

Ethical Student Hackers

Web Hacking

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The Legal Bit

- The skills taught in these sessions allow identification and exploitation of security vulnerabilities in systems. We strive to give you a place to practice legally, and can point you to other places to practice. These skills should not be used on systems where you do not have explicit permission from the owner of the system. It is VERY easy to end up in breach of relevant laws, and we can accept no responsibility for anything you do with the skills learnt here.
- If we have reason to believe that you are utilising these skills against systems where you are not authorised you will be banned from our events, and if necessary the relevant authorities will be alerted.
- Remember, if you have any doubts as to if something is legal or authorised, just don't do it until you are able to confirm you are allowed to.
- Relevant UK Law: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1990/18/contents>



Code of Conduct

- Before proceeding past this point you must read and agree to our Code of Conduct - this is a requirement from the University for us to operate as a society.
- If you have any doubts or need anything clarified, please ask a member of the committee.
- Breaching the Code of Conduct = immediate ejection and further consequences.
- Code of Conduct can be found at <https://shefesh.com/conduct>



- GET requests
- SQL Injections
- Cookies
- Cross Site Scripting



GET Requests

- Parameters can be given when loading page
- A GET request adds these to the end of a URL using ? = & signs
 - ? starts first parameter name
 - = assigns the value
 - & goes before each subsequent parameter
- You can edit these parameters in the URL (activities fair)
- POST sends values but not put in URL
 - Why is this useful?

<https://duckduckgo.com/?t=ffab&q=shefesh>



GET Examples

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQw4w9WgXcQ>
- https://www.google.co.uk/search?q=ShefESH&sca_esv=568184447&source=hp&ei=Blg...&iflsig=A06...&ved=0ah...&uact=5&oq=ShefESH&gs_lp=Egd...



SQL

SQL - Structured query language

Used to retrieve or modify data in databases

SELECT

INSERT INTO

DELETE

UNION

UPDATE

SELECT [fields] FROM [table] (WHERE [condition]);

SELECT * FROM users WHERE admin = true;



CustomerID	CustomerName	ContactName	Address	City	PostalCode	Country
1	Alfreds Futterkiste	Maria Anders	Obere Str. 57	Berlin	12209	Germany
2	Ana Trujillo Emparedados y helados	Ana Trujillo	Avda. de la Constitución 2222	México D.F.	05021	Mexico
3	Antonio Moreno Taquería	Antonio Moreno	Mataderos 2312	México D.F.	05023	Mexico
4	Around the Horn	Thomas Hardy	120 Hanover Sq.	London	WA1 1DP	UK
5	Berglunds snabbköp	Christina Berglund	Berguvsvägen 8	Luleå	S-958 22	Sweden
6	Blauer See Delikatessen	Hanna Moos	Forsterstr. 57	Mannheim	68306	Germany
7	Blondel père et fils	Frédérique Citeaux	24, place Kléber	Strasbourg	67000	France
8	Bólide Comidas preparadas	Martín Sommer	C/ Araquil, 67	Madrid	28023	Spain

SELECT * FROM customers WHERE

<https://www.w3schools.com/sql/>



SQLi

SQL Injection - Exploitation of SQL queries with **unsanitized user input**

In-band SQLi

- Attacker is able to use the same communication channel to both launch the attack and gather results

Inferential SQLi

- attacker is able to reconstruct the database structure by sending payloads, observing the web application's response and the resulting behavior of the database server

Out-of-band SQLi

- an attacker is unable to use the same channel to launch the attack and gather results



SQLi

Bypassing a login form

- A login query may look like this:
 - `SELECT * FROM users WHERE username = '$username' AND password = '$password';`



SQLi

Data exfiltration

- A search query may look like this:
 - "SELECT * FROM products WHERE name LIKE '%" + user_input + "%';"



SQLi

Attack

- To do an SQLi attack, you have to “trick” the server into running your SQL command.
 - “SELECT * FROM products WHERE username=” OR 1=1 -- ‘ and password =’\$password’



XSS

Cross Site Scripting (XSS) - Sending of malicious code to websites via **unsanitized user input**

- **DOM** - an element in the Document Object Model is changed by a feature on the page - e.g. a **button**
- **Reflected** - the payload is delivered in the URL and then rendered on the page - e.g. a **search bar**
- **Stored** - the payload is saved to a persistent storage location and later rendered - for example, a **commenting system**



