

Web Security



SwiftOnSecurity
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Following

"Taylor, virus is spreading to 20 nodes/min"
"Everything will be alright if we just keep
dancing like we're"
"God damn it"
"TWENTY TWOOOOOO"

Before We Begin: Digression on self-propagating attacks...

- Later on in the semester we will discuss worms, viruses, etc...
 - Malicious attacks designed to spread from computer to computer
- The analogy to actual viruses is remarkably close
 - Malicious attacks designed to spread from cell to cell and person to person
 - Immune system operates on recognizing "this is bad" and responds to it
- One of the deadlier biological attacks is influenza
 - It changes from year to year on a quite rapid basis, as a way of avoiding the "this is bad" detector
- And you all are young and healthy, it ***probably*** won't kill you...
 - But it will put you out of action for a week+, and may make you wish you were dead
 - And, if you want happy reading, look up the 1918 flu...

So Get A Flu Shot!



- Tang center offers drop-in Flu clinics
 - <https://uhs.berkeley.edu/medical/flu-shots-tang>: Free with SHIP, \$30 otherwise
 - Next one: Wednesday, October 4, 10am-2pm, Eshleman Hall (Students only)
- Every pharmacy around offers cheap or free
 - Non-SHIP insurance, just walk into CVS or Walgreens with your insurance card
- This also grants ***herd immunity***:
 - If enough people are immune, this also protects those who aren't immune
 - So it helps others, not just yourself
- I ***should*** ask on the Midterm:
 - "Did I get a Flu shot for the 2017/2018 Flu season?"

SQL Injection: Better Defenses

- Idea: Let's take execve's ideas and apply them to SQL...

```
• ResultSet getProfile(Connection conn, String arg_user)
{
    String query = "SELECT AcctNum FROM Customer WHERE
        Balance < 100 AND Username = ?";
```

Untrusted user input

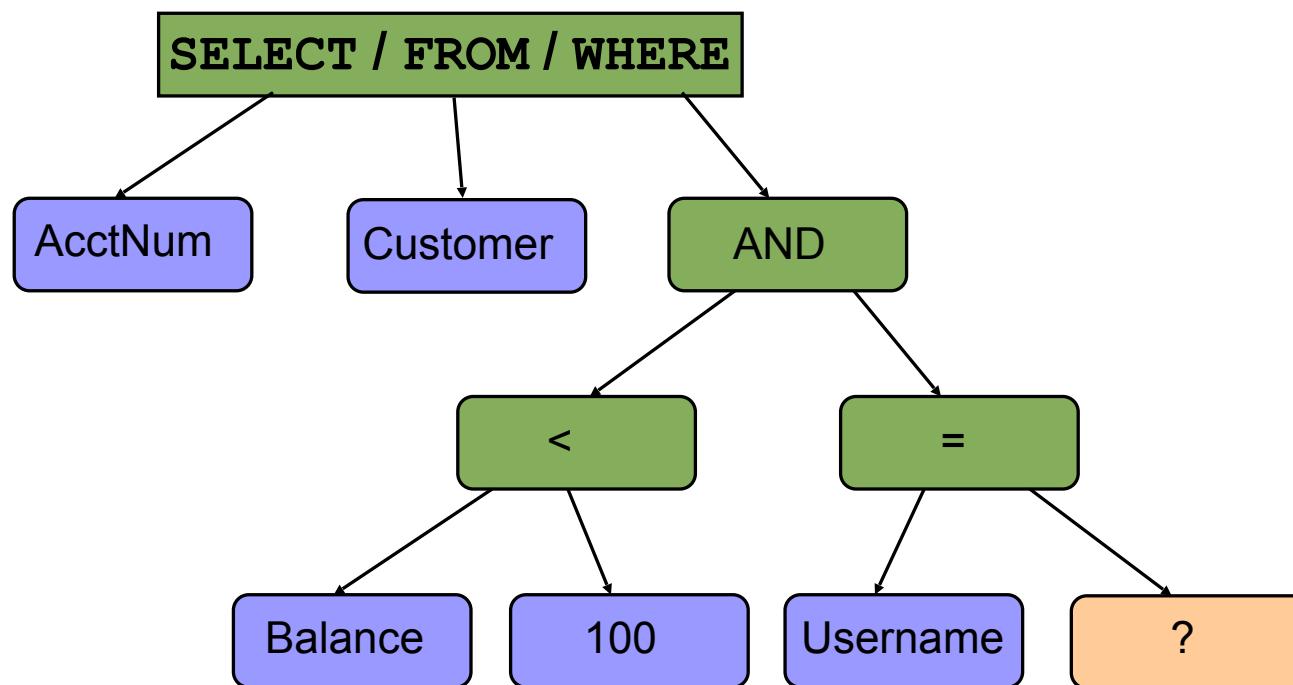
```
    PreparedStatement p = conn.prepareStatement(query);
    p.setString(1, arg_user);
    return p.executeQuery();
}
```

Confines Input to a Single Value

Binds the input to the value

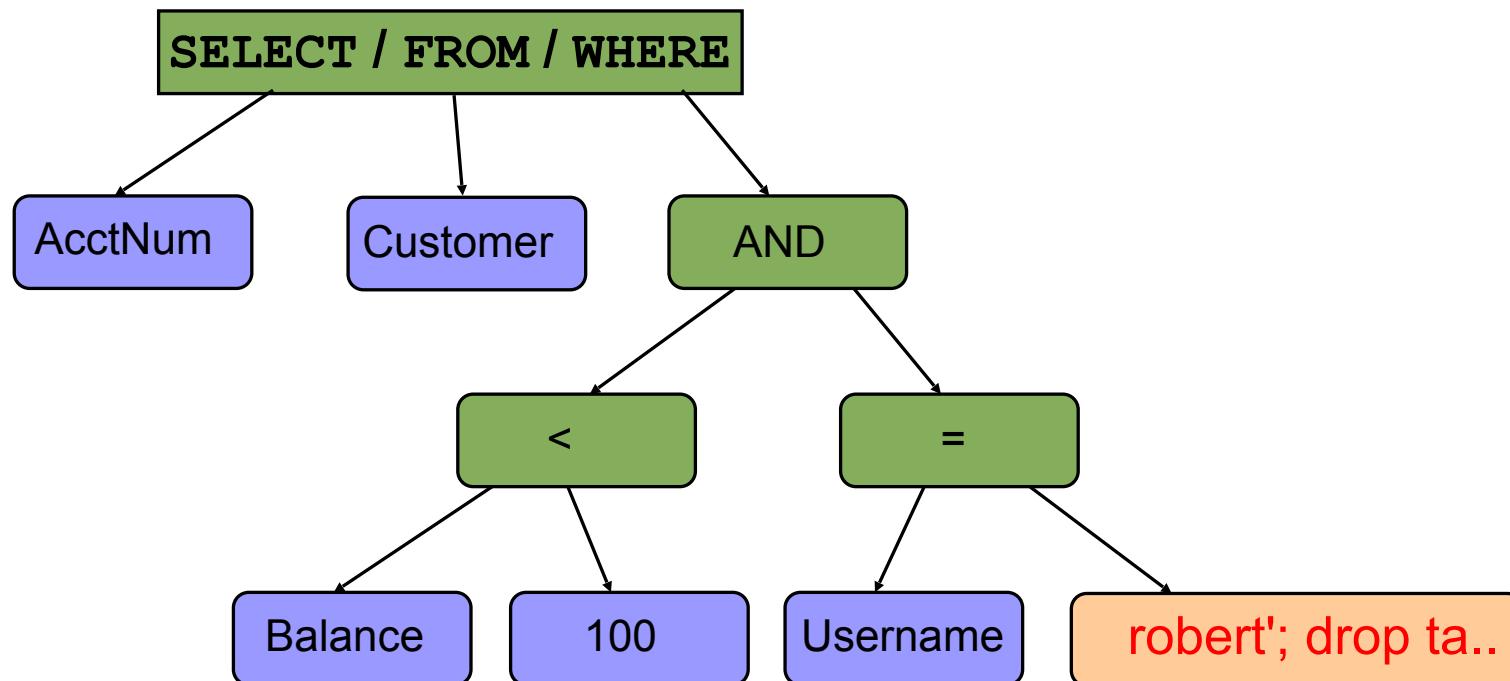
- This is a "prepared statement"

