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Magecart Attacks Require Rethinking Your Credit Card Security



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Magecart

- Hacker groups stealing sensitive data via third-party scripts
- Sites that use credit card processing are at constant risk
 - One infection can infect 1000s of sites in a single update
 - 20% are reinfected within a month of last attacks¹



¹ Source: **SANGUINE SECURITY**, 2018

<https://sansec.io/labs/2018/11/12/merchants-struggle-with-magecart-reinfections/>

Over 18,000 Websites Infested With Magecart Card Skimming Malware



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Magecart is one of the most widely-distributed pieces of malware in the world. It's been stealing credit cards for nearly a decade. Experts at RiskIQ they they've spotted Magecart skimmers in action more than 2 million times.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/leemathews/2019/10/11/over-18000-websites-infested-with-magecart-card-skimming-malware/#c78d66f7b1d9>

Credit Card Stealing Malware Strikes Websites of Two International Hotel Chains

Baseball Hall of Fame Website Hacked With Credit Card Stealing Malware

This is How 380,000 British Airways Passengers Got Hacked

FBI Warns of Hidden Online Shopping Threats, Including E-Skimming, 'Magecart Attacks'

<https://www.newsweek.com/fbi-warns-hidden-online-shopping-threats-including-e-skimming-magecart-attacks-1467311>

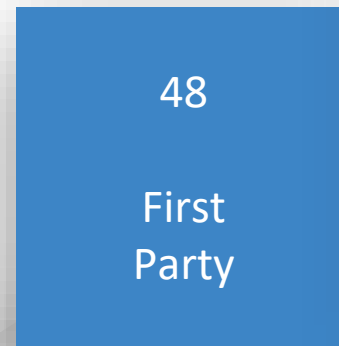
Agenda

- Why is Magecart a Big Deal?
- What is a Magecart Attack?
- Intrusion vs Detection
- A Comprehensive Security Strategy
- The Call to Action

Third-Party Script Use is Accelerating

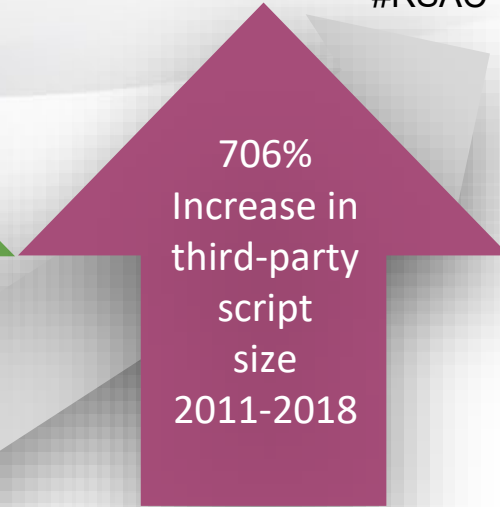
Driven by Digital Transformation

- Enhances the Web Experience
- Easy to Add/Modify
- Promotes consistent experience
- Integrated with Third-Party Service
- Maintained by Third-Party



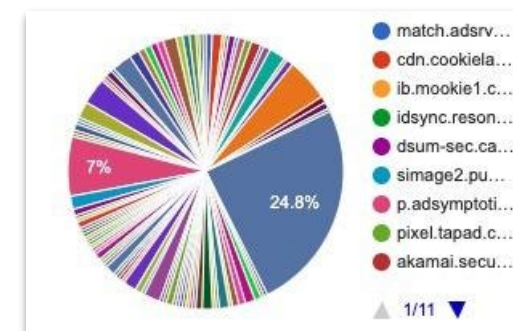
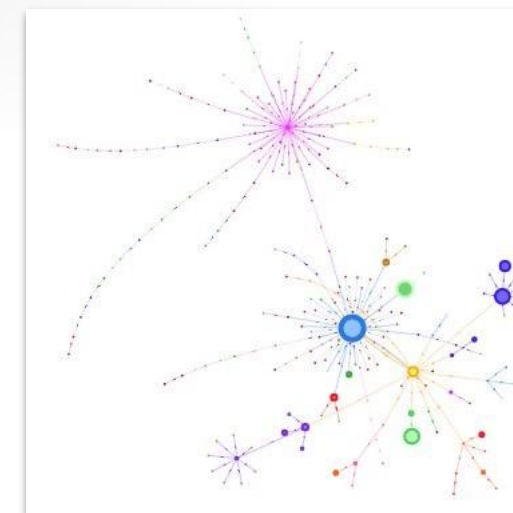
Average Resources Per Page, 2017

