# THE RACE IS ON

UNDERSTANDING AND PREVENTING RACE CONDITION ATTACKS IN WEB APPS

# Profile





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- Race Condition PoC SNB (Web Apps)
- Real-world

### Prevention

- Atomic Operation
- Locks
- Transaction Isolation Level: Serializable

### Conclusion

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# **Race Condition ..?**

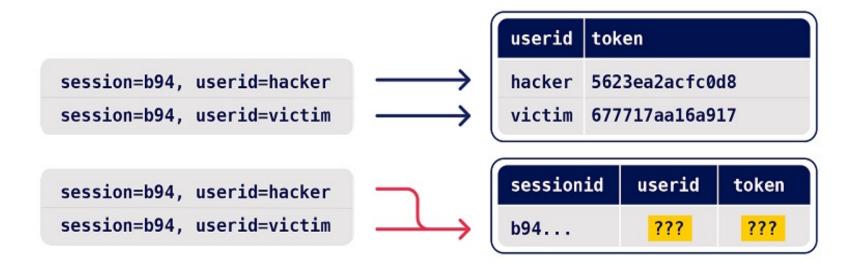
Race condition is a vulnerability that lets more than one transactions work with the same data, which leads to anomaly behavior of the application

a common type of vulnerability closely related to business logic flaws.



# How it arises

When applications process multiple threads in concurrent without any defenses, this rises a chance for the vulnerability to occur, resulting in a "**collision**" that causes unintended behavior in the application.



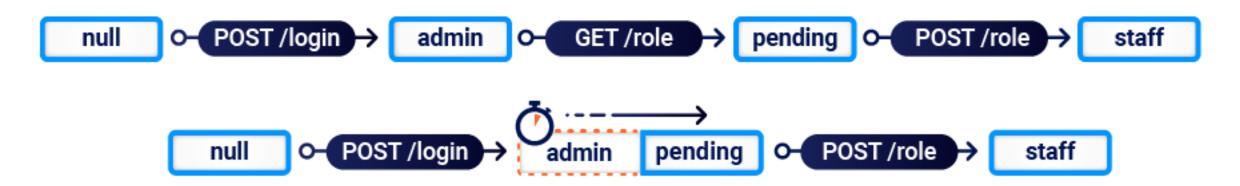
Ref: portswigger.net

# **Sample Scenario**

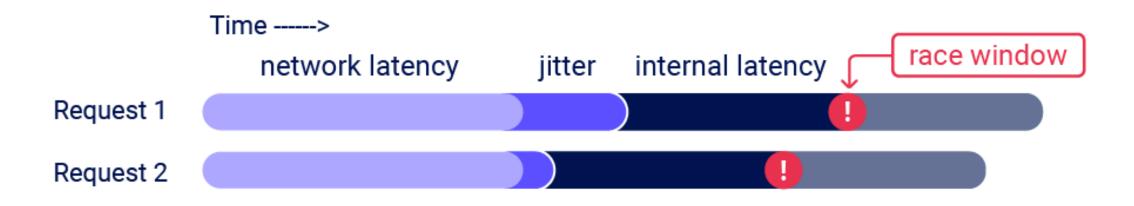
#### **Expressed states**



#### **Hidden state**



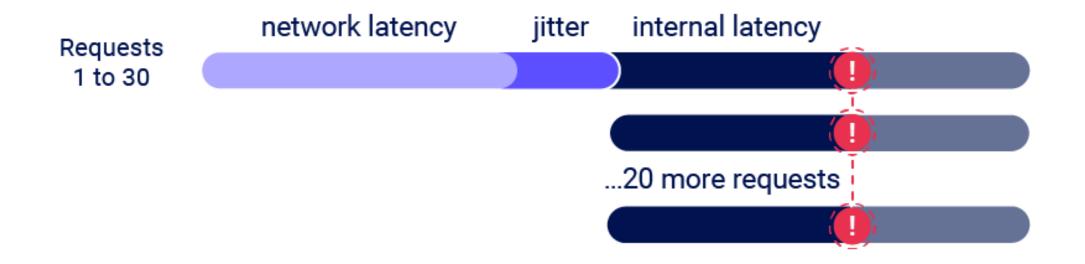
# **Race window!**



- The period of time during which a collision is possible

it quite hard to attack without technique or tool

# Single-packet Attack



#### Only available after Burp Suite 2023.9

# **Burp Suite**

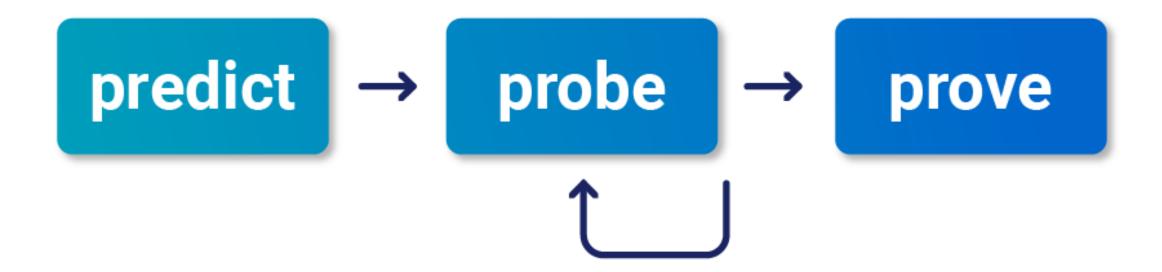
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- 1. make a group of requests
- 2. select "Send Group in parallel (single-packet-attack)" for attacking

# **Turbo Intruder: Burp Extension**

Total estimated :	system impact:	Medium					
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ame	Installed	Rating	Popularity	Last updated	System imp Detail		
urbo Intruder	~	***		20 Sep 2023	Medium	- Turbo Intruder	
ebSocket Turbo In /Burp	ru		7	- 14 Feb 2024 - 05 Oct 2023	Low	Turbo Intruder is a Burp Suite extension for sending large numbers of HTTP requests and analyzing the results. It's intended to complement Bur that require extreme speed or complexity. The following features set it apart:	rp Intruder by handling attacks
						Fast - Turbo Intruder uses a HTTP stack hand-coded from scratch with speed in mind. As a result, on many targets it can seriously outpac asynchronous Go scripts.	e even fashionable
						Flexible - Attacks are configured using Python. This enables handling of complex requirements such as signed requests and multi-step atta HTTP stack means it can handle malformed requests that break other libraries.	ack sequences. Also, the custor
						• Scalable - Turbo Intruder can achieve flat memory usage, enabling reliable multi-day attacks. It can also be run in headless environments via	a the command line.
						Convenient - Boring results can be automatically filtered out by an advanced diffing algorithm adapted from Backslash Powered Scanner	
						On the other hand it's undeniably harder to use, and the network stack isn't as reliable and battle-tested as core Burp's.	
						Basic use	
						To use it, simply highlight the area you want to inject over, then right click and 'Send to Turbo Intruder'. This will open a window containing a Procustomise before launching the attack.	ython snippet which you can
						For full usage instructions, please refer to the documentation.	
						Copyright © 2018-2023 PortSwigger Ltd.	
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						Author: James 'albinowax' Kettle, PortSwigger	
						Version: 1.42	
						Source: https://github.com/portswigger/turbo-intruder	

# Methodology



# **1. Predict** - Predict potential collisions

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#### No need to test every endpoint

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Look for critical or interesting functionalities 03

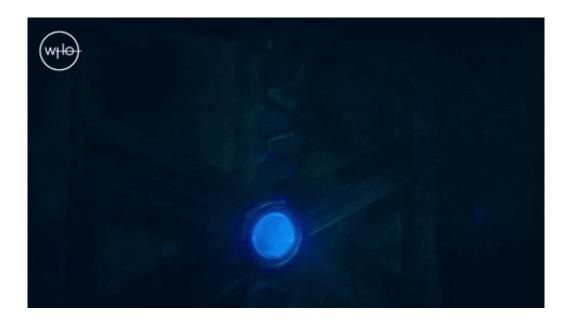
Inspect the endpoint if it accesses the same record

# 2. Probe - Probe for clues

Benchmark Benchmark the endpoint to see the normal behavior				
Create	Create a baseline for the normal behavior			
Try	Try to send a group of requests in parallel to see the different responses			
Look	Look for clues by comparing with the normal responses			

# **3. Prove** - Prove the concept

- When we see the difference from the previous step, try to replicate the attack
- Remove unnecessary requests but keep the effect of the exploit



it's the time for exploiting

# Simple Scenarios by us

RACE CONDITION - SNB	Home Users	Rooms	Profile	Transfer	Book	Histories	Bookings	Utilities
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Tech stack: NextJS, Prisma (ORM), PostgresSQL Db(Read Committed)

Deploy on: Vercel

# **Race Condition PoC - Web app**

#### 1. Users - show all users data

#### 2.Profile - show each user data

User Details								
Refres	sh Data							
ID	CREATED AT	USERNAME	NAME	BALANCE	ROOMS			
1	09/05/2024, 14:31:11	userA	mrs. Abily	0				
2	09/05/2024, 14:31:17	userB	mr. Bean	300,000				
3	09/05/2024, 14:31:27	userC	mr. Charlton	100,000				
4	09/05/2024, 14:31:35	userD	ph.D. Duck	100,000				

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ACE CONDITION - SNB	Home Users	Rooms Profile	Transfer Book	Histories Bookings	Utilities					
User Profile										
Select User:										
#1: userA: mrs. Abily										
mrs. Abily ID# 1 Username: userA Created At: 09/05/2024 Balance: \$100000.00										
Rooms:										
ROOM ID	NAME			BOOKER ID						
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Booking History:										
TRANSACTION ID	ROOM NUMBER	BO	DKER ID	CREATED AT						
1	# 4		1	22/05/2024, 17:52:05						

#### 3. Transfer - money transferring

	Home	Users	Rooms	Profile	Transfer	Book
		Tra	nsfer Fu	nds		
Sender ID:						
Receiver ID:						
Amount:						
Transfer Me	thod:					
Standard	Transferin	g.				