Parse Tree for a Prepared Statement

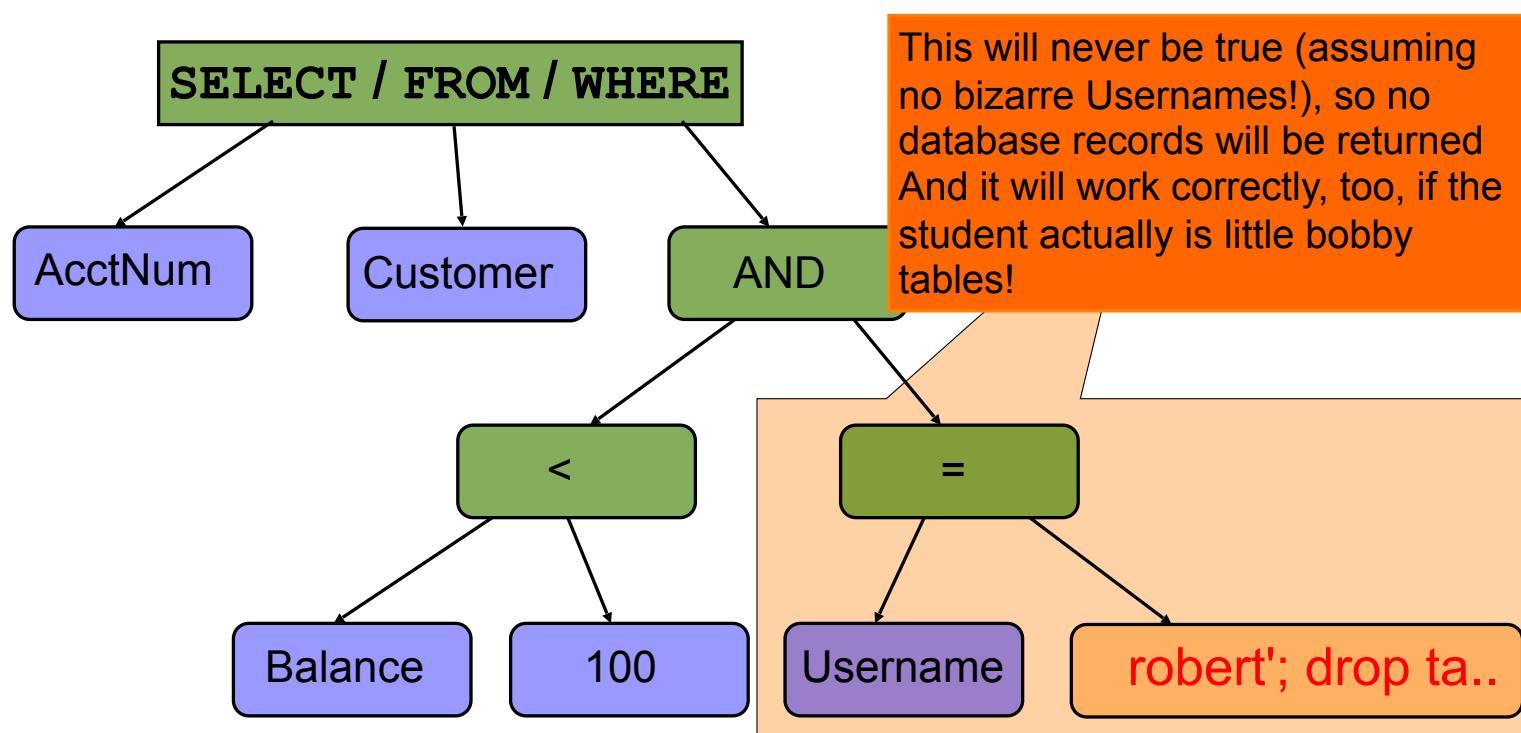


Note: **prepared** statement only allows ?'s at **leaves**,
not **internal nodes**. So **structure** of tree is **fixed**.

So What Happens To Bobby Tables?



Parsing Bobby Tables...

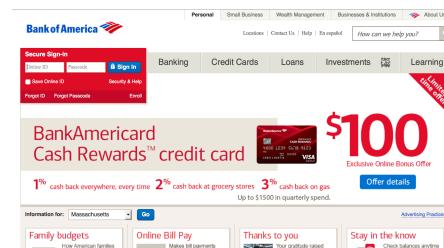


What is the Web?

- A platform for deploying applications and sharing information, portably and ?securely?
 - Really a three part ***distributed*** programming problem:
 - The Client Browser
 - The Web Server
 - The Server Backend



client browser



web server



Bank of America 

HTTP

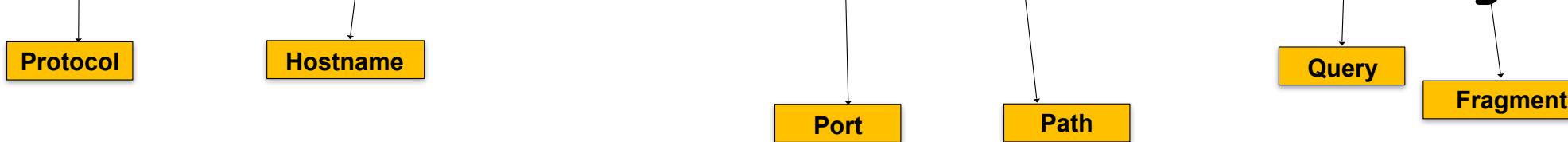
(Hypertext Transfer Protocol)

A common data communication protocol on the web



URLs: Global Network Identifiers

HTTP://www.fubar.com:80/fubar/baz?wtf#go



- Protocol: Mandatory
 - HTTP, HTTPS, FTP, etc...
- Hostname: Mandatory
 - Either a resolvable domain name or an IP address
- Port: Optional
 - Each protocol has a default port
- Path: Mandatory
 - But can be / for the root
- Query: Optional
 - Sent to Server
- Fragment
 - *Local* to the client
 - Only accessible to scripts in the web page

HTTP



HTTP Request

**GET: no side effect
(supposedly, HA)**

**POST: possible side effect,
includes additional data**

Method Path HTTP version Headers

```
GET /index.html HTTP/1.1
Accept: image/gif, image/x-bitmap,
image/jpeg, /*
Accept-Language: en
Connection: Keep-Alive
User-Agent: Chrome/21.0.1180.75 (Macintosh;
Intel Mac OS X 10_7_4)
Host: www.safebank.com
Referer: http://www.google.com?q=dingbats
```