Source: Security and Frontend Performance, Challenge of Today: Rise of Third Parties, Akamai Technologies and O'Reilly Media, 2017



Script Requests and Sizes, 2018

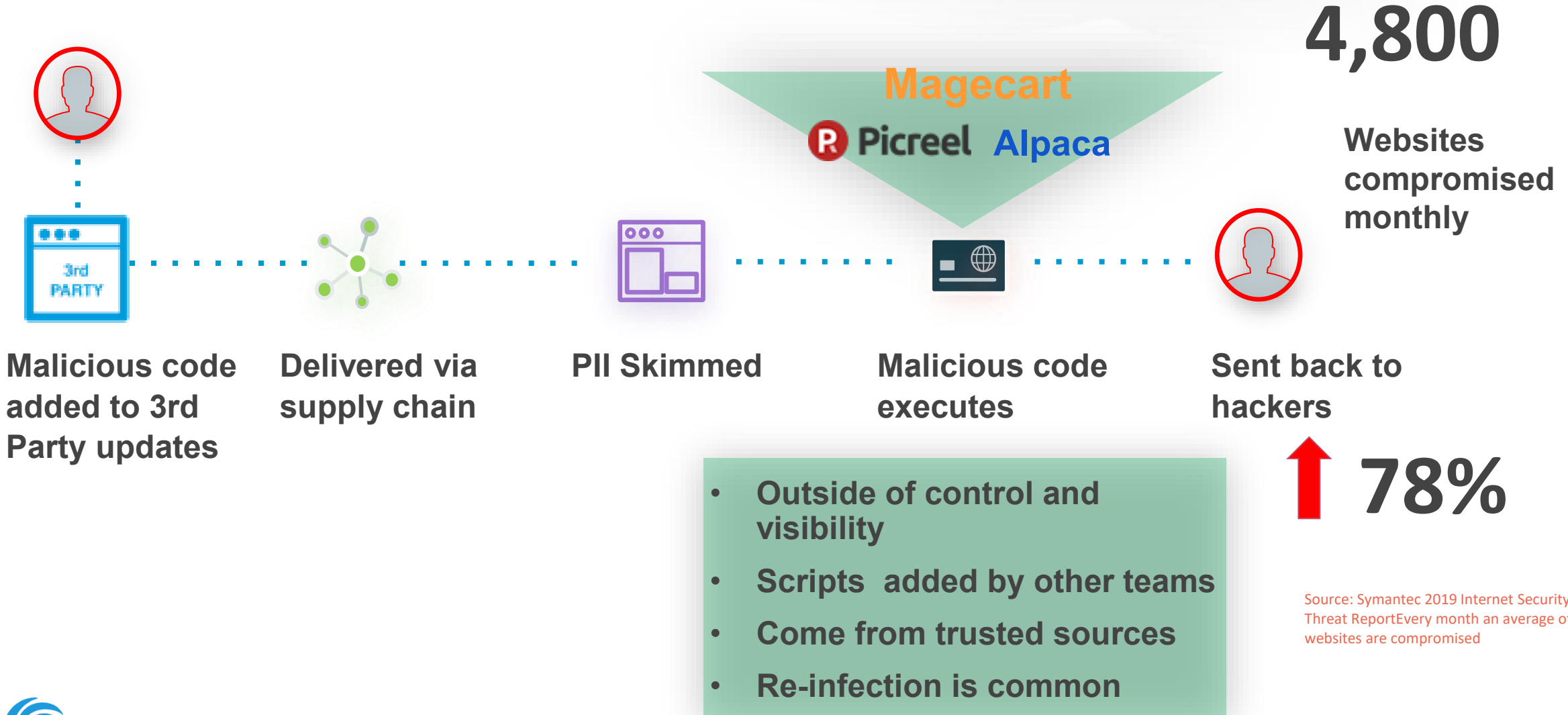
Source: JavaScript growth and third parties, SpeedCurve, 2018



