

➤ CSRF

- ⌘ CSRF (Cross-Site Request Forgery) is an attack where a malicious website tricks a logged-in user's browser into sending an unauthorized request to a trusted website using the user's existing session/cookies.
- ⌘ The browser automatically attaches cookies, so the server thinks the request is legitimate.
- ⌘ Example:

- ⌘ Lets say bank website is **bank.com** and attacker's website is **evil.com**
- ⌘ Victim logs in

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User → bank.com → Login successful
Browser stores session cookie: JSESSIONID=xyz
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- ⌘ Victim visits malicious site

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<form action="https://bank.com/transfer" method="POST">
  <input type="hidden" name="amount" value="10000"/>
  <input type="hidden" name="to" value="attacker"/>
</form>

<script>
  document.forms[0].submit();
</script>
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- ⌘ Browser sends request

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POST /transfer
Cookie: JSESSIONID=xyz
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- ⌘ Cookie is valid; money transfer successful; money is *gone*.

- ⌘ So basically, **CSRF** attacks doesn't steal password; It uses user's cookies stored in the browser to steal the data/money.

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