



Cross-Site Scripting

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The flowchart illustrates the XSS attack cycle: Threat Agents (represented by a stick figure icon) lead to Attack Vectors, which result in Security Weakness, ultimately leading to Impacts.

Threat Agents	Attack Vectors	Security Weakness	Impacts		
App. Specific	Exploitability ③	Prevalence ③	Detectability ③	Technical ②	Business ?
Automated tools can detect and exploit all three forms of XSS, and there are freely available exploitation frameworks.	XSS is the second most prevalent issue in the OWASP Top 10, and is found in around two thirds of all applications. Automated tools can find some XSS problems automatically, particularly in mature technologies such as PHP, J2EE / JSP, and ASP.NET.	XSS is the second most prevalent issue in the OWASP Top 10, and is found in around two thirds of all applications.			

Angular

Declarative Templating System

Angular

app.component.html

```
<div>{{1+1}}</div>
```

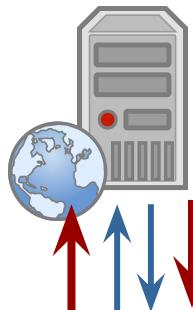
Output

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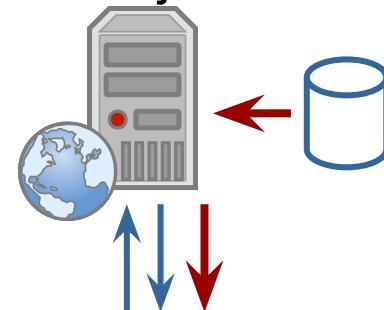


HTML Injection Overview (User-based View)

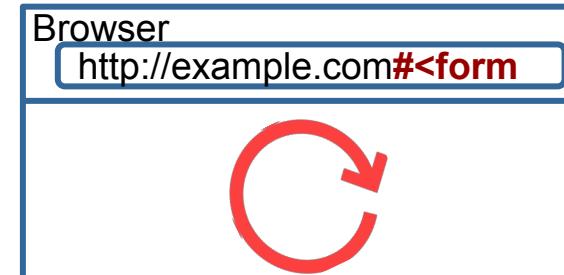
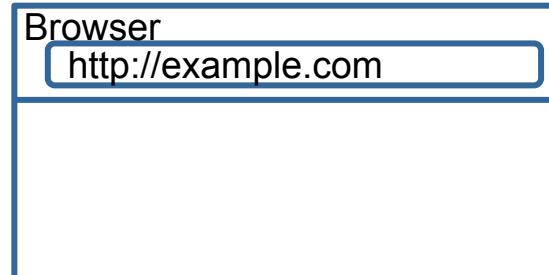
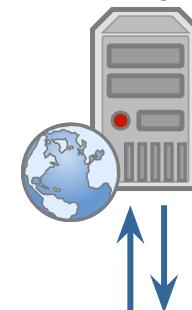
Reflected
HTML-Injection



Stored
HTML-Injection



Dom-based
HTML-Injection



Legend
→ Injected HTML-Payload
→ HTTP-Request/Response

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Basic Example of HTML-Injection

```
var userposition=location.href.indexOf("user=");
```

```
var user=location.href.substring(userposition+4);
```

```
document.getElementById("Welcome").innerHTML  
="Hello, "+user;
```

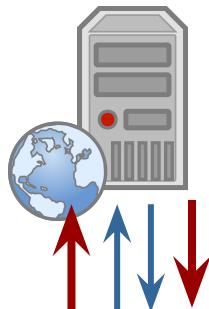
Intended URL: <http://timo-pagel.de?user=timo>

HTML-Injection: <http://timo-pagel.de?user=<form>>

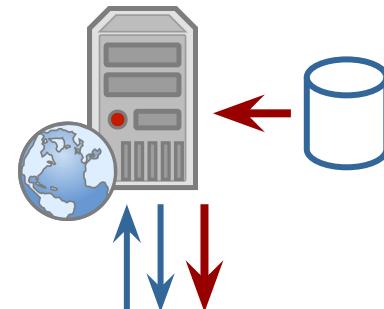


XSS Overview (User-based View)

