

## From Passwords to Passkeys: Enhancing Security and Testing with 'Passkey Raider'

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Kudos to my team, who put in a lot of hard work on this research!









At WWDC 2022, Apple debuts its version of passkeys in MacOS Ventura and iOS 16, saying they can't be phished or hacked. Google and Microsoft also are on board.

Source: https://www.net.com/tecn/comput.ng/apple-is-trying-to-killpasswords-with-biometric-based-passkeys/

# "Kill Passwords With Passkeys







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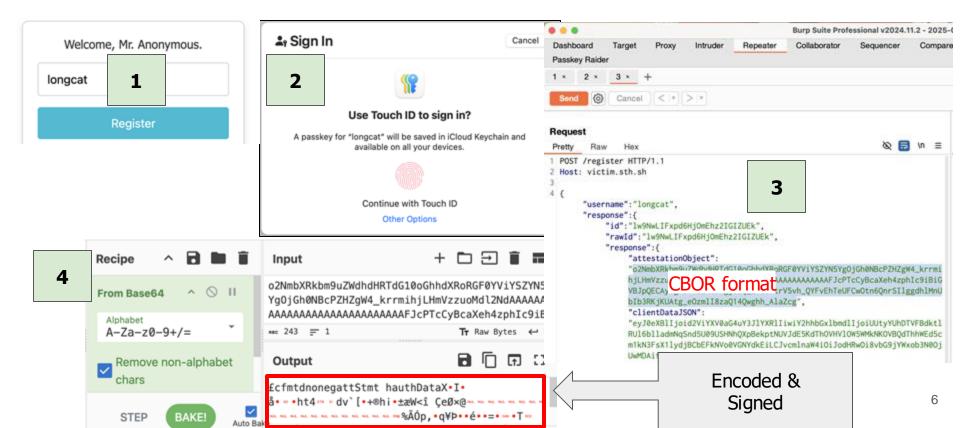
# Section 1/4: Passkey Pentest Challenges







#### Why (traditional) web pentest with "Burp Suite" does not work?





#### **Manual Testing: Passkey for Pentester**

#### In Passkey Registration:

- Pentester cannot
   encode/decode binary format
   (CBOR) for security test cases
- Many important fields like attestationObject and authenticatorData remain unchecked.

