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OWASP

Open Web Application
Security Project



OWASP #7

Missing Function Access Control

OWASP Top 10 Vulnerabilities

Flaws in the web application that **allows access to functions** that needs **authorization** before allowing **privileges**.

Missing Function Access Control

What is it?

How is this vulnerability exploited?

1. No secure access model
 - User X should only have access to function A
2. Action are passed via URL
 - *http://www.example.com/?post=434&action=view*
 - *http://www.example.com/post/434?action=modify*

What are the Risks When Exploited?

- Administrative function access to unauthorized users
- Data manipulation and data theft (same as IDOR)
 - 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)



How do I Prevent Such Vulnerability?

- Deny access to all functionality by default
- Use access control lists (or access control model) and role based authentication mechanism
- Don't just hide functions

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EXPLOIT DEMO

How simple it is to test for a missing function access control vulnerability.

TIME FOR Q&A

OWASP Top 10 – Missing Function Access Control

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. Stage 1

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