



<b>Name</b>	RIPS: Statically Scanning PHP Code
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**Important Note:** This document illustrates all the important steps required to complete this lab. This is by no means a comprehensive step-by-step solution for this exercise. This is only provided as a reference to various commands needed to complete this exercise and for your further research on this topic. Also, note that the IP addresses and domain names might be different in your lab.

## Challenge Description

The [RIPS scanner](#) will audit the PHP code statically for vulnerabilities.

A RIPS scanner instance is provided to the user and the source code for two sample applications is provided in the root directory.

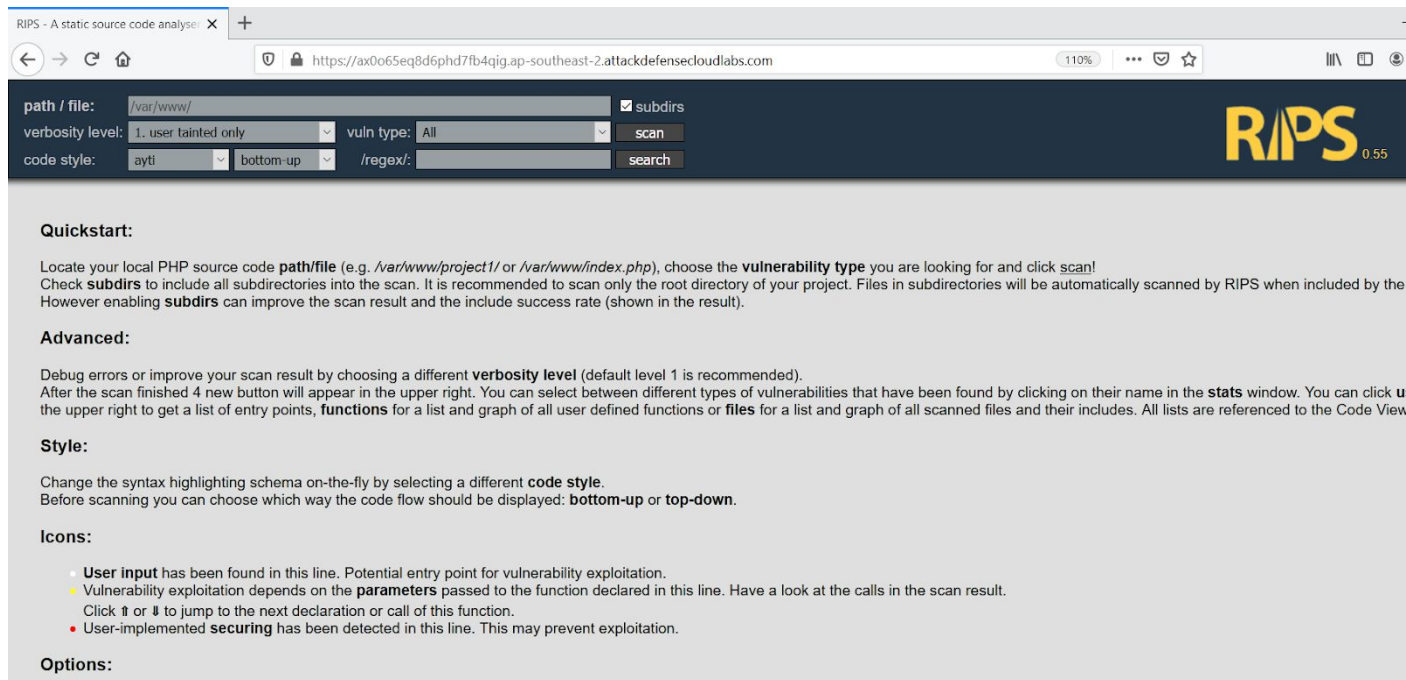
**Objective:** Use the rips scanner utility to find vulnerabilities in the application!

### Instructions:

- The source code of applications is provided at /github-repos
- The names of the projects present in the github-repos are pagekit and mejiro

## Solution

**Step 1:** Open the RIPS scanner website.



The path/file will accept the path to the project directory and the names of projects have been provided in the challenge description. The base directory of the projects is /github-repos/

We will take one example at a time and run the tool on that.

