

OWASP Top Ten

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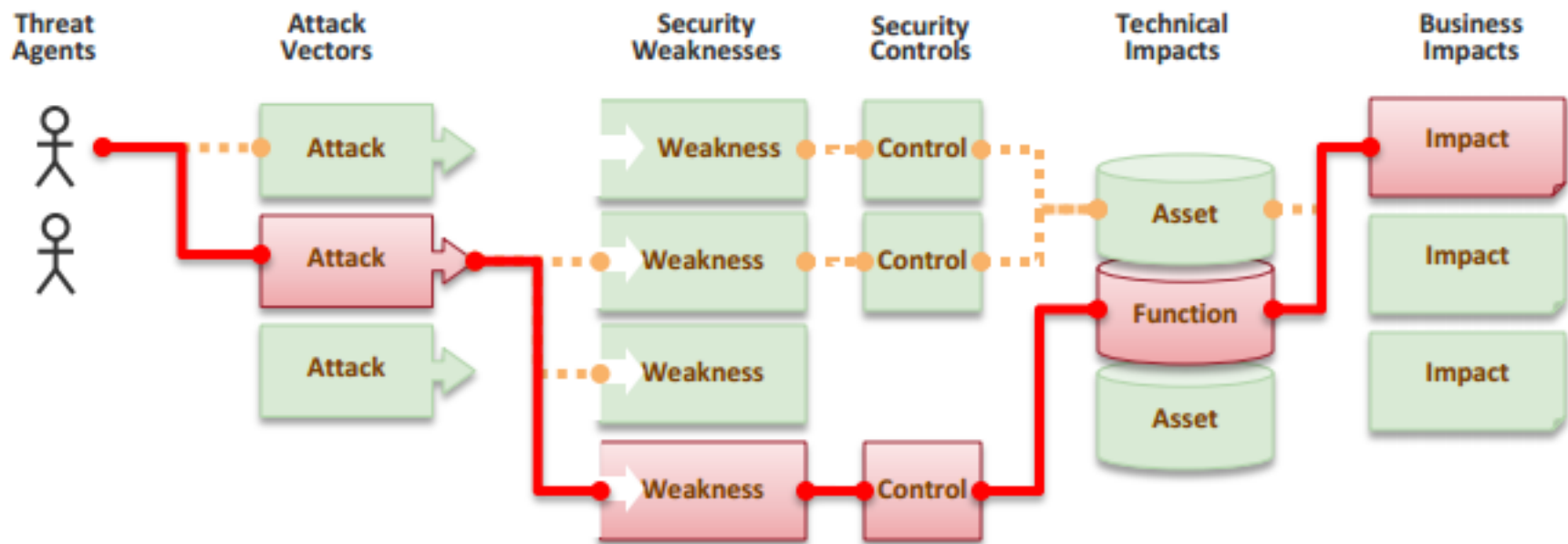
Agenda

- Overview of the Top 10
- A1 – Injection
- A2 – Broken Authentication and Session Management
- A3 – Cross-Site Scripting
- A4 – Broken Access Control
- A5 – Security Misconfiguration




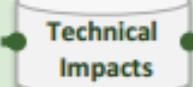
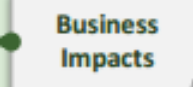
OWASP Top 10

- Started in 2004
- Focus security efforts against the most serious vulnerabilities
- 2013 Version generated from 8 datasets from 7 companies
- 2017 Update in progress.

OWASP: Application Security Risk



Injection Attacks

 Threat Agents	 Attack Vectors	 Security Weakness		 Technical Impacts	 Business Impacts
Application Specific	Exploitability EASY	Prevalence COMMON	Detectability AVERAGE	Impact SEVERE	Application / Business Specific
Consider anyone who can send untrusted data to the system, including external users, internal users, and administrators.	Attacker sends simple text-based attacks that exploit the syntax of the targeted interpreter. Almost any source of data can be an injection vector, including internal sources.	Injection flaws occur when an application sends untrusted data to an interpreter. Injection flaws are very prevalent, particularly in legacy code. They are often found in SQL, LDAP, Xpath, or NoSQL queries; OS commands; XML parsers, SMTP Headers, program arguments, etc. Injection flaws are easy to discover when examining code, but frequently hard to discover via testing. Scanners and fuzzers can help attackers find injection flaws.		Injection can result in data loss or corruption, lack of accountability, or denial of access. Injection can sometimes lead to complete host takeover.	Consider the business value of the affected data and the platform running the interpreter. All data could be stolen, modified, or deleted. Could your reputation be harmed?

Injection Attacks

Injection attacks occur when unvalidated input is embedded in an instruction stream and cannot be distinguished from valid instructions.

If a language has a parser or an interpreter, and if the input can be confused for instructions in the language or the way the language is applied, then the language is vulnerable to an injection attack.

Consider the following fragment in a dynamic SQL query:

```
'x = x + ' + input + ';' 
```

Consider the following inputs for the code:

```
input = '12'
```

```
input = '12;print("foo");'
```

Software Security Principle

- Never trust input!
- Accept only known good input!
 - Reject input that does not conform
 - Or transform it into something that does
- Where does input come from?
 - Parameters or arguments; form fields
 - Cookies
 - Environment variables
 - Request headers
 - URL components
 - Files
 - Databases
 -

Improper Input Validation Example

Example 1:

This example demonstrates a shopping interaction in which the user is free to specify the quantity of items to be purchased and a total is calculated.

Java Example:

```
...  
public static final double price = 20.00;  
int quantity = currentUser.getAttribute("quantity");  
double total = price * quantity;  
chargeUser(total);  
...
```

The user has no control over the price variable, however the code does not prevent a negative value from being specified for quantity. If an attacker were to provide a negative value, then the user would have their account credited instead of debited.

SQL Injection Vulnerability

- Condition: When untrusted input is used to construct dynamic SQL queries.
- Consequence: Can be used to alter the intended query logic to access, modify, and delete data in the database, possibly including execution of system commands or creating a denial of service.

SQL Injection - String Type Example

Login:

John

Password:

John1234

```
String query = "SELECT * FROM users  
WHERE login = '" + login +  
"' AND password = '" + password + "'";
```

Expected input:

```
SELECT * FROM users  
WHERE login = 'John'  
AND password = 'John1234'
```

Result: Returns John's user information

SQL Injection – Tautology

Login:

' OR '1' = '1

Password:

' OR '1' = '1

```
String query = "SELECT * FROM users  
WHERE login = '" + login +  
"' AND password = '" + password + "'";
```

Expected input:

```
SELECT *FROM users  
WHERE login = '' OR '1'='1'  
AND password = '' OR '1'='1'
```

Result: Returns all user information in the users table

SQL Injection – Date Type Example

Submitting SQL query logic instead of a valid date can expose confidential records.

**Unvalidated Input
allows SQL Injection**

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Account Transactions

Date range (yyyy-mm-dd) To

#	Date	Account No.	Description
1	2006-05-31	174	A/C Opening Fees
2	2006-05-31	174	TRF to 189
3	2006-05-31	174	TRF to 196
4	2006-05-31	174	TRF to 196

SQL Injection – Date Type Example

```
String query = "SELECT * FROM accounts  
WHERE username = '\" + strUName + \"'  
AND tran_date >= '\" + strSDate + \"'  
AND tran_date <= '\" + strEDate + \"'";
```

Expected input:

```
SELECT *FROM accounts  
WHERE username = 'John'  
AND tran_date >= '2005-01-01'  
AND tran_date <= '2006-06-28'
```

Result: Returns John's transactions between given dates

SQL Injection – Date Type Example

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Transactions

(yyyy-mm-dd) ' OR 1=1 -- To ' OR 1=1 -- Get State

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Account Transactions

Date range (yyyy-mm-dd) ' OR 1=1 -- To ' OR 1=1 -- Get Statement

#	Date	Account No.	Description
1	2004-03-31	325634	DEPOSITS
2	2004-04-11	325634	ATM Cashwdl, Seq:0365
3	2004-04-30	325634	TRF FRM ABC Company
4	2004-05-05	325634	TRF TO Credit Card No:8765 2345 1423 7060
5	2004-05-27	325634	ATM Cashwdl, Seq:0583
6	2004-	974563	TRF TO Credit Card No:8765 2345 1423 1111

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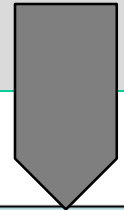
Expected input:

```
SELECT * FROM accounts  
WHERE username = 'John'  
AND tran_date >= '' OR 1=1 --'  
AND tran_date <= '' OR 1=1 --'
```

Result: Returns all saved transactions

SQL Injection – Drop Table

Could be any SQL command; add data; delete rows, etc.



