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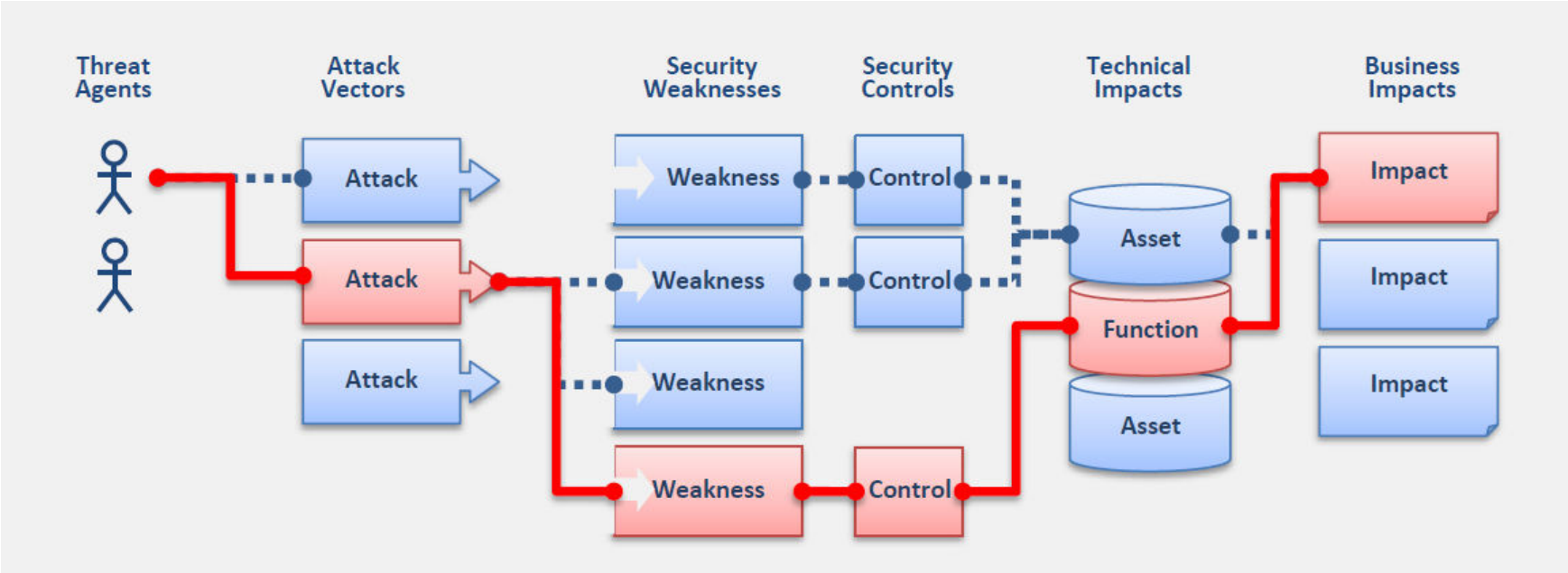
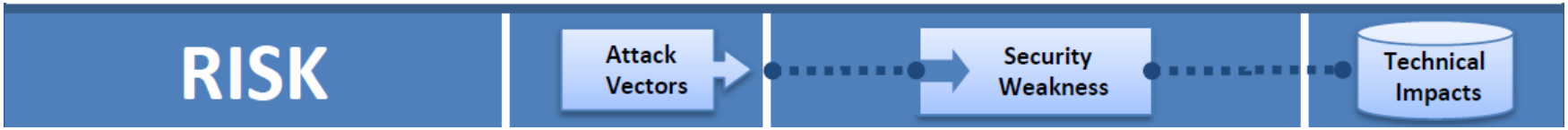
The Ten Most Critical Web Application Security Risks