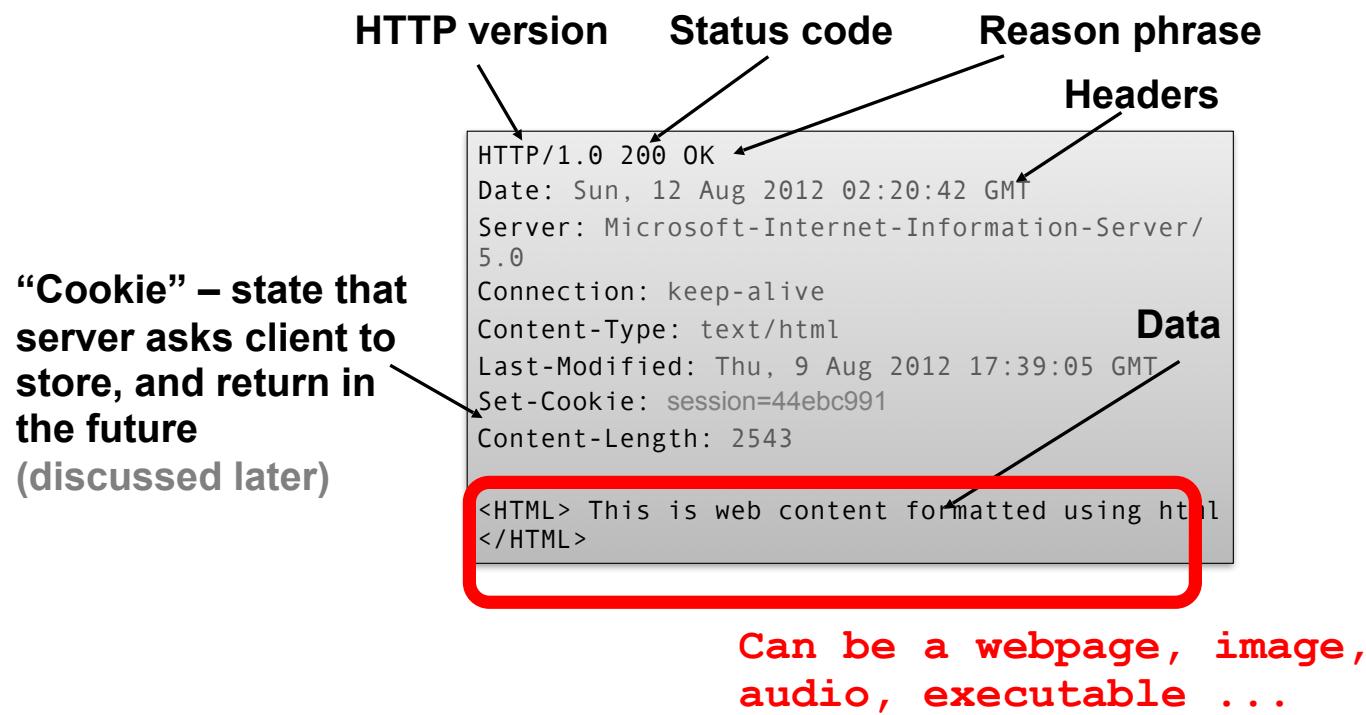
Blank line

Data – none for GET

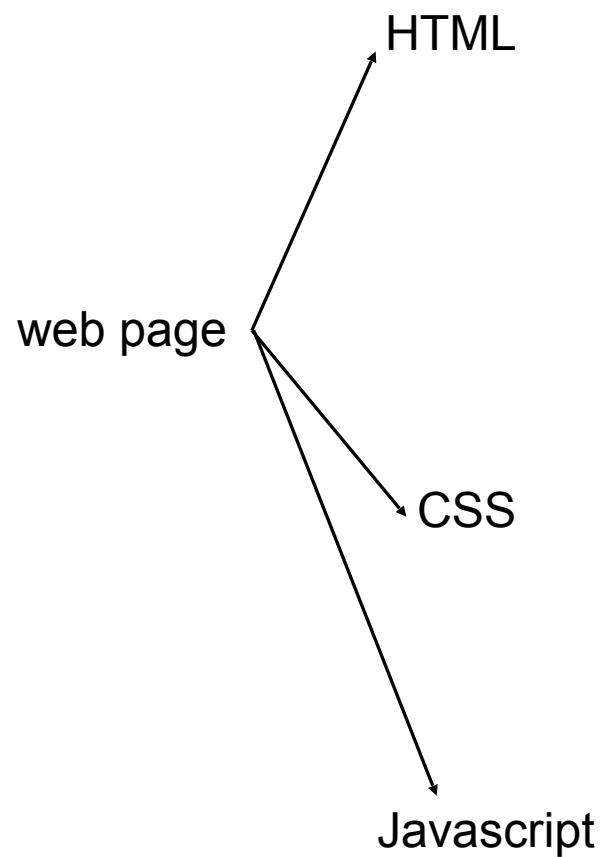
HTTP



HTTP Response



Web page



HTML

A language to create structured documents
One can embed images, objects, or create interactive forms

```
index.html
<html>
  <body>
    <div>
      foo
      <a href="http://google.com">Go to Google!</a>
    </div>
    <form>
      <input type="text" />
      <input type="radio" />
      <input type="checkbox" />
    </form>
  </body>
</html>
```

CSS (Cascading Style Sheets)

Language used for describing the presentation of a document

index.css

```
p.serif {  
    font-family: "Times New Roman", Times, serif;  
}  
p.sansserif {  
    font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;  
}
```

Javascript



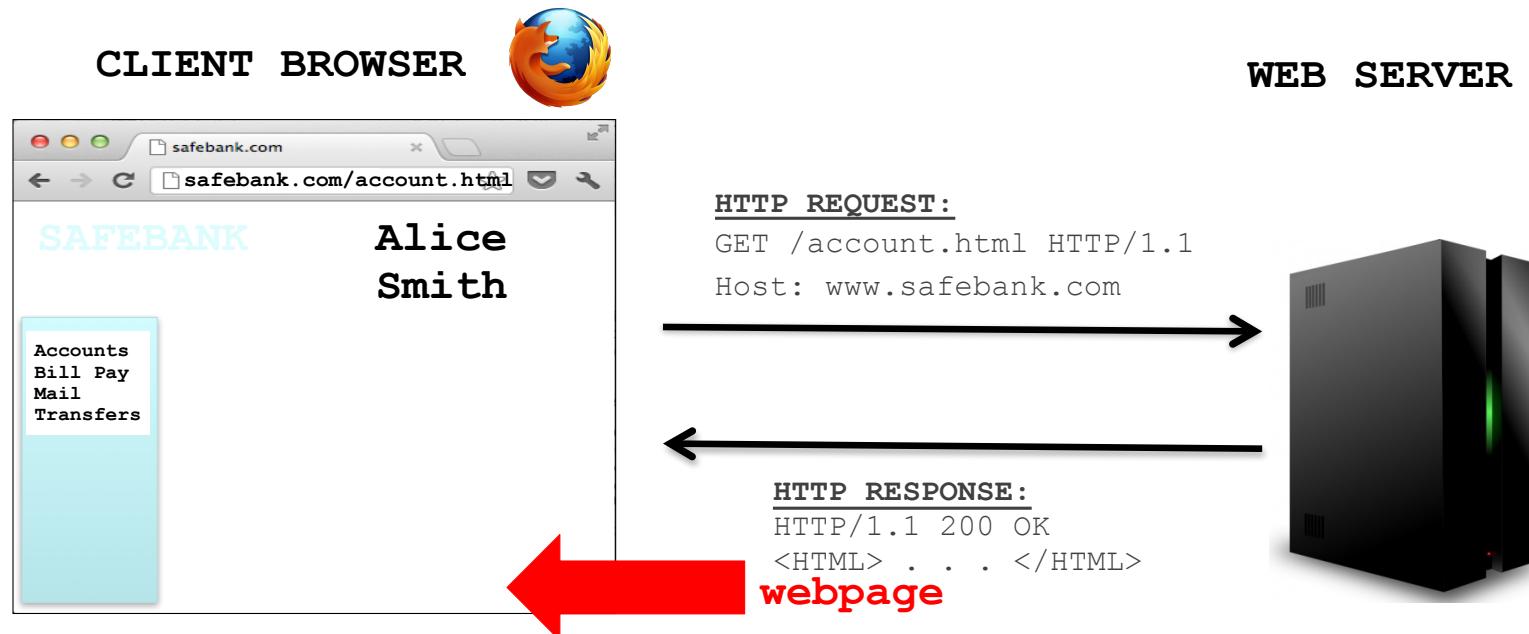
Programming language used to manipulate web pages. It is a high-level, untyped and interpreted language with support for objects.

Supported by all web browsers

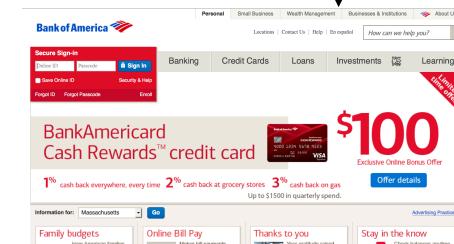
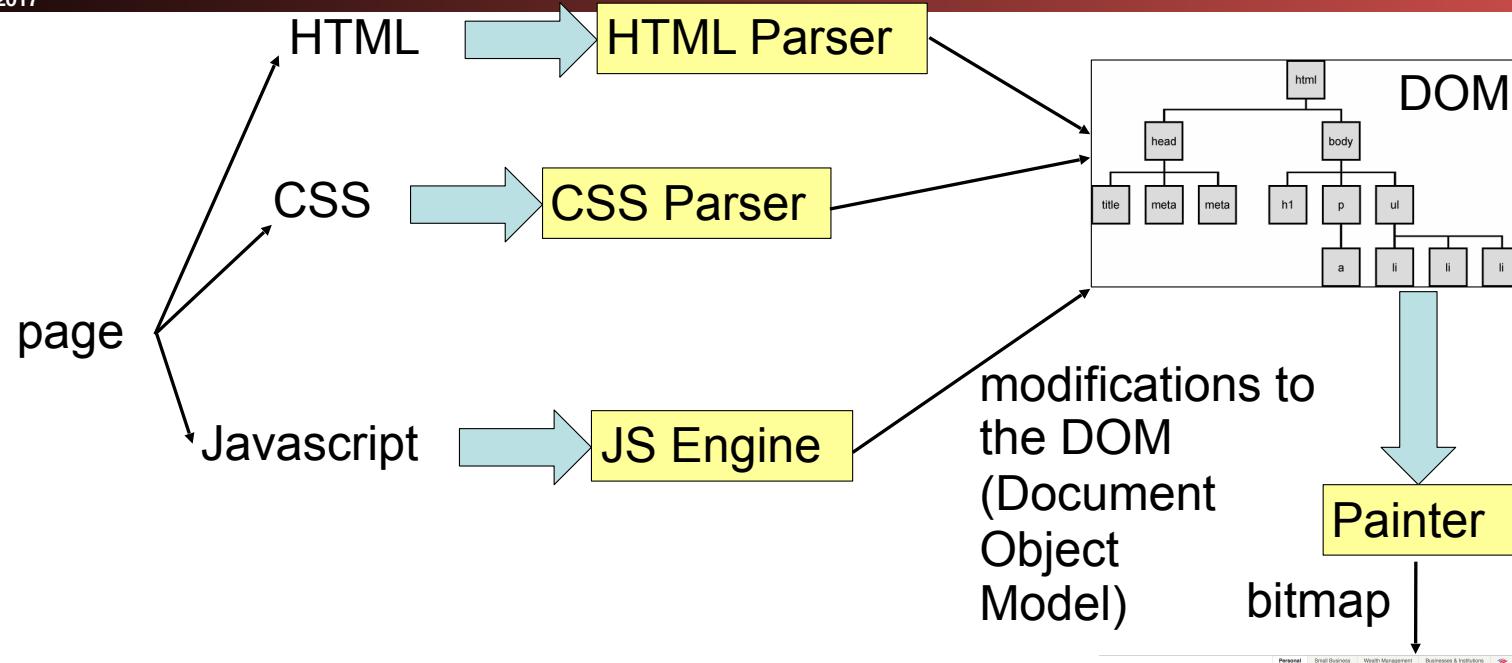
```
<script>
function myFunction()
{
    document.getElementById("demo").innerHTML = "Text
changed.";
}
</script>
```

Very powerful!

