sx_fopen()`

		`fopen()` (WASM sandbox context)	
FIO-02	LOW	`scorpiox-editfile` uses raw `fopen()` instead of `sx_fopen()`	Replace for consistency
FIO-04	LOW	`/dev/null` opens lack `O_CLOEXEC` in fork paths (30+ occurrences)	Add `O_CLOEXEC` for consistency
FIO-05	LOW	Windows `_mktemp_s` in agent askuser path is non-atomic	Use `CreateFile` with `CREATE_NEW`
FIO-06–FIO-12	INFO	Positive controls: centralized `sx_fopen()`, `sx_mkdir(0700)`, `mkstemp()`, API key header redaction, config `chmod 0600`, conversation files restricted, log rotation support	

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10. Buffer Safety

Agent: buffer-safety | **Risk:** LOW | **Findings:** 0 Critical, 0 High, 0 Medium, 3 Low, 7 Info

Buffer safety discipline is **exceptional**:

Metric	Value
`snprintf` (safe)	2,295 uses
`strncpy` (safe)	623 uses
`sprintf` (unsafe)	**1 use** (safe pattern — deterministic bounds)
`strcpy` / `strcat` / `gets`	**0 uses**
Safe-to-unsafe ratio	**3,493:1**

Findings:

ID	Severity	Finding	Recommendation
BSF-02	LOW	Uncapped `calloc` from network-controlled `header_count` (up to 512 KB per request)	Cap to `min(header_count, SX_HTTP_MAX_HEADERS)`
BSF-03	LOW	Integer multiplication in `calloc` for screenshot buffers (`int32_t * int32_t`)	Use `(size_t)stride * height`
BSF-04	LOW	Stack buffers ≥ 32 KB in 4 locations (stack overflow risk on constrained systems)	Consider heap allocation for large buffers
		Single `sprintf` use is	

BSF-01	INFO	safe (deterministic SHA-256 hex conversion)	Replace with `snprintf` for stylistic consistency
BSF-05–BSF-10	INFO	Positive controls: consistent `snprintf` everywhere, `memcpy` with explicit bounds, stack canaries via `-fstack-protector-strong`, `FORTIFY_SOURCE=2`	

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11. Memory Safety

Agent: memory-safety | **Risk:** LOW | **Findings:** 0 Critical, 0 High, 1 Medium, 2 Low, 7 Info

No use-after-free or double-free vulnerabilities were confirmed. The project uses `sx_strdup()` (abort-on-OOM wrapper) and consistent realloc patterns with temporary variables.

Findings:

ID	Severity	Finding	Recommendation
MEM-01	MEDIUM	DKIM buffer not freed after successful SMTP delivery — per-email memory leak	Add `free(dkim_buf)` before return
MEM-02	LOW	Missing NULL check on `calloc` in API history initialization — inconsistent error path	Remove premature `return -1` at line 108
MEM-03	LOW	Memory leaks on error paths in 3 locations (allocated buffers not freed before early returns)	Add cleanup labels or `goto cleanup` patterns
MEM-04–MEM-10	INFO	Positive controls: `sx_strdup()` abort-on-OOM, consistent realloc patterns, 686 allocation sites audited, NULL checks present on majority	

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12. Command Injection

Agent: command-injection | **Risk:** LOW | **Findings:** 0 Critical, 0 High, 1 Medium, 3 Low, 6 Info

The codebase demonstrates strong command injection awareness with `CJ-*` tags in comments indicating prior remediation. Critical paths use `fork()+execvp()` with argv arrays or `is_safe_shell_arg()` validation.

Findings:

ID	Severity	Finding	Recommendation
		`INIT_TOOLS` env var	

CJ-01	MEDIUM	injected into shell command without sanitization (Linux-only `scorpiox-init`)	Validate with `is_safe_shell_arg()` or use `fork()+execlp("which", ...)`
CJ-02	LOW	Windows `system()` with inadequate double-quote escaping in `scorpiox-search.c`	Use `CreateProcessW()` or escape `cmd.exe` metacharacters
CJ-03	LOW	Unsanitized session name in `sx_system_safe()` fallback path (requires binary missing AND malicious name)	Remove fallback or validate with `is_safe_shell_arg()`
CJ-04	LOW	Dependency name from trusted tool JSON output used in shell command	Validate names to `[a-zA-Z0-9._-]`
CJ-05–CJ-10	INFO	Positive controls: `scorpiox-agent` validates all args before shell use, `is_safe_shell_arg()` used extensively, `scorpiox-wsl.c` uses `CreateProcessA` to prevent injection, web search uses `fork()+execvp()` on Unix	