Risks to your business processes & info systems

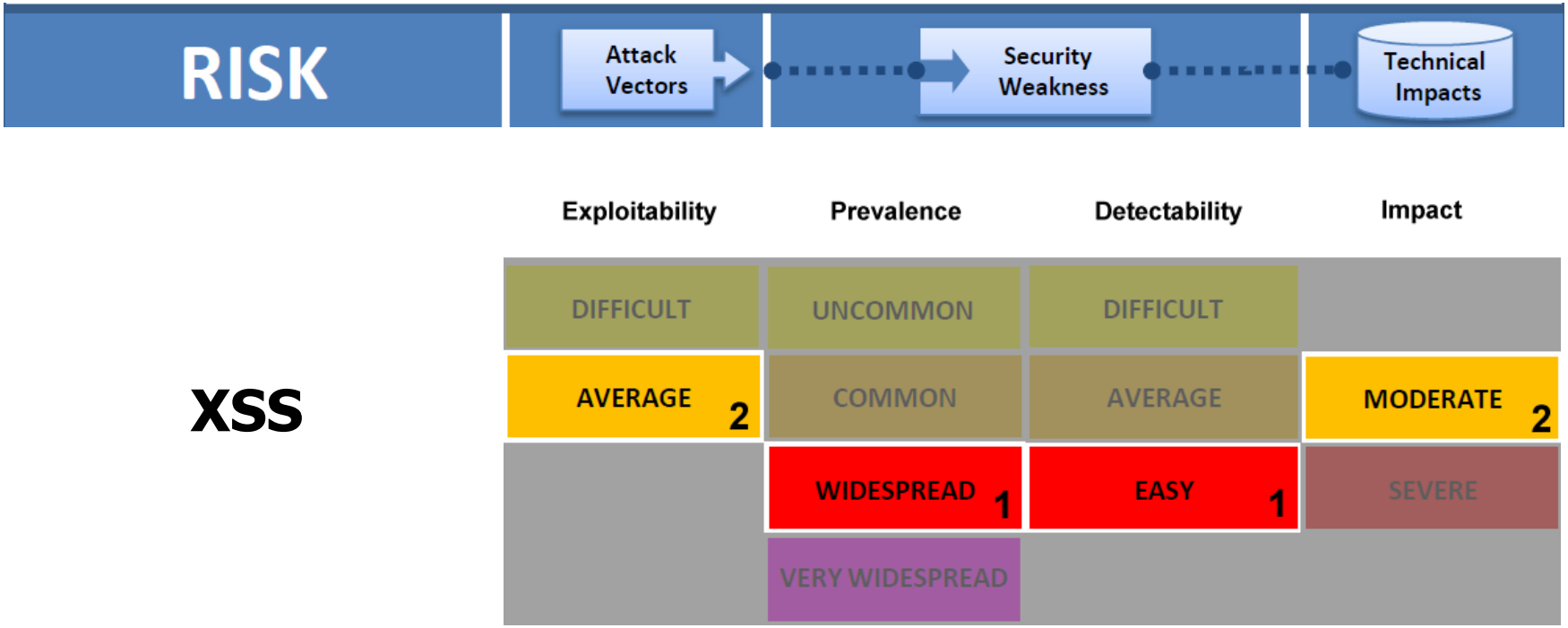


OWASP Top 10 Risk Rating Methodology



Exploitability	Prevalence	Detectability	Impact
DIFFICULT	UNCOMMON	DIFFICULT	
AVERAGE	COMMON	AVERAGE	MODERATE
EASY	WIDESPREAD	EASY	SEVERE
	VERY WIDESPREAD		

Example for Cross Site Scripting (XSS)



