

Efficiency On the GO

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# **Summary**

Website Basics:

How Http Works:



Browser Requests a secure Page with Https:/



Web Server Sends its Public Key with its Certificate



Browser ensures that the certificate is unexpired, unrevoked was issued by a trusted party



Browser Creates a Symmetric Key and sends it to the Server





Web Server Sends the Page Encrypted with the Symmetric Key



Browser decrypts the page using the symmetric key and displays the information to the user

Each client request and server response has three parts:

- request or response line
- header section
- **>** body

### What's an HTTP Proxy

A proxy is some forwarder application that connects your HTTP client to backend resources. HTTP clients can be browsers or applications like curl, SOAP UI, Postman, etc. Usually, these proxies are used for routing and getting internet access when there is no direct connection to the internet from the client itself. HTTP proxies are therefore also ideal when you are testing your application. You can always use the proxy log records to see what was actually sent from client to server. So you can check the request and response headers and the XML, JSON, or other payloads.

HTTP Proxies receive requests from a client and relay them. They also typically record them. They act as a

man-in-the-middle. It even works fine with or without HTTPS as long as your client or browser trusts the certificate of the HTTP Proxy.

# Requirements:

- 1. Download WebGoat Application
- 2. Run the WebGoat Application on localhost.
- 3. Complete the General Section.



### A1: Broken Access Control:

- ➤ If authentication mechanisms are weak or improperly implemented, attackers can impersonate legitimate users, potentially gaining unauthorized access to accounts or administrative interfaces.
- 1. Hijack A Session
  - A session ID is a unique identifier assigned to a user session on a web application, enabling the server to track and manage user interactions over time.
  - ➤ It is crucial for maintaining user authentication, allowing secure access to resources without requiring constant re-login.
  - If the user specific session ID is not complex and random, then the application is highly susceptible to session-based brute force attacks

**Direct Object References** 

Direct Object References are when an application uses client-provided input to access data & objects

https://some.company.tld/dor?id=12345

### Challenges:

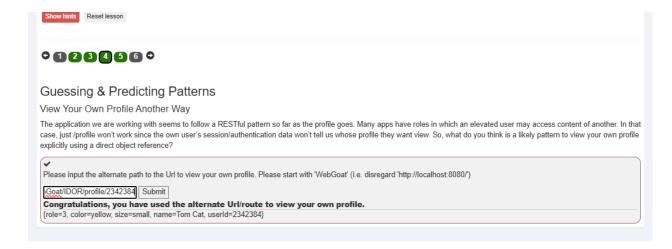
1. Now we are loging-in with the given credentials.

# Insecure Direct Object References Show hints Reset lesson Authenticate First, Abuse Authorization Later Many access control issues are susceptible to attack from an authenticated-but-unauthorized user. So, let's start by legitimately authenticating. Then, we will look for ways to bypass or abuse Authorization. The id and password for the account in this case are 'tom' and 'cat' (It is an insecure app, right?). After authenticating, proceed to the next screen. Submit

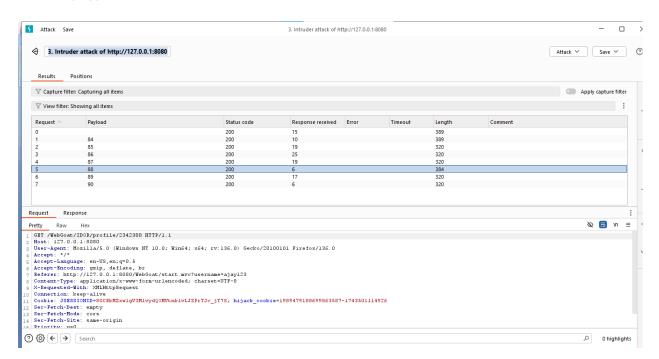
2. Then in third level by burp suite intercepter we are seeing the hidden attributes



