

HACKTIVITY

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REST API Pentester's perspective

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Anand Prakash @sehacure

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„Whenever a user Forgets his password on Facebook, he has an option to reset the password by entering his phone number/ email address on:

<https://www.facebook.com/login/identify?ctx=recover&lwv=110>

Facebook will then send a **6 digit code** on his phone number/email address which user has to enter in order to set a new password.

I tried to **brute** the 6 digit code on www.facebook.com and was **blocked** after **10-12** invalid attempts.”

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„Then i looked out for the same issue on **beta.facebook.com** and **mbasic.beta.facebook.com** and interestingly **rate limiting was missing** on forgot password endpoints.”

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We sent you a message

Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 12:25am

Hi Anand,

After reviewing the issue you have reported, we have decided to award you a bounty of \$15000 USD. We fulfill our bounties through <https://bugbountypayments.com/>

-- Next Steps --

* If you have not registered on <https://bugbountypayments.com/>

To properly collect your bounty, you will need to reply to this email with the following information:

- First name
- Last name
- Country
- Email address (this is where we will send the registration email)

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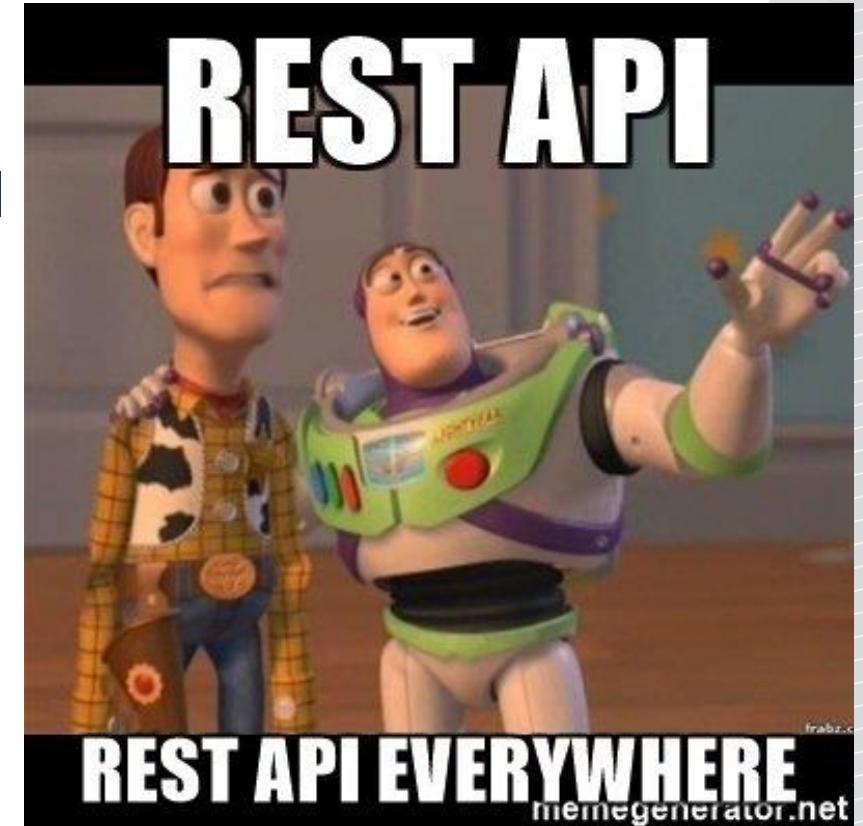
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Indian techie finds bug that let him
hack anyone's Facebook account, gets
\$15,000 award

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REST API

- Is everywhere (web&mobile)
- Is build on top of existing applications
- More and more companies allow to use it's API
- Applications are more interconnected
- Microservices



REST API

The future

Nowadays, building software no longer requires a team of engineers or costly servers. An API Key and its documentation are all you need to easily integrate an external feature.