Score = Weighted risk rating

= Average of Exploitability, Prevalence and Detectability multiplied by Impact

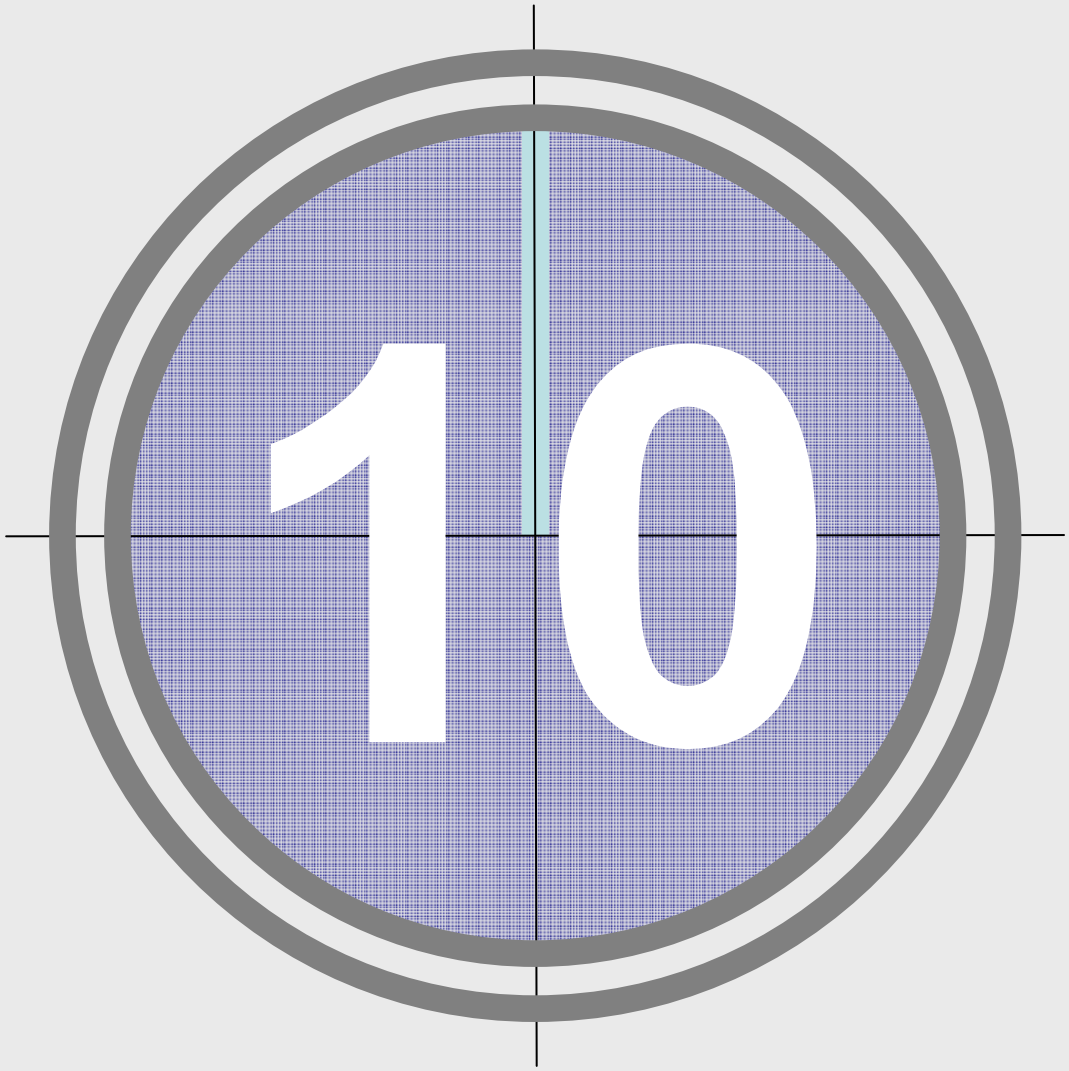
= (2+1+1)/3 x 2

= 2.6

Evaluate your own business risks

Use OWASP's Risk Rating Methodology
http://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP_Risk_Rating_Methodology

- Step 1: Identifying a risk
- Step 2: Factors for estimating likelihood
- Step 3: Factors for estimating impact
- Step 4: Determining severity of the risk
- Step 5: Deciding what to fix
- Step 6: Customizing your risk rating model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A10 - Insufficient Transport Layer Protection

Transmitting sensitive data insecurely

- Failure to identify all sensitive data
- Failure to identify all the places that this sensitive data is sent
  - On the web, to backend databases, to business partners, internal communications
- Failure to properly protect this data in every location

Typical Impact

- Attackers access or modify confidential or private information
  - e.g, credit cards, health care records, financial data (yours or your customers)
- Attackers extract secrets to use in additional attacks
- Company embarrassment, customer dissatisfaction, and loss of trust
- Expense of cleaning up the incident
- Business gets sued and/or fined


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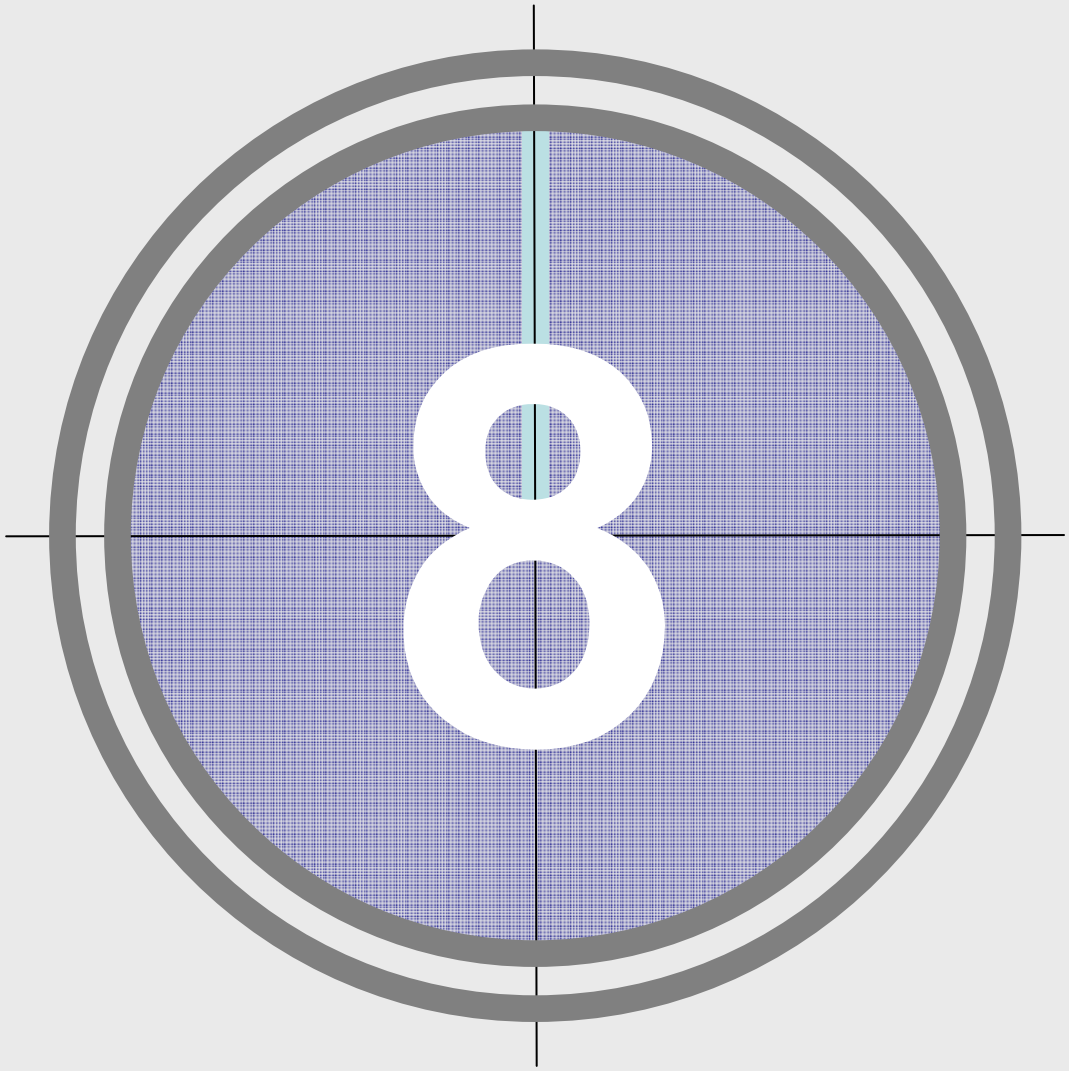
A9 - Insecure Cryptographic Storage

