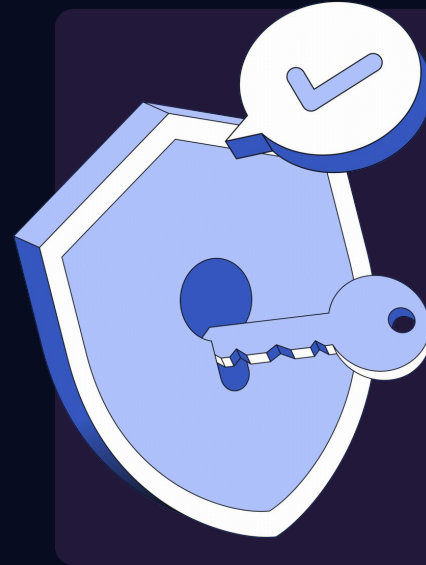


Secure Coding: Code With Security In Mind

Session 1

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01 What is Vulnerability?



What is Vulnerability?

- ❖ Vulnerabilities are weaknesses or gaps that threats can exploit to cause harm.
- ❖ These vulnerabilities might involve a particular operating system or application, the physical location of your office building, or other similar factors.



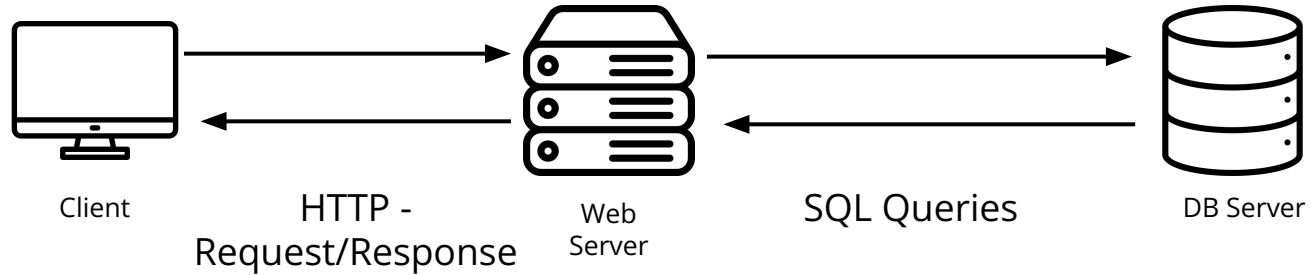
How Vulnerability Occurs?

- ❖ A vulnerability occurs when an application mishandles user-crafted input, causing the application to behave in an unexpected manner.
- ❖ Imagine you're riding a bicycle, and someone unexpectedly jams a stick into the spokes of your wheel.
 - **The vulnerability** here is that the wheel is not designed to handle a foreign object being forced into it.
 - **The exploit** is the stick, deliberately used to take advantage of this weakness.
 - **The impact** is that you lose control of the bicycle and fall, potentially injuring yourself, such as breaking an arm or a leg.



