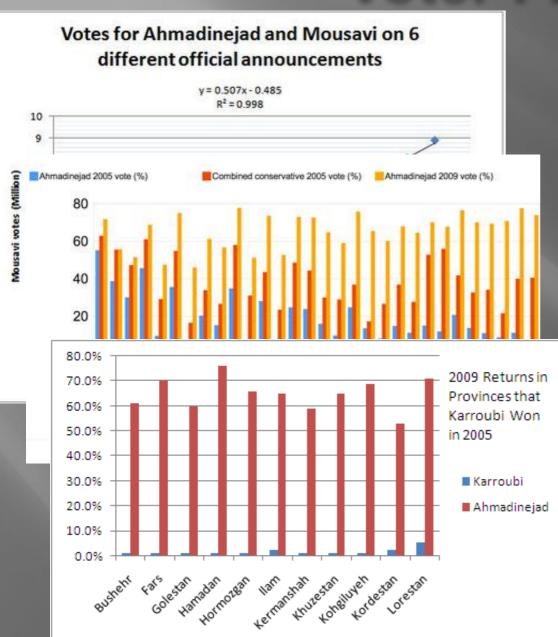


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## Voter Fraud



#### RIGGING INDICATORS

#### IMPOSSIBLE TALLIES

The closest you can get to a smoking gun: vote tallies should be less than or equal to the number of eligible voters.

#### LOGICAL ANOMALIES

Candidates fail to win (or to even do well) in their home districts, especially where their ethnicity should help.

#### A BREAK WITH POLLS

Election returns are wildly inconsistent with recent reliable, thorough polling data, assuming it exists.

#### REVERSALS OF FORTUNE

Compared with a recent earlier contest, parties and candidates experience a big swing in popularity.

#### FISHY DIGITS

Fair vote tallies have a reliably even distribution of digits. Phony numbers made by humans do not.

#### LATE COMEBACKS

If results are released on a rolling basis, you can tell if a panicked party starts stuffing ballot boxes.

#### HASTY VERDICTS

When voting is electronic, results come fast. But with paper ballots, a speedy victor is suspicious.

#### DID IT HAPPEN IN IRAN?

YES: After an investigation, Iran's senior panel of election monitors said Monday that in 50 cities, the number of votes cast exceeded the actual number of voters.

YES: Mir Hossein Mousavi, an Azeri, lost East Azerbaijan, Mehdi Karrubi won 5 percent of his home district, a 10th of his 2005 result.

NO: One poll put Mahmoud Ahmadinejad up 2-1, But that was pre-debates, and most respondents refused to say who they'd vote for.

YES: Despite economic woes, reformists did more poorly than in 2005. And Ahmadinejad won in previously hostile Tehran Province.

**UNCLEAR:** Statisticians need precinct-level data to run their models, and Iran's rulers are unlikely to release that information.

UNCLEAR: Again, not enough data. If Iran's rulers rigged the vote, they did it right at the start of announced

YES: The Interior Ministry declared victory for Ahmadinejad two hours after polls closed; results were authorized immediately.





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1+2=5









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Posted in Internets, Iran, How to setup a proxy for Iran citizens (Virtual Machine Disk Format!)

Politics on 06/16/2009 03:27 am by Austin

Update: Version v0.3 has been posted, thanks James!

Great news all — the wonderful user "xxxxxx" has contributed a Virtual Machine Disk Format to the proxy campaign!

All you need to do is grab a copy of the VMDK file with your favorite web browser (?) BitTorrent program and you're good to go... pop the disk image on your favorite cloud/vps host and click start.