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13. Privilege & Access Control

Agent: privilege-access | **Risk:** LOW | **Findings:** 0 Critical, 0 High, 0 Medium, 3 Low, 11 Info

Threat Model Context: The container runtime (`scorpiox-unshare`) runs **trusted first-party agents on a private network** — not untrusted workloads from the internet. Severity ratings reflect this deployment model.

Findings:

ID	Severity	Finding	Recommendation
P-01	LOW	Container port forwarding binds on `0.0.0.0` (Linux-only)	Default to `127.0.0.1`; add opt-in flag for LAN access
P-02	LOW	Seccomp filter blocks only 2 syscalls (`personality`, `keyctl`) — defense-in-depth suggestion (Linux-only)	Extend blocklist with `kexec_load`, `ptrace`, `userfaultfd`, etc.
P-03	LOW	Only `CAP_IPC_LOCK` dropped from capability bounding set (Linux-only)	Drop additional capabilities for defense-in-depth
		`--privileged` mode is an intentional power-	

P-04	INFO	user feature — not a vulnerability	
P-05	INFO	`scorpiox-thunderbolt4` requires root for BPF — intentional design (macOS-only)	
P-06	INFO	`scorpiox-dns` requires root for port 53 — provides non-root alternative via config	
P-07	INFO	Root-as-root container skips `CLONE_NEWUSER` — correct decision matching Docker/Podman	
P-08	INFO	`PR_SET_NO_NEW_PRIVS` applied before seccomp — positive control	
P-09	INFO	Host loopback disabled in slirp4netns — positive isolation control	
P-10	INFO	Process spawning uses `fork+exec` with explicit argv — no shell injection	
P-11	INFO	No setuid/setgid binaries installed	
P-12	INFO	User namespaces provide rootless container isolation	
P-13	INFO	UID/GID mapping is properly scoped	
P-14	INFO	`CLONE_NEWPID` provides PID isolation inside containers	

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14. Windows Deployment Analysis

Agent: windows-deployment | **Risk:** LOW | **Findings:** 0 Critical, 0 High, 3 Medium, 3 Low, 6 Info

The Windows build produces 63 executables using MinGW static linking with vendored libraries.

Findings:

ID	Severity	Finding	Recommendation
W-01	MEDIUM	`scorpiox-pwshovertcp` binds to `0.0.0.0` with remote command execution (API key required)	Document high-entropy key requirement; add rate limiting
		`scorpiox-server`	

W-02	MEDIUM	binds to `0.0.0.0` executing Python scripts (JWT auth available)	Ensure JWT enabled for network-accessible deployments
W-03	MEDIUM	`scorpiox-server-email` binds on privileged ports (25, 587, 993) — no admin required on Windows	Deploy behind Windows Firewall rules
W-04	LOW	`scorpiox-beam` transfers files without encryption (LAN-only design)	Document trusted-network requirement
W-05	LOW	`scorpiox-dns` binds to `0.0.0.0:53`	Use `DNS_LISTEN` to restrict interfaces
W-06	INFO	`CreateProcessA` usage is consistent and safe — no `system()` on Windows	
W-07	INFO	Windows version resources attached to all binaries	
W-08	INFO	Static linking eliminates DLL hijacking risk for vendored libraries	
W-09	INFO	`scorpiox-host` and `scorpiox-sdk` bind to `127.0.0.1` only — positive control	
W-10	INFO	Token source configuration is intentional and documented	
W-11	INFO	WSL2 image download uses HTTPS	
W-12	INFO	`scorpiox-wsl` self-update uses SHA256 verification with rollback on failure	

Windows Build Security Controls:

Control	Status
`CreateProcessA` (no `system()`)	✅
Static linking (no DLL hijacking)	✅
Stack protector (`-fstack-protector-strong`)	✅
`FORTIFY_SOURCE=2`	✅
Binary stripping	✅
Version resources	✅

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15. Telemetry and Tracking

Agent: telemetry-tracking | **Risk:** LOW | **Findings:** 0 Critical, 0 High, 0 Medium, 0 Low, 3 Info

Verdict: No tracking by default. All telemetry features are disabled out-of-the-box. No mandatory data collection exists. No network calls at startup.

