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# Web Application Security

## Winning When The Odds Are Against You



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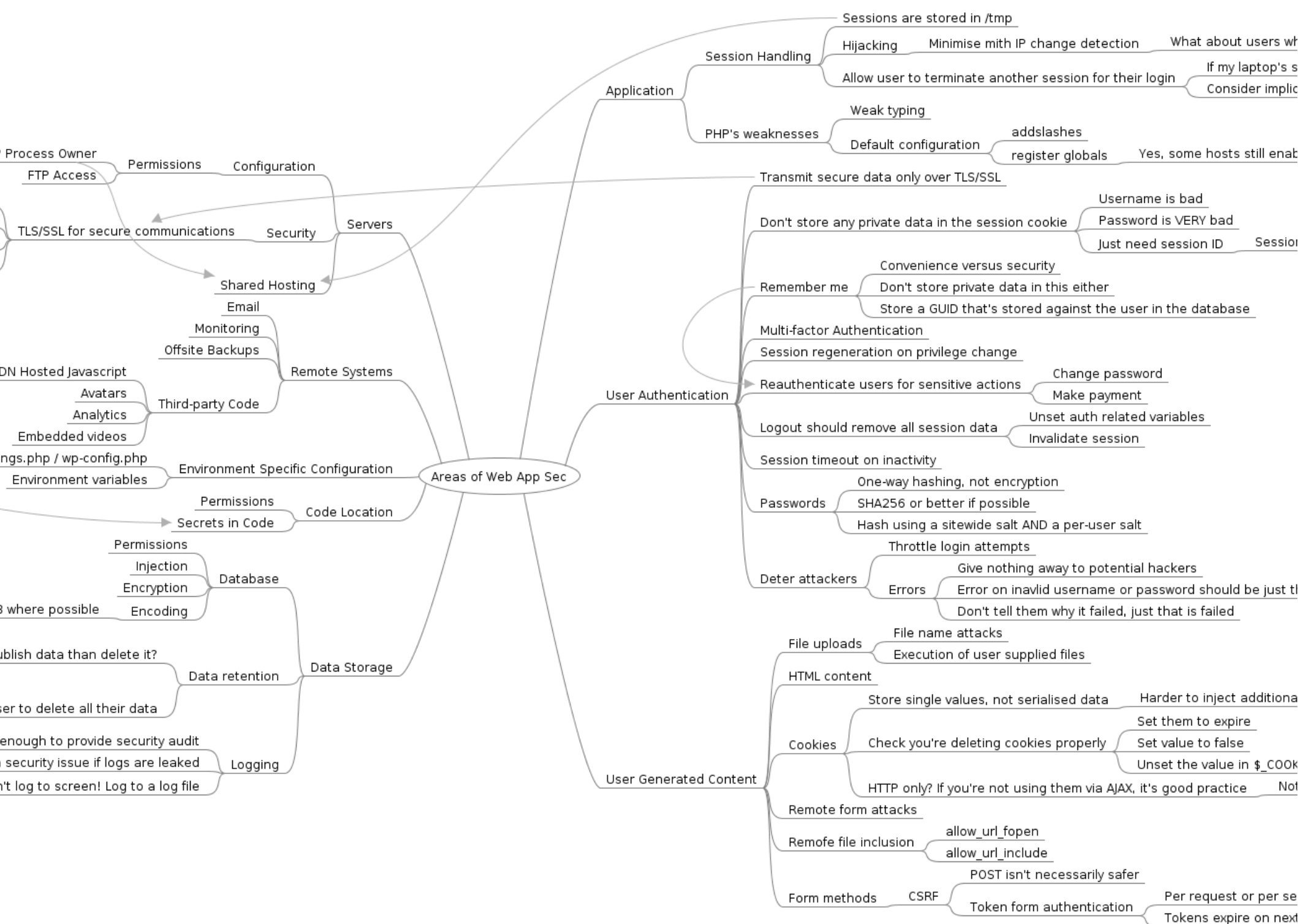
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# What Is Web Application Security?







# Where to Start?



owasp.org



# OWASP

Open Web Application  
Security Project



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# Top Ten Cheat Sheet

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# Demo



# Solutions?

Think like your favourite  
programming language...

Not in your favourite  
programming language...