Storing sensitive data insecurely

- Failure to identify all sensitive data
- Failure to identify all the places that this sensitive data gets stored
  - Databases, files, directories, log files, backups, etc.
- Failure to properly protect this data in every location

Typical Impact

- Attackers access or modify confidential or private information
  - e.g, credit cards, health care records, financial data (yours or your customers)
- Attackers extract secrets to use in additional attacks
- Company embarrassment, customer dissatisfaction, and loss of trust
- Expense of cleaning up the incident, such as forensics, sending apology letters, reissuing thousands of credit cards, providing identity theft insurance
- Business gets sued and/or fined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A8 - Unvalidated Redirects and Forwards

Web application redirects are very common

- And frequently include user supplied parameters in the destination URL
- If they aren't validated, attacker can send victim to a site of their choice

Forwards (aka Transfer in .NET) are common too

- They internally send the request to a new page in the same application
- Sometimes parameters define the target page
- If not validated, attacker may be able to use unvalidated forward to bypass authentication or authorization checks

Typical Impact

- Redirect victim to phishing or malware site
- Attacker's request is forwarded past security checks, allowing unauthorized function or data access


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A7 - Failure to Restrict URL Access

How do you protect access to URLs (pages)?

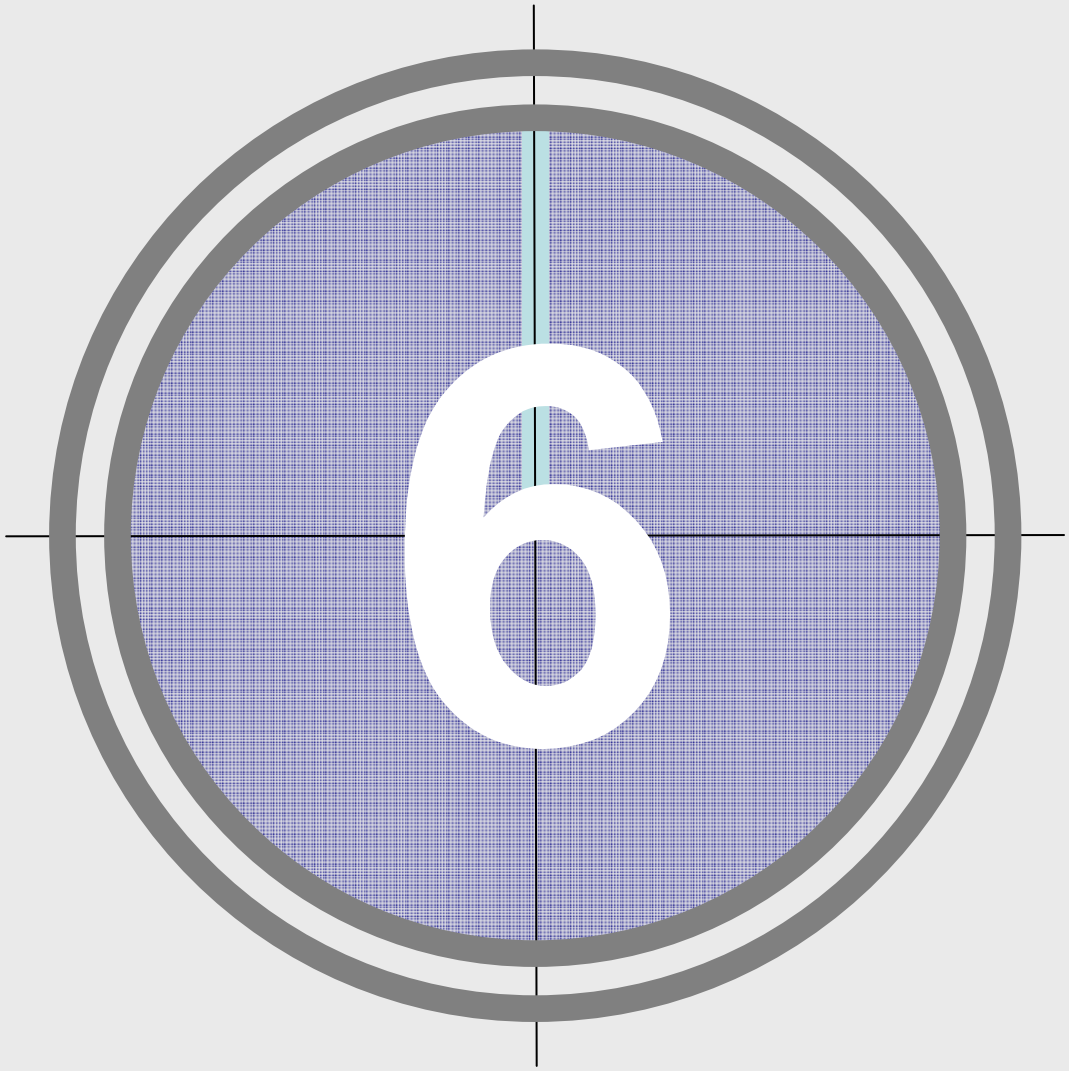
- This is part of enforcing proper "authorization", along with A4 – Insecure Direct Object References

