

Lab: DOM XSS in `document.write` sink using source `location.search`

This lab contains a DOM-based cross-site scripting vulnerability in the search query tracking functionality. It uses the JavaScript `document.write` function, which writes data out to the page. The `document.write` function is called with data from `location.search`, which you can control using the website URL.

To solve this lab, perform a [cross-site scripting](#) attack that calls the `alert` function.

1. Enter a random alphanumeric string into the search box.
2. Right-click and inspect the element, and observe that your random string has been placed inside an `img src` attribute.
3. Break out of the `img` attribute by searching for:

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"><svg onload=alert(1)>
```

Type/Paste in a silly String

Search

Find the XXXXX string in the Source

```
<h1>
  0 search results for 'XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX'
</h1>
<hr>
</section>
<section class="search">
</script>

<section class="blog-list">
</div>
</section>
</div>
</div>
```

Add the Escape Tag

0 search results for
'XX'

Search

Displayed DOM XSS Pop Up

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