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The Hacker Psyche Exposed  
Attackers Advantage & Defenders Dilemma

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# Agenda

- Growing importance of security
- Principles of Security
- Threat Modeling
- Know your threats

# Is security important?

- What is the conversation about?
- Security vs. Identity
- What are we protecting?
- Where is the threat?
- Who is the enemy?

# *the perfect scenario*

- Eliminate all data and allow no users



# *the perfect scenario*

- Assume all users are evil and all input is corrupt



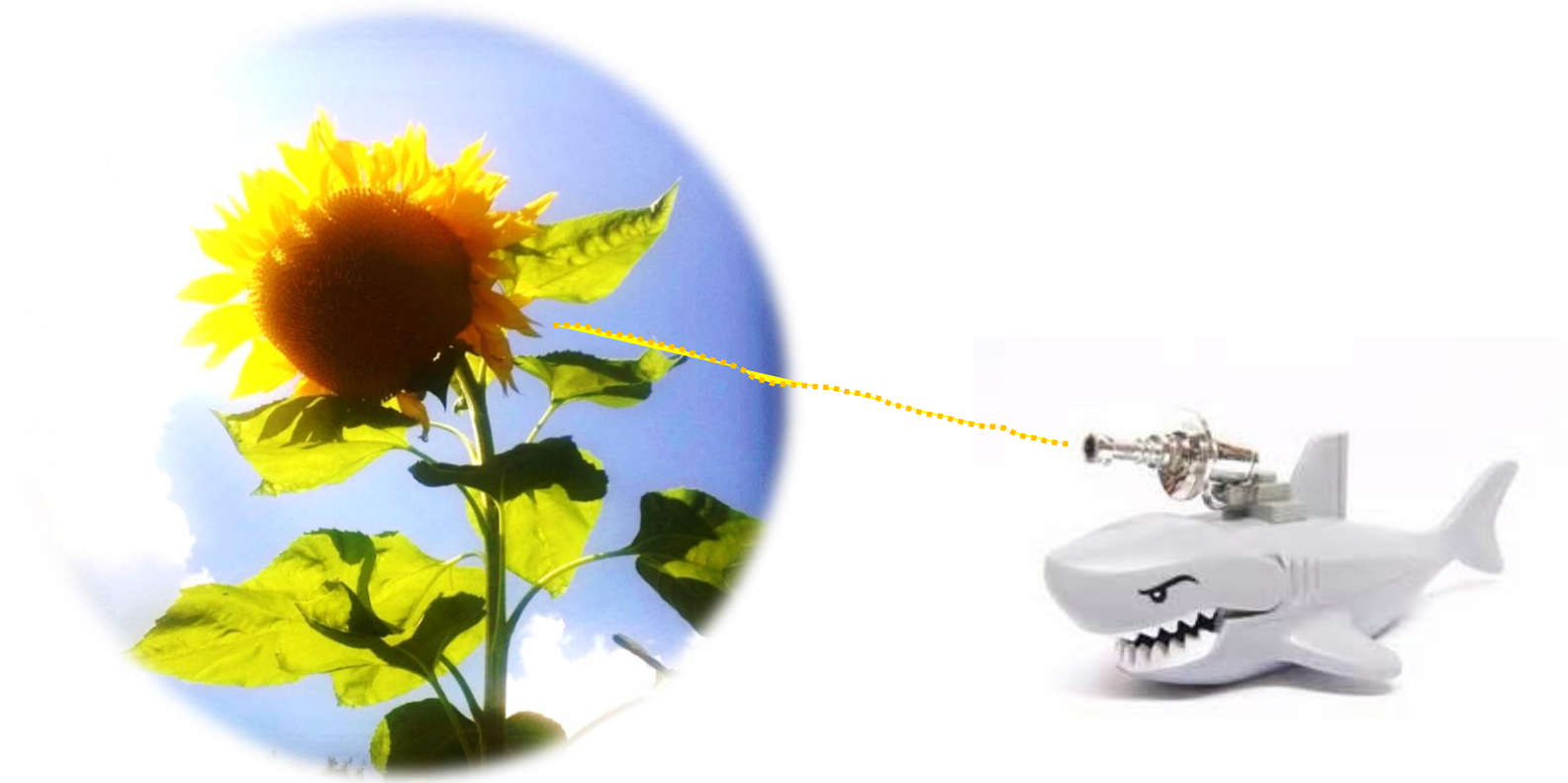
# *the perfect scenario*

- Disconnected from all other machines



# *the perfect scenario*

- Get some sharks with laser beams





# the real world

- - 69% chance of falling victim to cybercrime in your lifetime
- - 1 out of 3 hacks originated in the USA
- - 57 million Americans receive scam emails per year
- - In 2011 77 million accounts on Sony Playstation were hacked at once
