

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 {2} 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 {2} 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	Lab 1 Name – SQL Injection, Lab 2 Name – Insecure Direct Object Reference .
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3. Summary

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

Total number of Sub-labs: {count} Sub-labs

High	Medium	Low
4	6	6

High - 4

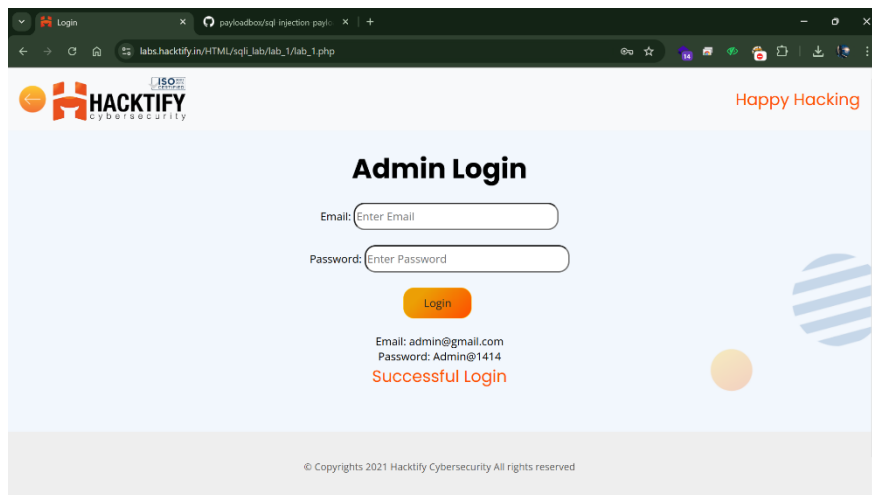
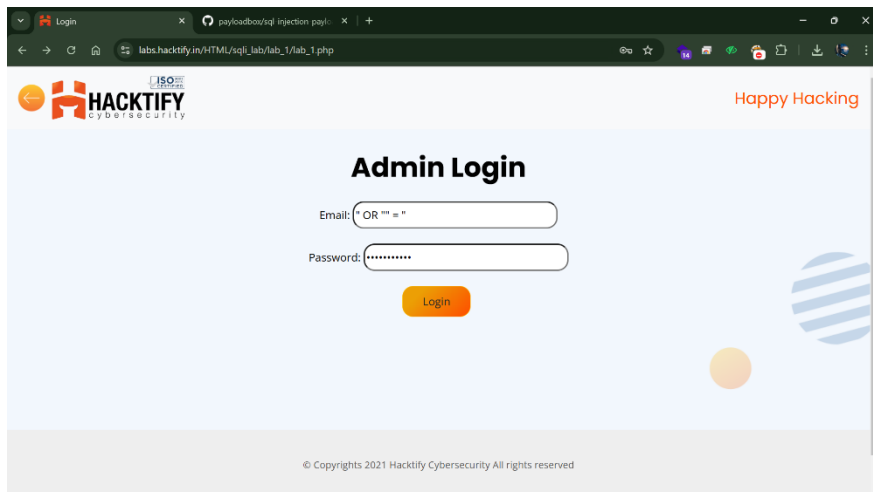
Medium - 6

1. SQL Injection

1.1. Strings & Errors Part 1

Reference	Risk Rating
Strings & Errors Part 1	Low
Tools Used	
SQL Injection – SQL payloads	
Vulnerability Description	
SQL Injection (SQLi) is a web security vulnerability that allows an attacker to interfere with the queries that an application makes to its database. It occurs when an application improperly handles user input, enabling malicious SQL statements to be injected and executed within the database. This can lead to unauthorized access, data manipulation, or even complete control over the database.	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis – SQL payloads	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/sqli_lab/lab_1/lab_1.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
Failure to fix SQL Injection (SQLi) vulnerabilities can lead to severe consequences, including unauthorized data breaches, exposure of sensitive information (user credentials, financial data, personal records), and identity theft. Attackers can manipulate or delete critical data, bypass authentication, and gain administrative access to the database, potentially compromising the entire system. This can result in financial losses, legal penalties (due to GDPR, HIPAA, or PCI-DSS violations), reputational damage, and operational disruptions, ultimately endangering business continuity and user trust.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
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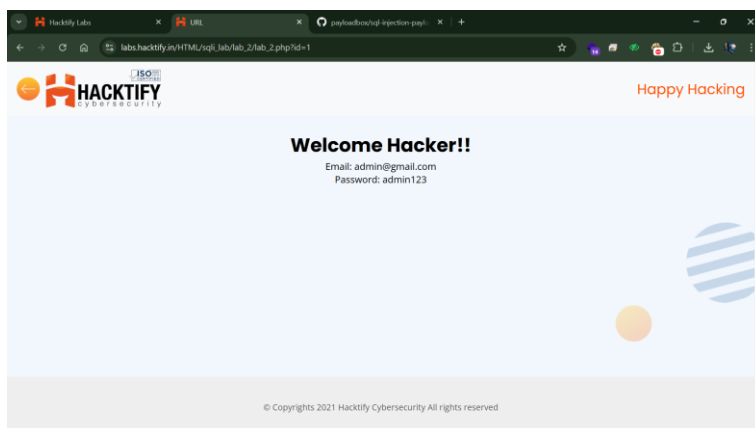
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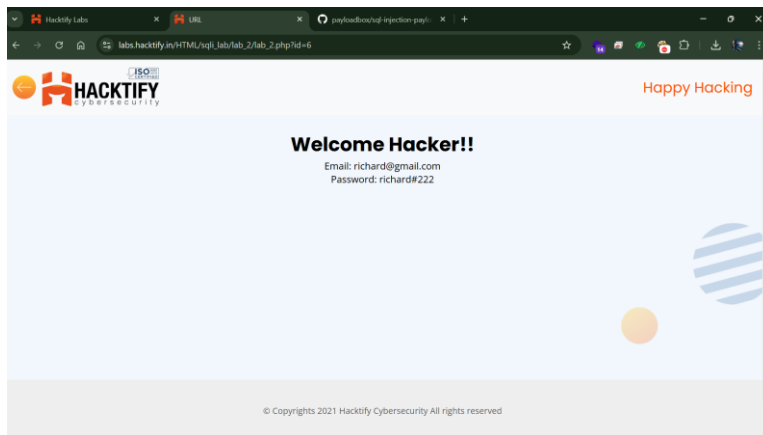


