# **Penetration Testing Report**

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### Introduction

This report document hereby describes the proceedings and results of a Black Box security assessment conducted against the **Week 2 Labs**. The report hereby lists the findings and corresponding best practice mitigation actions and recommendations.

### 1. Objective

The objective of the assessment was to uncover vulnerabilities in the **Week 2 Labs** and provide a final security assessment report comprising vulnerabilities, remediation strategy and recommendation guidelines to help mitigate the identified vulnerabilities and risks during the activity.

### 2. Scope

This section defines the scope and boundaries of the project.

# Application Name

### Lab 1:

### **Cross Site Scripting**

Cross-site scripting (also known as XSS) is a web security
vulnerability that allows an attacker to compromise the
interactions that users have with a vulnerable application. Crosssite scripting vulnerabilities normally allow an attacker to
masquerade as a victim user, to carry out any actions that the user
is able to perform, and to access any of the user's data. If the victim
user has privileged access within the application, then the attacker
might be able to gain full control over all the application's
functionality and data.

### Lab 2: Insecure direct object reference

An insecure direct object reference (IDOR) is an access control vulnerability where invalidated user input can be used for unauthorized access to resources or operations. It occurs when an attacker gains direct access by using user-supplied input to an object that has no authorization to access. Attackers can bypass the authorization mechanism to access resources in the system directly by exploiting this vulnerability.

# 3. Summary

Outlined is a Black Box Application Security assessment for the Week {#} Labs.

### Total number of Sub-labs: 15 Sub-labs

High	Medium	Low
4	5	6

High - Number of Sub-labs with hard difficulty level

Medium - Number of Sub-labs with Medium difficulty level

Low - Number of Sub-labs with Easy difficulty level

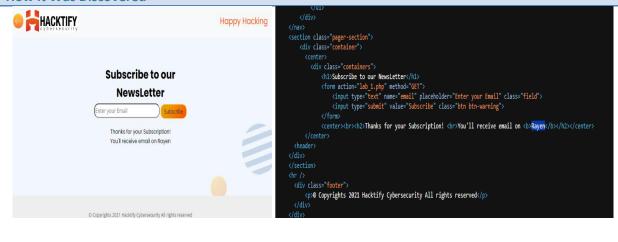
# 1. Cross Site Scripting

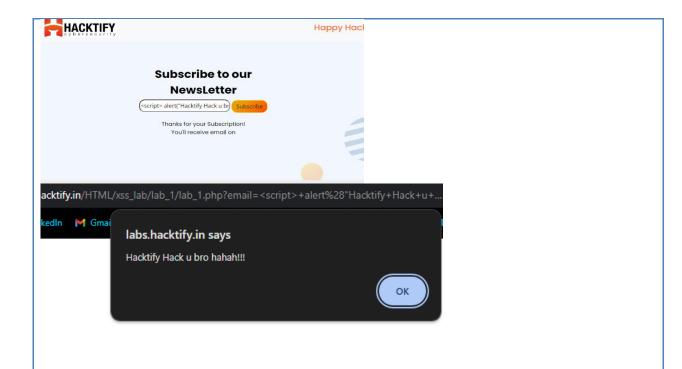
### 1.1. Let's Do IT!

Reference	Risk Rating
Let's Do IT!	Low
Tools Used	
HTML Payload	
Vulnerability Description	

when we entered 'alert("Hacktify Hack u bro hahah!!!")' JavaScript treated 'Hacktify Hack u bro hahah!!! ' as a variable and started a journey to find the variable and which being my input obviously won't be any variable so will not give us an alert box.

### **How It Was Discovered**





• https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss\_lab/lab\_1/lab\_1.php?email=%3Cscript%3E+alert%28%22Hacktify+Hack+u+bro+hahah%21%21%22%29+%3C%2Fscript%3E

### **Consequences of not Fixing the Issue**

- Session hijacking: Attackers can steal session cookies and hijack legitimate user accounts, potentially leading to unauthorized access to sensitive information or systems.
- Data theft: XSS attacks can be used to steal sensitive data such as login credentials, credit card information, and personally identifiable information (PII).
- Malicious redirects: Attackers can redirect users to malicious websites or perform other malicious operations on the user's machine under the guise of the vulnerable site.
- Account compromise: If an attacker gains access to an account with administrative privileges, they can perform unauthorized actions, potentially leading to severe damage to the web application.
- Reputation damage: XSS vulnerabilities can undermine the trust users have in a company, leading to negative publicity and potential loss of customers.

### **Suggested Countermeasures**

- Input validation: Validate and sanitize all user inputs to ensure they do not contain malicious scripts that could be executed on the website.
- Output encoding: Encode user-generated content before displaying it on the website to prevent browsers from interpreting it as executable code.
- Content Security Policy (CSP): Implement a CSP to restrict the sources from which certain types of content can be loaded on your website, reducing the risk of XSS attacks.
- Use security libraries: Utilize security libraries like OWASP ESAPI to help prevent common security vulnerabilities, including XSS attacks.

