



# The Cybersecurity Mindset

Cybersecurity  
Cybersecurity 101 Day 1



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# Class Objectives

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By the end of today's class, you will be able to:



Explain the course structure and general direction of the program.



Recognize the high-level security strategies and tools covered in class.



Explain how cybersecurity is an assessment of threats and mitigation of risks.



List different types of user, web, server, and database cybersecurity attacks.



Identify risk mitigation plan framework for user, web server, and database attacks.

# The Rising Cyber Threat



Why is cybersecurity  
such a desired skill  
these days?

# Reason 1: Explosive Growth in Dependence of IT

Nearly every personal, social, and commercial aspect of our lives makes contact with **vulnerable IT infrastructure**.



## Reason 2: More Users (Targets) on Connected Devices

More people than ever before are logged into connected devices—often for the majority of their waking (and sleeping) hours.



# Reason 3: Better Tools for Bigger Damage

Today's cyber attacks are becoming more sophisticated, aggressive and disruptive than ever before.

The Switch

## Equifax's massive 2017 data breach keeps getting worse



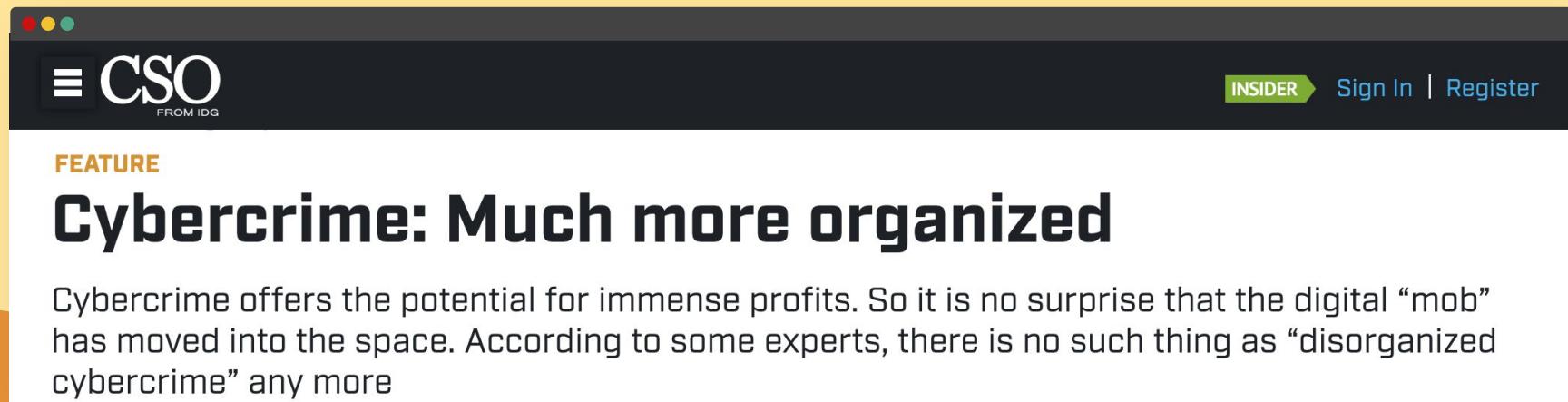
(Michael Nagle/Bloomberg News)

By Brian Fung  
March 1, 2018

Equifax said Thursday that 2.4 million more consumers than previously reported were affected by the massive data breach the company suffered last year, adding to an already stunning toll.

## Reason 4: Significant Investment by Bad Actors

The field was once populated by individual “lone hackers.” It has become a focal point for organized crime, nation states, and private enterprises.

A screenshot of a news article from CSO Online. The header features the CSO logo and navigation links for 'INSIDER' and 'Sign In | Register'. Below the header, the word 'FEATURE' is written in orange. The main title of the article is 'Cybercrime: Much more organized' in large, bold, black letters. The article's content discusses how cybercrime has become more organized due to its potential profits.

FEATURE

# Cybercrime: Much more organized

Cybercrime offers the potential for immense profits. So it is no surprise that the digital “mob” has moved into the space. According to some experts, there is no such thing as “disorganized cybercrime” any more

## Reason 5: Dire Shortage of Skilled Professionals

According to studies by (ISC)<sup>2</sup>, there will be over 1.5 million unfilled cybersecurity positions by 2020.



*“70% of cyber security professionals say that their organization has been impacted by the ongoing global cybersecurity skills shortage.”*

# Defining Cybersecurity



What is the first thing  
you think of when you  
hear cybersecurity?

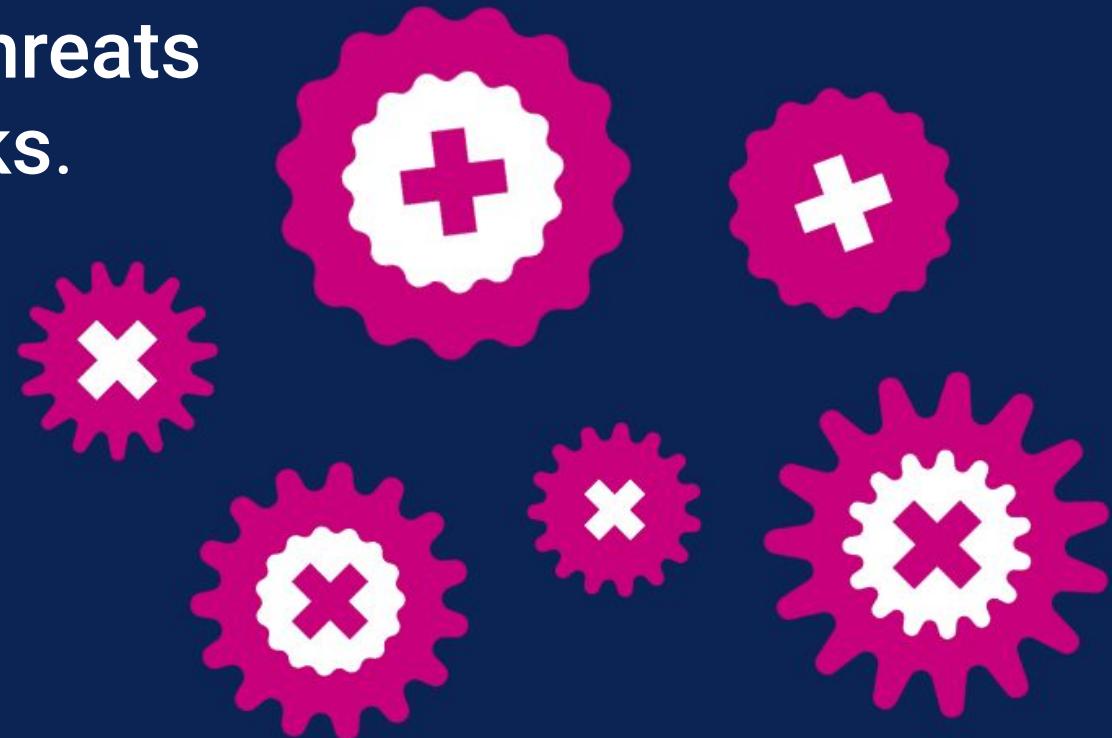
# Everyone's First Thoughts:

Hackers and complicated code...

*But cybersecurity isn't about complicated code and hackers...*



**Cybersecurity** is really  
about **assessing threats**  
and **mitigating risks**.



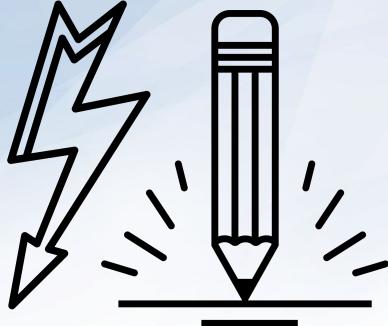
# Assessing Threats: A Wild USB Appears!

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Let's say we found a USB drive laying on the ground. How much of a **threat** could that *really* be?

Let's find out!





## Quick Activity: A Wild USB Appears!

Turn to the person next to you and discuss what could happen.

1. How might it be that a USB drive is able to immediately execute running code?
2. Why can't our computer stop the drive from running?
3. How might we defend against malevolent USBs like this?

Suggested Time: 5 Minutes

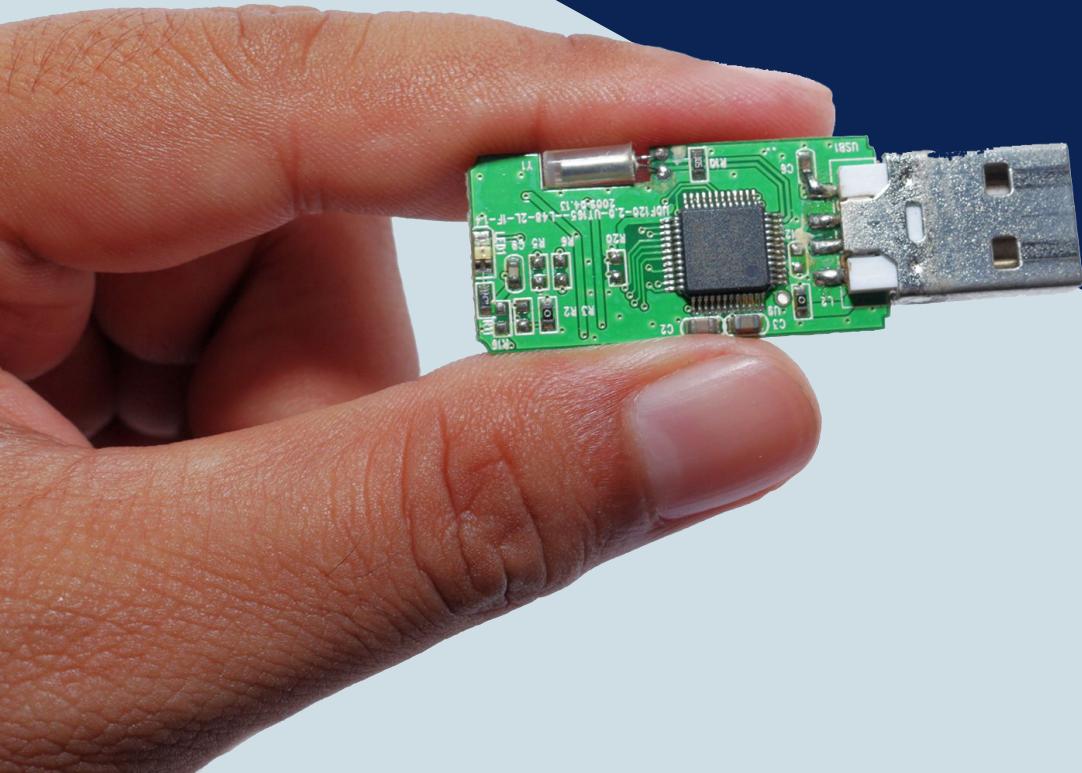


# A Harmless USB?

What if the USB was a **mini keyboard emulator**?

When connected, our computer registers it as a keyboard allowing it to kick off without restriction.

Like most threats, their appearances are deceptive and seemingly safe.



# Know the Threats

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To the experienced cybersecurity professional, risks are everywhere.

## Critical Bluetooth Flaws Put Over 5 Billion Devices At Risk Of Hacking

### Five nightmarish attacks that show the risks of IoT security

The Internet of Things is not going away -- and neither are the attacks that exploit device vulnerabilities. Here are five incidents that illustrate what users and device developers need to do to prevent breaches.

 By Jack Wallen | June 1, 2017 -- 16:31 GMT (09:31 PDT) | Topic: Cybersecurity in an IoT and Mobile World

## A hacker gained access to 100 million Capital One credit card applications and accounts

By Rob McLean, CNN Business

Updated 8:46 AM ET, Tue July 30, 2019

TECHNOLOGY

### Email Is Dangerous

Electronic mail as we know it is drowning in spam, forged phishing mails, and other scams and hacks. It's going to get worse before it gets better.

