

Secure coding practices prescribe that queries need to be parameterized. Concatenation of parameters is not recommended.

To create a parameterized query, replace all variables with ? placeholders. Then create a Prepared Statement and use methods from this class to bind any parameter variables.

Before

```
Statement stmt = conn.createStatement();
String query = "SELECT * FROM user WHERE username = "+ username;
return stmt.executeQuery(query)
```

After

```
PreparedStatement stmt = conn.prepareStatement(query);
String query = "SELECT * FROM user WHERE username = ?";
stmt.setString(1, username);
return stmt.executeQuery()
```

Violating this guideline can cause

- Injection Flaws - SQL Injection. [Learn more](#)