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COMP6443 : Topic 2 (Week 2)

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User Identity and Authentication

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A NOTE ON ETHICS / LEGALITY

- UNSW hosting this course is an extremely important step forward.
- We expect a high standard of professionalism from you, meaning:
 - Respect the property of others and the university
 - Always abide by the law and university regulations
 - Be considerate of others to ensure everyone has an equal learning experience
- Always check that you have written permission before performing a security test on a system

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PLEASE BE SUPER CAREFUL WHENEVER YOU'RE GENERATING NETWORK TRAFFIC



“NOT - A - HOMEWORK”

What tools have you tried?

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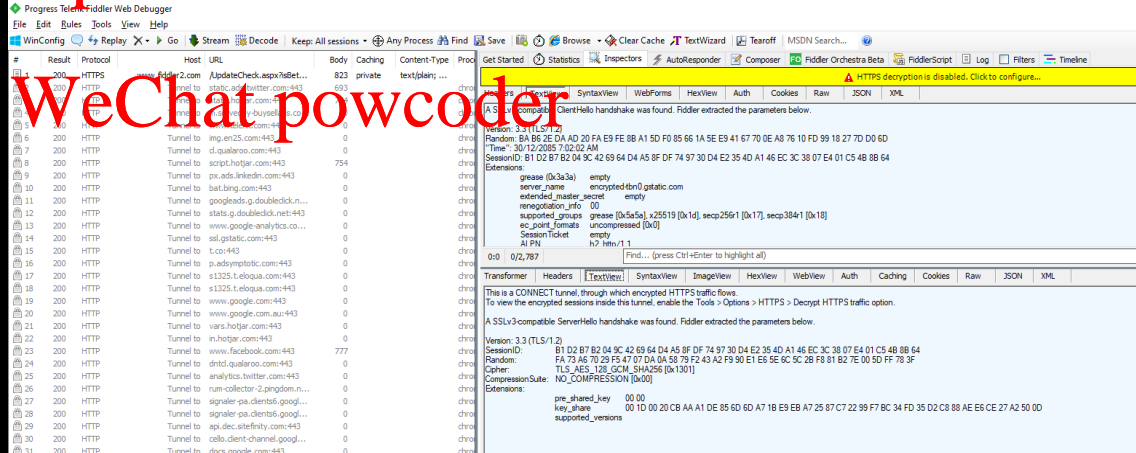
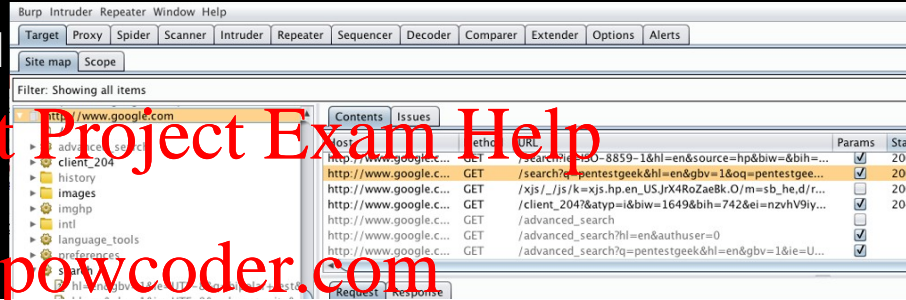
What tools have you tried

