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File Name Enumeration

Report

Timeline

[[image: nahamsec]](https://hackerone.com/nahamsec)

nahamsec

submitted a report to **HackerOne**.

November 4, 2014, 8:21pm UTC

Hi guys, I am kind of surprised no one hast reported this issue yet. (or maybe they have and due to the severity it was never patched?)

An example of this behavior would be:

https://hackerone.com//%5C../%5C../%5C../%5C../%5C../%5C../etc/passwd (which is a valid attempt even though we get an error saying file not found because..)

https://hackerone.com//%5C../%5C../%5C../%5C../%5C../%5C../etc/passwd_DOESNTEXIST will rediredt us to a 404 page.

Let me know if you need more info from my end.

Thanks, Ben

[[image: Michiel Prins]](https://hackerone.com/michiel)

michiel

HackerOne staff

changed the status to ****Triaged**.

November 4, 2014, 9:01pm UTC

Hi @nahemsec - thanks for this report. I can confirm that your proof of concept works and we have started an investigation into what is causing this problem.

[[image: Remon Oldenbeuving]](https://hackerone.com/rso)

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November 5, 2014, 11:09pm UTC

Hi @nahamsec,

Just an update from our side: we've made contact with the Rails security team on this issue, they are aware of the issue and are working on a fix. In the meantime we're working on no longer serving our assets through Rails in production, this fix takes quite some time though, I'm expecting that we land that fix before the end of this week.

Again, thanks for taking the time to report this, I feel like we messed up by not spotting this earlier but thankfully you didn't expect these things to be fixed on HackerOne ;-).

Cheers,

[[image: Ben Sadeghipour]](https://hackerone.com/nahamsec)

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November 6, 2014, 12:31am UTC

Awesome. Thanks for the update guys.

[[image: Remon Oldenbeuving]](https://hackerone.com/rso)

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November 14, 2014, 12:38am UTC

Time for another update: The Rails team has been working on a fix for this issue. We've already received a proposed fix and are now waiting for another Rails release.

[[image: Ben Sadeghipour]](https://hackerone.com/nahamsec)

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November 14, 2014, 5:28am UTC

Great! Do we know when they are going to release, so I can let others know as well.

reed

changed the status to ****Triaged**.

November 17, 2014, 8:24pm UTC

[[image: Ben Sadeghipour]](https://hackerone.com/nahamsec)

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November 17, 2014, 10:08pm UTC

Seems like Rails has released the fix :)

I have been getting a few emails from other vendors stating they have patched it. It is fixed on HackerOne now!

[[image: Remon Oldenbeuving]](https://hackerone.com/rso)

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closed the report and changed the status to ****Resolved**.

November 17, 2014, 10:16pm UTC

You're right, we've deployed this Rails release this morning!

Thanks again for taking the time to report this bug to us.

[[image: Ben Sadeghipour]](https://hackerone.com/nahamsec)

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November 17, 2014, 10:17pm UTC

Happy to help!

HackerOne

rewarded nahamsec with a bounty.

November 17, 2014, 10:22pm UTC

[[image: Remon Oldenbeuving]](https://hackerone.com/rso)

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requested to disclose this report.

November 17, 2014, 10:24pm UTC

Unfortunately I was recognised in the credits of the security advisory on behalf of your report on HackerOne.

I'm requesting public disclosure so that people can actually see that you are the one that deserves most of the praise here!

[[image: Ben Sadeghipour]](https://hackerone.com/nahamsec)

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Updated November 17, 2014, 10:28pm UTC

Awe dang! I thought they already knew about this issue and that's why I didn't report it to them!

Howerver, I appreciate the bounty.

[[image: Ben Sadeghipour]](https://hackerone.com/nahamsec)

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November 17, 2014, 10:28pm UTC

Patrick of github was also notified by me originally when I reported this same issue on one of the their servers

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agreed to disclose this report.

November 17, 2014, 10:28pm UTC

This report has been disclosed.

November 17, 2014, 10:28pm UTC

Recovery notes

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