- What if the attacker had instead entered:
 - `blah'; DROP TABLE prodinfo; --`
- Results in the following SQL:
 - `SELECT prodinfo FROM prodtable WHERE prodname =` `blah'; DROP TABLE prodinfo; --`
 - Note how comment (--) consumes the final quote
- Causes the entire database to be deleted
 - Depends on knowledge of table name
 - This is sometimes exposed to the user in debug code called during a database error
 - Use non-obvious table names, and never expose them to user
- Usually data destruction is not your worst fear, as there is low economic motivation

Union Injections

Return records from other tables or functions

```
SELECT header, txt FROM news  
UNION ALL  
SELECT name, pass FROM members
```

This will combine results from both news table and members table and return all of them.

```
$id = "%' or 0=0 union select null, version() #"
```

```
$getid = "SELECT first_name, last_name  
        FROM users WHERE user_id = '$id';  
$result = mysql_query($getid);
```

Mitigation -1

- Any security checks that are performed on the client side, ensure that these checks are duplicated on the server side. Attackers can bypass the client-side checks by modifying values after the checks have been performed, or by changing the client to remove the client-side checks entirely.
- Even though client-side checks provide minimal benefits with respect to server-side security, they are still useful.
 - They can support intrusion detection. If the server receives input that should have been rejected by the client, then it may be an indication of an attack.
 - Client-side error-checking can provide helpful feedback to the user about the expectations for valid input.
 - Reduction in server-side processing time for accidental input errors.

Mitigation -2

- Blacklist – list that specifies the format of input that should be rejected (“foes”)
 - Example: ‘ < > -- ; script
 - Enumerate the bad stuff
 - Don’t allow anything on the blacklist
 - Drawback: infinite, easy to get around
 - Benefit: react quickly (often no re-compilation), straightforward
- Whitelist – list that specifies the format of input that should be accepted (“friends”)
 - Only accept known good input
 - Often done with regex’s
 - Drawbacks:
 - Sometimes not possible to block certain characters
 - Often requires re-compilation and patches
 - Benefit: finite

Mitigation - 3

- For blacklists and whitelists:
 - Considerations: length, type, syntax, business rules, special characters, checksum
 - Usually expressed as regular expressions
- Instead of blocking input, *sanitize* it
 - All input comes in, but it's manipulated
 - Convert it to something that won't be interpreted as code
 - Usually utilizes escape characters
 - e.g. HTML
 - < is <
 - e.g. Java
 - " is \"

Mitigation - 4

- Prepared Statements: Pre-compiled parameterized SQL queries
 - A setter method sets a value to a bind variable as well as performs strong type checking and will nullify the effect of invalid characters, such as single quotes in the middle of a string.
 - `setString(index, input)`, sets the bind variable in the SQL structure indicated by the index to input

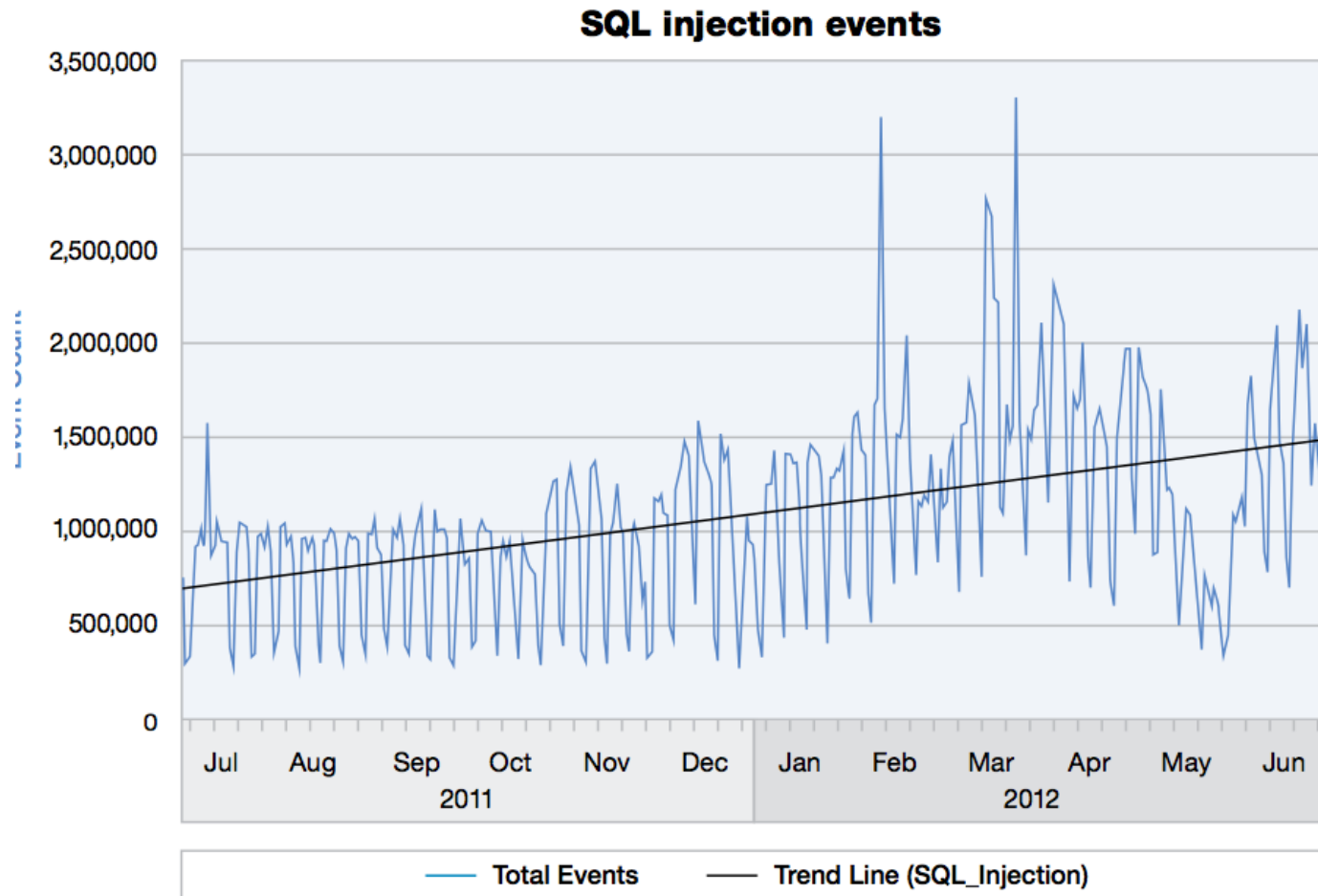
```
String custname = request.getParameter("customerName"); // This should REALLY be validated too
// perform input validation to detect attacks
String query = "SELECT account_balance FROM user_data WHERE user_name = ? ";

PreparedStatement pstmt = connection.prepareStatement( query );
pstmt.setString( 1, custname);
ResultSet results = pstmt.executeQuery( );
```

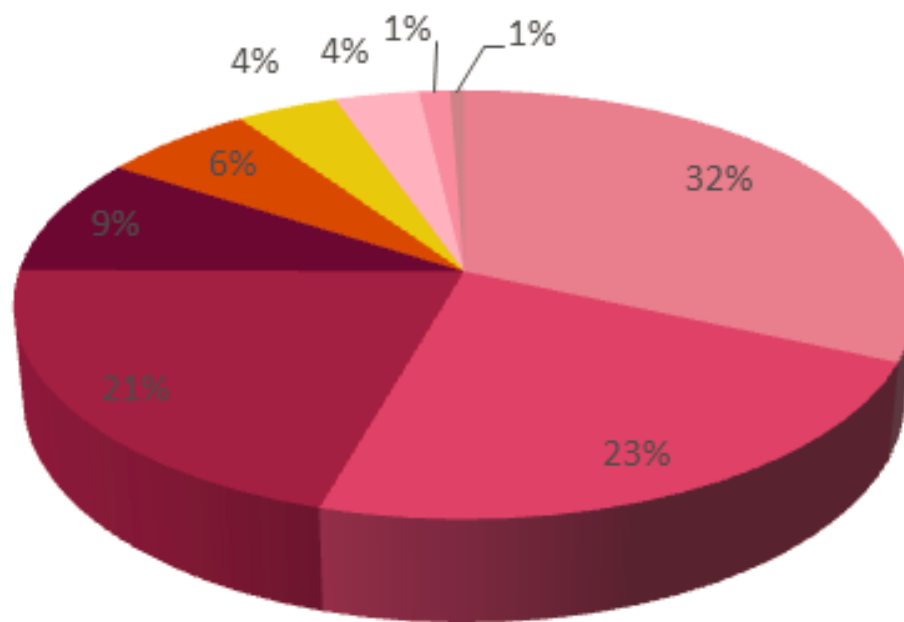
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- Database Frameworks
 - e.g. Hibernate framework ... use `createQuery()`
- Use stored procedures
- Limit database permissions
- Use static analysis tools which can be trained to find injection vulnerabilities
- All mitigation methods have holes or can be misused.
- Defense in depth ... use several!

