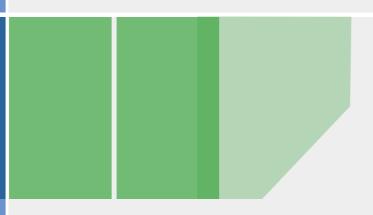


### Real Time Application Defenses The Reality of AppSensor & ESAPI



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#### Agenda

- Power of Application Intrusion Detection
- ESAPI & AppSensor
- Release of AppSensor-Tutorial
- AppSensor @ Mozilla

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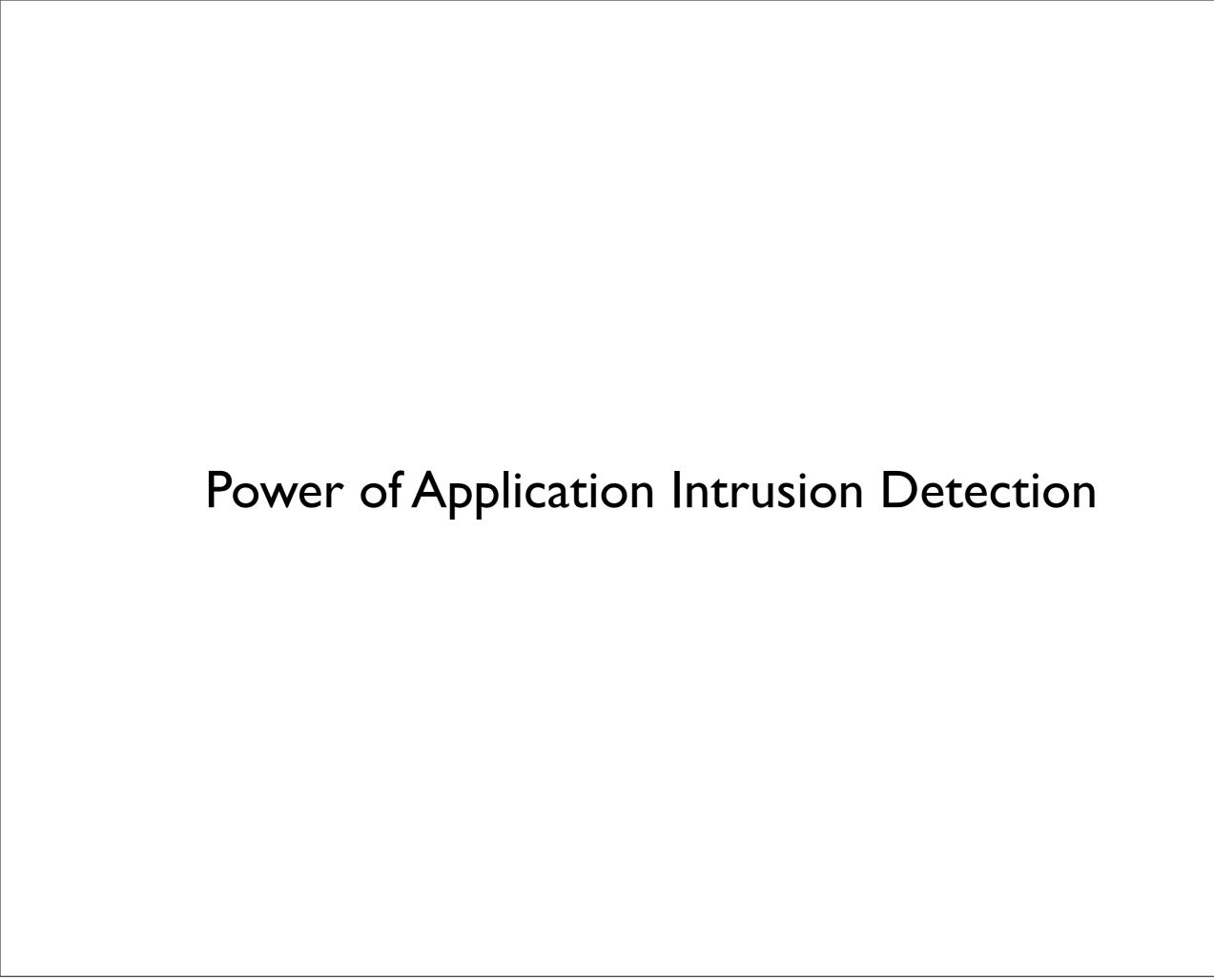
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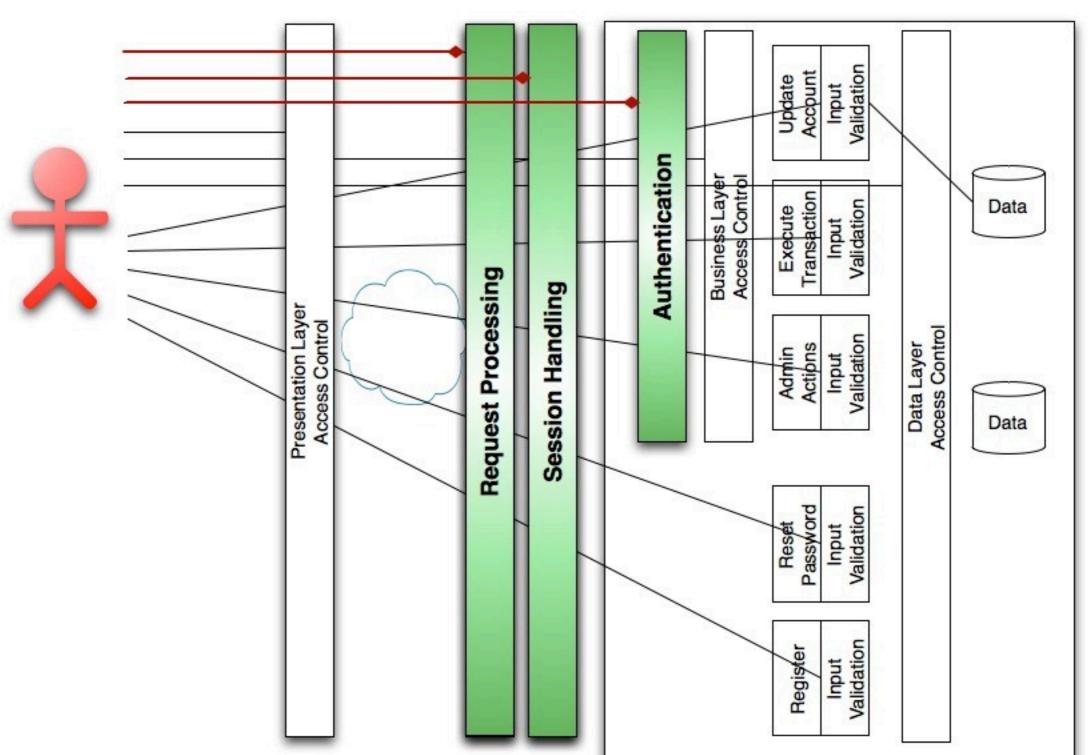
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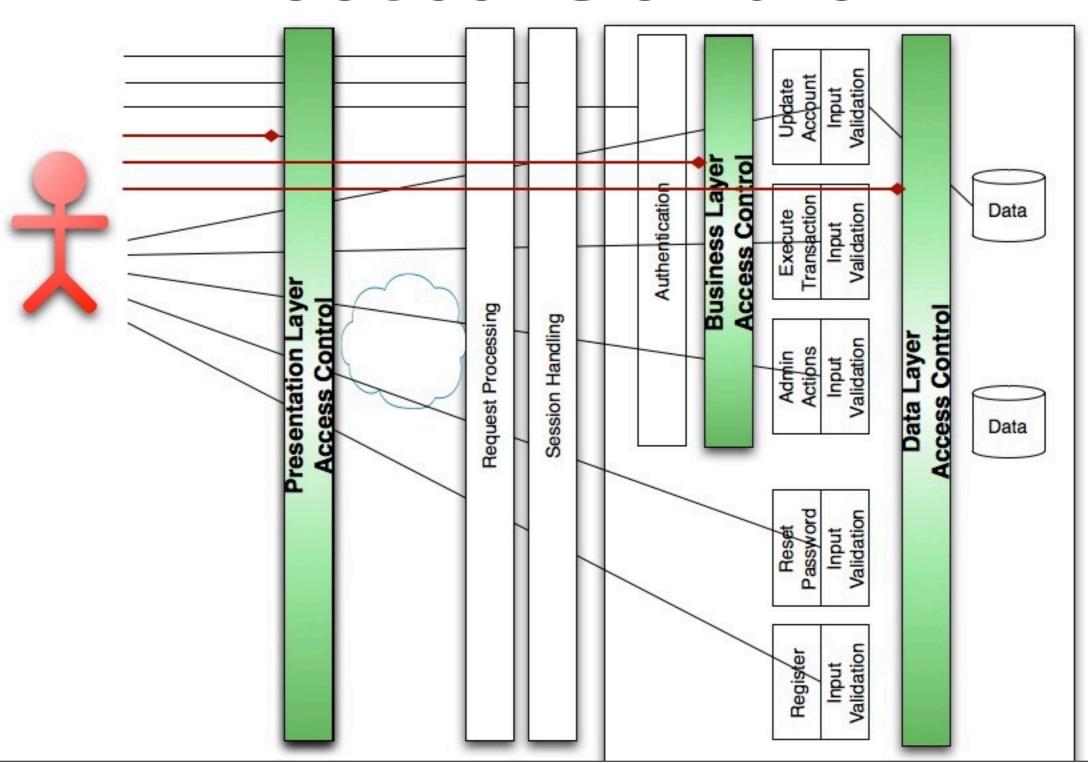
### Status Quo Defense Capabilities

