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XMR Wallet Security Review



Xmr Wallet engaged New Alchemy to perform a security review of their `XMRWallet` web application shown in figure 1 below. The review was technical in nature and focused on identifying the susceptibility to security flaws in the application's behavior that may impact trustworthiness. The user interface and web traffic were inspected, along with a portion of the source code as dynamically delivered from the server at <https://www.xmrwallet.com>.

The review and test was performed in early June 2018. XMRWALLET.COM additionally provided access to the client-side application at <https://github.com/XMRWallet/Website> with a commit hash of `b03152135cf4577c320aae2ee51f9a6fae25437c`. The private server-side API functionality, obfuscated client code and cryptography was out of scope. This document describes



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The `XMRWallet` application exhibits a high-quality user experience, a modern development approach, and a clear separation of client and server functionality. However, the security review has identified a number of potential vulnerabilities. Given the nature of the application, these were conservatively rated in severity from critical to minor. All are believed to be fixable. Several examples include:

- A cross-site scripting vulnerability stemming from the price feed
- Outdated component dependencies on both the client and the server
- Missing security-relevant headers as received from the server
- Inadvisable display of private fields and input auto-completion
- Potentially risky usage of JavaScript and HTML/DOM functionality

Re-test v2.0: XMRWallet's audit response indicates that all critical issues reported by New Alchemy have been addressed.

Re-test v2.0: New Alchemy has inspected the application and repository provided for re-testing and believes that critical issues #1, #4, #5 and #7 have been fixed, critical issues #2 and #3 have been partially fixed, and critical issues #6 has not yet been fixed. Further details are included in the relevant sections below, including re-test notes for each of the other moderate and minor issues.

Re-test v2.1: New Alchemy has discussed the prior re-test results with XMRWallet, advised on efficient and effective mitigation approaches, inspected a subsequent application and repository provided for re-testing, and concludes:

- All seven critical issues have been fixed and their risks mitigated.
- Five of six moderate issues have been fixed and their risks mitigated. The remaining issue has been re-marked as 'informational' as it highlights a more general concern rather than a specific security issue.
- Three of six minor issues have been fixed and their risks mitigated. Of the remaining three, one has been partially fixed and two have been re-marked as



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does not present a significant risk.

Supporting Files

The review primarily involved examining the application behavior, interface and web traffic. This was partially supported by the code residing in the GitHub repository at <https://github.com/XMRWallet/Website> with a commit hash of `b03152135cf4577c320aae2ee51f9a6fae25437c`. The file `/src/js/monero.js` was out of scope as it was obfuscated and derived from open source Monero code.

```
src/js:
  app.js          jquery.i18n.js    jquery.js          select2.js

src/template:
  account.twig    index.twig          login.twig
receive.twig
  create.twig     landing.twig        maintenance.twig   send.twig
  dashboard       layout              policy_login.twig
support_login.twig
  dashboard.twig  login_public.twig   policy.twig
support.twig
  terms_login.twig terms.twig           transactions.twig
```

Re-test v2.0: New Alchemy has inspected the same repository with a new commit hash of `233ddd412d5a5afc877ba9dbab1524104767c338` under the same conditions noted above. The actual application under test was served from the same URL as noted above.

Re-test v2.1: New Alchemy has inspected the same repository with a new commit hash of `abc0ab0a3d2c9cf587672ca03d80ade199e8e6ee` under the same conditions noted above. The actual application under test was served from the same URL as noted above.



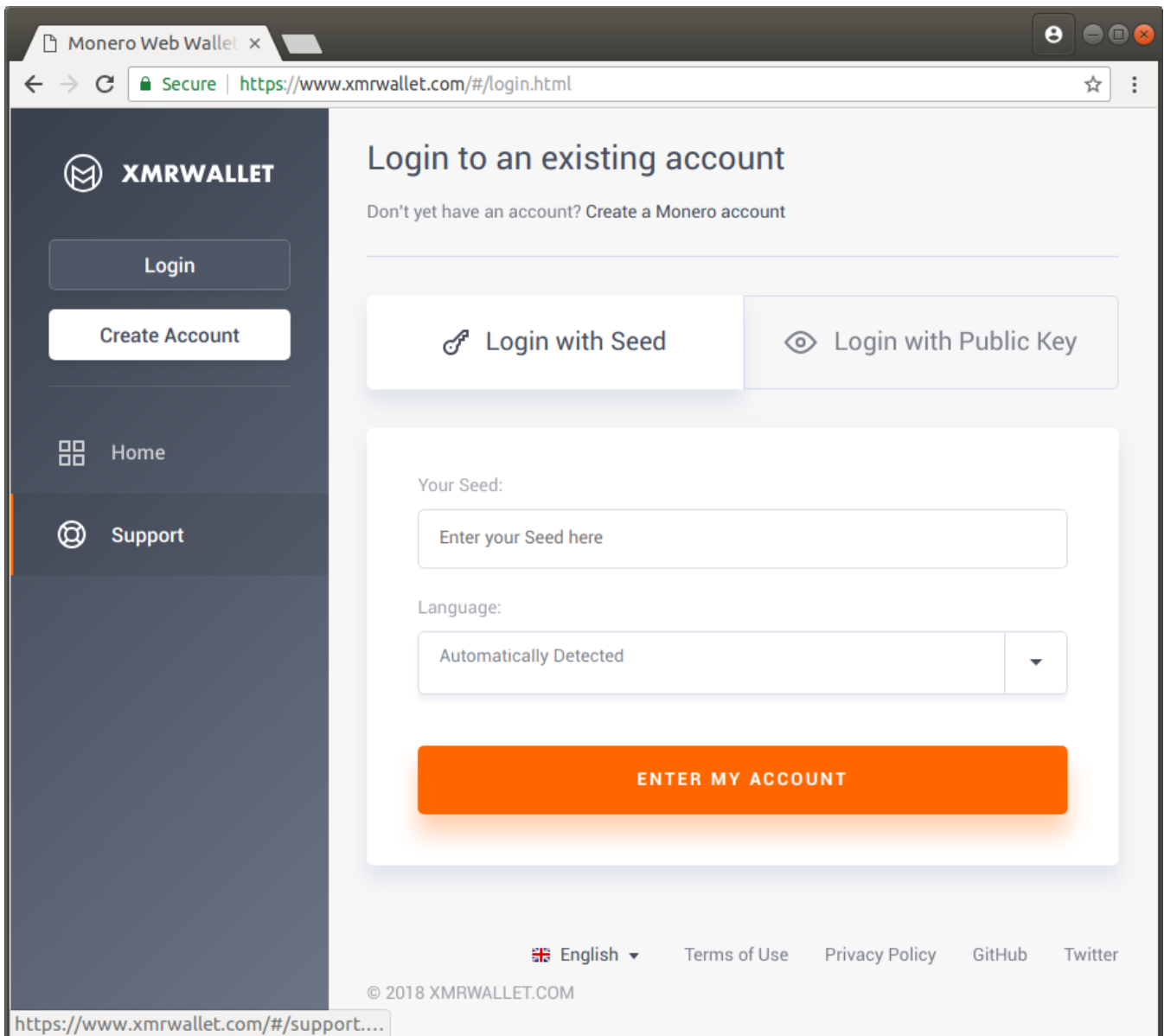
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Figure 1: The <https://www.xmrwallet.com> Application

General Discussion

The `XMRWallet` application provides an excellent and intuitive user interface. Each aspect of the application was exercised, including value transfers to and from multiple counter-parties. The code organization and development process facilitated understanding how components fit together. A key strength of the application is minimal endpoints, minimal external data dependencies and minimal unrelated web traffic.

The client-side application has two clear portions. First, the ‘twig’ files noted above reside on the server and are dynamically delivered to the client as pages or portions of



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The server-side application consists of numerous PHP API endpoints. This code and related functionality was out of scope. However, any relevant observations are noted in this report.

The primary client pages are listed below on the left. Server endpoints are listed on the right. Some server endpoints are extraneous (see Finding 17) and all were reachable via <https://>.

- www.xmrwallet.com
- www.xmrwallet.com/auth.php
- www.xmrwallet.com/account.html
- www.xmrwallet.com/css/index.php
- www.xmrwallet.com/dashboard.html
- www.xmrwallet.com/font/index.php
- www.xmrwallet.com/index.html
- www.xmrwallet.com/getbalance.php
- www.xmrwallet.com/js/app.js
- www.xmrwallet.com/getfees.php
- www.xmrwallet.com/login.html
- www.xmrwallet.com/getheightsync.php
- www.xmrwallet.com/login_public.html
- www.xmrwallet.com/getoutputs.php
- www.xmrwallet.com/receive.html
- www.xmrwallet.com/getrandomoutputs.php
- www.xmrwallet.com/robots.txt



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- www.xmrwallet.com/getunspentoutputs.php
- www.xmrwallet.com/support/_login.html
- www.xmrwallet.com/i/index.php
- www.xmrwallet.com/transactions.html
- www.xmrwallet.com/js/index.php
- www.xmrwallet.com/logout.php
- www.xmrwallet.com/submittransaction.php
- www.xmrwallet.com/updateoutputs.php

As the client-side application is dynamically delivered from the server and subsequently works in conjunction with out of scope server-side functionality, a full review would require complete source code of both sides. The dynamic nature of the application prevents stable hashes from being easily inspected by the user. Portions of obfuscated code represent out of scope black-boxes. Nonetheless, the client-side application's behavior, user experience and web traffic can be robustly reviewed.