Prevent and Mitigate

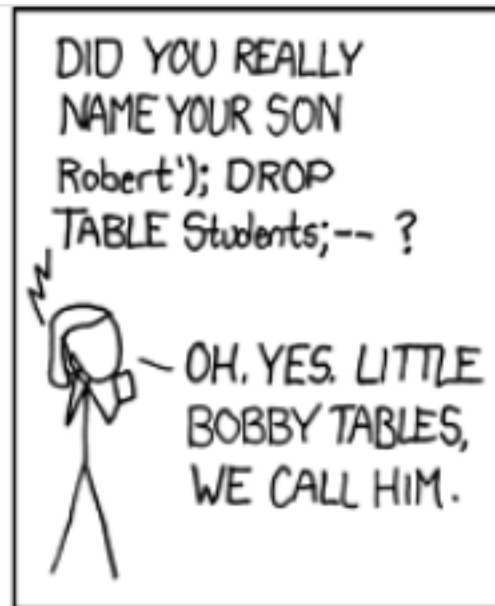


SQL Injection Trends



- SQL Servers UNION Query-based SQL Injection
- SQL Servers MySQL Vendor-specific SQL Injection
- SQL Servers Unauthorized Commands SQL Injection
- Havij Automated SQL Injection tool
- SQL Servers SQL Injection Evasion Techniques
- SQL Servers SQL Injection Evasion Techniques - ver 2
- SQL Servers Time-based SQL Injection

Bobby Tables



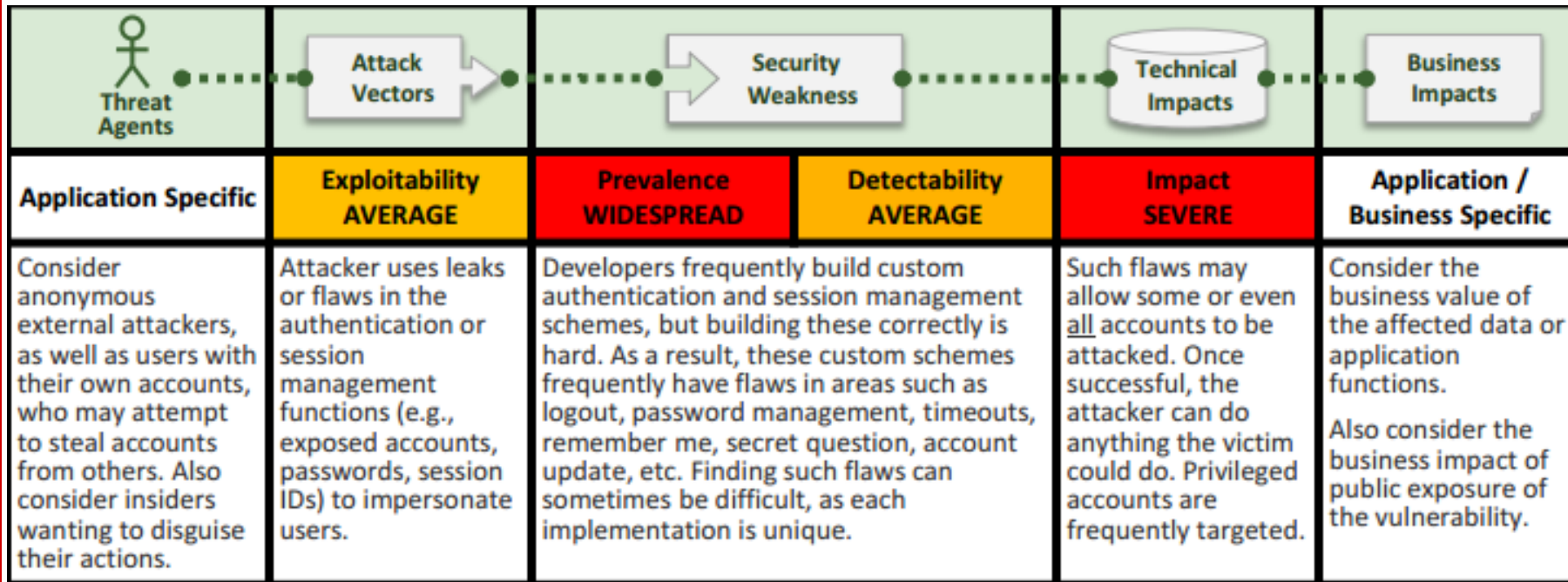
Class Exercise

- Use DVWA /SQL Injection (Blind Injunction)
- Use “View Source” to see the PHP serverside script
- Goal: Find the passwords

A2 – Broken Authentication and Session Management



A2 Overview



Session ID

- Session ID = a piece of data that is used in network communications to identify a session
 - Session = a series of related message exchanges
- Session ID is often a long, hashed, randomly generated string to decrease the probability of obtaining a valid one by means of a brute-force search
- Session ID become necessary when the communications infrastructure uses a **stateless protocol**, such as HTTP
- Session ID typically granted when a user first enters a site and are short lived
 - May expire after a preset time of inactivity
 - May become invalid after a certain goal has been met (for example, once the buyer has finalized his order, he cannot use the same session ID to add more items).
- As session IDs are often used to identify a user that has logged into a website, they can be used by an attacker to hijack a session and obtain potential privileges.

You may be vulnerable if:

- User authentication credentials aren't protected when stored using hashing or encryption.
- Credentials can be guessed or overwritten through weak account management functions (e.g., account creation, change password, recover password, weak session IDs).
- Session IDs are exposed in the URL (e.g., URL rewriting) or hidden field.
- Session IDs don't timeout, or user sessions or authentication tokens, particularly single sign-on (SSO) tokens, aren't properly invalidated during logout.
- Passwords, session IDs, and other credentials are sent over unencrypted connections.
- Session ID can be obtained through XSS attack

Example Attacks

- **Scenario #1:** Airline reservations application supports URL rewriting, putting session IDs in the URL:
 - `http://example.com/sale/saleitems jsessionid=2P0OC2JSNDLPSKHJCJUN2JV ?dest=Hawaii`
An authenticated user of the site wants to let his friends know about the sale. He e-mails the above link without knowing he is also giving away his session ID. When his friends use the link they will use his session and credit card.
- **Scenario #2:** Application's timeouts aren't set properly. User uses a public computer to access site. Instead of selecting "logout" the user simply closes the browser tab and walks away. Attacker uses the same browser an hour later, and that browser is still authenticated.
- **Scenario #3:** Insider or external attacker gains access to the system's password database. User passwords are not properly hashed, exposing every users' password to the attacker.

Bad password management ...



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CULTURE WEB

Hack leaks hundreds of nude celebrity photos

Jennifer Lawrence among stars whose pictures were stolen

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OWASP Password Guidelines

- Typical guidelines:
 - Password must meet at least 3 out of the following 4 complexity rules
 - at least 1 uppercase character (A-Z)
 - at least 1 lowercase character (a-z)
 - at least 1 digit (0-9)
 - at least 1 special character
- at least 10 characters
- at most 128 characters ... but enable passphrases
- Require the current credentials for an account before updating sensitive account information such as the user's password, user's email, or before sensitive transactions, such as shipping a purchase to a new address

Forgot password

1. Gather Identity Data or 1-2 Security Questions
 - May be available through organization already
 - Answers to questions should not be easily available through web searching or social engineering
 - Answers should be stable
2. Verify Security Questions
 - All or nothing on answering questions correctly
 - Limit number of tries
3. Send a Token Over a Side-Channel (multi-factor)
 - SMS or email
 - Limited lifetime (~ 20 minutes)
4. Allow user to change password in the existing session

Security Questions

Save your travel itineraries and billing information in a [secure profile](#).
Choose a sign-in question that only you can answer:

Please choose a question.

