# **Penetration Testing Report**

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# Introduction

This report document hereby describes the proceedings and results of a Black Box security assessment conducted against the **Week {2} Labs**. The report hereby lists the findings and corresponding best practice mitigation actions and recommendations.

# I. Objective

The objective of the assessment was to uncover vulnerabilities in the **Week {2} Labs** and provide a final security assessment report comprising vulnerabilities, remediation strategy and recommendation guidelines to help mitigate the identified vulnerabilities and risks during the activity.

# II. Scope

The scope of the penetration testing project by Hacktify Cyber Security aims to identify and address vulnerabilities related to Insecure Direct Object Reference(IDOR) and Cross Site Scripting(XSS) within the specified web application. Direct Object Reference(IDOR) will focus on identifying vulnerabilities in those areas where direct object references are used in the application without proper authorization checks. Cross Site Scripting(XSS) identifying potential XSS vulnerabilities within the web application.

By conducting a thorough assessment and providing detailed recommendations, the project seeks to enhance the security posture of the application and protect against potential exploitation.

Application , {Lab 1 –Insecure Direct Object Reference}

Name {Lab 2 – Cross Site Scripting}

# III. Summary

Outlined is a Black Box Application Security assessment for the **Week {2} Labs**.

Total number of Sub-labs: 14(4-Insecure Direct Object Reference, 10-Cross Site Scripting)

High	Medium	Low
3	6	5

High - 3 Sub-lab with high difficulty level

Medium - 6 Sub-labs with medium difficulty level

Low - 5 Sub-labs with low difficulty level

# 1. Insecure Direct Object References

# 1.1. Give me my amount!!

Reference	Risk Rating
Sub-lab-1: Give me my amount	Low

#### **Tools Used**

## **Burp-Suite**

## **Vulnerability Description**

- When a user interacts with a web application, the application generates URLs or parameters that reference specific objects. For example, consider a URL like https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/idor\_lab/lab\_1/profile.php?id=727 where 727 corresponds to a user's record in the database.
- If an attacker changes this number to 722, they might gain access to another user's information. This happens because the application didn't properly verify whether the user had permission to view data for user 722 before displaying it.

#### **How It Was Discovered**

Automated Tools – Browser Inspect /Proxy /Burp-Suite

## **Vulnerable URLs**

https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/idor\_lab/lab\_1/profile.php?id=727

## **Consequences of not Fixing the Issue**

If this vulnerability is not patched.

- An attacker can access sensitive data that they shouldn't have permission to view. This
  could include personally identifiable information (PII), financial records, or other
  confidential data.
- For example, an unauthorized user might gain access to another user's private messages, account details, or personal files.

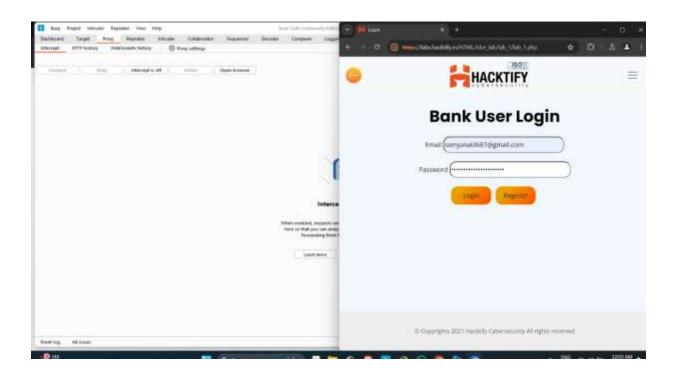
### **Suggested Countermeasures**

- Implement robust access controls for each object that users attempt to access. Ensure that users have proper permissions before displaying or allowing access to sensitive data.
- Regularly perform security assessments, including penetration testing and code reviews, to identify and address IDOR vulnerabilities.

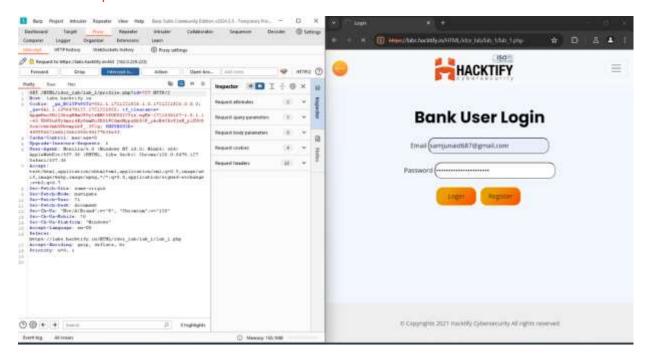
#### References

https://www.coursera.org/

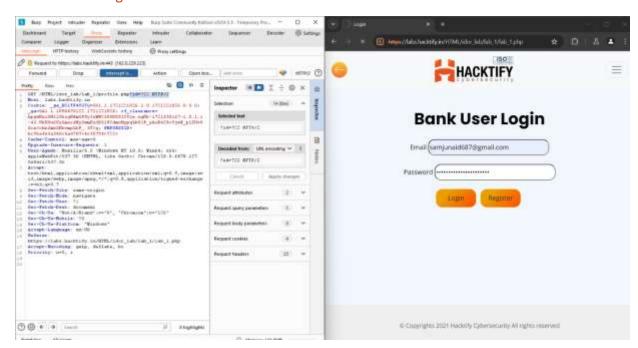
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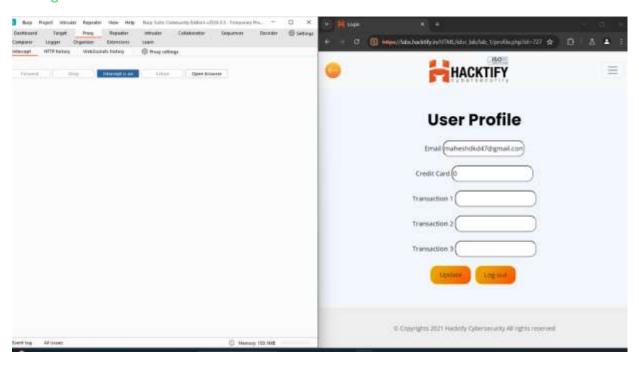
## =>default request id=727



## => Now id changed from 727 to 722



=>we get access to another email.



# 1.2. Stop polluting my params!

Reference	Risk Rating
Sub-lab-2: Stop polluting my params	Medium

#### **Tools Used**

### **Burp-Suite, Browser.**

#### **Vulnerability Description**

- When a user interacts with a web application, the application generates URLs or parameters that reference specific objects. For example, consider a URL like https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/idor\_lab/lab\_1/profile.php?id=48 where 48 corresponds to a user's record in the database.
- If an attacker changes this number to 48, they might gain access to another user's information. This happens because the application didn't properly verify whether the user had permission to view data for user 722 before displaying it.

#### **How It Was Discovered**

Automated Tools – Browser Inspect, Proxy. (Burp-Suite)

#### **Vulnerable URLs**

https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/idor\_lab/lab\_2/profile.php?id=48

## **Consequences of not Fixing the Issue**

- 1: If users are frequently redirected to malicious sites, they may lose trust in your website, leading to a decline in user engagement and reputation damage.
   2: Redirect vulnerabilities can be used to bypass security measures and gain unauthorized access to sensitive data, potentially leading to data breaches.
- Attackers can exploit IDOR to escalate privileges, gain unauthorized access, or manipulate data.

### **Suggested Countermeasures**

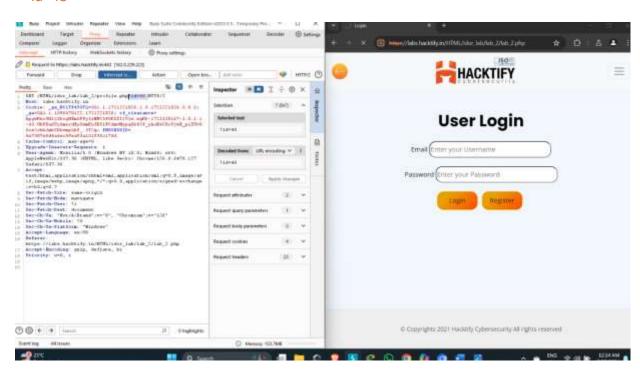
- Implement access control checks for each object that users attempt to access.
   Web frameworks often provide ways to facilitate this.
- Avoid exposing internal IDs directly in URLs. Instead, use obfuscated or hashed values.

