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Bug Bounty - Report 08

Absence of Anti-CSRF Tokens

Supabase.com

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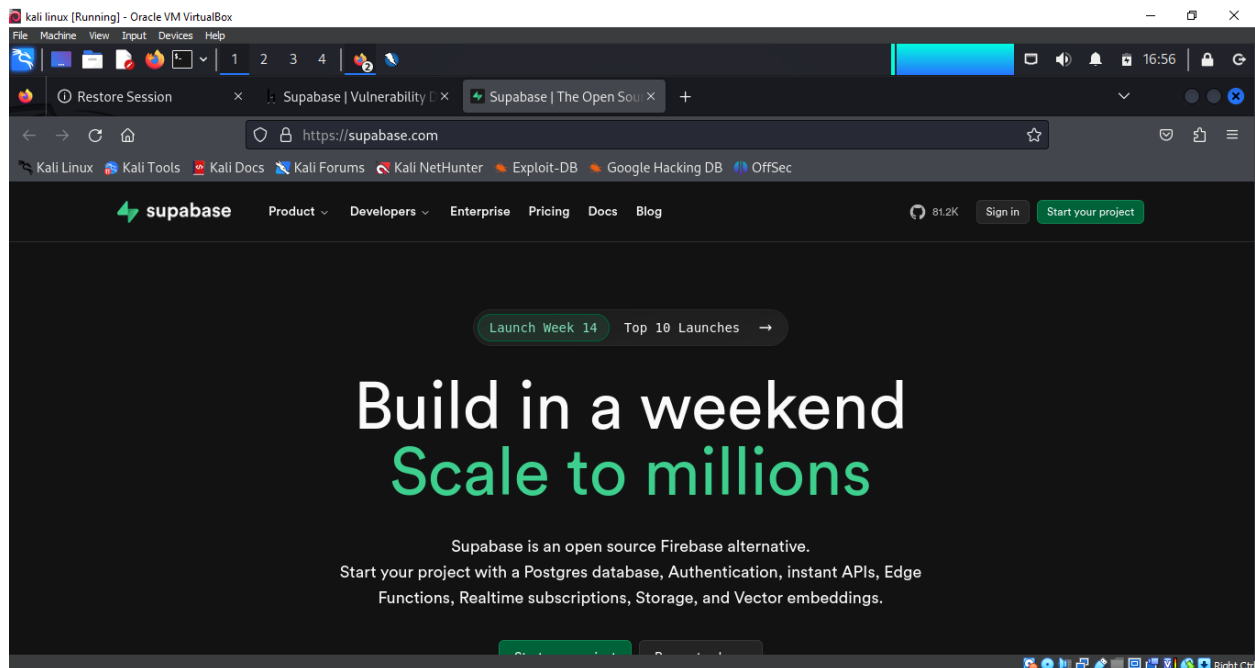
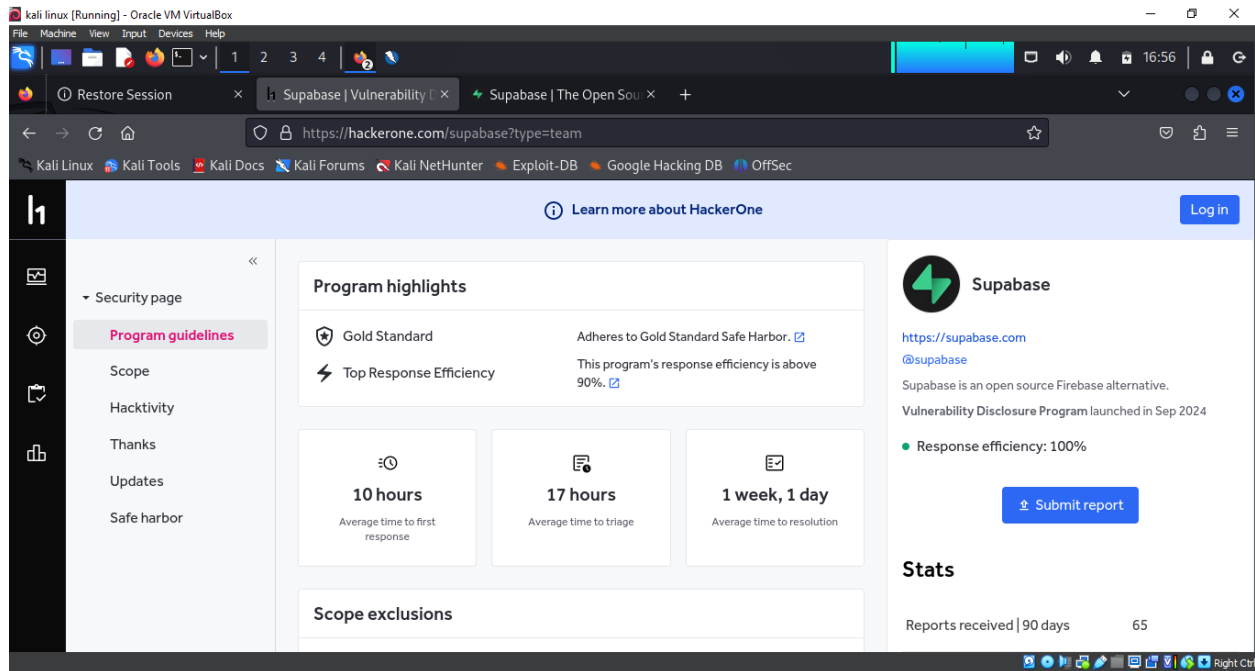
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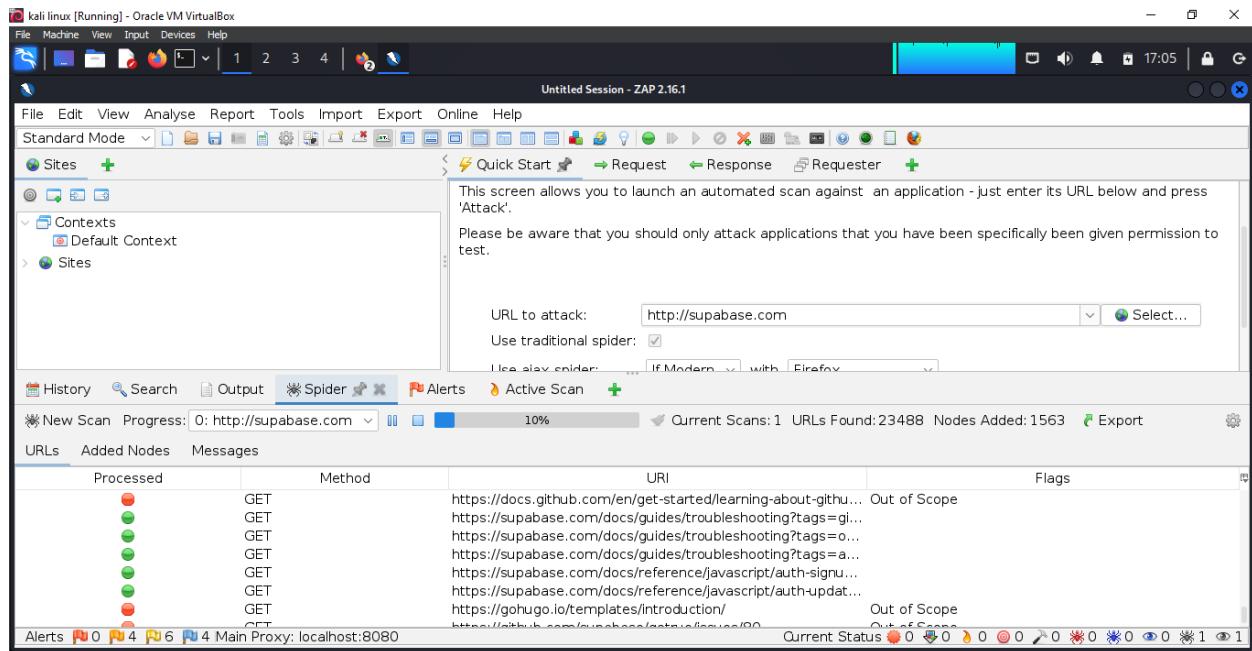
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Report 08 – supabase.com (Hackerone)

