



Spring Security

Beginner to Guru

Common Web Vulnerabilities



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- OWASP - Open Web Application Security Project - <https://owasp.org>
 - Nonprofit organization working to improve the security of software
 - Provides:
 - Tools and Resources
 - Community and Networking
 - Education and Training
- OWASP Top 10 Web Application Security Risks





OWASP Top 10 Web Application Security Risks

1. **Injection** - Injection of malicious code, such as SQL Injection attacks
 - Mitigation typically using proper encoding and bind variables
2. **Broken Authentication** - Authentication and session management implemented incorrectly
 - Mitigation - Use framework, don't roll your own
3. **Sensitive Data Exposure** - Not protecting sensitive data
 - Mitigation - Proper error handling, don't expose stack traces





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4. **XML External Entities**- Poorly Configured XML Processors
 - Mitigation - Patch XML Processors frequently
5. **Broken Access Control** - User Restrictions not properly enforced
 - Mitigation - Automated Testing, verify restrictions
6. **Security Misconfiguration** - Unintentionally not protecting resources
 - Mitigation - Security Audits





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7. **CrossSite Scripting** - XSS Allows Users to inject HTML or Javascript

- Mitigation - Use proper validation and escaping

8. **Insecure Deserialization** - Insecure deserialization can allow remote code execution

- Mitigation - Use open source, patch frequently

9. **Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities** - Popular components often have known vulnerabilities

- Mitigation - Patch frequently





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10. Insufficient Logging & Monitoring - Time to detect breaches often over 200 days

- Mitigation - Properly monitor systems
- Further information available on OWASP
- Highly recommended reviewing





Spring Security for Common Vulnerabilities

- Spring Security has built in support to address several common vulnerabilities
 - Cross-site Scripting (XSS)
 - Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)
 - Security HTTP Response Headers
 - Variety of headers can be set to improve browser security
- Redirect to HTTPS



