



MITIGATING SSRF VULNERABILITIES IN GO

A PRACTICAL GUIDE

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FORM3 IS REAL-TIME PAYMENTS PROCESSING PLATFORM



- One single integration to multiple payment schemes
- Multi-cloud platform (AWS, GCP, Azure)
- Go, IaC (Terraform)
- Fully remote

SSRF

Server-Side Request Forgery



VULNERABLE CODE

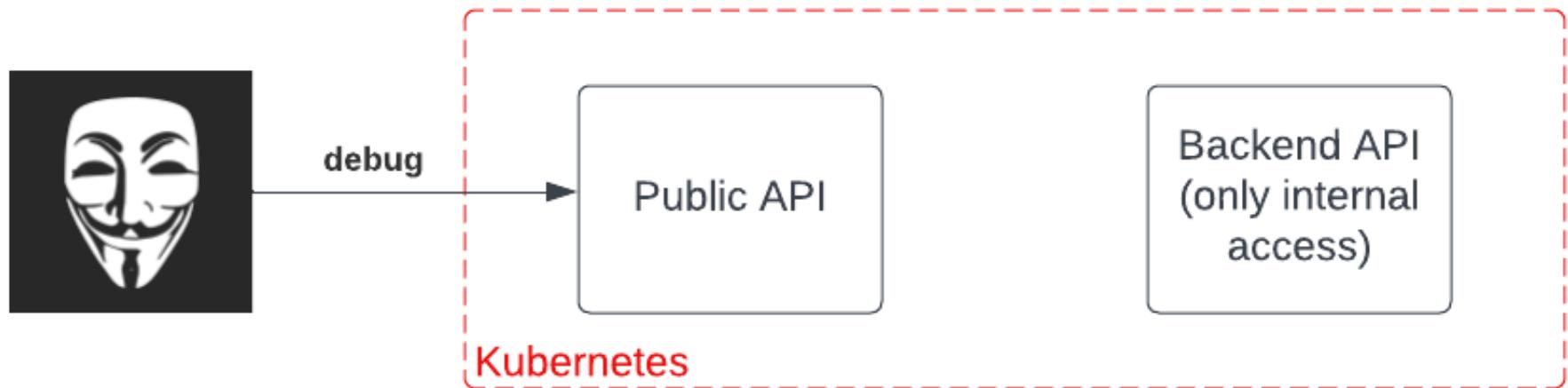
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OWASP TOP 10

SSRF flaws occur whenever a web application is fetching a remote resource without validating the user-supplied URL.