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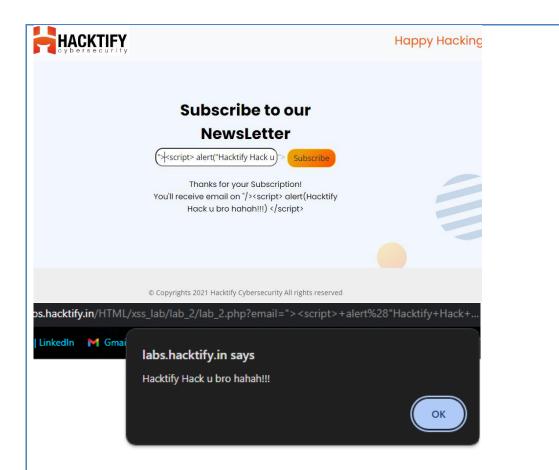
### References

https://owasp.org/www-community/attacks/xss/

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Balancing Is Important In Life!	Low
Tools Used	
HTML Payload	
Vulnerability Description	
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How It Was Discovered	
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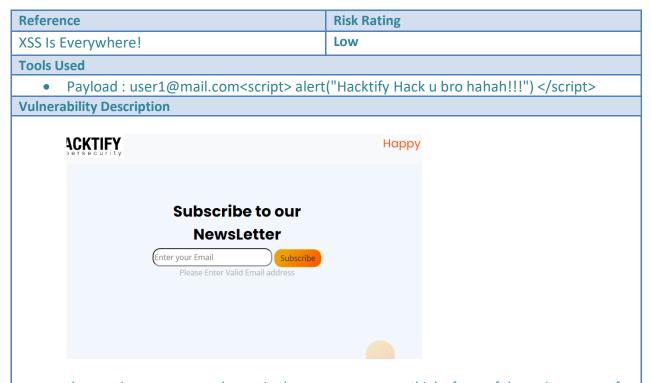
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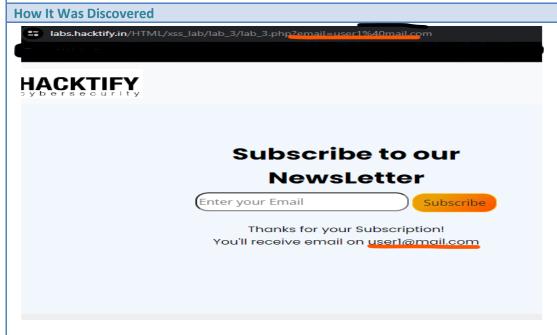
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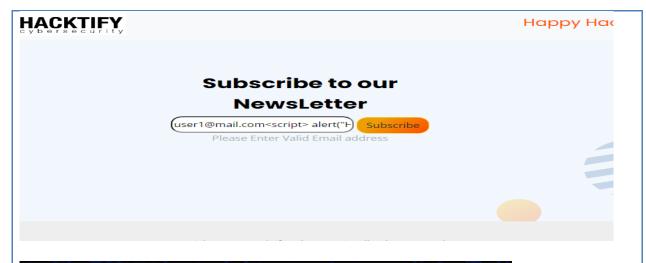
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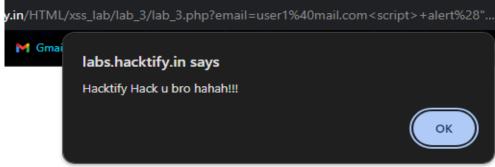
# 1.3. XSS Is Everywhere!



• the warning or response thrown in the response, we can think of one of the major reasons for our payload not working is not the payload itself, but a thing called **input validation**, basically in simple words the backed code is checking the input of the search box that it should be in the form of a email







• https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss\_lab/lab\_3/lab\_3.php?email=user1%40mail.com%3Cscript%3 E+alert%28%22Hacktify+Hack+u+bro+hahah%21%21%21%22%29+%3C%2Fscript%3E