Main domain – <https://supabase.com/>



I used OWASP ZAP tool to scan the website and found all the in scope and out of scope domains.



Nmap – Network scanning and enumeration

I found all the open ports and detected the running services on the target server using Nmap.

```
(nelushi@kali)-[~]
$ nmap supabase.com -vv
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-05-01 15:22 CDT
Initiating Ping Scan at 15:22
Scanning supabase.com (216.150.1.193) [4 ports]
Stats: 0:00:00 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (0 up), 1 undergoing Ping Scan
Ping Scan Timing: About 100.00% done; ETC: 15:22 (0:00:00 remaining)
Completed Ping Scan at 15:22, 0.01s elapsed (1 total hosts)
Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 15:22
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 15:22, 0.12s elapsed
Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 15:22
Scanning supabase.com (216.150.1.193) [1000 ports]
Discovered open port 443/tcp on 216.150.1.193
Discovered open port 80/tcp on 216.150.1.193
Completed SYN Stealth Scan at 15:22, 4.18s elapsed (1000 total ports)
Nmap scan report for supabase.com (216.150.1.193)
Host is up, received reset ttl 255 (0.0093s latency).
Scanned at 2025-05-01 15:22:51 CDT for 4s
Not shown: 998 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE REASON
80/tcp    open  http   syn-ack ttl 64
443/tcp   open  https  syn-ack ttl 64

Read data files from: /usr/share/nmap
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 4.42 seconds
Raw packets sent: 2005 (88.184KB) | Rcvd: 6 (248B)
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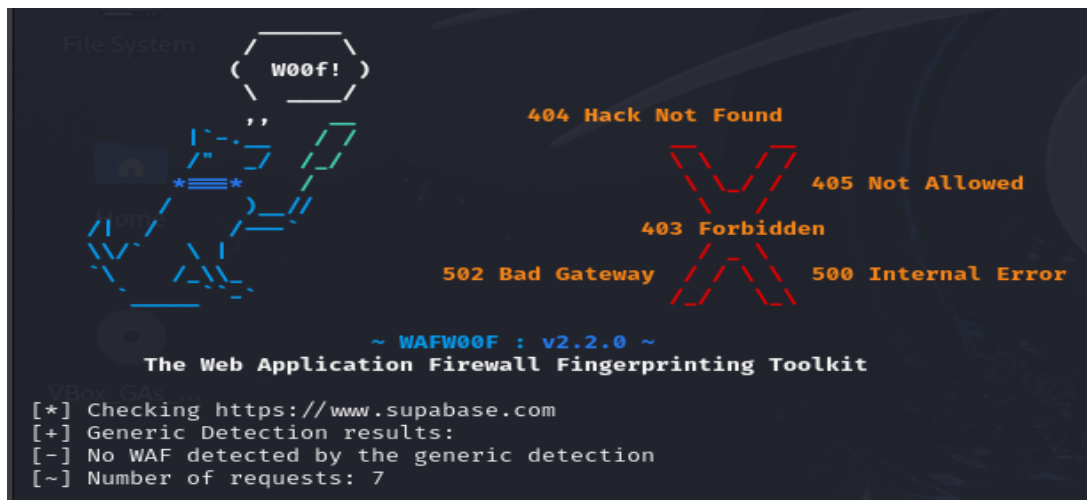
Amass – Subdomain and DNS mapping

I found all the subdomains related to the target domain using Amass.