#### **HTTP Request**

```
"username": "testuser".
"response":{
 "id": "qllTDKAXivW8-De-1Z6uqMKrqGy177l7rj777MIckPk",
                                                                     CBOR format
 "rawId": "qllTDKAXivW8-De-1Z6uqMKrqGy177l7rj777MIckPk",
  "response":{
   "attestationObject":
   °o2NmbXPkbm9uZWdhdHRTdG1OoGhhdXPoRGFOYVkBZOmWDeWIDoxodDQXD2R2YFuP5K65ooYyx5lc87gDHZdjRQAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
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   ligZlrPXiXXUO-sYMOfvHONFba dppoJNwOZXDHeWJM-7nU3QQvQIWPELZycfQKaUh9Fa1MCxLYdZa Hax-SVS8v23-Ged21xqxDSqiwUv
   jOGraIMeQIvbeVHxhSOY96QPGseGsnOavOHLO8H3a7z6xKSQX6bQvcbOk1bVkozRcvVlmaSoAMTWkUKvBpM52s175OvM7BkyB8PrhdHEi5
   GmWIUuBzqSR-7IuZSvLB4R3QdRsB8QrcovkcF9E7Fiyzqj6rVyxQt9iH8EcYKSELlj4Dosnqcr8IZSeL3dCEUdNCP2SFDAQAB*,
   "eyJOeXBlIjoid2ViYXVOaG4uY3JlYXRlIiviY2hhbGxlbmdlIjoiNmOlN3paMFpOMVZZaUl3c2F5MGxoNlkzTGqtT24yYzJDWnllbzdRb
   kF0eUE2Y2pxdHc1dGE3WUFsc1q3S19YMWptUmZIMW45ZXYyemNUV3Z1Q2JfNGciLCJvcmlnaW4i0iJodHFw0i8vbG9iYWxob3N0IiwiY3J
   vc3NPcmlnaW4i0mZhbHNlf0".
   "transports":[
     "internal"
   "publicKeyAlgorithm":-257.
   "publicKey":
   *MIIBIjANBgkqhkiG9v0BAQEFAAOCAQ8AMIIBCgKCAQEA4cop6grQGhWV_Hjvyr014MTmKEQB4vM8FigPRkeliqZlrPXjXKUO-sYM0fvH0
   NFba_dppoJNwOZKDHeWJM-7nU3QQvQIWRELZycfQKaUh9Fa1MCxLYdZa_Hax-SV58v23-Ged21xqxDSqiwUvjOGraIMeQIwbeVHxhSOY96
   OPGseGsn0avOHL08H3a7z6xKS0X6b0vcb0k1bVkozRcvV1ma5oAMTWkUKvBbM52s1750vM78kvB8PrhdHEi5GmWIUuBzqSR-7IuZSvLB4R
   30dRsB80rcovkcE9E7Eivzgi6rVvx0t9iH8EcYKSEL1i4Dospacr8T2SeL3dCELMNCP20TD404B*
    "authenticatorData":
    SZYNSYgOjGhONBcPZHZgW4.krrmihjLHmVzzuoMdlZNFAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAIKpZUwygF4rlvPg3vtWergjCg6hste-5e
   64---ZCHJD5pAEDAzkBACBZAQDhyingCtAaFZX8ePDKs7Xgx0YoRAHi8zwWKA9GR7WKpmWs9eNcpQ76xgzR_AfQOVtr92mmgk3A5koMd5Y
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   vPrEpJBfptC9xvSTVtWSjNFzBXWZrmgAxNaR0gBGkznazXvnS8zsGTIEE-uF0cSLkaZYhS4H0pJH7siSlK8sHhHdB1GvHxCtvi-RvX0TsW
   LLOCPqtXLHS32IfvRxqpIQuWPq0iyeByvvjbl4vd0IRR00I ZIUMBAAE*
  "type":"public-key",
 "clientExtensionResults":{
                                                                     CBOR format
   "credProps":{
  "authenticatorAttachment": "platform"
```



#### **Manual Testing: Passkey for Pentester**

#### In Passkey Authentication:

- Even pentester can encode/decode CBOR, it requires an ability to create a valid signature private key)
- But wait...,
  if Passkey private key cannot
  be exported, how can we sign
  the modified data?

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  "rawId": "qllTDKAXivW8-De-1Z6uqMKrqGy177l7rj777MIckPk",
  "response":{
    "authenticatorData":"SZYN5YgOjGhONBcPZHZgW4 krrmihjLHmVzzuoMdl2MFAAAABA",
    "clientDataJSON":"{"type":"webauthn.get","challenge":"
   vSOUOjTXnFrXlaVMtqMOIOuiGwn9all1mrj4rlfKNjWpwqdB9UR10xid1QbpD462qx9G9JnaEeZ4
   Fx-QTqslMA", "origin": "http://localhost", "crossOrigin": false, "testEdit": "
   test"}",
    "signature":
    "LunGpjdCPPxRXrrWdqleEWubp1QC4rFvAJzrNXsrHDvEZ6c-nxrBDPUF w8CuGorl0YBwI7wsIL
    sFqWTPjklDdwaX7_fa4IvtAoZdzMmr9r8v-98J3Rqm_Mu5xUelcN5uxbmlMynRKsws84B-tGLbn7
   poOZhcVCq0IjKwDAHS22uMxZT0HTBX- BDcqU cQbw74IIyiklc0LBf4nzKR9CLbRv4cA5e0tc01
   9YfyuT3Gc3YYsrlnaQl9t0tPrJPd2Z-2l0oXPh0KBkQHBVmjDnA9TTBi6rfX5JKW8Gb7L0w-ecvS
   Tv3UswfibCmp9d7ElPliXlzJAPqf00NaXksU9C0".
    userHandle":"eqjCNHayHRSdhhZq8qpXbHZdKG6Ql5Y5v-ZCrQQq4pm
```

#### **HTTP Response**