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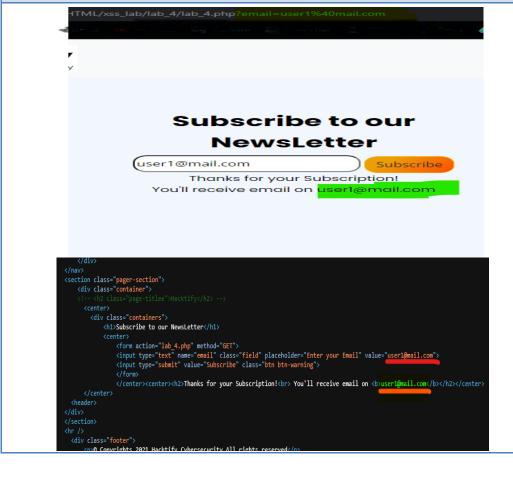
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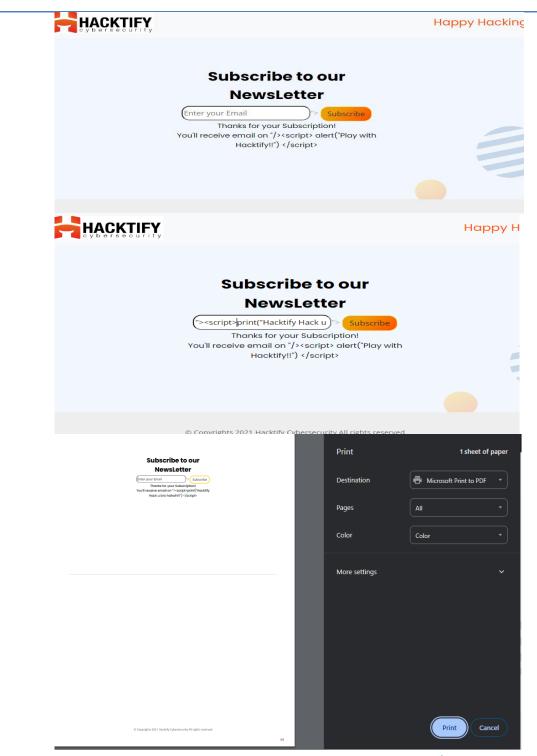
### 1.4. Alternatives Are Must!

Reference	Risk Rating
Alternatives Are Must!	Medium
Tools Used	·
Payloads	
Vulnorability Description	

- /ulnerability Description
  - this lab didn't throw us the response of invalid email as the last one we can conclude that no
    input validation. The alert is being blocked and now when we focus on the name of the lab we
    can understand what it means by alternative
  - Payloads: "><script>print("Hacktify Hack u bro hahah!!!") </script>

### **How It Was Discovered**





Payload: "><script>print("Hacktify Hack u bro hahah!!!") </script>

### **Vulnerable URLs**

• https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss\_lab/lab\_4/lab\_4.php?email=%22%3E%3Cscript%3Eprint%28 %22Hacktify+Hack+u+bro+hahah%21%21%22%29+%3C%2Fscript%3E

### **Consequences of not Fixing the Issue**

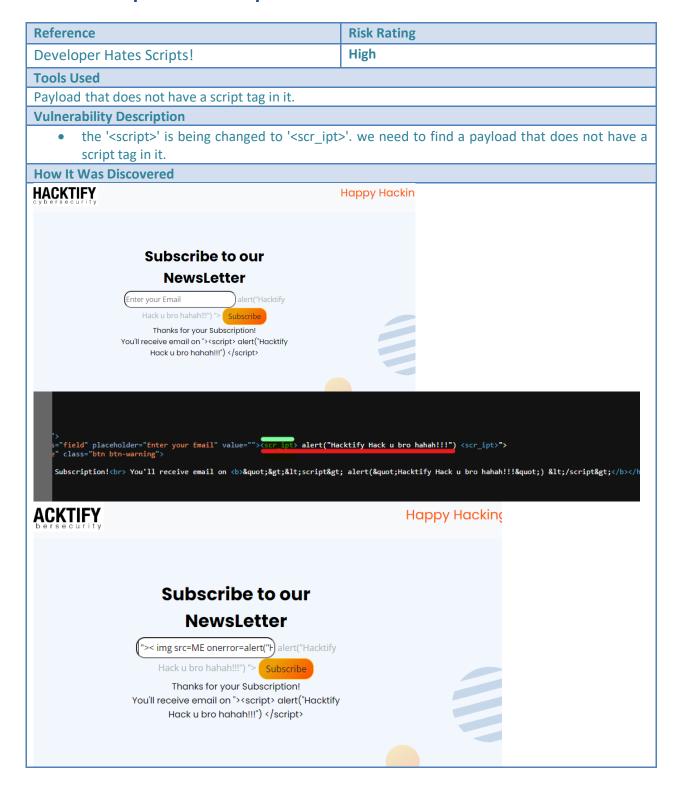
• The same as the previous ones.

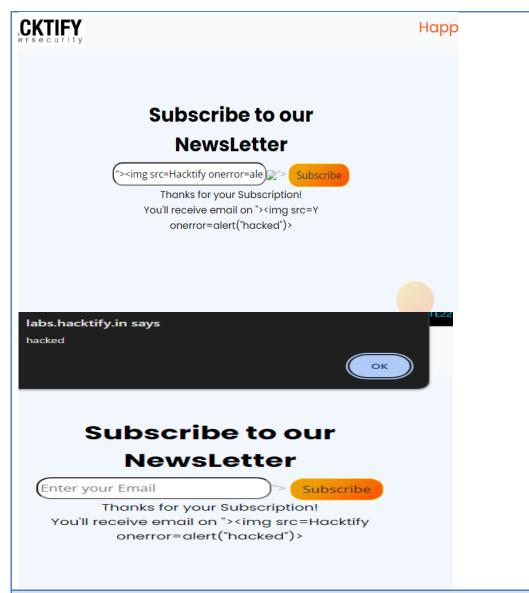
### **Suggested Countermeasures**

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### **References**

# 1.5. Developer Hates Scripts!





• https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss\_lab/lab\_5/lab\_5.php?email=%22%3E%3Cimg+src%3DHacktify+onerror%3Dalert%28%22hacked%22%29%3E

