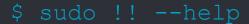
HTTP Security Headers

A technology history through scar tissue

\$ whoami

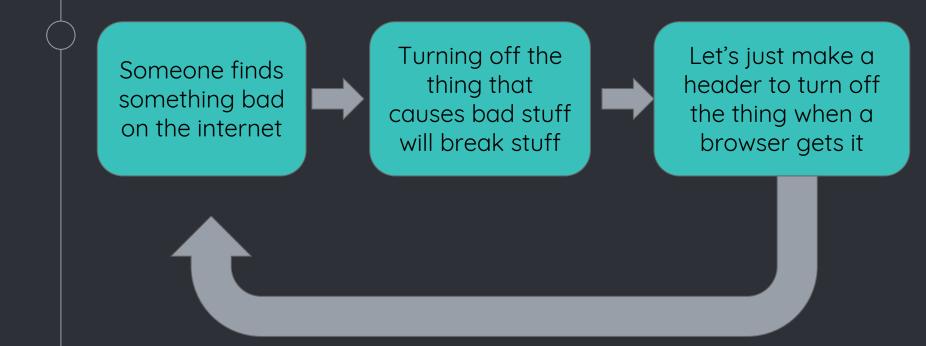
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(We bought you lunch yesterday!)





Security Header Flowchart



x-http-magic:destroy-skeletons

Headers we'll cover

- x-content-type-options
- x-xss-protection
- x-frame-options
- strict-transport-security
- referrer-policy
- feature-policy (kinda, it's not 100% here yet)
- content-security-policy

x-content-type-options

Implemented in Chrome 1, IE 8

Implemented across browsers Dec 2008 - Oct 2009

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/X-Content-Type-Options

Upload executable files with a non-executable MIME type Attacker tricks upload of malicious JavaScript as foo.txt (text/plain MIME) Browser 'sniffs' the file as actually JavaScript. Changes to application/javascript MIME and executes

Set to

x-content-type-options: nosniff

Tells browsers to not try and guess MIME types of files

Just set your MIME types correctly

x-xss-protection

Implemented in Chrome 1, IE 8

Implemented across browsers Dec 2008 - Oct 2009

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/X-XSS-Protection

Reflected Cross Site Scripting (XSS)

GET /index.php&name=<script>badstuff</script>

<html>

Rolled out in IE 8, off by default could be enabled by headers

<body>

Hello<script>badstuff</script>!

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Stops the lowest hanging XSS fruit

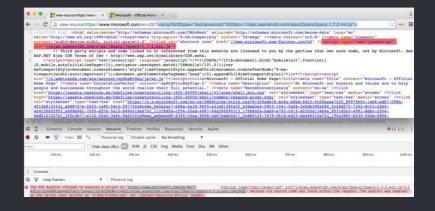
What to set?

x-xss-protection: 0

Turns off the filter. Protect other ways

x-xss-protection: 1; mode=block

- Instead of stripping out what it thinks, blocks the entire request
- MS10-002 abused the filter to perform XSS attacks through the XSS filter
- XSS filter can be used to knock out legit scripts
- CSP header is better



Real life?

\$ curl -I https://www.facebook.com x-content-type-options: nosniff x-xss-protection: 0 x-frame-options: DENY \$ curl -I https://www.google.com x-xss-protection: 1; mode=block x-frame-options: SAMEORIGIN

x-frame-options

Implemented in Chrome 4, Firefox 3.6.9, IE 8
Implemented across browsers Oct 2009 - Sept 2010

