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## **Bug Bounty - Report 04**

**Vulnerable JS Library**

**jQuery UI - v1.13.1**

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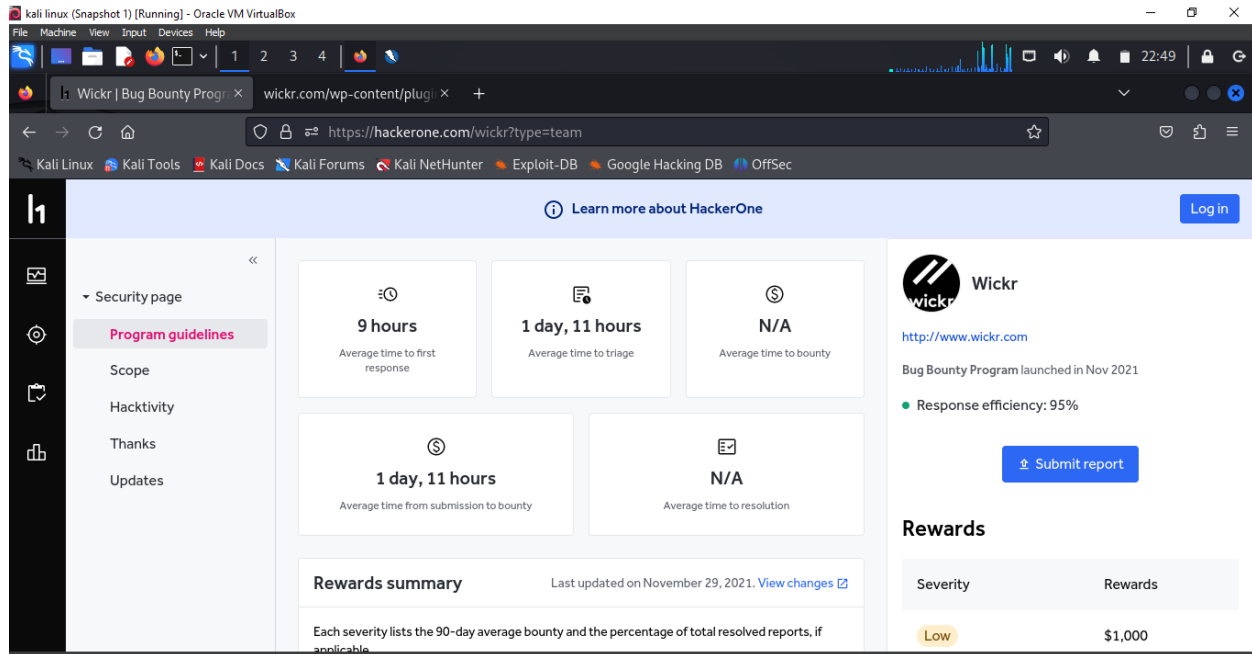
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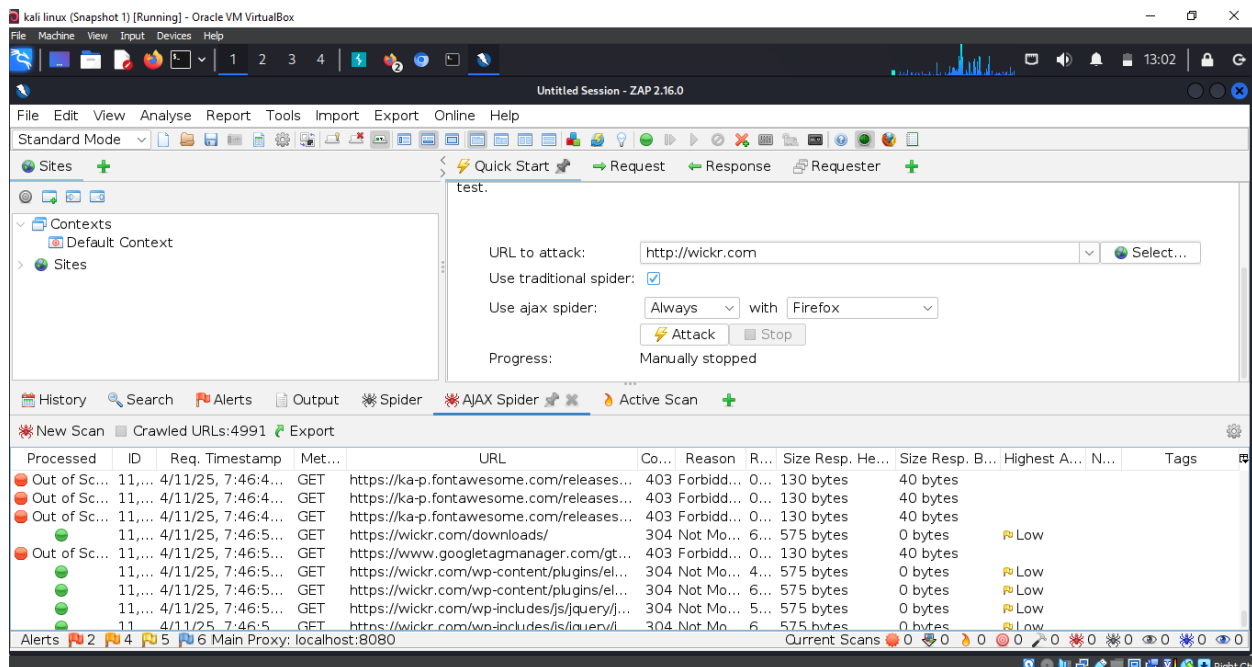
# Report 04 – wickr.com (Hackerone)

