

Project title:

**SQL INJECTION ATTACK ON TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY
USINNG MYSQL DATABASE QUEIRIES**

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1 . Introduction

SQL Injection (SQLi) is one of the most prevalent and severe vulnerabilities in modern web applications. It occurs when an attacker injects malicious SQL statements into a database query via an input field, URL, or cookie to manipulate a database. SQLi can lead to data breaches, unauthorized access, or even the deletion of critical data. In this project, we simulate a real-world SQL Injection scenario using MySQL queries across different databases to understand how this attack works and explore strategies for prevention.

This report presents the structure of the databases used, the queries implemented, and the methods to detect and mitigate SQL Injection attacks in web applications.

2. project objective

The primary objectives of this project are as follows:

1. Simulate SQL Injection attacks on a MySQL database system.
2. Demonstrate how an attacker can manipulate user input to execute malicious SQL code.
3. Analyze the impact of SQL Injection on user authentication, product management, and employee information systems.
4. Propose and implement techniques to prevent SQL Injection attacks, ensuring database security.

3. Literature Review

Definition of SQL Injection

SQL Injection is a code injection technique where an attacker inserts malicious SQL code into a query. It takes advantage of improper handling of user input in web applications, bypassing authentication mechanisms and exposing sensitive data.

Types of SQL Injection Attacks

1. **Classic SQL Injection:** The attacker directly manipulates SQL queries through input fields.
2. **Blind SQL Injection:** The attacker doesn't receive direct feedback but infers information based on responses (e.g., true/false).
3. **Time-Based SQL Injection:** The attacker uses delays in query execution to gather information.
4. **Out-of-Band SQL Injection:** Data is extracted via a separate communication channel (e.g., HTTP).

Consequences of SQL Injection Attacks

The consequences of SQLi include:

- Data breaches, exposing sensitive information like usernames, passwords, or credit card numbers.
- Unauthorized access to administrative controls or other user accounts.
- Data manipulation, such as deletion, alteration, or adding fraudulent data.

4. Project Scope

This project focuses on simulating SQL Injection attacks on three key databases:

1. **User Authentication Database:** To simulate SQLi in login and user roles management.
2. **Product Information Database:** To understand how SQLi affects product listings, reviews, and categories.
3. **Employee Information Database:** To demonstrate SQLi attacks that target employee data.

Each database is structured with several tables to emulate a real-world scenario, making the attack simulation more relevant. The project also includes preventive measures like input validation and prepared statements to mitigate SQLi risks.

4. Database Design

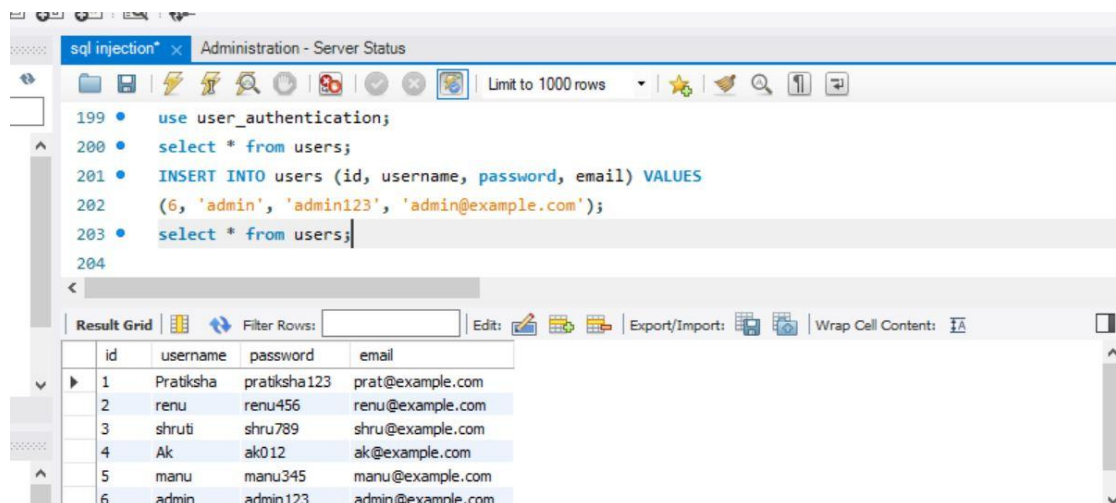
Database 1: User Authentication

Tables:

1. **users** (id, username, password, email)
2. **user_roles** (id, role_name, description)
3. **login_attempts** (id, username, attempt_date, success)
4. **user_sessions** (id, user_id, session_start, session_end)
5. **password_resets** (id, user_id, reset_date, reset_token)

Example Data Insertions for users table:

- (1, "admin", "password123", "admin@example.com")
- (2, "user1", "password456", user1@example.com)



