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#### Introduction

Day 9 focused on Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF), where an attacker tricks a browser into performing unintended actions on a site where the victim **is** authenticated. Key Concepts Discussed

We explained the mechanics of CSRF, why state-changing HTTP requests are vulnerable **and** how anti-CSRF tokens, SameSite cookie attributes, **and** referer checks help mitigate the risk.

#### Lab Preparation **in** Theory

The safe plan included designing proof-of-concept pages **in** an isolated environment to understand token validation flows without interacting **with** production systems. Practical Understanding (Theory)

We discussed server-side validation strategies **and** how to design APIs to be resilient to CSRF by avoiding cookie-based auth **for** unsafe actions **or** by enforcing explicit use **for** state changes.

#### Key Takeaways

Preventative design **and** explicit server-side checks are essential. CSRF **is** mitigated effectively **with** correctly applied tokens **and** cookie attributes.

#### Conclusion

Next sessions will investigate insecure file handling **and** inclusion issues that lead to remote code access.