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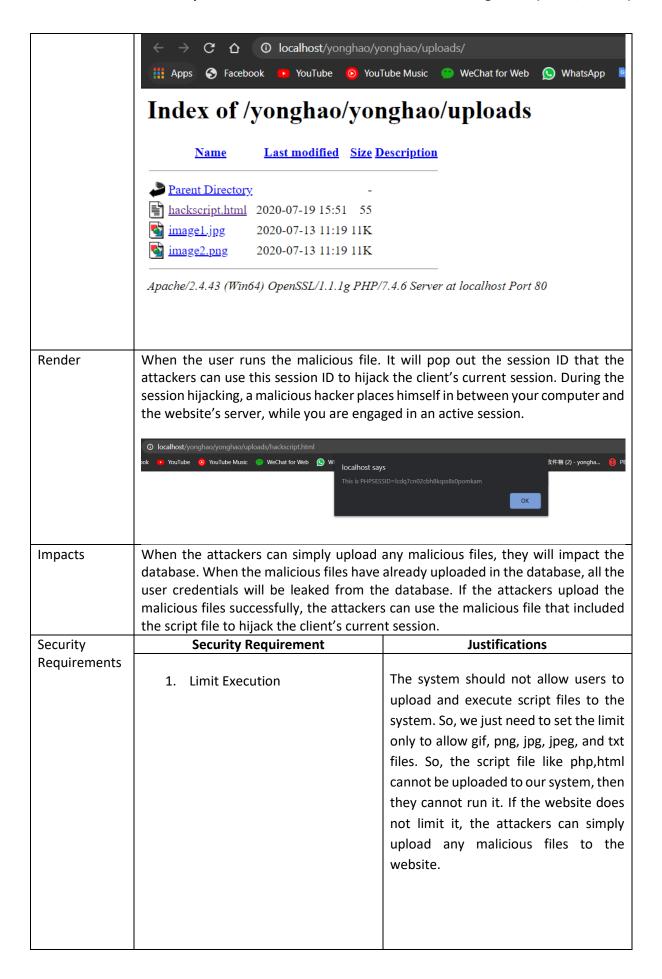
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<u>Part 1</u>

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Attack	Cross-site Scripting (XSS)		
Description	Cross-site scripting (XSS) is a vulnerability that permits an attacker to inject code (typically HTML or JavaScript) into contents of a website not under the attacker's control. When a victim views such a page, the injected code executes in the victim's browser. Thus, the attacker has bypassed the browser's same origin policy and can steal the victim's private information associated with the website in question.		
Page URL	http://localhost/yonghao/yonghao/upload.php		
Instance / Example	File Upload Vulnerability		
Methods	First, we have to code a malicious script and then upload it as a file into the account. The file will be uploaded to MY PICTURE. Then, open the file to execute the malicious script and get the user session ID. Example this is hackscript.html that can be run to alert the session id from the user.		
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	Choose an image to upload: Choose File hackscript html		
	After updating the hackscript.html, the file will be stored in MY PICTURE there.		

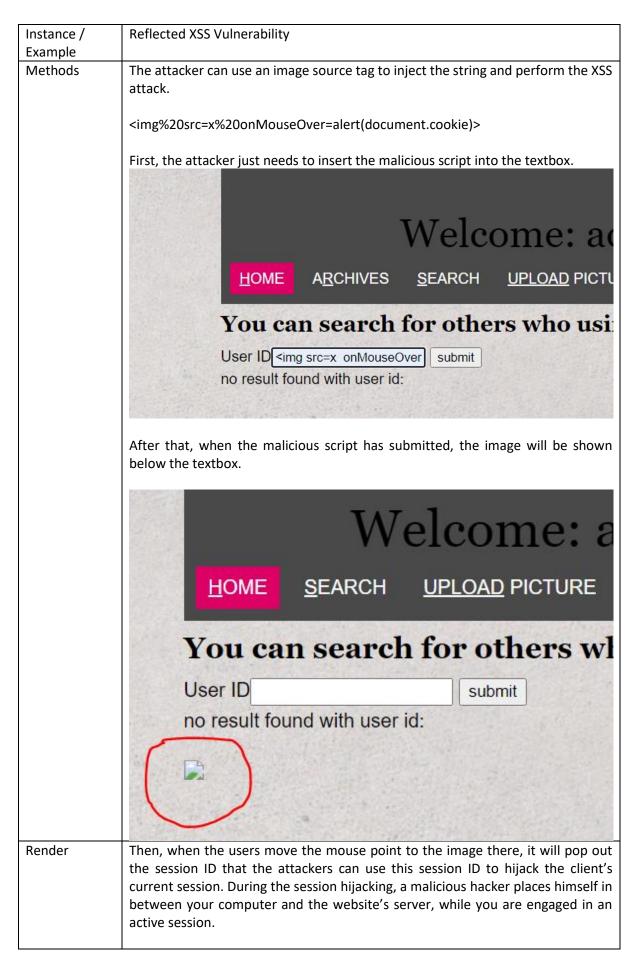


2. Audit Log	A log can be included within the system to show when the user login and logout so that if anything happens, it will be easier to troubleshoot who is responsible for the incident

