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Preventing Injection Attacks

SQL Injection:

Original Code:

```
-----  
@ResponseBody  
public String update_address(@RequestParam String address, HttpServletRequest request) throws Exception {  
    HttpSession session = request.getSession();  
    String loggedInUser = (String) session.getAttribute("logged_in_employee");  
  
    if (loggedInUser == null) {  
        return "{\"msg\":\"Please login as employee first.\"}";  
    }  
  
    try {  
        int updatedRows = 0;  
        // change 'updateQuery' with by applying '?' instead of direct parameter.  
        String updateQuery = "UPDATE Employees SET address = '" + address + "' WHERE username = '" + loggedInUser + "'";  
        // change in 'jdbcTemplate.update' function by passing parameters so that dynamic input will not harm database.  
        updatedRows = jdbcTemplate.update(updateQuery);  
        if (updatedRows == 0) {  
            return "{\"msg\":\"No rows updated.\"}";  
        }  
        // change to display only logged-in employee's data  
        String selectQuery = "SELECT * From Employees";  
        List<Map> listOfEmployee = (List<Map>) findDataFromDatabase(selectQuery, param1: null);  
        return new ObjectMapper().writeValueAsString(listOfEmployee);  
    } catch (Exception e) {  
        e.printStackTrace();  
        return "{\"msg\":\"No rows updated.\"}";  
    }  
}  
// ----- Update address(2nd tab) -----
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Changes made:

```
16 import java.sql.PreparedStatement;  
17 import java.sql.Connection;  
  
21 public class Sql_injectionController {  
22  
23     @Autowired  
24     private JdbcTemplate jdbcTemplate;  
25     public Connection conn;
```

```

92 @ public String update_address(@RequestParam String address, String username, HttpServletRequest request) throws Exception {
93     HttpSession session = request.getSession();
94     String loggedInUser = (String) session.getAttribute("logged_in_employee");
95
96     if (loggedInUser == null) {
97         return "{\"msg\":\"Please login as employee first.\"}";
98     }
99
100     try {
101         int updatedRows = 0;
102         // change 'updateQuery' with by applying '?' instead of direct parameter.
103         String updateQuery = "UPDATE Employees SET address = ? WHERE username = ?";
104         // create our java preparedstatement using a sql update query
105         PreparedStatement ps = conn.prepareStatement(updateQuery);
106
107         // set the preparedstatement parameters
108         ps.setString(1, address);
109         ps.setString(2, username);
110
111         // call executeUpdate to execute our sql update statement
112         ps.executeUpdate();
113         ps.close();
114         // change in 'jdbcTemplate.update' function by passing parameters so that dynamic input will not harm database.
115         updatedRows = jdbcTemplate.update(updateQuery, address, username);
116         if (updatedRows == 0) {
117             return "{\"msg\":\"No rows updated.\"}";
118         }
119     }

```

The added code inserts placeholders (?) whose values are being set by calling the corresponding setter methods of the PreparedStatement thereby preventing the attack of SQL injection.

XSS Prevention:

Original Code:

```

8 public class XssController {
9
10     @GetMapping("/")
11     public String xss_index() { return "xss/index"; }
12
13
14
15     @GetMapping("/body_xss")
16     @ResponseBody
17     public String body_xss(@RequestParam String tagVal) throws Exception {
18         return tagVal;
19     }
20
21
22     @PostMapping("/textarea_xss")
23     @ResponseBody
24     public Object textarea_xss(@RequestParam String tagVal) throws Exception {
25         return tagVal;
26     }
27
28     @PostMapping("/js_xss")
29     @ResponseBody
30     public Object js_xss(@RequestParam String tagVal) throws Exception {
31         return tagVal;
32     }
33 }

```

Changes made:

```

3 import org.springframework.stereotype.Controller;
4 import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.*;
5
6 import org.apache.commons.lang.StringEscapeUtils;
7

```