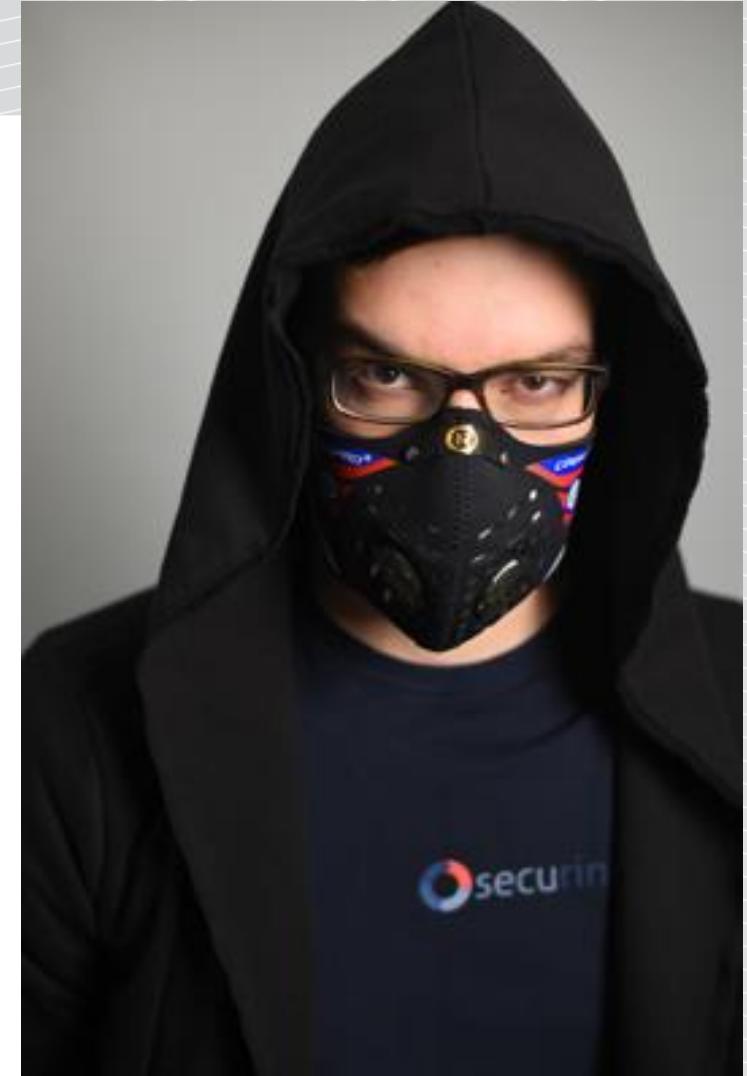
For the end user, things have been made easier and for developers, there are no more limits.

Drivers of economic growth for the client companies, they have increased business for software companies and have become an essential element of the business model. They have become the product itself and according Gartner, **by 2018, at least 50% of BtoB exchanges and collaborations will be performed via Web APIs.**

<https://www.mobapi.com/history-of-rest-apis/>

Who am I

- Senior IT Security Specialist, SecuRing
- Web & mobile application security
- OWASP Poland member
- Ex developer
- Bug hunter



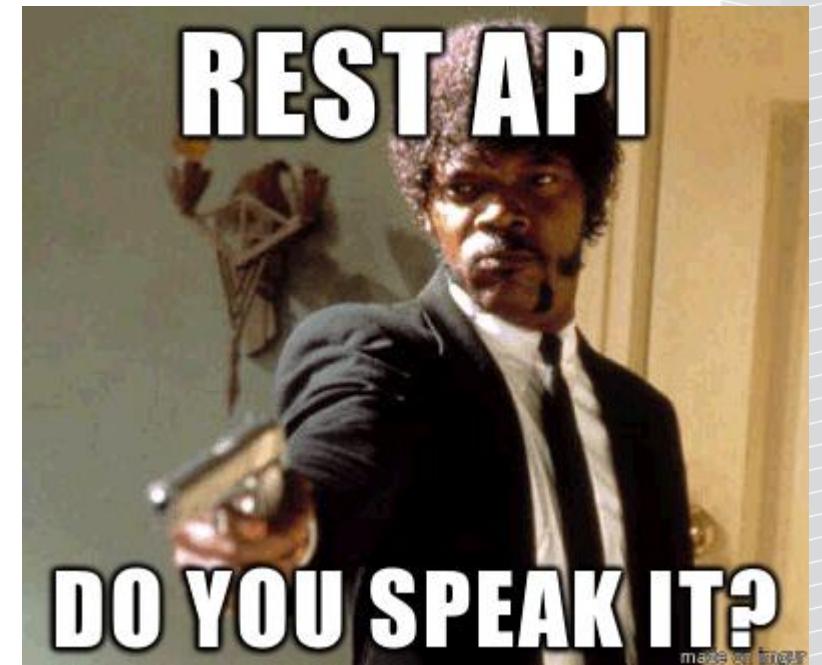
Agenda

- REST API 101
- Finding endpoints
- Finding docs
- Finding sample calls
- Finding keys
- 2 more examples
- Q&A

REST API 101

REST API 101

- REST – representational state transfer
- Data usually is sent as JSON
- HTTP methods have a meaning (usually):
 - GET - list (collection), retrieve data (element)
 - PUT – replace (all data is changed)
 - PATCH – update
 - POST – create (new element)
 - DELETE



REST API 101

```
GET /version HTTP/1.1
Host: [REDACTED].com
Accept: application/json; charset=UTF-8
[...]
```

```
HTTP/1.1 200
Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8
[...]
```

```
{"groupId":"[REDACTED].hs.cvl.core","artifactId":"cvl-core-web-api","version":"1.0.17"}
```

REST API Pentest

- Get endpoints
- Get docs
- Get keys/credentials
- Get sample calls !!

REST API Bug bounty

- Sometimes no known endpoints
- Sometimes no docs
- Sometimes no keys/credentials
- Sometimes no sample calls !!

