

# Assignment-2 Report

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**Abstract**—The Assignment-2 introduced us to additional sections on JWT Tokens. There were two tasks to be completed task 10 and task 11(bonus).

## I. INTRODUCTION

THE insecure application that provides functionalities to observe the vulnerabilities of applications, such as Web-Goat can be used to learn and get exposure to different types of vulnerabilities in the area of injection and authentication and broken Authentication such as Authentication Bypass, JWT tokens and password reset.

## II. JWT TOKENS

This section introduced JSON Web Tokens (JWT) which can be used for authentication. It introduced how to securely implement the usage and validation of the tokens. The structure of a JWT token consists of three parts header, claims and signature. both the header and claims are represented by JSON Object. The header describes the cryptographic operations applied to the JWT and optionally, additional properties of JWT. The claims represent a JSON object whose members are the claims conveyed by the JWT.

## III. TASK-10

The task-10 which is the task that needs to be completed as part of this assignment. This task demands us to pay for the items in the cart as Tom, but the user currently logged in is Jerry. I used Burp suite to intercept the request while sending a request for checkout. Then I used the JWT token decoder to decode the token. Then after the JWT token is decoded I changed the user to Tom and algorithm to none and then used this updated JWT token in the intercepted request, which completed the task of paying for the items in the cart as TOM

## IV. TASK-11 (BONUS)

This is the bonus task of Assignment-2. The Bonus task was to complete the step-11 of the JWT token section from OWSAP webgoat application. Here the task presented 2 twitter accounts which were named as Jerry and Tom. The task here wanted Jerry to remove Tom's twitter account, even though it can only delete his own account. So to Delete Tom's account I clicked on the remove button and intercepted the request using Burp suite. Here I extracted the JWT token from the request and decoded the JWT Token using an online JWT token decoder. Here I changed the credentials of Jerry to Tom's in the decoded JWT token and used this new updated JWT token, in the intercepted request and sent it. This resulted in deleting the Tom's account and completed the bonus task of the assignment,

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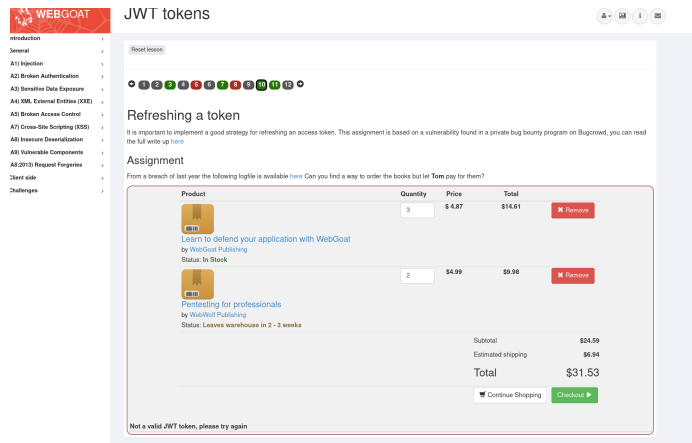


Fig. 1. Task-10 completion

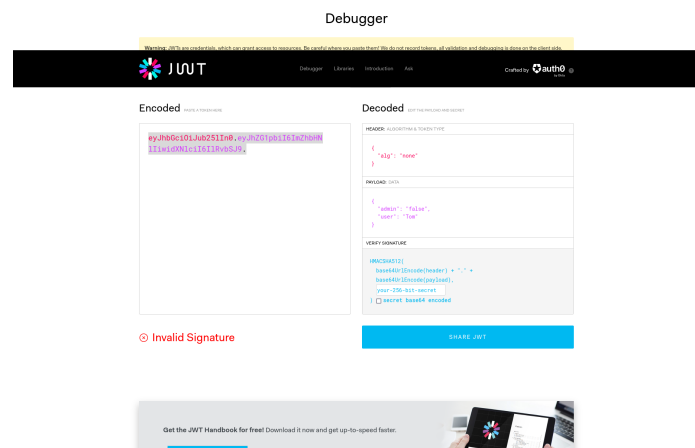


Fig. 2. Decoding the JWT Token

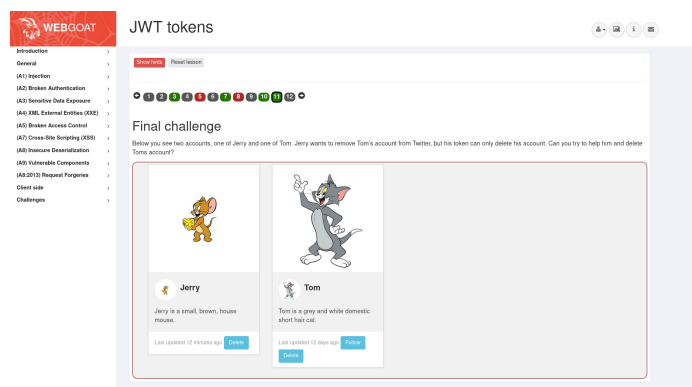


Fig. 3. Bonus task - 11 completion

## V. CONCLUSION

In Summary as WebGoats vulnerabilities can be exploited to study and bolster the attacks, We can also use it to study and mitigate the attacks such caused by SQL injection as the CIA Triads can be compromised by performing SQL Injection. This lab we studied Broken Authentication includes Authentication Bypasses, JWT tokens and password reset. This was we can decide to try and develop a website that are less vulnerable to all of these. This way we can try to develop websites that do not compromise a CIA triads. Authentication Bypasses can occur in many ways but they usually take advantage of some flaws that is present in he configuration or the logic. They involve tampering to achieve the right conditions. They make use of hidden inputs which relies on simple inputs that is in the Web page or DOM. Authentication is one of the most fundamental thing to be implemented in the website. We need to make sure that there is no flaw or vulnerability that the attacker can use to attack the website. We need to make sure that the websites are not vulnerable to phishing.

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