#### References

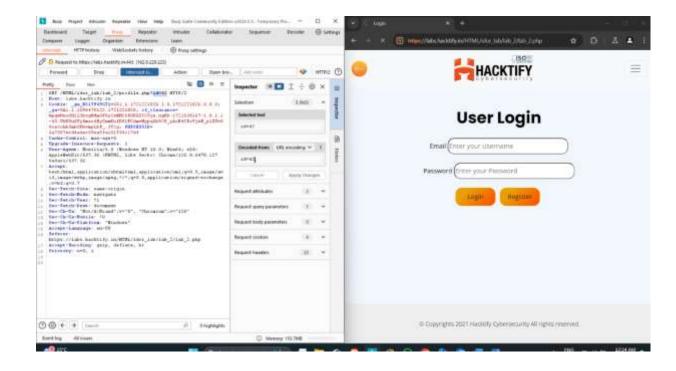
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Insecure direct object reference

This section contains the proof of the above vulnerabilities as the screenshot of the vulnerability of the lab

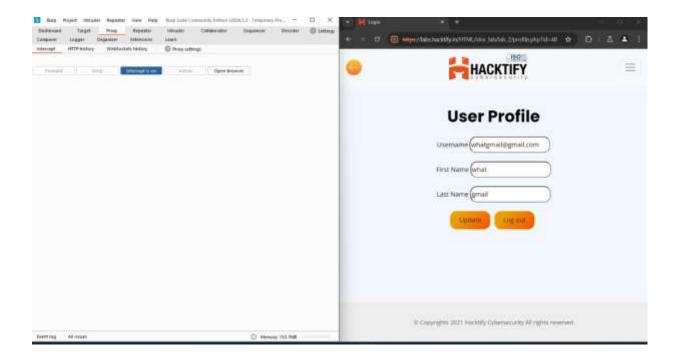
#### =>id=48



=>changed id from 48 to 42.



=>Different profiles are displayed, confirming an IDOR vulnerability.



# 1.3. Someone changed my Password!

Reference	Risk Rating
Sub-lab-3: Someone changed my Password	Medium

#### **Tools Used**

## **Burp-Suite**

### **Vulnerability Description**

- Certainly Insecure Direct Object Reference (IDOR) is a vulnerability that arises when attackers
  can access or modify objects by manipulating identifiers used in a web application's URLs or
  parameters.
- In this lab **Attacker** changes/alters another user's password without proper authorization.

#### **How It Was Discovered**

Automated Tools- Proxy. (Burp-Suite).

## **Vulnerable URLs**

https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/idor\_lab/lab\_3/changepassword.php?username=junaid

## **Consequences of not Fixing the Issue**

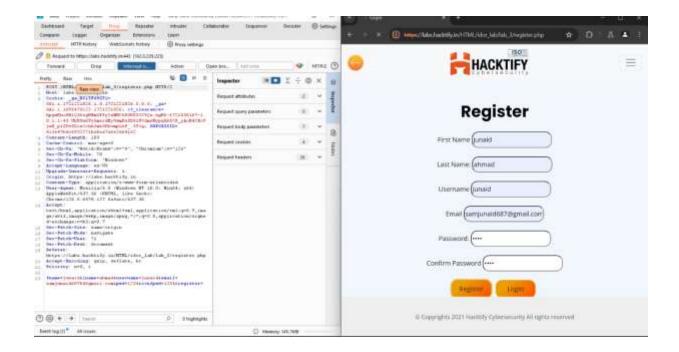
- Unauthorized password changes could lead to account compromise, data breaches, and privacy violations.
- Attackers might gain access to sensitive information or impersonate other users.

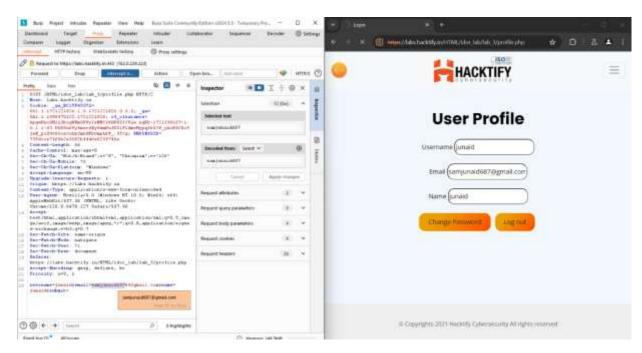
### **Suggested Countermeasures**

- Implement access control checks for each object (e.g., user accounts) users attempt to access
- Verify user permissions on the server side.

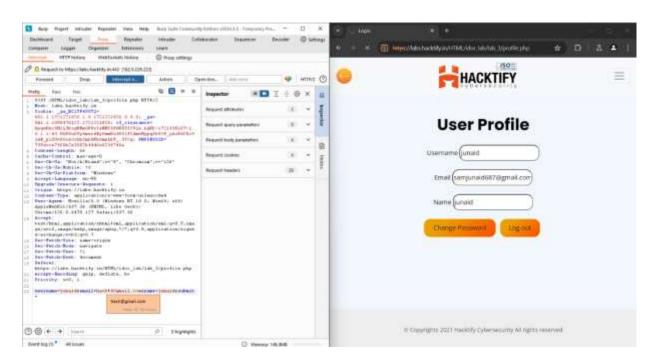
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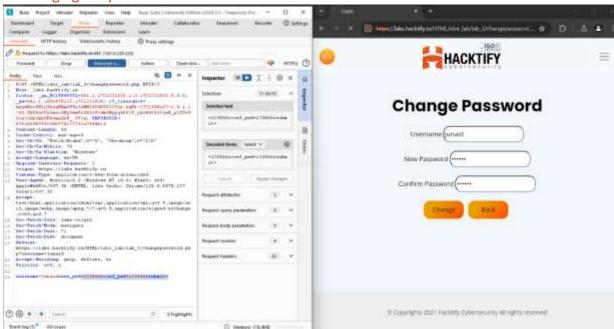


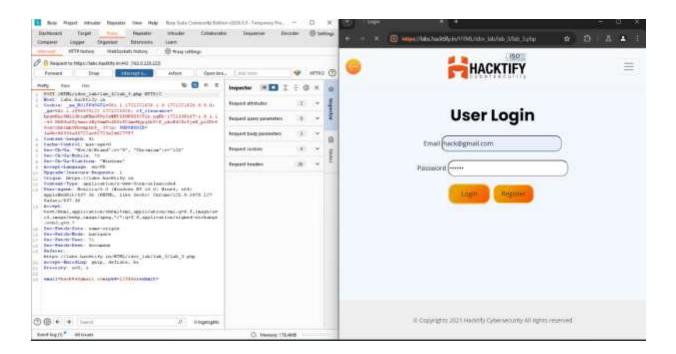


## # Here we change the email from samjunaid687 to hack

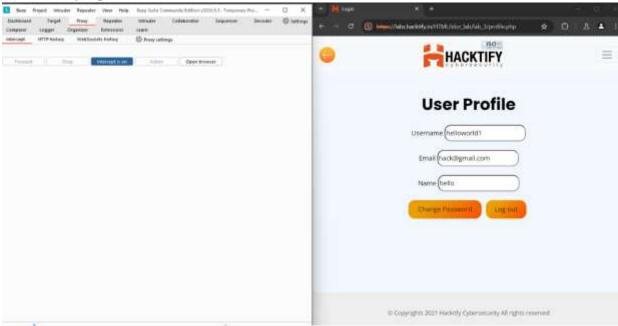


#### =>Changing the password





#Sucessfully login with someone else mail.



