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Hey guys, I am vijay reddy. An enthusiastic guy who loves to explore and learn more about cyber security and other fields. I have worked on both INFRA and security.

Inspiration:

We have many things to learn and knowledge to share.

Art of Thanks:

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Tool: Burp suite

Definition:

Server-side request forgery (also known as SSRF) is a web security vulnerability that allows an attacker to make the server-side application to make requests to an unintended location.

Impact:

SSRF attacks often exploit trust relationships to escalate an attack from the vulnerable application and perform unauthorized actions.

- 1. RCE (Remote code execution)
- 2. Sensitive Data Exposure
- 3. Port Scans or Cross Site Port Attack (XSPA)

e.g.:

Below URL gives a clear picture that a website capitalten is making an external request to domain catmemes.

Yes, this can lead to a SSRF attack.

https://www.capitalten.com/myaccount/personalize/cardimage/preview?url=https://www.catmemes.com/latest/cat-17429664.png

Vulnerable Code:

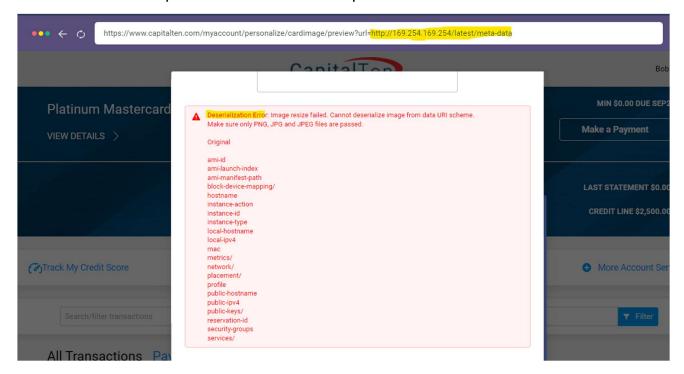
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HttpGet httpGet = new HttpGet(url);
InputStream is = client.execute(httpGet).getEntity().getContent();
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Here it is clearly understood that no validation or pre-checks were made before making an URL request.

2.0 (meta-data)

One such service commonly exploited by attackers in third-party cloud environments is REST-based web services known as **cloud metadata** endpoints. If configured, a metadata endpoint provides programmatic access to a cloud server's system configuration, networking details, authentication access keys, etc.

Below is the example of sensitive data exposure via SSRF.



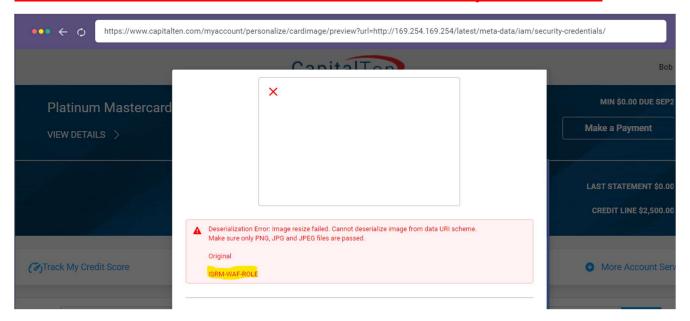
Has above URL leads to an error with a list of present directories.

Let's move ahead and try another vulnerability in conjunction to above i.e., directory traversal.

Final we were able to reach and retrieve security-credentials for this 3rd party cloud application.

Traversal

https://www.capitalten.com/myaccount/personalize/cardimage/preview?http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/iam/security-credentials/



Mitigation:

- 1. Whitelists and DNS resolution
- 2. Response handling
- 3. Disable unused URL schemas
- 4. Authentication on internal services

Conclusion: use a whitelist for IP addresses and domains, and always validate if the response has the expected format and content.

PortSwigger

LAB1: Basic SSRF against the local server

Found a functionality in web browser that allows us to fetch the stock of particular goodies. Found that it was making a URL call to fetch the data.

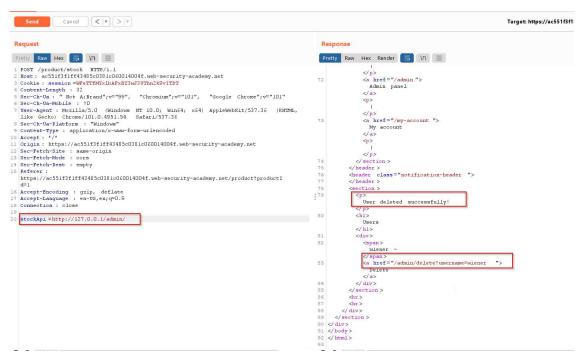
So, we simply replaced with http://127.0.01/admin in an attempt to login into localhost.