### **Consequences of not Fixing the Issue**

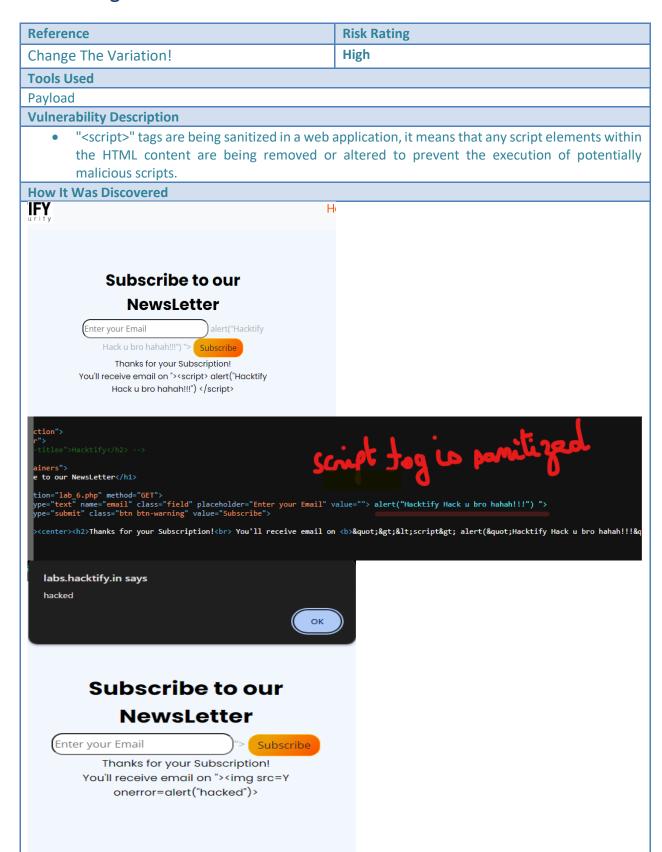
• Execution of JavaScript: Removing the script tag from the DOM does not necessarily stop the execution of the JavaScript code contained within it. The script can continue to run even after the tag is removed, as demonstrated in tests where scripts persist and execute despite tag removal.

### **Suggested Countermeasures**

- Comprehensive Input Validation: Implement robust input validation mechanisms that go beyond simple keyword filtering to detect and sanitize potentially malicious inputs, regardless of variations like "scri\_pt" tag
- Output Encoding: Apply proper output encoding techniques to all user-generated content before displaying it on the website to prevent script execution and protect against XSS attacks.

### 1.6. Change The Variation!

**Vulnerable URLs** 



• https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss\_lab/lab\_6/lab\_6.php?email=%22%3E%3Cimg+src%3DY+one rror%3Dalert%28%22hacked%22%29%3E

### **Consequences of not Fixing the Issue**

- Session Hijacking: Attackers can exploit XSS vulnerabilities to steal session cookies, enabling them to hijack user accounts and gain unauthorized access to sensitive information or systems.
- Data Theft: XSS attacks can result in the theft of sensitive data like login credentials, credit card details, and personally identifiable information (PII), putting users at risk of identity theft and financial loss.
- Account Compromise: The most severe XSS attacks can lead to complete account compromise, allowing attackers to access user accounts, manipulate content, install malware, or redirect users to malicious websites

### **Suggested Countermeasures**

- Enhanced Input Validation: Strengthen input validation processes to detect and sanitize
  malicious scripts effectively, ensuring that all user inputs are thoroughly validated and
  sanitized before being processed.
- Output Encoding: Apply proper output encoding techniques to all user-generated content to prevent script execution and protect against XSS attacks, even if "<script>" tags have been sanitized.
- Content Security Policy (CSP): Implement a robust CSP to restrict the sources from which scripts can be loaded, reducing the risk of unauthorized script execution and enhancing overall web application security.

