

## Injection Attacks



Malicious input is accepted by the web application



## Malicious User Input



1. Attacker supplies malicious input
2. Web app does not properly validate/sanitize user input

## Client-side Application Attacks



- JavaScript
- Browser extensions
- Directory traversal
- Interception attacks (on-path/MiTM)
- Race conditions
- Sandbox escape
- VM hopping or escape



## Server-side Application Attacks



- Forged PKI certificates
- Cryptographic downgrades
- HTTP interceptor (capture and modify HTTP requests and responses)
- Poor error handling



## Injection Attack Types

Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

Host header injection

OS command injection

SQL injection

## SQL Injection Attack

- Attacker enters  
    UserId:
- SQL statement is run as  
    SELECT \* FROM users WHERE UserId = 123 OR 1=1;
- 1=1 is always true
  - Every row in Users table is returned

# Executing a SQL Injection Attack

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Executing a SQL Injection Attack

192.168.4.124/dvwa/vulnerabilities/sql/

## Vulnerability: SQL Injection

User ID:

More info

- [http://www.securiteam.com/securityreviews/5DP0N1P76E.html](#)
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192.168.4.124/dvwa/vulnerabilities/sql/?id=2&Submit=Submit#

## Vulnerability: SQL Injection

User ID:

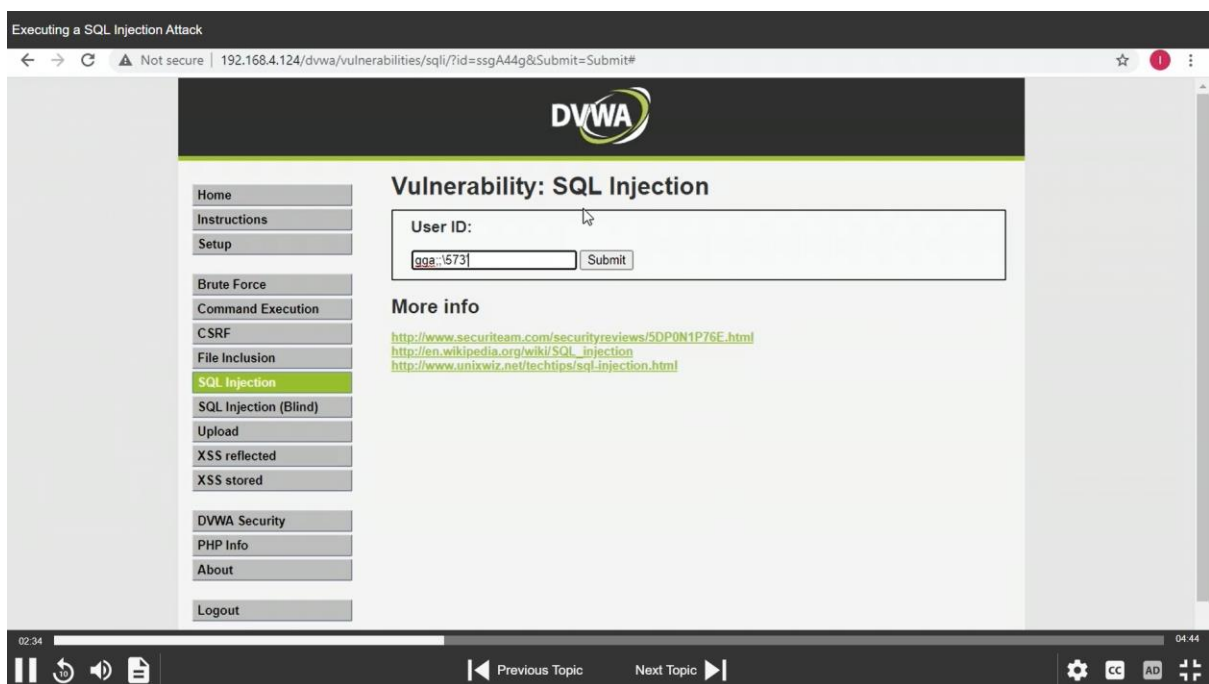
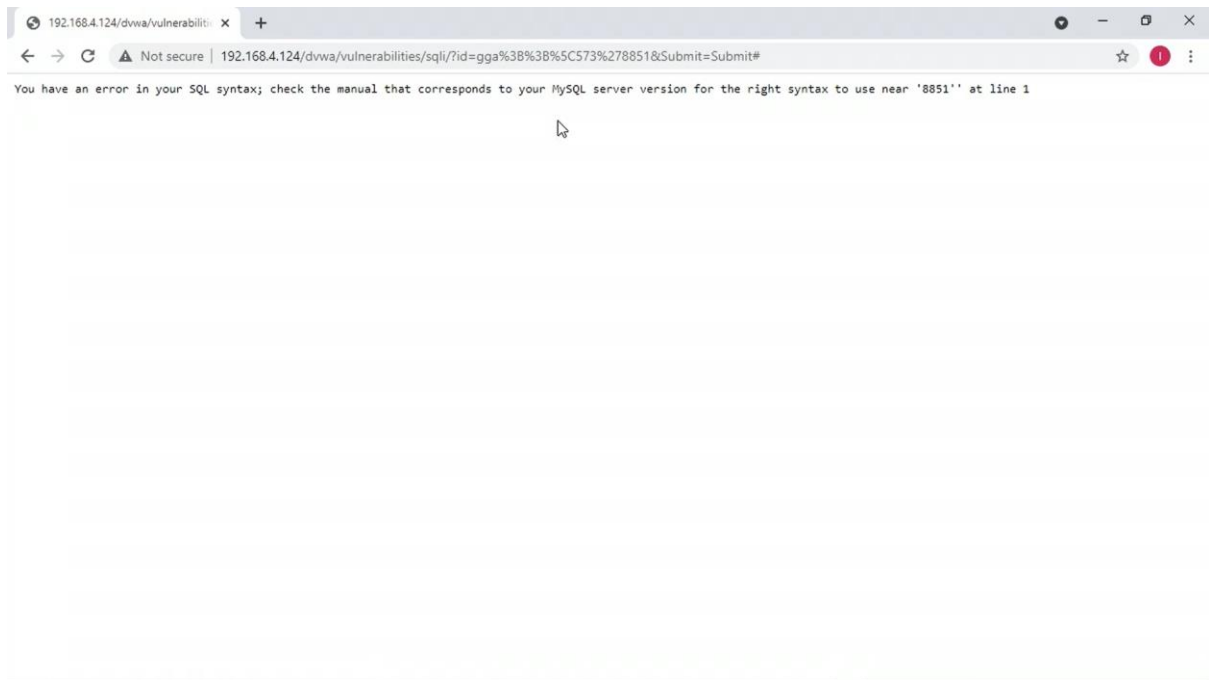
ID: 2  
First name: Gordon  
Surname: Brown