#### **5. Transfer Histories**

Transaction Histories								
Filter by Receiver ID:		Filter by Sender ID:	Filter by Sender ID:					
All Receivers		All Senders						
Refresh Data								
TRANSACTION ID	CREATED AT	RECEIVER ID	SENDER ID	AMOUNT				
5	03/07/2024, 13:04:42	1	4	\$50000				
4	03/07/2024, 13:04:38	4	1	\$20000				
3	03/07/2024, 13:04:30	4	3	\$20000				
2	03/07/2024, 13:04:25	3	2	\$10000				
1	03/07/2024, 13:04:16	2	1	\$10000				

#### 4. Book - booking a room

#### Booking

Booker ID:	
1	
Room Number:	
1	
Booking Method:	
Standard booking.	]
	-

Book

#### 6. Booking Histories

#### **Booking Histories**

ilter by Room Number:								
All Rooms								
Refresh Data								
TRANSACTION ID	CREATED AT	ROOM NUMBER	BOOKER ID					
1	22/05/2024, 11:53:31	1	1					

## Let's begin with Transfer

- Go to the transfer page

	Home	Users	Rooms	Profile	Transfer	Bool
		Tra	nsfer Fu	nds		
Sender ID:						
Receiver ID	:					
Amount:						
Transfer Mo	ethod:					
Standar	d Transferin	g.				

# Transfer (Normal Flow)

- Fill the form to transfer money

Sender ID:	
1	
Receiver ID:	
2	
Amount:	
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Transfer Method:	
Standard Transfering.	
Transfer	

**Transfer Funds** 

# Transfer (Normal Flow)

- Check the user details

		User De	etails		
Refres	created at	USERNAME	NAME	BALANCE	ROOMS
1	09/05/2024, 14:31:11	userA	mrs. Abily	0	
2	09/05/2024, 14:31:17	userB	mr. Bean	200,000	
3	09/05/2024, 14:31:27	userC	mr. Charlton	100,000	
4	09/05/2024, 14:31:35	userD	ph.D. Duck	100,000	

# Transfer (Normal Flow)

- Check transaction history

#### result

#### **Transaction Histories**

Filter by Receiver ID:		Filter by Sender II	D:	
All Receivers		All Senders		
Refresh Data				
TRANSACTION ID	CREATED AT	RECEIVER ID	SENDER ID	AMOUNT
1	22/05/2024, 19:39:16	2	1	\$100000

## **Initiating Attacks**

- Get the request in Burp HTTP history
- Send the request to the Repeater

#### Request

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1	POST /api/transfer HTTP/2				
2	Host: race-proj-snb.vercel.app				
3	Content-Length: 45				
4	<pre>Sec-Ch-Ua: "Not-A.Brand";v="99", "Chromium";v="124"</pre>				
5	<pre>Accept: application/json, text/plain, */*</pre>				
6	Content-Type: application/json				
7	Sec-Ch-Ua-Mobile: ?0				_
8	User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleW	ebK:	it/53	7.36	5
	(KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/124.0.6367.118 Safari/537.36				
9	Sec-Ch-Ua-Platform: "macOS"				
10	Origin: https://race-proj-snb.vercel.app				
11	Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin				
12	Sec-Fetch-Mode: cors				
13	Sec-Fetch-Dest: empty				
14	Referer: https://race-proj-snb.vercel.app/transfer				
15	Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br Accept-Language: en-GB,en-US;q=0.9,en;q=0.8				
16 17	Priority: u=1, i				
18	111011ty. u-1, 1				
19	{				
19	"senderId":2,				
	"receiverId":1,				
	"amount":100000				
	}				

### **Predict**

- Get the request in Burp HTTP history
- Send the request to the Repeater

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Request	Create tab group	
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2 Host:	api/transfer HTTP/ race-proj-snb.verc t-Length: 42	

### **Predict**

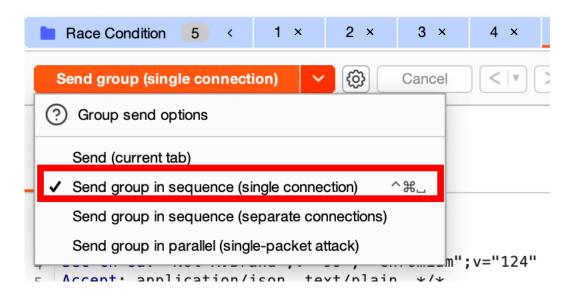
- Duplicate the request
- 4-5 requests are OK

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### **Probe (baseline)**

- Change the sending method
- Send a group of requests in a single connection

\*\* Reset all the transactions before testing \*\*

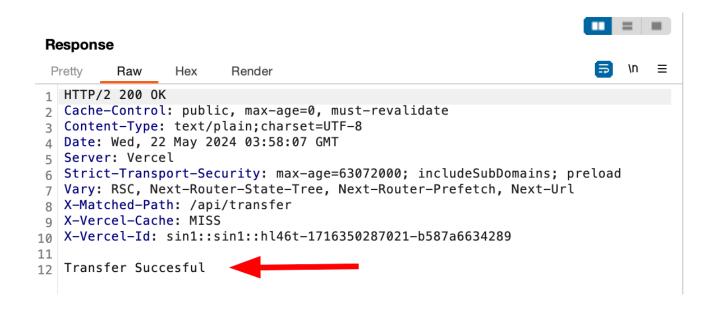


### **Observing -1**

- Observe the responses

It is the should be only 1
Successful response

#### result



### **Observing -2**

- The other responses should have failed due to the balance

#### result

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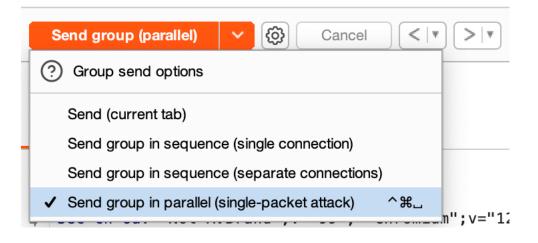
### **Observing -3**

- Check the balance

		User De	etails		
Refres	sh Data				
ID	CREATED AT	USERNAME	NAME	BALANCE	ROOMS
1	09/05/2024, 14:31:11	userA	mrs. Abily	0	
2	09/05/2024, 14:31:17	userB	mr. Bean	200,000	
3	09/05/2024, 14:31:27	userC	mr. Charlton	100,000	
4	09/05/2024, 14:31:35	userD	ph.D. Duck	100,000	