- Burp
- Fiddler
- Wireshark
- nMap
- Nikto
- ZAP

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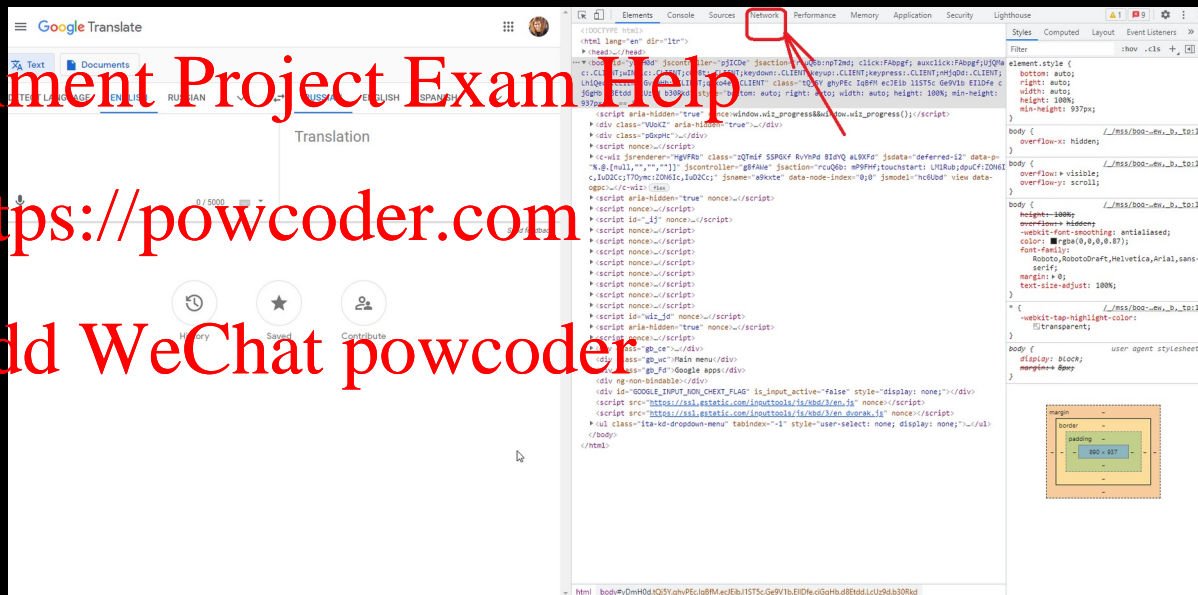
What have you seen?

- Requests
- Messages headers
- Files
- Page layouts

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IDENTITY

What is IDENTITY?

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IDENTITY

What is DIGITAL identity?

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- A digital identity is information on an entity used by computer systems to represent an external agent
- ISO/IEC 24760-1 "set of attributes related to an entity"
- Various National digital identity systems

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IDENTITY ATTACKS

- Social
- Credential stealing
- Compromised/Weak password
- MitM

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OWASP TOP TEN

<https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/>

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The screenshot shows the OWASP Top Ten website. The header includes the OWASP logo, navigation links (PROJECTS, CHAPTERS, EVENTS, ABOUT), and a search bar. The main content area is titled "OWASP Top Ten" and includes a description of the document. A red box highlights the first item, A1:2017-Injection, which describes injection flaws like SQL, NoSQL, OS, and LDAP injection. The right sidebar contains links to the OWASP Foundation, project information (NEW Website, Flagship Project, Documentation, Builder, Defender), current version (2017), downloads or social links, and a code repository.

OWASP Top Ten

The OWASP Top Ten is a standard awareness document for developers and web application security. It represents a broad consensus about the most critical security risks to web applications.

Globally recognized by developers as the first step towards more secure coding.

Companies should adopt this document and start the process of ensuring that their web applications minimize these risks. Using the OWASP Top 10 is perhaps the most effective first step towards changing the software development culture within your organization into one that produces more secure code.

Top 10 Web Application Security Risks

A1:2017-Injection: Injection flaws, such as SQL, NoSQL, 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 may be compromised without extra protection, such as encryption at rest or in transit, and requires special precautions when exchanged with the browser.

A4:2017-XML External Entities (XXE): Many older or poorly configured XML processors evaluate external entity

Project Information

NEW Website

- Flagship Project
- Documentation
- Builder
- Defender

Current Version (2017)

Downloads or Social L

Download

Other languages → tab 'Tr

Efforts'

Twitter

Code Repository

repo

Leaders

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- Brian Glas
- Neil Smithline



OVERVIEW

Authentication → Session Management → Access Control (Authorization)

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Is the user
who they claim
to be? If not

Is it still
that user?

Is the user
allowed to access
this thing?

Server Error

401 - Unauthorized: Access is denied due to invalid credentials.
You do not have permission to view this directory or page using the credentials that you supplied.



403. That's an error.

Your client does not have permission to get URL /adsense from this server. That's all we know.



