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The Art Of Authentication Bypass

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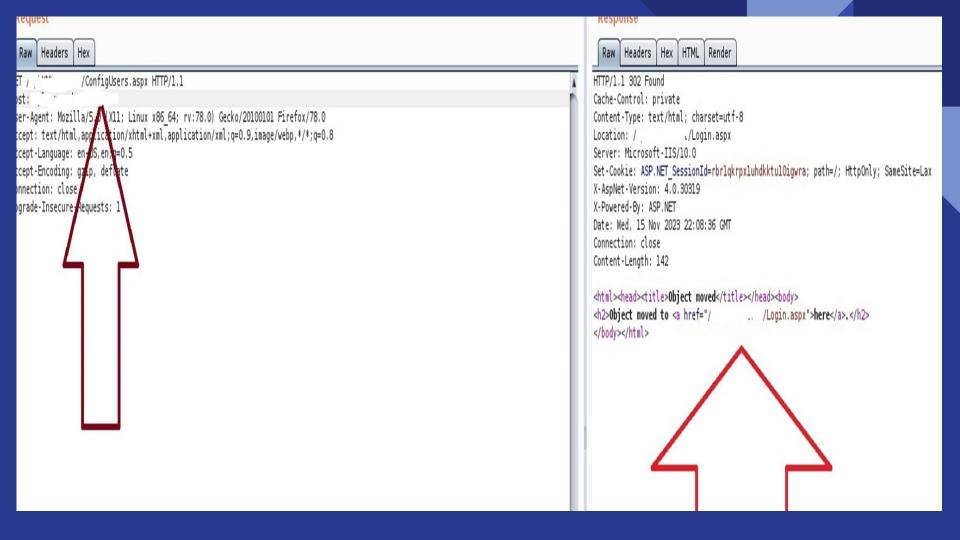
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URLScan.io: A
Treasure for
Hunters
Finding Auth
Bypass Bugs

Topics to be covered:

will discuss a real scenario encountered during my bug bounty journey, focusing on a combined category of bugs involving Authentication Bypass and Business Access Control (BAC)

- It was one of the strangest and most enjoyable bugs I have ever found.
- What is path manipulation? in short way: access to restricted content by appending sensitive paths to permissible ones
- For example, consider the bug I discovered:
- During my test on app I discovered an endpoint called `
 ConfigUsers.aspx ` which redirects to the login page
 at`/login.aspx `



- So, an idea came to my mind idk from where or why!
- Why you don't try `/ConfigUsers.aspx/Login.aspx `
- To my surprise, it worked!

```
GET /opLYNXCentral/ConfigUsers.aspx/Login.aspx HTTP/1.1
                                                                                                                                                      HTTP/1.1 200 OK
                                                                                                                                                      Cache-Control: private
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86 🗪 rv:78.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/78.0
                                                                                                                                                      Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
                                                                                                                                                      Server: Microsoft-IIS/10.0
Accept-Language: en-US, en; q=0.5
                                                                                                                                                      Set-Cookie: ASP.NET SessionId=nyxtodky4nlmc4dmetsmo0qx; path=/; HttpOnly: SameSite=Lax
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
                                                                                                                                                      X-AspNet-Version: 4.0.30319
Connection: close
                                                                                                                                                      X-Powered-By: ASP.NET
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests:
                                                                                                                                                      Date: Wed, 15 Nov 2023 22:09:09 GMT
                                                                                                                                                      Connection: close
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                                                                                                                                                                  window.open("manual
                                                                                                                                                                                            ".pdf "mywindow", "status=1,toolbar=1");
```

- You will notice that there were no cookies or session information on the request
- This led to a full authentication bypass, granting me access to all other protected ASPX pages like ` admin.aspx `.
- Was this just front-end access? No, I was able to list all users on the app and even add and edit users with full admin privileges
- This unusual yet critical P1 issue earned a bounty of \$8,400.

Lessons learned:



- Always trust your instincts.
- Experiment with unconventional paths, such as `non-protected.aspx/protected.aspx `, to uncover
 - potential vulnerabilities.