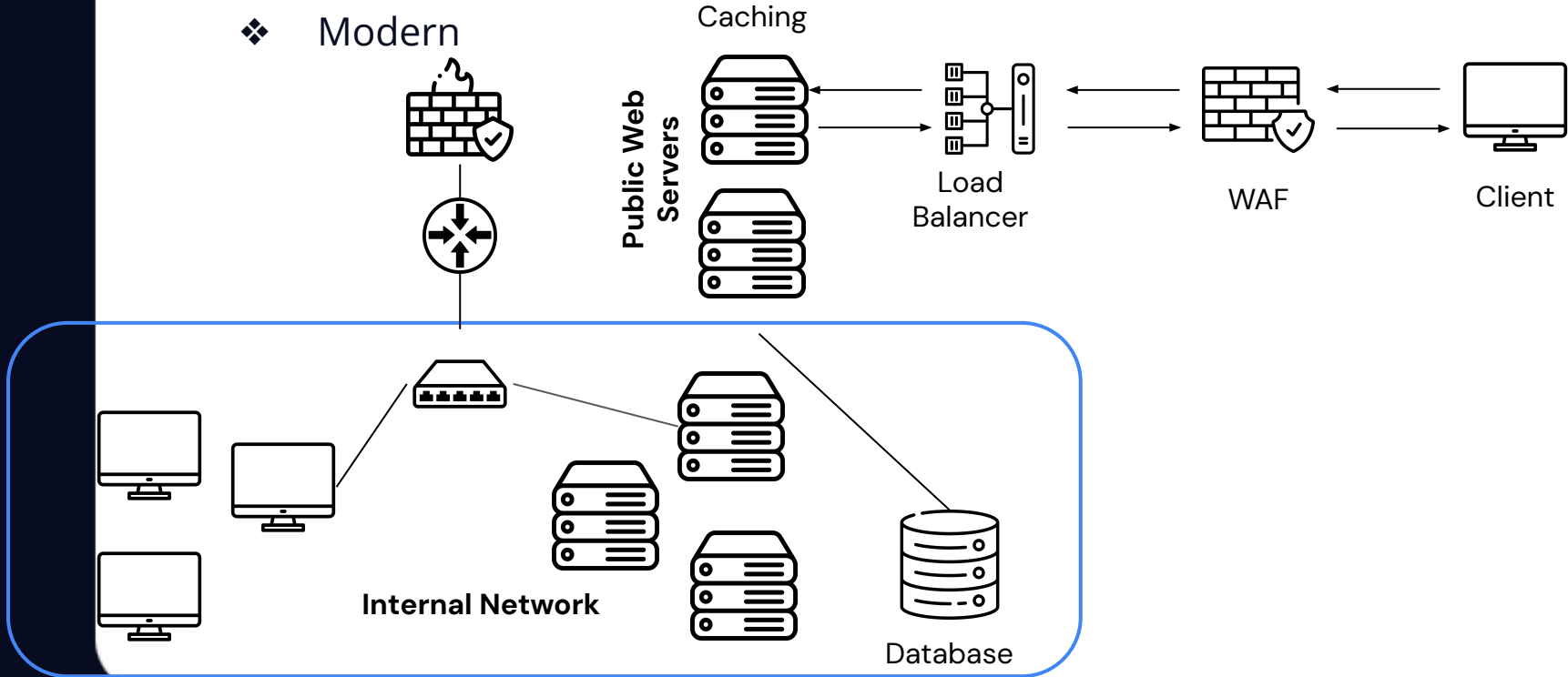
Web Application Overview

❖ Classic



Web Application Overview

❖ Modern



Simple Concept | From The Source to The Sink

Sink

Source



Simple Concept | From The Source to The Sink

Sink

A function to process user data and display it somewhere.

A function to log user actions.

A function to execute a database query based on user input.

A function to execute a command based on user input.

A backend procedure call.

A client side function.

A function to retrieve a remote or local file.

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Source

User Input Form

HTTP Headers

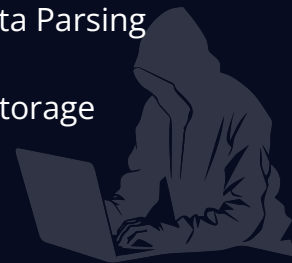
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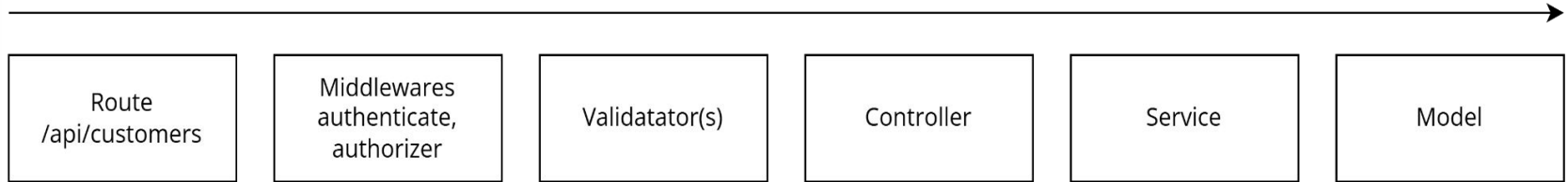
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Users
Requests

