

## Day 3: Part 1: OS Cmd Injection

- def'n of cmd injection
- value from input to build commands that are run on-the OS.
- ↗ Input vals not whitelisted
  - Account running web services is not restricted to minimum set of cmds / privs.
- This cmd inj can be done using anything (XSS, SQLi, XXE)

↗ Blind

cmdInj → Non Blind (visible results)  
separators ( ; ) || & &> >>

substitute: ` \$ ( )

cat vs type; ping -c vs ping -n; ls vs dir.

◦ Exploit simple cmd → Review sys config + apps → persistence or alt shell.

↗ ICMP; DNS

◦ Blind Injection ↗ pause using ping 127.0.0.1  
↳ collaborator DNS pings.

↗ less likely filtered (compared to ICMP echo)  
DNS ↗ works using DNS forwarders (no direct internet required)

## Day 3: Part 3: File Inclusion + Dir Traversal

- Allows attacker to include a file (L/R) due to "dynamic file inclusion" mechanism.

① LFI → Local file inclusion

→ retrieves files locally from web hosting w/A  
look for

- Templates
- Docx/img
- Framed content.

Impact:

Access to public data / code execution.

② Dir Traversal :

- use LFI to access files outside WEB ROOT
- account running w/S must have privs.
- using Relative or Absolute path references.

LFI Impact Sources

- App config files
- Sys " "
- Source code; event logs,
- User config files, user docs,
- Standard in file handle .

③ RFI: retrieve files stored on remote systems across networks.

→ Once LFI → check RFI

RFI ↗ proxy function to retrieve files on int n/w  
RFI ↗ Potential RCE.

### Day 3: Part 5: Insec Deserialize

• AppSecCon 2015.

Serial ⇒ Variables → Bytes → Memory → Transfer

Deserial ⇒ Bytes → Variables

• can be in any OOP lang (mostly in JAVA).

• also works in .NET, PHP, Ruby, Python.

Why's? ↗ easy manipulation

• ↗ easy maintain / debug.

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Tech relying ↗ RMI (Remote Method Invocation)

on S? ↗ Java Messaging Extension (JMS)

↳ JMS (Java Message Service)

↳ JSF.

- ① Exploit by mod sensitive params
  - ② RCE from Insec Deserial
    - ↳ execute unexpected code when deserial object
    - ↳ exploited in Java apps.
      - ↳ Deserialize, JVM calls readObject() func
      - ↳ Object member fields = INPUT = attacker ctrl
      - ↳ Any s class that targets class loader can locate+load can get deserialized.
- YSO SERIAL ↳ gadgets  
↳ Allow writing files/execute processes  
↳ Many found in std libraries
- = collection of gadget chains in Java libs and program used to produce exploits.

## Day 3 : Part 7 : SQL Primer

- Most well known.
- Easy to address and fix (from app sec POV)
- SQL used to CRUD data from users on website
- user input → SQL query = SQL injection flaw.
- usually happens in RDBMS.
- which RDBMS? matters a lot.

SQL Verbs: Select, Insert, Update, Delete,  
Drop, Union.

SQL Query:  
Modifiers:  
• WHERE  
• AND/OR  
• LIMIT  
• ORDER BY

SQL Data Types: bool, int, char, varchar, binary  
(vary across the RDBMS providers)

SQL injection example code:

1 or 1 = 1; --

- SQLi Balancing Act:
  - (prefix + payload + suffix) to exploit input flaws and cause impact
  - find REUSABLE pieces of the injection
  - requires balancing quotes to use with string data
- a) Balance Quotes
- b) Balance Columns
- c) Balance D Types

## Day 3: Part 8: DISCOVERING SQLI

- 1) Input locations
  - GET URL
  - POST payload
    - ↳ HTTP cookie } mostly
    - ↳ HTTP UA } blind
- 2) Classes of SQLi:
  - VISIBLE (inband / online)
  - BLIND (OOB)

- a) Inband:
  - simpler to discover
  - easier to exploit
- b) OOB:
  - doesn't provide visible results.
  - Errors may be inline, data not
  - Data " " , errors not.

c) If DB error msg is seen  $\Rightarrow$  Not Blind SQL inject  
1st step: check DB error  $\rightarrow$  DBinfo  
 $\hookrightarrow$  ease of discovery  
 $\hookrightarrow$  efficacy of technique.

DB error themselves = guide to not getting DB  
error msgs.  
= learn from mistakes  
= keep putting payloads until error  
changes.

d) Custom Error Messages:  
 $\rightarrow$  sometimes no error msgs  
 $\rightarrow$  approach a bit differently.  
 $\rightarrow$  bsqli.php vs sqli.php  
 $\rightarrow$  supply input as to when interpreted by  
backend subsystem (if present) should convert to  
Dent. (Dont put Dent, but something converted  
to Dent)  
 $\rightarrow$  Dent'; #  
Dent'; --  
De'\*'; \*'; nt  
De'; 'nt  
De'1'; 1'nt

- Comment delimiters can allow injections to succeed that would otherwise fail.  
(--, /\*, \*/, #)  
(cheap trick, dirty hack)
  - used when injecting into middle of SQL query.