1.2 Strings & Errors Part 2

Reference	Risk Rating
Strings & Errors Part 2	Low
Tools Used	
SQL Injection – SQL Payloads	
Vulnerability Description	
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How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis – SQL Payloads :- by changing id number.	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/sqli_lab/lab_2/lab_2.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
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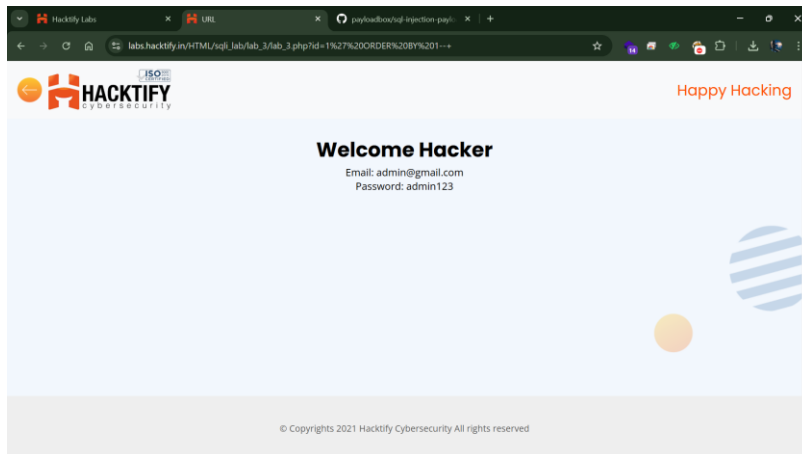
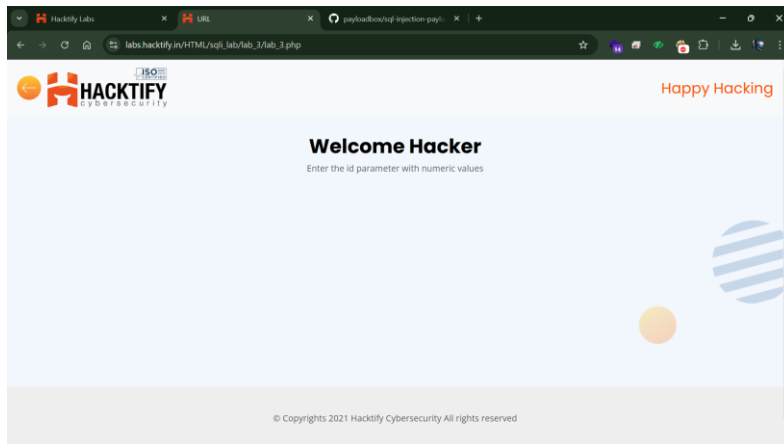




1.3 Strings & Errors Part 3

Reference	Risk Rating
Strings & Errors Part 3	Low
Tools Used	
SQL Injection – SQL Payloads	
Vulnerability Description	
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How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis – SQL Payloads :- by changing id parameter with numeric values.	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/sql_lab/lab_3/lab_3.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
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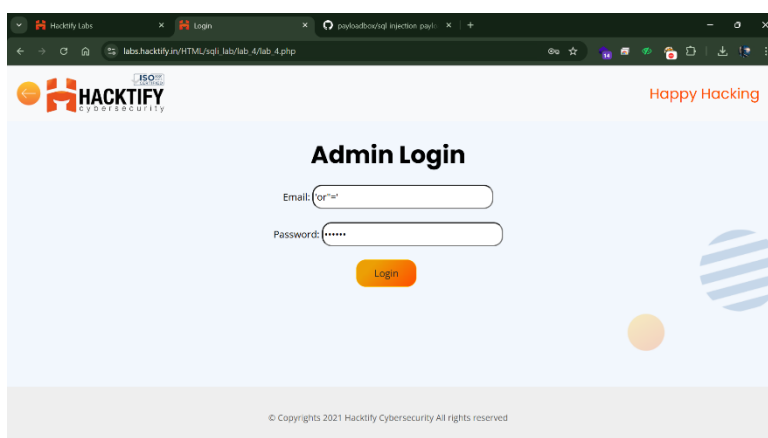
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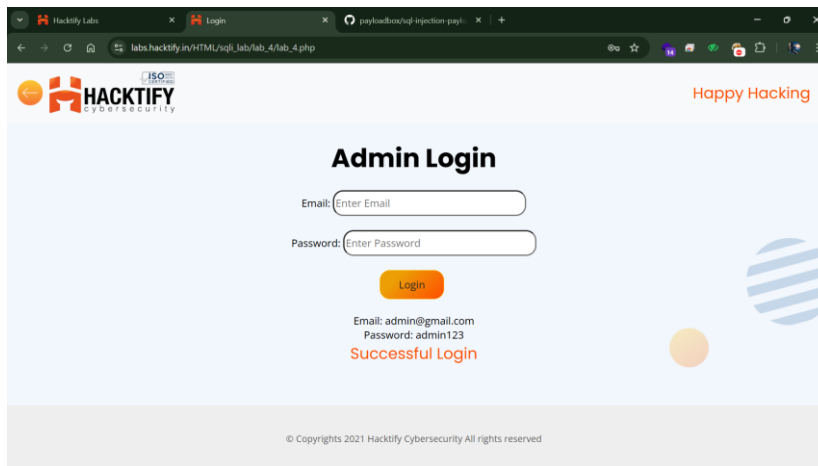