```
{
    "error":"Could not verify authentication signature"
```



#### **Burp Suite Extension: Passkey Scanner**

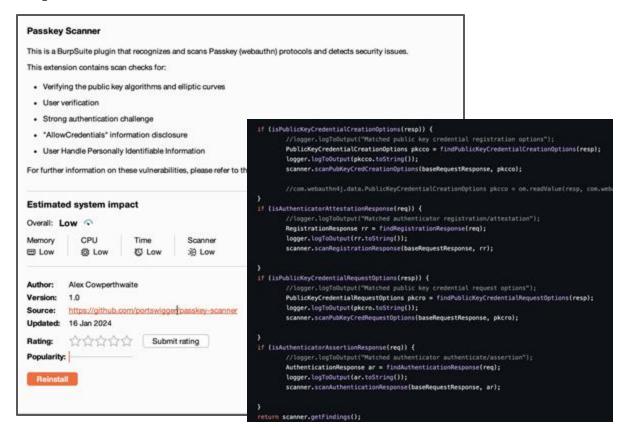
#### **Pros:**

- Passive regex checks for:
  - Weak algos
  - Weak configs

#### Cons:

- Cannot decode/encode CBOR
- Cannot sign CBOR
- No room for manual tests

https://github.com/portswigger/pass key-scanner





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# Section 2/4: Passkey 101

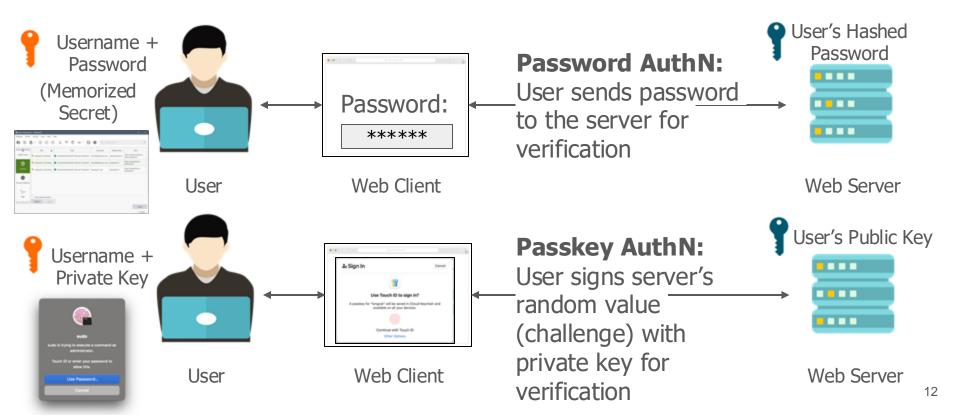


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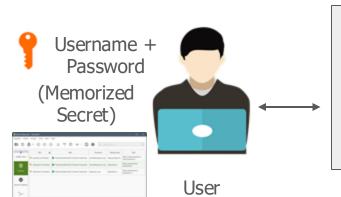