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/X-Frame-Options

<frame> (deprecated) <iframe> <object>

Embeds pages in other pages

<frame> is obsolete in HTML5, but

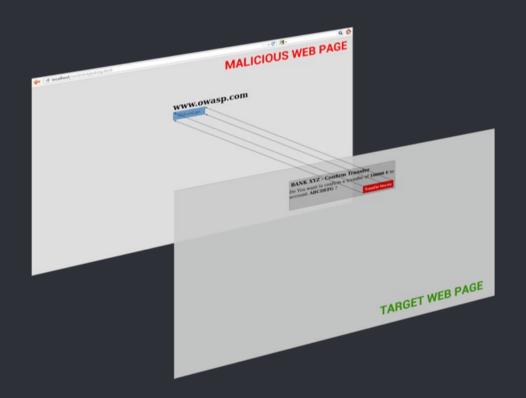
<iframe> is still in gmail and will probably never die

```
M view-source:https://mail.googl ×
                                                                        Benjamin
          ① view-source:https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox
  loadTimeout=setTimeout(onLoadTimeout, 1E4);GLOBALS[1]=(new Date).getTime();
73 // ]]></script><iframe id=js frame class=invfr name="jlcqlzopx0v292"
  src="//scs/mail-
  static//js/k=gmail.main.en.eqR4NK8aFo8.0/m=pds,pdl,pdit,m i,pdt,t/am= p6AHd
  C2HwgAmxlkEKUZCLP 88ilAX9vIPv w8ABKABwDfg39wH0HEAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAACgjeIT/r
  t=h/d=1/rs=AHGWq9C9LtcbihA-dvHaOmkXPUx3OvOsdw" tabindex=-1 title="empty"
  aria-hidden="true"></iframe><iframe id=sound frame class=invfr
  name="s1cqlzopx0v292" src="?ui=2&view=bsp&ver=ohhl4rw8mbn4"
  tabindex=-1 title="empty" aria-hidden="true"></iframe><iframe id=hist frame
  class=invfr name="hlcglzopx0v292" src="?
  ui=2&view=bsp&ver=ohhl4rw8mbn4" tabindex=-1 title="empty" aria-
  hidden="true"></iframe><iframe id=canvas frame frameborder=0
  name="clcqlzopx0v292" src="?ui=2&view=bsp&ver=ohhl4rw8mbn4"
  title="main"></iframe><script type="text/javascript"
  nonce="CUgOMzoH7BM7cItE3AikFPnaZe8">// <! [CDATA[
```

Clickjacking

Drawing a cosmetic top above actual buttons

Add keystroke logging JS



What to set?

- x-frame-options: DENY
 - No embedding at all
- x-frame-options: SAMEORIGIN
 - Allow embedding from the same origin as embedded page
- x-frame-options: ALLOW-FROM https://example.com
 - Allow embedding only on specifically outlined locations

(content-security-policy: frame-ancestors 'none'; also works, but only in some modern browsers. No IE, No Microsoft Edge on mobile)

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/Content-Security-Policy/frame-ancestors

strict-transport-security

Implemented in Chrome 4, Firefox 4, IE 11
Implemented across browsers Jan 2010 - Oct 2013

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/Strict-Transport-Security

Where's example.com?

example.com is at 42.42.42.42

Great. Give me http://example.com 42.42.42 port 80

No problem. Give me https://example.com 42.42.42 port 443

I trust that cert.
I'll load the page





Let's do HTTPS instead. 301 Redirect https://example.com

Here's my TLS cert

<!doctype html><html itemscope=""
itemtype="http://schema.org/WebPage"
lang="en"><head><meta content=..</pre>



@SecTinkerer

Where's example.com?

example.com happens to be me! 192.168.1.1

Great. Give me http://example.com 192.168.1.1 port 80

Give me https://example.com 42.42.42.42 port 443

Here's my TLS cert

Yeah, whatever, just give me the page

<!doctype html><html itemscope=""
 itemtype="http://schema.org/WebPage"
lang="en"><head><script src="evil.com/bad.js" ...</pre>

<!doctype html><html itemscope=""
itemtype="http://schema.org/WebPage"
lang="en"><head><meta content=..</pre>

Sweet. Lemme just go run evil.com/bad.js



HTTP



HTTPS



@SecTinkerer

Where's example.com?

example.com happens to be me! 192.168.1.1

Uh, okay, here's my cert

HSTS cert error cannot be clicked through

Great. Give me http://example.com 192.168.1.1 port 80

Wait, example.com has HSTS enabled! Give me https://example.com 192.168.1.1 port 443

This cert is junk! Don't load!



