Code Analysis

Now that we have deobfuscated the code, we can start going through it:

Code: javascript 'use strict'; function generateSerial() { ...SNIP... var xhr = new XMLHttpRequest; var url = "/serial.php"; xhr.open("POST", url, true); xhr.send(null); };

We see that the secret.js file contains only one function, generateSerial.

HTTP Requests

Let us look at each line of the generateSerial function.

Code Variables

The function starts by defining a variable xhr, which creates an object of XMLHttpRequest. As we may not know exactly what XMLHttpRequest does in JavaScript, let us Google XMLHttpRequest to see what it is used for.

After we read about it, we see that it is a JavaScript function that handles web requests.

The second variable defined is the URL variable, which contains a URL to /serial.php, which should be on the same domain, as no domain was specified.

Code Functions

Next, we see that xhr.open is used with "POST" and URL. We can Google this function once again, and we see that it opens the HTTP request defined 'GET or POST' to the URL, and then the next line xhr.send would send the request.

So, all generateSerial is doing is simply sending a POST request to /serial.php, without including any POST data or retrieving anything in return.

The developers may have implemented this function whenever they need to generate a serial, like when clicking on a certain Generate Serial button, for example. However, since we did not see any similar HTML elements that generate serials, the developers must not have used this function yet and kept it for future use.

With the use of code deobfuscation and code analysis, we were able to uncover this function. We can now attempt to replicate its functionality to see if it is handled on the server-side when sending a POST request. If the function is enabled and handled on the server-side, we may uncover an unreleased functionality, which usually tends to have bugs and vulnerabilities within them.



