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Software Security

6.5#

SQL Injection

→ SQL Injection is a type of web application security vulnerability in which an attacker is able to submit database SQL command that is executed by web application, exposing the back-end database.

→ A SQL injection attack can occur when a web application utilizes the input user-supplied data without proper validation or encoding as part of the command or query.

→ SQL injection allows an attacker to create, read, alter or modify or update and delete data stored in back back-end database.

→ SQL injection attack can give access to sensitive information such as:- credit card numbers, social security number or other financial data.

→ How SQL injection works?

- ① In order to run malicious SQL queries against a DB server, the attacker must find the input input within a web application that is included inside of a SQL query.
- ② An attacker can include payload that will be included as part of the SQL query and run against the db server.

Login

Username =

Password =

Query :

Select * from login where
username = "admin" and
password = "12345"

O/p →

Username	Password
admin	12345

SQL injection :

login

Username =

Password =

Query with payload/ SQL injection :

Select * from login where
username = "admin" and
password = ~~that~~ 'anything' or 'x' = 'x'

O/p →

Username	Password
admin	12345
admin1	abc123
admin123	012131

→ Prevention of SQL injection :-

- (a) Adopting an validation input validation technique in which user input is authenticated against a set of define rules for length, type, syntax etc.
- (b) Ensuring that users with the permission to access the database have least privileges (rights).
- (c) Removing all the ^{stored} procedure ~~stored~~ that are not in use.
- (d) Use strongly typed parameterized query APIs with the placeholders ~~sub~~ substitution markers.
- (e) Show case & when using ~~the~~ stored procedures since they are generally safe from injection.

6.1# Basic attacks :-

^{Software} Security :-

→ Software security is an idea implemented to protect the software from malicious attack and other hacker risks.

6.1# Basic attacks :-

→ Some common basic software attacks are as follows :-

- (1) Buffer overflow
- (2) Stack overflow
- (3) Command injection
- (4) SQL injection

① Buffer and Stack overflow:-

→ They overwrites the contents of the heap or stack respectively by writing extra bytes.

② Command injection:-

→ Command injection can be found on software code when system commands are used mostly.

→ New system commands are append to the existing commands by malicious attack.

6.2# State-based attacks:-

→ State is the ability to remember information as a user travels from page to page within a site.

→ Web is stateless in a sense that it does not remember which ~~a~~ page a user viewing or in which order a pages may be viewed.

→ A User is always free to ~~close~~ click the Back button or force reload the page.

→ So, ^{web} developers ~~are~~ must take care state information themselves so they can ~~in~~ ^{enforce} rules about page access and session management.

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6.4 #

Cross-site scripting - (XSS)

- ~~It~~ XSS allows attackers or hackers to inject malicious ~~code~~ client-side scripts into web pages.
- How XSS occurs?
- An attacker can use XSS to send a malicious scripts to an unsuspecting user.
- The end user's browser has no way of knowing that the script should not be trusted, and will be executed.
- Because it thinks that the script came from a trusted source, and the malicious scripts can access all the cookies, session tokens, or other sensitive information.
- These scripts can even rewrite the content of HTML page.

→ Prevention are :-

- ① Use Web Application Firewall (WAF).
 - ② Configure or set the rules of WAF to prevent ~~XSS~~ XSS.
- ~~&~~ There are two types of XSS attacks. They are-
- ① Stored XSS Attack
 - ② Reflected XSS Attack

① Stored XSS Attack :- (Type-I XSS or Persistent XSS)

- Stored XSS attacks are those where the injected scripts are permanently stored in the targeted server such as database, comments field, etc.
- The victim retrieves the malicious scripts from the server when it requests the stored information.

② Reflected XSS Attacks:

→ Reflected attacks are those where the infected script is reflected off the web server, such as in the form of error message, search result, etc.

→ Reflected attacks are delivered via another route such as email, or some other ~~site~~ web site.

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