HTTPS







What to set?

strict-transport-security: max-age=<expire-time>

All further requests to that site will be over HTTPS until age expires.

strict-transport-security: max-age=<expire-time>;
includeSubDomains

All further requests to that site & subdomains will be over HTTPS until age expires.

strict-transport-security: max-age=<expire-time>;
includeSubDomains; preload

- All further requests to that site & subdomains will be over HTTPS until age expires and it will get preloaded into browsers
- Preload requires:
 - max-age=31536000 or higher (one year)
 - includeSubDomains
 - valid HTTPS cert, serving HTTPS on all subdomains
 - redirect port 80 to port 443 (if listening on port 80)
- If any subdomain can't handle HTTPS it will break. By design, no quick rollbacks.
- https://hstspreload.org/



My tiny blog domain is on your computer and phone! (probably multiple times!)

```
{ "name": "beardic.cn", "policy": "bulk-1-year", "mode": "force-https", "include_subdomains": true },
54170
            { "name": "bebout.pw", "policy": "bulk-1-year", "mode": "force-https", "include_subdomains": true },
54171
            { "name": "benhchuyenkhoa.net", "policy": "bulk-1-year", "mode": "force-https", "include_subdomains": true },
54172
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54174
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54188
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54190
           { "name": "betterjapanese.com", "policy": "bulk-1-year", "mode": "force-https", "include_subdomains": true },
           { "name": "betterjapanese.xyz", "policy": "bulk-1-year", "mode": "force-https", "include_subdomains": true },
54191
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54192
            { "name": "bienstar.tv", "policy": "bulk-1-year", "mode": "force-https", "include_subdomains": true },
54193
```

referrer-policy

Implemented in Chrome 61, Firefox 52, no Safari or Microsoft Edge support

Implemented across browsers March 2017

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/Referrer-Policy

When someone clicks a link off your site, you can leak specific information about a user in the "referer" (sic) header Maybe your site is sensitive Or specific URLs can be used to identify

users

```
referer: https://www.bank.com/account/loanPerf.actio
n?loan_id=88783584&customer_id=124783505
```

```
referer: https://site-govt-doesnt-like.com
```

referer: https://twitter.com/SecTinkerer

What to set?

Depends on your site. Common good choices are:

referrer-policy: strict-origin

 Only sends the origin and not URI info. Won't send over HTTP (referer: https://benjamin-hering.com)

referrer-policy: strict-origin-when-cross-origin

 Only sends origin as a referer when links off your site. Internally, the header keeps the full uri. Won't send the header over HTTP

referrer-policy: no-referrer

Just don't send the referer header ever

feature-policy

Chrome 2018; no IE, Edge, or Safari support. Firefox defaults off.

Allows or denies browser features

"Like CSP for features!"

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/Feature-Policy

https://developers.google.com/web/updates/2018/06/feature-policy

Only Chrome!



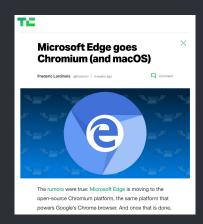
Firefox is off by default. Set dom.security.featurePolicy.header.enabled to true

But everything's Chrome? ~_(ッ)_/~

Microsoft is building its own Chrome browser to replace Edge

Redmond makes a big change to compete on the web

By Tom Warren | Obec 4, 2018, 3-40am EST



https://blogs.windows.com/windowsexperience/2018/12/06/microsoft-edge-making-the-web-better-through-more-open-source-collaboration/

content-security-policy

Implemented in Chrome 25, Firefox 23, IE 10

Implemented across browsers Sept 2012- April 2013

Supersedes the previous x-xss-protection, x-frame-options headers

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/CSP

Somewhere, somehow, something on your site that you don't want running is there

CSP let's you lock down content that page can load to a whitelist

And it will report back to you anything that's in violation

What content? Any content!

- URLs that are loaded with script interfaces
- Fonts
- Frames
- Form submission endpoints
- What plugins can run
- Images
- Manifest files
- What <audio> <video> and <track> elements can load
- What <object>, <embed> and <applet> elements can load
- JavaScript
- CSS
- What can embed the page
- Require subresource integrity
- Restrict the set of base-uri
- Block HTTP content when loaded over HTTPS
- Upgrade HTTP content to HTTPS
- And defaults for everything else

Let's build from the ground up

```
content-security-policy: default-src 'self';
report-uri /csp/report
```

 Only load content from the same origin (no subdomains!) anything else send a report

```
content-security-policy: default-src 'self';
connect-src: www.google-analytics.com 'self';
report-uri /csp/report
```

