

Penetration Testing Report

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Introduction

This report document hereby describes the proceedings and results of a Black Box security assessment conducted against the **Week 1 Labs**. The report hereby lists the findings and corresponding best practice mitigation actions and recommendations.

1. Objective

The objective of the assessment was to uncover vulnerabilities in the **Week 1 Labs** and provide a final security assessment report comprising vulnerabilities, remediation strategy and recommendation guidelines to help mitigate the identified vulnerabilities and risks during the activity.

2. Scope

This section defines the scope and boundaries of the project.

Application Name	Black Box Application HTML Injection, Cross Site Scripting
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3. Summary

Outlined is a Black Box Application Security assessment for the **Week 1 Labs**.

Total number of Sub-labs: 17 Sub-labs

High	Medium	Low
4	3	10

High - 4 Sub-lab with high difficulty level

Medium - 3 Sub-labs with medium difficulty level

Low - 10 Sub-labs with low difficulty level

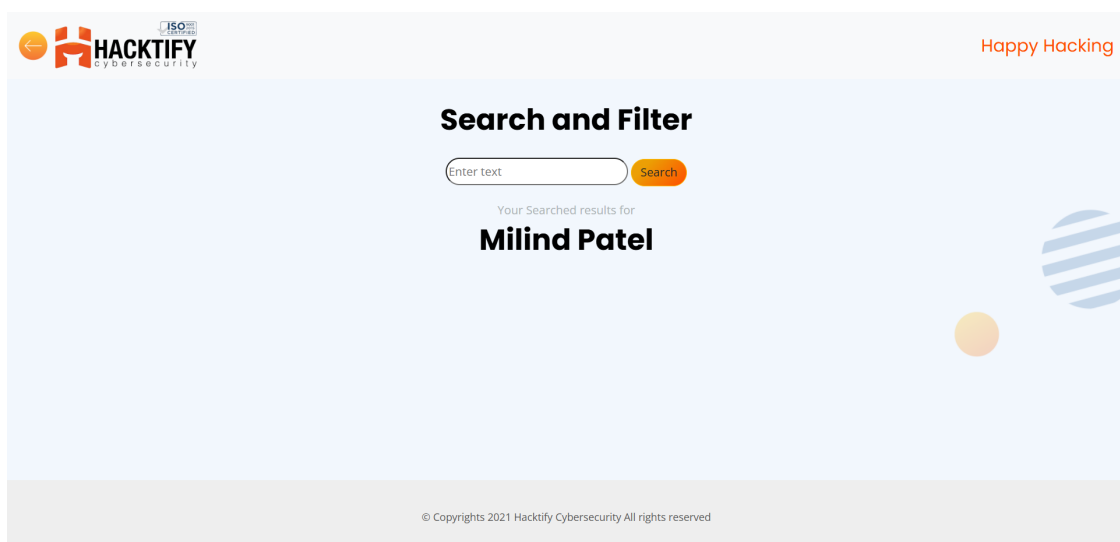
1. HTML Injection Labs

1.1. HTML's are easy!

Reference	Risk Rating
Sub-lab-1: HTML's are easy!	Low
Tools Used	
Browser "Inspect" and "View Page Source" are used to find vulnerability.	
Vulnerability Description	
HTML injection is a type of web security vulnerability that allows an attacker to inject malicious HTML code into a webpage. Attacker can exploit HTML code of website and steal the crucial data of users like login credentials or attacker can redirect user to its own malicious website.	
How It Was Discovered	
Automated Tools: View Page Source, Inspect	
Vulnerable URLs	
labs.hacktify.in/HTML/html_lab/lab_1/html_injection_1.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
1. If the vulnerability is not fixed, it allows an attacker to put his own malicious code in website which leads to stealing of user's data.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
1. Use encoding to script. 2. Deploy Content Security Policy (CSP) to restrict script sources. 3. Regularly check and do vulnerability testing.	
References	
https://portswigger.net/web-security/sql-injection https://portswigger.net/web-security/cross-site-scripting/html-injection	

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1.2. Let me store them!

Reference	Risk Rating
Sub-lab-2: Let me store them!	Low
Tools Used	
Scripts are used.	
Vulnerability Description	
On the login page, user data is stored. However, when we enter scripts into the text area, they get executed, which should not happen.	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis: Used scripts to identify vulnerability	
Vulnerable URLs	
labs.hacktify.in/HTML/html_lab/lab_2/profile.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
1. Unauthorized user can get access to website by passing the security measures.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
1. Put some validations at text area. 2. Routine checks for vulnerability. 3. Validate page to do not accept script at user side.	
References	
https://owasp.org/www-community/Injection_Information https://portswigger.net/web-security/sql-injection	

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Happy Hacking

User Profile

First Name:

Last Name:

Email:

Password:

Confirm Password:

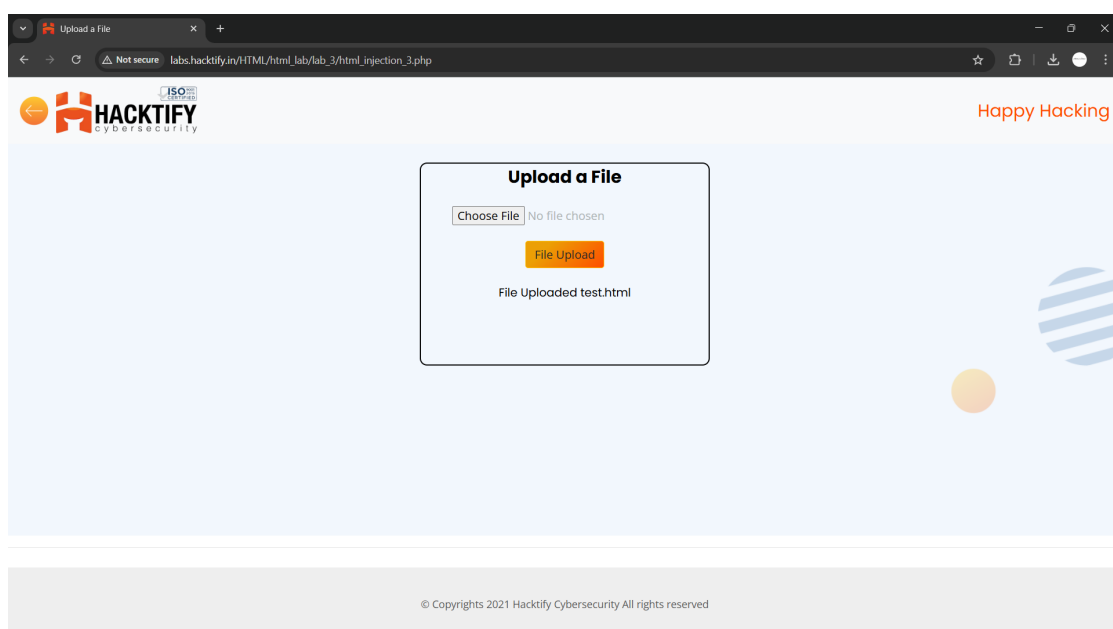
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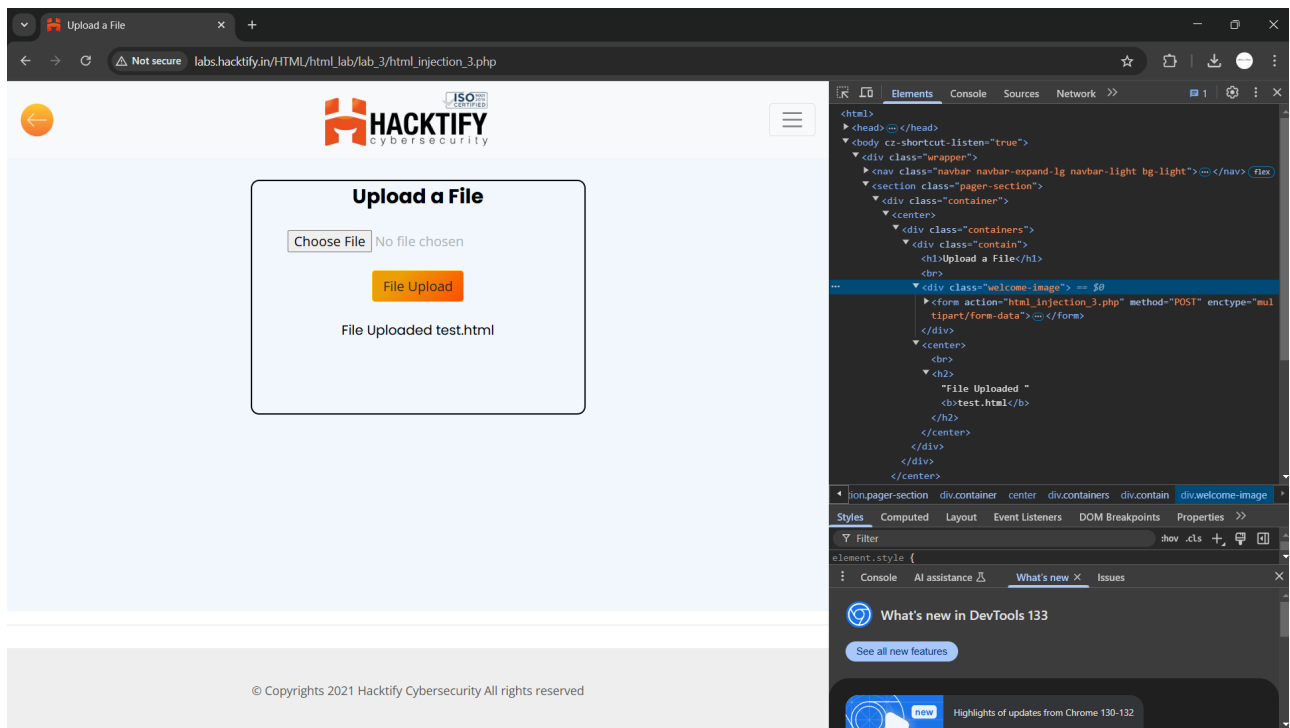
1.3. File names are also vulnerable!

Reference	Risk Rating
Sub-lab-3: File names are also vulnerable!	Low
Tools Used	
Browser "inspect" tool, Scripts	
Vulnerability Description	
Attacker can change file name and manipulate files in server or change files with his own files.	
How It Was Discovered	
Automated Tools: Inspect tool of browser	
Vulnerable URLs	
labs.hacktify.in/HTML/html_lab/lab_3/html_injection_3.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. XSS Attacks2. Phishing Attacks3. Attacker can change file extensions.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Validate the server to prevent file manipulation.2. Verify that no malicious files were uploaded based on their filenames.3. Validate file extensions to allow only safe file types.	
References	
https://owasp.org/www-community/Injection_Information https://portswigger.net/web-security/cross-site-scripting/html-injection	

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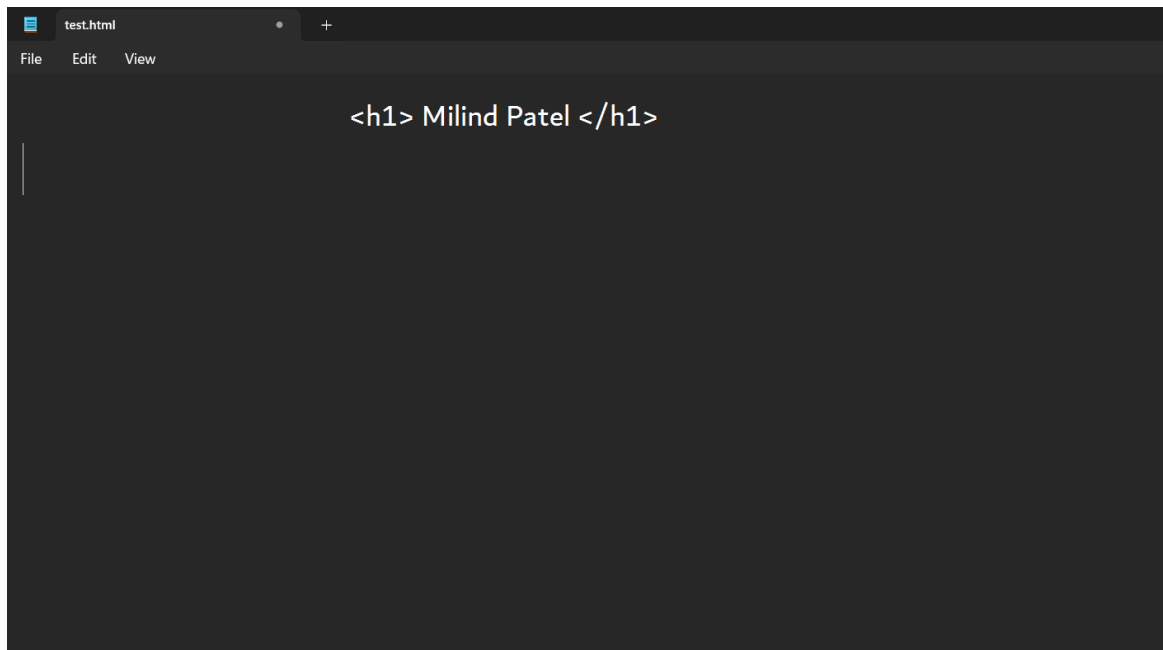