1.4 Let's Trick 'em!

Reference	Risk Rating
Let's Trick 'em!	Medium
Tools Used	
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How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis – SQL payloads	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/sqli_lab/lab_4/lab_4.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
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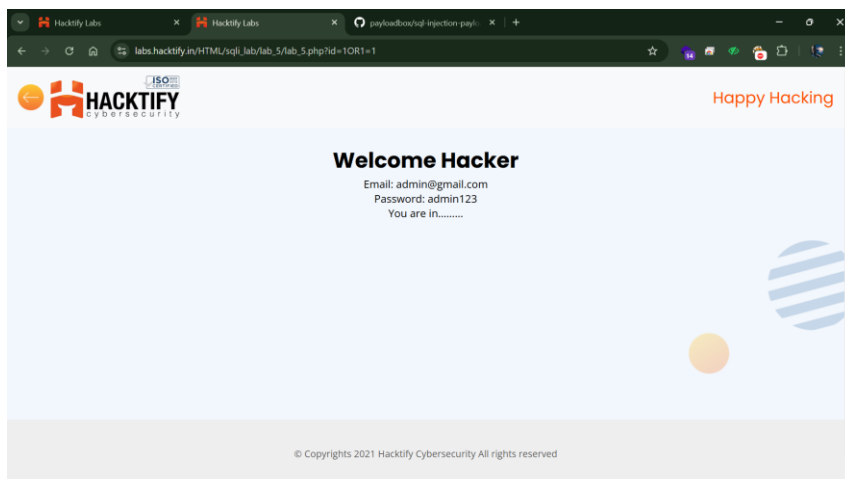
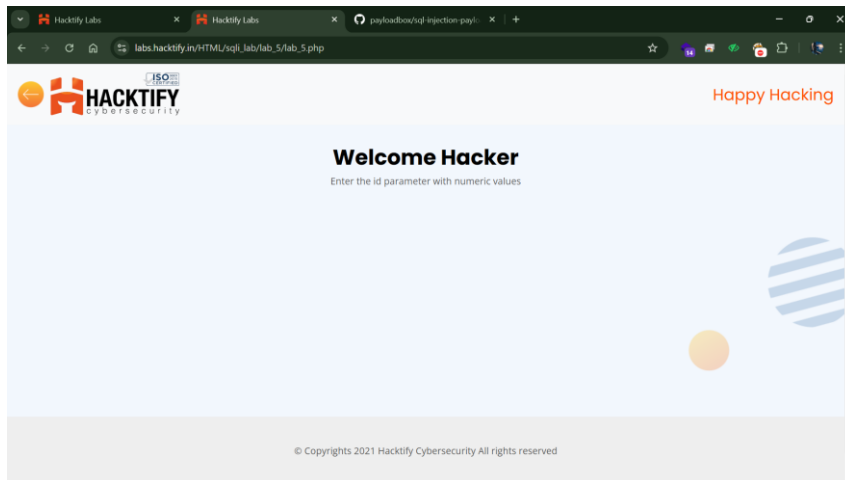




1.5 Booleans and Blind!

Reference	Risk Rating
Booleans and Blind!	Medium
Tools Used	
SQL Injection – SQL Payloads	
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How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis – SQL Payloads :- by changing id parameter with numeric values.	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/sqli_lab/lab_5/lab_5.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
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References	
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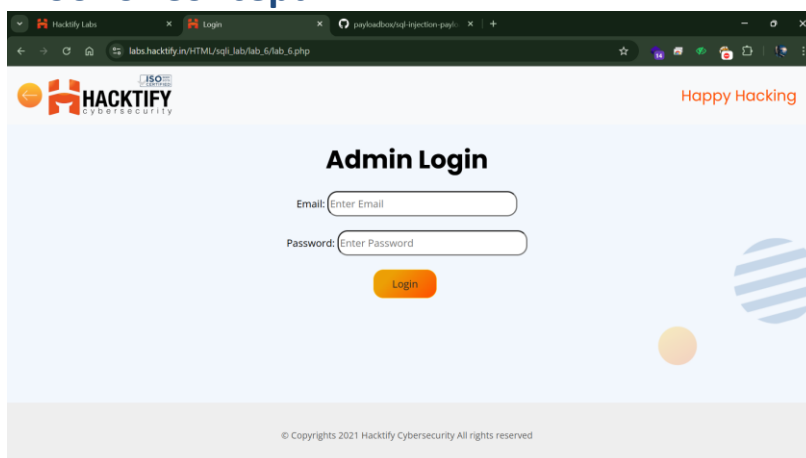
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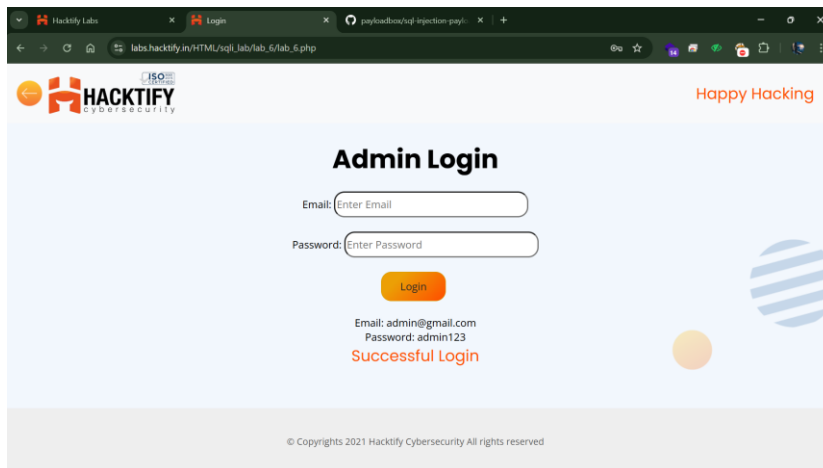


