



# Java Web Security Antipatterns

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**Failed with nothing but  
the best intentions**





**Architect**

**Implement**

**Maintain**

# Architect

 **Skipping threat modeling**

# **Software that is secure by design**

Know the web application

Know all external entities

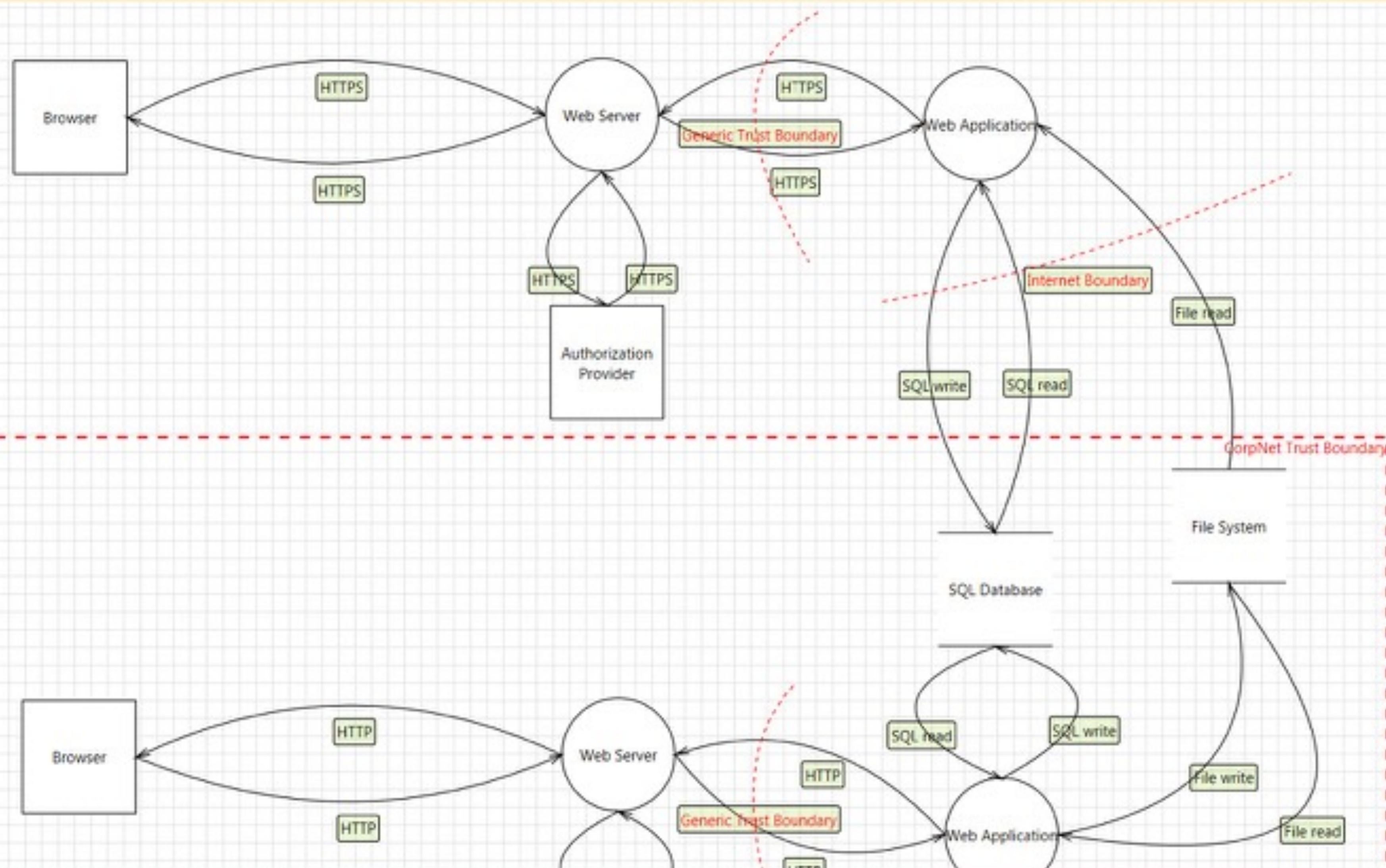
Know all data flows

Identify all risks

Threat model

Avoid design flaws



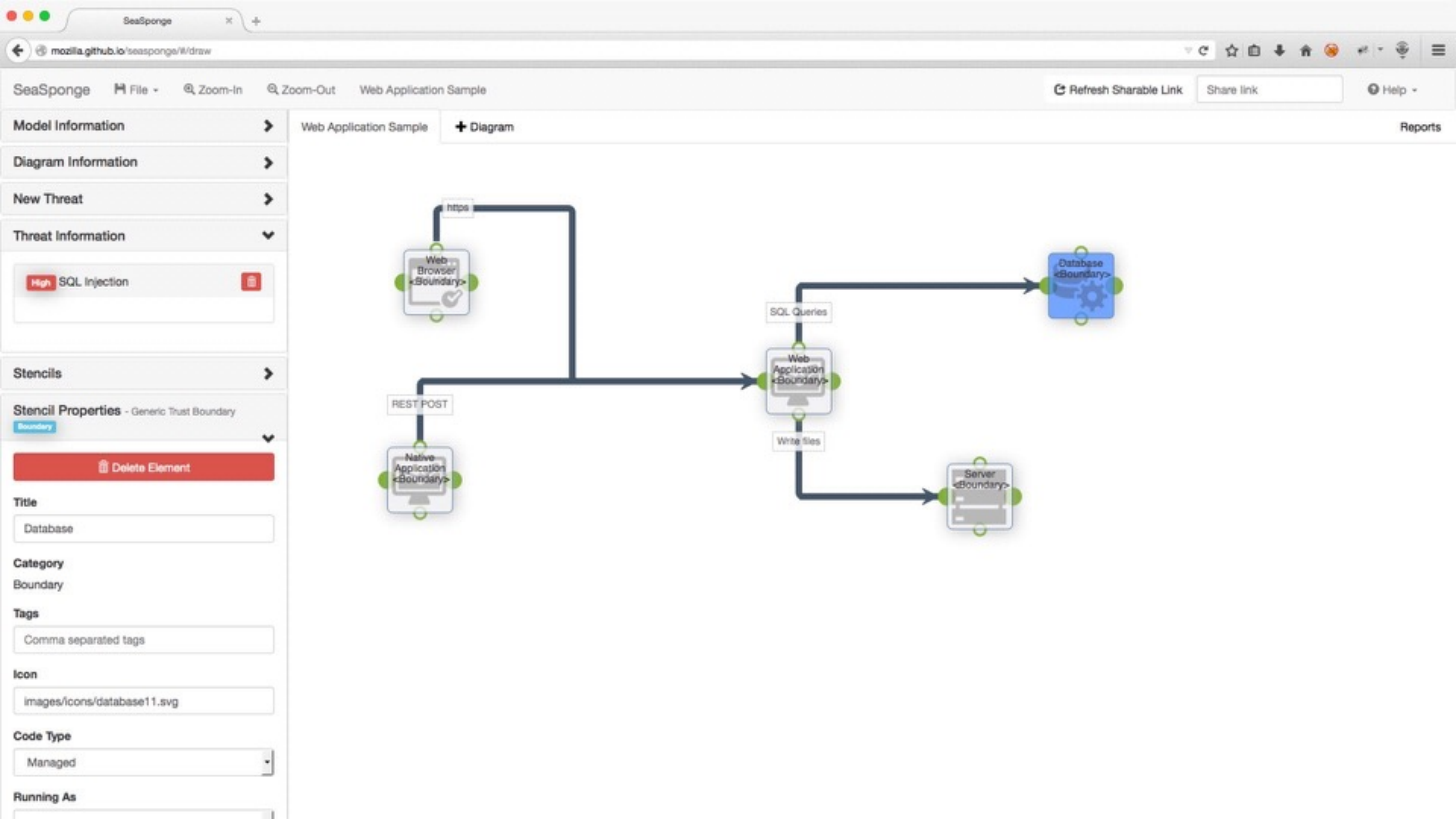


- Generic Process
- OS Process
- Thread
- Kernel Thread
- Native Application
- Managed Application
- Thick Client
- Browser Client
- Browser and ActiveX Plug-ins
- Web Server
- Windows Store Process

Diagram  
Name: Sample Portal  
[Add New Custom Attribute](#)

Id	Note	Date	Added By
1	Sample Note	03.05.2015 20:54	dev-PC\dev





*„Good engineering involves thinking about how things can be made to work; the security mindset involves thinking about how things can be made to fail. It involves thinking like an attacker [...].“*

Bruce Schneier



# Implement

**User passwords stored**

 **as plaintext**

 **encrypted**

 **trivially hashed**

## Password Retriever

Forgotten your password? No problem! Just enter your email address and postcode below and click the "Retrieve" button. Your password will display on the screen. An email with your password will be also sent to you, please make sure the email address entered is the same as you used when you created your account.