# 1.7. Encoding Is The Key?

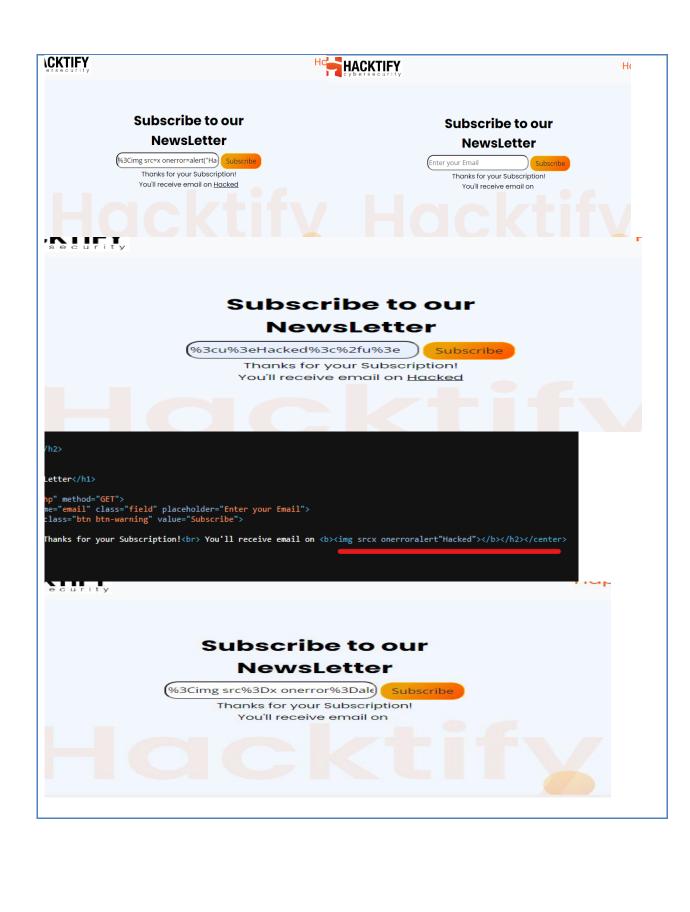
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Tools Used	

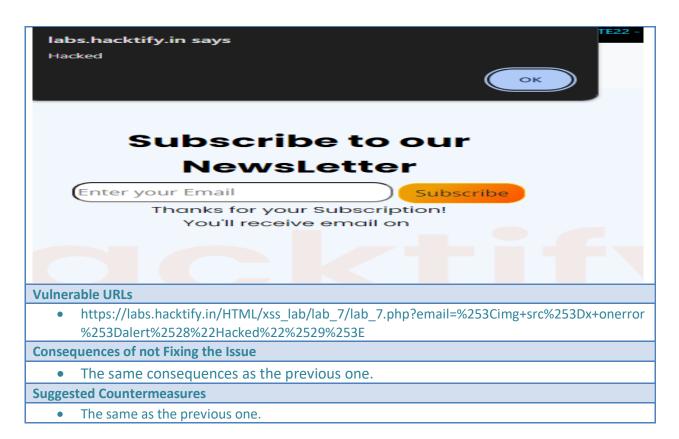
### Payload & URL Encoding

# Vulnerability Description

Our payload reflects just in a single position, which is in the body of the page not in the 'input' tag as it does not have a 'value' attribute, also the other thing we can observe is it sanitized our '<', '>', '/', '=', '(' and ')'

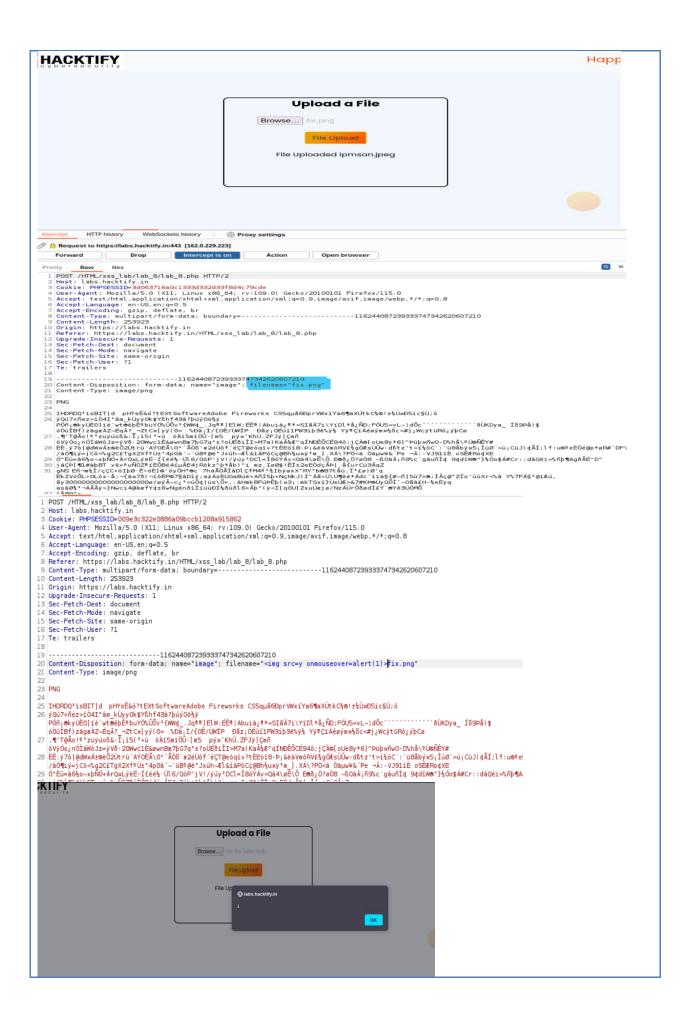
### **How It Was Discovered**





# 1.8. XSS With File Upload (File name)

Reference	Risk Rating
XSS With File Upload (File name)	Low
Tools Used	
Burp suite	
Vulnerability Description	
	ng the close tags and tags are only working before at just has an opening tag and this requirement is
How It Was Discovered	