The review uncovered a number of findings ranging in severity from critical to minor. From inspecting the application, it appears that fixes will not require major code rip-up or drive fundamental architectural change. The resulting fixes will provide a significant uplift in application trustworthiness.

Critical Issues

1. Fixed: Insecure Auto-completion of Login Fields

Impact

An attacker lacking any credentials can use the browser's auto-completion feature to login into a victims account. The attacker will be able to impersonate the victim and perform malicious transactions.

Description and Discussion



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is enabled by default and must be disabled on sensitive fields. The `XMRWallet` application does not disable this on the seed login field.

The server returns the following snippet in response to a POST request to `login.html`.

```
...
<form id="login_account">
  <div class="form-group">
    <label class="label">
      <span data-il8n="label_private_login_key">Your Seed:
    </span>
    </label>
    <input id="private_seed" type="text" class="form-control"
      placeholder="Enter your Seed here"/>
    </div>
  ...
```

An attacker is able to open up a fresh window and have the previous user's seed provided as shown in figure 2 below.




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The screenshot shows the XMR Wallet login interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with the XMRWALLET logo, 'Login' and 'Create Account' buttons, and links for 'Home' and 'Support'. The main content area is titled 'Login to an existing account' and includes a link to 'Create a Monero account'. There are two login options: 'Login with Seed' (selected) and 'Login with Public Key'. The 'Login with Seed' form has a 'Your Seed:' label, a text input field, and a dropdown for 'Language:'. The input field is auto-completing the seed phrase 'candy purged vinegar vague hold unlikely weird metro maul oatmeal suture voic'. Below the input field is an orange button labeled 'ENTER MY ACCOUNT'. At the bottom, there are links for 'English', 'Terms of Use', 'Privacy Policy', 'GitHub', and 'Twitter', along with a copyright notice '© 2018 XMRWALLET.COM'.

Figure 2: Auto-completion of Seed Field

Remediation

Include the `autocomplete="off"` (or an invalid value) attribute in the form element. Mozilla has a good article describing the oddities around [Disabling Autocompletion](#).

Re-test v2.0: New Alchemy has inspected the application and has determined that this issue has been fixed and the associated risk mitigated. This was confirmed by inspecting the HTML fragment returned by `login.html` for the presence of an `autocomplete="off"` attribute, along with manually testing the function.

2. Fixed: Cross-Site Scripting Vulnerability



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The `XMRWallet` application is vulnerable to cross-site scripting (XSS) via the response from the <https://min-api.cryptocompare.com/data/price?fsym=XMR&tsyms=USD,BTC> price feed. An attacker can steal a victim's session tokens, log their keystrokes, steal private data, or perform malicious transactions in the context of a victim's session.

Description and Discussion

Cross-site scripting is a vulnerability class related to web application input and output validation. In XSS, the application accepts malicious input and later displays it without properly encoding HTML meta-characters. This allows an attacker to inject JavaScript code into views of the susceptible page. A user may fall victim to the attack just by using the application. `XMRWallet`'s requests are easily distinguished by the presence of the `Referer: https://www.xmrwallet.com/` header as discussed in finding 6.

The exploitation of this vulnerability is outlined below:

```
The application makes a request to the price quote API endpoint at
https://min-api.cryptocompare.com/data/price?
fsym=XMR&tsyms=USD,BTC
```

The remote server API is expected to return a response of the form

```
{ "USD":166.08, "BTC":0.02155 }
```

HTML encoding an example payload of "XSS Injection Via CryptoCompare", including the result inside of an malformed image tag onerror alert, and adjusting the API return value gives:

```
{ "USD":999, "BTC": "<img src=x
onerror=alert(%22%58%53%53%20%49%6e%6a%65%63
%74%69%6f%6e%20%56%69%61%20%43%72%79%70%74%6f%43%6f%6d%70%61%72%65%2
2)>" }
```

When the above payload is presented to the application, it demonstrates the resulting XSS exploitation shown in figure 3 below.



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effectively break every user wallet at once. Additional background information on XSS can be found on [OWASP's XSS Page](#).

Remediation

Application input may originate from maliciously modified “normal user clients”, man-in-the-middle attackers, and/or from unreliable data providers. Thus all external application input should be considered untrusted and very carefully processed before any usage. This generally includes distinct stages of canonicalization, normalization, sanitization and validation in that order.

Canonicalization reduces input that may have several possible character representations into a standard character set (e.g. à á â ã a). Normalization reduces the input into its simplest possible form (e.g. ../../etc/passwd /etc/passwd). Sanitization eliminates unwanted characters and sequences from the input by means of recursively removing, replacing, encoding, or escaping the characters and sequences (e.g. <scr- <script>-ipt> scr-script-ipt). Validation ensures the input conform to the required schema and is consistent for use (e.g. alphanumeric only, $1 + 1 = 3$). The collection of these stages are often loosely referred to as “validation” and their implementation can vary depending upon situational applicability.

In this specific instance, parsing expected values via a tightly constrained `regex`, validating it against expected ranges, and escaping the related output will be sufficient. Further work may be necessary on the server side as indicated by finding 4 below.

Re-test v2.0: New Alchemy has inspected the application and has determined that this issue has been partially fixed. The price data is now directly sourced from the application server via a new `getprice.php` endpoint rather than the third party service as originally noted. As such, it is no longer *directly* dependent upon the integrity of the third party pricing response, which is a large improvement. Note that New Alchemy does not have visibility into the new server-side endpoint sourcing or handling of the pricing data.

Re-test v2.0: However, the application continues to neglect validation of external input via the `getprice.php` response as originally noted. New Alchemy confirmed that

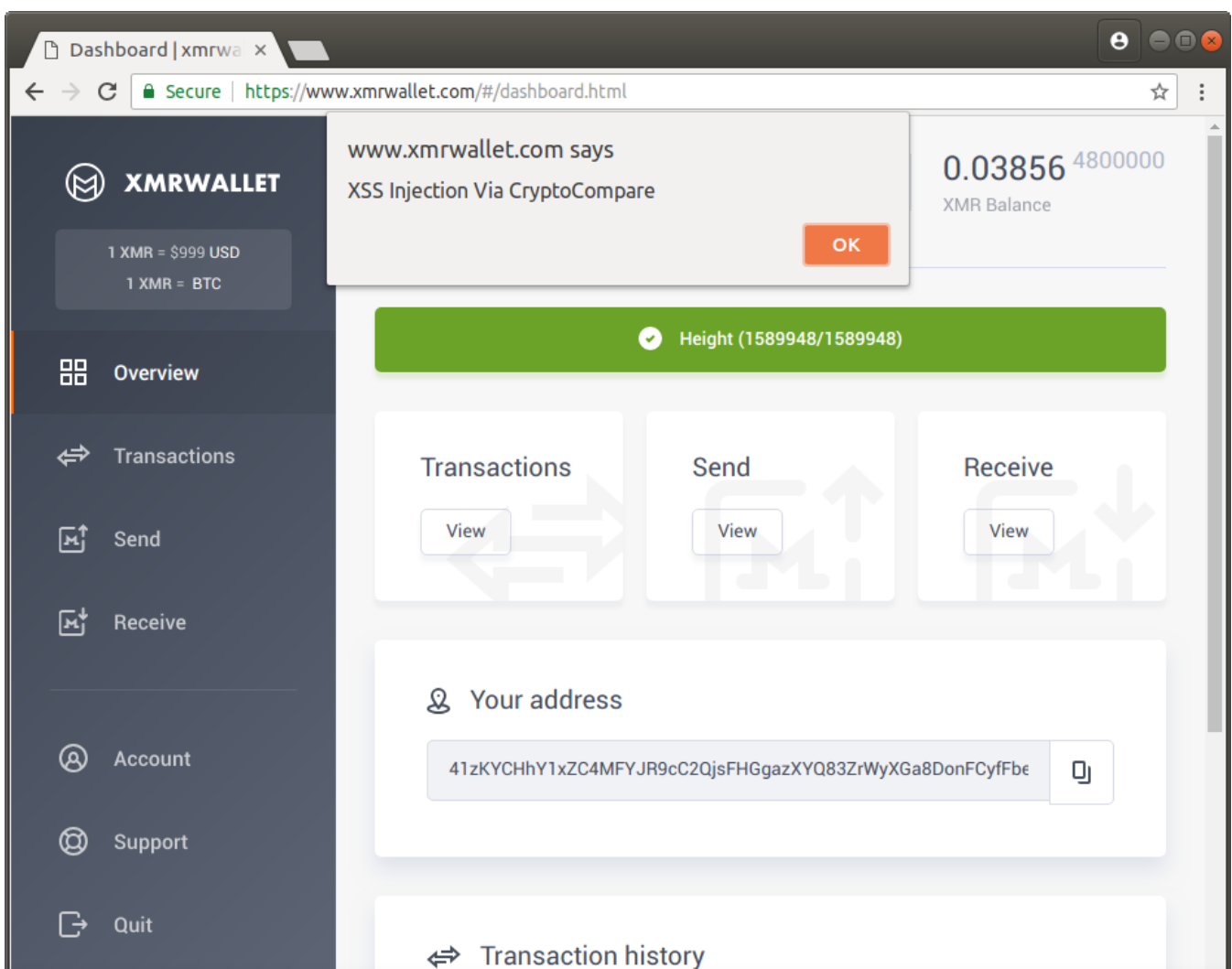


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validating input against expected ranges and escaping the related output remains strongly recommended.