1.4. File Content and HTML Injection a perfect pair!

Reference	Risk Rating
Sub-lab-4: File Content and HTML Injection a perfect pair!	Low
Tools Used	
Burp Suite, Scripts	
Vulnerability Description	
This vulnerability allows users to view file contents without needing a proper application to open them. If left unpatched, it can lead to data breaches by exposing sensitive information. When a file is uploaded, its content is displayed directly or any embedded scripts may execute, posing a significant security risk.	
How It Was Discovered	
Automated Tools: Burp Suite, Script	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/html_lab/lab_4/html_injection_4.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Data breach as attacker can see content of files simply by uploading files. 2. Phishing attacks can be done. 	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sanitize the files uploaded. 2. Use Content Security Policy (CSP). 	
References	
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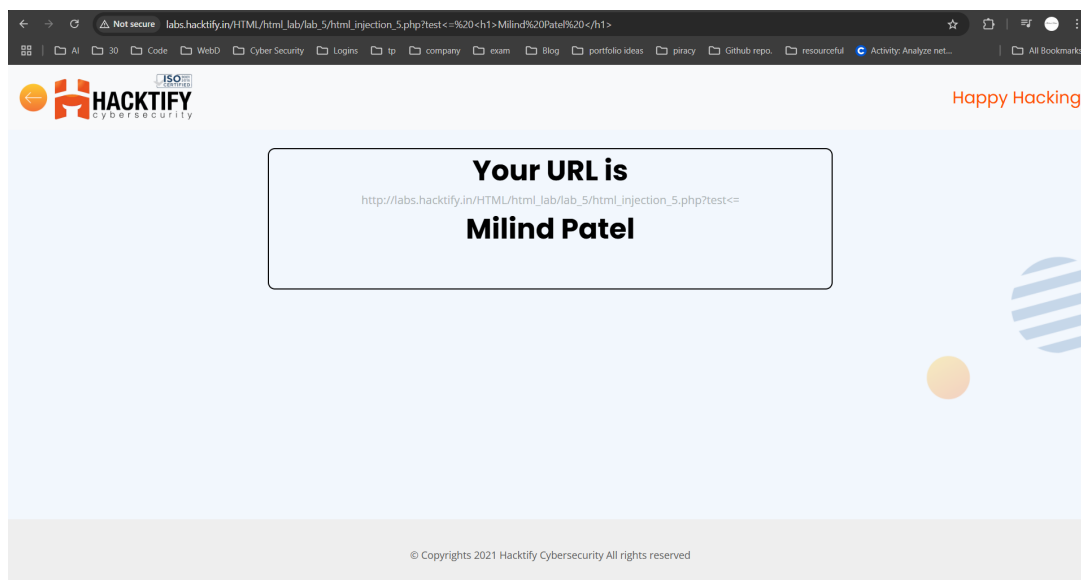


1.5. Injecting HTML using URL

Reference	Risk Rating
Sub-lab-5: Injecting HTML using URL	Medium
Tools Used	
HTML, JavaScripts Scripts are used	
Vulnerability Description	
It occurs when user or attacker put code snippet or scripts directly to URL and it runs into webpage. We can put simple HTML line to URL and it shows on webpage.	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis: Putting or Changing html, javascripts scripts on URL	
Vulnerable URLs	
<a href="http://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/html_lab/lab_5/html_injection_5.php?Sample=<h1>Hello%20Community</h1>">http://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/html_lab/lab_5/html_injection_5.php?Sample=<h1>Hello%20Community</h1>	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. False Information on Webpage: An attacker could inject false or misleading information onto the webpage, potentially damaging the credibility of the site and misleading users.2. Illegitimate Login Page: An attacker might create a fake login page to steal user credentials, leading to unauthorized access and potential data breaches.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Encode the URL.2. Implement CSP.3. Use HTTPS for more secure	
References	
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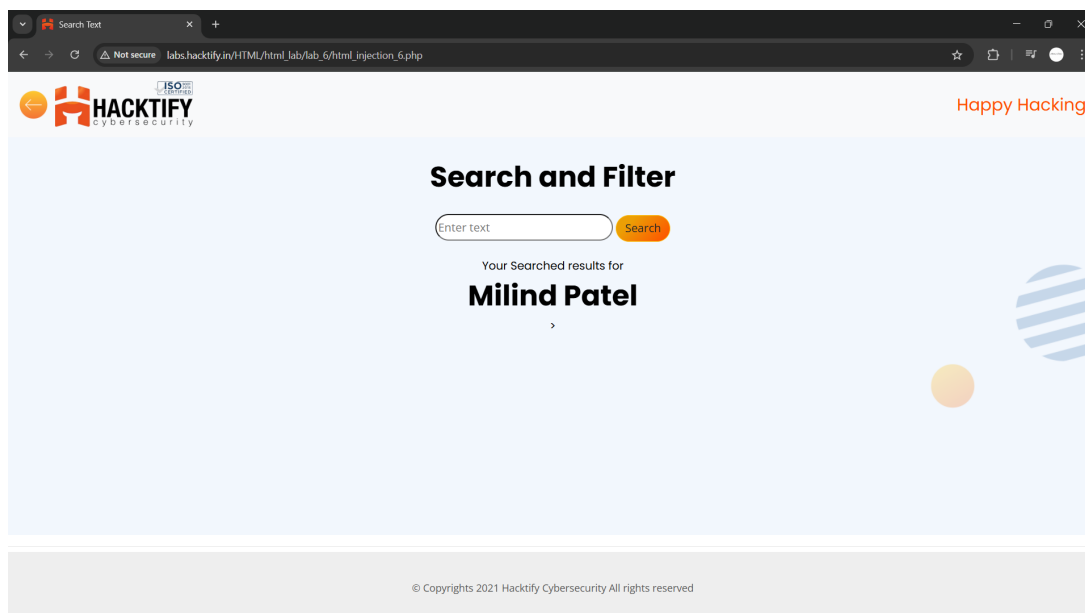


1.6. Encode It!

Reference	Risk Rating
Sub-lab-6: Encode It!	High
Tools Used	
URL Encoder	
Vulnerability Description	
This vulnerability shows that URLs can be a threat too as the attacker can use malicious codes embedded as URL and inject it into the webpages.	
How It Was Discovered	
Automated Tools: URL Encoder	
Vulnerable URLs	
http%3A%2F%2Flabs.hacktify.in%2FHTML%2Fhtml_lab%2Flab_5%2Fhtml_injection_5.php%3FSample%3D%3Ch1%3EHello%2520Community%3C%2Fh1%3E%0A%0A	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Attacker can tricks to login in fake webpage and steal login credentials.2. Can redirect to fake webpage.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Encode the URL.2. Encode the content of File.3. Use HTTPS rather than HTTP.	
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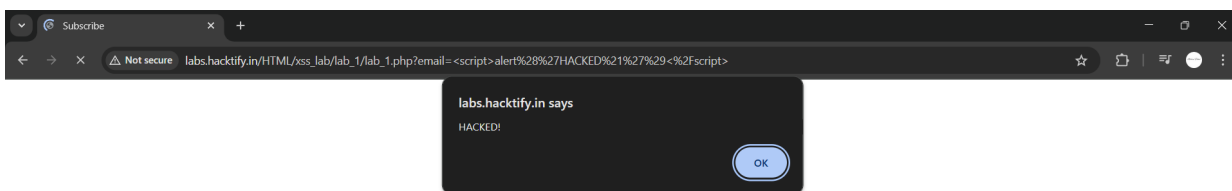
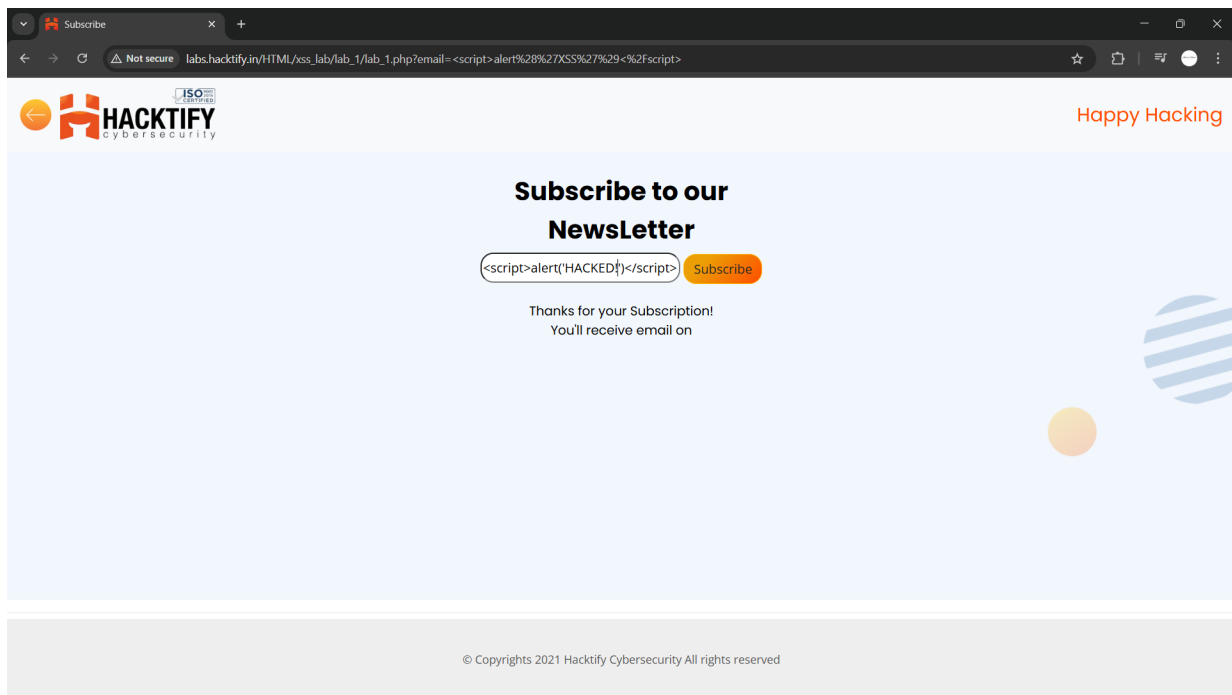
2. Cross-Site Scripting Labs

