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Automating API Pen Testing using Fuzzapi

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Next 45 minutes

- Why
- What
- How





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Pipsu was already more awake today after yesterday's emergency surgery :) (she still has slept nearly all day, this was her first this much awake-moment) (i.imgur.com)
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On a serious note

- What is fuzzAPI
- How to use fuzzAPI
- Need for automating Pen Testing APIs
- Developer vs Pen tester use cases
- Continuous Integration
- Spread the smile 😊

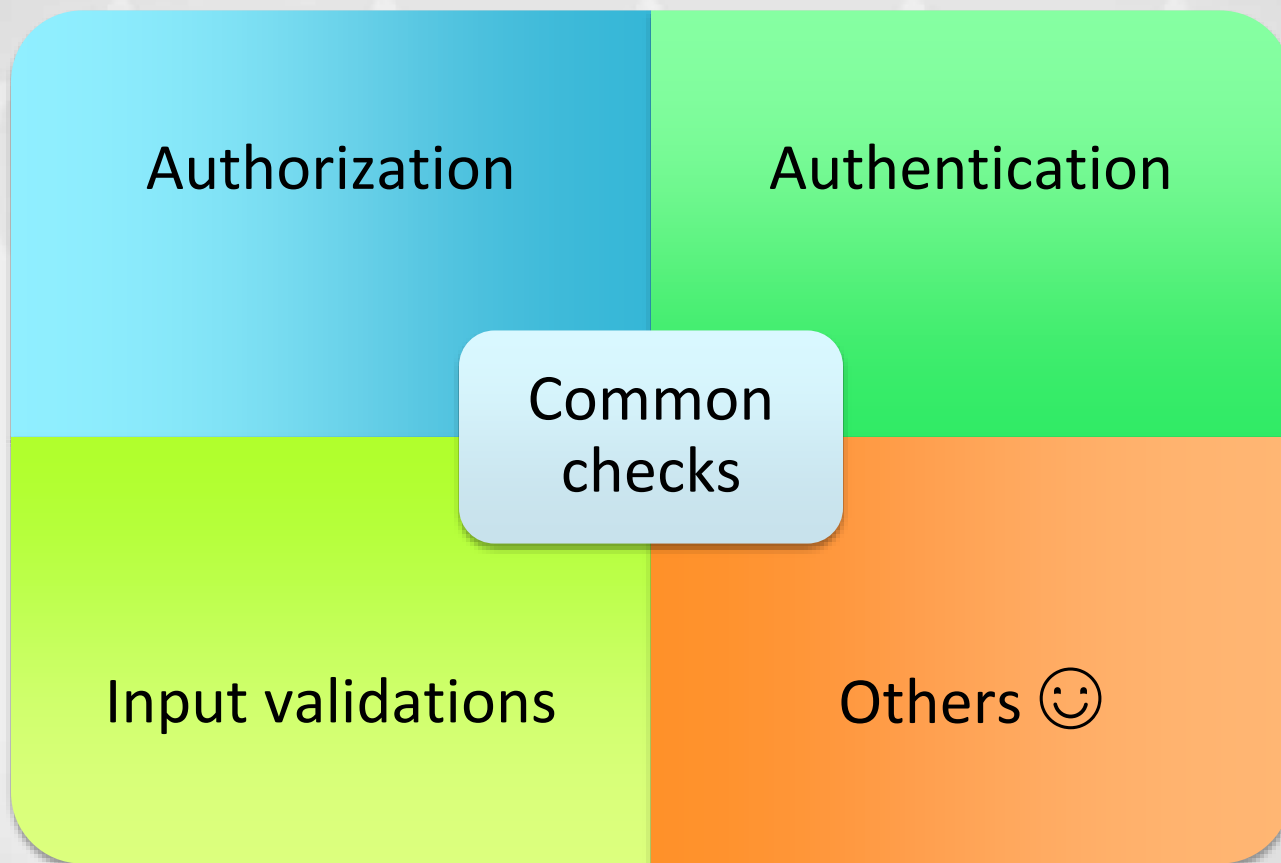


#fuzzAPI

- Open Source REST API Fuzzer
- Test for vulnerabilities while writing your code
- Helps Pen testers to fasten their testing
- Covers most top attacks on APIs
- Built in Ruby on Rails



