

Host header attack

Host Server is hosting many websites and web application on the same IP, so we need headers to know which site is the client calling.

So this is why host header attack is happening.

* Browse a website → send request to burpsuite → change host parameter to another website, so if the request directed you to the another website, there is a host header attack, else go home.

* Host header attack hunting

* Spider the host and in target Tab try to Find URL having status code of 2xx / 3xx → Send them to repeater and test the following method

- or 1) Change real host to bing.com.
- or 2) change host from real website to bing.com & set X-Forwarded-Host to real website.
- or 3) Set X-Forwarded-Host to bing.com & Host to realwebsite.

→ if none of the above methods works, it means the website is secure.

* Host header attack on password reset page.

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exploit:

- access local resources
- Unvalidated redirections
- password reset vuln.
- XSS in Header attack.

* access local resource

Set any word in field Host: anyWord → Server will send the value to the first virtual hostname he has.

* try Host: localhost, dev, stage, test
if the domain dev.any.com set Host: dev

* unvalidated redirection

```
<?php  
$host = "http://".$_SERVER['HTTP_HOST'];  
echo $host."/login.php";  
header("Location: $host/login.php");  
?>
```

this is self behavior

* password reset vulnerability

Create an account on the website → Reset password → intercept request → change Host: to anything.
→ go to email see if he changes the host.

* XSS Via Host header (It is self behavior).

Host: any.com "><svg onload=alert(1)>

> tool automatic virtual-host-discover

* password reset poisoning

App

↳ Forget password page

↳ this page is vulnerable by
Host Header attack.

input → email-id ↴

they will send you email

↳ email contents
You can reset
your password via below link:

http://target.com/password-reset.php?token=-----



So if attacker can steal this token, he can reset your password.

* How we gonna take this token?

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1 $body = 'To Reset the password, please <=
a href="https://'. $_SERVER['HTTP_HOST']. '
/password.php?token=randomvalue">click
here</a>.';
2
3
4 To Reset the password, please <a
href="https://microsoft.com/
password.php?token=randomvalue">click
here</a>.
```

Example:

yammer.com

↳ forgot password

↳ input → emails

they will send me an email like this:

https://yammer.com/token=-----

I will capture this request with burpsuit and

test if there is a header attack ↴ Change host to bing.com. So the victim will

receive a link like this https://bing.com/token=-----

then this is vulnerability. because

if I put my site and on my site I have sniffer, so I will be able to steal the token and reset the password.

