

Web Vulnerabilities

And The People Who Love Them

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Insecure Direct Object References (IDOR)

- Often one of the most simple vulnerabilities to exploit
- Ever seen a URL like this?: /account?**userId=314159**
- Change the **userId** value and you might get someone else's details
- The root cause is often a misunderstanding of authentication vs. authorisation
 - Authentication: is this person who they say they are?
 - Authorisation: is this person allowed to do that?
- Possible Impacts:
 - Information disclosure
 - Changing data you don't own
 - Privilege escalation
- Mitigations:
 - *Always* check for authorisation; if possible build it into your Data Access layer

IDOR!

- A real example: <https://hackerone.com/reports/227522>
- In this case the ID was in the POST data; don't forget about POST data!
 - The request path, cookies, and headers too!

**Kieran Claessens (kieran)**591 Reputation - Rank 3.78 Signal 86th Percentile 16.50 Impact 86th Percentile

17 #227522 **IDOR in editing courses** Share:   

State ● Resolved (Closed) Severity Medium (4 ~ 6.9)

Disclosed publicly **May 22, 2017 6:43pm +0100** Participants 

Reported To **Maximum** Visibility **Public (Full)**

Weakness **Insecure Direct Object Reference (IDOR)**

Bounty **\$300**

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Open Redirects

- When you can force **target.com** to redirect you to **evil.com**
- The only really useful vectors are through the query string, path, or fragment
- There's a 'DOM' variety, where the redirect is done by client-side JS
 - Classic vulnerable code: `document.location = document.location.hash.substr(1)`
- Root cause is often a misunderstanding of what passes for an absolute URL
- Impact:
 - Super-convincing links for phishing campaigns
 - Bypassing whitelists for SSRF attacks etc (more on those later)
 - Information leakage - especially where authentication is involved!
- Mitigations:
 - Don't use redirects `_(ツ)_/`
 - Use a (good) URL parser instead of, say, regex to validate URL inputs

Valid URLs (As Far As Chrome Is Concerned)

- `http(s)://evil.com`
- `http(s):\evil.com`
- `//evil.com`
- `///evil.com`
- `^evil.com`
- `\evil.com`
- `/evil.com`
- `/evil.com` (that's a tab / ASCII 0x09)
- `\evil.com` (another tab)

Auth Flows And Open Redirects

- A real example: <https://hackerone.com/reports/239503>
- Auth token was sent to an arbitrary site!

 **Ahmed Radi (0xradi)**
Reputation: **834** Rank: **-** Signal: **2.55** Percentile: **80th** Impact: **16.47** Percentile: **86th**

^ 20 #239503 **Open Redirect & Information Disclosure**
[mijn.werkenbijdefensie.nl] Share:   

State ● **Resolved (Closed)** Severity ▯▯▯▯ **No Rating (---)**

Disclosed publicly **June 21, 2017 3:34pm +0100** Participants 

Reported To **Maximum** Visibility **Public (Full)**

Weakness **Open Redirect**

Bounty **\$350**

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Information Disclosure

- A pretty broad category, but here I just mean the simple stuff
 - Accidentally exposed config files
 - Verbose error messages
 - An exposed .git directory is a goldmine
- Root cause is almost always misconfiguration in this case
 - Set your docroot to someone's home directory? Now their SSH keys are compromised
- Mitigations:
 - Don't put sensitive files in your docroot at all
 - Always run production with error and debug messages turned off

Files To Look Out For

- .git/config
- .travis.yml
- Makefile
- Dockerfile
- package.json
- gulpfile.js
- composer.json
- web.config
- .env
- ...too many to list...