# 1.4. Change your methods!

Reference	Risk Rating
Sub-lab-4: Change your methods	Medium

## **Tools Used**

## **Burp-Suite**

## **Vulnerability Description**

- Certainly **Insecure Direct Object Reference (IDOR)** is a vulnerability that arises when attackers can access or modify objects by manipulating identifiers used in a web application's URLs or parameters.
- In this lab, attacker can change email and password in the URL to access that person's profile.

## **How It Was Discovered**

Automated Tools –Burp-suite

#### **Vulnerable URLs**

https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/idor\_lab/lab\_4/lab\_4.php?email=samjunaid687%40gmail.com&pwd=1234&submit=

### **Consequences of not Fixing the Issue**

Exposing personal information can lead to privacy violations, affecting individuals' rights and potentially resulting in legal consequences for the organization.

Leaving IDOR vulnerabilities unaddressed can make the application an attractive target for attackers, increasing the likelihood of further exploitation and attacks.

## Suggested Countermeasures

- Ensure that every request to access an object is accompanied by a check to verify the user's permissions.
- Instead of using direct identifiers in URLs, use indirect references or tokens that map to the actual identifiers on the server side.

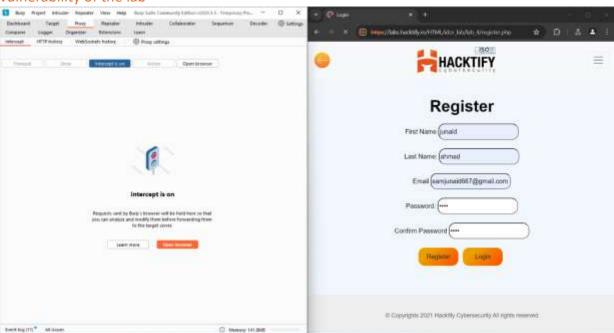
#### References

https://bugbase.ai/blog/casting-light-on-IDOR

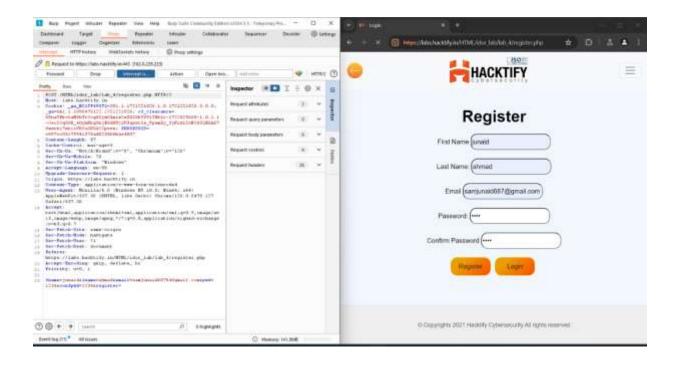
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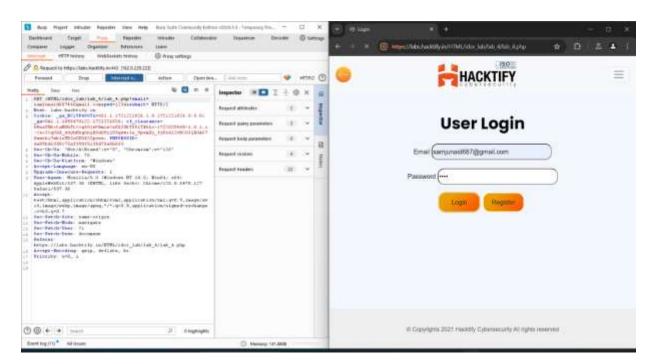
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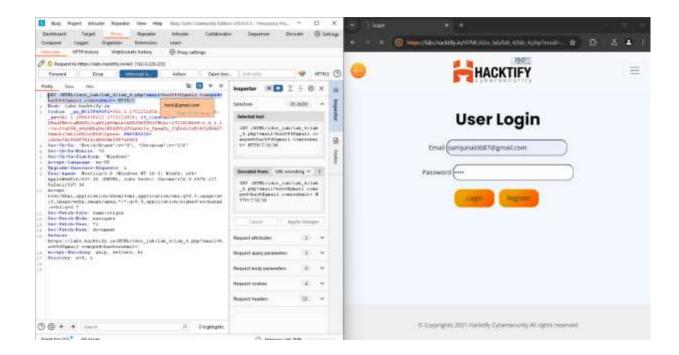


=>Inserting credentials.





# Changing the email and password from samjunaid687@gmail.com to hack@gmail.com



# 2. Cross Site Scripting

# 2.1. Let's Do IT!

Reference	Risk Rating
Sub-lab-1: Let's Do IT	Low

#### **Tools Used**

**Burp-Suite** 

#### **Vulnerability Description**

The attacker finds an input point in the web application where they can insert malicious scripts.

#### **How It Was Discovered**

Automated Tools -Burp-suite

## **Vulnerable URLs**

https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss\_lab/lab\_1/lab\_1.php?email=

## **Consequences of not Fixing the Issue**

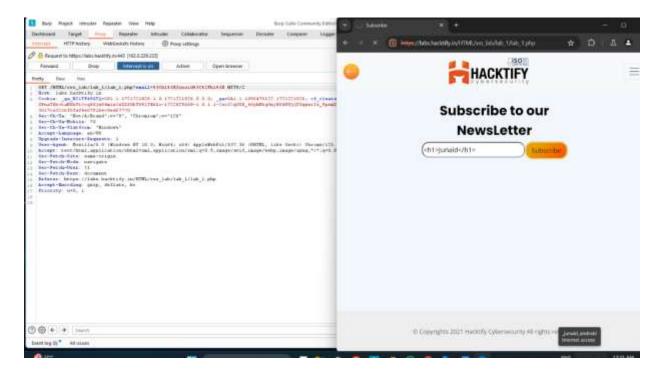
Malicious HTML can be used to steal session cookies, allowing attackers to impersonate users and gain unauthorized access to their accounts.

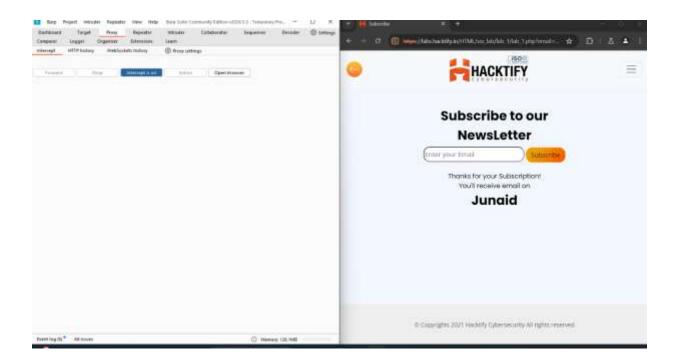
### **Suggested Countermeasures**

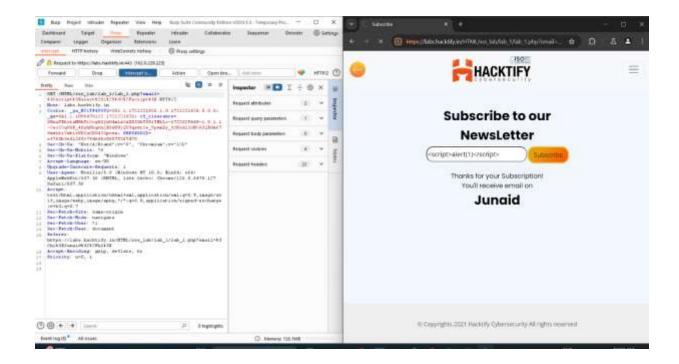
Restrict the types of input that users can provide, especially in fields that will be rendered as HTML.