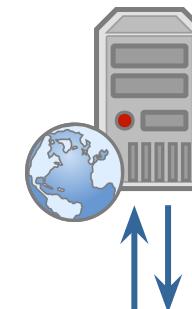
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Dom-based XSS



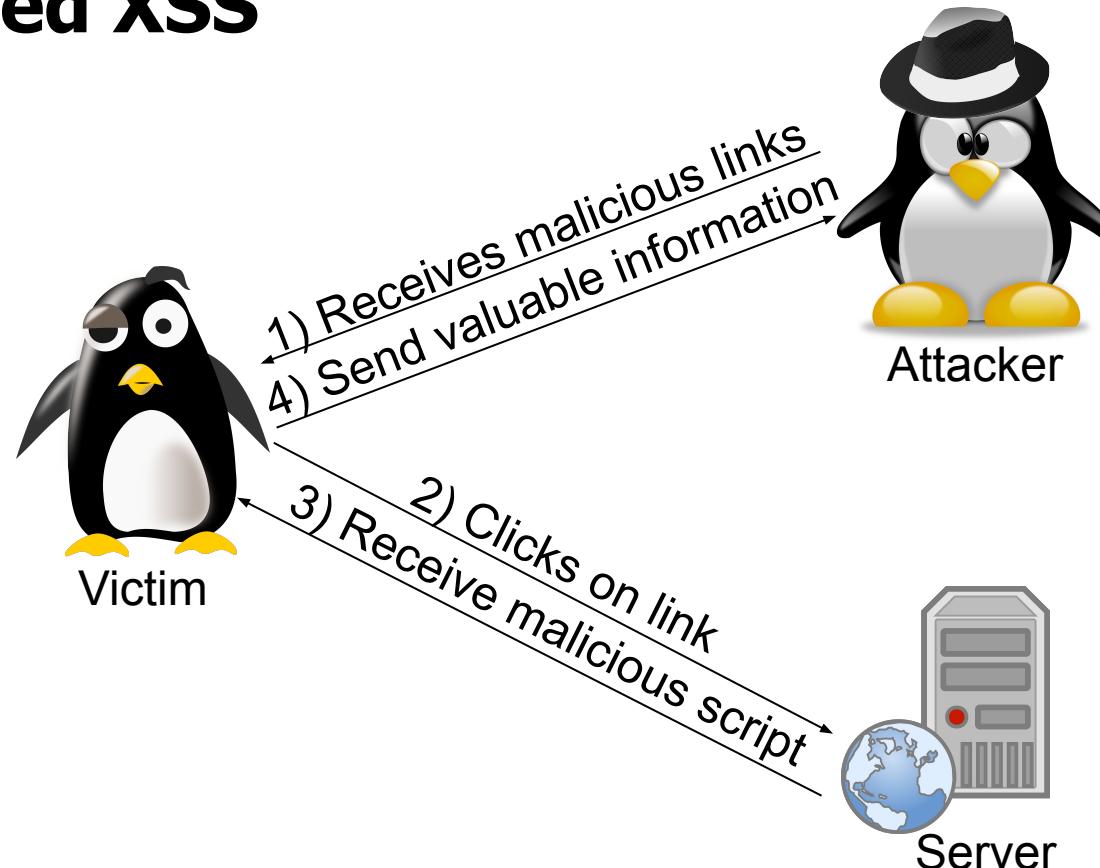
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Demo: XSS impacts

Security by Design

Angular treats all input as untrusted by default

Server-Side Template Injection

- Logic is in JavaScript
- REST is used to perform CRUD-Operations
- The server **must not** generate templates