What A Git

- A real example: <https://hackerone.com/reports/248693>
- .git folders can be grabbed with <https://github.com/kost/dvcs-ripper>

 **Link (linkks)** 2744 Reputation - Rank 0.43 Signal 65th Percentile 15.41 Impact 84th Percentile

 23 #248693 **Git repository found** Share:   

State ● Resolved (Closed) Severity  High (7.5)

Disclosed publicly **August 13, 2017 7:55pm +0100** Participants   

Reported To **Grabtaxi Holdings Pte Ltd** Visibility **Public (Full)**

Weakness **Information Disclosure**

Bounty **\$1,000**

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Local File Inclusion (LFI)


- When you have control over the filename of a server-side include
- You can get the contents of, say, `/etc/passwd`, source code, private keys etc
- Can sometimes be escalated to Remote Code Execution
 - If you have some control over the content of a file on disk (e.g. server logs) you might be able to execute arbitrary PHP
- The classic attack: `/?template=../../../../../../../../etc/passwd`
- Root cause is often a failure to validate input at all
- Mitigations:
 - Validate against the *realpath* of the input (i.e. after all ‘..’ sequences have been resolved)
 - Whitelist the filenames you want to accept
 - ...or just don't accept filenames as inputs :)





Escalating To Remote Code Execution


1. A server runs PHP
2. You've got LFI via PHP's include(): target.com/?template=../../../../etc/passwd
3. Make a request to target.com/<?php echo shell_exec(\$_GET['c']);?>
4. The access or error log might now contain your PHP code
5. Request: target.com/?template=../../../../access.log&c=uname -a
6. Look smug


Local Files Included

- A real one: <https://hackerone.com/reports/39428>

 **nullsub (nullsub)**
Reputation: 159 | Rank: - | Signal: 2.71 | Percentile: 81st | Impact: 13.33 | Percentile: 79th

 #39428 **Phabricator Phame Blog Skins Local File Inclusion** Share:   

State: ● Resolved (Closed) | Severity:  No Rating (--)

Disclosed publicly: **January 14, 2015 6:50pm +0000** | Participants: 

Reported To: [Phabricator](#) | Visibility: **Public (Full)**

Weakness: **Code Injection**

Bounty: **\$500**

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Server Side Request Forgery (SSRF)


- A server fetches and (usually) returns data from an attacker-controlled URL
- A common way to pivot from external systems to internal ones
- A classic attack: `/fetch?url=http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/`
- Root cause is often failure to validate inputs properly (a common theme)
 - Or maybe you bypassed the whitelist with an Open Redirect? :)
- Mitigations:
 - Whitelist valid URLs where possible or don't accept URLs as parameters
 - Use a good URL parser, 'resolve' the address and make sure it's not internal
 - Firewalls: don't let your web servers talk to anything sensitive
 - Don't follow redirects if possible

Some SSRF Filter Bypasses





- Previously found Open Redirects
- Public DNS records that point to internal IPs (:
- Funky IP formatting. All of these mean the same thing:
 - 127.0.0.1
 - 127.0.1
 - 127.1
 - 127.000.000.001
 - 2130706433
 - 0x7F.0x00.0x00.0x01
 - 0x7F.1
 - 0x7F000001
 - ...practically infinite variations...


Requests Forged


- In the wild: <https://hackerone.com/reports/288183>

**Dr. Jones (sp1d3rs)**

Reputation **3742** Rank **81st** Signal **6.29** Percentile **96th** Impact **17.80** Percentile **89th**

 **#288183** **SSRF bypass for https://hackerone.com/reports/285380 (query AWS instance)** Share:   

State **Resolved (Closed)** Severity  **Medium (4 ~ 6.9)**

Disclosed publicly **November 14, 2017 3:17pm +0000** Participants 

Reported To **AlienVault** Visibility **Public (Full)**

Asset **www.threatcrowd.org (Domain)**

Weakness **Server-Side Request Forgery (SSRF)**

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Cross Site Scripting (XSS)


- We had to get to it sooner or later :)
- An attacker can execute arbitrary JavaScript in a victim's browser in the context of a target site
- The classic attack: `target.com/?name=<script>alert('LOL XSS')</script>`
- Three main kinds:
 - Reflected: input from the request is included unescaped in the page
 - Stored: input from a previous request is included unescaped in the page
 - DOM: input is improperly handled by JavaScript running in the page
- Mitigations:
 - Don't include user input in the page at all
 - Escape user input before outputting it (with a mechanism suitable for the output context!)





