

SQL Injection

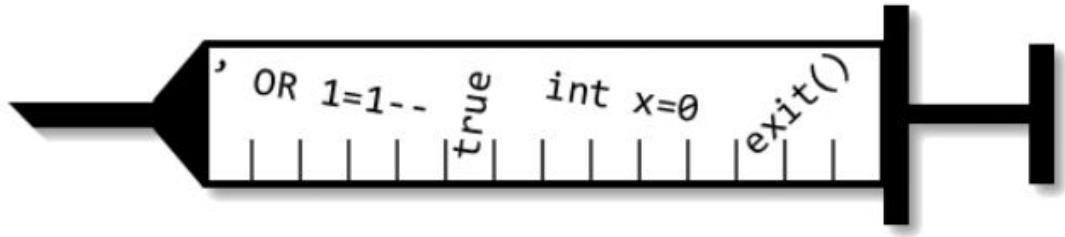
Attacks & Mitigation

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SQL Injection

- A type of injection attack
- A common attack against web applications
- Attacker forces application to accept malicious code
- Caused by bad programming



The Beginning of SQL Injection

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Well, that about wraps it up for now. What are the morals to the above stories?

- Don't use sample files/applications on public/production servers.
- Don't use 'local-host only' security, especially on proxys.
- Watch what exactly is changed when you upgrade.
- Don't assume user's input is ok for SQL queries.

In short, use your brain. Till next time, have fun.

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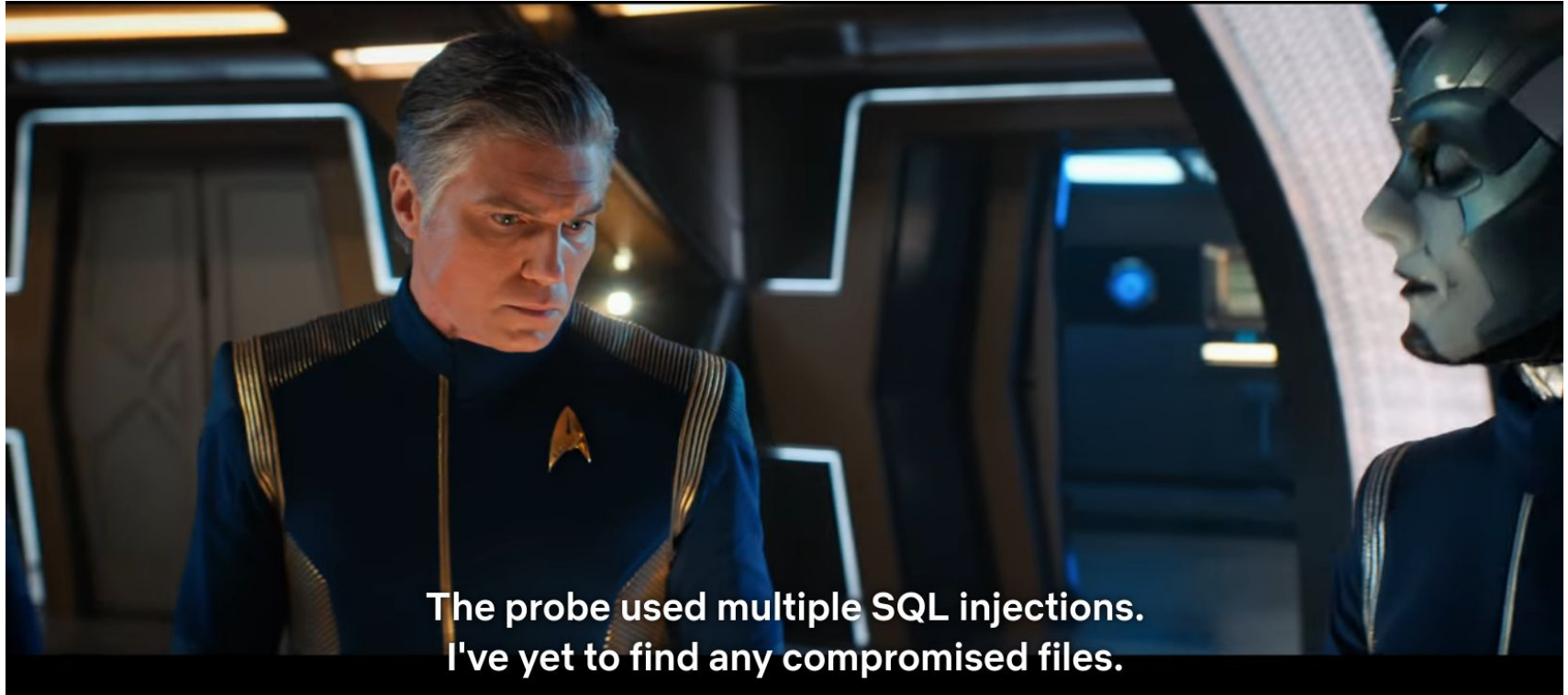
SQL Injection and OWASP



