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# SQL (Structured Query Language)

- Database language used for the storage and retrieval of information
- Relational databases
- Information can be interacted with using this declarative language
- Powerful
- Can be manipulated

### SQLi - What is it?

- Just like with XSS it is a classic code vs. data problem
- User input is interpreted as code and executed as part of the SQL statement

## Example

- A form takes a username and pulls up information on that user
- For takes a name, and if you have permissions to lookup that person, shows you their information
- Code looks like:

```
"SELECT * FROM users WHERE name='%s'" % user_input
```

## Example

• If I input "alice" then the query looks like:

```
SELECT * FROM users WHERE name='alice'
```

How can I pull everyone's records?

## Example

- If my name becomes: alice' or '1'='1
- Then the query becomes:

```
SELECT * FROM users WHERE name='alice' or '1'='1'
```

 And all records are returned because 1 will always equal 1

# Why it's bad

- Bypass login
- Exfiltrate data
- Elevate privilege
- Tamper with logs/records
- Own the host computer
- Delete everything
- This is automatically a critical vulnerability

#### How to find it

- Supply unexpected user input such as ' ") -- #
- Identify any error messages or changes in response/behavior
- Determine if your input is being executed as code
- Types of searching:
  - Regular see if extra data is returned
  - Equivalency see if statements are executed differently
  - Blind see if you can cause a backend delay or out-ofband response

## Testing steps (text data)

- Does the DB send an error back when it receives a 'or " or ) or –
- If you get an error, read it
- Does sending " (two single ticks) alleviate the error?
- Test to see if the DB does the same thing when you input FOO as it does when you input:
  - '||'FOO (Oracle)
  - '+'FOO (MS-SQL)
  - 'FOO (space between the single ticks) (MySQL)

## Testing steps (numerical data)

- Supply a simple mathematical expression
  - If testing for two supply 1+1 or 3-1
- User a more complicated expression such as:
  - -67-ASCII('A') 67 65 = 2
  - -51-ASCII(1) 51 49 = 2

### Remember

 Certain SQL characters also have special meaning for HTTP so be careful with:

```
- & %26
- = %3d
- (space) %20
- + %2b
- : %3b
```

### Figure out the DB

- Issue DB specific commands
- Text data:
  - Oracle: 'foo'||'bar'
  - MS-SQL: 'foo'+'bar'
  - MySQL: 'foo' 'bar'
- Numeric data:
  - Oracle: BITAND(1,1)-BITAND(1,1)
  - MS-SQL: @@PACK RECIEVED-@@PACK RECIEVED
  - MySQL: CONNECTION\_ID()-CONNECTION\_ID()

### Blind

Cause a noticeable delay:

- MS-SQL: a' WAITFOR DELAY '00:00:05

– MySQL: a' sleep(5000)

#### Note

 Sometimes you need to comment out the rest of the statement:

```
– Oracle: -- or /*
```

- MS-SQL: --
- MySQL: # or /\*
- SQLite: -- or /\*
- PostgreSQL: --

### Mitigation

- Parameterized Queries (aka prepared statements)
- First define the SQL code, then pass in the parameters later
- Allows the database to distinguish between code and data, regardless of what user input is supplied
- Prepared statements ensure that an attacker is not able to change the intent of a query, even if SQL commands are inserted by an attacker

## Mitigation Example – ASP.NET

```
string sql = "SELECT * FROM Customers WHERE CustomerId = @CustomerId";
SqlCommand command = new SqlCommand(sql);
command.Parameters.Add(new SqlParameter("@CustomerId",
System.Data.SqlDbType.Int));
command.Parameters["@CustomerId"].Value = 1;
```

### Mitigation Example - Ruby

```
insert_new_user = db.prepare "INSERT INTO users (name,
age, gender) VALUES (?, ? ,?)"
insert_new_user.execute 'aizatto', '20', 'male'
```

### Mitigation Example - Java

```
String custname = request.getParameter("customerName");
String query = "SELECT account_balance FROM user_data WHERE user_name = ? ";
PreparedStatement pstmt = connection.prepareStatement(query);
pstmt.setString(1, custname);
ResultSet results = pstmt.executeQuery();
```

#### Resources

- https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Query Par ameterization Cheat Sheet
- http://blog.codinghorror.com/give-meparameterized-sql-or-give-me-death/
- http://pentestmonkey.net/category/cheatsheet/sql-injection
- http://www.unixwiz.net/techtips/sqlinjection.html