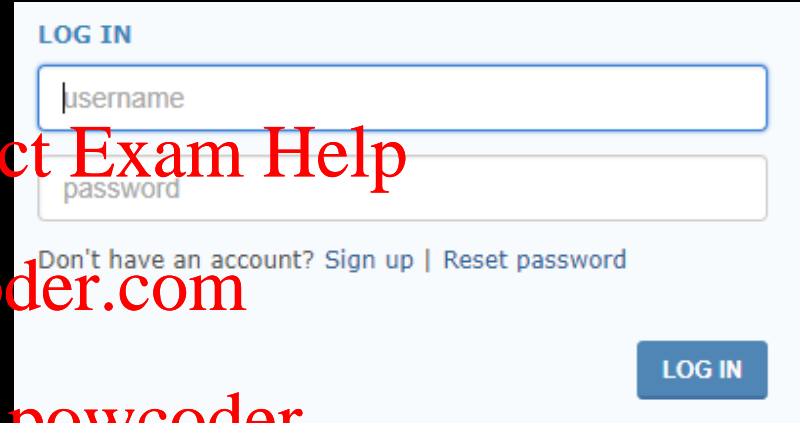
WEB AUTHENTICATION 2021

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- Username / Password
 - Password reset via email
 - 2FA: SMS, Token, Apps (incl TOTP)
 - Active vs Passive 2FA
- Authentication can be delegated (e.g. SSO, OAuth, JWT)
- CAPTCHAs



LOG IN

username

password

Don't have an account? Sign up | Reset password

LOG IN



BAD AUTHENTICATION 101

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DEFAULT CREDENTIALS

“The ASD's investigation found that internet-facing services still had their default passwords, admin:admin and guest:guest.”

<http://www.zdnet.com/article/secret-f-35-p-8-c-130-data-stolen-in-australian-defence-contractor-hack/>

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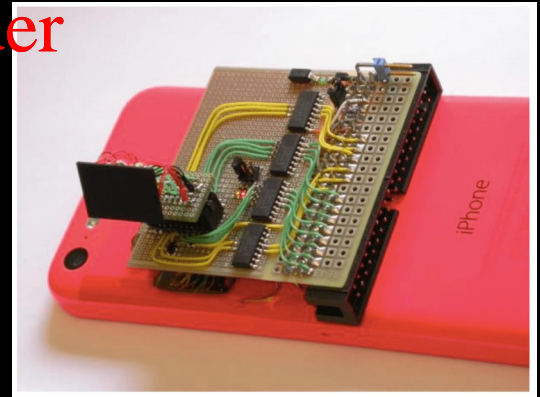
BRUTE FORCE (BEST FORCE)

- Attempt logins with common passwords
- Try known email + password combinations from previous breaches
 - 1 User, Many Passwords: Brute Force
 - Many Users, Many Passwords: "Credential Stuffing"
- Login rate-limiting and lockouts
 - CAPTCHA
 - Lockouts (iPhone)
- Proactive Monitoring
- User Communication

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE

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“Login failed: invalid username or password.”
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ERRORS HANDLING

Server Error in '/' Application

The wait operation timed out

Description: An unhandled exception occurred during the execution of the current web request. Please review the stack trace for more information about the error and where it originated in the code.

Exception Details: System.ComponentModel.Win32Exception: The wait operation timed out

Source Error:

An unhandled exception was generated during the execution of the current web request. Information regarding the origin and location of the exception can be identified using the stack trace below.

