

TP3 Web tracking Technologies

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1* Cookie access control

(Folder: ex2) Assume a web browser’s cookie storage contains the following cookies:
example.com: eid = '123', tracker.com: tid = '456', another.com: aid = '789'.

Analyse the source code of the `cookieAccess.html` and the embedded scripts and iframes. At every call to `document.cookie`, which cookies will be read and why? Analyse each HTTP request that is sent by this application to `http://tracker.com` and list all the cookies that this server will receive. If no cookies are sent at some HTTP request, justify why.

2* Third-party cookie and HTML5 localStorage testing

(File: integrator.html) Choose your favourite web browser. Disable third-party cookies/third-party data in the browser preferences. In `integrator.html` set up your own third-party domain, and write the code for `gadget.html` to test whether your browser

1. Automatically sends third-party cookies in an HTTP header whenever they are present in the browser,
2. Allows a JavaScript program that runs in a third-party origin to
 - set third-party cookies;
 - read third-party cookies;
 - set third-party HTML5 localStorage;
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Does your web browser implement the blocking of third-party cookies properly? Does it also disable the usage of the third-party HTML5 localStorage as expected? Justify your answers.

3*** Advanced cookie stealing

(No files) Consider a web application consisting of 4 pages:

- `main.html` located at `google.com`
- `cart.html` located at `play.google.com`. The user has already visited this page, and the cookie is now stored in the user’s browser.
- `apps.html` located at `play.google.com`. To access some DOM elements at `main.html`, the script on `apps.html` changes its effective origin from `play.google.com` to `google.com` by `document.domain` DOM API.
- `events.html` located at `events.google.com`. This domain is controlled by the attacker.

How an attacker can steal the cookie associated to the `play.google.com` domain stored in the user’s browser?

4** Resawning cookies by HTML5 localStorage

(File: resawning.html) Assume that the web application’s server is located at `example.com`, and the server sets a new cookie with the name `id` every time when it responds to the HTTP request without any cookie named `id`. Check the source of the file `resawning.html` and write code for the script `respawn.js` that implements resawning of cookies via HTML5 localStorage even if the user has deleted them from his browser.

Is such tracking first-party or third-party? Does it support tracking over multiple sites (for example if `respawn.js` script was present on the other site at `another.com`) or only on site `example.com`?

5 Tracking via Etag header**

(No file) Implement a web server that provides tracking via a Etag header. Give examples of the corresponding HTTP request and response headers and explain how this tracking technique works. Provide an example of a web application that uses this technique and allows tracking across multiple sites.

6* Cookie syncing

(No file) Implement a cookie syncing on a server located at `A.com` that allows a server at `B.com` to synchronise `A.com`'s cookies with `B.com`'s cookies.

7 Fingerprinting browser extensions**

(No file) Implement a JavaScript program that is able to detect the following browser extensions in either Firefox or Google Chrome browsers: Adblock Plus, Disconnect, Privacy Badger, Ghostery, Do Not Track Me, Lightbeam. If for some extensions it is impossible, explain why.