- - In one year about \$1 trillion in intellectual property worldwide is hacked
- - 110 million Target credit card identities stolen 2013 holiday season

<http://holykaw.alltop.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/hacker-target-victim-statistics-infogrphic-e1367241780834.jpg>

# DEMO TIME



# The Golden Rule of Security

All users are Evil.

All input is corrupt...

...until proven otherwise!



# Attackers advantage & defenders dilemma

1. The defender must defend all points  
*The attacker can choose the weakest point*
2. The defend can only defend known exploits  
*The attacker can probe for new ones*
3. The defender must be constantly diligent  
*The attacker can attack at will*
4. The defend must play by the rules  
*The attacker can play dirty*

# Build Secure Apps

Follow secure coding techniques

Engage Threat Modeling

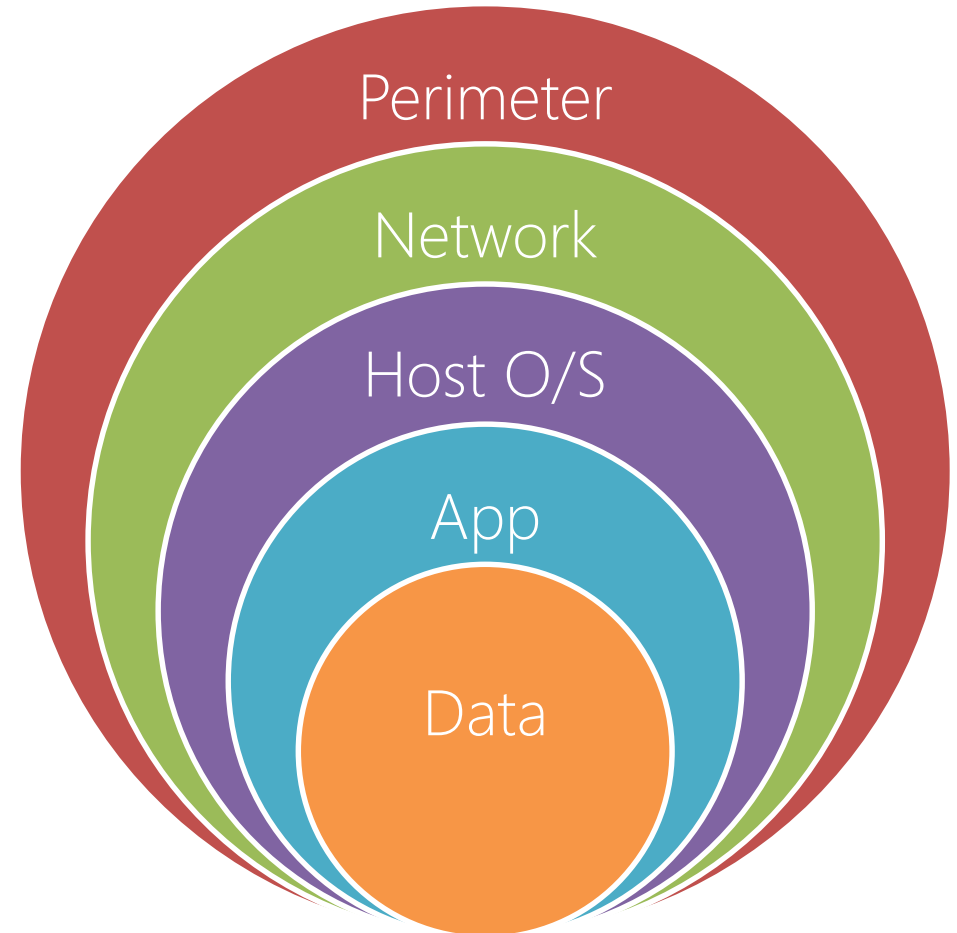
Design with security in mind

Apply proven security principles.

