

07 - Injections XSS

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Web technologies

HTML, Javascript, ...

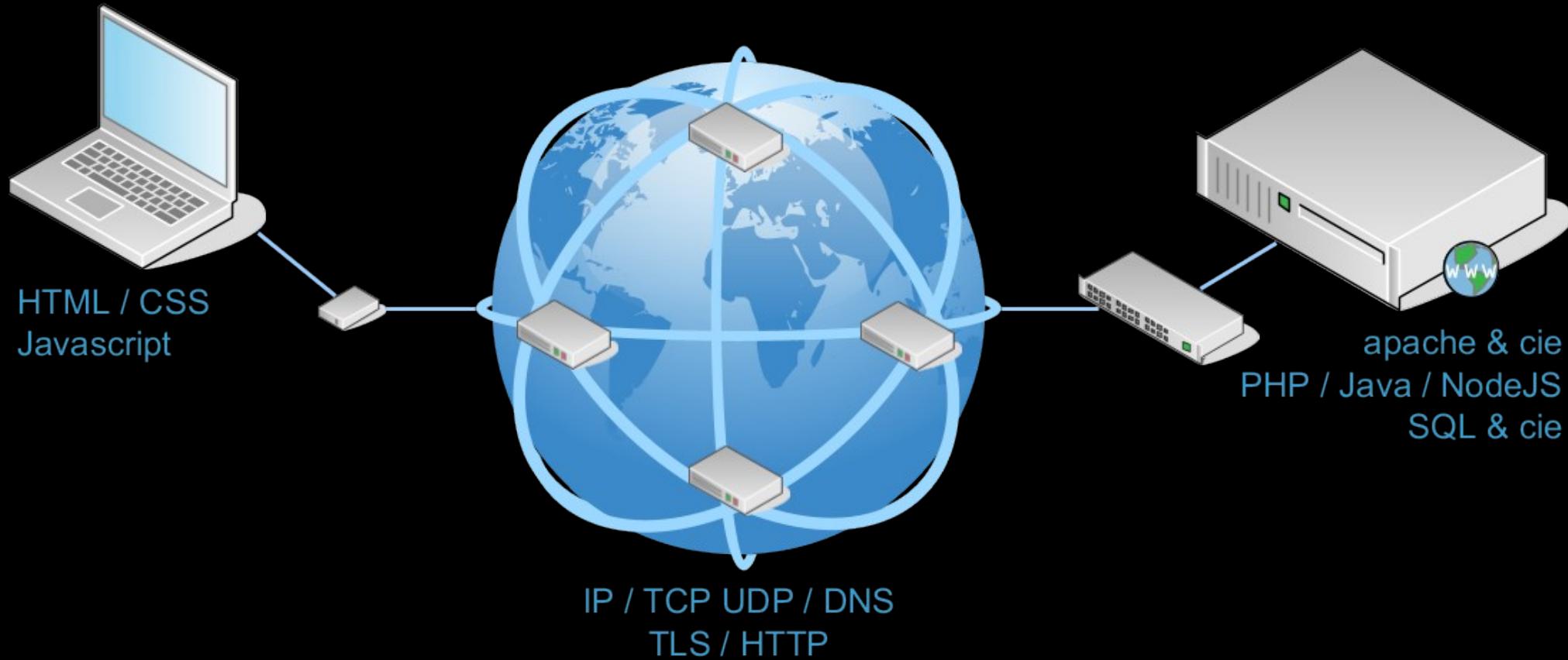
World Wide Web...

Were the magic happens

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Université Bretagne Sud (UBS) website. The header features the UBS logo and navigation links for English, Nos Facultés, Instituts, Ecole, Visite à 360°, and Fondation. A search bar and a "L'université en pratique" dropdown are also present. The main banner is black with white text and graphics related to the "Fête de la Science - Nuit de la Scien..." event. Below the banner, there are sections for "Chroniques UBS" (with a thumbnail of a library), "Agenda" (listing events like "Journée d'étude Médiévalismes et Orientalis..."), and "Rechercher des formations" (with a gear icon). The footer includes social media icons and a "Rentrée 2 Université E Si les inscript..." link.

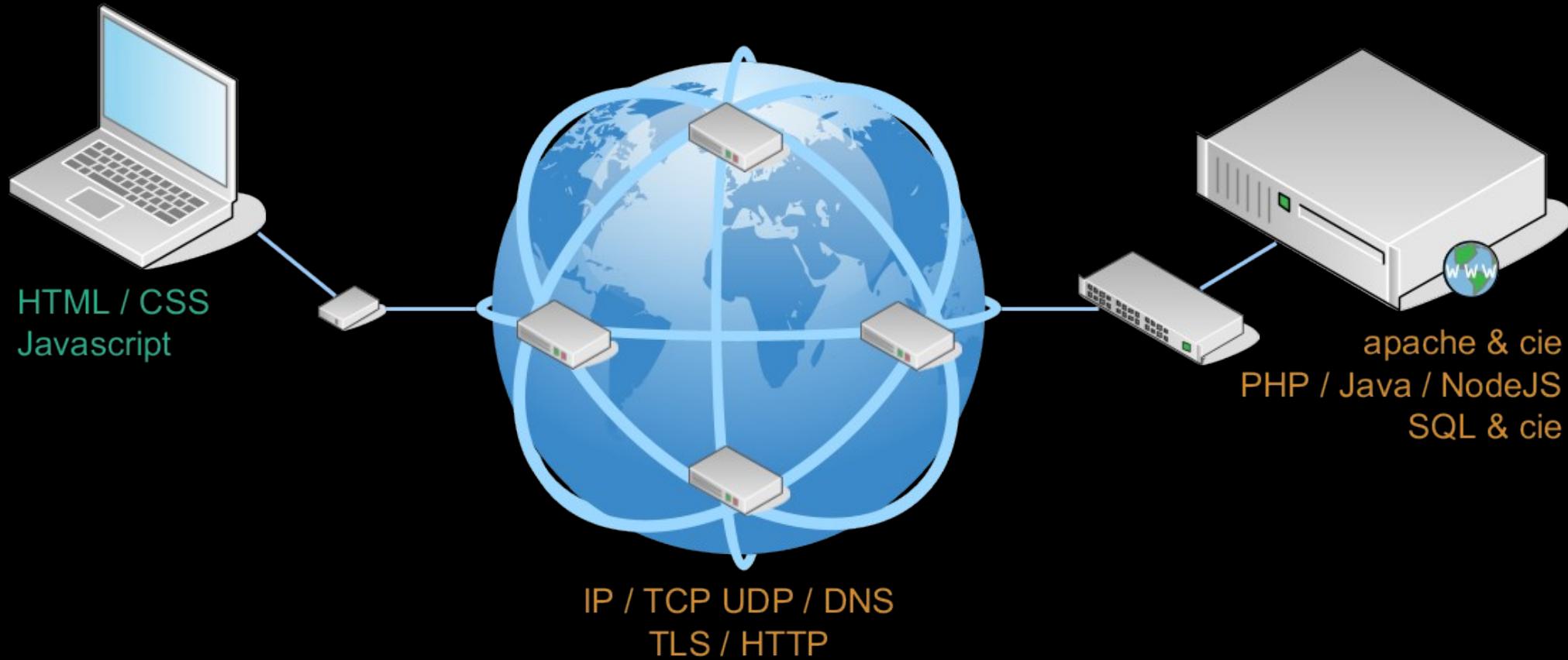
Network protocols

How the magic happens



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HTML / CSS / Javascript

Fastest introduction ever

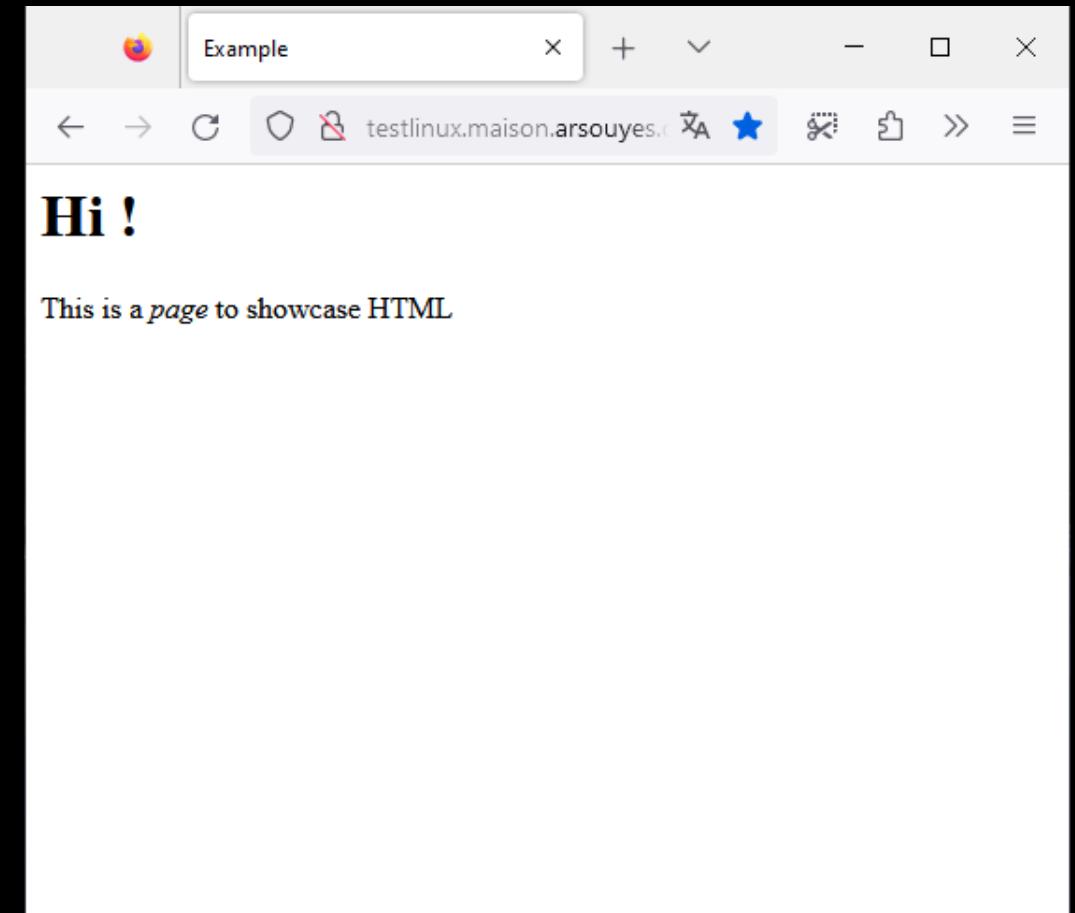
HTML Basis

```
<html lang="en">
  <head>
    <title>Example</title>
  </head>

  <body>
    <h1>Hi !</h1>

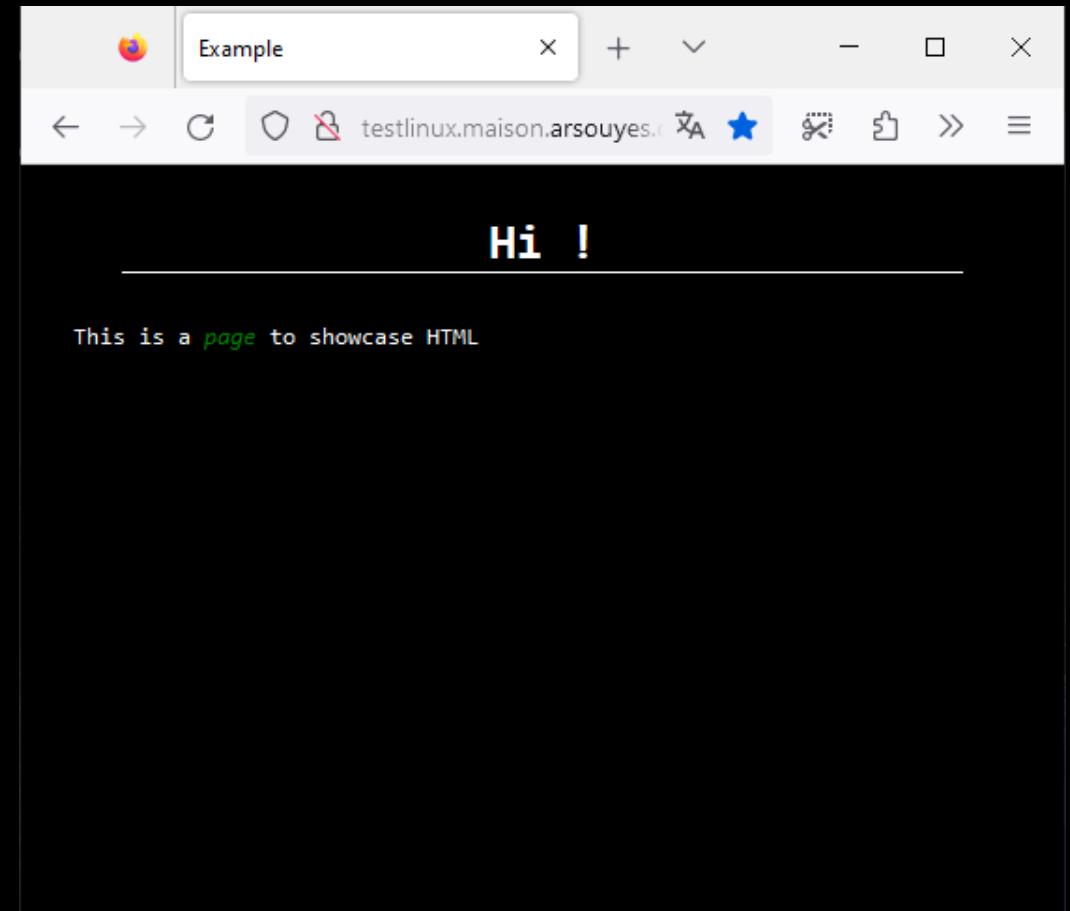
    <p>This is a
      <em>page</em>
      to showcase HTML</p>

  </body>
</html>
```