- Build secure & hope for the best
- Would you know if your application was currently under attack?
- How confident are you against a skilled attacker?
- Is your attack alert system based on watching the NYT for a front page article?

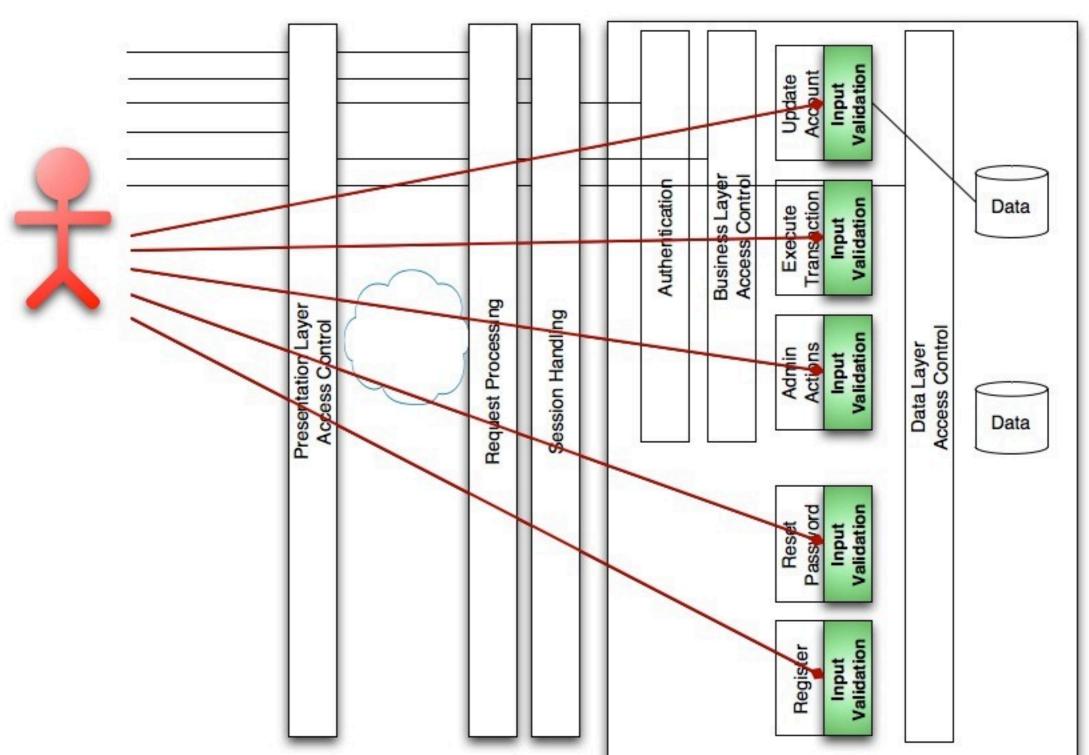
### Attack Points: Requests, Auth, Session



