

# **Computer Security (COM-301)**

## **Adversarial Thinking**

# Which of these are true?

Which of the following approaches does NOT help to ensure that you do not run adversarial code in the Trusted Computing Base?

- (a) Make sure code updates are signed.
- (b) Sanitize the compiler code before compiling updates.
- (c) Only accept updates encrypted with your public key.
- (d) Check for new updates using an antivirus

# XS...?

While you are logged into your bank's website (<https://creditbank.com>) in your browser, you receive an email with the following subject: "Job opportunity at Appgle! Apply now", and fully load the email in the same browser. In the email, there is an image attachment with the following HTML image tag:

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As soon as you are done reading the email, you find that your bank account is missing 10'000 CHF. Which of the following CWE was exploited here?

- a) Cross-site request forgery, because the code that loads the image takes advantage of an existing creditbank.com session cookie to execute the request on your behalf.
- b) Cross-site scripting, because the arguments to the URL to access the bank's website are not properly sanitized.
- c) Cross-site request forgery, because the arguments to the URL to access the bank's website are not properly sanitized.
- d) Cross-site scripting, because the code that loads the image takes advantage of an existing creditbank.com session cookie to execute the request on your behalf.

# Which of these are true?

Which of the following countermeasures are a **good choice** to avoid Cross Site Request Forgery attacks:

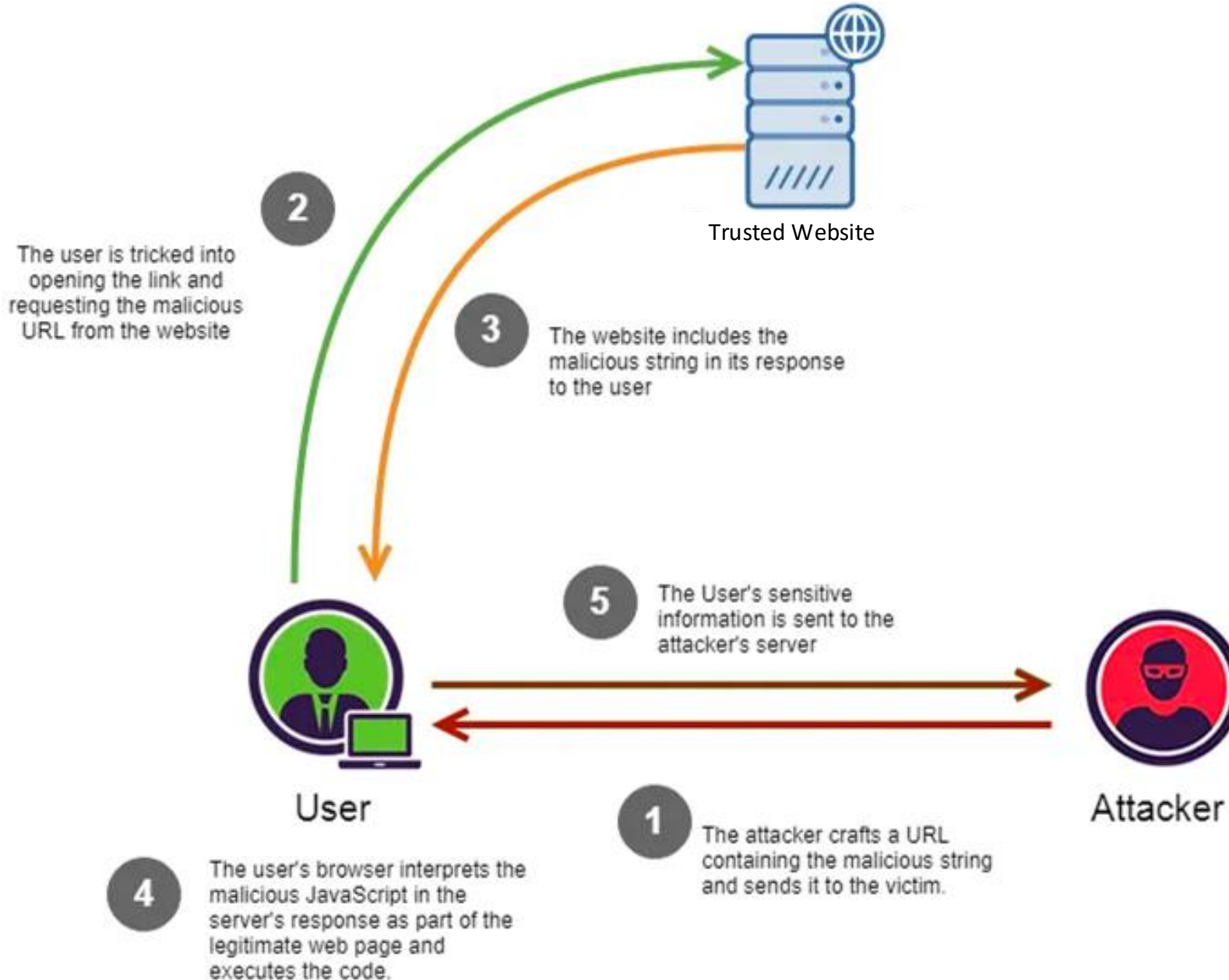
- (a) Only authorize actions after the authentication step
- (b) Sanitize the cookies before they are processed
- (c) Not execute anything received from the user
- (d) Verify the origin of the information

AwesomeWebsite.com/hello.php has the following PHP code

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$userid = $_GET['userID'];  
echo '<div class="header">Hello, '.$userid.'</div>';
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1. Write a URL to inform a third party, <http://iamcharlie.com>, of the cookie of the user visiting the page.
2. What instructions would you give to the programmer to fix this?

# XSS through the looking glass mirror



1. As an attacker, how would you perform step 1 (and 2) to exploit step 4?

1. What can the different entities do against this attack?