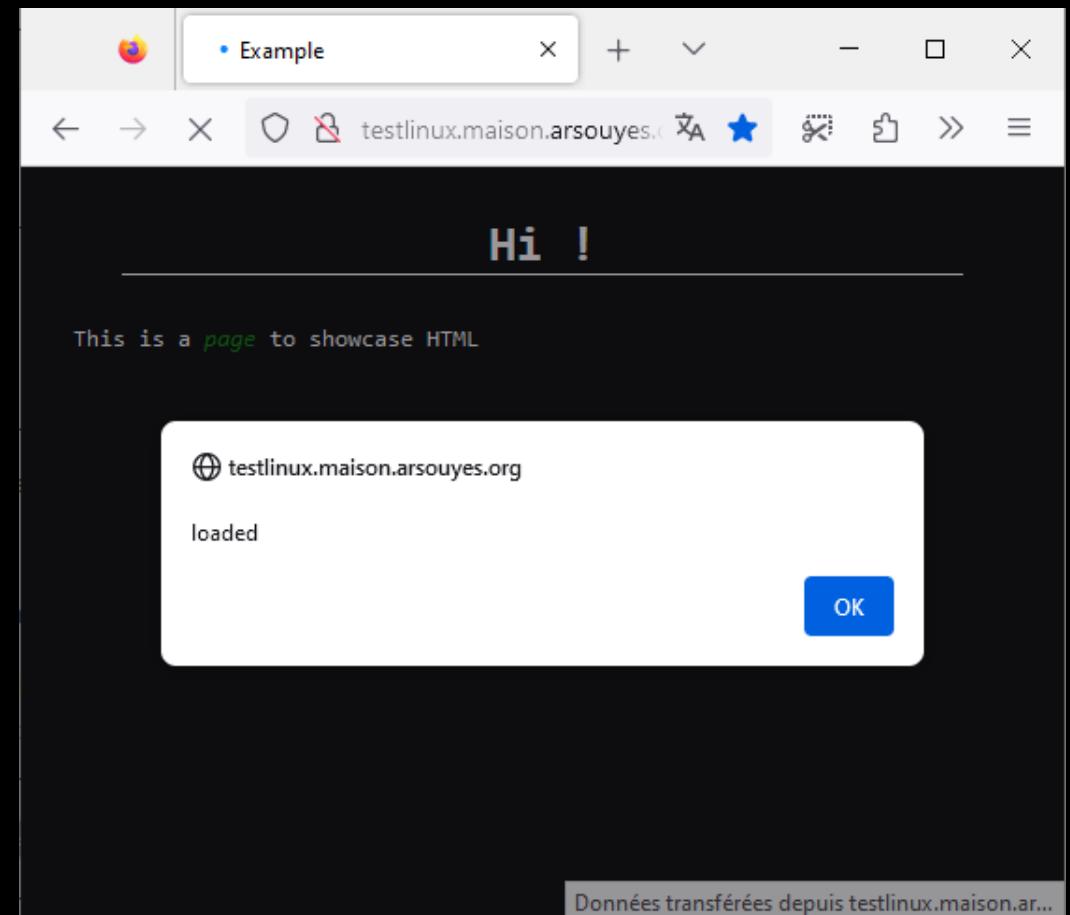
CSS Basis

```
body {  
    background-color: black ;  
    color: white ;  
    font-family: monospace ;  
    margin: 0 auto 0 auto ;  
    width: 90% ;  
}  
  
h1 {  
    margin: 1em ;  
    text-align: center ;  
    border-bottom: solid 1px ;  
}  
  
em {  
    color: green ;  
}
```



JS Basis

```
window.onload =  
function() {  
    alert("loaded") ;  
} ;
```



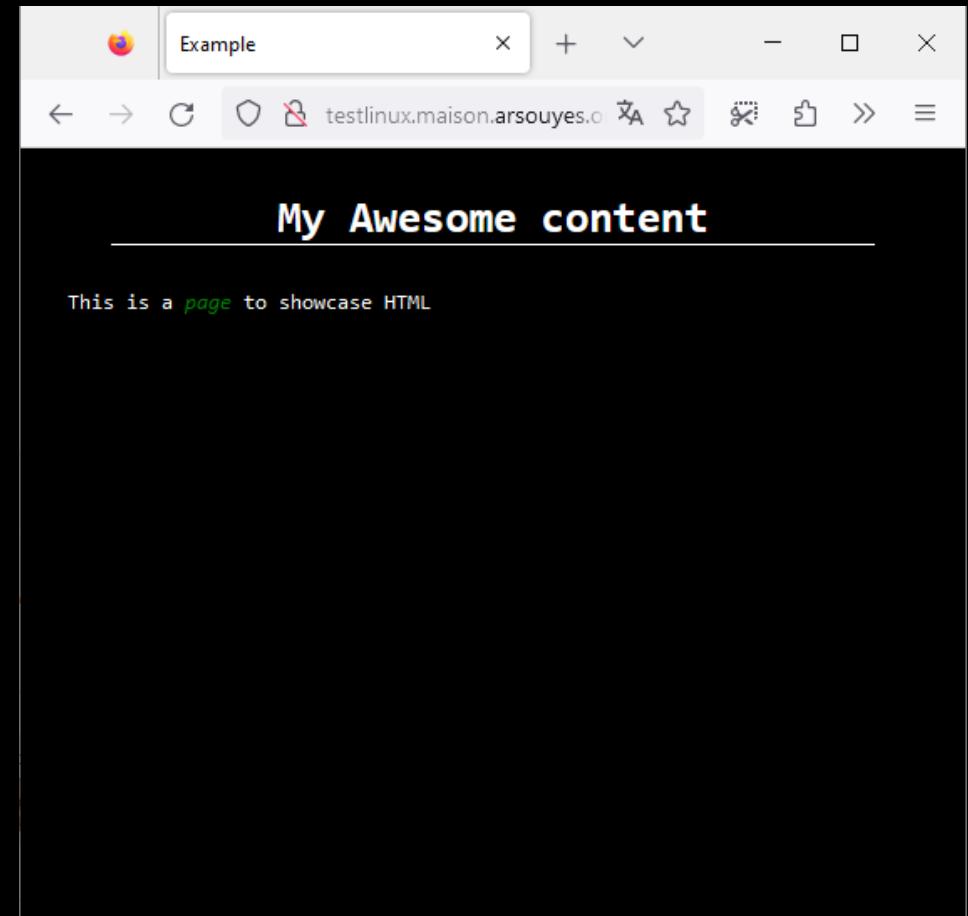
Ajax Basis

Main.js

```
window.onload = function() {
    var xhttp = new XMLHttpRequest();
    xhttp.onreadystatechange = function() {
        if (this.readyState == 4
            && this.status == 200) {
            document.getElementsByTagName("h1")
[0].innerHTML
                = this.responseText;
        }
    };
    xhttp.open("GET", "Test.txt", true);
    xhttp.send();
}
```

Test.txt

```
My Awesome content
```



XSS Reflected

Cross Site Scripting

Example of Vulnerable Application

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<html lang="en">
  <head>
    <title>Example</title>
    <link href="style.css" rel="stylesheet" />
    <script type="text/javascript" src="main.js"></script>
  </head>
  <body>
    <h1>Hi !</h1>
    <p>Hello <em>
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</html>
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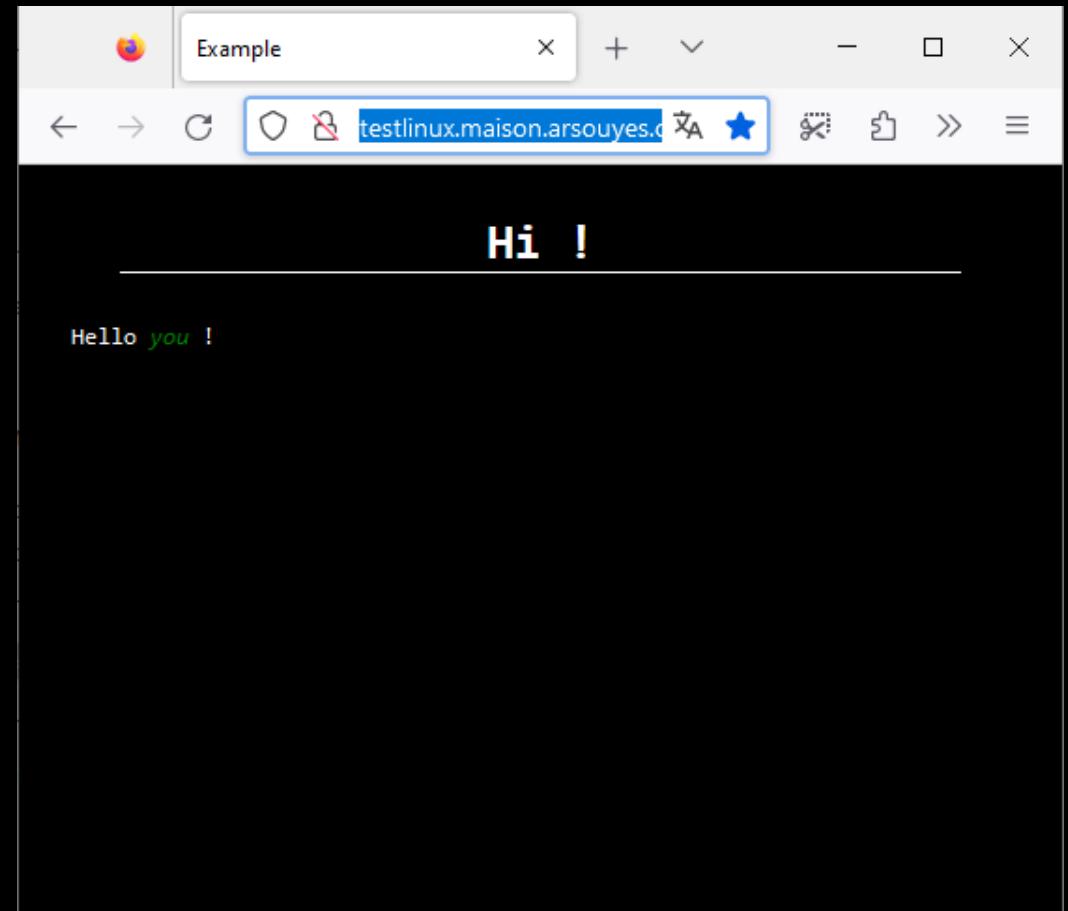
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http://example.com/?user=tbowan