3. We already know the path of the request also the user id by combining we may send the request to see the response.



4. Then at last level we are going to predict the another user id using the intruder. By increasing the number



Results

```
Response
                                                                                 ١n
            Raw
  Pretty
                     Hex
                              Render
   HTTP/1.1 200 OK
    Connection: keep-alive
   Content-Type: application/json
Date: Tue, 01 Apr 2025 10:31:05 GMT
Content-Length: 251
          "lessonCompleted":true,
"feedback":"Well done, you found someone else's profile",
 8
10
          "output":
          "{role=3, color=brown, size=large, name=Buffalo Bill, userId=2342388}",
11
          "assignment":"IDORViewOtherProfile",
          "attemptWasMade":true
    }
② ﴿ ← → Search
                                                                            0 highlights
```

Missing Function Level Access Control:

- > Access control is crucial for web applications and needs to be consistently enforced across all methods and functions.
- ➤ IDOR represents a horizontal access control problem that allows users to access resources they shouldn't.
- Missing Function Level Access Control exposes functionalities that may be accessible to unauthorized users in the same user role.
- The document distinguishes between IDOR and missing function-level access control for clarity in the context of OWASP Top 10 vulnerabilities.
- > Effective prevention of access control issues involves rigorous output encoding to prevent XSS attacks.

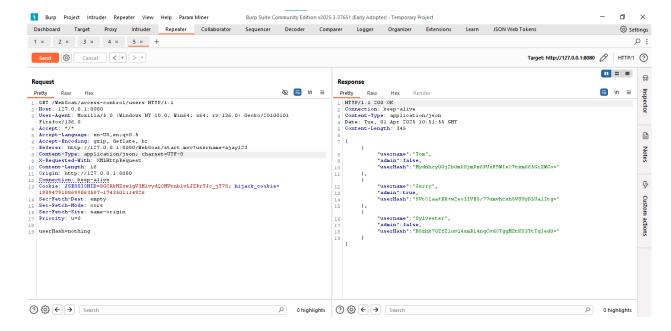
### Steps:

1. Now we will inspect and check for hidden list

### Now enter the two values in the input box



2. Now in second level as we know we have users path we will enter the users into the request and GET request with the content-type:application/json;



Then copy the hash value of jerry and paste it in input box.

# Try it

As the previous page described, sometimes applications rely on client-side controls it can be that simple!

# Gathering User Info

Often data dumps originate from vulnerabilities such as SQL injection, but they can It will likely take multiple steps and multiple attempts to get this one:

- · Pay attention to the comments and leaked info.
- You'll need to do some guessing too.
- · You may need to use another browser/account along the way.

Start with the information you already gathered (hidden menu items) to see if you ca

ctart mar are information you alloway guar	0.00 (
~	
Your Hash:	
Submit	
Congrats! You really succeeded v	hen you added the user.

(A2):Cryptographic Failures:

# Goals

The goal is to get familiar with the following forms of techniques:

- Encoding
- Hashing
- Encryption
- Signing
- Keystores
- · Security defaults
- · Post quantum crypto

# Challenges:

1. Encoding

Using this <a href="https://www.base64decode.org/">https://www.base64decode.org/</a> we can encode and decode the value the give value to decode is:

### Decode from Base64 format

Simply enter your data then push the decode button.

YWpheTEyMzphZG1pl	bg==
For encoded binaries	(like images, documents, etc.) use the file upload form a little further down on this page.
UTF-8 ✓	Source character set.
Decode each line sep	varately (useful for when you have multiple entries).
① Live mode OFF	Decodes in real-time as you type or paste (supports only the UTF-8 character set).
< DECODE >	Decodes your data into the area below.
ajay123:admin	

and the results:

# Base64 Encoding

Encoding is not really cryptography, but it is used a lot in all kinds of standards around cryptographic functions. Especially Base64 encoding.

Base64 encoding is a technique used to transform all kinds of bytes to a specific range of bytes. This specific range is the ASCII readable bytes. This way you can transfer binary data such as secret or private keys more easily. You could even print these out or write them down. Encoding is also reversible. So if you have the encoded version, you can create the original version.

