

## **Summary of Alerts**

Risk Level	Number of Alerts
<u>High</u>	2
<u>Medium</u>	2
Low	4
<u>Informational</u>	0

## Alert Detail

High (Medium) Cross Site Scripting (Persistent)

Cross-site Scripting (XSS) is an attack technique that involves echoing attacker-supplied code into a user's browser instance. A browser instance can be a standard web browser client, or a browser object embedded in a software product such as the browser within WinAmp, an RSS reader, or an email client. The code itself is usually written in HTML/JavaScript, but may also extend to VBScript, ActiveX, Java, Flash, or any other browser-supported technology.

When an attacker gets a user's browser to execute his/her code, the code will run within the security context (or zone) of the hosting web site. With this level of privilege, the code has the ability to read, modify and transmit any sensitive data accessible by the browser. A Cross-site Scripted user could have his/her account hijacked (cookie theft), their browser redirected to another location, or possibly shown fraudulent content delivered by the web site they are visiting. Cross-site Scripting attacks essentially compromise the trust relationship between a user and the web site. Applications utilizing browser object instances which load content from the file system may execute code under the local machine zone allowing for system compromise.

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Persistent attacks occur when the malicious code is submitted to a web site where it's stored for a period of time. Examples of an attacker's favorite targets often include message board posts, web mail messages, and web chat software. The unsuspecting user is not required to interact with any additional site/link (e.g. an attacker site or a malicious link sent via email), just simply view the web page containing the code.

URL http://localhost/post.php?id=2

Method GET Parameter text

Attack </aript>alert(1);</script>

Instances

Solution Phase: Architecture and Design

Use a vetted library or framework that does not allow this weakness to occur or provides constructs that make this weakness easier to avoid.

Examples of libraries and frameworks that make it easier to generate properly encoded output include Microsoft's Anti-XSS library, the OWASP ESAPI Encoding module, and Apache Wicket.

Phases: Implementation; Architecture and Design

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For any data that will be output to another web page, especially any data that was received from external inputs, use the appropriate encoding on all non-alphanumeric characters.

Consult the XSS Prevention Cheat Sheet for more details on the types of encoding and escaping that are needed.

Phase: Architecture and Design

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Other information

Source URL: http://localhost/post\_comment.php?id=2

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Reference http://projects.webappsec.org/Cross-Site-Scripting

http://cwe.mitre.org/data/definitions/79.html

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High (Medium)

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URL http://localhost/post\_comment.php?id=2

Method POST
Parameter text

Attack 
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Evidence 
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Instances 1

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Medium (Medium)

X-Frame-Options Header Not Set

Description

X-Frame-Options header is not included in the HTTP response to protect against 'ClickJacking'

URL http://localhost/post.php?id=2

Method GET

Parameter X-Frame-Options

URL http://localhost/admin/login.php

Method GET

Parameter X-Frame-Options

URL http://localhost/index.php

Method GET

Parameter X-Frame-Options
URL http://localhost:80

Method GET

Parameter X-Frame-Options

URL http://localhost/

Method GET

Parameter X-Frame-Options

URL http://localhost/post.php?id=1

Method GET

Parameter X-Frame-Options

Instances 6

Solution

Most modern Web browsers support the X-Frame-Options HTTP header. Ensure it's set on all web pages returned by your site (if you expect the page to be framed only by pages on your

server (e.g. it's part of a FRAMESET) then you'll want to use SAMEORIGIN, otherwise if you never expect the page to be framed, you should use DENY. ALLOW-FROM allows specific websites to

frame the web page in supported web browsers).

Reference http://blogs.msdn.com/b/ieinternals/archive/2010/03/30/combating-clickjacking-with-x-frame-

options.aspx

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 16

 WASC Id
 15

 Source ID
 3

Medium (Medium) Directory Browsing

Description It is possible to view the directory listing. Directory listing may reveal hidden scripts, include files,

backup source files etc which can be accessed to read sensitive information.

URL http://localhost/css/

Method GET

Attack Parent Directory

URL http://localhost/images/

Method GET

Attack Parent Directory

Instances 2

Solution Disable directory browsing. If this is required, make sure the listed files does not induce risks.

Reference http://httpd.apache.org/docs/mod/core.html#options

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http://alamo.satlug.org/pipermail/satlug/2002-February/000053.html

CWE Id 548 WASC Id 48 Source ID 1

Description

Low (Medium) Cookie No HttpOnly Flag

A cookie has been set without the HttpOnly flag, which means that the cookie can be accessed by JavaScript. If a malicious script can be run on this page then the cookie will be accessible and

can be transmitted to another site. If this is a session cookie then session hijacking may be

possible.