There are two accounts created on install (you can change both passwords):

(user:password)

root:#iran

iran:election

Could we make it any easier to help? Please tweet your proxies via \*DM\* @austinheap or e-mail them to

### International Protesters D/DoS

- Create auto web-page reloader
- Add a dose of social outrage
- DoS turns into DDoS pretty quickly

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<u>quinnelk</u>: PLS RT <u>@joshkoster</u> We've almost crashed Iran's state controlled media website. Lets finish the job: <u>http://tinyurl.com/kpa94e</u> (expand) <u>#iranelection</u>

about 7 hours ago from flaprogressives.com · Reply · View Tweet

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<u>mattytron</u>: RT @iBurt: May be 1000s of miles away, but I can @ least help crash the Iranian state media site! <a href="http://tinyurl.com/kpa94e">http://tinyurl.com/kpa94e</a> (expand) #iranelection

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<u>stephenesherman</u>: RT stacieboschma Help crash Iran's state media website. Open this auto-reloader: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/kpa94e">http://tinyurl.com/kpa94e</a> (expand) #iranelection It's working! :) about 7 hours ago from web · Reply · View Tweet

# Meanwhile... in the land of the ever cute Slowloris

- Low bandwidth
- Keeps sockets alive
- Only affects certain web servers
- Doesn't work through load balancers
- Managed to work around accf\_http



### Slowloris

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POST / HTTP/1.1\r\n
Host: spoofed.com\r\n
User-Agent: Whatever\r\n
Content-Length: 42\r\n
X-a: b\r\n\r\n

# Keeping Sessions Alive

GET / HTTP/ $1.1\r\n$ 

Host: spoofed.com\r\n

User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 ...\r\n

Connection: Keep-Alive\r\n

Range: bytes= $0-10\r\n$ 

 $X-a: b\r\n\r$ 

# Apache's Response



"DoS attacks by tying up TCP connections are expected. Please see:

http://httpd.apache.org/docs/trunk/misc/security\_tips.html#dos

Regards, Joe"

- They've known about it for years...
- So I decide to release Slowloris in a few days' time when I have a chance to clean up the code... Meanwhile...

# Anonymous

Hello, leaders of Iran. We are Anonymous.

As the eyes of the entire world hold you under close scrutiny, the eyes of the internet have taken a similar notice of your recent actions. While the governments of the world condemn you for your suppression of human rights, Anonymous has taken a particular interest in your recent attempts to censor the internet, not only for your own people, but for the citizens of the entire world.

Such suppression of dissent cannot go unpunished. By cutting off communication of the Iranian citizens to the rest of the world, you have made it clear to us that the most revered of human rights - the right to free speech - is no longer important to you. By seeking to silence the voice of the people in an election and subsequently seeking to silence criticism of such a gross cover-up, you have perpetuated the anger and rage of your people. Anonymous has therefore made it our mission to see to it that the voice of the Iranian people can be heard around the world.

Just like another authoritarian religious extremist group, Anonymous will tear down the walls of silence using only the truth - the truth that you are trying so hard to suppress by use of violence, intimidation, and fascist laws.

As your people continue to riot and to speak out against you; as you continue to beat and shoot your own citizens in the street; as you continue to lie to the face of the entire world; know that the internet is watching - and we do not like what we see.

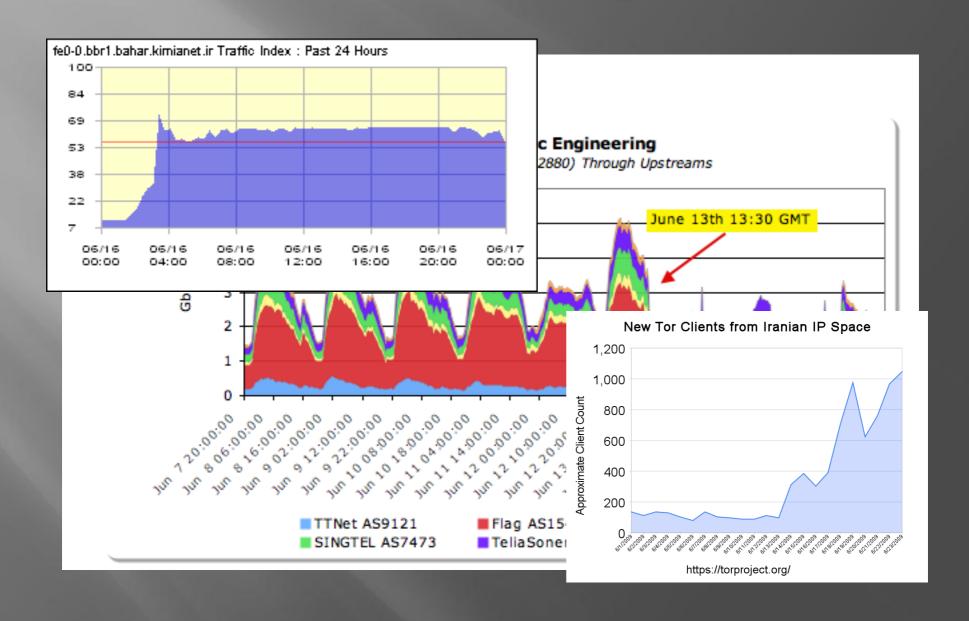
Knowledge is free.

