CSE406

Assignment 2

Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) Attack

Report

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Clarifications:

I have used the native fetch() of Javascript instead of Ajax. The exact fetch() code can be very easily be obtained from right clicking the request in Firefox Developer Tools' Network Analysis tab.

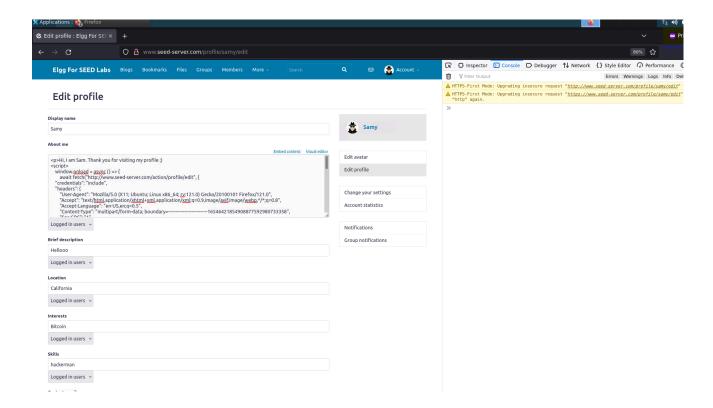
Task 1:

I could identify the following parameters:

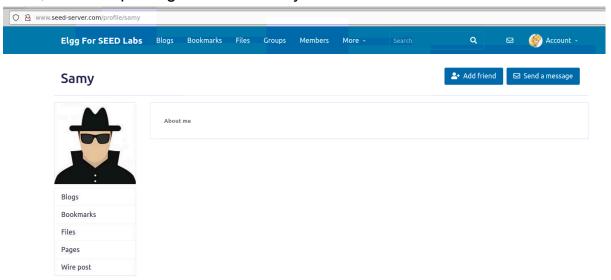
- User GUID
- User security token
- User security ts

They could be found in the elgg.security object. The elgg.session object also contained some very useful variables.

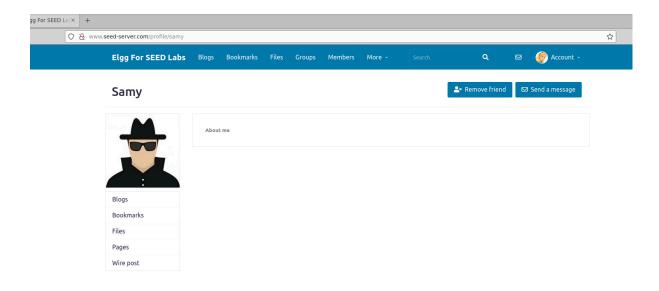
I substituted those variables into the fetch() call and updated Samy's profile with the <script/>



Then, an unsuspecting Alice could only see this:

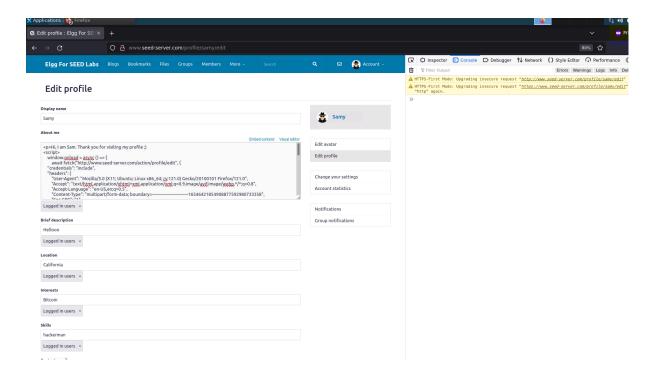


But upon reloading it is observed that Samy is her friend now:

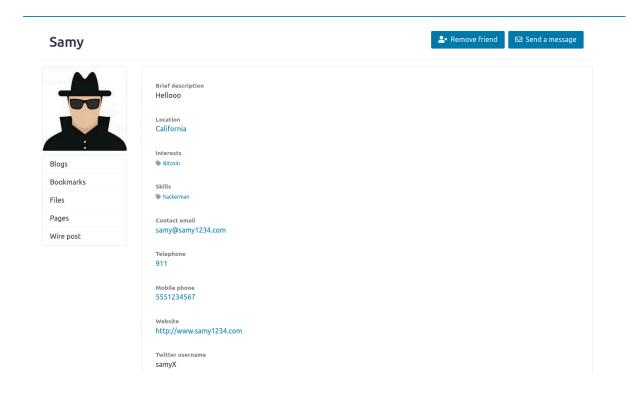


Task-2

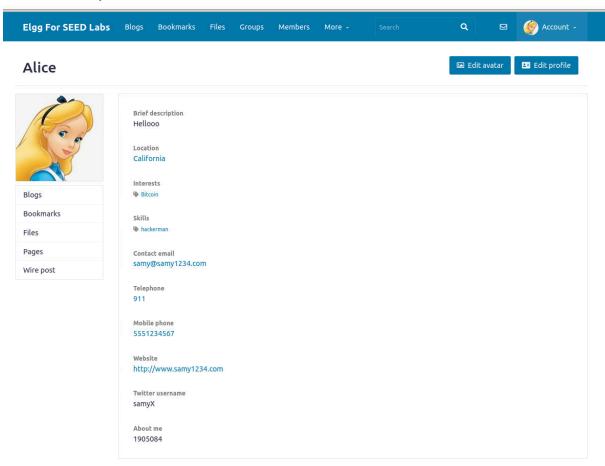
I updated Samy's profile in a way similar to the task, and captured the post request's fetch() code from the network tab. Substituted the 3 variables previously mentioned (GUID, token, ts).



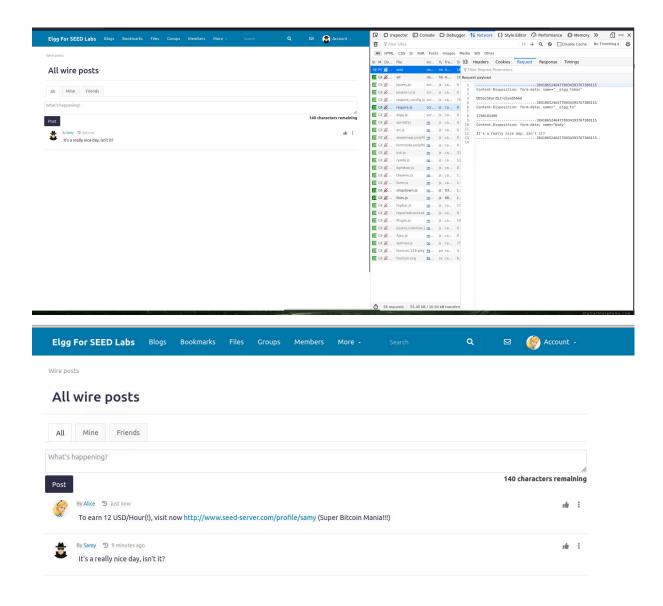
Then again Alice could only see this in Samy's profile:



But her own profile had been edited



Task 3



Task 4:

Alice







Blogs

Bookmarks

Files

Pages

Wire post

Brief description Hellooo

Location California

Interests

Bitcoin

Skills

hackerman

Contact email samy@samy1234.com

Telephone 911

Mobile phone 5551234567

Website

http://www.samy1234.com

Twitter username samyX

About me Hi I am Alice ;)