```
(nelushi@kali)-[~]
└─$ amass enum -d supabase.com
supabase.com (FQDN) → ns_record → neil.ns.cloudflare.com (FQDN)
supabase.com (FQDN) → ns_record → christina.ns.cloudflare.com (FQDN)
storage-api-lb-ca-central-1-ext.storage.supabase.com (FQDN) → cname_record → stor-ca-central-1-ext-4fa6f29-1032627872.ca-central-1.elb.amazonaws.com (FQDN)
sa-east-1.edge-runtime.supabase.com (FQDN) → cname_record → edge-r-sa-east-1-dda6f67-1089212878.sa-east-1.elb.amazonaws.com (FQDN)
status.supabase.com (FQDN) → cname_record → q7pxfmc2sbx.stsps-customer.com (FQDN)
fly-0-cdg.pooler.supabase.com (FQDN) → cname_record → pool-tcp-eu-central-1-fc90801-b77715c9537e506c.elb.eu-central-1.amazonaws.com (FQDN)
aws-0-ap-northeast-2.pooler.supabase.com (FQDN) → cname_record → pool-tcp-ap-northeast-2-8e7814b-defa2a527f4e0b04.elb.ap-northeast-2.amazonaws.com (FQDN)
security.supabase.com (FQDN) → cname_record → 61382d7a85dbc71bb80abdcc.cname.vantatrust.com (FQDN)
ap-southeast-2.edge-runtime.supabase.com (FQDN) → cname_record → edge-r-ap-southeast-2-664f7e0-1927696666.ap-southeast-2.elb.amazonaws.com (FQDN)
aws-0-ap-southeast-2.pooler.supabase.com (FQDN) → cname_record → pool-tcp-ap-southeast-2-6d1915f-9c90cf1a37b8649c.elb.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com (FQDN)
storage-api-canary-lb-ap-northeast-1-ext.storage.supabase.com (FQDN) → cname_record → stor-ap-ne1-canary-ext-1bdf94-788458339.ap-northeast-1.elb.amazonaws.com (FQDN)
migrate.supabase.com (FQDN) → cname_record → cname.vercel-dns.com (FQDN)
aws-0-ap-east-1.pooler.supabase.com (FQDN) → cname_record → pool-tcp-ap-east-1-fb2448f-8a2ba43ad4dc3bf6.elb.ap-east-1.amazonaws.com (FQDN)
fly-0-yul.pooler.pooler.supabase.com (FQDN) → cname_record → pool-tcp-ca-central-1-8162ed9-91425b3dc82965db.elb.ca-central-1.amazonaws.com (FQDN)
storage-api-lb-us-west-1-ext.storage.supabase.com (FQDN) → cname_record → stor-us-west-1-ext-1c2409d-1853774236.us-west-1.elb.amazonaws.com (FQDN)
storage-api-lb-ap-northeast-1-ext.storage.supabase.com (FQDN) → cname_record → stor-ap-northeast-1-ext-e22a7d4-1568500138.ap-northeast-1.elb.amazonaws.com (FQDN)
fly-0-nrt.pooler.pooler.supabase.com (FQDN) → cname_record → pool-tcp-ap-northeast-1-4a2b510-70cf7098715bc881.elb.ap-northeast-1.amazonaws.com (FQDN)
```

Wafw00f – Firewall Detection

Command used – wafw00f <https://www.supabase.com/>



Whatweb – to identify the technologies used by the site.

Commans used – whatweb <https://www.supabase.com/>