Email \*

☐ Display password on screen directly

Retrieve

**Important:** for your security, please change your password after you get the old one back. To change your password, please [Go Here](#)



**Passw0rd\$**

d281fdbe0555b913d1c29f99143a3ad7bc66cf83

2e2c68bc1e9187cc6919fcb8564f1483

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AES

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Slow down brute force attacks

# **PBKDF2**

Iterations against brute force attacks

Available in plain Java



# Demo

# **bcrypt**

Iterations against brute force attacks

Integrated in Spring Security

```
@Configuration
@EnableWebMvcSecurity
public class WebSecurityConfig extends
    WebSecurityConfigurerAdapter {
    @Bean
    public PasswordEncoder passwordEncoder() {
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# **script**

Memory against brute force attacks

Best protection against dictionary attacks

Increase # iterations with faster hardware

# Set period of time to change passwords

User logs in successfully



Calculate new salt



Calculate new hash



Update hash & salt

Period of time expired



Set not changed passwords to null



User tries to log in



Force password reset process



Enforce length limit on password fields

```
<h:inputSecret id="password" maxlength="1024">  
  <f:validateLength minimum="10" maximum="1024" />  
</h:inputSecret>
```

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```
private byte[] hash(PBEKeySpec keySpec) {  
    return secretKeyFactory.generateSecret  
        (keySpec).getEncoded();  
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# Implement

- 👉 **Changing password**
- 👉 **Changing email address**

# Edit My Account

arthur@dent.com

## Password

Current password

New password

Confirm new password

Update Password



# **Prevent unintended password change**

Cross-Site Request Forgery vulnerability

Session id knowledge

# Edit My Account

arthur@dent.com

## User Data

Firstname

Lastname

Email

# Edit My Account

arthur@dent.com

## Account Data

Email

Current password

# Implement

- 👎 **Disabling pasting passwords**
- 👎 **Delivering log-in form via HTTP**



# Disabling pasting into password fields

- ▶ **Does not** stop any attack
- ▶ **Does not** provide any more security
- ▶ **Does** frustrate users





## Sign In

By signing in, you agree to our [Terms of Service](#)

☐ Remember me

Forgot your [username](#) or [password](#)?

HTTP log in page puts security in jeopardy

Link to dedicated HTTPS log in page

Force HTTPS for the whole page

```
@WebFilter(urlPatterns = {"/*"})  
public class HSTS implements Filter {  
    public void doFilter(...) {  
        HttpServletResponse response =  
            (HttpServletResponse) res;  
        response.addHeader(  
            "Strict-Transport-Security",  
            "max-age=31556926");  
        chain.doFilter(req, response);  
    }  
    // ...  
}
```



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# **HSTS stops any insecure communication**



**Requires HTTPS connection**

No effect on HTTP connections

**All resources via HTTPS**

Includes scripts, images, ...

**Requires valid certificate**

No self-signed certificates any more



# Implement

 **Not logging security events**





**Logging forensics after an event**



**Log in and log out is a security event**



# **OWASP Security Logging**

## **SECURITY\_SUCCESS**

Successful security check (e.g. successful login)

## **SECURITY\_FAILURE**

Failed security check (e.g. failed login)

## **SECURITY\_AUDIT**

Record security events for audit (e.g. account edited)

Use an always active log level or  
**separate log file**



```
log.warn(  
    SecurityMarkers.SECURITY_AUDIT,  
    "User {} has edited his account",  
    username);
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# Implement

- 👎 **Skipping session configuration**
- 👎 **Keeping session id after log-in**

```
<plugin>
  <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins</groupId>
  <artifactId>maven-war-plugin</artifactId>
  <version>2.6</version>
  <configuration>
    <failOnMissingWebXml>
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web.xml is a rich source for security configuration