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>
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```

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```
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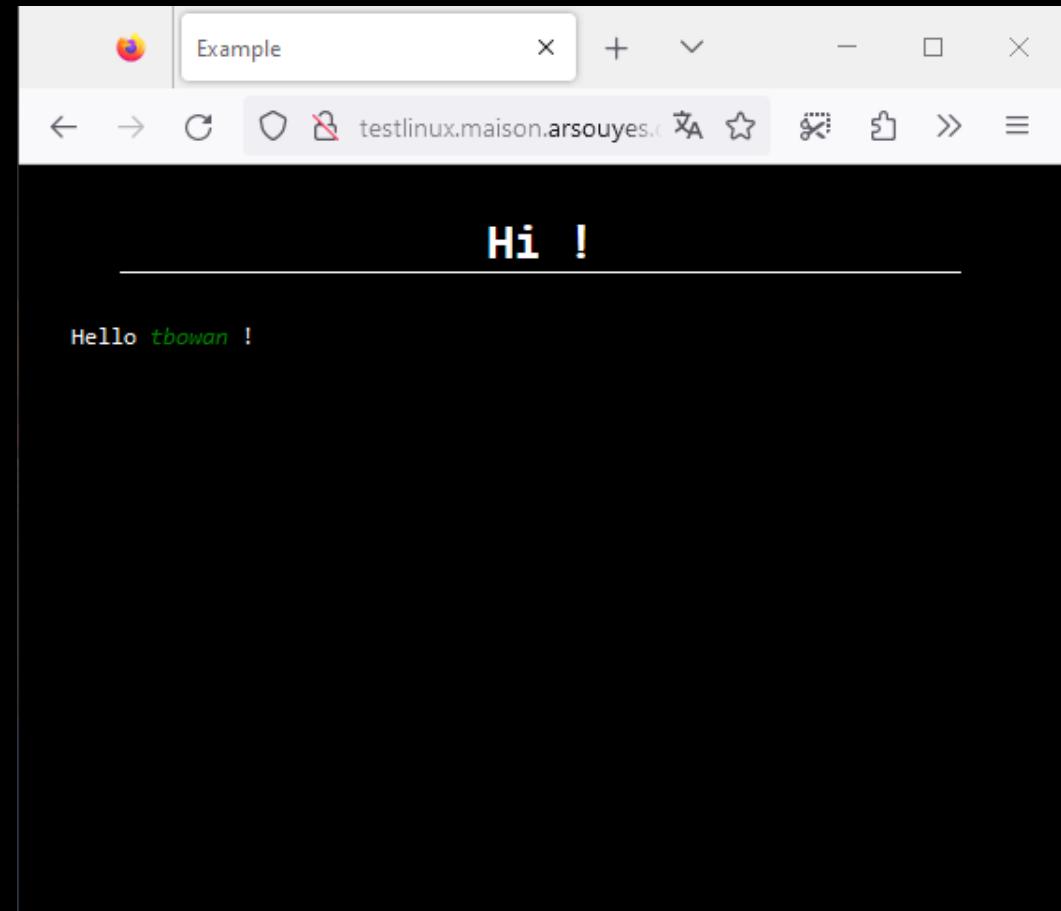
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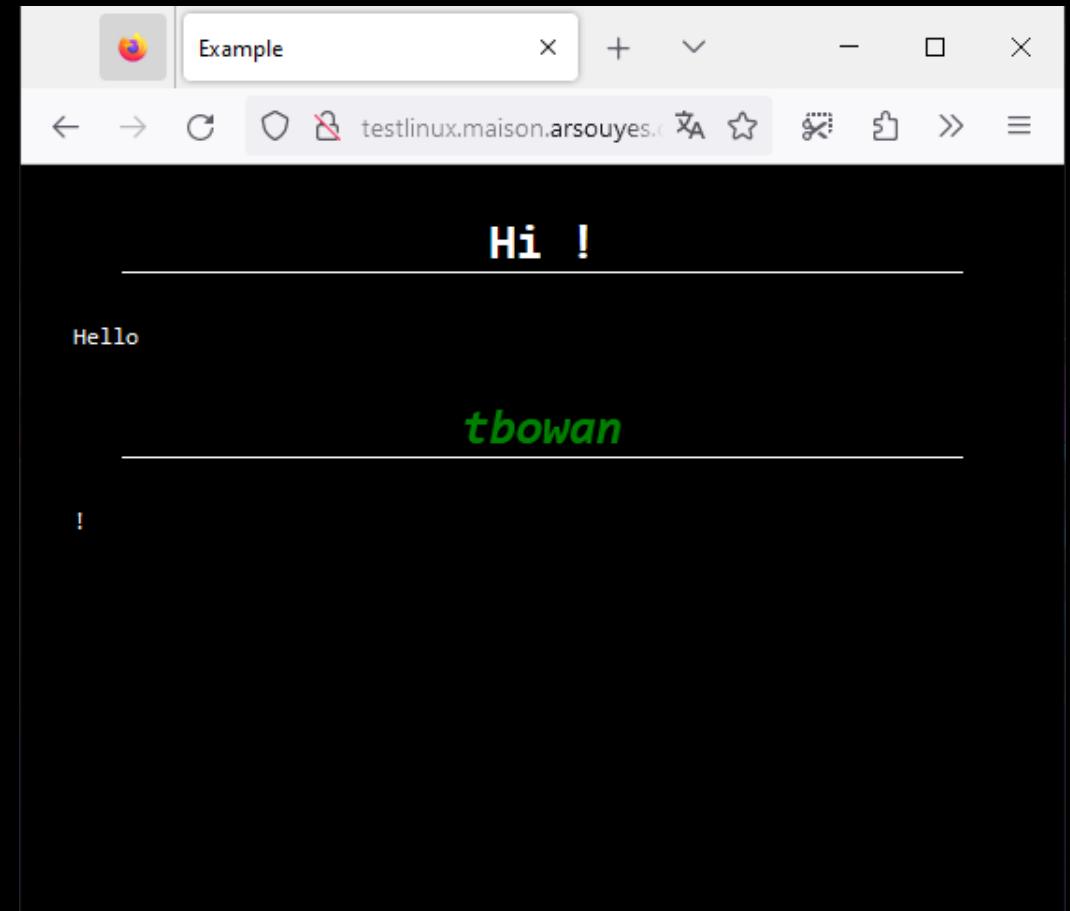
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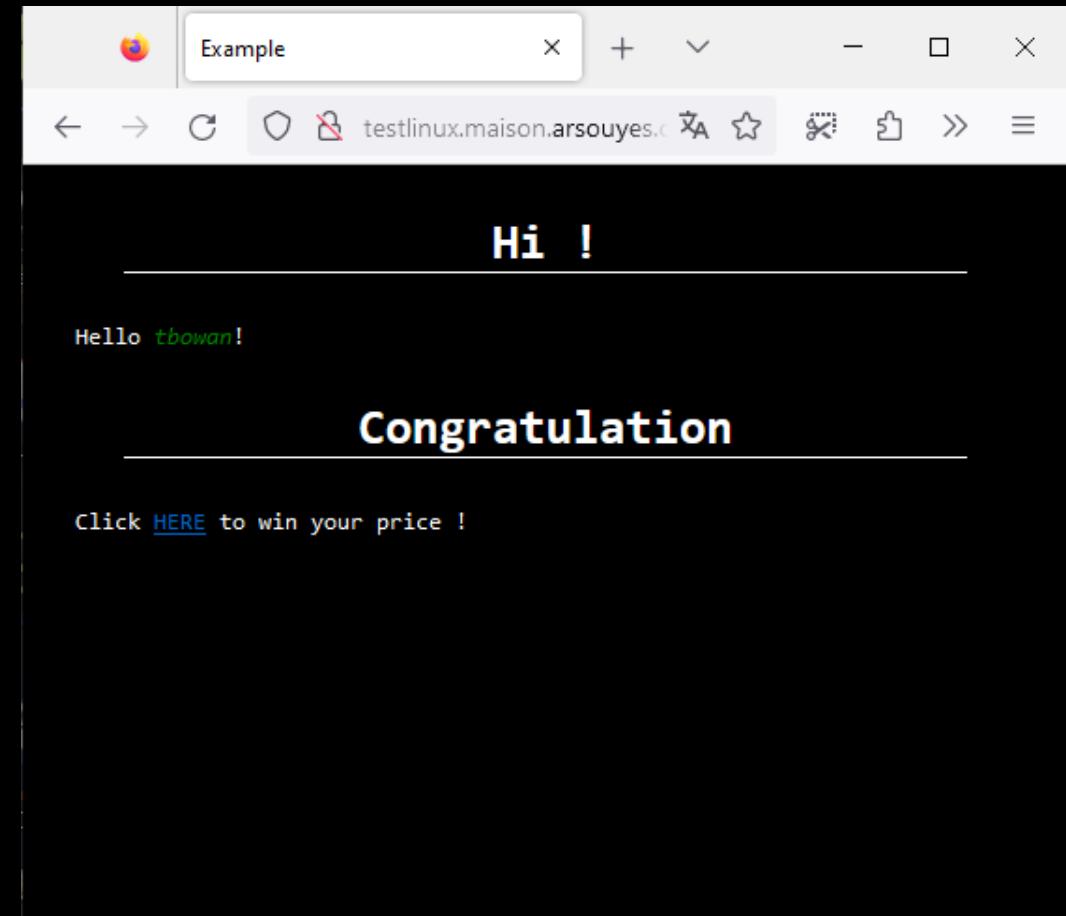
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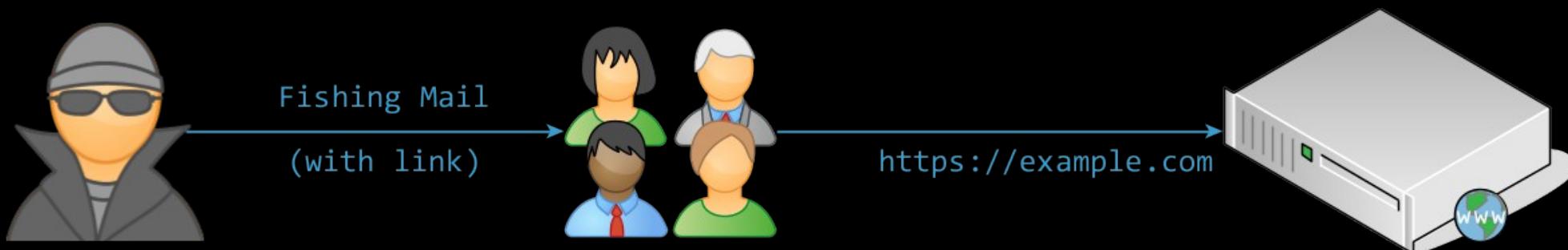
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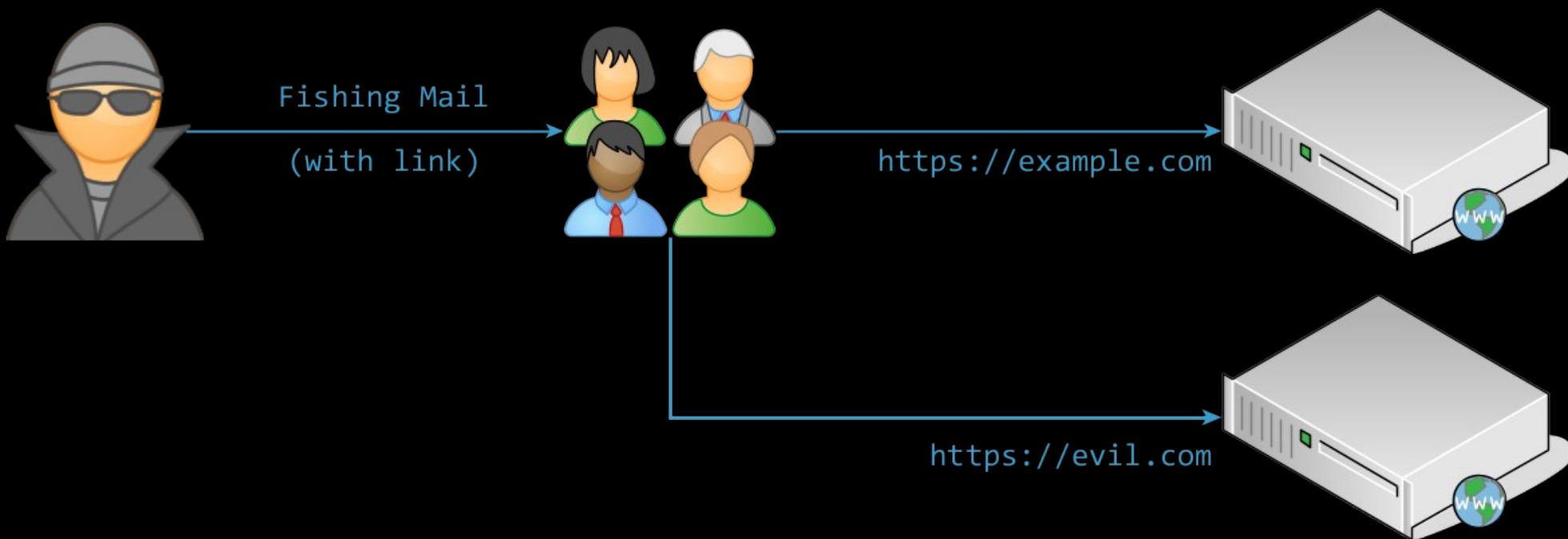
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a.k.a. XSS – Cross Site Scripting