Please choose a question.

What is your best friend's last name?

What is your preferred internet password?

What is the name of the street where you grew up?

What is the name of your favorite restaurant?

What is your favorite movie?

What is the name of your favorite cartoon character?

Who is your favorite fictional character?

Where did you go on your first date?

What is your favorite pet's name?

- The rate may change if you pick-up, or drop-off the car at a different date.
- Only the driver will be able to pick up this rental car at the counter.
- You will be able to add an additional driver at the counter for an additional charge. Additional charges also apply for optional items, and for drivers under 25.

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Good Practices

- Don't pass SessionIDs in URL. Instead use non-persistent, httpOnly (so it is unavailable from client code) cookies instead
- Check that all requests in a session originate from the same address
- Session rotation (reassign session ID periodically) and Session timeout
 - Balance between security and usability
- Hash passwords
- Encrypt essential data, such as security questions
- Balance convenience and the ability to “remember me”
 - Consider bank versus Facebook
- Use a CAPTCHA to prevent automated attacks
- Consider multi-factor authentication (MFA): using more than one authentication factor to logon or process a transaction:
 - Something you know (account details or passwords)
 - Something you have (tokens or mobile phones)
 - Something you are (biometrics)



Class Exercise

A3 – Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

 Threat Agents	 Attack Vectors	 Security Weakness		 Technical Impacts	 Business Impacts
Application Specific	Exploitability AVERAGE	Prevalence VERY WIDESPREAD	Detectability EASY	Impact MODERATE	Application / Business Specific
Consider anyone who can send untrusted data to the system, including external users, internal users, and administrators.	Attacker sends text-based attack scripts that exploit the interpreter in the browser. Almost any source of data can be an attack vector, including internal sources such as data from the database.	<p>XSS is the most prevalent web application security flaw. XSS flaws occur when an application includes user supplied data in a page sent to the browser without properly validating or escaping that content. There are three known types of XSS flaws: 1) <u>Stored</u>, 2) <u>Reflected</u>, and 3) <u>DOM based XSS</u>.</p> <p>Detection of most XSS flaws is fairly easy via testing or code analysis.</p>		Attackers can execute scripts in a victim's browser to hijack user sessions, deface web sites, insert hostile content, redirect users, hijack the user's browser using malware, etc.	<p>Consider the business value of the affected system and all the data it processes.</p> <p>Also consider the business impact of public exposure of the vulnerability.</p>

Cross-site Scripting (XSS)

- Condition: When untrusted input from the server or client is used to construct dynamic HTML web pages.
- Consequence: An attack can control the appearance of a web site, transfer sensitive data, and hijack the session to take control of the user's account.
- The vulnerability results because some data (input) is interpreted to be instructions (code) by the browser. In all XSS attacks, this execution of code is performed in the context of the vulnerable server.

Cross Site Scripting (XSS)

- Web application takes input from a user but fails to validate the input
- Input is echoed directly in a web page.
- Input could be malicious JavaScript, when echoed and interpreted in the destination browser any number of issues could result

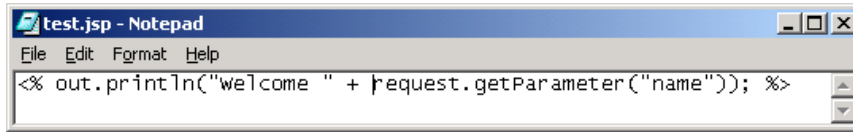
Possible attack:

- When the victim is tricked to click on a crafted link (via web server or email), he is referred to the host in the URL
- The host processes the query string and echoes it to the victim's browser,
- The victim's browser executes the malicious script.

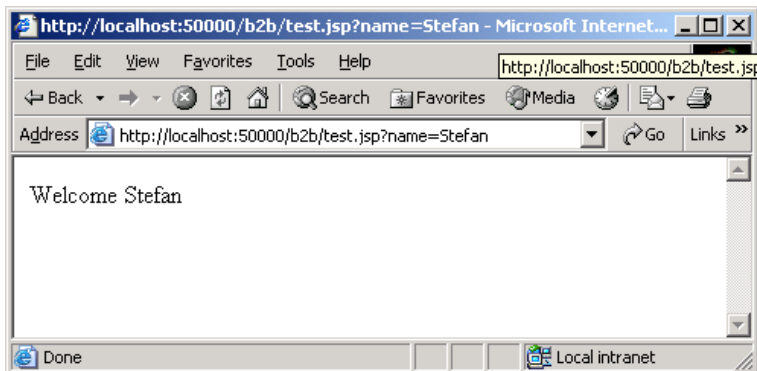
Cross Site Scripting

- Reflected XSS
 - Attacker-provided script is embedded in the web page generated by the server as an immediate response of an HTTP request or in an email. The client executes code in the context of the current user.
- Stored XSS
 - Attacker-provided script is stored to a database or other persistent storage. Later, the script is retrieved and embedded in the web page generated by the server.

Cross Site Scripting – Reflected XSS

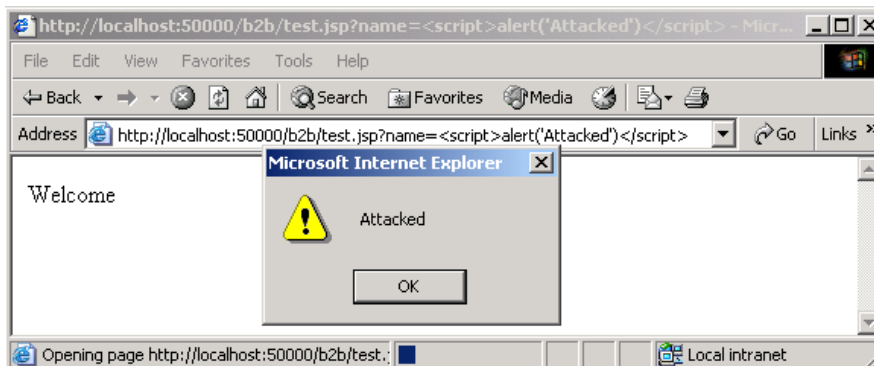


<http://myserver.com/test.jsp?name=Stefan>



```
<HTML>
<Body>
Welcome Stefan
</Body>
</HTML>
```

[http://myserver.com/welcome.jsp?name=<script>alert\('Attacked'\)</script>](http://myserver.com/welcome.jsp?name=<script>alert('Attacked')</script>)



```
<HTML>
<Body>
Welcome <script>alert('Attacked')</script>
</Body>
</HTML>
```