#### Passkey in a Nutshell (1/4) - Password vs Passkey



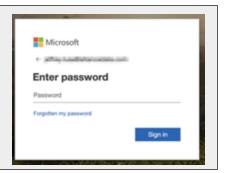


#### Passkey in a Nutshell (2/4) - Password vs Passkey



#### Passwords CAN be:

- Weak
- Reuse
- Stolen (phished)
- Leaked (server is hacked)



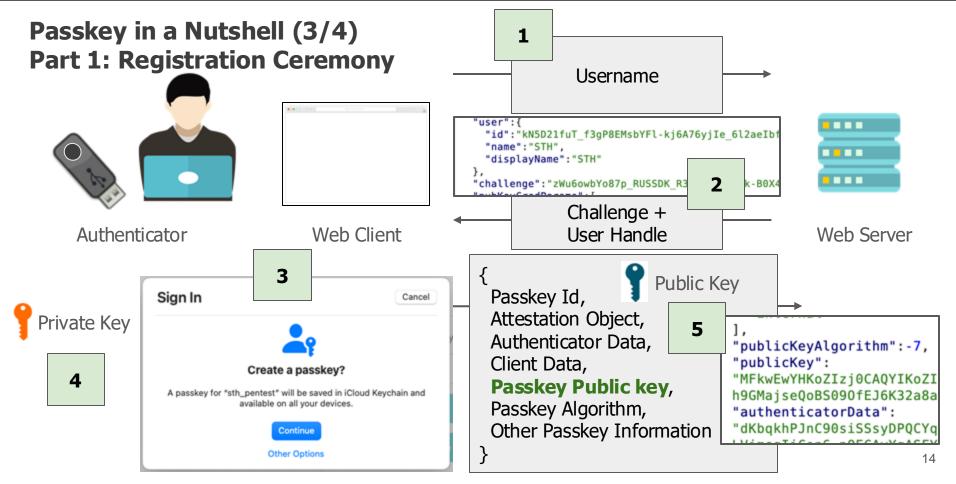


User

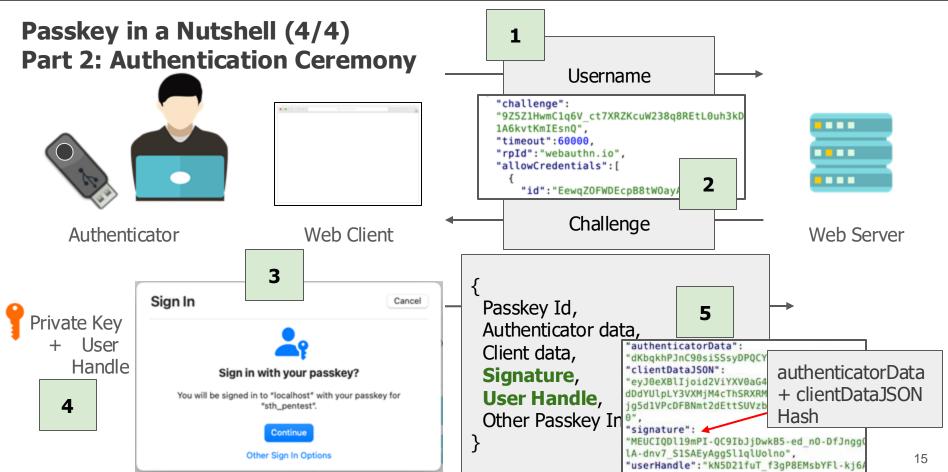
## Passkeys CANNOT be:

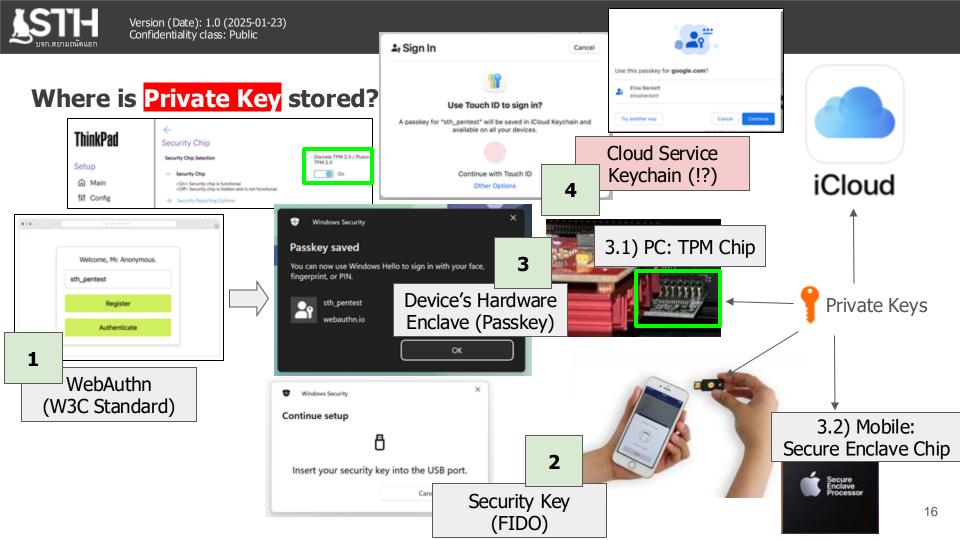
- Weak -> keys are automatically generated securely
- Reuse -> keys are automatically regenerated
- Stolen (phished) -> cannot be exported (hopefully)
- Leaked (server is hacked) -> server only stores pub keys





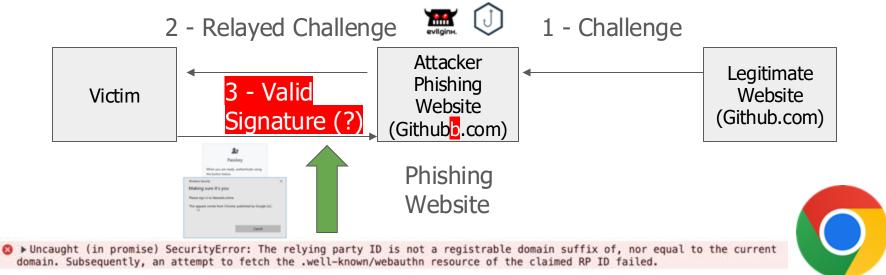