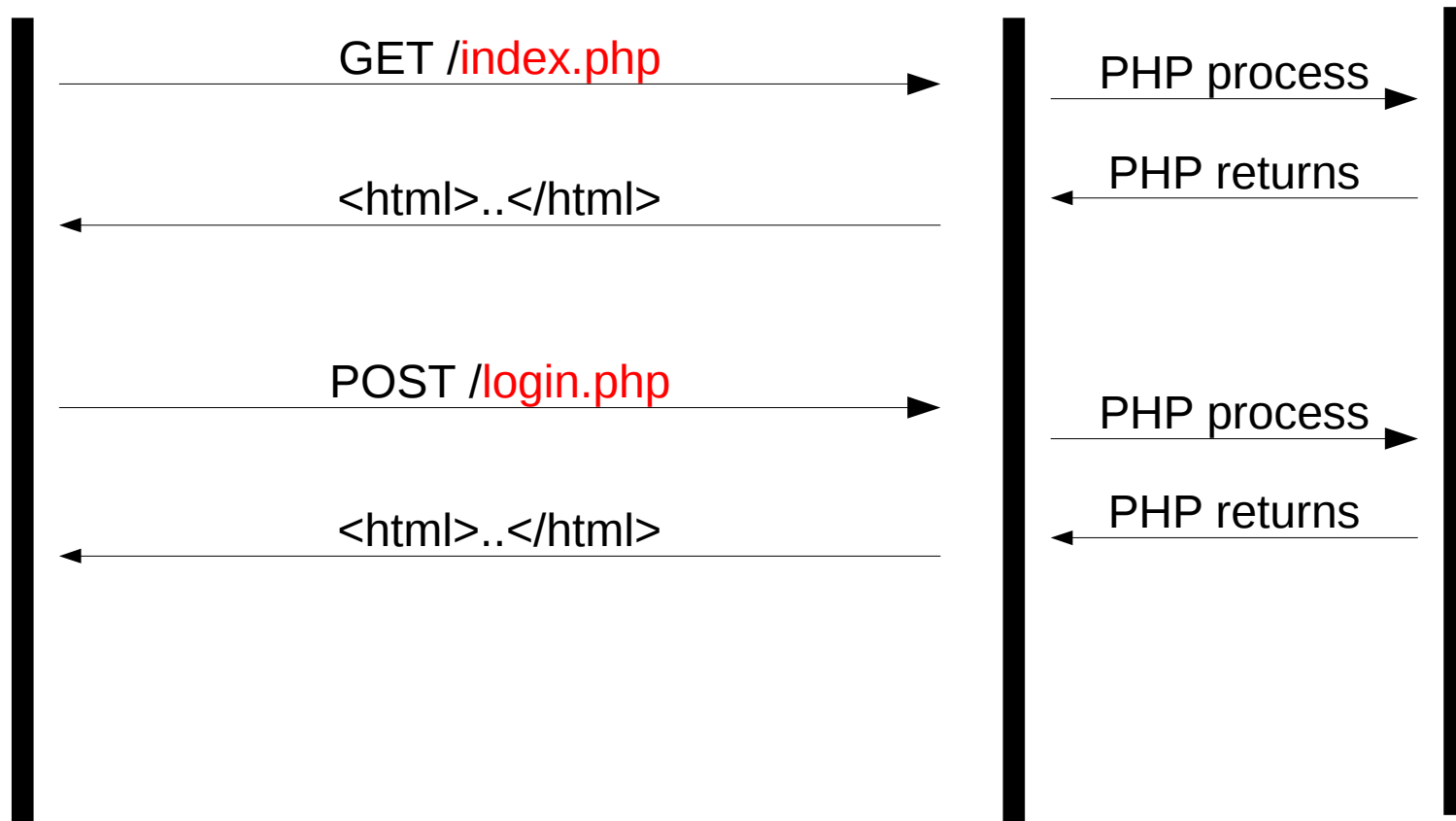
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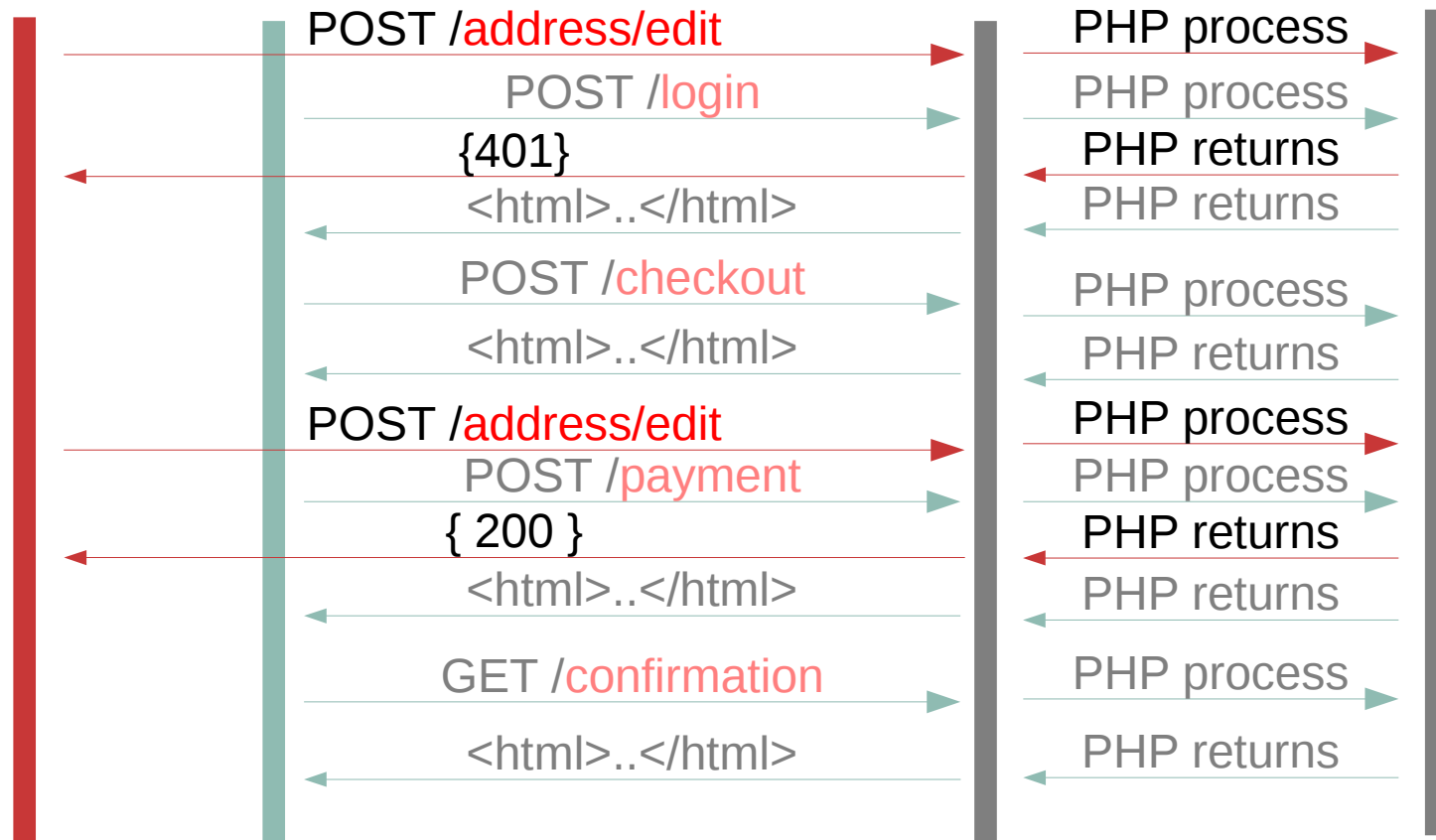