Re-test v2.0: To be clear, New Alchemy considers the risk to be drastically reduced but not sufficiently eliminated to be considered fully fixed. An undiscovered scenario similar to that demonstrated in issue #4 below (OS Command Injection) on the server could result in the broadcast of malicious pricing data causing all user wallets to be completely compromised. Validating the pricing data as recommended would prevent this.

Re-test v2.1: New Alchemy has inspected the application and identified the new code which locally multiplies incoming price quotes by 1.0. As a result, (potentially malicious) strings no longer have a route into the DOM. While a minimalistic approach, it is sufficient to consider this issue fixed and the risk mitigated.



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3. Fixed: Outdated Client-Side Application Dependencies

Impact

Outdated dependencies may expose the application to publicly known vulnerabilities, providing easily discoverable methods of attack. This approach was used in the well known ‘epic’ [Equifax breach](#).

Description and Discussion

The application codebase contains several outdated client-side dependencies, some with publicly known vulnerabilities. The dependencies listed below are outdated and expose the `XMRWallet` application to known vulnerabilities of medium-to-low severity.

- `atob 1.1.3` is approximately 2 years old; the latest version of [atob](#) is [v2.1.1](#)
- `atob 2.0.3` is approximately 2 years old; the latest version of [atob](#) is [v2.1.1](#)
- `hoek 2.16.3` is approximately 3 years old; the latest version of [hoek](#) is [v5.0.3](#)
- `jquery 1.7.1` is more than 5 years old; the latest version of [jQuery](#) is [v3.3.1](#)
- `lodash 1.0.2` is approximately 5 years old; the latest version of [lodash](#) is [v4.17.10](#)
- `mix-in-deep 1.3.0` is only marginally outdated; the latest version of [mix-in-deep](#) is [1.3.1](#)
- `mustache 2.0.0` is approximately 3 years old; the latest version of [mustache](#) is [v2.3.0](#)
- `sshpk 1.13.1` is approximately 1 year old; the latest version of [sshpk](#) is [v1.14.2](#)

JavaScript is well known for the complexity of transitive dependencies — multiple versions of the same library can be loaded into memory simultaneously and reached via different execution paths. In addition, out of date dependencies can often be located at the end of a very long transitive chain. In some cases, build dependencies are mixed with test and deployment dependencies. `Retire.js` is a useful tool to check the freshness of dependencies.

The known CVE vulnerabilities from the dependencies listed above include:



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- CVE-2015–9251 jQuery before 3.0.0 is vulnerable to Cross-site Scripting attacks
- CVE-2018–3745 atob 2.0.3 and earlier allocates uninitialized Buffers

This finding is categorized as critical due to the number of known CVEs and breadth of packages. The cross-site scripting exposure directly relates to finding 1. In this instance, updating dependencies is not expected to introduce functional breakage.

Remediation

Extract the definitive list of deployed server-side and client-side dependencies, review against recommended production versions, and update the correct versions into the build process. Incorporate a periodic review of dependency versions into the development schedule that gates delivery of code into production. Update the build and test dependencies in a similar fashion.

Re-test v2.0: New Alchemy has inspected the application and has determined that this issue has been partially fixed. Due to the rapidly changing and deep transitive nature of nodeJs dependencies it is unrealistic to expect perfection. However, there remain several outdated packages that would greatly benefit from updating and thereby reduce CVE exposure. These include (see `package.json`):

```
Re-test v2.0:
  "gulp-sass": "^3.2.1"          --->  "gulp-sass": "^4.0.1"
  "gulp-sass-image": "^1.0.2"    --->  "gulp-sass-image":
  "^1.1.0"
  "browserify": "^14.5.0"        --->  "browserify":
  "^16.2.2"
  "dialog-polyfill": "^0.4.9"    --->  "dialog-polyfill":
  "^0.4.10"
```

Re-test v2.0: Please regularly re-run [retire](https://www.npmjs.com/package/retire) (see <https://www.npmjs.com/package/retire>) to uncover the use of vulnerable libraries and ensure the application remains up to date.

Re-test v2.1: New Alchemy has inspected the repository and considers this issue fixed and the risk mitigated.



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An attacker can inject OS commands into the server resulting in complete compromise of the server, application and associated data. While the functionality behind the server API is out of scope, it is important to test the robustness of client-server communication protocols.

Description and Discussion

The address parameter of the POST `/auth.php` API endpoint appears to be vulnerable to OS command injection attacks. It is possible to use various shell metacharacters to inject arbitrary OS commands. The command output does not appear to be returned in the application's responses, however it is possible to inject time delay commands to verify the existence of the vulnerability. The payload

```
|ping -n 21 127.0.0.1|| ping -c 21 127.0.0.1 #' |ping -n 21 127.0.0.1|| ping -c 21  
127.0.0.1 #" |ping -n 21 127.0.0.1
```

involving 21 second delays was submitted in the address parameter. The application took 21161 milliseconds to respond to the request, compared with 234 milliseconds for the original request. This is a clear indication that the injected command caused a time delay.

Figure 4 below shows the specific request made to the server API endpoint on the left. The corresponding server response text (which is not significant) is shown on the right. In the lower right corner, the tool significantly indicates 21161mS of round-trip delay which is far outside of normal response time.



