

Oct 24, 2017 npathak2



Executive Summary

Issues Overview

On Oct 24, 2017, a source code review was performed over the openmrs-api code base. 1,511 files, 52,043 LOC (Executable) were scanned and reviewed for defects that could lead to potential security vulnerabilities. A total of 356 reviewed findings were uncovered during the analysis.

| Issues by Fortify Priority Order | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| High | 282 |
| Critical | 74 |

Recommendations and Conclusions

The Issues Category section provides Fortify recommendations for addressing issues at a generic level. The recommendations for specific fixes can be extrapolated from those generic recommendations by the development group.

Project Summary

Code Base Summary

Code location: C:/eclipse/git/openmrs-core/api

Number of Files: 1511 Lines of Code: 52043 Build Label: openmrs-api

Scan Information

Scan time: 34:36

SCA Engine version: 17.10.0156 Machine Name: win10ent

Username running scan: npathak2

Results Certification

Results Certification Valid

Details:

Results Signature:

SCA Analysis Results has Valid signature

Rules Signature:

There were no custom rules used in this scan

Attack Surface

Attack Surface:

Command Line Arguments:

org.openmrs.test.MigrateDataSet.main

Environment Variables:

java.lang.System.getenv

File System:

java.io. File Input Stream. File Input Stream

java.io.FileReader.FileReader

java.util.jar.JarFile.entries

java.util.jar.JarFile.getEntry

GUI Form:

javax.swing.JPasswordField.getPassword

javax.swing.JPasswordField.getText

javax.swing.text.JTextComponent.getText

Private Information:

null.null.null

java.security.Provider.getProperty



java.util.Properties.getProperty javax.crypto.KeyGenerator.generateKey javax.swing.JPasswordField.getPassword javax.swing.JPasswordField.getText org.openmrs.util.Security.decrypt

Java Properties:

java.lang.System.getProperties java.lang.System.getProperty java.util.Properties.load org.springframework.orm.hibernate4.LocalSessionFactoryBean.getHibernateProperties

Stream:

java.io.BufferedReader.read java.io.FileInputStream.read java.io.FilterInputStream.read java.io.InputStream.read java.io.Reader.read

System Information:

null.null.null

ca.uhn.hl7v2.HL7Exception.getMessage

java.awt.HeadlessException.getMessage

java.lang.ClassLoader.getResource

java.lang.ClassLoader.getResources

java.lang.Runtime.freeMemory

java.lang.Runtime.maxMemory

java.lang.Runtime.totalMemory

java.lang.Throwable.getMessage

java.net.InetAddress.getLocalHost

java.net.URISyntaxException.getMessage

java.net. URL Class Loader. find Resource

java.net. URL Class Loader. find Resources

java.rmi.RemoteException.getMessage

java.util.regex. Pattern Syntax Exception. get Message

javax.xml.transform.Transformer Factory Configuration Error.get Message

liquibase. exception. Migration Failed Exception. get Message

org. apache. commons. lang. exception. Exception Utils. get Stack Trace

org. a pache. commons. lang. exception. Exception Utils. get Throwables

org. a pache. velocity. exception. Method Invocation Exception. get Message

org.apache.velocity.runtime.parser.ParseException.getMessage

org.hibernate. Query Exception. get Message

org. open mrs. module. Module Class Loader. find Resource

org. open mrs. module. Module Class Loader. find Resources

org. open mrs. util. Open mrs Class Loader. find Resource

org.openmrs.util.OpenmrsClassLoader.findResources

org. open mrs. util. Open mrs Class Loader. get Resources

org.spring framework.core. Nested Runtime Exception. get Message

org. spring framework. core. env. Missing Required Properties Exception. get Message

org.springframework.validation.BindException.getMessage

org.xml.sax. SAXException.get Message

Filter Set Summary

Current Enabled Filter Set:

Quick View

Filter Set Details:

Folder Filters:

If [fortify priority order] contains critical Then set folder to Critical

If [fortify priority order] contains high Then set folder to High

If [fortify priority order] contains medium Then set folder to Medium

If [fortify priority order] contains low Then set folder to Low

Visibility Filters:

If impact is not in range [2.5, 5.0] Then hide issue

If likelihood is not in range (1.0, 5.0] Then hide issue

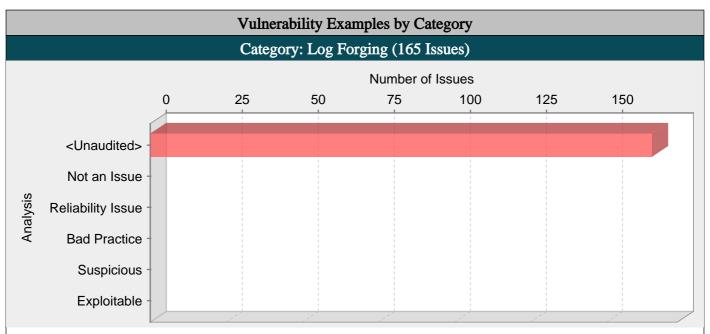
Audit Guide Summary

Audit guide not enabled

Results Outline

Overall number of results

The scan found 356 issues.



Abstract:

The method becomeUser() in Context.java writes unvalidated user input to the log on line 328. An attacker could take advantage of this behavior to forge log entries or inject malicious content into the log.

Explanation:

Log forging vulnerabilities occur when:

- 1. Data enters an application from an untrusted source.
- 2. The data is written to an application or system log file.

Applications typically use log files to store a history of events or transactions for later review, statistics gathering, or debugging. Depending on the nature of the application, the task of reviewing log files may be performed manually on an as-needed basis or automated with a tool that automatically culls logs for important events or trending information.

Interpretation of the log files may be hindered or misdirected if an attacker can supply data to the application that is subsequently logged verbatim. In the most benign case, an attacker may be able to insert false entries into the log file by providing the application with input that includes appropriate characters. If the log file is processed automatically, the attacker may be able to render the file unusable by corrupting the format of the file or injecting unexpected characters. A more subtle attack might involve skewing the log file statistics. Forged or otherwise, corrupted log files can be used to cover an attacker's tracks or even to implicate another party in the commission of a malicious act [1]. In the worst case, an attacker may inject code or other commands into the log file and take advantage of a vulnerability in the log processing utility [2].

Example 1: The following web application code attempts to read an integer value from a request object. If the value fails to parse as an integer, then the input is logged with an error message indicating what happened.

```
...
String val = request.getParameter("val");
try {
int value = Integer.parseInt(val);
}
catch (NumberFormatException nfe) {
log.info("Failed to parse val = " + val);
}
...
```

If a user submits the string "twenty-one" for val, the following entry is logged:

INFO: Failed to parse val=twenty-one

However, if an attacker submits the string "twenty-one%0a%0aINFO:+User+logged+out%3dbadguy", the following entry is logged:

INFO: Failed to parse val=twenty-one

INFO: User logged out=badguy

Clearly, attackers may use this same mechanism to insert arbitrary log entries.

Some think that in the mobile world, classic web application vulnerabilities, such as log forging, do not make sense -- why would the user attack themself? However, keep in mind that the essence of mobile platforms is applications that are downloaded from various sources and run alongside each other on the same device. The likelihood of running a piece of malware next to a banking application is high, which necessitates expanding the attack surface of mobile applications to include inter-process communication.

Example 2: The following code adapts Example 1 to the Android platform.

```
...
String val = this.getIntent().getExtras().getString("val");
try {
int value = Integer.parseInt();
}
catch (NumberFormatException nfe) {
Log.e(TAG, "Failed to parse val = " + val);
}
```

Recommendations:

Prevent log forging attacks with indirection: create a set of legitimate log entries that correspond to different events that must be logged and only log entries from this set. To capture dynamic content, such as users logging out of the system, always use server-controlled values rather than user-supplied data. This ensures that the input provided by the user is never used directly in a log entry.

Example 1 can be rewritten to use a pre-defined log entry that corresponds to a NumberFormatException as follows:

```
...

public static final String NFE = "Failed to parse val. The input is required to be an integer value."

...

String val = request.getParameter("val");

try {

int value = Integer.parseInt(val);
}

catch (NumberFormatException nfe) {

log.info(NFE);
}

...

And here is an Android equivalent:

...

public static final String NFE = "Failed to parse val. The input is required to be an integer value."

...

String val = this.getIntent().getExtras().getString("val");

try {

int value = Integer.parseInt();
}

catch (NumberFormatException nfe) {

Log.e(TAG, NFE);
}

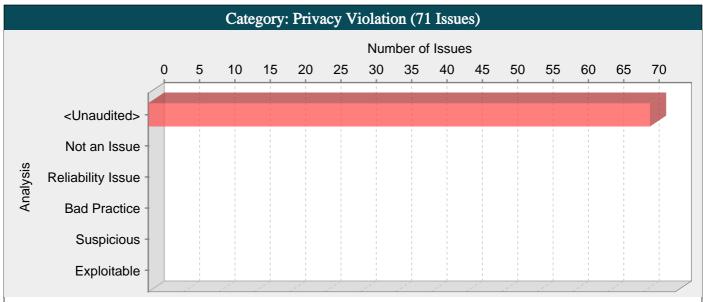
...
```

In some situations this approach is impractical because the set of legitimate log entries is too large or complicated. In these situations, developers often fall back on blacklisting. Blacklisting selectively rejects or escapes potentially dangerous characters before using the input. However, a list of unsafe characters can quickly become incomplete or outdated. A better approach is to create a whitelist of characters that are allowed to appear in log entries and accept input composed exclusively of characters in the approved set. The most critical character in most log forging attacks is the '\n' (newline) character, which should never appear on a log entry whitelist.

