

Getting Started with IAST and RASP using Contrast Security

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Overview

This lab will provide a basic introduction to IAST and RASP using the Contrast Security Community Edition, showing how the platform works against known vulnerable locations in WebGoat. By observing how Contrast operates against known vulnerable locations with known payloads, users can gain the experience that will them use Contrast effectively against other applications.

This lab will walk through a couple of basic use cases:

- Contrast Assess – IAST which continuously monitors for vulnerabilities based on normal interactions with your application
- Contrast Protect – RASP which continuously monitors for attacks against your applications, and can block them

Note: This lab uses the Contrast Security Community Edition, which provides one free license for use against one Java application.

Setting Up Contrast with WebGoat

Prerequisites

Please have a 64 bit Windows or Linux environment with Java JDK 1.8 and Internet access. The environment should be suitable sized for running a web application.

A web browser such as Chrome or Firefox will also be used to access the WebGoat and Contrast UI's.

Optional: Docker and git

Procedure Using Docker

1. Visit <https://www.contrastsecurity.com/contrast-community-edition> and set up a free Community Edition instance of our product. This should be an easy straightforward task but please feel free to reach out if you have questions. **Note: you will need to use a work email address for your account.**
2. Log in to your Community Edition account, accept the EULA, and visit your **Your Account** page. Examine the keys in the **Organization Keys** area.

3. In your work environment, create a working directory called WebGoatHJUG and cd into it:

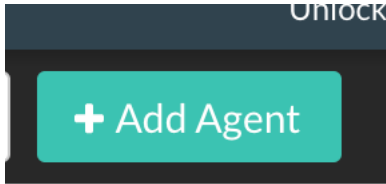
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% mkdir ./WebGoatHJUG
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% cd ./WebGoatHJUG
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4. Download the Dockerfile from <https://github.com/rstatsinger/hjugmay2019> by either cloning the repository using **git** or simply download the raw file from the repository
5. Create a backup copy of the Dockerfile, then edit the original and set the **OrgID, Auth, and APIKey** variables from the corresponding keys in your **Your Account** page
6. Build the docker image: `docker build `pwd` -t hjugdokerwebgoat`
7. Run your docker container: `docker run -p 8080:8080 -t hjugdokerwebgoat`
8. Wait for startup to complete, then open another tab in your browser (side by side with your Contrast Security CE UI) and surf to `http://localhost:8080/WebGoat`

Procedure Using Agent Download from the Contrast UI

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2. Log in to your Community Edition account, accept the EULA, and download the Java agent (contrast.jar) by clicking the green 'Add Agent' button on the top right of the page



3. Create a directory or folder inside your environment and call it WebGoat

1. Inside the WebGoat folder, place the following

- contrast.jar that you just downloaded from TeamServer
- webgoat-container-7.1-exec.jar: you can download it from <https://github.com/WebGoat/WebGoat/releases/tag/7.1>

2. cd to the WebGoat folder and run the following command:

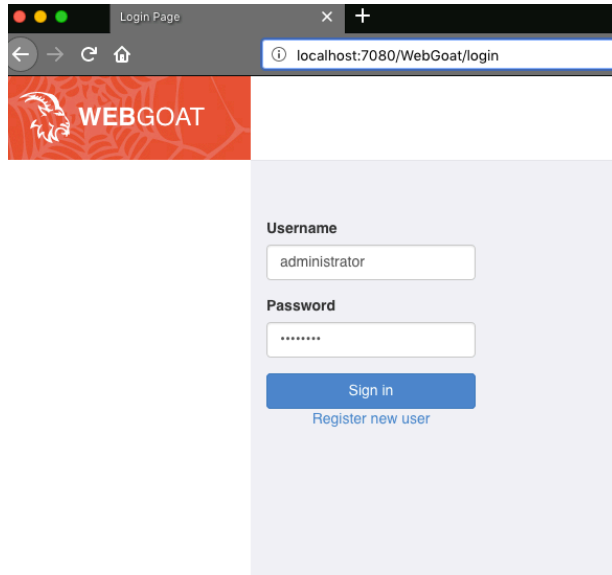
```
java -Dcontrast.app.activity.period=5000 -Dcontrast.server.activity.period=5000  
-Dcontrast.standalone.appname=WebGoatHJUG -Dcontrast.server=HJUGLabServer  
-javaagent:contrast.jar -jar webgoat-container-7.1-exec.jar --server.port=8080
```