#### **Phishing-Resistant Authentication - Passkey**

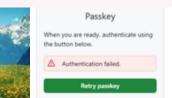






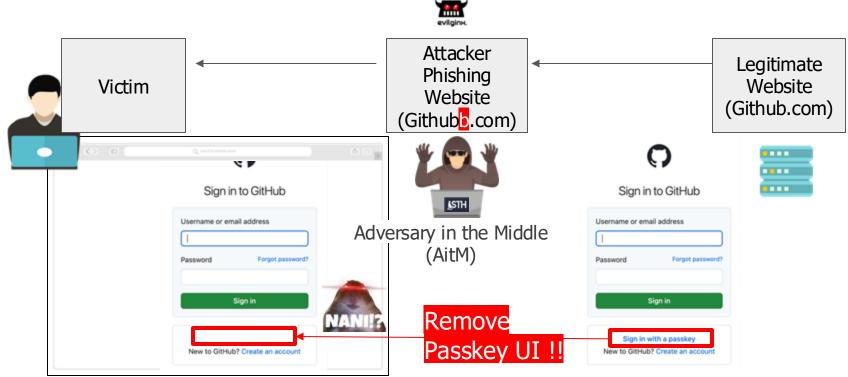


(unless the attacker can do hosts/DNS spoofing with a malicious root CA installed





#### **Vulnerability: Passkey Redaction Attack (Downgrade Attack)**



Source: Joe Stewart, eSentire



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## **Passkey Vulnerabilities**



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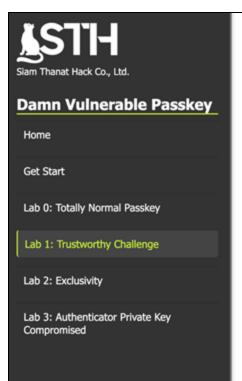




#### **Damn Vulnerable Passkey**

#### **Live Demo:**

https://damn-vulnerable-passkey.p7z.pw



#### Lab 1: Trustworthy Challenge

Obscurity = Security. Always trust user input.