68% Third-Party Scripts

Third-Party Scripts Can Introduce Vulnerabilities

Complex supply chains that can be compromised by attackers



Script Compromises and Examples



Data skimming

Major North American Retailer (4Q19)

Credit card info stolen from payment page



Accidental exfil

Major Online Search Service (4Q19)

Unsecure access to 250M customer records



Risky services

International Retailer (4Q19)

Unsecure access to 1.3TB of customer data



(CVEs) Known vulnerabilities

Travel Services (4Q19)

Exposed over 380,000 customer's personal and payment info

Third-Party Script Protection Approaches

Content Security Policy Whitelisting

- Supports rigorous CSP
- Prevention-focused
- Requires continuous manual analysis and testing

Synthetic Site Scanning

- Simple websites
- Useful for policy updates
- Requires continuous manual analysis and testing

Access Control/ Sandboxing

- Simple websites, low PII
- Combines with CSP
- Requires continuous manual analysis and testing

In-App Detection

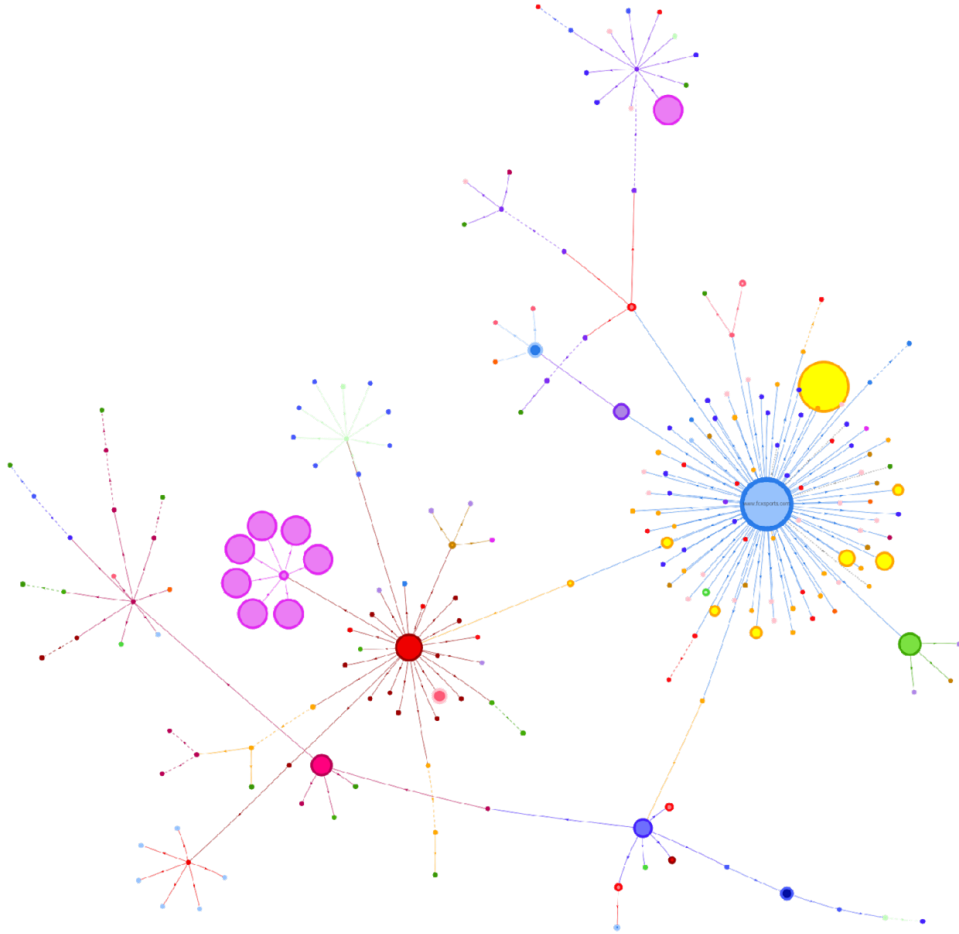
- Monitors app script behaviors
- Detection-focused
- Quick mitigation, low business impact