Cross Site Scripting – Stored XSS

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Online Application

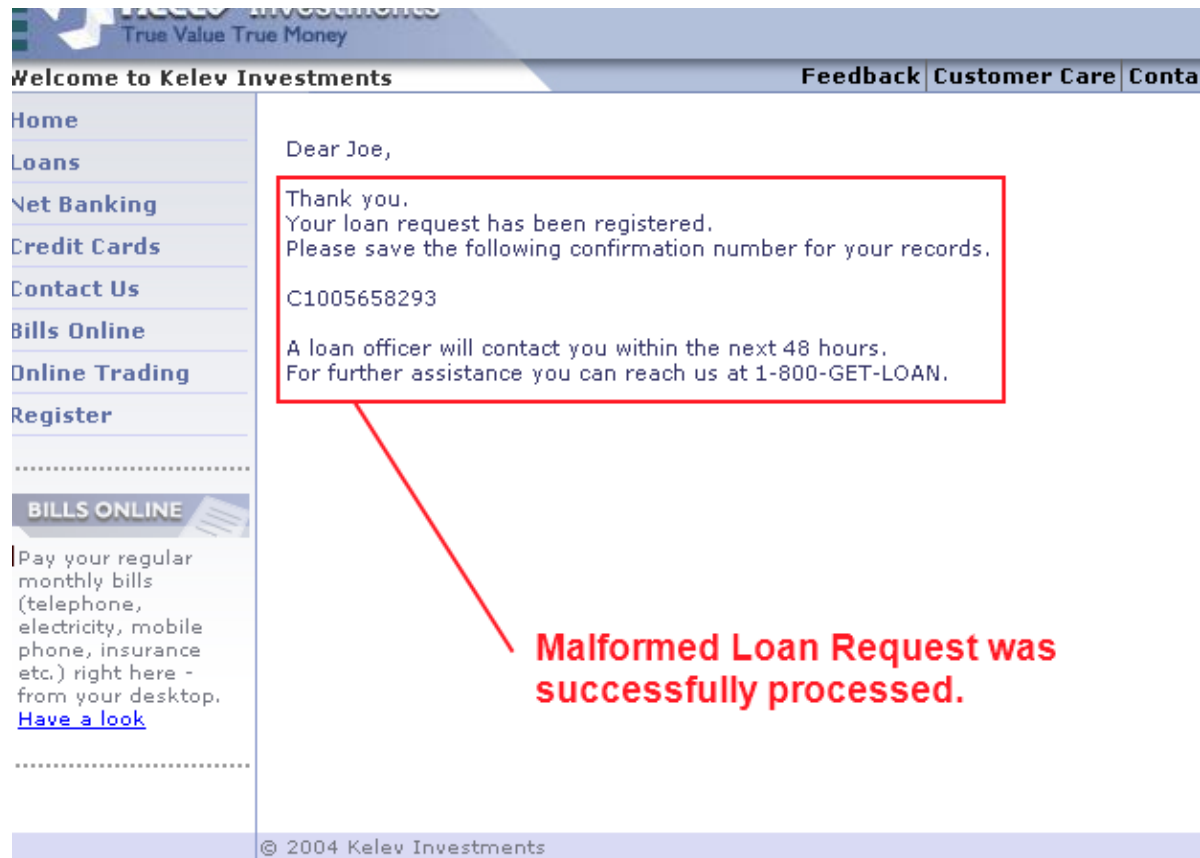
Personal Information

An asterisk (*) indicates a required field.

* First Name (Do not use nicknames)	Joe
Middle Initial	p
* Last Name	Hacker
* Social Security Number (format: xxx-xx-xxxx)	555-55-5555
* Birth Date (format yyyy-mm-dd)	1985-11-11
* Mother's Maiden Name (For security verification)	Foo
* Address	<script>alert (document.cookie)</script>
Apartment/Room Number	123
* City	Hackville
* State	(Please Select State) ▼
* Zip Code	90210
Telephone Number	555-555-5555
* Email	foo@foo.com
Occupation	Criminal
Annual Income	1500000

Unvalidated Input (XSS)

Cross Site Scripting – Stored XSS



Cross Site Scripting – Stored XSS

Loan request lists - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Back Forward Stop Reload Home Search Favorites RSS Mail My Yahoo! A

Address <http://localhost:8081/kelev/php/approveloanpage.php>

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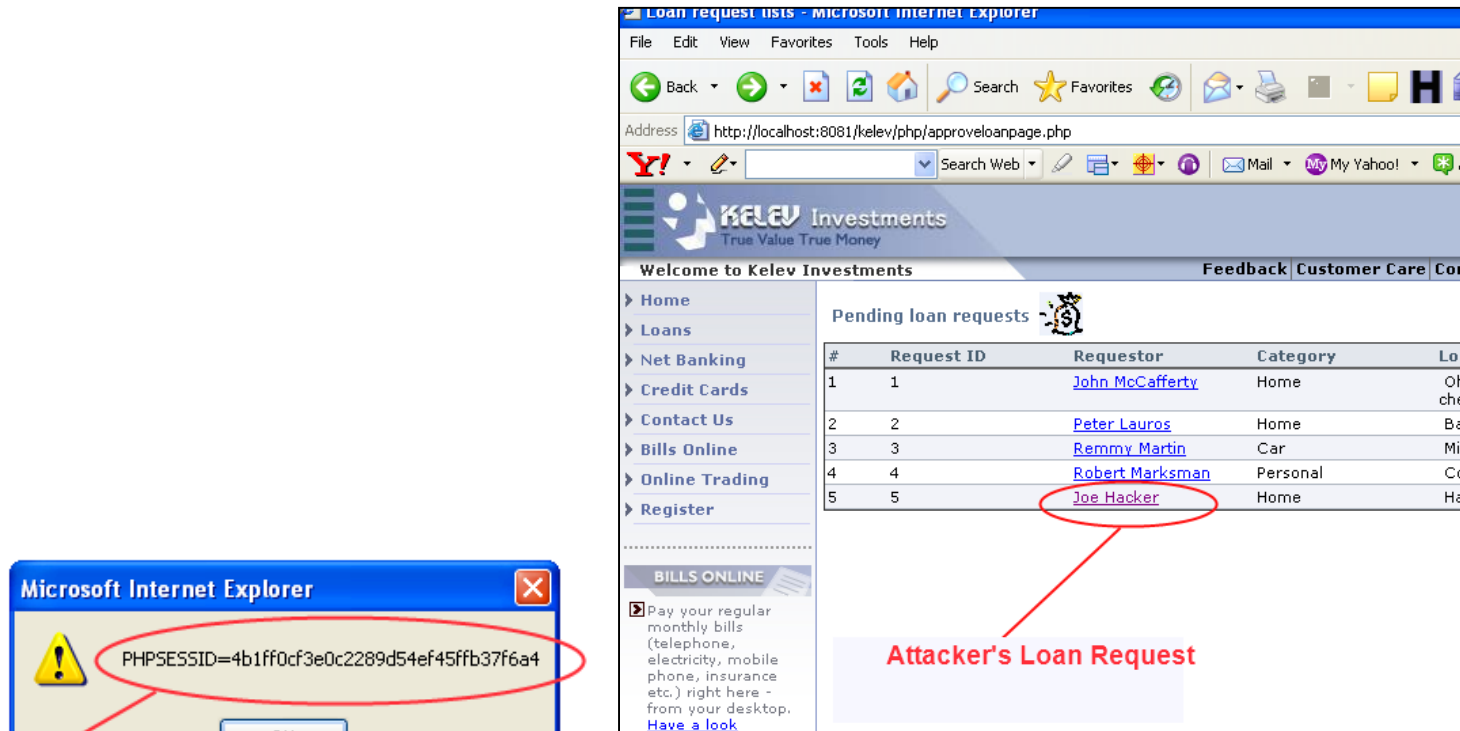
☐ Pay your regular monthly bills (telephone, electricity, mobile phone, insurance etc.) right here - from your desktop. [Have a look](#)

Pending loan requests 

#	Request ID	Requestor	Category	Lo
1	1	John McCafferty	Home	Of che
2	2	Peter Lauros	Home	Ba
3	3	Remmy Martin	Car	Mi
4	4	Robert Marksman	Personal	Cc
5	5	Joe Hacker	Home	Ha

Attacker's Loan Request

Cross Site Scripting – Stored XSS



Unvalidated Input resulted in a Cross-Site Scripting Attack and the theft of the Administrator's Cookie

A script that causes a denial of service ...

```
article.php?title=<meta%20http-  
equiv="refresh"%20content="0;">
```


Mitigation

- Input filtering (blacklist/whitelist)
- Output filtering (blacklist/whitelist)
- Available ... output encoding libraries
 - Microsoft's Anti-XSS library
 - OWASP ESAPI Encoding module
 - Encoding rules depend on context (HTML, HTML attribute, Script, URL query string, etc)
- The HttpOnly flag indicates that the cookie should not be available to the client script. Secure cookies indicate that the cookie holds sensitive data and should be sent only over an encrypted channel.