2.1. Let's do it!

Reference	Risk Rating
Sub-lab-1: Let's do it!	Low
Tools Used	
Burp Suite, Acunetix, JavaScript	
Vulnerability Description	
XSS occurs when attacker injects an malicious JavaScript code to webpage or web application, and it runs on target browser.	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis: Putting JavaScript	
Vulnerable URLs	
<a href="https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss_lab/lab_1/lab_1.php?email=<script>alert%28\" test+xss\"%29<%2fscript>"="">https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss_lab/lab_1/lab_1.php?email=<script>alert%28\"Test+XSS\"%29<%2Fscript>	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Using JavaScript directly to webpage can helps to steal cookie containing user data.2. Can inject fake HTML webpage.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Use secure headers.2. Validate the input areas.3. Input CSP.4. Encoding.	
References	
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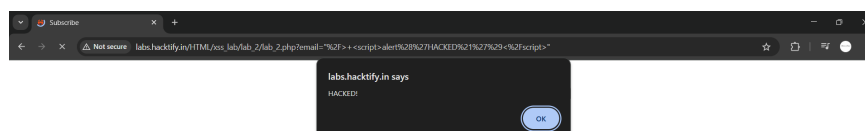


2.2. Balancing is important in life!

Reference	Risk Rating
Sub-lab-2: Balancing is important in life!	Low
Tools Used	
Burp Suite, Acunetix, JavaScript	
Vulnerability Description	
XSS occurs when attacker injects an malicious JavaScript code to webpage or web application, and it runs on target browser. We can use the concept of Social Engineering in attacking to trick an user or target using XSS.	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis: JavaScript	
Vulnerable URLs	
<a compromised"%29<%2fscript>"="" href="https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss_lab/lab_2/lab_2.php?email=%2F<<script>alert%28">https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss_lab/lab_2/lab_2.php?email=%2F<<script>alert%28"Compromised"%29<%2Fscript>	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cookie Theft: Attackers can use JavaScript to steal cookies that contain user data, leading to unauthorized access to user accounts and sensitive information.2. Fake HTML Injection: Attackers can inject fraudulent HTML pages to capture login credentials, such as usernames and passwords, compromising user security and privacy.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Use secure headers.2. Validate the input areas.3. Input CSP.4. Encoding.	
References	
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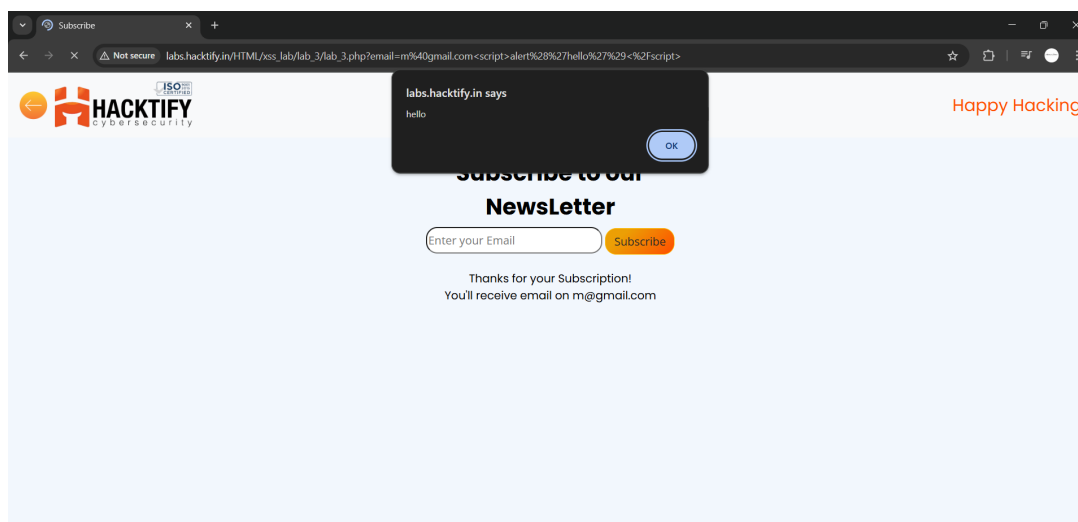