HTTP



Page rendering

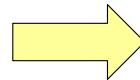


DOM (Document Object Model)

Cross-platform model for representing and interacting with objects in HTML

HTML

```
<html>
  <body>
    <div>
      foo
    </div>
    <form>
      <input type="text" />
      <input type="radio" />
      <input type="checkbox" />
    </form>
  </body>
</html>
```



DOM Tree

```
| -> Document
| -> Element (<html>)
|   | -> Element (<body>)
|     | -> Element (<div>)
|       | -> text node
| -> Form
|   | -> Text-box
|   | -> Radio Button
|   | -> Check Box
```

The power of Javascript

Get familiarized with it so that you can think of all the attacks one can do with it.

What can you do with Javascript?

Almost anything you want to the DOM!

A JS script embedded on a page can
modify in almost arbitrary ways the DOM
of the page.

The same happens if an attacker manages
to get you load a script into your page.

w3schools.com has nice interactive
tutorials

Example of what Javascript can do...

Can change HTML content:

```
<p id="demo">JavaScript can change HTML content.</p>

<button type="button"
onclick="document.getElementById('demo').innerHTML =
'Hello JavaScript! ''>
    Click Me!</button>
```

DEMO from

http://www.w3schools.com/js/js_examples.asp

Other examples

- Can change images
- Can change style of elements
- Can hide elements
- Can unhide elements
- Can change cursor...

Basically, can do ***anything it wants*** to the DOM

Another example: can access cookies

Read cookie with JS:

```
var x = document.cookie;
```

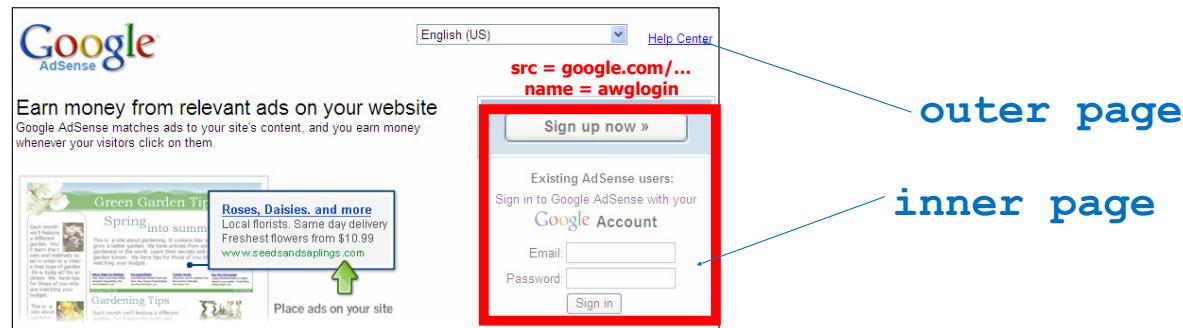
Change cookie with JS:

```
document.cookie = "username=John Smith; expires=Thu, 18  
Dec 2013 12:00:00 UTC; path=/";
```

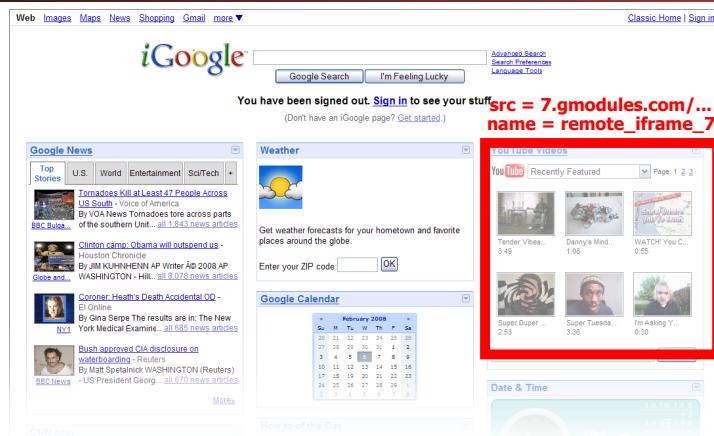
Frames

- Enable embedding a page within a page

```
<iframe src="URL"></iframe>
```



Frames



- **Modularity**
 - Brings together content from multiple sources
 - Client-side aggregation
- **Delegation**
 - Frame can draw only inside its own rectangle

Frames

- Outer page can specify only sizing and placement of the frame in the outer page
- Frame isolation: Outer page cannot change contents of inner page; inner page cannot change contents of outer page

Desirable security goals

- ***Integrity***: malicious web sites should not be able to tamper with integrity of our computers or our information on other web sites
- ***Confidentiality***: malicious web sites should not be able to learn confidential information from our computers or other web sites
- ***Privacy***: malicious web sites should not be able to spy on us or our online activities
- ***Availability***: malicious parties should not be able to keep us from accessing our web resources

Security on the web

- Risk #1: we don't want a malicious site to be able to trash files/programs on our computers
 - Browsing to `awesomevids.com` (or `evil.com`) should not infect our computers with malware, read or write files on our computers, etc...
 - We generally assume an adversary can cause our browser to go to a web page of the attacker's choosing
- Mitigation strategy
 - Javascript is sandboxed: it is **not allowed** to access files etc...
 - Browser code tries to avoid bugs:
 - Privilege separation, automatic updates
 - Reworking into safe languages (rust)

Security on the web

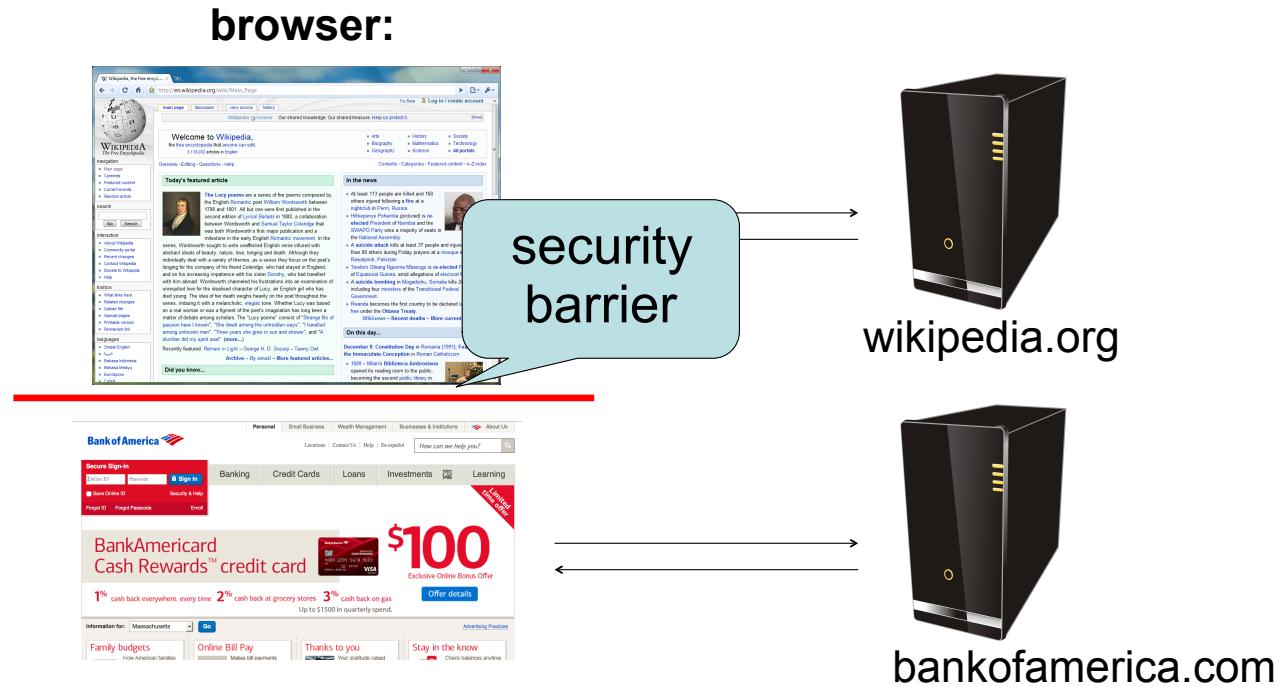
- Risk #2: we don't want a malicious site to be able to spy on or tamper with our information or interactions with other websites
 - Browsing to `evil.com` should not let `evil.com` spy on our emails in Gmail or buy stuff with our Amazon accounts
- Defense: Same Origin Policy
 - An ***after the fact*** isolation mechanism enforced by the web browser