Tips:

- 1. Many logging operations are created only for the purpose of debugging a program during development and testing. In our experience, debugging will be enabled, either accidentally or purposefully, in production at some point. Do not excuse log forging vulnerabilities simply because a programmer says "I don't have any plans to turn that on in production".
- 2. A number of modern web frameworks provide mechanisms for performing validation of user input. Struts and Spring MVC are among them. To highlight the unvalidated sources of input, the Fortify Secure Coding Rulepacks dynamically re-prioritize the issues reported by Fortify Static Code Analyzer by lowering their probability of exploit and providing pointers to the supporting evidence whenever the framework validation mechanism is in use. We refer to this feature as Context-Sensitive Ranking. To further assist the Fortify user with the auditing process, the Fortify Software Security Research group makes available the Data Validation project template that groups the issues into folders based on the validation mechanism applied to their source of input.

| Context.java, line 32 | 28 (Log Forging) | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Fortify Priority: | High | Folder | High |
| Kingdom: | Input Validation and Re | presentation | |
| Abstract: | | d take advantage of | rites unvalidated user input to the log on f this behavior to forge log entries or |
| Source: | HibernateUserDAO.java | a:101 org.hiberna | te.Query.list() |
| 99 | query.setString(0, usern | ame); | · |
| 100 | query.setString(1, usern | ame); | |
| 101 | List <user> users = query</user> | .list(); | |
| 102 | | | |
| 103 | if (users == null use | rs.isEmpty()) { | |
| Sink: | Context.java:328 org.sl | f4j.Logger.info() | |
| 326 | public static void become | User(String systemI | d) throws ContextAuthenticationException { |
| 327 | <pre>if (log.isInfoEnabled())</pre> | { | |
| 328 | log.info("systemId: " + | systemId); | |
| 329 | } | | |



The method APIException() in APIException.java mishandles confidential information, which can compromise user privacy and is often illegal.

Explanation:

Privacy violations occur when:

- 1. Private user information enters the program.
- 2. The data is written to an external location, such as the console, file system, or network.

Example 1: The following code contains a logging statement that tracks the contents of records added to a database by storing them in a log file. Among other values that are stored, the getPassword() function returns the user-supplied plaintext password associated with the account.

```
pass = getPassword();
...
dbmsLog.println(id+":"+pass+":"+type+":"+tstamp);
```

The code in the example above logs a plaintext password to the file system. Although many developers trust the file system as a safe storage location for data, it should not be trusted implicitly, particularly when privacy is a concern.

Privacy is one of the biggest concerns in the mobile world for a couple of reasons. One of them is a much higher chance of device loss. The other has to do with inter-process communication between mobile applications. The essence of mobile platforms is applications that are downloaded from various sources and run alongside each other on the same device. The likelihood of running a piece of malware next to a banking application is high, which is why application authors need to be careful about what information they include in messages addressed to other applications running on the device. Sensitive information should never be part of inter-process communication between mobile applications.

Example 2: The code below reads username and password for a given site from an Android WebView store and broadcasts them to all the registered receivers.

```
...
webview.setWebViewClient(new WebViewClient() {
public void onReceivedHttpAuthRequest(WebView view,
HttpAuthHandler handler, String host, String realm) {
String[] credentials = view.getHttpAuthUsernamePassword(host, realm);
String username = credentials[0];
String password = credentials[1];
Intent i = new Intent();
i.setAction("SEND_CREDENTIALS");
i.putExtra("username", username);
i.putExtra("password", password);
view.getContext().sendBroadcast(i);
}
});
...
```



There are several problems with this example. First of all, by default, WebView credentials are stored in plaintext and are not hashed. So if a user has a rooted device (or uses an emulator), she is able to read stored passwords for given sites. Second, plaintext credentials are broadcast to all the registered receivers, which means that any receiver registered to listen to intents with the SEND_CREDENTIALS action will receive the message. The broadcast is not even protected with a permission to limit the number of recipients, even though in this case, we do not recommend using permissions as a fix.

Private data can enter a program in a variety of ways:

- Directly from the user in the form of a password or personal information
- Accessed from a database or other data store by the application
- Indirectly from a partner or other third party

Typically, in the context of the mobile world, this private information would include (along with passwords, SSNs and other general personal information):

- Location
- Cell phone number
- Serial numbers and device IDs
- Network Operator information
- Voicemail information

Sometimes data that is not labeled as private can have a privacy implication in a different context. For example, student identification numbers are usually not considered private because there is no explicit and publicly-available mapping to an individual student's personal information. However, if a school generates identification numbers based on student social security numbers, then the identification numbers should be considered private.

Security and privacy concerns often seem to compete with each other. From a security perspective, you should record all important operations so that any anomalous activity can later be identified. However, when private data is involved, this practice can create risk.

Although there are many ways in which private data can be handled unsafely, a common risk stems from misplaced trust. Programmers often trust the operating environment in which a program runs, and therefore believe that it is acceptable to store private information on the file system, in the registry, or in other locally-controlled resources. However, even if access to certain resources is restricted, this does not guarantee that the individuals who do have access can be trusted. For example, in 2004, an unscrupulous employee at AOL sold approximately 92 million private customer e-mail addresses to a spammer marketing an offshore gambling web site [1].

In response to such high-profile exploits, the collection and management of private data is becoming increasingly regulated. Depending on its location, the type of business it conducts, and the nature of any private data it handles, an organization may be required to comply with one or more of the following federal and state regulations:

- Safe Harbor Privacy Framework [3]
- Gramm-Leach Bliley Act (GLBA) [4]
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) [5]
- California SB-1386 [6]

Despite these regulations, privacy violations continue to occur with alarming frequency.

Recommendations:

When security and privacy demands clash, privacy should usually be given the higher priority. To accomplish this and still maintain required security information, cleanse any private information before it exits the program.

To enforce good privacy management, develop and strictly adhere to internal privacy guidelines. The guidelines should specifically describe how an application should handle private data. If your organization is regulated by federal or state law, ensure that your privacy guidelines are sufficiently strenuous to meet the legal requirements. Even if your organization is not regulated, you must protect private information or risk losing customer confidence.

The best policy with respect to private data is to minimize its exposure. Applications, processes, and employees should not be granted access to any private data unless the access is required for the tasks that they are to perform. Just as the principle of least privilege dictates that no operation should be performed with more than the necessary privileges, access to private data should be restricted to the smallest possible group.

For mobile applications, make sure they never communicate any sensitive data to other applications running on the device. When private data needs to be stored, it should always be encrypted. For Android, as well as any other platform that uses SQLite database, a good option is SQLCipher -- an extension to SQLite database that provides transparent 256-bit AES encryption of database files. Thus, credentials can be stored in an encrypted database.

Example 3: The code below demonstrates how to integrate SQLCipher into an Android application after downloading the necessary binaries, and store credentials into the database file.

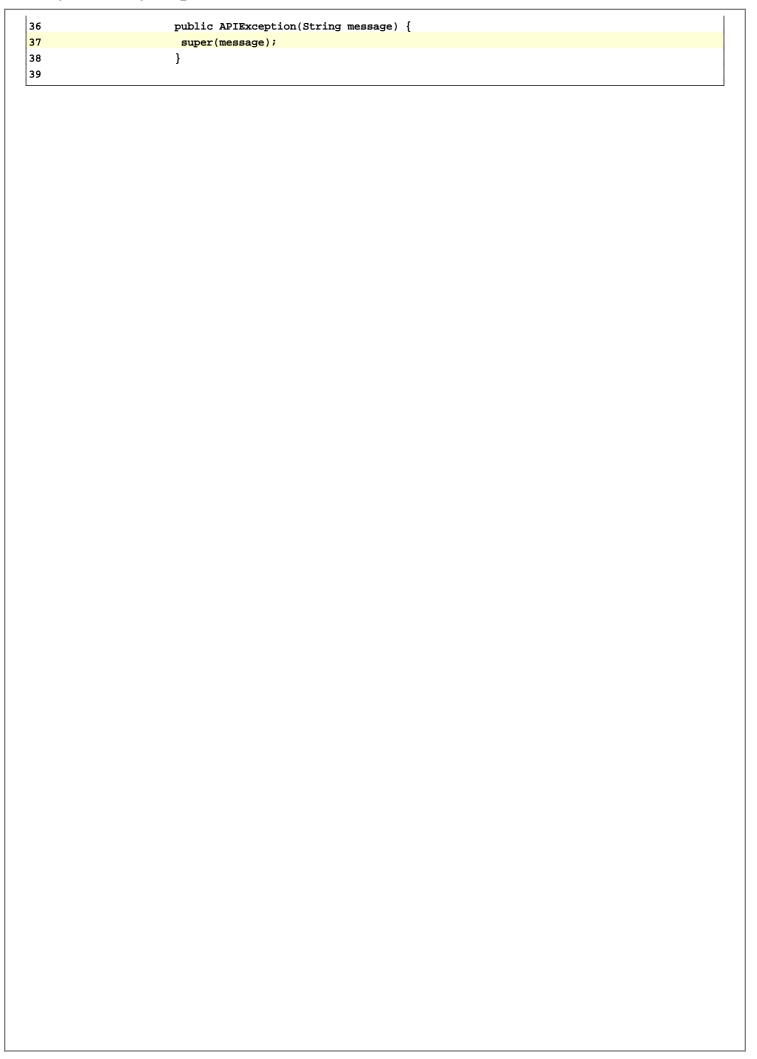
import net.sqlcipher.database.SQLiteDatabase;

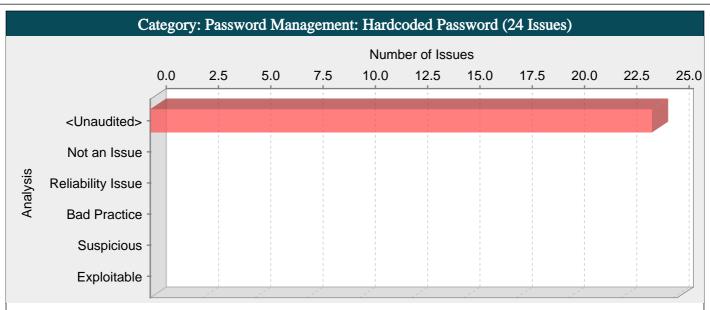
```
SQLiteDatabase.loadLibs(this);
File dbFile = getDatabasePath("credentials.db");
dbFile.mkdirs();
dbFile.delete();
SQLiteDatabase db = SQLiteDatabase.openOrCreateDatabase(dbFile, "credentials", null);
db.execSQL("create table credentials(u, p)");
db.execSQL("insert into credentials(u, p) values(?, ?)", new Object[]{username, password});
Note that references to android.database.sqlite.SQLiteDatabase are substituted with those of
net.sqlcipher.database.SQLiteDatabase.
To enable encryption on the WebView store, WebKit has to be re-compiled with the sqlcipher.so library.
Example 4: The code below reads username and password for a given site from an Android WebView store and instead of
broadcasting them to all the registered receivers, it only broadcasts internally so that the broadcast can only be seen by other parts
of the same app.
webview.setWebViewClient(new WebViewClient() {
public void onReceivedHttpAuthRequest(WebView view,
HttpAuthHandler handler, String host, String realm) {
String[] credentials = view.getHttpAuthUsernamePassword(host, realm);
String username = credentials[0];
String password = credentials[1];
Intent i = new Intent();
i.setAction("SEND_CREDENTIALS");
i.putExtra("username", username);
i.putExtra("password", password);
LocalBroadcastManager.getInstance(view.getContext()).sendBroadcast(i);
});
Tips:
1. As part of any thorough audit for privacy violations, ensure that custom rules have been written to identify all sources of
```