Attack	SQL Injection
Description	SQL Injection is a trick to inject SQL query/command as an input possibly via web pages. Many web pages take parameters from web users, and make SQL queries to the database. Take for instance when a user login, web page that user name and password and make SQL query to the database to check if a user has a valid name and password. With SQL Injection, it is possible for us to send crafted usernames and/or password fields that will change the SQL query and thus grant us something else.
Page URL	http://localhost/yonghao/yonghao/login.php
Instance / Example	Login SQL Injection
Methods	The attacker can use this command ('or'1'='1) to input for the username and password without using normal credentials. Now the application will access data for any user if their password is 1 or if 1=1. In the login page, the attacker will insert ('or'1'='1) as the username and the password in the textbox.
Render	After logging in, the attacker will automatically become the admin account. This is because it will make the system always return true. And since the condition 1=1 is always true, then it will give the attacker access to the first user within the database, which is the admin account.

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Impacts	or stolen. The websites will also be defa	sult in confidential data being deleted, lost aced. The unauthorized access to systems mise of individual machines or entire
Security	Security Requirement	Justifications
Requirements	Sensitive Information Protection	Ensure the system protects sensitive information such as username and password so that they won't be leaked or break easily, this can be done by encrypting or hashing.
	2. Product credential guessing	The attacker might use the information from the system to hack the system. So, the information such as the database type can be easy to exploit by the attackers. Hence, the system feedback should be hidden by only showing 'invalid' messages.

Attack	Cross-site Scripting (XSS)
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Page URL	http://localhost/yonghao/yonghao/search.php



	O localhost/yonghao/yonghao/search.php ok VouTube VouTube Music WeChat for Web WeChat for Web HOME ARCHIVES SEARCH UPLOAD PIC You can search for others who use User ID submit no result found with user id:	OK STURE MY PICTURE LOGOUT
Impacts	they can typically fully compromise that perform any action within the application	s executed in the victim's browser, then t user. Beside that, the attacker also can n that the user can perform. The attackers er application users, including malicious m the initial victim user.
Security	Security Requirement	Justifications
Requirements	1. Limit Execution	The system should not allow users to use html attributes to execute malicious code. For example, the system shall have the capability to remove html tags such as img <tag> before storing the input into the database.</tag>
	2. Security Data Backup/Restore	An attacker might modify the database content after a successful attack. Therefore, the system admin can restore the database by using the previous backup version.

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Part 2

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Vulnerability	Cross-site Scripting (XSS) - File Upload Vulnerability		
Description of the vulnerability	This vulnerability is that the attacker is able to upload a malicious file to the web application. This is because it doesn't check for the file extension whether it is a valid file or not, so the attacker can simply upload any malicious file that the attackers want. Once the file is uploaded, the attacker can execute the file to get the sensitive information from the database such as the username and password.		
Category (Authentication, Authorization, etc)	Confidentiality		
Weakness (Refer to cwe_latest.pdf)	CWE-434: Unrestricted Upload of File with Dangerous Type This weakness occurs when an application does not validate or improperly validates files types before uploading files to the system. So, when the attacker uploads the files of dangerous types that can be automatically processed.		
Source File	upload.php		
Code Snippets (Line Number)	<pre>upload.php (Line 72) 59 60 61 62 63 64 64 65 65 66 67 68 69 \$filename = \$_FILES['uploaded']['name']; \$ext = pathinfo(\$filename, PATHINFO_EXTENSION); move_uploaded_file(\$_FILES['uploaded']['tmp_name'], \$target_path); echo 'Image succesfully uploaded!';</pre>		
Description of the code	At the line 65, the \$target_path = "uploads/" is where the file is going to be placed. So, I created a new directory in the directory where <i>upload.php</i> resides, called "uploads". Once the system receives a file from the user, the file will be automatically uploaded to the "⌖_path" which is the file uploads directory.		

At Ine 66, which means the original filename is already added to our target path, which is \$target_path.= basename(\$_FILES['uploaded']['name']).