On wikipedia you can find more details. Basically it goes through all the bytes and transforms each set of 6 bits into a readable byte (8 bits). The result is that the size of the encoded bytes is increased with about 33%.

Hello ==> SGVsbG8= 0x4d 0x61 ==> TWE=

### **Basic Authentication**

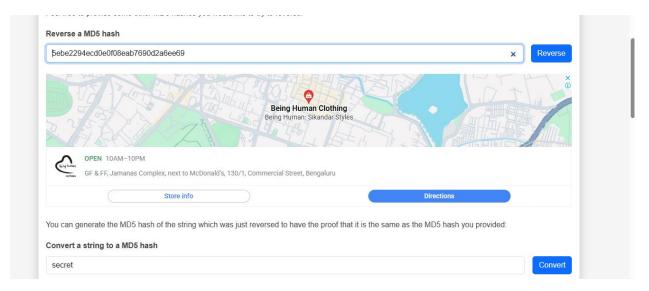
Basic authentication is sometimes used by web applications. This uses base64 encoding. Therefore, it is important to at least use Transport Layer Security (TLS or more commonly known as https) to protect others from reading the username password that is sent to the server.

<pre>\$echo -n "myuser:mypassword"   base64 bX11c2VyOm15cGFzc3dvcmQ=</pre>		
The HTTP header will look like:		
Authorization: Basic bXl1c2VyOm15cGFzc3dvcmQ=		
Now suppose you have intercepted the following header:  Authorization: Basic YWpheTEyMzphZG1pbg==		
Then what was the username and what was the password: post the answer		

# 2. XOR Decoding the password

Other Encoding Also other encodings are used.
URL encoding  URL encoding is used a lot when sending form data and request parameters to the server. Since spaces are not allowed in a URL, this is then replaced by %20. Similar replacements are made for other characters.
HTML encoding HTML encoding ensures that text is displayed as-is in the browser and not interpreted by the browser as HTML.
UUEncode The Unix-2-Unix encoding has been used to send email attachments.
XOR encoding  Sometimes encoding is used as a first and simple obfuscation technique for storing passwords. IBM WebSphere Application Server e.g. uses a specific implementation of XOR encoding to store passwords in configuration files. IBM recommends to protect access to these files and to replace the default XOR encoding by your own custom encryption. However when these recommendations are not followed, these defaults can become a vulnerability.
Assignment  Now let's see if you are able to find out the original password from this default XOR encoded string.
Suppose you found the database password encoded as {xor}Oz4rPj0+LDovPiwsKDAtOw==  What would be the actual password  post the answer  Congratulations.

# 3. Hash Decrypter: first we will analyze the hash and then



# Same for the second hash



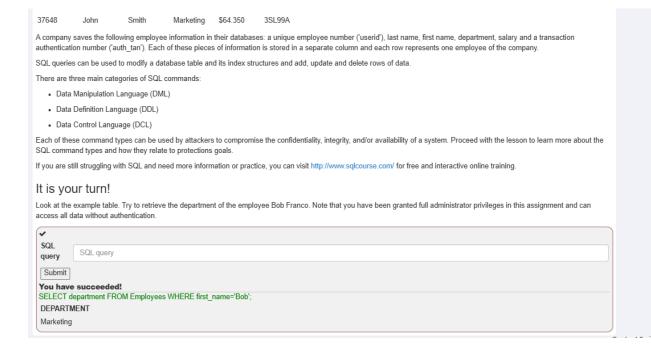
### A3:Injection:

### Goals

- The user will have a basic understanding of how SQL works and what it is used for
- The user will have a basic understanding of what SQL injection is and how it works
- The user will demonstrate knowledge on:
  - DML, DDL and DCL
  - o String SQL injection
  - Numeric SQL injection
  - How SQL injection violates the CIA triad

### Challenges:

1. Enter the query as per the question



### 2. Update of the department with all priveliages are given

### 3. Now alter of the table:

Barnett

Congratulations. You have successfully completed the assignment.