A common mistake …

- Displaying only authorized links and menu choices
- This is called presentation layer access control, and doesn't work
- Attacker simply forges direct access to 'unauthorized' pages

Typical Impact

- Attackers invoke functions and services they're not authorized for
- Access other user's accounts and data
- Perform privileged actions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A6 - Security Misconfiguration

Web applications rely on a secure foundation

- All through the network and platform
- Don't forget the development environment

Is your source code a secret?

- Think of all the places your source code goes
- Security should not require secret source code

CM must extend to all parts of the application

- All credentials should change in production

Typical Impact

- Install backdoor through missing network or server patch
- XSS flaw exploits due to missing application framework patches
- Unauthorized access to default accounts, application functionality or data, or unused but accessible functionality due to poor server configuration


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A5 - Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)

Cross Site Request Forgery

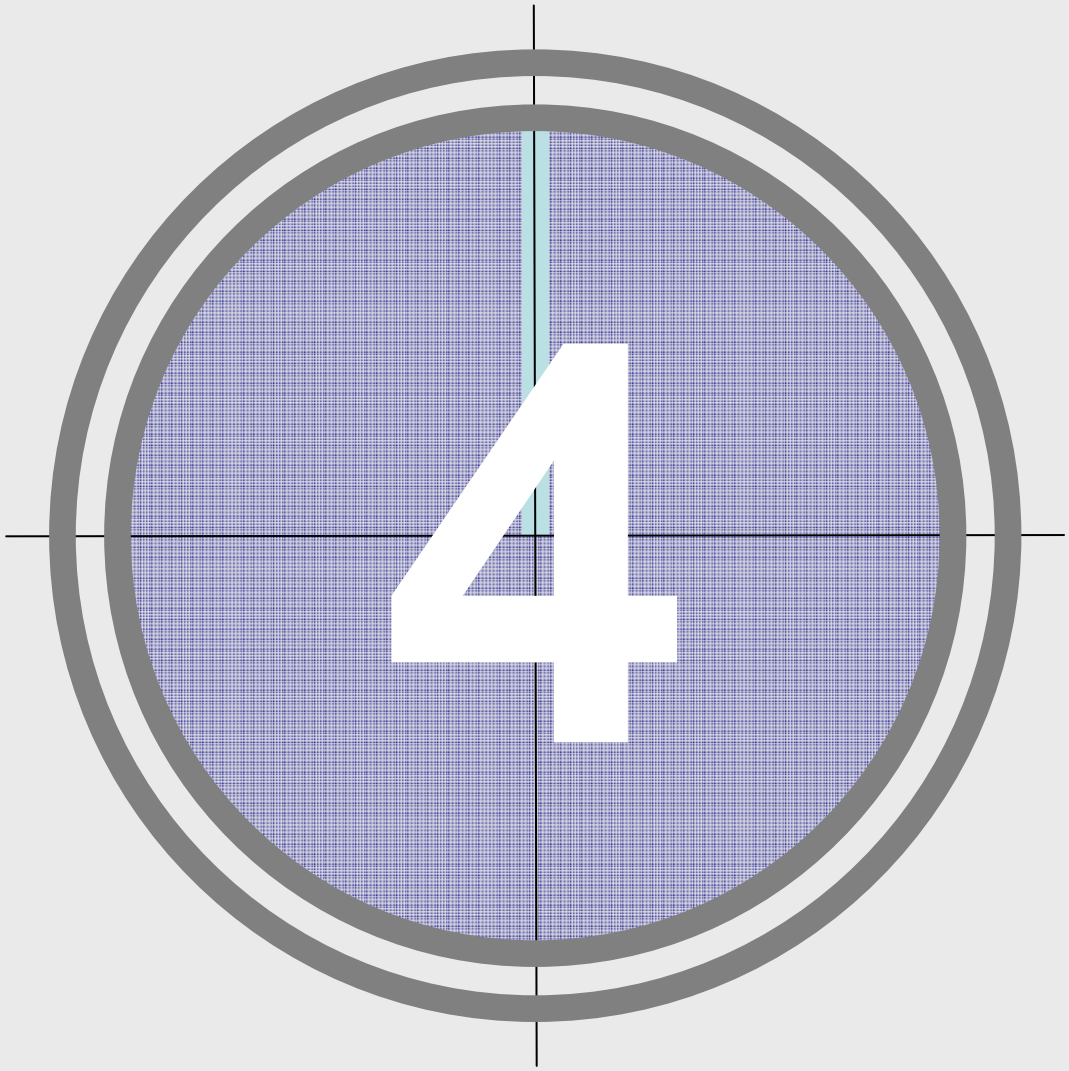
- An attack where the victim's browser is tricked into issuing a command to a vulnerable web application
- Vulnerability is caused by browsers automatically including user authentication data (session ID, IP address, Windows domain credentials, …) with each request