FINDING ENDPOINTS

Finding endpoints

- /
- /api/
- /v1/
- /v1.0/
- /v1.1/
- /api/v1/
- /api/v2

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```
https://████████████████████.io/api/v1/  
Content-Type: text/plain  
Content-Length: 45  
Content:  
  
Community Platform API v1
```

Finding endpoints

- /
- /api/
- /v1/
- /v1.0/
- /v1.1/
- /api/v1/
- /api/v2

```
https://[REDACTED].com/api/v1/
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 169
Content:
{"meta": {
    "message": "This is a list of all endpoints available at this version",
    "endpoints": [
        "http://[REDACTED].com/api/v1/health_check/"
    ],
    "data": null
}}
```

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```
https://[REDACTED]/api/v1/ping
Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8
Content-Length: 26
Content:

{"response": "pong", "et": 0}
```

Finding endpoints

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- /health
- /status
- ...
- Dictionaries for directories and filenames will help

```
https://████████████████████████████████████████.com/api/health  
Content:  
  
{"status": "good"}
```

```
https://████████████████████████████████████████/api/health  
Content:  
  
{"ok": false, "error": "unknown_method", "req_method": "health"}
```

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- Dictionaries for **directories** and **filenames** will help

```
https://[REDACTED].com/health  
Content:  
  
{ "status": "UP", "status": { "status": "UP", "TnT admin": "UP", "ims": "UP" } }
```

Spring Boot Actuator

Spring Boot makes it easy to create stand-alone, production-grade Spring based Applications that you can "just run". We take an opinionated view of the Spring platform and third-party libraries so you can get started with minimum fuss. Most Spring Boot applications need very little Spring configuration.

Features

- Create stand-alone Spring applications
- Embed Tomcat, Jetty or Undertow directly (no need to deploy WAR files)
- Provide opinionated 'starter' POMs to simplify your Maven configuration
- Automatically configure Spring whenever possible
- Provide production-ready features such as metrics, health checks and externalized configuration

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Building a RESTful Web Service with Spring Boot Features

- [Spring Boot Actuator](#) is a sub-project of Spring Boot. It adds several production grade services to your application with little effort on your part. In this guide, you'll build an application and then see how to add these services.
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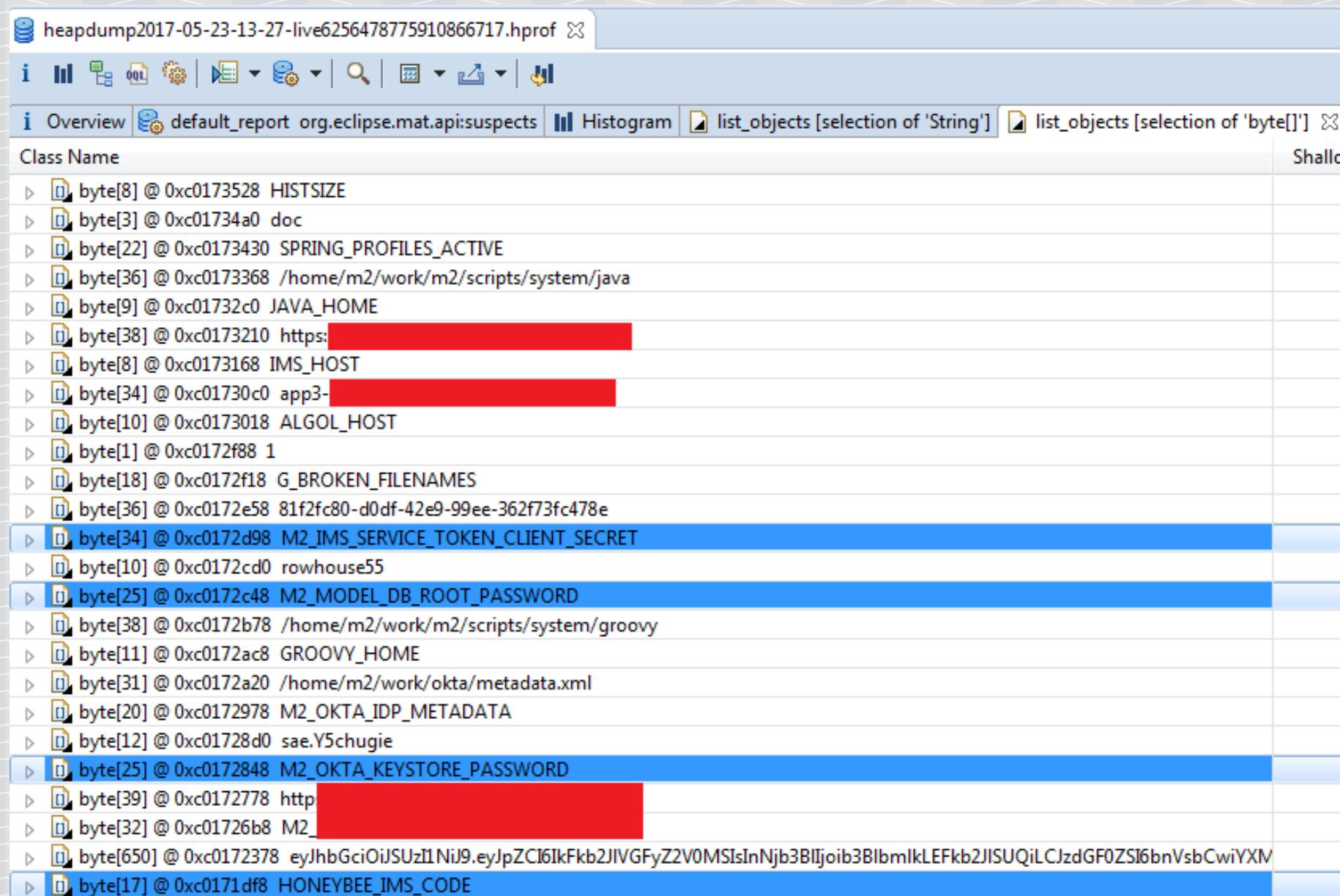
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Tested domain: [REDACTED].com

```
/heapdump          : 200 , size : 11707186 [11707177]
Content-Disposition: attachment;
filename="heapdump2017-05-11-00-47-live2732695341119813321.hprof.gz"
```