Testing for XSS

- Step 1: Identify where untrusted input can be used as output
 - Welcome message, error message, etc.
- Step 2: Test whether the input is not validated and valid HTML and script code can be executed

```
<script>alert("XSS")</script>
```

XSS Prevention

<code><script>...NEVER PUT UNTRUSTED DATA HERE...</script></code>	directly in a script
<code><!--...NEVER PUT UNTRUSTED DATA HERE...--></code>	inside an HTML comment
<code><div ...NEVER PUT UNTRUSTED DATA HERE...=test /></code>	in an attribute name
<code><NEVER PUT UNTRUSTED DATA HERE... href="/test" /></code>	in a tag name
<code><style>...NEVER PUT UNTRUSTED DATA HERE...</style></code>	directly in CSS

XSS Resources

OWASP:

- [https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Cross-site Scripting \(XSS\)](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Cross-site_Scripting_(XSS))
- [https://www.owasp.org/index.php/XSS Filter Evasion Cheat Sheet](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/XSS_Filter_Evasion_Cheat_Sheet)
- [https://www.owasp.org/index.php/XSS \(Cross Site Scripting\) Prevention Cheat Sheet](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/XSS_(Cross_Site_Scripting)_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet)



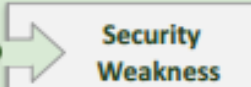

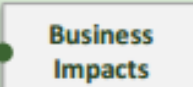
Google Application Security:

<https://www.google.com/about/appsecurity/learning/xss/>

Class Exercise

- Use Gruyere to find 2 XSS vulnerabilities
 - Profile page (stored)
 - URL (reflected)

A4 – Broken Access Control

 Threat Agents	 Attack Vectors	 Security Weakness		 Technical Impacts	 Business Impacts
Application Specific	Exploitability EASY	Prevalence COMMON	Detectability EASY	Impact MODERATE	Application / Business Specific
Consider the types of users of your system. Do any users have only partial access to certain types of system data?	Attacker, who is an authorized system user, simply changes a parameter value that directly refers to a system object to another object the user isn't authorized for. Is access granted?	Applications frequently use the actual name or key of an object when generating web pages. Applications don't always verify the user is authorized for the target object. This results in an insecure direct object reference flaw. Testers can easily manipulate parameter values to detect such flaws. Code analysis quickly shows whether authorization is properly verified.		Such flaws can compromise all the data that can be referenced by the parameter. Unless object references are unpredictable, it's easy for an attacker to access all available data of that type.	Consider the business value of the exposed data. Also consider the business impact of public exposure of the vulnerability.

Example Attacks

The application uses unverified data in a SQL call that is accessing account information:

```
String query = "SELECT * FROM accts WHERE account = ?";  
PreparedStatement pstmt = connection.prepareStatement(query , ... );  
pstmt.setString( 1, request.getParameter("acct"));  
ResultSet results = pstmt.executeQuery( );
```

The attacker simply modifies the 'acct' parameter in their browser to send whatever account number they want. If not verified, the attacker can access any user's account, instead of only the intended customer's account.

```
http://example.com/app/accountInfo?acct=notmyacct
```

Example Direct Objects

- The following direct objects are susceptible to an insecure direct object reference vulnerability:
 - Files and filenames
 - Registry keys
 - Ports and network resources
 - Tables, columns, and rows in a database

How to change parameter values

- URL parameters
- Cookies
- Form fields (including hidden variables)

There is no security through obscurity

- Assume the attackers will find our internal conventions

- If we have URLs like:

`tic.com/Customers/View/2148102445`

`tic.com/Customers/ViewDetails.aspx?ID=2148102445`

- Attackers will try:

`tic.com/Customers/Update/2148102445`

`tic.com/Customers/Modify.aspx?ID=2148102445`

`tic.com/Customers/admin`

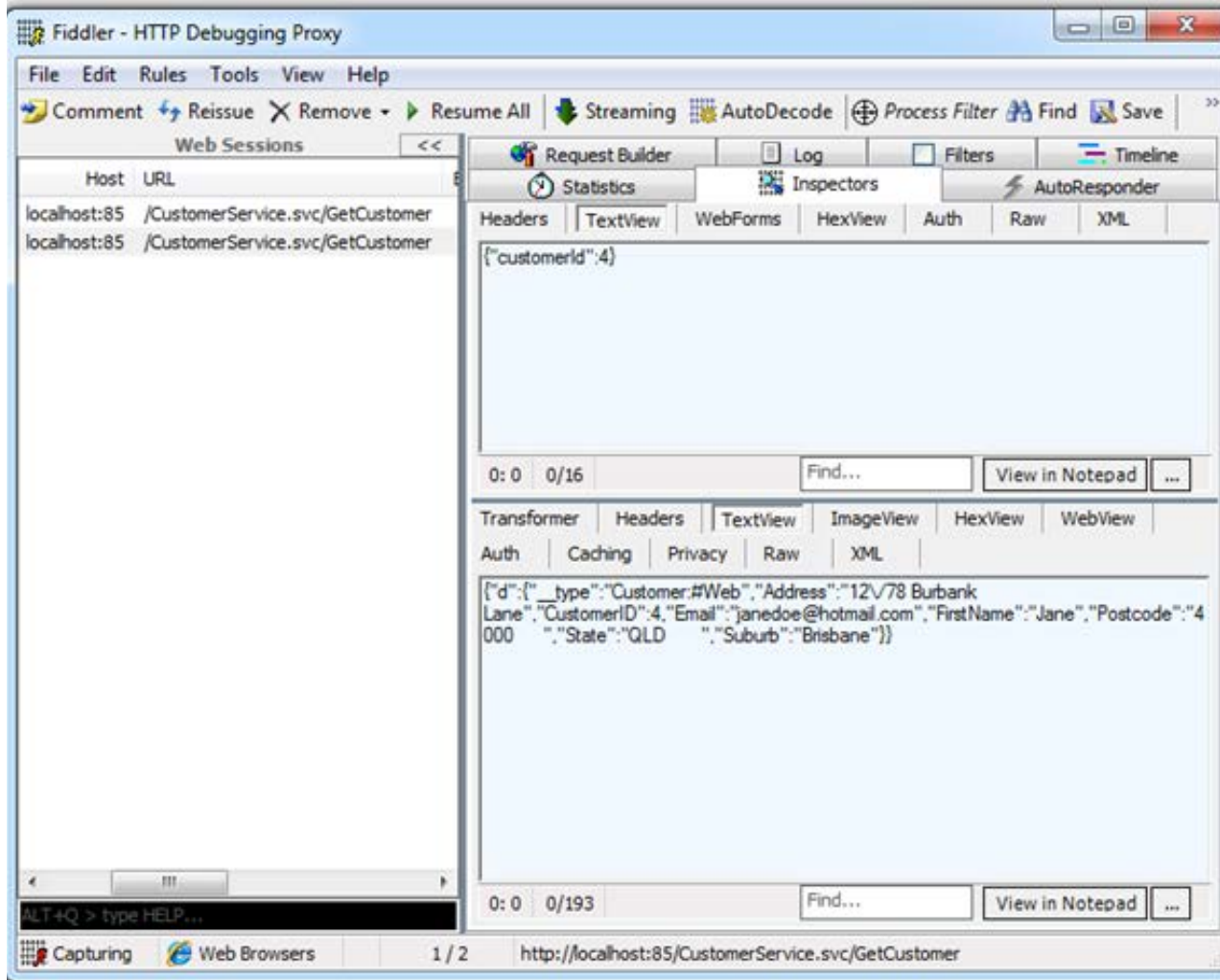
Insecure File Access through Directory Traversal

```
http://misc-security.com/file.jsp?file=report.txt
```

