ASSIGNMENT-I

SECURE SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

VULNERABILITIES

- 1.Cross-Site Scripting XSS (CWE-79) CyberChef
- 2. Cross-site Scripting XSS (CWE-79) LimeSurvey
- 3. Cross-site Request Forgery (CWE-352) LimeSurvey
- 4. Cross-site Request Forgery (CWE-352) Jenkins

Part-1

Vulnerability-I

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Student-Id: a1819309 Link to the file-

https://github.com/gchq/CyberChef/blob/master/src/core/operations/SeriesChart.mjs

Link to the commit

https://github.com/gchq/CyberChef/commit/d2174725a95feaaa7f49140eaa64c94e6e3a3e09

Name of the file- SeriesChart.mjs

The programming language used is JavaScript.

Name of the repository- CyberChef Number of repository stars-22,200

Number of contributors in the repositories-118

Type of Vulnerability CWE-79

The Vulnerability exploited in the above-mentioned code is Reflected Cross-Site Scripting. The Code for color in the SeriesChart.mjs is not properly escaped and therefore the color of the Chart can be changed with the user-introduced script into the code. Escaping HTML is a technique used to prevent websites from cross-site scripting. It changes the user-introduced special characters into their corresponding HTML entities, preventing the user to inject scripting code as input. Escaping HTML is an essential Security practice for developers to implement when displaying user-generated content on a webpage. It's one layer of defense against XSS attacks and helps ensure the integrity and safety of web applications. The fix uses escapeHTML to address the Reflected XSS. EscapeHTML is a Standard mitigation technique for XSS (Cross-Site Scripting).

Vulnerability-II

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 $\underline{https://github.com/LimeSurvey/LimeSurvey/blob/master/application/controllers/UserManageme}$

ntController.php Link to the commit-

https://github.com/LimeSurvey/LimeSurvey/commit/553f3c4c46dedbcaa452e159aa59b0a68bdc

Name of the file- UserManagementController.php

The programming language used is PHP.

Name of the repository- LimeSurvey.

Number of repository stars-2300

Number of contributors in the repositories-216

Type of Vulnerability CWE-79

The Vulnerability exploited in the above-mentioned code is Reflected Cross-Site Scripting. The code in UserManagementController.php does not properly validate and sanitize the input from the user. This vulnerability has the potential of disclosing sensitive information when the user injects scripting code. When the input from the user is not validated as in when the user gives an HTML code snippet or JavaScript code snippet as input when he is required to enter a number and the input is not validated or sanitized then it can be used as manipulated link to get sensitive information of other users like username, password, and card details. The fix for this vulnerability is to add validation and sanitization in the code after the user has entered their input or can use escapeHTML to change the special characters to their corresponding HTML entities so that the browser won't run the malicious code injected by the attacker. The commit that fixes the vulnerability follows the standard mitigation technique for XSS (Cross-Site Scripting).

Vulnerability-III

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 $\underline{https://github.com/LimeSurvey/LimeSurvey/blob/master/application/controllers/HomeSettingsC}$

ontroller.php

Link to the commit

https://github.com/LimeSurvey/LimeSurvey/commit/bc2bbb9ef3bedd821a0f9ada3ccf6f79e3523

Name of the file- HomeSettingsController.php The programming language used is PHP. Name of the repository- LimeSurvey. Number of repository stars-2300 Number of contributors in the repositories-216 Type of Vulnerability CWE-352

Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) is a security vulnerability that occurs in websites. It exploits the trust the web application has in a user's browser. The fore-mentioned code is vulnerable to a

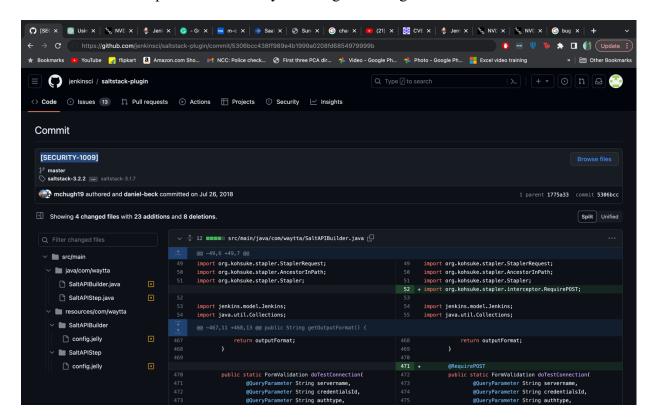
the trust the web application has in a user's browser. The fore-mentioned code is vulnerable to a CSRF attack where the reset all boxes button can be done with HTTP 'GET' request which indicates that the code injected can reset all boxes in the get request. This is a CSRF attack as the code couldn't differentiate a 'GET' request from a 'POST' request. The attacker could easily reset all the boxes in the GET request with malicious code injected into the HTTP request. The solution for this problem is to validate the HTTP request and allow resetting all the boxes only when it is a POST request in HomeSettingsController.php. Restricting certain actions to specific HTTP methods is a standard mitigation technique for CSRF attacks and many other attacks.

Part-2

Jenkins SaltStack plugin Vulnerability:

Methods implementing form validation were not subjected to permission checks by the SaltStack Plugin. Therefore, people with Overall/Read access to Jenkins had the ability to force Jenkins to send HTTP requests to attacker-specified URLs by connecting to an attacker-specified URL using attacker-specified credentials IDs obtained by a different technique and capturing credentials saved in Jenkins. The CWE-ID for this type of Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) is CWE-352. When searching online with the CVE-ID got information about the vulnerability from National Vulnerability Database. The Description of the Vulnerability had the files that had the vulnerable code. Another method of locating the repository is using the fixing commit in GitHub to get to the repository. The commit has fixed the Cross-site Request Forgery for version above 3.1.6.

The provided solution for this vulnerability is to import requirePOST from interceptor to annotate a method with '@RequirePOST' to indicate that the method used to invoked if the incoming HTTP request is a POST request. The Instance of Jenkins Item is then checked using checkpermission method on the constant Item.CONFIGURE that refers to specific permission level defined in Jenkins and provides the ability to configure settings of Jenkin item.



Student name	Student ID	CVE-ID	Link	Fixing Commit	Type (CWE)	CVSS version 2 metrics	CVSS version 2 base score	Comparison with NVD	CVSS version 3 metrics	CVSS version 3 base score	Comparis on with NVD
Kishaiyan			https://			(AV:N/AC:M/			AV:N/		
Vellaichamy		CVE-2018	github.com	[SECURITY		Au:S/C:P/I:P/			AC:H/		
Thangaraj	A1819309	-1999027	/jenkinsci/	-1009]	CWE-352	A:P)	6.0	6.8	PR:L/	7.1	7.5

The CVSS version 2 metrics are:

Access vector-Network because the attack can happen through network.

Access Complexity-Medium because anyone with access to Jenkins can access.

Authentication- low because there is no authentication for the permission.

Confidentiality- Partial

Integrity- Partial Availability- Partial

Base score-6.0

NVD score-6.8

The Scores are different because the Authentication is set to low whereas it is none in National Vulnerability Database.

The CVSS version 3 metrics are:

Attack Vector: Network Attack Complexity: High Privileges Required: Low User Interaction: Required

Scope: Unchanged Confidentiality: High

Integrity: High Availability: High Base score:7.1 NVD score:7.5

The difference in score is due to the Privileges required because the attacker would need api access to Jenkins to exploit this vulnerability.