

## Import pending members from public projects or private projects (if you have guest role)

[HackerOne report #542539](#) by ashish\_r\_padelkar on 2019-04-19, assigned to asaba :

### Summary

Hello,

As per documentation here <https://docs.gitlab.com/ee/user/project/members/#import-users-from-another-project> .

In the dropdown menu, you can see only the projects you are Maintainer on .

This is NOT true. You can also see the projects where you have just Guest access to.

The problem with this is, once you import members from such projects, a guest can see all pending members who are invited using emails but havent joined the project yet! i.e guests will be able to see all the email ids of the members who are invited using email by Admins but not yet joined gitlab.

If they just visit the url directly in UI, they dont see these members who have not joined gitlab yet!

### Steps to reproduce

1. As a Owner in your project, navigate to [https://gitlab.com/<YourUserName>/<YourProject>/project\\_members/import](https://gitlab.com/<YourUserName>/<YourProject>/project_members/import)
2. When you click on the dropdown, you will not only see the projects where you are maintainer on, but you will see all the projects where you just have Guest role too.
3. Select the project where you have Guest role and click on Import Project Members .

The Request responsible for this is

```
POST /<YourUserName>/<YourProject>/project_members/apply_import HTTP/1.1
Host: gitlab.com
Connection: close
Content-Length: 157
Cache-Control: max-age=0
Origin: https://gitlab.com
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_14_0) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/73.0.3683.103 Safari/537.36
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,image/apng,*/*;q=0.8,application/signed-exchange;v=b3
Referer: 1
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept-Language: en-GD,en-US;q=0.9,en;q=0.8
Cookie: 1

utf8=%E2%9C%93&authenticity_token=1&source_project_id=10776018
```

4. You can also replace the source\_project\_id parameter in above request with public projects too, and it will import from public projects too!
5. This will import the email ids of member who have not joined the selected project which you dont see when you navigate to member url from UI!

### Examples POC

Navigate to my public project here [https://gitlab.com/gitlabadminrssl1111/thisispublicproject/project\\_members](https://gitlab.com/gitlabadminrssl1111/thisispublicproject/project_members)

You will just see one member there.

Now follow the above reproduction steps, and replace the source\_project\_id parameter in above request to 10776018 and send the request

Now check the member list. You will see an email there . This is an invited email which guest users cant see normally as the invited member has not yet joined the gitlab/project!

### What is the current bug behavior?

Allows you to import pending members from public projects as well as private projects where you just have guest role

### What is the expected correct behavior?

Only members from project which you have maintainers role should be allowed to import

### Output of checks

This bug happens on GitLab.com and might be on omnibus installations too

### Impact

Allows you to import pending members from public projects as well as private projects where you just have guest role.

### Proposal

The Import feature should only allow users to import members from projects where the user has a Maintainer role. This should address issues called out under steps 2 and 4 under **Steps to Reproduce** section.

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HackerOne comment by ashish\_r\_padelkar:

Note that you dont need any permissions in public projects to get this work

AuthorReporter

Antony Saba added [Missing \(DEPRECATED\)](#) label 3 years ago

Antony Saba added 1 deleted label 3 years ago

Antony Saba changed due date to July 23, 2019 3 years ago

Antony Saba @asaba · 3 years ago

cc @jeremy

Contributor

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Maintainer

This security issue has no milestone with a start date.

Assigning the group PM according to the group:: label. Please set a milestone with a start date.

More information: <https://gitlab.com/gitlab-com/gl-security/engineering/issues/446>

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Virginia Alexieva changed milestone to [%127](#) 3 years ago

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Virginia Alexieva added [security](#) label 3 years ago

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Virginia Alexieva assigned to [@jeremy](#) and unassigned [@valexieva](#) 3 years ago

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Rémy Coutable added [Category/Subcategory](#) label 3 years ago

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Virginia Alexieva added [group authentication and authorization](#) scoped label and automatically removed [group optimize](#) label 3 years ago

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Jeremy Watson (ex-GitLab) removed [Manage \(DEPRECATED\)](#) label 3 years ago

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[GitLab Bot](#) [@gitlab-bot](#) · 3 years ago

Maintainer

Setting gitlab-ce#446705 based on [gitlab-ce](#) 10046105.

