

## Security Injections @Towson

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## Security Injections, Java CS1 - Buffer Overflow

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## Laboratory Assignment

## PART-1

**STEP 1:** Type(do not copy and paste) Program 1 into a program and compile. Run the program

## Program 1:

```
import java.util.Scanner;

public class Overflow2 {
    public static void main(String[] args) {

        Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);
        int[] vals = new int[10];

        System.out.println("How many values should be stored in the array? ");
        int count = scan.nextInt();

        for (int i = 0; i < count; i++ ) {
            vals[i] = count-i;
        }

        System.out.println("Which value do you wish to retrieve? ");
        int which = scan.nextInt();

        System.out.println("Your value is " +vals[which]);
    }
}
```

## Question 1

Describe the results of above program run in step 1?

If you type a number less than or equal to 10 for the first prompt, and a number between 0 and 9 for the second prompt, the program will execute. ✓

## Question 2

What happens if you type "3" for the first prompt?

Program executes without error ✓

## Question 3

What happens if you type "7" for the first prompt?

Program executes without error ✓

**Question 4**

What happens if you type "12" for the first prompt?

```
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: 10
    at BufferOverflow.main(BufferOverflow.java:13)
```

**Question 5**

What happens if you type "20" for the first prompt?

```
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: 10
    at BufferOverflow.main(BufferOverflow.java:13)
```

**Question 6**

What happens if you type 10 for the first prompt and then 3 for the second prompt?

```
Your value is 7
```

**Question 7**

What happens if you type 10 for the first prompt and then 7 for the second prompt?

```
Your value is 3
```

**Question 8**

What happens if you type 10 for the first prompt and then 12 for the second prompt?

```
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: 12
    at BufferOverflow.main(BufferOverflow.java:19)
```

**Question 9**

What happens if you type 10 for the first prompt and then 20 for the second prompt?

```
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: 20
    at BufferOverflow.main(BufferOverflow.java:19)
```



STEP 2: Complete the security checklist for the program created in Step 1

▶ [Click to see how a checklist works](#)

Question 10

```
import java.util.Scanner;

public class Overflow2 {
    public static void main(String[] args) {

        Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);
        int[] vals = new int[10];

        System.out.println("How many values should be stored in the array? ");
        int count = scan.nextInt();

        for (int i = 0; i < count; i++) { //0 <= i < 10
            vals[i] = count - i; // 0 <= i < 10
        }

        System.out.println("Which value do you wish to retrieve? ");
        int which = scan.nextInt();

        System.out.println("Your value is " + vals[which]);
    }
}
```

Vulnerability: Integer Errors Course: CS1	
Check each line of code	Completed
1. Finding Arrays:	
1.1 Click each array declaration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ✓
1.2 For each array, click all subsequent references	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ✓
2. Index Variables - legal range for an array of size n is 0 <= i < n	
2.1 For each array access that uses a variable as an index, fill in the legal range next to it.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ✓
2.2 For each index variable from the array access in 2.1, click all occurrences of that variable.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ✓
2.3. Click any assignments, inputs or operations that may modify these index variables.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ✓
2.4. Click any array that is indexed by a clicked index variable.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ✓
3. Loops that modify index variables	
3.1 Find loops that modify variables used to index arrays. For any index that occurs as part of a loop conditional, click the loop limit. For example, if i < max is the conditional in a for loop, click max	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ✓
3.2. Fill in the legal range of the array index next to the loop limit as you did in step 2.1. Click if the loop limit could exceed the legal range of the array index. Watch out for loops that go until i <= max , as the largest valid index is max - 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ✓
3.3 If the upper or lower loop limit is a variable, it must be checked just as indices are checked in Step 2	
Highlighted areas indicate vulnerabilities!	

Question 11

List places where the bounds checking should occur?

count may be greater than 9 or less than zero  
which may be greater than 9 or less than zero

Question 12

Provide example inputs that might cause array index out of bounds exception?

If input values are greater than or equal to 10 will result in buffer overflow

STEP 4: Rewrite the above program to include the appropriate bounds checking.

PART-2

STEP 1: Create the following java file in a java compiler:

```
import java.io.*; // for File
import java.util.*; // for Scanner
public class ReadTemps
{
    ...
}
```

```
public static void main (String[] args) throws FileNotFoundException
{
    Scanner inFile = new Scanner(new File("temps.txt")); //open
    double[] temps = new double[10];
    int numTemps = 0;

    while (inFile.hasNextDouble())
    {
        temps[numTemps] = inFile.nextDouble();
        numTemps++;
    }
    System.out.println(numTemps + " temperatures were read.");
}
}
```

**STEP 2:** Create the following temps.txt file(Make sure this file is in the same folder where the above java file is stored):

30.0 30.1 30.2 30.3 30.4 30.5 30.6 20.7 30.8 30.9

**STEP 3:** Compile and run the program. It should list 10 temperatures as being read.

**STEP 4:** Change temps.txt to the following:

30.0 30.1 30.2 30.3 30.4 30.5 30.6 20.7 30.8 30.9 31.0 31.2

**STEP 5:** Compile and run the program.

### Question 13

What happened after compiling and running the program in step 5 and why?

Exception in thread "main" java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: 10  
at ReadTemps.main(ReadTemps.java:13)

because the maximum array is 10



**STEP 6:** Modify the program to fix the problem. DO NOT change the size of the array! Hint: Add a check to the loop.

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