Objective: Successful login as the "admin" user

#### **Source Code:**

https://github.com/siamthanathack/damn-vulnerable-passkey



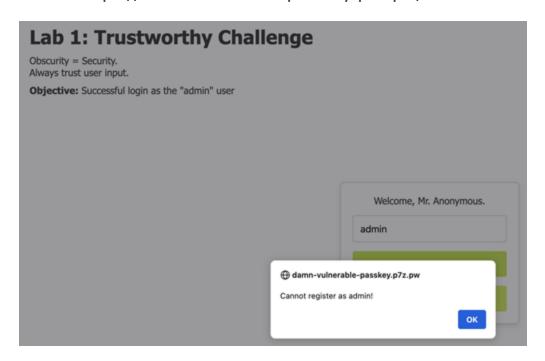


17010011	ne, Mr. Anonymous.
Username	•
	Register
	Authenticate



#### Lab 1: Trustworthy (Signed SQLi)

**URL:** https://damn-vulnerable-passkey.p7z.pw/lab1



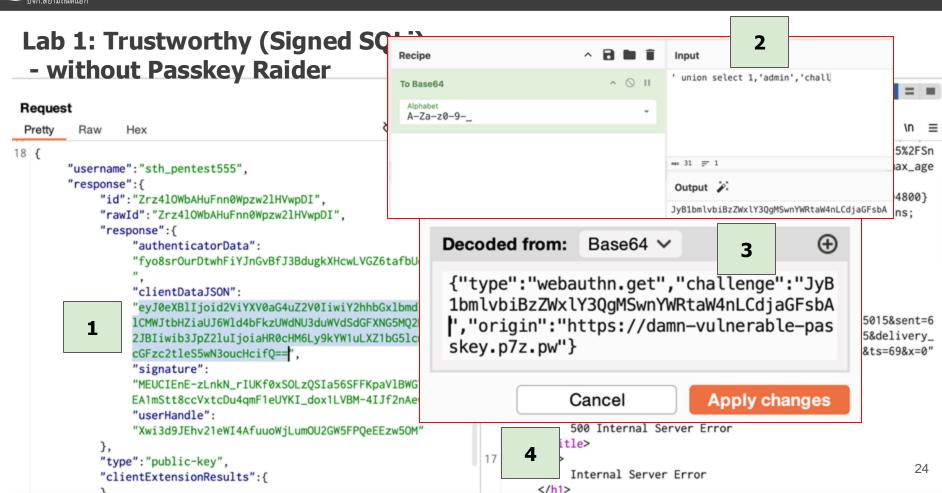
#### **Problems:**

- Passkey/WebAuthn
- SQL Injection
   vulnerability, but in the
   "challenge" field where
   the signature verification
   is required

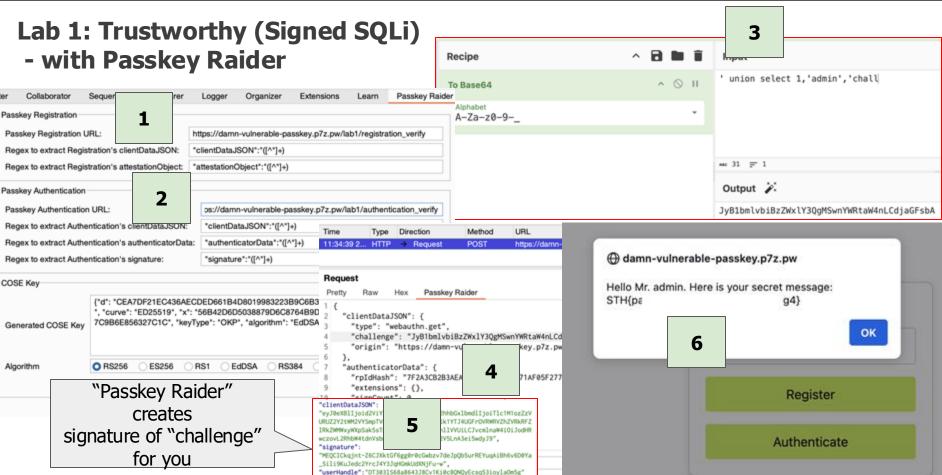


Lab 1: Trustworthy (Signed SQLi)