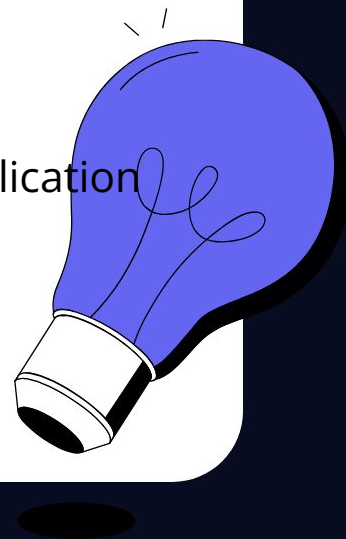




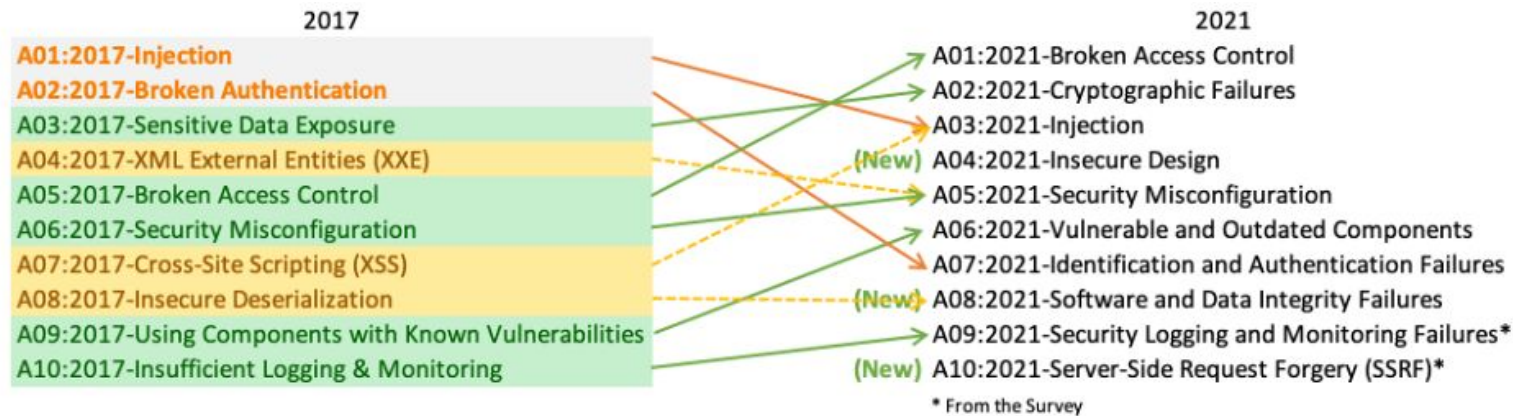
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OWASP

- ❖ The Open Worldwide Application Security Project (OWASP) is a nonprofit organization focused on enhancing software security. It follows an **open community** model, encouraging anyone to join, engage in discussions, and contribute to OWASP projects and initiatives.
- ❖ The OWASP Top 10 offers a ranked list of the most critical web application security risks, along with guidance on how to address them.



OWASP





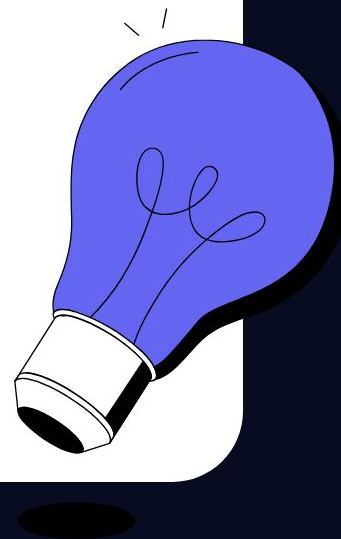
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Business Logic Vulnerabilities



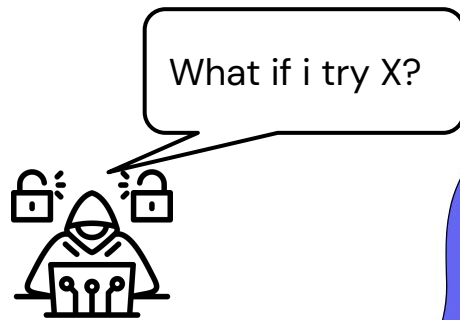
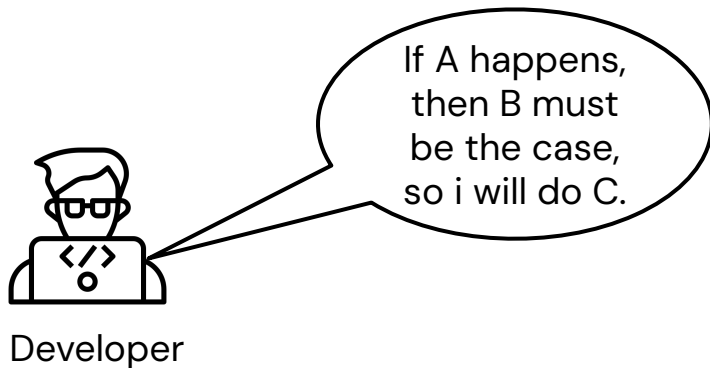
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- ❖ The assumption that the designer or developer made is the first cause of this defect.