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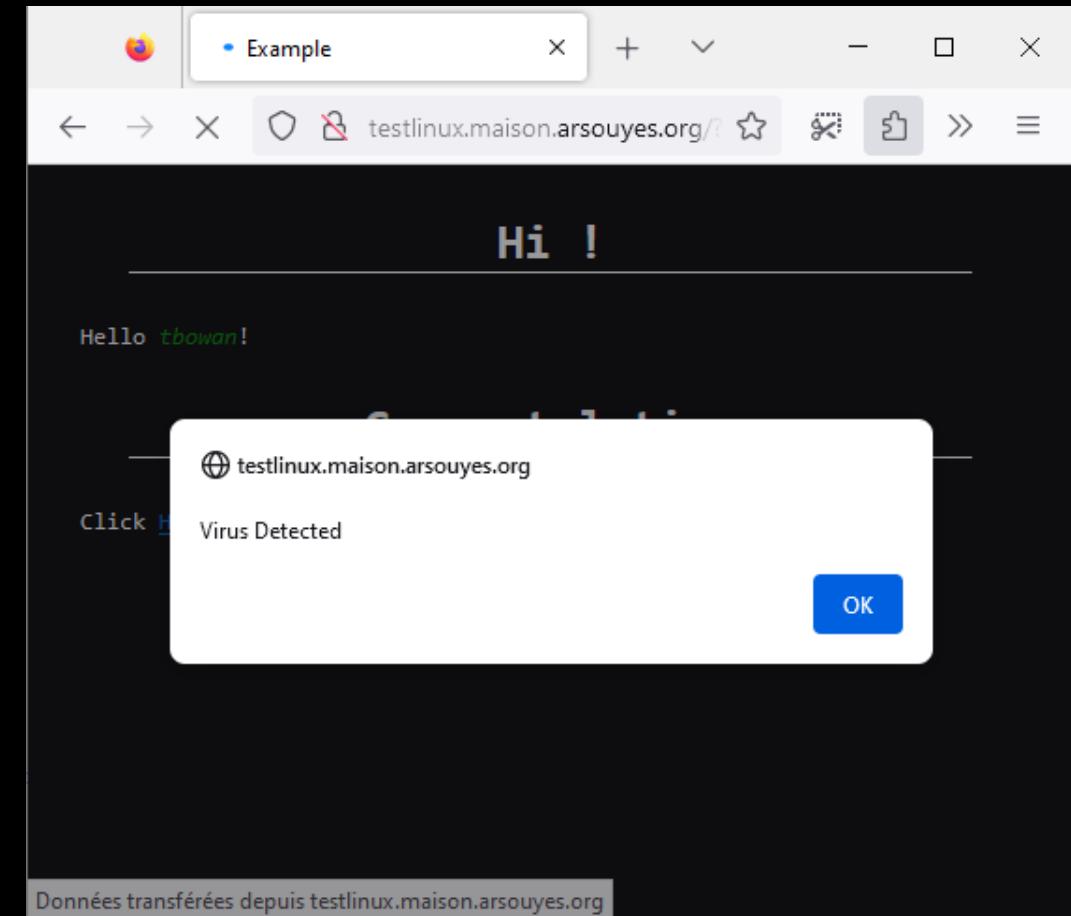
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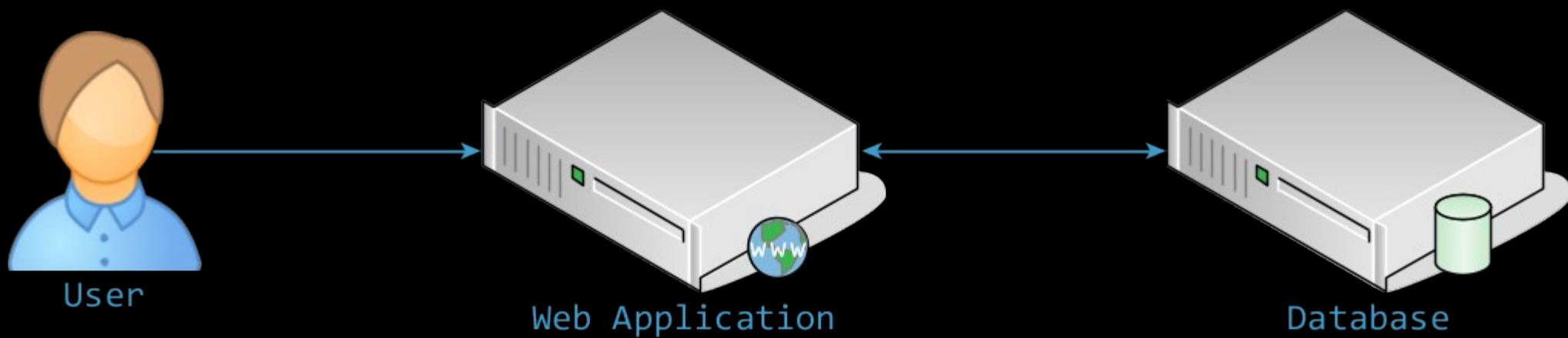


Problem :
Need to send a link to every victim

XSS - Stored

Cross Site Scripting

Persistant applications



Example of data creation

i.e. adding a blog comment

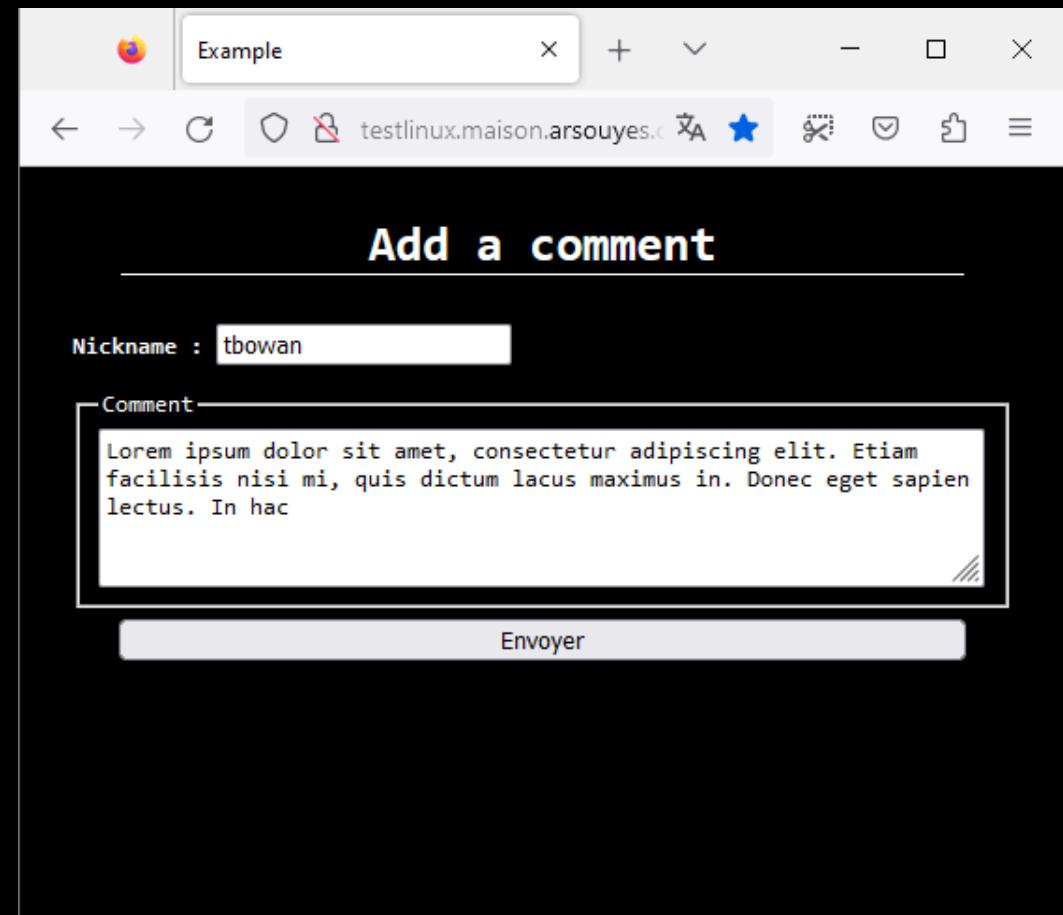
```
<h1>Add a comment</h1>
<form method="post"
      action="addComment.php">

<input type="hidden"
       name="article"
       value="123" />

<p><strong>Nickname :</strong>
   <input type="text" name="author" />
</p>

<fieldset><legend>Comment</legend>
   <textarea name="content"></textarea>
</fieldset>

<input type="submit" />
</form>
```