XSS Impact


- A lot of XSS tutorials cite stealing cookies as the main risk
 - Most sensitive cookies are set to httpOnly these days to help mitigate that
- The *real* issue is that Same Origin Policy is bypassed
 - That means anything a user can do on the target site, an attacker's JavaScript can do too
- Defence in depth:
 - Require additional user input before performing actions like change of email address, funds transfers, purchases etc
 - Partly why you're often asked to re-enter your password before doing that kind of thing
 - A good Content Security Policy can help too :)


Sites Cross Scripted

- Literally the most commonly reported vulnerability class
- A real one: <https://hackerone.com/reports/262852>

 **Tung Pun (tungpun)** **300** - **4.79** **91st** **13.75** **80th**
Reputation Rank Signal Percentile Impact Percentile

 35 **#262852** **Reflected XSS - gratipay.com** Share:   

State **Resolved (Closed)** Severity  Medium (5.6)

Disclosed publicly **August 25, 2017 12:01am +0100** Participants 

Reported To [Gratipay](#) Visibility **Public (Full)**

Asset <https://gratipay.com> (Domain)

Weakness **Cross-site Scripting (XSS) - Reflected**

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Cross Site Request Forgery (CSRF)


- A form on an evil.com sends data to an endpoint on target.com
 - The form is pre-filled and automatically submitted with JavaScript
- The victim is logged into target.com; their cookies are sent with the request
- An action is performed on behalf of the victim (e.g. email address change)
- Root cause: this is the way the web works by default $\overline{_}(_)_$
- Impact:
 - Account takeover as the result of clicking a link completely unrelated to the target site
- Mitigations:
 - Use CSRF tokens...

CSRF Tokens





1. Every form on target.com includes a random string as a hidden value
2. That value is stored in the user's session on the server side
3. When a user submits the form the random string is included
4. The server verifies that the string matches what's stored in the session before processing the rest of the form data
5. The random string is removed from the session and not used again
6. An attacker has no way to know what the random string should be - unless they have an XSS vulnerability already :)


Cross Site Requests Forged




- A real one: <https://hackerone.com/reports/127703>

**Mahmoud G. (zombiehelp54)**

5239	52nd	5.42	94th	17.10	87th
Reputation	Rank	Signal	Percentile	Impact	Percentile

 **#127703** **[CRITICAL] Full account takeover using CSRF** Share:   

State **Resolved (Closed)** Severity  No Rating (--)

Disclosed publicly **April 12, 2016 8:18pm +0100** Participants   

Reported To **Badoo** Visibility **Public (Full)**

Weakness **Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)**

Bounty **\$852**


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Linefeed Injection (CRLF Injection)





- Linefeed / New-line and/or Carriage Return characters are returned in response headers unescaped
- An attacker can inject their own headers into the response and:
 - Set cookies for session-fixation attacks
 - Specify their own Cross Origin Resource Sharing policy
- Example attack: `/path%0aSet-Cookie:sessid=1234`
- Sometimes a response *body* can be injected also, allowing XSS etc
- Occasionally headers can be injected into the *request* due to bad handling by intermediate application-layer load balancers
 - Can sometimes be used to bypass checks, spoof CF-Connecting-IP / True-Client-IP headers
- Mitigations:
 - Always escape / URL-encode output in headers


Linefeeds Injected



- In the wild: <https://hackerone.com/reports/39181>

**Sergey Bobrov (bobrov)**

3601 Reputation	84th Rank	6.14 Signal	96th Percentile	14.53 Impact	81st Percentile
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 **#39181** **[vimeopro.com] CRLF Injection** Share:   

State **Resolved (Closed)** Severity  No Rating (--)

Disclosed publicly **October 24, 2016 10:45pm +0100** Participants  

Reported To **Vimeo** Visibility **Public (Full)**

Weakness **None**

Bounty **\$500**


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Remote Code Execution

- Some kind of code in the request is executed by the remote server
- Pretty much the holy grail of vulnerabilities
- Impact: hopefully fairly obvious `¯_(\ツ)_/¯`
- It could be—for example—PHP code, or it could be a user input being passed to a system `exec()` type call
- Example attack against an input passed to a shell: `/?param=$(uname -a)`
- Mitigations:
 - Don't pass user input to system command / shell executions at all
 - Escape or whitelist inputs; e.g. with PHP's `escapeshellarg()`


Remote Code Executed

- You know the drill: <https://hackerone.com/reports/135072>

 **c666a323be94d57 (c666a323be94...** **122**
Reputation Rank

15 #135072 **RCE in profile picture upload** Share:   