SSRF is included in OWASP TOP 10 at position 10 in 2021 edition

SETUP



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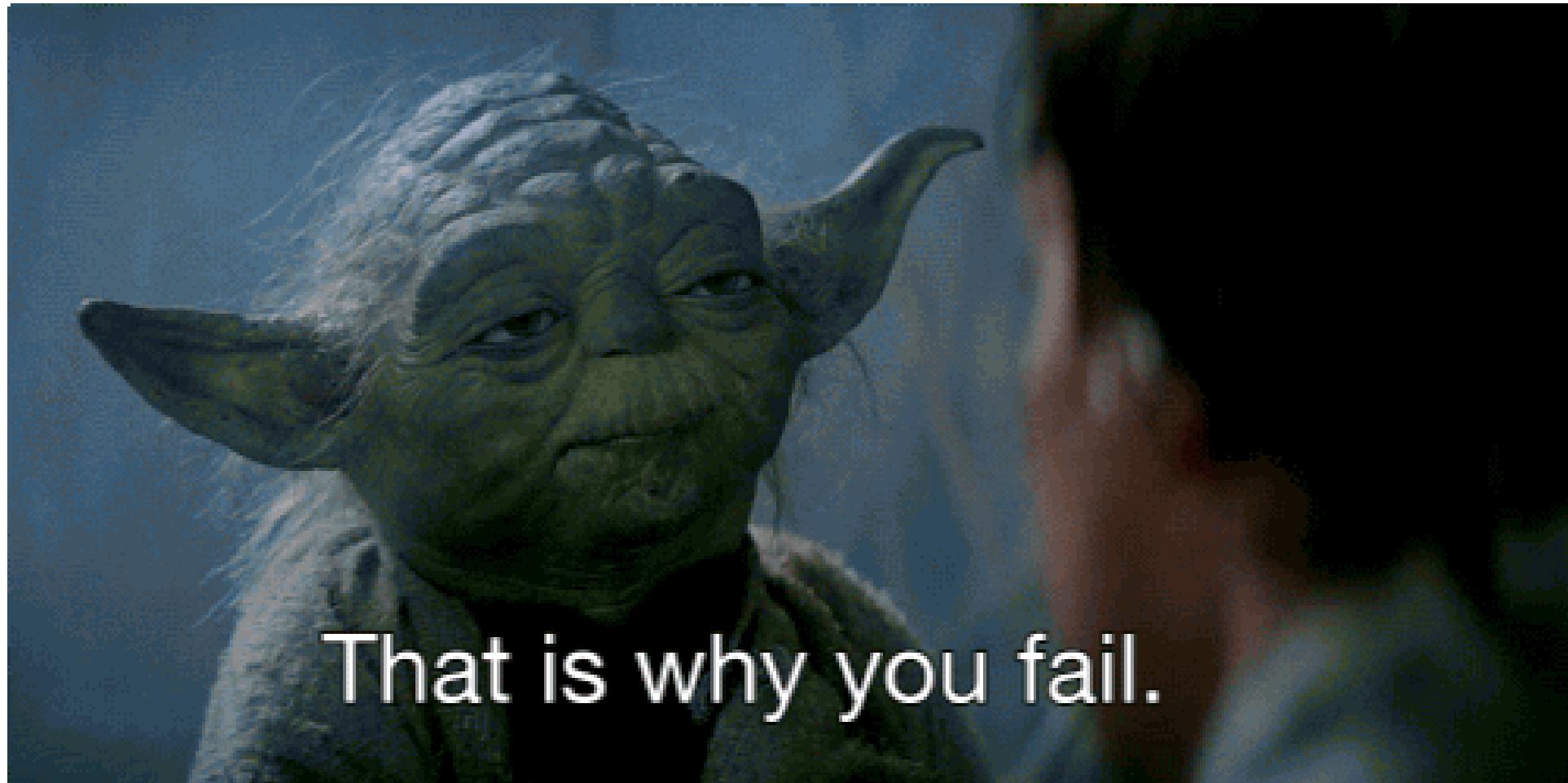
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FAIL...



That is why you fail.

