# CWE Detail – CWE-541

## Description

If an include file source is accessible, the file can contain usernames and passwords, as well as sensitive information pertaining to the application and system.

## Extended Description

N/A

## Threat-Mapped Scoring

Score: 3.25

Priority: P2 - Serious (High)

## Modes of Introduction

**•** Implementation: N/A

## Common Consequences

**•** Impact: Read Application Data — Notes:

## Potential Mitigations

**•** Architecture and Design: Do not store sensitive information in include files. (Effectiveness: N/A)

**•** Architecture and Design: Protect include files from being exposed. (Effectiveness: N/A)

## Demonstrative Examples

**•** database.inc