1.6 Error Based: Tricked

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Error Based: Tricked	Medium
Tools Used	
SQL Injection – SQL payloads	
Vulnerability Description	
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How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis – SQL payloads	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/sqli_lab/lab_6/lab_6.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
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References	
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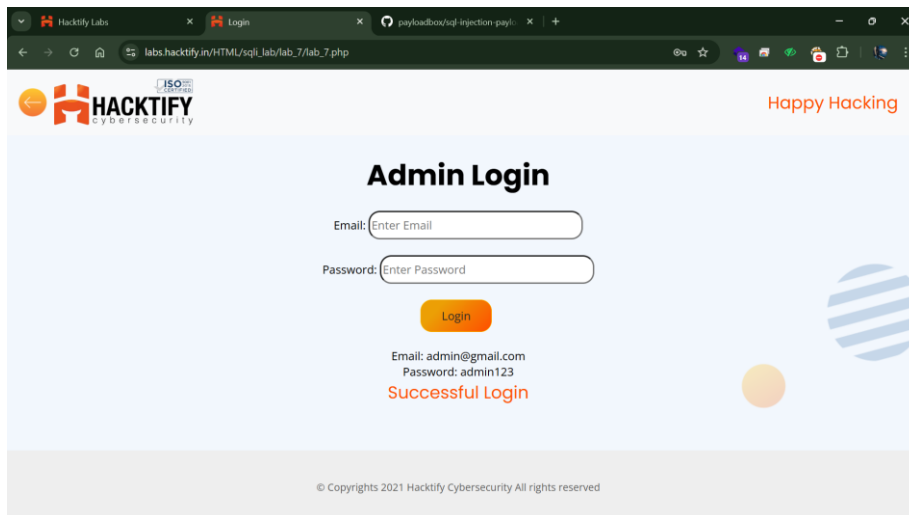
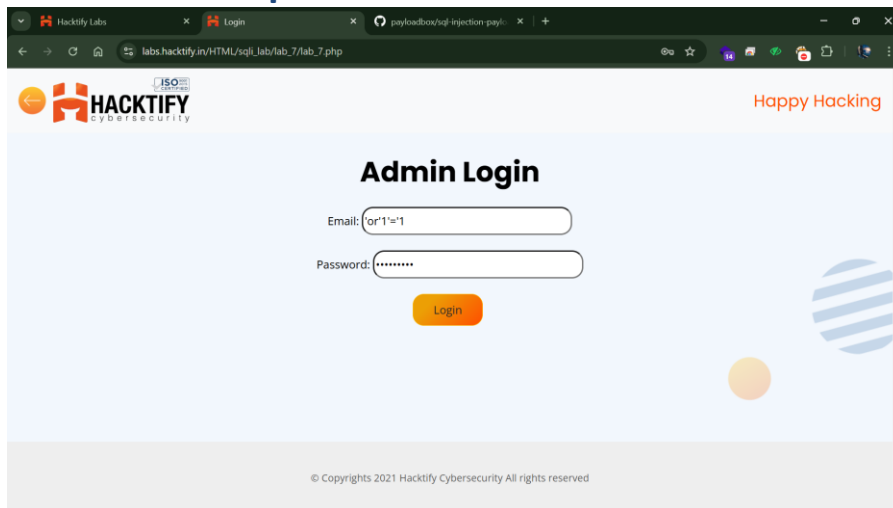




1.7 Errors and Post!

Reference	Risk Rating
Errors and Post!	Low
Tools Used	
SQL Injection – SQL payloads	
Vulnerability Description	
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How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis – SQL payloads	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/sqli_lab/lab_7/lab_7.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
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References	
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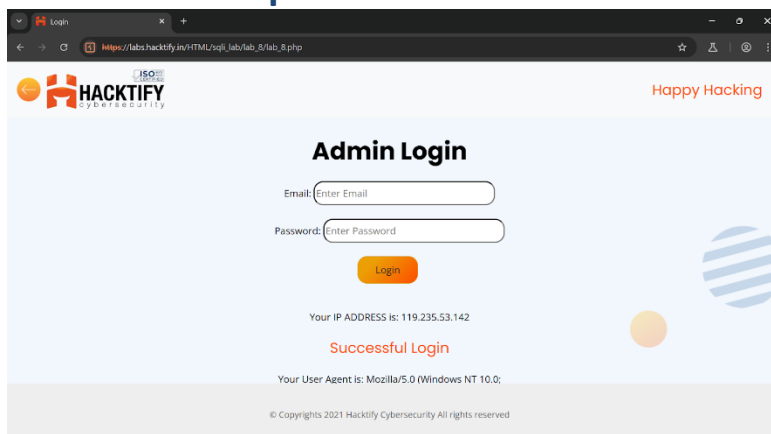
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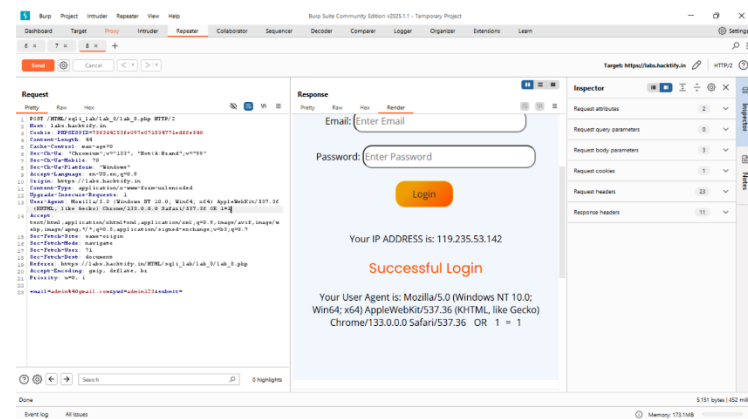