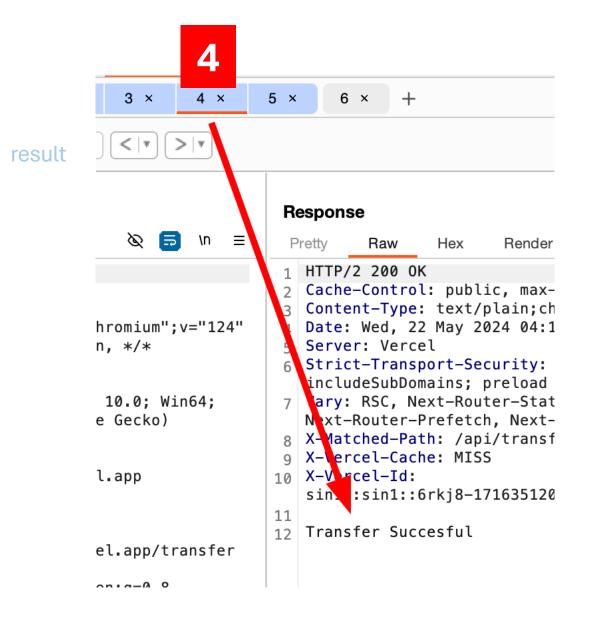
### Probe -2

- Reset the transaction again
- Change the sending method and send again



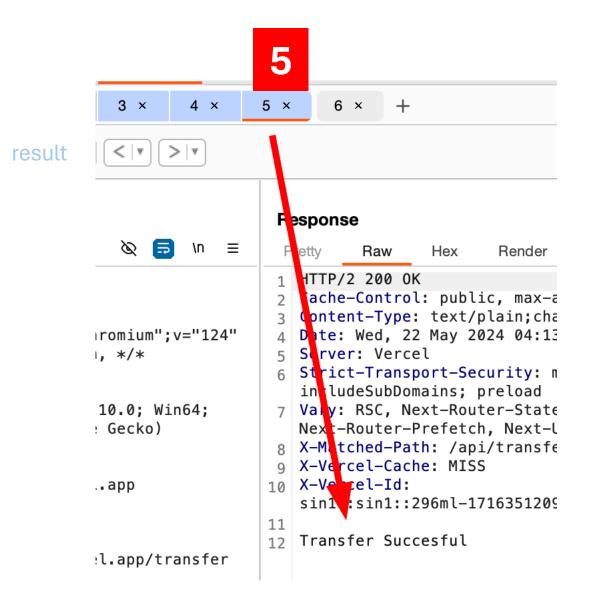
### Probe -2

- Observe the responses
- It is the should have more than 1 successful responses



### Probe -2

- Observe the responses
- It is the should have more than 1 successful responses



#### **Prove**

- Check the user details page
- The summary of every balance was increased

esult		User Details				
Refres	sh Data					
ID	CREATED AT	USERNAME	NAME	BALANCE	ROOMS	
1	09/05/2024, 14:31:11	userA	mrs. Abily	0		
2	09/05/2024, 14:31:17	userB	mr. Bean	300,000		
3	09/05/2024, 14:31:27	userC	mr. Charlton	100,000		
4	09/05/2024, 14:31:35	userD	ph.D. Duck	100,000		

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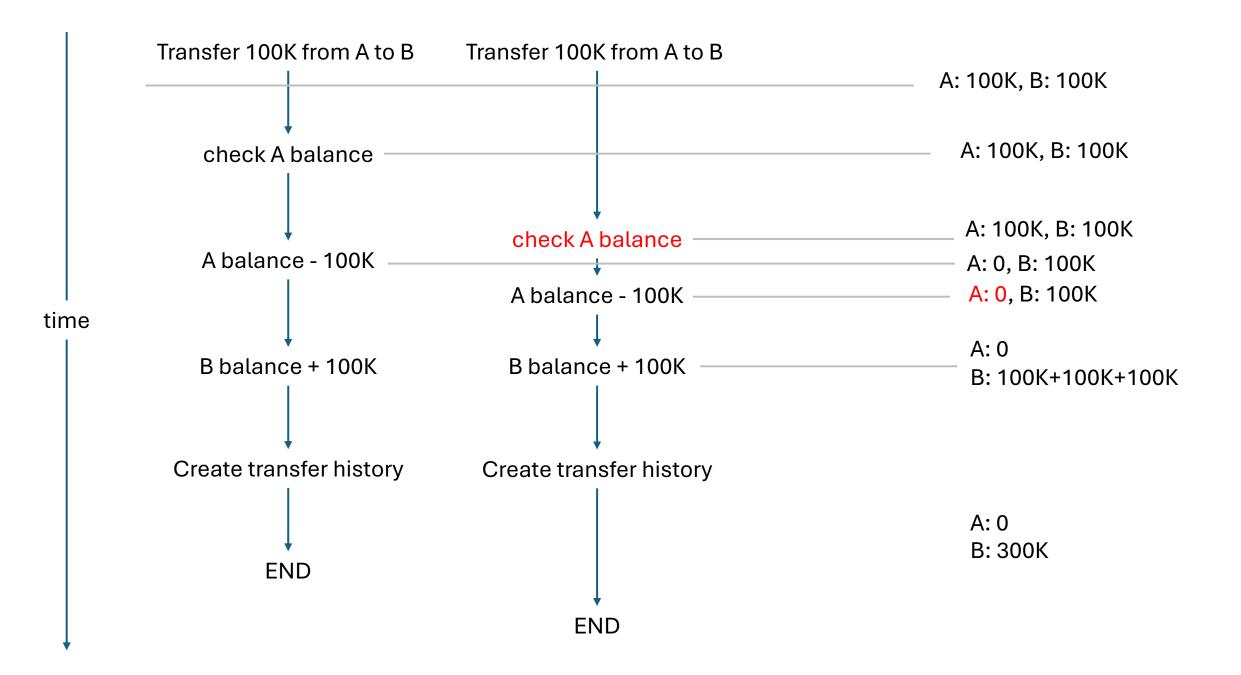
#### Default Overall Balance : 400,000

After exploitation: 500,000

... wait a minute

from where???

Vulnerab code	le	<pre>// Sender's side const sender = await prisma.user.findUnique({ where: { id: parseInt(senderId) } }); if (!sender) {    throw new Error('Sender not found'); }</pre>
		<pre>if (sender.balance &lt; parsedAmount) {    throw new Error('Insufficient funds'); }</pre>
		<pre>const updatedSender = await prisma.user.update({     where: { id: parseInt(senderId) },     data: { balance: sender.balance - parsedAmount }, });</pre>
		<pre>// Receiver's side const receiver = await prisma.user.findUnique({ where: { id: parseInt(receiverId) } }); if (!receiver) {    throw new Error('Receiver not found'); }</pre>
		<pre>const updatedReceiver = await prisma.user.update({     where: { id: parseInt(receiverId) },     data: { balance: receiver.balance + parsedAmount }, });</pre>
		<pre>// Create transaction history if(updatedSender &amp;&amp; updatedReceiver){ await prisma.history.create({     data: {         receiverId: receiver.id,         amount: parsedAmount,         senderId: sender.id     },</pre>



### Let's move to Booking

- Go to the Booking page
- Fill the form and book a room

Booker ID:		
1		
De em Number		
Room Number:		
1		
Booking Method:		
Standard booking.		
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## Booking

- Check the booking history

### **Important Condition**:

Only 1 room can map with 1 user

### **Booking Histories**

All Rooms			
tefresh Data			
TRANSACTION ID	CREATED AT	ROOM NUMBER	BOOKER ID

## **Predict**

- Get the request in Burp HTTP history
- Send to the Repeater

#### Request

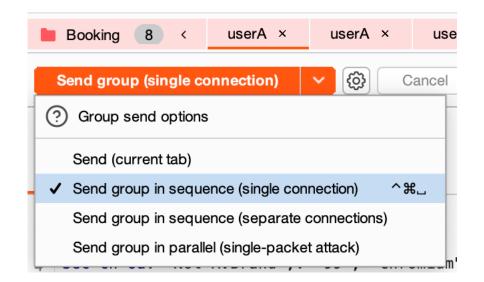
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1	POST /api/book HTTP/2				
2	Host: race-proj-snb.vercel.app				
3	Content-Length: 29				
4	<pre>Sec-Ch-Ua: "Not-A.Brand";v="99", "Chromium";v="124"</pre>				
5	<pre>Accept: application/json, text/plain, */*</pre>				
6	Content-Type: application/json				
7	Sec-Ch-Ua-Mobile: ?0				
8	User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWe (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/124.0.6367.118 Safari/537.36	ebKi	t/53	37.3	6
9	Sec-Ch-Ua-Platform: "macOS"				
10	<pre>Origin: https://race-proj-snb.vercel.app</pre>				
11	Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin				
12	Sec-Fetch-Mode: cors				
13	Sec-Fetch-Dest: empty				
14	Referer: https://race-proj-snb.vercel.app/book				
15	Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br				
16	Accept-Language: en-GB,en-US;q=0.9,en;q=0.8				
17	Priority: u=1, i				
18					
19	{				
	"bookerId":1,				
	"roomNumber":1				
	}				

- Create a group of requests
- Every user will book the same room twice

Dashboard	Target	Proxy	Intruder	Repeater	Collaborator	Sequencer	Decoder	Comparer	Logger
Booking	8 <	userA ×	userA ×	userB ×	userB ×	userC ×	userC ×	userD ×	userD ×
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## **Probe (baseline)**