Main domain – [www.wickr.com/](http://www.wickr.com/)



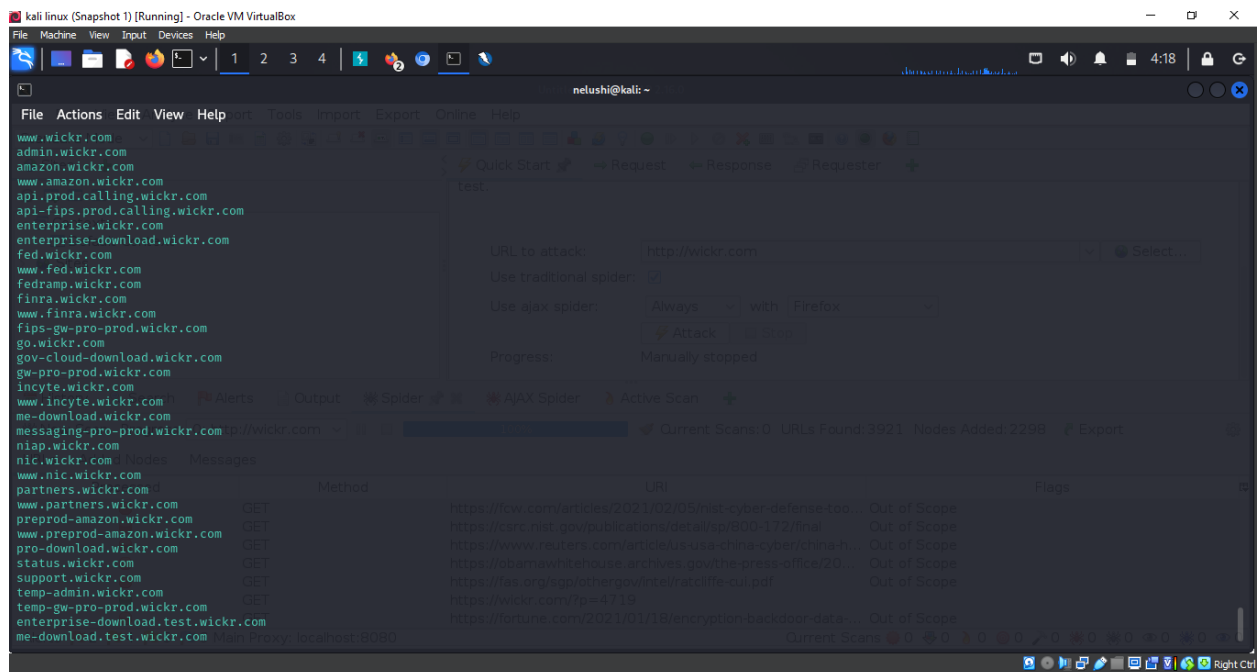
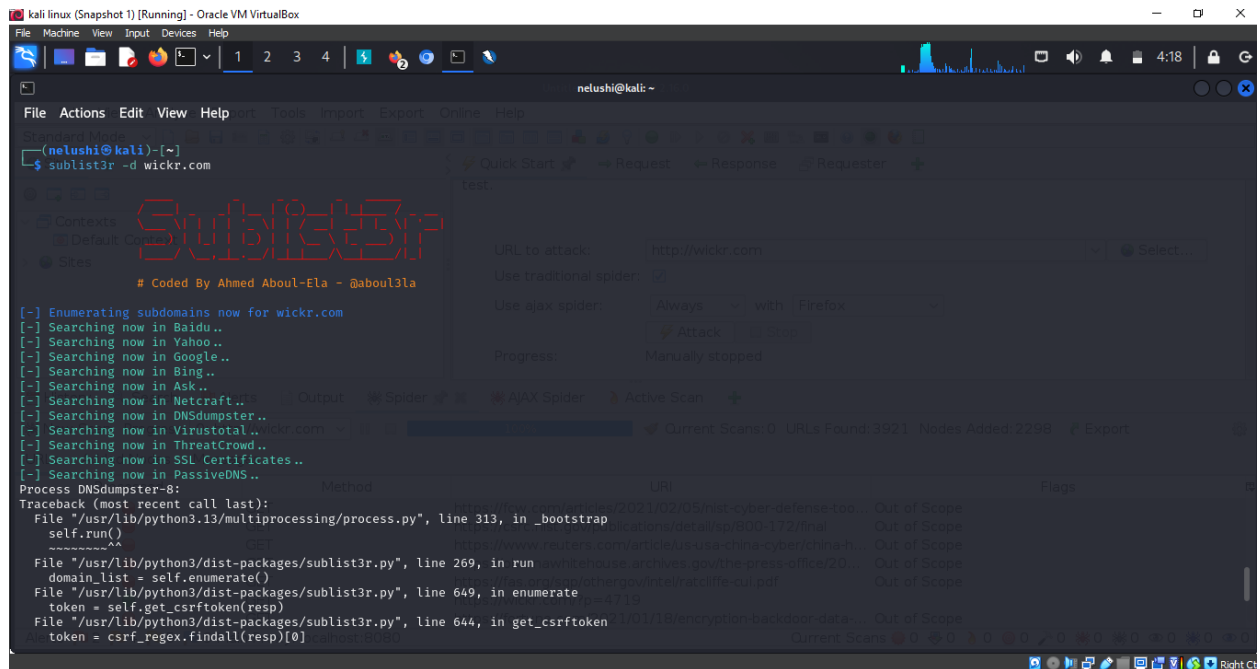
I used OWASP ZAP tool to scan the website.