Adds the ability for Google Analytics script connect and report back

```
content-security-policy: default-src 'self';
connect-src: www.google-analytics.com 'self';
script-src: 'unsafe-inline' connect.facebook.net 'self';
report-uri /csp/report
```

 Adds the ability to run inline JavaScript and a script from connect.facebook.net



What's real life? (news.google.com)

```
content-security-policy: script-src 'report-sample' 'nonce-8rmjdQsKzR9hTEiltCRUTw' 'unsafe-inline' 'unsafe-ev
al';object-src 'none';base-uri 'self';report-uri /_/DotsSplashUi/cspreport;worker-src 'self'
content-security-policy: script-src 'nonce-8rmjdQsKzR9hTEiltCRUTw' 'self' 'unsafe-eval' https://apis.google.c
om https://ssl.gstatic.com https://www.google.com https://www.gstatic.com https://youtube.com https://www
w.youtube.com https://youtube.googleapis.com https://*.ytimg.com https://www.google-analytics.com/analyti
cs.js https://www.googleapis.com/appsmarket/v2/installedApps/;report-uri /_/DotsSplashUi/cspreport
```

Specifying a nonce (a unique per request, base 64 value string) makes modern browsers ignore "unsafe-inline"

```
<script nonce="8rmjdQsKzR9hTEiltCRUTw"> ... </script>
```

Yes, you can have multiple content-security-policy headers. Additions can only restrict. Most strict policy wins.

Other ways to run inline

Hashes! Take your script, drop <script> tags and hash

(capitals and whitespace matters!)

```
<script>var inline = 1;</script>
content-security-policy: script-src
'sha256-B2yPHKaXnvFWtRChIbabYmUBFZdVfKKXHbWtWidDVF8='
```

(Just pull the hash from the browser console error)

Similar to subresource integrity, where you specify a hash for a third party scripts <script src="https://example.com/example-framework.js" integrity="sha384-oqVuAfXRKap7fdgcCY5uykM6+R9GqQ8K/uxy9rx7HNQlGYl1kPzQho1wx4JwY8wC" crossorigin="anonymous"></script>

(BTW, you can force SRI with CSP!) content-security-policy: require-sri-for script;

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/Content-Security-Policy/script-src https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/Security/Subresource_Integrity

What's real life? (facebook.com)

```
content-security-policy: default-src * data: blob:;script-src *.facebook.com *.
fbcdn.net *.facebook.net *.google-analytics.com *.virtualearth.net *.google.
com 127.0.0.1:* *.spotilocal.com:* 'unsafe-inline' 'unsafe-eval' blob: data:
'self';style-src data: blob: 'unsafe-inline' *;connect-src *.facebook.com fa
cebook.com *.fbcdn.net *.facebook.net *.spotilocal.com:* wss://*.facebook.co
m:* https://fb.scanandcleanlocal.com:* attachment.fbsbx.com ws://localhost:*
blob: *.cdninstagram.com 'self' chrome-extension://boadgeojelhgndaghljhdicfk
mllpafd chrome-extension://dliochdbjfkdbacpmhlcpmleaejidimm;
```

```
https://rmpdhdsnappytv-vh.akamaihd.net https://prod-video-eu-central-1.pscp.tv https://prod-video-ap-south-1.pscp.tv https://v.cdn.vine.co https://dwo3ckksxlb0v.cloudfron
t.net https://twitter.com https://prod-video-us-east-2.pscp.tv https://prod-video-cn-north-1.pscp.tv https://amp.twimg.com https://smmdhdsnappvtv-vh.akamaihd.net https://
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ihd.net https://dev-video-eu-west-1.pscp.tv; connect-src https://rmpdhdsnappytv-vh.akamaihd.net https://prod-video-eu-central-1.pscp.tv https://prod-video-ap-south-1.psc
p.tv https://*.giphv.com https://dwo3ckksxlb0v.cloudfront.net https://prod-video-us-east-2.pscp.tv https://prod-video-cn-north-1.pscp.tv https://ymaprel.snappytv.com https://scp.tv https
s://smmdhdsnappytv-vh.akamaihd.net https://*.twimq.com https://embed.pscp.tv https://api.twitter.com https://prod-video-eu-west-1.pscp.tv https://*.video.pscp.tv https://
rmmdhdsnappytv-vh.akamaihd.net https://clips-media-assets.twitch.tv https://prod-video-ap-northeast-2.pscp.tv https://prod-video-us-west-2.pscp.tv https://prod
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snappytv-vh.akamaihd.net https://prod-video-eu-west-3.pscp.tv https://syndication.twitter.com https://sentry.io https://rmdhdsnappytv-vh.akamaihd.net https://media.riffs
y.com https://mmdhdsnappytv-vh.akamaihd.net https://prod-video-ca-central-1.pscp.tv https://embed.periscope.tv https://smpdhdsnappytv-vh.akamaihd.net https://prod-video-s
a-east-1.pscp.tv https://umapstage.snappytv.com https://upload.twitter.com https://proxsee.pscp.tv https://mdhdsnappytv-vh.akamaihd.net https://prod-video-ap-southeast-2.
pscp.tv https://prod-video-cn-northwest-1.pscp.tv https://canary-video-us-east-1.pscp.tv https://dev-video-us-west-2.pscp.tv https://canary-video-us-east-1.pscp.tv https://dev-video-us-west-2.pscp.tv https://canary-video-us-west-2.pscp.tv https://canar
```