HEAP DUMP LIVE DEMO



heapdump2017-05-23-13-27-live6256478775910866717.hprof

Overview default_report org.eclipse.mat.api:suspects Histogram list_objects [selection of 'String'] list_objects [selection of 'byte[]'] Shallow

Class Name

- byte[8] @ 0xc0173528 HISTSIZE
- byte[3] @ 0xc01734a0 doc
- byte[22] @ 0xc0173430 SPRING_PROFILES_ACTIVE
- byte[36] @ 0xc0173368 /home/m2/work/m2/scripts/system/java
- byte[9] @ 0xc01732c0 JAVA_HOME
- byte[38] @ 0xc0173210 https: [REDACTED]
- byte[8] @ 0xc0173168 IMS_HOST
- byte[34] @ 0xc01730c0 app3-[REDACTED]
- byte[10] @ 0xc0173018 ALGOL_HOST
- byte[1] @ 0xc0172f88 1
- byte[18] @ 0xc0172f18 G_BROKEN_Filenames
- byte[36] @ 0xc0172e58 81f2fc80-d0df-42e9-99ee-362f73fc478e
- byte[34] @ 0xc0172d98 M2_IMS_SERVICE_TOKEN_CLIENT_SECRET
- byte[10] @ 0xc0172cd0 rowhouse55
- byte[25] @ 0xc0172c48 M2_MODEL_DB_ROOT_PASSWORD
- byte[38] @ 0xc0172b78 /home/m2/work/m2/scripts/system/groovy
- byte[11] @ 0xc0172ac8 GROOVY_HOME
- byte[31] @ 0xc0172a20 /home/m2/work/okta/metadata.xml
- byte[20] @ 0xc0172978 M2_OKTA_IDP_METADATA
- byte[12] @ 0xc01728d0 sae.Y5chugie
- byte[25] @ 0xc0172848 M2_OKTA_KEYSTORE_PASSWORD
- byte[39] @ 0xc0172778 http
- byte[32] @ 0xc01726b8 M2_[REDACTED]
- byte[650] @ 0xc0172378 eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiJ9.eyJpZCI6IkFkb2JlVGFyZ2V0MSIsInNjb3BlIjoib3BlbmIkLEFkb2JlSUQiLCJzdGF0ZSI6bnVsbCwiYXM
- byte[17] @ 0xc0171df8 HONEYBEE_IMS_CODE

FINDING DOCS

Finding docs:

- /api-docs
- /application.wadl
- /doc
- /docs
- /swagger-ui.html
- /swagger.json

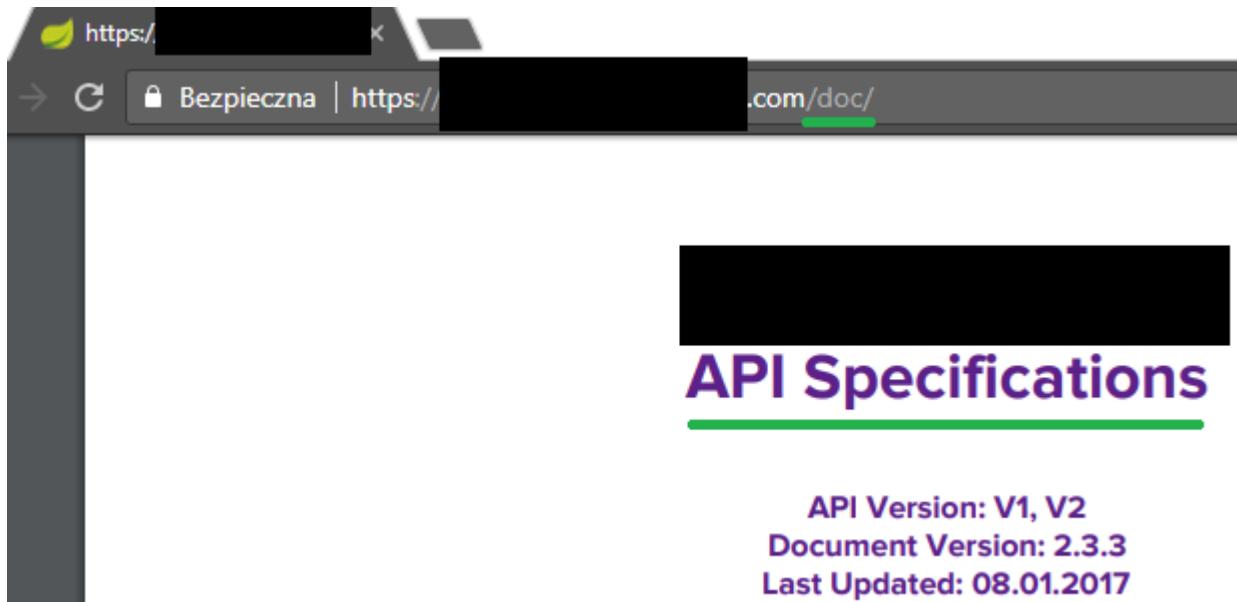
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SOAP UI LIVE DEMO