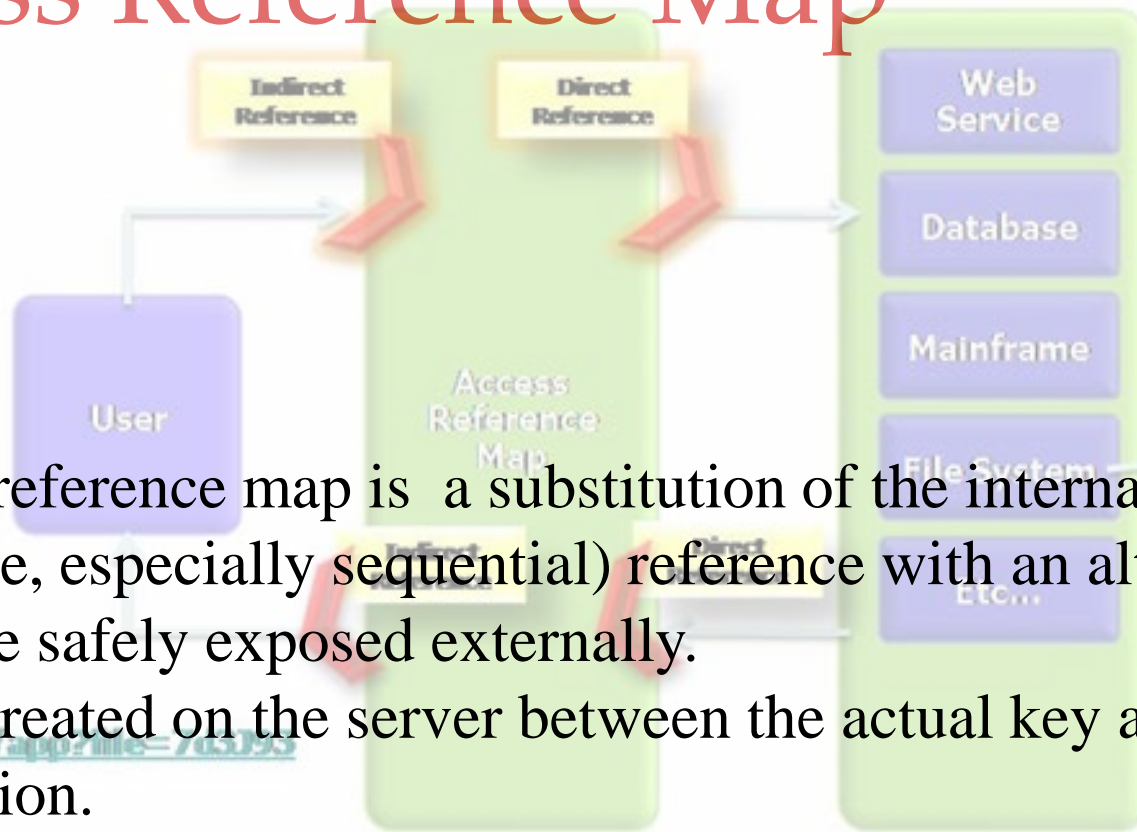
The attacker could modify the file parameter using a directory traversal attack. He modifies the URL to:

```
http://misc-security.com/file.jsp?file=**../../../../etc/shadow**
```

Bypassing Client-side Checking ...



Access Reference Map



An indirect reference map is a substitution of the internal (discoverable, especially sequential) reference with an alternate ID which can be safely exposed externally.

1. Map is created on the server between the actual key and the substitution.
2. The key is translated to its substitution before being exposed to the UI.
3. After the substituted key is returned to the server, it's translated back to the original before the data is retrieved.

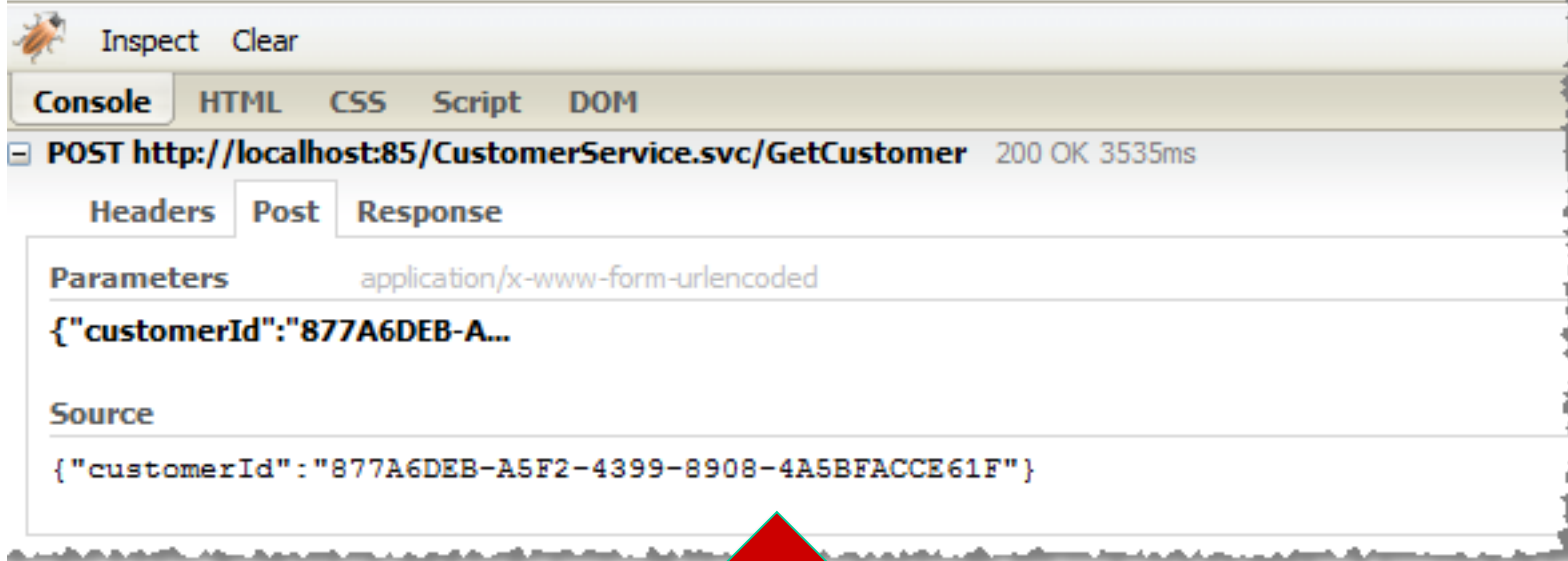
Defense in Depth ...

Get my details

MY DETAILS

Name: Bruce

Email: brucec@aol.com



Inspect Clear

Console HTML CSS Script DOM

POST http://localhost:85/CustomerService.svc/GetCustomer 200 OK 3535ms

Headers Post Response

Parameters application/x-www-form-urlencoded

`{"customerId":"877A6DEB-A..."}`

Source

`{"customerId": "877A6DEB-A5F2-4399-8908-4A5BFACCE61F"}`

`http://myserver/index.jsp?getFileByID=2`

... still, authentication checks are also absolutely essential!

<http://www.troyhunt.com/2010/09/owasp-top-10-for-net-developers-part-4.html>

<http://martin-white.blogspot.com/2011/05/a4-insecure-direct-object-references.html>

Prevention






- **Validate input before using it.** Evil input is the root cause of this threat. Check server side.
- **Use per user or session indirect object references.** This prevents attackers from directly targeting unauthorized resources. For example, instead of using the resource's database key, a drop down list of six resources authorized for the current user could use the numbers 1 to 6 to indicate which value the user selected. The application has to map the per-user indirect reference back to the actual database key on the server
- **Check access.** Each use of a direct object reference from an untrusted source must include an access control check to ensure the user is authorized for the requested object. Check at time of use!



Class Exercise

- Answer questions
- Find direct object references

A5 – Security Misconfiguration

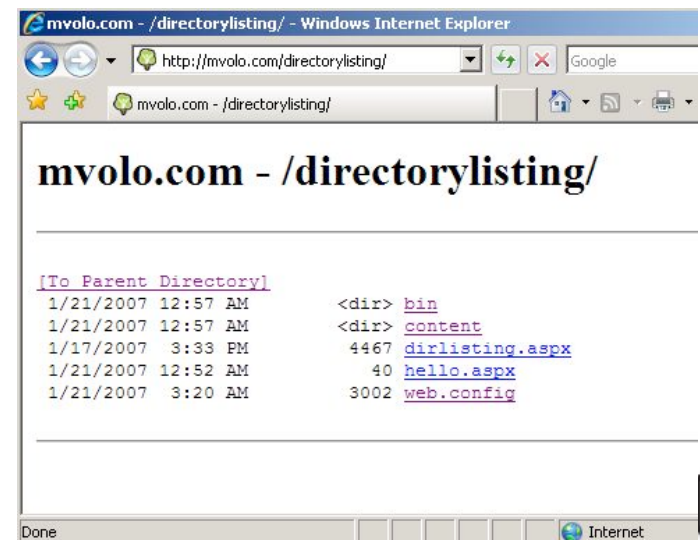
 Threat Agents	 Attack Vectors	 Security Weakness		 Technical Impacts	 Business Impacts
Application Specific	Exploitability EASY	Prevalence COMMON	Detectability EASY	Impact MODERATE	Application / Business Specific
Consider anonymous external attackers as well as users with their own accounts that may attempt to compromise the system. Also consider insiders wanting to disguise their actions.	Attacker accesses default accounts, unused pages, unpatched flaws, unprotected files and directories, etc. to gain unauthorized access to or knowledge of the system.	Security misconfiguration can happen at any level of an application stack, including the platform, web server, application server, database, framework, and custom code. Developers and system administrators need to work together to ensure that the entire stack is configured properly. Automated scanners are useful for detecting missing patches, misconfigurations, use of default accounts, unnecessary services, etc.		Such flaws frequently give attackers unauthorized access to some system data or functionality. Occasionally, such flaws result in a complete system compromise.	The system could be completely compromised without you knowing it. All of your data could be stolen or modified slowly over time. Recovery costs could be expensive.