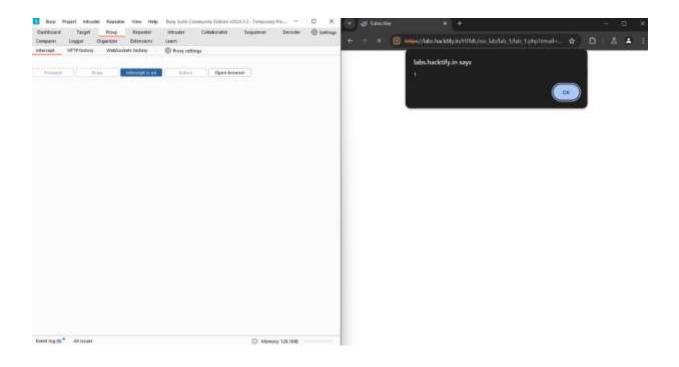
#### References

https://owasp.org/www-community/attacks/xss/ https://trainings.internshala.com/blog/html-injections/









# 2.2. Balancing is Important in Life!

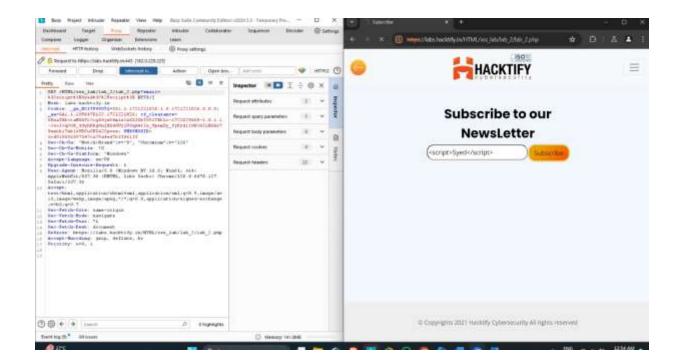
**Suggested Countermeasures** 

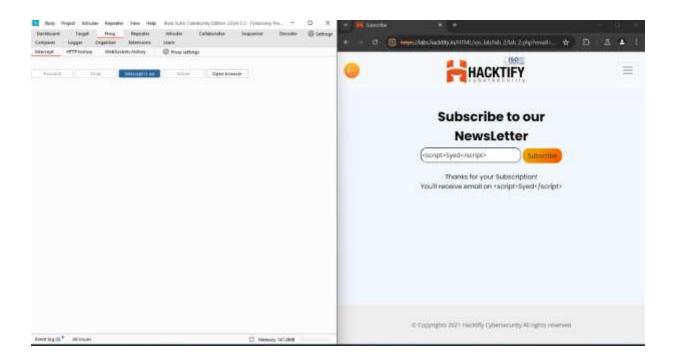
Reference	Risk Rating	
Sub-lab-1: Balancing is Important in life	Low	
Tools Used		
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Vulnerability Description		
The attacker finds an input point in the web application where they can insert malicious scripts.		
How It Was Discovered		
Automated Tools – Burp-Suite		
Vulnerable URLs		
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss_lab/lab_2/lab_2.php?email=		
Consequences of not Fixing the Issue		
<ol> <li>Stealing session cookies to impersonate the user.</li> <li>Accessing sensitive information stored in the browser.</li> </ol>		

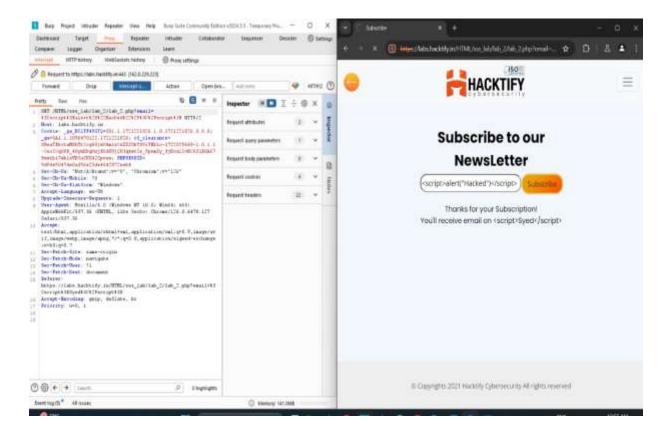
- Input Validation and Sanitization: Rigorously validate and sanitize all user inputs to ensure they adhere to expected formats. This helps prevent malicious HTML from being processed.
- Implement CSP to restrict the sources from which scripts can be executed.

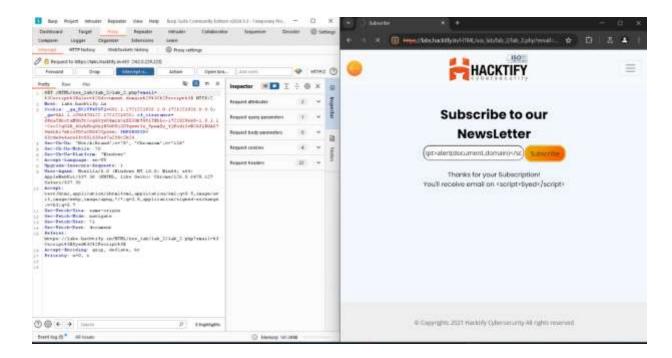
#### References

https://brightsec.com/blog/reflected-xss/ https://owasp.org/www-community/attacks/xss/

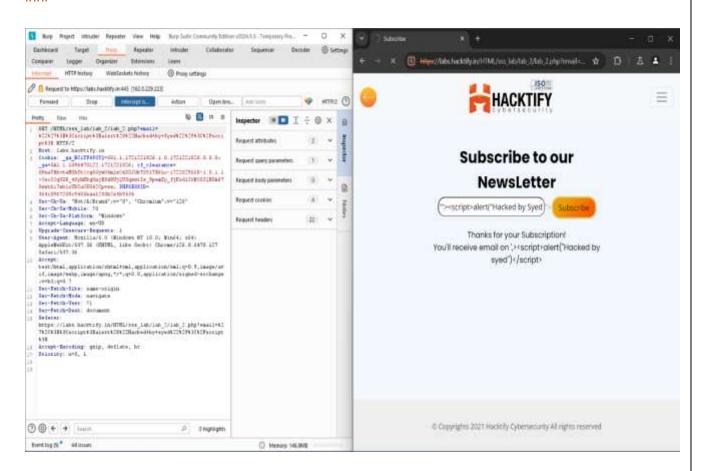


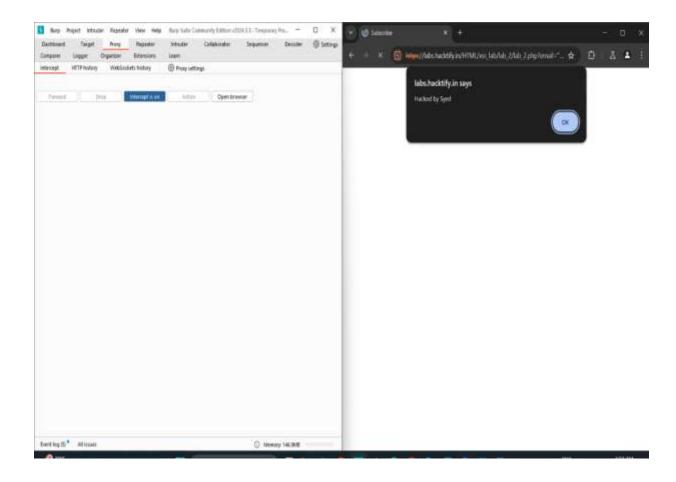






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# 2.3. XSS is everywhere!