```
(nelushi@kali)-[~]
└─$ whatweb https://www.supabase.com
https://www.supabase.com [301 Moved Permanently] Country[RESERVED][XX], HTTPServer[cloudflare], IP[172.67.23.199], RedirectLocation[https://supabase.com/], Strict-Transport-Security[max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains; preload], Title[301 Moved Permanently], UncommonHeaders[cf-ray]
https://supabase.com/ [200 OK] Country[UNITED STATES][us], HTMLS, HTTPServer[Vercel], IP[216.150.1.193], Open-Graph-Protocol[website], Script[application/json], Strict-Transport-Security[max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains; preload], Title[Supabase | The Open Source Firebase Alternative], UncommonHeaders[access-control-allow-origin,x-matched-path,x-robots-tag,x-vercel-cache,x-vercel-id], X-Frame-Options[SAMEORIGIN]
```

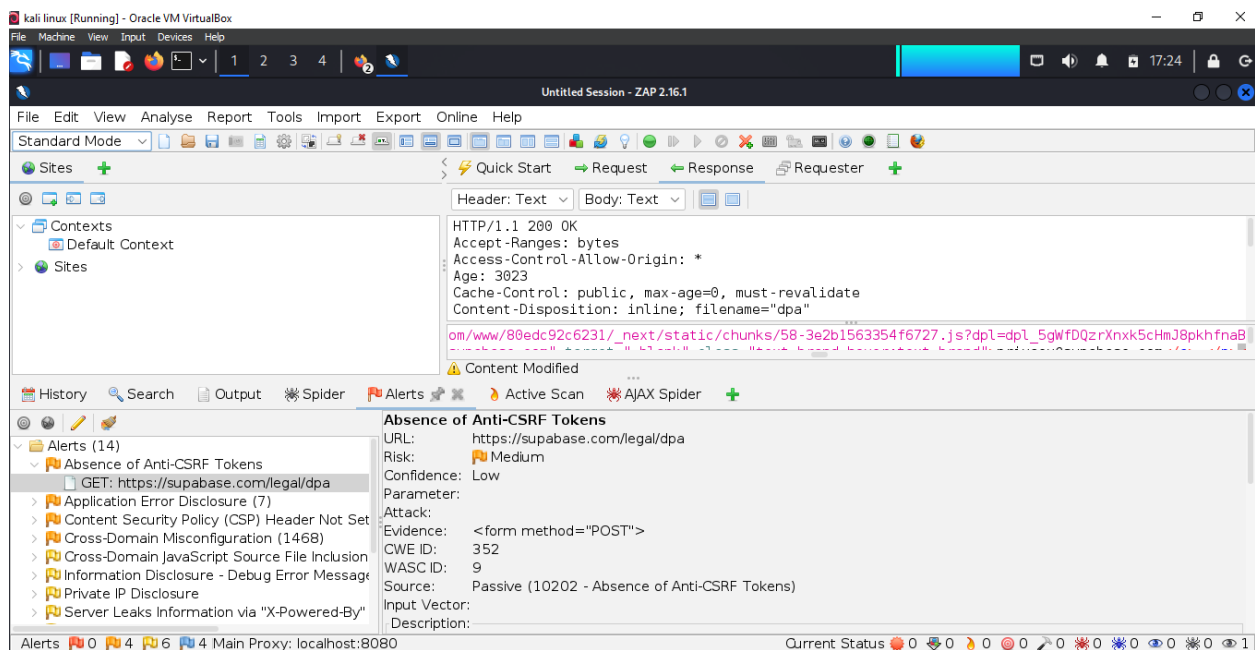
Vulnerability 01

Domain

Login page of supabase.com

Vulnerability title

Absence of Anti-CSRF Tokens



Vulnerability description

Missing Anti-CSRF tokens were found in a HTML submission form.

Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) is a type of attack where the victim is misled into sending an HTTP request to a target website without the victim's intent. In here, the malicious request forces the victim's browser to perform an action on a website where the victim is already authenticated.

The vulnerability is that an application allows predictable and repeatable URL or form actions to be executed that can lead to unauthorized action being taken to exploit what a website trusts the user to do.

CSRF attacks are notable because they demonstrate a weakness in the trust a site has for the user rather than how Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) exploits trust a user has for a site.