We are Anonymous. We are Legion. We do not forgive. We do not forget.



my Fox

# DDoS Increases Against Iran



### Unwitingly, I Release Slowloris

- I release it on my blog and on Twitter
- Expecting little to no attention
- For the first few hours things were pretty quiet...

Okay, released the low bandwidth "Slowloris" HTTP DoS: http://bit.ly/NAeQk

8:33 AM Jun 17th from web



t3rmin4t0r: Sometimes some issues are face-palm egg-on-the-face - <a href="http://ha.ckers.org/slowloris/">http://ha.ckers.org/slowloris/</a> ... we have accept buffering, but not for POST!

12 days ago from web · Reply · View Tweet

# Slowloris and Iran Elections Flare at the Same Time







Ahmadinejad

▶ lol-dongs 1 point 2 hours ago [-]

- Slowlaris, meet 4chan. 4chan, Slowlaris.

4chan: O HAI

Slowlaris, meet Scientology. Scientology, ...

. . .

Scientology...?

permalink reply

### Slashdot /.

#### So slashdot... (Score:5, Funny)

by santax (1541065) on Friday June 19, @10:22AM (#28389621)

be prepared to feel the slashdot-effect yourself for once!

Reply to This

#### Re:So slashdot... (Score:5, Informative)

We have a hardware load-balancer and a software reverse proxy (varnish) in front of our apache.

Lkinda doubt this would work on us-

Note, I am not inviting anyone to try. It might work great for all I know :(

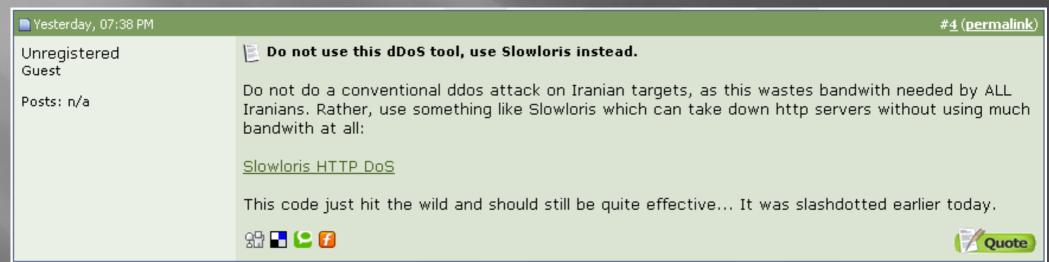
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# Don't Kill All of Iran – Just The Government Websites



From http://iran.whyweprotest.net/



#16



## Twitter Explosion



buttfungus: @daVidG82 RT URGENT ANYONE USING "SLOWLORIS" TAKE DOWN THIS SITE showing protesters in wanted list http://bit.ly/aareA (expand) #iranelection #Neda

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انکل: muddletoes http://tiny.cc/jQiSI

about 20 hours ago



AlixandraLove: RT RT URGENT ANYONE USING "SLOWLORIS" TAKE DOWN THIS SITE showing protesters in wanted list http://bit.ly/aareA (expand) #iranelection #Neda

about 1 hour ago from TweetDeck · Reply · View Tweet



muddletoes: Try ! bad packet attack

about 20 hours ago



xtarastarx: RT URGENT ANYONE USING "**SLOWLORIS**" TAKE DOWN THIS SITE showing protesters in wanted list http://bit.ly/aareA (expand) #iranelection #Neda