Rest API Penetration Testing



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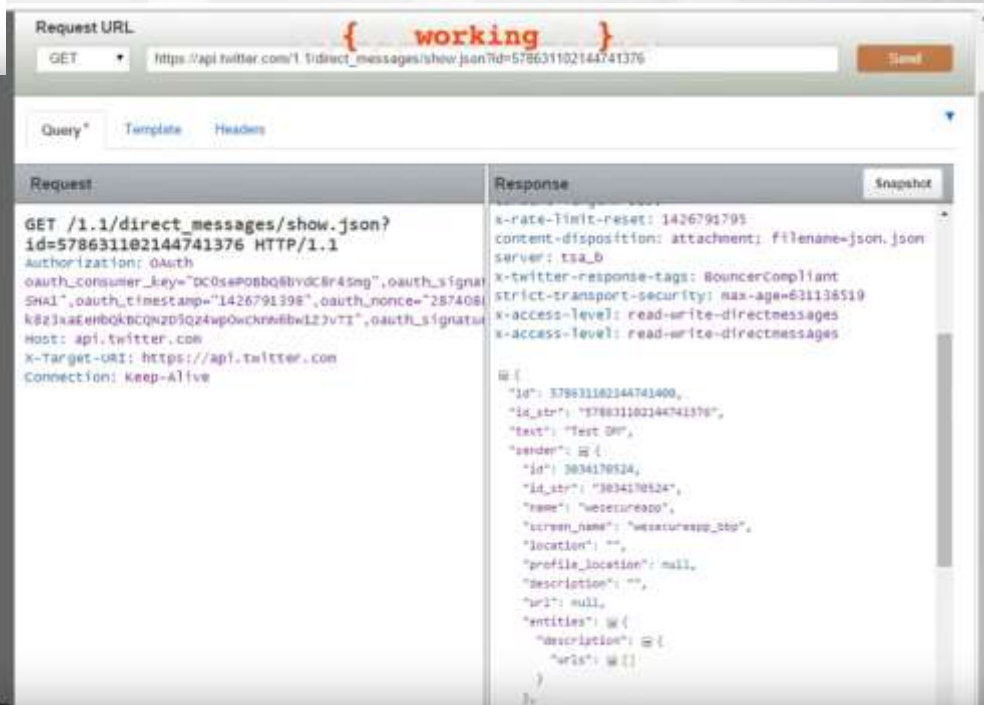
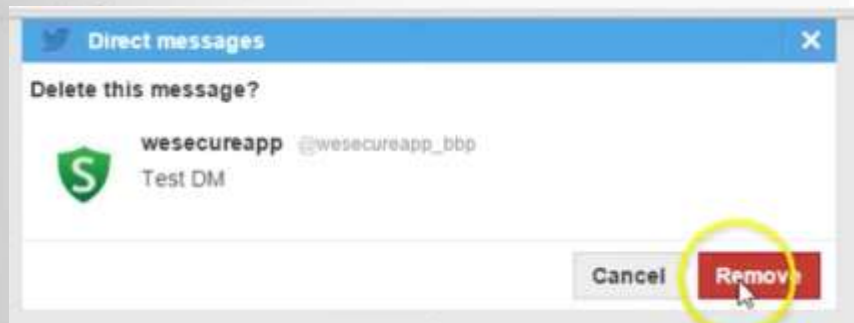
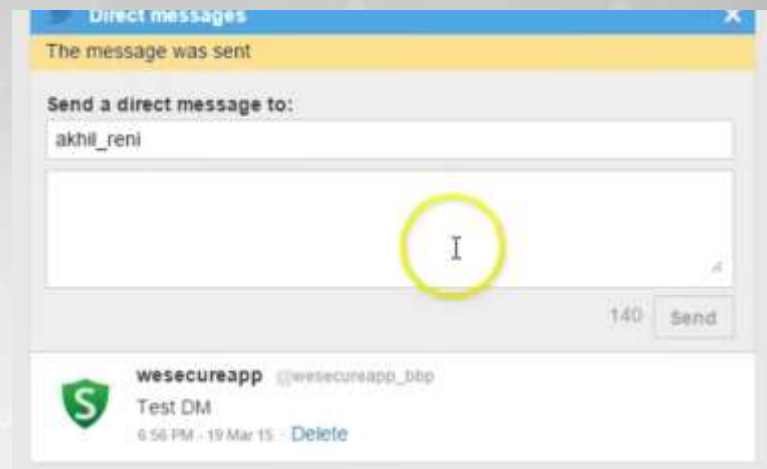
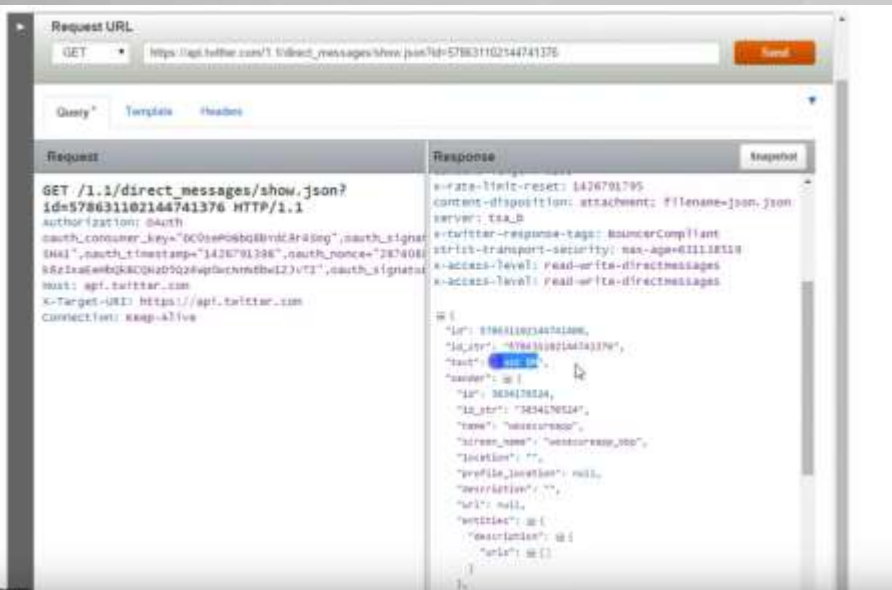
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This is Twitter