When Are CSRF Attacks Effective?

- CSRF attacks are effective when the victim has an active session on the target website.
- The victim is authenticated via HTTP auth on the target site.
- The victim is on the same local network as the target site.

An Attacker can exploit the active session of the victim to perform unauthorized actions, such as transferring money, changing account settings, without the victim being aware.

What are the Affected components?

- Web Forms: Forms that can do state-changing actions without anti-CSRF tokens.

Reflection – I didn't find any input tag like `<input type="hidden" name="csrf_token" value="...">` in the source code, which means the page may indicate a **missing CSRF token**, which is a vulnerability.

Sensitive actions can be submitted without origin validation.

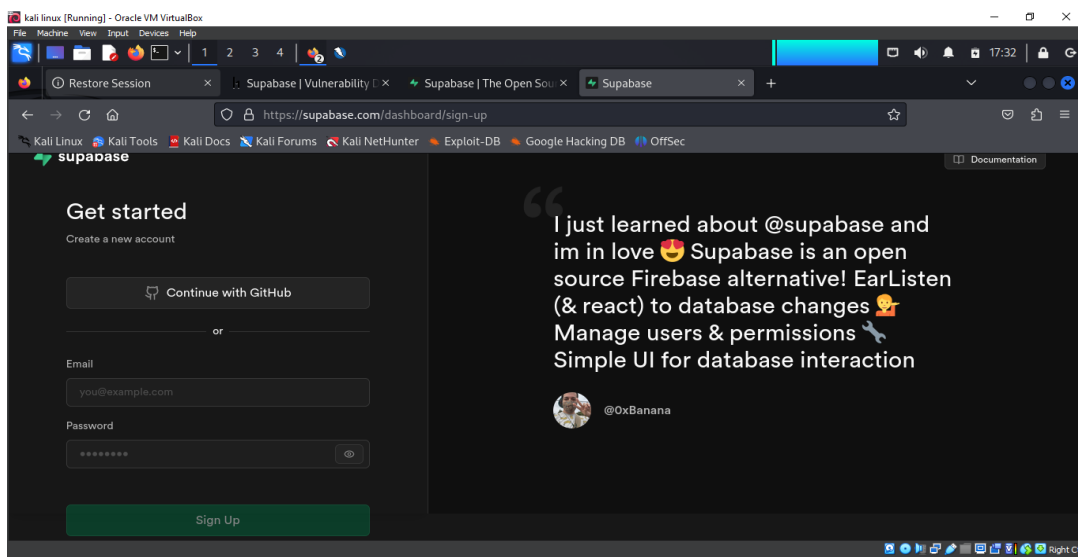
Impact assessment

Severity – Medium

- On the Victim's Behalf , an attacker may,
 - Alter account settings, such as email or password
 - Make unauthorized purchases
 - Transfer money into online banking
 - Delete or change sensitive information
 - Send emails/messages from their account.
- Exploit User Trust - Take advantage of the site's trust in the user's browser to perform malicious actions.
- Take Control of the User's Account - Change account settings to lock the legitimate user out.
- Perform Malicious Actions in the Background - Submit forms or change configuration without the victim's awareness.

Steps to reproduce with Proof of Concept (poc)

1. First, I Inspected the Target Website
 - I Opened the target website in my browser. (the login page of supabase.com)