New Hacking Technique Can Steal Info Through PC Speakers and Headphones

### The SIM Hijackers

Has someone hacked your webcam? Here's how to stop cyber-snoopers

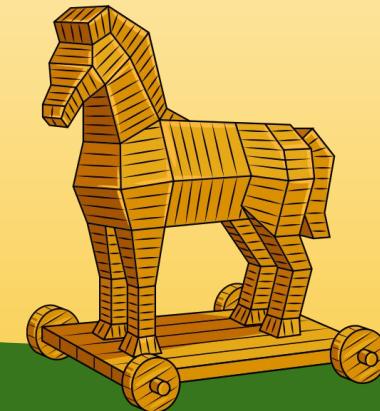


What can be done to stop connected car hacking?

# Mitigating Risks

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Historically, organizations viewed cybersecurity from the lens of the **castle model**: managing risks meant building walls and keeping the bad actors **out**.



Today, security professionals operate in a world where **breach is assumed**, and the risks associated with such events also **need to be mitigated**.

# Course Overview

# Our Future Tool Belt

Our Goals:

Threat Assessment

Risk Mitigation

Our Tools:

Network Security

Web Security

OS Security

Cryptography

Penetration Testing

Vulnerability Assessment

Security Policy

Risk Analysis

Compliance Strategy

Operational Security

UNIX Command Line

Wireshark

Kali Linux

Nmap

Nessus

Metasploit

Burp Suite

SIEMS and more...



# Daily Routine

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In class, we'll run through the following:



Set Objectives



Brief Background Lecture



Instructor Demonstrations



Thought Exercises



In-Class Skill Builders



Project Work

# Curriculum at a Glance

## Module 1 Security Fundamentals

Learn to think like cybersecurity professionals, by assessing threats and mitigating risks. Look at security from an organizational perspective via governance, risk, and compliance. Understand how security controls impact an organization and its employees

## Module 2: System Administration

Linux and Windows systems administration. Hands-on experience working with the command line and commands that are prominent in IT roles. Configure and audit servers, and harden them from malicious attacks.

Programming via Bash and Powershell.

## Module 3: Networks and Network Security, and Project 1

Network configuration, design, protocols and data communication. Network security, cryptography, and cloud virtualization and security.

## Module 4: Offensive Security, and Project 2

Web applications, databases, and the vulnerabilities and hardening associated with them. Windows and Linux penetration testing, using tools such as Nessus, Metasploit, and Burpsuite.

## Module 5: Defensive Security

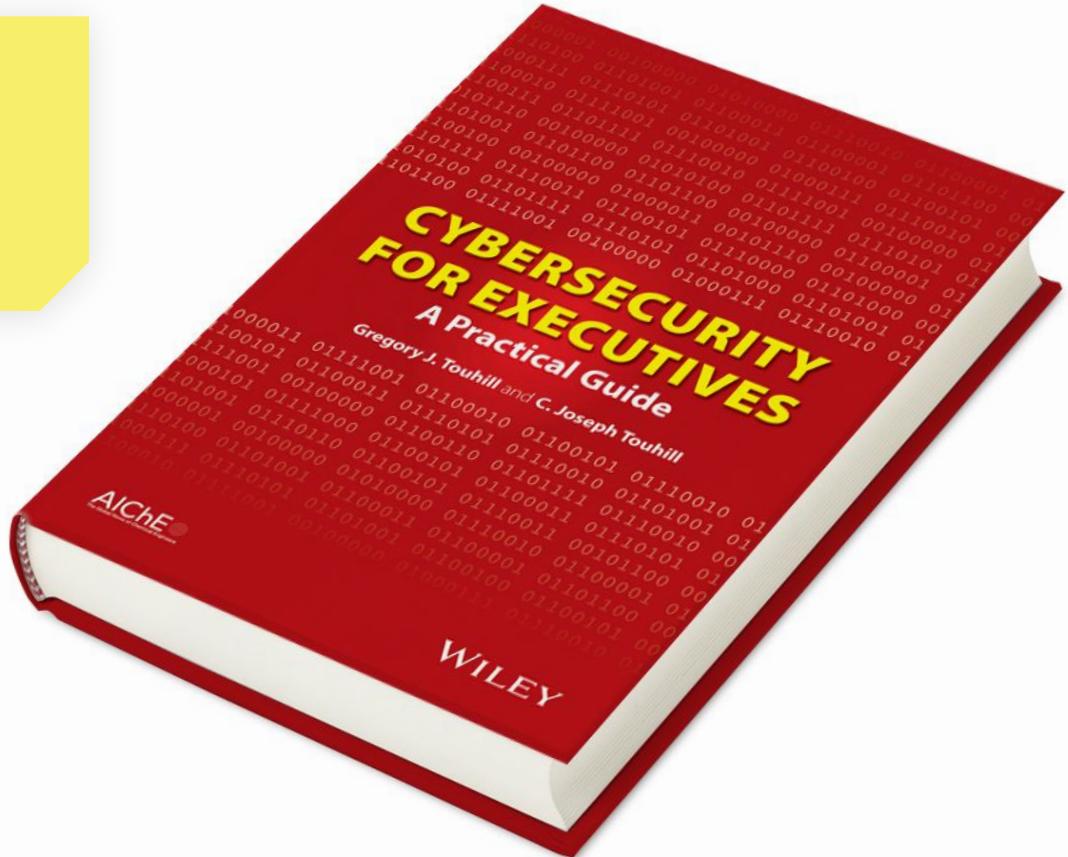
SIMs with Splunk. Setting up security monitoring, alerts, dashboards, and custom reports. Understanding of the Incident Response framework, and responding to breaches and incidents. Using Forensic tools to recover deleted data.

## Module 6: Review and Final Projects

Certification prep and review. Interviewing and career prep practice. Final projects involving deployment of virtual networks to the cloud.

# Example Activity: Cybersecurity Policy and Strategy

We'll learn how to talk about cybersecurity risks, strategy, and policy in a broad organizational and business capacity.



Wireshark - Follow TCP Stream (tcp.stream eq 4) · polierman

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Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
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Connection: Keep-Alive

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Content-Length: 384294
Cache-Control: max-age=5184000
Expires: Sat, 20 May 2017 15:49:25 GMT
Keep-Alive: timeout=5, max=100
Connection: Keep-Alive
Content-Type: image/png

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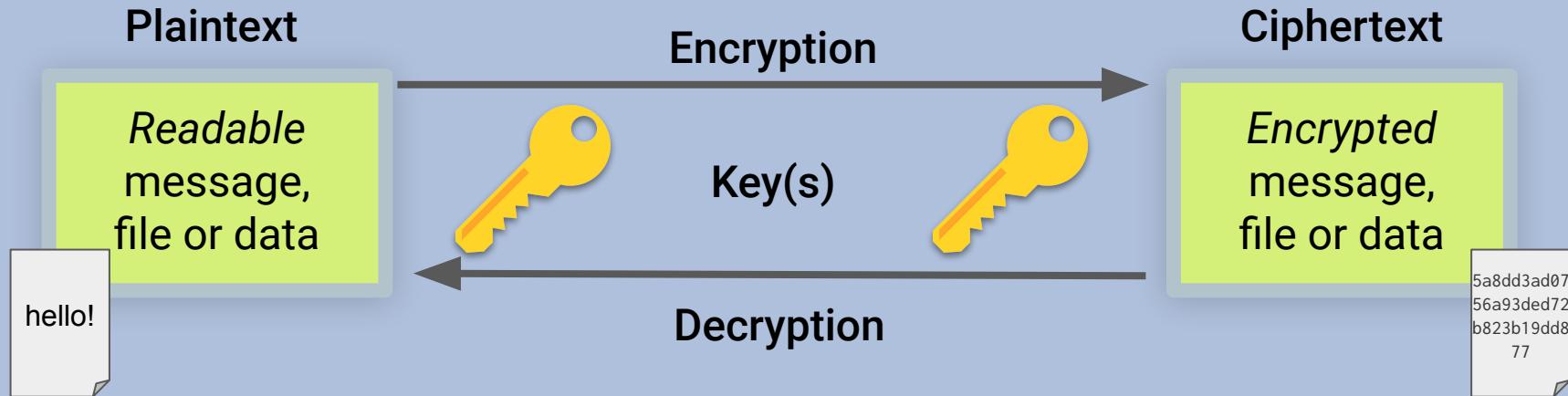
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# Example Activity: Analyzing Web Traffic for Malware

We'll learn to process complex network traffic logs in order to find evidence of malware being sent across networks.

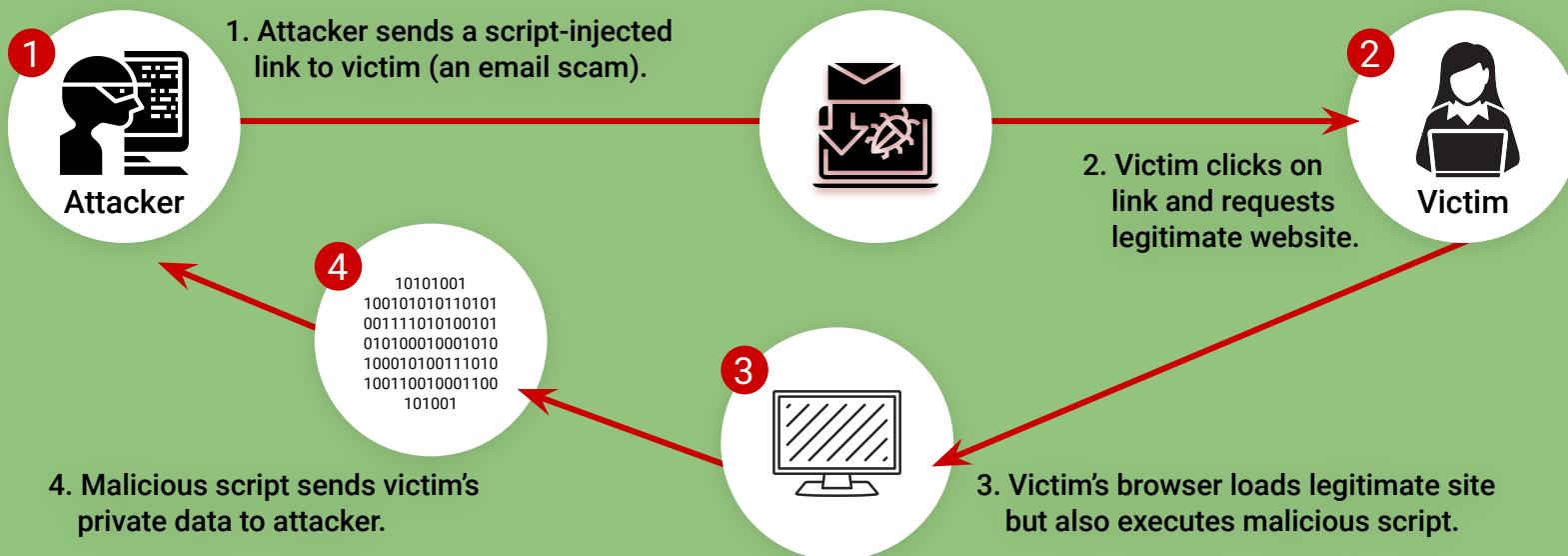
## Example Activity: **Encryption / Decryption Systems**

We'll learn how modern cryptography works and how historic methods of encryption could be broken through simple means.