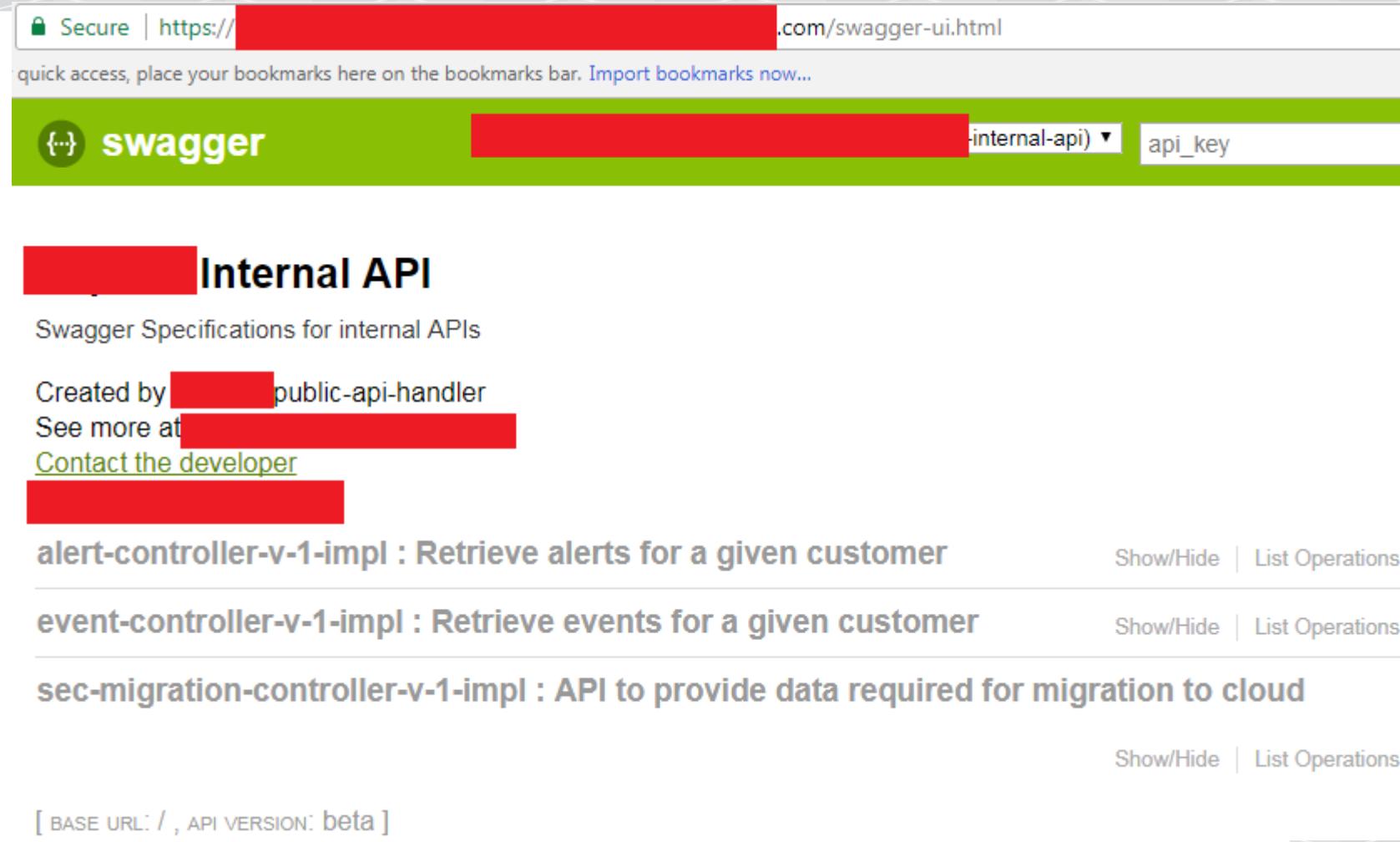
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The screenshot shows a browser window displaying the Swagger UI for an internal API. The URL bar indicates a secure connection to https://[REDACTED].com/swagger-ui.html. The title bar says "Secure | https://[REDACTED].com/swagger-ui.html". Below the title bar, there is a message: "quick access, place your bookmarks here on the bookmarks bar. Import bookmarks now...". The main header features the "swagger" logo and dropdown menus for "internal-api" and "api_key".