All the in scope and out of scope domains were found through running a AJAX spider attack.



## Reconnaissance: Gather information about the target.

I found all the subdomains of the wickr website using the **sublist3r** tool.



## Nmap – Network scanning and enumeration

I found all the open ports and detected the running services on the target server using Nmap

```
(nelushi@kali)-[~]
$ nmap wickr.com -vv
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-05-01 15:16 CDT
Warning: Hostname wickr.com resolves to 4 IPs. Using 13.35.202.50.
Initiating Ping Scan at 15:16
Scanning wickr.com (13.35.202.50) [4 ports]
Completed Ping Scan at 15:16, 0.01s elapsed (1 total hosts)
Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 15:16
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 15:16, 0.01s elapsed
Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 15:16
Scanning wickr.com (13.35.202.50) [1000 ports]
Discovered open port 80/tcp on 13.35.202.50
Discovered open port 443/tcp on 13.35.202.50
Completed SYN Stealth Scan at 15:16, 4.17s elapsed (1000 total ports)
Nmap scan report for wickr.com (13.35.202.50)
Host is up, received reset ttl 255 (0.0096s latency).
Other addresses for wickr.com (not scanned): 13.35.202.73 13.35.202.112 13.35.202.54
rDNS record for 13.35.202.50: server-13-35-202-50.sin2.r.cloudfront.net
Scanned at 2025-05-01 15:16:25 CDT for 5s
Not shown: 998 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE REASON
80/tcp    open  http    syn-ack ttl 64
443/tcp   open  https   syn-ack ttl 64

Read data files from: /usr/share/nmap
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 4.43 seconds
Raw packets sent: 2005 (88.184KB) | Rcvd: 6 (248B)
```