 - I Focused on the login form and I logged in and now my session is active.



2. I captured the request and intercepted it via **burp suite** to check if this site uses CSRF tokens.

If a site uses CSRF tokens, it might show like this.

Most common one is looking for tokens **in the Request Body**

If it's a form submission (POST request), we might see something like,

POST /profile/update HTTP/1.1

Host: spabase.com

Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded

name=JohnDoe&email=john@example.com&csrf_token=9f3a5b2adf9e4a...

In HTTP Headers

Somet frameworks like Angular, Django send CSRF tokens in custom headers,

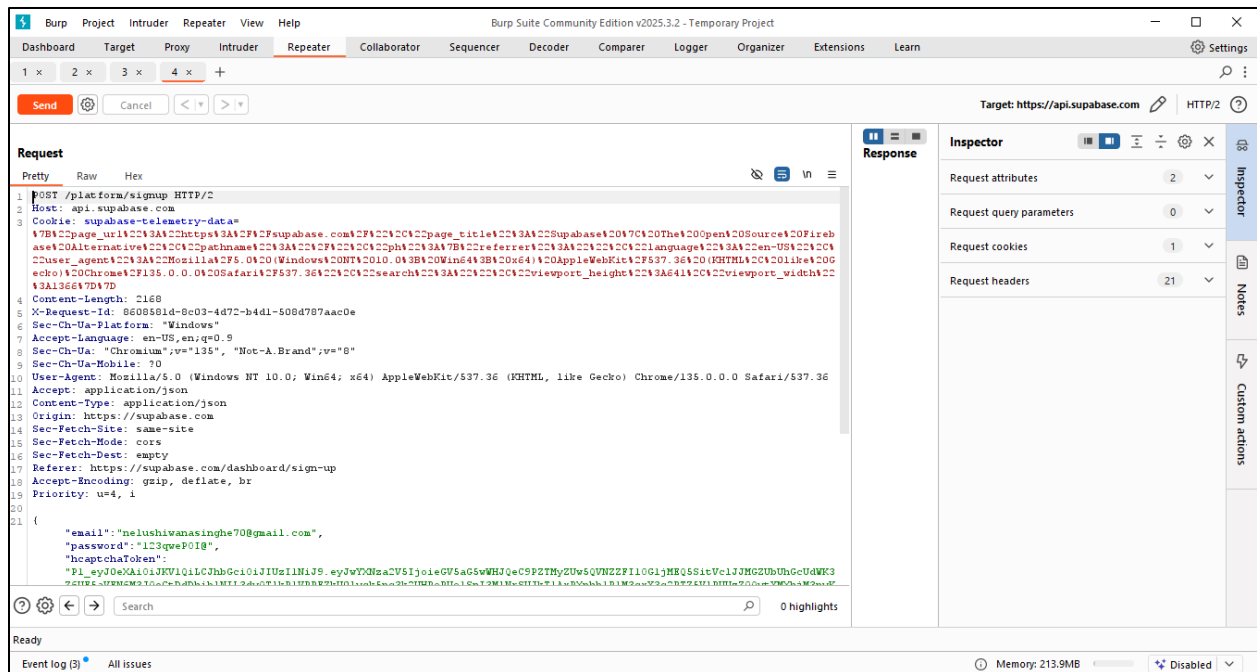
POST /settings/update HTTP/1.1

Host: spabase.com

X-CSRF-Token: 9f3a5b2adf9e4a...

Look for headers like,

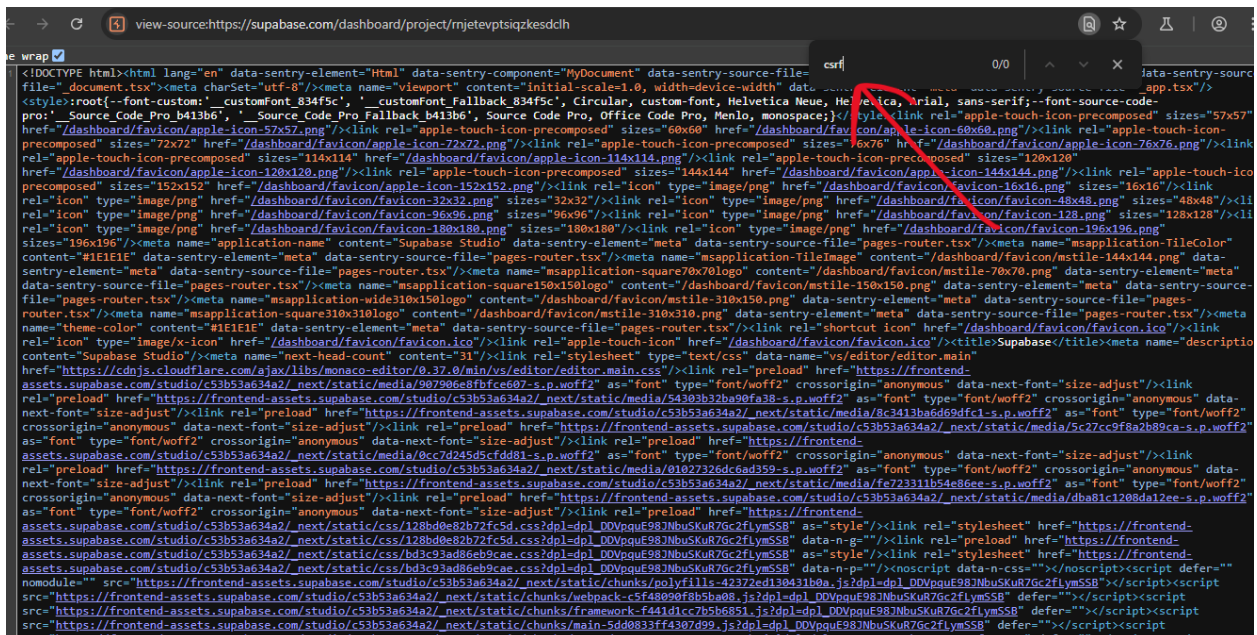
- X-CSRF-Token
- X-XSRF-TOKEN
- X-CSRF



Typically, CSRF tokens are stored in a hidden input field in a form like this,

`<input type="hidden" name="csrf_token" value="RANDOMCSRFVALUE">`

So, I searched for CSRF keyword in the source code and I got 0 matches.



The form does not contain any hidden CSRF token field like the one above, the site might not be using CSRF protection.

3. I logged into the site using my normal credentials and now I have an active session.
4. Next, I Created a simple HTML page that will submit data to the target website from another origin. This tests whether the website is vulnerable to CSRF attacks.

The first screenshot shows a terminal window in Kali Linux using the nano text editor to create a file named `csrf.html`. The HTML code is as follows:

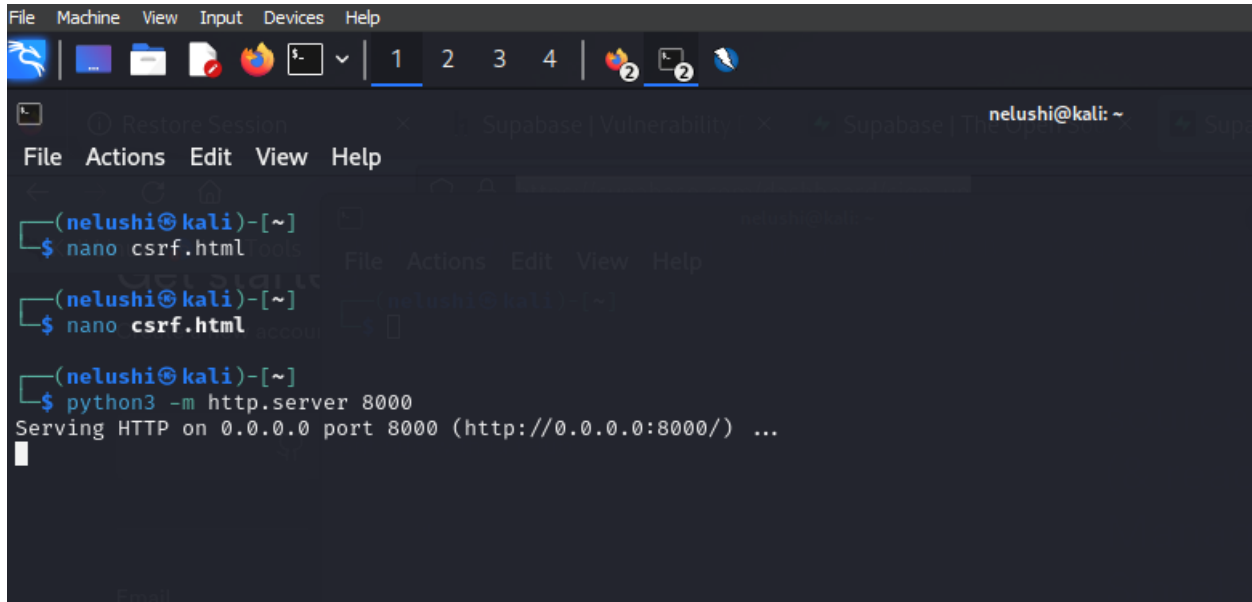
```
GNU nano 8.1 csrf.html *