- Easy bug to find, and u can get a great bounty!
- At first what is Improper Redirection Handling? improper
 Redirection Handling is a security flaw where a web application
 mismanages URL redirections by processing or delivering
 sensitive content and actions before properly checking for user
 authentication, potentially leading to unauthorized access or
 data exposure.
- In short way, (GET/POST Protected.aspx > content or POST function success > authentication function check)

- Bug E.g:
- While working on `admin.target.com `, I used fuzzing to discover the endpoint `admin.target.com/admin/login.aspx `.
- Upon examining JavaScript files on `login.aspx `, I identified two endpoints: `main.aspx ` and `adduser.aspx `.
- Visiting `admin.target.com/admin/main.aspx `through a browser redirects me back to `/login.aspx `.
- But Burp Repeater, it have a different story to tell

When sending a request to `admin.target.com/admin/main.aspx
via Burp Repeater, I observed that the response had an
unusually large `Content-Length `, much larger than expected for
a typical redirect response.

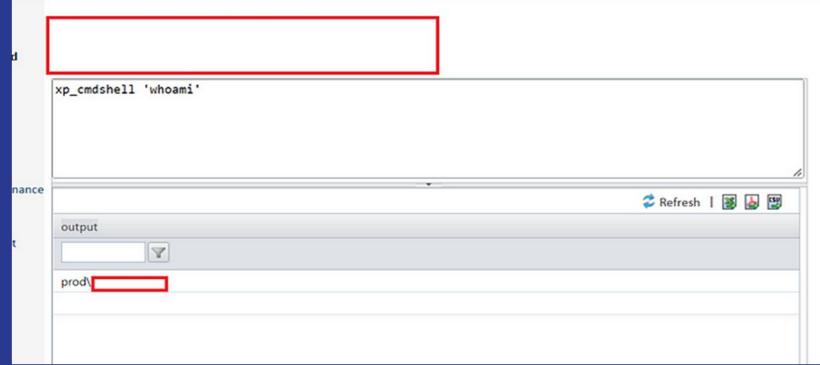
As you can see on the pic next

_/main.aspx HTTP/1.1

```
HTTP/1.1 302 Moved Temporarily
Server: Microsoft-IIS/10.0
Cache-Control: private
Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8
                     ' /Login.aspx?logout=y
Location: /
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
X-XSS-Protection: 1: mode=block
X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
Content-Security-Policy: default-src 'self' *. ___ '; script-src 'self' 'unsafe-inline' 'unsafe-eval'; style-src 'self'
'unsafe-inline'; img-src 'self' data: https:; font-src 'self' https://fonts.googleapis.com https://fonts.gstatic.com;
upgrade-insecure-requests; block-all-mixed-content;
Content-Length: 11893
Date: Sat. 24 Sep 2022 23:46:57 GMT
Connection: clase
Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=31536000 : includeSubDomains
Set - Cookie
bm sy=557CC047D16589E18432_2538D6E88DC~YAAQVyaL1ch302KDAQAAG6HlcRGyuOmtlznv/xcCLt7b6D7ab+LROwLI6lIM4Zcq6+vQf0bSdp8IYxMwIpcM41v7JE
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w9Afr7NDCvnHfYfrPopF+oMvzouwzc4fGMmIH~1; Domain=. ---
                                                     Path=/; Expires=Sun, 25 Sep 2022 01:46:57 GMT; Max-Age=7200; Secure
<html><head <title>Object moved</title></head><body>
<h2>0bject moved to <a href=""
                                  ._ :/Login.aspx?logout=y">here</a>.</h2>
</body></html>
         HTHE FUDELE -//W3C//DTD HTML 4.0 Transitional//EN" >
<html>
       <head>
              <title>Main</title>
               <meta content="Microsoft Visual Studio 7.0" name="GENERATOR"/>
               <meta content="C#" name="CODE LANGUAGE"/>
               <meta content="JavaScript" name="vs defaultClientScript"/>
               <meta content="http://schemas.microsoft.com/intellisense/ie5" name="vs targetSchema"/>
               <meta http-equiv="Expires" content="0"/>
               <meta http-equiv="Cache-Control" content="no-cache"/>
               <meta http-equiv="Pragma" content="no-cache"/>
               <link href=" (StyleSheet.css" type="text/css" rel="stylesheet"/>
          <style type="text/css">
        .stylel
           width: 2px;
     </style>
       </head>
       <br/>
<br/>
body MS POSITIONING="GridLayout">
                 <img src="images/ Banner.bmp"/>
