

NoScript vs for Web Developers

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about:NoScript

- ✓ JavaScript permission manager
- Embedded content blocker (plugins, media...)
- XSS filter
- Application Boundaries Enforcer (ABE)
- ClearClick (Clickjacking protection)
- HTTPS enhancements
- Usability helpers
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about:talk

- Good practices appraisal
- Cheap tricks shaming
- Usability extras showcase
- ✓ Future directions
- ✓ Help & feedback requests



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Flexible Permissions for JavaScript and Embedded Content

Java, Flash, Silverlight, Acrobat Reader and any other plugin, HTML5 media (<video>, <audio>, APIs), WebGL, XSLT, Web Fonts, Frames (optionally)





WTF?



Main use cases for this mess

- Content mash-ups
- **CDNs**
- External trackers/analytics
- Advertisement networks
- ... add yours #ns4devMess

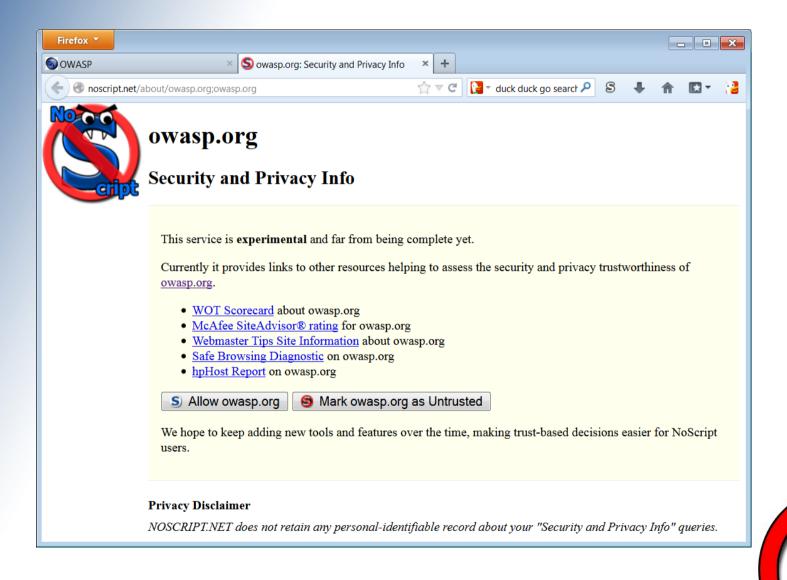


Keep it tight

- ✓ Depend on just 1 domain...
- ... or use subdomains
- Sharding is less important nowadays
- cloudfront.net raw inclusions suck



Meet middle-click (or shift+click)



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Keep it visible

- Be clear about required/optional
- ✓ Take advantage of placeholders
- "Enable JavaScript" redirected page is EVIL
- Avoid nested inclusions
- cloudfront.net raw inclusions suck!



Poor man CDNs OMG!

- "Cheap" setups like including jQuery plugins from their code repositories get mercilessly broken by NoScript
- ✓ NoScript blocks script and CSS inclusions with downloadspecific content-type headers and/or Content-disposition: attachment
- ✓ This should be mandatory in any browser (even without X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff)
- ✓ Very important to NoScript users (github, googlecode...)



Less Painful Script Blocking?

- Attempt to "fix" JavaScript navigation (links, drop-down menus, submit buttons, redirections)
- Framebusting emulation
- Forcing <NOSCRIPT> elements visible for blocked inclusions
- ✓ Lots of other minor stuff, but most important...