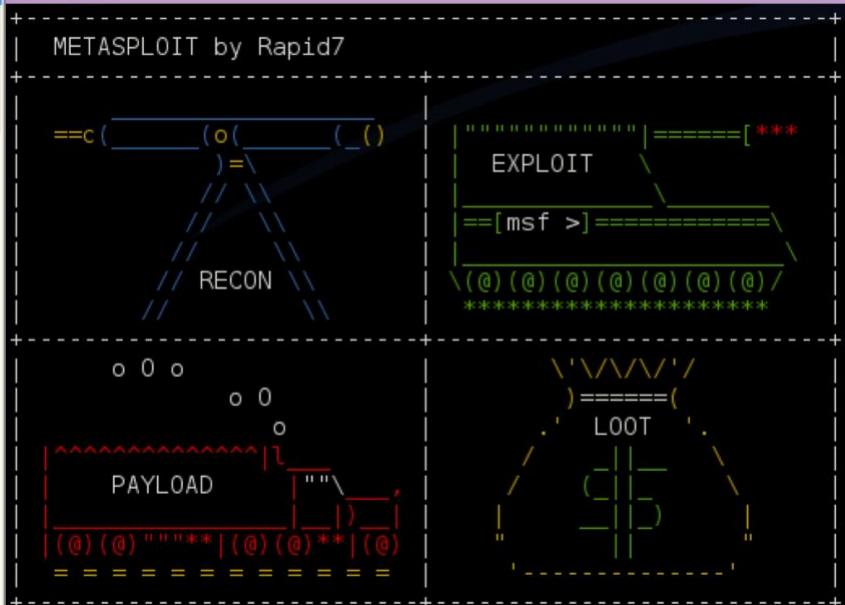
# Example Activity: Web Application Hardening

We'll learn how web applications can be defended against the most common attacks.

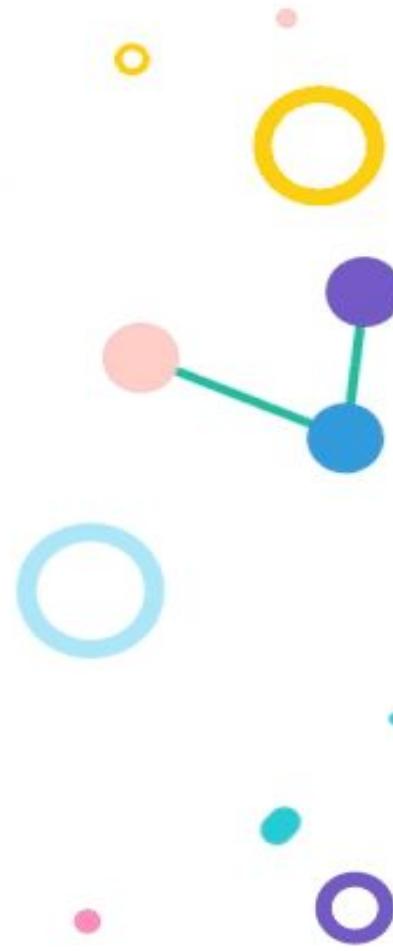
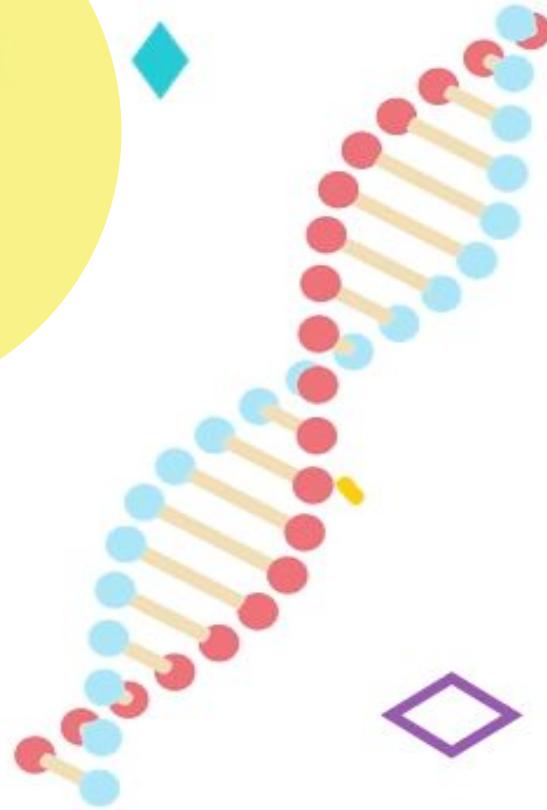


# Example Activity: **Identify Vulnerabilities in Unpatched Systems**

We'll learn to use tools like Kali Linux, Nmap and Metasploit to run penetration tests to identify known exploits.

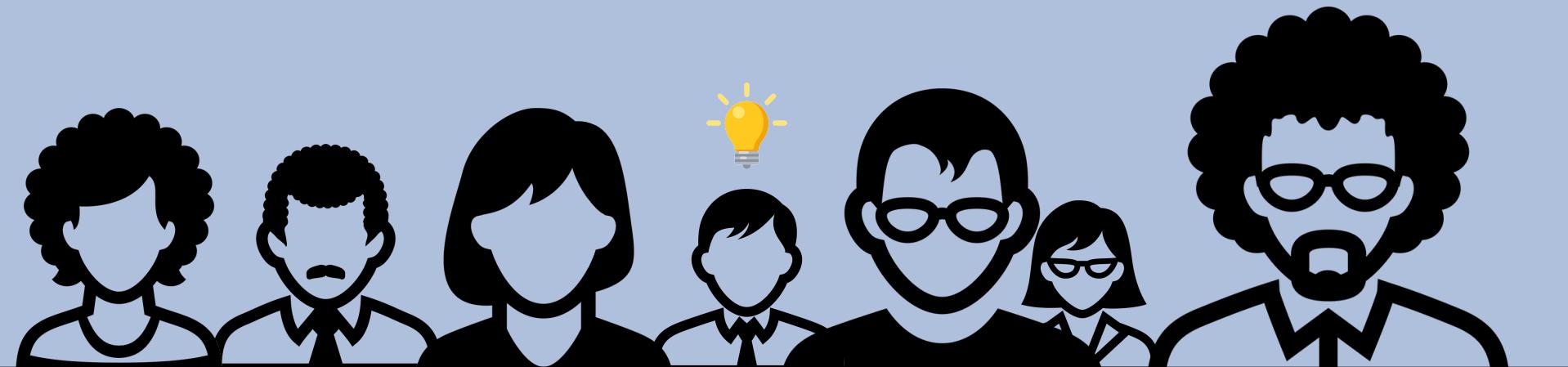


**Tip:**  
Embrace  
Your  
Curiosity



## *Tip: Embrace being a beginner.*

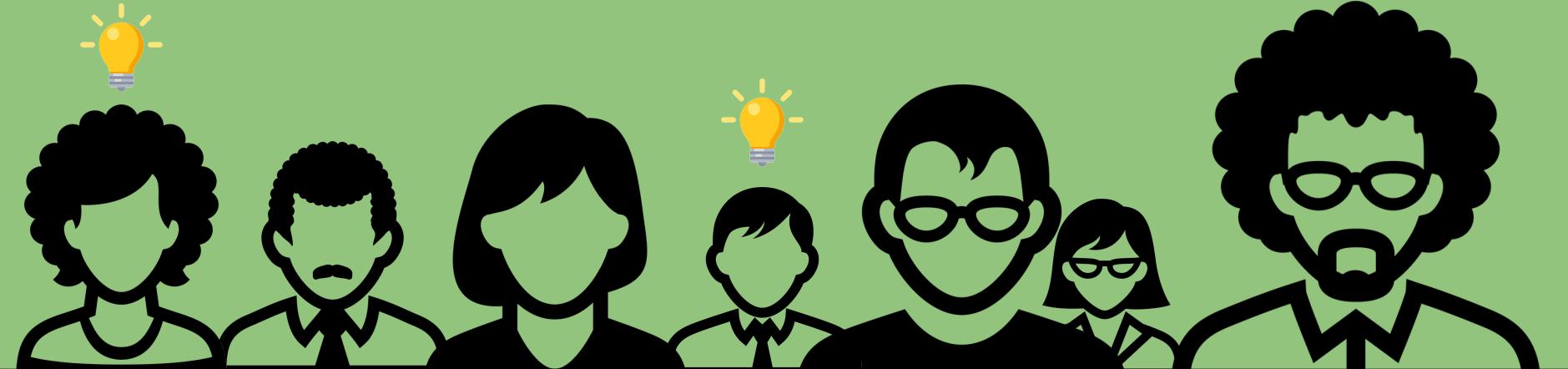
Once you admit you “know nothing” (or *little*) about the many subject areas we cover in this course, you’ll be able to dig into these new topics and invest the time necessary to succeed.



# *Tip: Find your community now.*

You and your classmates are in this process together.  
Use each other for help!

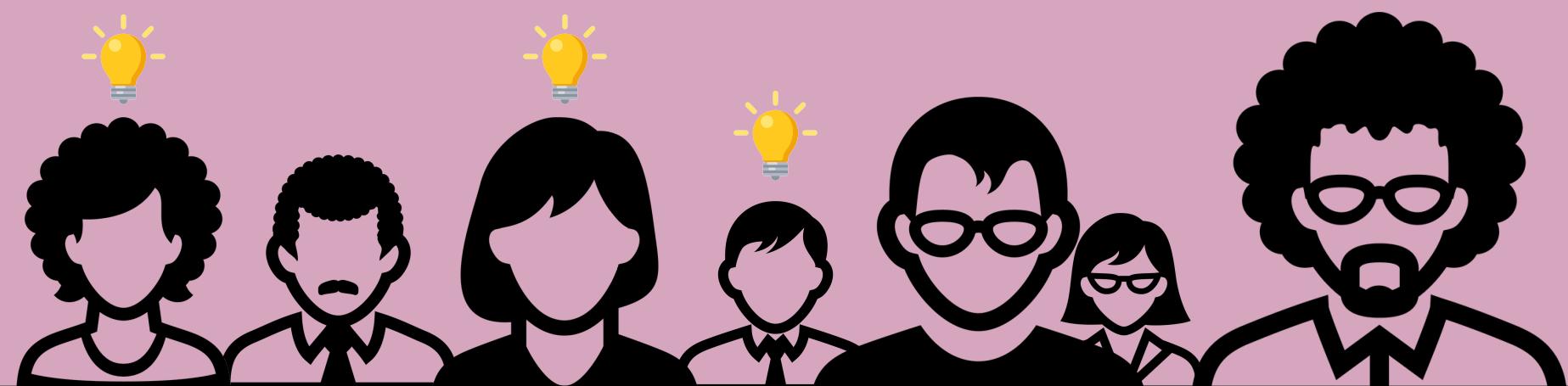
**You all can bring value to the table.** Don't be afraid  
to speak up!



# *Tip: You need to put in the hours.*

There is no magic pill. This boot camp will require time and effort for you to learn and succeed.

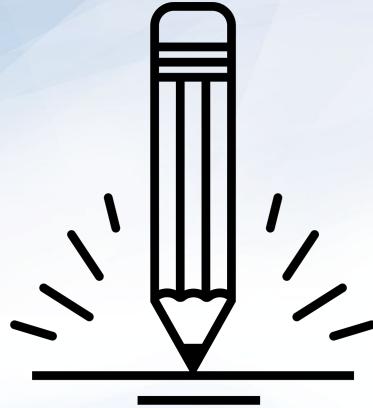
This class will challenge you. **Make sure to celebrate your progress along the way.**



**15:00**

*Break*





## **Activity:** Security Challenge #1: Attacking the Wall

In this security challenge, you and your group will play the role of security professionals tasked with handling a real-world situation.

Let's review the scenario first...