Know security threats

# Defense in Depth...

- > Perimeter – Data center, theft, security of devices and machines
- > Network – Firewall, viruses and worms
- > Host/OS – Patched machines, buffer overflows
- > App – XSS, Insecure direct obj references, session mgmt, injection
- > Data – Encrypted at rest, security ACL's, identity





# Threat Modeling



Identify Assets

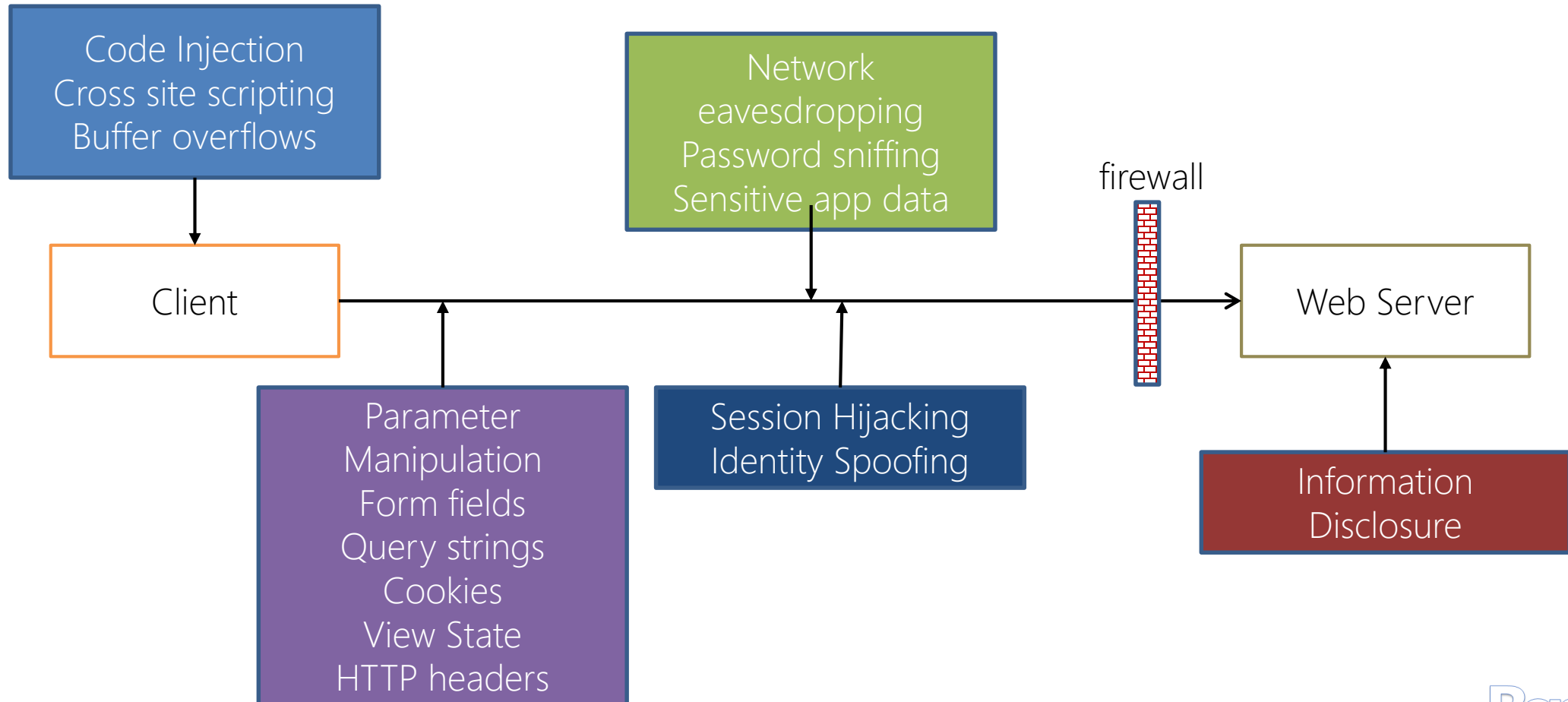
Decompose the Application

Identify the Threats

Document the Threats

Rate the Threats

# Common Threats





# OWASP - <http://owasp.org>



- Open Web Application Security Project
- Mission: To make software security visible
- Tracks common exploits and provide documentation
- List of go to resources
- Top 10 exploits