Steps To Reproduce

- Create 2 account's A and B
- From account A Dm account B
- Note down the Dm id , and make an api -
[https://api.twitter.com/1.1/direct_messages/show.json?id=\[noted-dm-id\]](https://api.twitter.com/1.1/direct_messages/show.json?id=[noted-dm-id])
- Now delete the DM
- Repeat the api call https://api.twitter.com/1.1/direct_messages/show.json?id=578631102144741376
- You will still have access to the deleted DM.

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Facebook 😊

1. Create a comment on a post via API.

Api call :

Reference: (<https://developers.facebook.com/docs/graph-api/reference/object/comments/>)

POST /< post id>/comments?message=test

2. Edit the comment and attach a VIDEO of your choice via API.

Video id : 1739331926310614 (Video to be deleted)

Api call :

Reference: (<https://developers.facebook.com/docs/graph-api/reference/v2.6/comment>)

POST /< comment id>?attachment_id=1739331926310614

Video added as a comment.

3. Delete the comment. Wait 20 secs. (As it takes 20 secs to DELETE the video from Facebook's server.)

Api call :

Reference: (<https://developers.facebook.com/docs/graph-api/reference/v2.6/comment>)

DELETE /< comment id>

This will delete the video.

This vulnerability was temporarily fixed by Facebook team in 23 minutes after confirmation of flaw.

Credits: www.pranavhivarekar.in

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Can you automate such attacks?



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May be!!



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But why do you want to automate?



