

week 3 quiz

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✓ If a website does not implement CSRF protection, what type of attack can an attacker perform? *1/1

- ☐ Injection attacks
- ☒ Unauthorized actions on behalf of an authenticated user ✓
- ☐ Session hijacking
- ☐ Data interception

✓ How does a CSRF attack typically work? * 1/1

- ☐ By using malicious JavaScript embedded in a page to steal credentials
- ☒ By embedding a fake form in a site visited by the target user ✓
- ☐ By exploiting unvalidated input fields to send malicious payloads
- ☐ By intercepting and modifying HTTP requests in transit

✓ Which of the following CORS headers allows servers to specify which domains can access their resources? *1/1

- ☒ Access-Control-Allow-Origin ✓
- ☐ Access-Control-Allow-Methods
- ☐ Access-Control-Allow-Headers
- ☐ Access-Control-Allow-Credentials

✓ Which HTTP method is most commonly exploited in a CSRF attack? * 1/1

- ☒ POST ✓
- ☐ GET
- ☐ DELETE
- ☐ PUT

✓ What is a "preflight" request in CORS? * 1/1

- ☐ A request that checks whether the origin is valid
- ☒ A request sent by the browser to ask the server whether the cross-origin request is allowed ✓
- ☐ A request to fetch user credentials
- ☐ A request to set custom headers

✓ What does CORS stand for? * 1/1

- ☐ Cross-Origin Request Sharing
- ☒ Cross-Origin Resource Sharing ✓
- ☐ Cross-Site Request Sharing
- ☐ Cross-Origin Request Security

✓ Which of the following HTTP headers is used to specify the origin of a request in CORS? *1/1

☐ Accept

☒ Origin ✓

☐ User-Agent

☐ Content-Type

✓ Which header is used to allow cookies and credentials to be sent with cross-origin requests? *1/1

☐ Access-Control-Allow-Method

☐ Access-Control-Allow-Origin

☒ Access-Control-Allow-Credentials ✓

☐ Access-Control-Expose-Headers

✓ Which of the following is a vulnerability in CSRF if the application does not implement proper token validation? *1/1

☐ Blind SQL Injection

☐ Insecure Direct Object References

☐ Unauthenticated API requests

☒ CSRF attacks where an attacker can force an action on behalf of the user ✓

✓ Which of the following headers helps mitigate CSRF attacks by enforcing same-origin policies? *1/1

☐ X-XSS-Protection

☐ Content-Type

☐ X-Frame-Options

☒ SameSite cookie attribute ✓

✓ Which HTTP method is commonly used in preflight CORS requests? * 1/1

☐ POST

☐ GET

☐ PUT

☒ OPTIONS ✓

✓ Which CORS header can be used to expose specific response headers to the browser? *1/1

☐ Access-Control-Allow-Origin

☒ Access-Control-Expose-Headers ✓

☐ Access-Control-Allow-Methods

☐ Access-Control-Allow-Credentials

✗ Which kind of attack would CSRF be particularly dangerous against in a banking application? *0/1

☐ Modifying account balance

☐ Exploiting session fixation

☒ Performing a cross-site scripting attack ✗

☐ Elevating user privileges

Correct answer

☒ Modifying account balance

✓ Which of the following methods can help prevent CSRF attacks when using REST APIs? *1/1

☒ Using JSON Web Tokens (JWT) ✓

☐ Enabling Cross-Origin Resource Sharing (CORS)

☐ Enforcing strict cookie policies

☐ Validating user input on the server side

✓ What is the default behavior of a browser when a cross-origin request is made without proper CORS headers? *1/1

☐ The request is allowed but with limited access

☒ The request is blocked ✓

☐ The browser automatically adds CORS headers

☐ The request is logged for review

✓ What is the main purpose of a CSRF token? * 1/1

☐ To verify user credentials

☒ To ensure the request is coming from the same user who initiated the session ✓

☐ To authenticate requests from cross-origin domains

☐ To prevent network traffic interception

✓ Which of the following is a valid defense against CSRF attacks using cookies? *1/1

☐ Encrypt the cookies

☐ Make the cookies HTTPOnly

☒ Set cookies with SameSite attribute to 'Strict' ✓

☐ Use a token with every request to ensure validity

✓ What is the major risk if CORS headers are misconfigured or not set properly? *1/1

☐ Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

☒ Sensitive data leakage across domains ✓

☐ SQL injection

☐ Code execution vulnerability

✗ Which of the following can prevent CSRF attacks? * 0/1

☐ Using HTTPS

☒ Enforcing Content Security Policy ✗

☐ Implementing anti-CSRF tokens

☐ Disabling cookies

Correct answer

☒ Implementing anti-CSRF tokens

✓ How can a CSRF attack target a user who is authenticated on a website? * 1/1

- ☐ By injecting malicious content into the web page visited by the user
- ☐ By using a cross-origin script to read the user's cookies
- ☒ By sending unauthorized requests with the user's credentials without their knowledge ✓
- ☐ By forcing the user to log out of the website

✓ Which of the following scenarios would require a preflight CORS request? * 1/1

- ☐ A simple GET request without custom headers
- ☒ A POST request with a custom Content-Type ✓
- ☐ A GET request to a same-origin resource
- ☐ A GET request with no headers

✓ Which of the following describes the correct setting for the Access-Control-Allow-Origin header when a server allows requests from multiple origins? *1/1

- ☒ Set to "*" ✓
- ☐ Set to a list of origins separated by commas
- ☐ Set to the domain of the client
- ☐ It is not allowed to allow multiple origins

✓ Which technique is commonly used in a CSRF attack to bypass the Same-Origin Policy? *1/1

- ☐ DNS poisoning
- ☒ Image-based request ✓
- ☐ XMLHttpRequest
- ☐ Cookie hijacking

✓ Which of the following is an example of a CSRF attack? * 1/1

- ☒ Changing a user's password without their knowledge ✓
- ☐ Stealing a user's credentials via a keylogger
- ☐ Man-in-the-middle attack to alter requests
- ☐ Phishing an email to steal personal information

✓ Which of the following CORS headers specifies the HTTP methods allowed for cross-origin requests? *1/1

- ☐ Access-Control-Allow-Headers
- ☒ Access-Control-Allow-Methods ✓
- ☐ Access-Control-Expose-Headers
- ☐ Access-Control-Allow-Origin

✓ Which HTTP status code indicates that the server successfully handled the CORS request? *1/1

- ☒ 200 OK ✓
- ☐ 403 Forbidden
- ☐ 401 Unauthorized
- ☐ 405 Method Not Allowed

✓ What does CSRF stand for? * 1/1

- ☐ Cross-Site Resource Forgery
- ☒ Cross-Site Request Forgery ✓
- ☐ Cross-Security Request Forgery
- ☐ Cross-Server Request Forgery

✓ Which of the following could result in a CORS error? * 1/1

- ☐ Not including an Authorization header in a GET request
- ☒ The server does not include Access-Control-Allow-Origin header ✓
- ☐ The client does not include a User-Agent header
- ☐ The response code is 500

✗ Which of the following techniques would NOT mitigate CSRF attacks effectively? *0/1

- ☒ Anti-CSRF tokens ✗
- ☐ User-agent validation
- ☐ SameSite cookie attribute
- ☐ Custom request headers

Correct answer

- ☒ User-agent validation

✓ What is the purpose of the Access-Control-Allow-Headers header in CORS? *1/1

- ☐ To specify which HTTP methods are allowed
- ☒ To specify the headers allowed in the actual request ✓
- ☐ To expose specific headers to the browser
- ☐ To allow credentials to be included in the request

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