Imagine…

- What if a hacker could steer your mouse and get you to click on links in your online banking application?
- What could they make you do?

Typical Impact

- Initiate transactions (transfer funds, logout user, close account)
- Access sensitive data
- Change account details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A4 - Insecure Direct Object References

How do you protect access to your data?

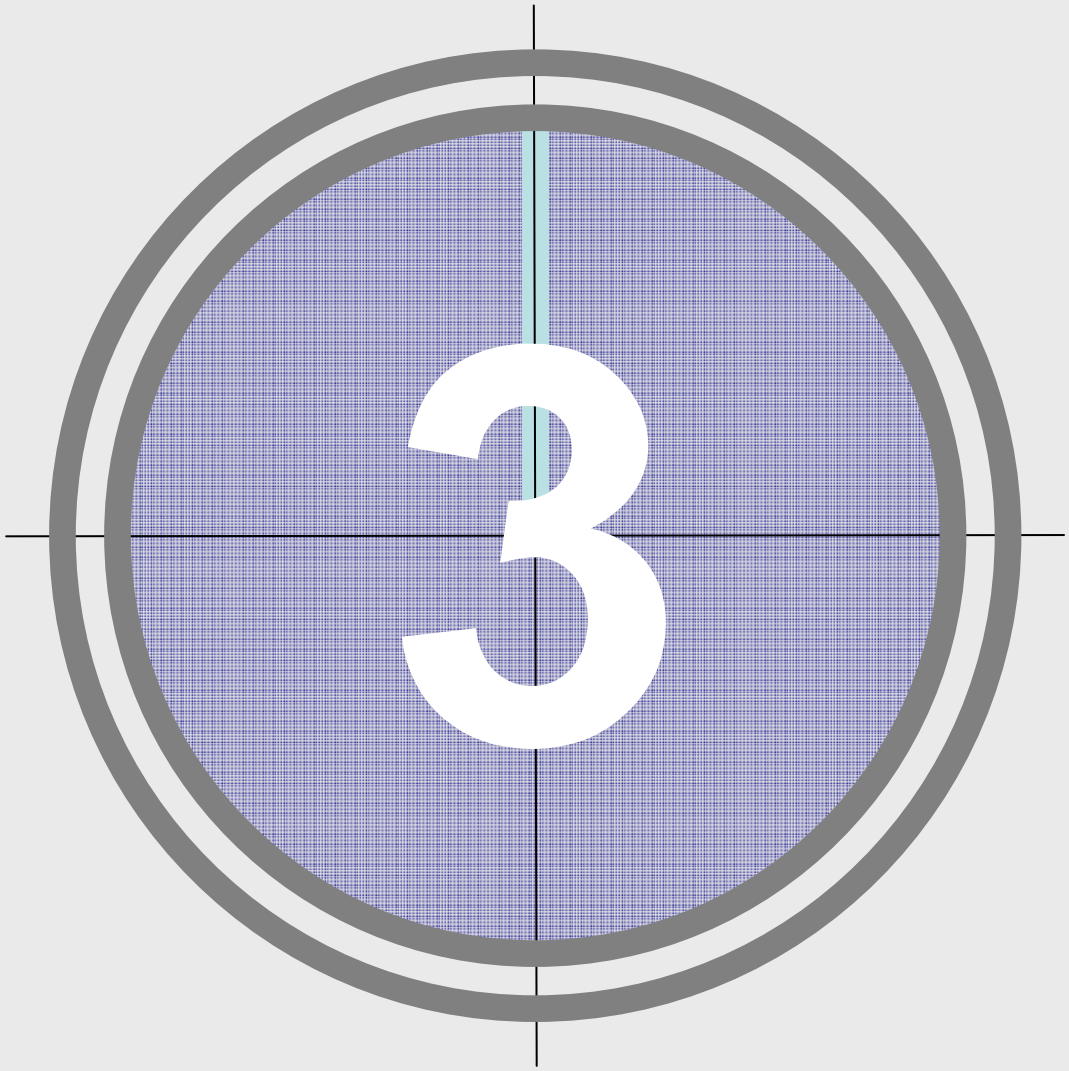
- This is part of enforcing proper "Authorization", along with A7 – Failure to Restrict URL Access