Self retweeting XSS Attack in Tweetdeck



XSS

DOM XSS

Select your language:

```
<select><script>
document.write("<OPTION
value=1>" + decodeURIComponent(do
cument.location.href.substring(docu
ment.location.href.indexOf("default="
)+8)) + "</OPTION>");
document.write("<OPTION
value=2>English</OPTION>");
</script></select>
```

Invoked with

<http://www.some.site/page.html?default=French>

XSS Attack

[http://www.some.site/page.html?default=<script>alert\(document.cookie\)</script>](http://www.some.site/page.html?default=<script>alert(document.cookie)</script>)



XSS

Reflected XSS

```
<% String eid =  
request.getParameter("eid"); %>  
Employee ID: <%= eid %>
```

Display employee id entered into
HTTP request

Usually used in phishing

Send via phishing

```
http://www.some.site/page.html?eid  
=<script>alert(document.cookie)</sc  
ript>
```



XSS

Stored XSS

```
$sql = "INSERT INTO MyGuests  
(firstname, lastname, email)  
VALUES ($_GET['firstname'],  
$_GET['lastname'], $_GET['email']);"
```

Enter guest into database

```
<?php echo("<p>" . $email . "</p>"); ?>
```

Invoked with

```
http://www.some.site/add_guest?first  
name=John&lastname=Doe&email=t  
est@test.com
```

XSS Attack

```
http://www.some.site/add_guest?first  
name=John&lastname=Doe&email=  
<script>alert(document.cookie)</scri  
pt>
```



XSS

Preventing XSS

DOM based XSS - HTML encoding and JavaScript encode all untrusted input

https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/DOM_based_XSS_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.html#guideline

Reflected & Stored XSS - Deny all untrusted data where possible, HTML encode, attribute encode, JavaScript encode... **Encode as much as possible!**

https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Cross_Site_Scripting_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.html#xss-prevention-rules-summary



Cookies

Cookies are **given to you by the server** and **store information** about you in your browser

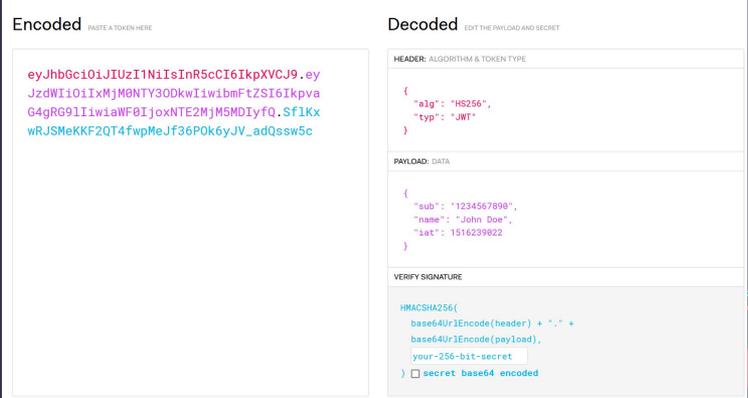
They often represent **user sessions** and **privileges**

You can **modify cookies** to whatever you want, but they are often **signed for integrity**

Example schemes include JWT tokens

<https://jwt.io>

You can view your cookies in the F12 > application screen



The screenshot shows the JWT.io decoder interface. On the left, under the 'Encoded' tab, a long alphanumeric string is pasted. On the right, the 'Decoded' tab shows the token's structure:

- HEADER:** ALGORITHM & TOKEN TYPE

```
{
  "alg": "HS256",
  "typ": "JWT"
}
```
- PAYLOAD:** DATA

```
{
  "sub": "1234567890",
  "name": "John Doe",
  "iat": 1516239822
}
```
- VERIFY SIGNATURE:**
HMACHA256(
base64urlEncode(header) + "." +
base64urlEncode(payload),
your-256-bit-secret
) secret base64 encoded



Practical

Try out what you have learnt:
<http://35.179.134.203:5000>

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Upcoming Sessions

What's up next?

www.shefesh.com/sessions

1st October: Introduction to Linux

7th October: OSINT/Reconnaissance

Any Questions?



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