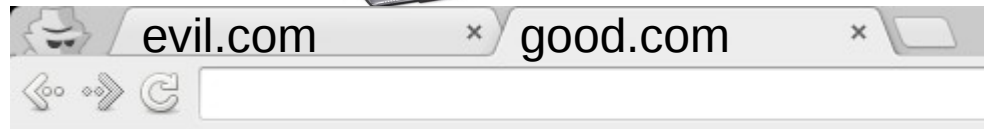
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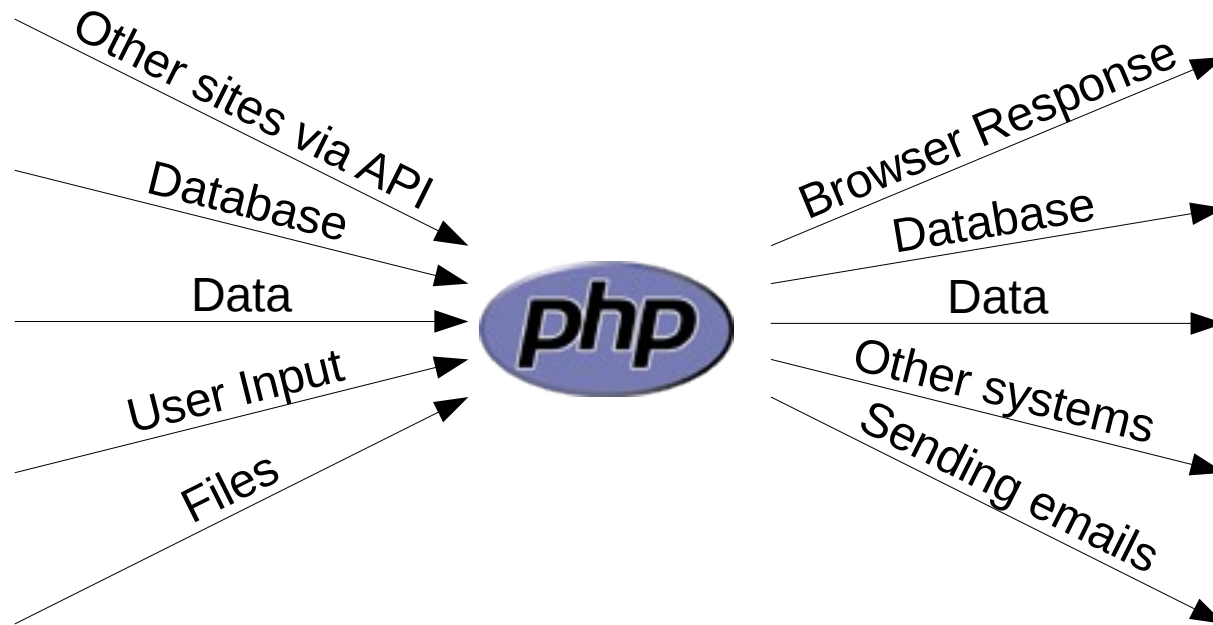