# Current Top 10 Exploits (updated 2013)

1. Injection
2. Broken Authentication and Session Management
3. Cross-Site scripting (XSS)
4. Insecure Direct Object References
5. Security Misconfiguration
6. Sensitive Data Exposure
7. Missing Function Level Access Control
8. Cross-Site Request Forgery
9. Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities
10. Unvalidated Redirects and Forwards

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# Cross Site Scripting

## What is it Cross Site Scripting?

- Allows hackers to run malicious script in a client's Web browser
- Any Web page that renders dynamic HTML based on content that users submit is vulnerable

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# Cross Site Scripting

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# Cross Site Scripting

- Potential Risks
- Hackers can embed <script>, <object>, <applet>, and <embed> tags
- Hackers can steal Web session information, modify the user's screen

# Cross Site Scripting

- How To Mitigate
- Validate and constrain input
- Properly encode output
- Microsoft Anti-Cross Site Scripting Library
- What about Server.HtmlEncode?
  - Uses blacklist for exclusion
  - Less secure



# Cross Site Scripting

- Real World Example
- Attackers redirected PayPal visitors to a page warning users their accounts had been compromised.
- Victims were then redirected to a phishing site and prompted to enter sensitive financial data.

Source: <http://www.acunetix.com/news/paypal.htm>

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# SQL Injection

- What SQL Injection?
- Affects dynamic SQL queries which utilize user input as part of the query
- Attacker submits data containing a command that SQL server executes
- Attack Vectors
  - Query strings
  - Forms
  - Web Services



# For example...authentication

- Using an unexpected value in a dynamic SQL statement

```
SELECT CustomerID FROM CMRC_Customers  
WHERE EmailAddress = '' AND Password = ''
```

```
SELECT CustomerID FROM CMRC_Customers  
WHERE EmailAddress = 'bob' or 1=1;--' AND Password = ''
```

For example...

what happens if you add an unexpected string to the user name?

# SQL Injection

- Potential Risks
- Probe databases
- Bypass authorization
- Execute multiple SQL statements
- Call built-in stored procedures (e.g. xp\_cmdshell)

# SQL Injection

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# SQL Injection

- How to Mitigate
- Constrain and sanitize input data.
- Use type-safe SQL parameters
- Restrict permissions for account used to access database
- Do not disclose error information
- Use LINQ to SQL to access and interact with data



# SQL Injection

- Real World Example
- The official government website for the state of Rhode Island ([www.ri.gov](http://www.ri.gov)) was the victim of a SQL Injection attack in January of last year.
- Hackers allegedly stole credit card data from individuals who have done business online with state agencies.
- The hackers claimed to have stolen as many as 53,000 credit card numbers

Source: [http://www.webappsec.org/projects/whid/list\\_id\\_2006-3.shtml](http://www.webappsec.org/projects/whid/list_id_2006-3.shtml)

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# Insecure Direct Object Reference

- What is Insecure Direct Object Reference?
- Occurs when a direct reference to a file, directory, database record, etc. is exposed to users
- Typically exposed in the URL as a querystring or form parameter
- Hacker can manipulate reference to access other objects



# Insecure Direct Object Reference

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# Insecure Direct Object Reference

- Potential Risks
- Attacker can access other files or resources on the server
  - Web.Config – contains database connection and user account info
  - SAM file – Holds the user names and password hashes for every account on the local machine
  - This data can be used to create additional attacks

# Insecure Direct Object Reference

- Steps To Mitigate
- Avoid directly referencing objects wherever possible
- Use an index to assign a unique id, then reference the id
- If a direct reference must be used employ methods to ensure only authorized objects are shown
- Encrypt sensitive sections in web.config