```

10 public class XssController {
11
12     @GetMapping("/")
13     public String xss_index() { return "xss/index"; }
14
15     @GetMapping("/body_xss")
16     @ResponseBody
17     public String body_xss(@RequestParam String tagVal) throws Exception {
18         String encoded_html = StringEscapeUtils.escapeHtml(tagVal);
19         return encoded_html;
20     }
21
22     @PostMapping("/textarea_xss")
23     @ResponseBody
24     public Object textarea_xss(@RequestParam String tagVal) throws Exception {
25         String encoded_html = StringEscapeUtils.escapeHtml(tagVal);
26         return encoded_html;
27     }
28
29     @PostMapping("/js_xss")
30     @ResponseBody
31     public Object js_xss(@RequestParam String tagVal) throws Exception {
32         String encoded_html = StringEscapeUtils.escapeHtml(tagVal);
33         return encoded_html;
34     }
35 }

```

The `escapeHtml()` takes raw string as parameter and then escapes the characters using HTML entities.

Command Injection:

Original Code:

```

21 public Object command_injected(@RequestParam String command) {
22     Map<String, String> response_data = new HashMap<>();
23     try {
24         String output = "";
25         String[] cmd = {"bin/bash", "-c", "ping -c 3 " + command};
26         Process p = Runtime.getRuntime().exec(cmd);
27         p.waitFor();

```

Changes made:

```

21 public Object command_injected(@RequestParam String command) {
22     Map<String, String> response_data = new HashMap<>();
23     try {
24         String output = "";
25         //String[] cmd = {"bin/bash", "-c", "ping -c 3 " + command};
26         //Process p = Runtime.getRuntime().exec(cmd);
27         //p.waitFor();
28         ProcessBuilder processBuilder = new ProcessBuilder();
29         processBuilder.command("ping", "-c", "3", command);
30         Process p = processBuilder.start();
31         p.waitFor();

```

The ProcessBuilder is used to create operating system processes. The start() method creates a new Process instance with the attributes and it also lets us control the environment.

Path Manipulation:

Original Code:

```

35 public Map<String, String> view_file(@RequestParam String filePath) throws Exception {
36     Map<String, String> response_data = new HashMap<>();
37
38     try {
39         Resource resource = resourceLoader.getResource("classpath:files/" + filePath);
40         File file = resource.getFile();
41         String text = new String(Files.readAllBytes(file.toPath()));
42         response_data.put("status", "success");
43         response_data.put("msg", text);
44         return response_data;
45     } catch (IOException e) {
46         e.printStackTrace();
47         response_data.put("status", "error");
48         response_data.put("msg", "No output found");
49         return response_data;
50     }

```

Changes made:

```

18 import java.util.regex.Matcher;
19 import java.util.regex.Pattern;

```

```

35 public Map<String, String> view_file(@RequestParam String filePath) throws Exception {
36     Map<String, String> response_data = new HashMap<>();
37
38     String regex = "^([\\w,\\s-]+\\.\\.[A-Za-z]{3,10})$";
39     Pattern r = Pattern.compile(regex);
40     Matcher m = r.matcher(filePath);
41     if (m.find()) {
42         try {
43             Resource resource = resourceLoader.getResource("classpath:files/" + filePath);
44             File file = resource.getFile();
45             String text = new String(Files.readAllBytes(file.toPath()));
46             response_data.put("status", "success");
47             response_data.put("msg", text);
48             return response_data;
49         } catch (IOException e) {
50             e.printStackTrace();
51             response_data.put("status", "error");
52             response_data.put("msg", "No output found");
53             return response_data;
54         }
55     } else {
56         response_data.put("status", "error");
57         response_data.put("msg", "Invalid Filename");
58         return response_data;
59     }
60 }

```

Here, the input data is sanitized using regular expressions.

Log Forgery/Injection:

Original code:

```

51     } catch (Exception e) {
52         logger.info("After exception: " + encodedString);
53         response_data.put("status", "error");
54         response_data.put("msg", "Successfully logged error");
55         return response_data;
56     }

```

Changes made:

```

53     } catch (Exception e) {
54         try {
55             logger.info("After exception: " + java.net.URLEncoder.encode(encodedString, StandardCharsets.UTF_8.name()));
56         } catch (UnsupportedEncodingException unsupportedEncodingException) {
57             unsupportedEncodingException.printStackTrace();
58         }
59         response_data.put("status", "error");
60         response_data.put("msg", "Successfully logged error");
61         return response_data;
62     }
63 }

```

The URL is encoded before using it so that the attack of log forgery can be avoided.

SMTP:

Original Code:

```
26
27     String name = customer_firstName;
28     String replyto = customer_email;
29     String message = customer_comments;
30     String to = "root@localhost";
31     String subject = "My Subject";
32
```

Changes made:

```
11     import java.util.regex.Matcher;
12     import java.util.regex.Pattern;

28     public String smtp_header_submit(@RequestParam String customer_firstName,@RequestParam String customer_email,@RequestParam String customer_comments) {
29
30         String SafeString = "^[.\\p{Alnum}\\p{Space}]{0,1024}$";
31         String emailPattern = "[a-zA-Z0-9._%+-]+@[a-zA-Z0-9.-]+\\.?[a-zA-Z]{2,}";
32         Pattern namePattern = Pattern.compile(SafeString);
33         Pattern emailPat = Pattern.compile(emailPattern);
34
35         Matcher nameMatch = namePattern.matcher(customer_firstName);
36         Matcher emailMatch = emailPat.matcher(customer_email);
37
38         if (nameMatch.find() && emailMatch.find()) {
39             String name = customer_firstName;
40             String replyto = customer_email;
41             String message = customer_comments;
42             String to = "root@localhost";
43             String subject = "My Subject";
44
45             String headers = "From:" + name + "\\n" + "to:" + replyto + "\\n";
46             String[] split = headers.split( regex: "\\n");
47             String y = "";
48             for (int i = 0; i < split.length; i++) {
49                 y += split[i];
50                 y += "<br>";
51             }
52             System.out.println(y);
53             return y + " Message:" + message;
54         }
55         else {
56             return "Invalid firstname or email";
57         }
58     }
59
```

In this case too, regular expressions are used to sanitize the data input to avoid attacks.

XPath:

Original Code:

```
59     XPathExpression expre = xpath.compile( expression: "/customers/customer[email = '" + val + "']/id/text()");
```

Changes made:

1. Created a new class SimpleVariableResolver:

```
XPath_injectionController.java × SimpleVariableResolver.java ×
1 package net.uncc.app.xpath_injection;
2
3
4
5 import javax.xml.namespace.QName;
6
7 import javax.xml.xpath.XPathVariableResolver;
8
9 import java.util.HashMap;
10
11 import java.util.Map;
12
13
14
15 public class SimpleVariableResolver implements XPathVariableResolver {
16
17     private final Map<QName, Object> vars = new HashMap<QName, Object>();
18
19     public void addVariable(QName name, Object value) {
20
21         vars.put(name, value);
22
23     }
24
25
26
27     public Object resolveVariable(QName variableName) {
28
29         return vars.get(variableName);
30
31     }
32
33 }
```

2. Imported necessary package(s):

```
import javax.xml.namespace.QName;
```

3. Used the functions of SimpleVariableResolver to implement separation of domain:


```

50 public Object xpath_injected(@RequestParam String val) {
51     Map<String, String> response_data = new HashMap<>();
52     try {
53         DocumentBuilderFactory factory = DocumentBuilderFactory.newInstance();
54         factory.setNamespaceAware(true);
55         DocumentBuilder builder = factory.newDocumentBuilder();
56         Document doc = builder.parse(new File("src/main/resources/files/customer.xml"));
57
58         XPathFactory xpathFactory = XPathFactory.newInstance();
59         XPath xpath = xpathFactory.newXPath();
60
61         List<String> names = new ArrayList<>();
62         //XPathExpression expre = xpath.compile("/customers/customer[email = '" + val + "']/id/text()");
63         SimpleVariableResolver resolver = new SimpleVariableResolver();
64
65         resolver.addVariable(new QName(namespaceURI: null, localPart: "email_val"), val);
66
67         xpath.setXPathVariableResolver(resolver);
68
69         XPathExpression expre = xpath.compile(expression: "/customers/customer[email = $email_val]/id/text()");
70
71         NodeList nodes = (NodeList) expre.evaluate(doc, XPathConstants.NODESET);
72         for (int i = 0; i < nodes.getLength(); i++)
73             names.add(nodes.item(i).getNodeValue());
74
75         response_data.put("status", "success");
76         response_data.put("msg", Arrays.toString(names.toArray()));
77         return response_data;
78     } catch (Exception e) {
79         e.printStackTrace();
80         response_data.put("status", "error");
81         response_data.put("msg", "Successfully logged error");
82         return response_data;
83     }

```