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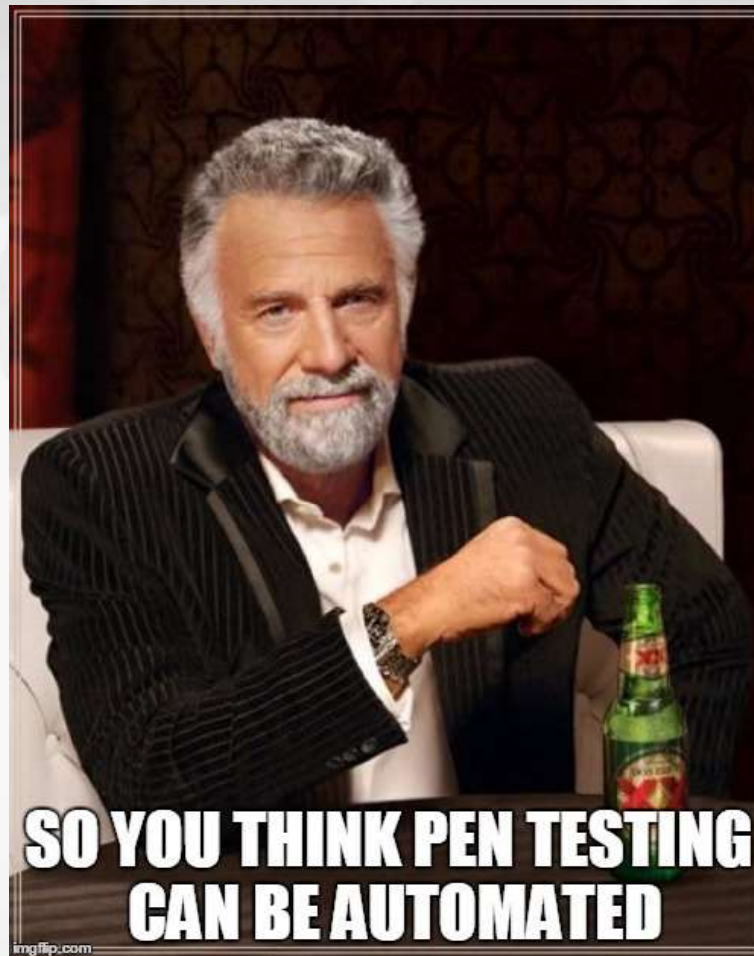
People don't have time



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Continuous Integration

- There are companies/teams who deploy code to production >10 times every day
- Developers can do basic testing
- Penetration testers can save a lot of time
- Penetration testers can work on logical stuff
- Easier to fix vulnerabilities sooner than later



Source memegenerator

No

But a part of it can be automated.



Abhijeth D (putfoo) @abhijeth · Oct 6

This poll is for my talk next week.

Being a bug hunter, what % of tests do u think you could automate while you are pen testing [#appsecusa](#)

39% <25%

39% 25-40%

16% 40-80%

6% >80% Lol no way :P



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Cool stuff about Fuzzapi

Access Control Violation

Privilege Escalation

XXE

Rate limiting

Other regular vulns like
XSS/SQLi.. etc



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Not so cool stuff!!



Demo



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#if demo doesn't work

Setup

1. Install ruby in your machine either using `rvm` or `rbenv`
2. Clone the repository into your local machine
3. `cd /path/Fuzzapi/bin` , move to Fuzzapi directory
4. `bundle install` to install the gem dependencies of the application
5. `rake db:migrate` to creates tables, migrations etc.
6. `rails s` to run the server
7. Open `http://localhost:3000` in browser which should point to the application url



