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CVE-2018-12651: Reflected Cross Site Scripting(XSS) in Adrenalin 5.4 HRMS Software | ShiftEmployeeSearch [issue 3 of 5]

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As cyber security professional, I come across many various vulnerabilities from critical

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to low and sometimes informational(How to categorize- CVSS v3). Sometime back, I was doing as usual my security assessment activity for a Client (Confidential) for their HRMS web application which was 3rd party software whose vendor was "Adrenalin".

CVE ID: CVE-2018-12651

Vulnerability Name:

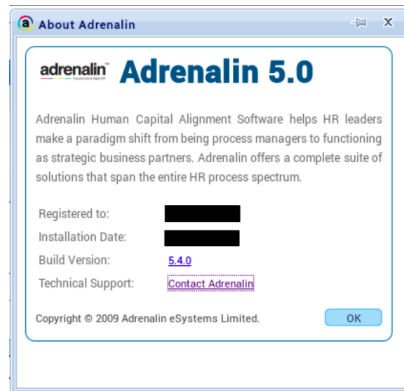
Reflected Cross Site Scripting(XSS)

Product: Adrenalin HRMS

Affected Version: 5.4

Source: MITRE

Credits: **Rishu Ranjan**



CVE-2018-12651 Details

The Common
Vulnerabilities and
Exposures (CVE) project
has assigned the ID CVE-
2018-12651 to this issue
provided by MITRE
Corporation (MITRE)(As
Vendor is not CVE
Numbering Authorities
(CNAs))

CVSS Score

CVSS Base Score: 6.1

Vector:

AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:R/S:

C/C:L/I:L/A:N

Impact Subscore:2.7

Exploitability Subscore: 2.8

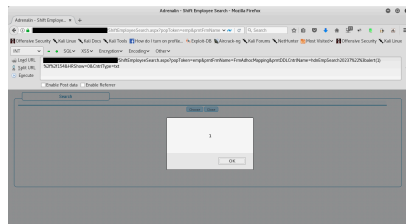
Current Description

A Reflected Cross Site Scripting(XSS) Vulnerability was discovered in Adrenalin 5.4 HRMS which is publically available. The user supplied input containing special characters such as <, >, /, etc. is echoed back in javascript code in HTML response without any output encoding performed.

CVE-ID	CVE-2018-12651
Description	Request Method(s): [+] GET Vulnerable Product: [+] Adrenalin HRMS Software 5.4.0
URL	/ShiftEmployeeSearch.aspx? popToken=emp&prntFrmName=FrmAdhocMapping&p

	<code>rntDDLCTRLName=hdnEmpSearch20237%22%3balert(1)%2f%2f154&HRShow=0&CtrlType=txt</code>
Parameter	<code>prntDDLCTRLName</code> <code>prntFrmName</code>

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Impact

In Reflected Cross Site Scripting, the malicious payload has to be sent as a part of URL and user should be tricked to visit that URL. XSS can be used to hijack victim's session and thereby gaining complete access to his/her user account. Additionally, it can be used to redirect victim to a malicious website which

may contain browser exploits or a phishing page.

Remediation, Solution

At a basic level XSS works by tricking your application into inserting a `<script>` tag into your rendered page, or by inserting an `On*` event into an element.

Developers should use the following prevention steps to avoid introducing XSS into their application.

1. Never put untrusted data into your HTML input, unless you follow the rest of the steps below.

Untrusted data is any data that may be controlled by an attacker, HTML form inputs, query strings,

HTTP headers, even data sourced from a database as an attacker may be able to breach your database even if they cannot breach your application.

2. Before putting untrusted data inside an HTML element ensure it's HTML encoded. HTML encoding takes characters such as < and changes them into a safe form like <

3. Before putting untrusted data into an HTML attribute ensure it's HTML attribute encoded. HTML attribute encoding is a superset of HTML encoding and

encodes additional characters such as " and '.

4. Before putting untrusted data into JavaScript place the data in an HTML element whose contents you retrieve at runtime. If this isn't possible then ensure the data is JavaScript encoded. JavaScript encoding takes dangerous characters for JavaScript and replaces them with their hex, for example < would be encoded as \u003C.
5. Before putting untrusted data into a URL query string ensure it's URL encoded.

Reference

<https://cwe.mitre.org/data/definitions/79.html>

[https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Testing_for_Reflected_Cross_site_scripting_\(OTG-INPVAL-001\)](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Testing_for_Reflected_Cross_site_scripting_(OTG-INPVAL-001))

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/aspnet/core/security/cross-site-scripting?view=aspnetcore-2.1>

<https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2018-12651>

Update Timelines

22th June,2018- Reflected XSS Vulnerability found in the software.

22th June,2018- Few query asked about the CVE process with same information reported to

Mitre without Vendor

name and version

information.

22th June,2018- Mitre

replied with the CVE-ID

and asked to inform the

vendor about the

vulnerability and CVE-ID is

generated.

2nd July,2018- The XSS

Instance was patched on

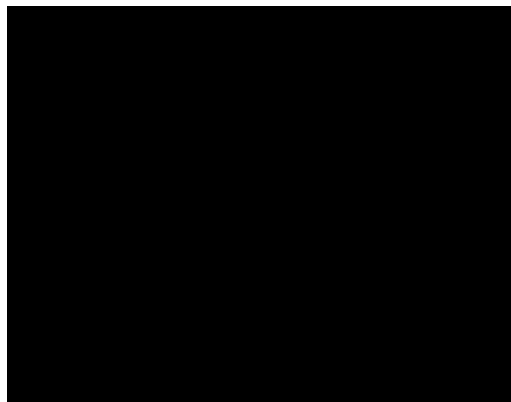
cloud version of the

software.

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Cross Site
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Injection 2 - IP Spoofing (Bypass
Whitelisting)
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header injection 2 - Server-side

request forgery (SSRF) - Out-of-band resource load (HTTP) 3 - HTTP PUT method is enabled

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