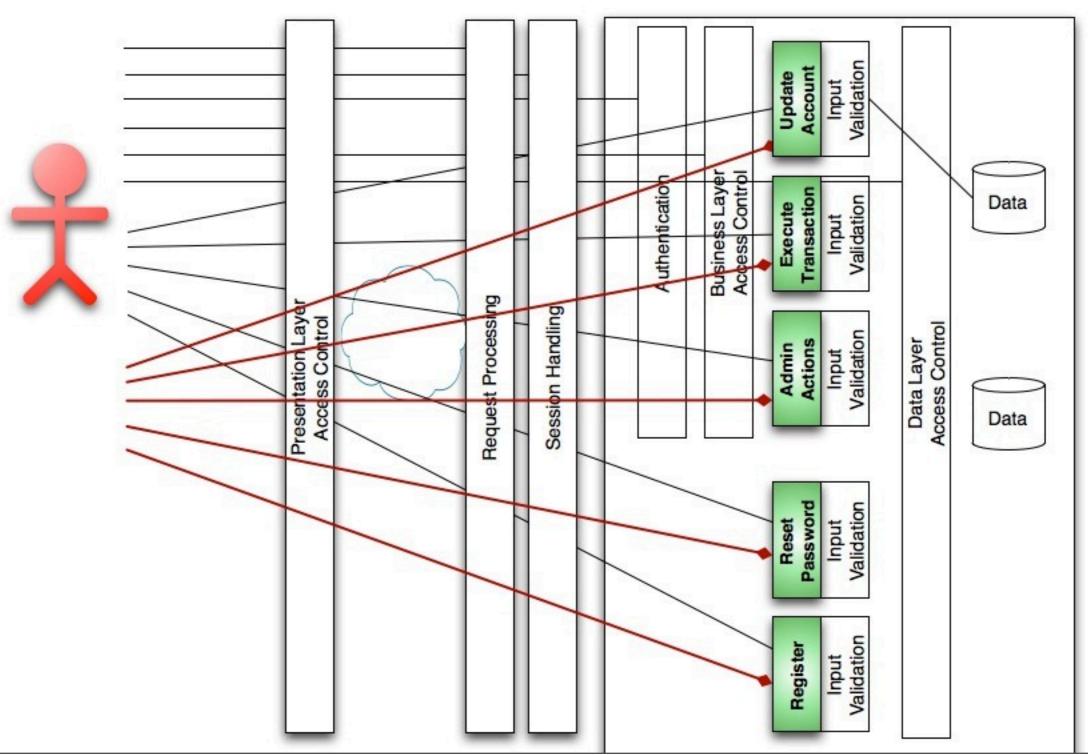
## Attack Points: Access Control



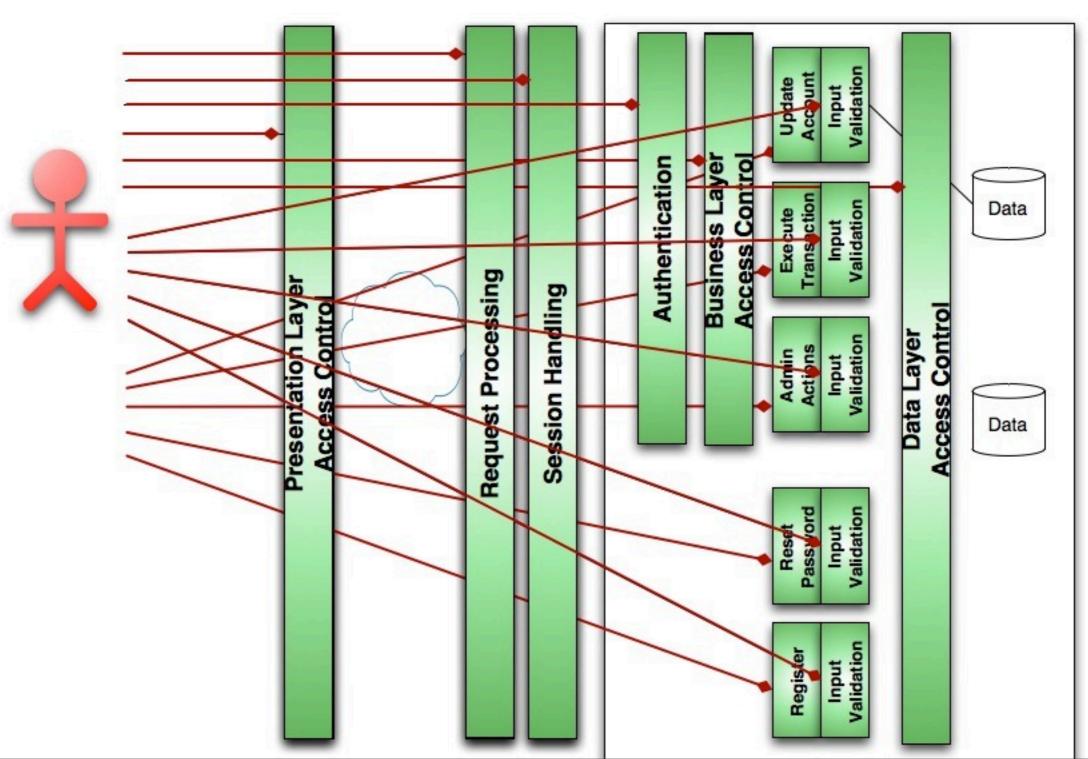
## Attack Points: Input Validation



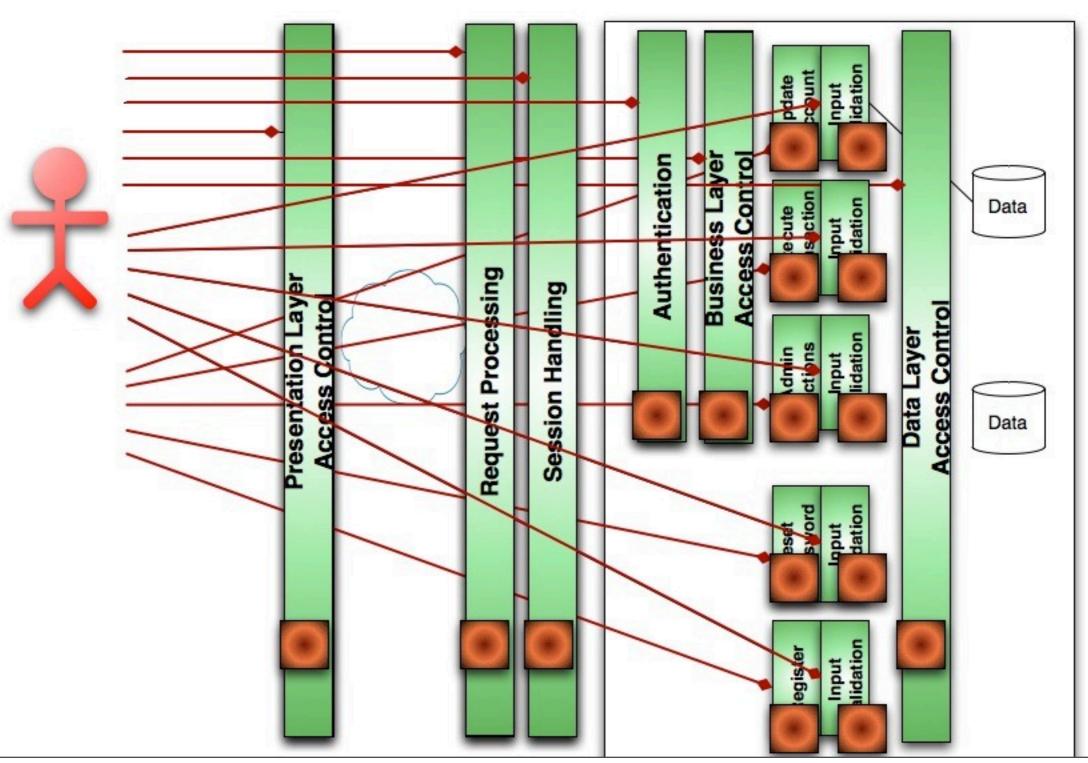
## Attack Points: Business Logic



## Numerous Attack Points



### Defend with: Detection Points



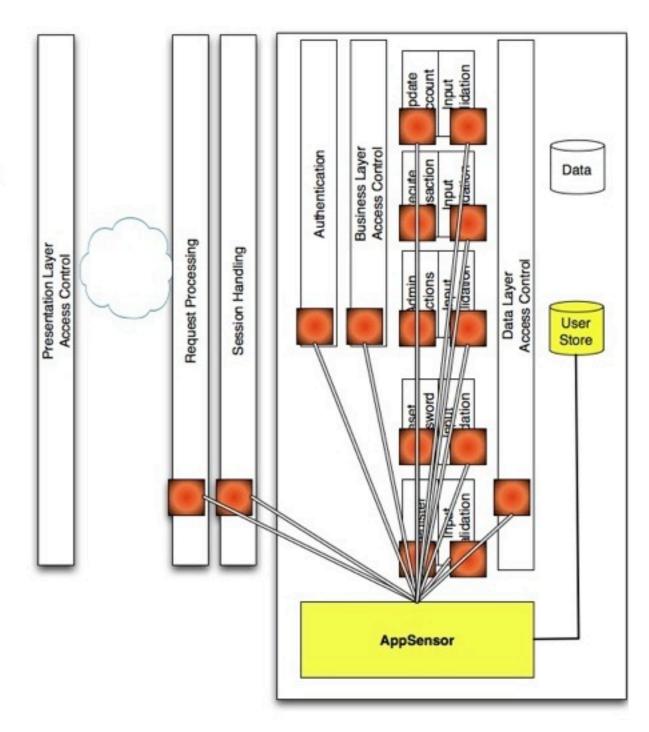
## Defend with: AppSensor Integration

Detection PointsReport to AppSensor



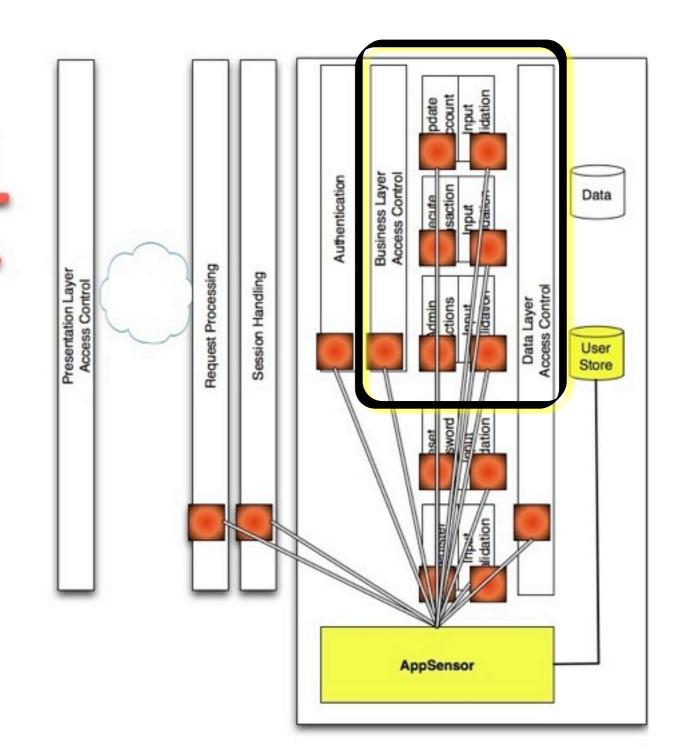