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- Using Burp Match And Replace or using Burp intercept response by :
- change 302 Moved Temporarily to 200 OK
- remove Location: /admin/Login.aspx?logout=y
- remove html redirect code
- I achieved a full **authentication bypass**, which was fully functional and not just a front-end bypass.
- Using the same steps on `adduser.aspx`, I was able to add an admin user and log in. This access allows complete navigation and testing of all panel functions using the bug, but having admin privileges simplifies internal testing significantly.
- After login found endpoint to run mssal querys yn cmdshellsRCF.

Easy Bug, Worth 35K



Lessons learned:



- GET protected.aspx >302 >send it to repeater> see the response
- When you achieve authentication bypass on any panel, report it and discuss with program owners the possibility of elevating the impact for (SQLI) or (RCE). Don't settle for just the auth bypass discovery—higher severity vulnerabilities like RCE can significantly increase the bounty

- Let's begin by defining cross-subdomain cookie reuse?
 "Cross-Subdomain Cookie Reuse" is a vulnerability where cookies from one subdomain are misused on another, allowing potential unauthorized access to sensitive areas that the cookie was not originally intended for"
- For simplicity, let's assume our target is ` BCsupport.bugcrowd.com `.
- `BCsupport.bugcrowd.com `is a CNAME for a third-party service hosted at `BCsupport.support.com `. This third-party service provides a support panel for various customers (e.g., Bugcrowd, Twitter, AT&T), allowing their clients to submit support tickets to the support team.

- This third-party service, by default, does not allow new users to register. It includes a function (request access) as the standard setting. However, their documentation states that "you can change the 'request access' setting to allow full registration.", BCsupport.support.com is using the default settings (request access).
- Using google dork ,`site: *.support.com ` I discovered another customer (let's say Twitter), allows registration, unlike the default 'request access' setting
- I created an account on `twitter.support.com `, While exploring, I stumbled upon an API call in a JavaScript file `/api/Administration/GetAdminConfiguration `
- I tested accessing `twitter.support.com /api/Administration/GetAdminConfiguration ` as a normal user , I was able to view all administrative settings and even admin passwords (BAC)!

- Since my target is BCsupport.support.com , I initially tried accessing `
 BCsupport.support.com /api/Administration/GetAdminConfiguration `but the received 401
- Back to twitter.support.com , where I had created an account, I noticed the authentication cookie named ` support_hub =xxxxx`
- Out of curiosity, I tried the same cookie and the same value from twitter.support.com on `
 BCsupport.support.com /api/Administration/GetAdminConfiguration `
- Surprisingly, it worked , the 401 now is 200! , with different admin password and setting from twitter.support.com, indicating that the data belonged to BCsupport.support.com , This meant that the authentication cookie from twitter.support.com was valid for API calls on BCsupport.support.com
- This simple trick earned me a \$15,000 bounty!

Lessons learned:

- When targeting a subdomain that operates on a third-party platform, investigate other customers using the same third-party service. If you discover functionalities available on these other subdomains—particularly those related to authentication or session management—test them on your target subdomain
- If one subdomain allows user registration and the other doesn't, register on the permissive subdomain and test whether its session cookies grant access on the restrictive subdomain. This can uncover critical cross-subdomain vulnerabilities.

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- This example bears similarities to the previous bug we discussed, but it highlights another critical aspect we must consider
- The E.G: (target.com)
- Using google dork `intext:"Copyright © 2023 target"` I discovered an application operating on a third-party platform, accessible via `target.Third-party.com `
- I encountered an endpoint, `target.Third-party.com/account/create /`, which appeared to be disabled, displaying only an empty page."
- Using google dorks I found another customer use it (lets say for E.G bugcrowd) like bugcrowd.Third-party.com and `bugcrowd.Third-party.com/account/create `was working allowing me to reg

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• `target.Third-party.com/account/create ` Registration page

Create New Account

• `bugcrowd.Third-party.com/account/create ` Registration page

Creat	e New Aco	count	
Personal	Information		
First Name			
Last Name			
Sign-in Ir	formation		
Email *			

Content-Disposition: form-data: name="lastname"

Content-Disposition: form-data; name="assistance allowed"

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 Using the registration request from bugcrowd.Third-party.com/account/create , I modified the host in the request to target.Third-party.com/account/create using

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ept: text/htm ept-Language: ept-Encoding: tent-Type: mu tent-Length: gin: https://	1. Com	
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 Since the process included email verification, I registered using my own email and received a verification email from target. Third-party.com. After verifying, I was able to log into target. Third-party.com



- Although there are many endpoints like target. Third-party.com/users , initially, I received 'Unauthorized' errors when attempting to access them.
- BAC Time, I noticed that the platform allowed me to change my email without additional verification. So, I changed it to Hackerx007@target.com. After this change, when I tried accessing target.Third-party.com/users again, it worked!

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 This change led to full access to the administrative panel, enabling me to edit, add, and delete users, among other functions. This level of access illustrates a significant security oversight in the system's privilege control and verification

Drocesses
User Manager

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Lessons learned:

 Similar to the previous bug, test other customers that use the third-party service to see which functions are available to them but not to your target. Then, test those functions on your target by sending the request and changing the host to your target.

- First what is asmx,svc?
- ASMX and SVC are web service technologies in .NET; ASMX uses SOAP for simple web services, while SVC, part of WCF, supports multiple communication protocols for service-oriented applications