- Create a group of requests
- Every user will book the same room twice



## **Observing-1**

- Observe the responses
- There should be only 1 successful booking

### result

Request	Response
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<pre>1 POST /api/book HTTP/2 2 Host: race-proj-snb.vercel.app 3 Content-Length: 29 4 Sec-Ch-Ua: "Not-A.Brand";v="99", "Chromium";v="124" 5 Accept: application/json, text/plain, */* 6 Content-Type: application/json 7 Sec-Ch-Ua-Mobile: ?0 8 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) 6 Chrome/124.0.6367.118 Safari/537.36 9 Sec-Ch-Ua-Platform: "macOS" 10 Origin: https://race-proj-snb.vercel.app 12 Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin 13 Sec-Fetch-Dest: empty 14 Referer: https://race-proj-snb.vercel.app/book 15 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br 16 Accept-Language: en-GB,en-US;q=0.9,en;q=0.8 17 Priority: u=1, i 18 19 { 10 Content - Sec -</pre>	<pre>1 HTTP/2 200 OK 2 Cache-Control: public, max-age=0, must-revalidate 3 Content-Type: text/plain;charset=UTF-8 4 Date: Wed, 22 May 2024 05:05:24 GMT 5 Server: Vercel 6 Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=63072000; includeSubDomains; preload 7 Vary: RSC, Next-Router-State-Tree, Next-Router-Prefetch, Next-Url 8 X-Matched-Path: /api/book 9 X-Vercel-Cache: MISS 10 X-Vercel-Id: sin1::sin1::nvpjt-1716354324662-7950c4c271b1 11 12 Booking Succesful</pre>

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## **Observing-2**

- Other users should see an error message

### result

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## **Observing-3**

- Go check the booking history

### result

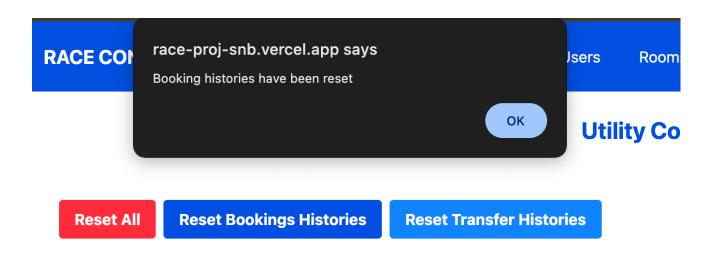
### **Booking Histories**

Filter by Room Number:

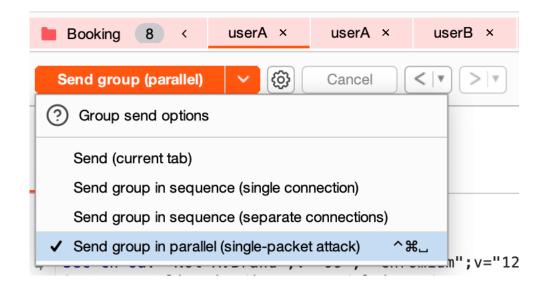
All Rooms			
Refresh Data			
TRANSACTION ID	CREATED AT	ROOM NUMBER	BOOKER ID
1	22/05/2024, 12:05:24	1	1

## Reset

- Reset the lab
- We will prove for race condition vulnerability



- Change the sending method
- Send requests in parallel



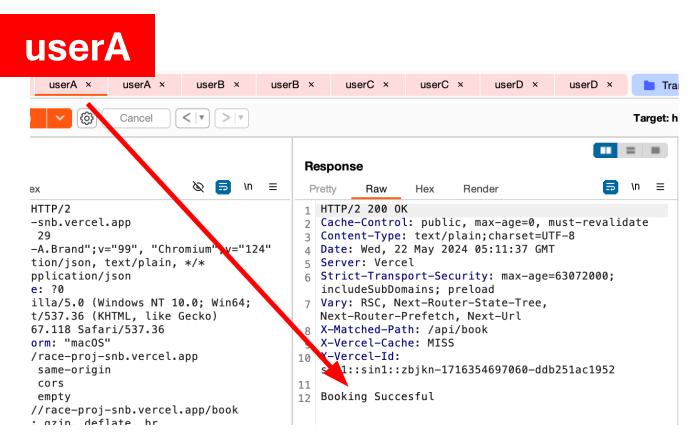
- There should be at least 2 successful responses

### - userA



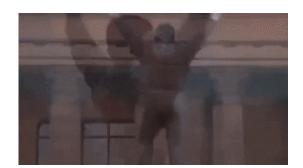
yeahh! I'm the winner

#### result

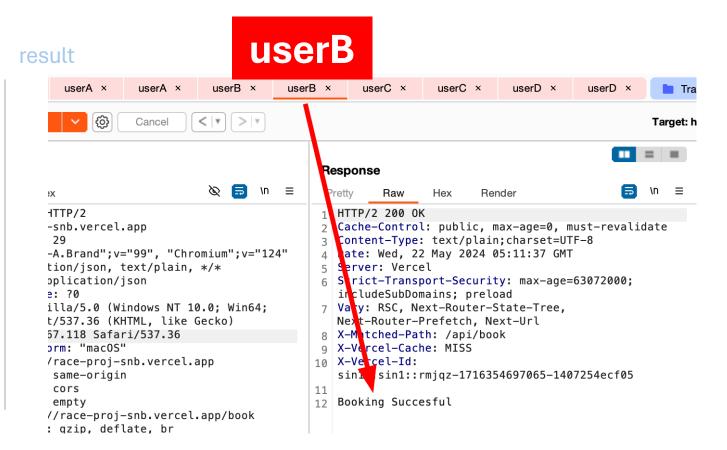


There should be at least 2 successful responses

### - userB



yeahh! I'm the winner too. hmm?



### **Prove**

- Check the booking history
- Both of them were successfully booked a room

### result

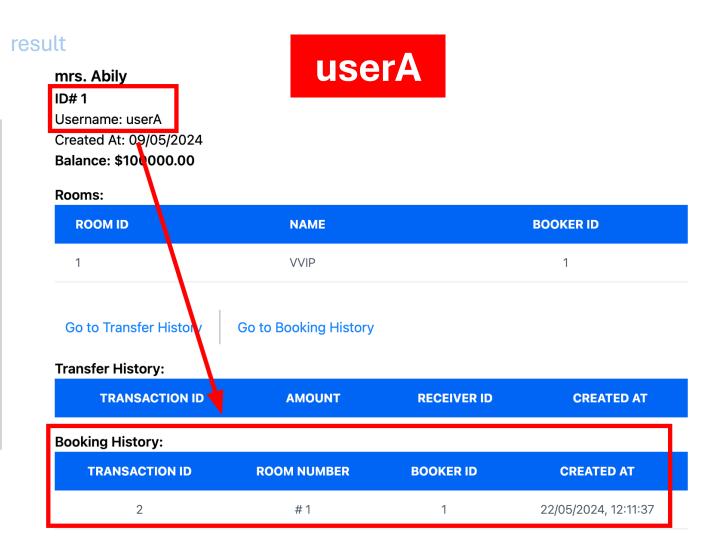
### **Booking Histories**

Filter by Room Number:

CREATED AT	ROOM NUMBER	BOOKER ID
22/05/2024, 12:11:37	1	2
22/05/2024, 12:11:37	1	1
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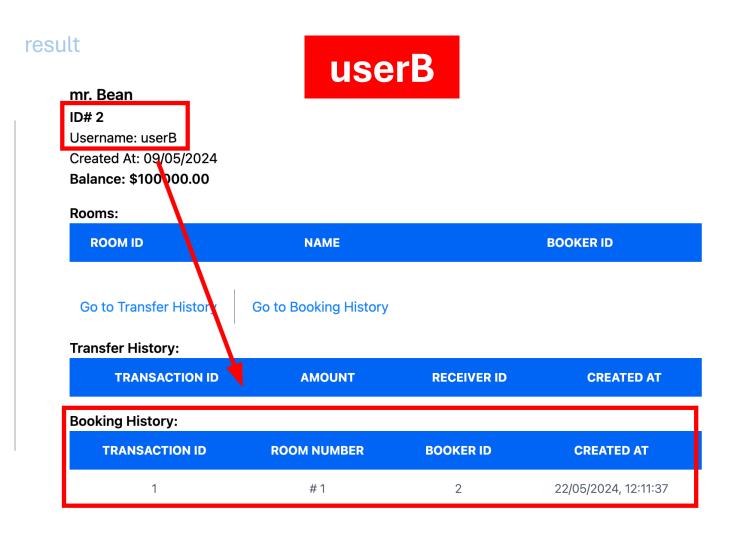
### **Prove**

From user's perspective, both of them would see a successful booking



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Vulnerable code	<pre>const booker = await prisma.user.findUnique({ where: { id: parseInt(bookerId) } }); if (!booker) {     throw new Error('Booker not found'); }</pre>
	<pre>const booking_room = await prisma.room.findUnique({ where: { id: parseInt(roomNumber) } }) if (booking_room?.bookerId) {     throw new Error('Room not available'); }</pre>
	<pre>// Update room const updatedRoom = await prisma.room.update({     where: { id: parseInt(roomNumber) },     data: { bookerId : booker.id }, });</pre>
	<pre>// Create transaction history if(updatedRoom){   await prisma.booking.create({      data: {         bookerId: booker.id,         roomNumber: parsedRoomNumber      }, })};</pre>

## so.. Who is the real winner?



### result

### **Prove**

- From the DB condition,

## Only one room is able to match with only one person.



### **Rooms Overview**

### **Refresh Data**

ROOM NUMBER	NAME	BOOKER ID
1	VVIP	1
2	DELUXE	Unbooked
3	FANTASTIC	Unbooked
4	COZY	Unbooked

## The Impact of successful RC Attack

From the cases given above

## **Transferring**

- Financial Loss
- Reputation Damage
- Operational Disruption

## Booking

- Financial Loss
- Suffering
- Integrity

"The impact of a successful attack usually depends on what the vulnerable function can do."