```
<web-app ... version="3.1">
  <session-config>
    <!-- idle timeout after session expires -->
    <session-timeout>30</session-timeout>
    <cookie-config>
      <!-- prevent session id script access -->
      <http-only>true</http-only>
      <!-- transfer cookie via https only -->
      <secure>true</secure>
    </cookie-config>
    <!-- session id in cookie, not URL -->
    <tracking-mode>COOKIE</tracking-mode>
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User usually receives a session id  
when entering web application



**4E01EF46D8446D1C  
10CB5C08EDA69DD1**





# **Session hijacking**

Attacker steals the session id

# **Session fixation**

Attacker dictates the session id



**Have an always visible logout button**



```
<form th:action="@{/logout}" method="post">  
  <button type="submit">Log out</button>  
</form>
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<form th:action="@{/logout}" method="post">  
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```
<form action="/logout" method="post">  
  <input type="hidden"  
    name="${_csrf.parameterName}"  
    value="${_csrf.token}" />  
  <input type="submit" value="Logout" />  
</form>
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Limit session duration

**web.xml**

Force HTTPS

**HSTS**

Change session id after log in

```
@WebServlet
public class Login extends HttpServlet {
    protected void doPost(HttpServletRequest
        request, HttpServletResponse response) {
        // ...
        request.changeSessionId();
        // ...
    }
}
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Invalidate session after log out

```
@WebServlet
public class Logout extends HttpServlet {
    protected void doPost(HttpServletRequest
        request, HttpServletResponse response) {
        // ...
        request.getSession().invalidate();
        // ...
    }
}
```

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@WebServlet
public class Logout extends HttpServlet {
    protected void doPost(HttpServletRequest
        request, HttpServletResponse response) {
        // ...
        request.getSession().invalidate();
        // ...
    }
}
```

# Demo



# Maintain



**Using outdated libraries**



# Frameworks and libraries decline





Marvin:duke-encounters dos\$ dependency-check --project DukeEncounters --scan target/dependency/

[INFO] Checking for updates

[INFO] NVD CVE requires several updates; this could take a couple of minutes.

[INFO] Download Started for NVD CVE - 2002

[INFO] Download Started for NVD CVE - 2004

[INFO] Download Started for NVD CVE - 2003

[INFO] Download Complete for NVD CVE - 2004 (8273 ms)

[INFO] Download Started for NVD CVE - 2005

[INFO] Processing Started for NVD CVE - 2004

[INFO] Download Complete for NVD CVE - 2003 (9816 ms)

[INFO] Download Started for NVD CVE - 2006

[INFO] Processing Complete for NVD CVE - 2004 (2867 ms)

[INFO] Processing Started for NVD CVE - 2003

[INFO] Processing Complete for NVD CVE - 2003 (697 ms)

[INFO] Download Complete for NVD CVE - 2005 (12099 ms)

[INFO] Processing Started for NVD CVE - 2005

[INFO] Download Started for NVD CVE - 2007

[INFO] Download Complete for NVD CVE - 2002 (21154 ms)

[INFO] Download Started for NVD CVE - 2008

[INFO] Processing Complete for NVD CVE - 2005 (2565 ms)

[INFO] Processing Started for NVD CVE - 2002

[INFO] Processing Complete for NVD CVE - 2002 (1349 ms)

[INFO] Download Complete for NVD CVE - 2007 (16334 ms)

[INFO] Processing Started for NVD CVE - 2007

[INFO] Download Started for NVD CVE - 2009

[INFO] Download Complete for NVD CVE - 2006 (26902 ms)

[INFO] Download Started for NVD CVE - 2010

[INFO] Processing Complete for NVD CVE - 2007 (2594 ms)

[INFO] Processing Started for NVD CVE - 2006

[INFO] Processing Complete for NVD CVE - 2006 (2445 ms)

[INFO] Download Started for NVD CVE - 2008 (25273 ms)





Dependency-Check is an open source tool performing a best effort analysis of 3rd party dependencies; false positives and false negatives may exist in the analysis performed by the tool. Use of the tool and the reporting provided constitutes acceptance for use in an AS IS condition, and there are NO warranties, implied or otherwise, with regard to the analysis or its use. Any use of the tool and the reporting provided is at the user's risk. In no event shall the copyright holder or OWASP be held liable for any damages whatsoever arising out of or in connection with the use of this tool, the analysis performed, or the resulting report.

## Project: DukeEncounters

Scan Information ([show all](#)):

- *dependency-check version*: 1.3.1
- *Report Generated On*: Okt 17, 2015 at 09:52:41 MESZ
- *Dependencies Scanned*: 96
- *Vulnerable Dependencies*: 1
- *Vulnerabilities Found*: 4
- *Vulnerabilities Suppressed*: 0
- ...

Display: [Showing Vulnerable Dependencies \(click to show all\)](#)

Dependency	CPE	GAV	Highest Severity	CVE Count	CPE Confidence	Evidence Count
<a href="#">tomcat-embed-core-8.0.28.jar</a>	<a href="#">cpe:/a:apache:tomcat:8.0.28</a> <a href="#">cpe:/a:apache_tomcat:apache_tomcat:8.0.28</a>	<a href="#">org.apache.tomcat.embed:tomcat-embed-core:8.0.28</a>	High	4	LOW	16

## Dependencies