1.8 User Agents lead us!

Reference	Risk Rating
User Agents lead us!	High
Tools Used	
SQL payloads ,Burpsuite	
Vulnerability Description	
This type of SQL Injection (SQLi) occurs when a web application dynamically constructs SQL queries using unsanitized user input , allowing attackers to manipulate the logic of the query. By injecting a condition like " OR "1"="1 , which always evaluates to true , an attacker can bypass authentication , access restricted data, or modify the application's behavior.	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis – SQL payloads and modifying the request.	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/sql_i_lab/lab_8/lab_8.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
Failure to fix this SQL Injection (SQLi) vulnerability can lead to authentication bypass , allowing attackers to log in as any user , including administrators. This can result in unauthorized access to sensitive data , data breaches , account takeovers , and even full system compromise . Attackers may also modify or delete records , leading to data loss and service disruptions . Additionally, organizations risk legal penalties for failing to protect user data (e.g., GDPR, HIPAA) and reputation damage , which can result in financial losses and loss of customer trust.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
To prevent this SQL Injection (SQLi) vulnerability , use prepared statements (parameterized queries) to separate SQL logic from user input, ensuring inputs are treated as data rather than executable code. Implement input validation by restricting special characters and enforcing strict data types. Apply least privilege principles to database accounts, limiting access to only necessary operations. Use Web Application Firewalls (WAFs) to detect and block SQLi attempts in real time. Regularly conduct security audits , penetration testing , and code reviews to identify and patch vulnerabilities before attackers exploit them.	
References	
https://owasp.org/www-community/attacks/SQL_Injection	

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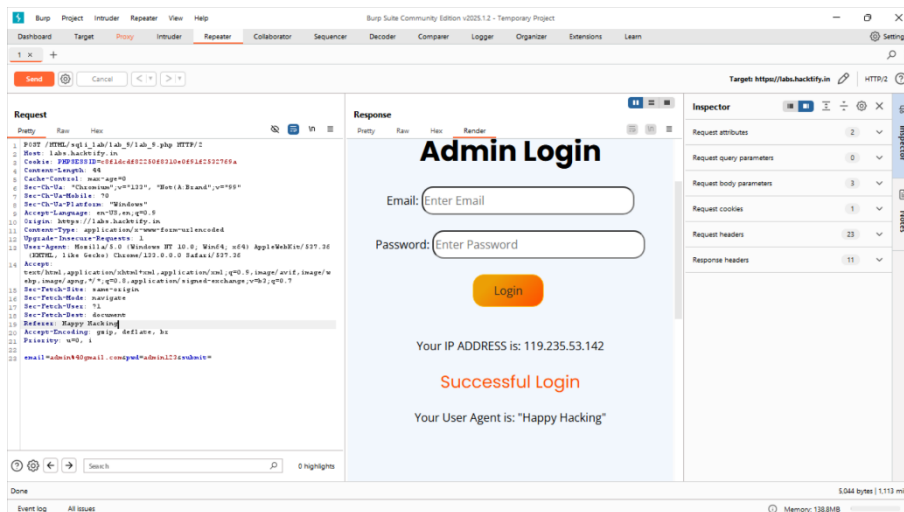
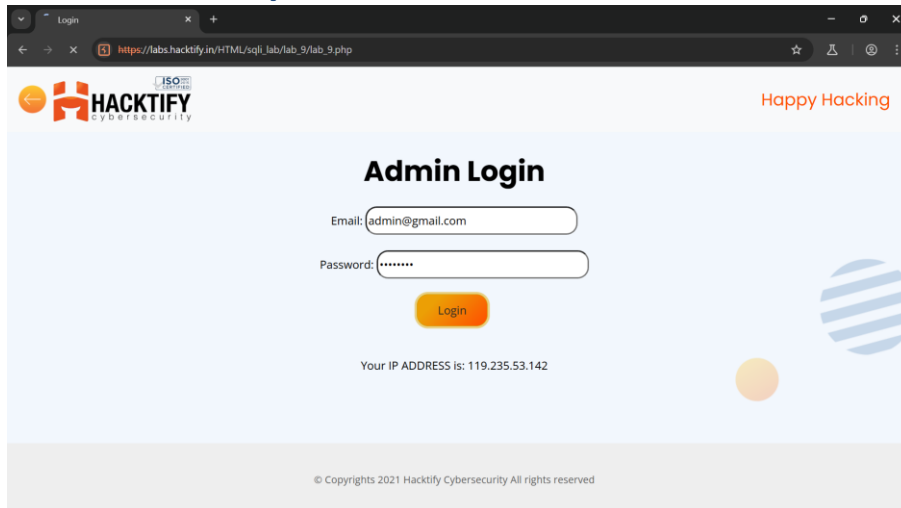




1.9 Referer lead us!

Reference	Risk Rating
User Agents lead us!	Medium
Tools Used	
SQL payloads ,Burpsuite	
Vulnerability Description	
This type of SQL Injection (SQLi) occurs when a web application dynamically constructs SQL queries using unsanitized user input , allowing attackers to manipulate the logic of the query. By injecting a condition like “Happy Hacking” , which always evaluates to true , an attacker can bypass authentication , access restricted data, or modify the application’s behavior.	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis – SQL payloads and modifying the request.	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/sqli_lab/lab_9/lab_9.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
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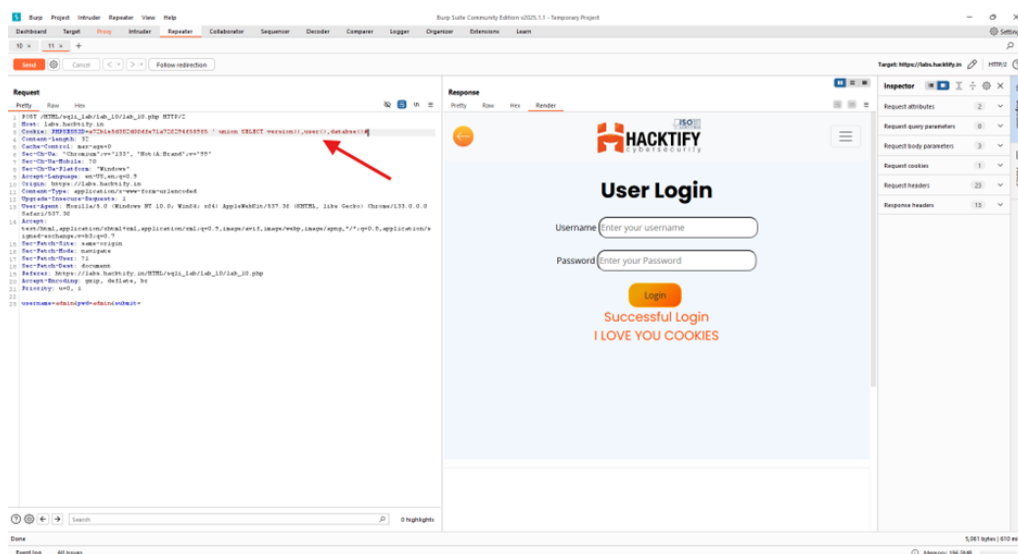
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1.10 oh Cookies!