# Cross-Site Request Forgeries



# PHP Ain't Clever

(hint, not many programming languages are!)





# Piecing Data Together







`$_REQUEST` has  
no consistency!



Don't use them,  
specify the source



Even then, don't  
trust `$_POST`, etc



Consider all data  
harmful



# Validate All Incoming Data

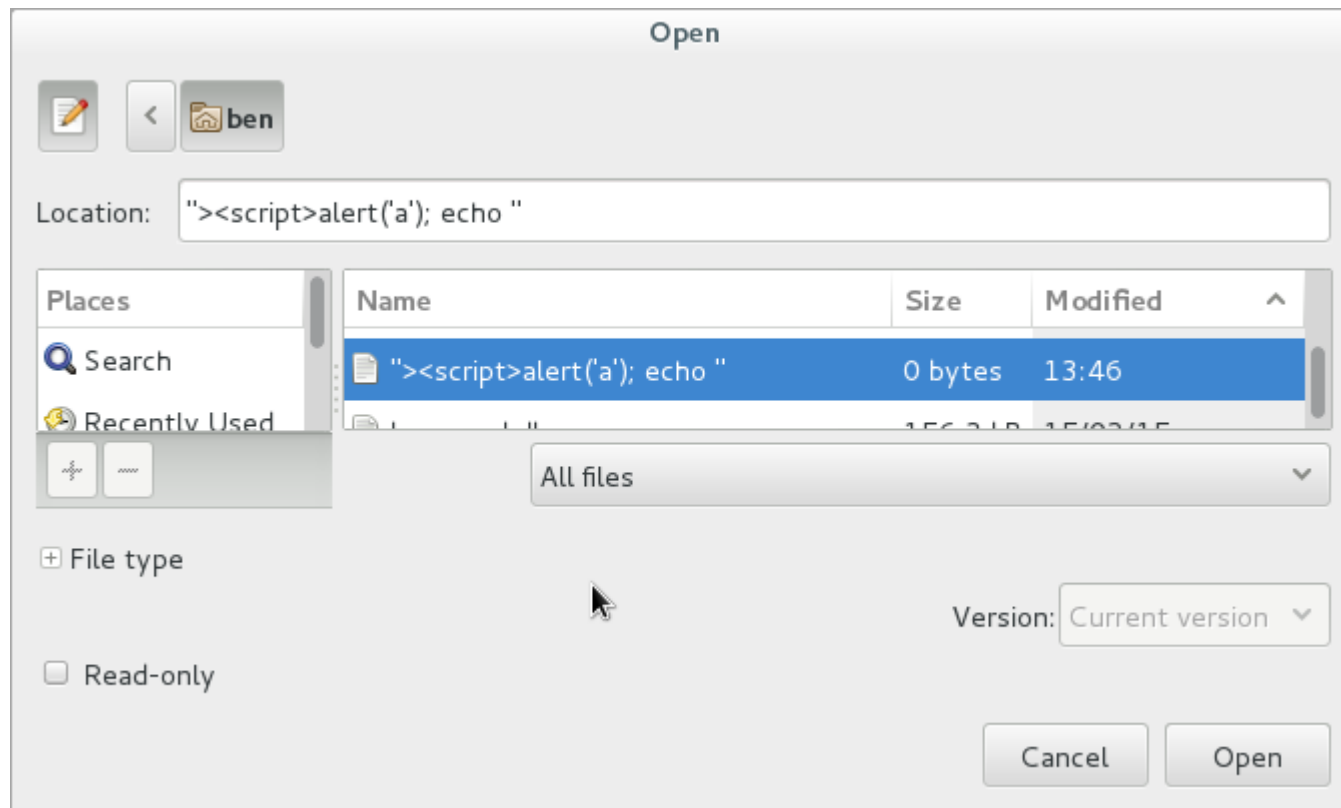


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# Email Addresses?



