Beyond Blind Defense: Gaining Insights from Proactive AppSec

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Beyond Blind Defense

- In a nutshell
 - Content Security Policy (+ CSP2, + some CSP3)
 - HTTP Public Key Pinning
- Reporting!
 - Security, QA, & Infrastructure benefits and considerations
 - How? (The easy way)

"Enforcing markup and scripting assumptions client-side"

i.e. "you should never see this kind of code from us"

Content Security Policy in a nutshell

Quickstart²

```
Content-Security-Policy-Report-Only:
default-src 'none';
object-src 'none';
script-src 'self';
connect-src 'self';
img-src 'self';
style-src 'self';
report-uri https://[id].report-uri.io/r/default/csp/[mode]
```

- Existing site? Start with Reporting. Refine further.
- New application? Build it in from day one.
- Does not replace safe input/output
- w3.org/TR/CSP1/
- caniuse.com/contentsecuritypolicy

Threat Model (intended)⁴

<xss />





Cross-Site Scripting

Clickjacking

Mixed Content

Threat Model (stretched)







Internal Threat

Directives

- default-src (applies to)
- connect-src
- font-src
- img-src
- media-src
- object-src
- script-src
- style-src

(does not apply to)

- frame-src
- report-uri
- sandbox specifies an HTML sandbox policy that the user agent applies to the protected resource.

Updates CSP with new directives. E.g.:

- base-uri, child-src, form-action, plugin-types
 - frame-ancestors *supplants* the x-frame-options header.
 - form-action and plugin-types restrict forms and plugins.
- For unsafe directives, Nonces and Hashes can now validate inline resources.

Updated Reporting:

- effectiveDirective, statusCode, sourceFile, lineNumber, columnNumber
- Also exposed through a SecurityPolicyViolationEvent
- Aids XSS triage specifically.
- caniuse.com/contentsecuritypolicy2

You're probably doing it wrong

Allowing unsafe-inline unbounded

Missing
object-src
but permitting
default-src

Missing Allowing object-src unsafe-eval

```
content-security-policy: default-src 'none';
script-src 'sha256-
BOHH2w65dTag9u/qv3W+TOprNupZC7kCtCjUgCviuKU='
<!-- Hash-Source-->
<script>
   alert(123);
</script>
```

```
content-security-policy: default-src 'none';
script-src 'nonce-2726c7f26c'
<!-- Nonce-Source-->
<script nonce="2726c7f26c">
   alert(123);
</script>
```

Nonce- and Hash-source will not protect you:

- If you drop untrusted data into a JS context.
- If you're being stupid with eval.
- If you're literally hashing or noncing every resource on a page as a post-processing step.

But they're still better than whitelists.

Considerations for refactoring:

- Hash-source needs a hash for every script.
- Nonces do not carry over to new scripts.
 - Fix by Google: "strict-dynamic"¹
- Whitelists are very hard to do correctly.³
 - Hashes and Nonces statistically more effective⁴

- Working Draft!
- Changes to brace for:
 - CSP 3 rewritten with FETCH in mind (<u>fetch.spec.whatwg.org/</u>)
 - Reporting slated for overhaul. "report-uri" deprecated in favor of "report-to" (w3c.github.io/reporting/)

- Changes to enjoy:
 - "strict-dynamic" (allows new scripts to inherit authorization from a nonced script)
 - Sub-Resource Integrity matching work-in-progress (github.com/w3c/webappsec-csp/issues/78)
- w3.org/TR/CSP3/

"Trust on first use for https connections"

i.e. "if you don't see this key, we shouldn't speak."

Http Public Key Pinning in a nutshell

Http Public Key Pinning

This can break brick your site. Use Reporting!

- Have multiple keys!
- Have multiple backups!
- Use Certificate Authority Authorization.