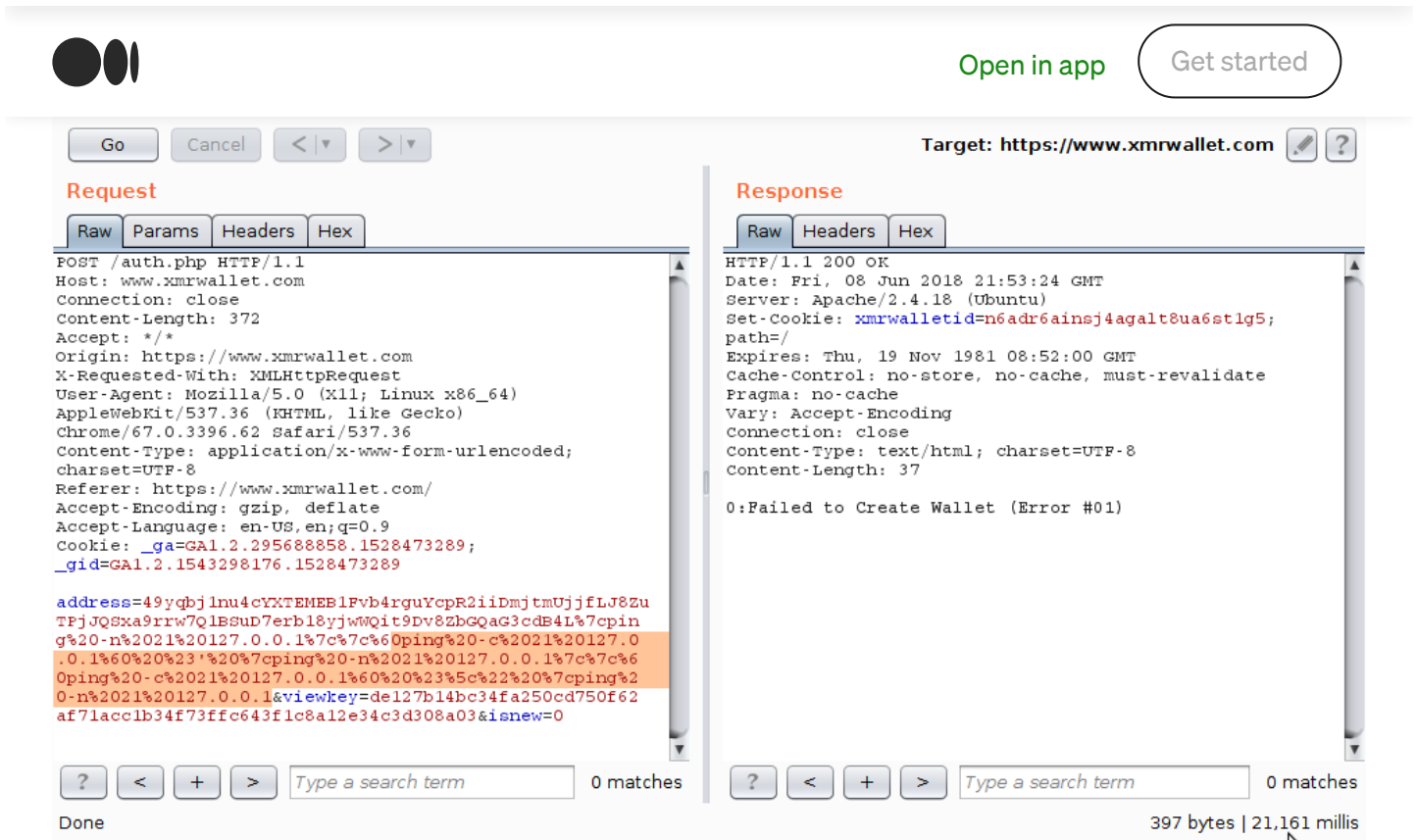


Figure 4: OS Command Injection

Remediation

If possible, applications should avoid incorporating user-controllable data into operating system commands. In almost every situation, there are safer alternative methods of performing server-level tasks, which cannot be manipulated to perform additional commands than the one intended.

If it is considered unavoidable to incorporate user-supplied data into operating system commands, the following two layers of defense should be used to prevent attacks:

- The user data should be strictly validated. Ideally, a whitelist of specific accepted values should be used. Otherwise, only short alphanumeric strings should be accepted. Input containing any other data, including any conceivable shell metacharacter or whitespace, should be rejected.
- The application should use command APIs that launch a specific process via its name and command-line parameters, rather than passing a command string to a shell interpreter that supports command chaining and redirection. For example, the Java API `Runtime.exec` and the ASP.NET API `Process.Start` do not support shell metacharacters. This defense can mitigate the impact of an attack even in the event

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Re-test v2.0: New Alchemy has inspected the application and was unable to recreate this issue as described above. Thus, it is considered fixed and the associated risk mitigated.

5. Fixed: Insufficient Server-Side Session Expiration

Impact

While the browser auto-expires sessions after 30 minutes, the server does not. Server expiration logic should be consistent with the client. An attacker may be able to utilize the incorrectly non-expired session credentials to operate the application and perform transactions as an impostor.

Description and Discussion

The browser appears to auto-expire sessions after 30 minutes, which is good. However, the primary responsibility for web application session management must reside on the server. The server must also auto-expire sessions and not purely rely on co-operative clients.

A browser session was initiated and the application exercised while using an intercepting proxy to record web traffic. The browser was then left idle until it auto-expired the session. The proxy was then used to successfully replay traffic with the original session credentials.

Figure 5 below shows the initial response from POST `/getbalance.php` on the left and a replayed version after browser session expiry on the right. The responses are identical with the exception of 33 minutes of elapsed idle time to test browser and server expiration logic consistency.



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```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2018 13:16:18 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)
Expires: Thu, 19 Nov 1981 08:52:00 GMT
Cache-Control: no-store, no-cache,
must-revalidate
Pragma: no-cache
Vary: Accept-Encoding
Connection: close
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
Content-Length: 23

35000000000:35000000000
```

Key: Modified Deleted Added

Length: 323 ☒ Text ☐ Hex

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2018 13:49:35 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)
Expires: Thu, 19 Nov 1981 08:52:00 GMT
Cache-Control: no-store, no-cache,
must-revalidate
Pragma: no-cache
Vary: Accept-Encoding
Connection: close
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
Content-Length: 23

35000000000:35000000000
```

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Figure 5: Non-Expired Session Balance

Figure 6 below shows a POST `/gettransactions.php` also replayed after session expiration. This leaks private transaction history details. No attempt was made to initiate malicious transactions due to project time constraints.

Repeater

3 × ...

Go Cancel <| >|

Target: <https://www.xmrwallet.com>

Request Response

Raw Headers Hex

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2018 13:52:02 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)
Expires: Thu, 19 Nov 1981 08:52:00 GMT
Cache-Control: no-store, no-cache, must-revalidate
Pragma: no-cache
Vary: Accept-Encoding
Connection: close
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
Content-Length: 201