Reference	Risk Rating
Oh Cookies!	High
Tools Used	
SQL payloads ,Burpsuite	
Vulnerability Description	
SQL Injection via cookies occurs when user-controlled cookie values are directly used in database queries without proper validation. Attackers can modify the cookie to inject SQL payloads, allowing unauthorized access to database information. In this lab, modifying the `id` value in the cookie enabled retrieval of the database version, user, and name, demonstrating a critical security flaw.	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis – SQL payloads and modifying the request.	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/sqli_lab/lab_10/lab_10.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
Failing to fix this SQL Injection vulnerability can lead to data leaks, unauthorized access, and database manipulation. Attackers may escalate privileges, deface the website, or inject malware. Organizations could also face legal penalties for non-compliance with data protection regulations.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
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https://owasp.org/www-project-cheat-sheets/	

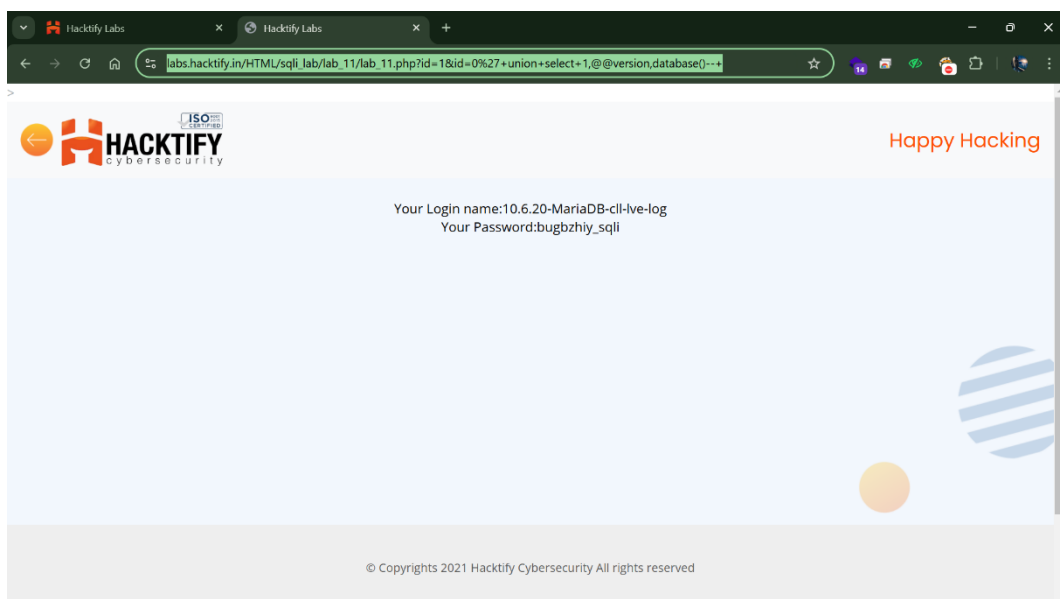
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1.11 WAF's are Injected!

Reference	Risk Rating
WAF's are Injected!	High
Tools Used	
SQL payloads	
Vulnerability Description	
In this lab, the application is protected by a Web Application Firewall (WAF), but the underlying SQL Injection vulnerability still exists. By crafting a payload that bypasses the WAF, the attacker is able to extract sensitive data.	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis – SQL payloads and modifying the URL as SQL payloads -- id=1&id=0' union select 1,@@version,database()--+	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/sqli_lab/lab_11/lab_11.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
If this vulnerability is left unaddressed, attackers could bypass security measures like the WAF and execute arbitrary SQL queries, potentially exposing sensitive information such as login credentials and system details. This may lead to unauthorized access, data manipulation, and full system compromise.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
To prevent SQL Injection and bypassing of security measures like WAFs, applications should implement parameterized queries and prepared statements to ensure user inputs are not directly executed in SQL queries. Input validation and sanitization should be enforced to filter and reject any malicious inputs. Additionally, WAF rules must be regularly updated and fine-tuned to detect advanced SQL Injection techniques. Developers should avoid exposing sensitive database information in error messages and restrict database privileges to minimize potential damage. Regular security audits and penetration testing should also be conducted to identify and fix vulnerabilities before attackers can exploit them.	
References	
https://www.cloudflare.com/learning/security/web-application-firewall-waf/	