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"Ben at YOW! West"@dechrai.com



Bễn@169.254.141.29

# Email Addresses?

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(?:[a-z0-9!#$%&'*/=?^_`{|}~-]+(?:\. [a-z0-9!#$%&'*/=?^_`{|}~-]
+)*
| "(?:[\x01-\x08\x0b\x0c\x0e-\x1f\x21\x23-\x5b\x5d-\x7f]
| \\[\x01-\x09\x0b\x0c\x0e-\x7f])*"
@ (?: (?:[a-z0-9](?:[a-z0-9-]*[a-z0-9])?\.\. )+[a-z0-9](?:[a-z0-9-]
9-]*[a-z0-9])?
| \[(?: (?:25[0-5]|2[0-4][0-9]|[01]?[0-9][0-9]?)\.\. ) {3}
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| \\[\x01-\x09\x0b\x0c\x0e-\x7f]))+)
\])
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# Email Addresses?

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(?:[a-z0-9!#$%&'*/+=?^_`{|}~-]+(?:\.(?:[a-z0-9!#$%&'*/+=?^_`{|}~-]+)
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*Some people, when confronted  
with a problem, think, "I know, I'll  
use regular expressions."*

*Now they have two problems.*

— Jamie Zawinski

```
\])
```

# Email Addresses?

*Send them an email!*

# Names?

(see [http://is.qd/validating\\_names](http://is.qd/validating_names))

## Falsehoods Programmers Believe About Names

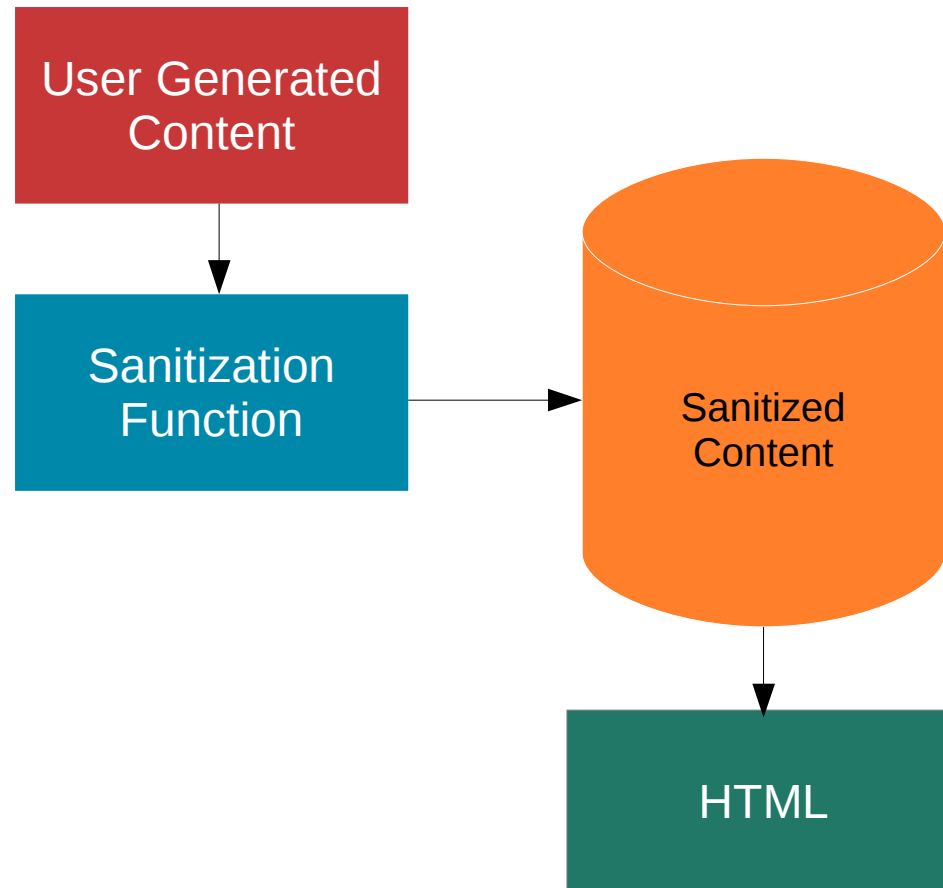
1. People have exactly one canonical full name.
2. People have exactly one full name which they go by.
3. People have, at this point in time, exactly one canonical full name.
4. People have, at this point in time, one full name which they go by.
5. People have exactly N names, for any value of N.
6. People's names fit within a certain defined amount of space.
7. People's names do not change.
8. People's names change, but only at a certain enumerated set of events.
9. People's names are written in ASCII.
10. People's names are written in any single character set.
11. People's names are all mapped in Unicode code points.
12. People's names are case sensitive.
13. People's names are case insensitive.
14. People's names sometimes have prefixes or suffixes, but you can safely ignore those.
15. People's names do not contain numbers.