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta charset="UTF-8">
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
  <title>Test CSRF Absence</title>
</head>
<body>
  <h1>Test CSRF Absence</h1>
  <form action="https://supabase.com/dashboard/project/fwdcjquqjsoohzrilbhc">
    <input type="text" name="email" value="attacker@example.com">
    <input type="text" name="username" value="hacked">
    <button type="submit" value="Click Me">Submit</button>
  </form>
</body>
</html>
```

The second screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Supabase dashboard for the project `nelushiattacker2002@gmail.com's Project`. The page includes a welcome message and a "Get started by building out your database" section. A table in the bottom right corner lists tasks and their status:

id	task	status
1	Create a project	Complete
2	Read documentation	Complete
3	Build application	In progress
4	Connect Supabase	In progress
5	Deploy project	Not started
6	Get users	Not started

5. After that, I started a local web server to run the html code.

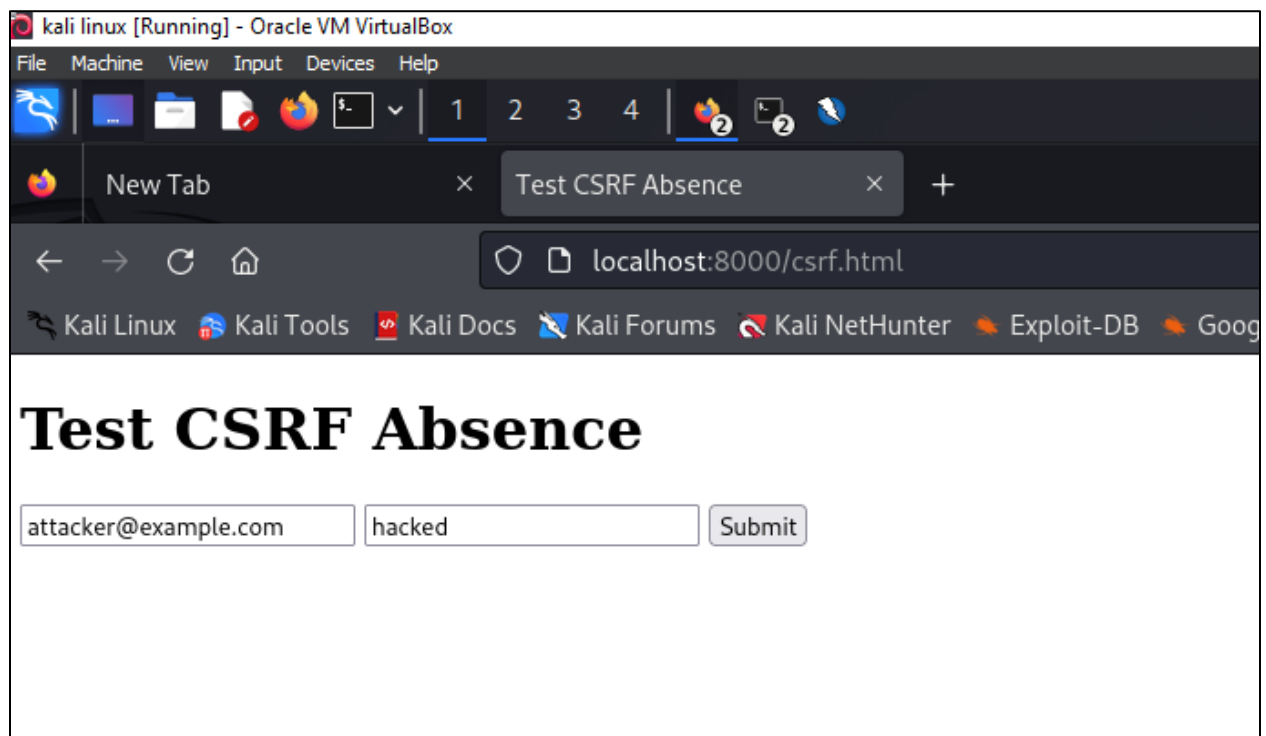
python3 -m http.server 8000

A terminal window on a Kali Linux machine. The prompt is (nelushi@kali)-[~]. The user has entered 'nano csrf.html' twice. Then, they enter 'python3 -m http.server 8000'. The output is 'Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 8000 (http://0.0.0.0:8000/) ...'.

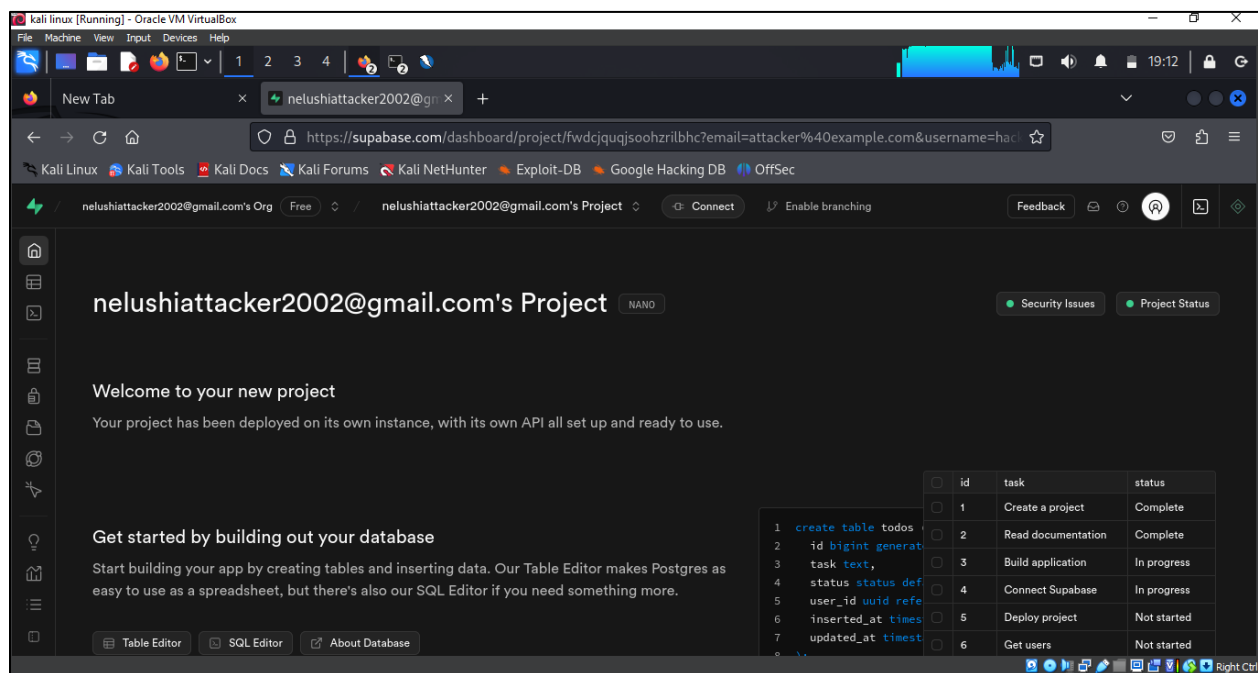
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$ nano csrf.html  
(nelushi@kali)-[~]  
$ nano csrf.html  
(nelushi@kali)-[~]  
$ python3 -m http.server 8000  
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 8000 (http://0.0.0.0:8000/) ...
```

