

# SORRY ABOUT YOUR WAF

Bypassing the Modern WAF

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# WAF

## WEB APPLICATION FIREWALLS

### BASIC

- Very Basic Behavioral Analysis
- Various levels of IP Reputation, header inspection and POST data inspection.
- Just blacklists IPs (LOL)
- Trivial to Bypass

# SQLMap

<https://github.com/sqlmapproject/sqlmap>

```
[INFO] testing 'MySQL UNION query (NULL) - 1 to 10 columns'
[PAYLOAD] 1> ORD/**/ER B/**/Y 1#
[WARNING] reflective value(s) found and filtering out
[PAYLOAD] 1> UN/**/I/**/ON AL/**/L SE/**/L/**/E/**/CT NUL/**/L#
[DEBUG] setting match ratio for current parameter to 0.024
[PAYLOAD] 1> UNI/**/ON A/**/LL SE/**/LE/**/CT N/**/U/**/LL,N/**/U/**/LL#
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# WAF

WEB APPLICATION FIREWALLS

## SOPHISTICATED

- Often a Reverse Proxy
- Partially relies on js execution
- Fingerprints client environment



Also, they're both pretty useless...



...so let's get hacking!



# BARE MINIMUMS





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## Rotate Your IP

- Huge # of “Free Proxy” sites
  - <https://hide.me>
  - <https://hidester.com>
  - <https://www.proxysite.com/>
- Srsly just google “Free Proxies”





# BARE MINIMUMS

## Use Residential IPs

- Huge # of “Free Proxy” sites
- Hard to convince The Business to allow blocking residential IPs
- Residential IPs are easy to lease in bulk
- Residential IPs are not free
- Services like HolaVPN and MonkeySocks use users’ IPs





# BARE MINIMUMS

Use The Usual HTTP Headers

- **BUT ALSO:**
  - **Accept : \*/\***
  - **DNT : 1**
  - **X-Headers (Sometimes)**
  - **User-Agent (NO QUOTES)**
  - **Session Cookies (Sometimes)**



# BARE MINIMUMS

## Rotate User-Agents

- Seriously, this gets past so many defenses
- Rotate with each HTTP request, if possible
- Also use this for whitelist fuzzing

## Use Cookies

- Auth'd sessions often have more lenient throttling
- Some session cookies are *\*required\**
- WATCH OUT FOR SNEAKY WAF COOKIES



# Use POSTMan

GENERATE CODE SNIPPETS

<https://www.getpostman.com/>

NodeJS Request ▾

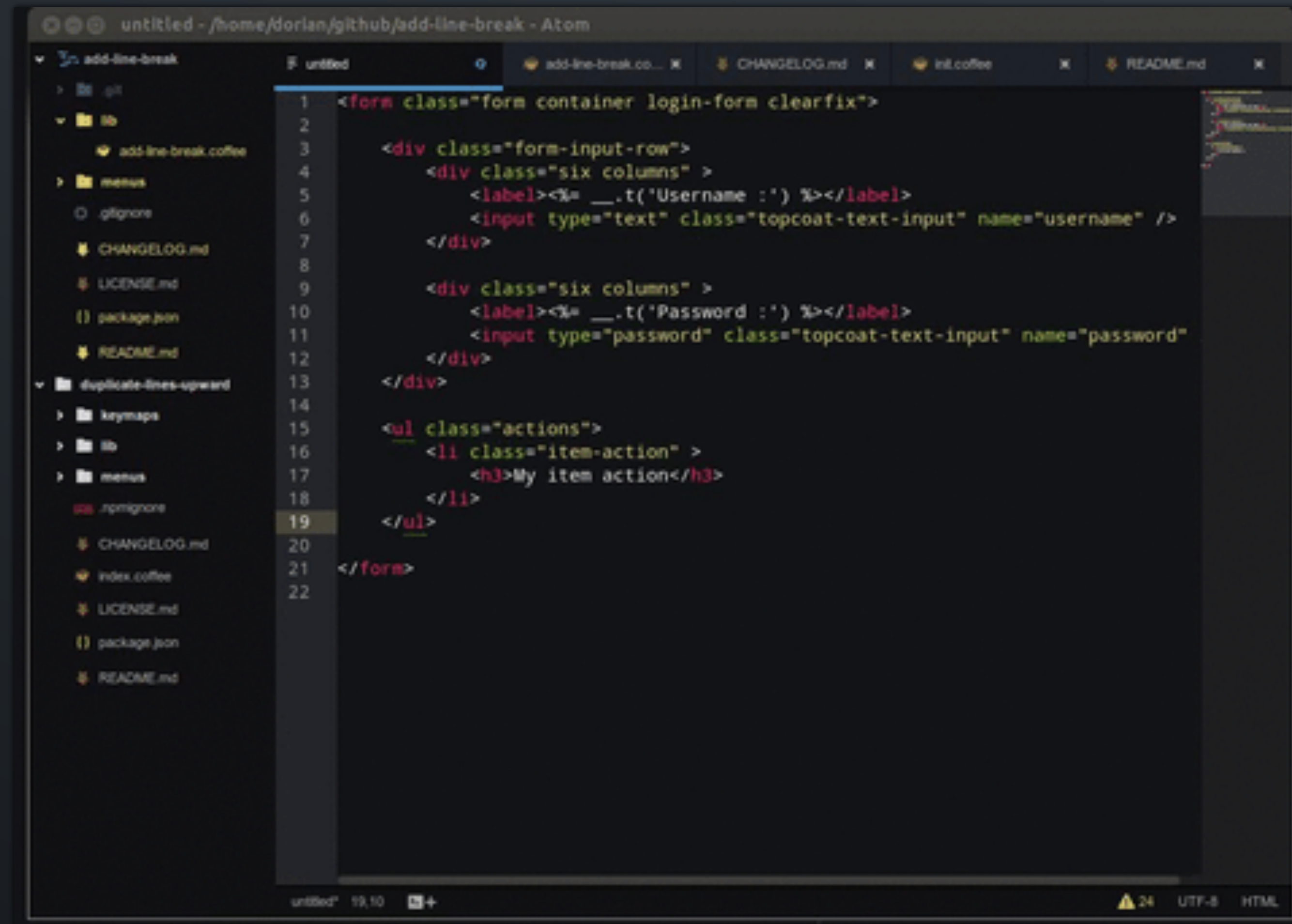
Copy to Clipboard