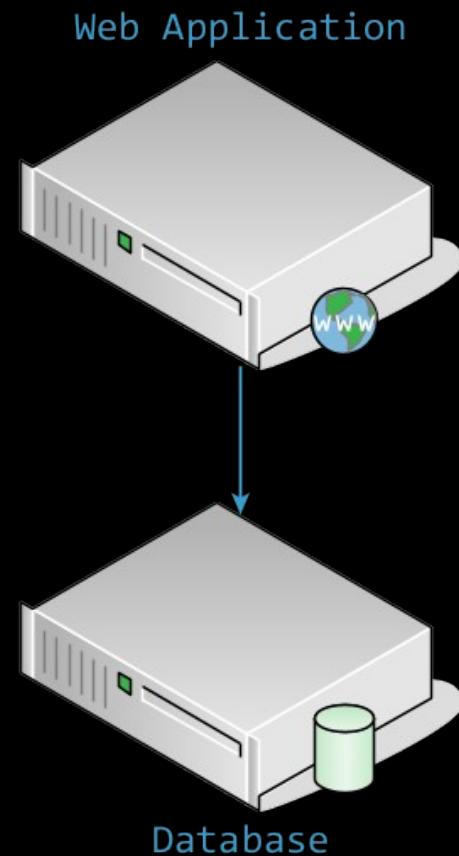
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```
<?php // Add Comment

$cmd = $pdo->prepare("")
    . "insert into comment"
    . " (article, author, content)"
    . " values"
    .
    (:article, :author, :content)"
    ) ;

$cmd->exec([
    "article" => $_POST["article"],
    "author"   => $_POST["author"],
    "content"  => $_POST["content"]
]) ;
```



Example of database

Article	Author	content
...
123	Tbowan	<p>Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Etiam facilisis nisi mi, quis dictum lacus maximus in. Donec eget sapien lectus. In hac</p>
...

Example of data retrieval

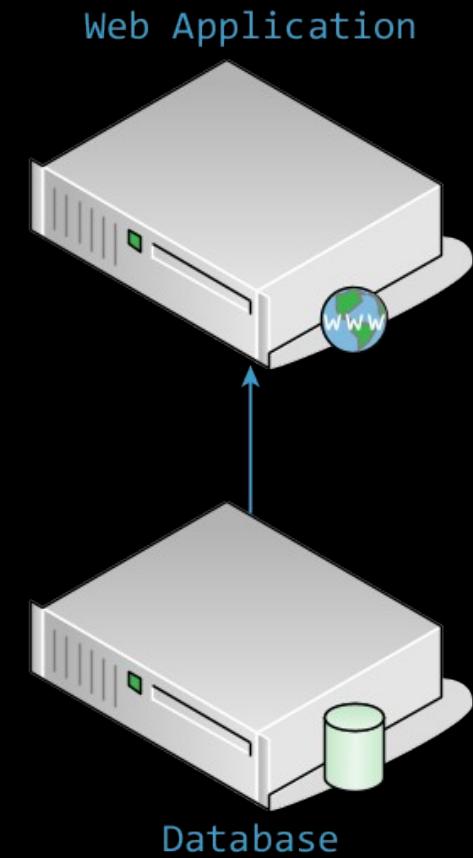
i.e. displaying a blog comment

```
<?php // show post

$cmd = $pdo->prepare(
    . "select * from comment"
    . " where article = :article"
) ;

$st = $cmd->exec(["article" => $_GET["id"]]) ;

