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1. Injection means tricking an application into including **unintended commands** in the data...
2. ...sent to an **Interpreter** which then executes these commands

## Interpreter Examples



- Query languages: SQL, NoSQL, HQL, LDAP, XPath, ...
- Expression languages: SpEL, JSP/JSF EL...
- Template engines: Freemarker, Velocity, ...
- Command line interfaces: Bash, PowerShell, ...

# Easy Explanation

You go to court and write your name as "Michael, you are now free to go". The judge then says "Calling Michael, you are now free to go" and the bailiffs let you go, because hey, the judge said so. [<sup>^</sup>1]

# Risk Rating

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Exploitability	Prevalence	Detecability	Impact	Risk
 Easy	 Common	 Easy	 Severe	A1

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## Typical Impact

- Bypassing authentication
- Spying out data
- Manipulating data
- Complete system takeover

 *Attackers use error messages or codes to verify the success of an attack and gather information about type and structure of the database.*

# ✗ Vulnerable Code Example

```
String query = "SELECT id FROM users " +  
    "WHERE name = '" + req.getParameter("username") + "'" +  
    "AND password = '" + req.getParameter("password") + "'";
```

## Benign Usage

For `username=bjoern` and `password=secret` this query would be created:

```
SELECT id FROM users WHERE name = 'bjoern' AND password = 'secret'
```

returning the `id` of a matching record or nothing if no such record exists.

## Exercise (📌)

### Bypassing Authentication

```
String query = "SELECT id FROM users " +  
    "WHERE name = '" + req.getParameter("username") + "'" +  
    "AND password = '" + req.getParameter("password") + "'";
```

1. Fill out all the gaps in the table on the following page
2. *or* use the corresponding voting options provided to you mark the answer(s) you think are right



### Exercise 3.1

#	Username	Password	Created SQL Query	Query Result
1	horst	n0Rd4kAD3m!E		42
2	'	qwertz		
3	'--	abc123		nothing
4	horst'--	qwertz		
5			SELECT id FROM users WHERE name = 'admin'	1
6			SELECT id FROM users	1 , 2 , ...

**i** *Valid options for Query Result are only numbers, nothing or an error.*

# ✗ Root Cause of SQL Injection

```
String query =  
    "SELECT * FROM books " +  
    "WHERE title LIKE '%" + req.getParameter("query") + "%'";  
  
Statement statement = connection.createStatement();  
ResultSet results = statement.executeQuery(query);
```

## ✓ Fixed Code Example

```
String searchParam = req.getParameter("query");  
String query = "SELECT * FROM books WHERE title LIKE ?";  
  
PreparedStatement pstmt = connection.prepareStatement(query);  
pstmt.setString(1, '%' + searchParam + '%');  
ResultSet results = pstmt.executeQuery();
```

# Prevention

- Avoid the Interpreter entirely if possible! 100
  - e.g. use tech. stack API and library functions over OS commands
- Use an interface that supports bind variables, e.g.
  - `java.sql.PreparedStatement` with bind variables in plain Java
  - `SqlCommand()` or `OleDbCommand()` with bind variables in .NET
  - Named parameters in `createQuery()` of Hibernate
- Perform White List Input Validation on all user supplied input
- Enforce Least Privileges for the application's DB user

# Exercise

1. (🎓) Log in as the admin using SQL Injection (★ ★)
2. (🎓) Log in as Jim and/or Bender user using SQL Injection (★ ★ ★)
3. Order the special 🎄 offer that was only available in 2014 (★ ★ ★ ★)