Attributes of an Effective Magecart Protection Service


- In-App detection of suspicious behavior
- Easy-to-setup and administer
- Automated, Always on
- Filters out noise & targets problems
- Threat intelligence to stop known threats
- Feedback loop to access control policies


Third-Party Script Website Example

Films For All*– Subscription Signup



Featured






Films For All

Enter your Email Address to get thousands of classic movies for the whole family you can watch anytime, anywhere

Email Address

Sign Up



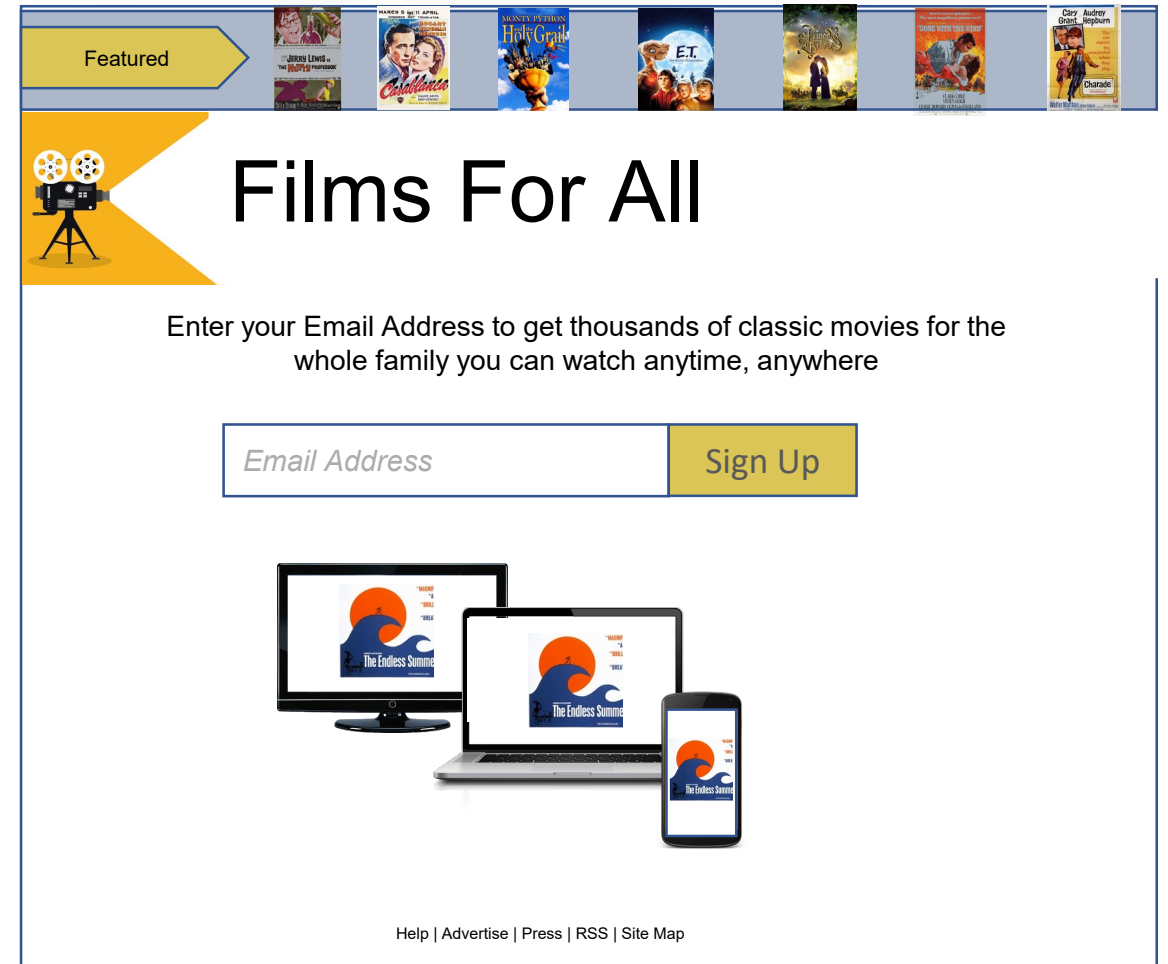
[Help](#) | [Advertise](#) | [Press](#) | [RSS](#) | [Site Map](#)

Films For All – Subscription Signup

Common site construction relies upon a constellation of service providers for analytics and site functionality.

