Security Problem:

This web app has multiple security issues. It's basically a notes app where you can register and create notes for yourself. The app uses a cookie called user_id, so it can map the notes to the user they belong. Now the problem is, that if I change the value of my cookie user_id to another existing user_id I am able see the notes of this user. The second problem is that the values of the user_id is just a small number and it doesn't seem to be really random, therefore the user_id can be easily guessed.

How I exploited the vulnerability:

First I analyzed the traffic and catched the following request with OWASP ZAP:

GET https://aef58f63-dfa7-4b6c-ac9f-9d1ab0aa1378.idocker.vuln.land/api/get_notes HTTP/1.1

Host: aef58f63-dfa7-4b6c-ac9f-9d1ab0aa1378.idocker.vuln.land

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10.15; rv:102.0) Gecko/20100101

Firefox/102.0 Accept: */*

Accept-Language: de,en-US;q=0.7,en;q=0.3

Referer: https://aef58f63-dfa7-4b6c-ac9f-9d1ab0aa1378.idocker.vuln.land/dashboard

content-type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded

Connection: keep-alive

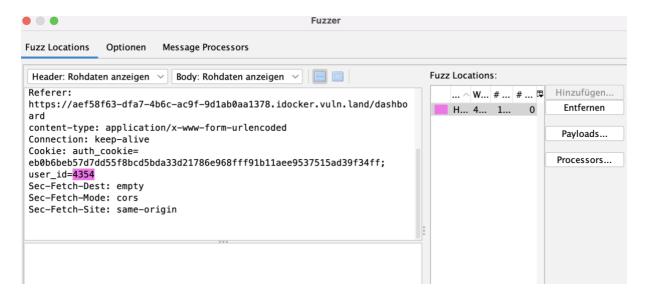
Cookie:

auth cookie=eb0b6beb57d7dd55f8bcd5bda33d21786e968fff91b11aee9537515ad39f34ff;

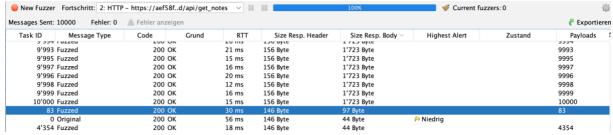
user id=4354

Sec-Fetch-Dest: empty
Sec-Fetch-Mode: cors
Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin

This request returns the notes of a specific user in this case of the user with user_id=4354 which is the user that I am currently logged in with. In the next step I used the Fuzzer-function of Zap in order to create multiple GET-Request with the a payload of numbers from 1 to 10000 as the user id.



After executing the Fuzzer I sorted the messages depending on the size of the response body. Then I checked the outlayers and discovered that the response to the request with the user_id = 83 got an much smaller response body size of 97 Byte than usual.



After analyzing the response, I found out that this was the response respectively the secret admin note with the flag we were searching for **N0tes_N0t_so_S3cure_1861215**

HTTP/1.1 200 OK Content-Length: 97

Content-Type: application/json Date: Fri, 21 Oct 2022 05:34:58 GMT Server: Werkzeug/2.0.1 Python/3.8.10