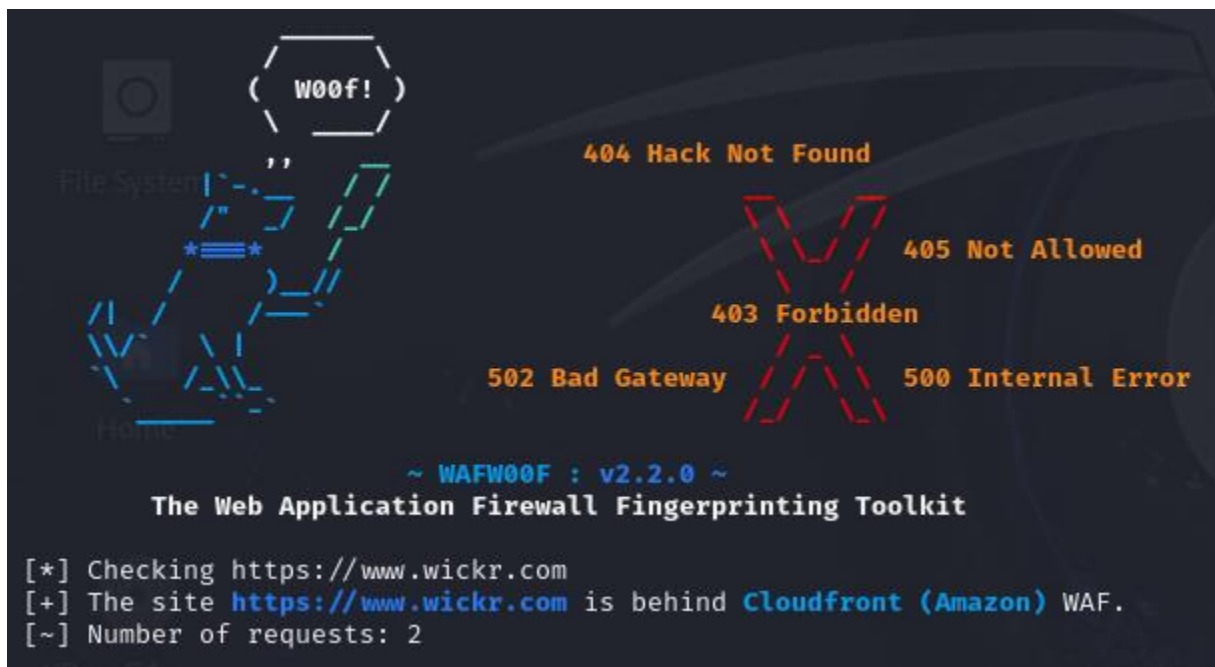
## Amass – Subdomain and DNS mapping

I found all the subdomains related to the target domain using Amass.

```
(nelushi@kali)-[~]
$ amass enum -d wickr.com
First installation detected, adding winbind to /etc/nsswitch.conf ...
wickr.com (FQDN) → ns_record → ns-8.awsdns-01.com (FQDN)
wickr.com (FQDN) → ns_record → ns-1258.awsdns-29.org (FQDN)
wickr.com (FQDN) → ns_record → ns-571.awsdns-07.net (FQDN)
wickr.com (FQDN) → ns_record → ns-1790.awsdns-31.co.uk (FQDN)
status.wickr.com (FQDN) → cname_record → tkbvpll3gdwl.stspg-customer.com (FQDN)
register.wickr.com (FQDN) → a_record → 3.165.75.49 (IPAddress)
register.wickr.com (FQDN) → a_record → 3.165.75.57 (IPAddress)
register.wickr.com (FQDN) → a_record → 3.165.75.114 (IPAddress)
register.wickr.com (FQDN) → a_record → 3.165.75.63 (IPAddress)
register.wickr.com (FQDN) → aaaa_record → 2600:9000:275b:d000:b:fdd:d2c0:93a1 (IPAddress)
register.wickr.com (FQDN) → aaaa_record → 2600:9000:275b:c400:b:fdd:d2c0:93a1 (IPAddress)
register.wickr.com (FQDN) → aaaa_record → 2600:9000:275b:c800:b:fdd:d2c0:93a1 (IPAddress)
register.wickr.com (FQDN) → aaaa_record → 2600:9000:275b:8c00:b:fdd:d2c0:93a1 (IPAddress)
register.wickr.com (FQDN) → aaaa_record → 2600:9000:275b:8400:b:fdd:d2c0:93a1 (IPAddress)
register.wickr.com (FQDN) → aaaa_record → 2600:9000:275b:b800:b:fdd:d2c0:93a1 (IPAddress)
register.wickr.com (FQDN) → aaaa_record → 2600:9000:275b:2200:b:fdd:d2c0:93a1 (IPAddress)
register.wickr.com (FQDN) → aaaa_record → 2600:9000:275b:600:b:fdd:d2c0:93a1 (IPAddress)
me-download.wickr.com (FQDN) → a_record → 18.66.41.43 (IPAddress)
me-download.wickr.com (FQDN) → a_record → 18.66.41.51 (IPAddress)
```

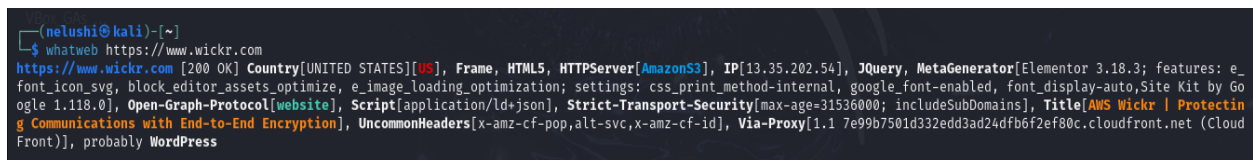
## Wafw00f – Firewall Detection

Command used – wafw00f <https://www.wickr.com>



**Whatweb** – to identify the technologies used by the site.

Commans used – whatweb <https://www.wickr.com>



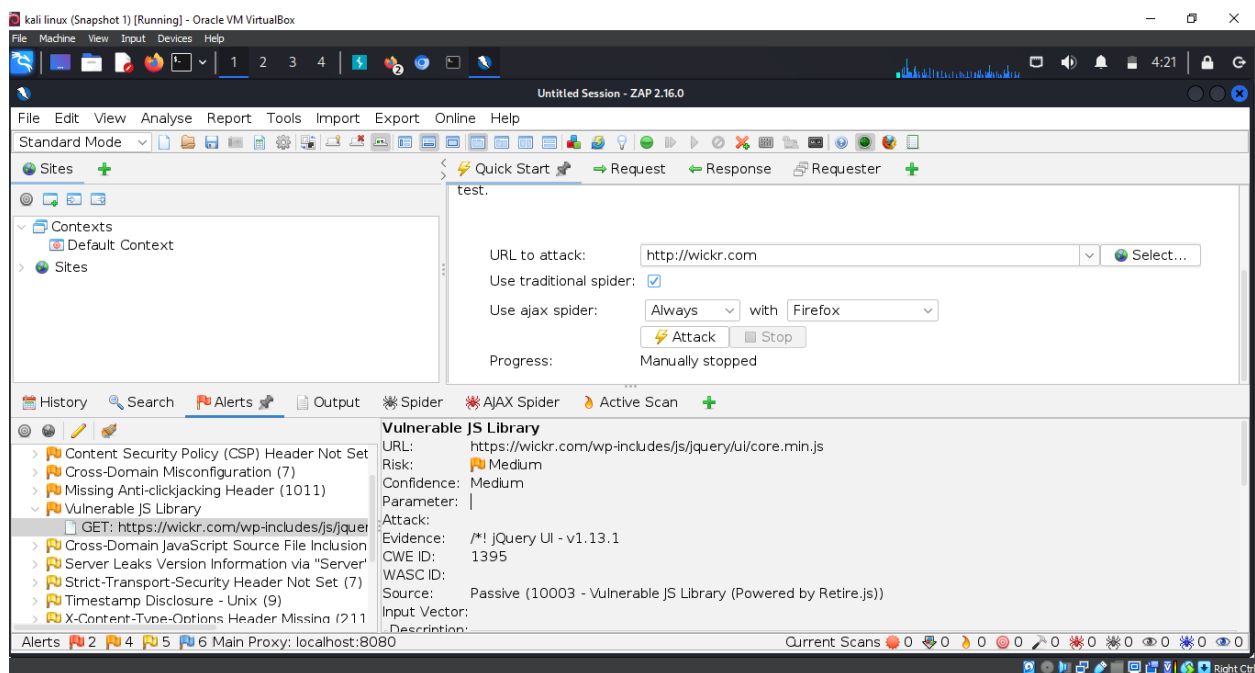
# Vulnerability 01

## Domain

<https://wickr.com/wp-includes/js/jquery/ui/core.min.js>

## Vulnerability title

Vulnerable JS Library - jQuery UI - v1.13.



## Vulnerability description

### Vulnerable JavaScript Libraries - A Summary

Web applications often use JavaScript libraries for adding any dynamic or interactive features and saving development time.