Any template received from the server is trusted

-> Static content (e.g. index.html) via nginx

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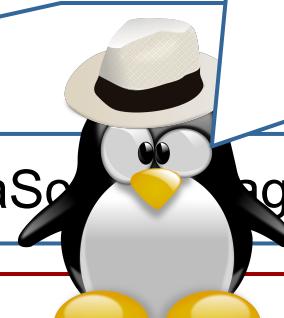
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```
<svg:g onload="alert(8)"/>
```

The force is strong in WHITELISTS



What is about JavaScript bugs?



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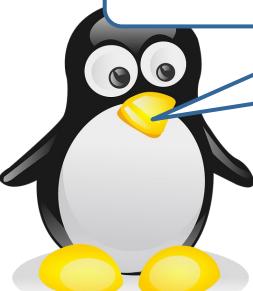
Interpolating and Binding

(example from <https://angular.io/guide/security>)

src/app/inner-html-binding.component.html

```
<h3>Binding innerHTML</h3>  
<p>Bound value:</p>  
<p class="e2e-inner-html-interpolated">{{htmlSnippet}}</p>
```

Will this lead to XSS?



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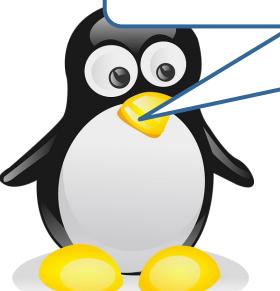
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Interpolating is escaped, always



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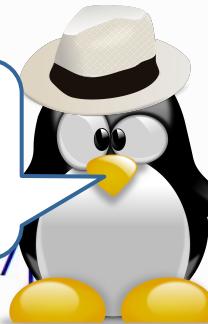


Binding to innerHTML </h3>

bound value: </p>

class="e2e-inner-html-interpolated" [innerHTML]="htmlSnippet"

Normally, it would lead to XSS,
but Angular escapes the input



<p>Result of binding to innerHTML:</p>

<p class="e2e-inner-html-bound" [innerHTML]="htmlSnippet"></p>

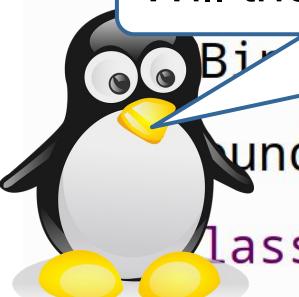
src/app/inner-html-binding.component.ts (class)

```
export class InnerHtmlBindingComponent {  
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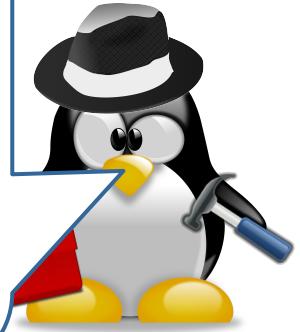
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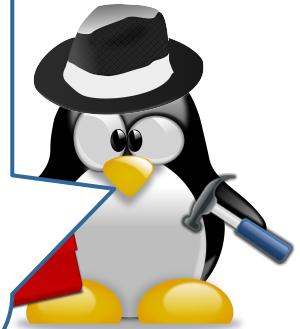