[{"pages":1}, {"amount":"350000000000", "confirmations":"10\10", "payment_id":"00
0000000000000000", "txid":"f9718d547806aba5678ccbf3fdd7fc7101d60edd5486d48aea2a60
ee1faed213", "time":"1528384093", "type":"in"}]
```

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Remediation

Ensure sessions are properly expired on the server in a time-frame corresponding to that of the browser.

Re-test v2.0: New Alchemy has inspected the application and determined this issue has been fixed and thus the associated risk mitigated. This was confirmed by initiating a valid session, waiting for the browser to timeout and then replaying prior requests to `gettransactions.php` and `getbalance.php` which did not return valid results.

6. Fixed: Missing Security Headers

Impact

The browser must receive sufficient and correctly configured headers in order to fully deploy all of its security mechanisms. Without these, the user will have increased exposure to cross-site scripting, malicious framing, caching of sensitive data and privacy leakage. This is a critical finding due to the number of missing headers and usefulness of leaking information to the XSS vulnerability in finding 2.

Description and Discussion

Multiple security-related headers are missing from server responses. They are listed below alongside a brief description and a link to full supporting documentation.

- [Strict-Transport-Security](#) This header supports confidentiality by helping to prevent HTTPS to HTTP protocol downgrade attacks.
- [X-Frame-Options](#) This header supports authenticity by preventing content from being presented inside of frames on other sites.
- [X-XSS-Protection](#) This header instructs the browser to inspect and analyze server responses to prevent reflected XSS.
- [X-Content-Type-Options](#) This header instructs the browser to 'make no guesses' on interpreting malformed content.
- [Content-Security-Policy](#) This header controls and constrains the resources allowed to load for a given page to prevent XSS.



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- Cache-control: no-store (via login.html) This header instructs the browser not to cache sensitive content.
- Pragma: no-cache (via login.html) This header also instructs the browser not to cache sensitive content.

The server presents none of the above headers to the browser as can be seen in figure 7 below.

Note that the absence of the `ReferrerPolicy` header increases the potential for attack in the second finding (XSS) above. OWASP provides a useful reference at their [Secure Headers Project](#).

Remediation

The server side application must be configured to provide these necessary headers. The links provided above provide solid context and specific guidance.

Re-test v2.0: New Alchemy has inspected the application and confirmed that the headers listed above are now present on the response to GET '/'. However these headers are missing from the vast majority of other endpoints, including: (POST)

`/login.html` , `/send.html` , `/auth.php` , `/getbalance.php` , `/getprice.php` and `/gettransactions.php` among others.

Re-test v2.1: New Alchemy has inspected the application and confirmed that appropriate headers are now present on each category of response (as static assets, GET .html and POST .php endpoints have slightly different requirements). This issue is considered fixed and the risk mitigated.



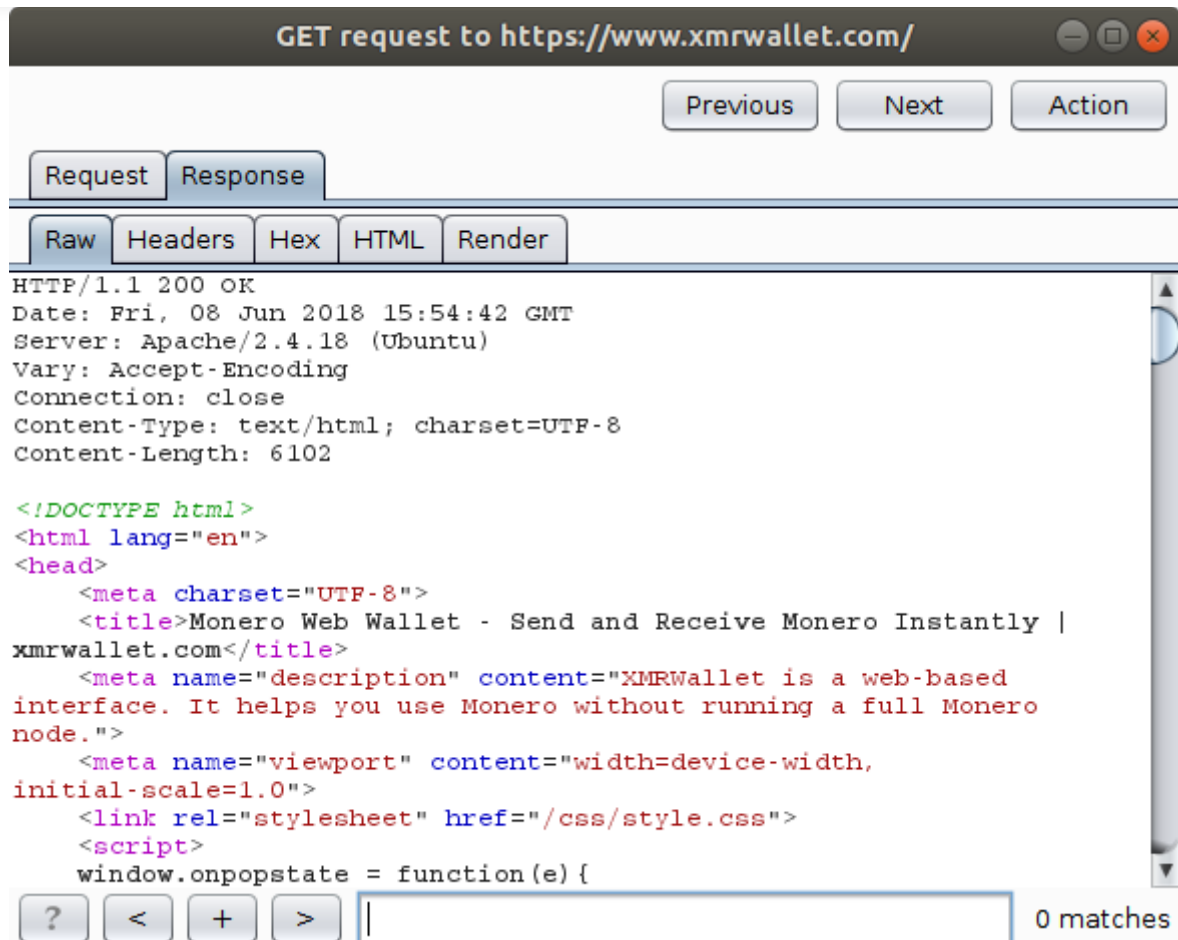

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Figure 7: Server response from GET request to https://www.xmrwallet.com

7. Fixed: Lack of Randomness in Ring Signature Outputs

Impact

Reduced randomness in the selection of mix-in outputs may reduce the privacy and increase the traceability of Monero transactions.

Description and Discussion

One of the primary advantages of the Monero cryptocurrency is improved privacy and reduced traceability. These advantages partially rely upon several transaction characteristics including the number of randomly chosen mix-in outputs. Inspecting the `XMRWallet` application web traffic indicates that eight mix-ins are utilized, which is a relatively strong number. However, their randomness is a concern.

Monero supports untraceability using a cryptographic primitive known as ring signatures. This allows a sender to anonymously sign a transaction on behalf of a set of





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Repeated POST requests were made to /getrandomoutputs.php and the response contents inspected. Of the eight mix-in outputs returned, responses only differed by the insertion of one mix-in and the deletion of another.

Figure 8 below shows two separate responses side by side. The yellow highlighted mix-in public_key has been inserted. Figure 9 below also shows the same two responses side by side. The blue highlighted mix-in public_key has been deleted. There are no other differences beyond timestamps and a 1-byte difference in content length.

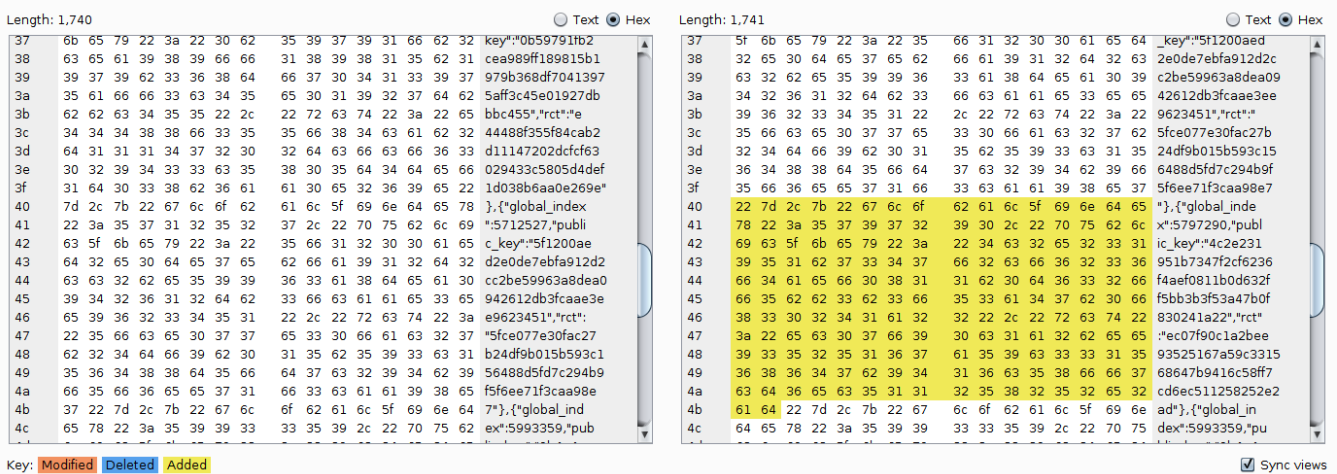


Figure 8: Two Random Output Responses; A Single public_key Addition