Stack Trace:

```
[Win32Exception (0x80004005): The wait operation timed out]
[SqlException (0x80131904): A network-related or instance-specific error occurred while establishing a connection to SQL Server. The server was not found or was not
System.Data.SqlClient.SqlInternalConnectionTds..ctor(DbConnectionPoolIdentity identity, SqlConnectionOptions, SqlCredential credential, Object pr
System.Data.SqlClient.SqlConnectionFactory.CreateConnection(DbConnectionOptions options, DbConnectionPoolKey poolKey, Object poolGroupProviderInfo, DbConnectionPo
System.Data.ProviderBase.DbConnectionFactory.CreatePooledConnection(DbConnectionPool pool, DbConnection owningObject, DbConnectionOptions options, DbConnectionPo
System.Data.ProviderBase.DbConnectionFactory.CreateObject(DbConnection owningObject, DbConnectionOptions userOptions, DbConnectionInternal oldConnection) +981
System.Data.ProviderBase.DbConnectionPool.UserCreateRequest(DbConnection owningObject, DbConnectionOptions userOptions, DbConnectionInternal oldConnection) +114
System.Data.ProviderBase.DbConnectionPool.TryGetConnection(DbConnection owningObject, UInt32 waitForMultipleObjectsTimeout, Boolean allowCreate, Boolean onlyOneCh
System.Data.ProviderBase.DbConnectionPool.TryGetConnection(DbConnection owningObject, TaskCompletionSource`1 retry, DbConnectionOptions userOptions, DbConnectionI
System.Data.ProviderBase.DbConnectionFactory.TryGetConnection(DbConnection owningConnection, TaskCompletionSource`1 retry, DbConnectionOptions userOptions, DbConn
System.Data.ProviderBase.DbConnectionInternal.TryOpenConnectionInternal(DbConnection outerConnection, DbConnectionFactory connectionFactory, TaskCompletionSource`
System.Data.SqlClient.SqlConnection.TryOpenInner(TaskCompletionSource`1 retry) +204
System.Data.SqlClient.SqlConnection.TryOpen(TaskCompletionSource`1 retry) +428
System.Data.SqlClient.SqlConnection.Open() +130
System.Data.Common.DbDataAdapter.FillInternal(DataSet dataset, DataTable[] datatables, Int32 startRecord, Int32 maxRecords, String srcTable, IDbCommand command, C
System.Data.Common.DbDataAdapter.Fill(DataSet dataSet, Int32 startRecord, Int32 maxRecords, String srcTable, IDbCommand command, CommandBehavior behavior) +178
System.Data.Common.DbDataAdapter.Fill(DataSet dataSet, String srcTable) +119
System.Web.UI.WebControls.SqlDataSourceView.ExecuteSelect(DataSourceSelectArguments arguments) +2870
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[asp.net-sql-server-connection-timeout](#)