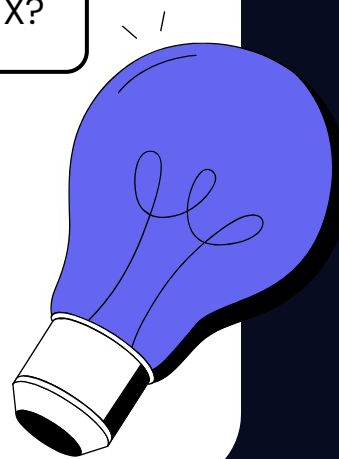


Business Logic Vulnerabilities | Continued

- ❖ The developer may have reasoned something like:



- ❖ The developer failed to consider a scenario that violates the assumption.



Business Logic Vulnerabilities | Continued

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Scenario #1 - Real World Scenario

```
//LAB - 1 - Real World Scenario
async calculateTotal(req, res) {
  try {
    const customerID = req.user.id;
    const customerRole = req.user.role;
    const additional_charge = req.body.additional_charge !== undefined ? req.body.additional_charge : 0;

    const customerInfo = await customerService.getCustomerById(customerID);

    if (!customerRole && additional_charge > 0 && additional_charge < 250) {
      return res.status(400).json({ message: 'Additional charge must be at least 250 for currency LBP.' });
    }

    // Calculate the total price
    const baseTotal = await cartService.calculateTotal(customerID);

    const total = baseTotal + additional_charge;

    res.status(200).json({
      total,
      customerInfo,
    });
  } catch (error) {
    console.error('Error calculating total:', error);
    res.status(500).json({ message: 'Internal server error' });
  }
}
```

Scenario #2 - Microweber | CVE-2023-6832

```
// MicroWeber\microweber_data\src\MicroweberPackages\Checkout\CheckoutManager.php

// Discount details save
if ($coupon_code) {
    $place_order['promo_code'] = $coupon_code;
    $place_order['coupon_id'] = $coupon_id;
    $place_order['discount_type'] = $discount_type;
    $place_order['discount_value'] = $discount_value;

    if (!$this->app->cart_manager->couponCodeCheckIfValid($coupon_code)) {
        //check if coupon is valid
        if(function_exists('coupons_delete_session')){
            coupons_delete_session();
        }

        $place_order['promo_code'] = '';
        $place_order['coupon_id'] = '';
        $place_order['discount_type'] = '';
        $place_order['discount_value'] = '';
    }
}
```

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```
// MicroWeber\microweber_data\src\MicroweberPackages\Checkout\CheckoutManager.php

$canUseCoupons = $this->app->option_manager->get('enable_coupons', 'shop') == 1;

// Discount details save
if ($canUseCoupons and $coupon_code) {
    $place_order['promo_code'] = $coupon_code;
    $place_order['coupon_id'] = $coupon_id;
    $place_order['discount_type'] = $discount_type;
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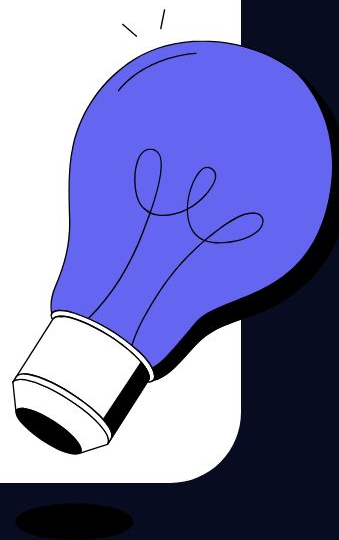
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04 Insecure Direct Object Reference (IDOR)

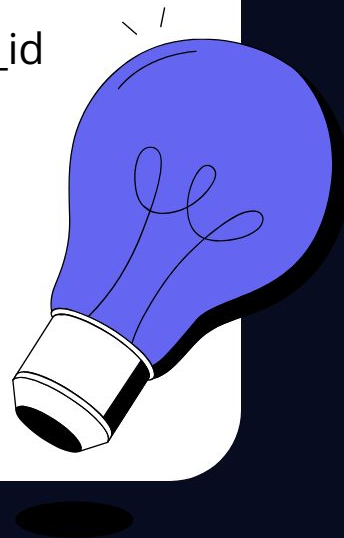
Insecure Direct Object Reference (IDOR)

- ❖ IDOR are a type of access control vulnerability that arises when an application uses user-supplied input to access objects directly.
- ❖ An example of IDOR vulnerability with direct access to database objects
- ❖ https://workshop.com/api/user_profile?id=132355

