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Unique rules to find Bugs, Vulnerabilities, Security Hotspots, and Code Smells in your PYTHON code

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methods should have the expected number of parameters
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Special methods should have an expected number of parameters
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Instance and class methods should have at least one positional parameter
Bug

Boolean expressions of exceptions should not be used in "except" statements
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Caught Exceptions must derive from BaseException
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Item operations should be done on objects supporting them
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Raised Exceptions must derive from BaseException
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Operators should be used on compatible types
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Function arguments should be passed only once
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Iterable unpacking, "for-in" loops and "yield from" should use an Iterable object
Bug

Variables, classes and functions should be defined before being used
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XPath expressions should not be vulnerable to injection attacks

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User-provided data, such as URL parameters, should always be considered untrusted and tainted. Constructing XPath expressions directly from tainted data enables attackers to inject specially crafted values that changes the initial meaning of the expression itself. Successful XPath injection attacks can read sensitive information from XML documents.

Noncompliant Code Example

Standard xml module (xml.etree.ElementTree) is not recommended:

- it provides a limited support of xpath expressions
- to parse untrusted xml for other security reasons
- does not have a way to parameterized xpath expressions

```
from flask import request
import xml.etree.ElementTree as ET

tree = ET.parse('users.xml')
root = tree.getroot()

@app.route('/user')
def user_location():
    username = request.args['username']
    query = "./users/user/[@name='"+username+"']/locati
    elmts = root.findall(query) # Noncompliant
    return 'Location %s' % list(elmts)
```

Compliant Solution

lxml module:

```
from flask import request
from lxml import etree

parser = etree.XMLParser(resolve_entities=False)
tree = etree.parse('users.xml', parser)
root = tree.getroot()

@app.route('/user')
def user_location():
    username = request.args['username']
    query = "/collection/users/user[@name = $paramname]
    elmts = root.xpath(query, paramname = username)
    return 'Location %s' % list(elmts)
```

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Identity operators should not be used with dissimilar types

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Only strings should be listed in "__all__"

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"__init__" should not return a value

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"yield" and "return" should not be used outside functions

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String formatting should not lead to

- OWASP Top 10 2021 Category A3 - Injection
- OWASP Top 10 2017 Category A1 - Injection
- MITRE, CWE-20 - Improper Input Validation
- MITRE, CWE-643 - Improper Neutralization of Data within XPath Expressions

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