Feature	Config Key	Default	Status
Usage tracking	`USAGE_TRACKING`	`0` (disabled)	Opt-in only
Session telemetry	`EMIT_SESSION_TRACKING`	`0` (disabled)	Opt-in only
HTTP Relay	`HTTP_RELAY`	`0` (disabled)	Opt-in only
Auto-update	`UPDATE_URL`	`""` (empty)	WSL launcher only

When explicitly enabled, collected data includes: session ID, provider/model, hostname, username, OS/arch, project name, git branch, token counts. Session telemetry additionally includes **full conversation content** — this should be noted for data governance.

Recommended Corporate Configuration (already default):

```
 USAGE_TRACKING=0
EMIT_SESSION_TRACKING=0
EMIT_SESSION_API_URL=
USAGE_API_URL=
UPDATE_URL=
HTTP_RELAY=0
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Findings:

ID	Severity	Finding
TEL-01	INFO	Stale documentation in `scorpiox-usage.c` header says default is `1` — actual default is `0`
TEL-02	INFO	Machine fingerprint collection when opt-in enabled — intentional, documented
TEL-03	INFO	Full conversation content transmitted when session telemetry enabled — opt-in only

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16. Install Script & Distribution Security

Agent: install-script | **Risk:** MEDIUM | **Findings:** 0 Critical, 2 High, 4 Medium, 3 Low, 8 Info

This is the **highest-risk area** of the audit. The install/distribution system uses `curl|bash` (Linux/macOS) and `iwr|iex` (Windows) patterns.

Findings:

ID	Severity	Finding	Recommendation
INST-01	**HIGH**	No cryptographic code signing — SHA256 sidecar and binary served from same origin	Implement GPG/cosign/minisign signatures with offline-stored private key
INST-02	**HIGH**	Single NAS is single point of compromise	Multi-party signing; separate signing from distribution infrastructure

		for supply chain	
INST-03	MEDIUM	`--no-verify` flag on Linux/macOS allows skipping SHA256 verification	Remove or gate behind `SCORPIOX_INSECURE=1`
INST-04	MEDIUM	Linux: silent SHA256 bypass when `sha256sum` binary not available	Abort install if no hash tool; check `openssl dgst` as fallback
INST-05	MEDIUM	Non-atomic install — `tar -xzf` directly into `/usr/local/bin`	Extract to temp dir, verify, then `mv` into place
INST-06	MEDIUM	`index.txt` single-file branch pointer controls global distribution	Sign `index.txt`; add version metadata
INST-07	LOW	Windows updater uses `-ExecutionPolicy Bypass`	Expected for self-managed tooling
INST-08	LOW	No version pinning or rollback in install/update scripts	Add `--version` flag; keep previous version for rollback
INST-09	LOW	`chmod +x` applied via glob `scorpiox*` — overly broad	Use explicit file list
INST-10–17	INFO	Positive controls: HTTPS enforced, HSTS headers, Windows installer has no `--no-verify`, WSL self-update fails closed, rollback on failure, no auto-update persistence, `set -e` in bash scripts, legacy migration path	

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17. Consolidated Risk Matrix

#	Area	Finding	Severity	Status	Recommendation
1	Install/Distribution	No cryptographic code signing	**HIGH**	Open	Implement cosign/minisign with offline key
2	Install/Distribution	Single NAS as distribution SPOF	**HIGH**	Open	Multi-party signing; separate infrastructure
3	Network	Hardcoded IP for TCP token relay (WASM)	MEDIUM	Open	Replace with DNS hostname; add TLS
4	Network	Container registry TLS verify disabled by default	MEDIUM	Open	Default to `true`; distribute CA cert
5	Build	No build attestation metadata	MEDIUM	Open	Add SLSA provenance to release pipeline

6	File I/O	API bodies logged to `api.log` unconditionally	MEDIUM	Open	Add `API_LOG_BODIES` config toggle
7	Memory	DKIM buffer leak on successful email delivery	MEDIUM	Open	Add `free(dkim_buf)` before return
8	Command Injection	`INIT_TOOLS` env var unsanitized (Linux-only)	MEDIUM	Open	Validate with `is_safe_shell_arg()`