2.3. XSS is everywhere!

Reference	Risk Rating
Sub-lab-3: XSS is everywhere!	Low
Tools Used	
Burp Suite, Acunetix, JavaScript	
Vulnerability Description	
XSS occurs when attacker injects an malicious JavaScript code to webpage or web application, and it runs on target browser. We can use the concept of Social Engineering in attacking to trick an user or target using XSS. We can also implement this vulnerability through URL.	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis: By putting JavaScript into URL	
Vulnerable URLs	
<a href="https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss_lab/lab_3/lab_3.php?email=test%40<script>alert%28%27XSS%27%29<%2Fscript>">https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss_lab/lab_3/lab_3.php?email=test%40<script>alert%28%27XSS%27%29<%2Fscript>	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Using JavaScript directly to webpage can helps to steal cookie containing user data.2. Can inject fake HTML webpage to steal login ID's and Password.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Using HTTPS to secure URL.2. Validate the input areas.3. Input CSP.4. Encoding.	
References	
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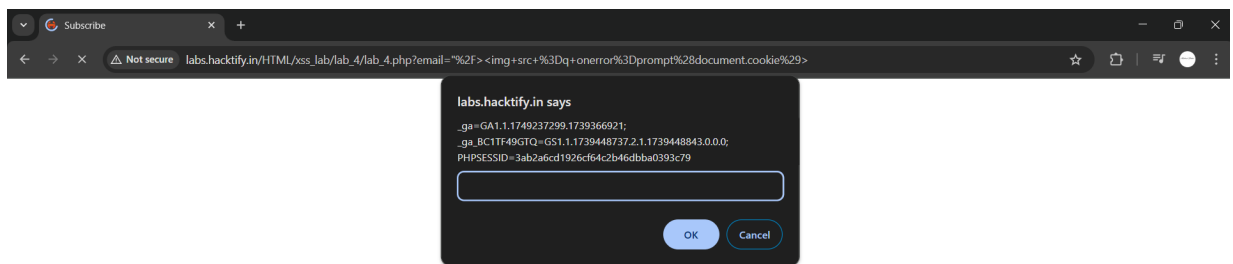
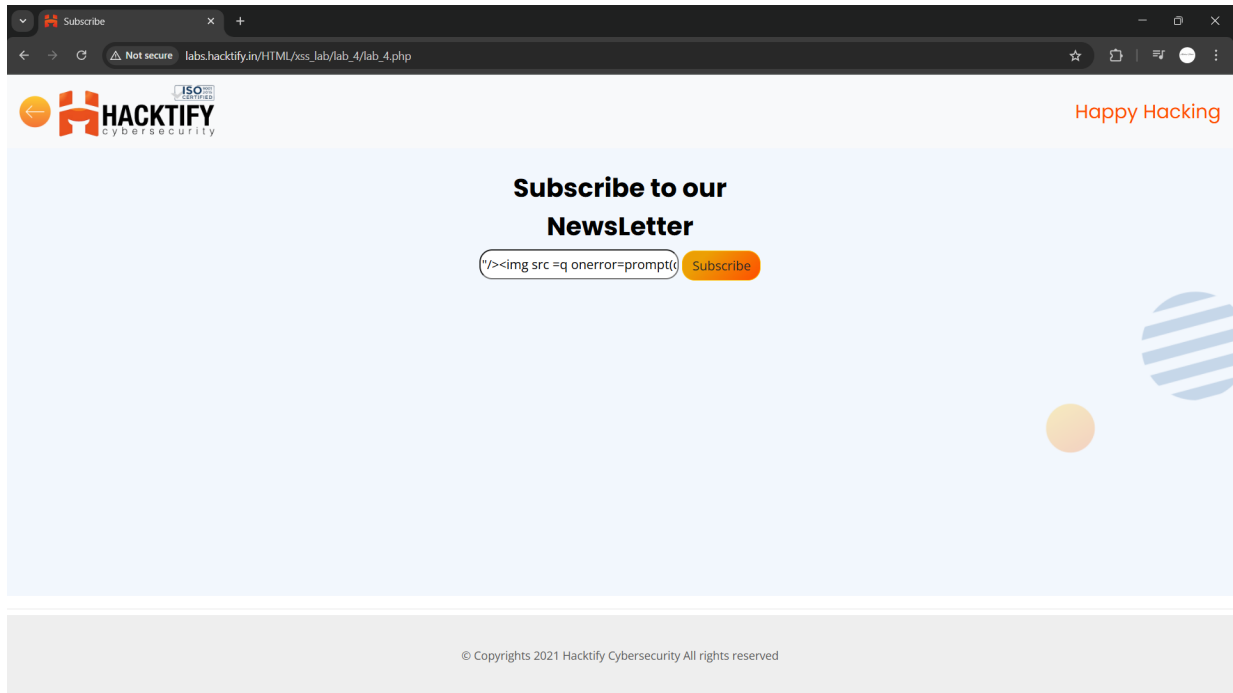


2.4. Alternatives are must!

Reference	Risk Rating
Sub-lab-4: Alternatives are must!	Medium
Tools Used	
Burp Suite, Acunetix, JavaScript	
Vulnerability Description	
XSS occurs when attacker injects an malicious JavaScript code to webpage or web application, and it runs on target browser. We can use different Payloads to attack this vulnerability. We can also implement this vulnerability through URL.	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis: JavaScript/ Different Payloads	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss_lab/lab_4/lab_4.php?email=%22%3E%3Ca+href%3D%22javascript%3Aalert%28%27Hacked %27%29%22%3EClick+Me%3C%2Fa%3E	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Using JavaScript directly to webpage can helps to steal cookie containing user data.2. Can inject fake HTML webpage to steal login ID's and Password.3. Using different Payloads can do variation in attack or target information which we required.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Using HTTPS to secure URL.2. Validate the input areas.3. Input CSP.4. Encoding.	
References	
https://owasp.org/www-community/Injection_Information https://portswigger.net/web-security/cross-site-scripting/html-injection	

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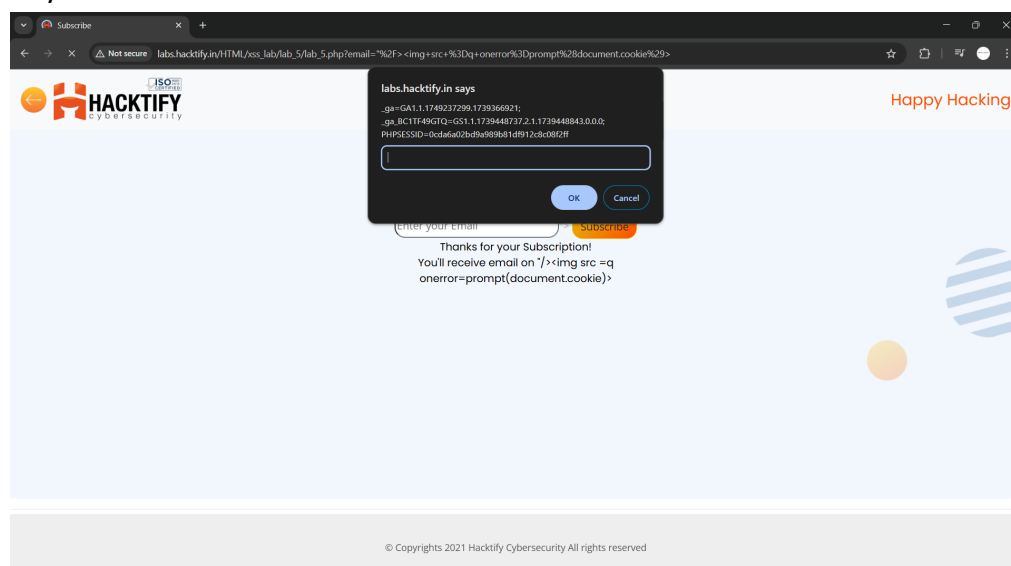


2.5. Developer hates scripts!

Reference	Risk Rating
Sub-lab-5: Developer hates scripts!	High
Tools Used	
JavaScript	
Vulnerability Description	
Different Payloads can be used to violate this vulnerability. Implementation of this vulnerability can be done through URLs . Several times Developer puts validations on webpage so to by-pass that we use Payloads which are small and dangers to webpage or web application.	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis: JavaScript	
Vulnerable URLs	
<a %2f><img+src%3dx+onerror%3dalert%28%27xss%27%29>"="" href="https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss_lab/lab_5/lab_5.php?email=\">https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss_lab/lab_5/lab_5.php?email=\"%2F><img+src%3Dx+onerror%3Dalert%28%27XSS%27%29>	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Using JavaScript directly to webpage can helps to steal cookie containing user data.2. Can inject fake HTML webpage to steal login ID's and Password.3. Using different Payloads can do variation in attack or target information which we required.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Validate the input areas.2. Input CSP.3. Encoding.	
References	
https://owasp.org/www-community/Injection_Information https://portswigger.net/web-security/cross-site-scripting/html-injection	

