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# [CVE-2026-2297] SourcelessFileLoader does not use io.open\_code() #145506

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The import hook in CPython that handles legacy `*.pyc` files (`SourcelessFileLoader`) is incorrectly handled in `FileLoader` (a base class) and so does not use `io.open_code()` to read the `.pyc` files. This means anyone who has hooked `io.open_code()` to do validation will be bypassed.

```
class FileLoader:
    ...
    def get_data(self, path):
        """Return the data from path as raw bytes."""
        if isinstance(self, (SourceLoader, ExtensionFileLoader)):
            with _io.open_code(str(path)) as file:
                return file.read()
        else:
            with _io.FileIO(path, 'r') as file:
                return file.read()
```



The `SourcelessFileLoader` subclass doesn't get caught by the `isinstance()` call, because it's neither of the classes listed. It should have `SourcelessFileLoader` added to the tuple.

This import hook is enabled by default, though the `SourceFileLoader` is higher priority, and it does correctly use `io.open_code()`.

Legacy `*.pyc` files may be used if a user has precompiled their sources and then removed the source code. Under default configuration, it will never be used.

I didn't find any GitHub results that were actual uses, though I expected they'd all be private forks anyway, so I think the impact is going to be very low. The fix is trivial, but this is also easily exploitable if it's the sole security measure - for any module that's going to be imported, put its `.pyc` earlier on the search path and that'll be picked first without verification.

(This has already been reviewed by the PSRT and assigned [CVE-2026-2297](#). The issue is just to get the fix merged.)



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