

## Cross-site Scripting (XSS) - Reflected in beancount/fava

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### Description

The time parameter in `fava` is vulnerable to reflected XSS

### Proof of Concept

1. Open the web browser to access the fava webpage.
2. Access the url: `https://fava.pythonanywhere.com/example-beancount-file/income_statement/?time=%22%3E%3Cbutton+onclick%3Dalert%281%29%3ECLICK+ME%3C%2Fbutton%3E` Script will be reflected in on clicking the button.
3. When the victim clicks on the button -> Alert box will pop up

### Image

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PJ\\_kKyn5KrHbzplApD-rfhuwSbtsCTvS/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PJ_kKyn5KrHbzplApD-rfhuwSbtsCTvS/view?usp=sharing)

### Impact

If an attacker can control a script that is executed in the victim's browser, then they can typically fully compromise that user. Amongst other things, the attacker can:

- + Perform any action within the application that the user can perform.
- + View any information that the user is able to view.
- + Modify any information that the user is able to modify.

Initiate interactions with other application users, including malicious attacks, that will appear to originate from the initial victim user. There are various means by which an attacker might induce a victim user to make a request that they control, to deliver a reflected XSS attack. These include placing links on a website controlled by the attacker, or on another website that allows content to be generated, or by sending a link in an email, tweet or other message

### References

- [huntr.dev](https://huntr.dev)

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- [https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/2017/A7\\_2017-Cross-Site\\_Scripting\\_\(XSS\)](https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/2017/A7_2017-Cross-Site_Scripting_(XSS))

## CVE

CVE-2022-2514

(Published)

## Vulnerability Type

CWE-79: Cross-site Scripting (XSS) - Reflected

## Severity

High (8)

## Registry

Pypi

## Affected Version

v1.21

## Visibility

Public

## Status

Fixed

## Found by



saharshtapi

@saharshtapi

master ▼

This report was seen 504 times.

We are processing your report and will contact the **beancount/fava** team within 24 hours.

6 months ago

saharshtapi modified the report 6 months ago

We created a **GitHub Issue** asking the maintainers to create a SECURITY.md 6 months ago

saharshtapi 5 months ago

Researcher

@admin can you please sent the magic link to the maintainers at this emails  
mail@jakobschnitzer.de  
mail@jakobschnitzer.de

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PS: This email were provided by them in one of the GitHub issues and I has also contacted them via mail and they requested to access the reports without signing up  
Thanks

Jamie Slome 5 months ago

Admin

Sorting this for you now 🍷

Jamie Slome 5 months ago

Admin

I've dropped a comment on the GitHub Issue [here](#). I do need to get authorised confirmation from the maintainers before sending any e-mails out with magic URLs.

saharshtapi 5 months ago

Researcher

Understood. Appreciate it!!

We have opened a **pull request** with a SECURITY.md for **beancount/fava** to merge. 5 months ago

We have contacted a member of the **beancount/fava** team and are waiting to hear back  
5 months ago

Jamie Slome 5 months ago

Admin

E-mail sent 🍷

We have sent a follow up to the **beancount/fava** team. We will try again in 7 days. 5 months ago

A **beancount/fava** maintainer has acknowledged this report 5 months ago

A **beancount/fava** maintainer modified the Severity from Critical (9.6) to High (8) 4 months ago

A **beancount/fava** maintainer modified the Severity from High to Low 4 months ago

A **beancount/fava** maintainer 4 months ago

Maintainer

Since Fava URLs are dependent on the name of the underlying Beancount journal files, which should be private and require a previous attach to be determined by the attacker, I've marked the attack complexity as "high"

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ve marked the attack complexity as High

A **beancount/fava** maintainer modified the Severity from Low to High (8.2) 4 months ago

A **beancount/fava** maintainer modified the Severity from High (8.2) to High (8) 4 months ago

The researcher has received a minor penalty to their credibility for miscalculating the severity: -1

A **beancount/fava** maintainer validated this vulnerability 4 months ago

**saharshtapi** has been awarded the disclosure bounty ✓

The fix bounty is now up for grabs

The researcher's credibility has increased: +7

A **beancount/fava** maintainer marked this as fixed in 1.22 with commit **ca9e38** 4 months ago

The fix bounty has been dropped ✗

This vulnerability will not receive a CVE ✗

♥ A **beancount/fava** maintainer gave praise 4 months ago

Thank you for the report :)

The researcher's credibility has slightly increased as a result of the maintainer's thanks: +1

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