Update Employees SET department='Sales' where first\_name=Tobi';

USERID FIRST\_NAME LAST\_NAME DEPARTMENT SALARY AUTH\_TAN

Sales

77000 TA9LL1

۰ (	CREATE TABLE employees( userid varchar(6) not null primary key, first_name varchar(20), last_name varchar(20), department varchar(20), salary varchar(10),	
	auth tan varchar(6)	
)		
۰ ٦	This statement creates the employees example table given on page 2.	
Now try to mo	dify the schema by adding the column "phone" (varchar(20)) to the table "employees". :	
~		
SQL query	SQL query	
Submit		
Congratulations. You have successfully completed the assignment.		
Alter TABLE Employees ADD COLUMN phone varchar(20);		

### 4. Now grant of permissions:

# Data Control Language (DCL)

Data control language is used to implement access control logic in a database. DCL can be used to revoke and grant user privileges on database objects such as functions.

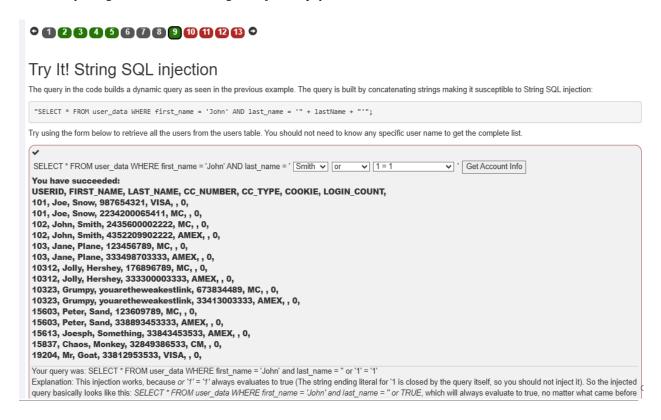
If an attacker successfully "injects" DCL type SQL commands into a database, he can violate the confidentiality (using GRANT commands) and availability (using I of a system. For example, the attacker could grant himself admin privileges on the database or revoke the privileges of the true administrator.

- DCL commands are used to implement access control on database objects.
- · GRANT give a user access privileges on database objects
- REVOKE withdraw user privileges that were previously given using GRANT

Try to grant rights to the table  ${\tt grant\_rights}$  to user  ${\tt unauthorized\_user}$  :

~	
SQL query	SQL query
query	Out. quoty
Submit	
Congratulations. You have successfully completed the assignment.	

5. By using the select box loading the injection/payload



6. By writing own sql query to find the users:

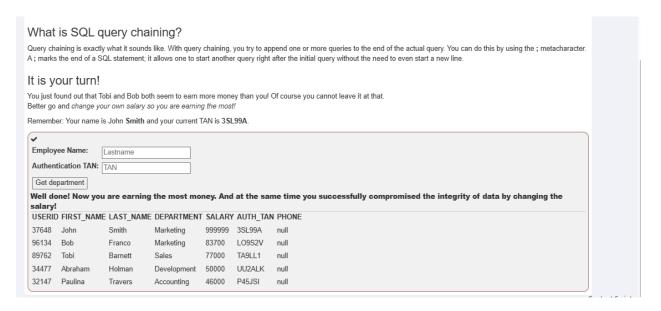
The query in the Numeric SQL in	e code builds a dynamic query as seen in the previous example. The query in the code builds a dynamic query by concatenating a number making it sus ejection:
"SELECT * FR	OM user_data WHERE login_count = " + Login_Count + " AND userid = " + User_ID;
Using the two Ir	nput Fields below, try to retrieve all the data from the users table.
Warning: Only o	one of these fields is susceptible to SQL Injection. You need to find out which, to successfully retrieve all the data.
~	
Login_Count:	
User_ld:	
	Get Account Info
You have su	cceeded:
USERID, FIR	RST_NAME, LAST_NAME, CC_NUMBER, CC_TYPE, COOKIE, LOGIN_COUNT,
	now, 987654321, VISA, , 0,
, ,	now, 2234200065411, MC, , 0,
, ,	Smith, 2435600002222, MC, , 0,
	Smith, 4352209902222, AMEX, , 0, Plane, 123456789, MC, , 0,
	Plane, 333498703333, AMEX, , 0,
	, Hershey, 176896789, MC, , 0,
10312, Jolly	, Hershey, 33330003333, AMEX, , 0,
,	npy, youaretheweakestlink, 673834489, MC, , 0,
	npy, youaretheweakestlink, 33413003333, AMEX, , 0,
,	r, Sand, 123609789, MC, , 0, r, Sand, 338893453333, AMEX, , 0,
,	ph, Something, 33843453533, AMEX, , 0,
	os, Monkey, 32849386533, CM, , 0,
19204, Mr, 0	Goat, 33812953533, VISA, , 0,
Your query wa	s: SELECT * From user_data WHERE Login_Count = 0 and userid= 0 OR 5=5