## **Example cases**

- Bypassing anti-brute force mechanisms (e.g., login mechanism).
- Overdrawing limits (e.g., bank account).
- Multiple voting (e.g., online surveys).
- Multiple execution of transfers.
- Generation and redemption of coupon or discount codes.



## **Case study**

https://www.pentagrid.ch/en/blog/password-reset-code-brute-force-vulnerability-in-AWS-Cognito/

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### Password reset code brute-force vulnerability in AWS Cognito

Pentagrid AG - 2021-04-30 10:00

The password reset function of AWS Cognito allows attackers to change the account password if a six-digit number (reset code) sent out by E-mail is correctly entered. By using concurrent HTTP request techniques, it was shown that an attacker can do more guesses on this number than mentioned in the AWS documentation (1587 instead of 20). If the attack succeeds and the attacked accounts do not have multi-factor authentication enabled, a full take-over of the attacked AWS Cognito user accounts would have been possible. The issue was fixed by AWS on 2021-04-20.

### Impact

An attacker who guessed the correct reset code can set a new password for the attacked AWS Cognito account. This allows attackers to take over the account that is not using additional multi-factor authentication.



A vulnerability, which was classified as problematic, was found in Amazon AWS Cognito (affected version not known). Affected is some unknown functionality. The

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# CVE-2024-6387

**OpenSSH** regreSSHion RCE

OpenSSH RegreSSHion Vulnerability (CVE-2024-6387)



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## regreSSHion: Remote Unauthenticated Code Execution Vulnerability in OpenSSH server



**Bharat Jogi, Senior Director, Threat Research Unit, Qualys** July 1, 2024 - 8 min read

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https://blog.qualys.com/vulnerabilities-threat-research/2024/07/01/regresshion-remoteunauthenticated-code-execution-vulnerability-in-openssh-server

## **Prevention**

1. Atomic Operation

2. Locks

- Pessimistic Lock
- Optimistic Lock



3. Transaction Isolation Level: Serializable

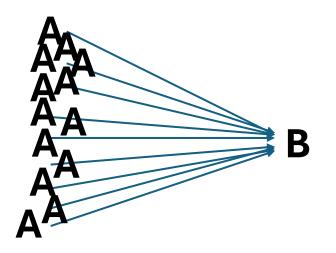
## **Test cases: Transffering**

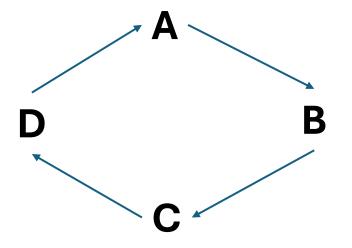
CASE 1:

A->B 20 times

**CASE 2:** 

A->B, B->C, C->D, D->A 2 times





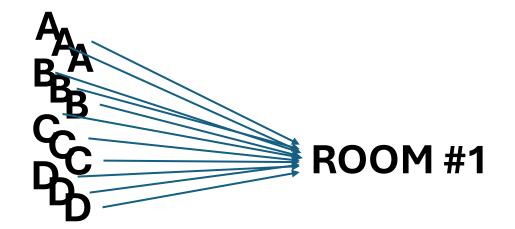
20 requests

8 requests (2 cycles)

## **Test case: Booking**

**CASE 1:** 

A->#1, B->#1, C->#1, D->#1 3 times each





it's my room!

get away!

12 requests (3 each)

## **Transactions**

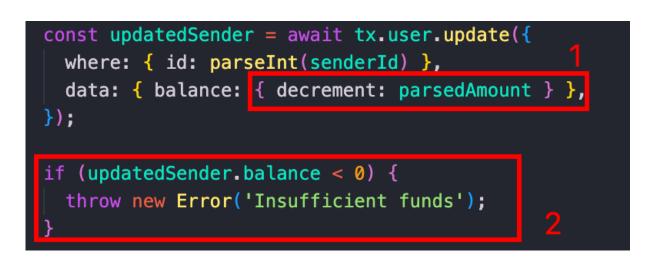
- Atomic: Ensures that either *all* or *none* operations of the transactions succeed. The transaction is either *committed* successfully or *aborted* and *rolled back*.
- **Consistent**: Ensures that the states of the database before and after the transaction are *valid* (i.e. any existing invariants about the data are maintained).
- **Isolated**: Ensures that concurrently running transactions have the same effect as if they were running in serial.
- **Durability**: Ensures that after the transaction succeeded, any writes are being stored persistently.

## **1** Atomic Operation

Associated with low-level programming with regards to multiprocessing or multi-threading applications and are similar to Critical Sections.

Atomic operations by Prisma ensure that a series of database operations are executed as a single unit.

If any operation in the series fails, the entire transaction is rolled back, leaving the database in its original state before the transaction began



<pre>const updatedReceiver = await tx.user.update()</pre>	{
<pre>where: { id: parseInt(receiverId) },</pre>	
<pre>data: { balance: { increment: parsedAmount</pre>	} <b>},</b>
<pre>});</pre>	

### Vuln

```
const updatedSender = await prisma.user.update({
    where: { id: parseInt(senderId) },
    data: { balance: sender.balance - parsedAmount },
});
```

```
const updatedReceiver = await prisma.user.update({
   where: { id: parseInt(receiverId) },
   data: { balance: receiver.balance + parsedAmount },
});
```

### Prevention

### await prisma.\$transaction(async (tx) => {

```
const updatedSender = await tx.user.update({
    where: { id: parseInt(senderId) }, 1
    data: { balance: { decrement: parsedAmount } },
});
const updatedReceiver = await tx.user.update({
```

```
where: { id: parseInt(receiverId) },
   data: { balance: { increment: parsedAmount } },
});
```

- Go to the transfer page
- Change the sending method

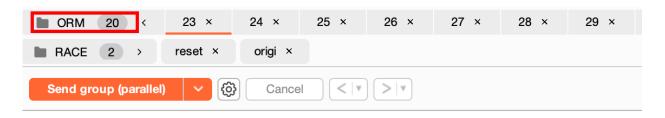
Sender ID:	
1	
Receiver ID:	
2	
Amount:	
100000	
Transfer Method:	
Secure from race condition with built-in ORM - Atomic Operations.	
Transfer	

**Transfer Funds** 

- Intercept the request
- Send to the Repeater

#### Request ଛ 🚍 Raw Hex Pretty POST /api/transfer/orm HTTP/2 Host: race-proj-snb.vercel.app Content-Length: 45 Sec-Ch-Ua: "Not-A.Brand";v="99", "Chromium";v="124" Accept: application/json, text/plain, \*/\* Content-Type: application/json 6 Sec-Ch-Ua-Mobile: ?0 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; 8 x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/124.0.6367.118 Safari/537.36 9 Sec-Ch-Ua-Platform: "macOS" 10 Origin: https://race-proj-snb.vercel.app 11 Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin 12 Sec-Fetch-Mode: cors 13 Sec-Fetch-Dest: empty Referer: https://race-proj-snb.vercel.app/transfer 14 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br 15 Accept-Language: en-GB,en-US;q=0.9,en;q=0.8 16 Priority: u=1, i 17 18 19 { "senderId":1, "receiverId":2, "amount":100000 3

- Create a group of request
- Try to exploit with the same technique



#### Request

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- Create a group of request
- Try to exploit with the same technique

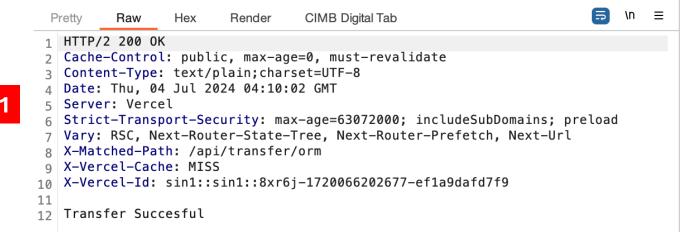
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1. Only 1 successful response

### 2. Other responses:

Error: Insufficient funds

#### Response



#### Response

### **Transaction Histories**

Filter by Receiver ID:		Filter by Sender ID:			
All Receivers		All Senders			
Refresh Data					
TRANSACTION ID	CREATED AT	RECEIVER ID	SENDER ID	AMOUNT	
1	7/4/2024, 11:37:16 AM	2	1	\$100000	

