

HTML INJECTION

- * An HTML code is injected into a web app.
- * Rendered by the Browser \Rightarrow Client side attack.
- * Exploits flaws in the application's handling of user input for web pages.
- * Aims to modify appearance of a web page.
- * Tricking user to interact with fake contents.
- * User provides input to the app.
- * If the input is not sanitized, then malicious input can get injected into the page.
- * The malicious input is in the form of HTML code which is rendered by the Browser.

Example

\$ cat htutil.php

<html>

<body>

Welcome

<?php

echo \$_REQUEST['nickname'];

?>

!

</body>

</html>

Post — used when submitting form data

core HTTP method should be specified in form

Get — when user enters a URL or clicks on a link, browser generates a GET request.

or default Get is used.

span keep the data in line.

Go to /var/www/htutil/
create a dir. there htutilinjection
cd htutilinjection
& place the file htutil.php here

Now open a new tab
Get your kali ip.

start apache2 service

```
$systemctl status apache2.service
```

```
$systemctl start apache2.service
```

Now open **firefox** browser in kali

Go to url bar & type

<ip of kali>/htmlinjection/htmli.php

you will see

Welcome !

Now on url bar pass input

i.e., kali-ip/htmlinjection/htmli.php?nickname= sbee

you'll see

OR `<b7 sbee`

OR `<b7 sbee </b7`

Welcome sbee !

So Any thing you type in here, gets reflected back.

* If you look at htmail.php, you'll notice we are

```
echo $_REQUEST['nickname'];
```

↑
super global array that collects
data from multiple sources
like
form submissions
URL parameters
cookies.

we are echoing user input.

now because this user input is not being
sanitized, I can actually add any
malicious code

eg ... ?nickname=hacker

Rt. click & look at the source code
of the page.

See the echo line is replaced
by user input.

The malicious user can also do

...?nickname=click here

...?nickname=click Here

https://

Note :- write above injection as URL parameter. It works.

* If you try to write it on Burp it fails.

* Set interception on Burp.

* Write this on URL

* On Burp look at the intercepted request

It is encoded

What you can do is type fccollege.edu.pk

in place of google.com

To Encode

"	→	%22
<	→	%3C
>	→	%3E
space	→	%20
&	→	%26
=====		-----

So

?nickname=click Here

becomes

?nickname=%3Ca%20href=%22http://google.com%22%3Eclick%20Here%3C%2F%3E

Example

var/www/html/injection/htmltags

Exploit

```
<html>
<body>
```

```
<b> Welcome! Please Login </b>
```

```
<br>
```

```
<form action = '/'>
```

```
<input type = "hidden"
```

```
name = "sessionid"
```

```
value = "<?php echo
```

```
$_REQUEST['sid'];
```

```
?>">
```

```
Username: <input type = "text"
name = "username">
<br>
```

```
Password: <input type = "password"
name = "pass"> <br>
```

```
<input type = "submit"
value = "Login">
```

```
</form>
</body>
</html>
```

Here since method is not explicitly specified \Rightarrow default method GET is used & form data is appended to the url in the form of query param

output :-

Welcome! Please Login

Username:

Password:

Username:

<input type = "text"

name = "username">

Password:

<input type = "password"

name = "pass">

<input type = "submit"

value = "Login">

Explaining the code

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`<form>` tag defines start of a form in HTML. Form is something where you can ~~find~~ add fields like text boxes, labels, radio buttons, buttons etc.

`action = '/'` means when the form is submitted, the data will be sent to the root of the server. The server should then have an end point that listens for the form submission at this URL.

If no action is specified, the form will submit to the current page by default.

`<input>` tag is used to create various types of input fields.

eg `<input type="text" name="username">`

Here common attributes of input tag are type, name, id, value, ...

type can be text, password, radio, submit, ...

In the code,

we have username text box
password text box
submit button

& a hidden field called sessionid
its value is based on user input

On url bar type

<kali ip>/htulnjection/htultagei.php

you'll see the page

* Now type

-- htultagei.php?sid=rauf

nothing appears on page

Goto view page source

Here in the code, you'll see "sid" is
replaced by "rauf"

* Next type a " at the end of URL etc.

view page source, you'll see a " at
the end of "rauf"

* Try placing different symbols like ">
or <!-- etc & see what happens

* As an attacker you can change the view ~~the~~ of the page

eg.

go to view source & try to create a third text box with ATM pin label.

Copy the code in a text editor & make changes as follows. in a single line

```

"></form><form action="/"><input type=
"hidden" name="sessionid" value="kayf">
Username: <input type="text" name=
"username"><br>password: <input type=
"password" name="pass"><br>ATM pin:
<input type="password" name="atmpin">
<br><input type="submit" value="login">
</form><!--
  
```

Let us try it on DVWA

Open

- * DVWA is a deliberately vulnerable web App.
- * Used to practice web app security testing in a safe environment.

- * Open Source

- * Adjustable Security level

- * Burp Suite, OWASP ZAP can be tested & practiced on DVWA.

- * Common Vulnerabilities in DVWA

- HTML Inj
- SQL Inj
- XSS
- CSRF
- Command Inj
- File Inclusion

Open M2 & kali

- Goto Firefox on kali
- Type ip addr of M2 on URL bar
- Click on DVWA
username : admin
password : password.

• Goto XSS Reflected

Type on text Box

Rauf

of: Hello Rauf

Type `<h1>Rauf</h1>`

• of Hello Rauf as in Heading \Rightarrow Vuln.

Type `click Me`

of Hello click Me
when you click on it you will be
redirected to google.com

For Low security

```
echo 'Hello' . $_GET['name']
```

is used

This is a superglobal (built-in global array) in php. It directly retrieves & processes data without any validation. If the data is a valid HTML code, it simply is rendered.

For Medium Security

```
echo 'Hello' . str_replace('<script>', '',  
$_GET['name']);
```

This line replaces `<script>` by an empty space - but still uses `$_GET[]`
⇒ vulnerable

For High Security

Here `htmlspecialchars()` fn is used. This fn ensures that chars like `<`, `>`, `&`, `"` are treated as plain text instead of being interpreted as HTML or Java script by the browser.