

CMSC389R

Web



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recap

Bitcamp demos!

Questions?

agenda

- Background
 - HTTP
 - HTTP requests (GET/POST)
 - Cookies, sessions, etc
- Common vulnerabilities
 - Cross-site scripting (XSS)
 - SQL injection (SQLi)
- In class challenge

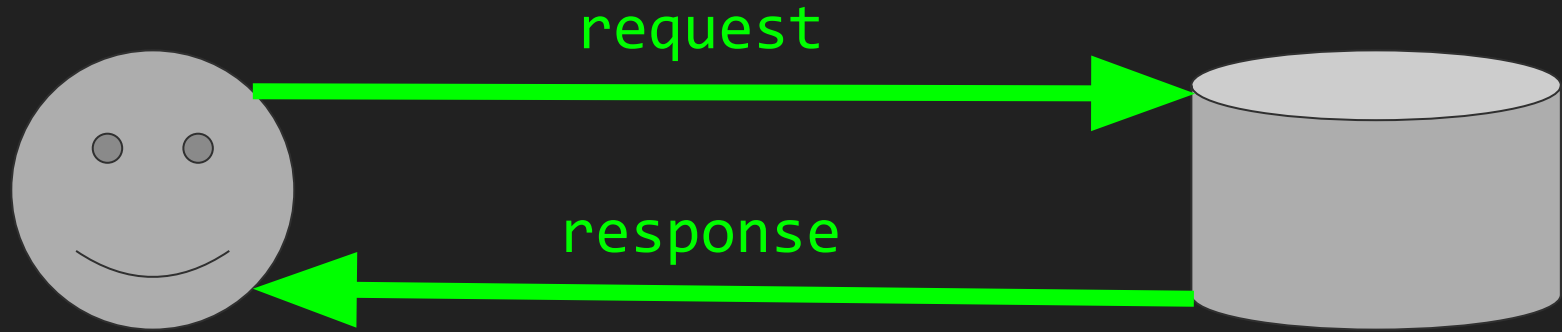
HTTP

- Hypertext Transport Protocol
 - Usually ports 80 (HTTP), 443 (HTTPS)
 - Stateless by design
 - Stateful by usage...
 - Think cookies & sessions!
 - Built on top of TCP
- Server-side code understands HTTP and responds to requests through this protocol

Basics of services

- What are web services built with these days?
 - Client-side
 - CSS/HTML/Javascript/etc...
 - Server-side
 - Yes, PHP is still actively used
 - Javascript/Python/Ruby/etc...
 - Databases
 - SQL, PostgreSQL, MongoDB, etc...

web basics



- browser
- curl
- wget
- ...

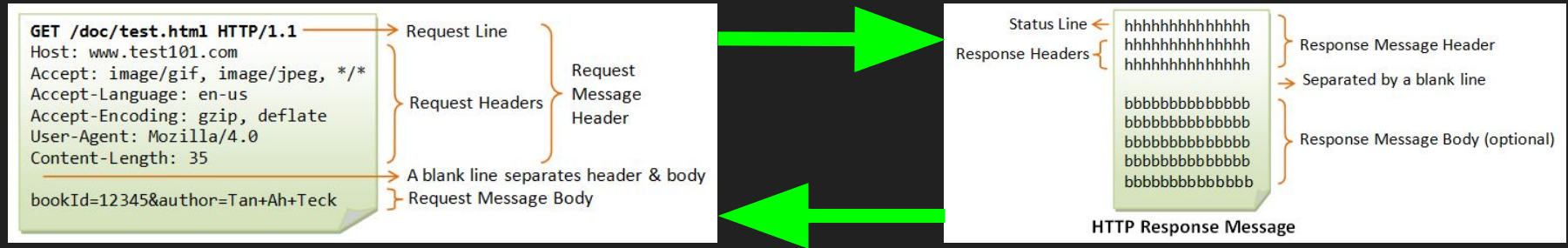
- website
- other server resources

basics of requests/responses

- When a user triggers an action on the front-end
 - Typically send a request (GET/POST/PUT/...) to the server
 - Server receives request
 - Handles it (data processing/...)
 - Responds
- Front-end handles server's response
 - Browser renders DOM

HTTP request basics

GET and POST*



*there are others, but we'll focus on these

Cookies

- Piece of data stored client-side
 - Typically passed around in sessions
 - Completely r/w by the client
- Can be dangerous if not used correctly by server!
 - Can be modified in the browser

```
document.cookie="keyofcookie=valueofcookie"
```

Challenge!