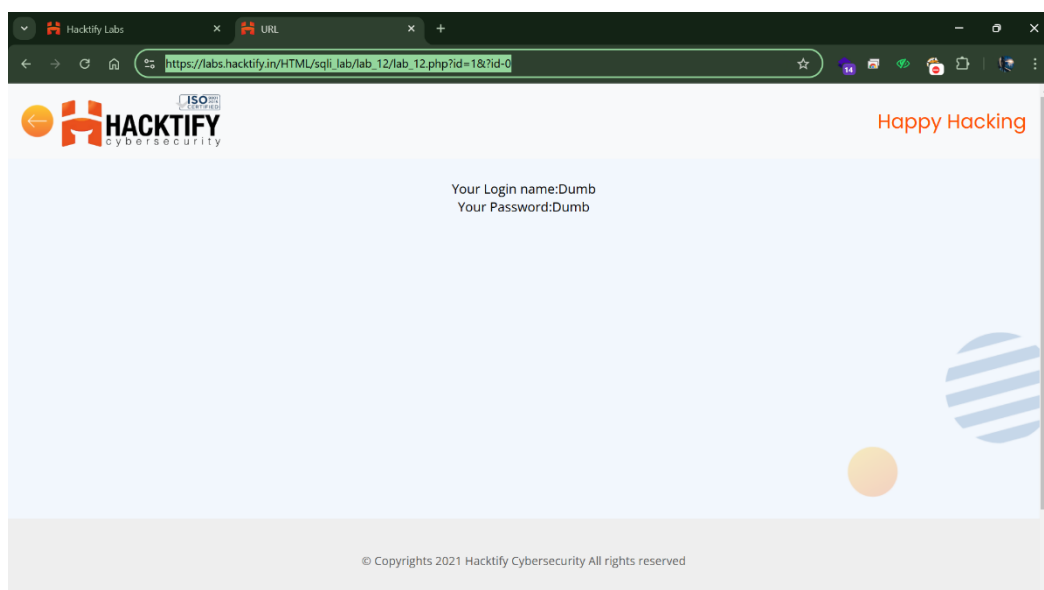
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1.11 WAF's are Injected Part 2!

Reference	Risk Rating
WAF's are Injected!	Medium
Tools Used	
SQL payloads	
Vulnerability Description	
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How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis – SQL payloads and modifying the URL as SQL payloads -id=1&?id=0	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/sqli_lab/lab_12/lab_12.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
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Suggested Countermeasures	
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References	
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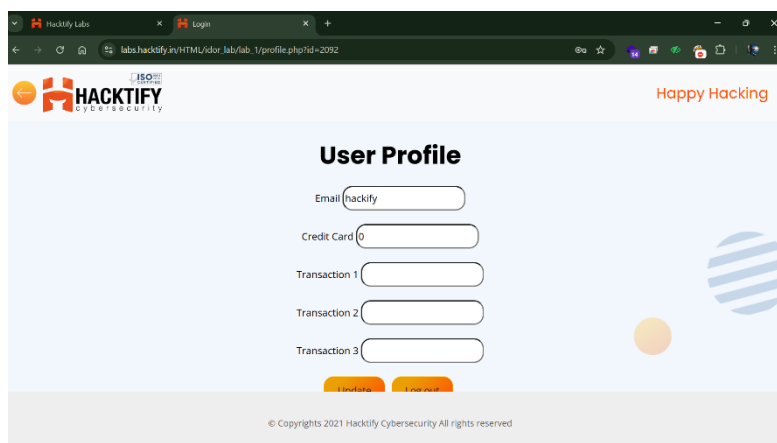


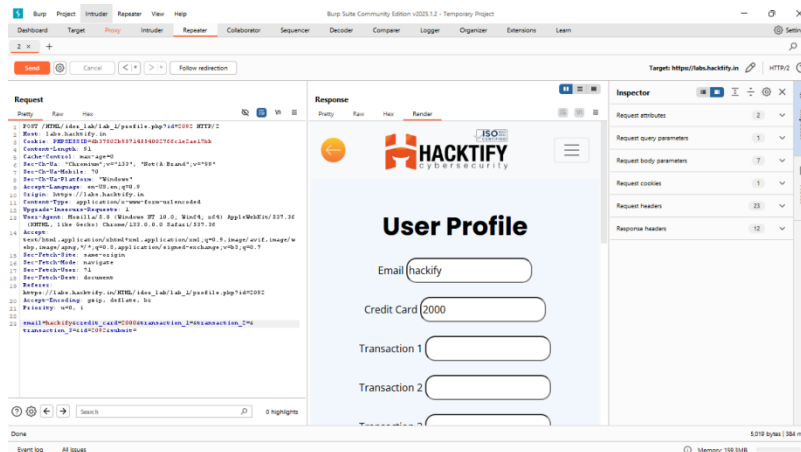
2. Insecure Direct Object References

2.1. Give me my amount!!

Reference	Risk Rating
Give me my amount!!	Low
Tools Used	
Burpsuite	
Vulnerability Description	
Insecure Direct Object Reference (IDOR) is a security vulnerability that occurs when an application provides direct access to objects (e.g., database records, files, or URLs) based on user-supplied input without proper authorization checks. This can allow attackers to manipulate parameters and gain unauthorized access or modify data.	
How It Was Discovered	
Automated Tools – Burpsuite: by modifying the request.	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/idor_lab/lab_1/profile.php?id=2092	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
If an IDOR vulnerability allowing transaction modification is not fixed, it can lead to severe financial losses, as attackers may exploit it to purchase products or services at reduced prices, receive inflated refunds, or manipulate account balances. This can result in revenue loss, legal liabilities, and regulatory penalties for failing to secure financial transactions. Additionally, businesses may suffer reputational damage, loss of customer trust, and potential exploitation by fraudsters. If left unaddressed, attackers can automate the exploit, causing widespread abuse, impacting the company's financial stability, and leading to severe security breaches.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
To prevent IDOR vulnerabilities, implement server-side validation to ensure transaction amounts cannot be modified by users, enforce strict access controls to verify user permissions, and use indirect object references (e.g., mapping IDs instead of exposing them directly). Additionally, log and monitor suspicious activities, apply input validation , and conduct regular security audits to detect and fix vulnerabilities before exploitation.	
References	
https://owasp.org/www-community/attacks/Indirect_Object_Reference_Map	