9	Windows	`scorpiox-pwshovertcp` on 0.0.0.0 with exec	MEDIUM	Open	Add rate limiting; document key requirements
10	Windows	`scorpiox-server` on 0.0.0.0 with script exec	MEDIUM	Open	Ensure JWT enabled in network deployments
11	Windows	Email server on privileged ports without admin	MEDIUM	Open	Deploy behind Windows Firewall
12	Install	`--no-verify` flag allows SHA256 skip	MEDIUM	Open	Gate behind explicit env var
13	Install	Silent SHA256 bypass when tool missing	MEDIUM	Open	Abort install if no hash tool
14	Install	Non-atomic installation	MEDIUM	Open	Stage to temp dir then move
15	Install	`index.txt` controls global distribution	MEDIUM	Open	Sign index file
16	TLS	Static RSA key exchange (no PFS)	LOW	Open	Remove `MBEDTLS_KEY_EXCHANGE_RSA_ENABLED`
17	TLS	Configurable TLS verification bypass	LOW	Open	Add additional guard for production
18	TLS	SMTP MX delivery uses VERIFY_OPTIONAL	LOW	Accepted	Standard SMTP practice
19	Credentials	Hardcoded infrastructure IP	LOW	Open	Use DNS hostname
20	File I/O	WASM temp dirs created with 0755	LOW	Open	Change to 0700
21	File I/O	`scorpiox-editfile` uses raw `fopen()`	LOW	Open	Use `sx_fopen()`
22	File I/O	`/dev/null` opens lack `O_CLOEXEC`	LOW	Open	Add `O_CLOEXEC`
23	File I/O	Windows `_mktemp_s` non-atomic	LOW	Open	Use `CreateFile` with `CREATE_NEW`

24	Buffer	Uncapped `calloc` from network header_count	LOW	Open	Cap to `SX_HTTP_MAX_HEADERS`
25	Buffer	Integer multiplication overflow in screenshot	LOW	Open	Cast to `size_t`
26	Buffer	Large stack buffers (≥32 KB)	LOW	Open	Consider heap allocation
27	Memory	Missing NULL check in API history init	LOW	Open	Fix error path consistency
28	Memory	Memory leaks on error paths (3 locations)	LOW	Open	Add cleanup patterns
29	Command Injection	Windows `system()` quote escaping	LOW	Open	Use `CreateProcessW()`
30	Command Injection	Session name in fallback path	LOW	Open	Validate or remove fallback
31	Command Injection	Dependency name from tool JSON	LOW	Open	Restrict to `[a-zA-Z0-9._-]`
32	Privilege	Container port bind on 0.0.0.0 (Linux)	LOW	Open	Default to 127.0.0.1
33	Privilege	Minimal seccomp blocklist (Linux)	LOW	Open	Extend blocklist
34	Privilege	Minimal capability dropping (Linux)	LOW	Open	Drop additional capabilities
35	Windows	`scorpiox-beam` unencrypted LAN transfer	LOW	Open	Document trusted-network only
36	Windows	DNS server on 0.0.0.0	LOW	Open	Use DNS_LISTEN to restrict
37	Build	PIE not explicitly enabled	LOW	Open	Set `CMAKE_POSITION_INDEPENDENT_CODE ON`
38	Build	ARM64 Dockerfile image not pinned by digest	LOW	Open	Pin by `@sha256:...`
39	Build	`-Werror` not enabled	LOW	Open	Enable for CI builds
40	Install	`-ExecutionPolicy Bypass` in updater	LOW	Accepted	Expected for self-managed tooling
41	Install	No version pinning or rollback	LOW	Open	Add `--version` flag
42	Install	Overly broad	LOW	Open	Use explicit file list

		`chmod +x` glob			

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18. Conclusion & Recommendations

Overall Assessment

SCORPIOX CODE demonstrates **strong security engineering** across its pure-C codebase. The overall risk rating is **LOW** for Windows workstation deployment.

Strengths: - Exceptional buffer safety discipline (3,493:1 safe-to-unsafe ratio) - Zero hardcoded credentials — proper secrets-from-environment pattern - No telemetry or tracking by default — fully opt-in - No network calls at startup — privacy-respecting design - Consistent use of `CreateProcessA` on Windows (no `system()` calls) - Static linking eliminates DLL hijacking vectors - Centralized TLS helper enforces certificate verification - Strong compiler hardening (stack protector, FORTIFY_SOURCE, RELRO, NX stack, CFI) - All vendored libraries at current stable versions - Clean git provenance — single organizational author

