ISTI Open Access - Support #16178

Joomla Security Update

Feb 27, 2019 12:46 PM - Michele Artini

 Status:
 Closed
 Start date:
 Feb 27, 2019

 Priority:
 Normal
 Due date:

 Assignee:
 Andrea Dell'Amico
 % Done:
 100%

 Category:
 Estimated time:
 0.00 hour

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Description

Message after the last Joomla update:

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.htaccess & web.config security Update
Since version 3.9.3
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Since Joomla 3.9.3, Joomla is shipped with additional security hardenings in the default htaccess. txt and web.config.txt files.

These hardenings disable the so called MIME-type sniffing feature in webbrowsers. The sniffing leads to specific attack vectors,

where scripts in normally harmless file formats (i.e. images) will be executed, leading to Cross-S ite-Scripting vulnerabilities.

The security teams recommends to manually apply the necessary changes to existing .htaccess or web .config files,

as those files can not be updated automatically.

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Changes for .htaccess
Add the following lines before "## Mod_rewrite in use.":

<IfModule mod_headers.c>
Header always set X-Content-Type-Options "nosniff"

</IfModule>

Changes for web.config
Add the following lines right after "</rewrite>":
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History

#1 - Feb 27, 2019 01:17 PM - Andrea Dell'Amico

- Status changed from New to In Progress

#2 - Feb 27, 2019 01:23 PM - Andrea Dell'Amico

- Status changed from In Progress to Feedback
- % Done changed from 0 to 100

Done. The second configuration entry cannot be applied to our apache server, it works with apache versions newer that the one we run.

#3 - Feb 27, 2019 02:37 PM - Andrea Dell'Amico

- Status changed from Feedback to Closed

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