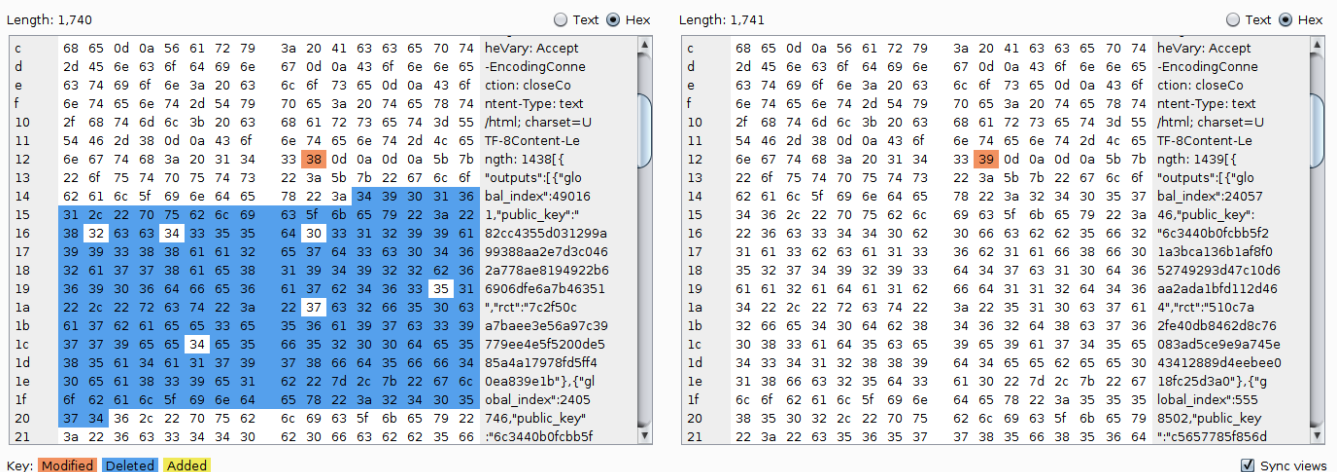


Figure 9: Two Random Output Responses; A Single public_key Deletion

Remediation

Server side functionality should be adjusted to increase the randomness of output mix-



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capturing a legitimate transaction to `/getrandomoutputs.php` , replaying it twice and confirming significant differences between server responses.

Moderate Issues

8. Fixed: Cookies not Destroyed Upon Logout

Impact

An attacker can access sensitive cookie/session information after the user has logged out. This information can be very useful for subsequent attacks.

Description and Discussion

When the user clicks 'Quit' to logout, all cookies should be destroyed. As shown below, in practice the `xmrwalletid` , `_ga` , `_gat_gtag_UA_116766241_1` and `_gid` remain after log out.



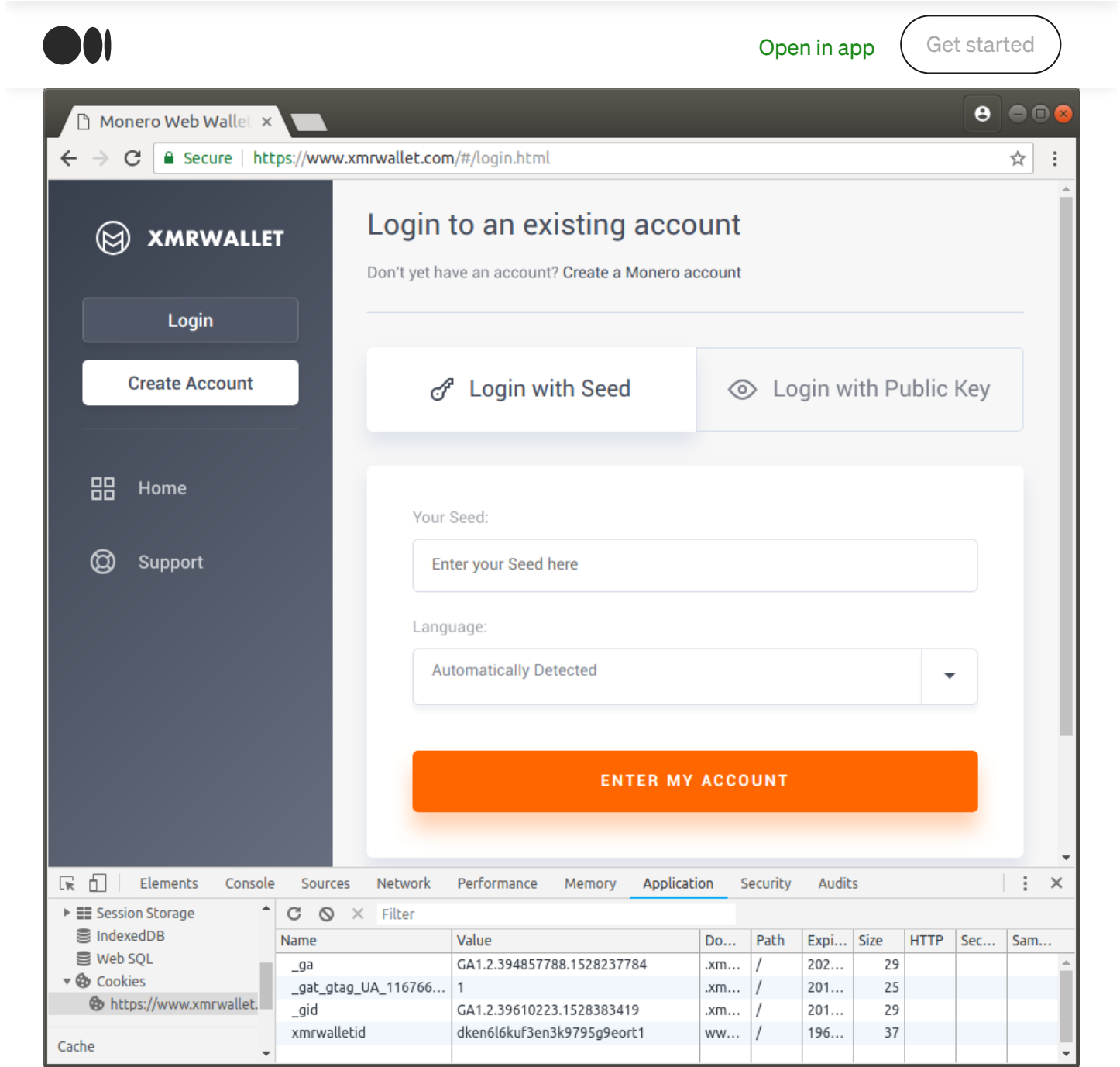


Figure 10: Cookies Remain After Logout

Remediation

The server should respond to the /logout.php POST request with a Set Cookie: xmrwalletid=; path=/; expires=Thu, 01 Jan 1970 00:00:00 GMT header.

Re-test v2.0: XMRWallet has correctly indicated that the _ga , _gat_gtag_UA_116766241_1 and _gid cookies are extraneous to the application functionality and it is unnecessary to destroy them at logout. However, the xmrwalletid cookie is relevant and should be destroyed at logout. The original report

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Re-test v2.1: XMRWallet has indicated that the `xmrwalletid` cookie is part of a desired 'remember-me' function and that the actual session id is destroyed in the browser at logout. New Alchemy has confirmed that the session id is present on the `POST /logout.php` request and then absent on the immediately subsequent `POST login.html` request. This issue is considered fixed and the risk mitigated.

9. Fixed: Non-Obfuscated Display of Private Fields

Impact

An attacker may 'shoulder surf' a victim to obtain private information for subsequent malicious use.

Description and Discussion

The `/account.html` page shows the user's full account details in a single location. Unfortunately, the private view key and private spend key are clearly shown by default and not initially obfuscated by default. This is shown in figure 11 below.

Remediation

Use the `password` attribute on private form fields. Mozilla has a nice [input and password reference](#) that provides additional background and insight.

Re-test v2.0: New Alchemy has inspected the application and was able to recreate this issue as described above. Thus, it is not yet fixed.

Re-test v2.1: New Alchemy has inspected the application and determined this issue has been fixed and thus the associated risk mitigated.



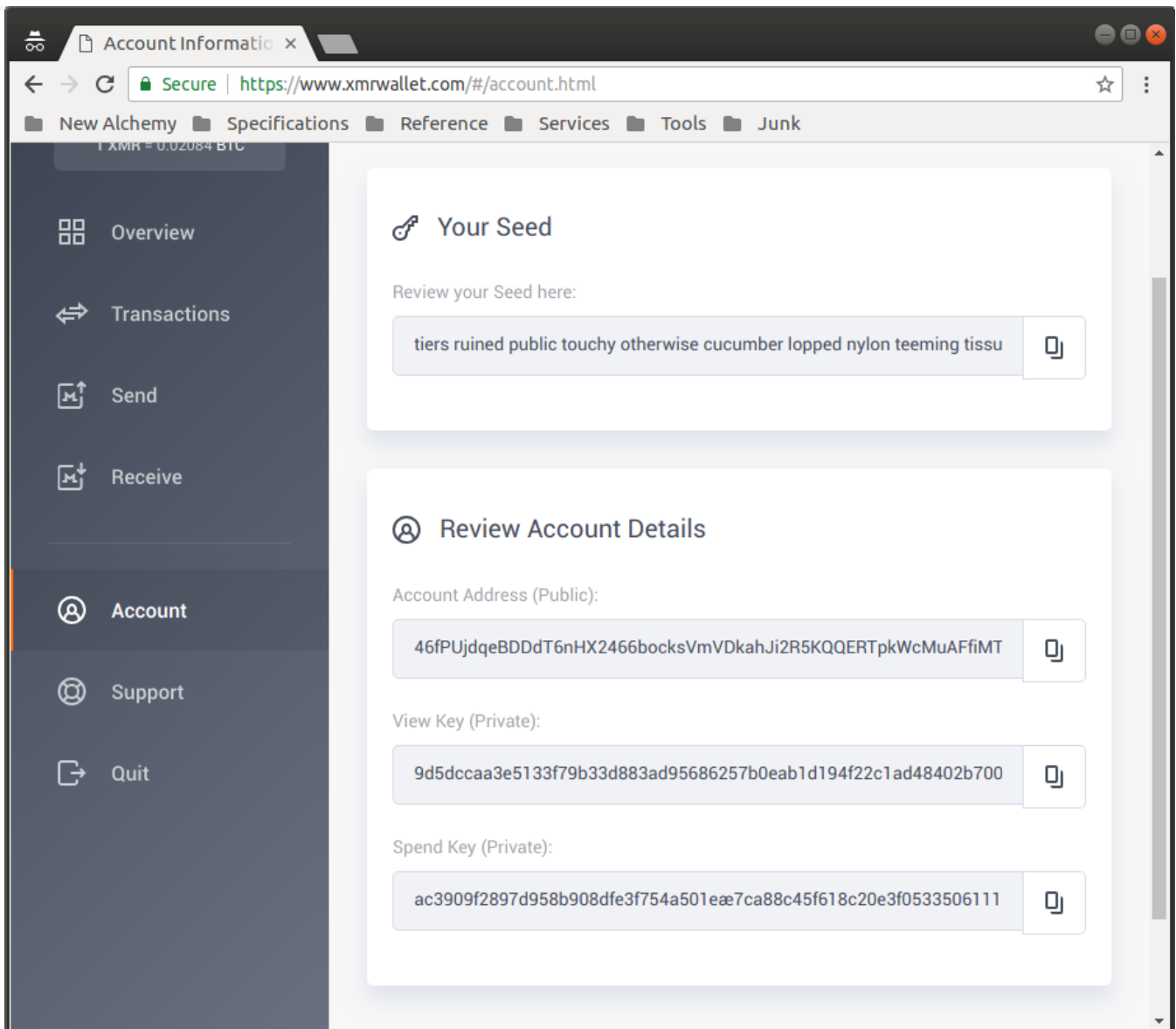
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Figure 11: Non-Obfuscated Private Fields

10. Fixed: Missing Cookie Attributes

Impact

Cookies often support session handling and can thus represent very sensitive user credentials. Improper attributes can allow the browser to send cookies over unencrypted channels, provide cookie access to malicious JavaScript running in the browser, and/or send them to an incorrect website. An attacker with user credentials is able to operate the application as an impostor.

Description and Discussion



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allow an attacker to perform a Session Hijacking attack. This would generally require the ability to observe and/or modify the traffic via a man-in-the-middle attack.

The HttpOnly attribute should be set as true to inform browsers that the session cookie should not be accessible via client-side JavaScript. If the attribute is set to false or missing, client-side JavaScript can read or set the cookie. If an application includes malicious third-party JavaScript or has a cross-site scripting vulnerability, the application could then disclose users' session cookies to undesired parties or perform a Session Fixation attack. If an attacker is able to gain access to a user's session cookie, the attacker could gain persistent access to that account.

The newly emerging Same Site attribute allows the server to advise the browser that cookies should only be sent if the request originates from the same web-site the cookie came from. Requests triggered from a URL different than the one that appears in the URL bar will not include any of the cookies tagged with this new attribute. This is primarily aimed at helping defend against cross-site request forgery (CSRF) attacks and is not yet broadly supported. The session cookie should utilize the Strict setting.

Remediation

The `xmrwalletid` cookie sent from the server does not include the `secure` flag, the `HttpOnly` attribute, nor the `SameSite` attribute. These should be added. In some cases the application may rely upon JavaScript having access to cookies - in these cases the `HttpOnly` attribute can be omitted.

Re-test v2.0: New Alchemy has inspected the application and was able to recreate this issue as described above. Thus, it is not yet fixed.