FINDING THE PROBLEM WITH GOSEC

gosec is Go security checker

```
$ gosec publicapi/
G107 (CWE-88): Potential HTTP request made with variable url
(Confidence: MEDIUM, Severity: MEDIUM)
    83: urlFromUser := context.Query("url")
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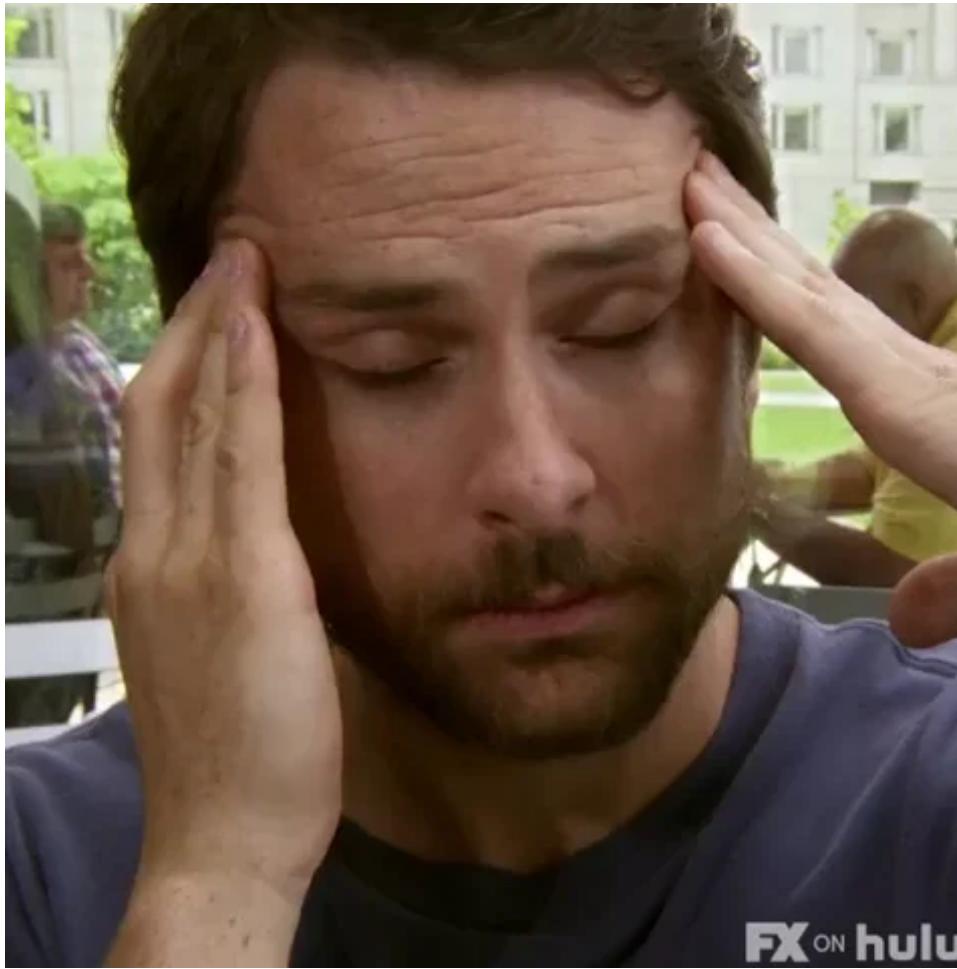
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ARE YOU KIDDING ME?



FX on hulu

MANY WAYS TO WRITE SAME THING

localhost can be:

- 127.0.0.1
- 127.0.0.2
- 2130706433 ([more](#))
- form3.localtest.me

LEARNING

Negative validation is doomed to failure 

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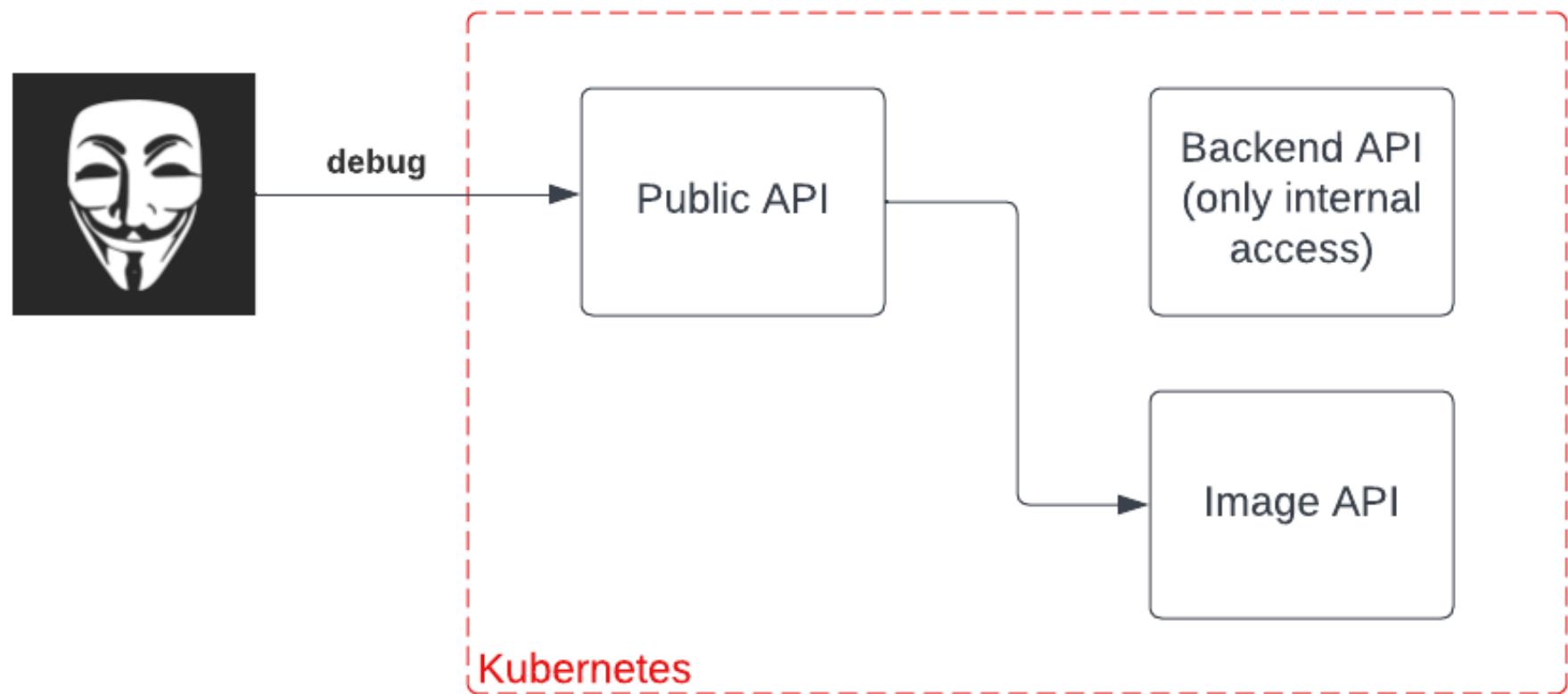