Automated Tools –Burp-suite

Reference	Risk Rating	
Sub-lab-1: XSS is everywhere	Low	
Tools Used		
Burp-Suite		
Vulnerability Description		
Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) is a web security vulnerability that allows attackers to inject malicious scripts into web pages viewed by users. These scripts can execute in the user's browser, leading to unauthorized actions, data theft, or other malicious activities.		
How It Was Discovered		

#### **Vulnerable URLs**

https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss\_lab/lab\_3/lab\_3.php?email=

## **Consequences of not Fixing the Issue**

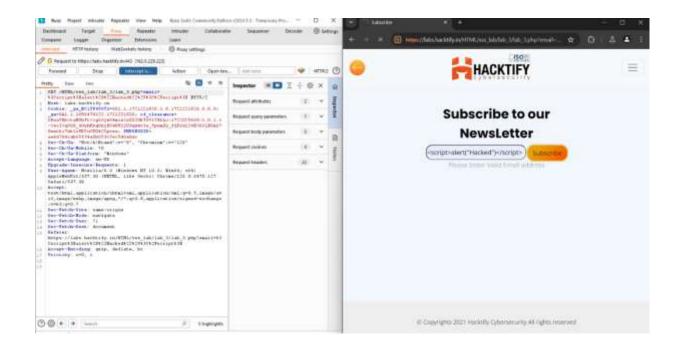
- **Session Hijacking**: Stealing session cookies to impersonate the user.
- Phishing: Redirecting users to malicious sites.
- Data Theft: Accessing sensitive information stored in the browser.

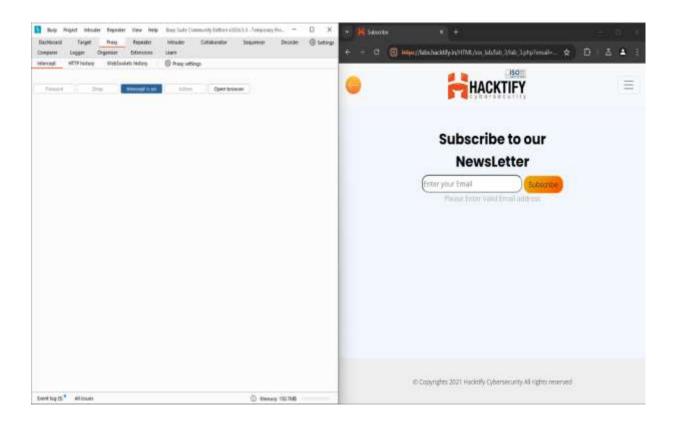
## **Suggested Countermeasures**

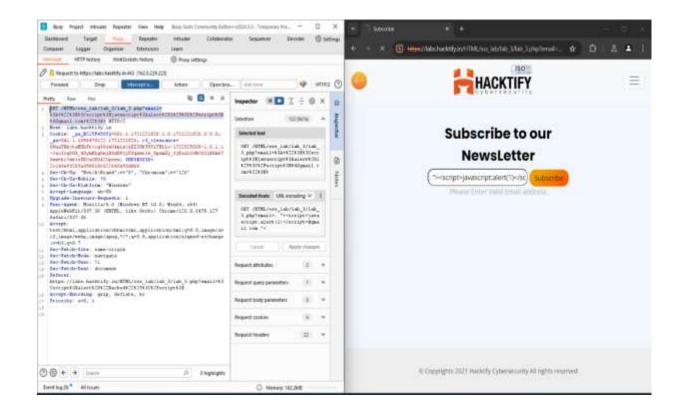
- Input Validation: Validate and sanitize all user inputs.
- Output Encoding: Encode data before rendering it on the web page.
- **Content Security Policy (CSP)**: Implement CSP to restrict the sources from which scripts can be executed.

#### References

https://portswigger.net/web-security/cross-site-scripting https://brightsec.com/blog/reflected-xss/







# 2.4. Alternatives are must!

Reference	Risk Rating
Sub-lab-4: Alternatives are must	Medium

#### **Tools Used**

**Burp-Suite** 

#### **Vulnerability Description**

The attacker finds an input point in the web application where they can insert malicious scripts.

#### **How It Was Discovered**

Automated Tools – Burp-Suite

#### **Vulnerable URLs**

https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss\_lab/lab\_4/lab\_4.php?email=

## **Consequences of not Fixing the Issue**

- **Session Hijacking**: Stealing session cookies to impersonate the user.
- Phishing: Redirecting users to malicious sites.
- **Data Theft**: Accessing sensitive information stored in the browser.

### **Suggested Countermeasures**

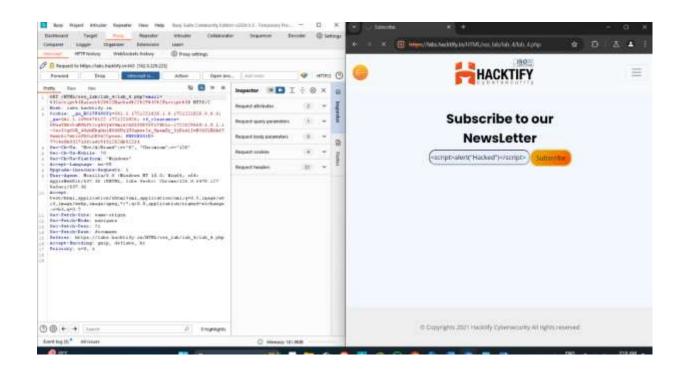
- Input Validation: Validate and sanitize all user inputs.
- Output Encoding: Encode data before rendering it on the web page.

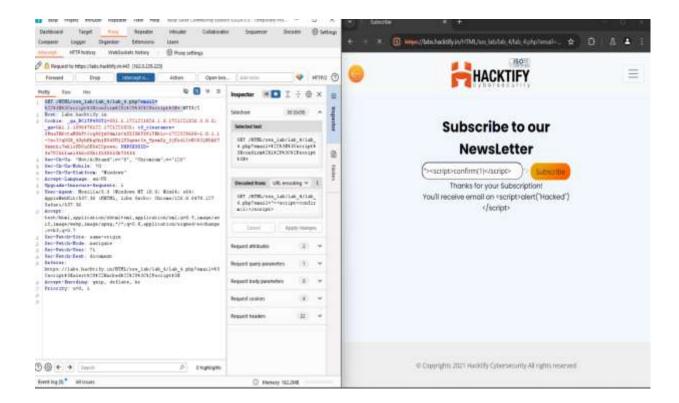
**Content Security Policy (CSP)**: Implement CSP to restrict the sources from which scripts can be executed.

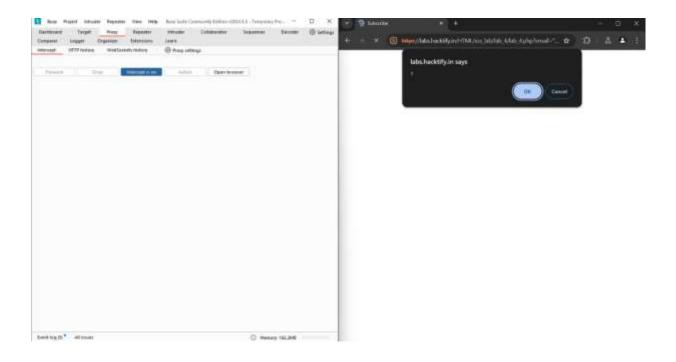
### References

https://portswigger.net/web-security/cross-site-scripting

https://web.dev/articles/trusted-types







# 2.5. Developer hates scripts!

Reference	Risk Rating	
Sub-lab-5: Developer hates scripts	High	
Tools Used		
Burp- Suite		
Vulnerability Description		
The attacker finds an input point in the web application where they can insert malicious scripts.		
How It Was Discovered		
Automated Tools – Burp-Suite		
Vulnerable URLs		
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss_lab/lab_5/lab_5.php?		

### **Consequences of not Fixing the Issue**

- 1. **Data Theft**: Attackers can steal sensitive information such as cookies, session tokens, and personal data. This can lead to identity theft and unauthorized access to user accounts.
- 2. **Defacement**: Attackers can alter the content of web pages, leading to misinformation or damaging the reputation of the website and the organization behind it.
- 3. **Impact on Business Operations**: A successful XSS attack can disrupt business operations, leading to downtime and loss of productivity.