A vulnerable javascript library is actually a third-party JavaScript library that has been used in an old version which does not have security patches or an insecure version that comes with typical security bug.

These bugs could lead to attacks such as Cross-Site Scripting (XSS), code injection, or even data manipulation.

Therefore, keeping libraries up to date becomes important for an overall security model of web applications.

### **Specific Case: jquery-ui v1.13.1**

The library that was used in this case is: jquery-ui, in version 1.13.1.

It is a known vulnerability for this version, related to the following security issue:

CVE-2022-31160 - Stored XSS vulnerability in the checkboxradio module.

Attackers could take advantage of this by inserting harmful JavaScript in UI elements that could then be stored and executed later.

Version 1.13.2 addresses this vulnerability.

Therefore, an upgrade is strongly recommended.

### **Affected components**

The **checkboxradio module** allows injection of malicious scripts via **dynamic labels** and **tooltips**, due to improper input sanitization.

## Impact assessment

### *Severity – Medium*

- Stored XSS Attacks

These are the types of attacks when a malicious script is injected into the application and is executed whenever the UI component is loaded.

- Session Hijacking and Credential Theft

This results in cookie theft or sensitive form data theft by executing malicious scripts.

- Privilege Escalation

The attacker may act with elevated privileges by injecting malicious scripts into an admin panel.

- Defacement or UI Manipulation

The injected script can modify the appearance or behavior of the interface.

- Redirects To Malicious Sites

The victim is silently redirected to phishing or malware sites.

- Loss of user trust

Intrusive pop-ups, altered UI, or errors caused by JavaScripts will reduce the user trust level over a site.



1. First, I navigated the vulnerable JS link and observed it.

The screenshot shows a Kali Linux virtual machine with a web browser open. The browser has multiple tabs, including 'Wickr | Bug Bounty Progi...' and 'wickr.com/wp-includes/js/jquery/ui/core.min.js'. The address bar displays the URL 'https://wickr.com/wp-includes/js/jquery/ui/core.min.js'. The page content is the raw JavaScript code of the jQuery UI library, version 1.13.1, dated 2022-01-20. The code includes comments about the license and contributors, and defines various UI widgets like Accordion, Autocomplete, Button, Datepicker, Dialog, Draggable, Droppable, Effect, Form, Image, Menu, Mouse, Position, Progressbar, Slider, Sortable, Spinner, Tabs, Tooltip, and Widget.

```

44  →  view-source:https://www.wickr.com
45  </div>
46  </div>
47  </div>
48  </div>
49  </div>
50  </div>
51  </div>
52  </div>
53  </div>
54  <link rel="stylesheet" id="e-animations-css" href="https://wickr.com/wp-content/plugins/elementor/assets/lib/animations/animations.min.css" media="all">
55  <script src="https://wickr.com/wp-includes/js/jquery/jquery.min.js" id="jquery-core-js"></script>
56  <script src="https://wickr.com/wp-includes/js/jquery/jquery-migrate.min.js" id="jquery-migrate-js"></script>
57  <script src="https://wickr.com/wp-content/plugins/elementor-pro/assets/lib/smartmenus/jquery.smartmenus.min.js" id="smartmenus-js"></script>
58  <script src="https://wickr.com/wp-includes/js/imagesloaded.min.js" id="imagesloaded-js"></script>
59  <script src="https://wickr.com/wp-content/plugins/elementor-pro/assets/js/webpack-pro.runtime.min.js" id="elementor-pro-webpack-runtime-js"></script>
60  <script src="https://wickr.com/wp-content/plugins/elementor/assets/js/webpack.runtime.min.js" id="elementor-webpack-runtime-js"></script>
61  <script src="https://wickr.com/wp-content/plugins/elementor/assets/js/frontend-modules.min.js" id="elementor-frontend-modules-js"></script>
62  <script src="https://wickr.com/wp-content/plugins/elementor/assets/js/wp-polyfill-inert.min.js" id="wp-polyfill-inert-js"></script>
63  <script src="https://wickr.com/wp-includes/js/dist/vendor/regenerator-runtime.min.js" id="regenerator-runtime-js"></script>
64  <script src="https://wickr.com/wp-includes/js/dist/vendor/wp-polyfill.min.js" id="wp-polyfill-js"></script>
65  <script src="https://wickr.com/wp-includes/js/dist/hooks.min.js" id="wp-hooks-js"></script>
66  <script src="https://wickr.com/wp-includes/js/dist/i18n.min.js" id="wp-i18n-js"></script>
67  <script id="wp-i18n-js-after">
68  wp.i18n.setLocaleData( { 'text direction<ltr>': [ 'ltr' ] } );
69  </script>
70  <script id="elementor-pro-frontend-js-before">var ElementorProFrontendConfig = { 'ajaxurl': '\wp-admin\ajax.php', 'nonce': '82fe322ae8', 'urls': { 'assets': '\wp-content\plugins\ele
71  <script src="https://wickr.com/wp-content/plugins/elementor-pro/assets/js/frontend.min.js" id="elementor-pro-frontend-js"></script>
72  <script src="https://wickr.com/wp-content/plugins/elementor/assets/lib/waypoints/waypoints.min.js" id="elementor-waypoints-js"></script>
73  <script src="https://wickr.com/wp-includes/js/jquery/ui/core.min.js" id="jquery-ui-core-js"></script>
74  <script src="https://wickr.com/wp-content/plugins/elementor/assets/lib/swiper/swiper.min.js" id="swiper-js"></script>
75  <script src="https://wickr.com/wp-content/plugins/elementor/assets/lib/share-link/share-link.min.js" id="share-link-js"></script>
76  <script src="https://wickr.com/wp-content/plugins/elementor/assets/lib/dialog/dialog.min.js" id="elementor-dialog-js"></script>
77  <script id="elementor-frontend-js-before">var ElementorFrontendConfig = { 'environmentMode': { 'edit': false, 'wpPreview': false, 'isScriptDebug': false }, 'i18n': { 'shareOnFacebook': 'Share on Fa
78  <script src="https://wickr.com/wp-content/plugins/elementor/assets/js/frontend.min.js" id="elementor-frontend-js"></script>
79  <script src="https://wickr.com/wp-content/plugins/elementor-pro/assets/js/preloaded-elements-handlers.min.js" id="pro-preloaded-elements-handlers-js"></script>
80  <script src="https://wickr.com/wp-content/plugins/elementor/assets/js/preloaded-modules.min.js" id="preloaded-modules-js"></script>
81  <script src="https://wickr.com/wp-content/plugins/elementor-pro/assets/lib/sticky/jquery.sticky.min.js" id="e-sticky-js"></script>
82  <script src="https://kit.fontawesome.com/T3ad471edc.js" id="font-awesome-pro-js"></script>
83
84  </body>
85  </html>

