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Proof of Concept:

# Vulnerability: Arbitrary JSP Content Write via AdminDesignAction Leads to Remote Code Execution in Fess ≤ 15.5.1

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- `org/codelibs/fess/app/web/admin/design/Adm`

## Description:

The `update()` method in `AdminDesignAction` writes content to the JSP file after passing it through `decodeJsp()`. The filter only escapes HTML tags — JSP EL expressions (`${ }`) are not touched at all:

### Code block

```
1 // AdminDesignAction.java:284
2 write(jspFile.getAbsolutePath(), decodeJsp(fileContent));
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4 // AdminDesignAction.java:405-407
5 public static String decodeJsp(String value)
6     return value
7         .replaceAll("<%(?![@-])([\\s\\S]*?)%>", "&lt;")
8         .replaceAll("<%=([\\s\\S]*?)%>", "&lt;=")
9         // ${ } EL expressions: NOT filtered
10        .replace(TRY_STATEMENT, "<%= try{ %>")
11        .replace(CACHE_AND_SESSION_INVALIDATED, "&lt;%= try{ %>")
12    }
```