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## [KIS-2021-05] Concrete5 <= 8.5.5 (Logging Settings) Phar Deserialization Vulnerability

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[~] Software Link:

<https://www.concrete5.org>

[~] Affected Versions:

Version 8.5.5 and prior versions.

[~] Vulnerability Description:

The vulnerable code is located within the /concrete/controllers/single\_page/dashboard/system/environment/logging.php script. Specifically, into the Logging::update\_logging() method:

```
61.         public function update_logging()
62.         {
63.             $config = $this->app->make('config');
64.             $request = $this->request;
65.
66.             if (!$this->token->validate('update_logging')) {
67.                 return $this->showError($this->token->getErrorMessage());
68.             }
69.
70.             // Load in variables from the request
71.             $mode = (string) $request->request->get('logging_mode') === 'advanced' ? 'advanced' : 'simple'; 72. $handler =
73.             $mode === 'simple' ? (string) $request->request->get('handler', 'database') : null; 73. $logFile = $handler === 'file'
74.             ? (string) $request->request->get('logFile') : null; 74. $enableDashboardReport = $request->request-
75.             >get('enable_dashboard_report') ? true : false; 75. $loggingLevel = strtoupper((string) $request->request-
76.             >get('logging_level')); 76. $intLogErrorsPost = $request->request->get('ENABLE_LOG_ERRORS') === 1 ? 1 : 0; 77.
77.             $intLogEmailsPost = $request->request->get('ENABLE_LOG_EMAILS') === 1 ? 1 : 0; 78. $intLogApiPost = $request->request-
78.             >get('ENABLE_LOG_API') === 1 ? 1 : 0;
79.
80.
81.             // Handle 'file' based logging
82.             if ($handler === 'file') {
83.                 $directory = dirname($logFile);
84.
85.                 // Validate the file name
86.                 if (pathinfo($logFile, PATHINFO_EXTENSION) !== 'log') {
87.                     return $this->showError(t('The filename provided must be a valid filename and end with .log'));
88.                 }
89.
90.                 // Validate the file path, create the log file if needed
91.                 if (!file_exists($logFile)) {
```

User input passed through the "logFile" request parameter is not properly sanitized before being used in a call to the file\_exists() function at line 91. This can be exploited by malicious users to inject arbitrary PHP objects into the application scope (PHP Object Injection via phar:// stream wrapper), allowing them to carry out a variety of attacks, such as executing arbitrary PHP code. Successful exploitation of this vulnerability requires an administrator account.

[~] Solution:

No official solution is currently available.

[~] Disclosure Timeline:

[20/12/2020] - Vendor notified through HackerOne  
[22/12/2020] - Vendor asks suggestions to fix the issue, feedback provided  
[18/03/2021] - Version 8.5.5 released, vulnerability not fixed  
[02/06/2021] - Asked for an update, no response  
[06/07/2021] - Asked for an update, no response  
[16/07/2021] - CVE number assigned  
[19/07/2021] - Public disclosure

[~] CVE Reference:

The Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures project (cve.mitre.org) has assigned the name CVE-2021-36766 to this vulnerability.

[~] Credits:

Vulnerability discovered by Egidio Romano.

[~] Other References:

<https://hackerone.com/reports/1063039>

[~] Original Advisory:

<http://karmainsecurity.com/KIS-2021-05>

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