• https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss\_lab/lab\_8/lab\_8.php

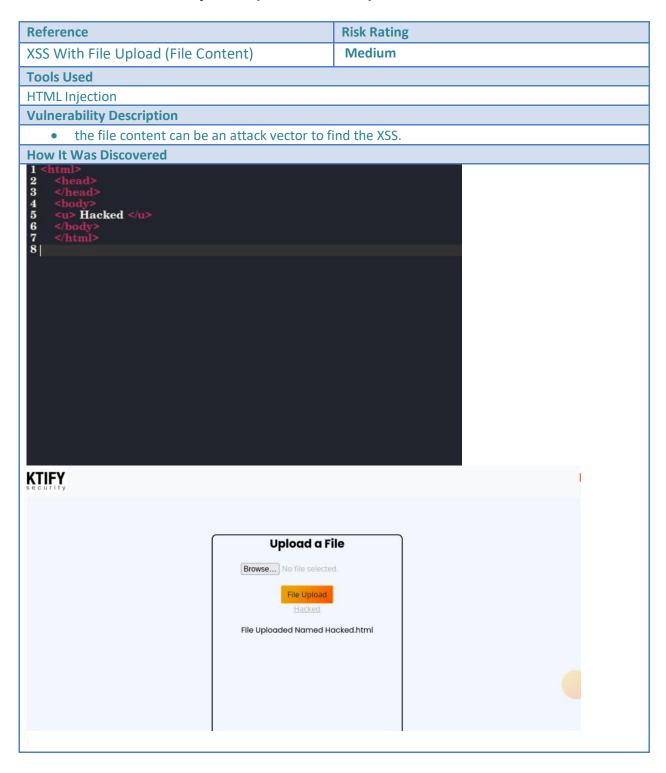
### **Consequences of not Fixing the Issue**

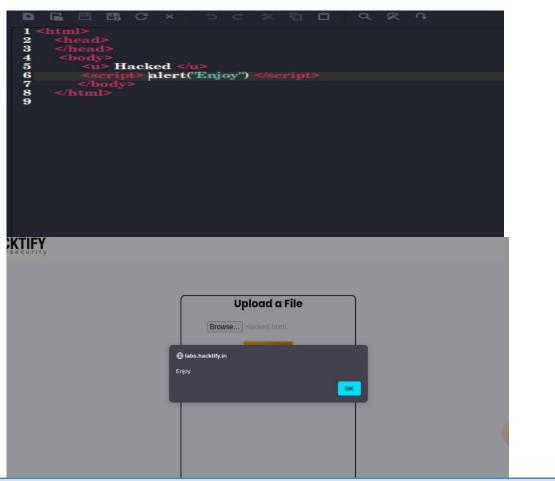
• the same consequences as other sub-labs

### **Suggested Countermeasures**

• the same as other sub-labs

# 1.9. XSS With File Upload (File Content)





https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss lab/lab 9/lab 9.php

### **Consequences of not Fixing the Issue**

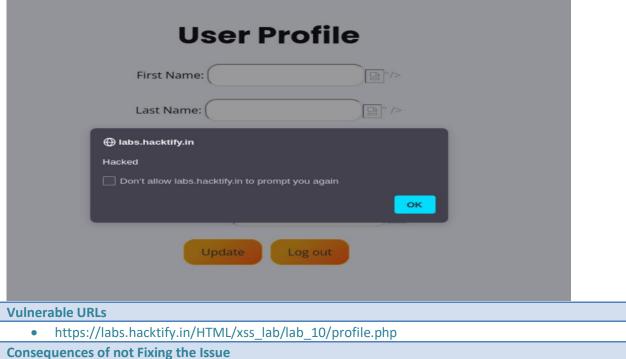
- Data Theft: XSS vulnerabilities can lead to the theft of sensitive data, such as session cookies, user credentials, and personal information, allowing attackers to access and misuse this data.
- Identity Impersonation: Attackers can exploit XSS vulnerabilities to impersonate users, gaining unauthorized access to accounts and performing actions on behalf of the victim without their consent.
- Website Defacement: Unaddressed XSS vulnerabilities can result in website defacement, where attackers modify the appearance and content of a website to spread malicious messages or misinformation.

### **Suggested Countermeasures**

 HTTPOnly and Secure Flags for Cookies: Set the HTTPOnly flag on cookies to prevent client-side scripts from accessing them and use the Secure flag to ensure that cookies are only transmitted over secure HTTPS connections.