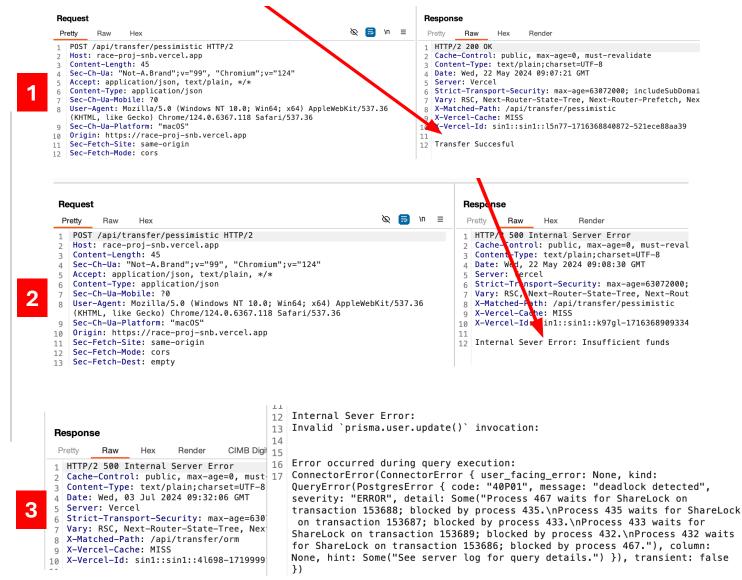
### **User Details**

**Refresh Data** 

ID	CREATED AT	USERNAME	NAME	BALANCE	ROOMS
1	5/9/2024, 2:31:11 PM	userA	mrs. Abily	0	
2	5/9/2024, 2:31:17 PM	userB	mr. Bean	200,000	
3	5/9/2024, 2:31:27 PM	userC	mr. Charlton	100,000	
4	5/9/2024, 2:31:35 PM	userD	ph.D. Duck	100,000	

## Prove case 2: A->B, B->C, C->D, D->A

- 1. Transfer Successful
- 2. Error: Insufficient funds
- 3. Error: ConnectorError(..PostgresErr or... "deadlock detected")



#### **Transaction Histories**

Filter by Receiver ID:	Filter by Sender ID:		
All Receivers	All Senders		

**Refresh Data** 

TRANSACTION ID	CREATED AT	RECEIVER ID	SENDER ID	AMOUNT
5	7/3/2024, 4:32:05 PM	3	2	\$100000
4	7/3/2024, 4:32:05 PM	4	3	\$100000
6	7/3/2024, 4:32:05 PM	2	1	\$100000
1	7/3/2024, 4:32:05 PM	3	2	\$100000
3	7/3/2024, 4:32:05 PM	1	4	\$100000
2	7/3/2024, 4:32:05 PM	2	1	\$100000

### **User Details**

#### **Refresh Data**

ID	CREATED AT	USERNAME	NAME	BALANCE	ROOMS
1	5/9/2024, 2:31:11 PM	userA	mrs. Abily	0	
2	5/9/2024, 2:31:17 PM	userB	mr. Bean	100,000	
3	5/9/2024, 2:31:27 PM	userC	mr. Charlton	200,000	
4	5/9/2024, 2:31:35 PM	userD	ph.D. Duck	100,000	

- Go to the book page
- Change the booking method

Booker ID:		
4		
Room Number:		
1		
Booking Method:		
Secure from race condition with App	ication Logics.	

- Intercept the request
- Send to the Repeater
- Grouping requests

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- change value of bookerld for each request
- Send group in parallel

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	"roomNumber":1 }					

- 1. Only 1 Booking Successful
- 2. Error: Room not available

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#### Response

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### **Booking Histories**

Filter by Room Number:			
All Rooms			
Refresh Data			
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1	VVIP	4	
2	DELUXE	Unbooked	

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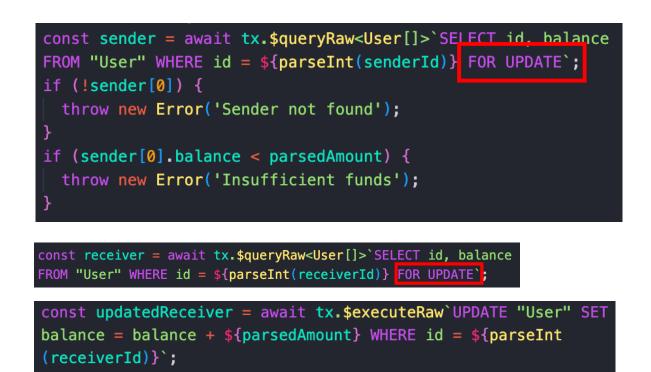
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## 2 .1 Pessimistic Lock

involves locking the data until the transaction completes, preventing other transactions from accessing the locked data until it is unlocked.

By locking the records, pessimistic locking ensures that no other transaction can read or write the locked data until the lock is released, thus preventing race conditions.



### Vuln

//Sender's side

const sender = await prisma.\$queryRaw<User[]>`SELECT id, balance
FROM "User" WHERE id = \${parseInt(senderId)}`;

const updatedSender = await prisma.\$executeRaw`UPDATE "User" SET balance = \${sender[0].balance - parsedAmount} WHERE id = \$ {parseInt(senderId)}`;

//Receiver's side

const receiver = await prisma.\$queryRaw<User[]>`SELECT id, balance FROM "User" WHERE id = \${parseInt(receiverId)}`;

const updatedReceiver = await prisma.\$executeRaw`UPDATE "User"
SET balance = \${receiver[0].balance + parsedAmount} WHERE id = \$
{parseInt(receiverId)}`;

### **Prevention**

#### await prisma.\$transaction(async (tx) => {

const sender = await tx.\$queryRaw<User[]>`SELECT\_id\_balance
FROM "User" WHERE id = \${parseInt(senderId)} FOR UPDATE`;

const updatedSender = await tx.\$executeRaw`UPDATE "User" SET balance = balance - \${parsedAmount} WHERE id = \${parseInt (senderId)}`;

```
if (updatedSender < 0) {
   throw new Error('Insufficient funds');</pre>
```

const receiver = await tx.\$queryRaw<User[]>`SELECT id, balance
FROM "User" WHERE id = \${parseInt(receiverId)} FOR UPDATE`;

const updatedReceiver = await tx.\$executeRaw`UPDATE "User" SET balance = balance + \${parsedAmount} WHERE id = \${parseInt (receiverId)}`;

### **Transfer Funds**

### **Prove**

- Go to the transfer page
- Change the sending method

Sender ID:			
Receiver ID:			
Amount:			
Amount.			
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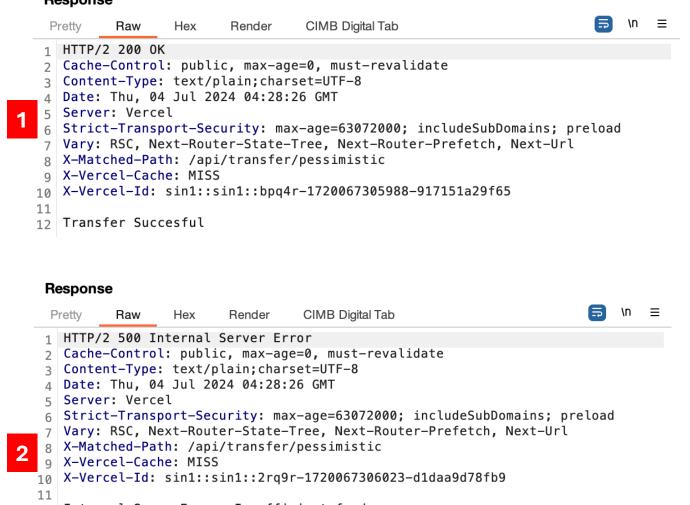
### Prove: case1 A->B 20 times

1. Only 1 successful response

2. Other responses

**Error: Insufficient funds** 

#### Response



12 Internal Sever Error: Insufficient funds

### **Transaction Histories**

Filter by Receiver ID:	Filter by Sender ID:		
All Receivers	All Senders		
Refresh Data			

TRANSACTION ID	CREATED AT	RECEIVER ID	SENDER ID	AMOUNT
1	7/4/2024, 11:28:26 AM	2	1	\$100000

### **User Details**

ID	CREATED AT	USERNAME	NAME	BALANCE	ROOMS
1	5/9/2024, 2:31:11 PM	userA	mrs. Abily	0	
2	5/9/2024, 2:31:17 PM	userB	mr. Bean	200,000	
3	5/9/2024, 2:31:27 PM	userC	mr. Charlton	100,000	
4	5/9/2024, 2:31:35 PM	userD	ph.D. Duck	100,000	

### Prove case 2: A->B, B->C, C->D, D->A

- 1. Transfer Successful
- 2. Error: Insufficient funds
- 3. Error: deadlock detected

(DETAIL: Process XXX waits for ShareLock on transaction XXXXX blocked by Process XXY)

	Response
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#### **Transaction Histories**

Filter by Receiver ID:	Filter by Sender ID:
All Receivers	All Senders

**Refresh Data** 

TRANSACTION ID	CREATED AT	RECEIVER ID	SENDER ID	AMOUNT
1	7/3/2024, 4:21:57 PM	3	2	\$100000
2	7/3/2024, 4:21:57 PM	2	1	\$100000
3	7/3/2024, 4:21:57 PM	1	4	\$100000