A common mistake …

- Only listing the 'authorized' objects for the current user, or
- Hiding the object references in hidden fields
- … and then not enforcing these restrictions on the server side
- This is called presentation layer access control, and doesn't work
- Attacker simply tampers with parameter value

Typical Impact

- Users are able to access unauthorized files or data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A3 - Broken Authentication & Session Management

HTTP is a "stateless" protocol

- Means credentials have to go with every request
- Should use SSL for everything requiring authentication

Session management flaws

- SESSION ID used to track state since HTTP doesn't
  - and it is just as good as credentials to an attacker
- SESSION ID is typically exposed on the network, in browser, in logs, …

Beware the side-doors

- Change my password, remember my password, forgot my password, secret question, logout, email address, etc…

Typical Impact

- User accounts compromised or user sessions hijacked


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A2 - Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

Occurs any time…

- Raw data from attacker is sent to an innocent user's browser

Raw data…

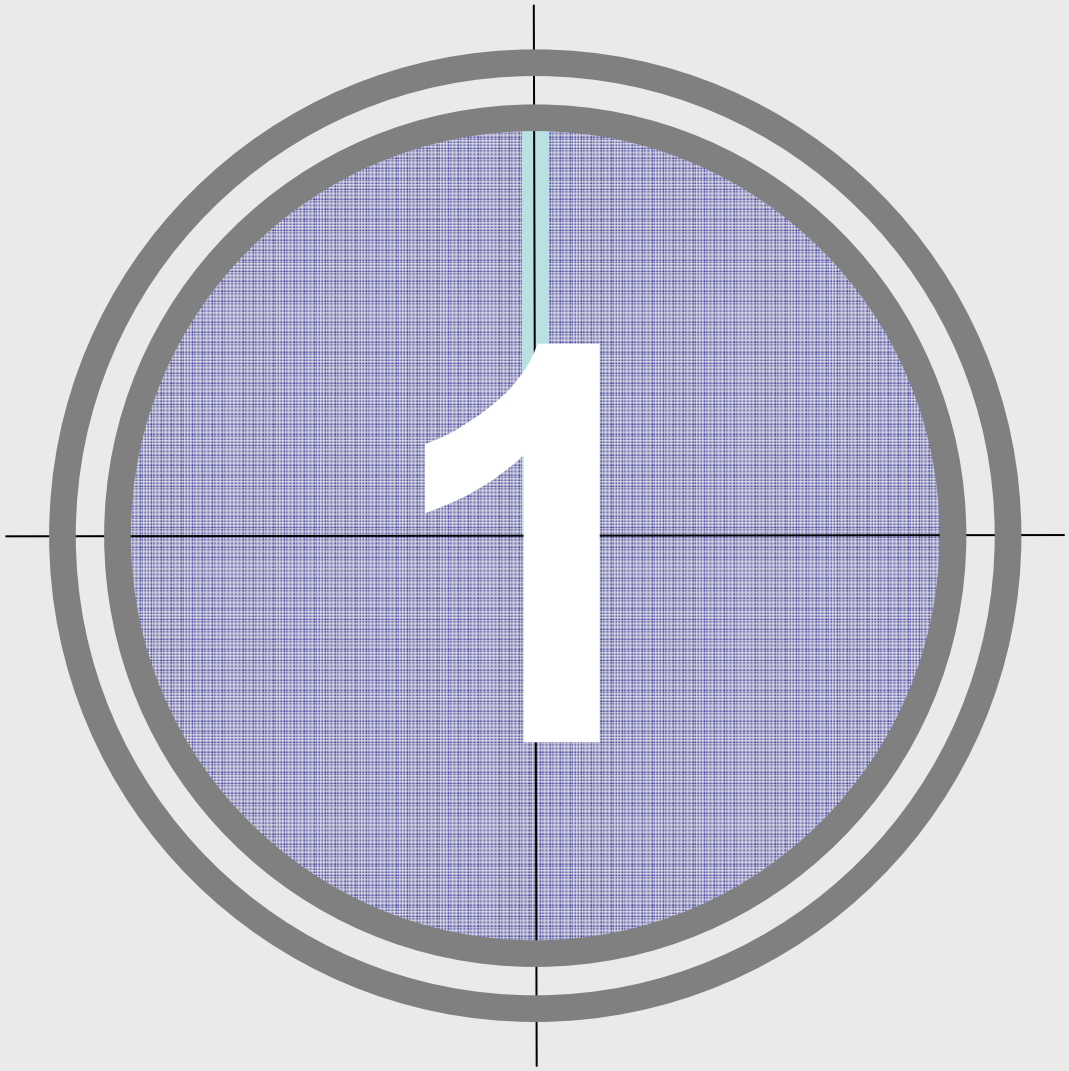
- Stored in database
- Reflected from web input (form field, hidden field, URL, etc…)
- Sent directly into rich JavaScript client

