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CVE-2020-10564

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- plugin url: https://wordpress.org/plugins/wp-file-upload/#developers
- fixed version 4.13.0
- CVE-2020-10564 (Directory Traversal on WP File Upload to RCE)

The vulnearbility affecting the plugin let a user gain Remote Code Execution by uploading a simple .jpg or .txt file by abusing a directory traversal

WordPress File Upload is a plugin for WordPress. I manage to find a directory traversal vuln. on the file upload functionality. It's possible to use this vulnerability to gain RCE by uploading a file (doesn't matter the extension) inside the lib directory of the plugin. The RCE can be triggered from an unathenticated user, also it doesn't require any admin interaction.

Why this work? Well, thnx to this:

this piece of code shows that the function <code>wfu_include_lib()</code> will <code>include_once</code> all the file in the <code>lib</code> directory (extension does not matter). Then we can use the <code>path traversal</code> to write a file inside that directory to <code>gain RCE</code>. This function will be called automatically every time the plugin is present in a page by the init page (you can check the file <code>wfu_loader.php</code>).

Here you can find the report that I shared with the mainteiner of the plugin, inside it you can find the PoC to reproduce the issue. Here you can find a simple python script exploit. Example usage:

 $\verb|\$ python exploit.py http://localhost/wordpress/test-wp-file-upload-plugin/ /wordpress|$

Enjoy the own4ge.

Cheers, p4w