

## Stored xss bug in go-gitea/gitea

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✓ Valid

Reported on May 6th 2022

### Description

stored xss bug

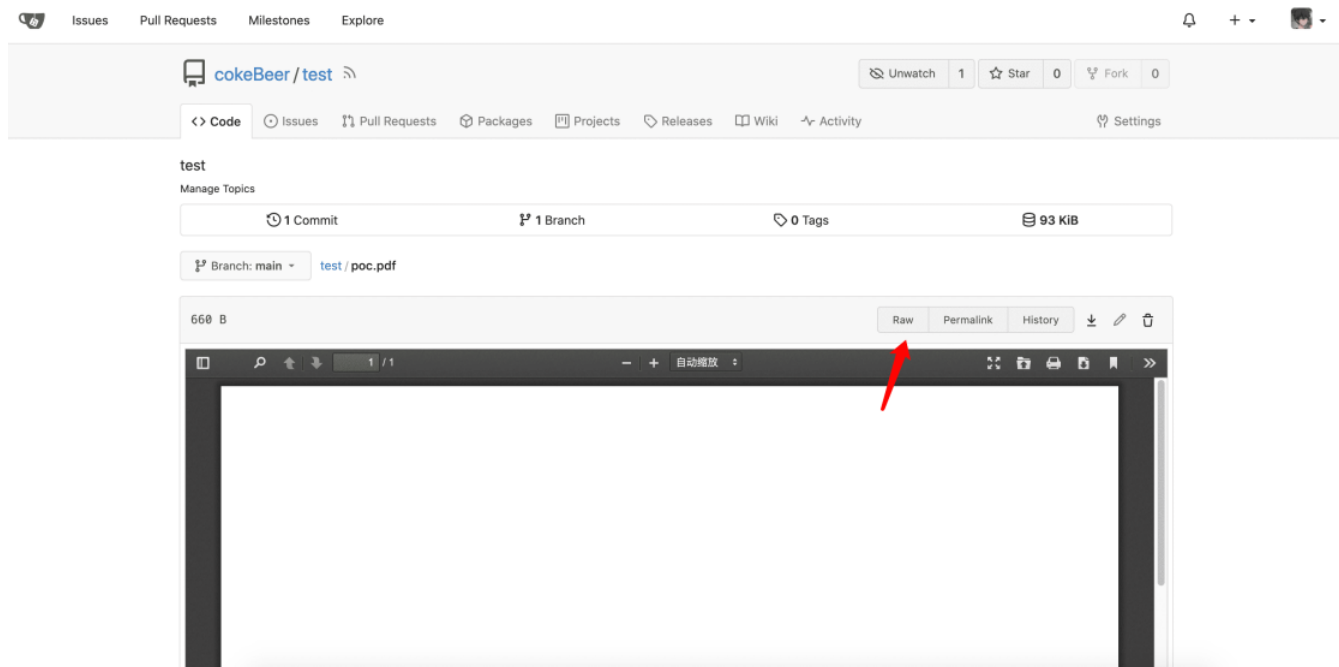
### Proof of Concept

I created a repository on [try.gitea.io](https://try.gitea.io) and uploaded a pdf file containing xss vector.