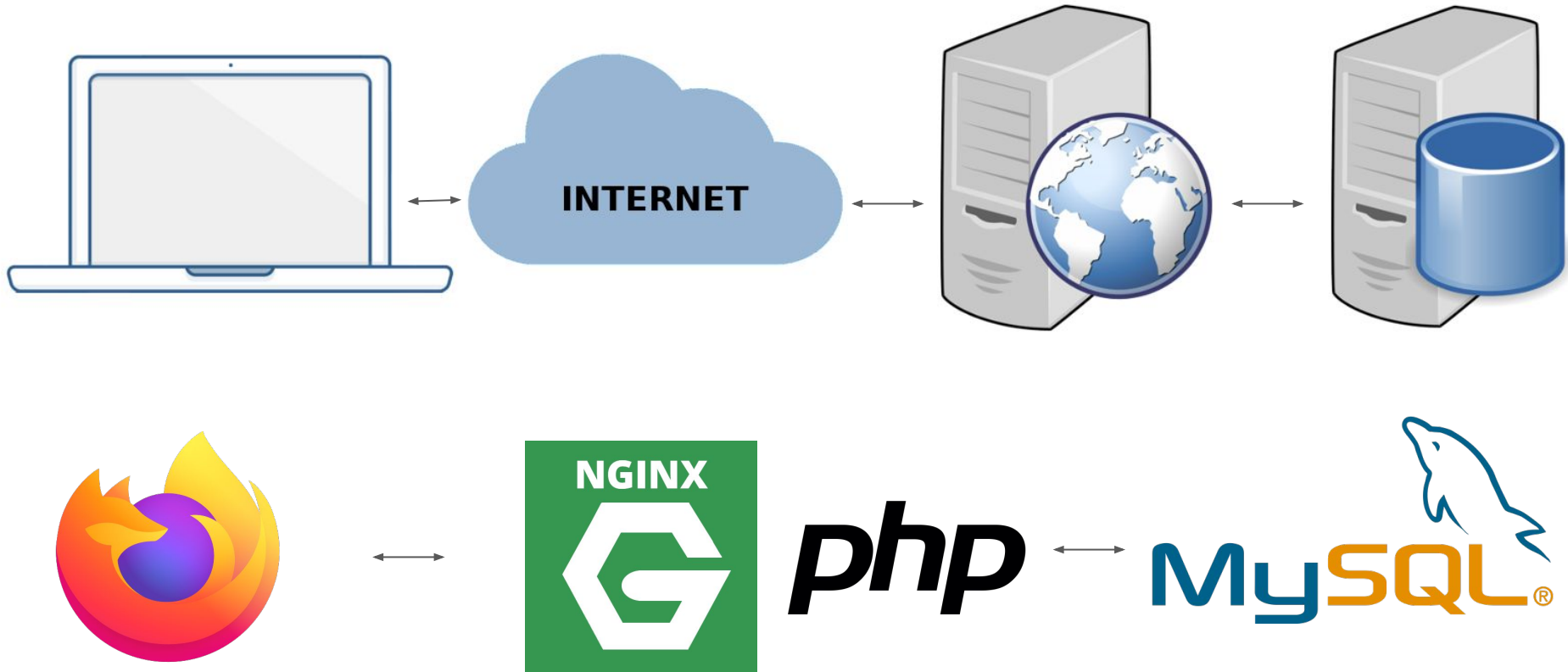
SQL Injection and OWASP Top 10

OWASP Top 10 - 2013	→	OWASP Top 10 - 2017
A1 – Injection 	→	A1:2017-Injection 
A2 – Broken Authentication and Session Management	→	A2:2017-Broken Authentication
A3 – Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)	↘	A3:2017-Sensitive Data Exposure
A4 – Insecure Direct Object References [Merged+A7]	U	A4:2017-XML External Entities (XXE) [NEW]
A5 – Security Misconfiguration	↘	A5:2017-Broken Access Control [Merged]
A6 – Sensitive Data Exposure	↗	A6:2017-Security Misconfiguration
