



SECURITY ADVISORY

Dolibarr

Arbitrary File Upload
(Authenticated)

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SUMMARY

Context

Product description:

Dolibarr ERP CRM is an open source, free software package for companies of any size, foundations or freelancers. It includes different features for enterprise resource planning (ERP) and customer relationship management (CRM) but also other features for different activities.

Description

If both “DMS/ECM” and “REST API” modules are enabled, any authenticated user with the permission of submitting documents can upload arbitrary files using API calls.

Products and versions affected

Affected products:

- Dolibarr 17.0.1 and earlier

Impact

Possibility of uploading malicious files which sometimes can lead to arbitrary command execution on the hosting server.

Mitigations

Upgrade to the latest version of the product.

Disclosure timeline

DATE	EVENT
16/05/2023	Initial discovery.
07/07/2023	Initial contact with security@dolibarr.org
21/07/2023	Vulnerability acknowledged by Dolibarr’s team
18/08/2023	Fix published by Dolibarr’s team
18/09/2023	Public disclosure

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Vulnerability Details

One of the pre-installed modules in Dolibarr is “DMS/ECM”, which in summary, lets the users to manage their documents in an automatic or manual way.

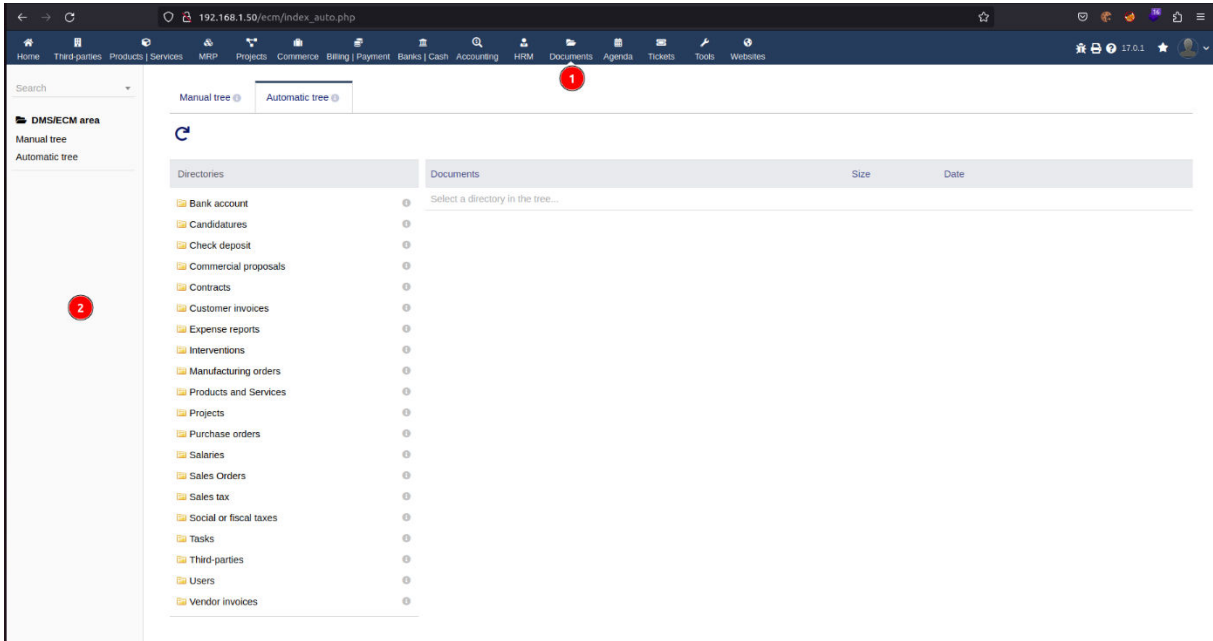


FIGURE 1: ECM AUTOMATIC TREE VIEW.

In order to avoid an Arbitrary File Upload which sometimes can lead to Arbitrary Command Execution, the application is going to append “.noexe” extension at the end of any file having a “dangerous” extension.