```
lab1_bp.route('/lab1/authentication_verify', methods=['POST'])
                                                                                             Source
 96 - def authenticationVerify():
                                                                                          (User Input)
                   request.json['username']
        username
                    parse_authentication_credential_json(request.json['response
        credential =
        credential_public_key, credential_current_sign_count
            get_pubkey_and_counter(username, credential.id)
                                                                                                                   3
        # Vulnerability: SOL Injection - Step 1 Get "challenge" from user input
        challenge = json.loads(credential.response.client_data_json.decode('utf-8'
101
                                                                                             Signature
                                                                                                                           Sink
            ))['challenge']
                                                                                           Verification
                                                                                                                    (Vulnerability)
103 -
             verify_authentication_response
            credential = credential,
            expected_challenge = base64url_to_bytes(challenge),
                                                                       140 • def get_username_by_challenge(chal
                                                                                                                         string):
            expected_rp_id = os.getenv("RP_ID"),
                                                                       141
                                                                                 # Vulnerability: SQL Injection
                                                                                                                     Step 3 user input
            expected_origin = os.getenv("ORIGIN"),
                                                                                                                   and execute it as SOL
                                                                                incorporate into raw SOL qu
            credential_public_key = base64url_to_bytes(credential_publi
            credential_current_sign_count = credential_current_sign_count
                                                                                with get_db_connection() as
                                                                       142 +
                                                                                                               conn:
                                                                       143
                                                                                     conn.execute("PRAG A query_only = ON;")
        # Vulnerability: SQL Injection - Step 2 Perform Base64 decoding
                                                                                     sql = f"SELECT */ FROM challenges WHERE challenge =
        login_resp = login(get_username_by_challenge(base64url_to_bytes
                                                                                          '{challenge}' LIMIT 1"
            .decode('utf-8')))
                                                                       145
                                                                                           conn.execute(sql).fetchone()
```



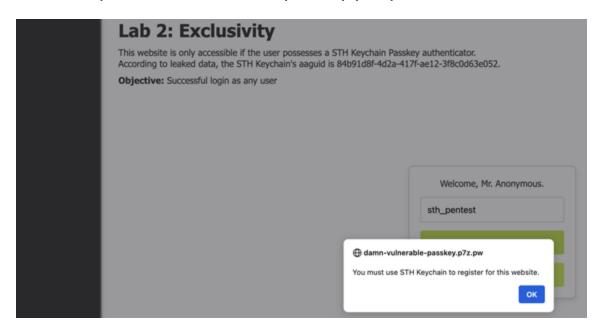






#### Lab 2: Exclusivity (aaguid Forgery Attack)

**URL:** https://damn-vulnerable-passkey.p7z.pw/lab2



#### **Problems:**

- Passkey/WebAuthn