**Suggested Time:**  
**15 Minutes**



# SECURITY CHALLENGE #1



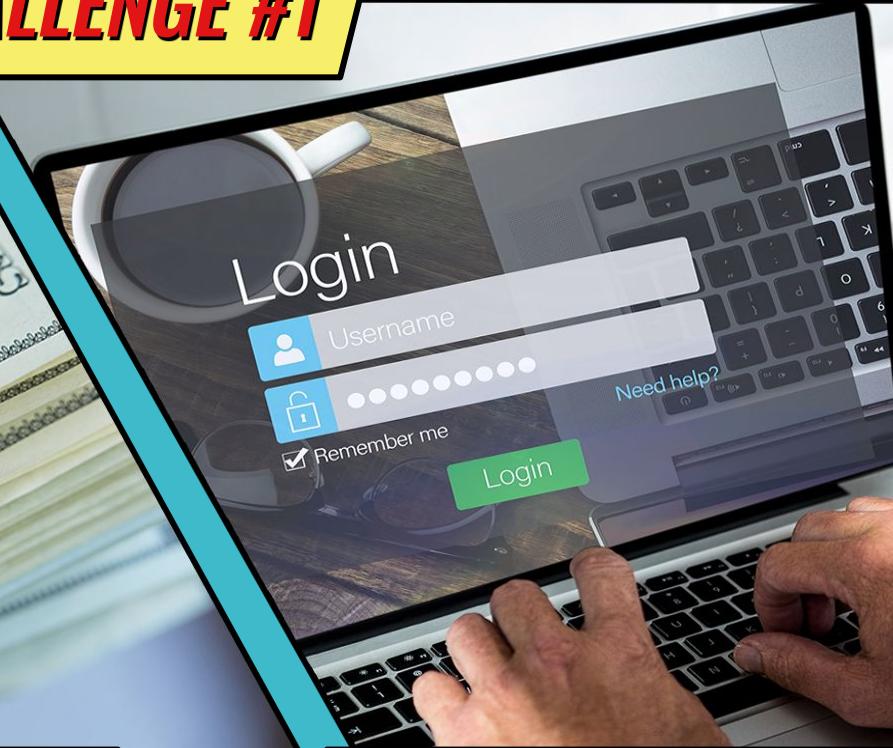
**Congratulations!** You and your team have just been hired by a very successful startup that runs a Bitcoin Dating Exchange.

While their founding team is brilliant, like many startups, **they don't know the first thing about security**.

# **SECURITY CHALLENGE #1**



They just handed you a bucket load of cash to solve their **single most pressing problem**.



Their log-in process is **totally insecure**. Hackers are **routinely logging in as users** (and administrators) and gaining access to company data and financial assets.



# **Activity Instructions:** Security Challenge #1: Attacking the Wall

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## **Instructions:**

With your group, develop a list of 15 different ways that a malicious actor could penetrate the system and login as a user or administrator.

With each method, be prepared to describe the following:

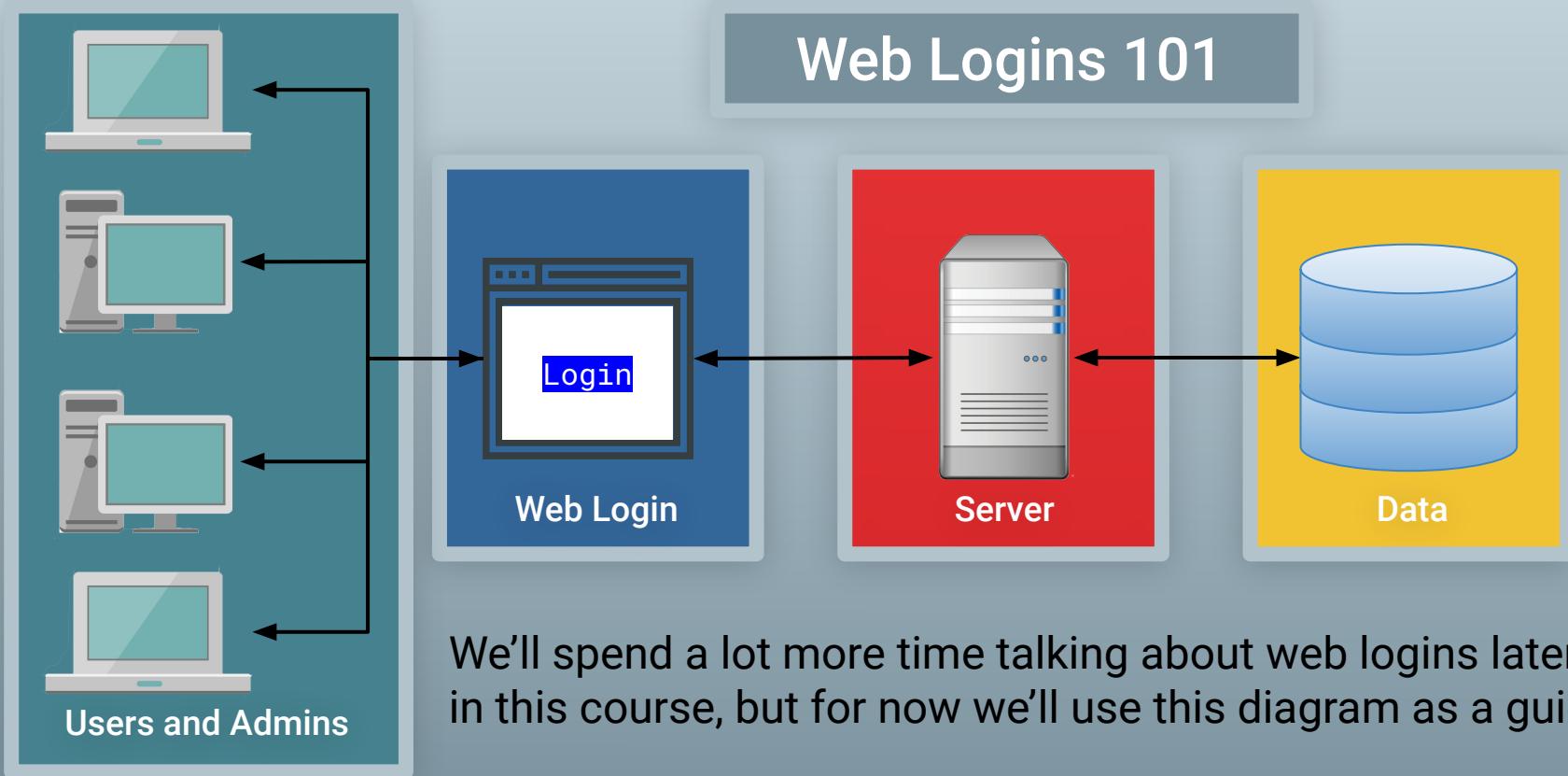
- Who (or what) is the initial target?
- How would the actor implement the attack?

**Be prepared to share!**

**Suggested Time:** 15 Minutes

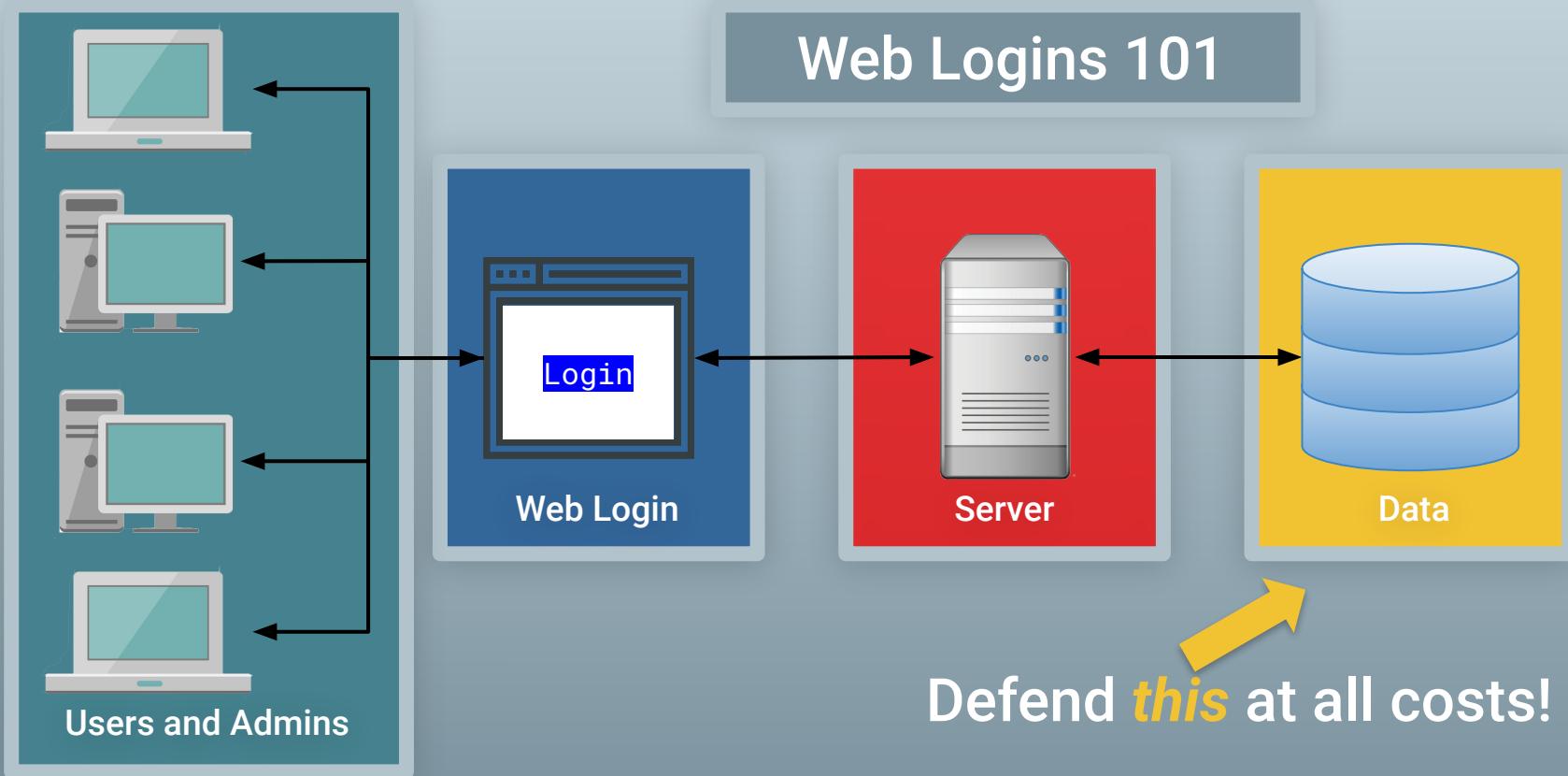


# Activity: Security Challenge #1: Attacking the Wall



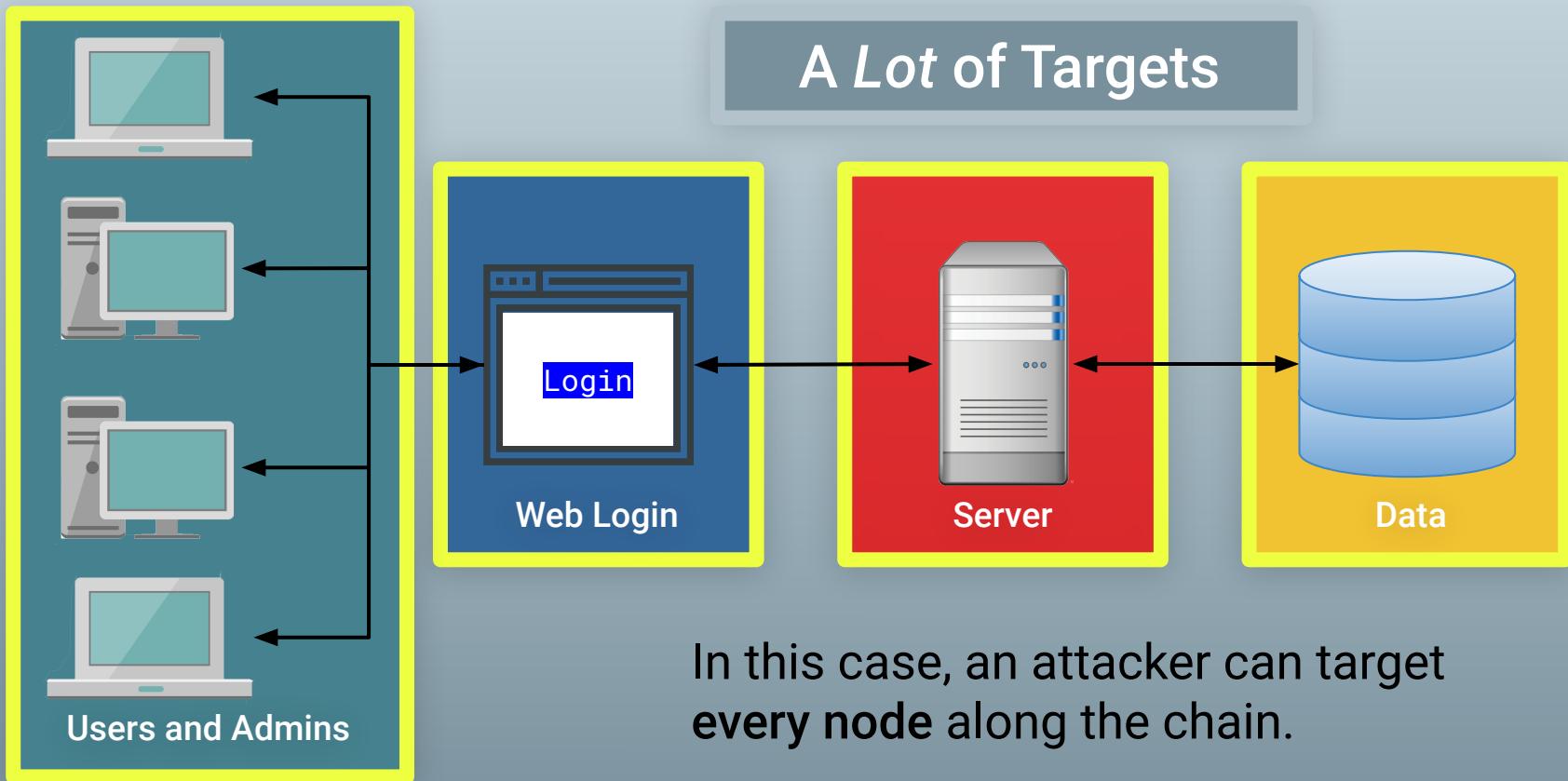
We'll spend a lot more time talking about web logins later in this course, but for now we'll use this diagram as a guide.