URL http://localhost/admin/

Method GET

Parameter PHPSESSID

Evidence Set-Cookie: PHPSESSID

URL http://localhost/admin/index.php

Method GET

Parameter PHPSESSID

Evidence Set-Cookie: PHPSESSID

Instances 2

Solution Ensure that the HttpOnly flag is set for all cookies.

Reference http://www.owasp.org/index.php/HttpOnly

CWE Id 16 WASC Id 13 Source ID 3

Description

Low (Medium) X-Content-Type-Options Header Missing

The Anti-MIME-Sniffing header X-Content-Type-Options was not set to 'nosniff'. This allows older versions of Internet Explorer and Chrome to perform MIME-sniffing on the response body,

potentially causing the response body to be interpreted and displayed as a content type other than the declared content type. Current (early 2014) and legacy versions of Firefox will use the

declared content type (if one is set), rather than performing MIME-sniffing.

URL http://localhost/images/key.png

Method GFT

Parameter X-Content-Type-Options

URL http://localhost/post.php?id=1

Method GET

Parameter X-Content-Type-Options

URL http://localhost/css/base.css

Method GET

Parameter X-Content-Type-Options

URL http://localhost/admin/login.php

Method GET

Parameter X-Content-Type-Options

URL http://localhost/

Method GET

Parameter X-Content-Type-Options

URL http://localhost:80

Method GET

Parameter X-Content-Type-Options

URL http://localhost/post.php?id=2

Method GET

Parameter X-Content-Type-Options

URL http://localhost/css/style.css

Method GET

Parameter X-Content-Type-Options
URL http://localhost/index.php

Method GET

Parameter X-Content-Type-Options

URL http://localhost/css/default.css

Method GET

Parameter X-Content-Type-Options

Instances 10

Ensure that the application/web server sets the Content-Type header appropriately, and that it

sets the X-Content-Type-Options header to 'nosniff' for all web pages.

Solution If possible, ensure that the end user uses a standards-compliant and modern web browser that

does not perform MIME-sniffing at all, or that can be directed by the web application/web server

to not perform MIME-sniffing.

This issue still applies to error type pages (401, 403, 500, etc) as those pages are often still

affected by injection issues, in which case there is still concern for browsers sniffing pages away

Other information from their actual content type.

At "High" threshold this scanner will not alert on client or server error responses.

http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ie/gg622941%28v=vs.85%29.aspx

Reference

https://www.owasp.org/index.php/List\_of\_useful\_HTTP\_headers

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Low (Medium) Web Browser XSS Protection Not Enabled

Description Web Browser XSS Protection is not enabled, or is disabled by the configuration of the 'X-XSS-

Protection' HTTP response header on the web server

URL http://localhost/sitemap.xml

Method GET

Parameter X-XSS-Protection

URL http://localhost/post.php?id=2

Method GET

Parameter X-XSS-Protection

URL http://localhost/robots.txt

Method GET

Parameter X-XSS-Protection

URL http://localhost/post.php?id=1

Method GET

Parameter X-XSS-Protection

URL http://localhost:80

Method GET

Parameter X-XSS-Protection

URL http://localhost/index.php

Method GET

Parameter X-XSS-Protection

URL http://localhost/admin/login.php

Method GET

Parameter X-XSS-Protection

URL http://localhost/

Method GET

Parameter X-XSS-Protection

Instances 8

Solution Ensure that the web browser's XSS filter is enabled, by setting the X-XSS-Protection HTTP

response header to '1'.

The X-XSS-Protection HTTP response header allows the web server to enable or disable the web

browser's XSS protection mechanism. The following values would attempt to enable it:

X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block

X-XSS-Protection: 1; report=http://www.example.com/xss

Other information The following values would disable it:

X-XSS-Protection: 0

The X-XSS-Protection HTTP response header is currently supported on Internet Explorer, Chrome

and Safari (WebKit).

Note that this alert is only raised if the response body could potentially contain an XSS payload

(with a text-based content type, with a non-zero length).

https://www.owasp.org/index.php/XSS (Cross Site Scripting) Prevention Cheat Sheet

Reference

https://blog.veracode.com/2014/03/guidelines-for-setting-security-headers/

 CWE Id
 933

 WASC Id
 14

 Source ID
 3

Low (Medium) Password Autocomplete in Browser

Description The AUTOCOMPLETE attribute is not disabled on an HTML FORM/INPUT element containing

password type input. Passwords may be stored in browsers and retrieved.

URL http://localhost/admin/login.php

Method GET

Parameter password

Evidence <input type="password" class="text\_field" name="password" />

Instances 1

Solution

Turn off the AUTOCOMPLETE attribute in forms or individual input elements containing password

inputs by using AUTOCOMPLETE='OFF'.

http://www.w3schools.com/tags/att\_input\_autocomplete.asp

Reference

https://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms533486%28v=vs.85%29.aspx

CWE Id 525 WASC Id 15 Source ID 3