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System.Data.SqlClient.SqlInternalConnection..ctor(DbConnectionPoolIdentity identity, SqlConnectionOptions, SqlCredential credential, Object providerInfo, String connectionString, Int32 timeout) +104
System.Data.SqlClient.SqlConnectionFactory.CreateConnection(DbConnectionOptions options, DbConnectionPoolKey poolKey, Object poolGroupProviderInfo, DbConnectionPool pool, DbConnection owningObject, DbConnectionOptions userOptions, DbConnectionInternal oldConnection) +981
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System.Data.ProviderBase.DbConnectionPool.CreateObject(DbConnection owningObject, DbConnectionOptions userOptions, DbConnectionInternal oldConnection) +114
System.Data.ProviderBase.DbConnectionPool.TryGetConnection(DbConnection owningObject, UInt32 waitForMultipleObjectsTimeout, Boolean allowCreate, Boolean onlyOneChecked, Boolean timeoutWhenMultipleObjectsNotAvailable, DbConnectionOptions userOptions, DbConnectionInternal oldConnection, Boolean createNewPoolRequired) +204
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System.Data.ProviderBase.DbConnectionFactory.TryGetConnection(DbConnection owningConnection, TaskCompletionSource`1 retry, DbConnectionOptions userOptions, DbConnectionInternal oldConnection) +114
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System.Web.UI.WebControls.SqlDataSourceView.ExecuteSelect(DataSourceSelectArguments arguments) +2870
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TRANSPORT LAYER SECURITY (WHY?)

MitM attack: forces a victim's browser into communicating with an adversary in plain-text over HTTP, and the adversary proxies the modified content from an HTTPS server

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WIFI PINEAPPLE

Pen testing device for man-in-the-middle attacks

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WIFI PINEAPPLE

Pen testing device for man-in-the-middle attacks

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fn-J_Itox5w

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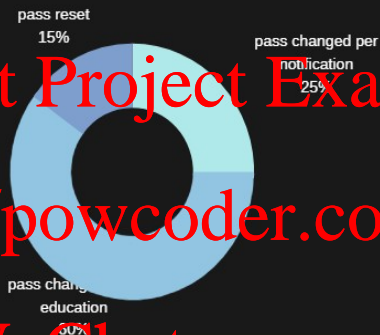
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PASSWORDS

ROUND I

identify weak passwords
notify users
remind to change passwords
provide guidance
force password reset



8%

same passwords

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ROUND II

identify weak passwords
notify users
force password reset

5%

chooses weak pass again

WHAT IS LOVE HASH?



One way function