```

It is included in the source code of the site.

- Next, I used a tool called **Retire.js** to detect known vulnerabilities in js libraries used in this site, and their CVE numbers.

### What is the purpose of Retire.js?

It checks if a site is using javascript libraries with known vulnerabilities by comparing versions to vulnerability databases like CVE.

It provides a link to the specific vulnerability and we can read more about the issue by navigating the link.

- ✓ First, I installed Retire.js using the commands,  
*sudo apt install nodejs npm -y*

```
(nelushi@kali)~$ sudo apt update
[sudo] password for nelushi:
Get:1 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling InRelease [41.5 kB]
Get:2 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 Packages [20.9 MB]
Get:3 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 Contents (deb) [51.3 MB]
Get:4 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling/contrib amd64 Packages [119 kB]
Get:5 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling/contrib amd64 Contents (deb) [326 kB]
Get:6 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling/non-free amd64 Packages [204 kB]
Get:7 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling/non-free amd64 Contents (deb) [907 kB]
Get:8 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling/non-free-firmware amd64 Packages [10.6 kB]
Get:9 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling/non-free-firmware amd64 Contents (deb) [24.3 kB]
Fetched 73.9 MB in 41s (1798 kB/s)
2085 packages can be upgraded. Run 'apt list --upgradable' to see them.
npm is already the newest version (9.2.0-ds1-3).
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
 fonts-liberation2 libcephfs2 libhdfs-103-1t64 libpoppler134 libqt6network6t64 libqt6widgets6t64 libwiredap14t64 python3.11-minimal
 iverbs-providers libgdal34t64 libhdfs-hl-100t64 libpoppler140 libqt6opengl6t64 libqt6xml6t64 libwsutil15t64 python3.12
 libarmadillo12 libgfat0 libibverbs1 libpython3.11-dev libqt6openglwidgets6t64 librados2 libzip4t64 python3.12-dev
 libblsc2-3 libgfrpc0 liblua5.2-0 libpython3.12-dev libqt6printsupport6t64 librdmacm1t64 python3-lib2to3 python3.12-minimal
 libboost-iostreams1.83.0 libgfrpc0 libnetcdf19t64 libqt6dbus6t64 libqt6sql6t64 libsuperlu6 python3.11 python3.12-venv
 libboost-thread1.83.0 libglusterfs0 libnghttp3-3 libqt6gui6t64 libqt6test6t64 libwiredshark17t64 python3.11-dev samba-vfs-modules
Use 'sudo apt autoremove' to remove them.

Upgrading:
  icu-devtools libicu-dev libnode-dev libnode115 nodejs nodejs-doc

Installing dependencies:
  libicu76
```

- ✓ I checked the versions using the commands,

*node -v*

*npm -v*

```
(nelushi@kali)~$ node -v
v20.19.0
(nelushi@kali)~$ npm -v
9.2.0
```

- ✓ I installed Retire.js globally using the command,  
*sudo npm install -g retire*

```
nelushi@nelushi-VirtualBox:~$ sudo npm install -g retire
added 37 packages in 12s
2 packages are looking for funding
  run `npm fund` for details
```

- ✓ I scanned the website using **retire** command.