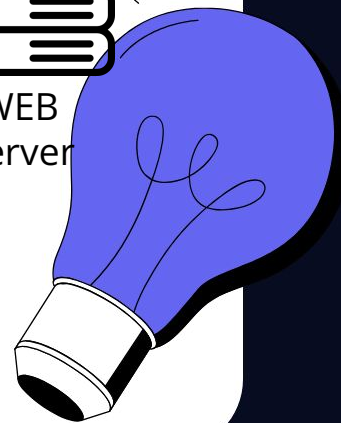
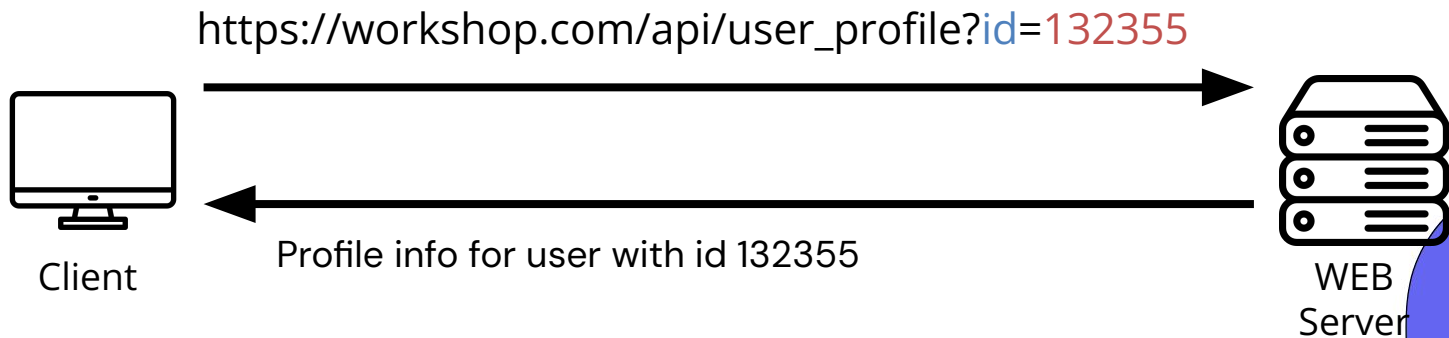


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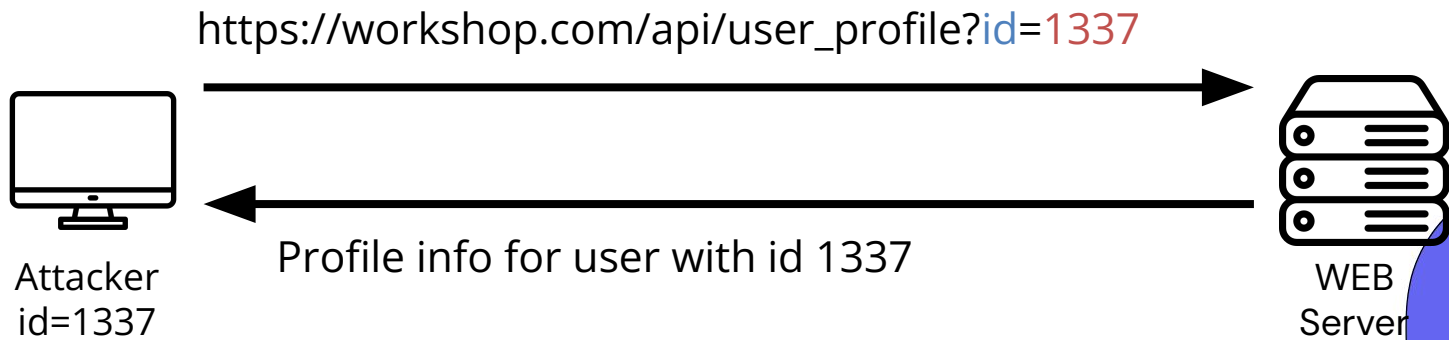
- ❖ The profile id is used directly to perform queries on the back-end database.
- ❖ In absence of access controls, an attacker can modify the profile_id value to view the records of other customers.



