SQL INJECTION

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DATABASES AND SQL

Early 1960s:

- Enterprises start using computers widely for business purposes
- They need to access and manage information
- Charles Bachman introduces the first DBMS
- IBM follows with their own

DATABASES AND SQL

Late 1960s:

- Introduction of CODASYL, a standard for data retrieval
- Too complicated and lack of consistency in data storage
- Edgar Codd introduces a new way of storing data in 1970
- IBM later follows with a language for data querying: SQL

DATABASES AND SQL

Nowadays:

- Informations on websites are stored in databases
- The information is retrieved using SQL
- Backend software allows to run SQL queries
- Results are presented at the frontend level

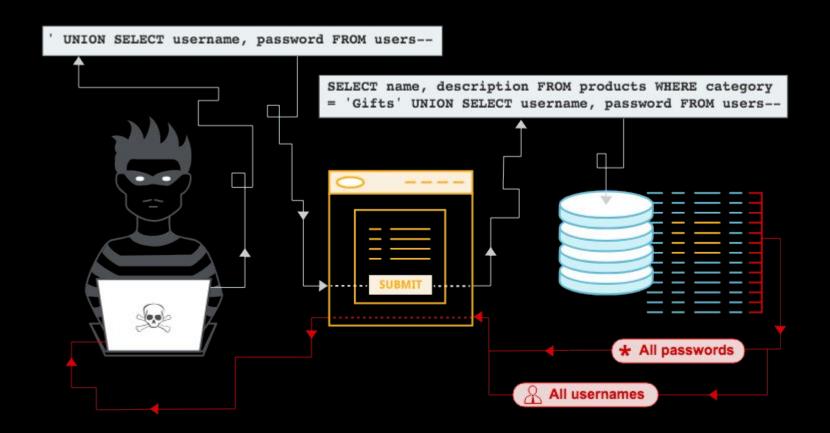
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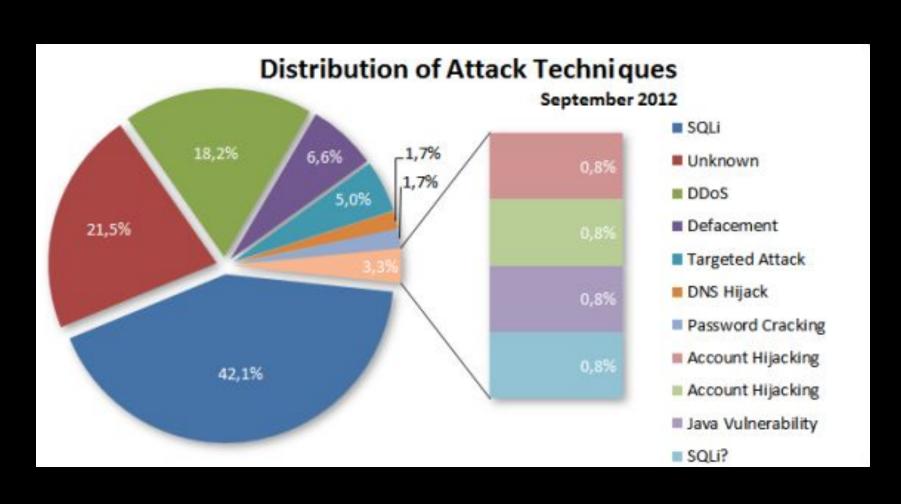
What is a SQL Injection?

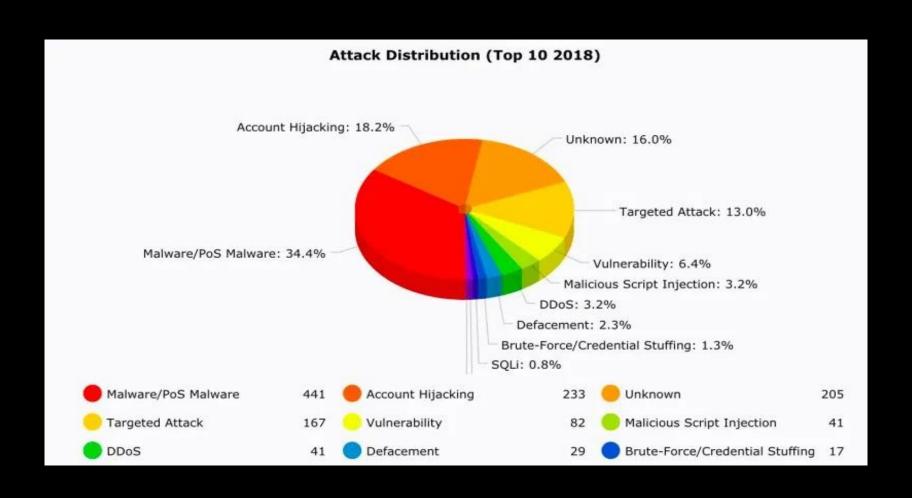
- A method that allows an attacker to run SQL queries
- The attacker can retrieve information
- The attacker might take complete control (in serious cases)
- Based on a flaw in the design of the backend software



DEFINITION SQL INJECTION







Famous SQL injection case: SONY

- In April 2011 Sony's SOE system was the target of an SQL attack.
- The attackers hacked into approximately 24.6 millions accounts
- Information revealed: names, addresses, dates of birth, gender, phone numbers, user IDs, passwords and credit card numbers.

Famous SQL injection case: World Trade Organization

- In May 2015, Anonymous hacked the World Trade Organization (ecampus.wto.org) using SQL Injection
- About 53000 users (including 2100 officials) data were stolen
- Informations such as first and last names, phone numbers, login credentials...

SQL INJECTION TECHNIQUES

SQL Injection techniques:

- Blind based method
- Error based method
- Union based method

DATA RETRIEVAL

• Stacked queries method



COMPLETE CONTROL

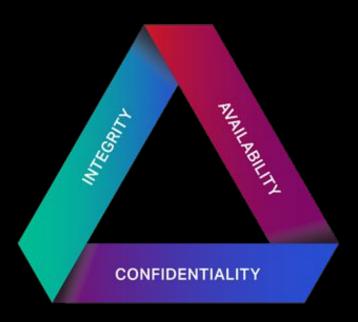
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CONSEQUENCES OF SQL INJECTION

What are the threats of such an attack?

SQL injection attacks directly threaten:

- Integrity
- Availability
- Confidentiality



CONSEQUENCES OF SQL INJECTION

Security threat:

- Access to data → confidentiality
- Data deletion→ availability
- Data modification → integrity
- The disclosure of data → confidentiality
- Paralysis of the IT infrastructure by a DoS → availability

CONSEQUENCES OF SQL INJECTION

Criminal offence: Swiss law



- Détérioration de données proprement dite (144bis ch. 1 CP)
- Soustraction de données (143 CP)
- Soustraction de données personnelles (179novies CP)
- L'accès indu à un système informatique proprement dit (143bis al. 1 CP)
- La mise à disposition d'informations d'accès indu (143bis al. 2 CP)

PREVENTION AGAINST SQL ATTACKS

Prevention against SQL attacks:

- Disable multiple query run at backend level
- Use parameters when getting input from users
- Queries can be manually tested at the application's entry points.
- Use vulnerability detectors



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