Security on the web

- Risk #3: we want data stored on a web server to be protected from unauthorized access
- Defense: server-side security

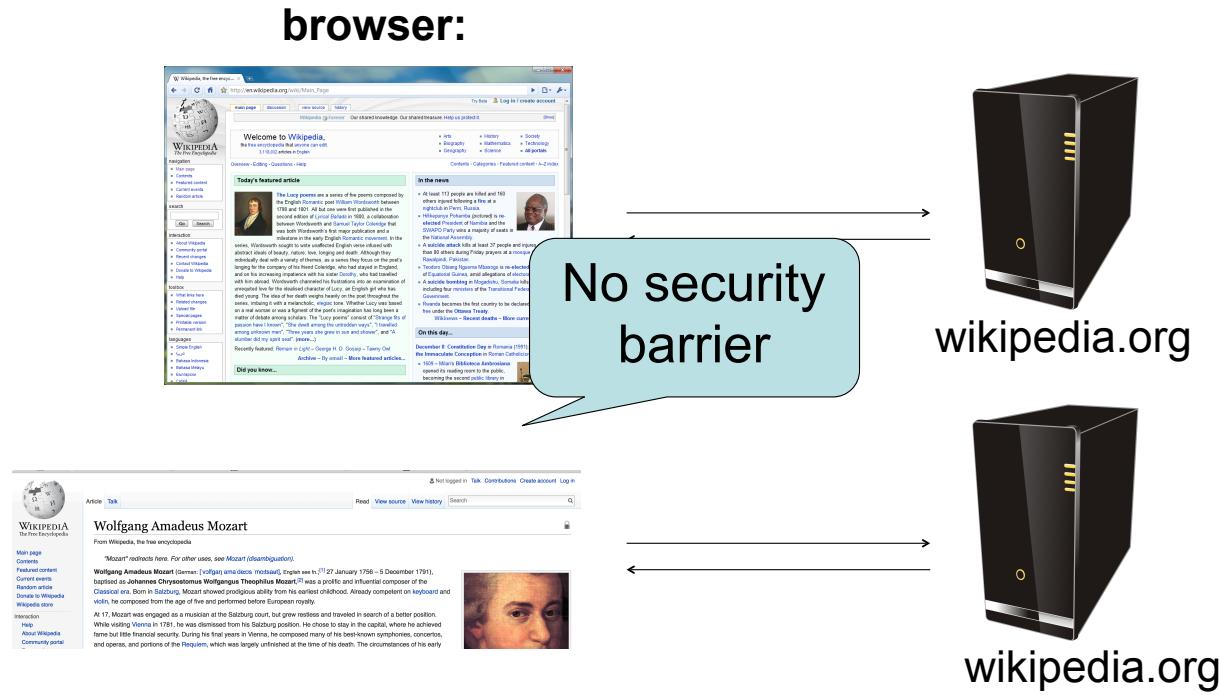
Same-origin policy

- Each site in the browser is isolated from all others



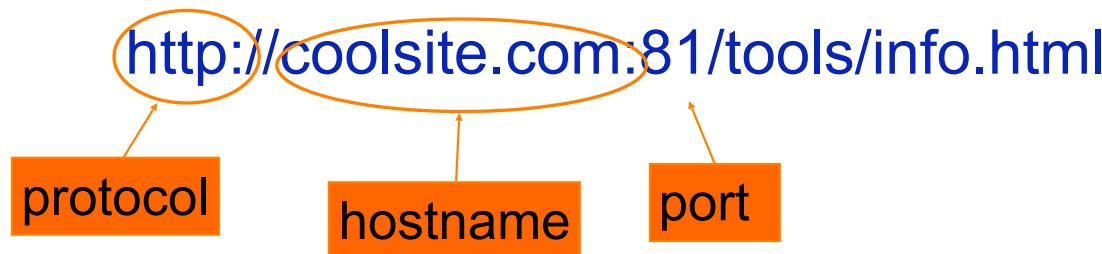
Same-origin policy

- Multiple pages from the same site are not isolated



Origin

- Granularity of protection for same origin policy
- Origin = protocol + hostname + port



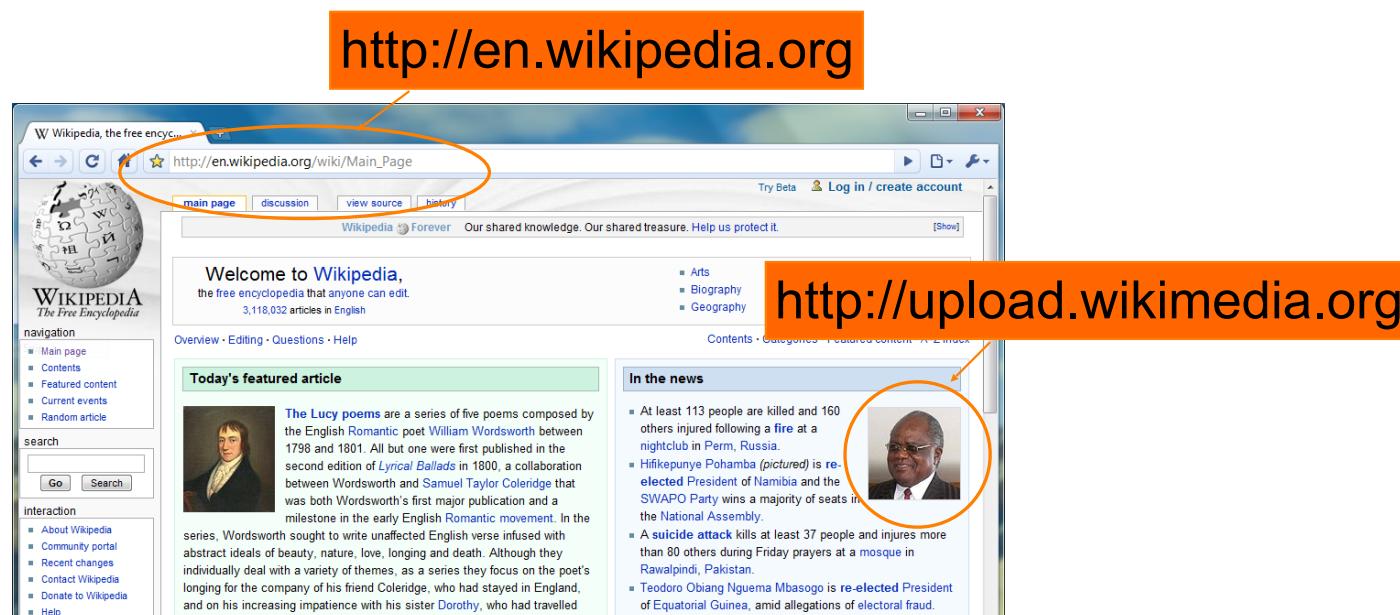
- Determined using ***string matching!*** If these match, it is same origin; else it is not. Even though in some cases, it is logically the same origin, if there is no string match, it is not.

Same-origin policy

- One origin should not be able to access the resources of another origin
 - Javascript on one page cannot read or modify pages from different origins.
 - The contents of an iframe have the origin of the URL from which the iframe is served; not the loading website.

Same-origin policy

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- Special case: Javascript runs with the origin of the page that loaded it



Assessing SOP

Originating document	Accessed document	
http://wikipedia.org/a/	http://wikipedia.org/b/	✓
http://wikipedia.org/	http://www.wikipedia.org/	✗
http://wikipedia.org/	https://wikipedia.org/	✗
http://wikipedia.org:81/	http://wikipedia.org:82/	✗ ✓ 
http://wikipedia.org:81/	http://wikipedia.org/	✗ ✓ 

except 

Origins of other components

- the image DOM element has the origin of the embedding page, but the image content remains in the remote origin
 - So JavaScript can't read the photo, but sees a black box on the size
- *iframe*: origin of the URL from which the iframe is served; *not* the loading website
 - Data in an iframe from a different origin can not be accessed by the enclosing page's JavaScript

**Issue 704: Comodo: Comodo "Chromodo" Browser disables same origin policy, Effectively turning off web security.**

13 people starred this issue and may be notified of changes

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Project Member Reported by tav...@google.com, Jan 21, 2016

When you install Comodo Internet Security, by default a new browser called Chromodo is installed and set as the default browser. Additionally, all shortcuts are replaced with Chromodo links and all settings, cookies, etc are imported from Chrome. They also hijack DNS settings, among other shady practices.

