

XSS_2

- Try to add a Button with text me “Click Me”. The button click must trigger an alert with the content “You have a Virus!”

To exploit `xss_2.py` I wrote some html code to close the previously opened `<a>` tag and to display a button with an onclick action.

Furthermore, I hide the rest of the line, opening a new `<a>` tag and setting his CSS to not display it.

```
http://localhost:5000/hello?name="></a> <!-- close the previous tag -->
<button type="button" onclick="alert('You have a virus!')">Click Me</button> <!-- define the butt
on and his onclick function -->
<a style="display: none;" href="
```

- Fix the vulnerability

We can sanitize the input parameter using the function `escape` from `html` module, following is showed the piece of code modified in order to fix the XSS vulnerability. `name = escape(request.args.get('name'));`

XSS_3

- The returned website will set you a random cookie. Get that cookies and pass it to GET `/secret?cookies=<your-cookies>`

Using Postman we can send the GET request on `http://localhost:5000/hello?name=Emanuele` this will result in a body representing the content of the webpage, next to the “Body” tab we can see the “Cookies (1)” tab. In such tab we can find the cookie value. In my case the cookie value is `80ff5b23-573e-4a01-ac81-941f9f111ba6`

Otherwise, it is possible to use the `Inspect Element` function of Firefox and search for the cookie in the “Storage” tab, to use it in the next point.

- Assert the cookie is correct, you will receive a webpage with `Congrats!`

Simply call the webpage

```
http://localhost:5000/secret?cookies=80ff5b23-573e-4a01-ac81-941f9f111ba6
```

- Fix it

As `xss_2.py` we fix this program sanitizing his input variables.

```
name = escape(request.args.get('name'))
cookies = escape(request.args.get('cookies'))
```

In the following pages some screenshots are displayed for more clarity.

The image shows two windows from a Linux desktop environment. The top window is Postman, displaying a REST client interface for a GET request to `http://localhost:5000/hello?name=Emanuele`. The request body is empty, and the response status is 200 OK. The response body contains a series of HTML tags, including `<script>` and `` tags, which are part of a web application security exercise. The bottom window is Sublime Text, showing a Python script named `xsx_2.py` that uses Flask to create a web application. The script defines a route `/hello` that returns a response with a title, body, and a link to a search engine. The script also includes a main function that runs the application.

Postman interface showing a GET request to `http://localhost:5000/hello?name=Emanuele`. The response status is 200 OK, and the response body contains a series of HTML tags, including `<script>` and `` tags, which are part of a web application security exercise.

Sublime Text interface showing a Python script named `xsx_2.py` that uses Flask to create a web application. The script defines a route `/hello` that returns a response with a title, body, and a link to a search engine. The script also includes a main function that runs the application.

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Activities Sublime Text mar 23:17
~/SECTESTING/lab_3_exercises/reflected_xss/xss_3.py - Sublime Text (UNREGISTERED)

xss_3.py xss_2.py
1 from flask import Flask, request, make_response
2 from html import escape
3 import uuid
4
5 app = Flask(__name__)
6
7 your_cookie = None
8
9 @app.route("/hello")
10 def hello():
11     global your_cookie
12     name = escape(request.args.get('name'))
13     content = """
14     <html>
15     <head><title>Internet knows</title></head>
16     <body>
17     Would you like to know what internet thinks about you? Visit this <a href="https://www.bing.com/search?q={}" attribute="aaa">Link</a>
18     </body>
19     </html>
20     """.format(name)
21     resp = make_response(content)
22     your_cookie = str(uuid.uuid4())
23     resp.set_cookie('auth', your_cookie)
24     return resp
25
26 @app.route("/secret")
27 def secret():
28     global your_cookie
29     print("your cookie", your_cookie)
30     cookies = escape(request.args.get('cookies'))
31     if your_cookie and your_cookie in cookies:
32         print("Congrats!")
33         return "Congrats!", 200
34     else:
35         return "Wrong cookie", 403
36
37 if __name__ == "__main__":
38     app.run()
39
```