

# Python Snippets (OWASP Top 10)

## 1. Hardcoded Credentials (A07: Identification & Authentication Failures)

```
def login(username, password):  
    if username == "admin" and password == "admin123":  
        return "Welcome Admin!"  
    return "Access Denied"
```

● **Vulnerability:** Hardcoded credentials ( admin123 ) can be leaked, reused, or brute-forced.

✓ **Fix:** Store hashed passwords in a DB + use authentication library.

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## 2. No Access Control on Route (Flask) (A01: Broken Access Control)

```
@app.route("/admin")  
def admin_panel():  
    return "Admin Dashboard"
```

● **Vulnerability:** Anyone can access /admin . No authentication or authorization check.

✓ **Fix:** Implement RBAC or login-required decorators.

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## 3. Insecure System Call (A03: Injection)

```
user = input("Enter username: ")  
os.system("echo " + user)
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● **Vulnerability:** Command injection ( username="; rm -rf /" ) possible.

✓ **Fix:** Use subprocess.run(["echo", user]) .

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## 4. Reflected XSS in Flask (A03: Injection)

```
@app.route("/echo")
def echo():
    msg = request.args.get("msg")
    return f"<h1>{msg}</h1>"
```

● **Vulnerability:** Unsantized input directly returned → Reflected XSS.

✓ **Fix:** Escape/encode output ( `flask.escape` ).

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## 5. Insecure Deserialization (A08: Software & Data Integrity Failures)

```
import pickle

data = request.get("payload")
obj = pickle.loads(data)
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● **Vulnerability:** Malicious payload in `pickle.loads()` → remote code execution.

✓ **Fix:** Avoid pickle for untrusted input, use JSON.

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## 6. Hardcoded API Key (A02: Cryptographic Failures)

```
print("API Key: 12345-ABCDE")
```

● **Vulnerability:** Sensitive data exposed in source code.

✓ **Fix:** Use environment variables or secrets manager.

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## 7. SQL Injection via Django ORM Extra (A03: Injection)

```
# Old Django < 2.2 vulnerable pattern
User.objects.extra(where=["username = '%s'" % user])
```

● **Vulnerability:** Direct string formatting in query → SQL Injection.

✓ **Fix:** Use parameterized queries with ORM ( `User.objects.filter(username=user)` ).

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## 8. Weak Authentication (Base64 Token) (A07: Identification & Authentication Failures)

```
token = base64.b64encode(b"user:admin")
```

🔴 **Vulnerability:** Base64 is reversible → attacker can decode easily.

✅ **Fix:** Use HMAC, JWT, or session tokens.

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## 9. No Logging of Sensitive Actions (A09: Security Logging & Monitoring Failures)

```
def withdraw(amount):  
    balance -= amount  
    return balance
```

🔴 **Vulnerability:** No logging of financial transactions → fraud undetectable.

✅ **Fix:** Add structured logging with monitoring/alerts.

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## Summary Table – Python Specific Vulnerabilities

#	Vulnerability	OWASP Top 10 (2021)
1	Hardcoded credentials ( admin123 )	A07: Identification & Authentication Failures
2	No access control on Flask /admin	A01: Broken Access Control
3	Command Injection via os.system	A03: Injection
4	Reflected XSS in Flask	A03: Injection
5	Insecure Deserialization ( pickle.loads )	A08: Software & Data Integrity Failures
6	API Key hardcoded in source	A02: Cryptographic Failures
7	SQL Injection (Django .extra() )	A03: Injection
8	Weak Authentication using Base64	A07: Identification & Authentication Failures

#	Vulnerability	OWASP Top 10 (2021)
9	No logging of withdrawals	A09: Security Logging & Monitoring Failures