At line 72, this move_uploaded_file function will move the uploaded file with a particular name to the "target_path", which is the uploads directory, but the line of code did not check the extension of the file whether it is a valid file or not. So, the attacker is able to upload any file extension without any restriction by the system.

At the line 73, if the upload is successful, then you will see the text "Image successfully uploaded". This is because *move_uploaded_file* returns *true* if the file was uploaded.

- The \$_FILES array is where PHP stores all the information about files. There are two elements of this array which is \$_FILES['uploaded']['name'] and \$_FILES['uploaded']['tmp_name'].
- uploaded uploaded is the reference we assigned in our HTML form. We will need this to tell the \$_FILES array which file we want to execute it.
- \$_FILES['uploaded']['name'] name contains the original path of the user uploaded file.
- the \$_FILES['uploaded']['tmp_name'] tmp_name is about to contain the path to the temporary file that resides on the server.
 The file should exist on the server in a temporary directory with a temporary name.

Risk / Likelihood of Exploit (Low/Medium/High)

Medium

Risk Score
Analysis

Common Weakness Scoring System (CWSS)

Result (Calculation Screenshot)

		Code	Value	Weight
	Technical Impact	TI	m	0.90
Base	Acquired Privilege	AP	Р	1.00
Finding	Acquired Privilege Layer	AL	Α	1.00
rinuing	Internal Control Effectiveness	IC	i	1.00
	Finding Confidence	FC	T	1.00
	Required Privilege	RP	n	1.00
	Required Privilege Layer	RL	Α	1.00
Attack	Access Vector	AV	I	1.00
Surface	Authentication Strength	AS	М	1.00
	Level of Interaction	IN	Α	1.00
	Deployment Scope	SC	Α	1.00
Environmental	Business Impact	BI	h	1.00
	Likelihood of Discovery	DI	h	0.60
	Likelihood of Exploit	EX	I	0.60
	External Control Effectiveness	EC	m	1.00
	Prevalence	P	С	0.80

CWSS Vector

(TI:m,0.9/AP:P,1/AL:A,1/IC:i,1/FC:T,1/
RP:n,1/RL:A,1/AV:I,1/AS:M,1/ IN:A,1/SC:A,1/
BI:h,1/DI:h,0.6/EX:I,0.6/EC:m,1/P:c,0.8)

CWSS Score		Rating
Base Finding Subscore	96	
Attack Surface Subscore	1.00	
Environmental Subscore	0.83	_
Final Score	79.7	Critical
		_ -
	Note: Scoring by CWE	Not Provided
	None: 0	
	Low: 0.1 - 54.9	

Overall Explanation

 The final score for the cwss is 79.7, it is rated as critical. This is because the attacker is able to upload the malicious script and then all the user credentials will be leaked from the database then taken by the attackers.

Medium: 55.0 – 64.9 High: 65.0 – 74.9 Critical: 75.0 – 100.0

- Base Finding Subscore is 96 out of 100, which means it is very dangerous to the system. This is because the technical impact of this vulnerability is very serious, so anyone is able to upload any malicious file and run it. Since there are no restrictions that are in place to mitigate the attack, which means the attack can be carried out regardless of the system used by the attacker.
- Attack Surface Subscore is 1.00, which is a full score. That means the attack is easy to perform because there are no privileges required to perform it, so any user can simply upload any malicious file. The attacker also must have access to the Internet to reach the weakness. The weakness also does not require any authentication

before the file uploads are being done. The last thing is there is no
other person that is required to interact with in order to perform
the attack.
- Environmental Subscore is 0.83 out of 1.00. This is because if the
attacker can upload any malicious file, the attacker stole all the user
credentials from the database, this may cause any user to lose their
account. The likelihood of exploitation is high because the attacker
will successfully target this weakness using a reliable vulnerability
that is easy to develop.

