SecureIt : Complete Web Sceurity chrome extension

Abstract

CSRF is an attack that **forces an end user to execute unwanted actions on a web application** in which he/she is currently authenticated. With a little help of social engineering (like sending a link via email or chat), an attacker may force the users of a web application to execute actions of the attacker's choosing. A successful CSRF exploit can compromise end user data and operation, when it targets a normal user. If the targeted end user is the administrator account, a CSRF attack can compromise the entire web application.

CSRF relies on the following:

- 1. Web browser behavior regarding the handling of session-related information such as cookies and http authentication information
- 2. Knowledge by the attacker of valid web application URLs
- 3.Application session management relying only on information which is known by the browser
- 4.Existence of HTML tags whose presence cause immediate access to an http[s] resource; for example the image tag

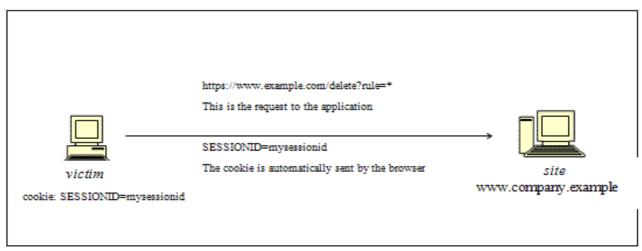


Figure 1: How a Cross Site Request Forgery (CSRF) works

Security Threats: Current scenario

37%	Cross-site scripting
16%	SQL injection
5%	Path disclosure
5%	Denial-of-service attack
4%	Arbitrary code execution
4%	Memory corruption
4%	Cross-site request forgery
3%	<u>Data breach</u> (information disclosure)
3%	Arbitrary <u>file inclusion</u>
2%	Local file inclusion
1%	Remote file inclusion
1%	Buffer overflow
15%	Other, including code injection (PHP/JavaScript), etc.

About SecureIt

It is extension to the hacktab security tests chrome extension for CSRF; deploying CSRF testing methods for checking whether a site is CSRF vulnerable or not. It will be helpful for developers, QA and Pen testers.

Further work

There is a scope for AI algorithms in generalising and making web 2.0 (and ahead) secure.

References:

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