# Names?

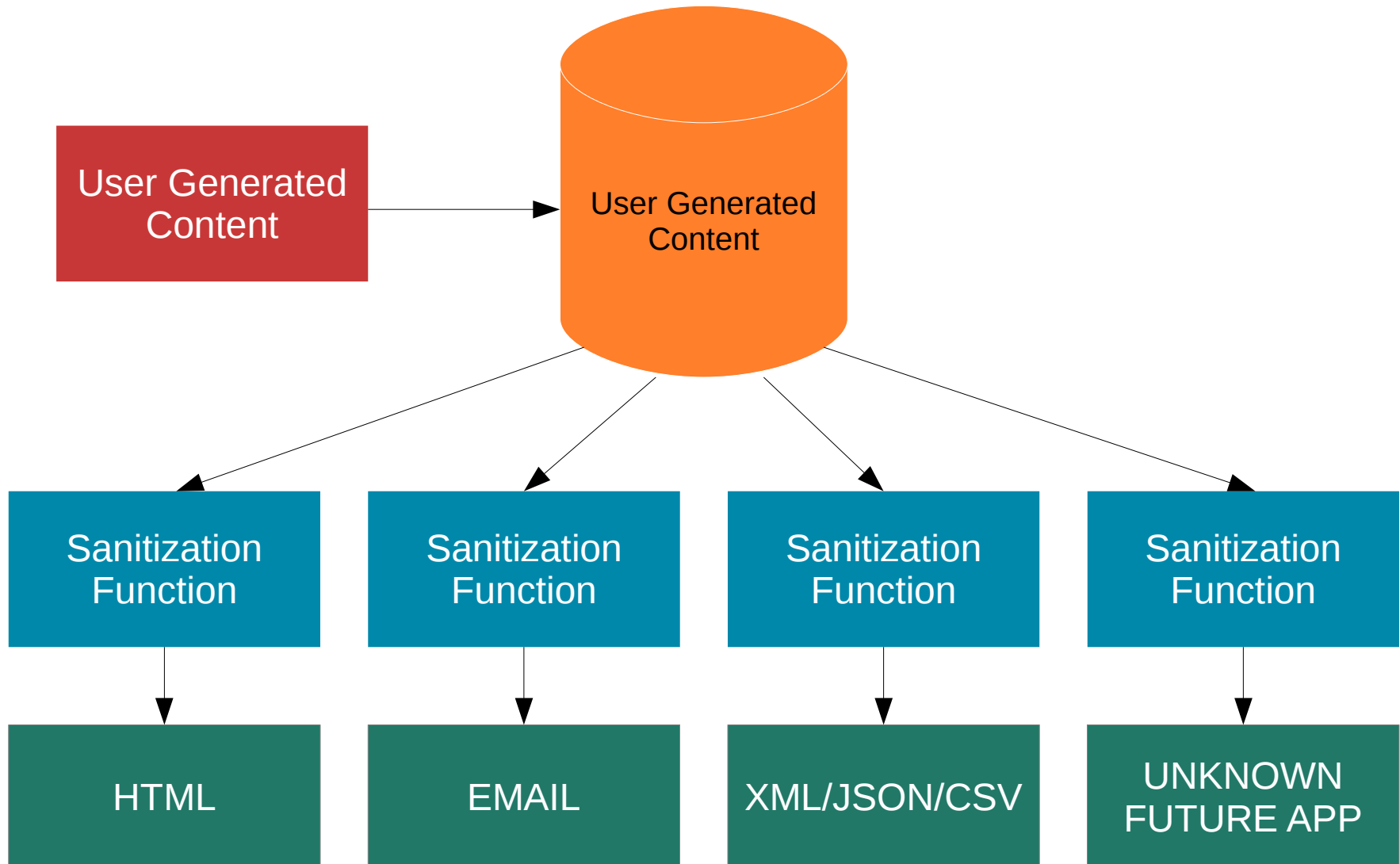
- Who decides if a name is valid?
  - Josè Smith
  - Lazamon
  - Þórinn Eikinskjaldi
  - Πηληϊάδεω Ἀχιλῆος
  - Federico del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús García Lorca