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[GitLab Bot](#) added [devops manage](#) scoped label 3 years ago

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Jeremy Watson (ex-GitLab) changed milestone to [%130](#) 3 years ago

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Maintainer

Setting [Category Authentication and Authorization](#) based on -- "group:access".

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Mark Fletcher removed [group authentication and authorization](#) label 2 years ago

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[GitLab Bot](#) [@gitlab-bot](#) · 2 years ago

Maintainer

Setting -- "group:spaces" based on [Category Subcategory](#).

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[GitLab Bot](#) added [group spaces DEPRECATED](#) scoped label 2 years ago

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Luca Kisiellus added [information needed](#) scoped label 2 years ago

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Luca Kisiellus added [Deletable](#) label 2 years ago

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[GitLab Bot](#) removed [Deletable](#) label 2 years ago

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Luca Kisiellus changed milestone to [%Backlog](#) 2 years ago

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[GitLab Bot](#) [@gitlab-bot](#) · 2 years ago

Maintainer

Setting -- "group:access" based on [Category Subcategory](#).

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[GitLab Bot](#) added [group authentication and authorization](#) scoped label and automatically removed [group spaces DEPRECATED](#) label 2 years ago

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[GitLab Bot](#) added [section dev](#) scoped label 2 years ago

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[Ron Chan](#) [@rchan-gitlab](#) · 2 years ago

Contributor

/cc [@lmcandrew](#) for visibility

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Ron Chan added [security backlog valid](#) scoped label 2 years ago

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[Ron Chan](#) [@rchan-gitlab](#) · 1 year ago

Contributor

[@ngcore1](#), I think it is fine to close the #545339 H1 report Informative considering the low-security impact. Between, do we make the [security](#) issue public before fixing it? My impression was all the [security](#) issues stay confidential until it is fixed.

And we later decided the risk is very small and not worth fixing it, and that's why we are currently at this issue and want to do the same about this finding, by closing this issue here as Informative and make it a public issue.

WDYT?

cc [@dcouture](#)

Edited by [Ron Chan](#) 1 year ago

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[Ron Chan](#) [@rchan-gitlab](#) · 1 year ago

Contributor

Also cc [@lmcandrew](#) if you have any thoughts on this

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[Nikhil George](#) [@ngeorge1](#) · 1 year ago

Developer

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[Dominic Couture](#) [@dcouture](#) · 1 year ago

Developer

Depends on if we view it as a vulnerability or just a security enhancement.

I think if we're not ready to make this public then we should accept keep the H1 report opened. With that being said, the list of pending users I think isn't a problem but I'm seeing this mentions emails here.

If it leaks email addresses then perhaps it's a valid security issue. Does the new report also leak email addresses?

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[Ron Chan](#) [@rchan-gitlab](#) · 1 year ago

Contributor

[@dcouture](#) yes the new report also "leak" email addresses, for example, does it change your mind to accept the report <https://hackernoon.com/reports/1048259>? The email address of the invitee could be changed after accepting the invitation, since it could be accepted by an user with a different email address, so the email address could be just a temporary email for receiving the email, it will be their real email address too.

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[{"access\_level":10,"created\_at":"2021-03-24T20:16:49.947Z","expires\_at":null,"invite\_email":"sadfsadfad@gailong.com","invite\_token":"df97f858f67ea58efcfd8d8679ae14bcfd8dd3ab05ba140ffe863","created\_by\_name":"Ron Chan"}]

This makes me wonder if the invite\_token is a sensitive information leak

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[Ron Chan](#) [@rchan-gitlab](#) · 1 year ago

Contributor

After investigating for a while, I can't exploit it because I can't find an endpoint to apply the invite\_token during the member confirmation step