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daVidG82: RT URGENT ANYONE USING "SLOWLORIS" TAKE DOWN THIS SITE showing protesters in wanted list http://bit.ly/aareA (expand) #iranelection #Neda #Tehran

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facto turned into a DDoS tool



DominiqueRdr: RT @SashaKane: URGENT ANYONE USING "SLOWLORIS" TAKE DOWN THIS SITE showing protesters in wanted list http://bit.ly/aareA (expand) #iranelection #Neda

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vizcult: RT URGENT ANYONE USING "SLOWLORIS" TAKE DOWN THIS SITE showing protesters in wanted list http://bit.ly/aareA (expand) #iranelection #Neda

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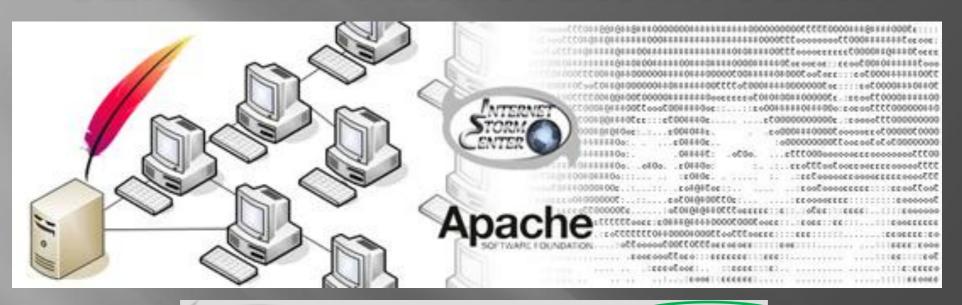
OwlAmerica: RT URGENT ANYONE USING "SLOWLORIS" TAKE DOWN THIS SITE showing protesters in wanted list <a href="http://bit.ly/aareA">http://bit.ly/aareA</a> (expand)

about 1 hour ago from *Power Twitter* · Reply · View Tweet

### More servers are Affected...

- Apache 1.x, 2.x
- dhttpd
- GoAhead WebServer
- WebSense "block pages" (unconfirmed)
- Trapeze Wireless Web Portal (unconfirmed)
- Verizon's MI424-WR FIOS Cable modem (unconfirmed)
- Verizon's Motorola Set-Top Box (port 8082 and requires auth - unconfirmed)
- BeeWare WAF (unconfirmed)
- Deny All WAF (unconfirmed)

### **CERT and Internet Storm Center**





Today's Internet Threat Level: GREEN Handler on Duty: Kyle Haugsness

Diary

Handler's Diary: TCP scanning increase for

#### Diary

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#### Slowloris and Iranian DDoS attacks

Published: 2009-06-23,

Last Updated: 2009-06-23 08:46:42 UTC

by Bojan Zdrnja (Version: 1)

Yup. Definitely was a Slowloris attack. The UA string matches exactly, http://ha.ckers.org/slowlor... line 173.

about 17 hours ago from twhirl

Figures. I install Wireshark on the server, and he stops. Well, the sites are back up -- harring another round of this inanity

We are seeing a increased number of DOS attacks from the slowloris program Apache & IIS seem to be vulnerable. Load Balanced sites seem ok

6:52 PM Jul 16th from web



spectrumnet

Spectrum Networks

@clockfort It's not like I \*want\* people to hammer on 74.171.198.201 :cough:... I just don't know if it's really him or a spoofed IP.

about 19 hours ago from twhirl in reply to clockfort

3PM: 74.171.198.201 reads the "ass burgers" comic on TnF. 5PM:

Hey, small world. One of the companies I work with closely is getting hit by supposedly DDOS, but the CEO mentioned "slowlo...somthing or other". He is not a very technical fellow. I am sure one of the sysadmins probably mentioned the method to him. Anyway, I imagine that someone decided to have fun with their site, but they do have about 50,000 online clients so the downtime is really crappy.

