

Documentation - Level 7 & 8

What is an XSS attack?

A Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) attack is an injection of code directly into the HTML page. It occurs when a variable such as `$username` is returned without any protection.

```
$error_msg = "<p>Sorry {$username}, password incorrect !</p>";
```

It's then possible to inject JavaScript code into the page.

```
$error_msg = "<p>Sorry <script>...</script>, password incorrect !</p>";
```

How to display an information in JavaScript?

The simplest way to display information in JavaScript is to use the `alert(x)` function.

How to retrieve session cookies?

Session cookies are stored in the variable `document.cookies`.