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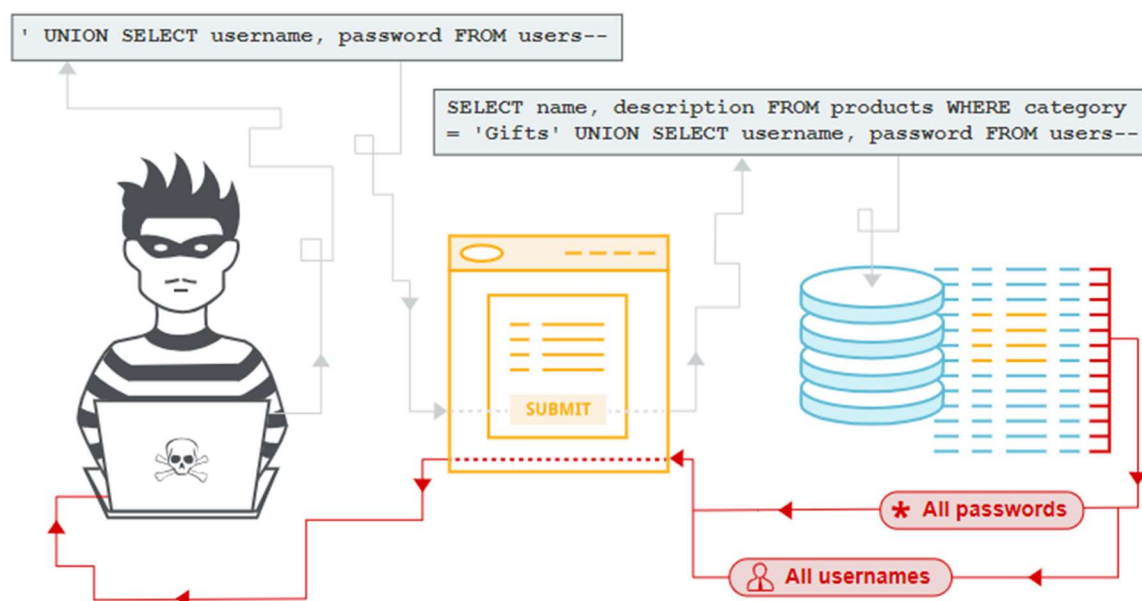
**Simulation of SQL Injection (PBLE-1)**

**Explanation:**

SQL injection (SQLi) is a web security vulnerability that allows an attacker to interfere with the queries that an application makes to its database. This can allow an attacker to view data that they are not normally able to retrieve. This might include data that belongs to other users, or any other data that the application can access. In many cases, an attacker can modify or delete this data, causing persistent changes to the application's content or behavior.

In some situations, an attacker can escalate a SQL injection attack to compromise the underlying server or other back-end infrastructure. It can also enable them to perform denial-of-service attacks.

Normal program flow



**Implementation:**

**1.Retrieving hidden data**

Imagine a shopping application that displays products in different categories. When the user clicks on the **Gifts** category, their browser requests the URL:

<https://insecure-website.com/products?category=Gifts>

This causes the application to make a SQL query to retrieve details of the relevant products from the database:

```
SELECT * FROM products WHERE category = 'Gifts' AND released = 1
```

This SQL query asks the database to return:

- all details (\*)
- from the products table
- where the category is Gifts
- and released is 1.

The restriction `released = 1` is being used to hide products that are not released. We could assume for unreleased products, `released = 0`.

The application doesn't implement any defenses against SQL injection attacks. This means an attacker can construct the following attack, for example:

<https://insecure-website.com/products?category=Gifts'-->

This results in the SQL query:

```
SELECT * FROM products WHERE category = 'Gifts'--' AND released = 1
```

Crucially, note that `--` is a comment indicator in SQL. This means that the rest of the query is interpreted as a comment, effectively removing it. In this example, this means the query no longer includes `AND released = 1`. As a result, all products are displayed, including those that are not yet released.

You can use a similar attack to cause the application to display all the products in any category, including categories that they don't know about:

<https://insecure-website.com/products?category=Gifts'+OR+1=1-->

This results in the SQL query:

```
SELECT * FROM products WHERE category = 'Gifts' OR 1=1--' AND released = 1
```

The modified query returns all items where either the category is Gifts, or 1 is equal to 1.