Insecure Direct Object Reference (IDOR) | Continued

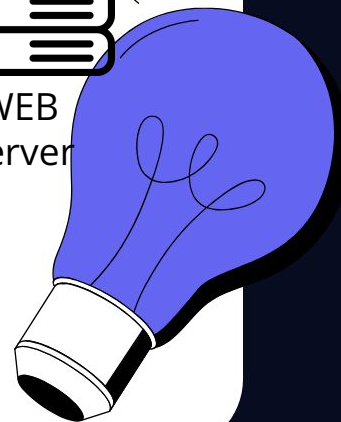
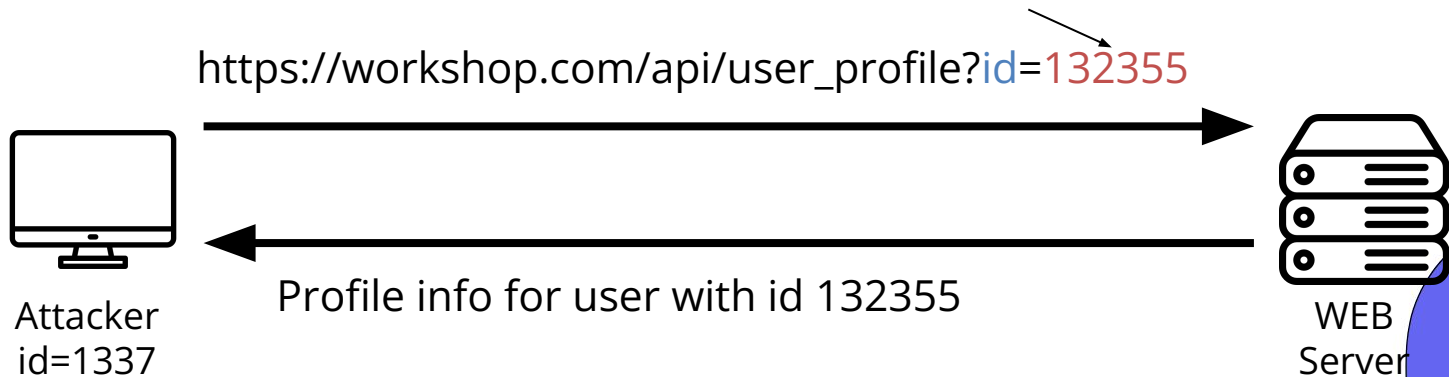


Insecure Direct Object Reference (IDOR) | Continued




Insecure Direct Object Reference (IDOR) | Continued

Attacker changes the profile_id to the **victim's profile_id**



4) Scenario #1 - Real World Scenario



```
// routes\customerRoute.js
// Only Authorized For Admin
router.get('/', authenticate, authorize(0), customerController.getAllCustomers);

router.get('/:id', authenticate, authorize(0, 1), validateCustomerId, customerController.getCustomerById);
```


4) Scenario #1 - Real World Scenario

```
// controllers\customerController.js
/**
 * Get customer details by ID.
 * Admins can fetch any customer; regular users can fetch their own data.
 * @param {Object} req - Express request object containing user information.
 * @param {Object} res - Express response object.
 */
async getCustomerById(req, res) {
  try {
    const id = parseInt(req.params.id, 10)

    // Fetch the customer data
    const customer = await customerService.getCustomerById(id);
    if (!customer) {
      return res.status(404).json({ message: 'Customer not found' });
    }

    res.json(customer);
  } catch (error) {
    console.error('Error fetching customer:', error);
    res.status(500).json({ message: 'Internal server error' });
  }
}
```

4) Scenario #1 - Real World Scenario



```
// services\customerService.js
/**
 * Get a customer by their ID.
 * @param {number} id - The customer ID.
 * @returns {Promise<Object|null>} The customer object or null if not found.
 */
async getCustomerById(id) {
  const [rows] = await this.pool.query(
    'SELECT customer_ID, customer_FullName, customer_Email, customer_PhoneNumber, role FROM customer WHERE customer_ID = ?',
    [id]
  );
  if (rows.length === 0) return null;
  return Customer.fromRow(rows[0]);
}
```


4) Scenario #1 - Real World Scenario | Patch


```
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 */
async getCustomerById(req, res) {
  try {
    const requestingUserId = req.user.id;
    const userRole = req.user.role;

    // Determine the ID to fetch based on user role
    const id = userRole === 0 && req.params.id ? parseInt(req.params.id, 10) : requestingUserId;

    // Fetch the customer data
    const customer = await customerService.getCustomerById(id);
    if (!customer) {
      return res.status(404).json({ message: 'Customer not found' });
    }

    res.json(customer);
  } catch (error) {
    console.error('Error fetching customer:', error);
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  }
}
```

4) Scenario #2 - Grafana Teams API IDOR | CVE-2022-21713



```
// team without requirement of user to be org admin
apiRoute.Group("/teams", func(teamsRoute routing.RouteRegister) {
    teamsRoute.Get("/:teamId", routing.Wrap(hs.GetTeamByID))
    teamsRoute.Get("/search", routing.Wrap(hs.SearchTeams))
})
```