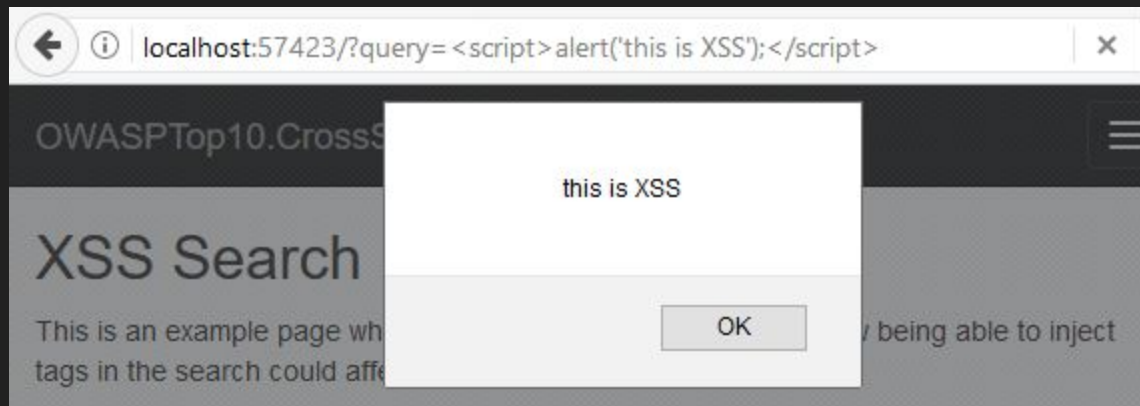
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Injection Attacks

cross site scripting (xss)

- Attacker sends malicious code rendered on the victim's browser
 - Stored: attacker forces malicious code to be stored on database
 - ie) user sets username to injection code; rendered each time victim visits profile
 - Reflected: injected script is reflected off of server to victim
 - Typically sent via email/links/...

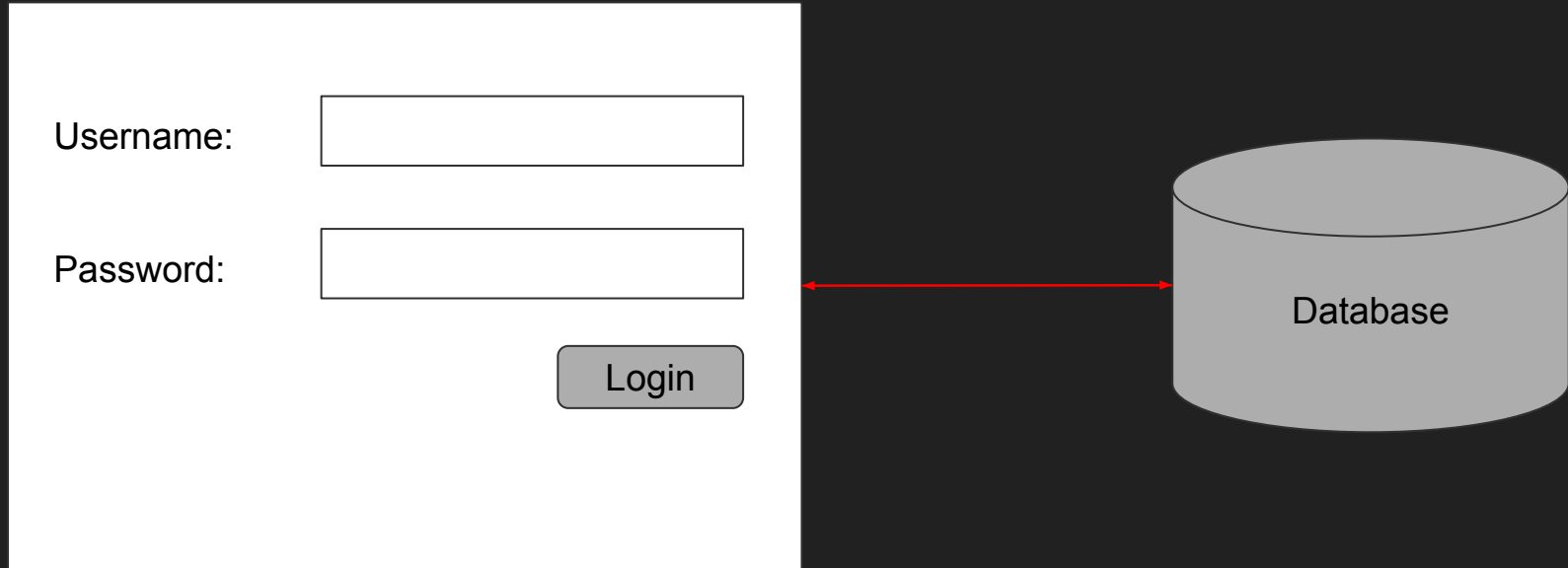
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sql injection