content-security-policy: script-src https://ssl.google-analytics.com https://twitter.com 'unsafe-eval' https://*.twimg.com https://api.twitter.com https://analytics.twitter.com https://platform.twitter.com https://syndication.twitter.com https://www.google.com https://platform.twitter.com 'nonce-j5S+szs/iwnXTYuX7KxHeg==' https://www.google-analytics.com blob: 'self'; frame-ancestors 'self'; font-src https://twitter.com https://*.twimg.com data: https://ton.twitter.com 'self'; media-src

ps://ton.twitter.com 'unsafe-inline' https://platform.twitter.com 'self'; object-src https://twitter.com https://pbs.twimg.com; default-src 'self' blob:; frame-src https://twitter.com https://syndication.twitter.com https://syndication.twitter.com https://vine.co twitter: https://www.youtube.com https://platform.twitter.com https://upload.twitter.com 'self'; img-src https://*.giphy.com https://*.pscp.tv https://twitter.com https://twitter.com https://twitter.com https://www.goo https://clips-media-assets.twitch.tv https://lumiere-a.akamaihd.net https://ton.twitter.com https://syndication.twitter.com https://media.riffsy.com https://www.goo

prod-video-us-east-1.pscp.tv blob: 'self' https://prod-video-ap-northeast-3.pscp.tv https://wmap.grabyo.com https://prod-video-ap-southeast-1.pscp.tv https://mpdhdsnappytv-vh.akamaihd.net https://dev-video-eu-west-1.pscp.tv; style-src https://fonts.googleapis.com https://twitter.com https://s.twimg.com https://translate.googleapis.com https://s.twimg.com https://s

Phew, glad we have a security/SRE/foobar team to worry about this mess!

content-security-policy only exists to break things!

A strict content-security-policy can functionally only be set by the people that write the code. They know the content!

Here's what's worked for me

- Set a global failback for legacy applications.
- Fail open? Add default-src *; Even correctly configured content-security-policy can break slower adopting and older browsers
- Leverage content-security-policy-report-only

Fail open or fail close?

Let's assume a new CSP directive foobar-src

Updated browsers will enforce foobar-src Older browsers will fall back to default-src

```
content-security-policy: default-src: *;
foobar-src: super-foo.com 'self';
report-uri /csp/report
content-security-policy: default-src: 'none';
foobar-src: super-foo.com 'self';
report-uri /csp/report
```

A perfectly to spec CSP can still break things!



content-security-policy-report-only

Basically "audit mode" for content-security-policy

Displays violations in the browser console, but won't block functionality

Syntax is identical; only appending **-report-only** to the header name

Reports violations via report-uri

Example Report

```
JSON formatted POST to your report URI
  "csp-report": {
    "document-uri": "http://example.com/signup.html",
    "referrer": "",
    "blocked-uri": "http://example.com/css/style.css",
    "violated-directive": "style-src cdn.example.com",
    "original-policy": "default-src 'none'; style-src
cdn.example.com; report-uri /csp-reports",
   "disposition": "report/enforce"
```

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