# Activity: Security Challenge #1: Attacking the Wall

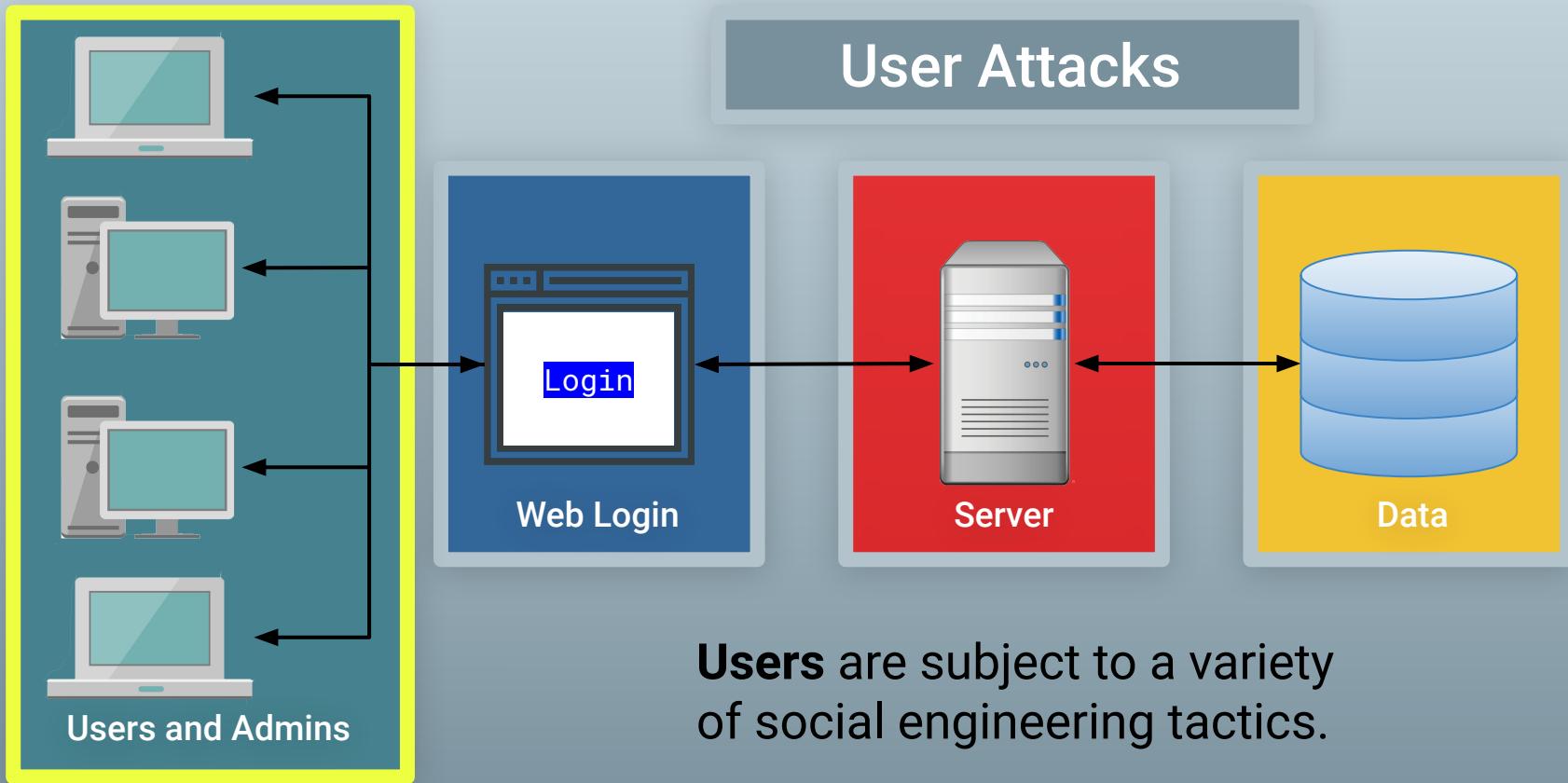


# Step #1: Assess the Target

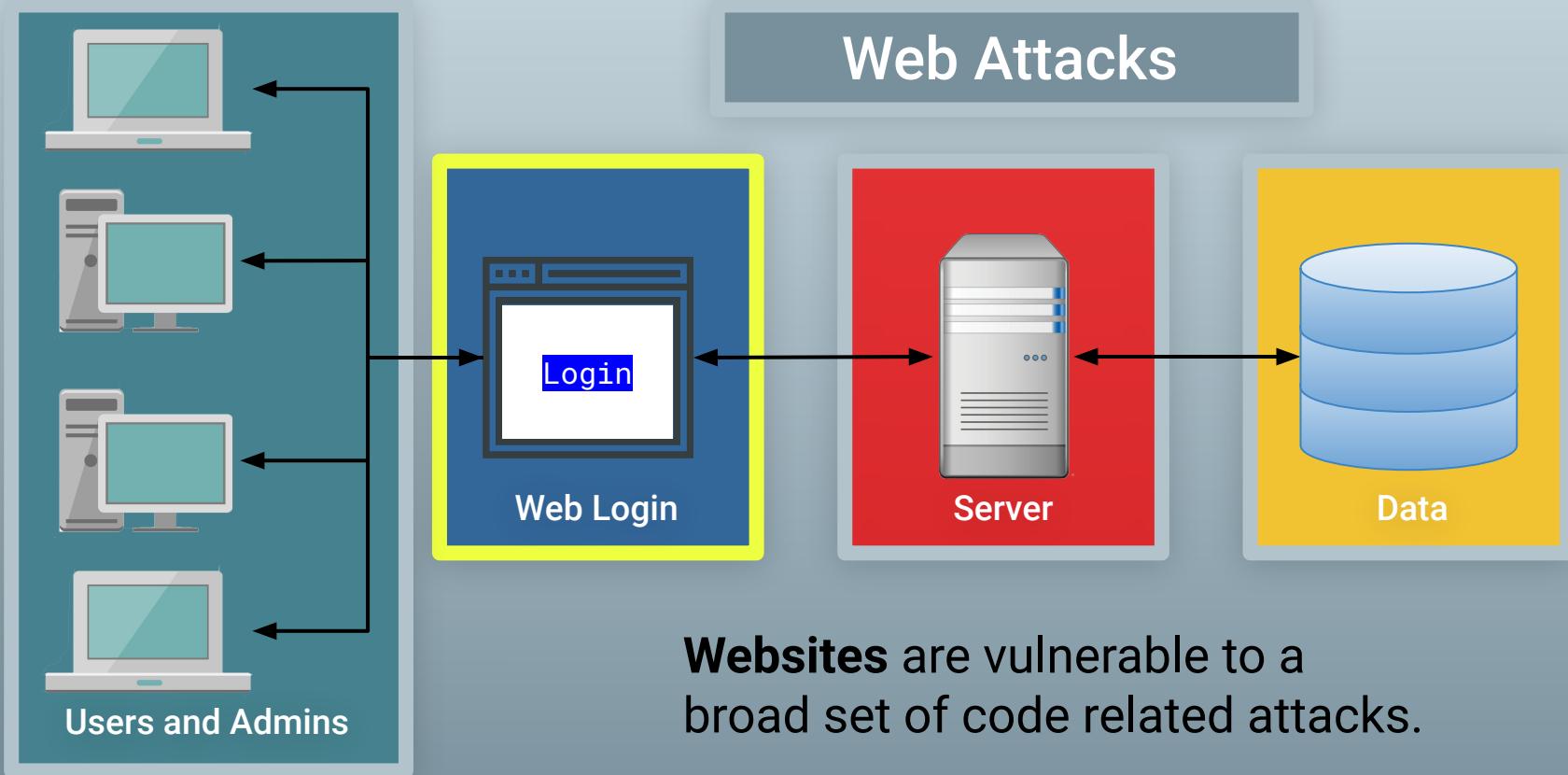
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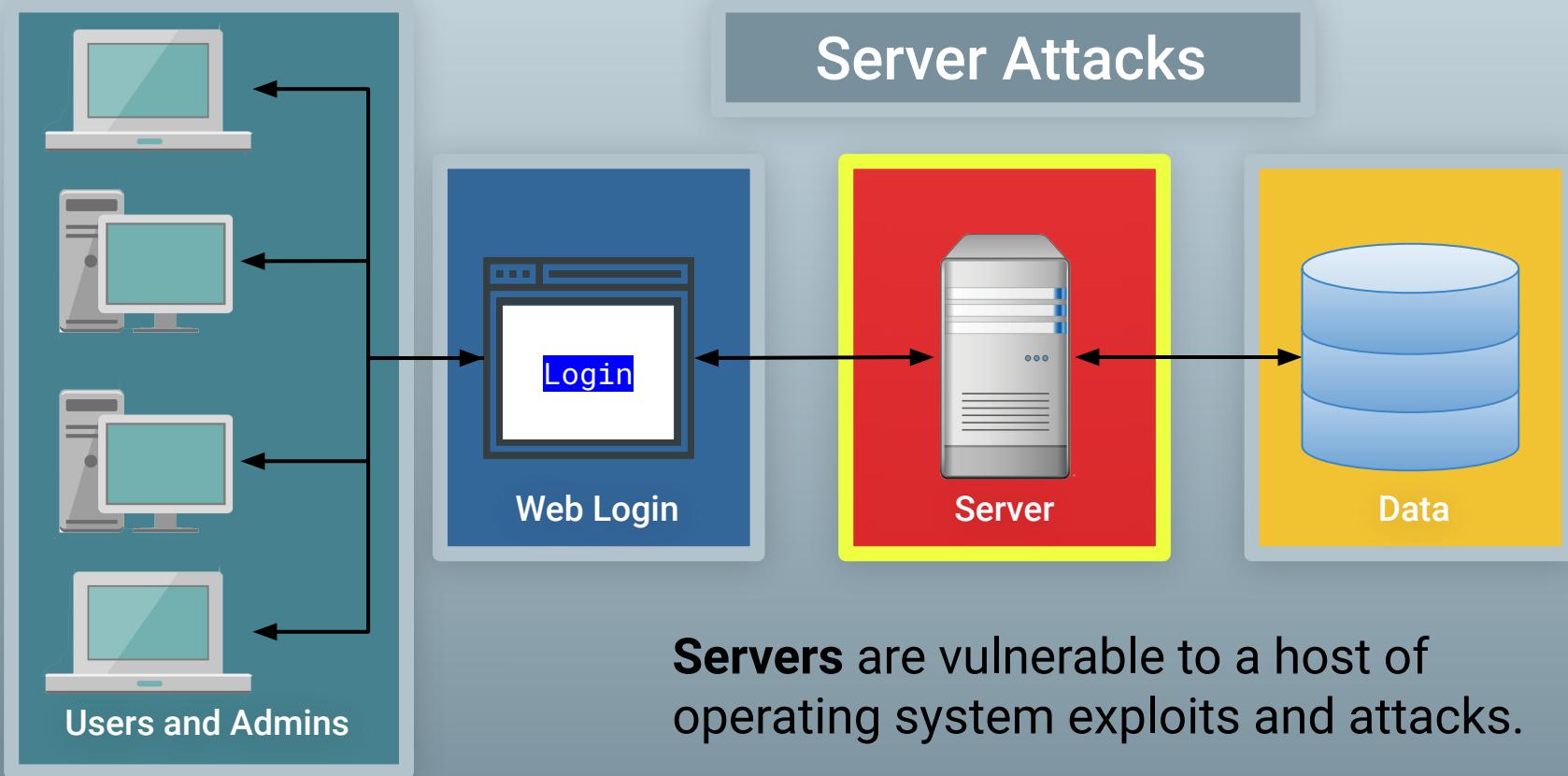
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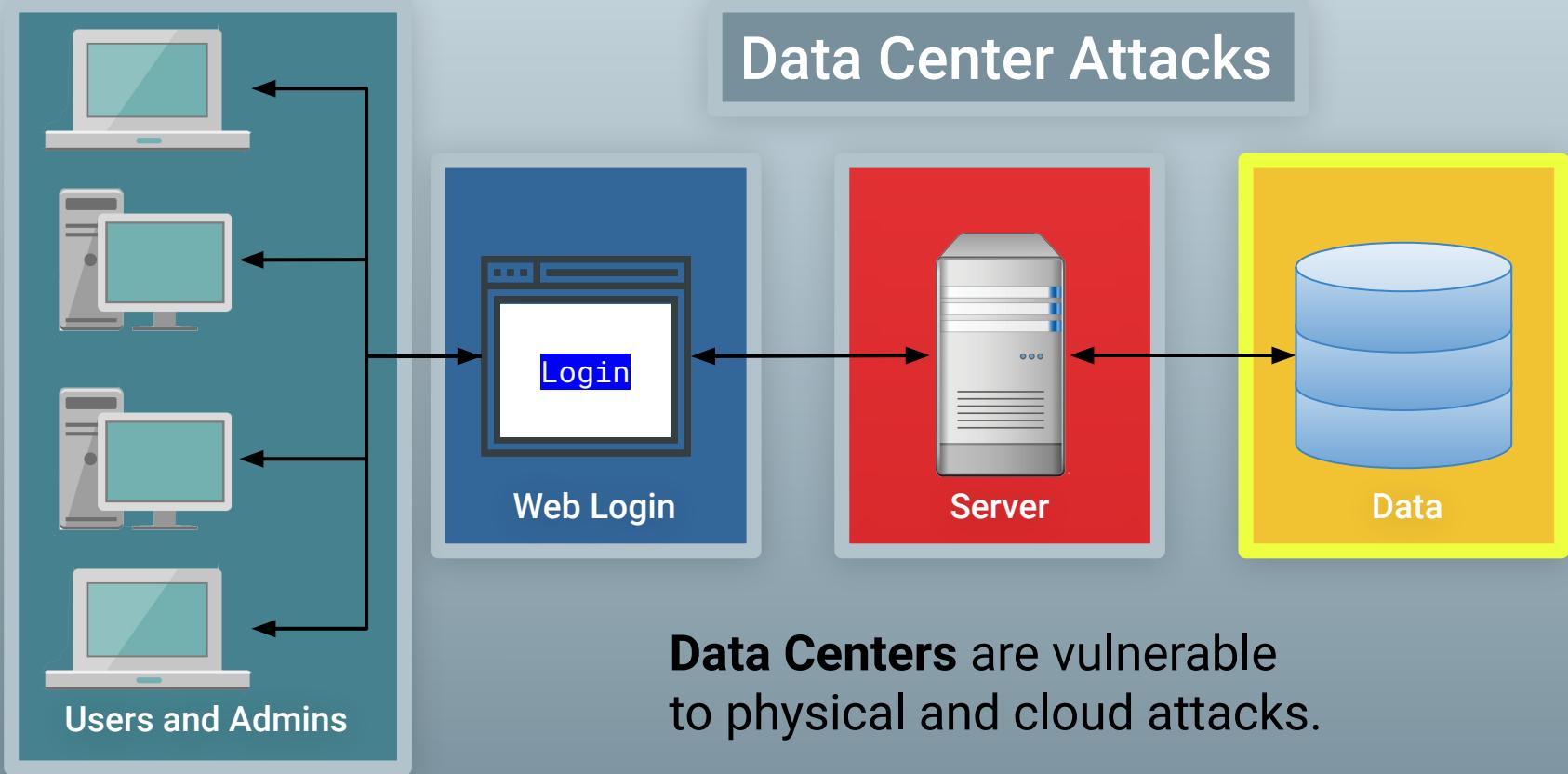
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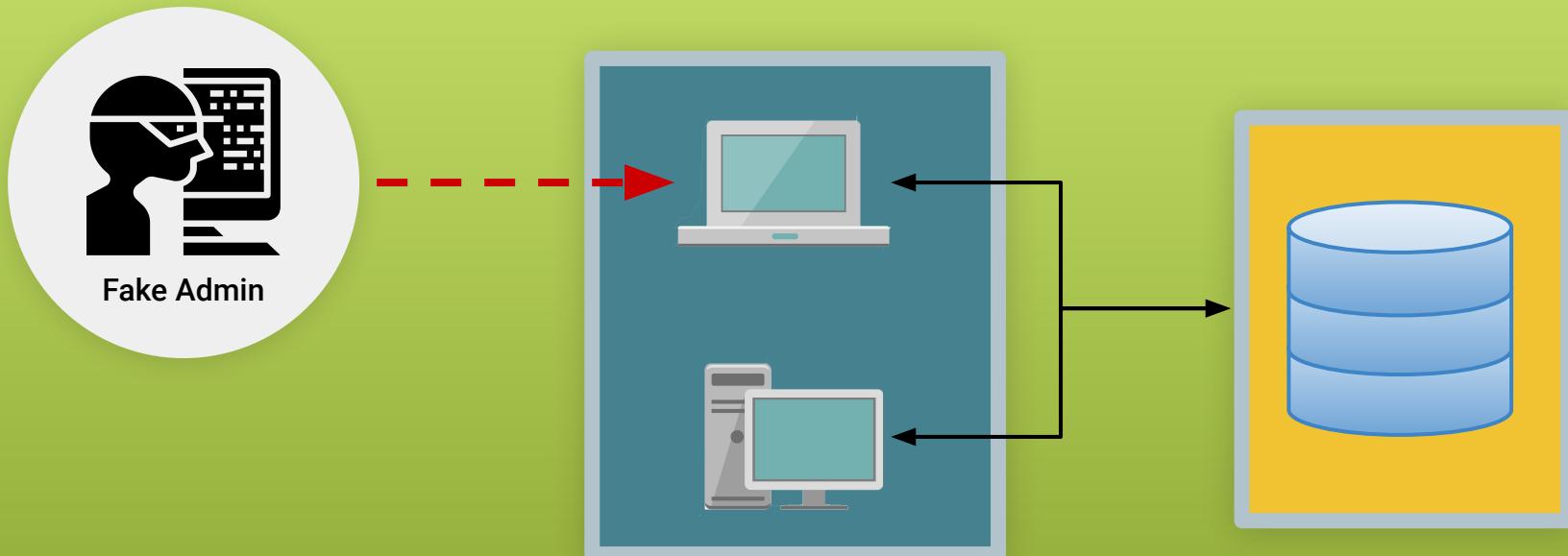