As `1=1` is always true, the query returns all items.

## Lab: SQL injection vulnerability in WHERE clause allowing retrieval of hidden data

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LAB

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This lab contains a SQL injection vulnerability in the product category filter. When the user selects a category, the application carries out a SQL query like the following:

```
SELECT * FROM products WHERE category = 'Gifts' AND released = 1
```

To solve the lab, perform a SQL injection attack that causes the application to display one or more unreleased products.

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The screenshot displays the WebSecurity Academy lab interface. At the top, the lab title is "SQL injection vulnerability in WHERE clause allowing retrieval of hidden data". The status is "Solved". Below the title, a congratulatory message says "Congratulations, you solved the lab!". The main content area shows a simulated e-commerce application named "WE LIKE TO SHOP". The application's search filter is set to "Gifts". The search results display four products: "Robot Home Security Buddy" (\$89.38), "Hydrated Crackers" (\$58.77), "Folding Gadgets" (\$88.97), and "ZZZZZ Bed - Your New Home Office" (\$72.50). The search results are filtered by the SQL injection payload "' OR 1=1--", which is visible in the search bar. The interface includes a "Refine your search:" section with filters for "All", "Accessories", "Corporate gifts", "Food & Drink", and "Gifts".

## **2. Subverting application logic**

Imagine an application that lets users log in with a username and password. If a user submits the username wiener and the password bluecheese, the application checks the credentials by performing the following SQL query:


```
SELECT * FROM users WHERE username = 'wiener' AND password = 'bluecheese'
```

If the query returns the details of a user, then the login is successful. Otherwise, it is rejected.

In this case, an attacker can log in as any user without the need for a password. They can do this using the SQL comment sequence -- to remove the password check from the WHERE clause of the query. For example, submitting the username administrator'-- and a blank password results in the following query:

```
SELECT * FROM users WHERE username = 'administrator'--' AND password = ''
```

This query returns the user whose username is administrator and successfully logs the attacker in



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To solve the lab, perform a SQL injection attack that logs in to the application as the `administrator` user.

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## My Account

Your username is: administrator

Email

Update email

### **3. Retrieving data from other database tables**

In cases where the application responds with the results of a SQL query, an attacker can use a SQL injection vulnerability to retrieve data from other tables within the database. You can use the UNION keyword to execute an additional SELECT query and append the results to the original query.

For example, if an application executes the following query containing the user input Gifts:  
SELECT name, description FROM products WHERE category = 'Gifts'

An attacker can submit the input:

' UNION SELECT username, password FROM users--

This causes the application to return all usernames and passwords along with the names and descriptions of products.



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## Lab: SQL injection attack, querying the database type and version on Oracle

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This lab contains a SQL injection vulnerability in the product category filter. You can use a UNION attack to retrieve the results from an injected query.

To solve the lab, display the database version string.

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Make the database retrieve the strings: "Oracle Database 11g Express Edition Release 11.2.0.2.0 - 64bit Production, PL/SQL Release 11.2.0.2.0 - Production, CORE 11.2.0.2.0 Production, TNS for Linux Version 11.2.0.2.0 - Production, NL SRLT Version 11.2.0.2.0 - Production"

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Refine your search:
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We are delighted to introduce you to our new, state of the art, home office. ZZZZZZ Bed is a revolutionary space-saving concept for those of you struggling to fit everything into your tiny home. But it's not just about its useful integration in your existing room, it's also about the convenience it offers in your work and leisure time. Picture this, you are halfway through your working day and it's time for a well-earned nap. You will be able to save time by moving your work to one side, as you lie back and drift off without interrupting the natural flow of the day. When you've had your power nap, and are ready to get back to it everything is there waiting for you. Nothing can offer you a work-life balance like the ZZZZZZ bed can. Sleep in comfort when you need to, whatever time of day it is. Wake up and work any time sleep is getting the better of you, your office will always be at your fingertips. Call us today for a free quote and to discuss any of our innovative add-ons you will wonder how you ever lived without.

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' UNION SELECT 'abc','def' FROM dual--

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PL/SQL Release 11.2.0.2.0 - Production

TNS for Linux: Version 11.2.0.2.0 - Production