Vulnerability	SQL Injection - Login SQL Injection				
Description of the vulnerability	This Sql injection is an attack where the attacker is able to use a sql command to enter in the username and password field. When the attacker logs in, the attacker can log into the web application as an admin without any correct credentials. This is because the command will make the system always return true. And since the condition 1=1 is always true, then it will give the attacker access to the first user within the database, which is the admin account.				
Category (Authentication, Authorization, etc)	Authentication				
Weakness	CWE-89: Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an				
(Refer to	SQL Command ('SQL Injection')				
cwe_latest.pdf)	This is a weakness that are commonly appear in a lot of web application, especially in login pages that require user to input username and password to proceed to the next page, if the web application doesn't have sufficient removal or quoting of SQL syntax in user-controllable inputs, the attacker can input sql command as the input and the command will be executed and this can be use to bypass any security check.				
Source File	login.php				
Code Snippets (Line Number)	<pre>login.php (Line 32, 33) if (isset(\$_Post('login'])) { //fis is to prevent sql injection //susername = mysqli_real_excape_string(\$con, \$_Post['user']); //susername = mysqli_real_excape_string(\$con, \$_Post['pass']); susername = \$_Post['user']; \$password = \$_Post['user']; \$password = \$_Post['pass']; \$query = mysqli_query(\$con, "SELECT * FROM users WHERE password" and username="\$username"); \$icon = mysqli_real_excape_string(\$con, "SELECT * FROM users WHERE password" and username="\$username"); \$icon = mysqli_real_excape_string(\$con, "SELECT * FROM users WHERE password" and username="\$username"); \$icon = mysqli_real_excape_string(\$con, "SELECT * FROM users WHERE password" and username="\$username"); \$icon = mysqli_real_excape_string(\$con, "SELECT * FROM users WHERE password" and username="\$username"); \$icon = mysqli_real_excape_string(\$con, \$_Post['user']); \$icon = mysqli_real_excape_strin</pre>				

Description of the code

Based on the code above line 32 and 33, there is no sanitization implemented in the system to sanitize out any possible input such as sql injection. The code didn't check for any input sanitization when a user input in the login form. So, the attacker can use (' or 1='1) sql command and insert into the username and the password section to login into the web application.

After that, the system will store the sql command in the \$username and \$password variable, which then the system will run the sql command in line 35. Beside that, a normal user would be required to enter the correct combination of username and password, "SELECT * FROM users WHERE password='\$password' and username='\$username'"

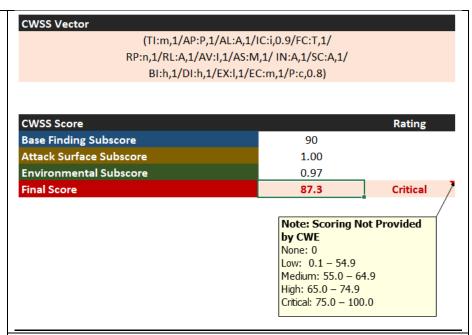
Risk / Likelihood of Exploit (Low/Medium/Hig h)

High

Risk Score Analysis

Common Weakness Scoring System (CWSS)

Result (Calculation Screenshot)						
		Code	Value	Weight		
	Technical Impact	TI	m	1.00		
Base	Acquired Privilege	AP	Р	1.00		
Finding	Acquired Privilege Layer	AL	Α	1.00		
rinding	Internal Control Effectiveness	IC	i	0.90		
	Finding Confidence	FC	T	1.00		
	Required Privilege	RP	n	1.00		
	Required Privilege Layer	RL	Α	1.00		
Attack	Access Vector	AV	I	1.00		
Surface	Authentication Strength	AS	М	1.00		
	Level of Interaction	IN	Α	1.00		
	Deployment Scope	SC	Α	1.00		
	Business Impact	BI	h	1.00		
	Likelihood of Discovery	DI	h	1.00		
Environmental	Likelihood of Exploit	EX	I	1.00		
	External Control Effectiveness	EC	m	1.00		
	Prevalence	P	с	0.80		



Overall Explanation

- The final score for the SQL injection vulnerability is 87.3, it is rated as critical. This is because the attacker can log into the web application as an admin without any correct credentials.
- Base Finding Subscore is 90 out of 100. The technical impact is very serious because the attacker is able to easily gain access to an admin account. After the attacker gains access into the website, the attacker can do anything inside the website such as upload malicious files to steal the sensitive information.
- Attack Surface Subscore is a full score of 1.00 out of 1.00. This is because after the attacker gains access to the website as administrator, the attacker will take control over the system. This is because the attack is very easy to be conducted, with only one simple line of sql command. The attacker must have access to the Internet to reach the weakness. There are no special privileges required as anyone can perform the attack easily, and there is also no interaction with another user to perform this attack, which is why the attack surface scores a full score.
- Environmental Subscore is 0.97 out of 1.00. This is because this vulnerability will cause a very big impact to the web application, the attacker can use the admin account to login into the website and steal all the user information from the database.