- Restriction of a specific authenticator manufacturer (aaguid)



#### aaguid

corbado.com/glossary/aaguid



Functionality: When a user registers an authenticator, the AAGUID is transmitted as part of the attestation data. This allows platforms and relying parties to determine the type and security characteristics of the authenticator, ensuring that it's a genuine and trusted device.

AAGUID = Authenticator Attestation Global Unique Identifier

Security Implications: By ensuring that the authenticator's model can be identified and validated, the AAGUID acts as a barrier against malicious actors using untrusted or spoofed devices to compromise user security.



 AAGUID
 Name

 00000000-0000-0000-0000-00000000000
 Not Specific

 adce0002-35bc-c60a-648b-0b25f1f05503
 Chrome on Mac

 fbfc3007-154e-4ecc-8c0b-6e020557d7bd
 iCloud Keychain

 fdb141b2-5d84-443e-8a35-4698c205a502
 KeePassXC

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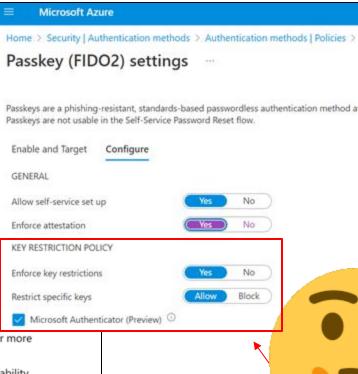


#### aaguid

#### Enable passkey (FIDO2) authentication method

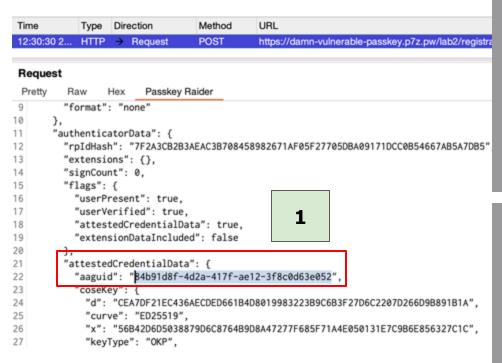
- 2. Browse to Protection > Authentication methods > Authentication method policy.
- Under the method Passkey (FIDO2), set the toggle to Enable. Select All users or Add groups to groups. Only security groups are supported.
- On the Configure tab:
  - Set Allow self-service set up to Yes. If set to No, users can't register a passkey by using Se passkeys (FIDO2) are enabled by the Authentication methods policy.
  - Set Enforce attestation to Yes if your organization wants to be assured that a FIDO2 secur
    passkey provider is genuine and comes from the legitimate vendor.
    - For FIDO2 security keys, we require security key metadata to be published and verified
       Alliance Metadata Service, and also pass Microsoft's another set of validation testing. For more information, see Become a Microsoft-compatible FIDO2 security key vendor.
    - For passkeys in Microsoft Authenticator, attestation support is planned for General Availability.

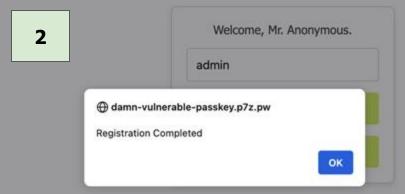
**Source:** https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/entra/identity/authentication/how-to-enable-passkey-fido2#passkey-fido2-authenticator-attestation-guid-aaguid

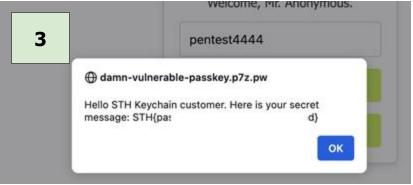




Lab 2: Exclusivity (aaguid Forgery Attack) - Solution









#### **Lab 3: Authenticator Private Key Compromised**

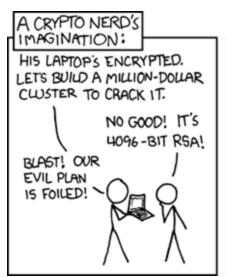
**URL:** https://damn-vulnerable-passkey.p7z.pw/lab3



#### **Problems:**

- Passkey/WebAuthn
- Exportable Private KeyPrivate Key gotcompromised, then?
- As an attacker, how you can login with exported private key?

### **Security Concern: Physical Abuse!?**







Watch the video, but in short, a ne'er-do-well gets someone in a bar to enter their iPhone passcode while they surreptitiously observe (or a partner does it for them). Then the thief steals the iPhone and dashes off. Within minutes, the thief has used the passcode to gain access to the iPhone and change the Apple ID password, which enables them to disable Find My, make purchases using Apple Pay, gain access to passwords stored in iCloud Keychain, and scan through Photos for pictures of documents that contain a Social Security number or other

## **Attacker:**

Touch it for me!!

**Attacker:** \*Shoulder Surfing\*

Source: <a href="https://xkcd.com/538/">https://xkcd.com/538/</a>

https://tidbits.com/2023/02/26/how-a-thief-with-your-iphone-passcode-can-ruin-your-digital-life/



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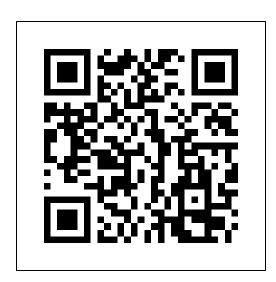
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## Thanks you!

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