```
1 var request = require("request");
2
3 var options = { method: 'GET',
4   url: 'https://www.google.com/maps/',
5   headers:
6     { 'cache-control': 'no-cache',
7       Connection: 'keep-alive',
8       'accept-encoding': 'gzip, deflate',
9       cookie: '1P_JAR=2019-06-24-18; NID=186=dDx6cEwmG56VcNuihi
              -obWWt3llyfUg6kVVrpjtMtC_EA9ohbVYbeyVdiKRCsHwe3UL
              -fghYwnpRE8EXTuR7WlctdnzshDumuGkGDSbFj843WNggT2bkgA5Acoq2vMg8Io0SYxHkpDH7E
              -EDDl7EbN_3J4CCYeMwuxvsGeH1aSE',
10      Host: 'www.google.com',
11      'Postman-Token': '6e1a52b5-97e8-4b48-9a9b-d8ca0852ba38,a5efe231-2d51-4c5e-b572
                  -3c57c31869a3',
12      'Cache-Control': 'no-cache',
13      Accept: '*/*',
14      'User-Agent': 'PostmanRuntime/7.15.0' } };
15
16 request(options, function (error, response, body) {
17   if (error) throw new Error(error);
18
19   console.log(body);
20 });
21
```



# SUPER BORING CODE DEMO

PLEASE BEAR WITH US FOR LIKE 2 MINUTES



The screenshot shows the Atom code editor with a file explorer on the left and a code editor on the right. The file explorer shows a project structure with folders like 'lib', 'menus', and 'duplicate-lines-upward'. The code editor displays the following HTML code:

```
1 <form class="form container login-form clearfix">
2
3   <div class="form-input-row">
4     <div class="six columns" >
5       <label><%= __.t('Username :') %></label>
6       <input type="text" class="topcoat-text-input" name="username" />
7     </div>
8
9     <div class="six columns" >
10      <label><%= __.t('Password :') %></label>
11      <input type="password" class="topcoat-text-input" name="password"
12     </div>
13   </div>
14
15   <ul class="actions">
16     <li class="item-action" >
17       <h3>My item action</h3>
18     </li>
19   </ul>
20
21 </form>
22
```

(IT'S COOL, WE PROMISE)



# ADVANCED TACTICS FOR CLOUD WAFS



BE THE LUCHADOR \*AND\* THE OSTRICHES



# EDGE ENUMERATION

## Check Every System

- Find ASN's owned by target (ARIN, etc)
- Find domains owned by target to uncover additional ASNs (WHOIS)
- Find which IPs are hosting web servers (ScanCannon)
- Enumerate paths to find forms, APIs, data, etc (wfuzz, etc)

## Smash DNS

- Find ASN's owned by target (ARIN, etc)
- Find domains owned by target to uncover additional ASNs
- Reverse Lookup on IPs to DNS names (human-language indicators)
- DNS History lookups
- DNS Zone Transfers
- DNS name fuzzing



# EDGE ENUMERATION

## Round-Robin the Edge Nodes

- Discover all edge nodes
- Hit one until it blocks you, then hit the next
- This exploits the sync delay (often 15 minutes) and conserves IPs

## Unprotected Paths

- Layer 7 WAFs & their associated CDNs have path rules
- One application may have multiple login portals \ paths
- Some of these may be accidental or intentionally unprotected

## Smash the API

- APIs are almost never fully-protected; often not at all
- Great if all you need is to steal data
- Can also be used to “test” credentials



# SOPHISTICATED WAFs

## Find the Origins

- Use previous enumeration (look for “origin” in DNS)
- UUID or hash DNS names
- Hitting these bypasses the WAF completely
- Watch out for firewalls

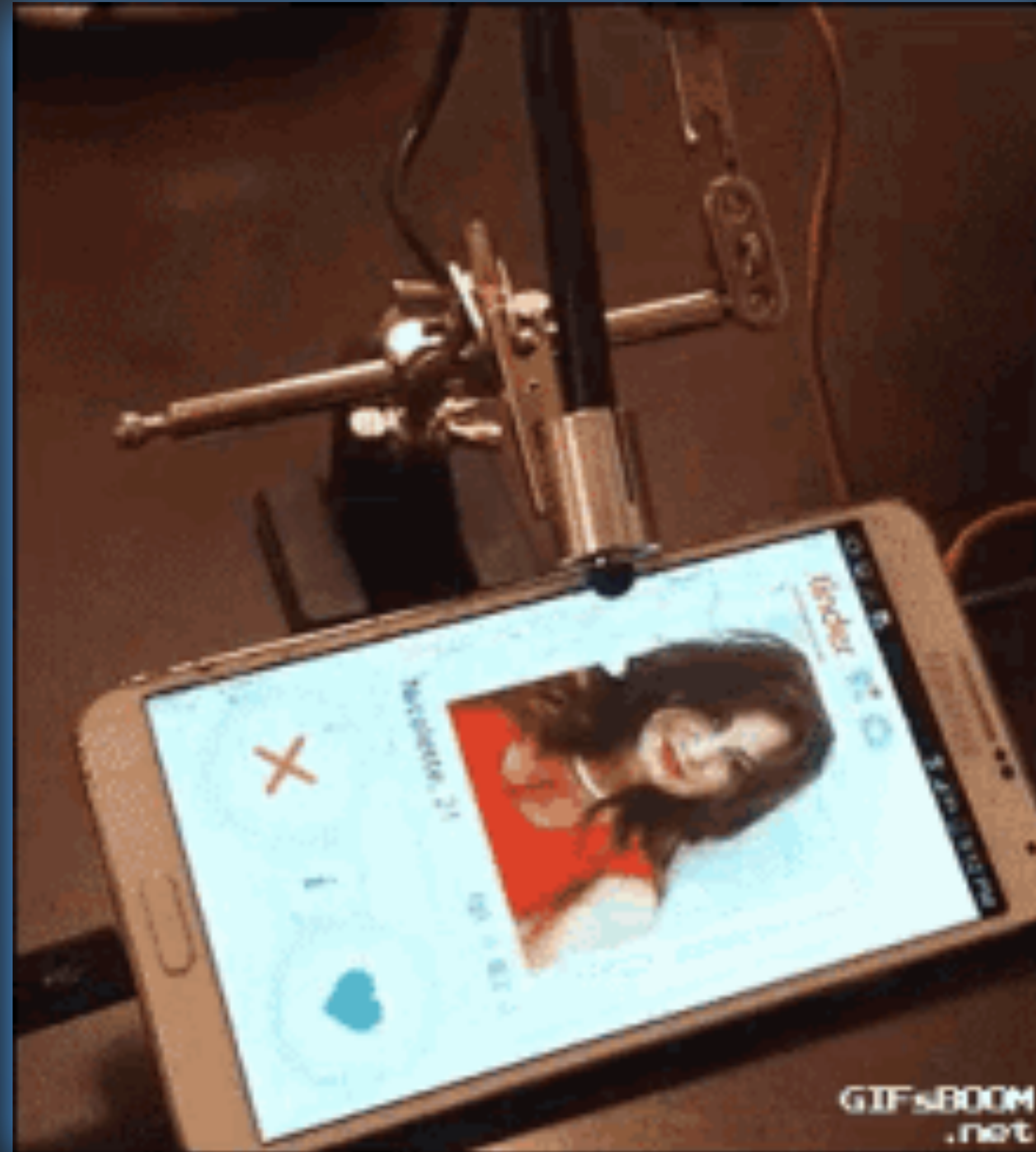
## Ditch the Script, Share the Cookies

- Identify and block WAF javascript snippets
- \*RUN\* WAF Javascript and replay the resulting fingerprint cookie

OR...



# AUTOMATE A REAL BROWSER





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<https://github.com/GoogleChrome/puppeteer>

- Looks like human activity
- Practically undetectable
- Scriptable AF
- Executes Javascript
- Properly leverages Cookies
- Multiple instances per IP

• Headless Chrome

• Puppeteer

• Selenium



# Realistic WebDriver

- **User\_agent**
- **Navigator\_Platform**
- **Color\_depth**
- **Pixel\_ratio**
- **Cpu\_Class**
- **Hardware\_concurrency**
- **Resolution**
- **Available\_resolutions**
- **Timezone\_offset**
- **Session\_storage**



# SUMMARY:

- Rotate IP Addresses
  - Use Residential IPs
- Use the Usual HTTP Headers
  - Use POSTMan
  - Rotate your User-Agents
- Rotate session cookies
  - Rotate between targets
- Hit the Origin directly
- Use a Web Driver
  - Change the stock config!



THANKS FOR PLAYING!

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[https://www.github.com/johnnyxmas/Talk\\_Decks](https://www.github.com/johnnyxmas/Talk_Decks)