<https://www.comodo.com/home/browsers-toolbars/chromodo-private-internet-browser.php>

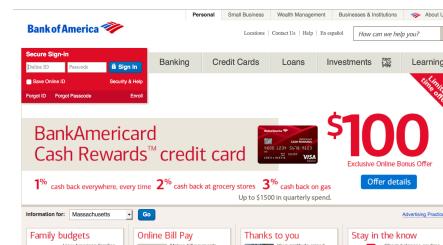
Chromodo is described as "highest levels of speed, security and privacy", but actually disables all web security. Let me repeat that, they ***disable the same origin policy***.... ?!?..

Cross-origin communication

- Allowed through a narrow API: `postMessage`
- Receiving origin decides if to accept the message based on source origin (correctness enforced by browser)



`postMessage`
("run this
script",
script)



Check origin, and request!

Web Server Threats

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Often Done For Laughs





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- What makes the problem particularly tricky?
 - ***Public access***



zone-h
unrestricted information

Home News Events Archive Archive ★ Onhold Notify Stats Register Login 

[ENABLE FILTERS]

Total notifications: **143,830** of which **64,954** single ip and **78,876** mass defacements

Legend:

H - Homepage defacement

M - Mass defacement (click to view all defacements of this IP)

R - Redefacement (click to view all defacements of this site)

L - IP address location

★ - Special defacement (special defacements are important websites)

Date	Notifier	H M R L	★ Domain	OS	View
2013/02/21	CLONING	M	★ www.sisaketspecial.go.th/56/un...	Linux	mirror
2013/02/21	CLONING	M	★ www.lalo.go.th/Joomla_1.5.22-S...	Linux	mirror
2013/02/21	CLONING	M	★ www.bareknuea.go.th/attach/unl...	Linux	mirror
2013/02/21	Dr.SHA6H	M R	★ gallery.unicef.by/workspace/	Linux	mirror
2013/02/21	Dr.SHA6H	M R	★ kazkl.unicef.by/workspace/	Linux	mirror
2013/02/21	Dr.SHA6H	R	★ www.unicef.by/worspace/thumb/l...	Linux	mirror
2013/02/21	NoEntry Phc		★ hmc.ntuh.gov.tw/pwn.html	Win 2003	mirror
2013/02/21	1923Turk	R	★ xj.dzgtj.gov.cn/aL_Pars.htm	Win 2003	mirror
2013/02/21	1923Turk		★ gsl.cznq.gov.cn/aL_Pars.htm	Win 2003	mirror
2013/02/21	RainsevenDotMy	M R	★ www.thapo.go.th/images/news/	Linux	mirror
2013/02/21	RainsevenDotMy	M D	www.kao.co.th/images/personal/	Linux	mirror

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 - ***Mission creep***

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HP LaserJet 8150 Series

http://128.3.1 /hp/device/this.LCDDispatcher

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HP LaserJet 8150 Series +

HP Invent

HP LaserJet 8150 Series / 128.3. HP LaserJet 8150 Series

Home Device Networking

Printer Status Configuration Page Supplies Status Event Log Usage Page Device Information

Control Panel POWERSAVE ON

Ready Data Attention

Go Cancel Current Job

Control Panel Help Refresh Control Panel Help Set Refresh Rate: 0 minutes Apply Cancel

Supplies % of Life Remaining

Black 54%

Media

Status	Input/Output	Size	Type
OK	TRAY 3	LETTER	CARDSTOCK
OK	TRAY 2	LETTER	PLAIN
OK	TRAY 1	LETTER	PLAIN
OK	STANDARD OUTBIN	N/A	N/A
OK	FACE UP BIN	N/A	N/A

Capabilities

FLASH Storage: 3 MB Capacity

Done



Ethernet Disk mini

v. 2.0

5.2. Accessing the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini via Web Browsers

While the LaCie Ethernet Disk mini is connected to the network, it is capable of being accessed via the Internet through your Internet browser.

Windows, Mac and Linux Users – Open your browser to <http://EDmini> or http://device_IP_address (the “device_IP_address” refers to the IP address that is assigned to your LaCie Ethernet Disk mini; for example, <http://192.168.0.207>).





Samsung SPF-85V 8-Inch Wireless Internet Photo Frame USB Mini-PC Monitor w/64MB Memory (Black)

by [Samsung](#)

(6 customer reviews)

Like (0)

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[1 used](#) from \$129.95

What Do Customers Ultimately Buy After Viewing This Item?



30% buy
Kodak Pulse 7-Inch Digital Frame (128)
[Click to see price](#)



30% buy
Toshiba DMF102XKU 10-Inch Wireless Digital Media Frame (25)
\$159.99

(1) There's a web interface for the frame- you use a web browser on your network that connects to the picture frame. The web interface is horrendously slow and repeatedly "times out" while trying to access the frame.



5

Using the Web Interface

Your Cisco IP Phone provides a web interface to the phone that allows you to configure some features of your phone using a web browser. This chapter contains the following sections:

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- Setting Do Not Disturb, page 75
- Configuring Call Forwarding, page 76
- Configuring Call Waiting, page 76
- Blocking Caller ID, page 77
- Blocking Anonymous Calls, page 77
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- Viewing Call History Lists, page 78
- Creating Speed Dials, page 79
- Accepting Text Messages, page 79
- Adjusting Audio Volume, page 80
- Changing the LCD Contrast, page 80
- Changing the Phone Menu Color Scheme, page 81
- Configuring the Phone Screen Saver, page 81

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "thegateway (build 13064) - Info" with the URL "http://192.168.3.1/" in the address bar. The page is the "System Information" section of the dd-wrt.com control panel. At the top right, it displays "Firmware: DD-WRT v24-sp2 (10/10/12) r35251" and "Time: 11:45:59 up 11 days, 3:10, load average: 0.2". The WAN IP is listed as "WAN IP: 67.164.94.51". Below the header, there is a navigation menu with tabs: Setup, Wireless, Services, Security, Access Restrictions, NAT / QoS, Administration, and Status. The "Services" tab is currently selected. The main content area is divided into several sections: Router, Services, Memory, and Wireless. The Router section lists the following information:

Router Name	thegateway
Router Model	Linksys WRT54G/GL/GS
LAN MAC	00:40:10:10:00:01
WAN MAC	00:26:4A:14:0E:22
Wireless MAC	00:40:12:10:00:AF
WAN IP	67.164.94.51
LAN IP	192.168.3.1

The Services section lists:

DHCP Server	Enabled
WRT-radauth	Disabled
Sputnik Agent	Disabled

The Memory section lists:

Total Available	5.6 MB / 8.0 MB
Free	0.4 MB / 5.6 MB
Used	5.3 MB / 5.6 MB
Buffers	0.3 MB / 5.3 MB
Cached	1.2 MB / 5.3 MB

The Wireless section shows:

Radio	Radio is On
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Setup/Configuration	
Web user interface	Built-in web user interface for easy browser-based configuration (HTTP)
Management	
Web browser	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Internet Explorer 5.x or laterLimited support for Netscape and Firefox. Browser controls for pan/tilt/zoom (PTZ), audio, and motion detection are limited or not supported with Netscape and Firefox.
Event logging	Event logging (syslog)
Web firmware upgrade	Firmware upgradable through web browser

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Service to receive
customized, instant
alerts

Affiliates

Put SecurityTracker
Vulnerability Alerts on
Your Web Site -- It's
Free!

Partners

Become a Partner and
[License Our Database](#)
or Notification Service

Report a Bug

Report a vulnerability
that you have found to
SecurityTracker
[buos](#)



Category: [Application \(Security\)](#) > [Cisco Security Agent](#)

Vendors: [Cisco](#)

Cisco Security Agent Web Management Interface Bug Lets Remote Users Execute Arbitrary Code

SecurityTracker Alert ID: 1025088

SecurityTracker URL: <http://securitytracker.com/id/1025088>

CVE Reference: [CVE-2011-0364](#) (Links to External Site)

Date: Feb 16 2011

Impact: [Execution of arbitrary code via network](#), [User access via network](#)

Fix Available: Yes **Vendor Confirmed:** Yes

Version(s): 5.1, 5.2, and 6.0

Description: A vulnerability was reported in Cisco Security Agent. A remote user can execute arbitrary code on the target system.

