

SQL Injection Mini-Project

Project Title

SQL Injection Attack and Prevention Techniques

Description

This project was developed as part of the **Security and Privacy** module. It demonstrates how SQL Injection attacks work on an insecure authentication system and how such attacks can be prevented using secure coding practices.

The application provides two login modes: - **Vulnerable Login**: susceptible to SQL Injection attacks. - **Secure Login**: protected using prepared statements (parameterized queries).

The goal of this project is educational: to understand the risks of SQL Injection and the importance of secure database programming.

Technologies Used

- Programming Language: **Python**
 - Database: **SQLite**
 - Environment: Console-based application
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Project Structure

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sql-injection-project/  
|  
├─ app.py  
├─ database.py  
├─ login_vulnerable.py  
├─ login_secure.py  
├─ security.db  
└─ README.md
```

How to Run the Project

Requirements

- Python 3.x installed on your system

Steps

1. Clone or download the repository:

```
git clone <repository-link>
```

2. Navigate to the project folder.
3. Run the database initialization script (only once):

```
python database.py
```

4. Run the main application:


```
python app.py
```

5. Choose between:
6. Vulnerable Login
7. Secure Login


Testing SQL Injection

Vulnerable Login Example

```
Username: ' OR '1'='1  
Password: anything
```

 Login succeeds (authentication bypassed)

Secure Login Result

Using the same input:  Login fails

This confirms that prepared statements effectively prevent SQL Injection attacks.

Educational Outcomes

- Understanding how SQL Injection attacks occur
- Observing real exploitation on vulnerable code
- Learning how prepared statements protect databases
- Comparing insecure vs secure authentication mechanisms

Disclaimer

This project is for **educational purposes only**. The demonstrated attacks should not be used on real systems without authorization.

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GitHub Repository

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