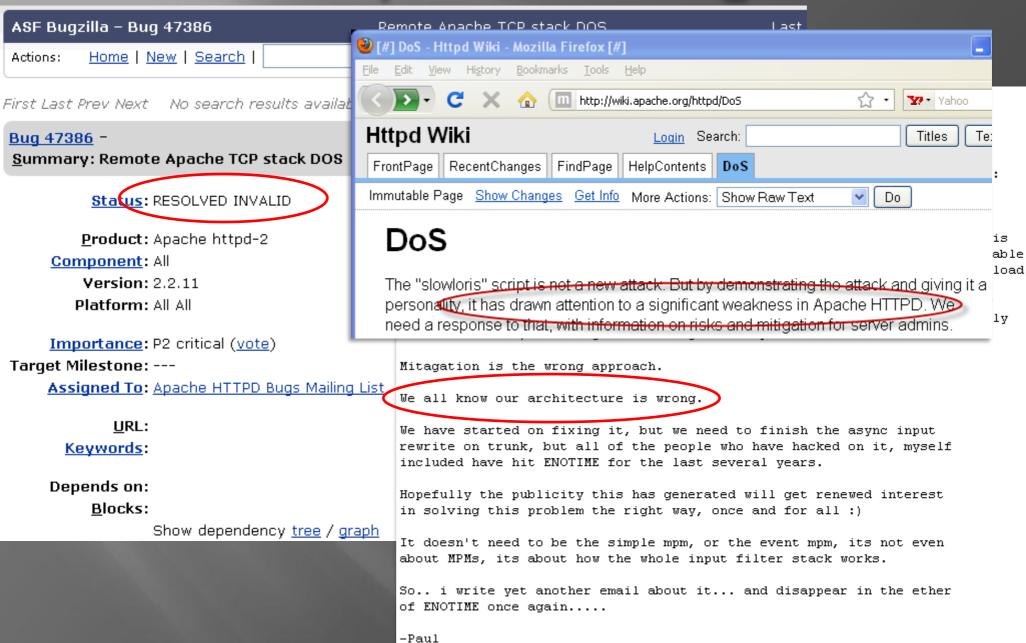
Whoever you are buddy, I'm sorry, but I'm calling BellSouth's abuse line.

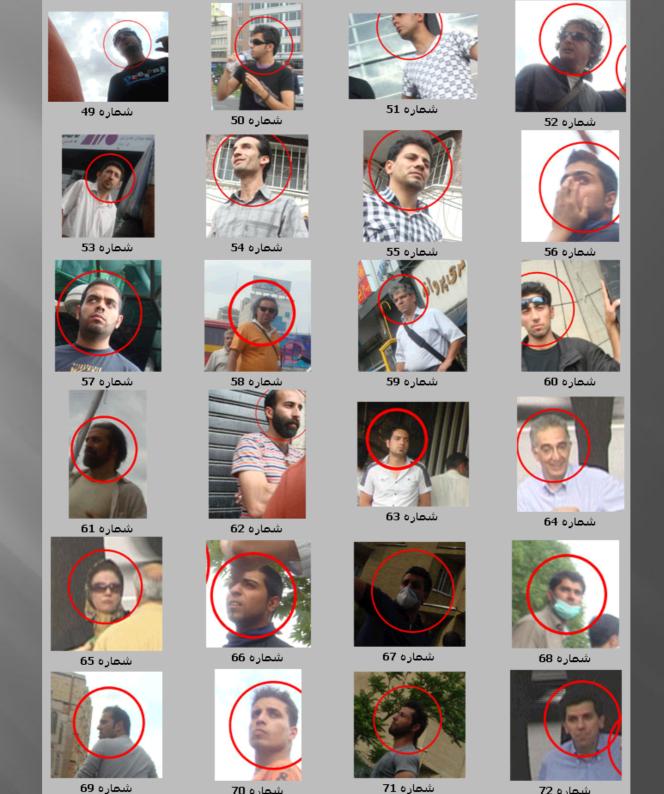
about 20 hours ago from twhirl

Who the fuck is 74,171,198,201?

