WebSec Minutes

The WebSec working group met on Thursday, November 8th at 17:30 for 1 hour.

Cyrus Daboo scribed on Jabber (thanks, Cyrus!)

HSTS is now in the RFC Editor's queue, and should be published soon. The chairs also reminded the participants of X-Frame-Options that is now in WGLC. We've had some good reviews, but more would be better.

Gordon Hemsley (not present) had taken on writing a mime-sniffing document at WHAT-WG. This has been a charter item in WebSec, but we have not done any work on this for over a year. The W3C has documents referencing the mime-sniffing document. Nobody in the group objected to having this move to WHAT-WG, and the W3C documents can point to that document. The work item will be removed from our charter.

Similarly, the WebAppSec group at W3C has asked to have the Frame-Options document move to them as part of a UI-Safety document, which they are in the process of writing. Brad Hill argued for moving it, while Tobias Gondrom argued against. While there are some technical concerns about the solution in W3C, those can also be debated and resolved in W3C. As there was little objection to the move, this work item will also be removed from our charter after the chairs handle the move through the liaisons.

Jeff Hodges presented his security framework draft. This is part of our charter, but no document has so far been adopted. The feeling in the room was that there would be consensus to adopt this, and we will take it to the list after Jeff submits the next revision. 4 people raised their hands when asked who would be willing to review the draft. That is not a lot, but I was not counting chairs / ADs.

Ryan Sleevi presented on the progress on cert-pinning. There are some open issues that should be discussed on the list. The two most sticky among them are the issue of UA behavior in the face of a TLS proxy (issue #53), and interaction between this and HSTS (also in the face of a TLS proxy). Ryan said that he and the authors had more time to spend on this document now, so hopefully progress will be swifter.

Alexey announced that he would be stepping down as WG chair.