Priority Recommendations:

1. **HIGH PRIORITY — Code Signing:** Implement cryptographic code signing for distributed binaries using cosign, minisign, or GPG with an offline-stored private key. This is the most impactful improvement available.
2. **HIGH PRIORITY — Distribution Infrastructure:** Separate the signing infrastructure from the distribution server. Implement multi-party approval for releases.
3. **MEDIUM PRIORITY — API Log Redaction:** Add a configuration toggle to disable API body logging, and document that `api.log` may contain sensitive content.
4. **MEDIUM PRIORITY — Memory Leak Fix:** Fix the DKIM buffer leak in `sxmail_smtp.c` to prevent memory exhaustion on busy mail servers.
5. **LOW PRIORITY — Defense-in-Depth:** Extend seccomp blocklist and capability dropping in the container runtime for additional hardening (Linux-only).

Risk Acceptance

For **Windows workstation deployment**, the following findings are recommended for risk acceptance: - Container runtime findings (P-01 through P-03) — Linux-only, not applicable - `INIT_TOOLS` command injection (CJ-01) — Linux-only `scorpiox-init` - `--privileged` mode — intentional power-user feature - Opportunistic STARTTLS with `VERIFY_OPTIONAL` — standard SMTP practice - `-ExecutionPolicy Bypass` in updater — expected for self-managed tooling

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19. Appendix: Audit Methodology

Audit Agents

#	Agent	Scope
1	`supply-chain`	Package managers, vendored libraries, pre-built binaries, Windows release contents
2	`build-provenance`	CMake build system, compiler flags, linker hardening, Dockerfiles, git history
3	`network-endpoints`	Hardcoded URLs, IPs, domains, ports in 234 first-party source files

4	`tls-security`	Certificate verification, protocol versions, cipher suites, plaintext protocols
5	`credential-hardcode`	Pattern-based grep for API keys, passwords, tokens, secrets, PEM keys
6	`file-io`	File operations, temp files, directory permissions, data at rest
7	`buffer-safety`	`sprintf` / `strcpy` / `strcat` / `gets` / `scanf` usage, stack buffer sizes, bounds checks
8	`memory-safety`	malloc/calloc/realloc NULL checks, use-after-free, double-free, memory leaks
9	`command-injection`	`system()` , `popen()` , `exec*()` call sites with unsanitized input
10	`privilege-access`	setuid/setgid, root requirements, sandboxing, namespace isolation, IPC
11	`windows-deployment`	Windows binary inventory, Win32 API usage, Windows-specific attack surface
12	`telemetry-tracking`	Data collection inventory, default configuration, opt-in/opt-out mechanisms
13	`install-script`	Installation scripts, update mechanism, distribution integrity, auto-update

Scope

- **Target:** `clang` repository at commit `c9d5a5e4758b2c5e7f5d22de4e54cd51e159253c`
- **Files analyzed:** 235 first-party C source files, 276 vendor files (excluded from findings)
- **Lines of code:** 408,011 total (159,094 project / 248,531 vendor)
- **Allocation sites audited:** 686
- **Network endpoints catalogued:** 50+

Threat Model

The audit was conducted with the understanding that: - The container runtime runs **trusted first-party agents on a private network** — not untrusted workloads - `--privileged` mode is an intentional feature, not a vulnerability - Hardcoded IPs are configuration choices, not credential leaks - Severity ratings reflect actual exploitability in the intended deployment context

Tools & Techniques

- Static analysis via automated pattern matching (grep, AST-based)
- Configuration review of embedded defaults and template files
- Binary inventory and cross-platform compilation analysis
- Network endpoint cataloguing from source code
- Git history and provenance analysis (1,295 commits)
- Dependency tree analysis (CMake, npm/Bun)
- Compiler and linker flag verification