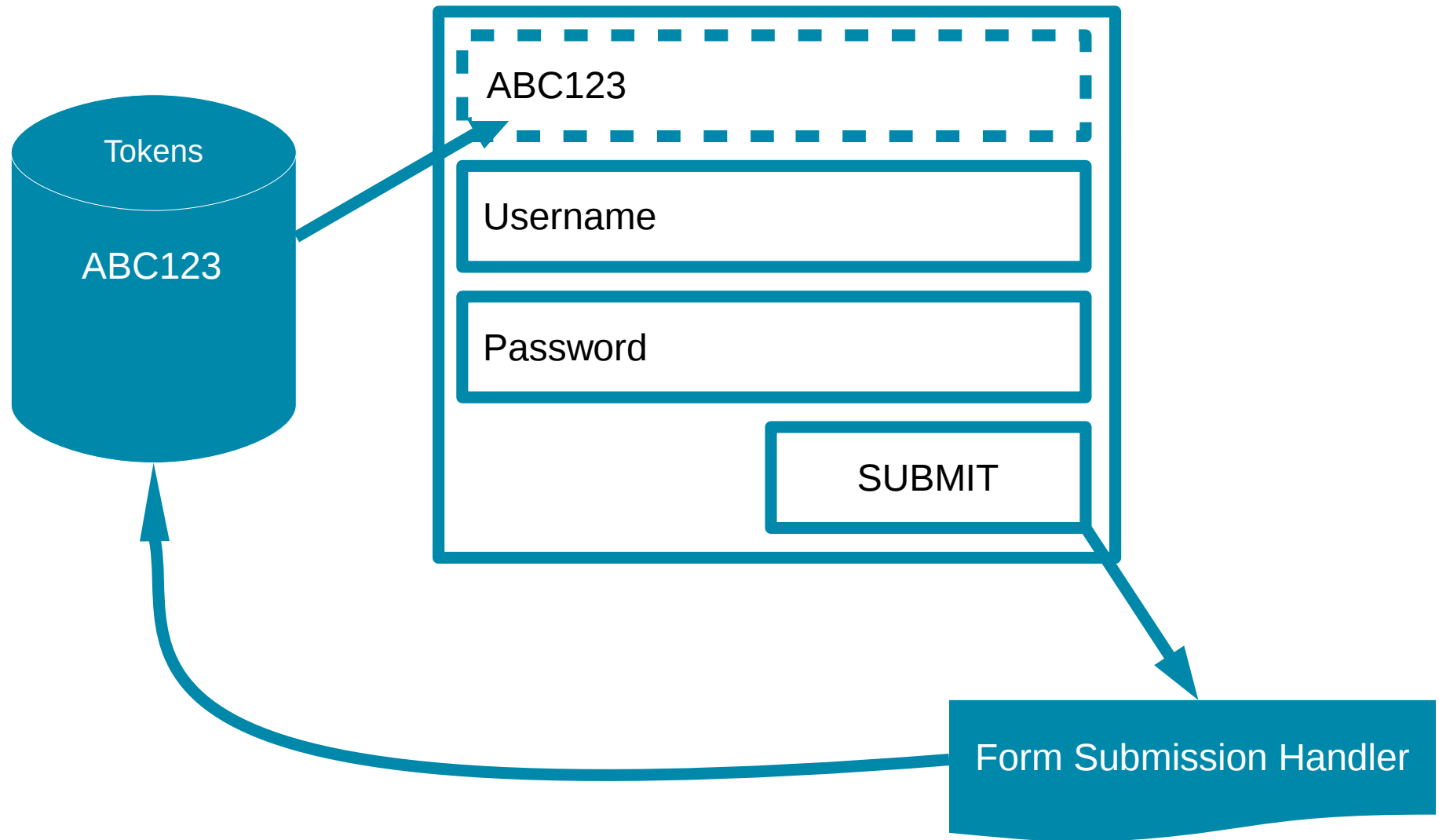
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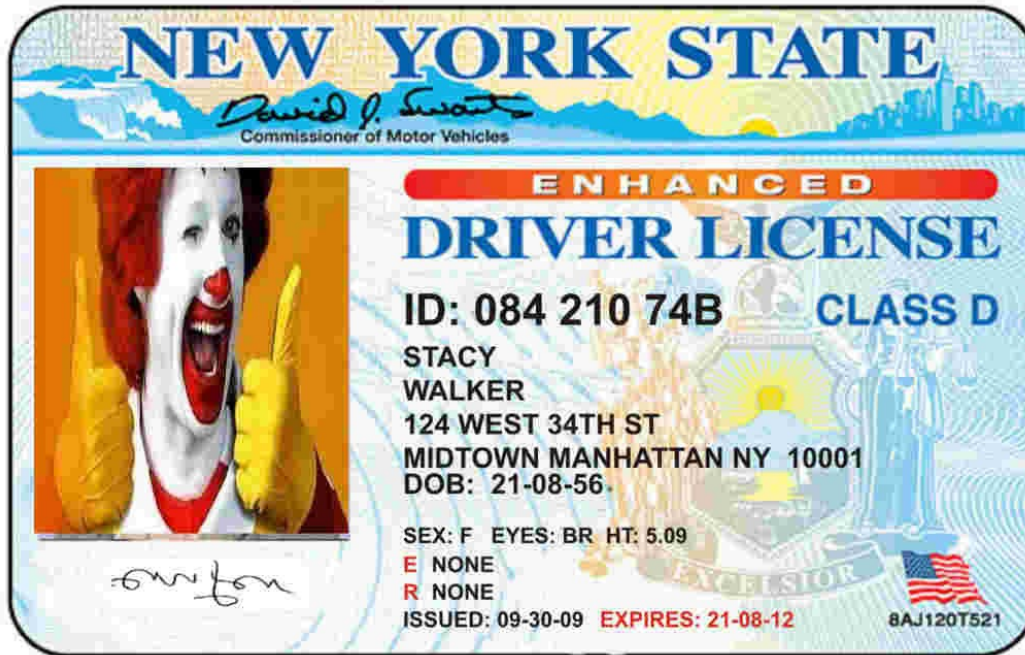
# Sanitize on Output