```
<reporting>
  <plugins><plugin>
    <groupId>org.owasp</groupId>
    <artifactId>dependency-check-maven</artifactId>
    <version>1.3.1</version>
    <reportSets>
      <reportSet>
        <reports>
          <report>aggregate</report>
        </reports>
      </reportSet>
    </reportSets>
  </plugin></plugins>
</reporting>
```



# Post-build Actions

## Publish OWASP Dependency-Check analysis results

Dependency-Check results

[Fileset includes](#) setting that specifies the generated raw Dependency-Check XML report files, such as `**/dependency-check-report.xml`. Basedir of the fileset is [the workspace root](#). If no value is set, then the default `**/dependency-check-report.xml` is used. Be sure not to include any non-report files into this pattern.

Run always ☐  
By default, this plug-in runs only for stable or unstable builds, but not for failed builds. If this plug-in should run even for failed builds then activate this check box.

Detect modules ☐  
Determines if Ant or Maven modules should be detected for all files that contain warnings. Activating this option may increase your build time since the detector scans the whole workspace for 'build.xml' or 'pom.xml' files in order to assign the correct module names.

Health thresholds 

☀ 100%

☁ 0%

  
Configure the thresholds for the build health. If left empty then no health report is created. If the actual number of warnings is between the provided thresholds then the build health is interpolated.

Health priorities 

☐ Only priority high

☐ Priorities high and normal

☒ All priorities

  
Determines which warning priorities should be considered when evaluating the build health.

Status thresholds (Totals)	All priorities	Priority high	Priority normal	Priority low
<div>☀ 5</div>	<input type="text" value="5"/>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>	<input type="text" value="5"/>
<div>☹</div>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

If the number of total warnings is greater than one of these thresholds then a build is considered as unstable or failed, respectively. I.e., a value of 0 means that the build status is changed if there is at least one warning found. Leave this field empty if the state of the build should not depend on the number of warnings.

☐ Compute new warnings (based on the last successful build unless another reference build is chosen below)

Default Encoding

# Summary



Plan security with threat modeling

Think (like an attacker) during implementation

Keep 3rd party libraries up-to-date



Enjoy secure programming



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### **Demo Projects**

[github.com/dschadow/JavaSecurity](https://github.com/dschadow/JavaSecurity)

### **HTTP Strict Transport Security RFC**

[tools.ietf.org/html/rfc6797](https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc6797)

### **Microsoft Threat Modeling Tool**

[www.microsoft.com/en-us/sdl/adopt/threatmodeling.aspx](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/sdl/adopt/threatmodeling.aspx)

### **Mozilla SeaSponge**

[air.mozilla.org/mozilla-winter-of-security-seasponge-a-tool-for-easy-threat-modeling](https://air.mozilla.org/mozilla-winter-of-security-seasponge-a-tool-for-easy-threat-modeling)

### **OWASP Dependency Check**

[www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP\\_Dependency\\_Check](http://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP_Dependency_Check)

### **OWASP Security Logging**

[www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP\\_Security\\_Logging\\_Project](http://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP_Security_Logging_Project)

### **Spring Security**

[projects.spring.io/spring-security](https://projects.spring.io/spring-security)

### **Pictures**

[www.dreamstime.com](http://www.dreamstime.com)