- 1. As part of any thorough audit for privacy violations, ensure that custom rules have been written to identify all sources of private or otherwise sensitive information entering the program. Most sources of private data cannot be identified automatically. Without custom rules, your check for privacy violations is likely to be substantially incomplete.
- 2. The Fortify Java Annotations FortifyPassword, FortifyNotPassword, FortifyPrivate and FortifyNotPrivate can be used to indicate which fields and variables represent passwords and private data.
- 3. A number of modern web frameworks provide mechanisms for performing validation of user input. Struts and Spring MVC are among them. To highlight the unvalidated sources of input, the Fortify Secure Coding Rulepacks dynamically re-prioritize the issues reported by Fortify Static Code Analyzer by lowering their probability of exploit and providing pointers to the supporting evidence whenever the framework validation mechanism is in use. We refer to this feature as Context-Sensitive Ranking. To further assist the Fortify user with the auditing process, the Fortify Software Security Research group makes available the Data Validation project template that groups the issues into folders based on the validation mechanism applied to their source of input.

| APIException.java, | line 37 (Privacy Violation) | | |
|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| Fortify Priority: | High | Folder | High |
| Kingdom: | Security Features | | |
| Abstract: | The method APIException() in information, which can compro | APIException.ja mise user privac | va mishandles confidential y and is often illegal. |
| Source: | Context.java:862 Read pass | word() | |
| 860 | properties.put("connection.url | .", url); | |
| 861 | properties.put("connection.use | rname", username |); |
| 862 | properties.put("connection.page | sword", password |); |
| 863 | setRuntimeProperties(properties | es); | |
| Sink: | APIException.java:37 java.la | ng.RuntimeExc | ception.RuntimeException() |
| 35 | */ | | |







Hardcoded passwords may compromise system security in a way that cannot be easily remedied.

Explanation:

It is never a good idea to hardcode a password. Not only does hardcoding a password allow all of the project's developers to view the password, it also makes fixing the problem extremely difficult. Once the code is in production, the password cannot be changed without patching the software. If the account protected by the password is compromised, the owners of the system will be forced to choose between security and availability.

Example 1: The following code uses a hardcoded password to connect to a database:

```
...
DriverManager.getConnection(url, "scott", "tiger");
...
```

This code will run successfully, but anyone who has access to it will have access to the password. Once the program has shipped, there is likely no way to change the database user "scott" with a password of "tiger" unless the program is patched. An employee with access to this information could use it to break into the system. Even worse, if attackers have access to the bytecode for the application they can use the javap -c command to access the disassembled code, which will contain the values of the passwords used. The result of this operation might look something like the following for the example above:

```
javap -c ConnMngr.class

22: ldc #36; //String jdbc:mysql://ixne.com/rxsql

24: ldc #38; //String scott

26: ldc #17; //String tiger
```

In the mobile world, password management is even trickier, considering a much higher chance of device loss.

Example 2: The code below uses hardcoded username and password to setup authentication for viewing protected pages with Android's WebView.

```
webview.setWebViewClient(new WebViewClient() {
public void onReceivedHttpAuthRequest(WebView view,
HttpAuthHandler handler, String host, String realm) {
handler.proceed("guest", "allow");
}
});
```

Similar to Example 1, this code will run successfully, but anyone who has access to it will have access to the password.

Recommendations:

Passwords should never be hardcoded and should generally be obfuscated and managed in an external source. Storing passwords in plaintext anywhere on the system allows anyone with sufficient permissions to read and potentially misuse the password. At the very least, passwords should be hashed before being stored.

Some third-party products claim the ability to manage passwords in a more secure way. For example, WebSphere Application Server 4.x uses a simple XOR encryption algorithm for obfuscating values, but be skeptical about such facilities. WebSphere and other application servers offer outdated and relatively weak encryption mechanisms that are insufficient for security-sensitive environments. For a secure generic solution, the best option today appears to be a proprietary mechanism that you create.

For Android, as well as any other platform that uses SQLite database, a good option is SQLCipher -- an extension to SQLite database that provides transparent 256-bit AES encryption of database files. Thus, credentials can be stored in an encrypted database.

Example 3: The code below demonstrates how to integrate SQLCipher into an Android application after downloading the necessary binaries, and store credentials into the database file.

import net.sqlcipher.database.SQLiteDatabase;

•••

SQLiteDatabase.loadLibs(this);

File dbFile = getDatabasePath("credentials.db");

dbFile.mkdirs();

dbFile.delete();

SQLiteDatabase db = SQLiteDatabase.openOrCreateDatabase(dbFile, "credentials", null);

db.execSQL("create table credentials(u, p)");

db.execSQL("insert into credentials(u, p) values(?, ?)", new Object[]{username, password});

...

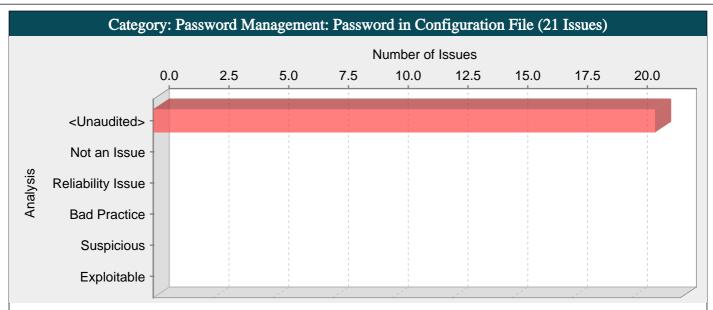
Note that references to android.database.sqlite.SQLiteDatabase are substituted with those of net.sqlcipher.database.SQLiteDatabase.

To enable encryption on the WebView store, WebKit has to be re-compiled with the sqlcipher.so library.

Tips:

- 1. The Fortify Java Annotations FortifyPassword and FortifyNotPassword can be used to indicate which fields and variables represent passwords.
- 2. When identifying null, empty, or hardcoded passwords, default rules only consider fields and variables that contain the word password. However, the Fortify Custom Rules Editor provides the Password Management wizard that makes it easy to create rules for detecting password management issues on custom-named fields and variables.

| SchedulerConstants.java, line 22 (Password Management: Hardcoded Password) | | | |
|--|--|---------------------------|---|
| Fortify Priority: | High | Folder | High |
| Kingdom: | Security Features | | |
| Abstract: | Hardcoded passwords may com remedied. | promise system | security in a way that cannot be easily |
| Sink: | SchedulerConstants.java:22 SCHEDULER_DEFAULT_PA | FieldAccess: ASSWORD() | |
| 20 | public static String SCHEDULER_ | DEFAULT_USERNAME | = "admin"; |
| 21 | | | |
| 22 | public static String SCHEDULER_ | DEFAULT_PASSWORD | =***** |
| 23 | | | |
| 24 | <pre>/** The default 'from' address</pre> | for emails send | by the schedule */ |



Storing a plaintext password in a configuration file may result in a system compromise.

Explanation:

Storing a plaintext password in a configuration file allows anyone who can read the file access to the password-protected resource. Developers sometimes believe that they cannot defend the application from someone who has access to the configuration, but this attitude makes an attacker's job easier. Good password management guidelines require that a password never be stored in plaintext.

Recommendations:

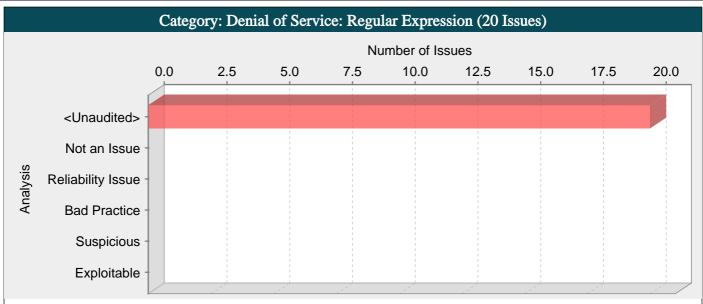
A password should never be stored in plaintext. Instead, the password should be entered by an administrator when the system starts. If that approach is impractical, a less secure but often adequate solution is to obfuscate the password and scatter the de-obfuscation material around the system so that an attacker has to obtain and correctly combine multiple system resources to decipher the password.

Some third-party products claim the ability to manage passwords in a more secure way. For example, WebSphere Application Server 4.x uses a simple XOR encryption algorithm for obfuscating values, but be skeptical about such facilities. WebSphere and other application servers offer outdated and relatively weak encryption mechanisms that are insufficient for security-sensitive environments. For a secure solution the only viable option is a proprietary one.

Tips:

- 1. Fortify Static Code Analyzer searches configuration files for common names used for password properties. Audit these issues by verifying that the flagged entry is used as a password and that the password entry contains plaintext.
- 2. If the entry in the configuration file is a default password, require that it be changed in addition to requiring that it be obfuscated in the configuration file.

| hibernate.default.properties, line 5 (Password Management: Password in Configuration File) | | | |
|--|---|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| Fortify Priority: | High | Folder | High |
| Kingdom: | Environment | | |
| Abstract: | Storing a plaintext password in compromise. | a configuration | file may result in a system |
| Sink: | hibernate.default.properties: | 5 hibernate.cor | nnection.password() |
| 3 | # Connection Properties> | | |
| 4 | hibernate.connection.username=te | est | |
| 5 | hibernate.connection.password=** | **** | |
| 6 | hibernate.connection.driver_class | ss=com.mysql.jdbc | .Driver |
| 7 | hibernate.connection.url=jdbc:my | ysql://localhost: | 3306/openmrs?autoReconnect=true |



Untrusted data is passed to the application and used as a regular expression. This can cause the thread to over-consume CPU resources.

Explanation:

There is a vulnerability in implementations of regular expression evaluators and related methods that can cause the thread to hang when evaluating repeating and alternating overlapping of nested and repeated regex groups. This defect can be used to execute a Denial of Service (DoS) attack.