 AppSensor Integrates w/User Store

Enables Response
 Actions against User
 Object



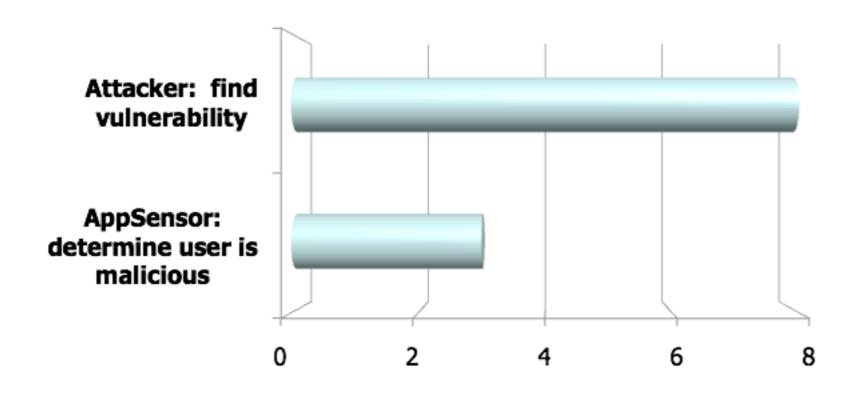
### Detect & Eliminate Threat

- Strong control of authenticated portion
  - Lockout user
  - Disable account
- Effective attack reporting for unauthenticated portion



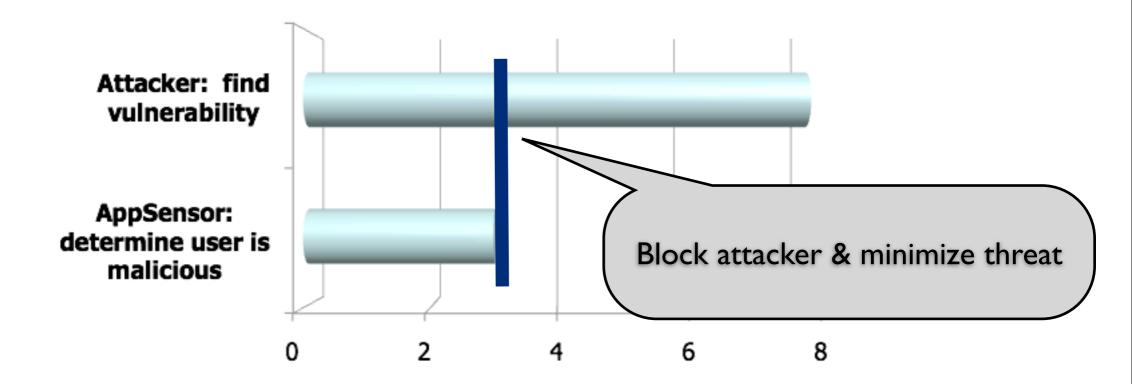
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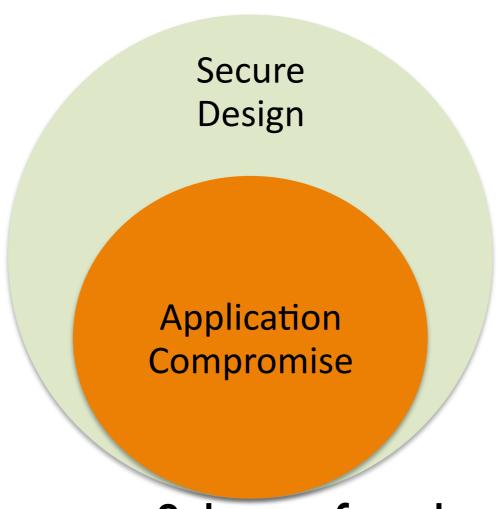