### **Suggested Countermeasures**

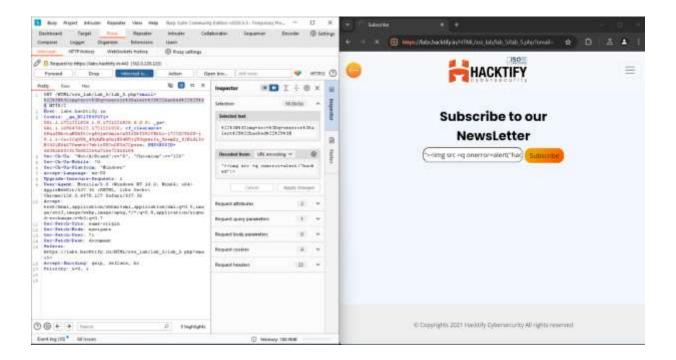
- Ensure that data is properly encoded before rendering it in the browser. This prevents the browser from interpreting the data as executable code.
- Use libraries to sanitize user input, removing or neutralizing any potentially harmful code.

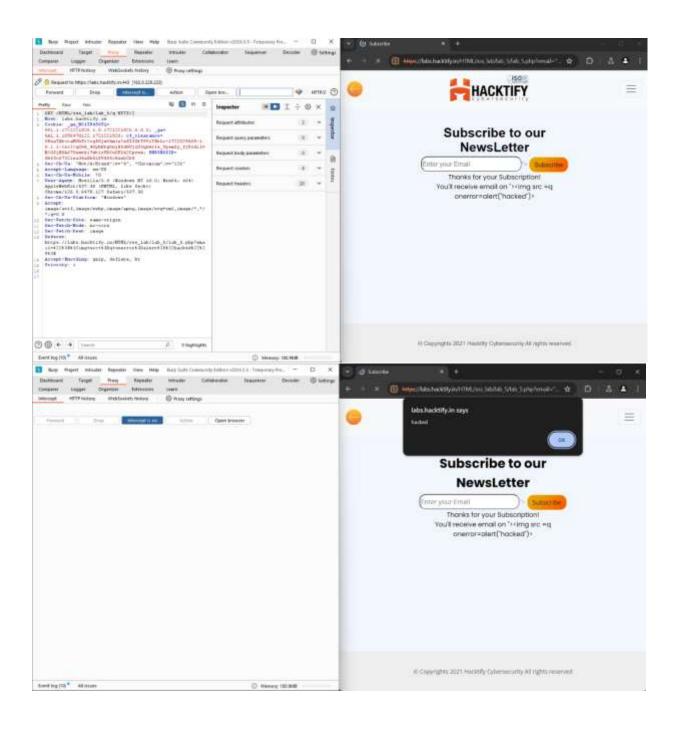
#### References

https://portswigger.net/web-security/cross-site-scripting

https://dev. to/contywrite/detect-and-prevent-cross-site-scripting-xss-in-your-web-application-fco

https://www.cloudflare.com/learning/security/threats/cross-site-scripting/





# 2.6. Change the Variation!

Reference	Risk Rating
Sub-lab-6: Change the Variation	High

#### **Tools Used**

**Burp Suite** 

#### **Vulnerability Description**

The malicious script is permanently stored on the target server, such as in a database, comment field, or message board. When a user retrieves the stored data, the script is executed in their browser.

## **How It Was Discovered**

Automated Tool----Burp-suite

#### **Vulnerable URLs**

https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss lab/lab 6/lab 6.php?

## **Consequences of not Fixing the Issue**

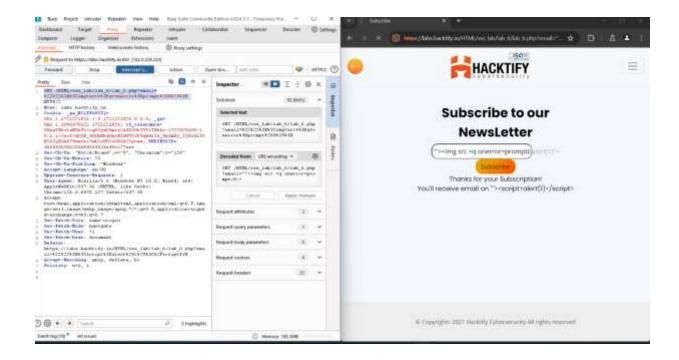
- Malicious HTML can be used to steal session cookies, allowing attackers to impersonate users.
- XSS can be used to deliver malware to users' devices, leading to further exploitation and compromise.
- Successful XSS attacks can disrupt business operations, leading to downtime and loss of productivity.

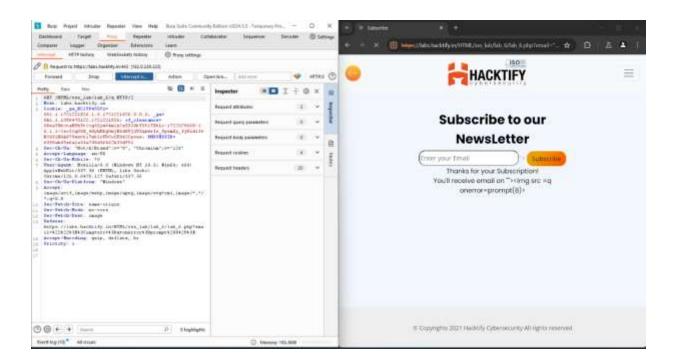
#### **Suggested Countermeasures**

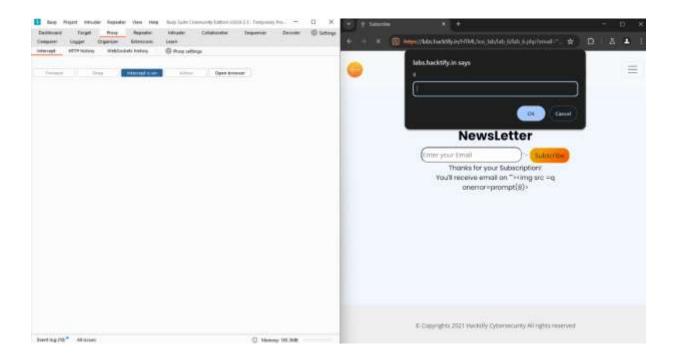
- Deploy a WAF (Web Application Firewall) to filter and monitor HTTP requests, blocking malicious traffic before it reaches the application.
- Implement a strict CSP to restrict the sources from which scripts can be loaded and executed.

#### References

https://www.verizon.com/business/resources/articles/s/how-to-mitigate-cross-site-scripting/https://www.esecurityplanet.com/networks/cross-site-scripting-xss/







# 2.7. Encoding is the key?

Reference	Risk Rating
Sub-lab-7: Encoding is the key	Medium

## **Tools Used**

**Burp Suite** 

## **Vulnerability Description**

The attacker finds an input point in the web application where they can insert malicious scripts. And he can also insert encoded malicious scripts.

## **How It Was Discovered**

Automated Tool----Burp-suite

### **Vulnerable URLs**

https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss\_lab/lab\_7/lab\_7.php?email=

### **Consequences of not Fixing the Issue**

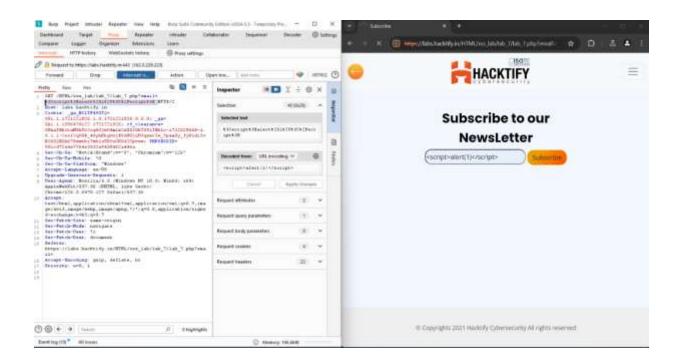
- Even if scripts are encoded, if they are not properly sanitized, attackers can still inject malicious code to steal sensitive information such as cookies, session tokens, and personal data.
- Encoded scripts can be used to deliver malware to users' devices, leading to further exploitation and compromise of user systems.

