Reflected XSS on Stack Overflow

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This is @newp_th. Today I want to share with you a Reflected XSS which I found in Stack Overflow.

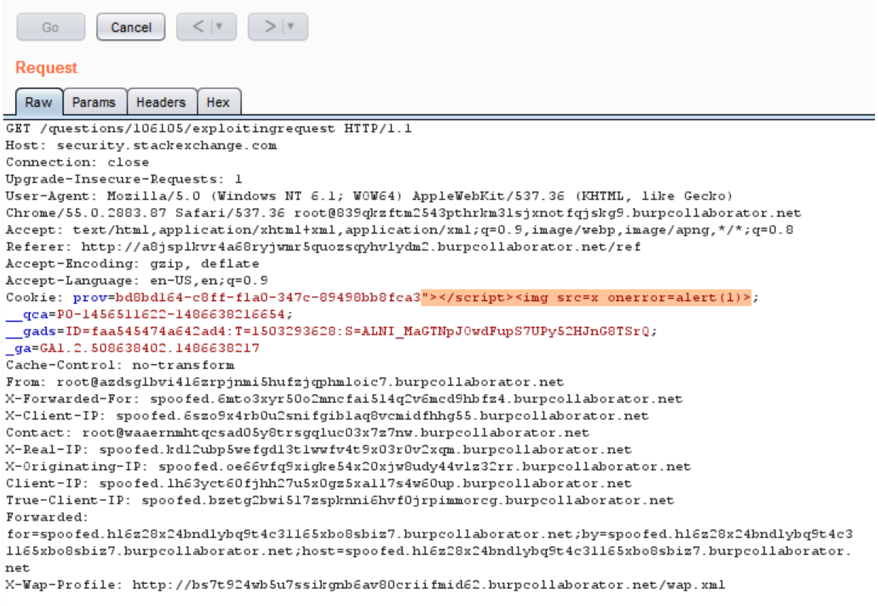
While i was testing some other domain and doing spider activity in burpsuite, I checked issues tab whether any issues were popped up. Suddently i got to know Stack Overflow is vulnerable to XSS (i used reflector extension https://github.com/elkokc/reflector). So i decided to test that domain of Stack Overflow.

Reflector extension:

Burp Suite extension is able to find reflected XSS on page in real-time while browsing on web-site and include some features as:

Highlighting of reflection in the response tab.
Test which symbols is allowed in this reflection.
Analyze of reflection context.
Content-Type whitelist.

When i was going through the Stack Overflow domain, I noticed a vulnerable parameter in Cookie!!, I put a simple payload “></script><img src=x onerror=alert(1)> into the prov parameter.



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Connection: close
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
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Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,image/apng,*/*;q=0.8
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Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9
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net
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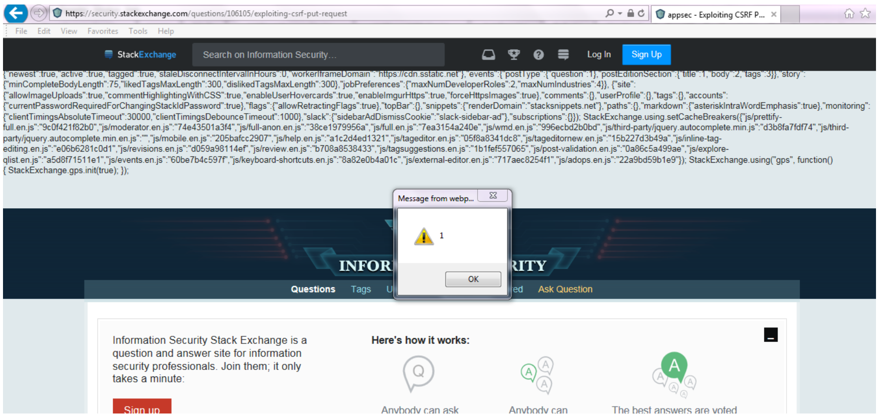
Request

After cheking the reponse from IE, Got the XSS POPUP!!!!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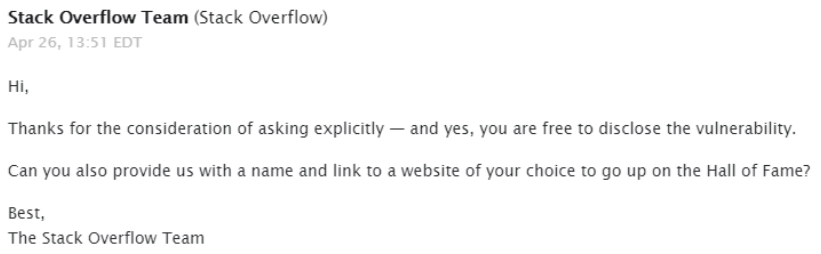
Note:

Dedicated to my friend Renjith(https://ae.linkedin.com/in/renjith-tc-bb9b40a1), I greatly appreciate the time you've taken to share your knowledge with me

HOF on the way!!!!



Stack Overflow Team (Stack Overflow)
Apr 26, 13:51 EDT

Hi,

Thanks for the consideration of asking explicitly — and yes, you are free to disclose the vulnerability.

Can you also provide us with a name and link to a website of your choice to go up on the Hall of Fame?

Best,
The Stack Overflow Team

Timeline

Feb 14th -Report submitted

Feb 19th -Triaged

April 3rd -Fixed