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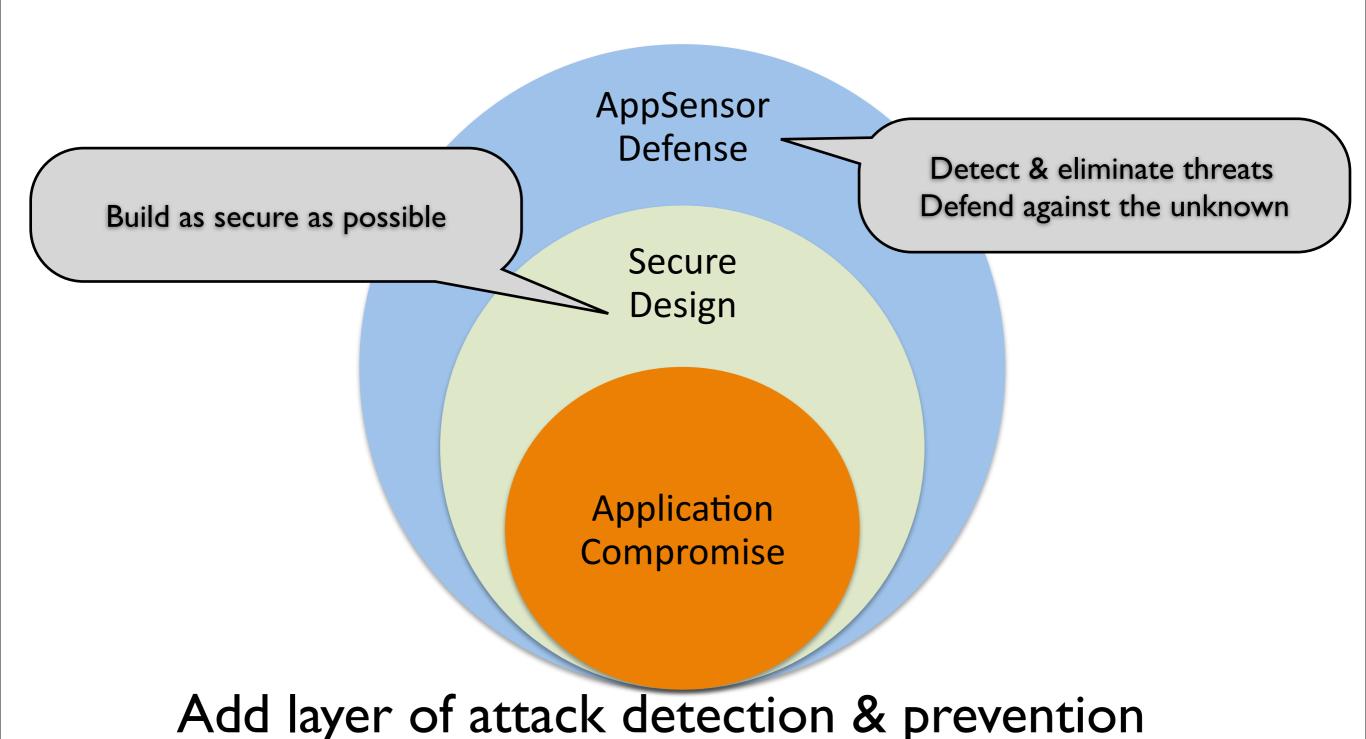


### Current Approach



Build secure & hope for the best

### AppSensor Approach



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### Enhancing App Security

#### **Build Secure**

Integrate Security into SDLC

Security Code Review & Penetration Testing



#### **Actively Defend**

Attack Detection Points

Application Trend Anomaly Detection Automated Response to Quarantine Attackers

### Why This Approach?

- AppSensor in the app, full user object interaction, full app knowledge
- WAF generic attack detection
- Log Analysis slow, reactive, ineffective



#### Integration Status

- appsensor.jar ready to use w/ESAPI
- AppSensor developer guide available
   <a href="http://www.owasp.org/index.php/AppSensor\_Developer\_Guide">http://www.owasp.org/index.php/AppSensor\_Developer\_Guide</a>
- AppSensor + ESAPI bundle planned for ESAPI 2.0 rc8

## ESAPI / AppSensor Adoption

- AppSensor
  - ModSecurity
  - Major Insurance Company AppSensor standard for all new web apps
  - Mozilla AppSensor detection integrated into web apps
- ESAPI American Express, Apache Foundation, Booz Allen Hamilton, Aspect Security, Foundstone (McAfee), The Hartford, Infinite Campus, Lockheed Martin, MITRE, Nationwide Insurance, U.S. Navy - SPAWAR, The World Bank, SANS Institute

http://www.owasp.org/index.php/Category:OWASP\_Enterprise\_Security\_API#tab=Home

#### AppSensor.jar

- Drop-in support for ESAPI
- 3 Line configuration in ESAPI.properties
- Define policies in appsensor.properties
- Add detection points in code (2-3 lines each)
- Done!

### How Easy To Setup?

ESAPI.IntrusionDetector=org.owasp.appsensor.intrusiondetection.AppSensorIntrusionDetector

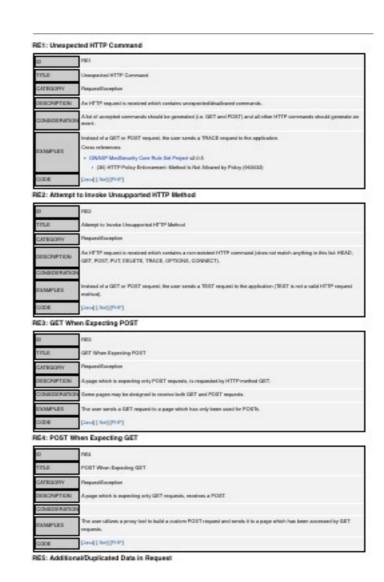
#### **ESAPI**.properties

```
IntrusionDetector.X1.count=2
IntrusionDetector.X1.interval=35
IntrusionDetector.X1.actions=log,logout,disableComponentForUser
IntrusionDetector.X1.disableComponentForUser.duration=30
IntrusionDetector.X1.disableComponentForUser.timeScale=m
```

#### appsensor.properties

### Detecting Attacks

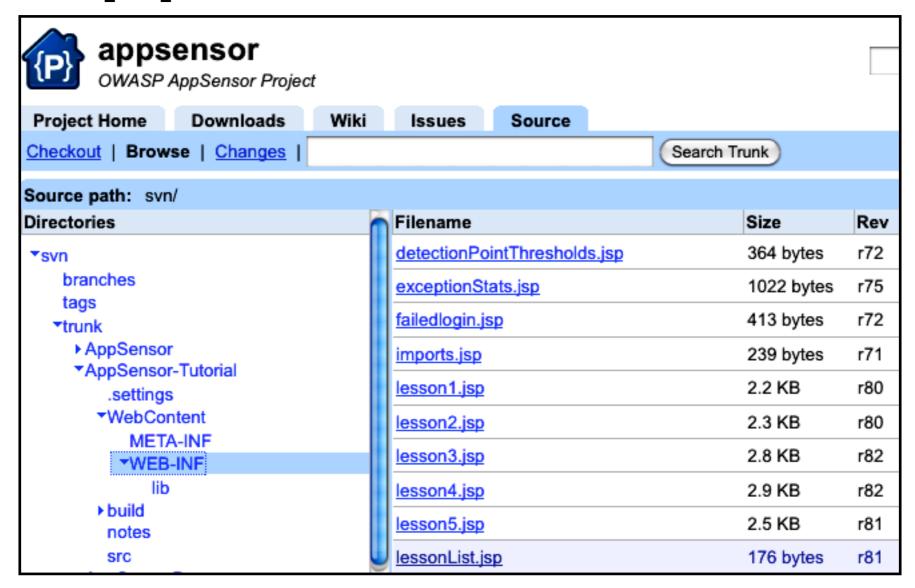
- 50+ attack detection points and growing
- Grouped into logical areas
  - Request, Auth, Input, Access etc
- Most have nearly zero false positive rate
  - POST When Expecting GET
  - Evading Presentation Access Control Through Custom POST
  - Attempt to Invoke Unsupported HTTP Method