*Retire scan wickr.com*

```
└─ jquery-ui 1.11.1
jquery-ui 1.11.1 has known vulnerabilities: severity: medium; summary: XSS in the 'altField' option of the Datepicker widget, CVE: CVE-2021-41182, githubID: GHSA-9gj3-hwp5-pmwc; https://github.com/jquery/jquery-ui/security/advisories/GHSA-9gj3-hwp5-pmwc https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2021-41182 severity: medium; summary: XSS in the 'of' option of the '.position()' util, CVE: CVE-2021-41184, githubID: GHSA-gpqq-952q-5327; https://github.com/jquery/jquery-ui/security/advisories/GHSA-gpqq-952q-5327 https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2021-41184 severity: medium; summary: XSS Vulnerability on text options of jQuery UI datepicker, CVE: CVE-2021-41183, bug: 15284, githubID: GHSA-j7qv-pgf6-hvh4; https://bugs.jqueryui.com/ticket/15284 https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2021-41183 severity: medium; summary: XSS when refreshing a checkboxradio with an HTML-like initial text label, CVE: CVE-2022-31160, issue: 2101, githubID: GHSA-h6gj-6jjq-h8g9; https://github.com/advisories/GHSA-h6gj-6jjq-h8g9 https://github.com/jquery/jquery-ui/commit/8cc5bae1caa1cf96bf5862c5646c787020ba3f9 https://github.com/jquery/jquery-ui/issues/2101 https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2022-31160
/home/nelushi/Desktop/gophish/static/js/src/vendor/moment.min.js
└─ moment.js 2.10.3
```

```
nelushi@nelushi-VirtualBox:~$ retire scan wickr.com
retire.js v5.2.5
Downloading https://raw.githubusercontent.com/RetireJS/retire.js/master/repository/jsrepository-v4.json ...
Could not follow symlink: /home/nelushi/snap/code/current
Could not follow symlink: /home/nelushi/snap/firmware-updater/147/.themes
Could not follow symlink: /home/nelushi/snap/snapd-desktop-integration/253/.themes
Could not follow symlink: /home/nelushi/snap/firmware-updater/167/.themes
Could not follow symlink: /home/nelushi/snap/snapd-desktop-integration/178/.themes
Could not follow symlink: /home/nelushi/snap/snap-store/1218/.themes
Could not follow symlink: /home/nelushi/snap/snap-store/1173/.themes
/home/nelushi/Desktop/static/js/dist/vendor.min.js
└─ moment.js 2.10.3
moment.js 2.10.3 has known vulnerabilities: severity: medium; summary: reDOS - regular expression denial of service, issue: 2936, githubID: GHSA-87vv-r9j6-g5qv, CVE: CVE-2016-4055; https://github.com/moment/moment/issues/2936 severity: medium; summary: Regular Expression Denial of Service (ReDoS), retid: 22; https://security.snyk.io/vuln/npm:moment:20161019 severity: high; summary: Regular Expression Denial of Service (ReDoS), CVE: CVE-2017-18214, githubID: GHSA-446m-mv8f-q348; https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2017-18214 https://github.com/moment/moment/issues/4163 https://security.snyk.io/vuln/npm:moment:20170905 severity: high; summary: This vulnerability impacts npm (server) users of moment.js, especially if user provided locale string, eg fr is directly used to switch moment locale., CVE: CVE-2022-24785, githubID: GHSA-8hfj-j24r-96c4; https://github.com/moment/moment/security/advisories/GHSA-8hfj-j24r-96c4
/home/nelushi/Desktop/static/js/dist/vendor.min.js
└─ highcharts 5.0.14
highcharts 5.0.14 has known vulnerabilities: severity: high; summary: Regular Expression Denial of Service in highcharts, CVE: CVE-2018-20801, githubID: GHSA-xmc8-cjfr-phx3; https://security.snyk.io/vuln/SNYK-JS-HIGHCHARTS-1290057 severity: high; summary: Versions of 'highcharts' prior to 7.2.2 or 8.1.1 are vulnerable to Cross Site Scripting (XSS) githubID: GHSA-qr43-qc75-q665; ht
```

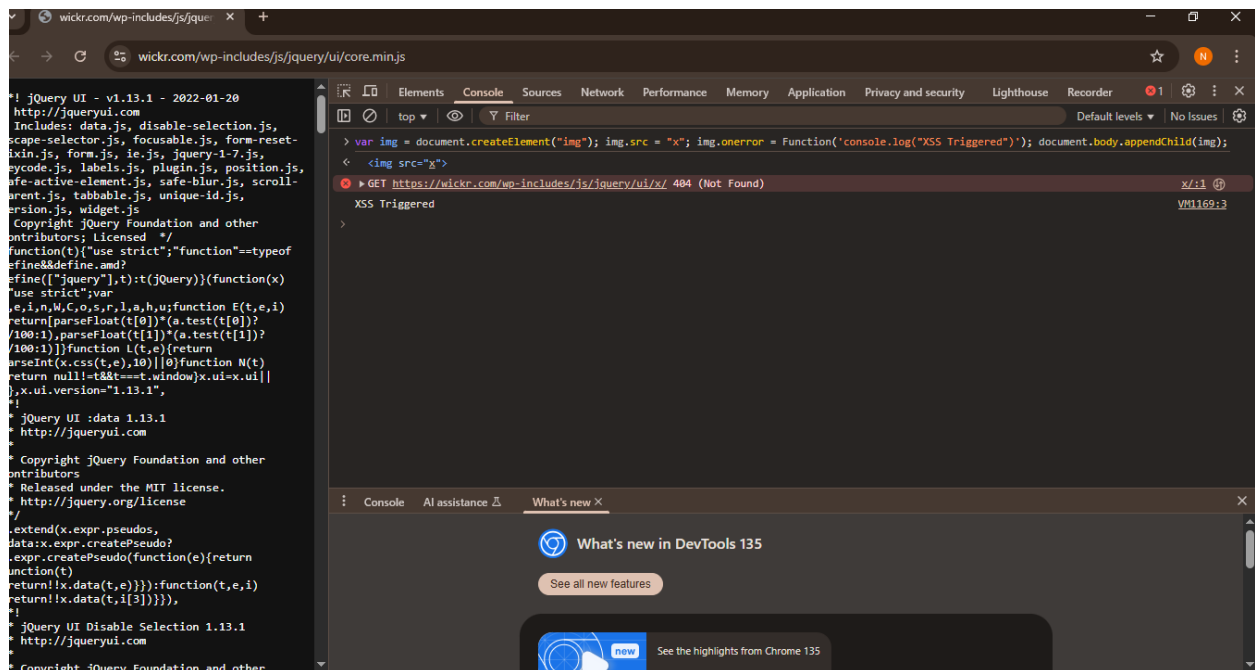


5. Next, I went to the vulnerable js link (<https://wickr.com/wp-includes/js/jquery/ui/core.min.js>)

And opened developers' tool and went to the console tab.