A7 – Missing Function Level Access Contr [Merged+A4]	U	A7:2017-Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
A8 – Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)	⊗	A8:2017-Insecure Deserialization [NEW, Community]
A9 – Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities	→	A9:2017-Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities
A10 – Unvalidated Redirects and Forwards	⊗	A10:2017-Insufficient Logging&Monitoring [NEW,Comm.]

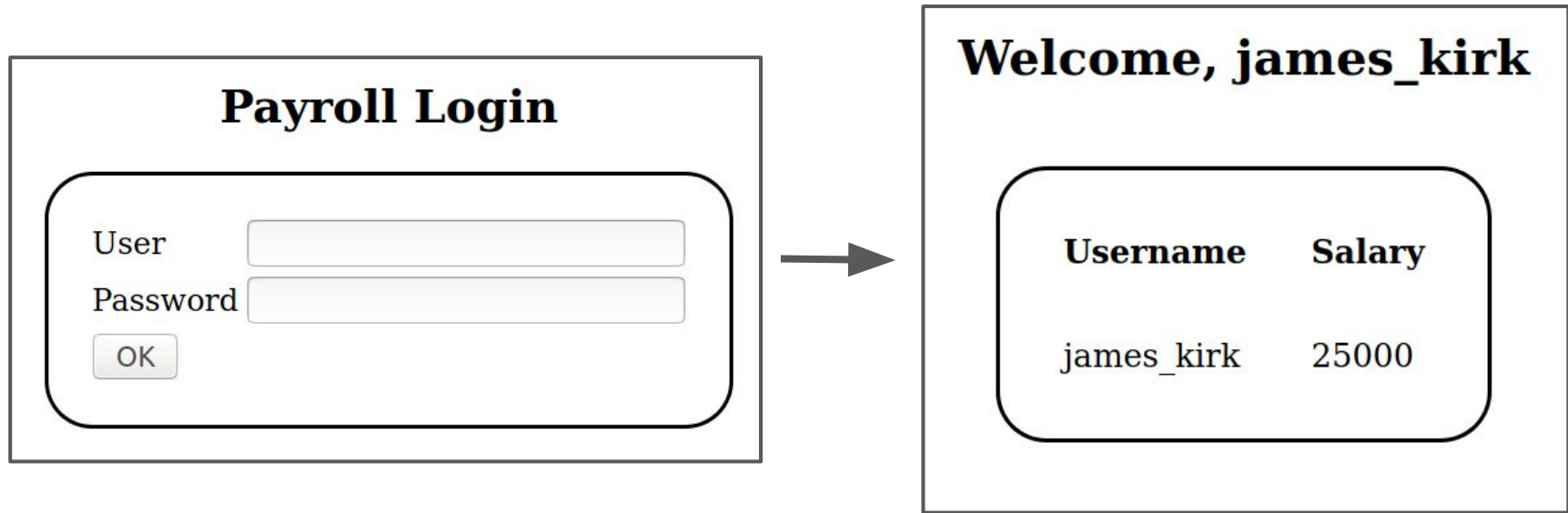
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SQL Injection and Web Applications