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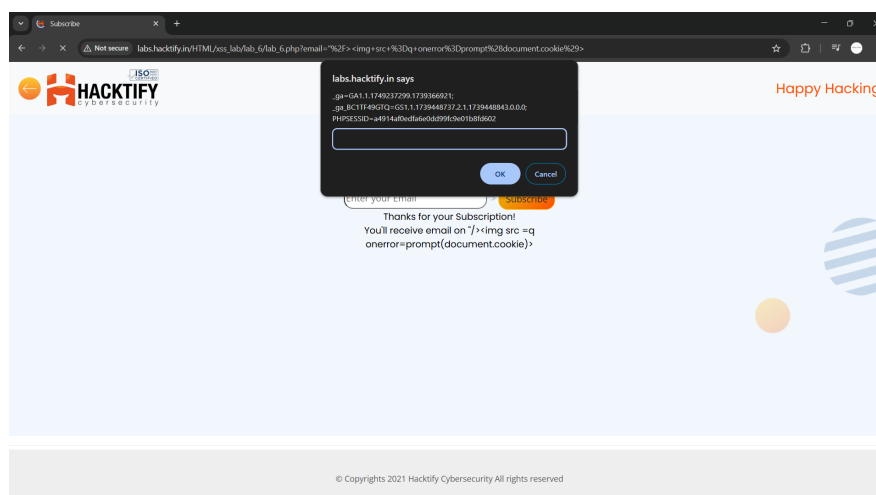


2.6. Change the Variation!

Reference	Risk Rating
Sub-lab-6: Change the Variation!	High
Tools Used	
JavaScript, Acunetix	
Vulnerability Description	
Different Payloads can be used to violate this vulnerability. Implementation of this vulnerability can be done through URLs . Several times Developer puts validations on webpage so to by-pass that we use Payloads which are small and dangers to webpage or web application.	
How It Was Discovered	
Automated Tools: Burp Suite	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss_lab/lab_6/lab_6.php?email=test%22%2F%3E%3Cimg+src%3Dq+onerror%3Dprompt%28document.cookie%29%3E%40example.com	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Using JavaScript directly to webpage can helps to steal cookie containing user data.2. Can inject fake HTML webpage to steal login ID's and Password.3. Using different Payloads can do variation in attack or target information which we required.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Validate the input areas.2. Input CSP.3. Encoding.	
References	
https://owasp.org/www-community/Injection_Information https://portswigger.net/web-security/cross-site-scripting/html-injection	

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2.7. Encoding is the key?

Reference	Risk Rating
Sub-lab-7: Encoding is the key?	Medium
Tools Used	
JavaScript, Acunetix, URL Encoder.	
Vulnerability Description	
XSS occurs when attacker injects an malicious JavaScript code to webpage or web application, and it runs on target browser. We can use different Payloads to attack this vulnerability. We can also implement this vulnerability through URL.	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis: JavaScript	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss_lab/lab_7/lab_7.php?email=%253Cscript%253Ealert%2528document.cookie%2529%253C%252Fscript%253E	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Using JavaScript directly to webpage can helps to steal cookie containing user data.2. Can inject fake HTML webpage to steal login ID's and Password.3. Using different Payloads can do variation in attack or target information which we required.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Validate the input areas.2. Input CSP.3. Encoding.	
References	
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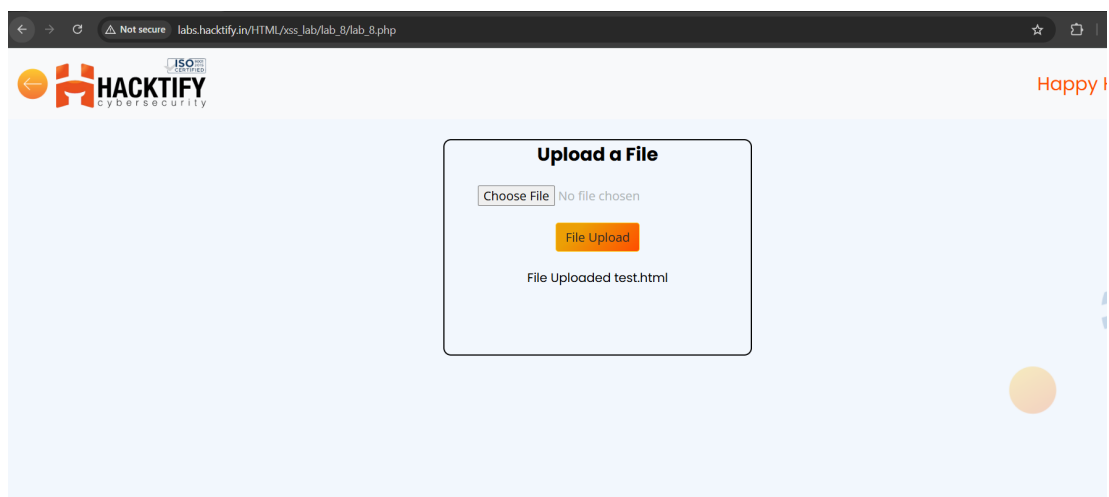
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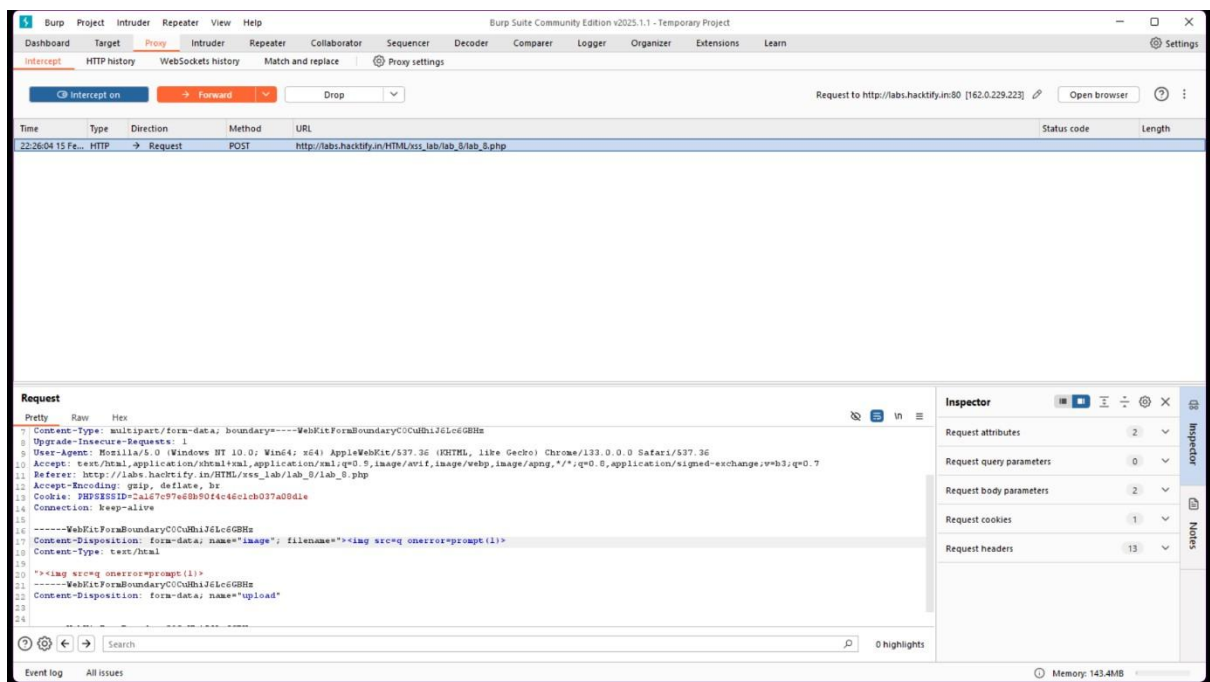
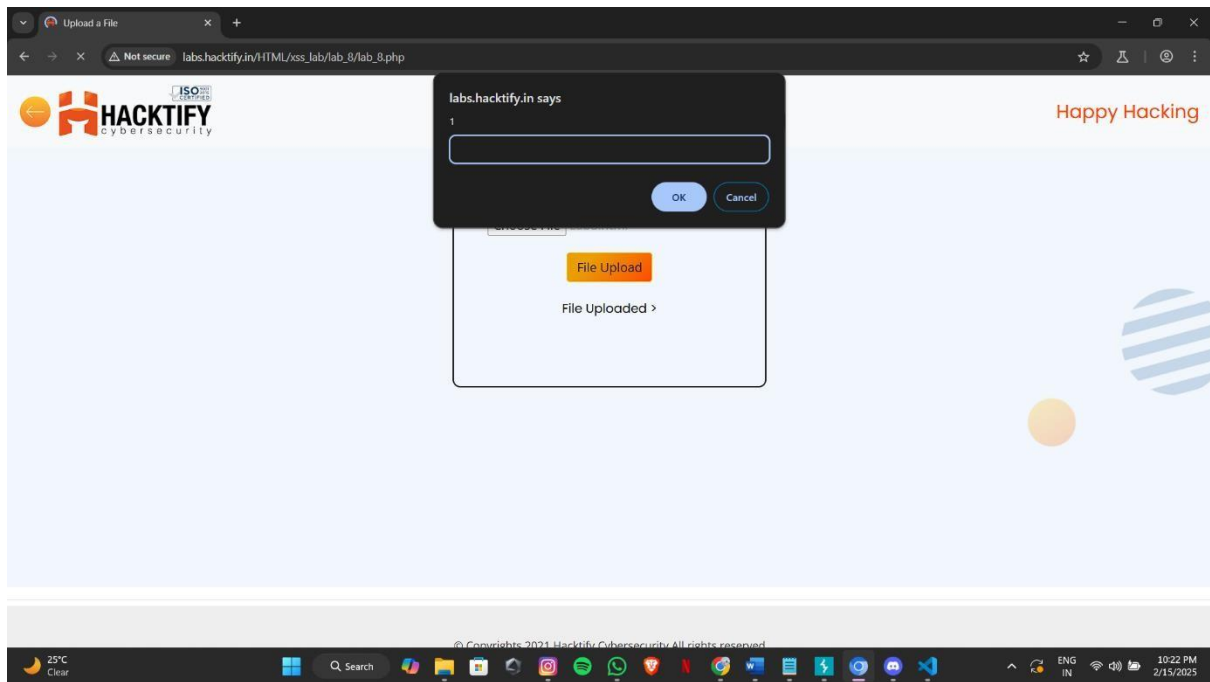
2.8. XSS with File Upload(lab8.html)