# 1.10. Stored Everywhere!

Reference	Risk Rating
Stored Everywhere!	Low
Tools Used	
Payload	
Vulnerability Description	
Our lab had stored XSS vulnerability in it.	
How It Was Discovered	
First Name nouseover Last Name: useover=a Email useover=aler Password: Password Register  USER P  First Name: Last Name: Email: user1@mail.co Password Confirm Password	r=alert("Hacked")> alert("Hacked")> alert("Hacked")> blooded b
<ul> <li>As we used 'onmouseover' function we mouse pointer over the image icons,</li> </ul>	got the following result when we hovered our



• The same as other Labs

### **Suggested Countermeasures**

• The same as other Labs

### 1.11. DOM's are love!

Reference	Risk Rating
DOM's are love!	High
Tools Used	
Payloads	

### **Vulnerability Description**

Our lab is vulnerable to XSS for '?name=' and '?coin=' parameters and it is also vulnerable to open redirect on its '?redir=' parameter as it enables the attacker to craft and redirect to a random web page.

### **How It Was Discovered**

I found a file named 'dom.js' as observed before and as we can look into the file, we can locate quite a few parameters to play with, listed as

?name=

?redir=

?coin=

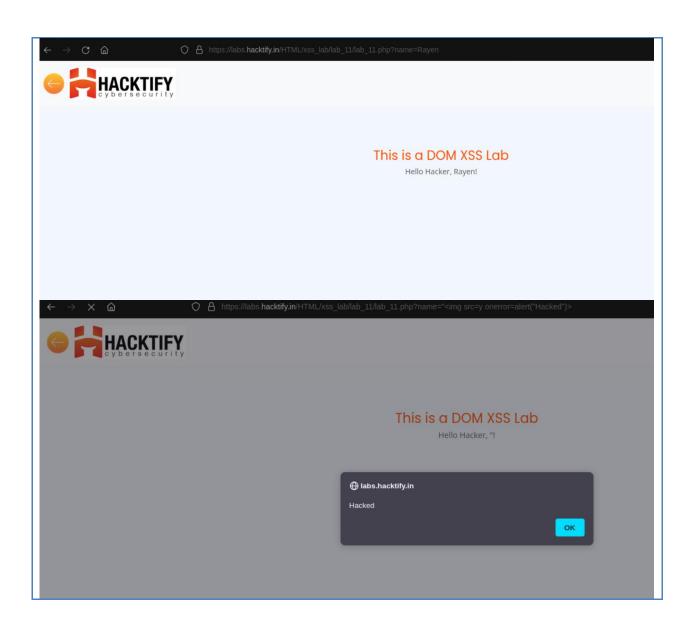
I try to play with this parameters and that's what I get:

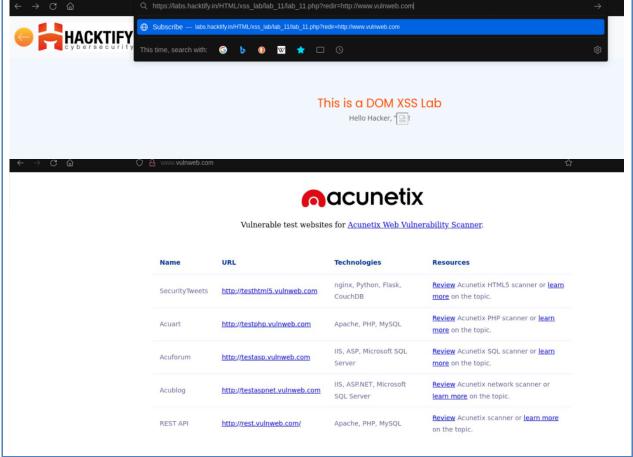


### This is a DOM XSS Lab

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</div>
</may>
<section class="pager-section">
<div class="container">
<div class="container">
        <!-- <h2 class="page-titlee">Hacktify</h2> -->
           <center>
<div class="containers">
<div class="containers">
<h3>This is a DOM XSS Lab</h3>
Hello, __!
<script src="dom.js"></script>
</div>
</or>
           </center>
<header>
</div>