(This script is available in the git repository mentioned above – feel free to clone it even if you don't use Docker)

4. Wait a minute while WebGoat starts. The console will stop scrolling - the last messages should look like this:

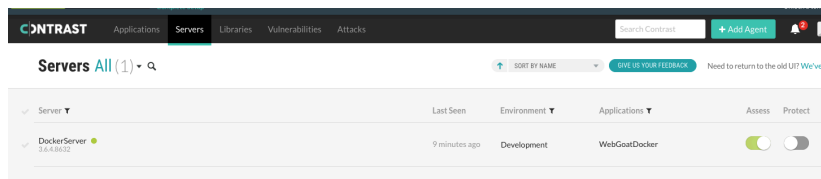
```
2019-01-09 12:26:10.120 INFO 19833 --- [      main]  
s.b.c.e.t.TomcatEmbeddedServletContainer : Tomcat started on port(s): 8080 (http)  
2019-01-09 12:26:10.138 INFO 19833 --- [      main] org.owasp.webgoat.StartWebGoat :  
Started StartWebGoat in 53.441 seconds (JVM running for 89.941)
```

5. Wait for startup to complete, then open another tab in your browser (side by side with your Contrast Security CE UI) and surf to <http://localhost:8080/WebGoat>



Register a new user with any combination, such as administrator/admin123, or use the guest or admin accounts show in the UI.

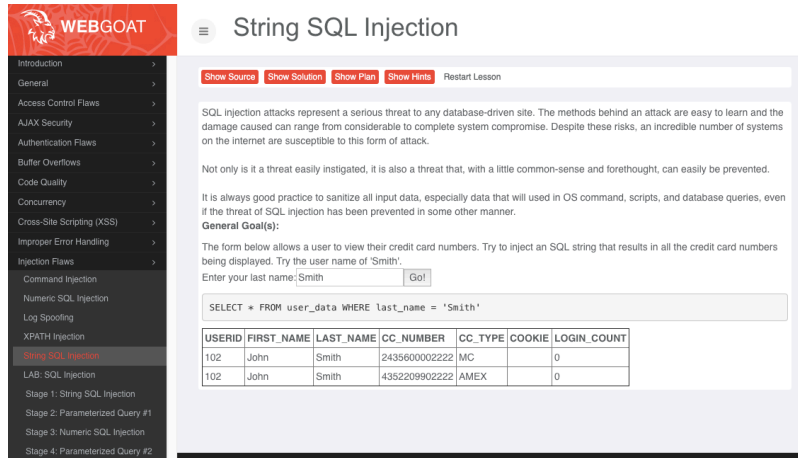
Within Contrast TeamServer, you should see your **DockerServer** or **HJUGLabServer** in the Servers area. Please ask me for assistance if you do not.



If **Protect** is enabled, slide its slider so that it looks like the above.

Lab 1: IAST Use Case: Discovering a SQL Injection Vulnerability

This exercise will show you how IAST detects vulnerabilities in applications through simple functional testing. In the WebGoat nav area, click “String SQL Injection”. In the **Enter Your Last Name** field, try the following input: Smith. (Notice that this is **not** an attack or custom script – it’s a simple manual functional test in the WebGoat UI):



String SQL Injection

Show Source Show Solution Show Plan Show Hint Restart Lesson

SQL injection attacks represent a serious threat to any database-driven site. The methods behind an attack are easy to learn and the damage caused can range from considerable to complete system compromise. Despite these risks, an incredible number of systems on the internet are susceptible to this form of attack.

Not only is it a threat easily instigated, it is also a threat that, with a little common-sense and forethought, can easily be prevented.

It is always good practice to sanitize all input data, especially data that will be used in OS command, scripts, and database queries, even if the threat of SQL injection has been prevented in some other manner.