7. In next level we are commenting out remaining query by only add the expression

### It is your turn! You are an employee named John Smith working for a big company. The company has an internal system that allows all employees to see their own internal data such as the department they work in and their salary. The system requires the employees to use a unique authentication TAN to view their data Your current TAN is 3SL99A Since you always have the urge to be the most highly paid employee, you want to exploit the system so that instead of viewing your own internal data, you want to take a look at the data of all your colleagues to check their current salaries. Use the form below and try to retrieve all employee data from the employees table. You should not need to know any specific names or TANs to get the information you need. You already found out that the query performing your request looks like this: "SELECT \* FROM employees WHERE last\_name = '" + name + "' AND auth\_tan = '" + auth\_tan + "'"; Employee Name: Lastname Authentication TAN: TAN Get department You have succeeded! You successfully compromised the confidentiality of data by viewing internal information that you should not have access to. Well done! USERID FIRST\_NAME LAST\_NAME DEPARTMENT SALARY AUTH\_TAN PHONE 32147 Paulina Accounting 46000 P45JSI 34477 Abraham Holman Development 50000 UU2ALK null 37648 John Smith Marketing 64350 3SL99A null 89762 Tobi Barnett Sales 77000 TA9LL1 null Franco Marketing 83700 LO9S2V null 96134 Bob

8. Now change of the salary using two query like:

' or 1=1; update employees set salary=99999 where userid=37468;--



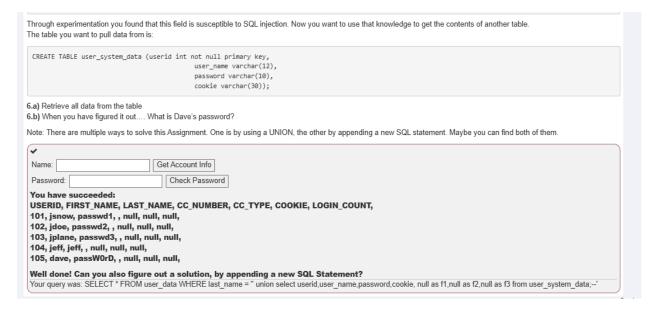
9. Deleting the table so that they cannot acces the changed log

%'; drop table access log;--

### Sql Injection Advanced:

### Challenges:

- 1. Using union select getting the table data:
  - a. 'union select userid,user\_name,password,cookie, null as f1,null as f2,null as f3 from user\_system\_data;--



### Sql Mitigation:

- Immutable queries serve as the strongest defense against SQL injection by preventing data interpretation.
- Static queries do not interpret input data and present a lower risk of exploitation through SQL injection.
- Parameterized queries utilize placeholders for user input, thereby binding data to specific columns without executing it as code.
- The use of a PreparedStatement in parameterized queries ensures that input is treated as data rather than SQL command.
- Stored procedures can enhance security, but only if they do not incorporate dynamic SQL.
- SQL injection risks are paramount when user input is directly concatenated into commands, as
  demonstrated in the example of static queries.
- Implementing best practices in SQL coding is critical to ensuring application security and safeguarding against attacks.
- A safe stored procedure uses parameters to prevent SQL injection, ensuring that user input does not manipulate query structure.