Re-test v2.1: New Alchemy has inspected the application for the presence of `secure` and `httpOnly` attributes, and determined this issue has been fixed and the associated risk mitigated. While the Same Site attribute is still not present, its absence is not considered critical due to its very limited browser support.

11. Informational: Potentially Unsafe JavaScript/HTML usage



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Description

There are three aspects to this finding.

Extensive use of JavaScript `==` rather than `===`. There are approximately 455 instances of the JavaScript `==` abstract equality comparator in the code. While visually and conceptually similar, the `==` abstract comparator tests for loose equality which involves an automatic type coercion process. The `===` strict equality comparator is preferred as it uses simple strict equality without type coercion. This forces the developer to clearly anticipate types a priori and surfaces bugs early.

Twig Autoescaping. All data inserted into the DOM should be HTML escaped to prevent attacks including XSS. `Twig` provides excellent support for the [autoescaping process](#) that relieves the developer from the minutia. No evidence of its use was observed.

Use of `innerHTML`. Grepping the code reveals multiple instances of `innerHTML` use. This is dangerous as HTML elements are evaluated, for example the text `blah blah blah blah` can insert XSS JavaScript via the `onerror` attribute. See this [Mozilla Article](#). The critical XSS finding 2 was injected via this exact route.

Remediation

1. Review all usages of `'=='` and replace them with `'==='` where possible.
2. Utilize Twig autoescaping functionality to the maximum extent possible.
3. Replace instances of `innerHTML` with the safer `node.textContent`

Re-test v2.0: New Alchemy has inspected the application and was able to recreate this issue as described above. Specifically a `grep ==` run against the twig files returns significant usage. The same operation for `innerHTML` also returns several instances including lines relevant to critical issue #2 (XSS). Thus, it is not yet fixed.

Re-test v2.1: After further discussion with XMRWallet, New Alchemy agrees that this issue does not identify a current and specific security vulnerability. As it does highlight practices counter to industry norms, which in fact led to the existence of critical issue



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Impact

Session ID tokens that are too short (or not sufficiently random) may enable an attacker to make educated guesses, utilize brute force techniques or employ a combination of the two. If session IDs are discovered, they may be used to impersonate a legitimate user.

Description and Discussion

Over 2000 samples of the 13-character session ID value returned in the POST `/auth.php` response body were extracted then analyzed. The effective entropy was calculated to be approximately 50 bits at a significance level of 1%. Note that a 13-digit hexadecimal number corresponds to 52-bit number so any more entropy is unobtainable with this length. Best practice requires 128 bits of entropy which will require lengthening this field.

FYI, A similar analysis was performed on the `xmrwalletid` cookie and entropy approaches 128 bits - excellent.

It is unclear how the two session IDs are utilized over the life-cycle of the application. This finding is written out of an abundance of caution.

Remediation

Increase the length of all session ID tokens while maintaining maximum entropy. Ensure all tokens are generated via a cryptographically secure random number generator.

Re-test v2.0: Subsequent feedback indicates this finding was overly cautious as suggested above. New Alchemy considers this issue fixed and the associated risk mitigated.

13. Fixed: Server Discloses Directory Listing

Impact

Attackers can inspect the contents of the application filesystem, potentially finding secrets or useful information for a subsequent attack.



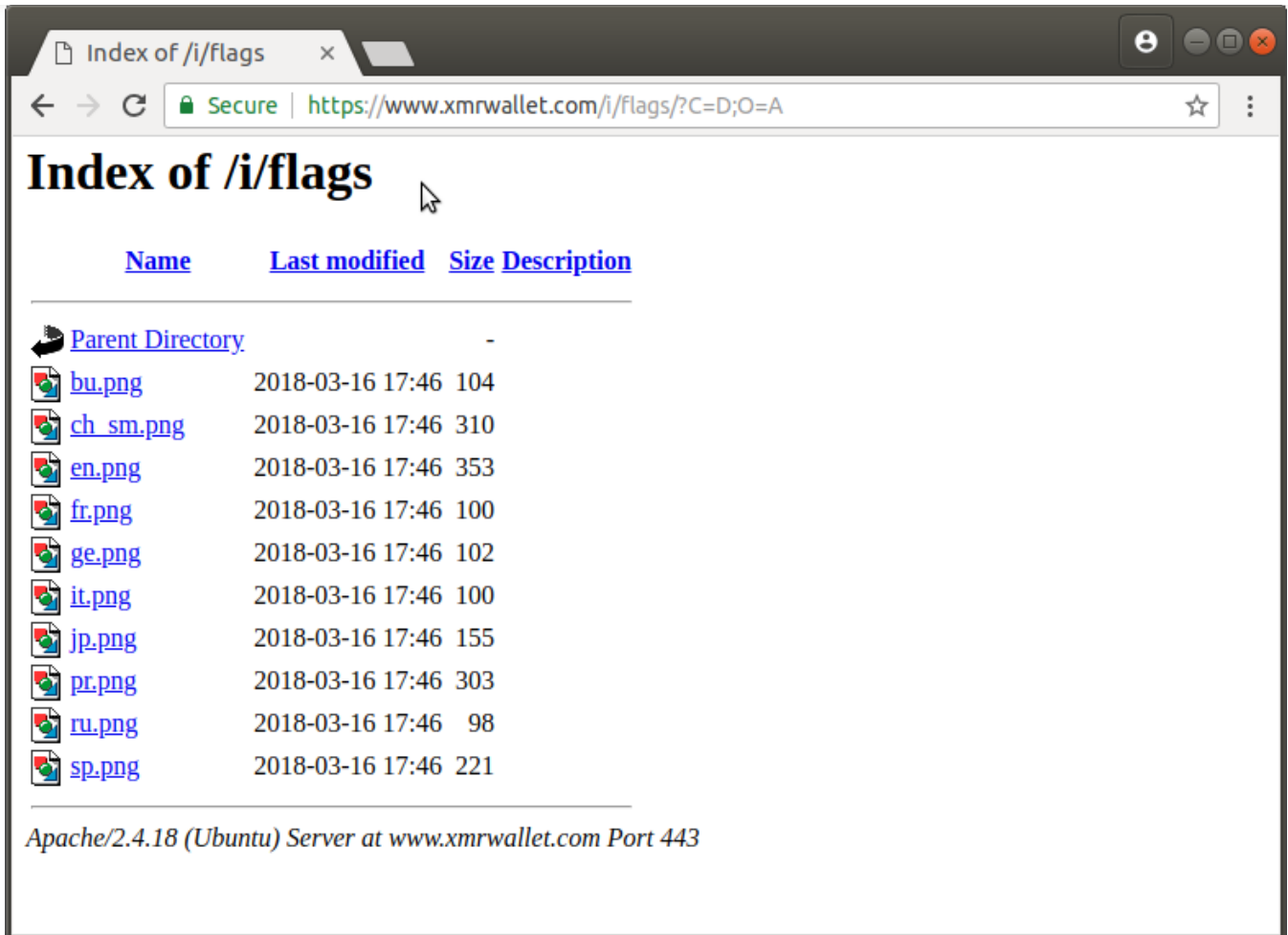
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Figure 12: Directory Contents

Remediation

Correct the Apache webserver configuration to eliminate all listing of directory contents.

Re-test v2.0: New Alchemy has inspected the application and has determined that this issue has been fixed and the associated risk mitigated.

Minor Issues

14. Partially-Fixed: Server Discloses Sensitive Information

Impact

An attacker may be able to use information revealed by the system to plan further attacks or as part of a social engineering attack.



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credentials. Default content and pages also aid in the use of Google searches (or dorks) to identify vulnerable systems for specific exploits. The server unnecessarily discloses internal technical information that may be of subsequent use to an attacker.

The application notes that it is built upon Apache v2.4.18 in both the response header and body shown below.