Internal API

Swagger Specifications for internal APIs

Created by [REDACTED] public-api-handler
See more at [REDACTED]
[Contact the developer](#)

alert-controller-v-1-impl : Retrieve alerts for a given customer Show/Hide | List Operations

event-controller-v-1-impl : Retrieve events for a given customer Show/Hide | List Operations

sec-migration-controller-v-1-impl : API to provide data required for migration to cloud Show/Hide | List Operations

[BASE URL: / , API VERSION: beta]

SWAGGER LIVE DEMO

FINDING SAMPLE CALLS

Finding sample calls

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- Error messages to the rescue!

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```
GET /api/public/files/109/test.pdf
[...]
```

```
HTTP/1.1 404 NOT FOUND
[...]
```

```
{ "message":  
  "The requested URL was not found on the server.  
  If you entered the URL manually please check your spelling and try again.  
  You have requested this URI  
  [/api/public/files/109/test.pdf]  
  but did you mean  
  [/api/public/files/<int:file_id>/<string:filename> or  
   /api/public/countries/<string(length=2):code> or  
   /api/admin/files/types?"] }
```

Finding sample calls

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```
GET /REST/v1/auth HTTP/1.1
[...]

HTTP/1.1 405 Method Not Allowed
Allow: DELETE, OPTIONS, POST
[...]
```

Finding sample calls

- Still no docs?
- Error messages to the rescue!

```
POST /REST/v1/auth HTTP/1.1
Content-Type: application/json
[...]
{}

HTTP/1.1 400 Bad Request
[...]

Could not find a 'username' parameter
```

Finding sample calls

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```
POST /REST/v1/auth HTTP/1.1
[...]
{ 'username' : 'test' }

HTTP/1.1 400 Bad Request
[...]

Could not find a 'password' parameter
```

Finding sample calls

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```
POST /REST/v1/auth HTTP/1.1
[...]
{ 'username' : 'test', 'password' : 'test' }

HTTP/1.1 401 Unauthorized
[...]                   

Invalid credentials.
```

Finding sample calls

- Still no docs?
- Error messages to the rescue!
- Brute force parameter names!

```
parameth/mak# ./parameth.py -u https://makthepla.net/parameth/simpletest.php
[!] CIRCUT KEEFU
=====
parameth v1.0 - find parameters and craic rocks
Author: Ciaran McNally - https://makthepla.net
=====
Establishing base figures...
GET: content-length-> 22 status-> 200
POST: content-length-> 22 status-> 200
Scanning it like you own it...
GET(size): m | 22->36 ( https://makthepla.net/parameth/simpletest.php?m=discobiscuits )
POST(size): r | 22->42 ( https://makthepla.net/parameth/simpletest.php )
GET(status): redirect | 200->301 ( https://makthepla.net/parameth/simpletest.php?redirect=discobiscuits )
parameth/mak#
```

Finding sample calls

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- Brute force parameter names!
- Analyze JS code (see JS-Scan)
- Dissect mobile app (Apk-Scan for Android apps hadrcoded URL's)

FINDING KEYS

Finding keys

- Check mobile application
- Check GitHub (truffleHog to the rescue):
 - Scan public repos of a company
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Finding keys



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To be fair, this problem wasn't caused by Google, but by the app developers who post their apps in Google Play. In fact, the researchers say that Google stopped the problem by using PlayDrone to scan apps and telling developers to remove secret keys when they find them.

The researchers also waited months to publish their research, giving app developers time to fix their apps.

But the scariest part was the type of app that had this problem, and how some dragged their feet to fix it. In some cases the holes were still there after November when they had officially shut down their research project after warning app developers.

The paper explains, "For example, the popular Airbnb application still contained their Facebook, Google, LinkedIn, Microsoft, and Yahoo secret tokens from June 22, 2013 until well past November 11, 2013."