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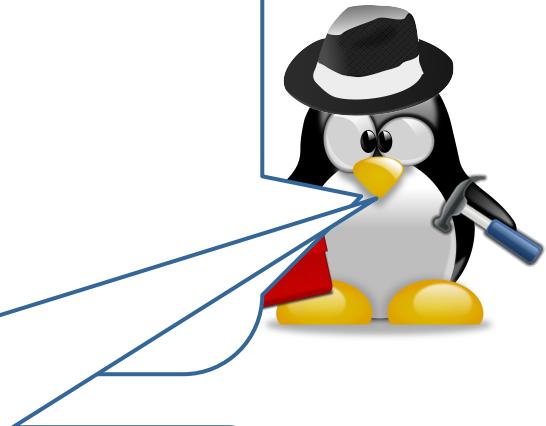
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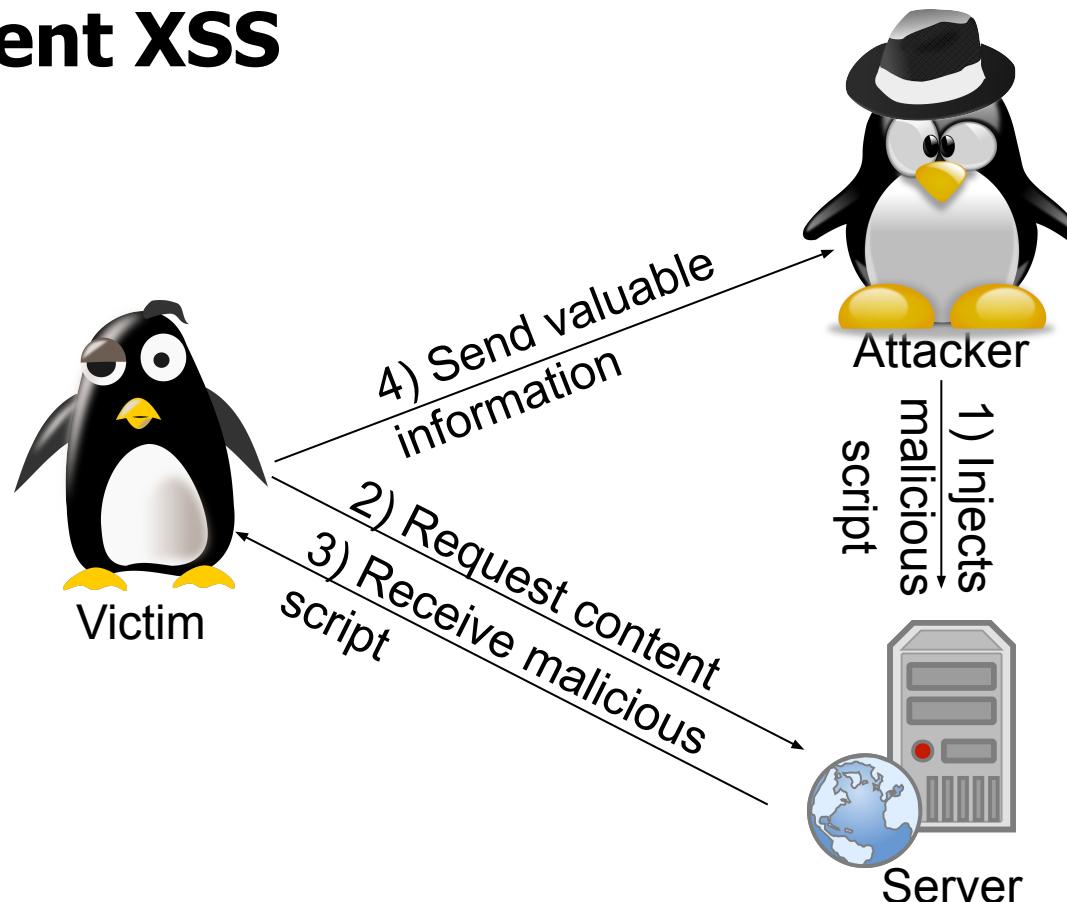
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Solution:

[https://shop.pagel.pro/#/track-result?id=%3Ciframe%20src%3D%22javascript:alert\(0\)%22%3E](https://shop.pagel.pro/#/track-result?id=%3Ciframe%20src%3D%22javascript:alert(0)%22%3E)



Persistent XSS



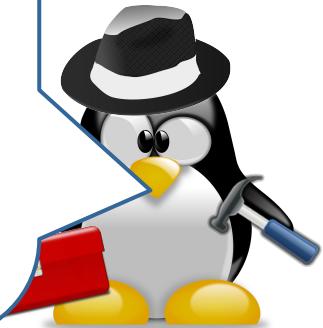


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Hint 1/3: Check the whole registration/authentication process

Next Hint: 5 Minutes

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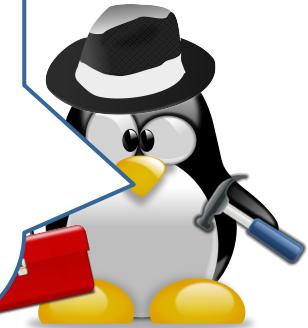