Example:

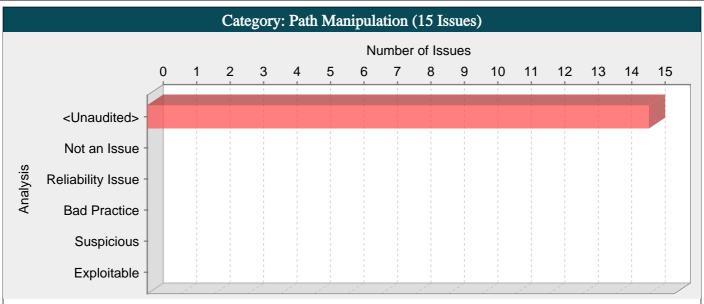
```
(e+)+
([a-zA-Z]+)*
(e|ee)+
```

There are no known regular expression implementations which are immune to this vulnerability. All platforms and languages are vulnerable to this attack.

Recommendations:

Do not allow untrusted data to be used as regular expression patterns.

| HibernatePatientDA | AO.java, line 772 (Denial of Service: Regular Expression) |
|--------------------|--|
| Fortify Priority: | High Folder High |
| Kingdom: | Input Validation and Representation |
| Abstract: | Untrusted data is passed to the application and used as a regular expression. This can cause the thread to over-consume CPU resources. |
| Source: | HibernateAdministrationDAO.java:103 org.hibernate.Session.get() |
| 101 | return gp; |
| 102 | } else { |
| 103 | return (GlobalProperty) sessionFactory.getCurrentSession().get(GlobalProperty.class propertyName); |
| 104 | } |
| 105 | } |
| Sink: | HibernatePatientDAO.java:772 java.util.regex.Pattern.compile() |
| 770 | <pre>if (Pattern.matches("^\\^.{1}*.*\$", regex)) {</pre> |
| 771 | <pre>String padding = regex.substring(regex.indexOf("^") + 1, regex.indexOf("*"));</pre> |
| 772 | Pattern pattern = Pattern.compile("^" + padding + "+"); |
| 773 | <pre>query = pattern.matcher(query).replaceFirst("");</pre> |
| 774 | } |



Attackers are able to control the file system path argument to File() at HL7ServiceImpl.java line 1163, which allows them to access or modify otherwise protected files.

Explanation:

Path manipulation errors occur when the following two conditions are met:

- 1. An attacker is able to specify a path used in an operation on the file system.
- 2. By specifying the resource, the attacker gains a capability that would not otherwise be permitted.

For example, the program may give the attacker the ability to overwrite the specified file or run with a configuration controlled by the attacker.

Example 1: The following code uses input from an HTTP request to create a file name. The programmer has not considered the possibility that an attacker could provide a file name such as "../../tomcat/conf/server.xml", which causes the application to delete one of its own configuration files.

```
String rName = request.getParameter("reportName");
File rFile = new File("/usr/local/apfr/reports/" + rName);
...
rFile.delete();
```

Example 2: The following code uses input from a configuration file to determine which file to open and echo back to the user. If the program runs with privileges and malicious users can change the configuration file, they can use the program to read any file on the system that ends with the extension .txt.

```
fis = new FileInputStream(cfg.getProperty("sub")+".txt");
amt = fis.read(arr);
out.println(arr);
```

Some think that in the mobile world, classic vulnerabilities, such as path manipulation, do not make sense -- why would the user attack themself? However, keep in mind that the essence of mobile platforms is applications that are downloaded from various sources and run alongside each other on the same device. The likelihood of running a piece of malware next to a banking application is high, which necessitates expanding the attack surface of mobile applications to include inter-process communication.

Example 3: The following code adapts Example 1 to the Android platform.

```
...
String rName = this.getIntent().getExtras().getString("reportName");
File rFile = getBaseContext().getFileStreamPath(rName);
...
rFile.delete();
```

Recommendations:

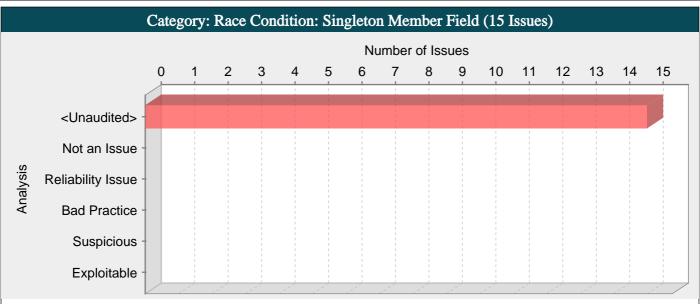
The best way to prevent path manipulation is with a level of indirection: create a list of legitimate resource names that a user is allowed to specify, and only allow the user to select from the list. With this approach the input provided by the user is never used directly to specify the resource name.

In some situations this approach is impractical because the set of legitimate resource names is too large or too hard to keep track of. Programmers often resort to blacklisting in these situations. Blacklisting selectively rejects or escapes potentially dangerous characters before using the input. However, any such list of unsafe characters is likely to be incomplete and will almost certainly become out of date. A better approach is to create a whitelist of characters that are allowed to appear in the resource name and accept input composed exclusively of characters in the approved set.

Tips:

- 1. If the program is performing input validation, satisfy yourself that the validation is correct, and use the Fortify Custom Rules Editor to create a cleanse rule for the validation routine.
- 2. Implementation of an effective blacklist is notoriously difficult. One should be skeptical if validation logic requires blacklisting. Consider different types of input encoding and different sets of meta-characters that might have special meaning when interpreted by different operating systems, databases, or other resources. Determine whether or not the blacklist can be updated easily, correctly, and completely if these requirements ever change.
- 3. A number of modern web frameworks provide mechanisms for performing validation of user input. Struts and Spring MVC are among them. To highlight the unvalidated sources of input, the Fortify Secure Coding Rulepacks dynamically re-prioritize the issues reported by Fortify Static Code Analyzer by lowering their probability of exploit and providing pointers to the supporting evidence whenever the framework validation mechanism is in use. We refer to this feature as Context-Sensitive Ranking. To further assist the Fortify user with the auditing process, the Fortify Software Security Research group makes available the Data Validation project template that groups the issues into folders based on the validation mechanism applied to their source of input.

| HL7ServiceImpl.java | a, line 1163 (Path Manipulation) | | |
|---------------------|---|-------------------|--|
| Fortify Priority: | Critical | Folder | Critical |
| Kingdom: | Input Validation and Represe | ntation | |
| Abstract: | Attackers are able to control the HL7ServiceImpl.java line 1163, protected files. | | argument to File() at nem to access or modify otherwise |
| Source: | HibernateHL7DAO.java:373 | org.hibernate.C | Criteria.list() |
| 371 | crit.add(Restrictions.lt("dat | eCreated", cal.g | etTime())); |
| 372 | } | | |
| 373 | return crit.list(); | | |
| 374 | } | | |
| 375 | | | |
| Sink: | HL7ServiceImpl.java:1163 ja | va.io.File.File() | |
| 1161 | //use the uuid, source id and | source key(if p | resent) to generate the file name |
| 1162 | File fileToWriteTo = new File | (dayDir, hl7InAr | chive.getUuid() |
| 1163 | + (StringUtils.isBlan hl7InArchive.getHL7SourceKey()) | k(hl7InArchive.g | etHL7SourceKey()) ? "" : "_" + |
| 1164 | + ".txt"); | | |
| 1165 | | | |



The class ServiceContext is a singleton, so the member field applicationContext is shared between users. The result is that one user could see another user's data.

Explanation:

Many Servlet developers do not understand that a Servlet is a singleton. There is only one instance of the Servlet, and that single instance is used and re-used to handle multiple requests that are processed simultaneously by different threads.

A common result of this misunderstanding is that developers use Servlet member fields in such a way that one user may inadvertently see another user's data. In other words, storing user data in Servlet member fields introduces a data access race condition.

Example 1: The following Servlet stores the value of a request parameter in a member field and then later echoes the parameter value to the response output stream.

```
public class GuestBook extends HttpServlet {
   String name;
   protected void doPost (HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse res) {
    name = req.getParameter("name");
   ...
   out.println(name + ", thanks for visiting!");
}
```

While this code will work perfectly in a single-user environment, if two users access the Servlet at approximately the same time, it is possible for the two request handler threads to interleave in the following way:

```
Thread 1: assign "Dick" to name
Thread 2: assign "Jane" to name
```

Thread 1: print "Jane, thanks for visiting!"

Thread 2: print "Jane, thanks for visiting!"

Thereby showing the first user the second user's name.

Recommendations:

Do not use Servlet member fields for anything but constants. (i.e. make all member fields static final).

Developers are often tempted to use Servlet member fields for user data when they need to transport data from one region of code to another. If this is your aim, consider declaring a separate class and using the Servlet only to "wrap" this new class.

Example 2: The bug in the example above can be corrected in the following way:

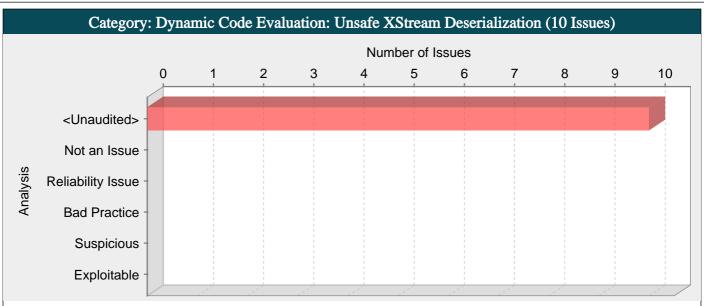
```
public class GuestBook extends HttpServlet {
protected void doPost (HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse res) {
GBRequestHandler handler = new GBRequestHandler();
handler.handle(req, res);
}
```

```
public class GBRequestHandler {
String name;
public void handle(HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse res) {
name = req.getParameter("name");
out.println(name + ", thanks for visiting!");
}
Alternatively, a Servlet can utilize synchronized blocks to access servlet instance variables but using synchronized blocks may
cause significant performance problems.
Please notice that wrapping the field access within a synchronized block will only prevent the issue if all read and write
operations on that member are performed within the same synchronized block or method.
Example 3: Wrapping the Example 1 write operation (assignment) in a synchronized block will not fix the problem since the
threads will have to get a lock to modify name field, but they will release the lock afterwards, allowing a second thread to change
the value again. If, after changing the name value, the first thread resumes execution, the value printed will be the one assigned
by the second thread:
public class GuestBook extends HttpServlet {
String name;
protected void doPost (HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse res) {
synchronized(name) {
name = req.getParameter("name");
out.println(name + ", thanks for visiting!");
In order to fix the race condition, all the write and read operations on the shared member field should be run atomically within
the same synchronized block:
public class GuestBook extends HttpServlet {
String name;
protected void doPost (HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse res) {
synchronized(name) {
```

```
name = req.getParameter("name");
out.println(name + ", thanks for visiting!");
```

}

| ServiceContext.java, line 896 (Race Condition: Singleton Member Field) | | | |
|--|---|---|---|
| Fortify Priority: | High | Folder | High |
| Kingdom: | Time and State | | |
| Abstract: | The class ServiceContext is a si shared between users. The result | ngleton, so the n t is that one user | nember field applicationContext is could see another user's data. |
| Sink: | ServiceContext.java:896 Ass | ignmentStaten | nent() |
| 894 | @Override | | |
| 895 | public void setApplicationConte | xt(ApplicationCo | ntext applicationContext) { |
| 896 | this.applicationContext = appl | icationContext; | |
| 897 | } | | |
| 898 | | | |



The file SimpleXStreamSerializer.java deserializes unvalidated XML input using XStream on line 107. Deserializing user-controlled XML documents at run-time can allow attackers to execute malicious arbitrary code on the server.