General Goal(s):

The form below allows a user to view their credit card numbers. Try to inject an SQL string that results in all the credit card numbers being displayed. Try the user name of 'Smith'.

Enter your last name:

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SELECT * FROM user_data WHERE last_name = 'Smith'
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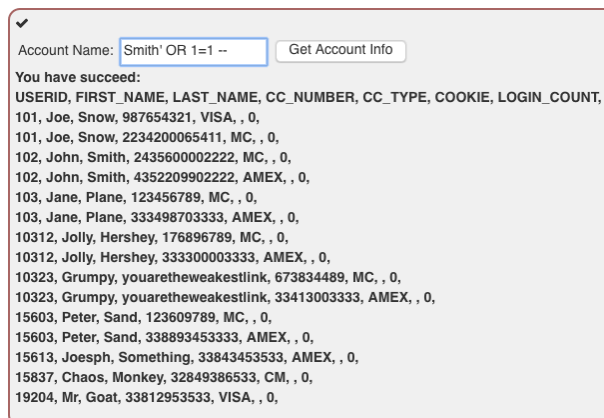
USERID	FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	CC_NUMBER	CC_TYPE	COOKIE	LOGIN_COUNT
102	John	Smith	2435600002222	MC		0
102	John	Smith	4352209902222	AMEX		0

Now look in the **Vulnerabilities** area of the Contrast UI. What do you see? Do you see more than one vulnerability? If so, why?

Class discussion: IAST discovers **vulnerable routes**, 24x7, in the background, as you write and test software.

LAB 2: Performing a SQL Injection Attack, and then Blocking it with RASP!

In the same field in WebGoat, try the following input: `Smith' or '1'='1` This will show all users:



✓

Account Name:

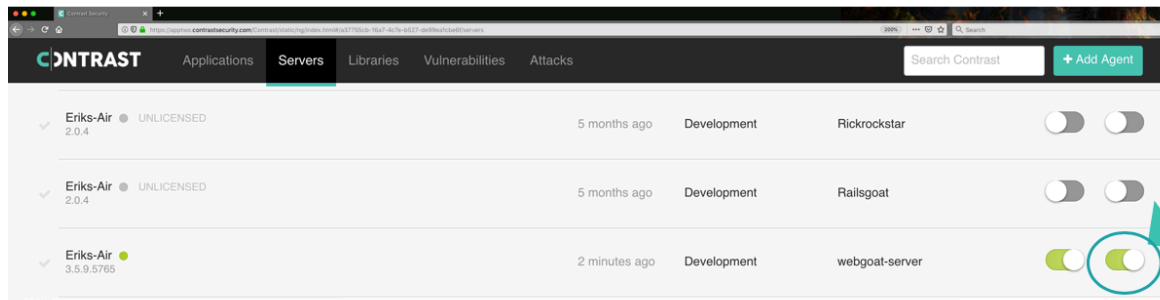
You have succeeded:

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USERID, FIRST_NAME, LAST_NAME, CC_NUMBER, CC_TYPE, COOKIE, LOGIN_COUNT,
101, Joe, Snow, 987654321, VISA, , 0,
101, Joe, Snow, 2234200065411, MC, , 0,
102, John, Smith, 2435600002222, MC, , 0,
102, John, Smith, 4352209902222, AMEX, , 0,
103, Jane, Plane, 123456789, MC, , 0,
103, Jane, Plane, 333498703333, AMEX, , 0,
10312, Jolly, Hershey, 176896789, MC, , 0,
10312, Jolly, Hershey, 333300003333, AMEX, , 0,
10323, Grumpy, youaretheweakestlink, 673834489, MC, , 0,
10323, Grumpy, youaretheweakestlink, 33413003333, AMEX, , 0,
15603, Peter, Sand, 123609789, MC, , 0,
15603, Peter, Sand, 338893453333, AMEX, , 0,
15613, Joesph, Something, 33843453533, AMEX, , 0,
15837, Chaos, Monkey, 32849386533, CM, , 0,
19204, Mr, Goat, 33812953533, VISA, , 0,
```

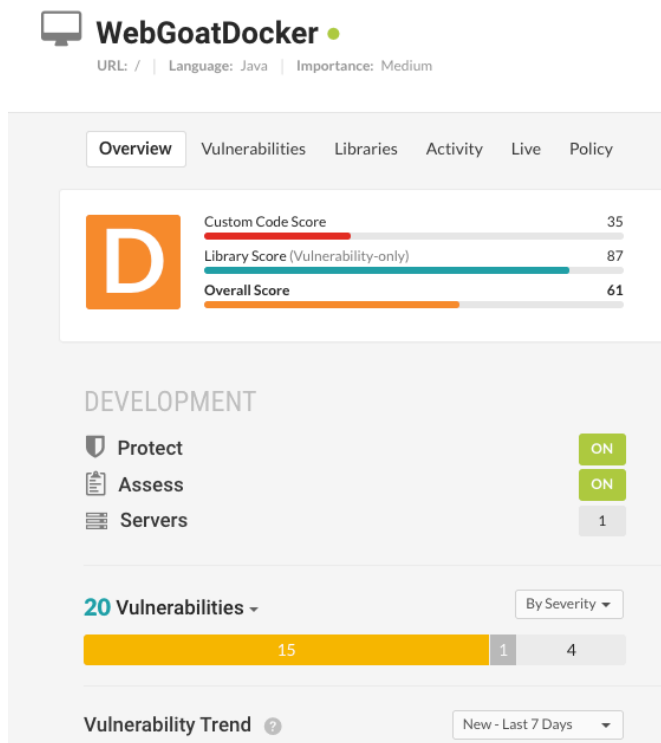
Now we'll show how Contrast Protect's RASP can detect and block such an attack.

Enabling Contrast Protect

If **Protect** is off, you can easily enable it for the server and application. On the **servers** page, find your server via its green icon and ensure both sliders are green:



In the Applications area, make sure that Protect is turned on:



Note: one application restart may be required. This is the only time you'll ever need to restart the application – all subsequent config changes may be performed without application restart.

For Docker users, stop the container then rerun the docker run command you did earlier.

In the Contrast UI, find the **Policy** tab for your application, and click **Protect**:

The screenshot shows the Contrast Security web interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Applications', 'Servers', 'Libraries', 'Vulnerabilities', and 'Attacks'. Below this, the 'webgoat-server' application is selected. The 'Policy' tab is active, showing a table of rules. The 'SQL Injection' rule is highlighted, and its status is set to 'BLOCK'. A dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'MONITOR', 'BLOCK', and 'BLOCK AT PERIMETER'. The 'BLOCK' option is selected.

Find the SQL Injection Rule and set it to **Block**:

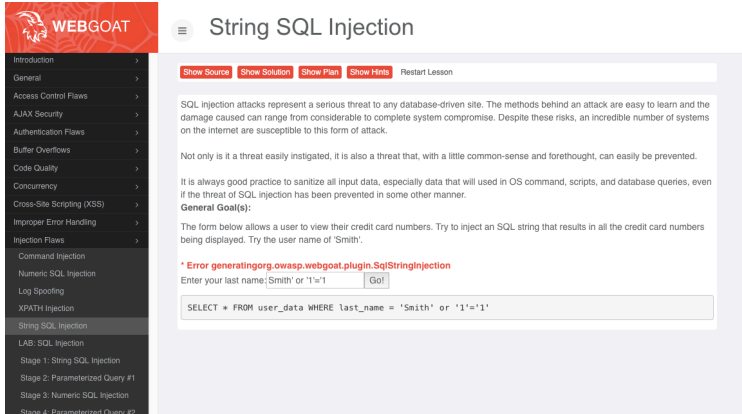
The screenshot shows the Contrast Security web interface for 'WebGoatDocker'. The 'Policy' tab is active, showing a table of rules. The 'SQL Injection' rule is highlighted, and its status is set to 'BLOCK'. The table has columns for 'Rule', 'Type/Description', 'Development', 'QA', and 'Production'. The 'SQL Injection' rule is marked as 'BETA' and has a description: 'Protect Rule / Carefully crafted inputs can alter the SQL queries the application uses, and steal data or execute code.'

Attempt normal usage, using the name Smith again.

The normal usage works because the SQL grammar did not change:

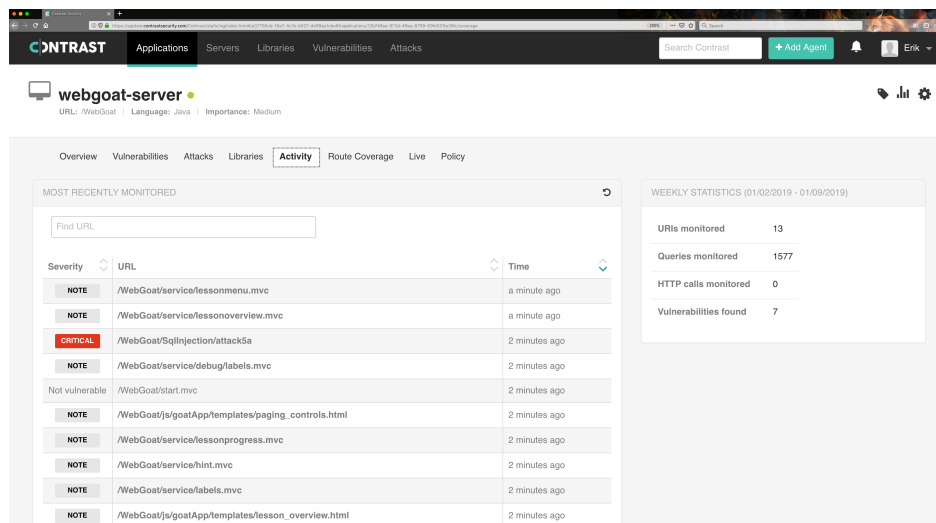