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[https://github.com/\[REDACTED\]/commit/\[REDACTED\]](https://github.com/[REDACTED]/commit/[REDACTED])

```
public class [REDACTED] {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Client client = new Client(new Configuration.Builder() .
            accessToken("053[REDACTED]"') .
+            accessToken(System.getenv("[REDACTED]TOKEN")) .
```

Finding keys

```
GET /v2/users/self HTTP/1.1
Host: [REDACTED]
Authorization: Bearer 053[REDACTED]
[...]
```

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
[...]
Content-Length: 317
Connection: Close
```

```
{ [...]
"confirmed":true,
"role":"admin",
"status":"active",
[... ]}
```

2 MORE EXAMPLES

#1 Jolokia

Tested domain: [REDACTED].com

```
/jolokia : 200 OK, size : 256 [248]
{
  "request": {"type": "version"},
  "value": {
    "agent": "1.3.3",
    "protocol": "7.2",
    "config": {"agentId": "10.55.197.204-26814-516037be-servlet", "agentType": "servlet"},
    "info": {"product": "tomcat", "vendor": "Apache", "version": "8.0.20"}},
    "timestamp": 1494610863, "status": 200}
```

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X-Powered-By:Servlet/3.1 JSP/2.3 (Apache Tomcat/8.0.20 Java/Oracle Corporation/1.8.0_60-b27)



#1 Jolokia

6.2.3.1. GET exec request

The format of an GET exec request is

```
<base url>/exec/<mbean name>/<operation name>/<arg1>/<arg2>/....
```

Table 6.6. GET Exec Request

Part	Description	Example
<mbean name>	MBean's ObjectName	java.lang:type=Threading
<operation name>	Name of the operation to execute. If this is an overloaded method, it is mandatory to provide a method signature as well. A signature consist the fully qualified argument class names or native types, separated by commas and enclosed with parentheses. For calling a non-argument overloaded method use () as signature.	loadUsers(java.lang.String,int)
<arg1>, <arg2>, ...	String representation for the arguments required to execute this operation. Only certain data types can be used here as described in Section 6.4.2, "Request parameter serialization" .	"true","true"

The following request will trigger a garbage collection:

```
http://localhost:8080/jolokia/exec/java.lang:type=Memory/gc
```



#2 REST API wrongly placed



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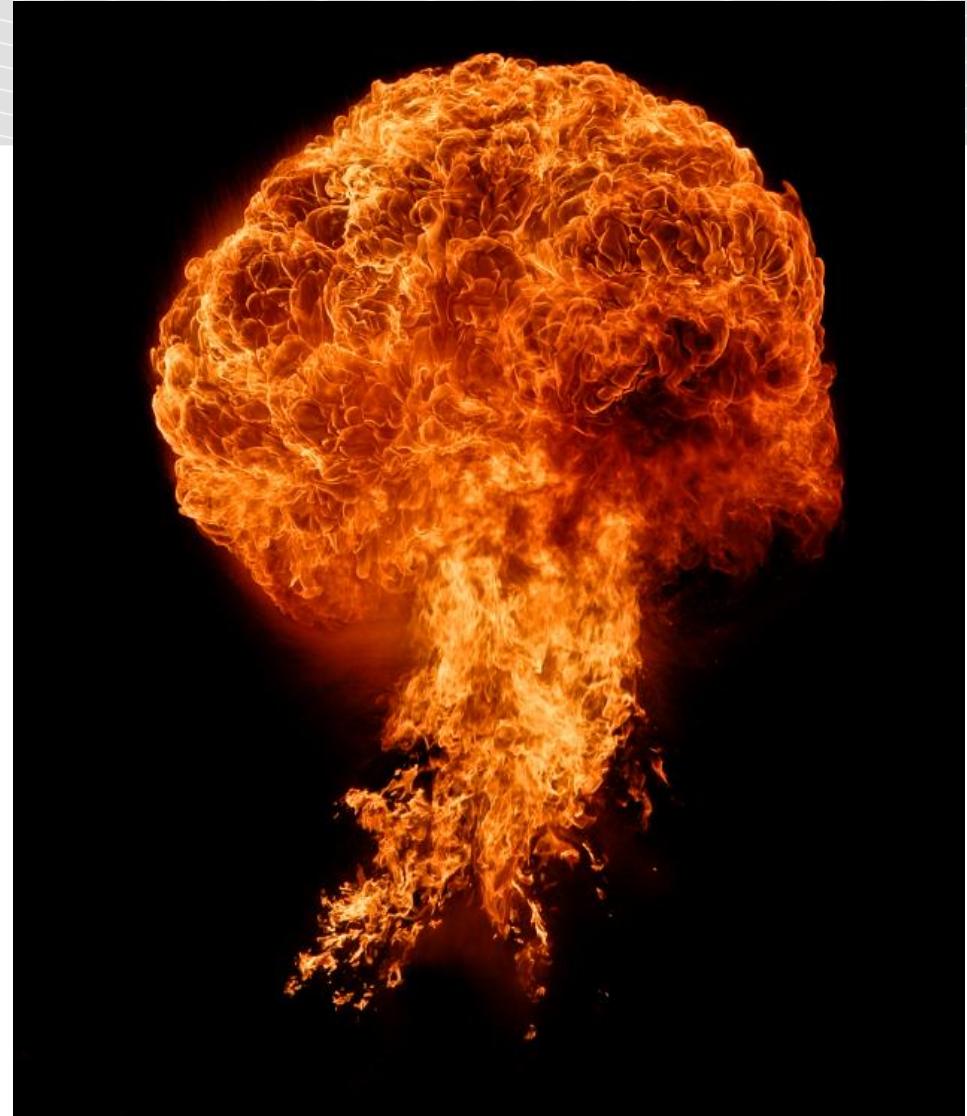
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- Brute force & profit report to client !



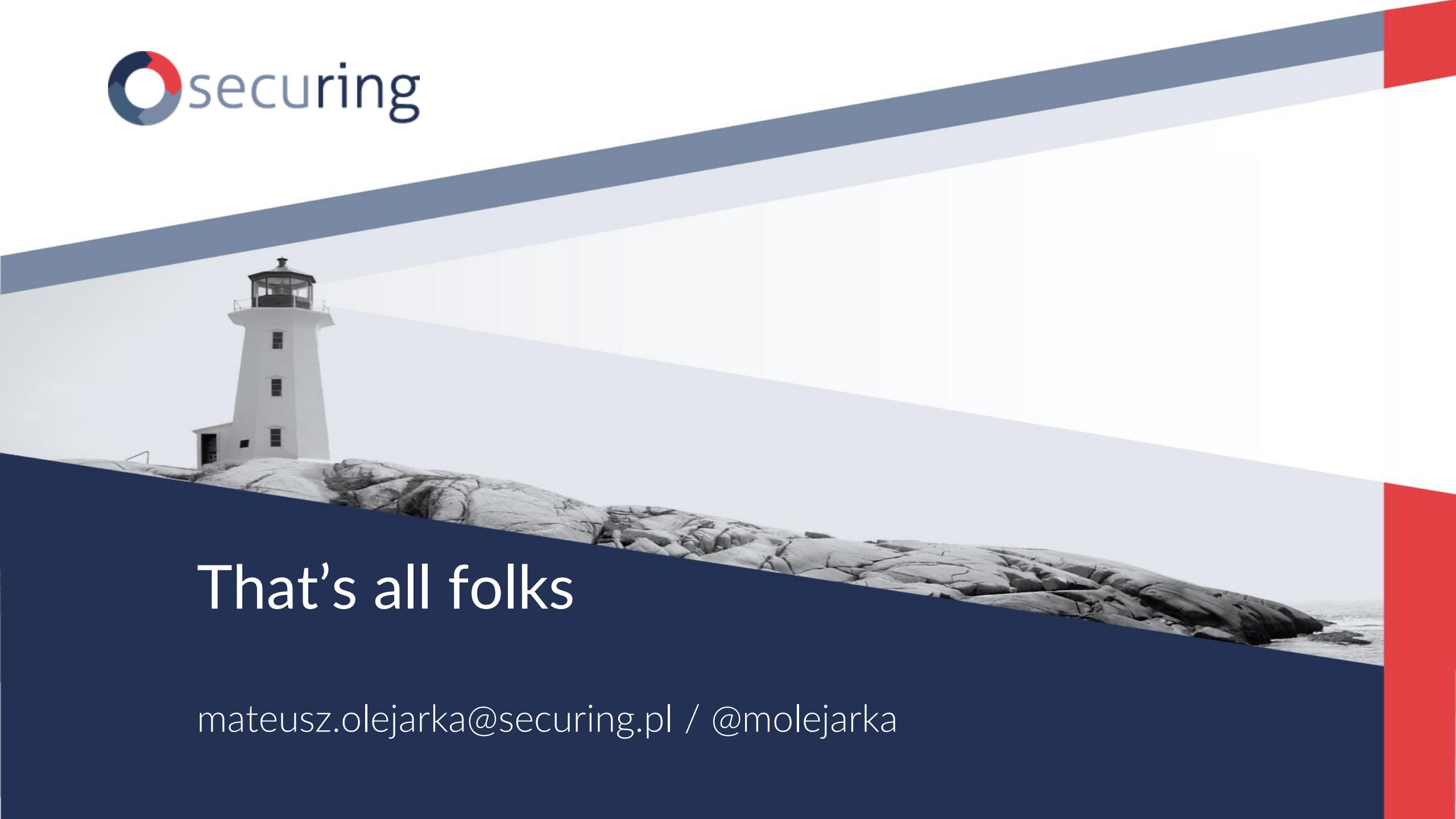
Summary

- Find endpoints
- Find docs
- Find sample calls
- Find keys
- Fuzz

POP

Tools

- SOAP UI <https://www.soapui.org/>
- Postman <https://www.getpostman.com/>
- Fuzzapi <https://github.com/Fuzzapi/fuzzapi>
- Swagger Parser (Burp Suite plugin)
- TruffleHog <https://github.com/dxa4481/truffleHog>
- JS-Scan <https://github.com/zseano/JS-Scan>
- Apk - Scan <https://apkscan.nviso.be/>

A white lighthouse stands on a rocky, craggy shoreline under a clear sky. The image is framed by a thick blue diagonal band at the bottom and a thin red vertical bar on the right side.

That's all folks

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