Virtually <u>every</u> web application has this problem

- Try this in your browser – javascript:alert(document.cookie)

Typical Impact

- Steal user's session, steal sensitive data, rewrite web page, redirect user to phishing or malware site
- Most Severe: Install XSS proxy which allows attacker to observe and direct all user's behavior on vulnerable site and force user to other sites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A1 - Injection

Injection means…

- Tricking an application into including unintended commands in the data sent to an interpreter

Interpreters…

- Take strings and interpret them as commands
- SQL, OS Shell, LDAP, XPath, Hibernate, etc…

SQL injection is still quite common

- Many applications still susceptible (really don't know why)
- Even though it's usually very simple to avoid

Typical Impact

- Usually severe. Entire database can usually be read or modified
- May also allow full database schema, or account access, or even OS level access

Standard layout for each page

- Risk calculation
- How to detect if you are vulnerable
- Examples attacks
- How to prevent it
- References

A1 Injection

Threat Agents	Attack Vectors	Security Weakness		Technical Impacts	Business Impacts
_____	Exploitability EASY	Prevalence COMMON	Detectability AVERAGE	Impact SEVERE	_____
Consider anyone who can send untrusted data to the system, including external users, internal users, and administrators.	Attacker sends simple text-based attacks that exploit the syntax of the targeted interpreter. Almost any source of data can be an injection vector, including internal sources.	Injection flaws occur when an application sends untrusted data to an interpreter. Injection flaws are very prevalent, often found in SQL queries, LDAP queries, XPath queries, OS commands, program arguments, etc. Injection flaws are easy to discover when examining code, but more difficult via testing. Scanners and fuzzers can help attackers find them.		Injection can result in data loss or corruption, lack of accountability, or denial of access. Injection can sometimes lead to complete host takeover.	Consider the business value of the affected data and the platform running the interpreter.

Am I Vulnerable To Injection?

The best way to find out if an application is vulnerable to injection is to verify that all use of interpreters clearly separates untrusted data from the command or query. For SQL calls, this means using bind variables in all prepared statements and stored procedures, and avoiding dynamic queries.

Checking the code is a fast and accurate way to see if the application uses interpreters safely. Code analysis tools can help a security analyst find the use of interpreters and trace the data flow through the application. Manual penetration testers can confirm these issues by crafting exploits that confirm the vulnerability.

Automated dynamic scanning which exercises the application may provide insight into whether some exploitable injection problems exist. Scanners cannot always reach interpreters and can have difficulty detecting whether an attack was successful.

How Do I Prevent Injection?

Preventing injection requires keeping untrusted data separate from commands and queries.

1. The preferred option is to use a safe API which avoids the use of the interpreter entirely or provides a parameterized interface. Beware of APIs, such as stored procedures, that appear parameterized, but may still allow injection under the hood.
2. If a parameterized API is not available, you should carefully escape special characters using the specific escape syntax for that interpreter. OWASP's ESAPI has some of these escaping routines.
3. Positive or "whitelist" input validation with appropriate canonicalization also helps protect against injection, but is not a complete defense as many applications require special characters in their input. OWASP's ESAPI has an extensible library of white list input validation routines.

Example Attack Scenario

The application uses untrusted data in the construction of the following vulnerable SQL call:

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String query = "SELECT * FROM accounts WHERE
custID='" + request.getParameter("id") +"'";
```

The attacker modifies the 'id' parameter in their browser to send: ' or '1'='1. This changes the meaning of the query to return all the records from the accounts database, instead of only the intended customer's.

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http://example.com/app/accountView?id=' or '1'='1
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In the worst case, the attacker uses this weakness to invoke special stored procedures in the database, allowing a complete takeover of the database host.

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Additional advice

- What's next for developers
- What's next for verifiers
- ?
- Notes about risk

Summary of changes 2007 to 2010 rc1

OWASP Top 10 – 2007 (Previous)	OWASP Top 10 – 2010 (New)
A2 – Injection Flaws	A1 – Injection
A1 – Cross Site Scripting (XSS)	A2 – Cross Site Scripting (XSS)
A7 – Broken Authentication and Session Management	A3 – Broken Authentication and Session Management
A4 – Insecure Direct Object Reference	A4 – Insecure Direct Object References
A5 – Cross Site Request Forgery (CSRF)	A5 – Cross Site Request Forgery (CSRF)
<was T10 2004 A10 – Insecure Configuration Management>	A6 – Security Misconfiguration (NEW)
A10 – Failure to Restrict URL Access	A7 – Failure to Restrict URL Access
<not in T10 2007>	A8 – Unvalidated Redirects and Forwards (NEW)
A8 – Insecure Cryptographic Storage	A9 – Insecure Cryptographic Storage
A9 – Insecure Communications	A10 - Insufficient Transport Layer Protection
A3 – Malicious File Execution	<dropped from T10 2010>
A6 – Information Leakage and Improper Error Handling	<dropped from T10 2010>

The End