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# Integer Overflow

- What is Integer Overflow?
- Occurs when an calculation causes an integer to exceed the max or min value allowed by its data type

# Integer Overflow

- Potential Risks
- Data corruption
- Application crashes, instability
- Execution of arbitrary code

# Preventing Integer Overflow

- How To Mitigate
- Validate user input
  - Check for min and max values
- Use the correct data type
- Execute your code in a checked context

# Integer Overflow

- Real World Example
- Apple's OS X operating system contained a vulnerability which could be exploited remotely by an attacker to compromise a user's system.
- The `ffs_mountfs()` method was vulnerable to an integer overflow which could potentially allow arbitrary code to be executed.

Source:

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# Integer Overflow

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# Defense in Depth

- - Multi-layered defense
  - Physical – Network – O/S – Services – Applications – Requests
- - Secure by design, by default and in deployment
- - Minimize attack surface
- - Secure defaults
- - Principle of Least Privilege



# Secure Coding

Web Security		
Coding Practices	Data Access Strategies	Effective Administration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Data validation</li><li>• Data type checking</li><li>• Proper encoding</li><li>• Anti-tampering measures</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use of roles to ensure weakest possible account</li><li>• Parameterized commands</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Control access to resources with proper authentication</li><li>• Rigorous password policies</li></ul>

# Session Summary

- Validate Input / Encode Output (Anti-XSS library)
- Parameterize SQL Queries
- Least privilege Account
- Execute in a checked context
- ViewStateUserKey = Session.ID
- Reference objects Indirectly
- Encrypt Web.Config

# Code Techniques we covered

- OWASP Top 10 Exploit List [www.owasp.org](http://www.owasp.org)
- AntiXSS Encoding
- SQL Parameterization & LINQ
- Indirect Reference Map
- Encrypting sensitive data in Web.config
- CHECK on calculations

# *Where can I get more info?*

- Visit my site [www.BenkoTIPS.com](http://www.BenkoTIPS.com)
  - Resources from today's talk
  - Blog from this event - [www.BenkoTIPS.com](http://www.BenkoTIPS.com)
  - Webcasts
  - Downloads
  - More!

# BONUS Content...CSRF

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Cross Site Request  
Forgery

# Cross Site Request Forgery

## Overview

- Tricks a logged-on victim's browser to send a request to a vulnerable web application
- Request is sent by the victim, not the attacker
- Can be difficult to detect
- Also known as "One-Click" vulnerability

# OWASP Thread Assessment

## A8 Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)

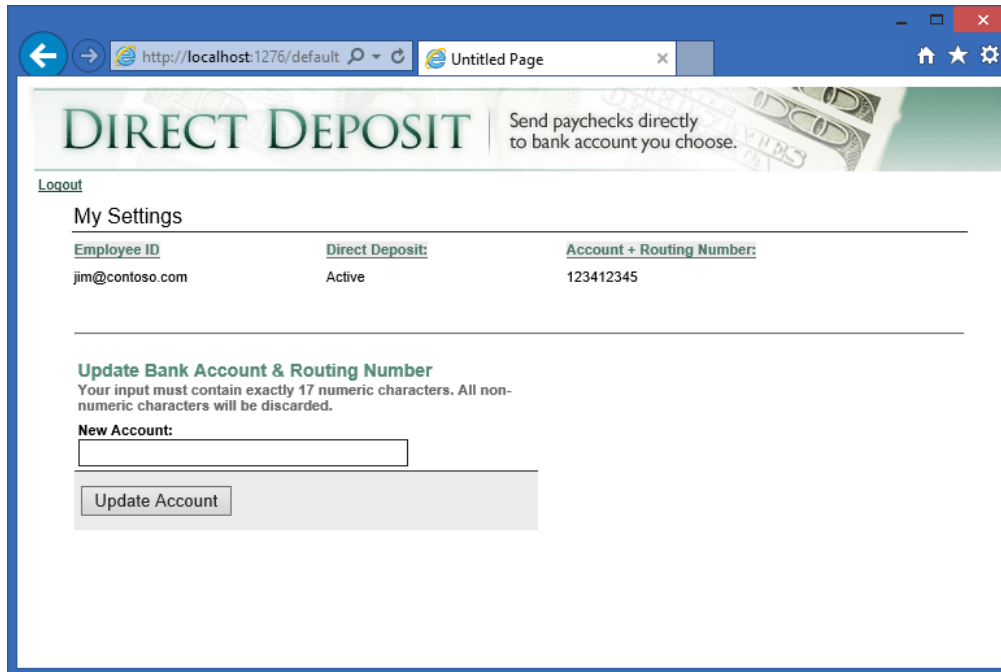
An attack where a page on our site (victim) is sent an HTTP request to complete submission of data or function from the exploiter's code. The user is tricked to load or click a site that sends the attack.