- The document presents a safe stored procedure example, ListCustomers, which retrieves customer counts based on the specified country.
- An injectable stored procedure example, getUser, demonstrates how improper handling of user input can make applications vulnerable to SQL injection attacks.
- Parameterized Queries Java Snippet

```
public static bool isUsernameValid(string username) {
  RegEx r = new Regex("^[A-Za-z0-9]{16}$");
  return r.isMatch(username);
}
// java.sql.Connection conn is set elsewhere for brevity.
PreparedStatement ps = null;
RecordSet rs = null;
try {
  pUserName = request.getParameter("UserName");
  if ( isUsernameValid (pUsername) ) {
    ps = conn.prepareStatement("SELECT * FROM user_table WHERE username = ? ");
    ps.setString(1, pUsername);
    rs = ps.execute();
    if ( rs.next() ) {
PreparedStatement statement = conn.prepareStatement("INSERT INTO USERS (id, name, email) VALUES
(?,?,?)");
statement.setString(1, "1");
statement.setString(2, "webgoat");
statement.setString(3, "webgoat@owasp.org");
statement.executeUpdate();
```

2. To fill the parameterized code.



# 3. Input validation bypass:

Input validation alone is not enough!!	
You need to do both, use parametrized queries and validate the input received from the user. On StackOverflow you will see a lot of answers stating that input validation is enou However it only takes you so far before you know the validation is broken, and you have an SQL injection in your application.	ıgh.
A nice read why it is not enough can be found https://twitter.com/marcan42/status/1238004834806067200?s=21	
Let's repeat one of the previous assignments, the developer fixed the possible SQL injection with filtering, can you spot the weakness in this approach?	
Read about the lesson goal here.	
Name: Get Account Info  You have succeeded: USERID, USER_NAME, PASSWORD, COOKIE, 101, jsnow, passwd1,, 102, jdoe, passwd2,, 103, jplane, passwd3,, 104, jeff, jeff,, 105, dave, passW0rD,,	
Your query was: SELECT * FROM user_data WHERE last_name = 'a';V***VselectV**Vuserid,user_name,password,cookieV**VfromV**Vuser_system_data;'	Conton

4. With HiberSQl type exploitation



### XSS

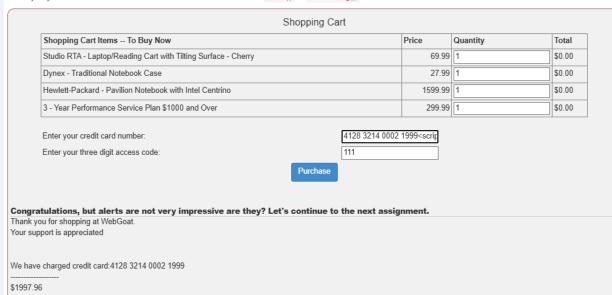
### Challenges:

1. To see whether the website is vulnerable to reflect xss or not:

# <script>alert(2)</script>

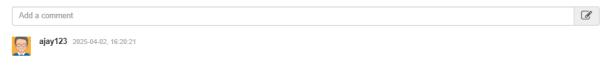
It is always a good practice to validate all input on the server side. XSS can occur when unvalidated user input gets used in an HTTP response. In a reflected XSS attack, an attack can craft a URL with the attack script and post it to another website, email it, or otherwise get a victim to click on it.

An easy way to find out if a field is vulnerable to an XSS attack is to use the alert() or console.log() methods. Use one of them to find out which field is vulnerable.



### 2. Stored XSS





Watching in your browser's developer tools or your proxy, the output should include a value starting with 'phoneHome Response is ...." Put that value below to complete this exercise. Note that each subsequent call to the *phoneHome* method will change that value. You may need to ensure you have the most recent one.

XSS Mitiagation:

XSS defense

Why?