State ● Resolved (Closed) Severity ▯▯▯▯ No Rating (--)

Disclosed publicly **June 8, 2016 11:14am +0100** Participants 

Reported To [HackerOne](#) Visibility **Public (Full)**

Weakness **Code Injection**

Bounty **\$2,500**

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XML External Entities (XXE)

- XML processed by the target has *External Entities* processed
- XML lets you define custom entities, which can have external sources:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<!DOCTYPE foo [
  <!ELEMENT foo ANY >
  <!ENTITY xxe SYSTEM "file:///etc/passwd" >]>
<foo>&xxe;</foo>
```

- Often allows Local File Inclusion, sometimes even Remote Code Execution
- Mitigation: disable external entities for the XML library being used

Entities Externalised

- <https://hackerone.com/reports/248668>

**Josh Brodie (joshbrodienz)**279 Reputation | - Rank | 1.63 Signal | 74th Percentile | 24.17 Impact | 96th Percentile

200 #248668 **XXE on sms-be-vip.twitter.com in SXMP Processor** Share:   

State ● Resolved (Closed) Severity ▢▢▢ **Medium (5.3)**

Disclosed publicly **July 27, 2017 12:03am +0100** Participants 

Reported To [Twitter](#) Visibility **Public (Full)**

Weakness **XML External Entities (XXE)**

Bounty **\$10,080**


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Subdomain Takeovers

- A subdomain is configured to point at a service, but the domain has not been 'claimed' on the service
- An attacker can claim the domain and control its content
- Often called a 'dangling CNAME'
- Example services that lack domain ownership verification: S3, CloudFront
- A subdomain may also point to another domain that is no-longer registered
- Impact: An attacker can control the content served from sub.target.com and:
 - Make the company look bad
 - Steal cookies scoped to .target.com
 - More easily bypass whitelists (e.g. CORS configurations)
- Mitigation: don't leave your subdomains pointed at unconfigured services or unregistered domains?




Subdomains Taken Over


- <https://hackerone.com/reports/202767>




Ak1t4 * Zen Monk * (ak1t4)

1053 Reputation - Rank 2.58 Signal 80th Percentile 16.59 Impact 86th Percentile

113 #202767 **Subdomain takeover at info.hacker.one** Share:   

State ● Resolved (Closed) Severity  Low (3.5)

Disclosed publicly **March 27, 2017 4:37am +0100** Participants 

Reported To [HackerOne](#) Visibility **Public (Full)**

Weakness **Privilege Escalation**

Bounty **\$1,000**

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SQL Injection (SQLi)

- User input is used in a SQL query without any kind of escaping
- Classic attack: `target.com/users?id=1 union select name, hash from users`
- Impact:
 - Usually access to private data in the database, or even dumping the entire database
 - Sometimes an attacker can change data - e.g. if the insertion is into an update or insert query
- Mitigation:
 - Use prepared statements...

Prepared Statements

- Tell the database about the static and dynamic parts of the query separately, so it knows which is which
- Pseudo-code:

```
// Wrong!
```

```
result = query("select name, age from users where id = $ID")
```


```
// Right!
```

```
statement = prepare("select name, age from users where id = :id")
```

```
result = execute(statement, [:id => $ID])
```





SQL Injected


- <https://hackerone.com/reports/273946>



Jouko Pynnönen (jouko)

1212 Reputation - Rank 6.09 Signal 95th Percentile 27.97 Impact 98th Percentile

133 #273946 **www.drivegrab.com SQL injection** Share:   

State	● Resolved (Closed)	Severity	■ High (7 ~ 8.9)
Disclosed publicly	November 17, 2017 6:28am +0000	Participants	
Reported To	Grabtaxi Holdings Pte Ltd	Visibility	Public (Full)
Asset	drivegrab.com (Domain)		
Weakness	SQL Injection		
Bounty	\$4,500		

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Get Creative

- There's many more kinds of vulnerabilities out there
 - Including things that haven't been thought of yet!
- Chain things together, create new things; get creative!
- The worst bugs are often just flaws in business logic
 - You often don't need anything other than a web browser
- ...but don't be stupid. Only target systems you have permission to target :)

Questions?

- I like questions! Ask me questions! :)