Web Application Example: Frontend



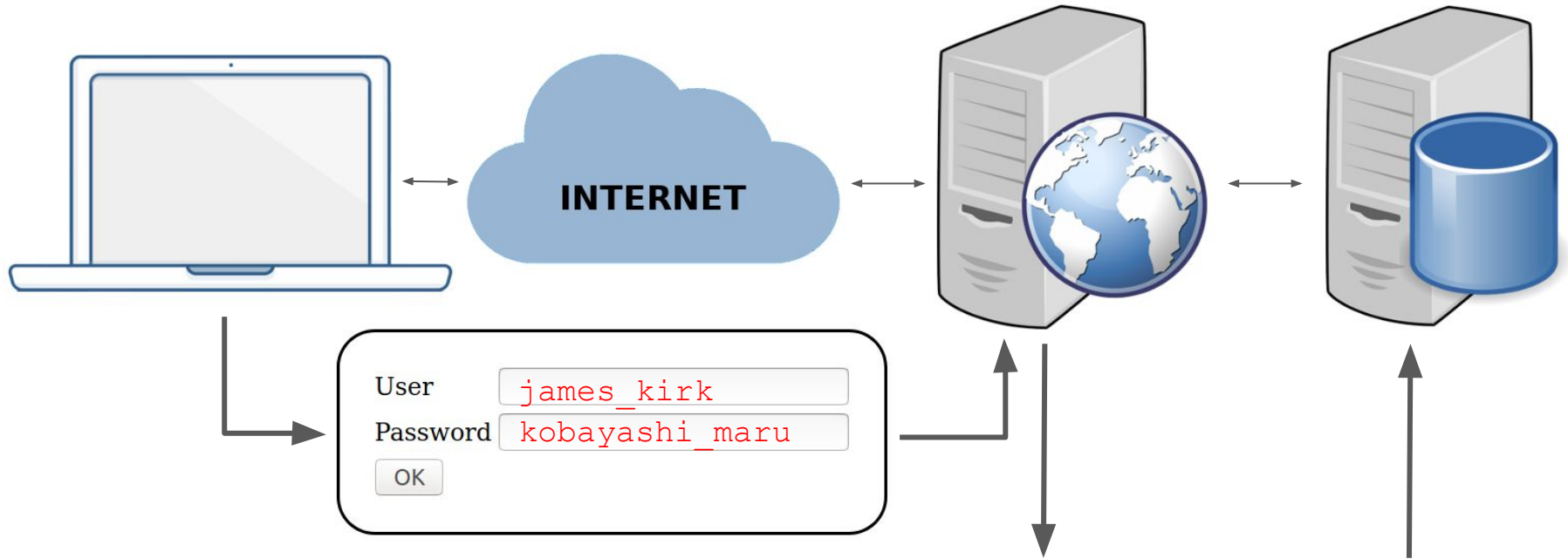
Web Application Example: Backend

```
mysql> select * from users;
```

username	first_name	last_name	password	salary
james_kirk	James	Kirk	kobayashi_maru	25000
mr_spock	Mr	Spock	OnlyL0g!c	99000
leonard_mccoy	Leonard	McCoy	hesDEADjim!	45000
nyota_uhura	Nyota	Uhura	StarShine	39000
montgomery_scott	Montgomery	Scott	ScottyDoesntKnow	1250
hiraku_sulu	Hikaru	Sulu	parking-break-on	3500
pavel_chekov	Pavel	Chekov	99victorvictor2	2500

7 rows in set (0.00 sec)