Hopefully, we have covered that by now. Bottom line, you do not want someone else's code running in the context of your users and their logged-in session

What to encode?

The basic premise of defending against XSS is **output encoding** any untrusted input to the screen. That may be changing with more sophisticated attacks, but it is still the best defense we currently have. **AND** ... **context matters** 

Another word on 'untrusted input.' If in doubt, treat everything (even data you populated in your DB as untrusted). Sometimes data is shared across multiple systems, and what you think is your data may not have been created by you/your team.

Encode as the data is sent to the browser (not in your persisted data). In the case of **Single Page Apps** (SPA's), you will need to encode in the client. Consult your framework/library for details, but some resources will be provided on the next page.

### How?

- Encode as HTML Entities in HTML Body
- Encode as HTML Entities in HTML Attribute

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# Security Testing First Assessment

• Encode for JavaScript if outputting user input to JavaScript (but think about that ... you are outputting user input into JavaScript on your page!!)

Relevant XML/HTML special characters

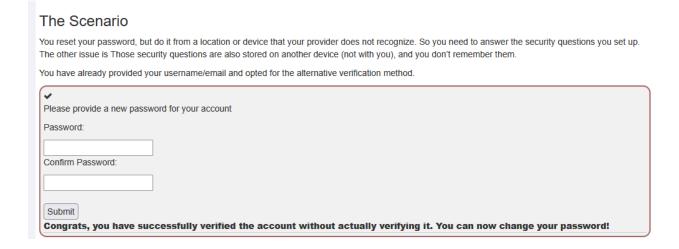
Chai	Escape string
<	<
>	>
"	"
,	'
&	&
/	/

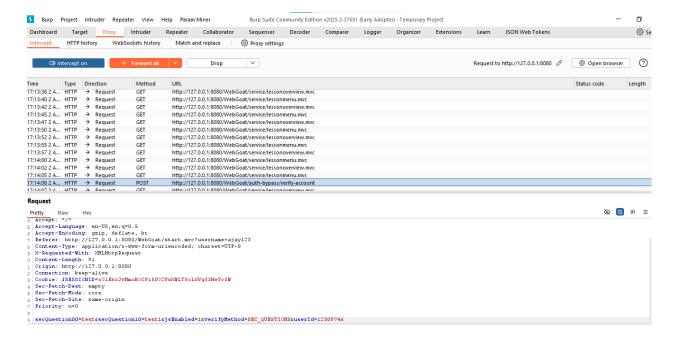
(A7) Identity & Auth Failure

Authentication Bypasses:

Challenges:

1. Here the security questions are renamed so that the we can bypass this 2fa:

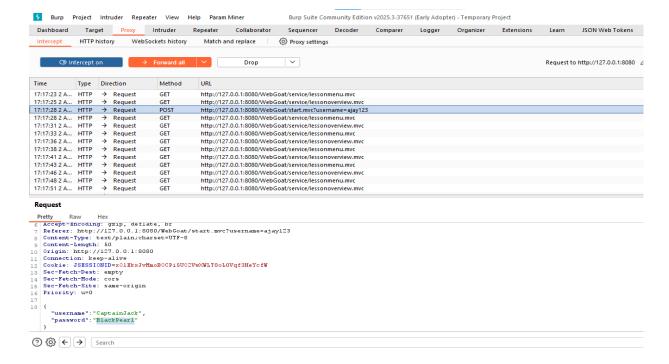




Insecure Login:

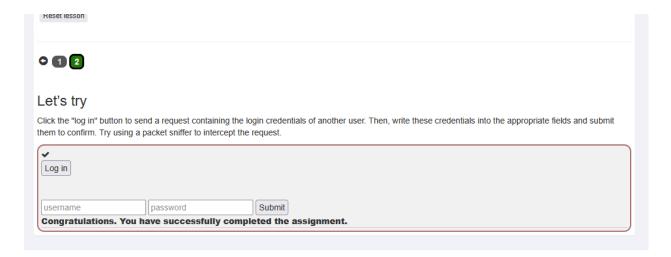
### Challenges:

1. Here the credentials can be sniffed using the intercepter and then using those credentials logging in



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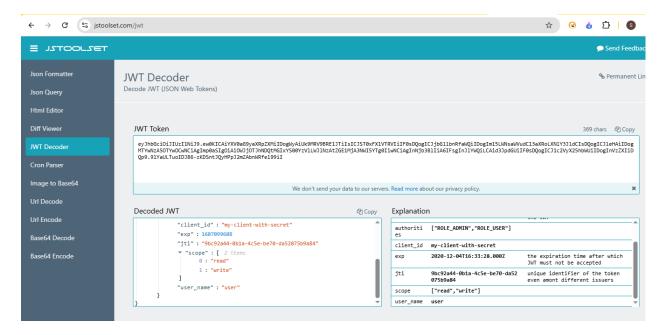
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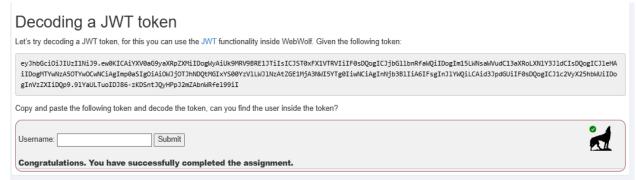


### JWT tokens

### Challenges:

1. Decoding of JWT token hash using online tool





(A8) Software & Data Integrity

Insecure Deserialization:

What is Serialization

Serialization is the process of turning some object into a data format that can be restored later. People often serialize objects in order to save them to storage, or to send as part of communications. Deserialization is the reverse of that process taking data structured from some format, and rebuilding it into an object. Today, the most popular data format for serializing data is JSON. Before that, it was XML.

a:4:{i:0;i:132;i:1;s:7:"Mallory";i:2;s:4:"user"; i:3;s:32:"b6a8b3bea87fe0e05022f8f3c88bc960";}

### Native Serialization

Many programming languages offer a native capability for serializing objects. These native formats usually offer more features than JSON or XML, including customizability of the serialization process. Unfortunately, the features of these native describilization mechanisms can be repurposed for malicious effect when operating on untrusted data. Attacks against describilizers have been found to allow denial-of-service, access control, and remote code execution attacks.

Known Affected Programming Languages

- PHP
- Python
- Ruby
- Java
- C
- C++

### CSRF:

### Challenges:

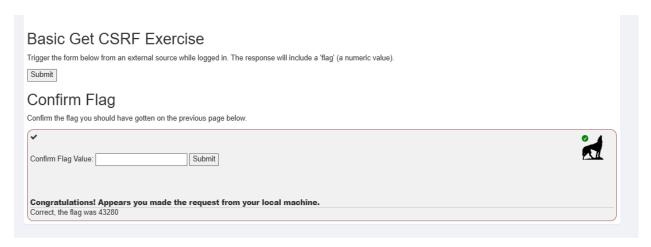
1. Getting the flag using the different site and triggering the page to get the flag

First we are going to create a script

Then we will get a flag only if the user is logged in



Enter the value in the input box



### 2. Post data csrf:

Here first we will be create a script which helps to post the data and then the challenge will be solved.



# Compromising Availability

After successfully compromising confidentiality and integrity in the previous lessons, we are now going to compromise the third element of the CIA triad: availability.

There are many different ways to violate availability. If an account is deleted or its password gets changed, the actual owner cannot access this account anymore. Attackers could also try to delete parts of the database, or even drop the whole database, in order to make the data inaccessible. Revoking the access rights of admins or other users is yet another way to compromise availability; this would prevent these users from accessing either specific parts of the database or even the entire database as a whole.

# It is your turn!

Now you are the top earner in your company. But do you see that? There seems to be a access\_log table, where all your actions have been logged to! Better go and delete it completely before anyone notices.

Action contains: Enter search string

Search logs

Success! You successfully deleted the access\_log table and that way compromised the availability of the data.