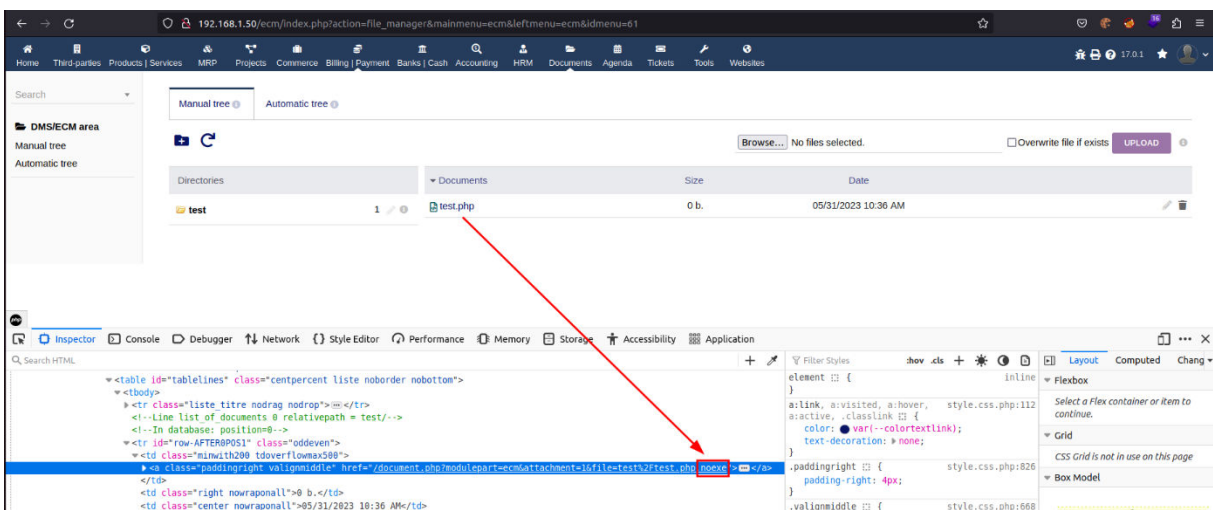


FIGURE 2: NOEXE EXTENSION APPENDED AFTER PHP FILE UPLOAD.

The code responsible for this behavior is the following, which basically before writing the file to the disk, checks if the original file extension matches with one of the blacklisted ones:

```

1 // Security:
2 // Disallow file with some extensions. We rename them.
3 // Because if we put the documents directory into a directory inside web root (very bad), this allows to execute on demand arbitrary code.
4 if (isFileWithExecutableContent($dest_file) && empty($conf->global->MAIN_DOCUMENT_IS_OUTSIDE_WEBROOT_SO_NOEXE_NOT_REQUIRED)) {
5     // $upload_dir ends with a slash, so be must be sure the medias dir to compare to ends with slash too.
6     $publicmediasdirwithslash = $conf->medias->multidir_output[$conf->entity];
7     if (!preg_match('/\$/ ', $publicmediasdirwithslash)) {
8         $publicmediasdirwithslash .= '/';
9     }
10
11     if (strpos($upload_dir, $publicmediasdirwithslash) !== 0) { // We never add .noexe on files into media directory
12         $file_name .= '.noexe';
13         $successcode = 2;
14     }
15 }

```

FIGURE 3: PART OF DOL_MOVE_UPLOADED_FILE (HTDOCS/CORE/LIB/FILES.LIB.PHP).

```

1 /**
2  * Return if a file can contains executable content
3  *
4  * @param string $filename File name to test
5  * @return boolean True if yes, False if no
6  */
7 function isFileWithExecutableContent($filename)
8 {
9     if (preg_match('/\.(htm|html|js|php|php|php|php|php|php|d+|phtml|pht|pl|py|cgi|ksh|sh|shtml|bash|bat|cmd|wpk|exe|dmg)$/i', $filename)) {
10         return true;
11     }
12
13     return false;
14 }

```

FIGURE 4: ISFILEWITHEXECUTABLECONTENT FUNCTION (HTDOCS/CORE/LIB/FUNCTIONS.LIB.PHP).

Another Dolibarr pre-installed module is “API / WEB SERVICES” which enables a REST server and lets the users do all kinds of actions through API calls. One of these actions is the document upload and after analyzing the related class (htdocs/api/class/api_documents.class.php), it was noticed that excepting some sanitizations, no security measures to prevent arbitrary file upload were present.