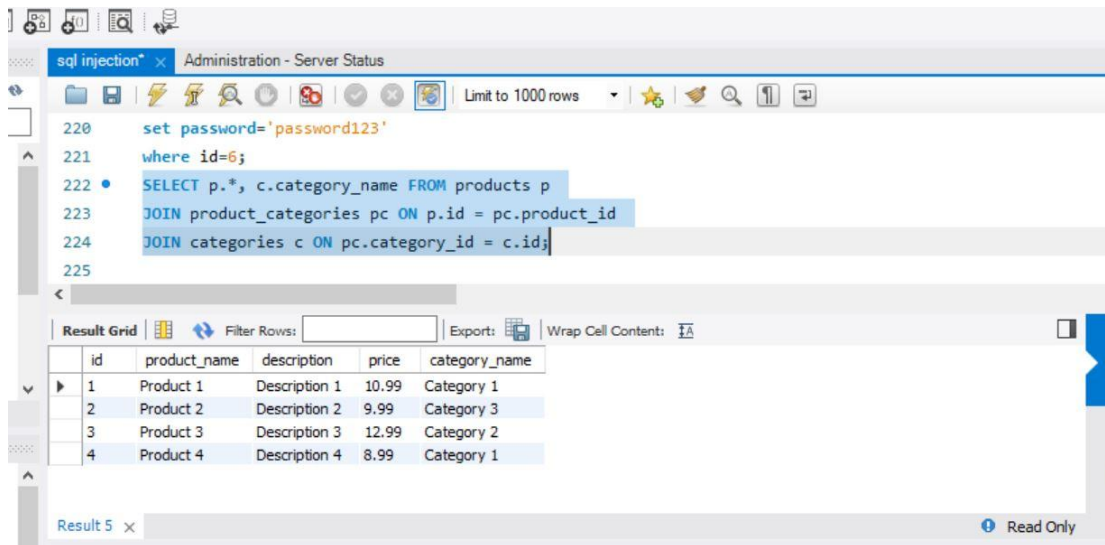
Database 2: Product Information

Tables:

1. **products** (id, product_name, description, price)
2. **categories** (id, category_name, description)
3. **product_categories** (id, product_id, category_id)
4. **product_reviews** (id, product_id, review_date, rating)
5. **product_images** (id, product_id, image_url)

Example Data Insertions for products table:

- (1, "Product 1", "Description 1", 10.99)
- (2, "Product 2", "Description 2", 9.99)



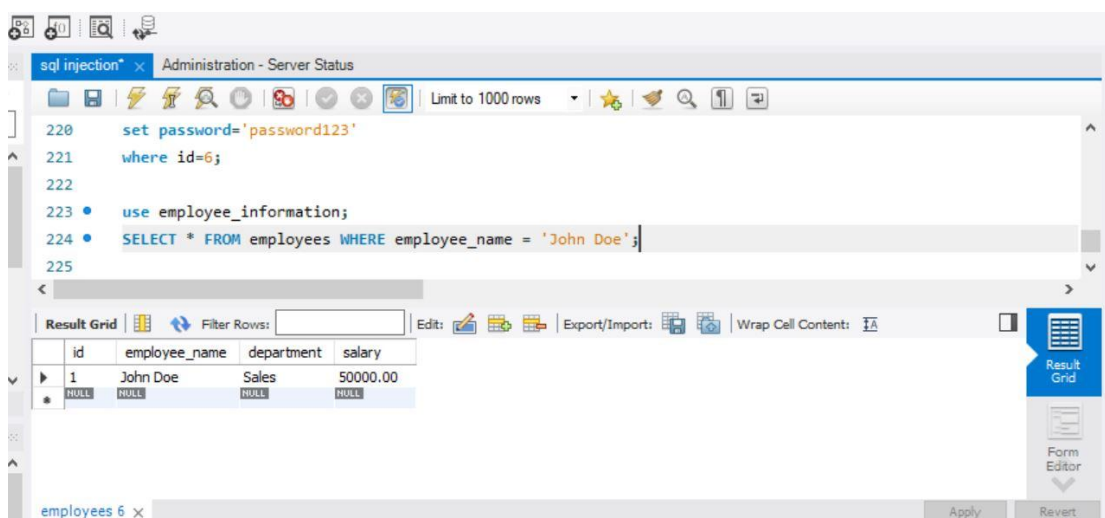
Database 3: Employee Information

Tables:

1. **employees** (id, employee_name, department, salary)
2. **departments** (id, department_name, description)
3. **employee_roles** (id, role_name, description)

Example Data Insertions for employees table:

- (1, "John Doe", "Sales", 50000)
- (2, "Jane Doe", "Marketing", 60000)

