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Quotes for string literals should be used consistently

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Statements should end with semicolons

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Comments should not be located at the end of lines of code

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Loops should not contain more than a single "break" or "continue" statement

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Variable, property and parameter names should comply with a naming convention

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Lines should not end with trailing whitespaces

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### Allowing browsers to perform DNS prefetching is security-sensitive

Analyze your code

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By default, web browsers perform **DNS prefetching** to reduce latency due to DNS resolutions required when an user clicks links from a website page.

For instance on example.com the hyperlink below contains a cross-origin domain name that must be resolved to an IP address by the web browser:

`<a href="https://otherexample.com">go on our partner website`

It can add significant latency during requests, especially if the page contains many links to cross-origin domains. DNS prefetch allows web browsers to perform DNS resolving in the background before the user clicks a link. This feature can cause privacy issues because DNS resolving from the user's computer is performed without his consent if he doesn't intent to go to the linked website.

On a complex private webpage, a combination "of unique links/DNS resolutions" can indicate, to a eavesdropper for instance, that the user is visiting the private page.

#### Ask Yourself Whether

- Links to cross-origin domains could result in leakage of confidential information about the user's navigation/behavior of the website.

There is a risk if you answered yes to this question.

#### Recommended Secure Coding Practices

Implement **X-DNS-Prefetch-Control** header with an *off* value but this could significantly degrade website performances.

#### Sensitive Code Example

In Express.js application the code is sensitive if the **dns-prefetch-control** middleware is disabled or used without the recommended value:

```
const express = require('express');
const helmet = require('helmet');

let app = express();

app.use(
  helmet.dnsPrefetchControl({
    allow: true // Sensitive: allowing DNS prefetching is se
  })
);
```

#### Compliant Solution

In Express.js application the **dns-prefetch-control** or **helmet** middleware is the standard way to implement X-DNS-Prefetch-Control header:

https://rules.sonarsource.com/javascript/RSPEC-5743

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Files should contain an empty newline at the end

 Code Smell

An open curly brace should be located at the end of a line

 Code Smell

Tabulation characters should not be used

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Function and method names should comply with a naming convention

 Code Smell

```
const express = require('express');
const helmet = require('helmet');

let app = express();

app.use(
  helmet.dnsPrefetchControl({
    allow: false // Compliant
  })
);
```

See

- [OWASP Top 10 2021 Category A5](#) - Security Misconfiguration
- [OWASP Top 10 2017 Category A3](#) - Sensitive Data Exposure
- [developer.mozilla.org](#) - X-DNS-Prefetch-Control
- [developer.mozilla.org](#) - Using dns-prefetch

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