

NoScript <del>vs</del> for Web Developers

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## about:NoScript

- JavaScript permission manager
- Embedded content blocker (plugins, media...)
- ✓ XSS filter
- Application Boundaries Enforcer (ABE)
- ClearClick (Clickjacking protection)
- HTTPS enhancements
- Usability helpers





#### about:talk

Good practices appraisal

Cheap tricks shaming

Usability extras showcase

Future directions

Help & feedback requests



#### **Tweet your questions**

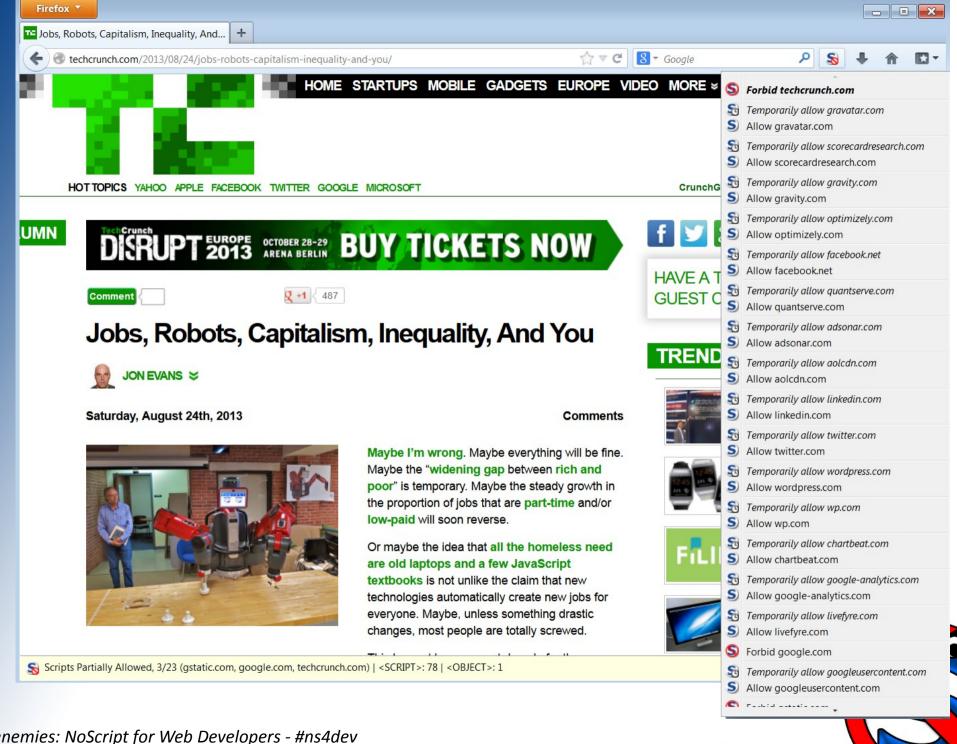
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#### Flexible Permissions for JavaScript and Embedded Content Java, Flash, Silverlight, Acrobat Reader and any other plugin, HTML5 media (<video>, <audio>, APIs),

WebGL, XSLT, Web Fonts, Frames (optionally)





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#### Main use cases for this mess

- Content mash-ups
- CDNs
- External trackers/analytics
- Advertisement networks
- ... add yours #ns4devMess



## Keep it tight

- Depend on just 1 domain...
- ... or use subdomains
- Sharding is less important nowadays
- cloudfront.net raw inclusions suck



#### Meet middle-click (or shift+click)



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## Keep it visible

- Be clear about required/optional
- Take advantage of placeholders
- "Enable JavaScript" redirected page is EVIL
- Avoid nested inclusions
- cloudfront.net raw inclusions suck!



## Poor man CDNs OMG!

- "Cheap" setups like including jQuery plugins from their code repositories get mercilessly broken by NoScript
- NoScript blocks script and CSS inclusions with downloadspecific content-type headers and/or Content-disposition: attachment
- This should be mandatory in any browser (even without X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff)
- Very important to NoScript users (github, googlecode...)



