

No server side validation for non-editable input fields - CVE-2018-17791

Definition: In client server architecture sometimes the developer fails to implement validation in server for input fields. This may lead to tampering the input fields and save tampered inputs. Failing to implement validation for non-editable fields may lead to tampering the non-editable fields.

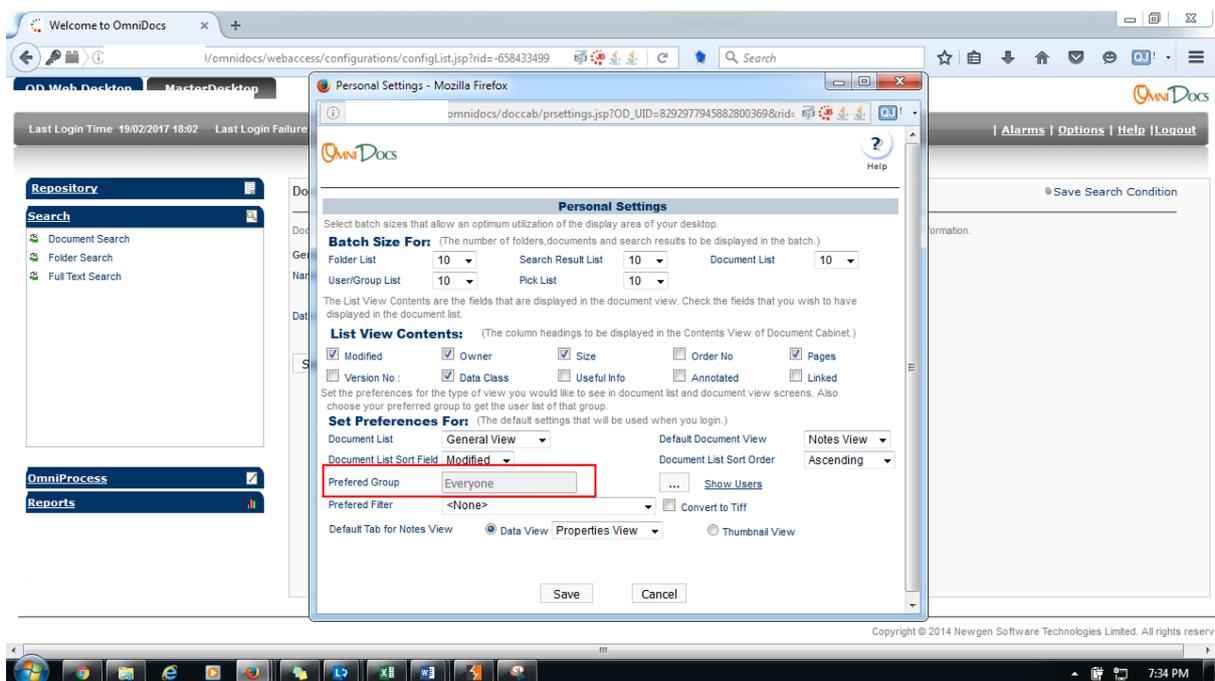
Impact: This may lead to business confusion, insertion of tampered inputs, changing disabled field values.

Recommendation: It is recommended to validate the input fields, editable and non-editable fields in server side. Fields which are non-editable need to be set to read-only.

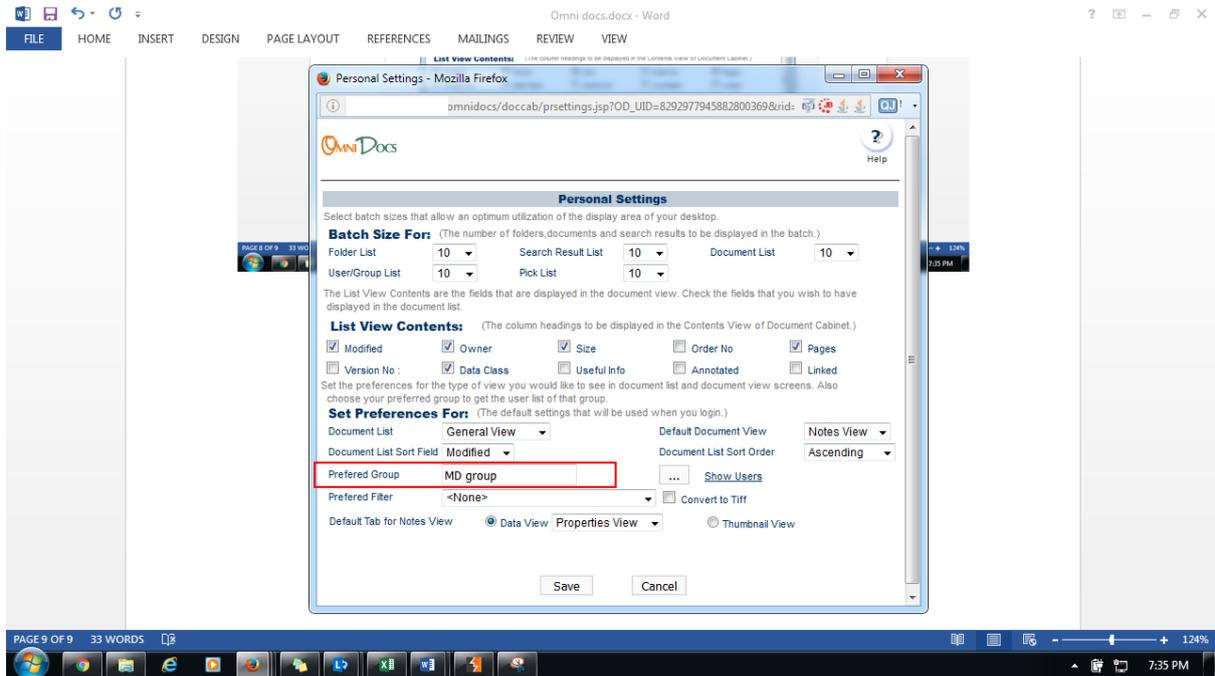
Exploitability: Attacker with access to the application with little bit of development knowledge can change the value leading to business confusion.

Steps to reproduce:

Step 1: In Personal Settings Preferred group is in non-editable format and there is no option to edit this field.



Step 2: Preferred field value i.e. Everyone was selected and inspected using inspect element. Then the field was made enabled by changing disabled=true to enabled=true. The value was changed to MD Group and was saved by clicking on Save.



Step 3: Next time when the same information was visited Preferred group value was MD Group