Proof of Concept (PoC)

Let's assume that both REST API and DMS/ECM modules are enabled in Dolibarr and we have an account which has the permission of submitting data using DMS/ECM module. We just need to get the API key linked to our account and send an authenticated API request containing our malicious file as shown below:

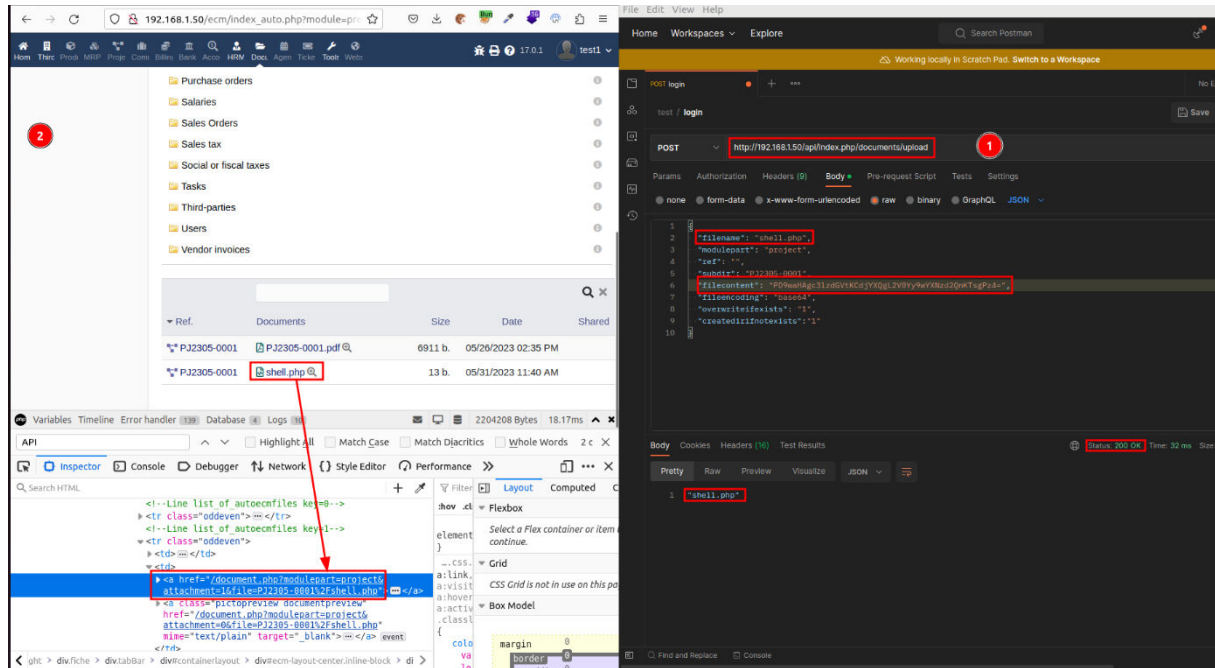


FIGURE 5: ARBITRARY FILE UPLOAD STEPS.

In case of Dolibarr environment is not correctly configured and “documents” directory is exposed by the web server, we can reach the uploaded files which means execute a webshell:



FIGURE 6: WEBSHELL EXECUTION.

Another risk is being able to upload malicious executable files that could compromise user security.

Risk Characterization

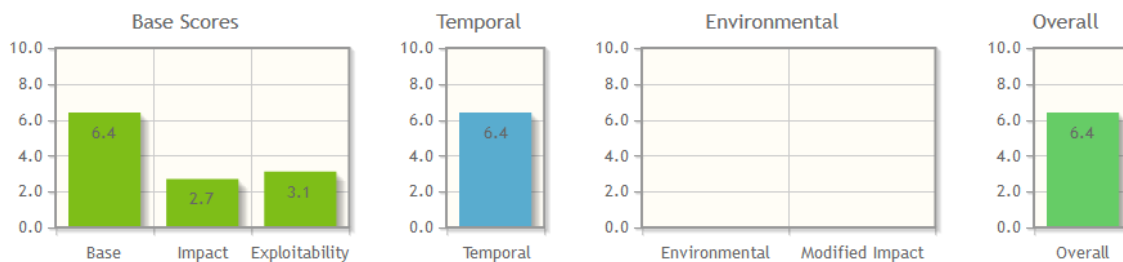


FIGURE 7: CVSS SCORE.

CVSS v3.1 – Base Score			
Attack Vector (AV)	Network (N)	Scope (S)	Changed (U)
Attack Complexity (AC)	Low (L)	Confidentiality (C)	Low (N)
Privileges Required (PR)	Low (L)	Integrity (I)	Low (N)
User Interaction (UI)	None (N)	Availability (A)	None (N)
CVSS v3.1 – Temporal Score			
Exploit Code Maturity (E)	High (H)		
Remediation Level (RL)	Not Defined (X)		
Report Confidence (RC)	Confirmed (C)		

References

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