about as hours ago from turbirl

# Oh Apache... \*sigh\*





#### cyberwar4iran

Help protect Iranian protesters by tracking down and disabling the regime crowdsourcing websites

dimanche 28 juin 2009

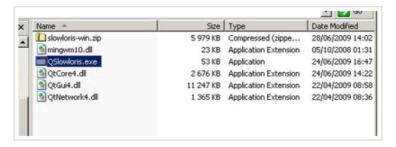
How to help take down gerdab.ir in 5 easy steps

Please help the protestors and send adresses of similar ill-intended websites to cyberwar4iran@gmail.com

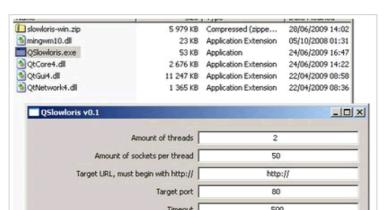
<u>This page on gerdab.ir</u> shows faces of protestors in the previous Iran demonstrations. We now very well <u>what will happen to them if they get caugth...</u>

This ominous site can be bought down with your help in 5 easy steps (Windows only) :

- 1 Download Slowloris here: http://www.megaupload.com/?d=P5BARST4
- 2 Extract the files in slowloris.zip . You would obtain that :



3 - Execute QSlowloris.exe



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Implementations

#### PyLoris

- http://motomastyle.com/pyloris-apython-implementation-of-slowloris/
- PHP version:
  - http://seclists.org/fulldisclosure/2009 /Jun/0207.html
- Questionable EXE version
  - http://cyberwar4iran.blogspot.com/
- "Slugsend"?



# Microsoft Even Gets In On The Action

#### 

A "must read" if you use Apache (to protect yourself against Slowloris) http://ping.fm/JfX5z

8:21 AM Jun 22nd from Ping.fm



michael\_howard

# Mitigating Slowloris

- Scary to Devs:
  - Use a different web server
- Scary to networking guys:
  - Use a proxy that has a worker pool model
  - "Use a firewall" Inadvertent DoS?
- Scary to everyone:
  - mod\_antiloris
  - mod noloris
- 1) A \*linear-time\* search on a shm segment, using strstr.
- 2) ... for each new connection.
- 3) On a shm segment which will get modified in-place by another process
- 4) ... without locking

Awesome! What could possibly go wrong? Ship it!

- User MPM (experimental)
- Scary, but only to Apache:
  - <u>Fix Apache</u> so it no longer uses a single thread-per-user model.

## Improvements to Slowloris

- ToR
- Proxy
- $\Box$  \_D\_DoS
- Configurable (user agent, etc...)
- More payloads
- Etc...



- attack #1: open a connection, remain idle detection: the analyzer notices a read-request-header phase not being finished n seconds after the opening of the connection
- attack #2: delaying the ssl handshake detection: the analyzer notices a read-request-header phase not being finished n seconds after the opening of the connection
- attack #3: delaying the request header read phase by sending in one (bogus-)
  header after other, each one in a single tcp packet
  detection: the analyzer notices a read-request-header phase not being
  finished n seconds after the opening of the connection
- attack #4: delaying the request body read phase detection: the analyzer notices the phase is not done within n seconds. Optionally an additional mod\_security check after the read header phase to make sure a post is feasible to the URL in question at all. Actually in a standard application, an non-authorized client should only be able to make a post to the login-form. However, it is a bit tricky to detect the client being unauthorised in mod\_security after the read request header phase already. All i can see is a check against a list of client ip addresses with open sessions, provided by the authentication layer of the application running.
- attack #5: Delaying a file upload detection: File uploads can be big. I would try to check with mod\_security wether the client is authorised to upload at all. Otherwise this may be quite tricky for the external analyzer. How to tell a slow modem over a weak connection from a DoS attacker...
- attack #6: Using keepalive to delay a subsequent request detection: After a finished request, the connection has to be closed after k seconds or a new read header phase has to be finished after k + n seconds.

## **Questions/Comments?**

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  - XSS Book: XSS Exploits and Defense
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