

# Improper Neutralization of Input During Web Page Generation ('Cross-site Scripting') in org.xwiki.platform:xwiki-platform-mentions-ui

Critical
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## Package


**org.xwiki.platform:xwiki-platform-mentions-ui** (Maven)

## Affected versions

>= 12.5-rc-1

## Patched versions

14.4, 13.10.6

## Description

### Impact

It's possible to store Javascript or groovy scripts in an mention macro anchor or reference field. The stored code is executed by anyone visiting the page with the mention.

For example, the example below will create a file at /tmp/exploit.txt :

```

{{mention reference="XWiki.Translation" anchor="{{/html~}}{{async async=~"true~"
cached=~"false~" context=~"doc.reference~"~}}{{groovy~}}new
File("~/tmp/exploit.txt~").withWriter { out -> out.println(~"owned!~"); }}{{/groovy~}}
{{/async~}}"/}}
    
```

### Patches

This issue has been patched on XWiki 14.4 and 13.10.6.

### Workarounds

It's possible to fix the vulnerability by updating `XWiki.Mentions.MentionsMacro` and edit the `Macro` code field of the `XWiki.WikiMacroClass` `XObject`.

```
<a id="$anchor" class="$stringtool.join($cssClasses, ' ')" data-reference="$services.model.seria
```

Must be replaced by

```
<a id="$escapetool.xml($anchor)" class="$stringtool.join($cssClasses, ' ')" data-reference="$esc
$escapetool.xml($content)
</a>
```

See the patches:

- 14.4: [4f290d8](#)
- 13.10.6: [4032dc8](#) #diff-  
[4fe22885f772e47d3561a05348f73921669ec12d4413b220383b73c7ae484bc4R608-R610](#)

References

- <https://jira.xwiki.org/browse/XWIKI-19752>

For more information

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Severity

**Critical** 9.9 / 10

CVSS base metrics	
Attack vector	Network
Attack complexity	Low
Privileges required	Low
User interaction	None
Scope	Changed
Confidentiality	High

Integrity

High

Availability

High

CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:L/UI:N/S:C/C:H/I:H/A:H

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## CVE ID

CVE-2022-36098

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## Weaknesses

CWE-95