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4     http://backendapi/internal"
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7 -> /redirect request: user-agent=Go-http-client/1.1
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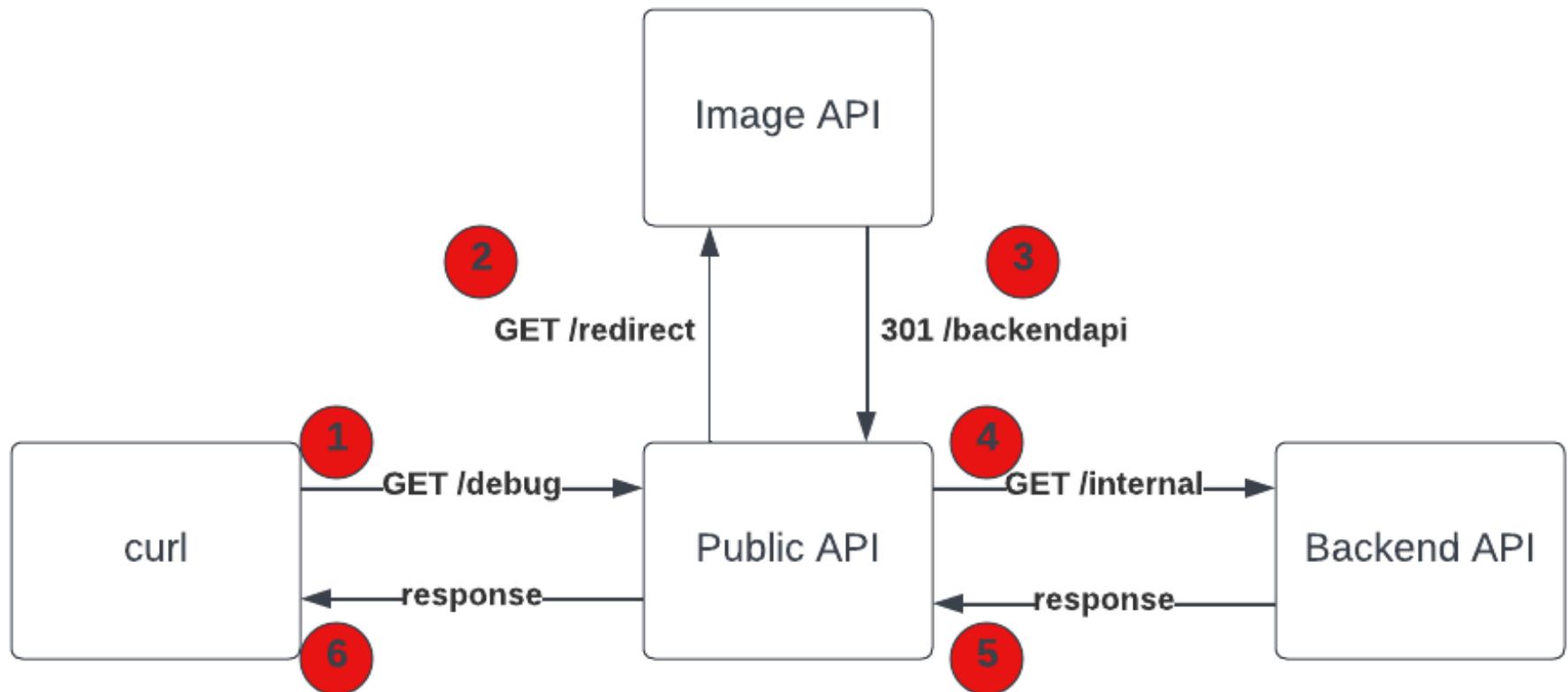
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Validation is here

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REDIRECT ME ONE MORE TIME...



SAFEURL

A Server Side Request Forgery
(SSRF) protection library. Made with
♥ by Doyensec LLC.

doyensec/safeurl

FIX WITH SAFEURL

Positive validation enhanced

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WHAT ELSE IT CAN DO?

- Protect against DNS rebinding
- Validation and issuing request done by one library

[Read more](#)

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2     client := &http.Client{  
3         ...  
4         CheckRedirect: wc.config.CheckRedirect,  
5         Transport: &http.Transport{  
6             TLSClientConfig: wc.tlsConfig,  
7             DialContext: (&net.Dialer{  
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BONUS - EGRESS FILTERING

Smokescreen is a HTTP CONNECT proxy. It proxies most traffic from Stripe to the external world (e.g., webhooks).