### **User Details**

ID	CREATED AT	USERNAME	NAME	BALANCE	ROOMS
1	5/9/2024, 2:31:11 PM	userA	mrs. Abily	100,000	
2	5/9/2024, 2:31:17 PM	userB	mr. Bean	100,000	
3	5/9/2024, 2:31:27 PM	userC	mr. Charlton	200,000	
4	5/9/2024, 2:31:35 PM	userD	ph.D. Duck	0	

- 1. Only 1 Booking Successful
- 2. Error: Room not available

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	9	X-Ve	cel-Cach	ne: MISS					
	10	X-Ve	cel-Id:	sin1::s	in1::l2bfc	q-1720154522019-0510e37f9031			
	11								
	12	Inter	nal Seve	er Error	: Room not	t available			
	10 11	X-Ve	cel-Id:	sin1::s	in1::l2bfc				

### **Booking Histories**

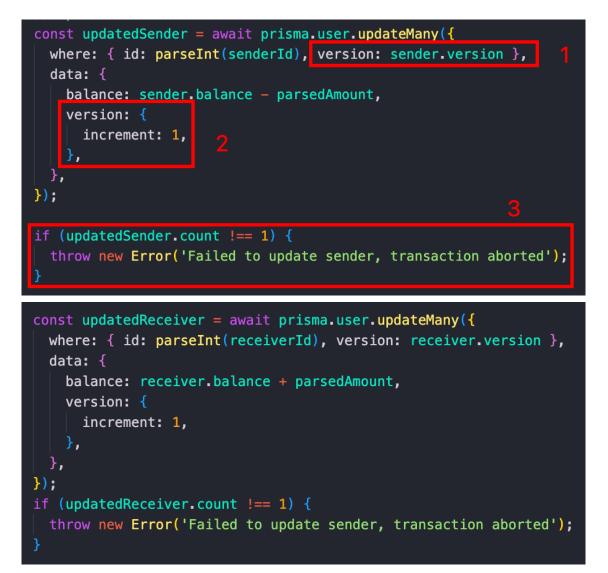
Filter by Room Number: All Rooms Refresh Data						
TRANSACTION ID	CREATED AT	ROOM NUMBER	BOOKER ID			
1	7/5/2024, 12:22:58 PM	1	3			
Rooms Overview						

ROOM NUMBER	NAME	BOOKER ID
1	VVIP	3
2	DELUXE	Unbooked
3	FANTASTIC	Unbooked
4	COZY	Unbooked

# 2 .2 Optimistic Lock

Is a concurrency control mechanism where each transaction checks whether the data has been modified by another transaction before committing changes. It typically involves a version number or timestamp.

Before updating a record, the application checks the version number. If the version number has changed since the record was read, the transaction is aborted.

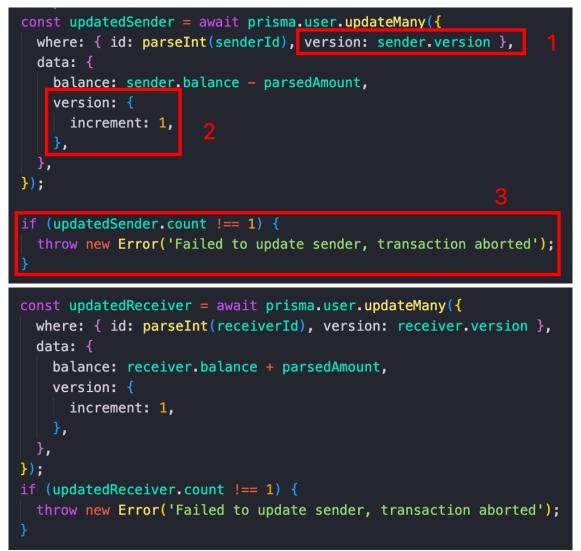


### Vuln

```
const updatedSender = await prisma.user.update({
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    data: { balance: sender.balance - parsedAmount },
});
```

```
const updatedReceiver = await prisma.user.update({
    where: { id: parseInt(receiverId) },
    data: { balance: receiver.balance + parsedAmount },
});
```

### **Prevention**



### **Transfer Funds**

### **Prove**

- Go to the transfer page
- Change the sending method

Receiver ID:	
Amount:	
Transfer Me	thod:
Transfer Me	thod: Transfering.
✓ Standard	
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### Prove: case1 A->B 20 times

- 1. Only 1 Successful response
- 2. Other response:

Error: Insufficient funds

#### Response CIMB Digital Tab Raw Hex Render Pretty 1 HTTP/2 200 OK 2 Cache-Control: public, max-age=0, must-revalidate Content-Type: text/plain;charset=UTF-8 Date: Thu, 04 Jul 2024 04:43:43 GMT 5 Server: Vercel 6 Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=63072000; includeSubDomains; preload 7 Vary: RSC, Next-Router-State-Tree, Next-Router-Prefetch, Next-Url 8 X-Matched-Path: /api/transfer/optimistic 9 X-Vercel-Cache: MISS X-Vercel-Id: sin1::sin1::5cm6w-1720068222805-fc15c5bd9af3 10 11 12 Transfer Succesful Response CIMB Digital Tab Pretty Raw Hex Render 1 HTTP/2 500 Internal Server Error 2 Cache-Control: public, max-age=0, must-revalidate Content-Type: text/plain;charset=UTF-8 Date: Thu, 04 Jul 2024 04:43:43 GMT Server: Vercel 5 Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=63072000; includeSubDomains; preload 7 Vary: RSC, Next-Router-State-Tree, Next-Router-Prefetch, Next-Url 8 X-Matched-Path: /api/transfer/optimistic 9 X-Vercel-Cache: MISS 2 10 X-Vercel-Id: sin1::sin1::wsdmk-1720068222805-34c29106a018 11 12 Internal Sever Error: Insufficient funds

### **Transaction Histories**

Filter by Receiver ID:	Filter by Sender ID:
All Receivers	All Senders

#### **Refresh Data**

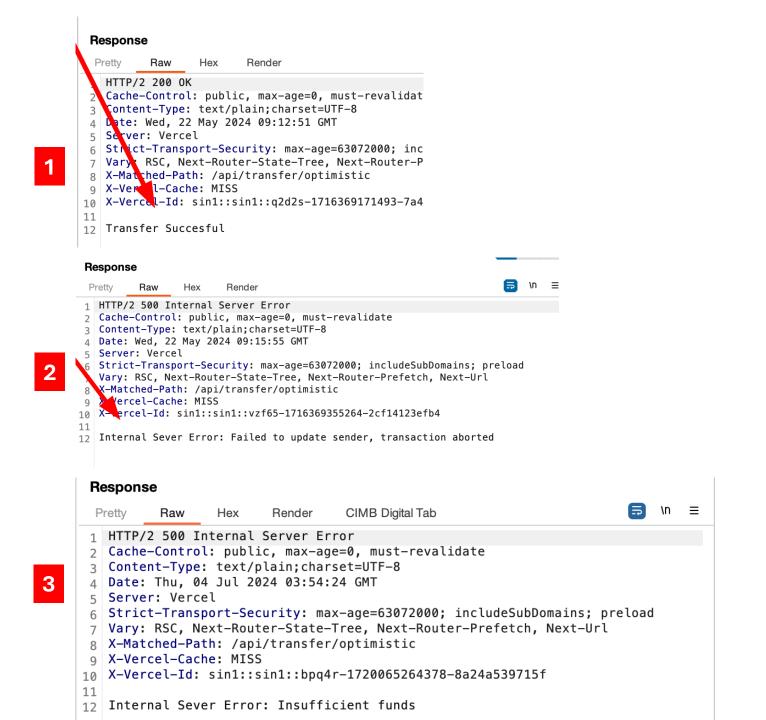
TRANSACTION ID	CREATED AT	RECEIVER ID	SENDER ID	AMOUNT
1	7/4/2024, 11:43:43 AM	2	1	\$100000

### **User Details**

ID	CREATED AT	USERNAME	NAME	BALANCE	ROOMS
1	5/9/2024, 2:31:11 PM	userA	mrs. Abily	0	
2	5/9/2024, 2:31:17 PM	userB	mr. Bean	200,000	
3	5/9/2024, 2:31:27 PM	userC	mr. Charlton	100,000	
4	5/9/2024, 2:31:35 PM	userD	ph.D. Duck	100,000	

### Prove case 2: A->B, B->C, C->D, D->A

- 1. Transfer Successful
- 2. Error: Failed to update sender/receiver, transaction aborted (due to version detection)
- 3. Error: Insufficient funds



