

# I've Been Hacked, Now What?

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# What Happened?

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# But...

- Content files look normal
- Database info looks normal
- Admin panel does not show that text
  
- Where is it coming from?

# Now What?

- Change the passwords/keys for all accounts (server and software)
- Check for SSH keys left behind (~/.ssh)
- Check the history for shell commands (~/.bash\_history)
- Check the history for users/logins
- Contact your hosting company

```
[beth]$ last
destr0y  ftpd4745  ::ffff:50.138.17 Fri Mar 1 10:40 - 10:46 (00:06)
zerocool ftpd57287  ::ffff:71.203.94 Fri Mar 1 10:00 - 10:00 (00:00)
ccawkd1m pts/1      83.165.216.223  Fri Mar 1 09:29 - 09:30 (00:00)

[beth]$ last -20
```

# Hmm, I don't remember that...

- Next, start looking for strange files on your server:
  - cookies
  - functions
  - inc.php
  - func.php



# Common Injected Files

- .htaccess
- themes
- uploads
- config files

# Let's See What's Changed

```
[beth]$ ls -la favicon.gif  
-rw-r--r-- 1 beth1 beth2 0 Mar 19 2012 favicon.gif
```

```
[beth]$ touch favicon.gif
```

```
[beth]$ ls -la favicon.gif  
-rw-r--r-- 1 beth1 beth2 0 Mar 28 2013 favicon.gif
```

```
[beth]$ touch -t 201110011034 favicon.gif
```

```
[beth]$ ls -la favicon.gif  
-rw-r--r-- 1 beth1 beth2 0 Oct 1 2011 favicon.gif
```

# Dates

```
[beth]$ stat favicon.gif
  File: `favicon.gif'
  Size: 0  Blocks: 0  IO Block: 262144 regular empty file
Device: 811h/2065d      Inode: 4673485091  Links: 1
Access: (0644/-rw-r--r--)  Uid: (2130923/tree)  Gid:
      (358733/pg1324784)
Access: 2011-10-01 10:34:00.000000000 -0700
Modify: 2011-10-01 10:34:00.000000000 -0700
Change: 2013-03-28 14:36:29.259135745 -0700

[beth]$ ls -cl favicon.gif
-rw-r--r-- 1 beth1 beth2 0 Oct  1 2011 favicon.gif
```

# Saving Time

```
[beth]$ find ./dir/ -type f -ctime -2 -exec ls -la {} \;  
-rw-rw-r-- 1 beth1 beth2 455 Mar 28 14:56 ./dir/test1.php  
-rw-rw-r-- 1 beth1 beth2 165 Mar 28 14:56 ./dir/test2.php
```

# Bad Files

```
<?php
```

```
eval(gzinflate(base64_decode('239ha1skdHAISUDHLH1kJFLEAIWA  
UFWLAIFUEWLNAC98WLH3KJCANLDKAHF9238HRLWAJNDKSAJNLFCA4987LI  
WFKDSJBVLWAIIEUFLASKNFCLAKHLFWIEANCAIWE CNALIWFEAIWUEHF...  
and so on.
```

- Oftentimes at the top of the file or bottom
- Oftentimes on one line
- Can change "eval" to "echo" to view decoded code, however there are usually many layers of obfuscation

# Tracing Access

(Thanks, David Mirza)

```
[beth]$ grep cooockies.php /dir/log/apache2/site1_access_log  
| tr -s ' ' | cut -d ' ' -f1 >> ip-list
```

- grep for all strange files
- grep again using IP address
- grep again for keywords like eval, base64\_decode, gzinflate, or a copied string of the encoded code

# WordPress Scanning Help

- Exploit Scanner (WordPress):

<http://wordpress.org/extend/plugins/exploit-scanner/>

This plugin searches the files on your website, and the posts and comments tables of your database for anything suspicious. It also examines your list of active plugins for unusual filenames.

- WPScan:

<http://wpscan.org/>

# Get Cleaning

- Restore from a known clean backup
- Manually clean all changed files
- Make sure all software is up-to-date
- If using WordPress:
  - overwrite the core files with freshly downloaded ones
  - Uninstall any unused themes
  - Delete the plugins directory and install all plugins from scratch
  - Follow the hardening instructions:  
[http://codex.wordpress.org/Hardening\\_WordPress](http://codex.wordpress.org/Hardening_WordPress)
  - Check the uploads dir for PHP files



# After Everything is Clean

- Change all passwords again
  - Use passwords that are not words, leet, or the first letters of words in Bible verses or popular songs.
  - Use passwords that are at least 15 characters long
- Regenerate/reissue all SSH key-pairs

# Set Up Monitoring

- Vega (automated crawling and vulnerability scanning:  
<http://www.subgraph.com/>)
- Install WordPress plugins to help:  
<http://www.wpbeginner.com/plugins/how-to-scan-your-wordpress-site-for-potentially-malicious-code/>
- Set up a cron job to grep for bad keywords, etc.

```
[beth]$ crontab -e
MAILTO="beth@treelinedesign.com"

Min hour day mon weekday path/to/script.sh
0 1 * * * /home/checkMySite.sh
0 0-23/4 * * * /home/checkMySite/sh
```

# Resources

- Spider Simulator: <http://www.webconfs.com/search-engine-spider-simulator.php>
- DIY Incident Response by David Mirza: [http://www.subgraph.com/downloads/Subgraph-Confoo2013-DIY\\_Incident\\_Response.pdf](http://www.subgraph.com/downloads/Subgraph-Confoo2013-DIY_Incident_Response.pdf)
- FAQ: My site was hacked (WordPress Codex): [http://codex.wordpress.org/FAQ\\_My\\_site\\_was\\_hacked](http://codex.wordpress.org/FAQ_My_site_was_hacked)
- Hardening WordPress (WordPress Codex): [http://codex.wordpress.org/Hardening\\_WordPress](http://codex.wordpress.org/Hardening_WordPress)
- How to completely clean your WordPress install (Smackdown): <http://smackdown.blogspot.com/2008/06/24/how-to-completely-clean-your-hacked-wordpress-installation/>
- How to find a backdoor in a hacked WordPress (Otto on WordPress): <http://ottopress.com/2009/hacked-wordpress-backdoors/>
- Recommended WordPress Hosting (WordPress): <http://wordpress.org/hosting/>
- How to scan your WordPress site for potentially malicious code (wpbeginner): <http://www.wpbeginner.com/plugins/how-to-scan-your-wordpress-site-for-potentially-malicious-code/>
- Exploit Scanner (WordPress): <http://wordpress.org/extend/plugins/exploit-scanner/>
- WordPress Key Generator (WordPress): <https://api.wordpress.org/secret-key/1.1/salt/>
- Removing Malware from a WordPress Blog (Sucuri): <http://blog.sucuri.net/2010/02/removing-malware-from-wordpress-blog.html>



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