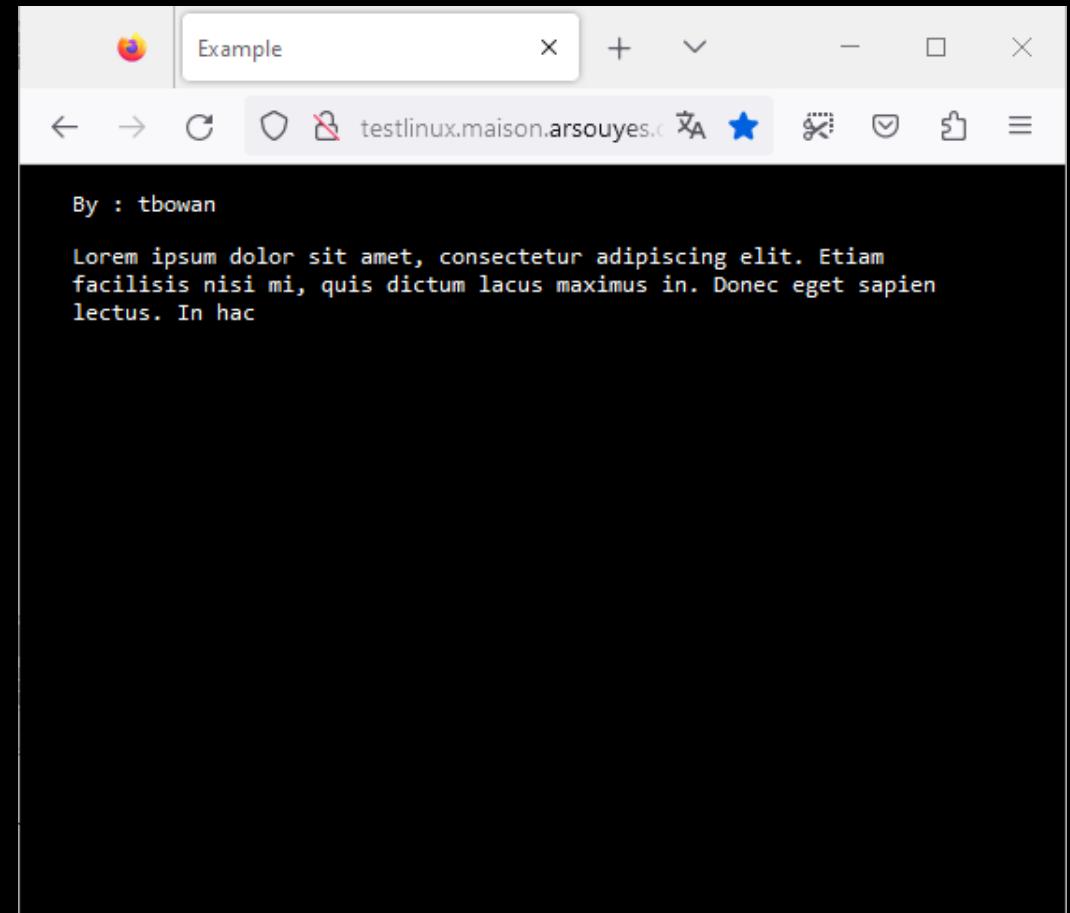
foreach ($st as $row) {
    echo '<div class="comment">' ;
    echo '<p>By : ' . $row["author"] . '</p>'
;
    echo $row["content"] ;
    echo '</div>' ;
}
```



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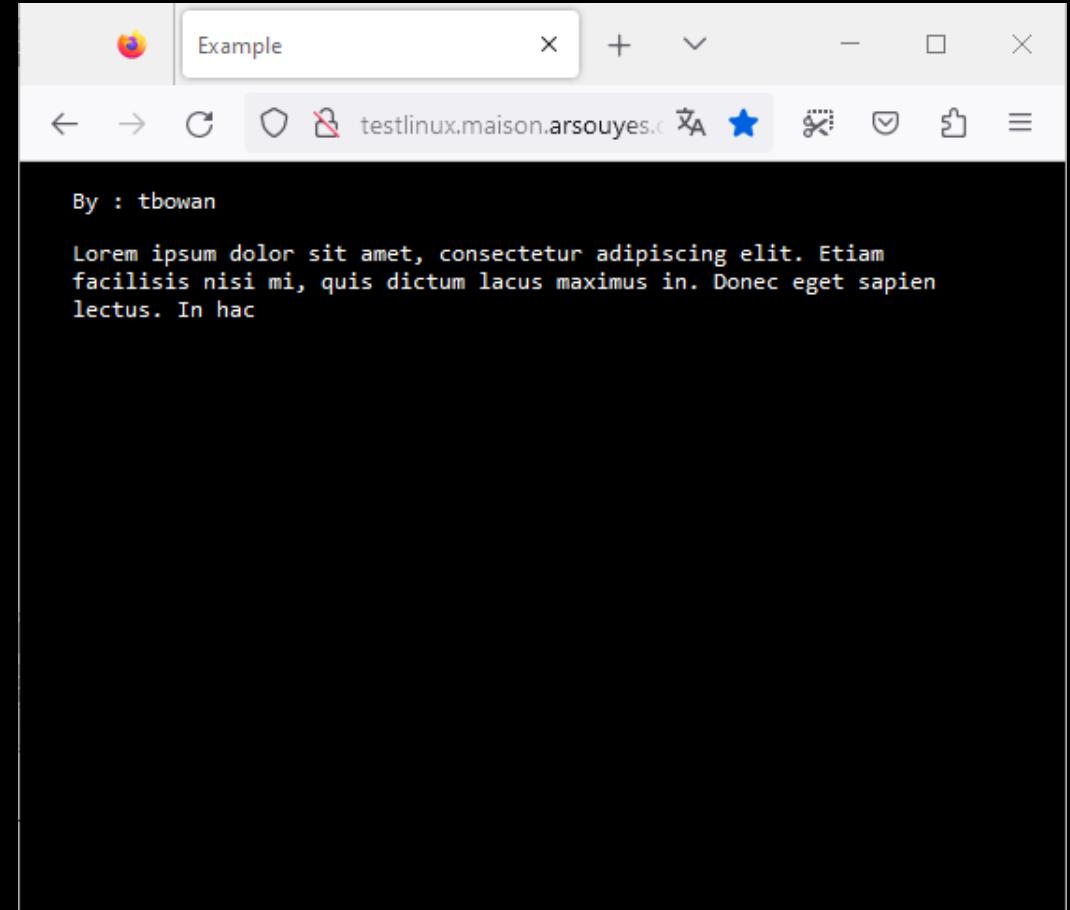
```
<div class="comment">
  <p>By : tbowan</p>
  Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet,
  consectetur adipiscing elit. Etiam
  facilisis nisi mi, quis dictum lacus
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  </div>
```



Example of interaction

i.e. adding a blog comment

A screenshot of a Firefox browser window titled "Example". The address bar shows "testlinux.maison.arsouyes.c". The main content area displays a "Add a comment" form. It has a "Nickname : tbowan" input field and a "Comment" text area containing placeholder text: "Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Etiam facilisis nisi mi, quis dictum lacus maximus in. Donec eget sapien lectus. In hac". A "Envoyer" button is at the bottom.



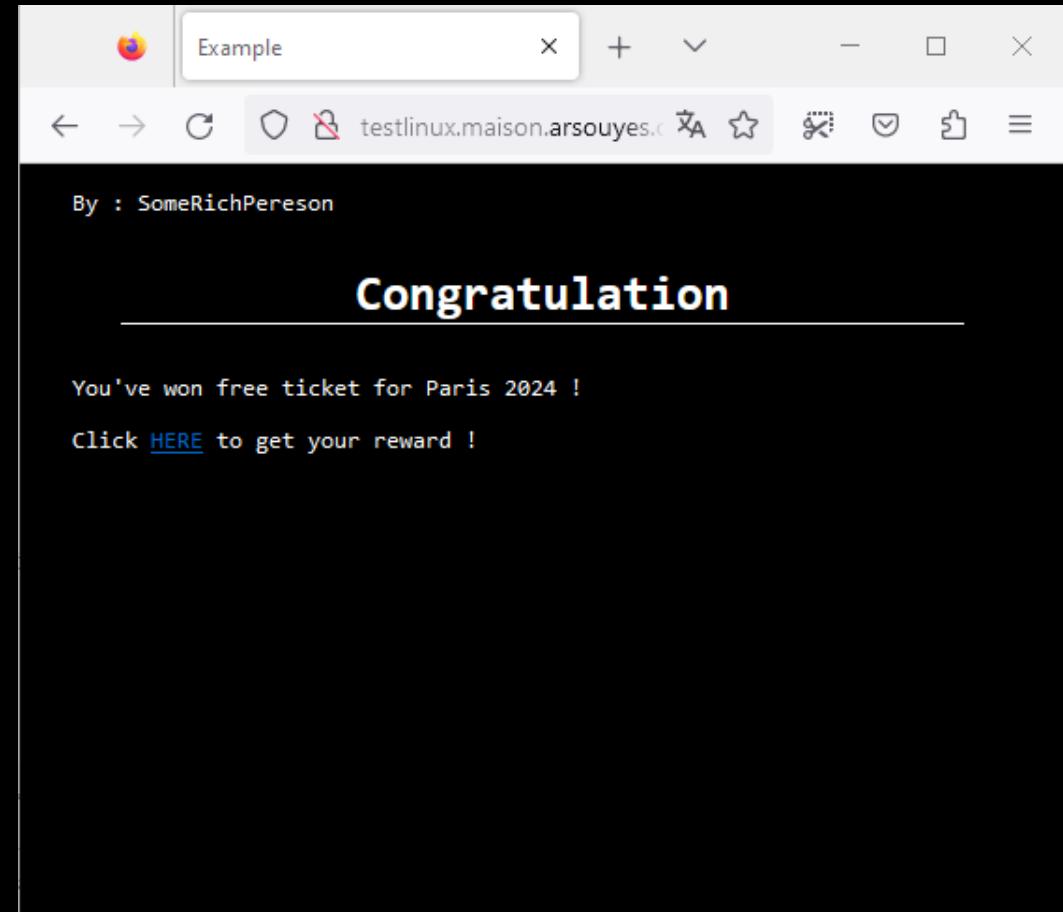
Example of persistant injection

i.e. adding some fishing HTML

A screenshot of a Firefox browser window titled "Example". The address bar shows "testlinux.maison.arsouyes.c". The main content area displays a form titled "Add a comment". The "Nickname" field contains "SomeRichPereson". The "Comment" field contains the following injected HTML code:

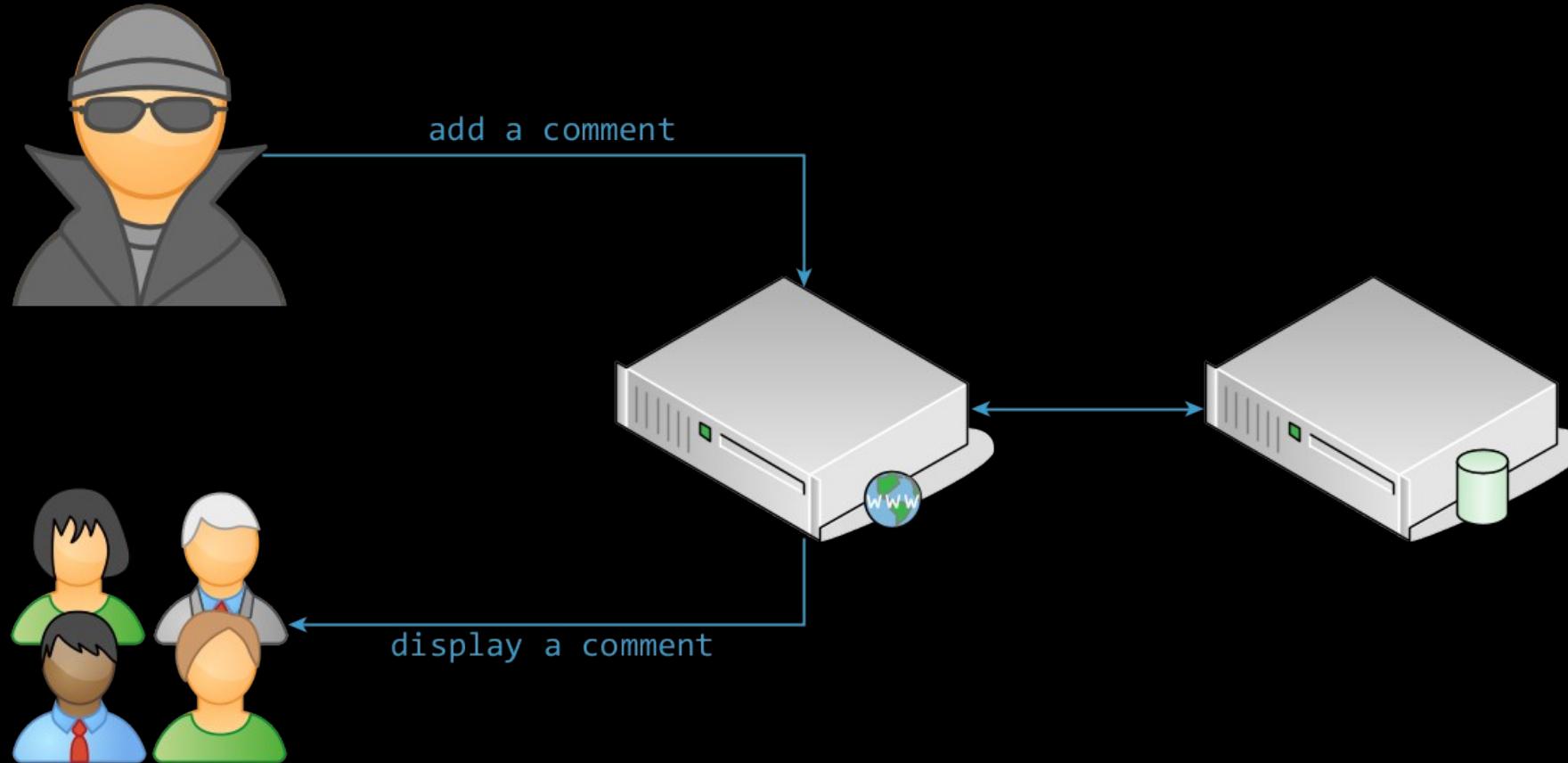
```
<h1>Congratulation</h1>
<p>You've won free ticket for Paris 2024 !</p>
<p>Click <a href="evil.com">HERE</a> to get your reward !</p>