Explanation

XStream library provides the developer with an easy way to transmit objects, serializing them to XML documents. But XStream can by default deserialize dynamic proxies allowing an attacker to run arbitrary Java code on the server when the proxy's InvocationHandler is invoked.

Example 1: The following Java code shows an instance of XStream processing untrusted input.

XStream xstream = new XStream();

String body = IOUtils.toString(request.getInputStream(), "UTF-8");

Contact expl = (Contact) xstream.fromXML(body);

Example 2: The following XML document will instantiate a ProcessBuilder object and will invoke its static start() method to run the Windows calculator.

<dynamic-proxy>

<interface>com.company.model.Contact</interface>

<handler class="java.beans.EventHandler">

<target class="java.lang.ProcessBuilder">

<command><string>/Applications/Calculator.app/Contents/MacOS/Calculator</string></command>

</target>

<action>start</action>

</handler>

</dynamic-proxy>

Recommendations:

XStream implicitly prevents the descrialization of known bad classes such as java.beans.EventHandler that can be used by attackers to run arbitrary commands. In addition, starting with XStream 1.4.7, it is possible to define permissions for types. These permissions can be used to explicitly allow or deny the types that will be descrialized and so it is not possible to inject unexpected types into an object graph. Any application that descrializes data from an external source should use this feature to limit the danger of arbitrary command execution. Always use the whitelist approach (allowed types) since many classes can be used to achieve remote code execution and to bypass blacklists.

Example 3: The following Java code shows an instance of XStream securely processing untrusted input by defining the allowed types.

XStream xstream = new XStream();

// clear out existing permissions and set own ones

xstream.addPermission(NoPermissionType.NONE);

// allow some basics

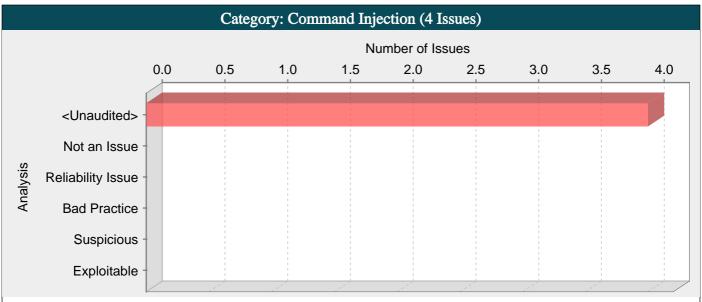
xstream.addPermission(NullPermission.NULL);

xstream.addPermission(PrimitiveTypePermission.PRIMITIVES);

xstream.allowTypeHierarchy(Collection.class);

```
// allow any type from the same package
xstream.allowTypesByWildcard(new String[] {
Contact.class.getPackage().getName()+".*"
String body = IOUtils.toString(request.getInputStream(), "UTF-8");
Contact expl = (Contact) xstream.fromXML(body);
Note that any class allowed in the whitelist should be audited to make sure it is safe to deserialize.
If using XStream as the marshalling solution for a Spring project, use the "converters" property to set up a chain of custom
converters starting with the org.springframework.oxm.xstream.CatchAllConverter converter as shown in the example below:
<bean id="marshallingHttpMessageConverter"</pre>
class="org.springframework.http.converter.xml.MarshallingHttpMessageConverter">
property name="unmarshaller" ref="xstreamMarshaller"/>
</bean>
<br/><bean id="xstreamMarshaller" class="org.springframework.oxm.xstream.XStreamMarshaller">
cproperty name="aliases">
props>
contact">org.company.converters.Contact
</props>
</property>
cproperty name="converters">
t>
<bean class="org.springframework.oxm.xstream.CatchAllConverter"/>
<bean class="org.company.converters.ContactConverter"/>
</list>
</property>
</bean>
```

| SimpleXStreamSeri | alizer.java, line 107 (Dynamic Code Evaluation: Unsafe XStream Deserialization) |
|-------------------|--|
| Fortify Priority: | High Folder High |
| Kingdom: | Input Validation and Representation |
| Abstract: | The file SimpleXStreamSerializer.java deserializes unvalidated XML input using XStream on line 107. Deserializing user-controlled XML documents at run-time can allow attackers to execute malicious arbitrary code on the server. |
| Source: | HibernateSerializedObjectDAO.java:96 org.hibernate.Criteria.uniqueResult() |
| 94 | <pre>Criteria c = sessionFactory.getCurrentSession().createCriteria(SerializedObject.class);</pre> |
| 95 | <pre>c.add(Restrictions.eq("uuid", uuid));</pre> |
| 96 | ret = (SerializedObject) c.uniqueResult(); |
| 97 | } |
| 98 | return ret; |
| Sink: | SimpleXStreamSerializer.java:107 com.thoughtworks.xstream.XStream.fromXML() |
| 105 | |
| 106 | try { |
| 107 | return (T) xstream.fromXML(serializedObject); |
| 108 | } |
| 109 | <pre>catch (XStreamException e) {</pre> |



The method execMysqlCmd() in MigrateDataSet.java calls exec() with a command built from untrusted data. This call can cause the program to execute malicious commands on behalf of an attacker.

Explanation:

Command injection vulnerabilities take two forms:

- An attacker can change the command that the program executes: the attacker explicitly controls what the command is.
- An attacker can change the environment in which the command executes: the attacker implicitly controls what the command means.

In this case we are primarily concerned with the first scenario, the possibility that an attacker may be able to control the command that is executed. Command injection vulnerabilities of this type occur when:

- 1. Data enters the application from an untrusted source.
- 2. The data is used as or as part of a string representing a command that is executed by the application.
- 3. By executing the command, the application gives an attacker a privilege or capability that the attacker would not otherwise have.

Example 1: The following code from a system utility uses the system property APPHOME to determine the directory in which it is installed and then executes an initialization script based on a relative path from the specified directory.

```
...
String home = System.getProperty("APPHOME");
String cmd = home + INITCMD;
java.lang.Runtime.getRuntime().exec(cmd);
```

The code in Example 1 allows an attacker to execute arbitrary commands with the elevated privilege of the application by modifying the system property APPHOME to point to a different path containing a malicious version of INITCMD. Because the program does not validate the value read from the environment, if an attacker can control the value of the system property APPHOME, then they can fool the application into running malicious code and take control of the system.

Example 2: The following code is from an administrative web application designed to allow users to kick off a backup of an Oracle database using a batch-file wrapper around the rman utility and then run a cleanup.bat script to delete some temporary files. The script rmanDB.bat accepts a single command line parameter, which specifies the type of backup to perform. Because access to the database is restricted, the application runs the backup as a privileged user.

```
...
String btype = request.getParameter("backuptype");
String cmd = new String("cmd.exe /K
\"c:\\util\\rmanDB.bat "+btype+"&&c:\\util\\cleanup.bat\\"")
System.Runtime.getRuntime().exec(cmd);
...
```

The problem here is that the program does not do any validation on the backuptype parameter read from the user. Typically the Runtime.exec() function will not execute multiple commands, but in this case the program first runs the cmd.exe shell in order to run multiple commands with a single call to Runtime.exec(). Once the shell is invoked, it will allow for the execution of multiple commands separated by two ampersands. If an attacker passes a string of the form "&& del c:\\dbms*.*", then the application will execute this command along with the others specified by the program. Because of the nature of the application, it runs with the privileges necessary to interact with the database, which means whatever command the attacker injects will run with those privileges as well.

Example 3: The following code is from a web application that allows users access to an interface through which they can update their password on the system. Part of the process for updating passwords in certain network environments is to run a make command in the /var/yp directory, the code for which is shown below.

```
...
System.Runtime.getRuntime().exec("make");
...
```

The problem here is that the program does not specify an absolute path for make and fails to clean its environment prior to executing the call to Runtime.exec(). If an attacker can modify the \$PATH variable to point to a malicious binary called make and cause the program to be executed in their environment, then the malicious binary will be loaded instead of the one intended. Because of the nature of the application, it runs with the privileges necessary to perform system operations, which means the attacker's make will now be run with these privileges, possibly giving the attacker complete control of the system.

Some think that in the mobile world, classic vulnerabilities, such as command injection, do not make sense -- why would a user attack him or herself? However, keep in mind that the essence of mobile platforms is applications that are downloaded from various sources and run alongside each other on the same device. The likelihood of running a piece of malware next to a banking application is high, which necessitates expanding the attack surface of mobile applications to include inter-process communication.

Example 4: The following code reads commands to be executed from an Android intent.

```
String[] cmds = this.getIntent().getStringArrayExtra("commands");
Process p = Runtime.getRuntime().exec("su");
DataOutputStream os = new DataOutputStream(p.getOutputStream());
for (String cmd : cmds) {
  os.writeBytes(cmd+"\n");
}
os.writeBytes("exit\n");
os.flush();
```

On a rooted device, a malicious application can force a victim application to execute arbitrary commands with super user privileges.

Recommendations:

Do not allow users to have direct control over the commands executed by the program. In cases where user input must affect the command to be run, use the input only to make a selection from a predetermined set of safe commands. If the input appears to be malicious, the value passed to the command execution function should either default to some safe selection from this set or the program should decline to execute any command at all.

In cases where user input must be used as an argument to a command executed by the program, this approach often becomes impractical because the set of legitimate argument values is too large or too hard to keep track of. Developers often fall back on blacklisting in these situations. Blacklisting selectively rejects or escapes potentially dangerous characters before using the input. Any list of unsafe characters is likely to be incomplete and will be heavily dependent on the system where the commands are executed. A better approach is to create a whitelist of characters that are allowed to appear in the input and accept input composed exclusively of characters in the approved set.