Threat Agents	Attack Vectors	Security Weakness		Technical Impacts	Business Impacts
Application Specific	Exploitability AVERAGE	Prevalence COMMON	Detectability EASY	Impact MODERATE	Application / Business Specific
Consider anyone who can load content into your users' browsers, and thus force them to submit a request to your website. Any website or other HTML feed that your users access could do this.	Attacker creates forged HTTP requests and tricks a victim into submitting them via image tags, XSS, or numerous other techniques. <u>If the user is authenticated</u> , the attack succeeds.	<a href="#">CSRF</a> takes advantage the fact that most web apps allow attackers to predict all the details of a particular action.  Because browsers send credentials like session cookies automatically, attackers can create malicious web pages which generate forged requests that are indistinguishable from legitimate ones.  Detection of CSRF flaws is fairly easy via penetration testing or code analysis.		Attackers can trick victims into performing any state changing operation the victim is authorized to perform, e.g., updating account details, making purchases, logout and even login.	Consider the business value of the affected data or application functions.  Imagine not being sure if users intended to take these actions.  Consider the impact to your reputation.



# Example

User logs into bank and remains authenticated



Browser address bar: http://localhost:1276/default

Page Title: DIRECT DEPOSIT

Sub-header: Send paychecks directly to bank account you choose.

Logout

My Settings

Employee ID	Direct Deposit:	Account + Routing Number:
jim@contoso.com	Active	123412345

Update Bank Account & Routing Number

Your input must contain exactly 17 numeric characters. All non-numeric characters will be discarded.

New Account:

Update Account

User identity is cached in the browser

The attacker depends on the authenticated session

# Example

The hacker identifies the request to move funds

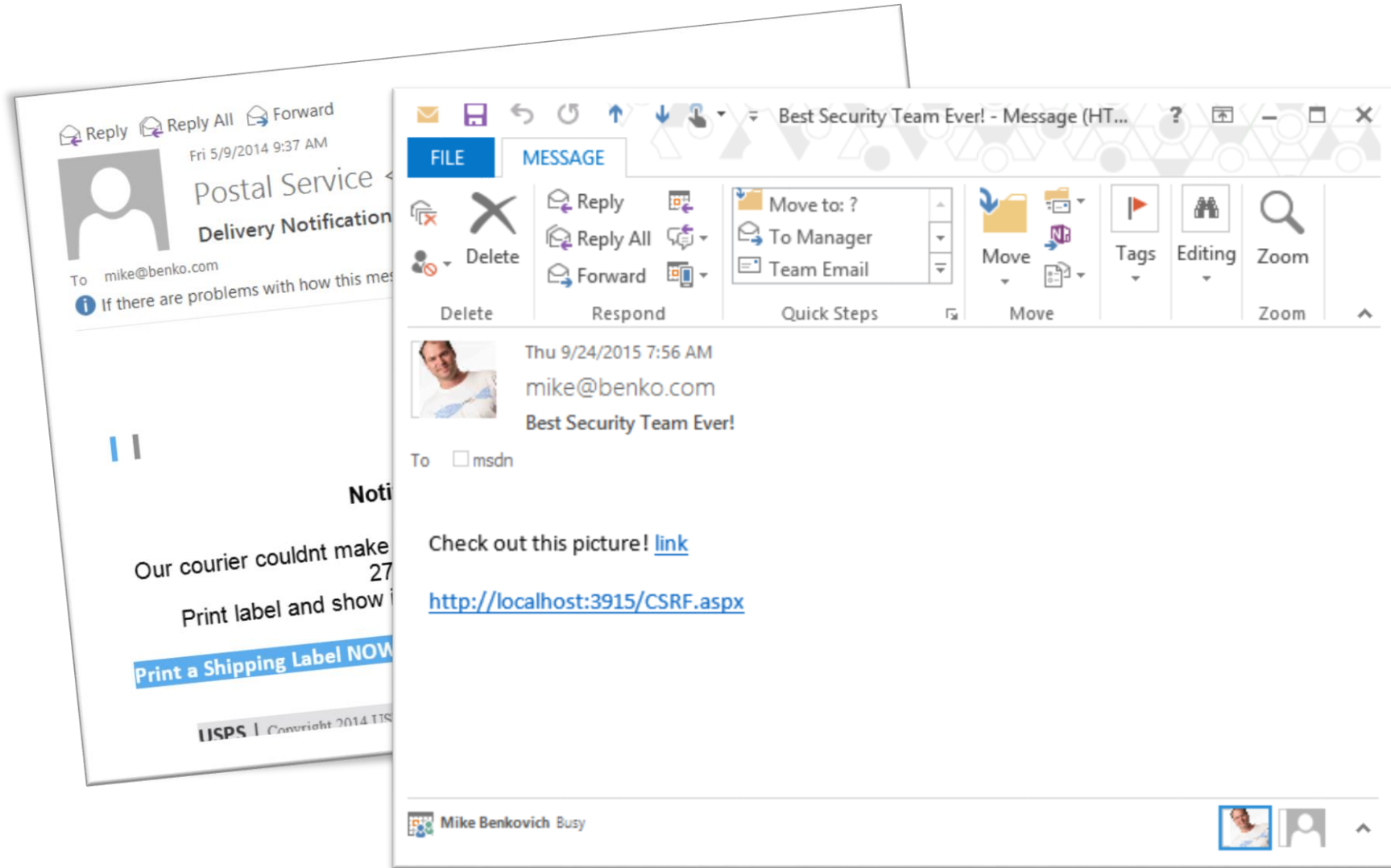
```
http://example.com/app/transferFunds?amount=1500  
&destinationAccount=4673243243
```

Then creates an exploit page with image tag that embeds CSRF and sends it in a phishing attack

```

```

# Phishing email sent to user..



# Code in page includes CSRF hack

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CSRF.aspx

```
<%@ Page Language="VB" AutoEventWireup="false" CodeFile="CSRF.aspx.vb" Inherits="CSRF" %>


<!DOCTYPE html>

<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
<head runat="server">
<title></title>
</head>
<body>
<form id="form1" runat="server">
<div>
<h1>Best Security Team Ever!</h1>


</div>
</form>
</body>
</html>
```

100 % CodeLens data is not available

Best Security Team Ever!



Design Split Source <html> <body> <form#form1> <div> <h1>

# Cross Site Request Forgery (CSRF)

Depends on

- Authenticated user that has a valid state
- Site with malicious intent has code on it which sends request to our site to execute a function
  - Hidden or cloaked as iframe or img or other src
- Because we're already authenticated it executes

# Cross Site Request Forgery

## How to Mitigate

- Include unique token which the server validates when a request is received
  - WebForms: ViewStateUserKey
    - Must use unique value for each user
    - Recommended:  
ViewStateUserKey = Session.ID
  - MVC: AntiForgeryToken
    - Add in view @Html.AntiForgeryToken()
    - Annotation in controller [ValidateAntiForgeryToken]
- Require user confirmation with a shared secret

# Cross Site Request Forgery

## Potential Risks

- Exposes victims private information to attacker
- Attacker can alter data, make purchases, retrieve account info.
- Victim is usually unaware any changes have taken place



Cross Site Request Forgery

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# Cross Site Request Forgery

## Real World Example

- A security flaw at FTD.com made it possible to access customer data simply by copying a cookie from one computer to another.
- In addition, sequential values were used as identifiers, making it easier to guess the numbers of other valid cookies.

Source: <http://www.news.com/2100-1017-984585.html>