# Step #2: Define Attack Strategy

## Step 2: Defining Attack Strategies

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### Attack Option #1: Social Engineering

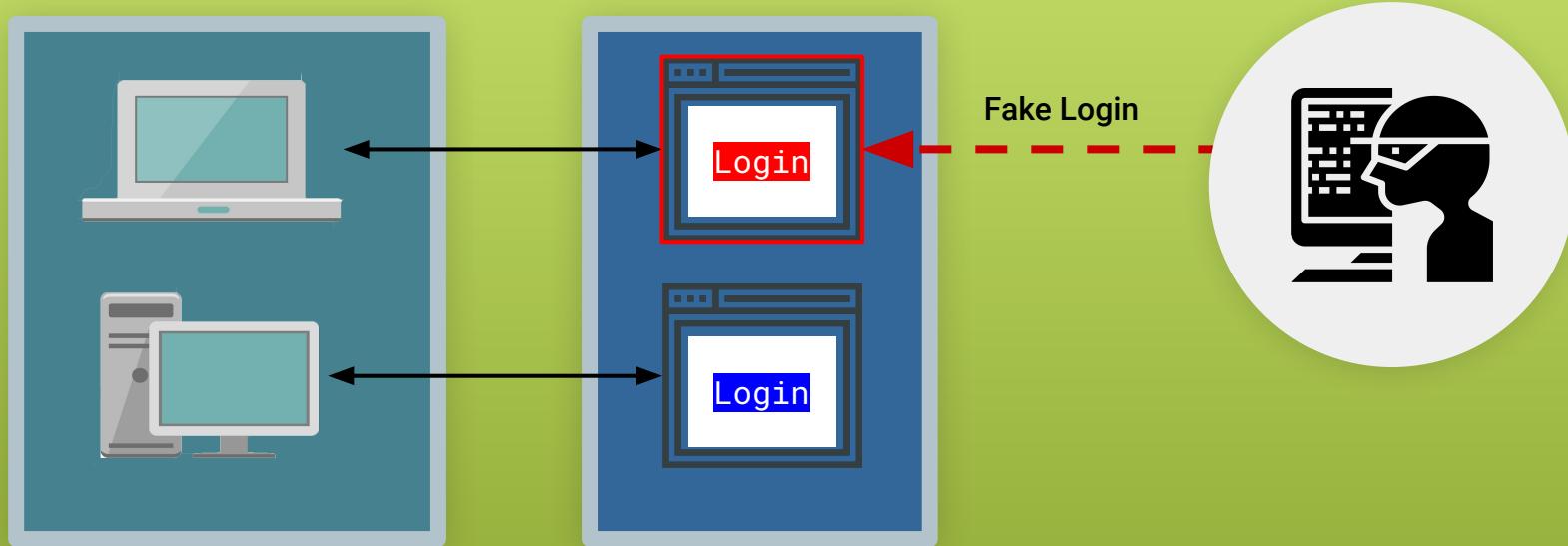
A hacker can ask users for their credentials by pretending to be an administrator.



## Step 2: Defining Attack Strategies

### Attack Option #2: Phishing

A hacker can attempt a phishing attack where users are redirected to fake login pages to capture user credentials.