- Website utilizes SQL database
 - Does not sanitize input
 - Query is interpreted as code rather than data
 - Mitigated with prepared statements
- Potentially leads to:
 - Leaking tables
 - Deleting tables
 - Command execution

sql injection



sql injection

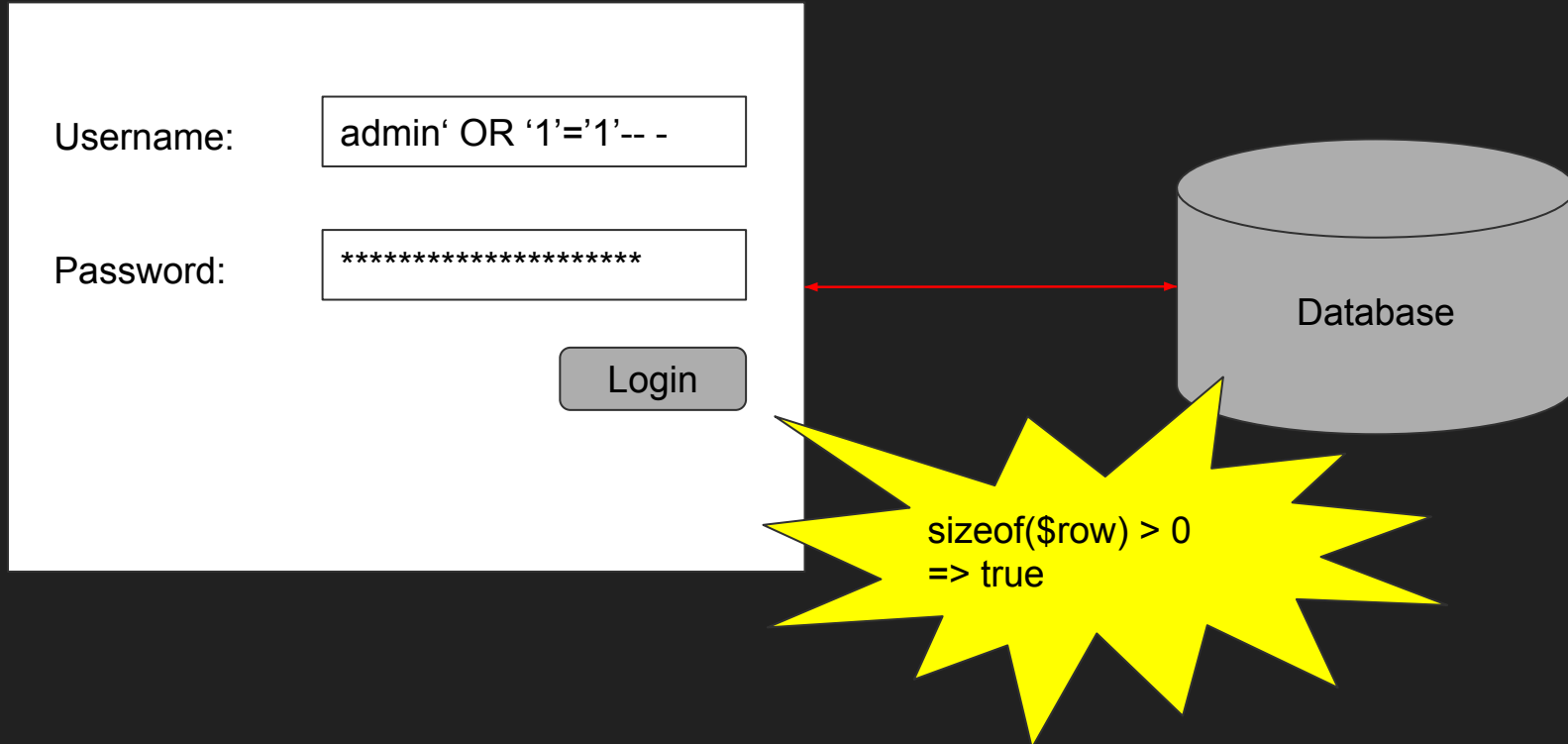
```
function can_access_feature($current_user) {
    global $db_link;

    $db_link = mysqli_connect('localhost', 'dbuser', 'dbpassword', 'dbname');
    $username = $_POST['username'];
    $password = $_POST['password'];

    $res = mysqli_query($db_link, "SELECT * FROM users WHERE username = '".
$username . "' AND password = '" . $password. "'");

    $row = mysqli_fetch_array($res);
    if (sizeof($row) > 0) {
        return true;
    } else {
        return false;
    }
}
```


sql injection



resources

- [Natas OverTheWire](#)
- [JuiceShop](#)
- [Gruyere](#)
- [Ringzer0team](#)
- [OWASP Top 10](#)

homework #9

Will be posted tonight.

Let us know if you have any questions!

This assignment has two parts.

It is due by 4/19 at 11:59 PM.