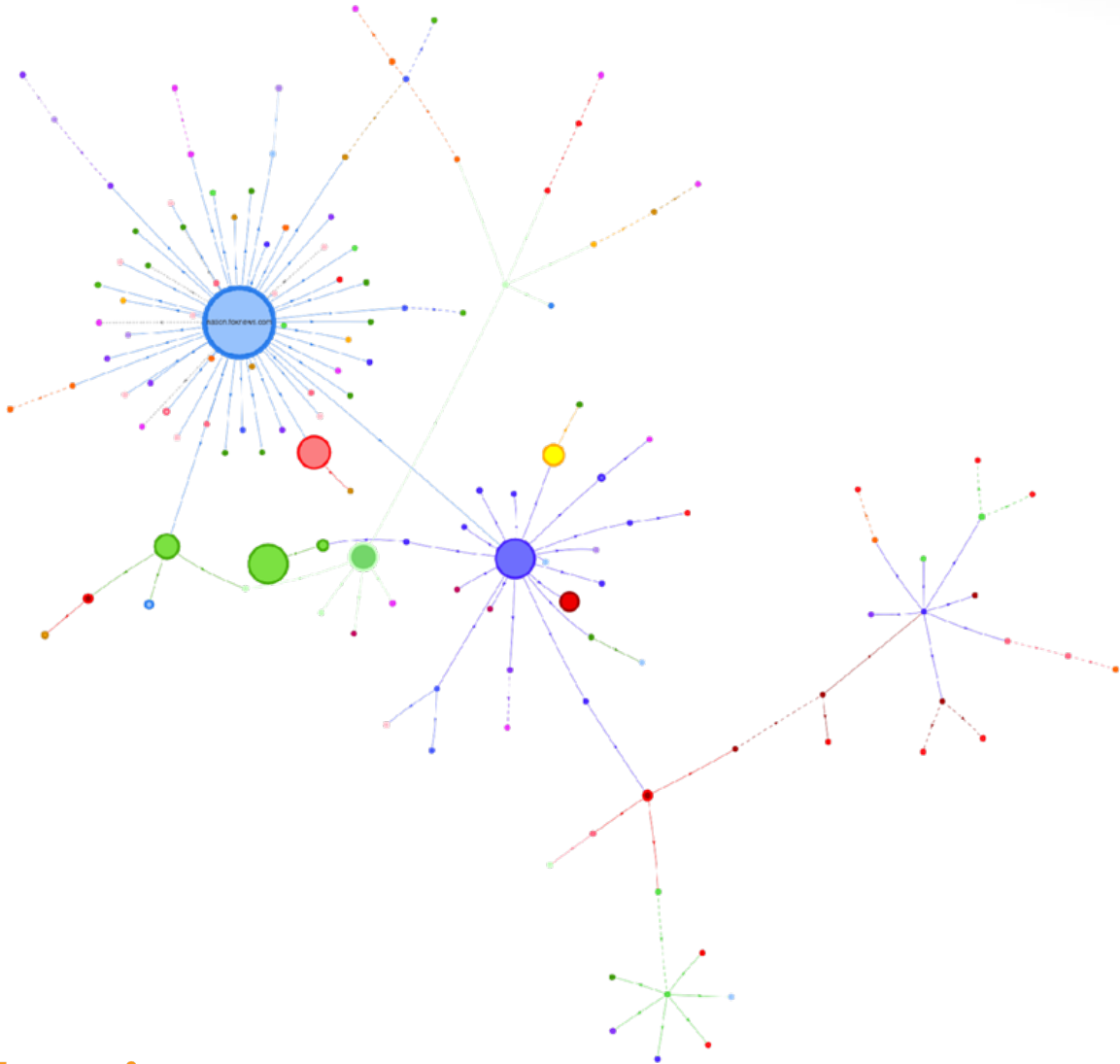
- Might be dozens of hostnames
- An average of scripts 110 scripts
- Could be multiple tag managers
- A/B testing tool


This is an attack surface hackers could use to monitor or interact with Films For All users, or exfiltrate data they enter into the site.



