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## Mutation XSS In Mozilla-Bleach Via Noscript



Details

Overview

## Summary

Mutation XSS (mXSS) vulnerability in Mozilla-bleach when noscript tag is allowed in addition to one of the following tags: title, textarea, script, style, noembed, noframes, iframe, xmp or comment.

This occurs due to bleach utilizing its parser, html5lib, with scripting=False. In this case, the data of the noscript tags will be parsed as HTML, while the browser parses them as rawdata. This can cause arbitrary HTML and JavaScript codes to run on the victim's browser.

### **Product**

Bleach before 3.1.1

## **Impact**

According to GitHub, more than 72,000 repositories are dependent on Bleach. Among them are major vendors, including multiple Fortune 500 tech companies.

## **Steps To Reproduce**

```
>>> import bleach
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>>> bleach.clean('<noscript><style></noscript><img src=x onerror=alert(1)>', tags=["noscript","style"])

#### **Expected Result:**

< noscript >< style >< /noscript >< img src=x onerror=alert(1) >< /style >< img src=x onerror=alert(1) >< /style >< img src=x onerror=alert(1) >< img

# Remediation

Update bleach dependency to 3.1.1 and above

#### Credit

This issue was discovered and reported by Checkmarx SCA Security Researcher Yaniv Nizry.

## Resources

- 1. Blog
- 2. Advisory
- 3. Commit <u>f77e0f6</u>