In reponse I found there was an URL pertaining to delete user /admin/delete?username=xyz

Simply by changing the URL from /admin to above the user got successfully deleted.

Logic: for disaster recovery organization may be running direct login from the known device which is trust relationship. As this call was made from internal device it got auto logged in and user got deleted.

Snapshot:

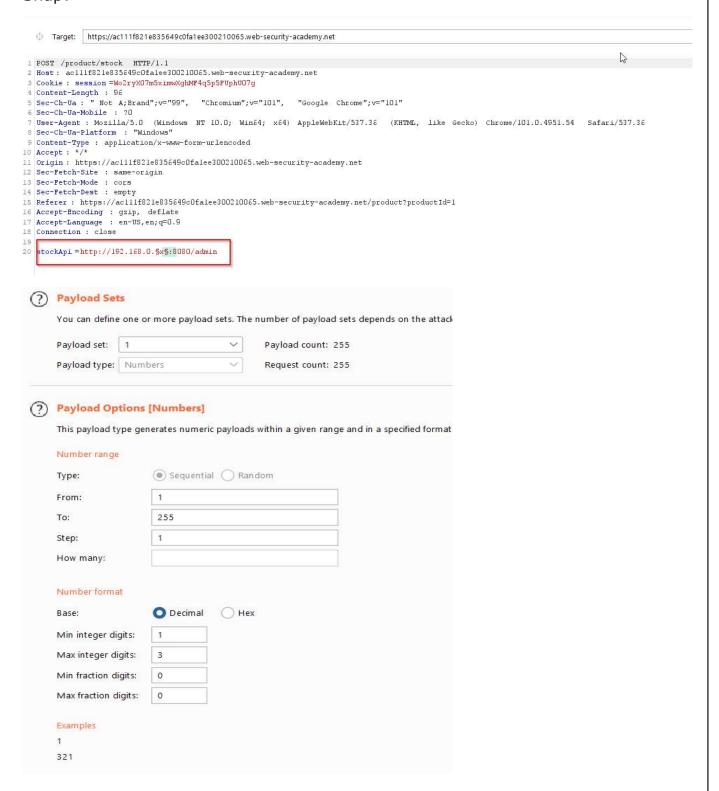


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LAB 2: Basic SSRF against another back-end system

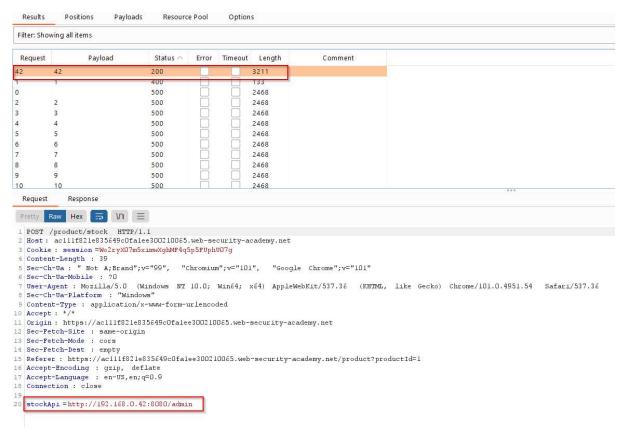
Back-end servers are not accessible for outside so they are not much more protected. We found segment 192.168.0.x but not sure about the IP which is available or accessible so we used payload in intruder leading to 200 responses.

Logic: Same has above just identified the IP, again lost the trust relationship Snap:



As you can see, we used burp suite tab Intruder to automate a sequence and find/guess the exact IP.

We received both client response code and server response code but I was interested in 200 code (OK)



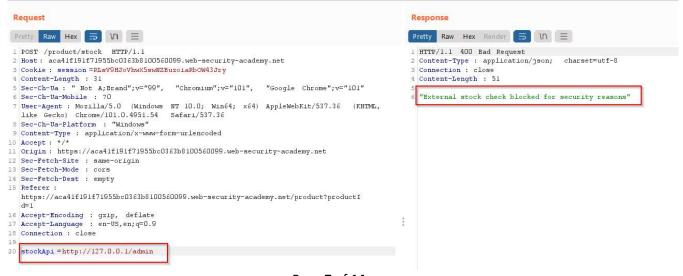
When tried to pass that IP with /admin we were able to access that URL.