Normal Web Application Query



```
SELECT username, salary FROM users  
WHERE username = 'james_kirk' AND password = 'kobayashi_maru'
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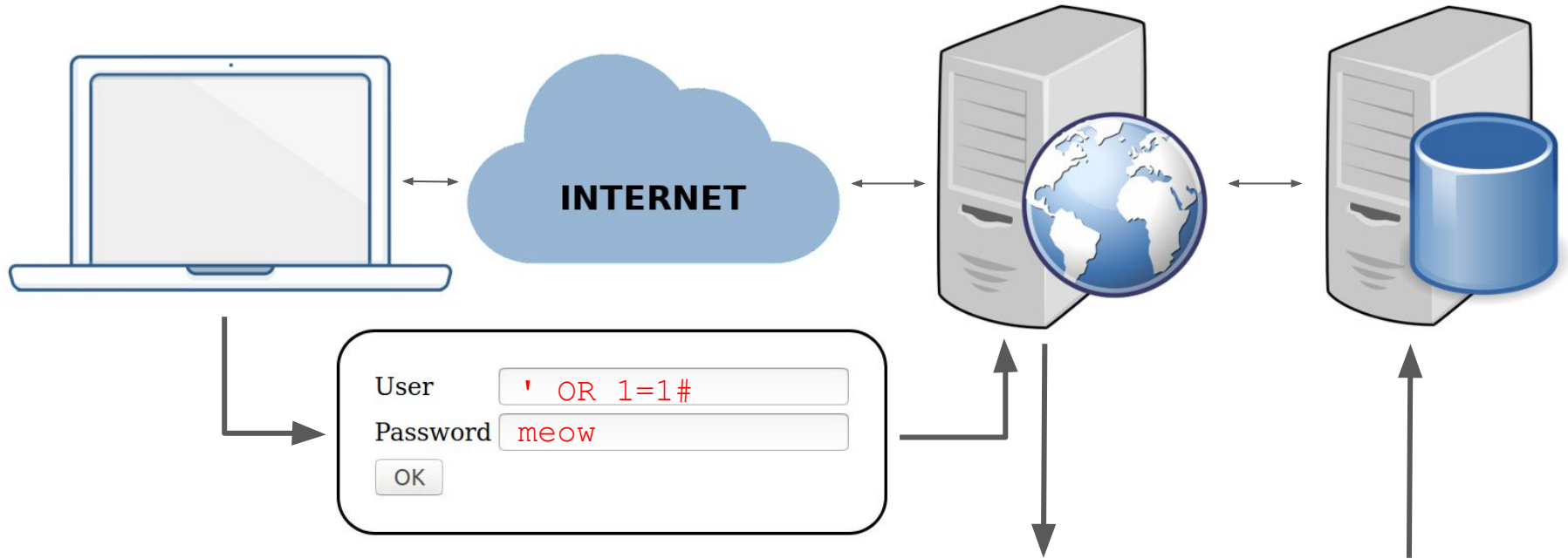
SQL Injection Vulnerability

```
# Get username/password from user
$user = $_POST['user'];
$pass = $_POST['password'];
```

```
# Construct SQL query
$sql = "SELECT username, salary FROM users
      WHERE username = '$user' AND password = '$pass'";
```

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# Execute SQL query
$conn->multi_query($sql)
```

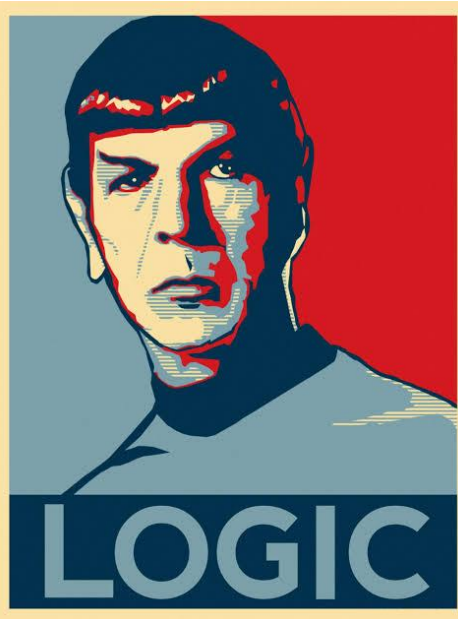
SQL Injection Attack



```
SELECT username, salary FROM users  
WHERE username = ' ' OR 1=1# ' AND password = 'meow'
```

