

# mysql as a file upload/download vector

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Howdy,

I was up against a situation earlier today where I wanted to show that a mysql server with the 'test' database still available can be used as a warez server and can be used as a file upload/download vector for (potentially) heavily fortified hosts.

I couldn't think of anything mysql-wise that would conveniently let me do this, nor could I find any tools that would let me do this. I figured that, since I already knew exactly how I could implement this, it'd probably be faster if I just wrote my own instead of scouring the web looking for some code to do this.

Just to clarify, when I say "used as a warez server" or "file upload/download vector", I mean storing the file data in a database. And no, not just in one huge field either. I mean taking a file locally, chunking it up and storing it your database, and then later retrieving it.

So, I wrote this:

<http://spoofed.org/files/mtp>

My question is, how badly did I re-reinvent the wheel?

tia,

-jon

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