An attacker may indirectly control commands executed by a program by modifying the environment in which they are executed. The environment should not be trusted and precautions should be taken to prevent an attacker from using some manipulation of the environment to perform an attack. Whenever possible, commands should be controlled by the application and executed using an absolute path. In cases where the path is not known at compile time, such as for cross-platform applications, an absolute path should be constructed from trusted values during execution. Command values and paths read from configuration files or the environment should be sanity-checked against a set of invariants that define valid values.

Other checks can sometimes be performed to detect if these sources may have been tampered with. For example, if a configuration file is world-writable, the program might refuse to run. In cases where information about the binary to be executed is known in advance, the program may perform checks to verify the identity of the binary. If a binary should always be owned by a particular user or have a particular set of access permissions assigned to it, these properties can be verified programmatically before the binary is executed.



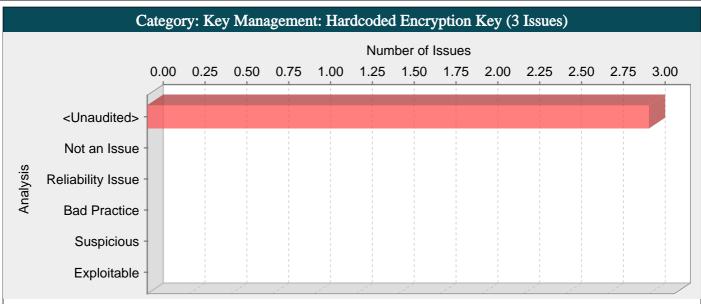
Although it may be impossible to completely protect a program from an imaginative attacker bent on controlling the commands the program executes, be sure to apply the principle of least privilege wherever the program executes an external command: do not hold privileges that are not essential to the execution of the command.

Tips:

1. A number of modern web frameworks provide mechanisms for performing validation of user input. Struts and Spring MVC are among them. To highlight the unvalidated sources of input, the Fortify Secure Coding Rulepacks dynamically re-prioritize the issues reported by Fortify Static Code Analyzer by lowering their probability of exploit and providing pointers to the supporting evidence whenever the framework validation mechanism is in use. We refer to this feature as Context-Sensitive Ranking. To further assist the Fortify user with the auditing process, the Fortify Software Security Research group makes available the Data Validation project template that groups the issues into folders based on the validation mechanism applied to their source of input.

2. Fortify RTA adds protection against this category.

| MigrateDataSet.java | , line 187 (Command Injection) | | |
|---------------------|--|-------------------|---|
| Fortify Priority: | Critical | Folder | Critical |
| Kingdom: | Input Validation and Represe | entation | |
| Abstract: | The method execMysqlCmd() is built from untrusted data. This commands on behalf of an attac | call can cause th | et.java calls exec() with a command e program to execute malicious |
| Source: | BaseContextSensitiveTest.ja javax.swing.text.JTextCompo | |) |
| 531 | // response of 2 is the cancel | . button, respons | se of -1 is the little red |
| 532 | <pre>// X in the top right</pre> | | |
| 533 | return (response == 2 response usernameField.getText(), | onse == -1 ? null | l : new String[] { |
| 534 | String.valueOf(passwor | dField.getPasswo | ord()) }); |
| 535 | } | | |
| Sink: | MigrateDataSet.java:187 java | a.lang.Runtime | e.exec() |
| 185 | // Could not create lcab.tmp | file in default | working directory |
| 186 | // (jmiranda). | | |
| 187 | <pre>Process p = (wd != null) ? Ru Runtime.getRuntime().exec(cmds);</pre> | | e().exec(cmds, null, wd) : |
| 188 | | | |
| 189 | // get the stdout | | |



Hardcoded encryption keys may compromise system security in a way that cannot be easily remedied.

Explanation:

It is never a good idea to hardcode an encryption key because it allows all of the project's developers to view the encryption key, and makes fixing the problem extremely difficult. Once the code is in production, the encryption key cannot be changed without patching the software. If the account that is protected by the encryption key is compromised, the owners of the system will be forced to choose between security and availability.

Example 1: The following code uses a hardcoded encryption key:

...

private static final String encryptionKey = "lakdsljkalkjlksdfkl";

byte[] keyBytes = encryptionKey.getBytes();

SecretKeySpec key = new SecretKeySpec(keyBytes, "AES");

Cipher encryptCipher = Cipher.getInstance("AES");

encryptCipher.init(Cipher.ENCRYPT_MODE, key);

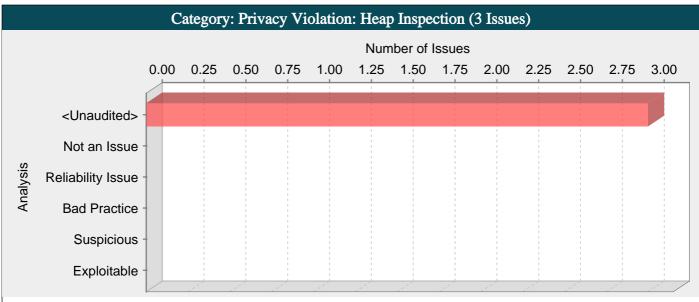
•••

Anyone who has access to the code will have access to the encryption key. Once the application has shipped, there is no way to change the encryption key unless the program is patched. An employee with access to this information could use it to break into the system. Even worse, if attackers had access to the executable for the application, they could extract the encryption key value.

Recommendations:

Encryption keys should never be hardcoded and should be obfuscated and managed in an external source. Storing encryption keys in plaintext anywhere on the system allows anyone with sufficient permissions to read and potentially misuse the encryption key.

| OpenmrsConstants.ja | OpenmrsConstants.java, line 524 (Key Management: Hardcoded Encryption Key) | | |
|---------------------|--|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Fortify Priority: | High | Folder | High |
| Kingdom: | Security Features | | |
| Abstract: | Hardcoded encryption keys may easily remedied. | y compromise sy | stem security in a way that cannot be |
| Sink: | OpenmrsConstants.java:524 | FieldAccess: E | ENCRYPTION_KEY_SPEC() |
| 522 | public static final String ENCE | YPTION_CIPHER_CO | NFIGURATION = "AES/CBC/PKCS5Padding"; |
| 523 | | | |
| 524 | public static final String ENCE | YPTION_KEY_SPEC | = "AES"; |
| 525 | | | |
| 526 | public static final String ENCE | YPTION_VECTOR_RU | NTIME_PROPERTY = "encryption.vector"; |



The method importUsers() in MigrationHelper.java stores sensitive data in a String object, making it impossible to reliably purge the data from memory.

Explanation:

Sensitive data (such as passwords, social security numbers, credit card numbers etc) stored in memory can be leaked if memory is not cleared after use. Often, Strings are used store sensitive data, however, since String objects are immutable, removing the value of a String from memory can only be done by the JVM garbage collector. The garbage collector is not required to run unless the JVM is low on memory, so there is no guarantee as to when garbage collection will take place. In the event of an application crash, a memory dump of the application might reveal sensitive data.

Example 1: The following code converts a password from a character array to a String.

private JPasswordField pf;

...

final char[] password = pf.getPassword();

...

String passwordAsString = new String(password);

This category was derived from the Cigital Java Rulepack. http://www.cigital.com/

Recommendations:

Always be sure to clear sensitive data when it is no longer needed. Instead of storing sensitive data in immutable objects like Strings, use byte arrays or character arrays that can be programmatically cleared.

Example 2: The following code clears memory after a password is used.

private JPasswordField pf;

...

final char[] password = pf.getPassword();

// use the password

...

// erase when finished

Arrays.fill(password, ' ');

Tips:

1. A number of modern web frameworks provide mechanisms for performing validation of user input. Struts and Spring MVC are among them. To highlight the unvalidated sources of input, the Fortify Secure Coding Rulepacks dynamically re-prioritize the issues reported by Fortify Static Code Analyzer by lowering their probability of exploit and providing pointers to the supporting evidence whenever the framework validation mechanism is in use. We refer to this feature as Context-Sensitive Ranking. To further assist the Fortify user with the auditing process, the Fortify Software Security Research group makes available the Data Validation project template that groups the issues into folders based on the validation mechanism applied to their source of input.

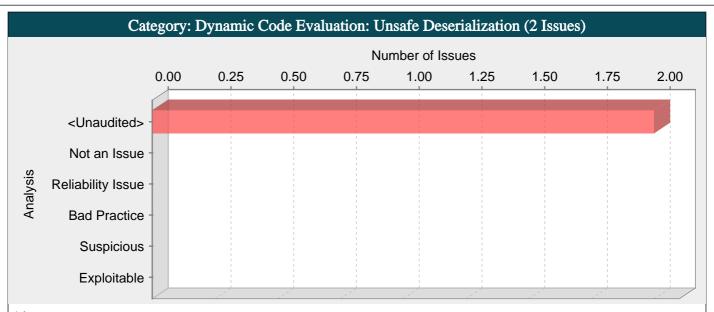
MigrationHelper.java, line 153 (Privacy Violation: Heap Inspection)

Fortify Priority: High Folder High

Kingdom: Security Features



| Abstract: | The method importUsers() in MigrationHelper.java stores sensitive data in a String object, making it impossible to reliably purge the data from memory. |
|-----------|---|
| Source: | MigrationHelper.java:153 Read password() |
| 151 | password[x] = (char) randDecimalAsciiVal; |
| 152 | } |
| 153 | <pre>pass = new String(password);</pre> |
| 154 | } |
| 155 | <pre>us.createUser(user, pass);</pre> |
| Sink: | MigrationHelper.java:153 java.lang.String.String() |
| 151 | <pre>password[x] = (char) randDecimalAsciiVal;</pre> |
| 152 | } |
| 153 | <pre>pass = new String(password);</pre> |
| 154 | } |
| 155 | <pre>us.createUser(user, pass);</pre> |



Descrializing user-controlled object streams at runtime can allow attackers to execute arbitrary code on the server, abuse application logic, and/or lead to denial of service.

Explanation:

Java serialization turns object graphs into byte streams that contain the objects themselves and the necessary metadata to reconstruct them from the byte stream. Developers can create custom code to aid in the process of deserializing Java objects, where they can replace the deserialized objects with different objects, or proxies. The customized deserialization process takes place during objects reconstruction, before the objects are returned to the application and cast into expected types. By the time developers try to enforce an expected type, code may have already been executed.

Custom descrialization routines are defined in the scrializable classes which need to be present in the runtime classpath and cannot be injected by the attacker so the exploitability of these attacks depends on the classes available in the application environment. Unfortunately, common third party classes or even JDK classes can be abused to exhaust JVM resources, deploy malicious files, or run arbitrary code.

Example 1: An application descrializing untrusted object streams can lead to application compromise.