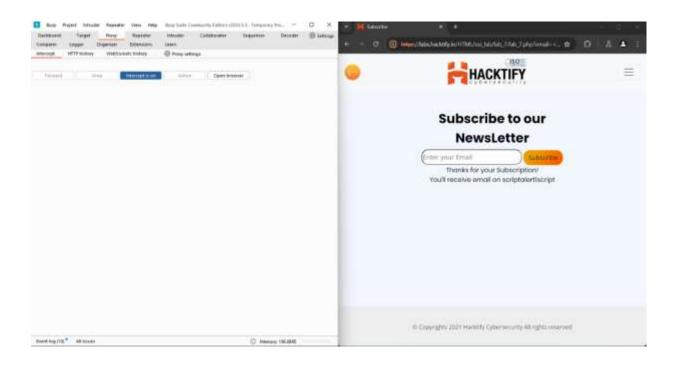
#### **Suggested Countermeasures**

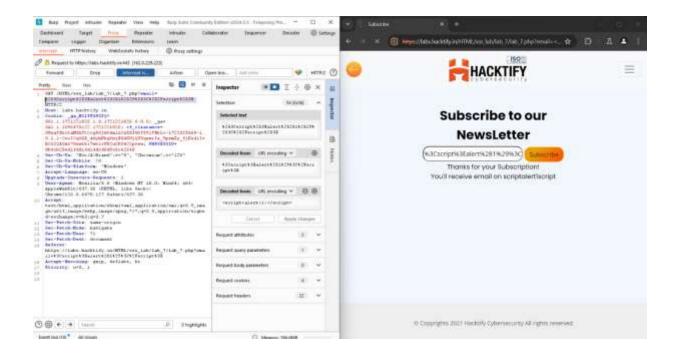
- **Content Security Policy (CSP)**: Implement a strict CSP to restrict the sources from which scripts can be loaded and executed. This can significantly reduce the risk of XSS attacks.
- Use of Modern Web Frameworks: Utilize frameworks like React, Angular, and Vue, which have built-in mechanisms to prevent XSS by default. However, developers must be aware of and avoid using functions that bypass these protections.
- **Regular Security Audits**: Conduct regular security audits and code reviews to identify and fix vulnerabilities. This helps ensure that security measures are up-to-date and effective.

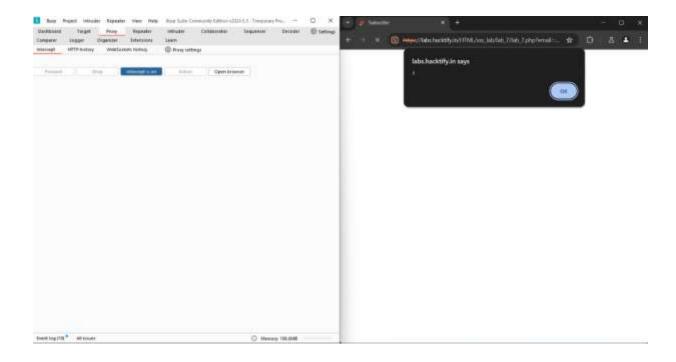
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https://www.verizon.com/business/resources/articles/s/how-to-mitigate-cross-site-scripting/https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Cross\_Site\_Scripting\_Prevention\_Cheat\_Sheet.html https://www.esecurityplanet.com/endpoint/prevent-xss-attacks/









## 2.8. XSS with File Upload (file name)

Reference	Risk Rating
Sub-lab-8: XSS with File Upload (file name)	Low
Tools Used	
Burp Suite	

## **Vulnerability Description**

**Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)** vulnerabilities can be exploited through file uploads, particularly when the filename is not properly sanitized also allowing attackers to upload files containing malicious scripts. This can lead to various security issues, including data breaches, malware distribution, and server compromise.

### **How It Was Discovered**

Automated Tool----Burp-suite

## **Vulnerable URLs**

https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss\_lab/lab\_8/lab\_8.php

### **Consequences of not Fixing the Issue**

- Data Theft: Attackers can steal cookies, session tokens, or other sensitive information.
- Account Hijacking: By executing scripts, attackers can hijack user sessions.
- **Defacement**: Attackers can alter the appearance of the website.
- Phishing: Users can be redirected to malicious sites.

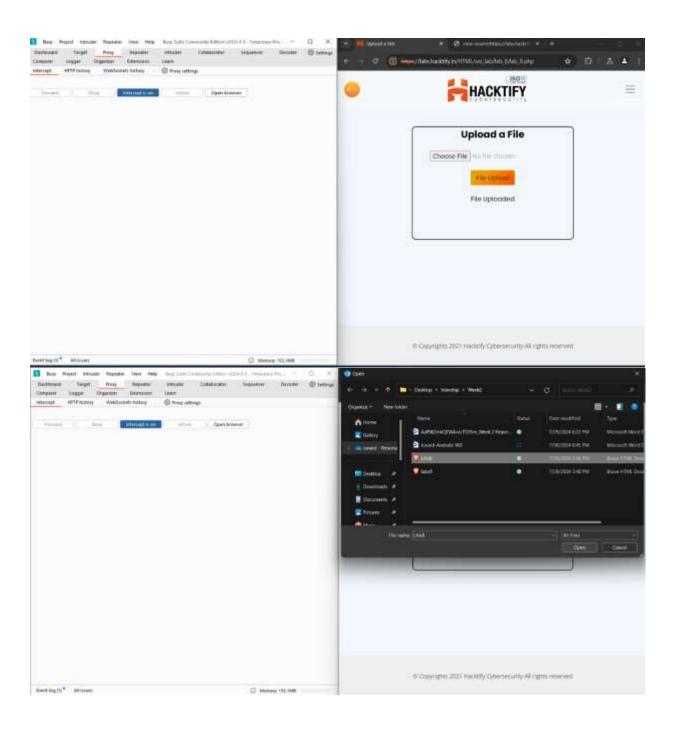
### **Suggested Countermeasures**

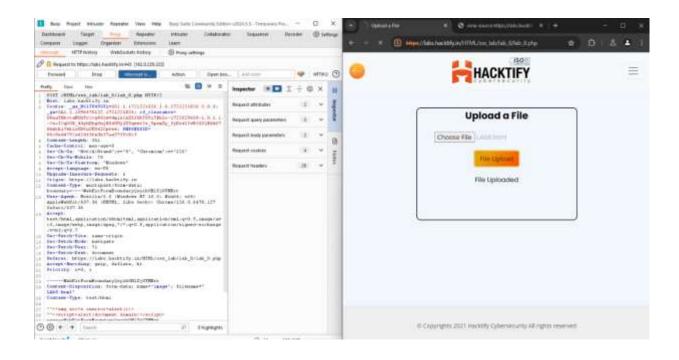
- 1. **Sanitize Filenames**: Ensure that filenames are properly sanitized and encoded before displaying them on the web page.
- 2. **Validate Input**: Implement strict input validation to reject filenames with potentially malicious content.
- 3. **Use Safe Libraries**: Utilize libraries and frameworks that automatically handle encoding and sanitization.
- Content Security Policy (CSP): Implement CSP to restrict the execution of untrusted scripts.