Proof of Concept





2.2 Stop Polluting my Params!

Reference	Risk Rating
Stop Polluting my Params!	Medium
Tools Used	
SQL Payloads	
Vulnerability Description	
<p>The vulnerability in this scenario is Insecure Direct Object Reference (IDOR), where an attacker can access other users' names by modifying the ID parameter in the request. This occurs because the application directly references user records based on a numerical ID without proper authorization checks. By incrementing or decrementing the ID, an attacker can enumerate and retrieve other users' personal details, leading to privacy violations, unauthorized data access, and potential identity theft. This flaw stems from improper access control and can be mitigated by implementing proper authentication, role-based access control (RBAC), and object-level authorization checks.</p>	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis – By Modifying the id number.	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/idor_lab/lab_2/lab_2.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<p>If an IDOR vulnerability exposing usernames is not fixed, attackers can enumerate and access other users' personal information, leading to privacy breaches, identity theft, and unauthorized data exposure. This can result in compliance violations (e.g., GDPR, CCPA), legal consequences, and reputational damage for the organization. Additionally, attackers may exploit this information for social engineering attacks, phishing, or credential stuffing, further compromising user security.</p>	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<p>To mitigate IDOR vulnerabilities, implement proper access controls by enforcing object-level authorization checks to ensure users can only access their own data. Use indirect object references (e.g., UUIDs instead of sequential IDs) to prevent enumeration, and apply server-side validation to verify user permissions before serving requested data. Additionally, enable logging and monitoring to detect unauthorized access attempts, conduct regular security audits and penetration testing, and follow least privilege principles to minimize data exposure risks.</p>	
References	
https://owasp.org/Top10/A01_2021-Broken_Access_Control/	

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User Profile

Username

First Name

Last Name

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2.3 Someone Changed my Password!

Reference	Risk Rating
Someone Changed my Password!	Low
Tools Used	
URL Inspector	
Vulnerability Description	
<p>This vulnerability is a Broken Access Control (IDOR in Password Reset Functionality) issue, where the application allows users to change their password but fails to enforce proper authorization checks. By modifying the username parameter in the URL, an attacker can reset another user's password without authentication, leading to account takeover. This occurs due to lack of user session validation and improper access controls when handling password change requests. Exploiting this flaw allows an attacker to lock users out of their accounts, gain unauthorized access, and potentially escalate privileges within the system.</p>	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis – By Modifying the usernames.	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/idor_lab/lab_3/lab_3.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<p>If this Broken Access Control (IDOR in Password Reset Functionality) vulnerability is not fixed, attackers can take over user accounts by changing their passwords, leading to unauthorized access, data theft, and identity fraud. This can result in loss of sensitive user data, financial fraud, reputational damage, and legal consequences due to non-compliance with security regulations (e.g., GDPR, CCPA). Additionally, if administrative accounts are compromised, attackers may escalate privileges, potentially gaining full control over the system, leading to widespread data breaches and service disruption.</p>	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<p>To mitigate this Broken Access Control (IDOR in Password Reset Functionality) vulnerability, implement strict authorization checks to ensure users can only update their own passwords. Enforce session-based authentication and verify the requesting user's identity before processing password changes. Use server-side validation to reject unauthorized modifications to usernames in the URL or request body. Implement multi-factor authentication (MFA) to prevent unauthorized access even if passwords are compromised. Additionally, log and monitor password change attempts for suspicious activity, and conduct regular security audits and penetration testing to detect and fix such vulnerabilities.</p>	
References	
https://owasp.org/Top10/A01_2021-Broken_Access_Control/	

Proof of Concept

Change Password

Username

New Password

Confirm Password

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Change Password

Username

New Password

Confirm Password

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2.4 Change your Methods!

Reference	Risk Rating
Change your Methods!	Medium
Tools Used	
URL Inspector	
Vulnerability Description	
<p>This vulnerability is an Insecure Direct Object Reference (IDOR) issue, where the application allows users to update their first name and last name by modifying the ID parameter in the URL without proper authorization checks. Since the server does not validate whether the user has permission to edit another user's profile, an attacker can change anyone's personal details by simply altering the user ID. This flaw results from lack of access controls at the object level and can lead to identity manipulation, data integrity issues, and unauthorized profile modifications.</p>	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis – By Modifying the usernames.	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/idor_lab/lab_4/lab_4.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<p>If this IDOR vulnerability is not fixed, attackers can modify other users' personal details, leading to identity manipulation, reputational damage, and data integrity issues. Malicious actors could impersonate users, change sensitive information, or disrupt business operations by altering multiple accounts. In cases involving regulated data (e.g., GDPR, HIPAA, CCPA), this can result in legal penalties, compliance violations, and loss of user trust. Additionally, attackers may combine this with social engineering or phishing to escalate attacks, commit fraud, or bypass authentication mechanisms.</p>	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<p>To mitigate this IDOR vulnerability, implement proper access controls by ensuring that users can only modify their own profiles through server-side authorization checks. Use session-based authentication to verify user identity before processing updates, and avoid exposing user IDs in URLs by using indirect references (e.g., UUIDs or tokens). Implement role-based access control (RBAC) to restrict profile modifications, enforce input validation and logging, and conduct regular security audits and penetration testing to detect and fix such vulnerabilities proactively.</p>	
References	
https://owasp.org/Top10/A01_2021-Broken_Access_Control/	

Proof of Concept

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `labs.hacktify.in/HTML/idor_lab_4/profile.php?id=2585`. The page features the Hacktify Labs logo and a 'Happy Hacking' message. The main content is a 'User Profile' form with fields for Username, First Name, and Last Name. Below the fields are 'Update' and 'Log out' buttons. The footer contains the copyright notice: '© Copyrights 2021 Hacktify Cybersecurity All rights reserved'.

User Profile

Username

First Name

Last Name

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