InputStream is = request.getInputStream();

ObjectInputStream ois = new ObjectInputStream(is);

MyObject obj = (MyObject) ois.readObject();

Recommendations:

If possible, do not describlize untrusted data without validating the contents of the object stream. In order to validate classes being describlized, the look-ahead describlization pattern should be used.

The object stream will first contain the class description metadata and then the serialized bytes of their member fields. The Java serialization process allows developers to read the class description and decide whether to proceed with the descrialization of the object or abort it. In order to do so, it is necessary to subclass java.io.ObjectInputStream and provide a custom implementation of the resolveClass(ObjectStreamClass desc) method where class validation and verification should take place.

There are existing implementations of the look-ahead pattern that can be easily used, such as the Apache Commons IO (org.apache.commons.io.serialization.ValidatingObjectInputStream). Always use a strict whitelist approach to only deserialize expected types. A blacklist approach is not recommended since attackers may use many available gadgets to bypass the blacklist. Also, keep in mind that although some classes to achieve code execution are publicly known, there may be others that are unknown or undisclosed, so a whitelist approach will always be preferred. Any class allowed in the whitelist should be audited to make sure it is safe to deserialize.

When descrialization takes place in library, or framework (e.g. when using JMX, RMI, JMS, HTTP Invokers) the above recommendation is not useful since it is beyond the developer's control. In those cases, you may want to make sure that these protocols meet the following requirements:

- Not exposed publicly.
- Use authentication.
- Use integrity checks.
- Use encryption.

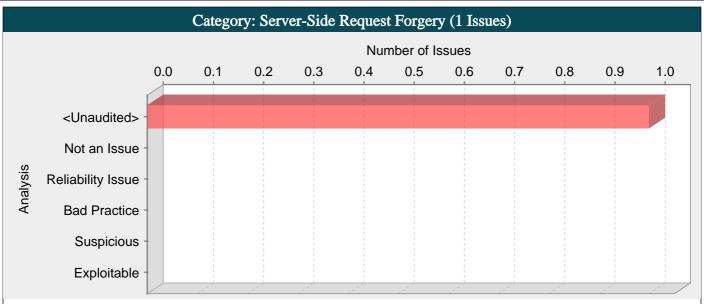
In addition, Fortify Runtime provides security controls to be enforced every time the application performs a deserialization from an ObjectInputStream, protecting both application code but also library and framework code from this type of attack.

Tips:



1. Due to existing flaw in ObjectInputStream implementation and the difficulties of blacklisting basic classes that may be used to perform denial of service (DoS) attacks, this issue will be reported even if a look-ahead ObjectInputStream is implemented but its severity will be lowered to Medium.

| JavaSerializationTest.java, line 48 (Dynamic Code Evaluation: Unsafe Deserialization) | | | | | |
|---|---|------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Fortify Priority: | High | Folder | High | | |
| Kingdom: | Input Validation and Represe | entation | | | |
| Abstract: | Deserializing user-controlled object streams at runtime can allow attackers to execute arbitrary code on the server, abuse application logic, and/or lead to denial of service. | | | | |
| Sink: | JavaSerializationTest.java:48 FunctionCall: deserialize() | | | | |
| 46 | | | | | |
| 47 | byte[] serialized = Seri | alizationUtils.s | erialize(originalPerson); | | |
| 48 | Person copyPerson = (Per | son) Serializati | onUtils.deserialize(serialized); | | |
| 49 | | | | | |
| 50 | assertThat(copyPerson.ge | tGender(), is(or | iginalPerson.getGender())); | | |



The function openConnection() on line 720 initiates a network connection to a third-party system using user-controlled data for resource URI. An attacker may leverage this vulnerability to send a request on behalf of the application server since the request will originate from the application server internal IP.

Explanation:

A Server-Side Request Forgery occurs when an attacker may influence a network connection made by the application server. The network connection will originate from the application server internal IP and an attacker will be able to use this connection to bypass network controls and scan or attack internal resources that are not otherwise exposed.

Example: In the following example, an attacker will be able to control the URL the server is connecting to.

String url = request.getParameter("url");

CloseableHttpClient httpclient = HttpClients.createDefault();

HttpGet httpGet = new HttpGet(url);

CloseableHttpResponse response1 = httpclient.execute(httpGet);

The ability of the attacker to hijack the network connection will depend on the specific part of the URI that he can control and on libraries used to stablish the connection. For example, controlling the URI scheme will let the attacker use protocols different from http or https like:

- up://
- ldap://
- jar://
- gopher://
- mailto://
- ssh2://
- telnet://
- expect://

An attacker will be able to leverage this hijacked network connection to perform the following attacks:

- Port Scanning of intranet resources.
- Bypass firewalls.
- Attack vulnerable programs running on the application server or on the Intranet.
- Attack internal/external web applications using Injection attacks or CSRF.
- Access local files using file:// scheme.
- On Windows systems, file:// scheme and UNC paths can allow an attacker to scan and access internal shares.
- Perform a DNS cache poisoning attack.

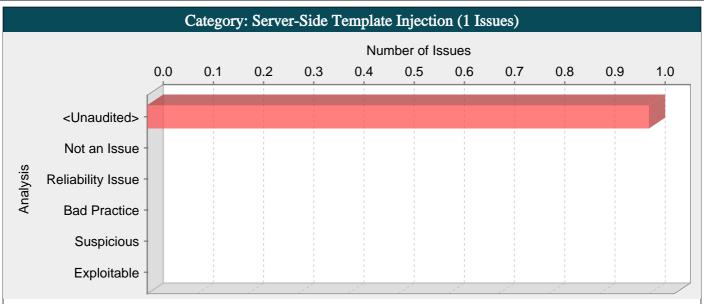
Recommendations:

Do not establish network connections based on user-controlled data and ensure that the request is being sent to the expected destination. If user data is necessary to build the destination URI, use a level of indirection: create a list of legitimate resource names that a user is allowed to specify, and only allow the user to select from the list. With this approach the input provided by the user is never used directly to specify the resource name.

In some situations this approach is impractical because the set of legitimate resource names is too large or too hard to keep track of. Programmers often resort to blacklisting in these situations. Blacklisting selectively rejects or escapes potentially dangerous characters before using the input. However, any such list of unsafe characters is likely to be incomplete and will almost certainly become out of date. A better approach is to create a whitelist of characters that are allowed to appear in the resource name and accept input composed exclusively of characters in the approved set.

Also, if required, make sure that the user input is only used to specify a resource on the target system but that the URI scheme, host, and port is controlled by the application. This way the damage that an attacker is able to do will be significantly reduced.

| ModuleUtil.java, line 720 (Server-Side Request Forgery) | | | |
|---|--|---|--|
| Fortify Priority: | High | Folder | High |
| Kingdom: | Input Validation and | Representation | |
| Abstract: | party system using use | er-controlled data for re nd a request on behalf | initiates a network connection to a third- esource URI. An attacker may leverage of the application server since the erver internal IP. |
| Source: | ModuleUtil.java:707 | java.net.URLConnec | ction.getHeaderField() |
| 705 | if (stat == 300 stat == 301 stat == 302 stat == 303 stat == 305 stat 307) { | | |
| 706 | URL base = http.ge | etURL(); | |
| 707 | String loc = http | .getHeaderField("Locati | ion"); |
| 708 | URL target = null. | ; | |
| 709 | if (loc != null) | { | |
| Sink: | ModuleUtil.java:720 | java.net.URL.openC | Connection() |
| 718 | } | | v |
| 719 | redir = true; | | |
| 720 | c = target.openCor | nnection(); | |
| 721 | redirects++; | | |
| 722 | } | | |



The call to evaluate() in VelocityMessagePreparator.java on line 60 evaluates user-controlled data as a template engine's template, allowing attackers to access the template context and in some cases inject and run arbitrary code in the application server.

Explanation:

Template engines are used to render content using dynamic data. This context data is normally controlled by the user and formatted by the template to generate web pages, emails and the like. Template engines allow powerful language expressions to be used in templates in order to render dynamic content, by processing the context data with code constructs such as conditionals, loops, etc. If an attacker is able to control the template to be rendered, they will be able to inject expressions that will expose context data or even run arbitrary commands on the server.

Example 1: The example below shows how a template is retrieved from an HTTP request and rendered.

// Set up the context data

VelocityContext context = new VelocityContext();

context.put("name", user.name);

// Load the template

String template = getUserTemplateFromRequestBody(request);

RuntimeServices runtimeServices = RuntimeSingleton.getRuntimeServices();

StringReader reader = new StringReader(template);

SimpleNode node = runtimeServices.parse(reader, "myTemplate");

template = new Template();

template.setRuntimeServices(runtimeServices);

template.setData(node);

template.initDocument();

// Render the template with the context data

StringWriter sw = new StringWriter();

template.merge(context, sw);

The example above uses Velocity as the template engine. For that engine, an attacker could submit the following template to run arbitrary commands on the server:

\$name.getClass().forName("java.lang.Runtime").getRuntime().exec(<COMMAND>)

Recommendations:

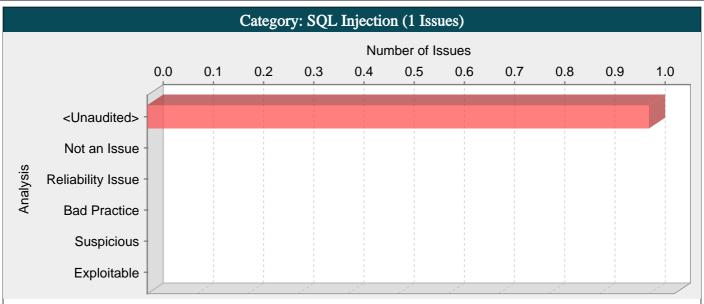
Whenever possible do not allow users to provide templates. If user-provided templates are necessary, perform careful input validation to prevent malicious code from being injected in the template.

VelocityMessagePreparator.java, line 60 (Server-Side Template Injection)

Fortify Priority: Critical Folder Critical

Kingdom: Input Validation and Representation

| Abstract: | The call to evaluate() in VelocityMessagePreparator.java on line 60 evaluates user-controlled data as a template engine's template, allowing attackers to access the template context and in some cases inject and run arbitrary code in the application server. |
|-----------|--|
| Source: | HibernateTemplateDAO.java:60 org.hibernate.Query.list() |
| 58 | log.info("Get template " + name); |
| 59 | return sessionFactory.getCurrentSession().createQuery("from Template as template when template.name = ?") |
| 60 | <pre>.setString(0, name).list();</pre> |
| 61 | } |
| 62 | |
| Sink: | VelocityMessagePreparator.java:60 org.apache.velocity.app.VelocityEngine.evaluate() |
| 58 | try { |
| 59 | engine.evaluate(context, writer, "template", // I have no idea what this is used for |
| 60 | template.getTemplate()); |
| 61 | } |
| 62 | catch (Exception e) { |



On line 164 of MigrateAllergiesChangeSet.java, the method getConceptByGlobalProperty() invokes a SQL query built using input coming from an untrusted source. This call could allow an attacker to modify the statement's meaning or to execute arbitrary SQL commands.