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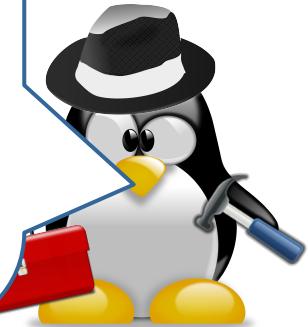
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Solution:

Methoden Adresse

Request-Header:

```
Content-Type: application/json
Connection: keep-alive
Cookie: JuceShopStickySessionID=.13020; language=en; token=eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpX
Pragma: no-cache
Cache-Control: no-cache
[...]
```

Request-Body:

```
{"email":<iframe src="javascript:alert(`xss`)">,"password":"testtest","passwordRepeat":"testtes
```





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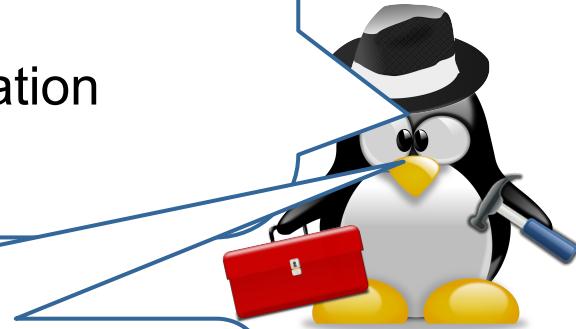
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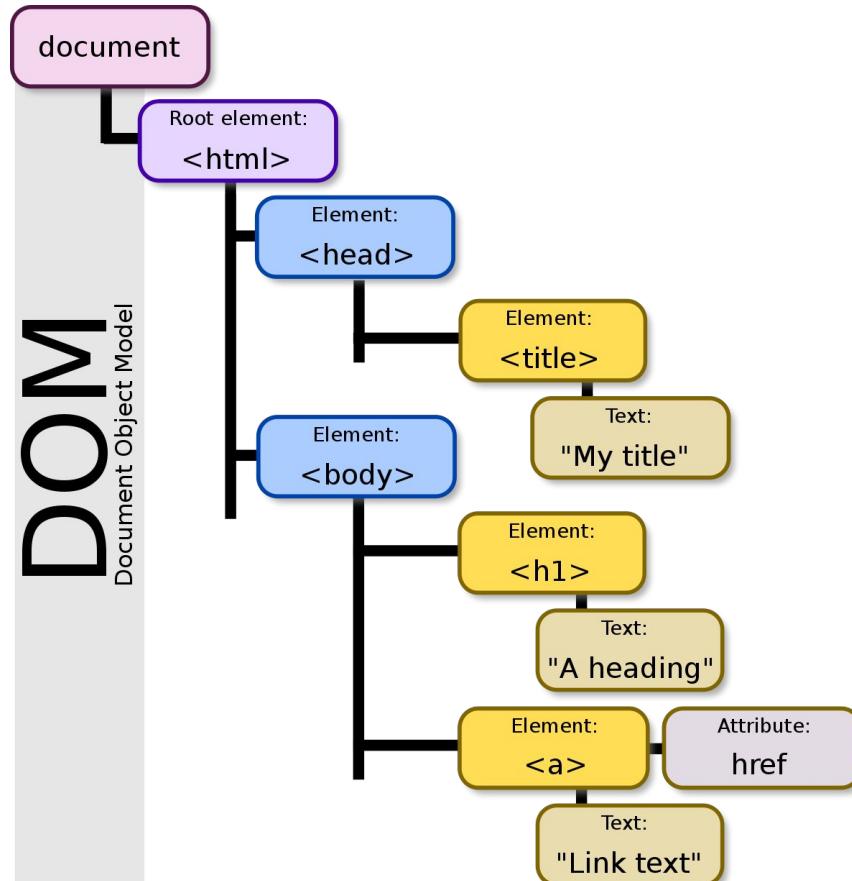
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Dom Based XSS

Embedding by browser (not server)