HASHING vs ENCRYPTION

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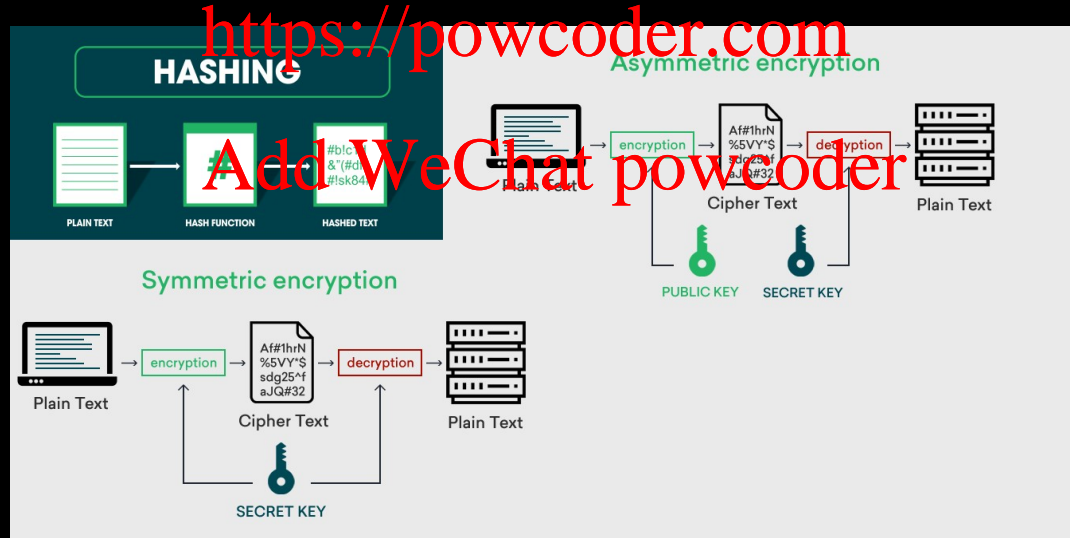
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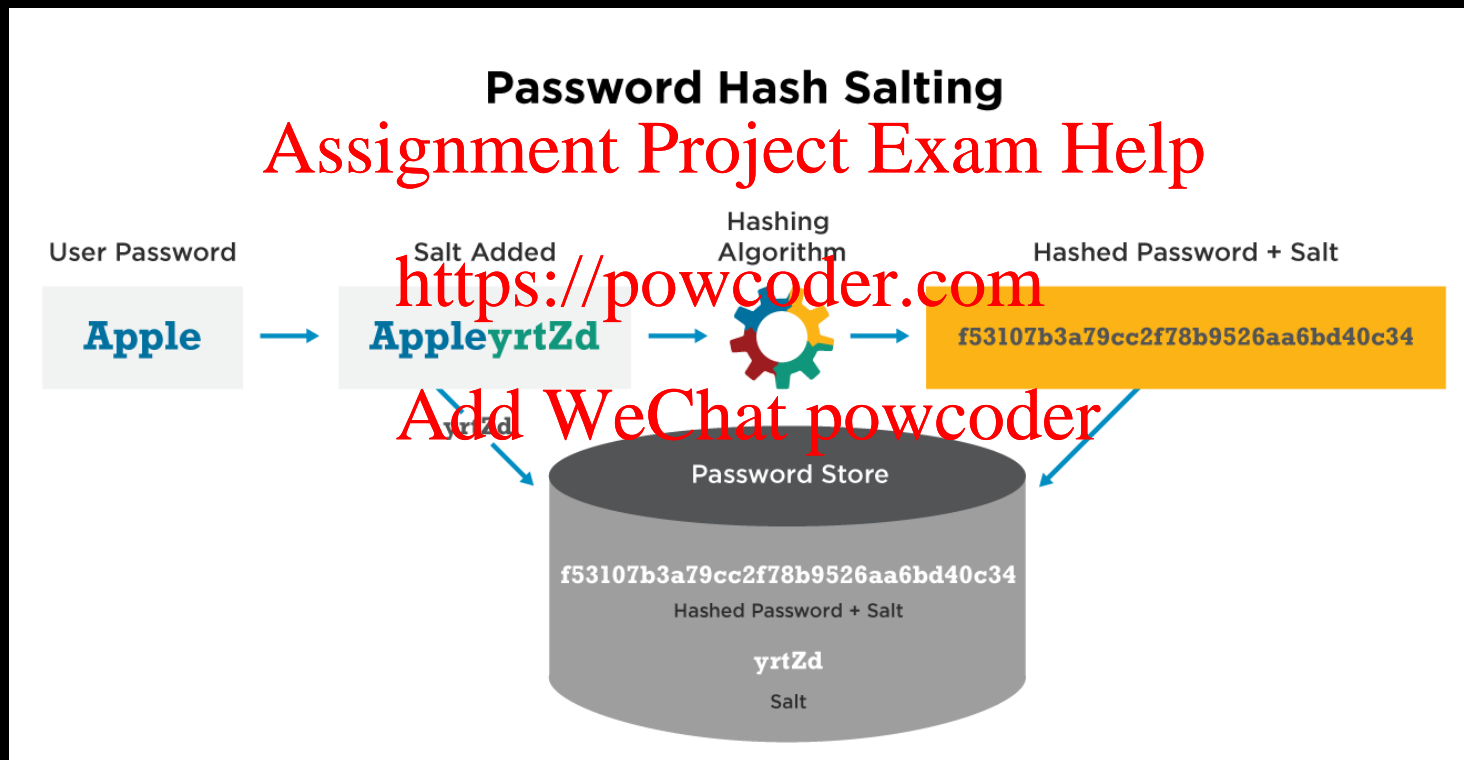
HASHING vs ENCRYPTION

Hash algorithm is based on one-way function. It is practically impossible to revert the result back

Encryption is based on plain text and a key and suppose to have a decryption algorithm.



PASSWORD HASHES



RAINBOW TABLE AND PASSWORDS DBS

<https://haveibeenpwned.com/Passwords>

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passwords obtained from previous data breaches

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DEMO

[https://youtu.be/IchpQBbGb
rE](https://youtu.be/IchpQBbGb
rE)



PASSWORD RESETS

- E-Mail
 - Doesn't matter if I've got the user's inbox
 - Is the reset link generated securely?
 - Can I generate a link securely?
- "Security" Questions
 - Can I get them off a user's Facebook
 - Can I google the answer?
 - How many attempts do I get to answer these questions?

*Password Security is
People Problem*



2019 NIST PASSWORD GUIDELINES

8 character min (human) otherwise 6 character min

- * Support at least 64 characters max length
- * support All ASCII characters (incl 0x20)
- * NO truncation of password when processed
- * Allow at least 10 password attempts before lockout
- * No SMS for 2FA (one-time password from an app)

- Check password with known dictionaries
- No complexity requirements
- No password expiration period
- No password hints
- No knowledge-based authentication (no questions)

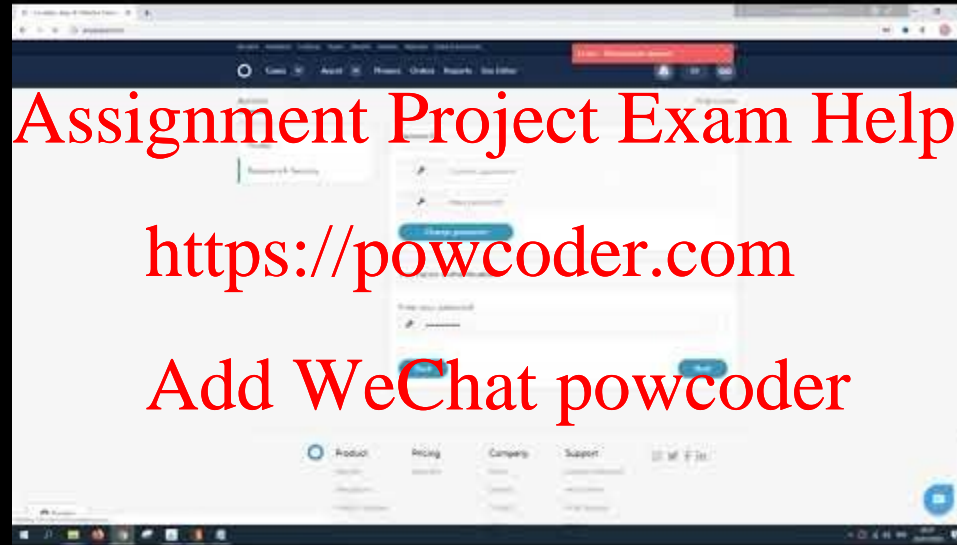


Few more examnles



Shout out: 0xed1337

Few more examnles



Shoutout: T-G0X Channel

How to do Good authentication?

- Good password policy
- Rate limiting
- Not allowing default usernames/passwords
- Not using weak hashing algorithms
- Multi Factor Authentication
- Application registration/forgot password logic

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READING MATERIAL (REFERENCE)

- Authentication what why and how!!
<https://github.com/alex996/presentations/blob/master/auth.md>
- Shopify Authentication Bypass
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Est3-r-9Lg>
- Google CTF
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0Qzu0SQFWA>



WEEK 2-3 ASSESSMENT

- If you're unsure, ask.

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Please call out if you get stuck.

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