Reference	Risk Rating
Sub-lab-8: XSS with File Upload	Low
Tools Used	
File containing JavaScript codes, Burp Suite	
Vulnerability Description	
It occurs when an attacker uploads a malicious JavaScript code file and when user tries to opens or preview it in the browser the code in it executed and leads to steal data or downloading malicious software into user's computer. Using Burp Suite we can see file interacting with server.	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis: By checking if the file is directly accessible after uploading.	
Vulnerable URLs	
http://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss_lab/lab_8/lab_8.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Can automatically install malicious software without user's permission.2. Can run malicious code as soon as user opens file.3. Can corrupt server.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Validate file type to upload.2. Implementing CSP.3. Not saving file directly to server.4. Block direct execution of uploaded files.	
References	
https://owasp.org/www-community/Injection_Information https://portswigger.net/web-security/cross-site-scripting/html-injection	

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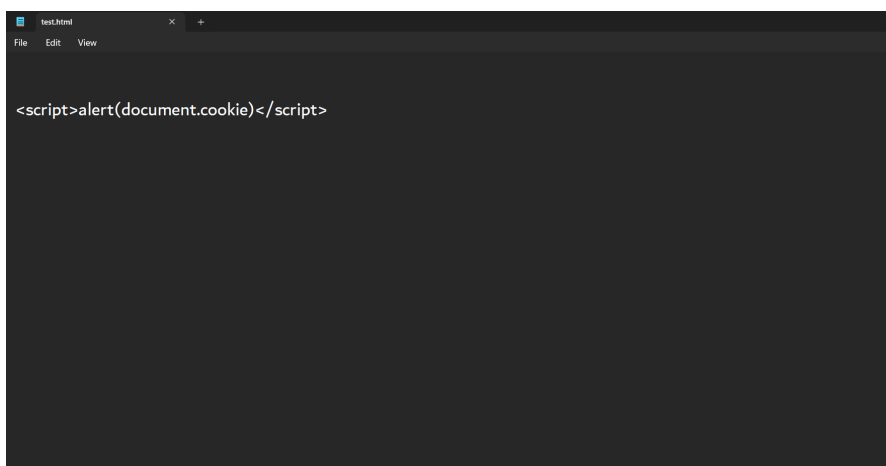


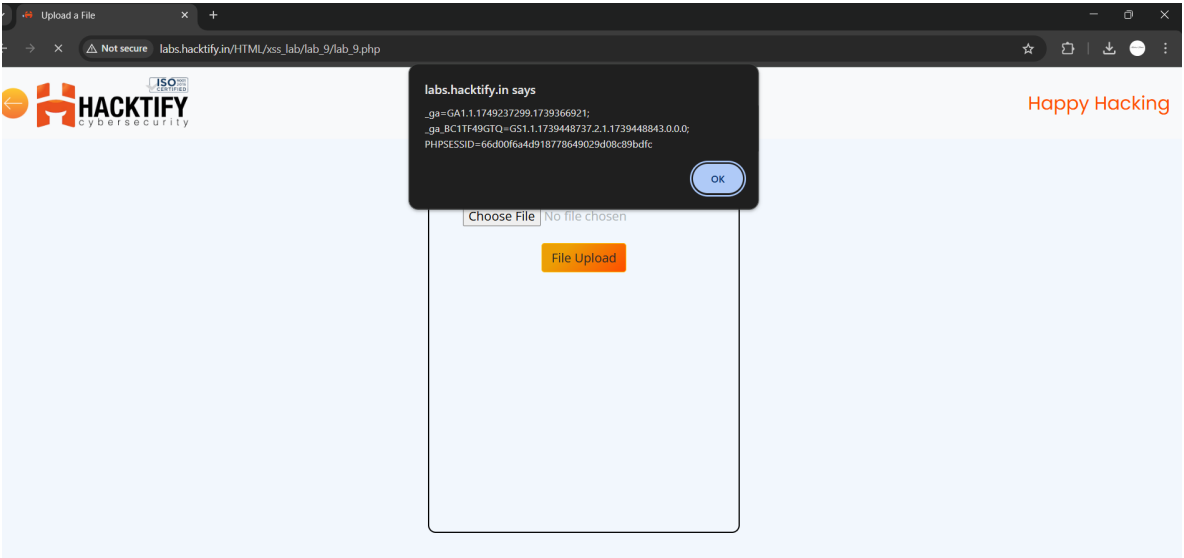
2.9. XSS with File Content(<script>alert(document.cookie)</script>)