<p>Account Name: <input type="text" value="Smith' OR 1=1 --"/> <input type="button" value="Get Account Info"/></p> <p>Sorry the solution is not correct, please try again.</p> <p>org.owasp.webgoat.plugin.introduction.SqlInjectionLesson5a : SQL injection detected</p> <p>The SQL Injection payload that previously worked will fail and be reported.</p>	<p>Account Name: <input type="text" value="Smith"/> <input type="button" value="Get Account Info"/></p> <p>Sorry the solution is not correct, please try again.</p> <p>USERID, FIRST_NAME, LAST_NAME, CC_NUMBER, CC_TYPE, COOKIE, LOGIN_COUNT, 102, John, Smith, 243560002222, MC, , 0, 102, John, Smith, 4352209902222, AMEX, , 0,</p> <p>The normal usage of last names will work fine.</p>
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Attempt the same SQL Injection payload as before. The attack no longer succeeds:



Understanding Application Usage

As you use the application for assessment, the Activity section will list URLs accessed within the application server. This helps demonstrate what Contrast is watching and can be compared against any URLs seen by the browser:



Lab 3: RASP Example: Blocking Cross Site Scripting

Cross Site Scripting enables attackers to add arbitrary JavaScript code to other users' browsing sessions, for example to steal cookie data or perform other XHR requests. To understand how Contrast protects against Cross Site Scripting, open the Cross-Site Scripting section in WebGoat then click on Reflected XSS Attacks:

WEBGOAT

- Introduction
- General
- Access Control Flaws
- AJAX Security
- Authentication Flaws
- Buffer Overflows
- Code Quality
- Concurrency
- Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
- Phishing with XSS
- LAB: Cross Site Scripting
- Stage 1: Stored XSS
- Stage 2: Block Stored XSS using Input Validation
- Stage 3: Stored XSS Revisited
- Stage 4: Block Stored XSS using Output Encoding
- Stage 5: Reflected XSS
- Stage 6: Block Reflected XSS
- Stored XSS Attacks
- Reflected XSS Attacks
- Cross Site Request Forgery (CSRF)
- CSRF Prompt By-Pass
- CSRF Token By-Pass

Reflected XSS Attacks

Show Source Show Solution Show Plan Show Hints Restart Lesson

It is always a good practice to validate all input on the server side. XSS can occur when unvalidated user input is used in an HTTP response. In a reflected XSS attack, an attacker can craft a URL with the attack script and post it to another website, email it, or otherwise get a victim to click on it.

Shopping Cart

Shopping Cart Items -- To Buy Now	Price	Quantity	Total
Studio RTA - Laptop/Reading Cart with Tilting Surface - Cherry	69.99	1	\$0.00
Dynex - Traditional Notebook Case	27.99	1	\$0.00
Hewlett-Packard - Pavilion Notebook with Intel Centrino	1599.99	1	\$0.00
3 - Year Performance Service Plan \$1000 and Over	299.99	1	\$0.00

The total charged to your credit card: \$0.00 Update Cart

Enter your credit card number:

Enter your three digit access code:

Purchase

In the **three digit access code** field, add an XSS payload such as: `<script>alert("XSS Test")</script>` Click **Purchase** and the browser will display the alert. Try running anything else between the script tags.

In the Contrast UI, set the **Protect** Policy for Cross-Site Scripting to **Block at Perimeter**. While **Block** prevents runtime exploits by generating exceptions in your application's code, **Block at Perimeter** will prevent XSS attacks before they enter the application. This will block reflected and persistent XSS, where the payload may pass to another area that technically is not exploitable but will exploit users later (an example is saving the XSS attack to a persistent database)

