

# CROSS-SITE SCRIPTING

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- ▶ Cross-site scripting is a hacking technique that leverages vulnerabilities in the code of a web application to allow an attacker to send malicious content from an end-user and collect some type of data from the victim.

# INTRODUCTION

- ▶ Attacker sends text-based attack scripts that exploit the interpreter in the browser. Almost any source of data can be an attack vector, including internal sources such as data from the database.

EXPLOITABILITY - AVERAGE

- ▶ XSS is the most prevalent web application security flaw. XSS flaws occur when an application includes user supplied data in a page sent to the browser without properly validating or escaping that content. There are three known types of XSS flaws:
  - ▶ Stored,
  - ▶ Reflected
  - ▶ DOM based XSS.

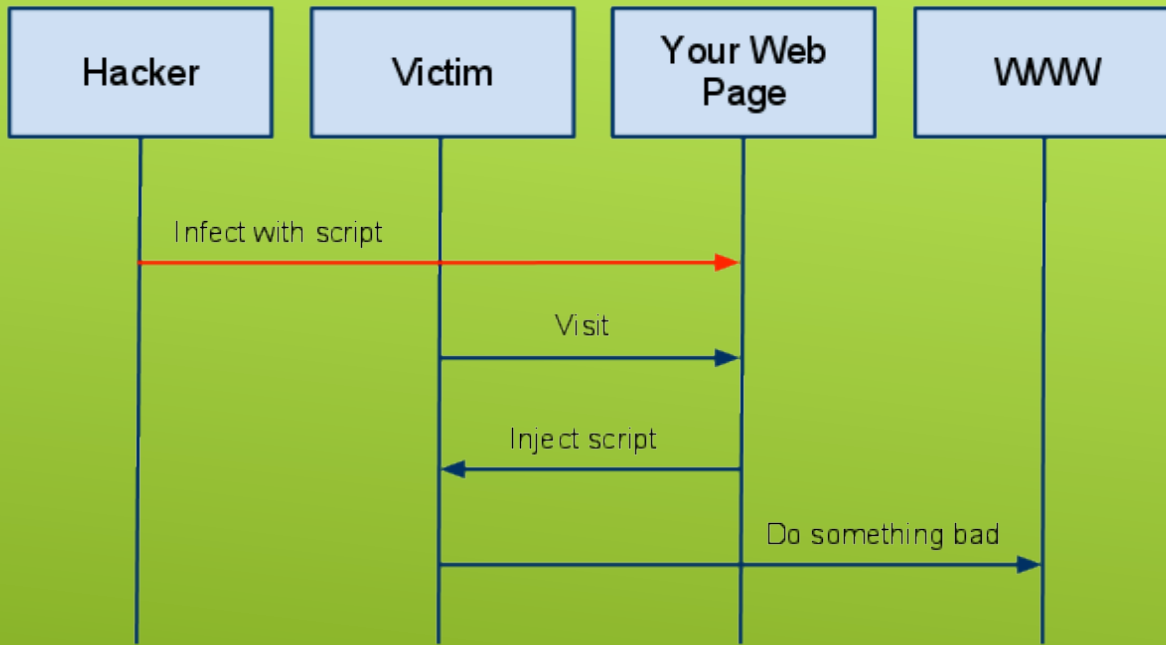
PREVALENCE - VERY WIDE SPREAD

- ▶ Detection of most XSS flaws is fairly easy via testing or code analysis.

DETECTABILITY - EASY

- ▶ Attackers can execute scripts in a victim's browser to hijack user sessions, deface web sites, insert hostile content, redirect users, hijack the user's browser using malware, etc.

IMPACT - MODERATE



A High Level View of a typical XSS Attack

# SEQUENCE DIAGRAM