Vulnerability	Cross-site Scripting (XSS) - Reflected XSS Vulnerability					
Description of the vulnerability	Cross site scripting is an attack where the attacker are able to input malicious script within inputs field in the web application, in the web application, the attacker are able to run scripts within the input fields that require user to input data, such as changing on how the web application looks with css command, with this vulnerability, the attacker can modify the url of the web application then send it to another user to lure them into clicking the malicious functionalities that are added by the attacker.					
Category (Authentication, Authorization, etc)	Confidentiality					
	CWE-79: Improper Neutralization of Input During Web Page					
Weakness	Generation ('Cross-site Scripting')					
(Refer to	This weakness are commonly happen in page where it contains input fields					
cwe_latest.pdf)	for the user to enter data, if data input by the user are not sanitized					
	properly, the attacker can exploit this by inputting scripts such as css					
	command, causing some changes within the web application on how it					
	looks, or even adding some extra functionality that may not intended for the web application.					
Source File	search.php					
Code Snippets (Line Number)	search.php (Line 50, 51) 48					
Code Snippets	<pre>search.php (Line 50, 51) 48</pre>					
Code Snippets (Line Number) Description of the	search.php (Line 50, 51) 48					

Risk / Likelihood of Exploit (Low/Medium/Hi gh)		High			
Risk Score	Posult (Calcu	lation Screenshot)			
	Result (Calcu	<u>ilation screenshot</u>			
Analysis			Code	Value	Weight
		Technical Impact	TI	m	0.90
Common	Base	Acquired Privilege	AP	P	1.00
	Finding	Acquired Privilege Layer	AL	A .	1.00
Weakness Scoring		Internal Control Effectiveness	IC FC	i T	0.90 1.00
System (CWSS)		Finding Confidence Required Privilege	RP	n	1.00
		Required Privilege Layer	RL	A	1.00
	Attack	Access Vector	AV	I	1.00
	Surface	Authentication Strength	AS	M	1.00
		Level of Interaction	IN	A	0.90
		Deployment Scope	SC	A	1.00
		Business Impact	BI	h	0.90
		Likelihood of Discovery	DI	h	1.00
	Environmental	Likelihood of Exploit	EX	1	1.00
		External Control Effectiveness	EC	m	1.00
		Prevalence	Р	С	0.80
	CWSS Score Base Finding St Attack Surface Environmental	Subscore	C	66.4 1.99 1.92	Rating
	Final Score		7	8.3	Critical /
			by Control None Low: Mediu High:		.9
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	becau input t that, a taken - Base f dange vulner malicie	nal score for the cwss is se the attacker is able to field in the web applicationall the user credentials will by the attackers. Finding Subscore is 86.4 crous to the system. This is trability is very serious, so ous script within the input are no restrictions that a	input ment of and let of 10 pecause to anyon in field and	the user of the user of the user of the technic error is able to the user of t	cript within the click for it. After a database then neans it is very al impact of this to upload any ser run it. Since

- which means the attack can be carried out regardless of the system used by the attacker.
- Attack Surface Subscore is 0.99.. That means the attack is easy to perform because there are no privileges required to perform it, so any user can simply upload any malicious script. The attacker also must have access to the Internet to reach the weakness. The weakness also does not require any authentication before the file uploads are being done. The last thing is there is some interaction with the user which lets the user click the image that was created by the attacker.
- Environmental Subscore is 0.92 out of 1.00. This is because if the attacker can upload any malicious script within the input field, the attacker stole all the user credentials from the database, this may cause any user to lose their account. The likelihood of exploitation is high because the attacker will successfully target this weakness using a reliable vulnerability that is easy to develop.

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Part 3

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VULNERABILITY REMEDIATION REPORT

Vulnerability 1- Cross-site Scripting (XSS) - File Upload Vulnerability

BEFORE (Vulnerable Version)

```
Code Snippets (Screenshot)

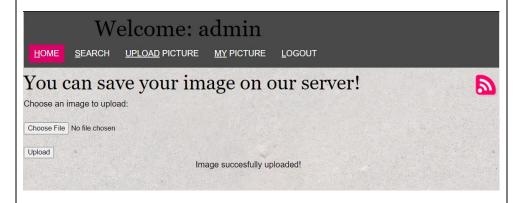
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$filename = $_FILES['uploaded']['name'];
$ext = pathinfo($filename, PATHINFO_EXTENSION);

move_uploaded_file( $_FILES[ 'uploaded' ][ 'tmp_name' ], $target_path);
echo 'Image succesfully uploaded!';
```

Description of code

In the vulnerable version, the code didn't limit the user from uploading any other kind of files. The code which is line 72 did not check the extension of the file whether it is a valid file or not. So, the attacker is able to upload any file extension without any restriction by the system.

