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class  
read up  
on HTML  
SQL

# 116: Web Security

① Assignment 2

② Why attack web apps?  
Richest + personal  
Business data  
Poorly trained devs (i.e. you)

② About the web stack  
HTTP → GET, POST  
HTML → content  
CSS → presentation, layout  
JavaScript → interactivity  
Server-side language +  
framework  
Database(s) → persistent  
data storage

④ The cardinal sins  
- Input validation  
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- Input validation } lack thereof  
- Misconfiguration  
- Data exposure  
- Access control

⑤ OWASP Top 10 and  
CVE/ISANS Top 25

⑥ Our attack playground

⑦ Proxies

⑧ XSS

The idea: present all users w/ fraudulent content where to attack; user input is echoed to other users, including yourself

⑨ Exercise: MessageHub

⑩ Cookie thief

⑪ Prevention

Replace special characters especially "<" and ">" with HTML encoded equivalents: "&lt;" and "&gt;" respectively

⑩A The effects of XSS:

- \* Mangled & defaced content
- \* Annoying popups
- \* Fraud
- \* Stolen cookies for the domain