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Flight System Database -Assignment 3

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1 Abstract

In this project I implemented database design into a working application. Through the application, which has a log-in feature, you can view all passengers with their emails and some other personal information. I also implemented CRUD operations on the flight entity, which means I can create, read, update and delete flights in my database.

2 Introduction

This paper will try to explain how this program works, the design decisions behind it a other things that come to mind. I drew from my first assignment, which was the database design of a flight system, which could store data such as information about passengers, information about various flights and information about pilots and airplanes. I also drew from my second assignment, which focused on working with the database through complex queries.

The program will simulate a flight system database where you can browse peoples account, with their email addresses. The next functionality is to work with flight, you can create, read, update and delete them. Another functionality is a log-in window, where you can log-in with email address and the right password.

Passwords are stored in the database in hash form, the application then hashes the password, which the user entered. The two hashes are then compared and if they are not the same, then a pop-up window will appear, displaying that the user has entered the wrong password.

The program is written in Java programming language, with the help of Apache Maven. The database is local-hosted with PostgreSQL and is accessed through PgAdmin. In the second assignment I created a no-superuser role from which I accessed the database. Its best not to use the superuser role, because if the role gets compromised, the hacker can't destroy the database in the process.

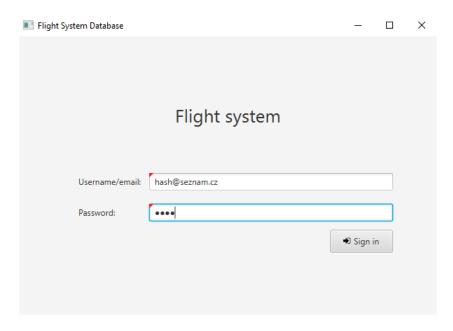
I also created a window where I can simulate a SQL-injection attack.

3 User Interface

Now I will describe each window in my program.

3.1 Log-in window

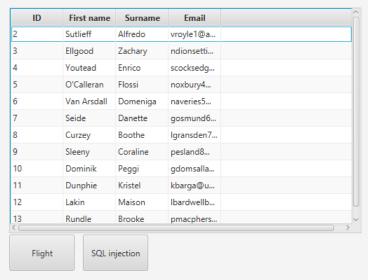
This is the log-in window. It has two text fields for log-in purposes (email and password) and a sign-in button. The password which the user enters into the text field is then hashed with the PBKDF2 algorithm (salt: salt, iterations: 10).



3.2 Basic View Window

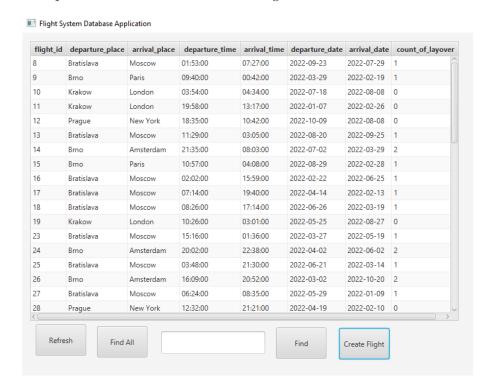
This is the first window you will see after logging in, it displays each "passenger" who can log in into the program. It also has two buttons. One leads you to a dummy window where you can do a SQL-injection attack (more on that in the prepared statement section). The second leads you to a table view with different flights.

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3.3 Flight View Window

In this window you can see every flight in the database. This table is the "flight" and "flight_places" joined tables. With the right click on a flight you are going to see a menu, through which you can look at a detail view, edit or the flight. In the detail view you can see information about airplanes on top the information shown in the flight view.



4 Prepared Statements

I access the database through prepared statements, which are pre-done queries. The application just sends the variables. Prepared statements are the industry standard when it comes to security, but there are a lot of systems which still do not use them. Systems not using prepared statements are prone to an attack called SQL-injection.

SQL-injection is where you end a SQL query with a semicolon (usually through a text field) and then you type whatever command you want. If the application just takes whatever you wrote in the text field and sends it

to a database, it is a big security flaw.

I made one window which filters (by ID) rows in this dummy table. As you can see, I am able to access more data than I should if I write "1 OR 1=1". I also could end the query with a semicolon and then for example write: "; DROP TABLE injection" which would destroy the database altogether.

Injection Attack Training 1 or 1=1 Confirm id name surname Moss mcardinal0 2 Gradeigh gaccombe1 3 Elia ephear2 4 Thom tperfili3 5 Jervis jsimoens4

5 Conclusion

Overall, my goal of making an application that can show you and allow you to work with flight information was successful. However, during the development I encountered many problems with my initial design, which then prevented me from for example deleting some rows because of foreign key constraints. I also could have implemented some quality of life features, such as a working window which warns you before deleting a user, although that would be really time consuming.