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**Product.** XOOPS

**Platform.** Independent

**Affected versions.** 2.3.3 (verified), possibly others

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**Severity Rating.** Medium

**Impact.** Cookie/credential theft, impersonation, loss of confidentiality

**Attack Vector.** Remote

**Solution Status.** Vendor patch

**CVE reference.** Not yet assigned

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### Details.

XOOPS is a content management system written in PHP. During an application [penetration test](#) Sense of Security identified that Input passed to the “op” parameter of viewpmsg.php, and in the query string of user.php are vulnerable to Cross-Site Scripting vulnerabilities. This occurred as a result of the application not properly filtering HTML tags which allowed malicious JavaScript to be embedded. When input is incorrectly validated and not properly sanitised and then displayed in a web page, attackers can trick users into viewing the web page and causing malicious code to be executed.

### Proof of Concept.

```
http://IP/xoops-2.3.3/htdocs/modules/pm/viewpmsg.php?op=""<script>alert('vulnerable')</script><link id='
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**Solution.**

Vendor patch

**Discovered by.**

SOS Labs.

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