```

The "Envoyer" button is visible at the bottom of the form.



Principle of stored XSS

Use vulnerable website to host your evil content



Risks

Information theft

(cookies, form data, ...)

Botnet

(relay for other attacks, crypto mining, ...)

Request execution

(XSRF)

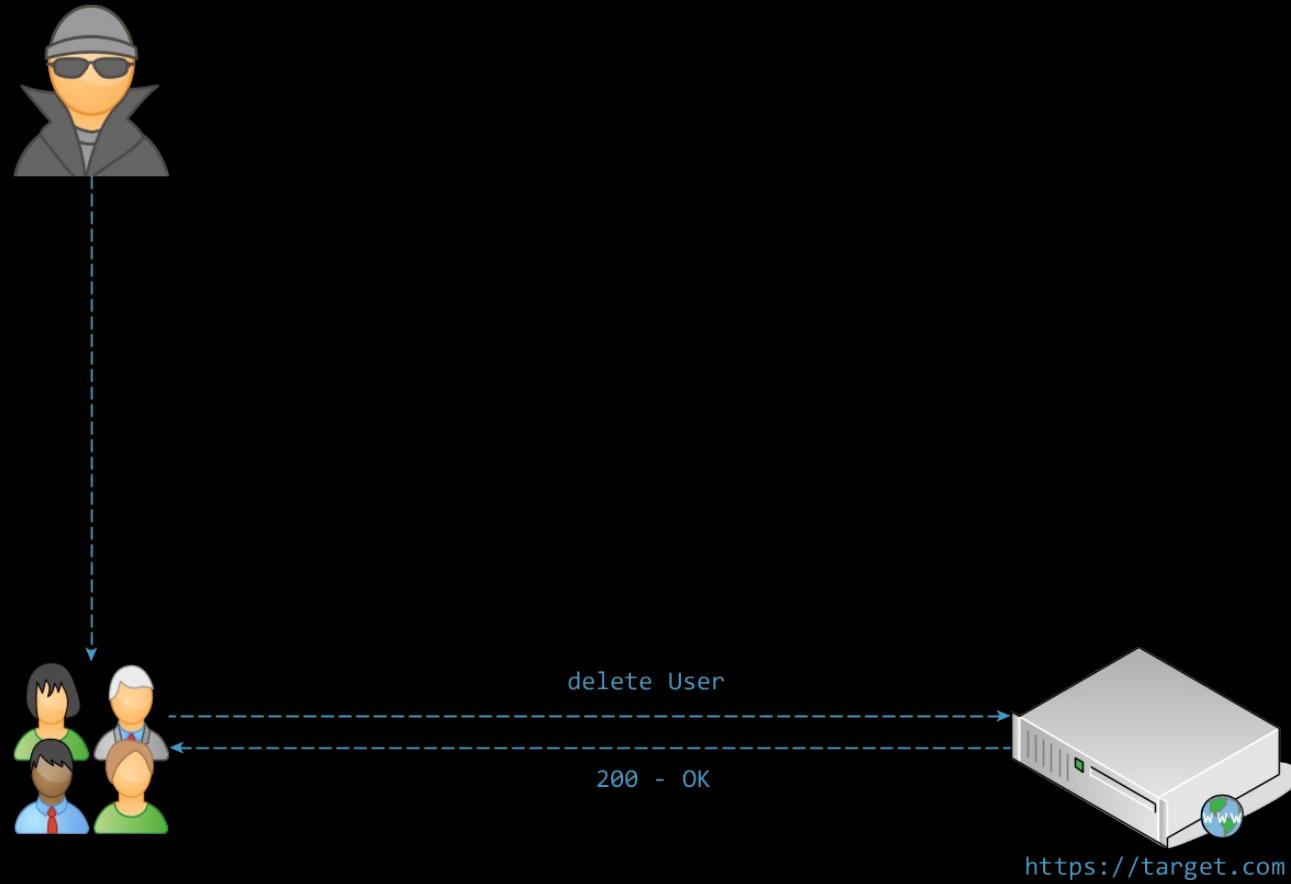
XSRF / CSRF

Cross Site Request Forgery

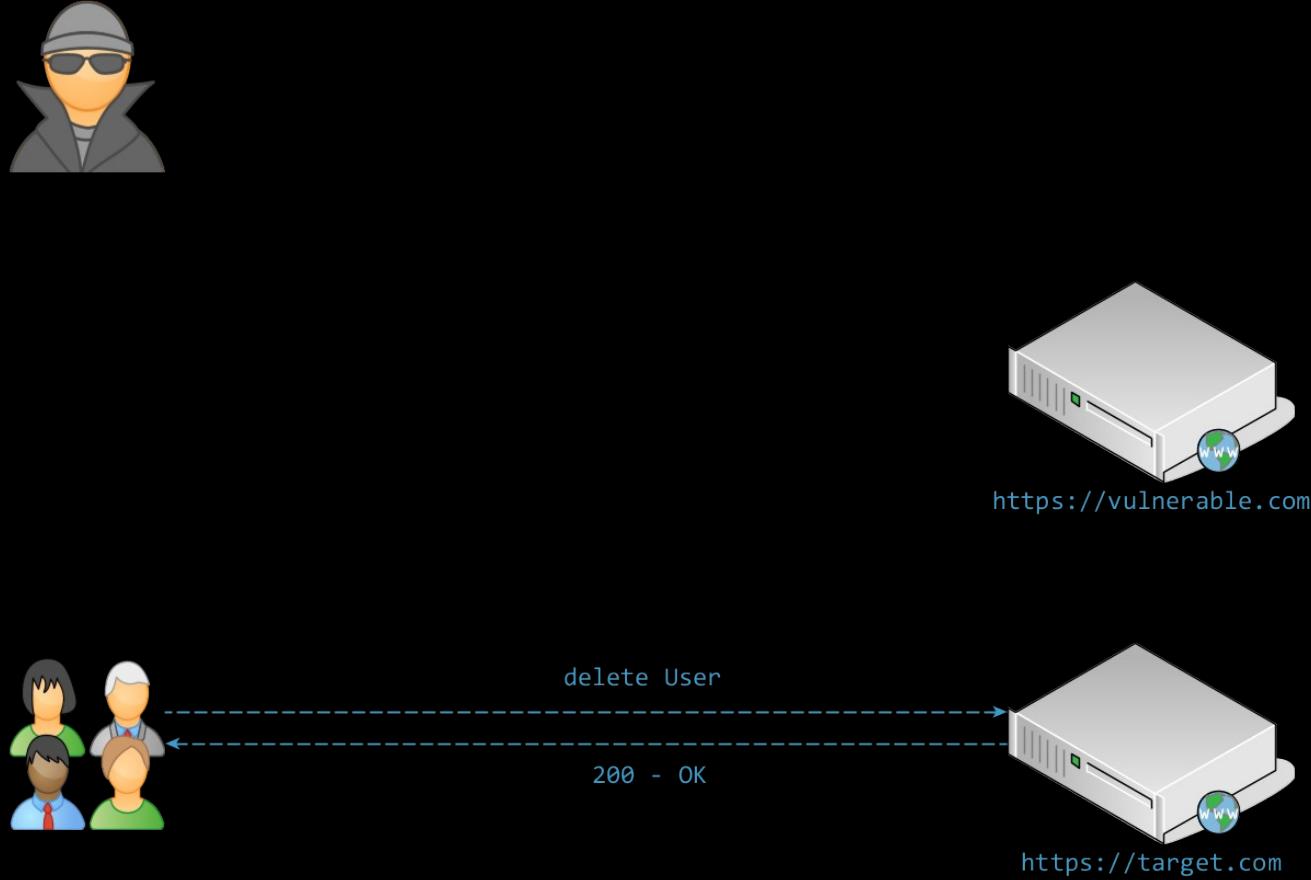
Principle protected feature



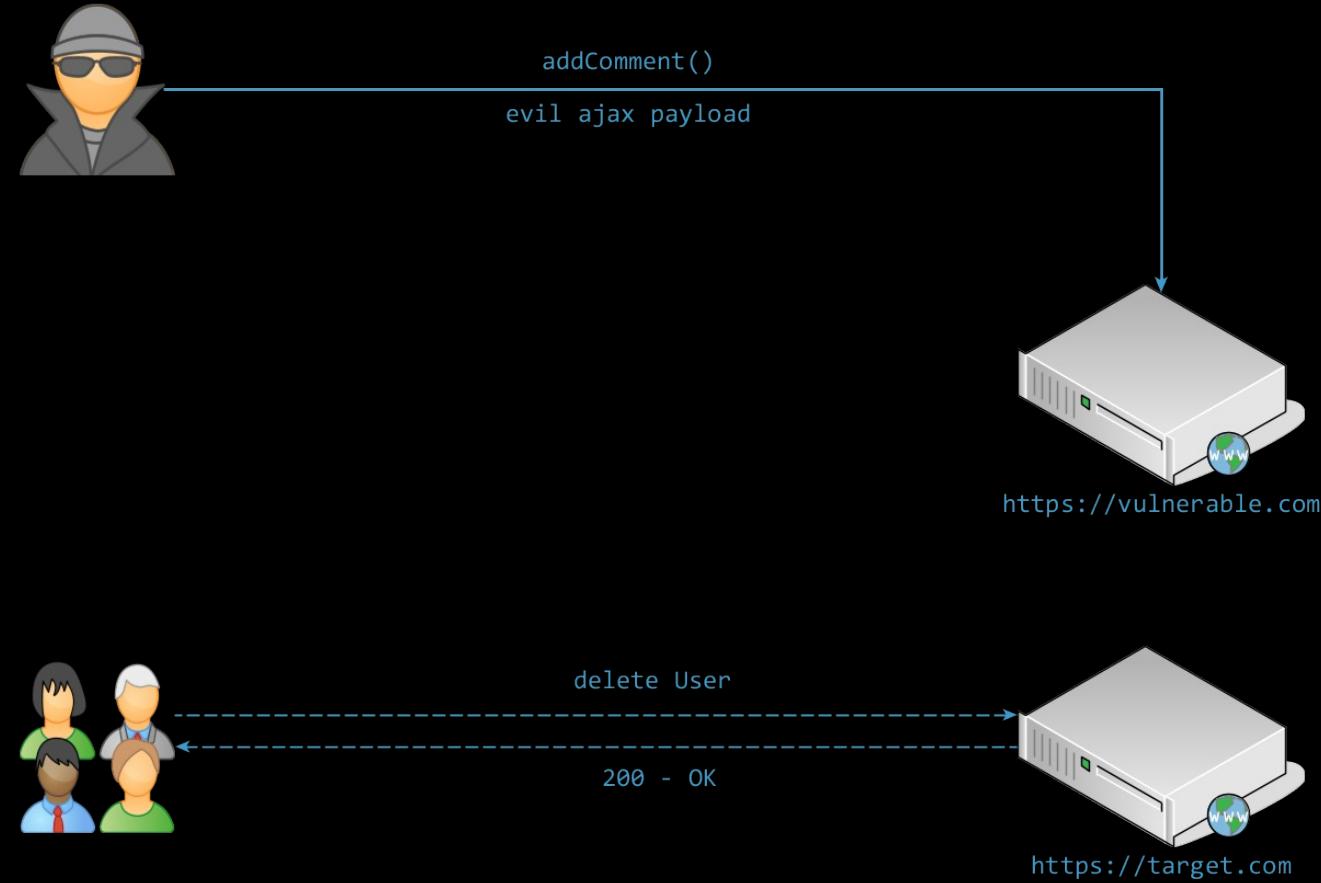
Principle Need some admin to do the call



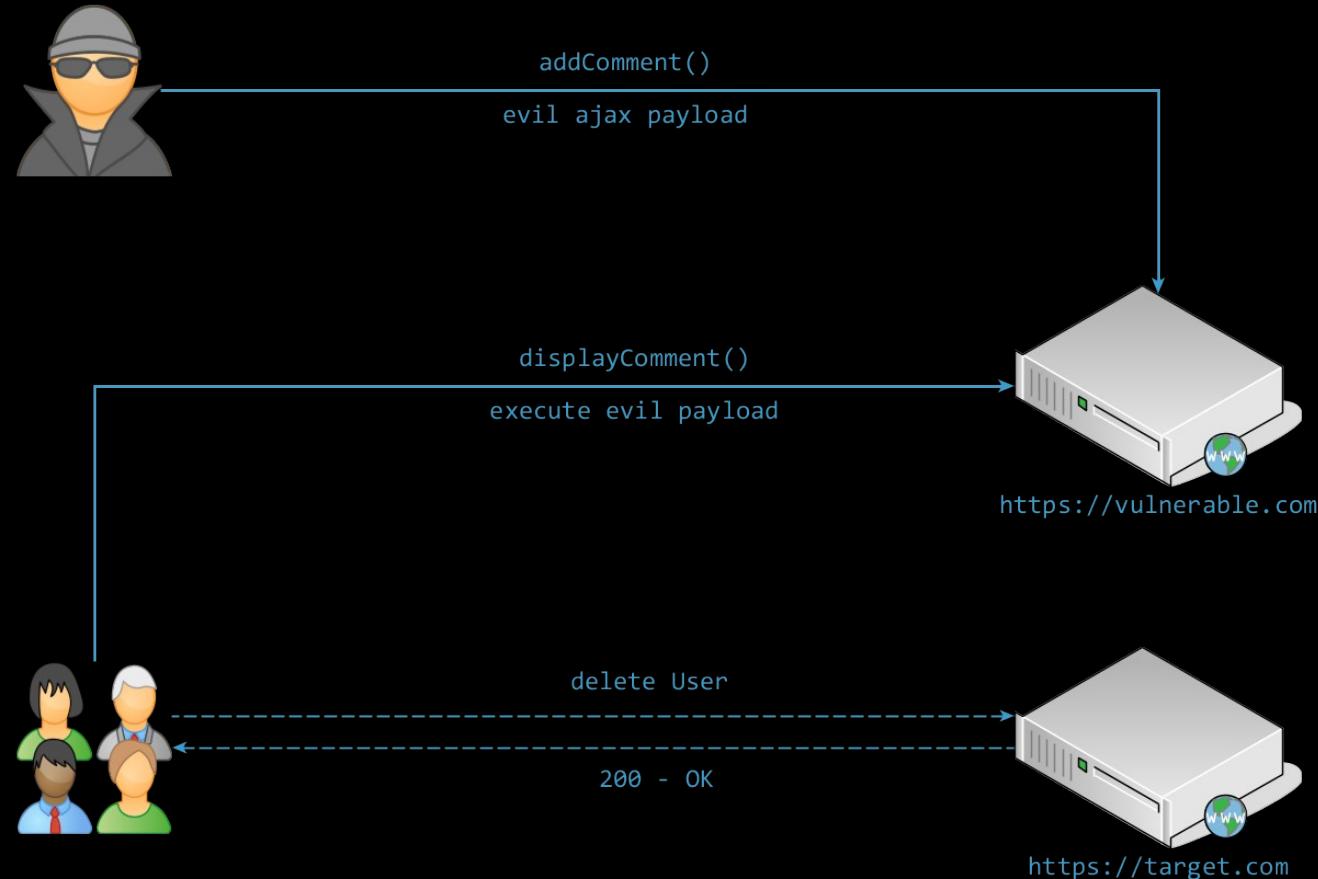
Principle Exploit a third (vulnerable) party



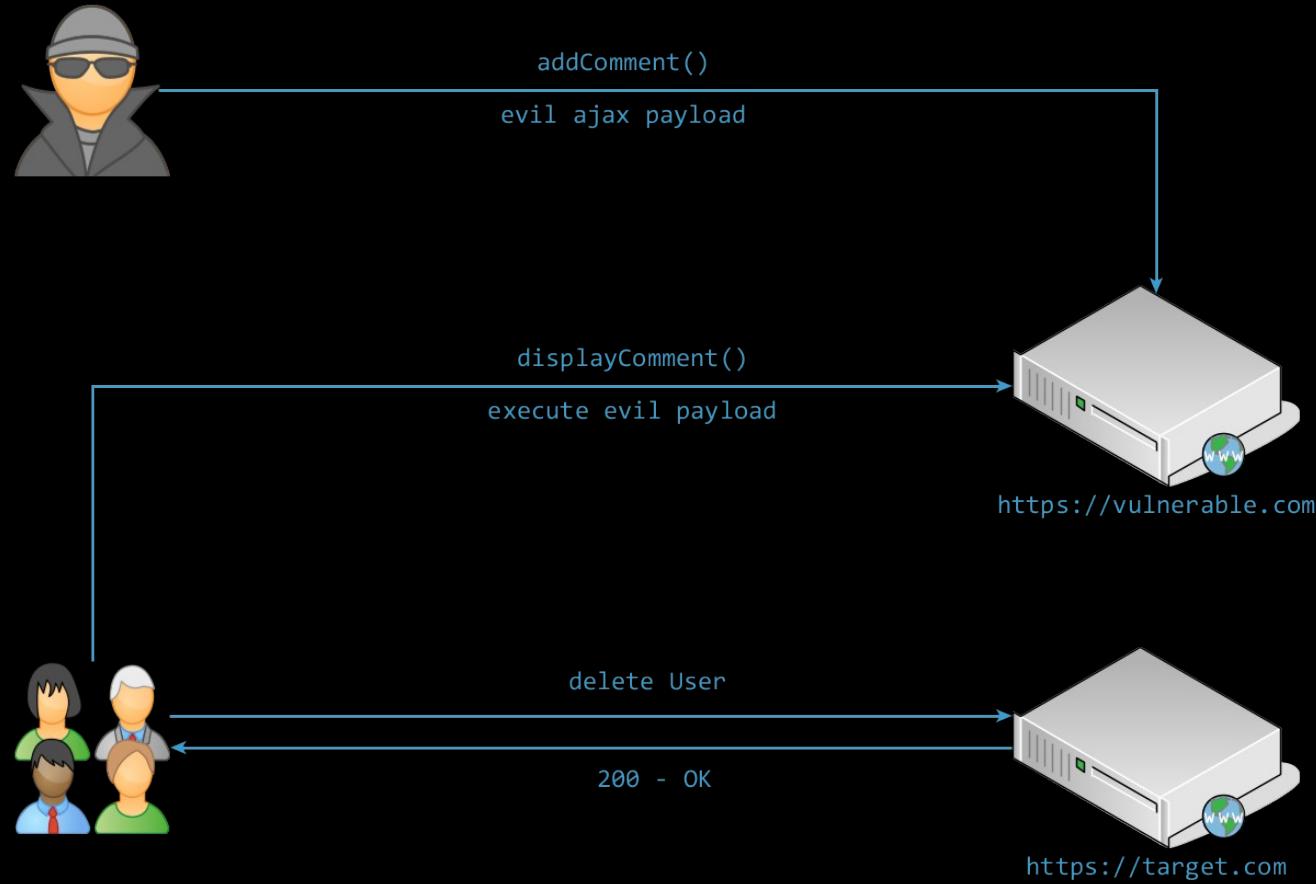
Principle Inject Ajax that do the call



Principle Wait some admin get the payload



Principle Enjoy



Protections

Where to fix it ?

Complementary layers

Client Side

- Javascript

Server Side

- PHP, Java, ...

Protocols

- Cookies, CORS,

...

Browsers

- Chrome, firefox,
- ...

Third parties

- Libs, ...

Server side PHP

Escape / Delete tags

`htmlspecialchars`, `htmlentities`, `strip_tags`

Encode attributes

`urlencode`

Client side Javascript

Escape / Delete tags

Depends on frameworks

Use html5 <template>

textContent vs. innerHtml

Cookies

Protocol (app + browsers)

Expires

(validity duration)

Secure

(transmit only if TLS)

Domain

(validity on domain name)

HttpOnly

(only send to server)

Path

(path of resources)

SameSite

(transmit only to same site)

SOP

Same-Origin-Policy

Same Origin

Two resources share same origin if...

Same protocol

(http, https, ftp, ...)

Same domain name

Same port

(80, 443, 8080, 8443, ...)