#if demo doesn't work

Fuzzapi Scans Search Search

URL

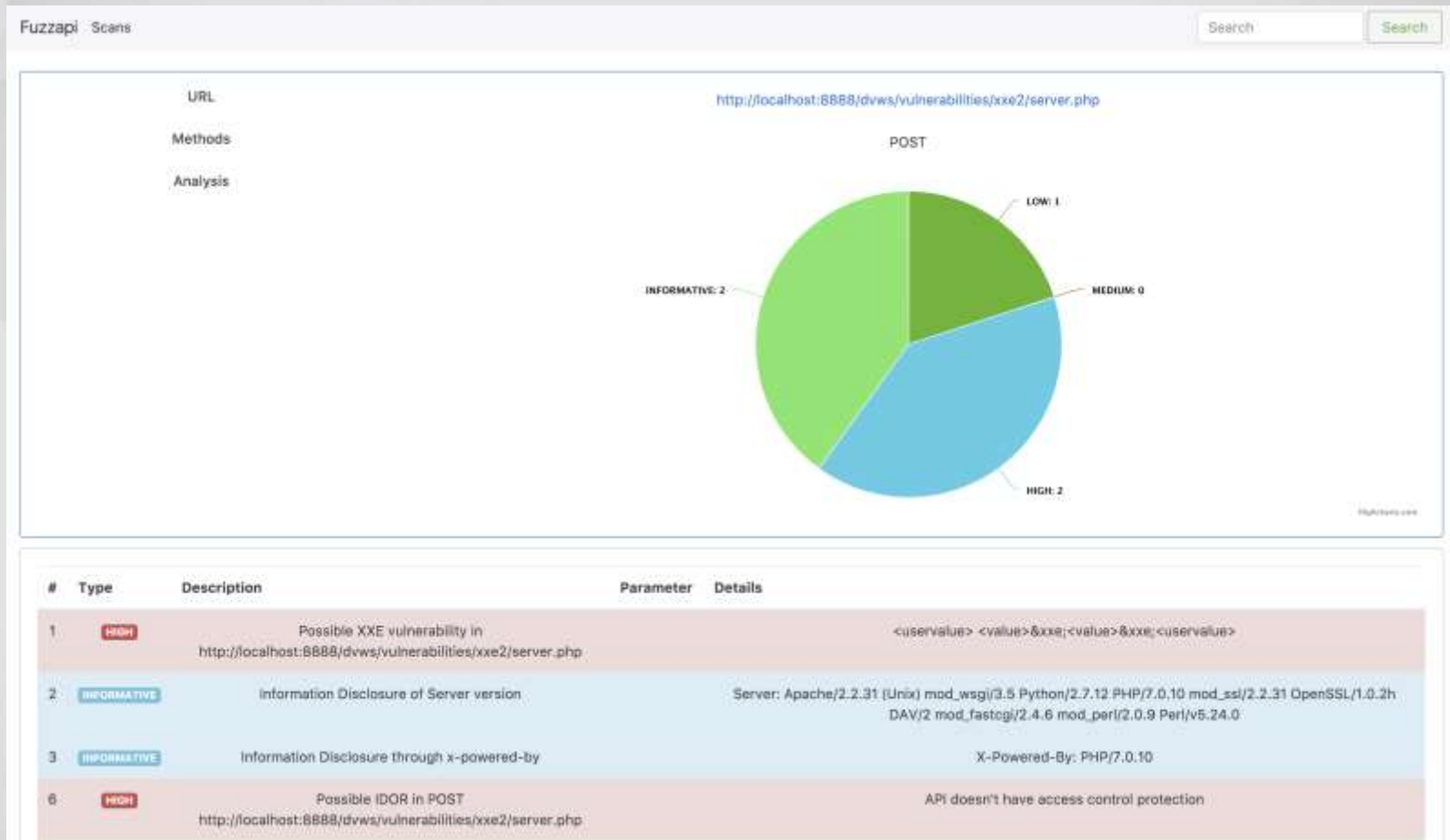
Methods ☐ GET ☐ POST ☐ PUT ☐ DELETE

Raw Headers

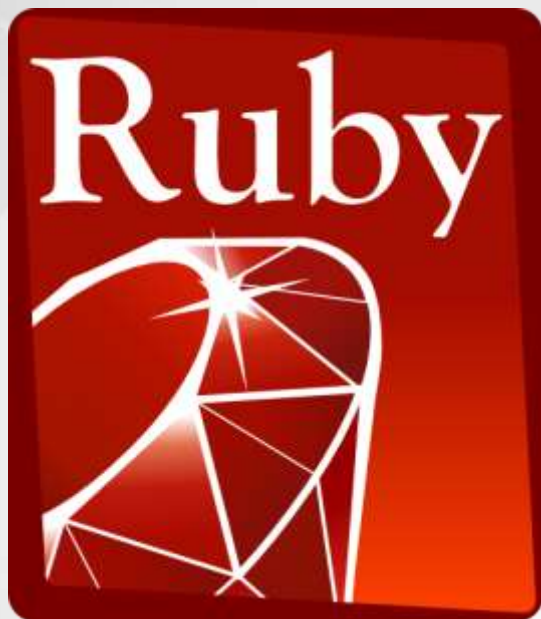
Parameters

Scan

#if demo doesn't work



How stuff works

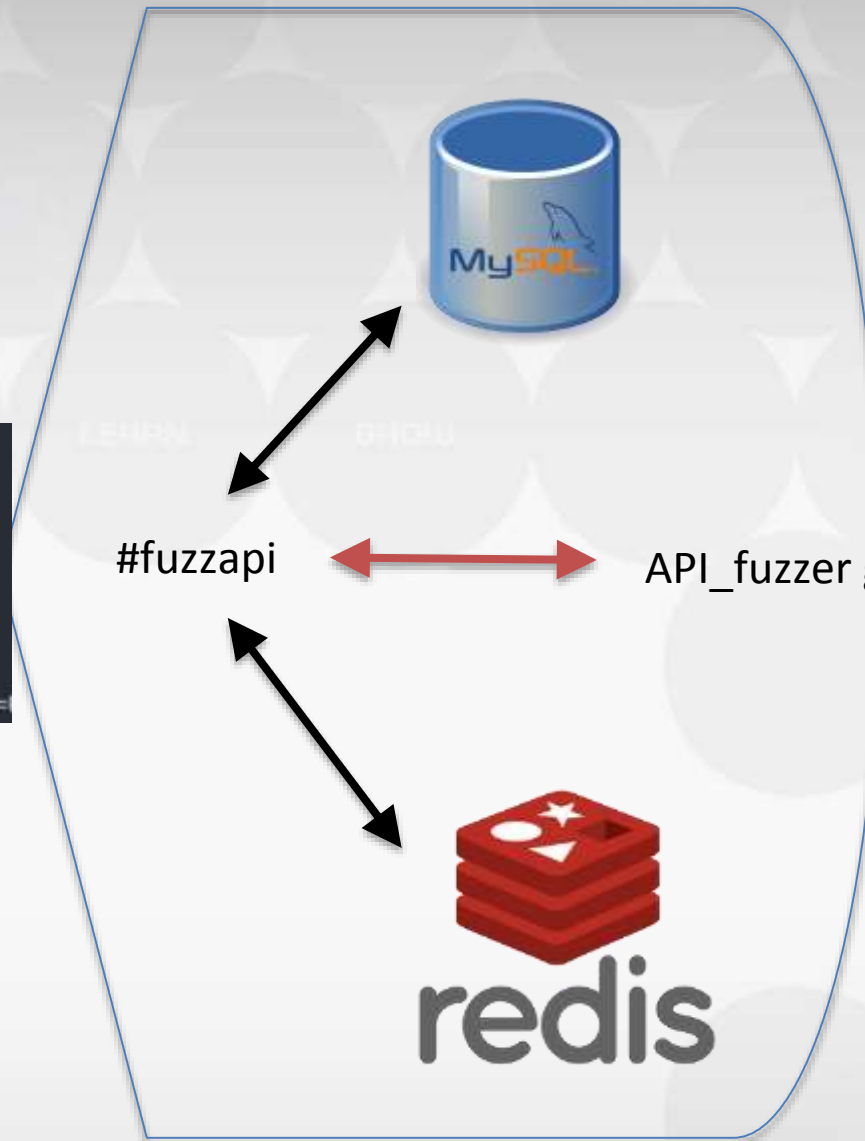


API_Fuzzer – Ruby gem



Fuzzapi -- Rails application


```
POST /api/v2/credit_cards/123
Host: test.host
Content-Length: 130
Origin: http://test.host
...
card_number=4242424242424242&expiry=
```



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Code walk through



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Fuzzapi approach for XXE

- XxeCheck performs a call with payload to internal server
- If status: OK – fuzzapi confirms XXE

```
require 'API_Fuzzer/vulnerability'
require 'API_Fuzzer/error'
require 'API_Fuzzer/request'

module API_Fuzzer
  class XxeCheck

    def self.scan(options = {})
      @url = options[:url] || nil
      @params = options[:params]
      @scan_hash = options[:scan]
      @cookies = options[:cookies] || {}
      @headers = options[:headers] || {}
      fuzz_xml_params
    end
  end
end
```

```
class PingController < ActionController::Base
  def index
    @scan = Scan.find(params[:id])
    @scan.vulnerabilities.create!(
      status: 'HIGH',
      class_type: 'Vulnerability',
      description: "Possible XXE vulnerability in #{@scan.url}",
      value: body
    ) if @scan
    render json: { status: :ok }
  end
end
```