Yes, this is SSRF vulnerability which lead to make an internal request.

LAB 3: SSRF with blacklist-based input filter

Same has tried in our first LAB i.e., to access localhost/127.0.0.1

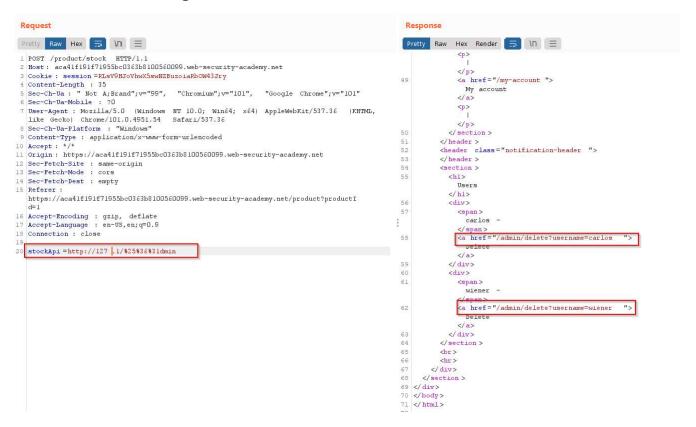
When tried I encountered an error which specifies that it was blocked.



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First, we encoded IP 127.0.0.1 to number but no luck. Then tried with 127.1 but same.

So, we encoded letter **a** from admin then also it was not working then again encoded the encoding data and same was successful.



Conclusion: As a part of protection, they have implemented black listing methodology however failed to validate an encoded data.

LAB 4: SSRF with whitelist-based input filter

White listed

Only listed items were allowed. In such case we can use below strings.

• You can embed credentials in a URL before the hostname, using the @ character. For example:

https://expected-host@evil-host

You can use the # character to indicate a URL fragment. For example:

https://evil-host#expected-host

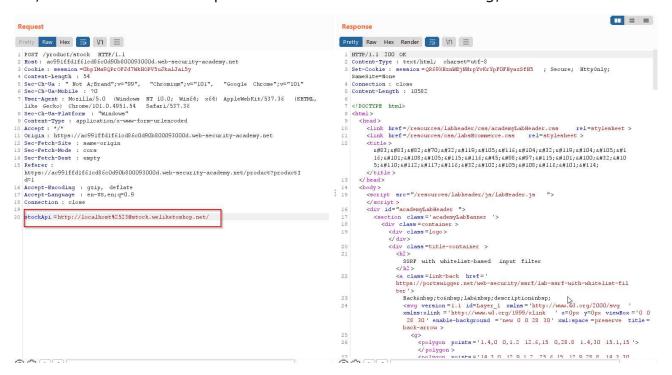
 You can leverage the DNS naming hierarchy to place required input into a fully-qualified DNS name that you control. For example:

https://expected-host.evil-host

When tried for our first case that it internal/localhost URL. Encountered an error stating that it should contain XYZ.net which indicates that they have white listed XYZ.net and was looking for that string in passes stockApi.



So, we added localhost#provided url. As it was not working, we encoded the #



Logic: For such white listed one use @,# payload along with listed url.

LAB 5: SSRF with filter bypass via open redirection vulnerability

Found a functionality in website which leads to navigate and retrieve product on next click functionality.

So tried intercepting the same using burp suite tool.

When clicked on next product I found API call was made to /nextproduct

In above snap we found the call was for /product/nextProduct also we can see &path=/product?product=9.

So, the new product was fetched from above highlighted one so instead of internal we changed it with localhost.



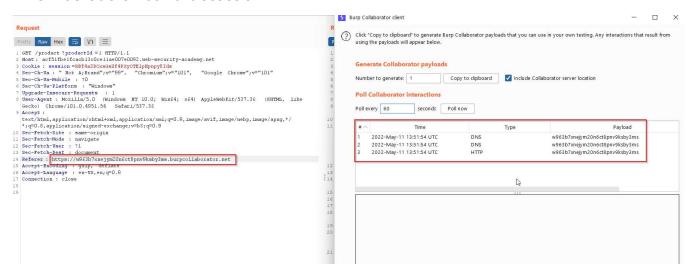
As found in above image it leads to successfully make a request to internal host. Yes, it is vulnerable for SSRF attack.