Explanation:

SQL injection errors occur when:

- 1. Data enters a program from an untrusted source.
- 2. The data is used to dynamically construct a SQL query.

Example 1: The following code dynamically constructs and executes a SQL query that searches for items matching a specified name. The query restricts the items displayed to those where the owner matches the user name of the currently-authenticated user.

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String userName = ctx.getAuthenticatedUserName();

String itemName = request.getParameter("itemName");

String query = "SELECT * FROM items WHERE owner = "

+ userName + "' AND itemname = "

+ itemName + """;

ResultSet rs = stmt.execute(query);

•••

The query that this code intends to execute follows:

SELECT * FROM items

WHERE owner = <userName>

AND itemname = <itemName>;

However, because the query is constructed dynamically by concatenating a constant base query string and a user input string, the query only behaves correctly if itemName does not contain a single-quote character. If an attacker with the user name wiley enters the string "name' OR 'a'='a" for itemName, then the query becomes the following:

SELECT * FROM items

WHERE owner = 'wiley'

AND itemname = 'name' OR 'a'='a';

The addition of the OR 'a'='a' condition causes the where clause to always evaluate to true, so the query becomes logically equivalent to the much simpler query:

SELECT * FROM items;

This simplification of the query allows the attacker to bypass the requirement that the query only return items owned by the authenticated user; the query now returns all entries stored in the items table, regardless of their specified owner.



Example 2: This example examines the effects of a different malicious value passed to the query constructed and executed in Example 1. If an attacker with the user name wiley enters the string "name'; DELETE FROM items; --" for itemName, then the query becomes the following two queries:

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SELECT * FROM items
WHERE owner = 'wiley'
AND itemname = 'name';
DELETE FROM items;
```

Many database servers, including Microsoft(R) SQL Server 2000, allow multiple SQL statements separated by semicolons to be executed at once. While this attack string results in an error on Oracle and other database servers that do not allow the batch-execution of statements separated by semicolons, on databases that do allow batch execution, this type of attack allows the attacker to execute arbitrary commands against the database.

Notice the trailing pair of hyphens (--), which specifies to most database servers that the remainder of the statement is to be treated as a comment and not executed [4]. In this case the comment character serves to remove the trailing single-quote left over from the modified query. On a database where comments are not allowed to be used in this way, the general attack could still be made effective using a trick similar to the one shown in Example 1. If an attacker enters the string "name'); DELETE FROM items; SELECT * FROM items WHERE 'a'='a", the following three valid statements will be created:

```
SELECT * FROM items
WHERE owner = 'wiley'
AND itemname = 'name';
DELETE FROM items;
SELECT * FROM items WHERE 'a'='a';
```

Some think that in the mobile world, classic web application vulnerabilities, such as SQL injection, do not make sense -- why would the user attack themself? However, keep in mind that the essence of mobile platforms is applications that are downloaded from various sources and run alongside each other on the same device. The likelihood of running a piece of malware next to a banking application is high, which necessitates expanding the attack surface of mobile applications to include inter-process communication.

Example 3: The following code adapts Example 1 to the Android platform.

...

PasswordAuthentication pa = authenticator.getPasswordAuthentication();

String userName = pa.getUserName();

String itemName = this.getIntent().getExtras().getString("itemName");

String query = "SELECT * FROM items WHERE owner = ""

+ userName + "' AND itemname = ""

+ itemName + """;

SQLiteDatabase db = this.openOrCreateDatabase("DB", MODE_PRIVATE, null);

Cursor c = db.rawQuery(query, null);

One traditional approach to preventing SQL injection attacks is to handle them as an input validation problem and either accept only characters from a whitelist of safe values or identify and escape a blacklist of potentially malicious values. Whitelisting can be a very effective means of enforcing strict input validation rules, but parameterized SQL statements require less maintenance and can offer more guarantees with respect to security. As is almost always the case, blacklisting is riddled with loopholes that make it ineffective at preventing SQL injection attacks. For example, attackers may:

- Target fields that are not quoted
- Find ways to bypass the need for certain escaped meta-characters
- Use stored procedures to hide the injected meta-characters

Manually escaping characters in input to SQL queries can help, but it will not make your application secure from SQL injection attacks.

Another solution commonly proposed for dealing with SQL injection attacks is to use stored procedures. Although stored procedures prevent some types of SQL injection attacks, they fail to protect against many others. Stored procedures typically help prevent SQL injection attacks by limiting the types of statements that can be passed to their parameters. However, there are many ways around the limitations and many interesting statements that can still be passed to stored procedures. Again, stored procedures can prevent some exploits, but they will not make your application secure against SQL injection attacks.

Recommendations:

The root cause of a SQL injection vulnerability is the ability of an attacker to change context in the SQL query, causing a value that the programmer intended to be interpreted as data to be interpreted as a command instead. When a SQL query is constructed, the programmer knows what should be interpreted as part of the command and what should be interpreted as data. Parameterized SQL statements can enforce this behavior by disallowing data-directed context changes and preventing nearly all SQL injection attacks. Parameterized SQL statements are constructed using strings of regular SQL, but where user-supplied data needs to be included, they include bind parameters, which are placeholders for data that is subsequently inserted. In other words, bind parameters allow the programmer to explicitly specify to the database what should be treated as a command and what should be treated as data. When the program is ready to execute a statement, it specifies to the database the runtime values to use for each of the bind parameters without the risk that the data will be interpreted as a modification to the command.

Example 1 can be rewritten to use parameterized SQL statements (instead of concatenating user supplied strings) as follows:

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String userName = ctx.getAuthenticatedUserName();
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String itemName = request.getParameter("itemName");

String query = "SELECT * FROM items WHERE itemname=? AND owner=?";

PreparedStatement stmt = conn.prepareStatement(query);

stmt.setString(1, itemName);

stmt.setString(2, userName);

ResultSet results = stmt.execute();

•••

And here is an Android equivalent:

...

PasswordAuthentication pa = authenticator.getPasswordAuthentication();

String userName = pa.getUserName();

String itemName = this.getIntent().getExtras().getString("itemName");

String query = "SELECT * FROM items WHERE itemname=? AND owner=?";

SQLiteDatabase db = this.openOrCreateDatabase("DB", MODE_PRIVATE, null);

Cursor c = db.rawQuery(query, new Object[]{itemName, userName});

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More complicated scenarios, often found in report generation code, require that user input affect the structure of the SQL statement, for instance by adding a dynamic constraint in the WHERE clause. Do not use this requirement to justify concatenating user input to create a query string. Prevent SQL injection attacks where user input must affect command structure with a level of indirection: create a set of legitimate strings that correspond to different elements you might include in a SQL statement. When constructing a statement, use input from the user to select from this set of application-controlled values.

Tips:

- 1. A common mistake is to use parameterized SQL statements that are constructed by concatenating user-controlled strings. Of course, this defeats the purpose of using parameterized SQL statements. If you are not certain that the strings used to form parameterized statements are constants controlled by the application, do not assume that they are safe because they are not being executed directly as SQL strings. Thoroughly investigate all uses of user-controlled strings in SQL statements and verify that none can be used to modify the meaning of the query.
- 2. A number of modern web frameworks provide mechanisms for performing validation of user input. Struts and Spring MVC are among them. To highlight the unvalidated sources of input, the Fortify Secure Coding Rulepacks dynamically re-prioritize the issues reported by Fortify Static Code Analyzer by lowering their probability of exploit and providing pointers to the supporting evidence whenever the framework validation mechanism is in use. We refer to this feature as Context-Sensitive Ranking. To further assist the Fortify user with the auditing process, the Fortify Software Security Research group makes available the Data Validation project template that groups the issues into folders based on the validation mechanism applied to their source of input.
- 3. Fortify RTA adds protection against this category.

| MigrateAllergiesChangeSet.java, line 164 (SQL Injection) | | | | | |
|--|---|--------------------|----------|--|--|
| Fortify Priority: | Critical | Folder | Critical | | |
| Kingdom: | Input Validation | and Representation | | | |
| Abstract: | On line 164 of MigrateAllergiesChangeSet.java, the method getConceptByGlobalProperty() invokes a SQL query built using input coming from an untrusted source. This call could allow an attacker to modify the statement's meaning or to execute arbitrary SQL commands. | | | | |
| Source: | MigrateAllergiesChangeSet.java:160 java.sql.Statement.executeQuery() | | | | |
| 158 | <pre>JdbcConnection connection = (JdbcConnection) database.getConnection();</pre> | | | | |
| 159 | <pre>Statement stmt = connection.createStatement();</pre> | | | | |



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160
                       ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT property_value FROM global_property WHERE property = '" + globalPropertyName + "'");
161
                         if (rs.next()) {
162
                          String uuid = rs.getString("property_value");
Sink:
                       MigrateAllergiesChangeSet.java:164 java.sql.Statement.executeQuery()
                          String uuid = rs.getString("property_value");
162
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164
                          rs = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT concept_id FROM concept WHERE uuid = '" + uuid + "'");
165
                          if (rs.next()) {
166
                           return rs.getInt("concept_id");
```

| Issue Count by Category | | | | |
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| Issues by Category | | | | |
| Log Forging | 165 | | | |
| Privacy Violation | 71 | | | |
| Password Management: Hardcoded Password | 24 | | | |
| Password Management: Password in Configuration File | 21 | | | |
| Denial of Service: Regular Expression | 20 | | | |
| Path Manipulation | 15 | | | |
| Race Condition: Singleton Member Field | 15 | | | |
| Dynamic Code Evaluation: Unsafe XStream Deserialization | 10 | | | |
| Command Injection | 4 | | | |
| Key Management: Hardcoded Encryption Key | 3 | | | |
| Privacy Violation: Heap Inspection | | | | |
| Dynamic Code Evaluation: Unsafe Deserialization | | | | |
| Server-Side Request Forgery | 1 | | | |
| Server-Side Template Injection | | | | |
| SQL Injection 1 | | | | |