Misconfiguration Types

- **Missing patches:** Patches, hotfixes, service packs, and updates contain the latest security fixes and need to be applied when they are available.
- **Misconfigured or disabled security features:** If a security feature is disabled or not configured, it cannot provide protection.
- **Default accounts:** Default accounts may allow a malicious user to automatically login with the credentials published in product documentation.
- **Unnecessary/unused services or features:** These represent an increased risk for security defects. Bugs exist even in the best-written code. By disabling unused and unnecessary services, code, and DLLs, you limit the amount of code that needs to be maintained and patched. When in doubt, turn features off, and turn them back on only if you need them.
- **Administrative back doors:** Administrative back doors are known as front doors in the hacking community.

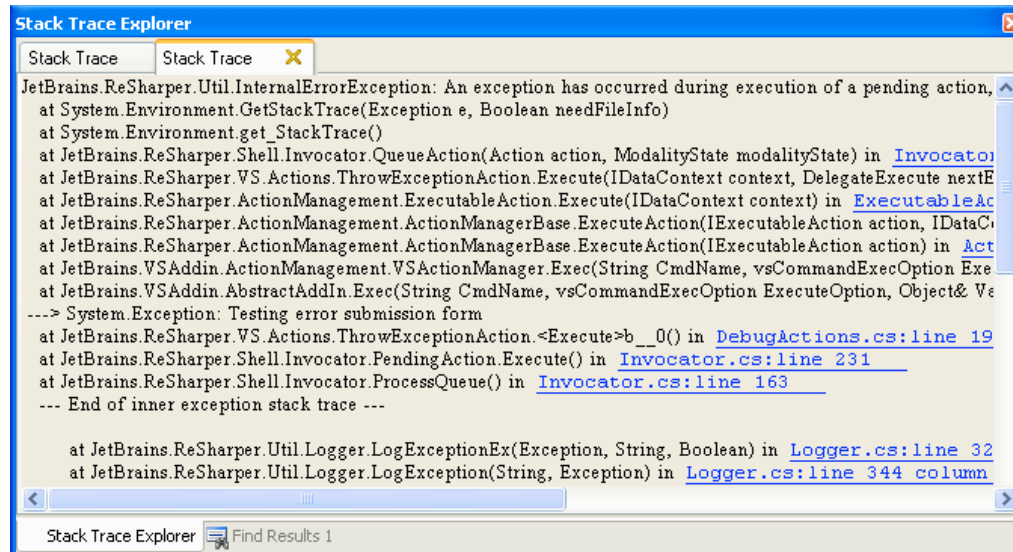
Example Attack Scenarios

- **Scenario #1:** The app server admin console is automatically installed and not removed. Default accounts aren't changed. Attacker discovers the standard admin pages are on your server, logs in with default passwords, and takes over.
- **Scenario #2:** Directory listing is not disabled on your server. Attacker discovers she can simply list directories to find any file. Attacker finds and downloads all your compiled Java classes, which she decompiles and reverse engineers to get all your custom code. She then finds a serious access control flaw in your application.



Example Attack Scenarios -2


- **Scenario #3:** App server configuration allows stack traces to be returned to users, potentially exposing underlying flaws. Attackers love the extra information error messages provide.
- **Scenario #4:** App server comes with sample applications that are not removed from your production server. Said sample applications have well known security flaws attackers can use to compromise your server.



```
Stack Trace Explorer
Stack Trace
JetBrains.ReSharper.Util.InternalErrorException: An exception has occurred during execution of a pending action,
at System.Environment.GetStackTrace(Exception e, Boolean needFileInfo)
at System.Environment.get_StackTrace()
at JetBrains.ReSharper.Shell.Invocator.QueueAction(Action action, ModalityState modalityState) in Invocator.cs:line 231
at JetBrains.ReSharper.VS.Actions.ThrowExceptionAction.Execute(IDataContext context, DelegateExecute next) in ThrowExceptionAction.cs:line 19
at JetBrains.ReSharper.ActionManagement.ExecutableAction.Execute(IDataContext context) in ExecutableAction.cs:line 32
at JetBrains.ReSharper.ActionManagement.ActionManagerBase.ExecuteAction(IExecutableAction action, IDataContext context) in ActionManagerBase.cs:line 163
at JetBrains.ReSharper.ActionManagement.ActionManagerBase.ExecuteAction(IExecutableAction action) in ActionManagerBase.cs:line 163
at JetBrains.VSAddin.ActionManagement.VSActionManager.Exec(String CmdName, vsCommandExecOption ExecuteOption, Object& VsAddin) in VSAddin.cs:line 163
at JetBrains.VSAddin.AbstractAddIn.Exec(String CmdName, vsCommandExecOption ExecuteOption, Object& VsAddin) in AbstractAddIn.cs:line 163
--- System.Exception: Testing error submission form
at JetBrains.ReSharper.VS.Actions.ThrowExceptionAction.<Execute>b__0() in DebugActions.cs:line 19
at JetBrains.ReSharper.Shell.Invocator.PendingAction.Execute() in Invocator.cs:line 231
at JetBrains.ReSharper.Shell.Invocator.ProcessQueue() in Invocator.cs:line 163
--- End of inner exception stack trace ---
at JetBrains.ReSharper.Util.Logger.LogExceptionEx(Exception, String, Boolean) in Logger.cs:line 32
at JetBrains.ReSharper.Util.Logger.LogException(String, Exception) in Logger.cs:line 344 column 1
```

Information Leakage via Comments

```
<TABLE border="0" cellPadding="0" cellSpacing="0" height="59" width="591">
<TBODY>
  <TR>
    <!--If the image files fail to load, check/restart 192.168.0.110 -->
    <TD bgColor="#ffffff" colSpan="5" height="17" width="587"></TD>
  </TR>
```



- Provides host IP Address

Using nmap an attacker could send a few packets at your application server using the command, `nmap -sV -p 80 192.168.1.100` and identify the following:

Interesting ports on 192.168.38.132:

PORT	STATE	SERVICE	VERSION
80/tcp	open	http	Apache httpd 1.3.37

The attacker has now identified your Apache version and can now search for vulnerabilities affecting that version of Apache.

Google hacking

- Find Microsoft Excel files that contain login names and passwords
 - "login: *" "password: *" filetype:xls
- Locate passwords in plain text found in exposed log files
 - "your password is" filetype:log
- Discover insecure instances of the phpMyAdmin database front end
 - "Welcome to phpMyAdmin" "Create new database"
 - intitle:PhpMyAdmin "Welcome to phpMyAdmin****" running on * as root@*
- Find human resources web sites from the internal intranet which are accessible to external users
 - intitle:intranet inurl:intranet +intext:"human resources"
- Search for private contact lists that have been synced up from PDA's or cell phones
 - contacts ext:wml

<http://johnny.ihackstuff.com>

http://netsecurity.about.com/od/perimetersecurity/a/4_leakage.htm

<http://www.go4expert.com/forums/showthread.php?t=12242>

http://pg-server.csc.ncsu.edu/mediawiki/index.php/Special:Version

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Now I search for vulnerabilities for these versions !

Prevention - 1

- A repeatable hardening process that makes it fast and easy to deploy another environment that is properly locked down. Development, QA, and production environments should all be configured identically (with different passwords used in each environment). This process should be automated to minimize the effort required to setup a new secure environment.
- A process for keeping abreast of and deploying all new software updates and patches in a timely manner to each deployed environment. This needs to include all code libraries as well. Vulnerability information on old versions is readily available. **Threats change constantly!**
- A strong application architecture that provides effective, secure separation between components.

Prevention - 2

- Running scans and doing audits periodically to help detect future misconfigurations or missing patches.
- Remove/change default credentials
- Disable or removed untrusted and unnecessary components or services
- Remove all unused pages and user accounts

Resources

- <http://checklists.nist.gov>
- <http://scap.nist.gov/>

Class Exercise

- Answer questions