(https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc6844)

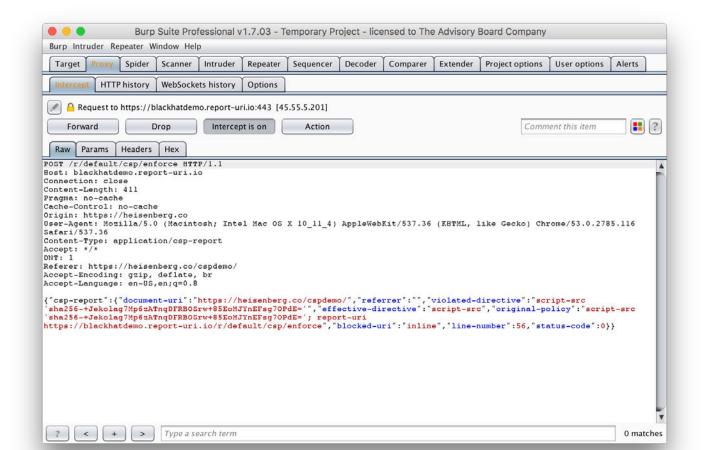
Http Public Key Pinning

Quickstart

caniuse.com/hpkp

Reporting

Why?



Reporting (CSP)

Security

- Your final layer of defense!
 - Not your only defense!
- What gets through your main defenses?
 - ...but is stopped in browser?

Considerations

 Absence of reports is not a report of absence (of issues)

- Validate the reports.
 - Literally do input validation.
 Reports are untrusted.

Reporting (CSP)

Quality Assurance

- Confirm expectations live.
- What gets through?
 - ...but goes against policy?

Reports speak to application quality!

Considerations

- Run CSP in QA.
 - i.e. not just in production.

- New to CSP?
 Expect heavy reports.
 - Reports approach zero as codebase aligns with policy.

Reporting (HPKP)

Security

- Are your connections to users trusted?
- Why not?
 - Compromised clients?
 - ...networks?
 -servers?
- How do you know?

Infrastructure

- Certificate management
 - Enforce expectations.
 - Gain insight into certificate management practices.

Reporting (HPKP)

Considerations

- Chrome 46+ only; no reporting in Firefox 😐
- Use a different domain!
 - If you brick your site, don't brick your reporting.

Reporting

The easy way

<u>report-uri.io</u>
 (It's free! Thanks, Scott!)

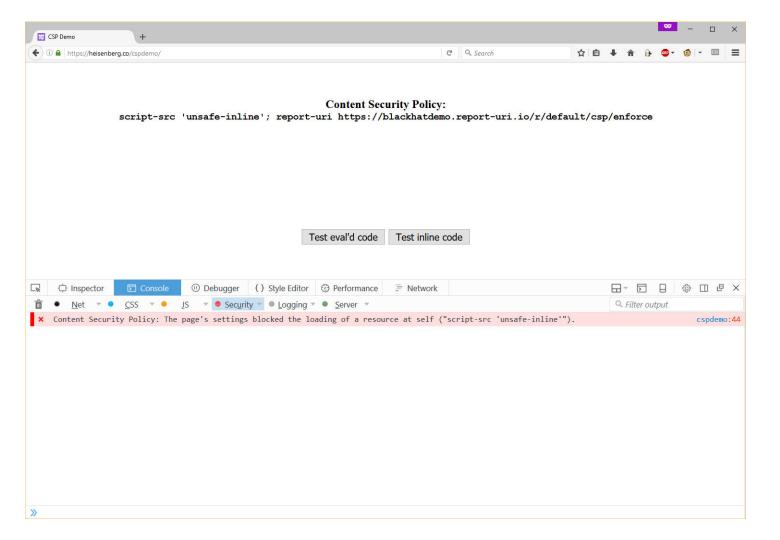
A bit harder

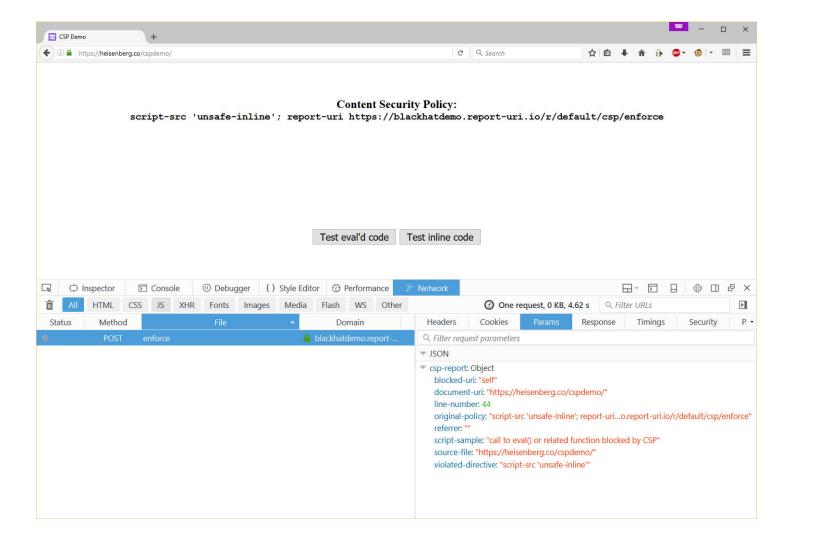
 Build your own aggregator <u>mathiasbynens.be/notes/cs</u> <u>p-reports</u>