- Why You Shouldn't Overlook SVC and ASMX Endpoints in Bug Hunting?: Approximately 95% of the SVC and ASMX endpoints I've examined either require no authentication or have operations that don't need authentication. This lack of security measures can expose numerous vulnerabilities such as (PII), (IDOR), (BAC), (SQLi),(LFI).

How and where to find ASMX and SVC?
 A_On js files (use ext like burpjslinkfinder ,Gap on burp)

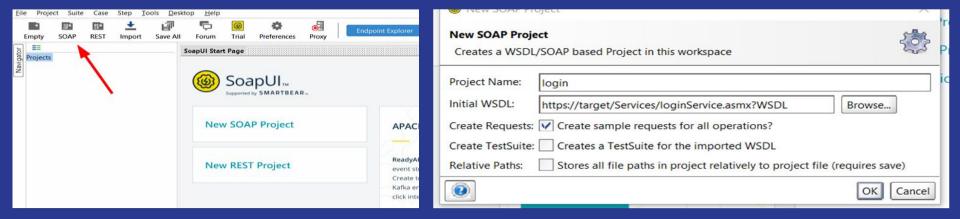
B_ Use Google and Bing dorks, as well as sites that cache URLs like <u>web.archive.org</u>, urlscan.io, and virustotal.com.

C_Fuzzing:

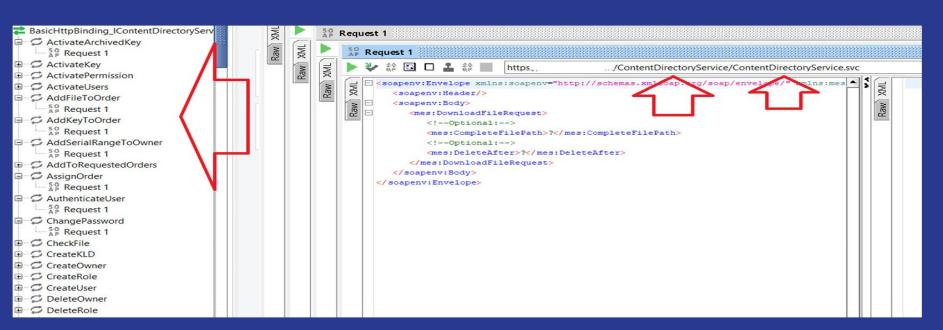
- 1. Always fuzz using asmx,svc ext when u work on ASP app
- 2. Fuzz for path like:
- /Webservices/
- /Services/
- /FUZZServices/ like /adminServices/ ..etc
- /sub-domainServices/ like manger.target.com/mangerServices/ or /mangerwebServices/
- /appnameServices/ like manger.target.com/Centre/ > manger.target.com/CentreServices/ or /CentrewebServices/

- 3 FUZZ for asmx,svc on previous paths and the root path / :
 - manger.target.com/FUZZ ext asmx,svc
 - /FUZZ Services.ASMX or SVC
 - /appname.asmx or svc
 - /subdomain.asmx or svc
 - /appnameServices.asmx or svc
 - /subdomainServices.asmx or svc

- How we can use ASMX and SVC?.
- 1. I recommend You to use SoapUi.
 - Easy to use
- Use it with /endpoint.asmx?wsdl or /endpoint.svc?wsdl



This will list all operations on the ASMX,SVC



2. Using burp repeater:

Some asmx,svc endpoint give a list of operations to use

The following operations are supported. For a formal definition, please review the Service Description.

- UserAuth CheckCode
- UserAuth CheckCodeX
- UserAuth DeleteUser
- UserAuth GetAnotherQuestion
- UserAuth GetCode
- UserAuth GetDataForReset
- UserAuth Identification
- UserAuth IdentificationB
- UserAuth IdentificationX
- UserAuth IdentificationXB
- UserAuth ListUsers
- UserAuth NewEnroll
- UserAuth Request
- UserAuth Reset

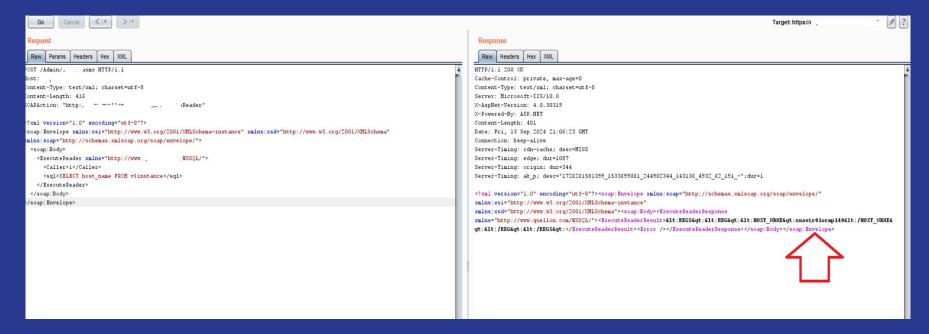
Click on any operation you will get the operation req , copy it into burp repeater

• Bugs you can find there:

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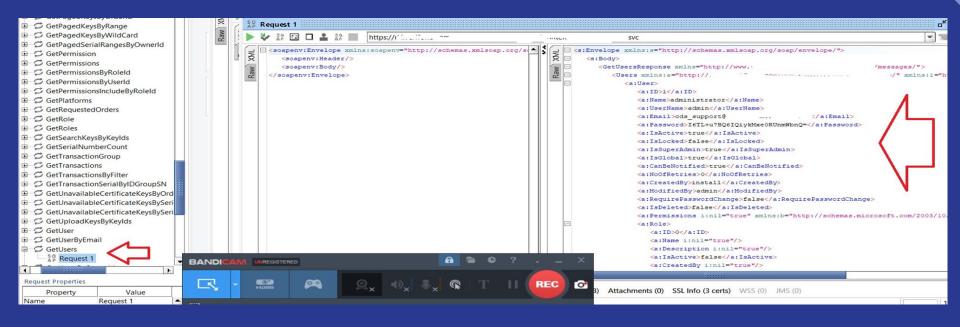
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<soapenv:Header/>
                                                                                  <s:Body>
                                                                                     <DownloadFileResponse xmlns="http://</pre>
   <soapenv:Body>
      <mes:DownloadFileRequest>
                                                                                        <FileData>PD94bWwgdmVyc2lvbj0iMS4wIiBlbmNvZGluZz0iVV
         <!--Optional:-->
                                                                                        <Message/>
         <mes:CompleteFilePath>C:/inetpub/wwwroot/web.config</mes:</pre>
                                                                                     </DownloadFileResponse>
         <!--Optional:-->
                                                                                  </s:Body>
         <mes:DeleteAfter>O</mes:DeleteAfter>
                                                                               </s:Envelope>
      </mes:DownloadFileRequest>
   </soapenv:Body>
</soapenv:Envelope>
```