WebGoatDocker

URL: / | Language: Java | Importance: Medium

Overview Vulnerabilities Libraries Activity Live Policy

ASSESS PROTECT EXCLUSIONS All (27) Find Rule Change Mode

Rule	Type/Description	Development	QA	Production
<input type="checkbox"/> Cross Site Request Forgery	Protect Rule / A CSRF attack can be used to trick a legitimate user into making an illegitimate request.	OFF	OFF	OFF
<input type="checkbox"/> Padding Oracle	Protect Rule / A padding attack can be used to decrypt ciphertext.	BLOCK	BLOCK	BLOCK
<input type="checkbox"/> XML External Entity Processing	Protect Rule / A vulnerability in XML processing that can lead to file read/writes and remote code execution.	BLOCK	BLOCK	BLOCK
<input type="checkbox"/> Path Traversal	Protect Rule / A vulnerability that allows users to control which files get opened and read by an application.	BLOCK	BLOCK	BLOCK
<input type="checkbox"/> Untrusted Deserialization	Protect Rule / A web application vulnerability that allows users to pass arbitrary objects to a deserializer, allowing for remote code execution.	BLOCK	BLOCK	BLOCK
<input type="checkbox"/> Cross Site Scripting	Protect Rule / A web application vulnerability that allows users to run arbitrary JavaScript in other's browsers.	BLOCK (B)	BLOCK (B)	BLOCK (B)

Try running the attack payload again.

Intelligent Reduction of False Positives

Contrast operates on something like a Hippocratic oath: first, do no harm. Developers may often store non-harmful HTML code in areas that do not perform attacks. Contrast does a grammatic analysis of content, letting format tags through while blocking script functions. For example, the following non-harmful attack will pass through the credit card field as normal:

`Blah`

Therefore it may be possible for attackers to mess up an HTML display but not in a harmful way.

Protect's RASP Modes

The key aspect of using Protect is ensuring that it is on and in block mode for relevant attack types. If Protect is not enabled or not set to block a certain attack type, then it will not block that attack. The block mechanisms for Protect are:

- Off – do nothing
- Monitor – watch only to notify, without interacting to take any action.
- Block – Block within the API, just before the insecure action (sink) would have taken place.
- Block at Perimeter – Block when a type of data is first detected coming in, regardless of whether it is headed for a vulnerable sink. This is most common for XSS type issues so that they do not pass through a sink that is not vulnerable to XSS and reflect back to the user.

Teams can monitor for vulnerabilities through the Vulnerabilities tab or watch attack attempts take place through the Attacks tab. Contrast TeamServer attempts to avoid noisy wolf-crying, alerting only when elements are worth looking at.

Lab 4: Analyzing OSS Risk

Click on Libraries at the top of the Contrast UI. Which libraries would you update first?