#### References

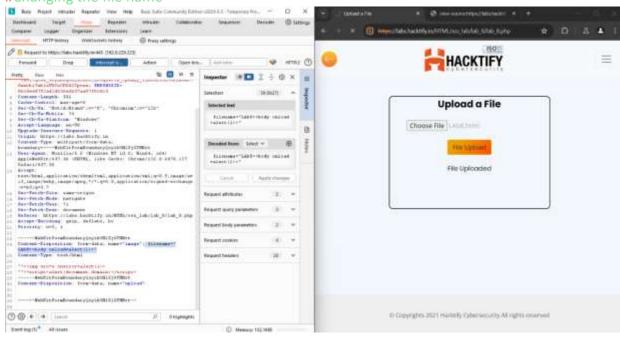
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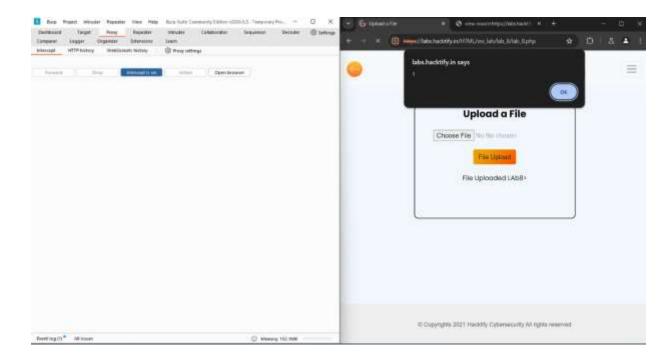
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### #Changing the file name





# 2.9. XSS with File Upload (File Content)

Reference	Risk Rating	
Sub-lab-9: XSS with File Upload (File Content)	Medium	
Tools Used		
Burp Suite		
Vulnerability Description		
Allowing attackers to upload files containing malicious scripts. This can lead to various security issues, including data breaches, malware distribution, and server compromise.		
How It Was Discovered		
Automated ToolBurp-suite		
Vulnerable URLs		
https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss_lab/lab_9/lab_9.php		

### **Consequences of not Fixing the Issue**

**Data Theft**: Attackers can inject malicious scripts into uploaded files, which can then be executed when other users download or view these files. This can lead to the theft of sensitive information such as cookies, session tokens, and personal data.

**Persistent Threats**: Malicious scripts embedded in uploaded files can remain on the server, continuously posing a threat to new users who interact with the compromised files.

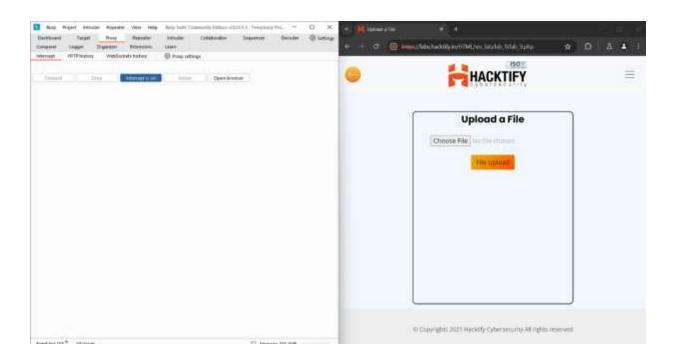
### **Suggested Countermeasures**

- Input Validation and Sanitization: Ensure all uploaded files are validated and sanitized to remove any potentially harmful scripts.
- Content Security Policy (CSP): Implement a strict CSP to restrict the sources from which scripts can be loaded and executed.
- Use of Security Tools: Deploy web application firewalls (WAF) and security scanners to detect and block malicious uploads.

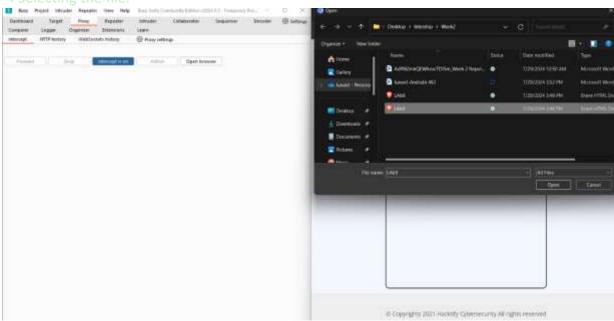
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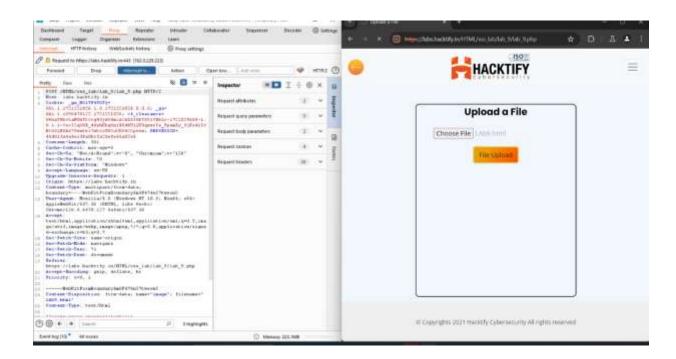
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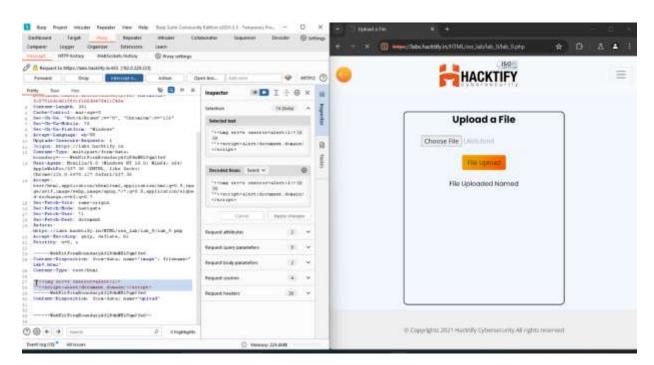


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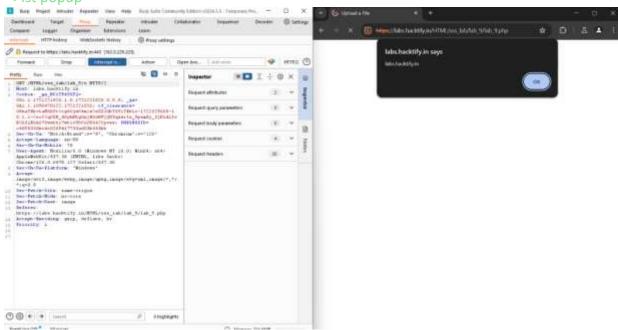


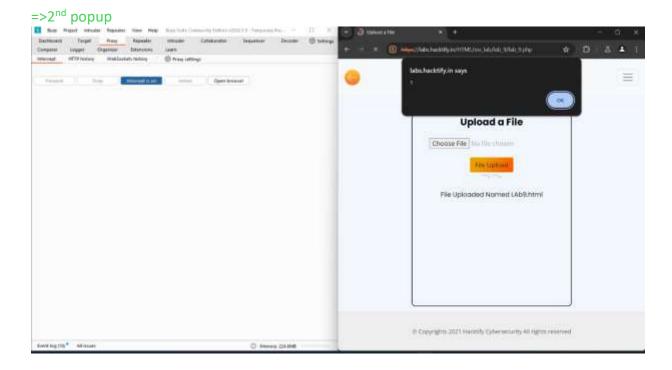


### ### Content int the Uploaded File.



## =>Ist popup





## 2.10. DOM's are Love!

Reference	Risk Rating	
Sub-lab-11: DOM's are love	High	
Tools Used		
Burp Suite		
Vulnerability Description		

**DOM XSS** is a security vulnerability where malicious scripts are executed in the user's browser due to improper handling of data within the Document Object Model (DOM). This happens when JavaScript on a web page processes data from an attacker-controlled source and passes it to a sink that supports dynamic code execution.

#### **How It Was Discovered**

Automated Tool----Burp-suite

#### **Vulnerable URLs**

https://labs.hacktify.in/HTML/xss\_lab/lab\_11/lab\_11.php?name

### **Consequences of not Fixing the Issue**

- Attackers can inject malicious scripts that download and execute malware on the victim's device, potentially leading to further compromise of the system.
- Attackers can use DOM XSS to disrupt the normal functioning of a website, causing downtime and affecting the user experience.
- Attackers can steal sensitive information such as cookies, session tokens, and personal data, leading to identity theft and unauthorized access to user accounts.
- Organizations may face legal consequences for failing to protect user data

### **Suggested Countermeasures**

- Avoid using functions like eval(), innerHTML, document.write(), and setTimeout() with dynamic content. These functions can execute arbitrary code and are common sources of DOM XSS vulnerabilities.
- 2. **Validate** all input data to ensure it conforms to expected formats and types.
- 3. **Sanitize** input data to remove or escape any potentially harmful characters before processing it within the DOM.

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