



Laravel APP_KEY

From Public Leak to RCE



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Laravel

a PHP-based **web framework**

use APP_KEY for encryption/decryption

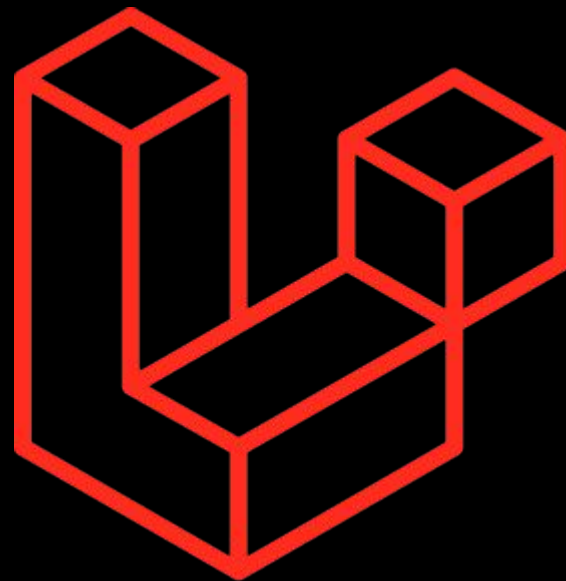
decryption transparently **deserialize objects**

many gadget chains exist 💣

leak of APP_KEY **may lead to RCE**

Laravel: CVE-2018-15133

Applications: CVE-2024-5555, CVE-2024-5556...



Synacktiv Research

650,000 Laravel public instances
from Shodan, in summer 2024

dorks to retrieve leaked APP_KEY
Google, GitHub...

~400 instances with an immediate RCE 💣
~6000 valid APP_KEY





Hold my beer

GitGuardian Public Monitoring

GitGuardian monitors GitHub live
every public commits are scanned

260,000 APP_KEY leaked on GitHub
since 2018

~600 instances with an immediate RCE 🌟
interesting improvement!

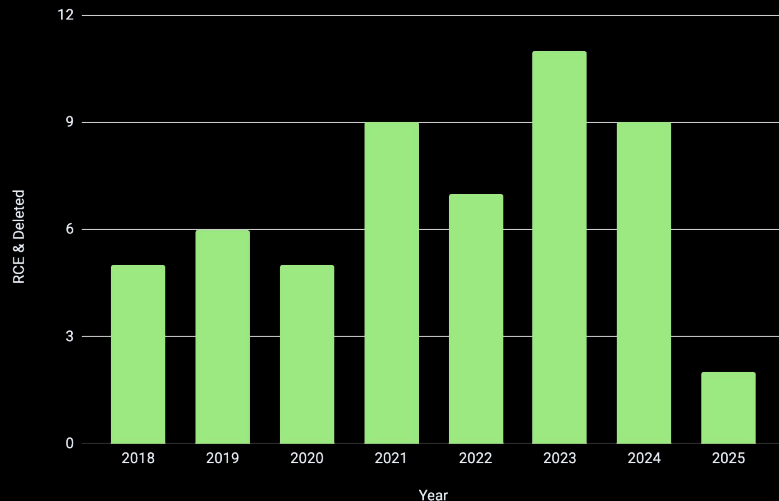


APP_KEY + APP_URL = <3

APP_URL defines the **application host**
i.e. <https://www.sstic.org>

~**28,000 unique APP_URL / APP_KEY** found on GitHub
10% are valid

~**120 instances** with an immediate RCE 🌟
50 deleted from GitHub



Further Information

```
$ python laravel_crypto_killer.py check --url https://www.example.org --key base64:SGVsbG8gZnJvbSB5dW1wcyBhdCBTU1RJQyAyMDI1ISE=
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[+] Cookies decrypted:

* XSRF-TOKEN

(contains serialized data)

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* sstic_session

(contains serialized data)

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s:81:"c487b436096b788089efd1cdf18b9f537536601d|8HmruhPXM8Jh9GfwaJowUUbIWhLXA2YzM1NpV8aZ";
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<https://github.com/synacktiv/laravel-crypto-killer/>

Thank you

Question Time 🔥



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