• 2.**SQLI**



A deep dive into authentication and access control vulnerabilities in ASMX and SVC

• 3. PII



A deep dive into authentication and access control vulnerabilities in ASMX and SVC

• And a lot of other bugs like even RCE, ATO ...etc

A deep dive into authentication and access control vulnerabilities in ASMX and SVC Lessons learned:

- Never Overlook ASMX and SVC Endpoints—A Treasure Trove of Bugs
- Always check all operations on ASMX and SVC endpoints; some may require authentication, while others might not
- When working on ASP.NET applications, be sure to search for ASMX and SVC endpoints using the fuzzing methods we've discussed. These endpoints can be critical vulnerabilities waiting to be discovered.

- What URLScan.io? "a powerful scanner technology that allows IT security and risk management professionals to analyze and understand the potential risks associated with a particular URL"
- Unfortunately, most scans on URLScan.io are public, making them a double-edged sword by allowing anyone to view them.
- As Bug Bounty Hunter , what I can find on urlscan.io ?
 - 1. Hidden endpoints that might expose vulnerabilities.
 - 2. Active password reset tokens that could lead to authentication bypasses
 - 3. Confirmation links that allow registration on subdomains not typically open to public registration

• E.G of Auth bypass using URLScan.io :

1.Working on admin.target.com discovered

`admin.target.com/admin/registration

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS hackerx007@hackerx007.com

Please DOUBLE-CHECK that this is your correct email address. Without your correct email address you will be unable to complete registration.

Next >>>

2. Initially, I tried to register with my personal email, but it was not accepted

Cannot Register

This is a private site. You must request access from an administrator of

Go back to the previous page

Bugs

- 3. However, when I attempted to register using hackerx007@target.com, the application accepted it and indicated that a registration link had been sent to the email." so no luck with bypassing this
- 4. Using URLScan.io I found an active registration link

	admin.target.com	
Search r	esults (23 / 23, sorted by date, took 29ms)	
■ URL		
0		Public
0		Public
0		Public
a		Public
A *	: i?a=reg&uid=65262248&pp=bqhvn388z9c3mvqs6bi6qcgnb	Public

5. Opening the registration link in the browser, I found that the link was still active

All fields marked with a	n asterisk (*) are required.
First name * Last name * Email address	raghu. ' ,
Choose a password * Retype password *	Password strength: ### Must be at least 8 characters ### Must include both numbers and letters ### Must include both upper- and lowercase letters ### Must include special character

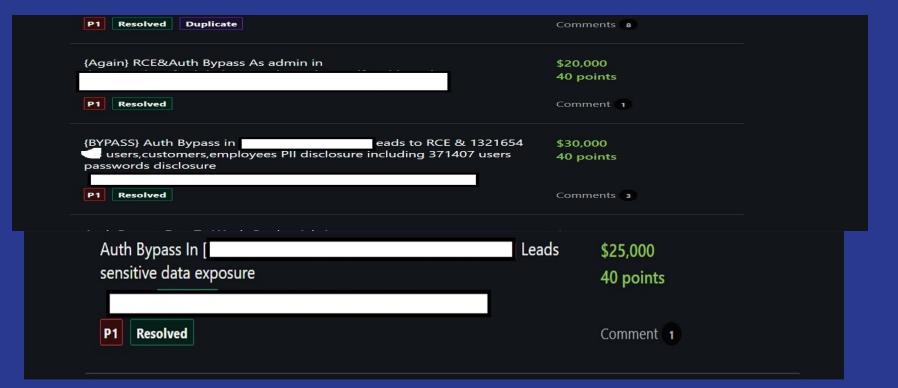
 I used it to log in with the email found on the registration page, and successfully gained access as an admin with full permissions,



Lessons learned :

- Never Overlook URLScan.io: A Crucial Tool for Every Hunter!
 - Note: You can also use virustotal.com in conjunction with urlscan.io to significantly expand your attack surface. For more detailed strategies on using Virustotal.com, refer to the presentation by OrwaGodfather.

Some Bounties Using These Methods



Last Words!

Bug bounty might seem hard, but they're truly
within everyone's reach. With curiosity and a bit
effort, anyone can uncover these bugs. Remember,
it's not about the effort; it's about the smart
approach. You've got this—start exploring and see
what you can discover!

Thank you all for listening, I truly appreciate your time and attention.