```
func BuildProxy(config *Config) *goproxy.ProxyHttpServer {  
    proxy := goproxy.NewProxyHttpServer()  
    proxy.Verbose = false  
    configureTransport(proxy.Tr, config)  
  
    proxy.Tr.DialContext = dialContext
```

smokescreen

WHAT IF YOU CAN'T USE SAFEURL?

or want to have more protections

NETWORK CONTROLS AND AUTHENTICATION

- All outbound network traffic should go through egress proxy
- Internal Kubernetes network should be segmented using Network Policies
- Microservice endpoints should require authentication

TURN OFF REDIRECTS

You can turn off redirects in build-in `http` package:

```
http.DefaultClient.CheckRedirect =
    func(req *http.Request, via []*http.Request) error {
        return http.ErrUseLastResponse
    }
```

Re-try with exploit 3:

```
$ exploit3.sh
<a href="http://backendapi/internal">Moved Permanently</a>.
```

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IS THAT ALL?

THERE IS MORE...



~10K\$ BOUNTY FROM GOOGLE

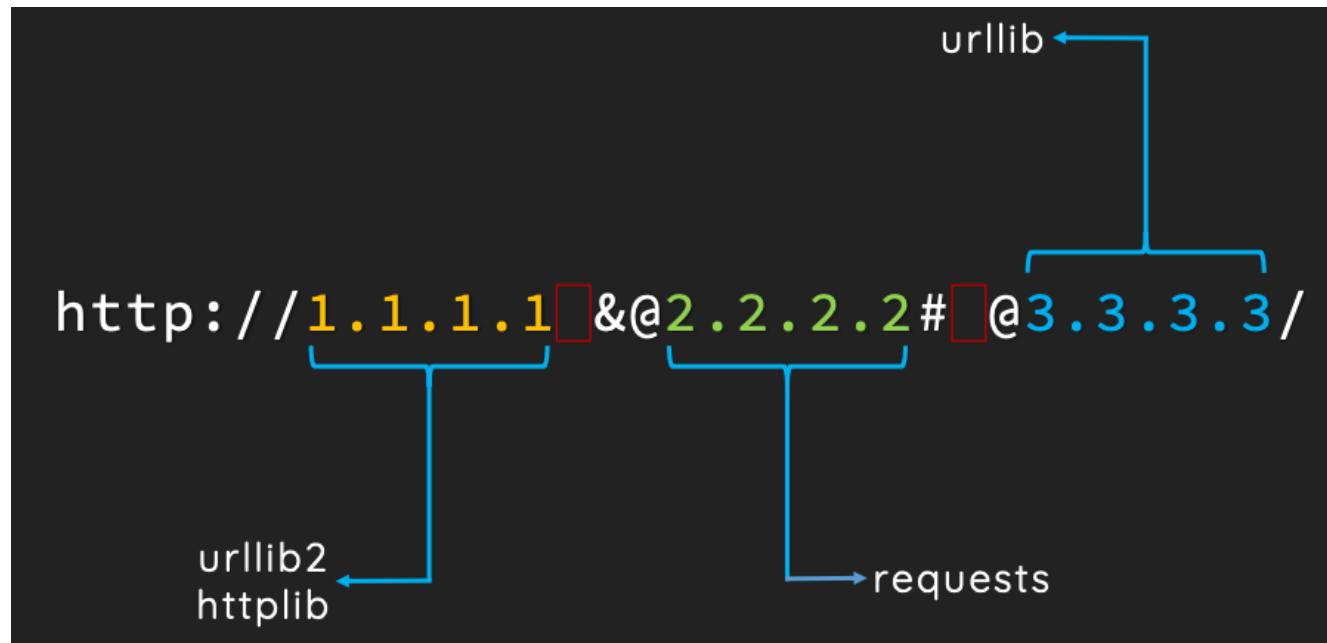
\@ trick to bypass whitelist

```
https://cxl-services.appspot.com/proxy  
?url=https://[your_domain]\@jobs.googleapis.com/
```

<https://feed.bugs.xdavidhu.me/bugs/0008>

HTTP LIBS/CLIENTS ISSUES

Python example:



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REAL LIFE SSRF ATTACKS

With this vulnerability attacker can:

- Steal cloud metadata credentials
(`169.254.169.254`)
- Steal sensitive tokens (attached by service to http call)
- Call internal network sensitive resources
- Escalate to RCE via 3rd party apps, e.g. redis, Confluence

REAL LIFE SSRF ATTACKS

Typical places where SSRF can occur:

- Webhooks
- File imports from urls
- PDF generators

SUMMARY

- If possible not consume full URLs from users
(😅 webhooks)
- Apply application level protection -
`doyensec/safeurl` or custom implementation
- Apply **zero trust** architecture protection - network segmentation and authentication

SUMMARY

Of course there is still the simplest solution for my synthetic example

```
router.GET("/debug", func(context *gin.Context) {  
    param1 := context.Query("param1")  
    validateParam1(param1)  
    resp, err := http.Get("http://imageapi/process?param1=" +  
        param1)
```

Hardcoded url with only part controlled by user

MORE TO READ

- Mitigating SSRF in 2023
- A New Era of SSRF
- Web Security Academy - SSRF
- Sending webhooks securely

REPO WITH CODE

<https://github.com/xvnpw/ssrf-in-go>



THANK YOU FOR
LISTENING!
QUESTIONS?