4) Scenario #2 - Grafana Teams API IDOR | CVE-2022-21713

```

// GET /api/teams/:teamId
func (hs *HTTPServer) GetTeamByID(c *models.ReqContext) response.Response {
    query := models.GetTeamByIdQuery{
        OrgId:      c.OrgId,
        Id:          c.ParamsInt64(":teamId"),
        SignedInUser: c.SignedInUser,
        HiddenUsers: hs.Cfg.HiddenUsers,
    }

    if err := bus.DispatchCtx(c.Req.Context(), &query); err != nil {
        if errors.Is(err, models.ErrTeamNotFound) {
            return response.Error(404, "Team not found", err)
        }

        return response.Error(500, "Failed to get Team", err)
    }
}
```

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```
// \Labs-Workshop\Grafana\grafana-8.3.3\pkg\services\sqlstore\team.go
func init() {
    bus.AddHandlerCtx("sql", UpdateTeam)
    bus.AddHandlerCtx("sql", DeleteTeam)
    bus.AddHandlerCtx("sql", SearchTeams)
    bus.AddHandlerCtx("sql", GetTeamById)
    bus.AddHandlerCtx("sql", GetTeamsByUser)

    bus.AddHandlerCtx("sql", UpdateTeamMember)
    bus.AddHandlerCtx("sql", RemoveTeamMember)
    bus.AddHandlerCtx("sql", GetTeamMembers)
    bus.AddHandlerCtx("sql", IsAdminOfTeams)
}
```

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```
// \Labs-Workshop\Grafana\grafana-8.3.3\pkg\services\sqlstore\team.go
func GetTeamById(ctx context.Context, query *models.GetTeamByIdQuery) error {
    var sql bytes.Buffer
    params := make([]interface{}, 0)

    filteredUsers := getFilteredUsers(query.SignedInUser, query.HiddenUsers)
    sql.WriteString(getTeamSelectSQLBase(filteredUsers))
    for _, user := range filteredUsers {
        params = append(params, user)
    }

    sql.WriteString(` WHERE team.org_id = ? and team.id = ?`)
    params = append(params, query.OrgId, query.Id)

    var team models.TeamDTO
    exists, err := x.SQL(sql.String(), params...).Get(&team)

    if err != nil {
        return err
    }

    if !exists {
        return models.ErrTeamNotFound
    }

    query.Result = &team
    return nil
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    sql.WriteString(getTeamSelectSQLBase(filteredUsers))
    for _, user := range filteredUsers {
        params = append(params, user)
    }

    if query.UserIdFilter != models.FilterIgnoreUser {
        sql.WriteString(` INNER JOIN team_member ON team.id = team_member.team_id AND team_member.user_id = ?`)
        params = append(params, query.UserIdFilter)
    }

    sql.WriteString(` WHERE team.org_id = ? and team.id = ?`)
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05 Broken Access Control

Broken Access Control

- ❖ Within the application's core security mechanisms, access controls are logically built on **authentication** and **session management**.
- ❖ **Authentication:** verify a user's identity.
- ❖ **Session management:** confirm that a particular sequence of requests that the web application receives originated from the same user.

Broken Access Control | Continued

- ❖ The reason that the application needs to do these things is because it needs a way to decide whether it should **permit** a given request to perform its attempted action or access the resources it is requesting.
- ❖ **Access controls** (or **authorization**) are responsible for making these key decisions.
- ❖ Access control vulnerabilities are conceptually simple: **The application lets you do something you shouldn't be able to.**

Broken Access Control | Continued

Access controls can be divided into three broad categories:

- ❖ **Vertical:** allow different types of users to access different parts of the application's functionality. **Example:** division between normal users and administrators.
- ❖ **Horizontal:** allow users to access a certain subset of a wider range of resources of the same type. **Example:** a web mail application may allow you to read your email but no one else's.

Scenario #1 - Real World Scenario

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introduce it directly.
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Scenario #2 - unifiedtransform | CVE-2024-2292



```
// Labs-Workshop\unifiedtransform\routes\web.php

// Courses
Route::get('courses/teacher/index', [AssignedTeacherController::class, 'getTeacherCourses'])->name('course.teacher.list.show');
Route::get('courses/student/index/{student_id}', [CourseController::class, 'getStudentCourses'])->
>name('course.student.list.show');
Route::get('course/edit/{id}', [CourseController::class, 'edit'])->name('course.edit');
```

Scenario #2 - unifiedtransform | CVE-2024-2292