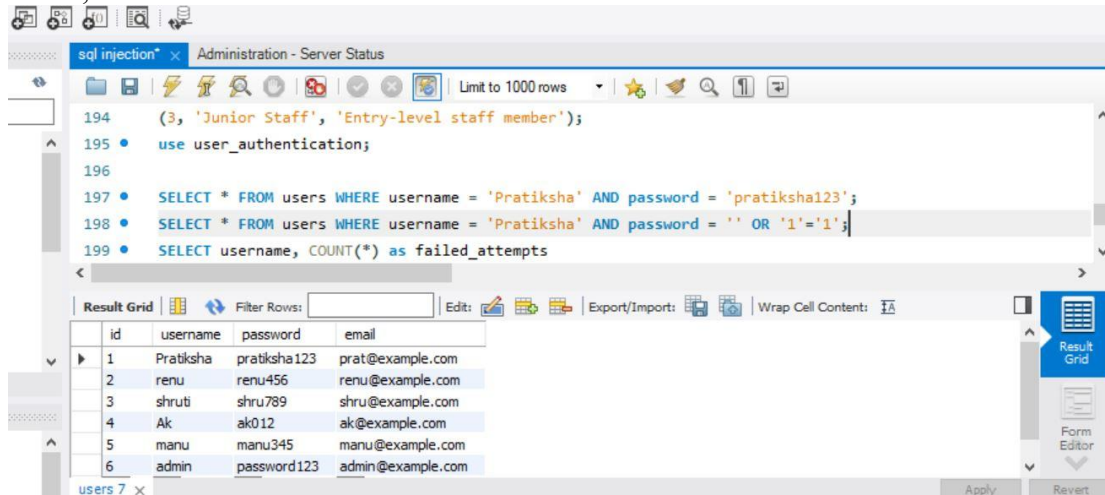


4. SQL Injection Attack Simulations

SQL Injection in User Authentication:

Example query:

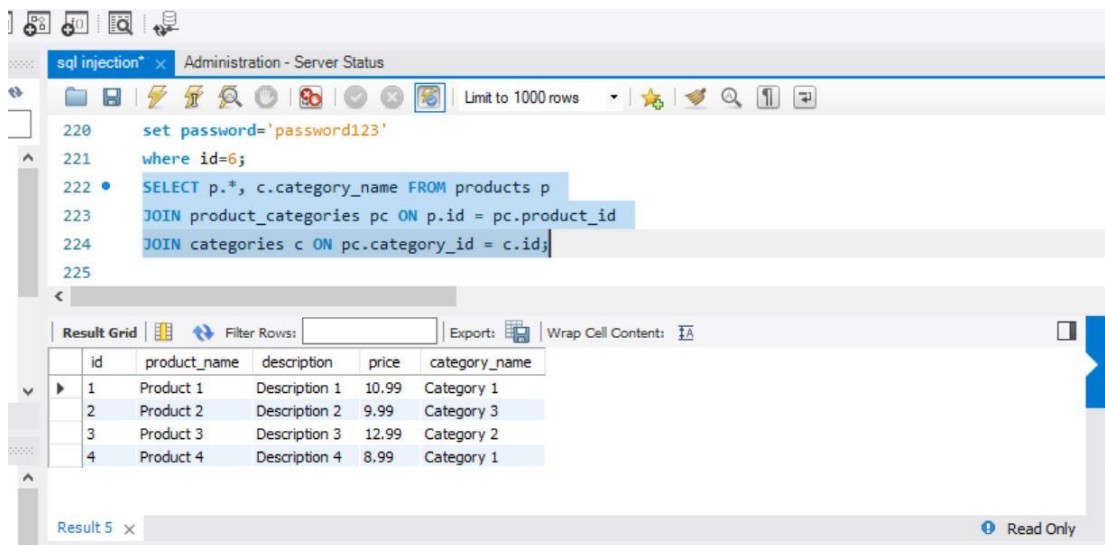
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SELECT * FROM users WHERE username = 'Pratiksha' AND password = " OR '1'='1';
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SELECT p.*, c.category_name FROM products p
JOIN product_categories pc ON p.id = pc.product_id
JOIN categories c ON pc.category_id = c.id;

```



SQL Injection in Employee Information:

The screenshot displays a SQL injection tool interface. The top section shows a list of SQL commands being executed, with line numbers 220 through 225. The commands are:

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220 set password='password123';
221 where id=6;
222
223 use employee_information;
224 SELECT * FROM employees WHERE employee_name = 'John Doe';
225
```

Below the command list, a 'Result Grid' is visible, showing the results of the SQL query. The grid has four columns: 'id', 'employee_name', 'department', and 'salary'. The first row shows the results for the query:

| id | employee_name | department | salary |
|------|---------------|------------|----------|
| 1 | John Doe | Sales | 50000.00 |
| NULL | NULL | NULL | NULL |

The interface also includes a toolbar with various icons for file operations, a 'Limit to 1000 rows' dropdown, and buttons for 'Result Grid', 'Form Editor', 'Apply', and 'Revert'. The bottom status bar shows 'employees 6 x'.

Conclusion

SQL Injection remains a significant threat to web applications, particularly those that handle sensitive data. Through this project, we were able to highlight the dangers of SQLi and demonstrate how simple coding practices like prepared statements and input validation can prevent such attacks. By adopting these security measures, developers can greatly reduce the risk of SQL Injection, safeguarding both their systems and users' data