Script Surrogates

- Similar to GreaseMonkey scripts but different :)
- Blocking aware (triggered also by inclusion blocking)
- Can modify the execution environment, emulating missing scripts and even built-in objects
- ✓ Can replace remote scripts with local alternatives (RFE by Richard Stallman)
- hackademix.net/2011/09/29/script-surrogates-quick-reference/



Abusive Ideas

- Abusing "Stallman's" surrogates to cache jQuery and other common libraries locally
- Abusing WHOIS to create "batch allow" groups
- Abusing (?) data- attributes on <SCRIPT> elements to provide useful metadata
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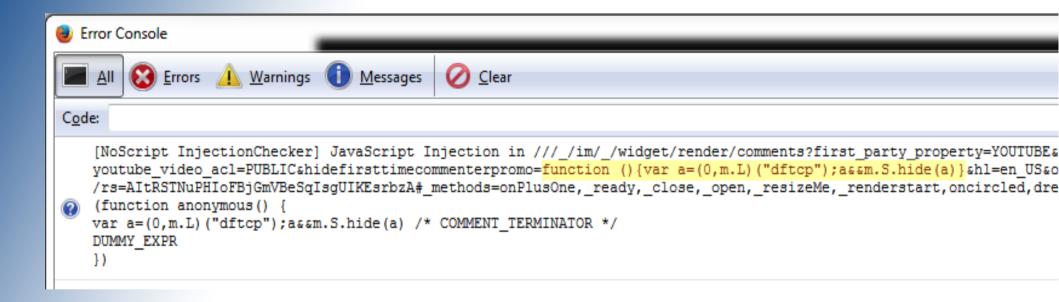


Anti-XSS Filter

- ✓ (Ab)uses Gecko's HTML parser and the SpiderMonkey JavaScript engine to check for suspicious payloads
- Desktop version filters / Android version blocks
- Checks for many "exotic" encodings and complex attack scenarios (e.g. Ebay's custom URL encoding, omographic attacks, multiple omomimous parameters concatenations...)
- Examines thoroughly the request, but ignores the response (pro: safest; con: more false positives)



XSS false positives



...as seen on Youtube!



Please post data, not code

- Avoid fancy cross-site POSTs (and GETs!)
- JSON & XML are OK
- ✓ JavaScript & HTML are bad
- ✓ Base64 "obfuscation" is useless



HTTPS Enhancements

- Automatic or manual cookie management (against "Cookie Monster" attacks on badly implemented HTTPS sites)
- HTTPS enforcing
- HTTPS-dependent permissions (with TOR-specific setting)



HTTPS Enhancements

Trivia EFF's HTTPS Everywhere mostly reuses NoScript's HTTPS enforcing code



HTTPS Enhancements

Developer Advices

- Avoid bouncing back user to HTTP
- ✓ Use HSTS



Application Boundaries Enforcer (ABE)

- A Web Application Firewall in a browser
- ✓ The advantage of more context (e.g. origin or DOM)
- Anti-CSRF
- Resistant to DNS-rebinding
- ✓ Default rule to block cross-zone request, protects LAN and local resources such as SOHO firewalls
- ✓ noscript.net/abe



Application Boundaries Enforcer (ABE)

Developer Advices

- Experiment protecting your own applications
- Avoid "hotel Wi-Fi" nightmare setups
- ✓ Live without cross-zone requests



ClearClick the ClickJacking Killer



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ClearClick the ClickJacking Killer

- Based on screenshots comparison
- Additional countermeasures against timing attacks
- Additional cursorjacking protection
- Built-in false positive reporting facility



ClearClick the ClickJacking Killer

Developer Advices

- Alert your gfx/front-end people
- Avoid cross-site content overlapping
- ✓ Be careful with CSS filters/translucency on frames



ClearClick UI Security coming soon to a browser near you

- ✓On its way to standardization by the W3C's Web Applications Security Work Group
- www.w3.org/TR/UISecurity/ (working draft)
- ✓ Extends CSP
- ✓Opt-in from the embedded content
- ✓Includes a frame-options directive and a reporting-only mode

Future Plans

- Merging Android and desktop versions
- Hacking Blink to make a serious NoScript Chrome viable
- Hacking Firefox OS to make any browser extension (and therefore NoScript) viable
- ✓ NoScript Enterprise Edition



Engagement Rules

- Use noscript.net/forum for usability bug reports, RFEs and general discussions
- ✓ Use private email for any security-sensitive report: anything causing a mismatch between NoScript users' security expectations and reality
- Please use PGP to encrypt all your security reports
- Avoid reporting on Facebook, Twitter & C.!



Questions?



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