Fuzzapi sample approach for Privilege Escalation

```
fragments = base_uri.split(/[\/,?,&\/] - [''])
fragments.each do |fragment|
  if fragment.match(/A(\w)+=(\w)*\z/)
    key, value = fragment.split("=")
    if value.match(id)
      value = value.to_i
      value += 1
      url = url.gsub(fragment, [key, value].join("=")).chomp
      fuzz_identity(url, @params)
    end
  elsif fragment.match(id)
    value = fragment.to_i
    value += 1
    url = url.gsub(fragment, value.to_s).chomp if url
    fuzz_identity(url, @params, url)
  end
end
return if @params.empty?

parameters = @params
parameters.keys.each do |parameter|
  value = parameters[parameter]
  if value.match(id)
    value = value.to_i
    value += 1
    info = [parameter, value].join(" ")
    fuzz_identity(@url, parameters.merge(parameter, value), info)
```



Fuzzapi sample approach for Rate limiting

- Fuzzapi sends multiple sample requests and waits for timeout/error
- Failure in limiting requests allows to perform this check

```
vulnerable = true
responses.each do |response|
  if response.code == initial_response.code
    content_length = response_content_length(response)
    initial_content_length = response_content_length(initial_response)
    if content_length != initial_content_length
      vulnerable = false
      break
    end
  else
    vulnerable = false
    break
  end
end
```



Docker :D :D \m/



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Fuzzapi comes with Docker to simplify installation processing. Following commands will setup application using Docker .

1. Clone the repository into your local machine
2. `cd /path/Fuzzapi` , move to Fuzzapi directory
3. Install Docker in your local machine
4. Run `docker-compose build` to build the image locally.
5. Run `docker-compose up` to run the server.
6. Open `http://localhost:3000` in browser which should point to the application url



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Continuous integration --Rails !!!

- Identify test requests
- Use API_Fuzzer module with test request
- Run scans

```
module ActionController
  class TestCase < ActiveSupport::TestCase
    alias_method :modified_get, :get
    def get(action, **args)
      resp = modified_get(action, **args)
      fuzz_api(@request)
      resp
    end

    alias_method :modified_post, :post
    def post(action, **args)
      resp = modified_post(action, **args)
      fuzz_api(@request)
      resp
    end

    private

    def fuzz_api(request)
      # Invoke API_Fuzzer to scan API request
    end
  end
end
```



Developer's eye

Testing APIs while writing code

Having scrum meetings about findings/fixes

Customizing fuzzapi according to organization's requirement

Add more checks 😊

Security Engineer's eye

Work with developers to help them configure stuff

Train developers to understand/fix vulns

Use it while doing security testing

Add more checks 😊



Wim Remes @wimremes · Sep 12

The most successful security teams build their own tools. Fact.



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Roadmap for fuzzapi/us

Add more checks

Write more blogs

Make more tutorial videos

→ Write more tools

Repeat



Oh yea btw :D Don't you want links to download?

API_Fuzzer gem: <https://github.com/lalithr95/API-fuzzer>

fuzzapi: <https://github.com/lalithr95/Fuzzapi>

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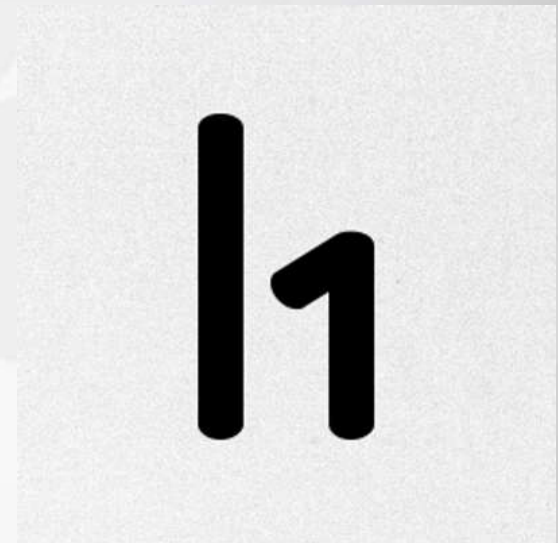
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Thanks 😊



and all the security folks for contributing to the open source community 😊