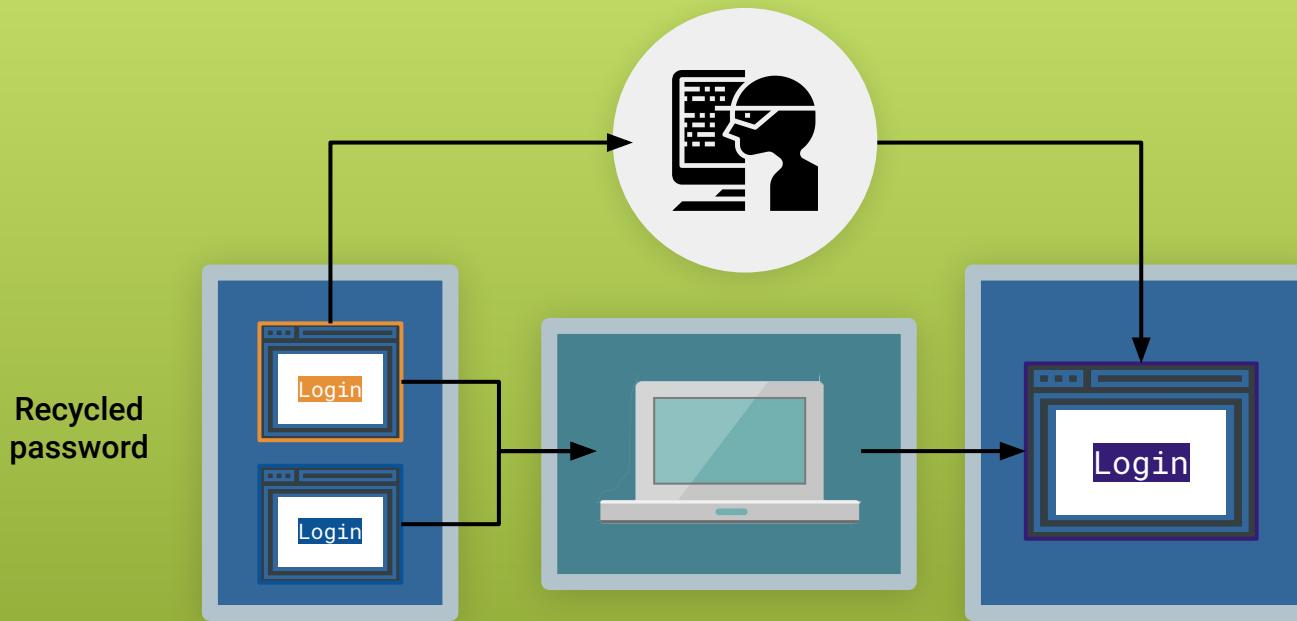


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### Attack Option #3: Credential Reuse

A hacker can find users' login and password information from other websites.

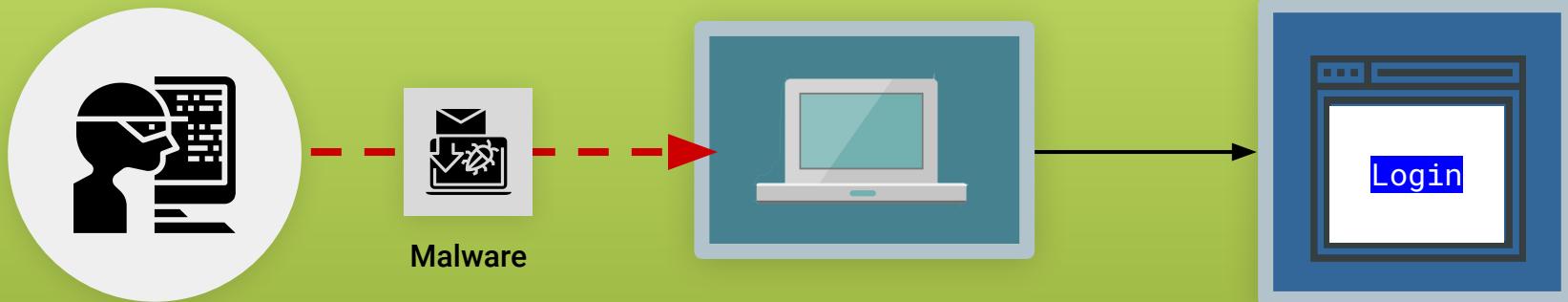


## Step 2: Defining Attack Strategies

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### Attack Option #4: Malware

A hacker can deploy malware such as spyware or keyloggers to capture daily user activity.



## Step 2: Defining Attack Strategies

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### Attack Option #5: Man in the Middle Attack

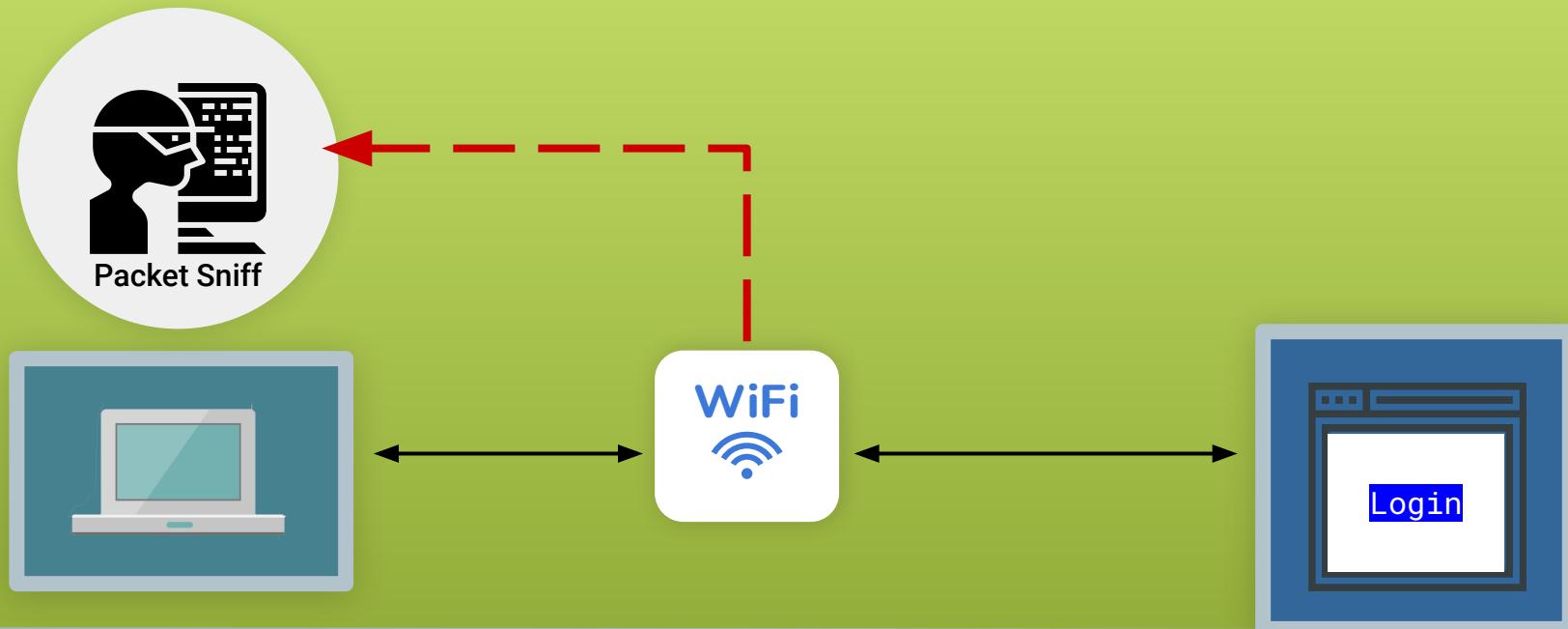
A hacker can create a man in the middle attack by providing a free WiFi hotspot to capture user credentials.



## Step 2: Defining Attack Strategies

### Attack Option #6: Sniff Packet

A hacker can sniff packet traffic across insecure wireless networks such as a cafe or restaurant.

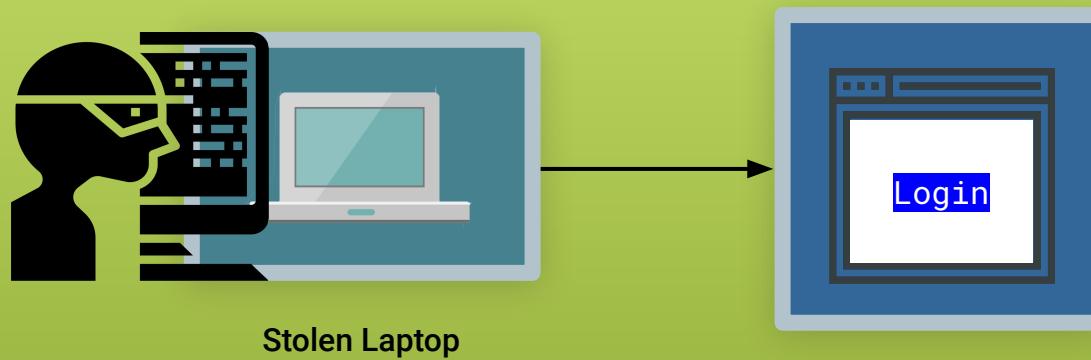


## Step 2: Defining Attack Strategies

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### Attack Option #7: Stolen Hardware

A hacker can simply **steal a computer** and use the saved credentials to login.





Next: **website** attacks.

## Step 2: Defining Attack Strategies

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### Attack Option #8: Brute Force Attack

A hacker can use a **brute force attack** to continuously attempt username and password combinations.



## Step 2: Defining Attack Strategies

### Attack Option #9: Code-Injection

A hacker can use a **code-injection attack** in which malicious code is directly injected into the username or password fields.

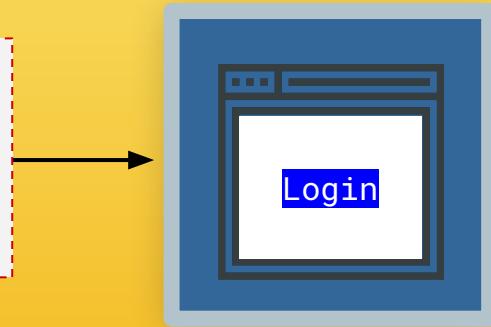


**Username:**

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uName = getRequestString("username");
uPass = getRequestString("userpassword");

sql = 'SELECT * FROM Users WHERE Name ="' +
+ uName + '" AND Pass =''' + uPass + '''
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Password Dictionary

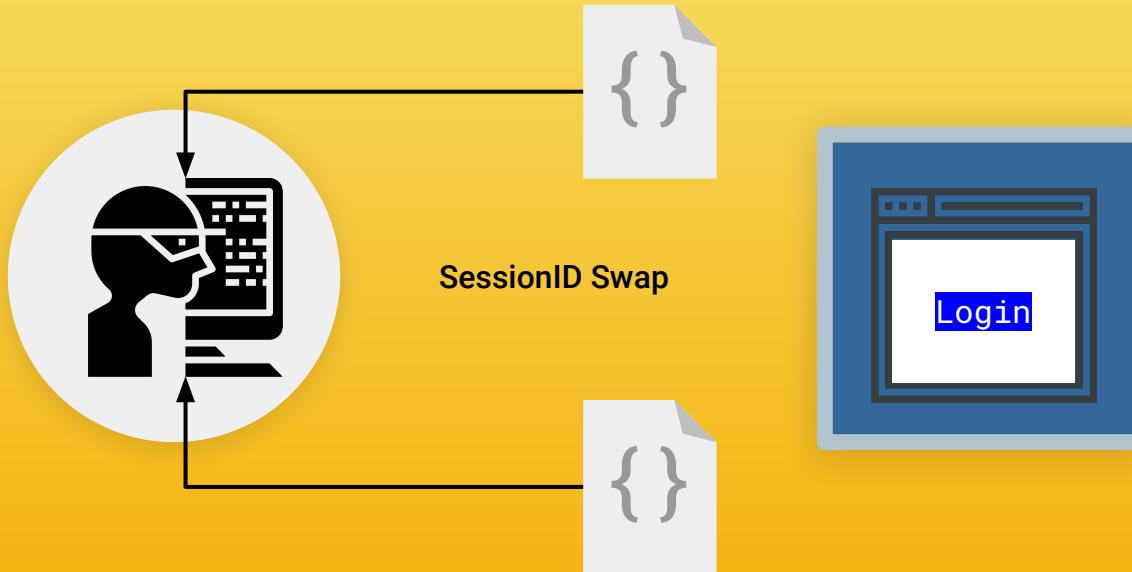


## Step 2: Defining Attack Strategies

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### Attack Option #10: Faulty Session Management

A hacker can exploit faulty session management, when developers incorrectly implement code used to maintain login and logouts.





Next: **server** attacks.