```
HTTP/1.1 301 Moved Permanently
Date: Thu, 07 Jun 2018 13:02:09 GMT
Server: Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)
Location: https://www.xmrwallet.com/
Content-Length: 317
Connection: close
Content-Type: text/html; charset=iso-8859-1

<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//IETF//DTD HTML 2.0//EN">
<html><head>
<title>301 Moved Permanently</title>
</head><body>
<h1>Moved Permanently</h1>
<p>The document has moved <a
href="https://www.xmrwallet.com/">here</a>.</p>
<hr>
<address>Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu) Server at www.xmrwallet.com Port
80</address>
</body></html>
```

Further, note that application API endpoints end with the .php suffix, which indicates PHP server technologies.

Remediation

Remove the Apache header. Remove the .php suffix from the API endpoint.

Re-test v2.0: New Alchemy has inspected the application and observed that while server header no longer identifies the specific version of Apache, it still indicates Apache. The .php suffixes remain on the API endpoints. Thus, this issue is not yet fully fixed.

Re-test v2.1: No change from prior status. New Alchemy believes the removal of the



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15. Fixed: Outdated server dependencies

Impact

Outdated dependencies may expose the application to publicly known vulnerabilities.

Description and Discussion

Apache version 2.4.18 (as noted in finding 12) was released in December 2015 and is exposed to a large number (15) of vulnerabilities. If the server were in scope, these would be investigated further and likely result in an elevation of finding criticality.

Remediation

Extract the definitive list of deployed server-side and client-side dependencies, review against recommended production versions, and incorporate the correct versions into the build process. Incorporate a periodic review of updates into the development schedule that gates delivery of code into production.

Re-test v2.0: New Alchemy has inspected the application and observed that the server header no longer identifies the specific version of Apache. Thus, this issue is fixed and the associated risk mitigated.

16. Informational: Lack of Attack Detection

Impact

The inability to detect application attacks delays service owners from realizing and responding to malicious activity. This increases exposure to breach size, user impact, remediation cost and reputational risk.

Description and Discussion

Attackers generally begin with endpoint scanning, probing and fuzzing, which can be a source of a large amount of unsuccessful requests. Lack of monitoring and timely response allows attackers to avoid detection while perfecting their techniques. The average time to breach detection in 2016 was 191 days. This allows attackers to refine their approach and ultimately break in.

While generating 2000 new sessions for entropy analysis, it was noted that the



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Remediation

Include functionality to log unsuccessful endpoint calls, calculate running statistics, trigger alert thresholds and send this machine readable information to a centralized log management system. Also, support polling of this same information as part of the health check endpoint.

Re-test v2.0: New Alchemy has inspected the application and was able to recreate this issue as described above. Thus, it is not yet fixed. Note that this type of functionality is often considered on a medium-term roadmap and XMRWallet would not stand out from competitors while this functionality is absent.

Re-test v2.1: After further discussion with XMRWallet, New Alchemy agrees that this issue does not identify a current and specific security vulnerability. As it does highlight desirable future functionality, it has been retained under an 'Informational' heading.

17. Fixed: Server Responds to Extraneous Endpoints

Impact

This may be indicative of misconfiguration or server-side application bugs.

Description and Discussion

The server responds with code 200 to GET requests made to the following endpoints. This is unusual. If the server responds to other more sensitive URLs in an unexpected fashion, the application may be exposed to malicious attacks.

- www.xmrwallet.com/css/index.php
- www.xmrwallet.com/font/index.php
- www.xmrwallet.com/i/index.php
- www.xmrwallet.com/js/index.php

Remediation

Revisit the server-side application routing logic to ensure only the minimal correct endpoints are served. 404 the remainder.



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Re-test v2.1: In further discussion, XMRWallet has elaborated the intentional reason behind the server responses to the items listed. New Alchemy considers this issue fixed and the risk mitigated.

18. Informational: Potentially Extraneous/Misconfigured Cookie

Impact

This may be indicative of misconfiguration or server-side application bugs.

Description and Discussion

The application is generating `_ga`, `_gat_gtag_UA_116766241_1` and `_gid` cookies as shown at the bottom of figure 10 of finding 8. These cookies appear to be the correct format for Google Tags and the application does indeed pull from `https://www.googletagmanager.com/gtag/js?id=UA-116766241-1`. However the cookies are returned to the application rather than being sent to Google. This is very unusual.

Remediation

Review the usage of Google Tag Manager and ensure correct configuration. Note that the inclusion of 3rd party JavaScript may impact the perception of trustworthiness. The Google Tag Manager 'Custom HTML' method allows the addition of anything to your client — JavaScript, HTML and CSS included. It is possible an attacker may choose this route to insert malicious JavaScript.

Re-test v2.0: New Alchemy has inspected the application and was able to recreate this issue as described above. Thus, it is not yet fixed. *Note that this is essentially an informative issue.*

Re-test v2.1: XMRWallet has indicated this issue to be an accepted risk. It has been marked as informational per the v2.0 statement above.

19. Fixed: URL Reflection

Impact



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Reflection of input arises when data is copied from a request and echoed into the application's immediate response verbatim.

Input being returned in application responses is not a vulnerability in its own right. However, it is a prerequisite for many client-side vulnerabilities, including cross-site scripting, open redirection, content spoofing, and response header injection. Additionally, some server-side vulnerabilities such as SQL injection are often easier to identify and exploit when input is returned in responses. In applications where input retrieval is rare and the environment is resistant to automated testing (for example, due to a web application firewall), it might be worth subjecting instances of it to focused manual testing.

As shown in figure 10 below, the 404 page appears to be reflecting the URL request verbatim.

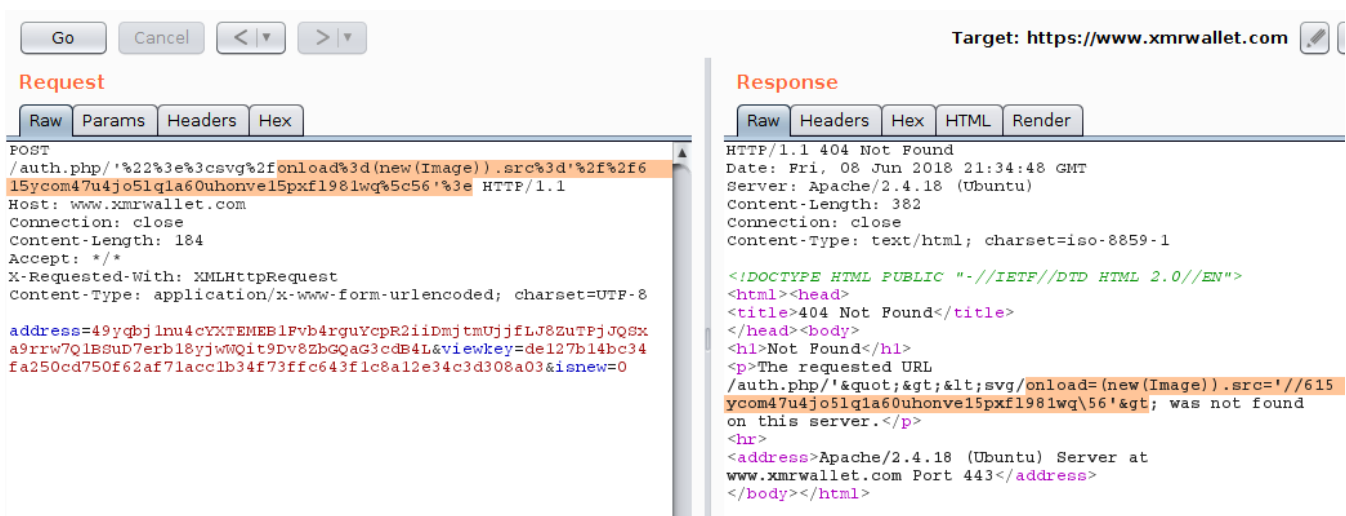


Figure 13: Request Reflected in Response

Remediation

Scrub all external input. Use the Twig autoescaping functionality.

Re-test v2.0: New Alchemy has inspected the application and was able to recreate this issue as described above. Thus, it is not yet fixed.

Re-test v2.1: XMRWallet has added a custom 404 page to remediate this issue. New Alchemy considers this issue fixed and the risk mitigated.



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The server-side API code, obfuscated client code and cryptography was out of scope.

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