http://www.owasp.org/index.php/AppSensor\_DetectionPoints



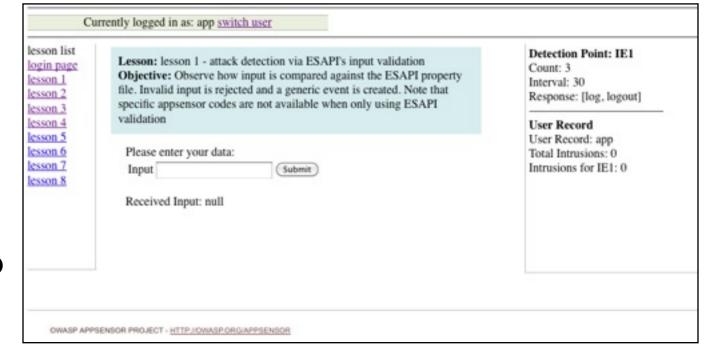
#### AppSensor-Tutorial

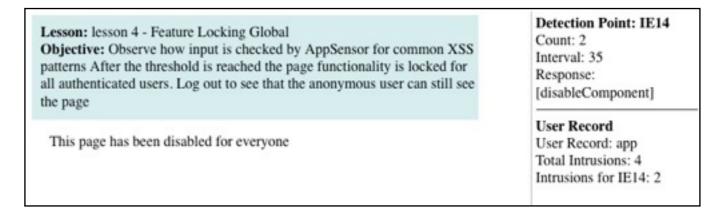


http://code.google.com/p/appsensor/source/browse/#svn/trunk/AppSensor-Tutorial

#### AppSensor-Tutorial

- Lesson Based Application
- Concise & Simple Demo of ESAPI & AppSensor Code
- Purely JSP w/Java libs





http://defendtheapp.com/

#### Lesson Format

- Simple form with text input or drop down
- Malicious data checked by ESAPI or AppSensor
- Detection point listed with response actions / intrusion count

validation	
	Observe how input is compared against the
	perty file. Invalid input is rejected and a
generic eve	ent is created. Note that specific appsensor
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# Detection Point: IE1 Count: 3 Interval: 30 Response: [log, logout] User Record User Record: Anonymous Total Intrusions: 0 Intrusions for IE1: 0

#### Lesson I: Validate w/ ESAPI

Lesson: lesson 1 - attack detection via ESAPI's input validation

Objective: Observe how input is compared against the ESAPI property file. Invalid input is rejected and a generic event is created. Note that specific appsensor codes are not available when only using ESAPI validation

```
String dataResult = "";
try {
    dataResult = ESAPI.httpUtilities()
    .getParameter(request,"attackstring");
} catch (ValidationException e){
    //ESAPI Validation Exception
    //Processed by AppSensor
    // Automatically
}
lesson l.jsp
```

Validator.HTTPParameterName= ^[a-zA-Z0-9\_]{0,32}\$

Validator.HTTPParameterValue= ^[a-zA-Z0-9.\\-\\/+=\_ ]\*\$

**ESAPI**.properties

IntrusionDetector.Total.count=3

IntrusionDetector.Total.interval=30

IntrusionDetector.Total.actions=logout

appsensor.properties

## Lesson 2 Validate w/ AppSensor

- Use AppSensor AttackDetectorUtils.verifyXSSAttack
- Customizable black list approach (regex)
- Catch obvious XSS probes
  - alert(document.cookie)
  - <img src=.\*script</p>
  - <iframe>.\*</iframe>



#### Lesson 2 - The Code

Lesson: lesson 2 - attack detection via AppSensor's XSS inspector Objective: Observe how input is checked by AppSensor for common XSS patterns Invalid input is rejected and a specifc AppSensor exception is created.

## Lesson 2 appsensor.properties

- Define regex black list of xss patterns
- Black list ok for attack detection
- Define response thresholds as normal

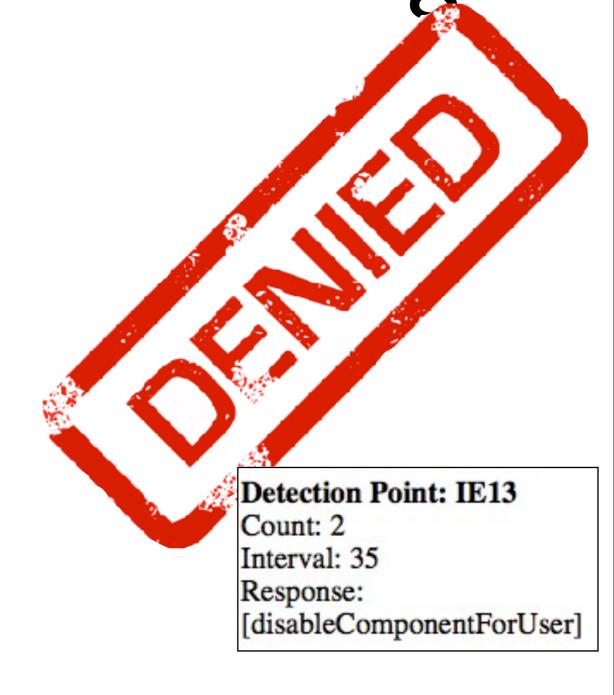
```
\"><script>,
script.*document\\.cookie,
<script>,
<IMG.*SRC.*=.*script,
<iframe>.*</iframe>

...
IntrusionDetector.IE1.count=3
IntrusionDetector.IE1.interval=30
IntrusionDetector.IE1.actions=log,logout
```

xss.attack.patterns=

## lesson 3 Per User Page Blocking

- Disable user's access to the page
- Good solution for sensitive operations - transfer funds, update address
- Just affects malicious user
- Simple with AppSensor



#### lesson 3 - The Code

Lesson: lesson 3 - Feature Locking Per User

Objective: Observe how input is checked by AppSensor for common XSS patterns After the threshold is reached the page functionality is locked for this user. Log out to see that the anonymous user can still see the page

## Lesson 3 appsensor.properties

- Define normal thresholds
- Define how long page is disabled for user (30 minutes)

```
IntrusionDetector.IE12.count=2
```