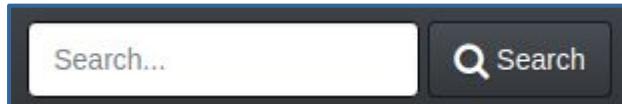
Document Object Model



Hands On

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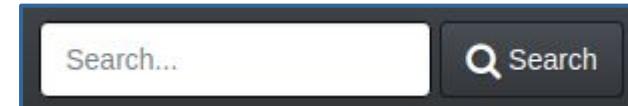
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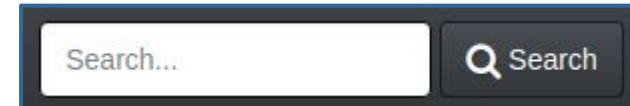
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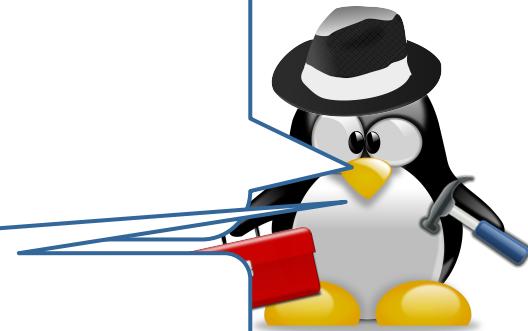
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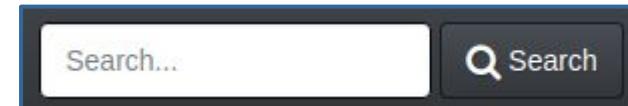
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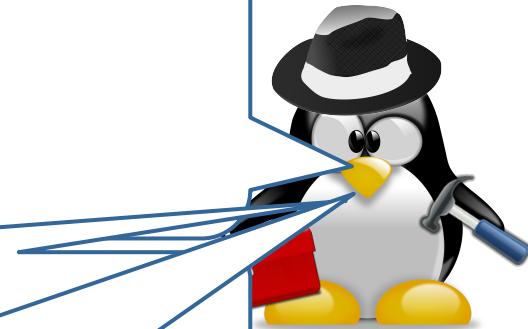
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Defense against Cross Site Scripting

- Input Validation
- HTTP-Headers
 - Content Security Policy
 - HttpOnly-Flag
- POST instead of GET
- Block JavaScript (Client Side)

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mail:

Set



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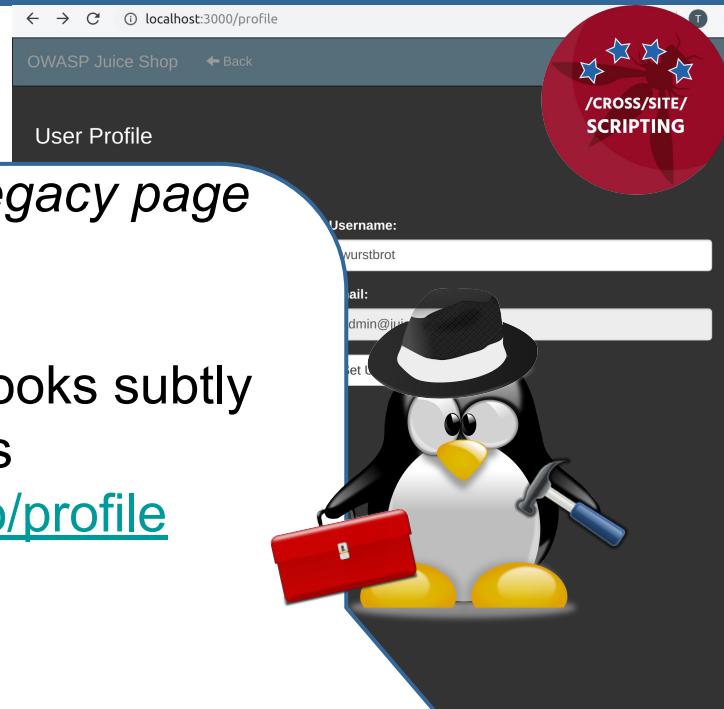
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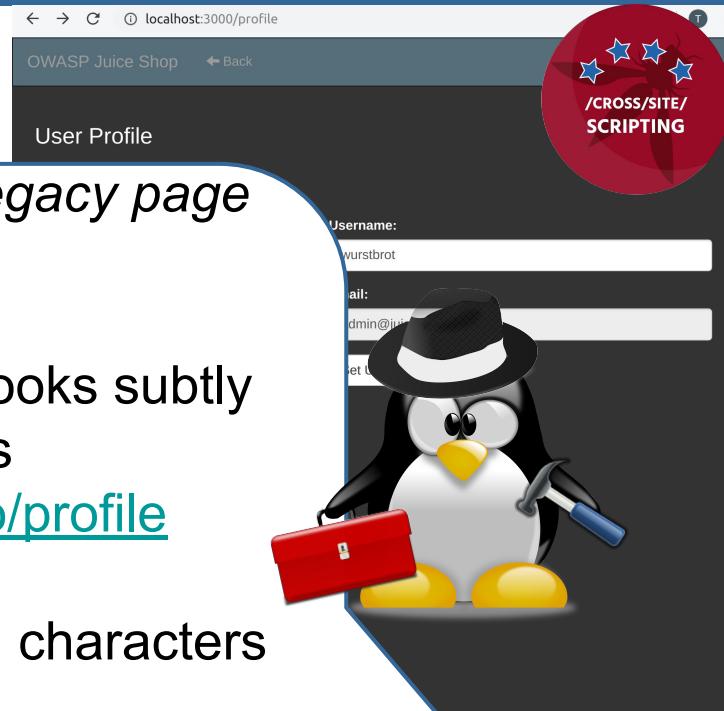
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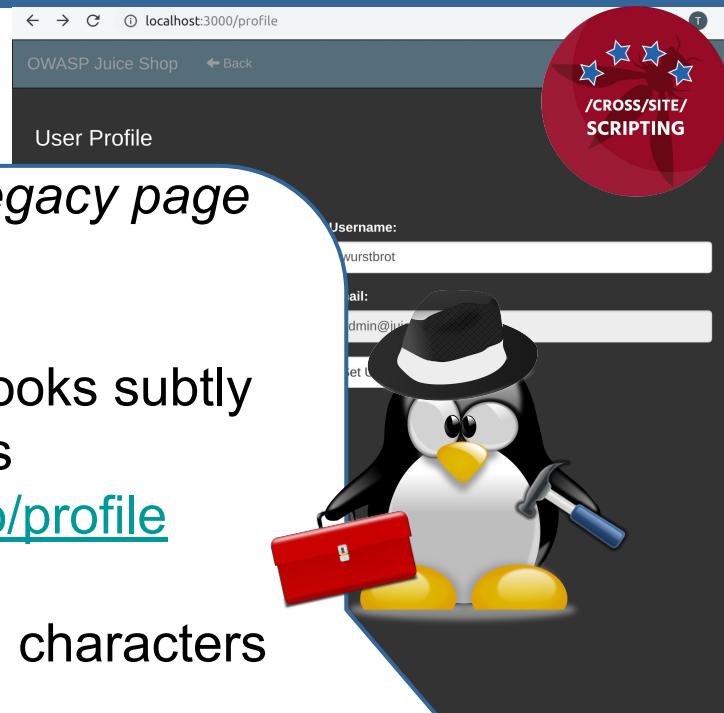
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Backup Slides

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```
$ curl -X OPTIONS -D -
'https://shop.pagel.pro/api/Products/1'
HTTP/1.1 204 No Content
X-Powered-By: Express
Access-Control-Allow-Origin: *
Access-Control-Allow-Methods:
GET,HEAD,PUT,PATCH,POST,DELETE
Vary: Access-Control-Request-Headers
Content-Length: 0
Date: Sun, 02 Jun 2019 18:58:43 GMT
Connection: keep-alive
```



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