<
   © Copyrights 2021 Hacktify Cybersecurity All rights reserved</div>
</div>
 var currentSearch = document.location.search;
var searchParams = new URLSearchParams(currentSearch);
 /*** Document Sink ***/
 var username = searchParams.get("name");
     f (username !== null) {
document.getElementById("p1").innerHTML = "Hello Hacker, " + username + "!";
 /*** Location Sink ***/
 var redir = searchParams.get("redir");
     f (redir !== null) {
document.location = redir;
  /*** Execution Sink ***/
 var btc = "$40000";
var eth = "$2000";
var doge = "$1";
  var market = [];
var coin = searchParams.get("coin").toLowerCase();
if (coin !== null) {
   document.getElementById("p1").innerHTML =
        "The 3 coins are btc, eth, doge, " + coin + "!";
 eval("market.coin=" + coin);
 document.getElementById("pl").innerHTML =
   "Current Hyped coin is " + market.coin + ".";
```





https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss\_lab/lab\_11/lab\_11.php

### **Consequences of not Fixing the Issue**

- Session Hijacking: Attackers can steal session cookies through XSS attacks, allowing them to impersonate users and gain unauthorized access to their accounts.
- Credential Theft: XSS vulnerabilities can lead to the theft of sensitive information like usernames, passwords, bank account numbers, and personally identifiable information (PII).
- Data Disclosure: Attackers can disclose end-user files, install Trojan horse programs, redirect users to malicious sites, or modify the presentation of content through XSS attacks.

### **Suggested Countermeasures**

- Web Application Firewalls (WAF): Deploy WAF solutions to monitor and filter incoming traffic, detecting and blocking malicious payloads that could exploit XSS vulnerabilities.
- Security Headers: Implement security headers like X-XSS-Protection, X-Content-Type-Options, and X-Frame-Options to enhance browser security and protect against various types of attacks, including XSS.

### **References**

https://security.stackexchange.com/questions/206520/how-dangerous-is-xss

### 2. IDOR

## 2.1. Give me my amount!!

Reference	Risk Rating
Give me my amount!!	Low

### **Tools Used**

Changing id

### **Vulnerability Description**

• in this URL as marked, we can see the "/profile.php?id=" id parameter, and that too has a numerical value telling us a lot about the backend architecture such as the database at the backend where user profiles are created would have following fields (id, Email, Password, Transaction 1, Transaction 2, Transaction 3), and my user is in the 528 row or is the 528 user.

### **How It Was Discovered**

Changing user id

### **Vulnerable URLs**

• https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/idor\_lab/lab\_1/profile.php?id=52

### **Consequences of not Fixing the Issue**

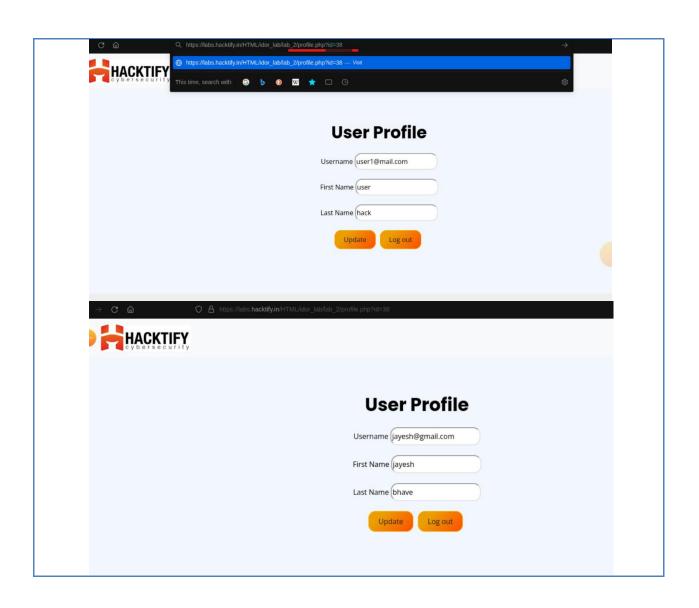
- Unauthorized Data Access: Attackers can exploit IDOR vulnerabilities to access sensitive
  information belonging to other users by manipulating the object references in URLs,
  potentially leading to data breaches and privacy violations.
- Privilege Escalation: IDOR vulnerabilities can result in both horizontal and vertical privilege escalation, allowing attackers to gain unauthorized access to resources or perform actions beyond their intended privileges within the application.
- Data Manipulation: Attackers may modify or delete critical data by exploiting IDOR vulnerabilities, leading to data corruption, financial losses, or disruption of services.
- Account Takeover: IDOR vulnerabilities can facilitate account takeovers, enabling attackers to impersonate users, perform unauthorized actions on their behalf, or compromise sensitive accounts with elevated privileges.

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# 2.2. Stop polluting my params!





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https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/idor\_lab/lab\_2/profile.php?id=38&id=33

### **Consequences of not Fixing the Issue**

- Data Integrity Issues: HPP can result in data corruption or manipulation, affecting the accuracy and reliability of information processed by the application.
- Security Breaches: Exploiting HPP vulnerabilities can enable attackers to bypass security controls, access unauthorized resources, and potentially compromise sensitive data.

### **Suggested Countermeasures**

- Input Validation: Implement thorough input validation mechanisms to ensure that user-supplied data is sanitized and validated before processing, preventing malicious payloads from manipulating HTTP parameters.
- Parameter Whitelisting: Utilize parameter whitelisting to define and restrict the acceptable values for each parameter, allowing only authorized inputs and rejecting any unauthorized or unexpected values.
- Avoid Parameter Duplication: Avoid scenarios where the same parameter can be duplicated in a request, as this can lead to ambiguity and potential exploitation by attackers manipulating the order or presence of parameters.

### References

https://www.imperva.com/learn/application-security/insecure-direct-object-reference-idor/

- Unfortunately, I had an issue while I try to login after registering, but the principle of the labs is to intercept while changing password using Burp suite and try to generate a New password. My idea is to create 2 accounts with different passwords and try to switch between them.

In conclusion, addressing <u>XSS</u> and <u>IDOR</u> vulnerabilities requires a comprehensive approach that includes proactive testing, adherence to best practices, continuous monitoring, and swift remediation of identified issues. By following recommended mitigation strategies and staying informed about evolving threats, organizations can enhance the security posture of their web applications and protect user data from malicious exploitation.