## Step 2: Defining Attack Strategies

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### Attack Option #11: OS Exploits

Servers, which run on operating systems like Windows and Linux, are subject to OS exploits when incorrectly patched.



## Step 2: Defining Attack Strategies

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### Attack Option #12: Malicious Software

Malicious software can be directly loaded onto the server by USB or other means.





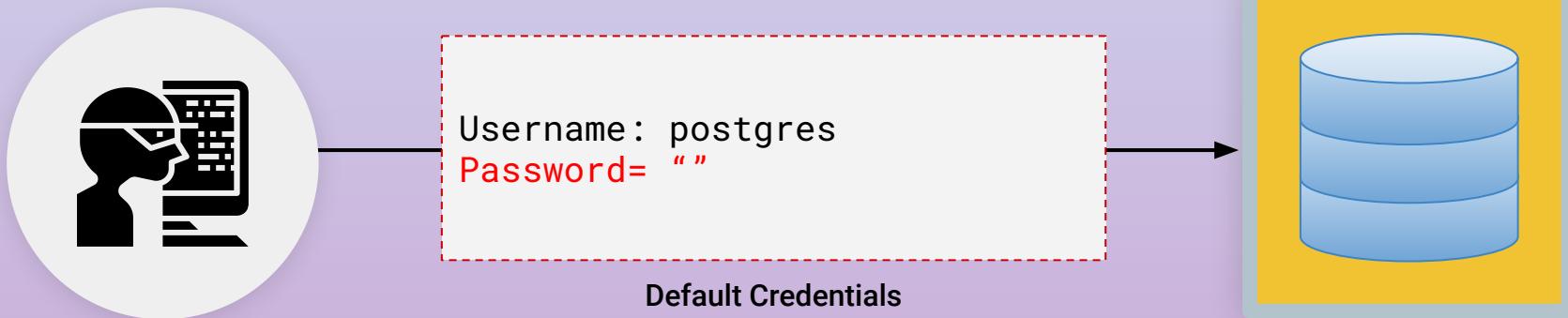
Finally: **database** attacks.

## Step 2: Defining Attack Strategies

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### Attack Option #13: Default Credentials

Database management systems often come with **default credentials**, which might be left unchanged.

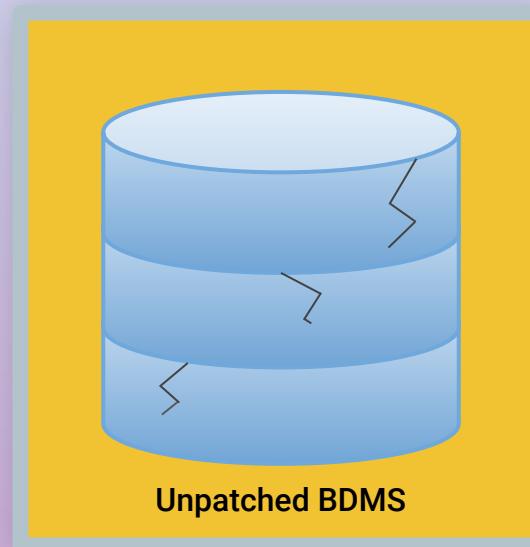


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### Attack Option #14: Unpatched Database

Database management systems might be unpatched against publicly known vulnerabilities.

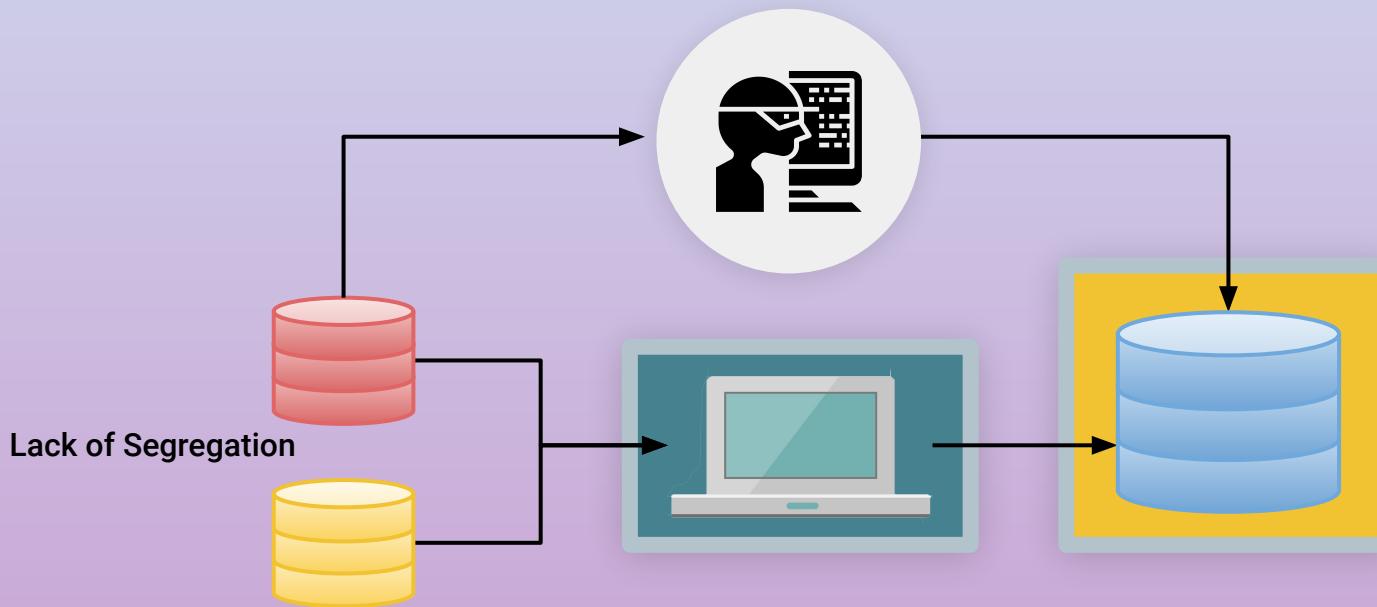


## Step 2: Defining Attack Strategies

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### Attack Option #15: Lack of Segregation

The database might be set up to **let a client look at another client's data**.



# Security Challenge #2



## Activity: Security Challenge #2: Defending the Wall

Now that we've assembled a list of potential attacks, your next task is to develop a list of at least 10 strategies to **mitigate** the website's risk of unauthorized access. *Be prepared to share!*

Suggested Time:  
15 Minutes



# Activity: Security Challenge #2: Defending the Wall

## User Attacks

Social Engineering

Phishing Attacks

Credential Reuse

Malware Attacks

Man in the Middle

Packet Sniffing

Computer Theft

## Web Attacks

Brute Force Attacks

Code Injection

Faulty Sessions

## Database Attacks

Default Credentials

Unpatched Database

Lack of Segregation

## Server Attacks

OS Exploit

Malicious Software

To help you get started,  
review this list of  
identified attack types.

# Step Three: Risk Mitigation Plan

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**Risk Mitigation**  
begins by assessing  
all risks and looking  
for parallels.

# Step 3: Risk Mitigation Plan

## User Attacks

Social Engineering

Phishing Attacks

Credential Reuse

Malware Attacks

Man in the Middle

Packet Sniffing

Computer Theft

## User Risk Mitigation

1. Educate all users on the danger of phishing and social engineering.
2. Use randomly generated passwords.
3. Ensure users are employing multifactor authentication (password + phone confirmation).
4. Use HTTPS and only access sensitive content over secure channels.

# Step 3: Risk Mitigation Plan

Web Attacks

Brute-Force Attacks

Code Injection

Faulty Sessions

Server Attacks

OS Exploit

Malicious Software

## Web and Server Risk Mitigation

1. Ensure *strong* passwords are used (i.e., alphanumeric + symbol + special characters).
2. Sanitize any input in the web application form fields and filter out.
3. Ensure users are immediately logged out when closing a browser. (No preservation of login after 30 seconds of inactivity.)
4. Ensure all servers are routinely patched against latest known vulnerabilities.
5. Incorporate antivirus and user education.

# Step 3: Risk Mitigation Plan

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## Suggested Plan

1. Educate all users on the dangers of phishing and social engineering.
2. Require randomly generated passwords.
3. Ensure users have multi-factor authentication (password + phone confirmation).
4. Use HTTPS and only access sensitive content over secure channels.
5. Ensure *strong* passwords are used (alphanumeric + symbols).
6. Sanitize any input in the web application form fields and filter the output.
7. Ensure users are immediately logged off when closing a browser. (No preservation of login after 30 seconds of inactivity.)
8. Ensure all servers are routinely patched against latest known vulnerabilities.
9. Ensure physical access to servers is protected by multiple forms of authentication (login + biometric).
10. Ensure that all data stored in the database is encrypted and cannot be read without additional login information.
11. Provide database access on need-to-know basis.
12. Log and monitor all database access.
13. Ensure that all cloud security platforms follow best practices for security implementation.

# Cybersecurity Framework

# Our Cybersecurity Framework

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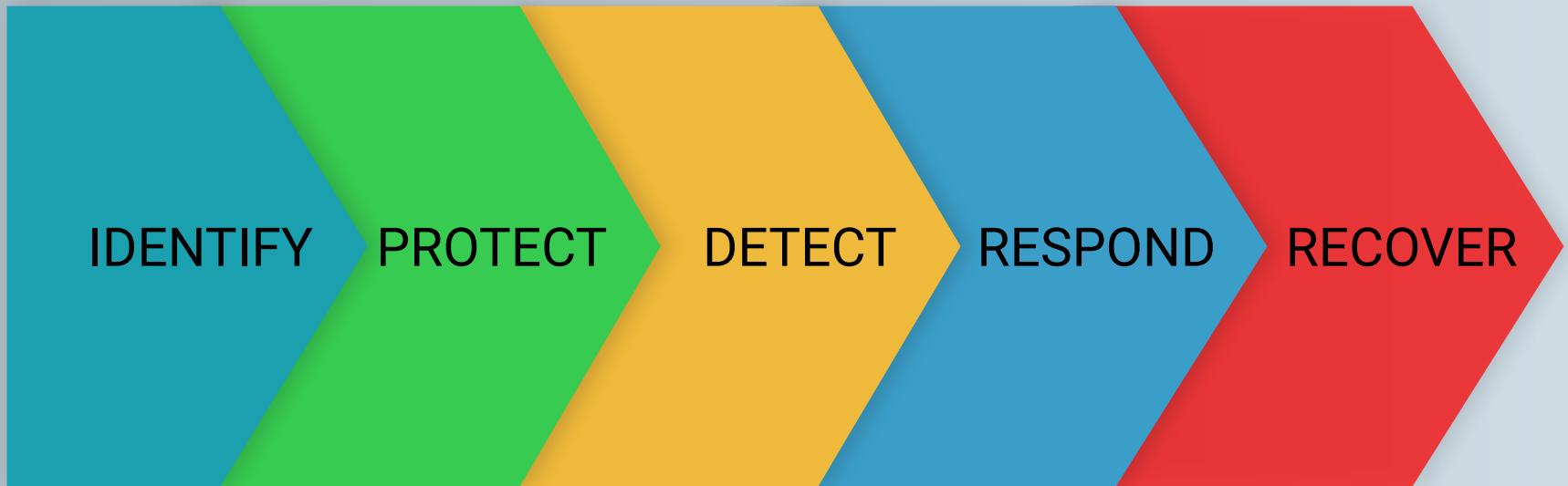
Even in our simple exercise, we can begin to see an emerging framework for addressing cybersecurity threats.

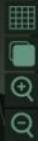


# NIST Cybersecurity Framework

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As we progress through class, we'll begin to understand larger frameworks for addressing cybersecurity threats.



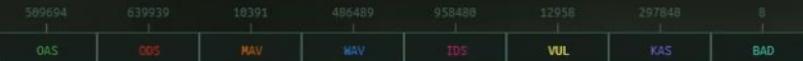


## Next Class...

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We'll dive deeper into today's threat landscape and discuss modern cybersecurity tasks.

IDS - Intrusion Detection Scan  
IDS (Intrusion Detection System) shows network attacks detection flow.



# Any Questions?