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Username: admin  
Security Level: low

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## Vulnerability: SQL Injection

User ID:

```
ID: 1' OR ''='  
First name: admin  
Surname: admin  
  
ID: 1' OR ''='  
First name: Gordon  
Surname: Brown  
  
ID: 1' OR ''='  
First name: Hack  
Surname: Me  
  
ID: 1' OR ''='  
First name: Pablo  
Surname: Picasso  
  
ID: 1' OR ''='  
First name: Bob  
Surname: Smith
```

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```
msfadmin@metasploitable:/$ cd /var/www
msfadmin@metasploitable:/var/www$ ls
dav  index.php  phpinfo.php  test      tikiwiki-old
dvwa  mutillidae  phpMyAdmin   tikiwiki  twiki
msfadmin@metasploitable:/var/www$ cd dvwa
```

```
msfadmin@metasploitable:/var/www/dvwa$ ls
about.php      dvwa      index.php      php.ini      vulnerabilities
CHANGELOG.txt  external  instructions.php  README.txt
config         favicon.ico  login.php      robots.txt
COPYING.txt    hackable    logout.php     security.php
docs           ids_log.php  phpinfo.php    setup.php
msfadmin@metasploitable:/var/www/dvwa$
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```
192.168.4.124 - PuTTY
msfadmin@metasploitable:/var/www/dvwa/vulnerabilities$ ls
brute  exec  sqli      upload      view_source all.php  xss_r
csrf  fi    sqli_blind  view_help.php  view_source.php  xss_s
msfadmin@metasploitable:/var/www/dvwa/vulnerabilities$
```

Cat index.php

```
192.168.4.124 - PuTTY

    <h3>User ID:</h3>

    <form action="#" method="GET">
        <input type="text" name="id">
        <input type="submit" name="Submit" value="Submit">
    </form>

    {$html}

</div>

    <h2>More info</h2>
    <ul>
        <li>".dvwaExternalLinkUrlGet( 'http://www.securiteam.com/securityreview/5DP0N1P76E.html')."</li>
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";

dvwaHtmlEcho( $page );

?>msfadmin@metasploitable:/var/www/dvwa/vulnerabilities/sqli$
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192.168.4.124 - PuTTY

{$magicQuotesWarningHtml}

<div class="vulnerable_code_area">

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$page = dvwaPageNewGrab();
$page[ 'title' ] .= $page[ 'title_separator' ].'Vulnerability: SQL Injection';
$page[ 'page_id' ] = 'sqli';

dvwaDatabaseConnect();

$vulnerabilityFile = '';
switch( $_COOKIE[ 'security' ] ) {
    case 'low':
        $vulnerabilityFile = 'low.php';
        break;

    case 'medium':
        $vulnerabilityFile = 'medium.php';
        break;

    case 'high':
    default:
        $vulnerabilityFile = 'high.php';
        break;
}

require_once DVWA_WEB_PAGE_TO_ROOT."vulnerabilities/sqli/source/{$vulnerabilityFile}";

$page[ 'help_button' ] = 'sqli';

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192.168.4.124 - PuTTY
// Retrieve data

$id = $_GET['id'];

$getid = "SELECT first_name, last_name FROM users WHERE user_id = '$id'";
$result = mysql_query($getid) or die('<pre>' . mysql_error() . '</pre> ');

$num = mysql_numrows($result);

$i = 0;

while ($i < $num) {

    $first = mysql_result($result,$i,"first_name");
    $last = mysql_result($result,$i,"last_name");

    $html .= '<pre>';
    $html .= 'ID: ' . $id . '<br>First name: ' . $first . '<br>Surname: '
. $last;
    $html .= '</pre>';
    $i++;
}
?>
msfadmin@metasploitable:/var/www/dvwa/vulnerabilities/sqli/source$

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192.168.4.124 - PuTTY
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## Mitigating Injection Attacks



Trust no one!  
(Zero Trust)

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Results from improper input validation and sanitization



All external app input must be treated as untrusted

## Input Sanitization



- **mysql\_real\_escape\_string()**
  - MySQL
  - Built-in function
  - Removes unnecessary characters such as single quotes
  - Dangerous characters are *not* passed into query statements



## Web Application Firewall (WAF)



Designed to look for web application attacks



Can prevent and report on potential web application injection activity



## Reducing the Attack Surface

Adhere to secure coding guidelines

Use only trusted components

Apply OS, app, and component updates

Disable unnecessary components



## App and Code Periodic Assessments



Vulnerability scan/fuzzing



Modify/replace existing controls