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Serialization: storing objects in a sequence of bytes in a reversible way to either transport the data to another program or store it in the pc

Serialization = pickle = marshalling

Note: that serialization might not only be present on the web application layer.

Serialization in Java

Understanding the process

-> Firstly we will create a serialized object to understand the process. we need **javac** to compile the source code.

-> Notice that the file name should be the same as the name of the class inside that file; this is a common practice when coding in Java.

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-> The file begins with the `ac ed 00 05` bytes, which is a standard java serialized format signature

-> As java serialized data is in binary format, when used in web applications, it is often encoded using Base64 in order to mitigate non-ASCII bytes. So look for string that begins with `rO0AB`

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gadgets: <https://frohoff.github.io/appseccali-marshalling-pickles/>

ysoserial tool to perform exploitation of insecure java deserialization vulnerabilities by generating java deserialization payloads

```
java -jar ysoserial..jar CommonCollections1 "whoami"
```

The command above generates a serialized payload.

Burpsuit plugings: **Java Deserialization Scanner & Freddy, Deserialization Bug Finder**

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exploiting Java Deserialization Resources:

<https://github.com/GrrrDog/Java-Deserialization-Cheat-Sheet>

<https://github.com/Coalfire-Research/java-deserialization-exploits>

[https://github.com/swisskyrepo/PayloadsAllTheThings/blob/master/Insecure Deserialization/Java.md](https://github.com/swisskyrepo/PayloadsAllTheThings/blob/master/Insecure%20Deserialization/Java.md)

<https://nickbloor.co.uk/2017/08/13/attacking-java-deserialization/>

Serialization in PHP

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abusing control over PHP serialized objects is also called „**PHP Object Injection**”

-> It is like Java deserialization, when the user has control over a PHP serialized object that is being sent to another deserializing endpoint.

-> PHP uses the **serialize()** and functions to perform serialization.

-> Unlike Java, PHP Serialization is in non-binary format, looks similar to a JSON array and it is human-readable.

```
O:6:„Abcdef”:1:{s:9:„Something”;s:6:„Active”;}
```

https://www.phpinternalsbook.com/php5/classes_objects/serialization.html

<https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/php-serializing-data/>

How to exploit

It is not easy, because there is no ysoserial for php.

Exploitation of such a vulnerability was possible because:

.NET Serialization

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<https://github.com/nccgroup/VulnerableDotNetHTTPRemoting/>

find an exploit .net remoting over http using deserialization

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