```
// Labs-Workshop\unifiedtransform\app\Http\Controllers\CourseController.php

/**
 * Display the specified resource.
 *
 * @return \Illuminate\Http\Response
 */
public function getStudentCourses($student_id) {
    $current_school_session_id = $this->getSchoolCurrentSession();
    $promotionRepository = new PromotionRepository();
    $class_info = $promotionRepository->getPromotionInfoById($current_school_session_id, $student_id);
    $courses = $this->schoolCourseRepository->getByClassId($class_info->class_id);

    $data = [
        'class_info'    => $class_info,
        'courses'      => $courses,
    ];
    return view('courses.student', $data);
}
```

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// Labs-Workshop\Unifiedtransform-master-updated\routes\web.php

// Courses
Route::get('courses/teacher/index', [AssignedTeacherController::class, 'getTeacherCourses'])->name('course.teacher.list.show');
Route::get('courses/student/index/{student_id}', [CourseController::class, 'getStudentCourses'])->middleware('check.student')->name('course.student.list.show');
Route::get('course/edit/{id}', [CourseController::class, 'edit'])->name('course.edit');
```

Scenario #2 - unifiedtransform | CVE-2024-2292 | Patch

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/**
 * Display the specified resource.
 *
 * @return \Illuminate\Http\Response
 */

public function getStudentCourses($student_id) {
    $student = Student::findOrFail($student_id);

    // Ensure the current user is authorized to view this student's courses
    if (auth()->user()->id !== $student->user_id) {
        abort(403, 'Unauthorized access.');
```

```
    }

    $current_school_session_id = $this->getSchoolCurrentSession();
    $promotionRepository = new PromotionRepository();
    $class_info = $promotionRepository->getPromotionInfoById($current_school_session_id, $student_id);
    $courses = $this->schoolCourseRepository->getByClassId($class_info->class_id);

    $data = [
        'class_info' => $class_info,
        'courses' => $courses,
    ];

    return view('courses.student', $data);
}
```

Scenario #2 - unifiedtransform | CVE-2024-2292 | Patch

```
// Labs-Workshop\Unifiedtransform-master-updated\app\Http\Middleware\CheckStudentOwnership.php
```

```
class CheckStudentOwnership
{
    /**
     * Handle an incoming request.
     *
     * @param \Illuminate\Http\Request $request
     * @param \Closure $next
     * @return mixed
     */
    public function handle(Request $request, Closure $next)
    {
        $student_id = $request->route('student_id');
        $student = Student::find($student_id);

        if (!$student) {
            abort(404, 'Student not found.');
        }

        if (auth()->user()->id !== $student->user_id) {
            abort(403, 'Unauthorized access.');
        }

        return $next($request);
    }
}
```




06 Information Disclosure



Information Disclosure

“Information disclosure, also referred to as information leakage, occurs when a website inadvertently exposes sensitive information to its users. This can allow potential attackers to access various types of data”, including:

- ❖ Information about other users, such as usernames or financial details
- ❖ Confidential business or commercial data
- ❖ Technical information about the website and its infrastructure

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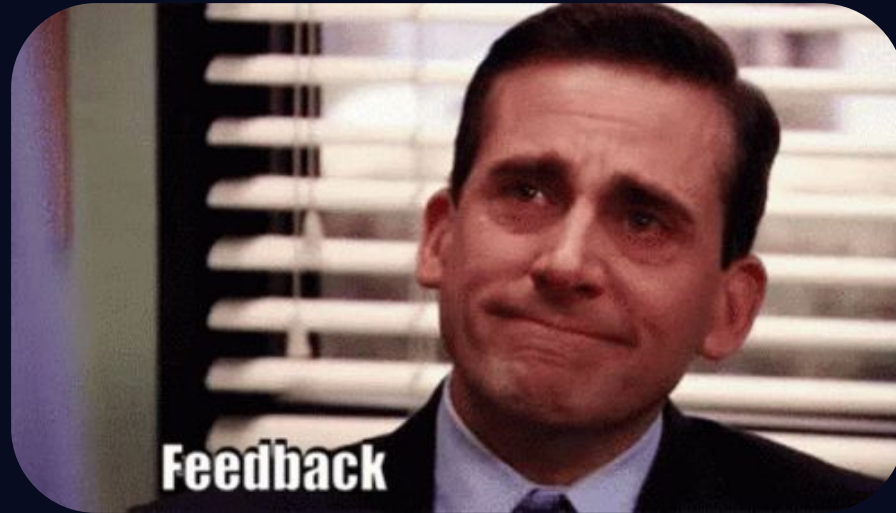


07 What's Next?

Questions?



Seeking Feedback



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