### Example 1: pagekit

**Step 1:** Pass the project directory of pagekit in the path/file section.

**PATH:** /github-repos/pagekit

path / file:  ☒ subdirs

verbosity level: 1. user tainted only vuln type: All

code style: ayti bottom-up /regex/:

**Quickstart:**

Locate your local PHP source code **path/file** (e.g. `/var/www/project1/` or `/var/www/index.php`), choose the **vulnerability type** you are looking for and click **scan**!

Check **subdirs** to include all subdirectories into the scan. It is recommended to scan only the root directory of your project. Files in subdirectories will be automatically scanned by RIPS. However enabling **subdirs** can improve the scan result and the include success rate (shown in the result).

**Advanced:**

Debug errors or improve your scan result by choosing a different **verbosity level** (default level 1 is recommended).

After the scan finished 4 new button will appear in the upper right. You can select between different types of vulnerabilities that have been found by clicking on their name in the upper right to get a list of entry points, **functions** for a list and graph of all user defined functions or **files** for a list and graph of all scanned files and their includes. All lists are interactive.

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## Step 2: Press the scan button.

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**Icons:**

- **User input** has been found in this line. Potential entry point for vulnerability exploitation.

**warning**

You are about to scan 531 files. Depending on the amount of codelines and includes this may take a while. The author of RIPS recommends to scan only the root directory of your project without subdirs.

Do you want to continue anyway?

Click on the 'continue' button to scan the project source code.



path / file:  ☒ subdirs windows

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File: /github-repos/pagekit/app/console/src/Commands/SelfupdateCommand.php

**Command Execution**

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**Result**

Command Execution: 1

Sum: 1

Scanned files: 531

Include success: 20/58 (34%)

Considered sinks: 298

User-defined functions: 1830

Unique sources: 5

Sensitive sinks: 578

Info: Code is object-oriented. This is not supported yet and can lead to false negatives

Info: uses sessions

Info: using FTP server

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Scan time: 0.447 seconds

The scan has been completed and the RIPS scanner found one vulnerability in the project.

**Step 3:** Close the dialog box and check the source code displayed by RIPS scanner.

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The function “execute” is getting the user-input directly without any sanitization which could lead to command injection.

## Issues Detected

- Command Injection

## Example 2: mejiro

**Step 1:** Change to the project directory in the path/file section.

**PATH:** /github-repos/mejiro

The screenshot shows the RIPS interface with the following settings: path / file: /github-repos/mejiro, subdirs checked, verbosity level: 1. user tainted only, vuln type: All, code style: ayti, bottom-up, /regex: (empty). The scan button is highlighted.

**Step 2:** Press the scan button.

The screenshot shows the RIPS interface with the scan results for the file /github-repos/mejiro/index.php. The results are displayed in a table:

Issue Type	Count
File Disclosure	3
File Manipulation	3
Cross-Site Scripting	10
Sum	16
Scanned files	4
Include success	No includes.
Considered sinks	298
User-defined functions	2
Unique sources	10
Sensitive sinks	45

The scan time is 0.009 seconds. A pie chart shows the distribution of issues: 3 File Disclosure (red), 3 File Manipulation (green), and 10 Cross-Site Scripting (blue).

The RIPS scanner revealed multiple vulnerabilities in the project's source code.

**Step 3:** Click on any vulnerability to check the source code. In this case, Cross-site scripting is selected

The screenshot shows the RIPS scanner interface. At the top, there are controls for path/file, verbosity level, vuln type, code style, and a search button. A 'Result' dialog box is open, displaying the following data:

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A pie chart is also shown next to the 'Unique sources' and 'Sensitive sinks' values. Below the dialog, the source code for the selected vulnerability is visible, showing a line where user input is echoed without sanitization.

Close the result dialogue box to check the vulnerable source code.

The screenshot shows the RIPS scanner interface with the 'Cross-Site Scripting' vulnerability selected. The source code is displayed, showing a line where user input is echoed without sanitization:

```
417: echo echo '<li><a href="index.php?all=1&photo='.$file.'&d='.$sub_photo_dir.' "></a></li>';
```

In this case, the filename is getting passed without being checked or sanitised, hence a malicious user can trigger XSS attack by uploading an image with the malicious file name.

### Issues Detected:

- File Disclosure
- File Manipulation
- Cross-Site Scripting

### Learnings

Perform Static Code Analysis using the RIPS tool.

### References:

- Pagekit (<https://github.com/pagekit/pagekit.git>)
- Mejiro (<https://github.com/dmpop/mejiro.git>)