A remote user can send specially crafted data to the web management interface on TCP port 443 to execute arbitrary code on the target system. This can be exploited to modify agent policies and the system configuration and perform other administrative tasks.

Cisco has assigned Cisco Bug ID CSCtj51216 to this vulnerability.

Gerry Eisenhaur reported this vulnerability via ZDI.

Impact: A remote user can execute arbitrary code on the target system.

Solution: The vendor has issued a fix (6.0.2.145).

Interacting With Web Servers

- An interaction with a web server is expressed in terms of a URL (plus an optional data item)
- URL components:

<http://coolsite.com/tools/info.html>

Path to a resource

Here, the resource (“info.html”) is **static content** = a fixed file returned by the server.

(Often static content is an *HTML* file = content plus markup for how browser should “render” it.)

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`http://coolsite.com/tools/doit.php`

Path to a resource

Resources can instead be **dynamic**
= server generates the page on-the-fly.

Some common frameworks for doing this:

CGI = run a program or script, return its *stdout*

PHP = execute script in HTML templating language
(PHP means PHP HTML Preprocessor)

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`http://coolsite.com/tools/doit.php?cmd=play&vol=44`

URLs for dynamic content
generally include **arguments** to
pass to the generation process

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First argument to doit.php

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Second argument to doit.php

HTTP cookies

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Outrageous Chocolate Chip Cookies

★★★★★ 1676 reviews

Made 321 times

Recipe by: Joan

"A great combination of chocolate chips, oatmeal, and peanut butter."



Save I Made it Rate it Share Print

Ingredients

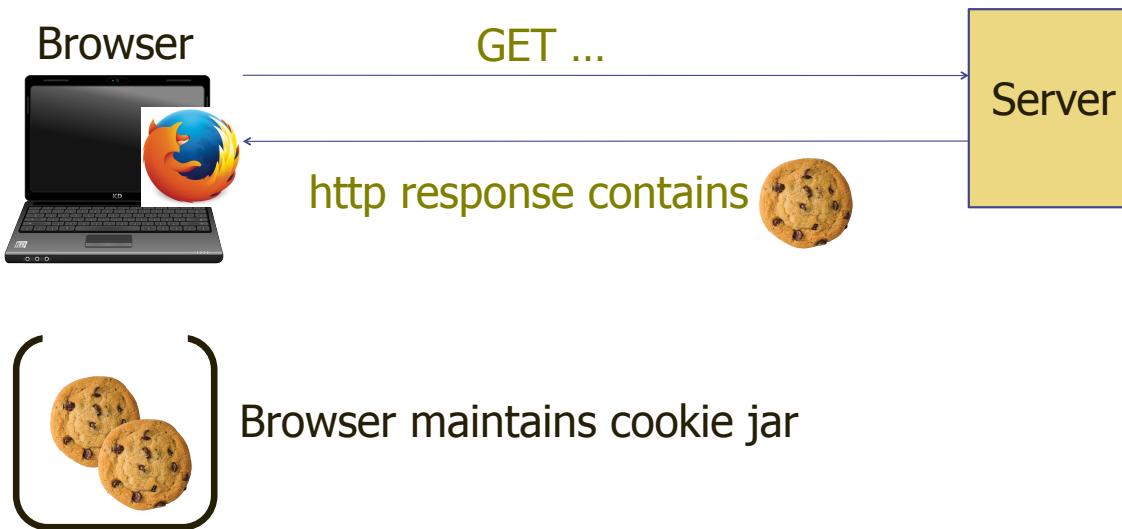
+ 1/2 cup butter	+ 1 cup all-purpose flour	On Sale
+ 1/2 cup white sugar	+ 1 teaspoon baking soda	What's on sale near you.

25 m 18 servings 207 cals

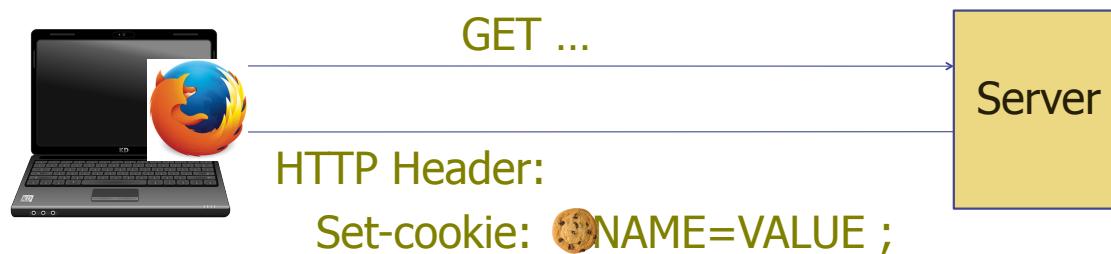
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Cookies

- A way of maintaining state



Setting/deleting cookies by server



- The first time a browser connects to a particular web server, it has no cookies for that web server
- When the web server responds, it includes a Set-Cookie: header that defines a cookie
- Each cookie is just a name-value pair

View a cookie

- In a web console (firefox, tool->web developer->web console), type:
document.cookie
- to see the cookie(s) for that site

Well, its not *quite* a name/value pair...

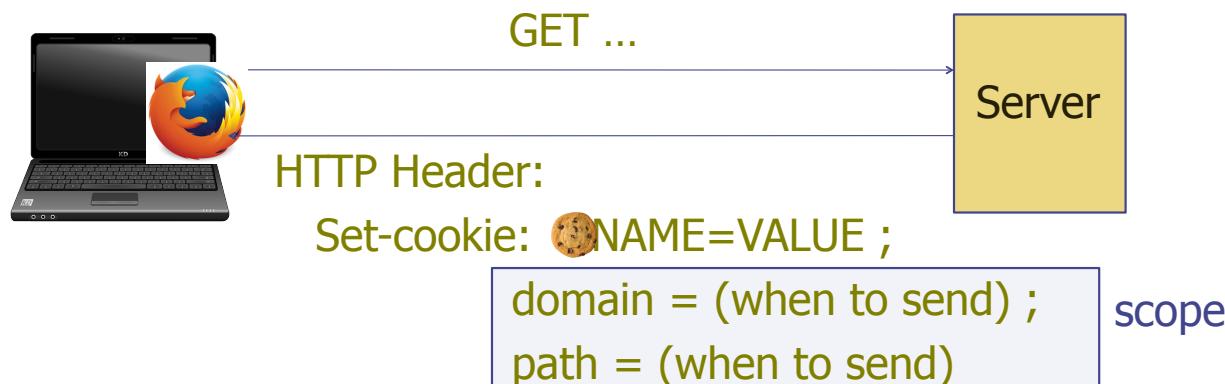
- Cookies are **read** by name/value pair
 - Presented to the web server or accessed in JavaScript
- But cookies are **set** by name/value/path
 - Both domain-path (foo.com, www.foo.com) and URL path (/pages/)
- Cookies are made available when the paths match
 - www.foo.com can read foo.com's cookies...
 - But foo.com can't read cookies pathed to www.foo.com
- A couple of other flags:
 - **secure**: Can only be transmitted over an encrypted connection
 - **HttpOnly**: Will be transmitted to the web server but **not** accessible to JavaScript

Cookie *snooping and stuffing...*

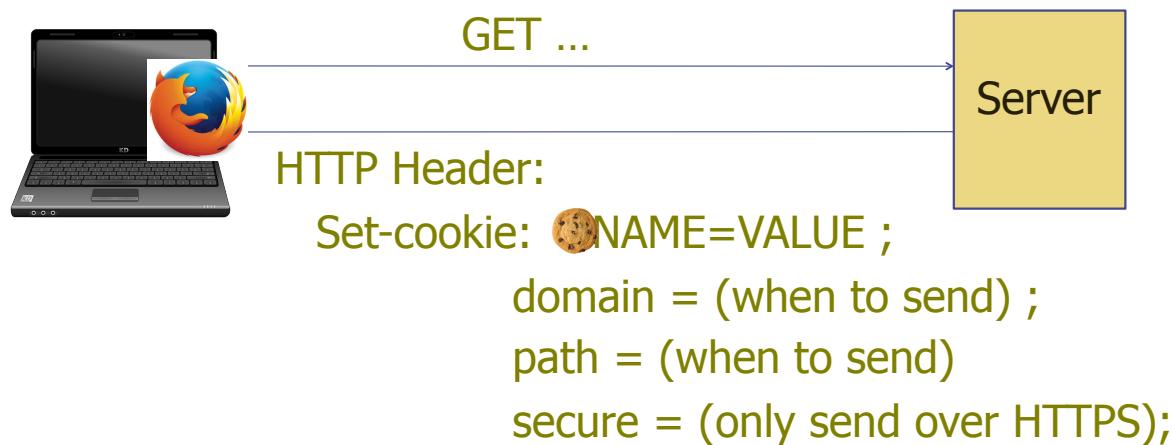
- An adversary is on your local wireless network...
 - And can therefore see all unencrypted (non-HTTPS) traffic
- They can snoop all unencrypted cookies
 - And since that is the state used by the server to identify a returning user... they can act as that user
 - **Firesheep**: A utility to snag unencrypted cookies and then use them to impersonate others
- They can inject code into your browser
 - Enables **setting** (stuffing) cookies
 - State can cause problems with the server later on...
 - Can **force** the browser to reveal all non-secure cookies