Reference	Risk Rating
Sub-lab-9: XSS with File Content	Low
Tools Used	
File containing JavaScript codes, Burp Suite	
Vulnerability Description	
It occurs when an attacker uploads an malicious JavaScript code file and when user tries to opens or preview it in the browser the code in it executed and leads to steal data or downloading malicious software into user's computer. Using Burp Suite we can see file interacting with server.	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis: By checking if the file is directly accessible after uploading.	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss_lab/lab_9/lab_9.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Can automatically install malicious software without user's permission.2. Can run malicious code as soon as user opens file.3. Can corrupt server.4. Can affect multiple users at a time.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Validate file type to upload.2. Encode the content.3. Implementing CSP.4. Not saving file directly to server.5. Block direct execution of uploaded files.	
References	
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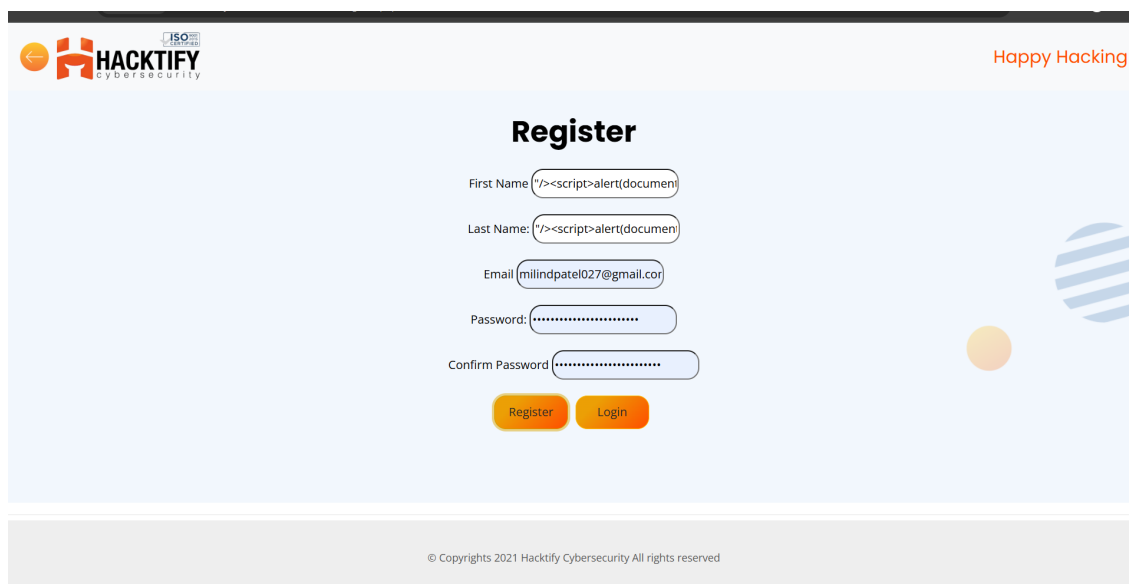


2.10. Stored Everywhere!

Reference	Risk Rating
Sub-lab-10: Stored Everywhere!	Low
Tools Used	
File containing JavaScript codes, Burp Suite	
Vulnerability Description	
Stored XSS is one of the most dangerous type of XSS, it gets permanently stored in website database and execute whenever user open or preview that file or content.	
How It Was Discovered	
Manual Analysis: Writing Script at every input places on webpage.	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss_lab/lab_10/profile.php	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Can automatically install malicious software without user's permission.2. Can run malicious code as soon as user opens file.3. Can corrupt server.4. Can affect multiple users at a time.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Validate file type to upload.2. Implementing CSP.3. Not saving file directly to server.4. Block direct execution of uploaded files.	
References	
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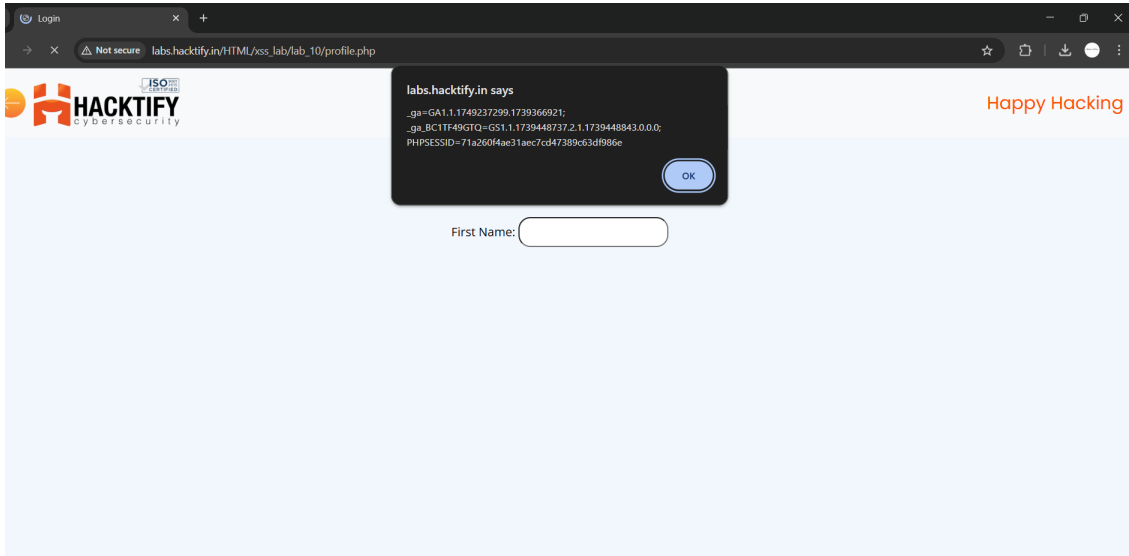
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The screenshot shows the 'Register' form on the Hacktify website. The form fields are as follows:

- First Name:
- Last Name:
- Email:
- Password:
- Confirm Password:

Below the form are two buttons: 'Register' and 'Login'. The footer of the page reads: '© Copyrights 2021 Hacktify Cybersecurity All rights reserved'.



2.11. DOM's are love!

Reference	Risk Rating
Sub-lab-11: DOM's are love!	High
Tools Used	
Burp Suite, File containing JavaScript codes.	
Vulnerability Description	
DOM-based XSS occurs when JavaScript manipulates the webpage directly at user browser without touching or interacting with sever.	
How It Was Discovered	
Automated Tools / Manual Analysis	
Vulnerable URLs	
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss_lab/lab_11/lab_11.php?name=%3Cimage%20src=q%20onerror=prompt(document.cookie)%3E	
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Can automatically install malicious software without user's permission.2. Can run malicious code as soon as user opens file.3. Keylogging.4. Steal passwords, login credentials.	
Suggested Countermeasures	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Validate file type to upload.2. Implementing CSP.3. Block direct installation of any file.4. Using good Anti-Virus Software	
References	
https://owasp.org/www-community/Injection_Information https://portswigger.net/web-security/cross-site-scripting/html-injection	

Proof of Concept

This section contains the proof of the above vulnerabilities as the screenshot of the vulnerability of the lab