Result (User Interface - Screenshot)



Description of result

After the attacker uploads the malicious file which is hackscript.html to the file directory, then the system will show a text which is "Image successfully uploaded". After the attacker runs the malicious file, it will pop out the session ID that the attackers can use this session ID to hijack the client's current session.

AFTER (Mitigated Version)

Implementation of Solution

Prevention Strategies used

In order to prevent this vulnerability being exploited by the attacker, there is a prevention strategy that can be used as an uploaded file checking function. Before the attacker uploads the image file, it will automatically check the extension of the file whether it is a valid file or not. Then it also checks whether the content of the inside file got malicious code or not. After checking if the extension of the file is valid, the file only can be uploaded to the file directory. For example, if the code only allows the user to upload the image files, but the attacker tries to upload an image file within a malicious file, then the upload system will deny the attacker to upload the script file because it is not a valid file that should be uploaded to the system.

```
Code Snippets (Screenshot)
```

```
if( isset( $_POST[ 'Upload' ] ) ) {
    // Where are we going to be writing to?
    $target_path = "uploads/";
    $target_path .= basename( $_FILES[ 'uploaded' ][ 'name' ] );

$allowed = array( 'png', 'jpg', 'jpeg');
$filename = $_FILES['uploaded']['name'];
$ext = pathinfo($filename, PATHINFO_EXTENSION);

if (!@getimagesize($_FILES['uploaded']['tmp_name'])){
    echo 'An invalid image was supplied.';

}
else{
move_uploaded_file( $_FILES[ 'uploaded' ][ 'tmp_name' ], $target_path);
echo 'Image succesfully uploaded!';
}

?>
}
```

Description of code

In the mitigated version, in line 85, there was an allowed list of file extensions, which is 'png', 'jpg', and 'jpeg', which is used to only allow the user to upload the image file only. If any other extension types of file are uploaded, it will deny the user to upload it.

In line 89, the code getimagesize() is used to read the header information of the image and will fail on an invalid image. This is another method to verify the content you're expecting from the user. After checking if the extension of the file is valid and the content of the file is not malicious, the file only can be uploaded to the file directory. For example, if the code only allows the user to upload the image files, but the attacker tries to upload an image within malicious code, then the upload system will automatically deny the attacker to upload the script file and the upload will fail because the image has the malicious code inside.



Description of result

After implementing the mitigated code, the attacker is not able to upload hackscript.html to the system anymore, because it is not a valid file that should be uploaded to the system. Then, the file will be denied by the code, and the system will show a text which is "An invalid image was supplied.". This is because the image has the malicious code inside.

<u>Vulnerability 2 - SQL Injection - Login SQL Injection</u>

BEFORE (Vulnerable Version)

Code Snippets (Screenshot)

```
if (isset($_POST['login']))
{

//This is to prevent sql injection
//$username = mysqli_real_escape_string($con, $_POST['user']);
//$password = mysqli_real_escape_string($con, $_POST['pass']);

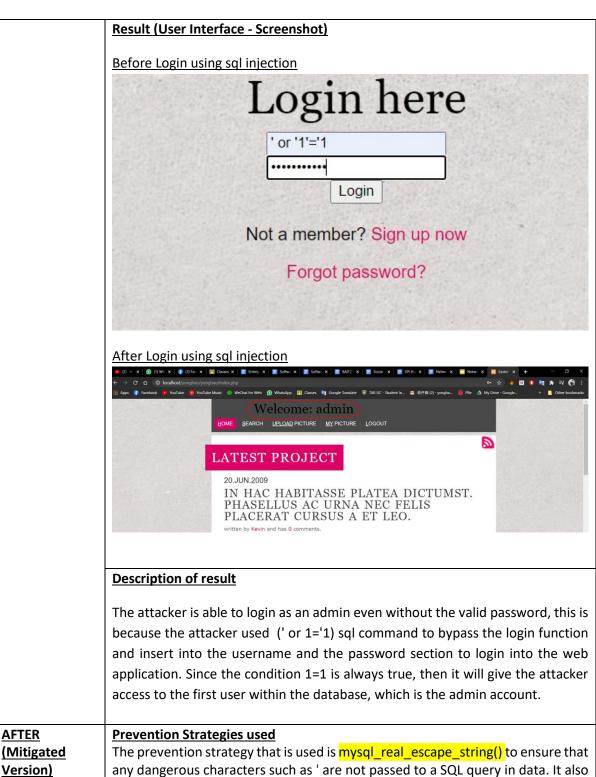
$username = $_POST['user'];
$password = $_POST['user'];
$password = $_POST['pass'];

$query = mysqli_query($con, "SELECT * FROM users WHERE password' and username='$username'");
$row = mysqli_fetch_array($query);
$num_row = mysqli_num_rows($query);
}
```

Description of code

In the vulnerable version, based on the code above line 32 and 33, there is no sanitization implemented in the system to sanitize out any possible input such as sql injection. The code didn't check for any input sanitization when a user input in the login form. So, the attacker can use (' or 1='1) sql command and insert into the username and the password section to login into the web application.