# Cross-Site Request Forgeries



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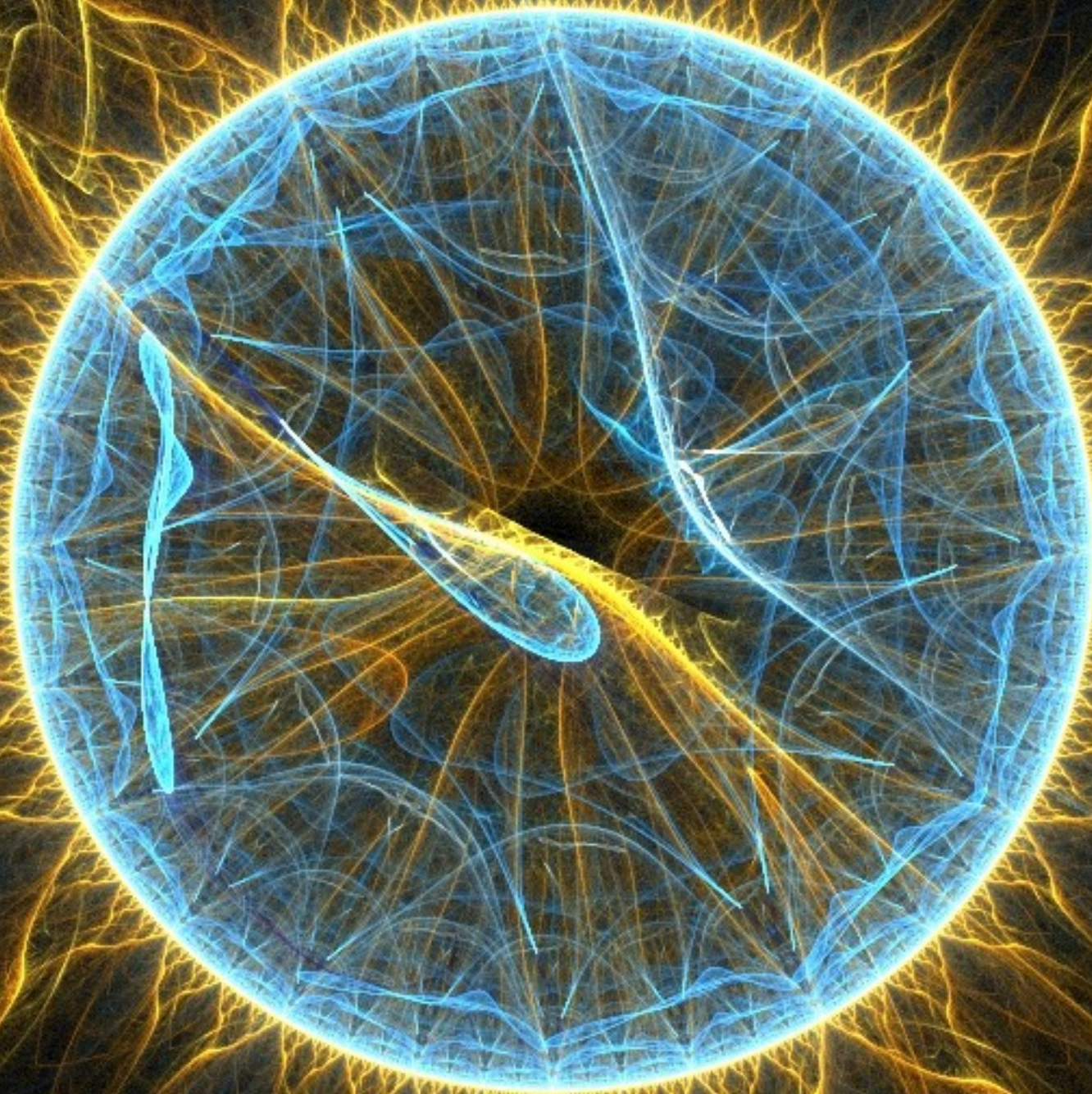


Referrers can be easily forged;  
don't rely on them

curl

```
--referer="http://good.com"  
--data "username=admin&password=complex"  
http://good.com/user/login/
```





What Are  
The Odds?



# Making Prototypes Live

"That's great! Let's make it live!"

– Almost every CEO ever

# Making Prototypes Live





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