6. Then I opened firefox and searched this to run the html code.

<http://localhost:8000/csrf.html>

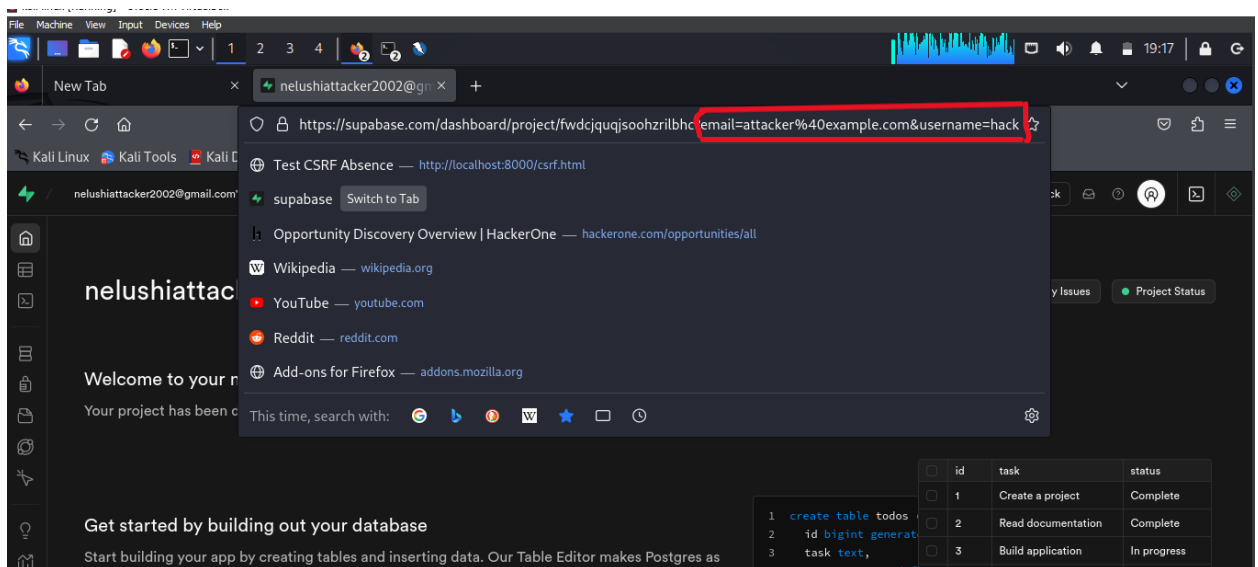


After submitting this attacker credentials, it directed me to the logged page as I was the victim.



The website's server proceeded the request as it came from the victim.

The URL contains the attacker credentials, yet it directed me to the account I was logged it.



An Example of Attack in Action

The victim is logged in to supabase.com login page.

The attacker sends a link to the victim directing them to the HTML page I created.

The victim will click the link, and the form submission occurs and the target website processes the form submission as if the victim submitted it, and at this point, the victim's account has been compromised without them knowing.

Lack of Anti-CSRF tokens is under **OWASP 2021 A01: Broken Access Control** and **WSTG-v42-SESS-05**, because it allows attackers to trick authenticated users to conduct unauthorized activities. Users may be manipulated into sending unintended requests by lack of CSRF protection, leading to account compromise or privilege escalation.

Keys and values of the alert

Attack:	
Evidence:	<form method="POST">
CWE ID:	352
WASC ID:	9
Description:	<p>No Anti-CSRF tokens were found in a HTML submission form.</p> <p>A cross-site request forgery is an attack that involves forcing a victim to send an HTTP request to a target destination without their knowledge or intent in order to perform an action as the victim. The underlying cause is application functionality using predictable URL/form actions in a repeatable way. The nature of the attack is</p>
Other Info:	<p>No known Anti-CSRF token [anticsrf, CSRFToken, __RequestVerificationToken, csrfmiddlewaretoken, authenticity_token, OWASP_CSRFTOKEN, anoncsrf, csrf_token, _csrf, _csrfSecret, __csrf_magic, CSRF, _token, _csrf_token, _csrfToken] was found in the following HTML form: [Form 1: "email"].</p>
Solution:	<p>Phase: Architecture and Design</p> <p>Use a vetted library or framework that does not allow this weakness to occur or provides constructs that make this weakness easier to avoid.</p> <p>For example, use anti-CSRF packages such as the OWASP CSRFGuard.</p>
Reference:	<p>https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Cross-Site_Request_Forgery_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.html</p> <p>https://cwe.mitre.org/data/definitions/352.html</p>
Alert Tags:	
<div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div>	
Key	Value
OWASP_2021_A01	https://owasp.org/Top10/A01_2021-Broken_Access_Control/
WSTG-v42-SESS-05	https://owasp.org/www-project-web-security-testing-guide/v42/4-Web_Application_Security_Guidelines/5.2.1
OWASP_2017_A05	https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/2017/A5_2017-Broken_Access_Control/
CWE-352	https://cwe.mitre.org/data/definitions/352.html

Proposed mitigation or fix

Leverage CSRF Tokens - Implement a unique CSRF token in every form and validate it server-side for all requests that modify the state of the server.

Leverage Same-Site Cookies - When cookies are set, set the SameSite attribute (Strict or Lax) to block requests that are cross-origin.

Use Header Checks - Verify the HTTP referer and origin header to make sure they fall to the domain you are serving.

Use CSRF Tokens in AJAX - Pass the CSRF token as an ajax header for AJAX requests.

Rotate Tokens - Changing tokens periodically helps limit reuse.

Regularly Test - Regularly test for CSRF vulnerabilities with something like OWASP ZAP.