IntrusionDetector.IE12.interval=35

IntrusionDetector.IE12.actions=disableComponentForUser

IntrusionDetector.IE12.disableComponentForUser.duration=30

IntrusionDetector.IE12.disableComponentForUser.timeScale=m

appsensor.properties

## Lesson 4 Full Feature Blocking

Block access to all users

Possible for critical pages

 Better to shutoff page and investigate than risk compromise



#### lesson 4 - The Code

**Lesson:** lesson 4 - Feature Locking Global **Objective:** Observe how input is checked by AppSensor for common XSS patterns After the threshold is reached the page functionality is locked for all authenticated users. Log out to see that the anonymous user can still see the

page

IntrusionDetector.IE12.actions=disableComponent
IntrusionDetector.IE12.disableComponent.duration=10

appsensor.properties

# Additional Response Capabilities

OWASP AppSensor - Response Actions



#### Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP)

#### **AppSensor - Response Actions**

v0.6 Draft 27th August 2010

Colin Watson

Based on original ideas by Michael Coates and with contributions from John Melton. Feedback welcome

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http://www.owasp.org/index.php/ File:Owasp-appsensor-responses.pdf

# Additional Response Capabilities

CATEGORY		RESPONSE (ADDED SINCE V1.1)	
TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ID	DESCRIPTION
Silent	User unaware of application's response	ASR-A	Logging Change
		ASR-B	Administrator Notification
		ASR-C	Other Notification
Passive	Changes to user experience but nothing denied	ASR-D	User Status Change
		ASR-E	User Notification
		ASR-F	Timing Change
Active	Application functionality reduced for user(s)	ASR-G	Process Terminated
		ASR-H	Function Amended
		ASR-I	Function Disabled
		ASR-J	Account Logout
		ASR-K	Account Lockout
		ASR-L	Application Disabled
Intrusive	User's environment altered	ASR-M	Collect Data from User



## Mozilla Threat Profile

- Lots of users
- Many web apps
- Apps constantly growing & changing
- All code open source



#### Mozilla Services

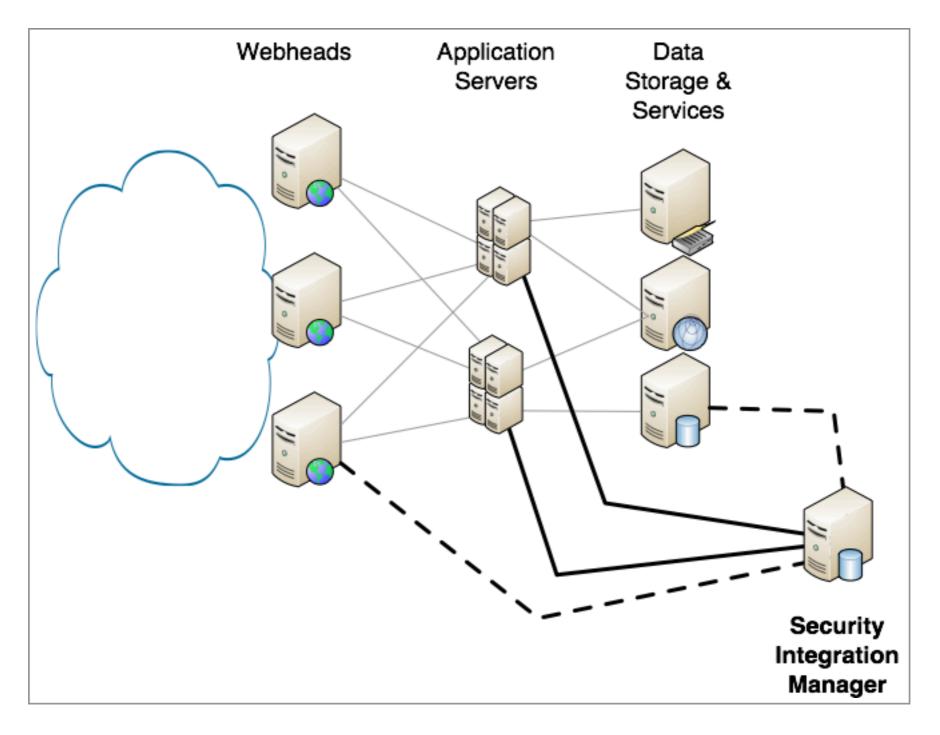
- Firefox Sync
  - Millions of users
  - Service based app
  - Stores encrypted user data
- Example detection points
  - Credential mismatch within URL request
  - Tampering with reset code
  - Account delete attempt without password



### What to Capture

- Threat model attack scenarios
  - Access Control Failures
  - Account lockouts
  - Failed CAPTCHA
- Monitor trends of interesting events
  - New privileged account created
  - Password reset requested
  - Account creations
  - Sensitive bug access
  - New attachment

### SIM Deployment



# Common Event Format (CEF)

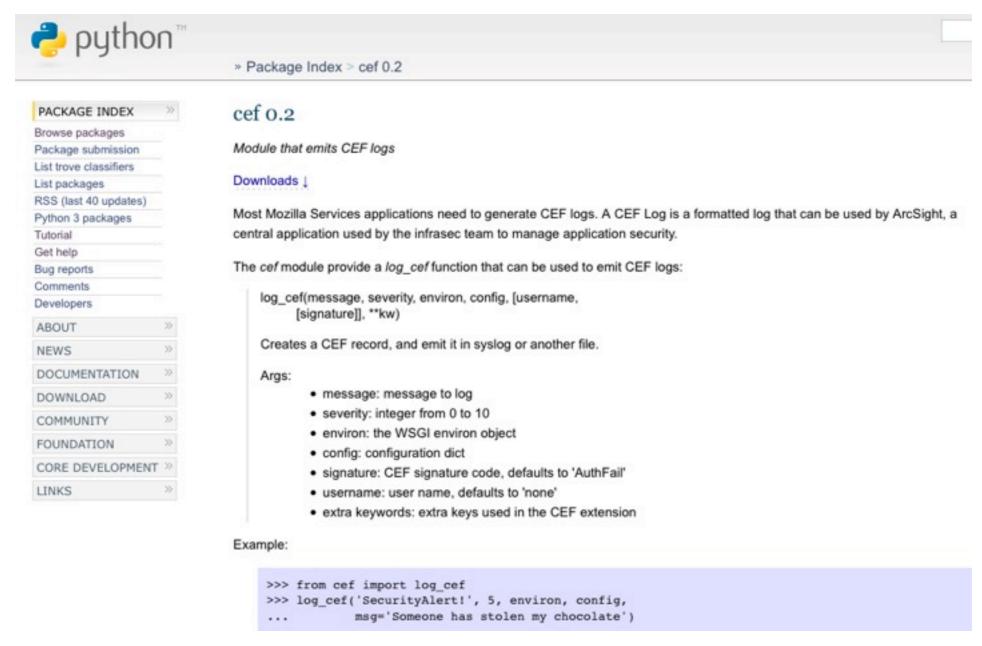
- Emerging standard on logging format
- Easily parsed by security integration manager (sim)
- Enables AppSensor Logging

```
CEF:0 | Mozilla | MozFooApp | 1.0 | ACEO | Access Control Violation | 8 | rt=01 31 2010 18:30:01 suser=janedoe suid=55 act=Action Denied src=1.2.3.4 dst=2.3.4.5 requestMethod=POST request=http://foo.mozilla.org/foo/abc.php?a\=b cs1Label=requestClientApplication cs1=Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; U; Intel Mac OS X 10.6; en-US; rv:1.9.2.2) Gecko/20100316 Firefox/3.6.2 msg=Additional Data here
```