After that, the system will store the sql command in the \$username and \$password variable, which then the system will run the sql command in line 35. Beside that, a normal user would be required to enter the correct combination of username and password.



Implementation of Solution

The prevention strategy that is used is mysql_real_escape_string() to ensure that any dangerous characters such as ' are not passed to a SQL query in data. It also sanitizes everything by filtering user data by context. For example, username should be filtered to allow only the characters allowed in an username, password should be filtered to allow only the digits allowed in a password, and so on.

Description of code

In the mitigated version, in line 30 and 31, these two lines of code will sanitize the user input before storing it in the \$username and \$password variable. This is because mysql_real_escape_string() will sanitize everything by filtering user data by context to ensure that any dangerous characters such as ' are not passed to a SQL query in data.

Result (User Interface - Screenshot)



Description of result

After implementing the mitigated code, the attacker is not able to login using SQL injection. This is because there is a data sanitization function working before storing the user input into a variable then executing it. So, when the attacker uses the (' or 1='1) sql command to login, the system will show a text which is "Invalid Username and Password Combination".

Vulnerability 3 - Cross-site Scripting (XSS) - Reflected XSS Vulnerability

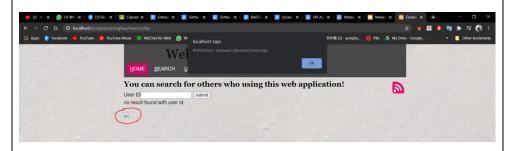
BEFORE (Vulnerable Version)

Code Snippets (Screenshot)

Description of code

In the vulnerable version, in line 50 and 51, the system does not sanitize the data from the user input before executing it, which means that the attacker can upload script commands into the input field and the command will be executed.

Result (User Interface - Screenshot)



Description of result

In the web application, the attacker can use the command cimg%20src=x%20onMouseOver=alert(document.cookie)>

in order to create a small icon within the webpage, then send the url to another user, and once the user hovers his mouse icon to the image, the attacker will be able to get the victim session ID which then the attacker can use it to spoof as the victim.

AFTER (Mitigated Version)

Prevention Strategies used

Implementation of Solution

The prevention strategy that is used is to sanitize the user input before storing the input in a variable and execute it. So, any command that is inputted by the attacker will be removed and it will be treated as a normal input.

Description of code

In the mitigated version, in line 57, the variable \$id is contains a data sanitization function, where if the attacker tries to enter command into the input field, the command will be sanitize and replaced with an empty space, so that the image command will be invalid and unable to be used to modify the interface of the web application.

Result (User Interface - Screenshot)



Description of result

After implementing the mitigated code, the attacker is not able to use the command <img%20src=x%20onMouseOver=alert(document.cookie)> into the input field. So, when the attacker use the command <img%20src=x%20onMouseOver=alert(document.cookie)>, the system will sanitize it as an invalid input and then show a text which is "no result found with user id: src=x on MouseOver=alert(document.cookie)".

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Assignment Rubric:

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NO	CRITERIA	TOTAL MARK	POOR	AVERAGE	GOOD	EXCELLENCE	MARK			
ASS	ASSIGNMENT (PART 1): Vulnerability Assessment Report (20%) – CLO1(C4, PLO1)									
1.	Description of Vulnerabilities	5	0 – 1 mark Unclear and incomplete description of vulnerabilities.	2 - 3 marks Reasonably clear and concise description of vulnerabilities.	4 marks Clear and concise description of vulnerabilities.	5 marks Very clear, concise, correct and comprehensive description of vulnerabilities.				
2.	Description of methods, renders, instances, impacts	5	0 – 1 mark Unclear, incorrect and incomplete description of methods, renders, instances, impacts.	2 – 3 marks Reasonably clear and correct description of methods, renders, instances, impacts.	4 marks Clear, concise and correct description of methods, renders, instances, impacts.	5 marks Very clear, concise, correct and comprehensive description of methods, renders, instances, impacts.				
3.	Appropriate use of Security Requirements	5	0 – 1 mark Incorrect use of security requirements and principles.	2 – 3 marks Partially correct use of security requirements and principles.	4 marks Almost comprehensive and mostly correct use of security requirements and principles.	5 marks Perfectly comprehensive and correct use of security requirements and principles.				
4.	Presentation - Understanding - Justification	5	0 – 1 mark Poor oral and written communication skills.	2 - 3 marks Average oral and written communication skills.	4 marks Effective oral and written communication skills.	5 marks Highly effective oral and written communication skills.				