#### **Transaction Histories**

Filter by Receiver ID:	Filter by Sender ID:
All Receivers	All Senders

**Refresh Data** 

TRANSACTION ID	CREATED AT	RECEIVER ID	SENDER ID	AMOUNT
5	7/4/2024, 10:56:20 AM	3	2	\$100000
4	7/4/2024, 10:56:20 AM	3	2	\$100000
3	7/4/2024, 10:56:20 AM	1	4	\$100000
1	7/4/2024, 10:56:20 AM	2	1	\$100000
2	7/4/2024, 10:56:20 AM	4	3	\$100000

### **User Details**

ID	CREATED AT	USERNAME	NAME	BALANCE	ROOMS
1	5/9/2024, 2:31:11 PM	userA	mrs. Abily	100,000	
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- 1. Only 1 Booking Successful
- 2. Error: Failed to update room, transaction aborted (due to version detection)
- 3. Error: Room not available

#### Response 5 Raw Hex Render CIMB Digital Tab Prettv 1 HTTP/2 200 OK 2 Cache-Control: public, max-age=0, must-revalidate 3 Content-Type: text/plain;charset=UTF-8 Date: Fri, 05 Jul 2024 05:25:54 GMT 4 Server: Vercel Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=63072000; includeSubDomains; preload Vary: RSC, Next-Router-State-Tree, Next-Router-Prefetch, Next-Url 8 X-Matched-Path: /api/book/optimistic X-Vercel-Cache: MISS 10 X-Vercel-Id: sin1::sin1::6xl2z-1720157154002-316af870a684 11 12 Booking Succesful Response E, Raw Hex CIMB Digital Tab Pretty Render 1 HTTP/2 500 Internal Server Error 2 Cache-Control: public, max-age=0, must-revalidate 3 Content-Type: text/plain;charset=UTF-8 Date: Fri, 05 Jul 2024 05:25:54 GMT 5 Server: Vercel 6 Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=63072000; includeSubDomains; preload 7 Vary: RSC, Next-Router-State-Tree, Next-Router-Prefetch, Next-Url 8 X-Matched-Path: /api/book/optimistic 9 X-Vercel-Cache: MISS 10 X-Vercel-Id: sin1::sin1::c5lqx-1720157154002-263f30b4b266 11 12 Internal Sever Error: Failed to update room, transaction aborted Response Raw Hex CIMB Digital Tab Pretty Render 1 HTTP/2 500 Internal Server Error 2 Cache-Control: public, max-age=0, must-revalidate 3 Content-Type: text/plain;charset=UTF-8 Date: Fri, 05 Jul 2024 05:27:01 GMT 3 5 Server: Vercel 6 Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=63072000; includeSubDomains; preload 7 Vary: RSC, Next-Router-State-Tree, Next-Router-Prefetch, Next-Url 8 X-Matched-Path: /api/book/optimistic 9 X-Vercel-Cache: MISS

10 X-Vercel-Id: sin1::sin1::6dljx-1720157221718-832b64be0b33

12 Internal Sever Error: Room not available

### **Booking Histories**

Filter by Room Number:			
All Rooms			
Refresh Data			
TRANSACTION ID	CREATED AT	ROOM NUMBER	BOOKER ID
1	7/5/2024, 12:27:01 PM	1	2

### **Rooms Overview**

ROOM NUMBER	NAME	BOOKER ID
1	VVIP	2
2	DELUXE	Unbooked
3	FANTASTIC	Unbooked
4	COZY	Unbooked

# **Transaction Isolation:** Serializable

Serializable Isolation Level

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ensures the highest level of isolation, making transactions appear as if they were executed serially.

This isolation level prevents other transactions from reading or writing the data involved in the transaction until it is completed, effectively serializing concurrent transactions. await prisma.\$transaction(async (tx) => {



# **Isolation Level**



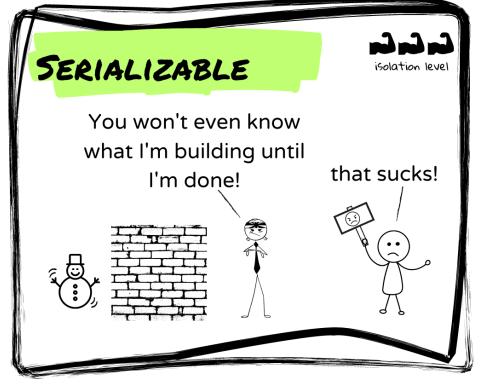
- Dirty Read
- Non-repeatable Read
- Phantom Read



- Non-repeatable Read
- Phantom read

# **Isolation Level**





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• Phantom Read

# **Summary : Isolation Level**

- **READ UNCOMMITTED** read uncomitted data
- **READ COMMITTED** read committed data only
- **REPEATABLE READ** read the same value until new transaction
- SERIALIZABLE serial, sequently



leave me alone!

### Vuln

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});
```

### **Prevention**

#### await prisma.\$transaction(async (tx) => {

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const updatedSender = await tx.user.update({
  where: { id: parseInt(senderId) },
  data: { balance: sender.balance - parsedAmount },
});
```

const updatedReceiver = await tx.user.update({
 where: { id: parseInt(receiverId) },
 data: { balance: receiver.balance + parsedAmount },
});

#### },

isolationLevel: Prisma.TransactionIsolationLevel.
Serializable

### **Transfer Funds**

Sender ID:

### **Prove**

- Go to the transfer page
- Change the sending method

1			
Receiver ID:			
2			
Amount:			
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### **Transaction Histories**

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#### **Refresh Data**

TRANSACTION ID	CREATED AT	RECEIVER ID	SENDER ID	AMOUNT
1	7/4/2024, 11:57:24 AM	2	1	\$100000

### **User Details**

ID	CREATED AT	USERNAME	NAME	BALANCE	ROOMS
1	5/9/2024, 2:31:11 PM	userA	mrs. Abily	0	
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### Prove case 2: A->B, B->C, C->D, D->A

- 1. Transfer Successful
- 2. Error: Insufficient funds
- 3. Error: Transaction failed due to a write conflict or a deadlock. Please retry your transaction

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Response

### **Transaction Histories**

Filter by Receiver ID:	Filter by Sender ID:	
All Receivers	All Senders	

#### **Refresh Data**

TRANSACTION ID	CREATED AT	RECEIVER ID	SENDER ID	AMOUNT
2	7/4/2024, 12:00:02 PM	2	1	\$100000
1	7/4/2024, 12:00:01 PM	3	2	\$100000

### **User Details**

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1	5/9/2024, 2:31:11 PM	userA	mrs. Abily	0	
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### **Rooms Overview**

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With **PERSIST** scope, transaction isolation level is not reset even after restarting MySQL:

SET PERSIST TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL READ UNCOMMITTED;

Or:

SET PERSIST transaction\_isolation = 'READ-UNCOMMITTED';

#### Or:

SET @@PERSIST.transaction\_isolation = 'READ-UNCOMMITTED';



### **Atomic Operation by Prisma**

Indivisible operations that complete in a single step



### **Pessimistic Lock**

Locks resource before access and keeps it locked until operation completes



### **Optimistic Lock**

Allows simultaneous access and checks for conflicts before committing changes



### Transaction with Serializable Isolation

Executes transactions as if they were serial, ensuring maximum isolation



#### **Atomic Operation**

- + Ensures data integrity, fast and efficient, easy to implement
- Limited to simple operations, not suitable for complex transactions



### **Pessimistic Lock**

- + Ensures data consistency, suitable for high contention, prevents concurrent access
- Can lead to deadlocks, reduced concurrency and performance



#### **Optimistic Lock**

- + Higher concurrency, better performance in low contention, reduces deadlocks
- May require retries in high contention, requires conflict detection and handling, complex implementation



#### **Transaction with Serializable Isolation**

- + Maximum data consistency and integrity, prevents all race conditions, suitable for critical transactions
- Significant performance overhead, high contention and blocking, not always supported by databases



### **Atomic Operation by Prisma Prisma**

is simple and effective for low-contention scenarios. e.g. **User Account Updates, Inventory adjustment** 



### **Pessimistic Lock**

ensures exclusive access and is ideal for high-contention scenarios but can impact performance. e.g. **Booking Systems, Order Processing** 



### **Optimistic Lock**

is suitable for high-read, low-write environments where conflicts are rare but need to be detected. e.g. **Collaborative Editing, Online forms** 



### **Transaction with Serializable Isolation**

is best for applications with stringent data integrity requirements, despite potential performance impacts. e.g. **Financial Systems, Scientific Applications** 

# **Conclusion :D**



### **Race Condition on Web Apps**

A flaw that produces an unexpected result when the timing of actions impact other actions. An example may be seen on a multithreaded application where actions are being performed on the same data.

**Methodology:** 3P = Predict -> Probe -> Prove

**Tool:** Burp Suite (Single packet-attack, Turbo Intruder Extension)

**Impact** : Depends on the vulnerable function.

**Prevention**: Depends on use cases.

- Atomic Operation
- Locks
- Transaction Isolation Level: Serializable

# THE RACE IS OVER

THANK YOU