#### Detection Point w/CEF

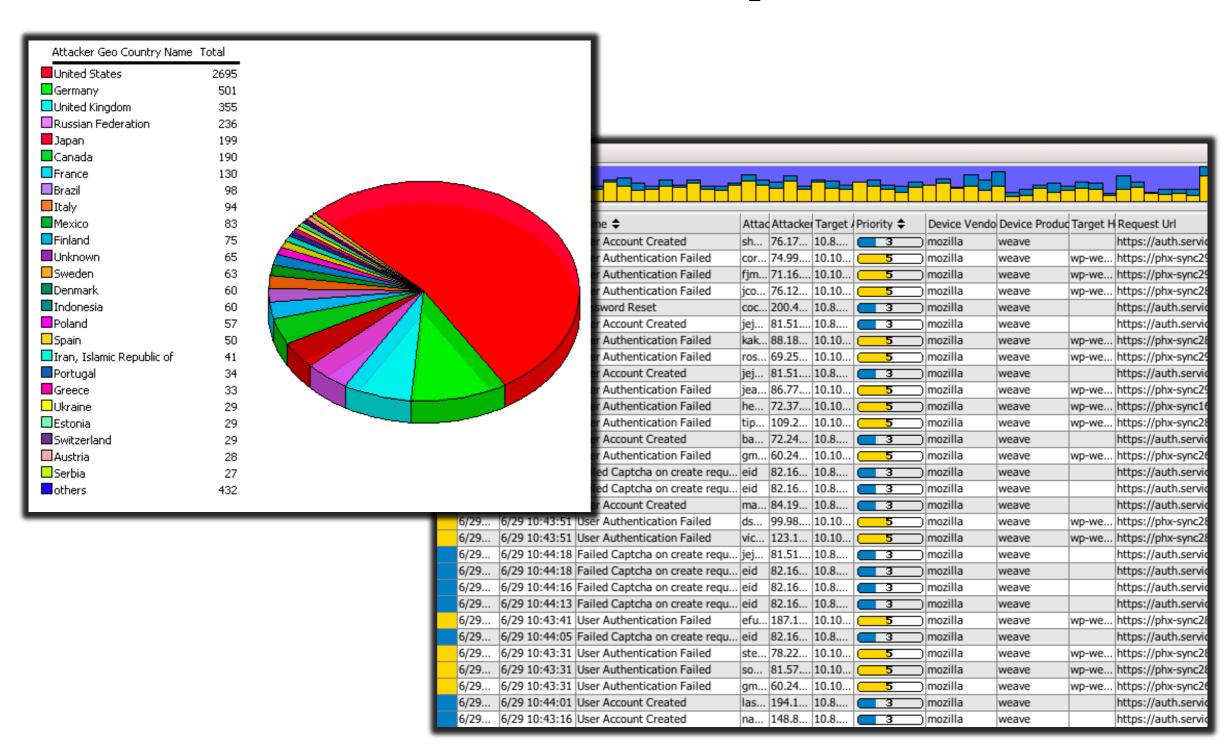
http://hg.mozilla.org/services/

### Python CEF @ PyPI

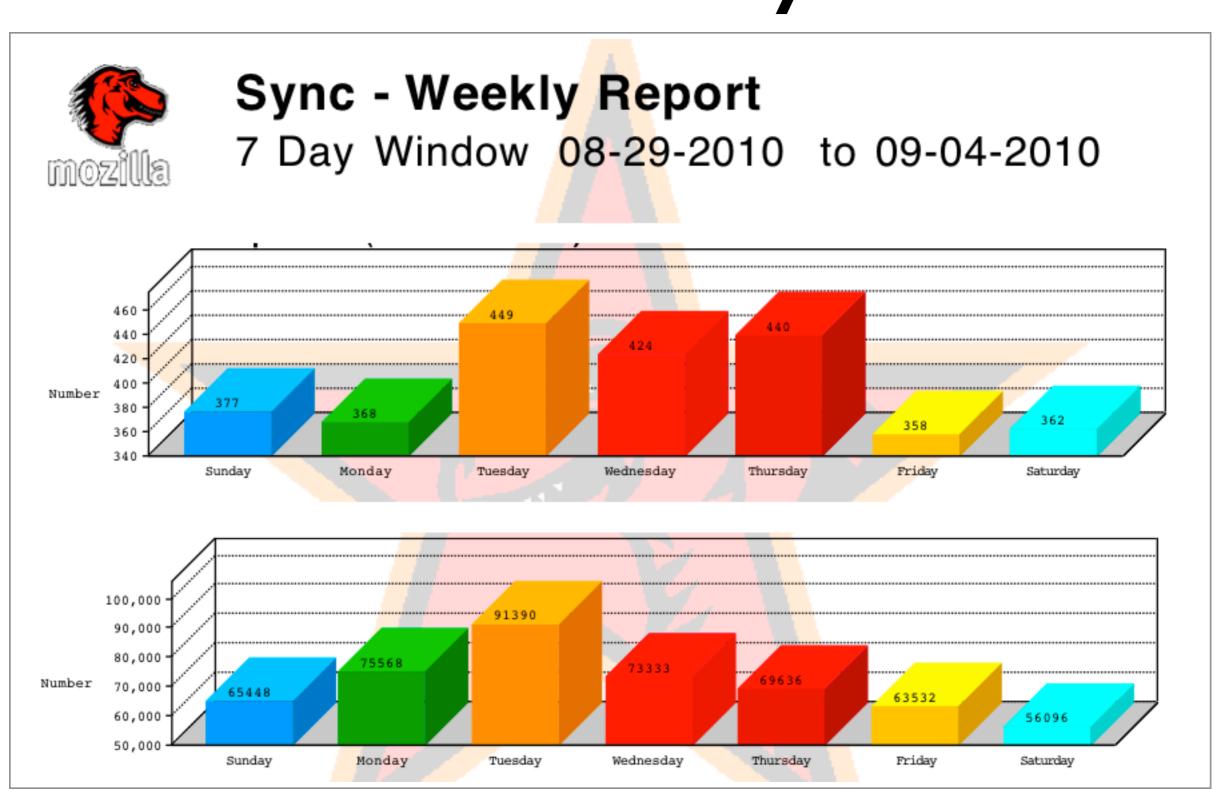


http://pypi.python.org/pypi/cef/

### Data Analysis



### Trend Analysis



### AppSensor - More Info

http://www.owasp.org/index.php/Category:OWASP\_AppSensor\_Project

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