Policy for other origins

Mainly for XMLHttpRequest()

Cannot access other content

But can be embeded in html
(scripts, img, video, forms, ...)

Can do requests
(GET et POST)

CORS

Cross Origin Ressource Sharing

Principle Finer grained request to outside

New HTTP Header

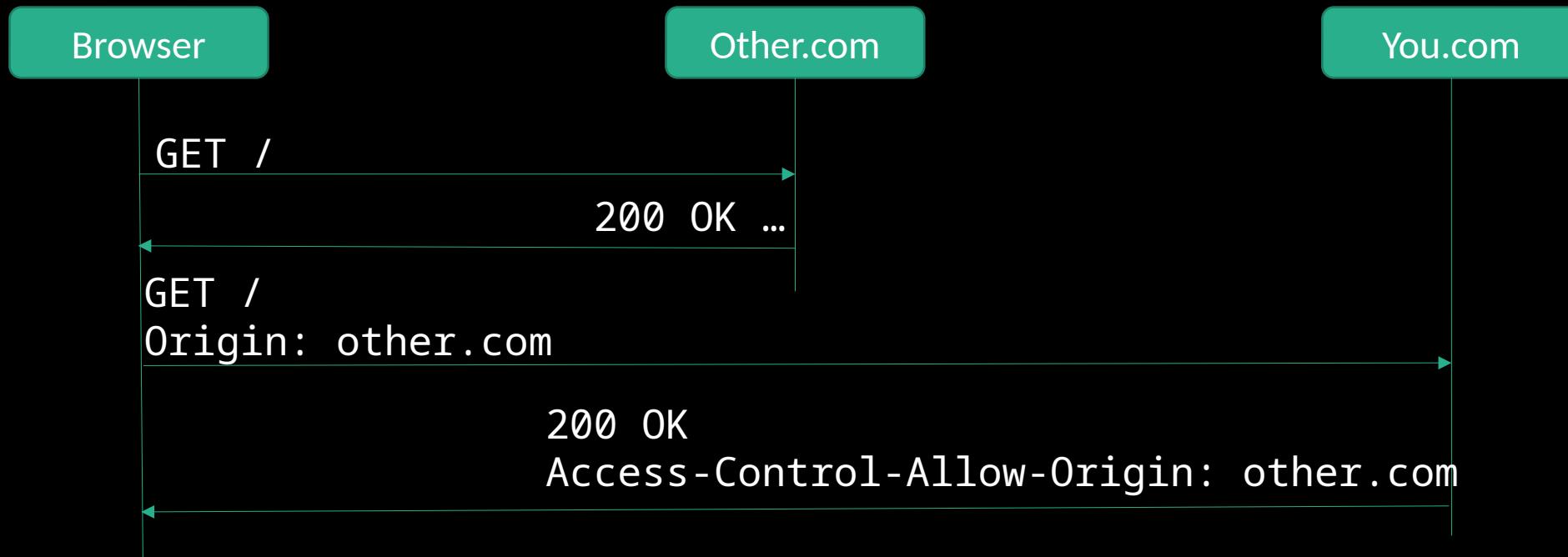
Browser ask for rights

(Origin, Access-Control-Request-Method)

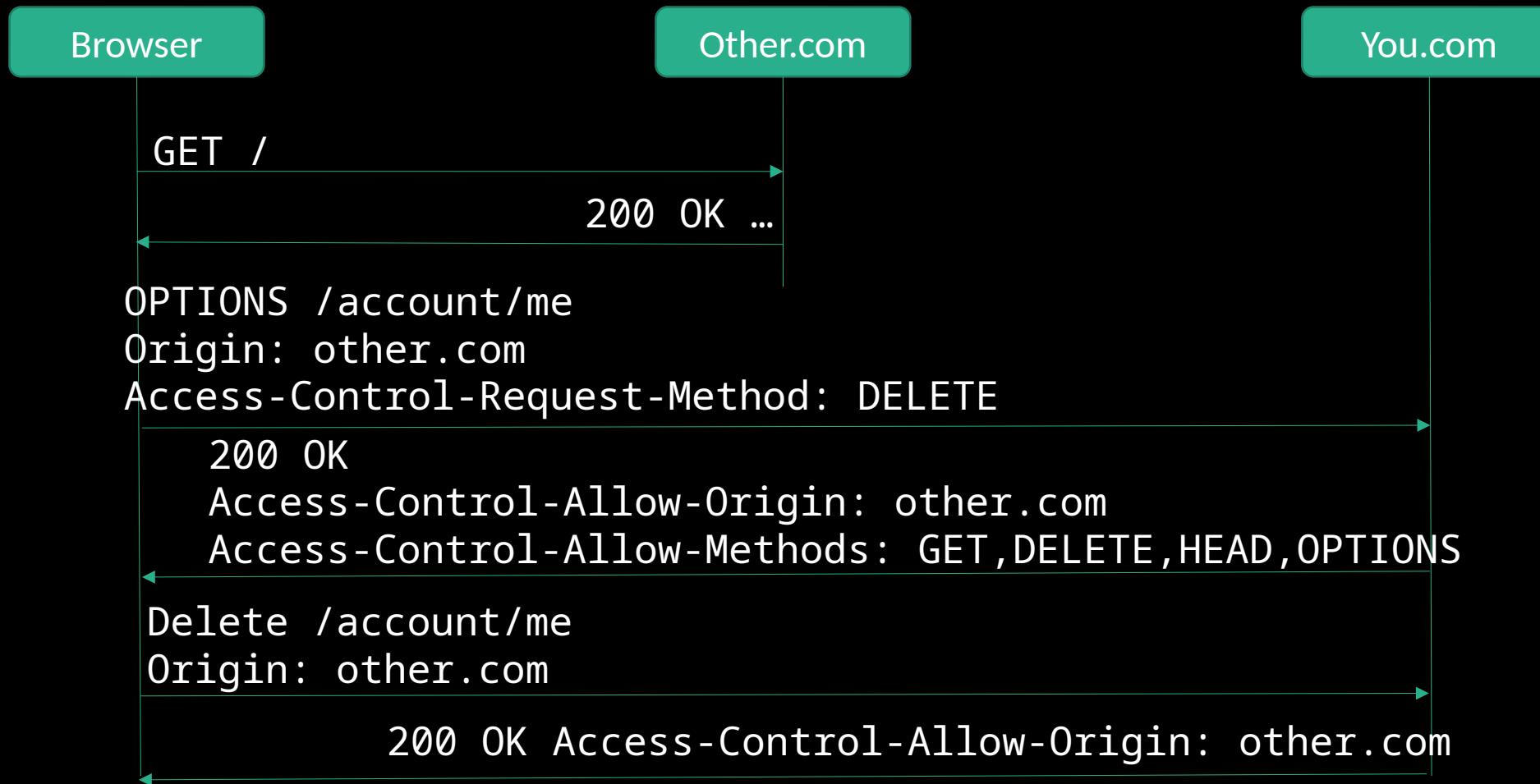
Server check/setup rights

(Access-Control-Allow-Origin, Access-Control-Allow-Methods)

Simple request (GET, POST, HEAD + content type)



« preflight » Request (everything else)



CSP

Content Security Policy

Principle : Headers

Server set the policy

HTTP header

(Content-Security-Policy)

HTML header

(meta, Content-Security-Policy)

Principle : rules

Restriction on usable origins

Type of contents

(default-src, script-src, style-src, ...)

Allowed Origin

('self', domaine, protocole+domaine)

Principle : reports

Error notification to an endpoint

A URL

(to get JSON report from browsers)

A mode « report only »

(To check policy before going to production)

Anti CSRF

Available techniques

CSRF Token

Server generate random value
(unique for each session)

Put on a form
`<input type=hidden>`

Checked on submit

Double submit

Idem but...

Cookie instead of session

Variants

(ciphered / signed cookie)

Re-authentication

Re-ask for password
(for important requests only)

Captcha

Turing test
(painfull for humans)

Veuillez cocher la case ci-dessous pour continuer.

Je ne suis pas un robot


reCAPTCHA
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