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Inso - July 22, 2011, 6:44 am

Okay, in this tutorial I aim to give you a very basic understanding of cross-site scripting, also known as XSS. I advise you do this on Mozilla's Firefox web browser, as newer versions of Internet Explorer edit the site to prevent XSS.

Finding your target.

Obviously, before you can hack a site, you need to find a site vulnerable to what you want to do, in this case, XSS. We can do this using a search engine. I recommend google. What we want to search is:

Quote:inurl:guestbook html enabled

What you should see as a list of results is many websites containing "guestbooks". A guestbook is a page of website, where users may leave comments, it is recommended the guestbook you choose doesn't send posts for moderation before they are publically shown.

Is my target vulnerable?

To find this out, we need to do a small XSS test. Doing this is simple. Go into the guestbook and add a post. In the comment/content/post box, send the following line of code.

Quote:"><script>alert("Vulnerability Test")</script>

If the site is vulnerable, a popup window saying "Vulnerability Test" will appear.

Injecting HTML.

Now we want to take advantage of the XSS vulnerability. Type in the following:

Quote:"><script>alert("I have hacked your site")</script>

<!--Hacked By (Your name)-->

(Message to the viewer)

[Any other HTML code you would like to add]

You can put as much HTML as you want in it, and if you have a good understanding of HTML, you can edit the page itself, but I won't go into that, as this is just a basic XSS Tutorial.

I hope you understood and learned something from my tutorial. Any questions? PM me!

Lamassue - July 22, 2011, 6:47 am

Good tutorial brother I love the colors and the <code> it really helped me understand :)

Very simple, 4/5

PoS3!DoN - July 22, 2011, 6:49 am

nice tutorial...help it in good way..keep posting....

Inso - July 22, 2011, 6:54 am

Thank you for the feedback! Once I learn more advanced XSS myself I'll add a tutorial on it! ^^

J0hnSmith - July 22, 2011, 7:02 am

This is solid. Thanks heaps.

Inso - July 22, 2011, 7:06 am

No problem. Thanks for the feedback.

P-Kito - September 24, 2011, 6:35 pm

nice nice :D

keep writing stuff like this

greetz
kito

Inso - September 28, 2011, 9:17 am

Thanks Kito ^^ I've never actually seen you on Hackforums before xD

?InVaDeR - September 28, 2011, 9:25 am

Great Job Dude Keep It Up .. <3 ur Thread!!

Inso - September 30, 2011, 11:14 am

Thanks a lot. Every bit of feedback is appreciated, positive or negative. ^^ I'm disappointed with the amount of views and the small amount of replies though!

strandquist - February 26, 2012, 6:34 pm

Great job, short and simple tutorial. Thanks

Germans - February 27, 2012, 6:12 pm

good tut, easy to read and not complicated. perfect for the amount of knowledge most people have.
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