LAB 6: Blind SSRF with out-of-band detection

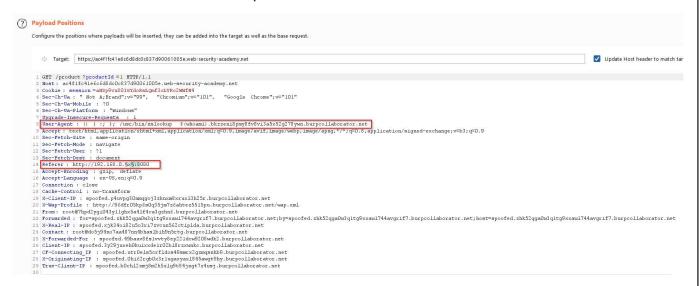
Definition: when a third-party request is successfully processed from the backend server and whose response is **not returned** in the application's front-end response is known has blind SSRF.

With burp collaborator client. we generated one fake domain. By sending the response we won't find any such response which can confirm the ssrf but in collaborator we can see DNS & HTTP request were made to this fake domain.

This was out-of-band detection.



Blind SSRF with shellshock exploitation

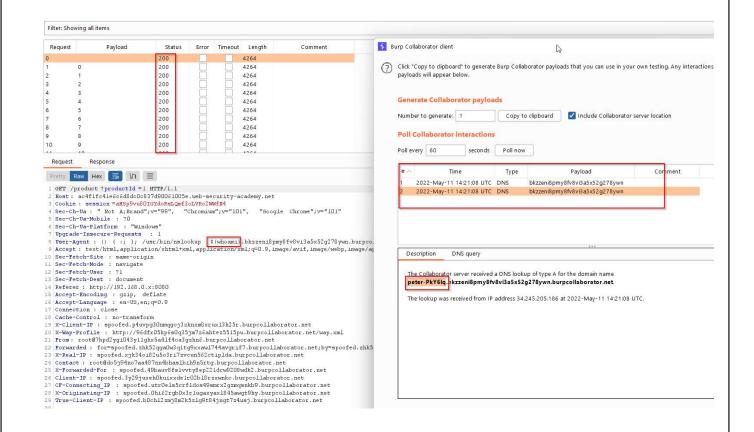


Changed user-agent to shellshock command and burp collaborator domain.

Also changed refer http request with http://192.168.0.x:8080 request.

Performed attack with number payload from 1 to 255 using intruder functionality of burp suite tool.

All request response code was 200. When polled data from collaborator we found the request was made from user **peter**



Highlighted one was the answer to solve a LAB.

Hackxpert

URL: https://hackxpert.com/labs/SSRF/00.php

Found an empty page with no content which firstly I thought the site is not working but then I thought of intercepting the request and analys.

Then I found there was one comment which indicates toward the implementation of **?url=** method.

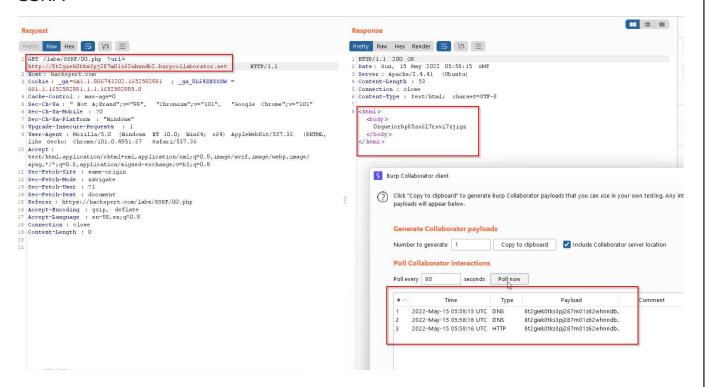


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When tried to add/Implement the same in intercepted request found that it was accepting the appended URL method.

Then tried to explore/confirm this by using burp collaborator client functionality of burp suite.

Found request were made to this fake/temporary domain. Which confirms blind SSRF.



Key points:

- i. User-agent (Shellshock)
- ii. API call (Redirect, URL= or path=)
- iii. Refer-header (http://request)
- iv. File upload
- v. Check for any http request in request body

