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OWASP TOP 10: #4 Insecure Direct Object Reference

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OWASP

Open Web Application
Security Project



OWASP #4

Insecure Direct Object Reference

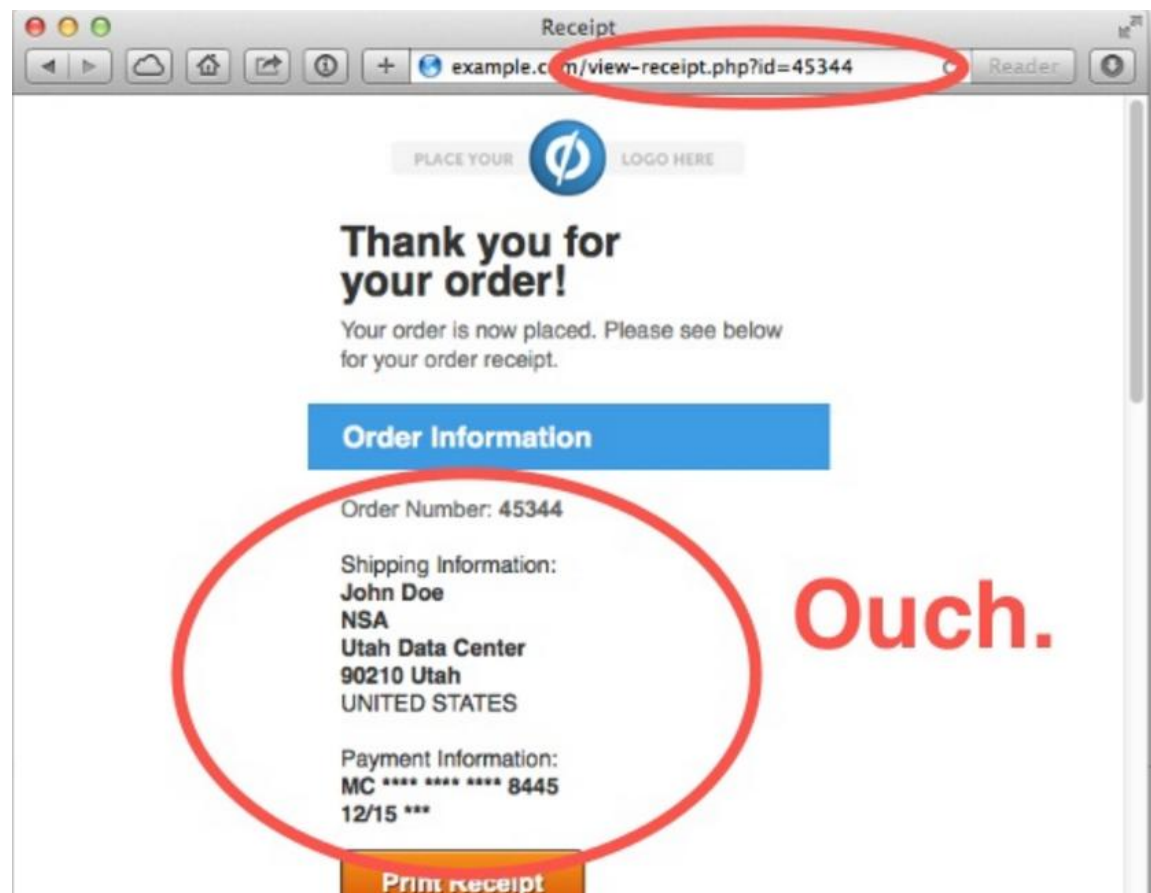
OWASP Top 10 Vulnerabilities

Reference to an **internal implementation object** such as **files, directories, or database entries** **without an access control check** or protection mechanism.

Insecure Direct Object Reference – What is it?

Where it all began.

Samples



Samples

```
POST / HTTP/1.1  
Host: example.com  
Cookie: user=453435;  
Content-Length: 52
```

```
email=hackz@detectify.com&password=secretsecret1
```

Ouch.

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK  
Date: Sun, 26 Oct 2014 15:08:30 GMT  
Server: Apache  
Content-Length: 2  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=utf-8  
User 453435 updated.
```


What are the Risks When Exploited?

- Change of database content (e.g. change of delivery address)
- Delete database entry (e.g. another user account, invoice, etc.)
- Loss of profits (e.g. access to promo codes or gift certificates)



What can hackers access?

- Access to database entries
 - Account numbers
 - Credit card numbers
 - User information
- Access to files
- Emails



How is this vulnerability exploited?

1. No secure access model
 - User X should only have access to object A
2. Numeric IDs
3. Error messages that gives away structure
 - *“User X cannot view object owned by User Y”*
 - *“No access to this object.”*
4. Inconsequent ID sources
 - *<http://www.example.com/?view=434>*
 - *<http://www.example.com/view/434>*

How to I Prevent Such Vulnerability?

- User ID in session or token
- Utilize an access model
 - Check access for all objects
 - If not owned by user, deny access

Go to <http://www.securesavingsbank.com>

EXPLOIT DEMO

How simple it is to test for a IDOR vulnerability.

TIME FOR Q&A

OWASP Top 10 – Insecure Direct Object Reference

Go download **WebGoat**

<https://github.com/WebGoat/WebGoat-Legacy>

TRY IT YOURSELF

Some homework for you to learn a bit more.

WebGoat Installation How-To

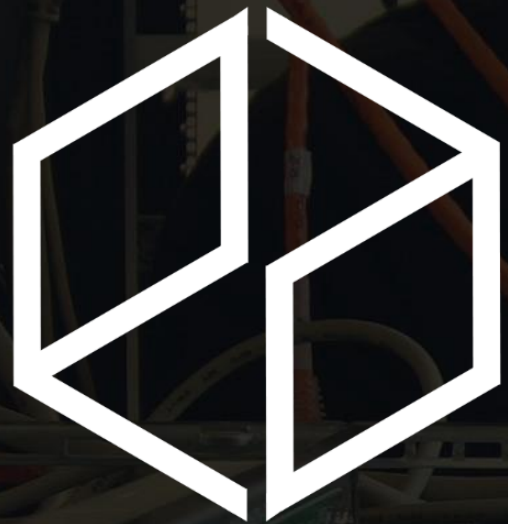
1. Download Java VM, JDK 1.7
2. Download WebGoat: <https://webgoat.atlassian.net/builds/browse/WEB-WGM/latestSuccessful/artifact/shared/WebGoat-Embedded-Tomcat/WebGoat-6.0.1-war-exec.jar>
3. Run the .jar file:
 1. `java -jar WebGoat-6.0-exec-war.jar`
4. Then navigate in your browser to: (<http://localhost:8080/WebGoat>)
5. Login using guest account
6. Go to Access Control Flaws and complete the following exercises:
 1. Bypass a Path Based Access Control Scheme

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