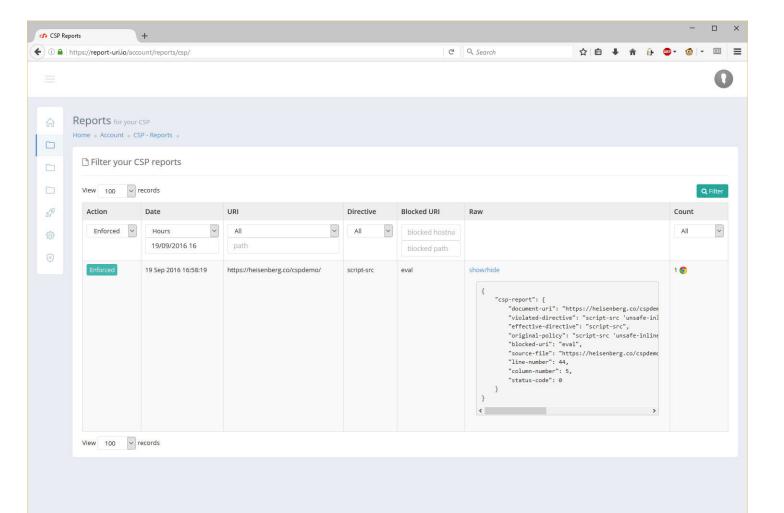
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Demo (CSP)

heisenberg.co/cspdemo/

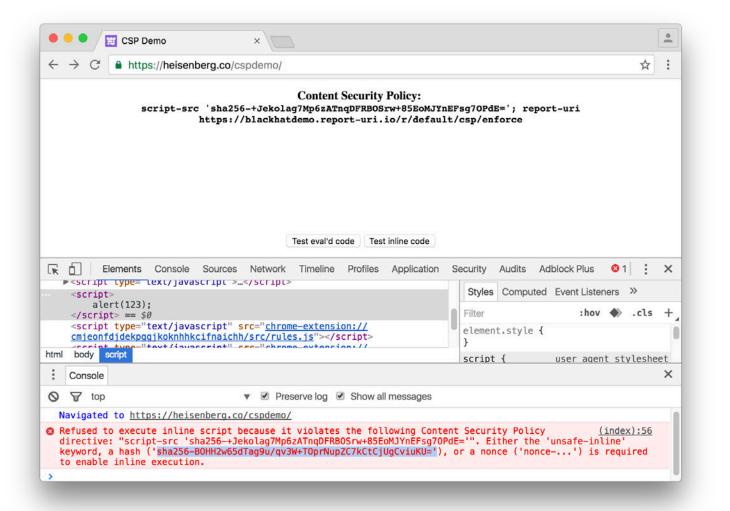






Easter egg (CSP hashing)

heisenberg.co/cspdemo/



Demo (HPKP)

redskins.io

Reporting Caveats

"It's about trust."

In the end, who *sends* the reports?

Hat Tip

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Questions? (Have Some Links)

CSP (old) w3.org/TR/CSP1/ (current) w3.org/TR/CSP2/ (draft) w3.org/TR/CSP3/

HPKP <u>RFC 7469</u>

Report-uri.io report-uri.io

[1] "Content Security Policy 3" https://www.w3.org/TR/CSP3/#intro [2] "Content Security Policy Quick Reference Guide"https://contentsecurity-policy.com/, with changes. [3] "Sh*t!,It's CSP!" https://github.com/cure53/XSSChallenge Wiki/wiki/H5SC-Minichallenge-3:-"Sh*t,it%27s-CSP!" [4] "CSP is dead!" https://research.google.com/pubs/pub4 5542.html

Thank You!

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