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## CSRF Exploitation using XSS

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Hello friends! In our [previous](#) article we saw how an attacker can shoot web application against CSRF vulnerability with help of burp suite. Today again we are going to test CSRF attack with help of XSS vulnerability. AS we know taking the help of XSS attacker might be able to reads cookies from the same domain and if CSRF token are stored in cookies then attacker will able to read the CSRF token from CSRF protected post.

Let's have a look how an attacker can make CSRF attack for changing password of admin account when the web application is suffering from cross site scripting vulnerability. For this tutorial I had used **DVWA** and set its security level **low**.

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## DVWA Security

### Security Level

Security level is currently: low.

Suppose that you have found XSS vulnerability in any web application server. Here we are going to use java script or HTML script which will make CSRF attack for changing the password of admin account.



### Vulnerability: Stored Cross Site Scripting (XSS)

Name \*

Message \*

An XSS attack can be used to read the cookies and get the valid tokens if it is stored in cookies which have to be inserted in the malicious script to make CSRF possible. Using image tag we will send a malicious script, inside script I had set **new password** as **123456**.

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## Vulnerability: Stored Cross Site Scripting (XSS)

Name \* test1

Message \* ``

Sign Guestbook

Now let's check whether the password for admin has been changed or not, previously credential was **admin: password**, if admin get failed to login inside web server using his previous credential then we had successfully made CSRF attack.

From given screenshot you can see using admin: password it confirms **login failed**. Now use your new password 123456 for login inside web server.

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Username

admin

Password

password

Login

Login failed

Similarly there is another web application **bwapp** where we will demonstrate same attack using XSS vulnerability. First you need to chose your bug “**cross site scripting Reflected (post)**” and set security level **low**.

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In given screenshot the form is suffering from XSS vulnerability now we are going to generate a script for making CSRF possible in order to change password for a user. Here we are login as **bee: bug** into web server now we will try to change its password with help of cross site scripting.

/ XSS - Reflected (POST) /

Enter your first and last name:

First name:

Last name:

Go

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Similarly using image tag we will send a malicious script, inside script I had set new password as **hack**.

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/ XSS - Reflected (POST) /

Enter your first and last name:

First name:

Last name:

From screenshot you can see generated image icon which means this form has XSS flaws now let check whether the password has been modified or not for user bee.

# / XSS - Reflected (POST) /

Enter your first and last name:

First name:

Last name:

Go

Welcome raj

Now use previous credential bee: bug if login failed is confirmed it means we have successfully shoot the CSRF attack and from screenshot you can see “**invalid credential or user not activated**” message. Now use new password for login into web server.

**Conclusion:** XSS vulnerabilities exist anywhere in same domain it could lead to CSRF attack and allows attackers to remotely control the target’s browser with full rights, making CSRF useless.

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Enter your credentials (bee/bug).

Login:

Password:

Set the security level:

low ▼

Login

Invalid credentials or user not activated!



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