Cookie scope

- When the browser connects to the same server later, it includes a Cookie: header containing the name and value, which the server can use to connect related requests.
- Domain and path inform the browser about which sites to send this cookie to

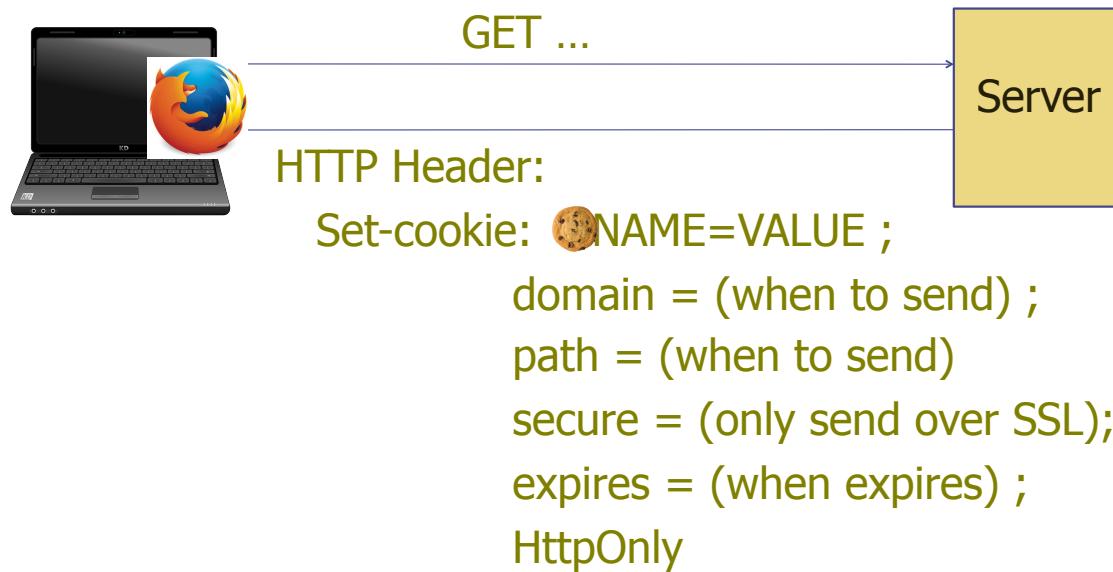


Cookie scope



- Secure: sent over HTTPS only
 - HTTPS provides secure communication (privacy and integrity)

Cookie scope



- Expires is expiration date
- HttpOnly: cookie cannot be accessed by Javascript, but only sent by browser

Client side read/write: `document.cookie`

- Setting a cookie in Javascript:

```
document.cookie = "name=value; expires=...;"
```

- Reading a cookie: `alert(document.cookie)`

- prints string containing all cookies available for document
(based on [protocol], domain, path)

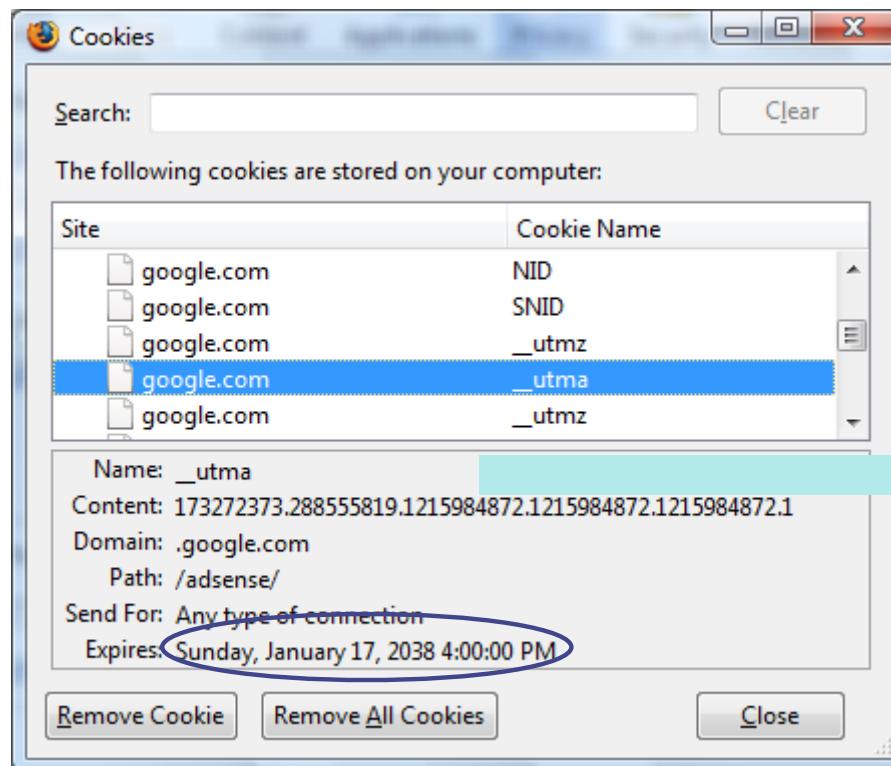
- Deleting a cookie: write with an expiration date in the past:

```
document.cookie = "name=; expires= Thu,  
01-Jan-70"
```

`document.cookie` often used to customize page in Javascript

Viewing/deleting cookies in Browser UI

Firefox: Tools -> page info -> security -> view cookies



Cookie scope

- Scope of cookie might not be the same as the URL-host name of the web server setting it
- Rules on:
 - What scopes a URL-host name is allowed to set
 - When a cookie is sent to a URL

What scope a server may set for a cookie

- domain: any domain-suffix of URL-hostname, except TLD
 - Browser has a list of Top Level Domains (e.g. .com, .co.uk)
- example: host = “login.site.com”
 - allowed domains
 - login.site.com**
 - .site.com**
 - disallowed domains
 - user.site.com**
 - othersite.com**
 - .com**
- login.site.com can set and read cookies for all of .site.com but not for another site or TLD
 - Mistakenly assumes that subdomains are controlled by the same ownership:
 - This doesn't hold for domains like berkeley.edu
- path: can be set to anything

Examples

Web server at `foo.example.com` wants to set cookie with domain:

domain	Whether it will be set, and if so, where it will be sent to
[value omitted]	<code>foo.example.com</code> (exact)
<code>bar.foo.example.com</code>	
<code>foo.example.com</code>	<code>*.foo.example.com</code>
<code>baz.example.com</code>	
<code>example.com</code>	
<code>ample.com</code>	
<code>.com</code>	

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<code>bar.foo.example.com</code>	Cookie not set: domain more specific than origin
<code>foo.example.com</code>	<code>*.foo.example.com</code>
<code>baz.example.com</code>	Cookie not set: domain mismatch
<code>example.com</code>	<code>*.example.com</code>
<code>ample.com</code>	Cookie not set: domain mismatch
<code>.com</code>	Cookie not set: domain too broad, security risk

When browser sends cookie

Browser sends all cookies in URL scope:

- cookie-domain is domain-suffix of URL-domain, and
- cookie-path is prefix of URL-path, and
- [protocol=HTTPS if cookie is “secure”]



Goal: server only sees cookies in its scope

When browser sends cookie

- A cookie with
 - domain = example.com, and
 - path = /some/path/
- will be included on a request to
- <http://foo.example.com/some/path/subdirectory/hello.txt>



Examples: Which cookie will be sent?

cookie 1

name = **userid**

value = **u1**

domain = **login.site.com**

path = **/**

non-secure

cookie 2

name = **userid**

value = **u2**

domain = **.site.com**

path = **/**

non-secure

<http://checkout.site.com/>

cookie: **userid=u2**

<http://login.site.com/>

cookie: **userid=u1, userid=u2**

<http://othersite.com/>

cookie: **none**

Reflection on a problem...

- The presentation to the server (and to JavaScript) is just name/value...
 - But sent and set based on name/value/domain/path
 - And in ***unspecified order***
- And (until recently...), HTTP connections could **set** cookies flagged with secure
 - Create shadowing opportunities
- Can use to create "land-mine cookies"
 - Embed an attack in a cookie when someone is on the same wireless network...
 - "Cookies lack integrity, real world implications"