SQL Injection Attack Logic

```
SELECT username, salary FROM users
WHERE username = ' ' OR 1=1# ' AND password = 'meow'
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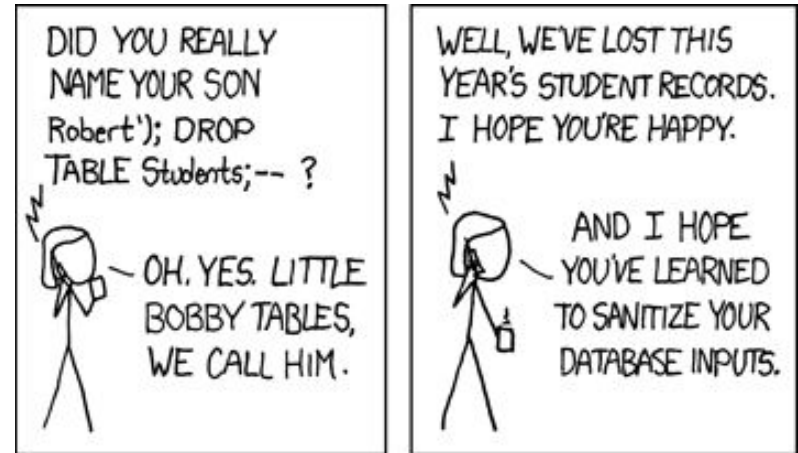


username = ' '	False
1=1	True
username = ' ' OR 1=1	True
#	PHP comment
' AND password = 'meow'	Not run

Demo: Attacking

SQL Injection Mitigation

- OWASP provide an [SQL Injection Prevention Cheat Sheet](#)
- Primary defences:
 - Use of Prepared Statements
 - Use of Stored Procedures
 - Whitelist Input Validation
 - Escaping All User Supplied Input



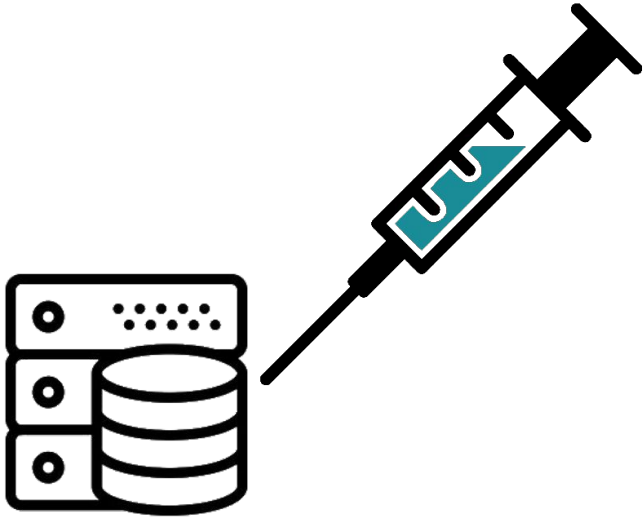
- Basic Premise: **SANITIZE USER INPUT!**

Demo: Mitigating

SQL Injection Mitigation: Example

```
# Construct and execute SQL query
$stmt = $pdo->prepare("SELECT username, salary FROM users
                      WHERE username = ? and password = ?");
$stmt->execute([$user, $pass]);
```

```
SELECT username, salary FROM users
WHERE username = ' ' OR 1=1# ' AND password = 'meow'
```



Thanks!

Questions?