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1. The first software vulnerability that was addressed was CWE-307: Improper Restriction of Excessive Authentication Attempts. A CWE-307 vulnerability occurs when “The software does not implement sufficient measures to prevent multiple failed authentication attempts within in a short time frame, making it more susceptible to brute force attacks (*Common Weakness Enumeration*, 2020).” If there are no restrictions on how many attempts can be made, then hackers can continuously attack an account until access is granted. 1a shows a program that continuously will allow someone trying to gain access to the account, multiple attempts, without restriction. 1b shows the result of the weakness being mitigated by adding a counter to the password attempts and exits the program after four failed attempts.

2. The second software vulnerability that was addressed was CWE-327: Use of a Broken or Risky Cryptographic Algorithm. A CWE-327 vulnerability occurs when “The use of a broken or risky cryptographic algorithm is an unnecessary risk that may result in the exposure of sensitive information (*Common Weakness Enumeration*, 2020).” If users’ passwords are not encrypted correctly, there is a chance that their passwords may be exposed, or the password may become lost, locking the user out of their account. 2a shows what it may look like when using a python extension, cryptography.fernet that has become broken and is not properly encrypting/decrypting passwords. The output of the program shows that the password that is stored does not get decrypted correctly. 2b shows the mitigation of the vulnerability by using a corrected method that runs the password through a cryptography algorithm.

1a.

```
1 passwordCorrect = False
2 password = "DoNotEnter"
3
4 while passwordCorrect == False:
5
6     passwordCheck = input("Enter your password: ")
7
8     if passwordCheck == password:
9         print("Correct!\nYour password is:", password)
10        break
11    else:
12        print("Try Again")
```

Week8/CWE307Weaknes  

 Stop  Command: Week8/CW

```
Enter your password: password
Try Again
Enter your password: password
Try Again
Enter your password: asdkag
Try Again
Enter your password: adfhadg
Try Again
Enter your password: asdgjkasgh
Try Again
Enter your password: asdguasjdghga
Try Again
Enter your password: sdgasudg
Try Again
Enter your password: asdghasdg
Try Again
Enter your password: asdghasdg
Try Again
Enter your password: asdgasdg
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Enter your password: asdgausdghasdghgberg\er\
Try Again
Enter your password: haldjsbga
Try Again
Enter your password: gasdbga
Try Again
Enter your password: sdgagbsd
Try Again
Enter your password: agefwef
Try Again
Enter your password: 
```

1b.

```
1 passwordCorrect = False
2 password = "DoNotEnter"
3 count = 0
4
5 while passwordCorrect == False:
6
7     passwordCheck = input("Enter your password: ")
8
9     if count < 3:
10         if passwordCheck == password:
11             print("Correct!\nYour password is:", password)
12             break
13         else:
14             print("Try Again")
15             count = count + 1
16     else:
17         print("Exceeded allowed number of attempts")
18         break
```

Week8/CWE307Fix.py - 5x



Run



Command:

Week8/CWE307Fix.py

```
Enter your password: jashdg
Try Again
Enter your password: asjdga
Try Again
Enter your password: jashbdg
Try Again
Enter your password: hjgsdgfa
Exceeded allowed number of attempts
```

Process exited with code: 0

2a.

```
from cryptography.fernet import Fernet

def write_key():
    """
    Generates a key and save it into a file
    """
    key = Fernet.generate_key()
    with open("key.key", "wb") as key_file:
        key_file.write(key)

def load_key():
    """
    Loads the key from the current directory named `key.key`
    """
    return open("key.key", "rb").read()

def encrypt(encrypt_message):
    """
    Generates the encryption
    """
    # generate and write a new key
    write_key()

    # load the previously generated key
    key = load_key()

    message = encrypt_message.encode()

    # initialize the Fernet class
    f = Fernet(key)

    # encrypt the message
    encrypted = f.encrypt(message)

    # print how it looks
    print(encrypted)

    return encrypted
```

```
def decrypt(decrypt_message):

    # load the previously generated key
    key = load_key()

    # initialize the Fernet class
    f = Fernet(key)

    decrypted_encrypted = f.decrypt(decrypt_message)
    print(key)

password = input("Enter your password: ")

print("Encrypted Password: ")
encrypted_message = encrypt(password)
print("\nDecrypted Password: ")
decrypt(encrypted_message)
```

Enter your password: this is my password

Encrypted Password:

b'gAAAAABfhfuhIMaGwTtvHo0Guv9fv71ciEYNThq2C5B2LDuipSnXZucBBcRGT1k40S8b_oa24Ldc8685JbWwbuTdySq68azYcex1gJ60aDu-I050Puz0GyJk='

Decrypted Password:

b'wXDb80u1J6R90Vo_9YvqG7TnNKv6A60vJgs91evoPB0='

Process exited with code: 0

2b.

```
1  from cryptography.fernet import Fernet
2
3  def write_key():
4      """
5      Generates a key and save it into a file
6      """
7      key = Fernet.generate_key()
8      with open("key.key", "wb") as key_file:
9          key_file.write(key)
10
11 def load_key():
12     """
13     Loads the key from the current directory named `key.key`
14     """
15     return open("key.key", "rb").read()
16
17 def encrypt(encrypt_message):
18     """
19     Generates the encryption
20     """
21     # generate and write a new key
22     write_key()
23
24     # load the previously generated key
25     key = load_key()
26
27     message = encrypt_message.encode()
28
29     # initialize the Fernet class
30     f = Fernet(key)
31
32     # encrypt the message
33     encrypted = f.encrypt(message)
34
35     # print how it looks
36     print(encrypted)
37
38     return encrypted
39
```

```
39
40 def decrypt(decrypt_message):
41
42     # load the previously generated key
43     key = load_key()
44
45     # initialize the Fernet class
46     f = Fernet(key)
47
48     decrypted_encrypted = f.decrypt(decrypt_message)
49     print(decrypted_encrypted)
50
51 password = input("Enter your password: ")
52
53 print("Encrypted Password: ")
54 encrypted_message = encrypt(password)
55 print("\nDecrypted Password: ")
56 decrypt(encrypted_message)
```

Enter your password: my new passwd

Encrypted Password:

b'gAAAAABfhfzERoJq0eZDUoUgX8uMxKqMYayY4wok72naHNetPSdpi80xSHvcRh2rRIlsF6NBe1pTARccpqxP0uN1u0xiD1V_-Q=='

Decrypted Password:

b'my new passwd'

Process exited with code: 0

References:

Common Weakness Enumeration. (2020, August 20). Retrieved October 10, 2020, from <https://cwe.mitre.org/data/definitions/>