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## GovCertUK Summary - September

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### Google Search Application

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GovCertUK have been informed that the Google Search Application is vulnerable to Cross-Site Scripting (XSS).

Briefly, XSS is a vulnerability within Web applications that allows code injection by malicious users into the web pages viewed by other users. XSS can be used for malicious purposes such as attacking visitors or defacing the website, or for phishing.

GovCertUK recommend that Google Search Application be disabled or removed from Websites until a fix is released.

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### Detected Attacks

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The majority of attacks that GovCertUK identify remain web based. These come from either redirects from compromised legitimate web sites, hidden IFRAMES or browsing non-work related web sites.

The vulnerabilities exploited are numerous and include MS07-017 (ANI files), MS07-009 (Adodb.Connection), MS06-014 (RDS.Dataspace), MS06-071 (XMLHTTP) and MS06-057 (WebViewFolderIcon). A regular patching policy, and user education combined with detailed content filtering will help mitigate this threat.

Targeted email attacks also continue to be detected. Regular patching will also help mitigate this threat; however users should be reminded to be vigilant.

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### Incident Response Training

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GovCertUK held its first Incident Response Training day on the 11<sup>th</sup> September. The day covered a number of topics including General principles, Forensics, Malware analysis and Browser based attacks.

GovCertUK also held a seminar on the 24<sup>th</sup> in response to news stories about 'Targeted Electronic Attacks' against UK Government.

Feedback has generally been positive, and GovCertUK intend to host similar events in the future. If you are interested, or have suggestions for future topics please contact us at [enquiries@govcertuk.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@govcertuk.gov.uk).

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### General

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[www.govcertuk.gov.uk/reporting.shtml](http://www.govcertuk.gov.uk/reporting.shtml)