<https://try.gitea.io/cokeBeer/test/src/branch/main/poc.pdf>

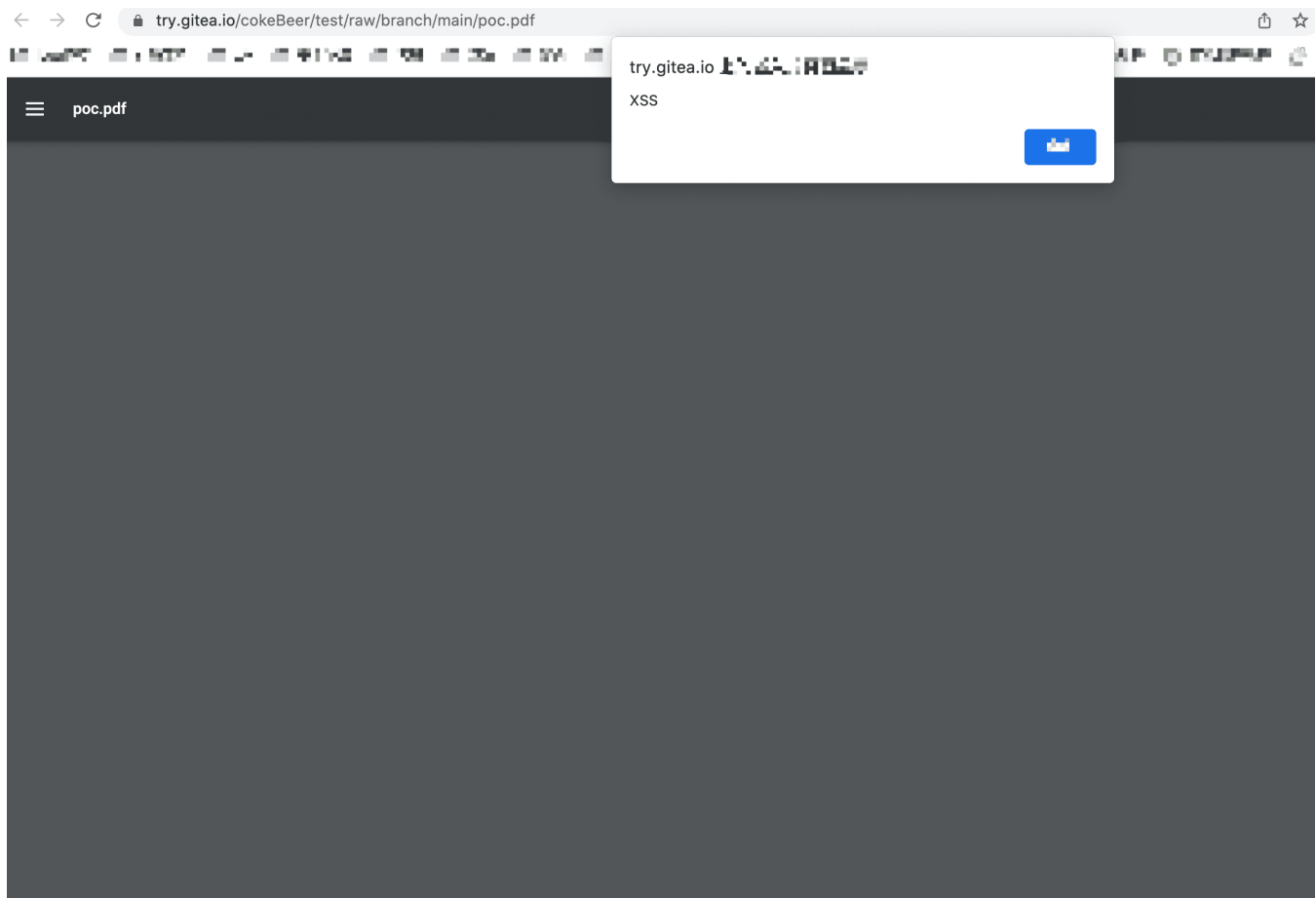
Just click the "Raw" button

**THIS IS A TEST INSTANCE ONLY! REPOSITORIES CAN BE DELETED AT ANY TIME!**



The xss vector will be triggered

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## Fix Suggestion

prohibit viewing pdf directly by browser's default viewer

## Impact

As the repo is public , any user can view the report and when open the attachment then xss is executed. This bug allow executed any javascript code in victim account .

## References

- [PDF to XSS](#)

CVE  
CVE-2022-1928  
(Published)

Vulnerability Type

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## CWE-79: Cross-site Scripting (XSS) - Stored

### Severity

Medium (4.4)

### Registry

Golang

### Affected Version

v1.16.7

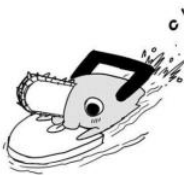
### Visibility

Public

### Status

Fixed

### Found by



**cokebeer**

@cokebeer

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### Fixed by



**Lauris BH**

@lafriks

maintainer

This report was seen 1,043 times.

We are processing your report and will contact the **go-gitea/gitea** team within 24 hours.

7 months ago

**cokebeer** modified the report 7 months ago

We have contacted a member of the **go-gitea/gitea** team and are waiting to hear back

7 months ago

**Lunny Xiao** 7 months ago

Maintainer

Looks like the pdf file will pop up the window even if running as a local file.

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cokebeer 7 months ago

Researcher

Yes. I think it is due to browser's feature as a pdf reader . But a xss in local file can't steal cookie or token in a target site because of the wrong host ( like file://xxxxxx instead of http://gitea.com ) and will be less harmful. Prohibiting viewing pdf directly by browser's default viewer on target site will be safer.

cokebeer 7 months ago

Researcher

any feedback?

We have sent a follow up to the **go-gitea/gitea** team. We will try again in 7 days. 7 months ago

We have sent a second follow up to the **go-gitea/gitea** team. We will try again in 10 days.  
6 months ago

Lauris BH 6 months ago

Maintainer

I wonder does Content-Security-Policy sandbox header would prevent that (similarly as we do for SVG)

cokebeer 6 months ago

Researcher

No. The PDF file is view directly by Chrome's PDF viewer. Better just prohibiting this like github do

Lauris BH 6 months ago

Maintainer

But GitHub does display pdf files same as we do just under different subdomain

cokebeer 6 months ago

Researcher

A link please? Mainly I focus on whether the pdf file can be easily controlled by malicious user.

We have sent a third and final follow up to the **go-gitea/gitea** team. This report is now considered stale. 6 months ago

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Lauris BH 6 months ago

Maintainer

<https://github.com/mozilla/pdf.js/blob/master/examples/learning/helloworld.pdf>

when clicking on this on [Raw](#) it will open:

<https://raw.githubusercontent.com/mozilla/pdf.js/master/examples/learning/helloworld.pdf>

With headers:

```
Content-Security-Policy: default-src 'none'; style-src 'unsafe-inline'; sandbox
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```
Content-Type: application/octet-stream
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cokebeer 6 months ago

Researcher

On my Chrome, the PDF is downloaded directly via your link. Whatever, I just advice the bug. Whether to fix it is up to yours.

Lauris BH modified the Severity from High to Low 6 months ago

Lauris BH 6 months ago

Maintainer

Imho CVSS is [AV:N/AC:H/PR:L/UI:R/S:C/L/I:L/A:N](#) - 4.4

Lauris BH modified the Severity from Low to Medium (4.4) 6 months ago

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

Lauris BH validated this vulnerability 6 months ago

cokebeer has been awarded the disclosure bounty ✓

The fix bounty is now up for grabs

The researcher's credibility has increased: +7

Lauris BH 6 months ago

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I have submitted PR to fix this issue: <https://github.com/go-gitea/gitea/pull/19825>

Lauris BH marked this as fixed in **1.16.9** with commit **65e068** 6 months ago

Lauris BH has been awarded the fix bounty 

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