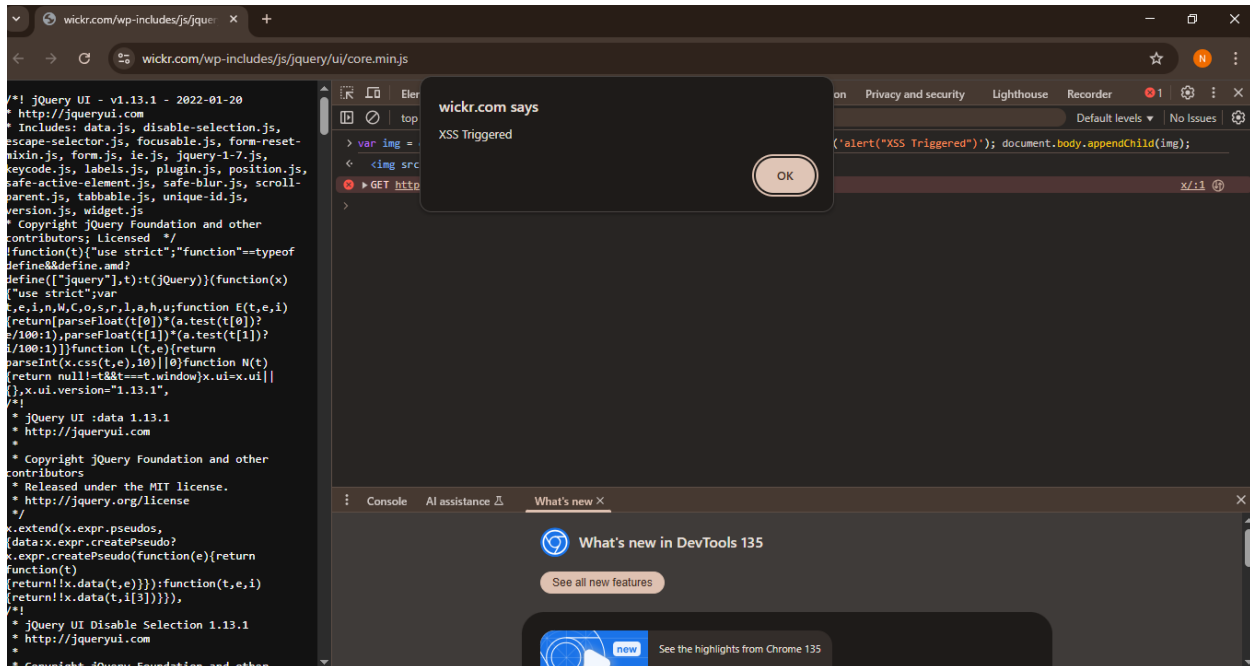
6. I injected a non-malicious payload to simulate a typical XSS vector through an image tag along with an onerror handler:

```
var img = document.createElement("img");  
  
img.src = "x";  
  
img.onerror = Function('console.log("XSS triggered")');  
  
document.body.appendChild(img);
```



Using an alert box

```
var img = document.createElement("img");  
  
img.src = "x";  
  
img.onerror = Function('alert("XSS triggered")');  
  
document.body.appendChild(img);
```



I captured the output: "XSS triggered"

Clearly, this means that if the code is inserted dynamically by the library using user input (which is something that CVE issues suggest), the code could execute arbitrary JavaScript.

### Why was this test done?

I wanted to find out based on the CVE, if,

There was a susceptible module (checkboxradio) present.

Rendering unsafe behavior existed (like .innerHTML, dynamic labels).

However, there is no user input involved in here, this exercise clearly brings out that even though there may be no physical user involvement, the effects of harmful event handlers such as onerror could still be interpreted by the browser if it receives input through the jQuery UI widget without proper sanitization.

### Additional Points

No patch was detected on the site during the test.

While no live XSS exploit was conducted, however, just the existence of the vulnerable version and the abnormal behavior of the script raise security concerns.

Combining that with the vulnerable widget gives attackers a place to insert their forms or user-generated content.

### Reflection

jQuery UI (1.13.1) is a version of jQuery UI that is already known to be vulnerable.

The test simulation shows that event attributes such as `onerror` are still recognized and executed within the DOM.

It is highly recommended to upgrade the library to version 1.13.2 or above to avoid the known problem.

In addition to that, always sanitize and encode user inputs applicable in UI elements before rendering.

### Proposed mitigation or fix

- Use up-to-date libraries: Keep the applications always updated with the latest secure versions: jQuery-UI 1.13.1 to 1.13.2+.
- CSP header usage: By enforcing a content security policy, any unauthorized scripts within the application can be blocked.
- Enable the SRI: Using Subresource Integrity can prevent loading tampered scripts.
- Unsafe HTML DOM API Usage: Avoid using `innerHTML`, `document.write()` with user input.
- Input Cleanup: Clean the user data with tools like DOMPurify.
- Regular Scanning: Use tools such as Retire.js, npm audit, or OWASP ZAP.
- Reduce Dependencies: Just use what you need: don't include plugins which are unused or out-of-date.