The screenshot shows the 'Films For All' website. At the top, there is a 'Featured' banner with movie posters for 'Casablanca', 'The Holy Grail', 'E.T.', 'The Godfather', 'The Godfather Part II', 'The Godfather Part III', and 'The Godfather: The Motion Picture'. Below the banner is a large yellow arrow pointing right, containing a film camera icon. To the right of the arrow is the title 'Films For All'. Below the title is a text prompt: 'Enter your Email Address to get thousands of classic movies for the whole family you can watch anytime, anywhere'. Below this is a form with a text input field labeled 'Email Address' and a yellow 'Sign Up' button. Below the form is an image of a desktop monitor, a laptop, and a smartphone, all displaying the 'The Endless Summer' movie poster. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with links: 'Help | Advertise | Press | RSS | Site Map'.

Films For All – Account Creation



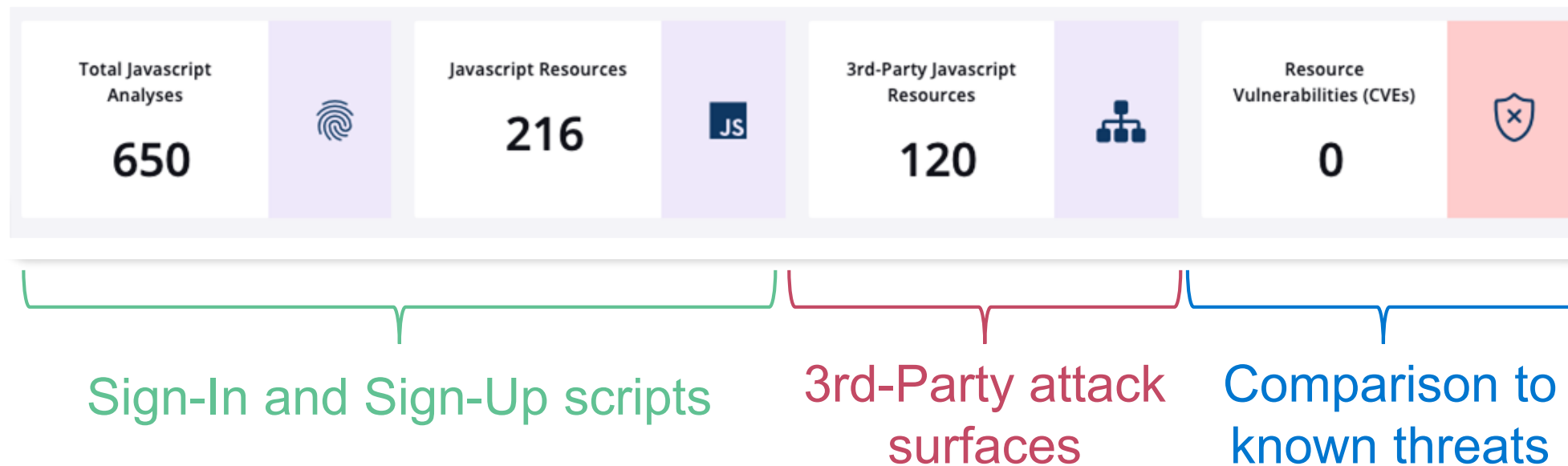


Films For All

Pick a plan → **Create account** → **Enter Address** → **Form of Payment**

Monthly	Annual	2-Year Deal
Flexible pay-as-you-go Cancel Anytime	Annual Discount Renewed Annually	Biggest discount Best Deal
1st Month Free!	1st Month Free!	1st Month Free!
\$7.99/mo	\$79.99/yr	\$129.99/2 yrs
Select	Select	Select

Analyzing the Current Script Composition



What to Remember

- Third-Party Scripts are essential to the modern websites
- Skimming threats are increasingly frequent & impactful
- Monitoring Trusted third-parties is the new requirement
- In-app script behavior detection is critical
- In-app script protection works with access control solutions

Next Steps

- Analyze your third-party script situation
- Think about which script security approach is right for you
- Test your ideas

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