## **Less Painful Script Blocking?**

- Attempt to "fix" JavaScript navigation (links, dropdown menus, submit buttons, redirections)
- Framebusting emulation
- Forcing <NOSCRIPT> elements visible for blocked inclusions
- Lots of other minor stuff, but most important...



#### **Script Surrogates**

- Similar to GreaseMonkey scripts but different :)
- Blocking aware (triggered also by inclusion blocking)
- Can modify the execution environment, emulating missing scripts and even built-in objects
- Can replace remote scripts with local alternatives (RFE by Richard Stallman)
- hackademix.net/2011/09/29/script-surrogates-quick-reference/



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#### **Abusive Ideas**

- Abusing "Stallman's" surrogates to cache jQuery and other common libraries locally
- Abusing WHOIS to create "batch allow" groups
- Abusing (?) data- attributes on <SCRIPT> elements to provide useful metadata
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#### **Anti-XSS Filter**

- (Ab)uses Gecko's HTML parser and the SpiderMonkey JavaScript engine to check for suspicious payloads
- Desktop version filters / Android version blocks
- Checks for many "exotic" encodings and complex attack scenarios (e.g. Ebay's custom URL encoding, omographic attacks, multiple omomimous parameters concatenations...)
- Examines thoroughly the request, but ignores the response (pro: safest; con: more false positives)



#### **XSS** false positives

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#### ...as seen on Youtube!



#### Please post data, not code

- Avoid fancy cross-site POSTs (and GETs!)
- ✓JSON & XML are OK
- JavaScript & HTML are bad
- Base64 "obfuscation" is useless



#### **HTTPS Enhancements**

- Automatic or manual cookie management (against "Cookie Monster" attacks on badly implemented HTTPS sites)
- HTTPS enforcing
- HTTPS-dependent permissions (with TOR-specific setting)



#### **HTTPS Enhancements**

#### Trivia EFF's HTTPS Everywhere mostly reuses NoScript's HTTPS enforcing code



#### **HTTPS Enhancements**

#### **Developer Advices**

# Avoid bouncing back user to HTTP Use HSTS



## **Application Boundaries Enforcer (ABE)**

- A Web Application Firewall in a browser
- The advantage of more context (e.g. origin or DOM)
- Anti-CSRF
- Resistant to DNS-rebinding
- Default rule to block cross-zone request, protects LAN and local resources such as SOHO firewalls
- noscript.net/abe



## **Application Boundaries Enforcer (ABE)**

#### **Developer Advices**

Experiment protecting your own applications

Avoid "hotel Wi-Fi" nightmare setups

Live without cross-zone requests



#### ClearClick the ClickJacking Killer



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#### ClearClick the ClickJacking Killer

- Based on screenshots comparison
- Additional countermeasures against timing attacks
- Additional cursorjacking protection
- Built-in false positive reporting facility



#### ClearClick the ClickJacking Killer

#### **Developer Advices**

Alert your gfx/front-end people

- Avoid cross-site content overlapping
- Be careful with CSS filters/translucency on frames



#### **ClearClick** UI Security coming soon to a browser near you

- On its way to standardization by the W3C's Web Applications Security Work Group
- www.w3.org/TR/UISecurity/ (working draft)
- Extends CSP
- Opt-in from the embedded content
- Includes a *frame-options* directive and a reporting-only mode



#### **Future Plans**

- Merging Android and desktop versions
- Hacking Blink to make a serious NoScript Chrome viable
- Hacking Firefox OS to make any browser extension (and therefore NoScript) viable
- NoScript Enterprise Edition



#### **Engagement Rules**

- Use noscript.net/forum for usability bug reports, RFEs and general discussions
- Use private email for any security-sensitive report: anything causing a mismatch between NoScript users' security expectations and reality
- Please use PGP to encrypt all your security reports
- Avoid reporting on Facebook, Twitter & C.!



## Questions?



#### **Thank You!**

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