

ImpressCMS 1.1.3 Final is Released

ImpressCMS News

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The ImpressCMS development team has released [ImpressCMS 1.1.3](#), a security update for their 1.1 version. The vulnerabilities were not in their core code, but in 2 of the 3rd party libraries used and distributed with their core - Smarty and PHPOpenID. If your site is running on a version prior to 1.1.3, it is strongly recommended you upgrade to the latest version. [Smarty](#) is a template engine, driving the way pages are built and displayed by ImpressCMS. PHPOpenID allows you to use [OpenID](#) authentication for logins on an ImpressCMS site.

Security is an important aspect of selecting a web platform and an important task for maintaining your web site. Some of the security 'best practices' that have made their way into ImpressCMS are

- Creating a trust_path outside the web root (when possible) during installation, making sensitive database credentials inaccessible to a web browser
- Using a 2-part encryption key to protect passwords stored in the database
- Using HTML Purifier to filter input and output and remove malicious and unauthorized code
- Providing a version checker for the core, allowing you to keep your site up-to-date much easier
- Providing multiple methods of password encryption to increase the difficulty of decrypting passwords