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NO	CRITERIA	TOTAL MARK	POOR	AVERAGE	GOOD	EXCELLENCE	MARK
			Do not understand the content of the assignment at all.	Average understanding of the assignment contents.	Good understanding of the assignment contents.	Very good understanding of the assignment contents.	
			No justifications were provided.	Some justifications were provided.	Good justifications were provided.	Strong and convincing justification were provided.	
ASS	IGNMENT (PART 2	:) : Source	Code Analysis Rep	ort (40%) – CLO3(A3,	PLO5)	<u> </u>	
6.	Description of Vulnerable codes	10	0 – 2 marks Unclear, incorrect and incomplete description of vulnerable codes.	3 – 5 marks Reasonably clear and correct description of vulnerable codes.	6 - 8 marks Clear, concise and correct description of vulnerable codes.	9 - 10 marks Very clear, concise, correct and comprehensive description of vulnerable codes.	
7.	Description of Weakness	10	0 – 2 marks Unclear, incorrect and incomplete description of weakness.	3 – 5 marks Reasonably clear and correct description of weakness.	6 - 8 marks Clear, concise and correct description of weakness.	9 - 10 marks Very clear, concise, correct and comprehensive description of weakness.	
8.	Description of Risk Score Analysis Digital Skills -Able to use Common Weakness Scoring System (CWSS) to prioritize software weaknesses in a consistent manner.	10	0 – 2 marks Unclear, incorrect and incomplete description of Risk Score Analysis.	3 – 5 marks Reasonably clear and correct description of Risk Score Analysis.	6 - 8 marks Clear, concise and correct description of Risk Score Analysis.	9 - 10 marks Very clear, concise, correct and comprehensive description of Risk Score Analysis.	

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9.	Numeracy Skills - able to understand on quantitative measurement of the unfixed weaknesses that are present within a software application. Presentation - Understanding - Justification	10	O – 2 marks Poor oral and written communication skills. Do not understand the content of the assignment at all. No justifications were provided.	3 - 5 marks Average oral and written communication skills. Average understanding of the assignment contents. Some justifications were provided.	6 - 8 marks Effective oral and written communication skills. Good understanding of the assignment contents. Good justifications were provided.	9 - 10 marks Highly effective oral and written communication skills. Very good understanding of the assignment contents. Strong and convincing justification were provided.	
ASS	IGNMENT (PART 3) : Vulnera	ability Remediation	 n Report (40%) – CLO2	 2(C4, PLO2)		
10.	Description of the Prevention Strategies developed	10	0 – 2 marks Unclear, incorrect and incomplete description of the prevention strategies developed.	3 – 5 marks Reasonably clear and correct description of the prevention strategies developed.	6 - 8 marks Clear, concise and correct description of the prevention strategies developed.	9 - 10 marks Very clear, concise, correct and comprehensive description of the prevention strategies developed.	

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11.	Innovation and Initiative demonstrated in solution implementation	10	0 – 2 marks Does not demonstrate any innovation and initiative in implementation of solution.	3 – 5 marks Partially demonstrate innovation and initiative in implementation of solution.	6 - 8 marks Demonstrates high level of innovation and initiative in implementation of solution.	9 - 10 marks Demonstrates very high level of innovation and initiative in implementation of solution.	
12.	Design and Implementation of Solution	10	0 – 2 marks Poor design and implementation, demonstrating lack of programming discipline.	3 – 5 marks Average design and implementation with use of constructs and logic.	6 - 8 marks Good design and implementation with correct use of constructs and logic.	9 - 10 marks Excellent design and implementation with elegant use of constructs and logic.	
13.	Presentation - Understanding - Justification	10	O – 2 marks Poor oral and written communication skills. Do not understand the content of the assignment at all. No justifications were provided.	3 - 5 marks Average oral and written communication skills. Average understanding of the assignment contents. Some justifications were provided.	6 - 8 marks Effective oral and written communication skills. Good understanding of the assignment contents. Good justifications were provided.	9 - 10 marks Highly effective oral and written communication skills. Very good understanding of the assignment contents. Strong and convincing justification were provided.	
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