- Used when  $\vdash$
- ① Binary / Boolean Inference Testing:

① Binary/Binary  
 $\rightarrow \text{Dent}' \text{ AND } 1; \# \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Dent}' \text{ AND } 0; \# \\ \text{Dent}' \text{ AND } 1=0; \# \end{array}$

② Increasing blindness (substr [ ], query).

② Prefix : Dent 'AND  
payload : substr (( ,1,1)>"a"  
suffix : ;#

③ Blind Timing Inferences:  
e.g. a delay

③ Blinds ...  
→ inducing a delay  
→ `Sleep(10)` → MySQL  
 `WAITFOR DELAY '0:0:10'` - MSSQL

(A) utter blindness: fine  $\leftrightarrow$  OOB  
no visible resp  $\rightarrow$

④ utter blandness: more  
↳ no err msg → no visible resp → no boolean  
inference opportunities without timing.

## ⑤ OOB Channels

- if viable, OOB = faster data exfil.
- so can use even if not needed.
- typically leverage HTTP or DNS to tunnel comm'n.

## Day 3: Part 9: Exploiting SQLi

- ### ① DB fingerprinting
- My: 'De' 'nt', MS: 'De'+'nt', O: 'De'!!'nt'
- unique num functions:
- My: connection\_id(), MS: @@pack\_received,
- O: BITAND(1,1)

## ② (Meta) DB info

- information\_schema → ANSI SQL92 std DB provide us with relevant metadata, so no need to fingerprint at all
- not all vendors support Info-schema.
- MySQL → I-S → info of all DB
- MSSQL → I-S → info of current DB

### ③ DB / Tables / Columns :

MySQL vs AzureSQL vs Oracle DB

### ④ Exploiting Inband / Online :

- see visible results
- do more than just `SELECT FROM`
- stacked queries

### ⑤ Stacked Queries :

- allows to run multiple SQL queries
- split with ;
- are they supported? mostly in MSSQL Server

MySQL : supports but mediante to application interface

Oracle : mostly not supported.

### ⑥ Why stacking matters?

- not usually required for data exfil
- where we want to do more than just subset the logic of SQL, we use SQL

### ⑦ SQL UNION:

- move beyond confines of the table
- allow to access arbitrary data from dB
- pull `USERS + CUSTOMERS` table

## UNION Prereqs:

- no. of columns pulled = original SELECT
- column data type = compatible
- know what specific tables to target.

## FROM less SELECT:

- select can be without FROM
- Oracle needs FROM for all selects but has default table DUAL, to help.

## Power of NULL:

- use null to determine number of columns
- UNION needs compat data types, NULL is compatible with all.
- UNION + NULL = no. of columns determined.

eg:

dent' UNION SELECT NULL,NULL,NULL,NULL; --  
                        4 columns.

## UNION + Data exfil:

- once column number we get, iterate through all columns to find data exfile.

- Blind Data Exfil: using binary inference, tread slowly through the DB to exfil data.
- use sqlmap.
- Inference Technique:
- TRUE = Dent Info , False = employee not found.
  - SQLi Prefix = Dent 'AND
  - SQLi Suffix = ;#

## Beyond DB exfiltration:

- Stealing data from DB = \$\$ less
- but what if org doesn't care about data exfil
- then we leverage SQLi to something else.
  - ↳ Delete / alter valuable data
  - ↳ inject data used as stored XSS
  - ↳ DB priv esc (mysql) (MS SQL)
  - ↳ Read files (LOADFILE), BULK INSERT
  - ↳ write files (INTO OUTFILE)
  - ↳ OS interaction using stored Procedures.
- SQLi → Write file → Shell file.
  - ↳ DB server also runs a web server
  - ↳ " " has write privs to web root
  - ↳ ability to browse into web root

## SQLmap Tool:

- python based UI tool. (Bernardo Damele AG)
- Metasploit ↔ SQLmap.
- w3af, Burp, zap.

## Day 3: Part 13: XXE

- ① XML used for desktop publishing, now used for data exchange.
- ② Similar to HTML
- ③ derived from SGML (based on IBM's GMML) dated in 1960's
- ④ XML used generally instead of HTML, when data sent from one app to another.
- ⑤ XXE = XML External Entity. (added in 2017).
  - ↳ class of injection attacks
  - supports EE by default (similar to LFI / RFI)
  - ↳ XXE = web app turns into a proxy, serving local + remote content.

## Why XXE Matters?

## SSRF:

- XXE is example of SSRF
- LSSRF ~ CSRF (SSRF is server, CSRF is from client)
- XML injection example.

→ XXE → usually flying blind  
→ server to server/browser/client does not see  
→ triggered via PHP, SQL request.  
Challenge → inferring XXE content / code exists  
without direct evidence.  
→ ∴ Full knowledge tests > 0 knowledge test

Blind XXE example → entry.html → entry.php → XML.php.  
(client can't see / interpret req.).