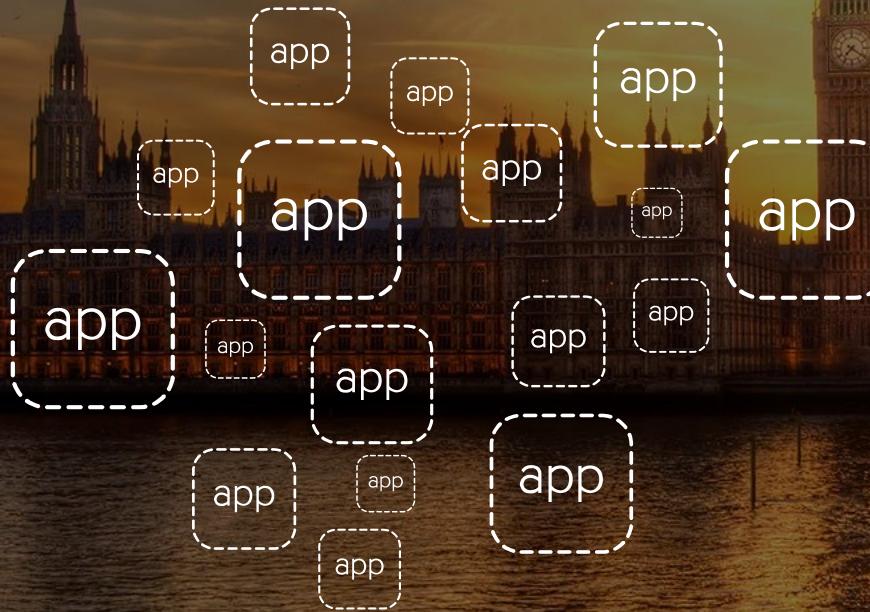




Don't get stung by #OWASP Top 10

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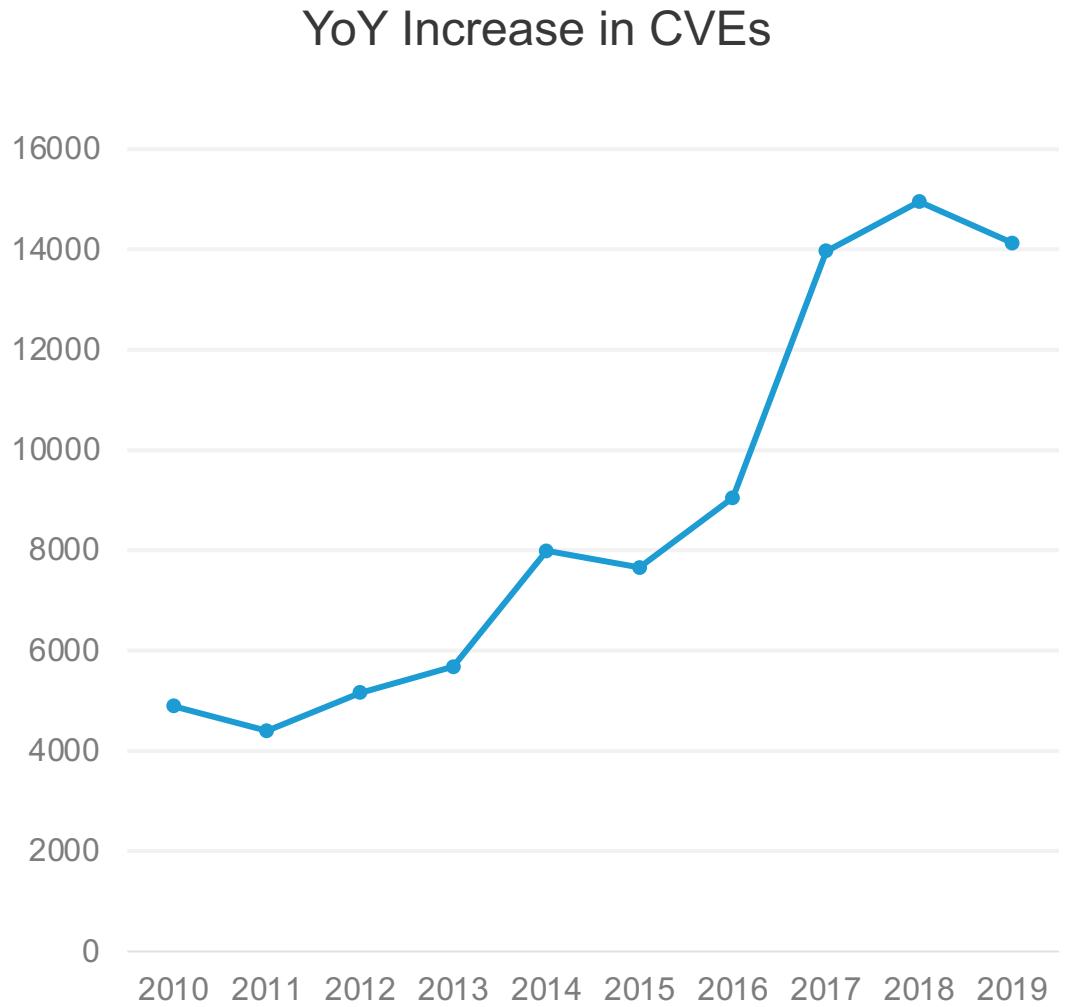


The average organization uses 983 apps

How many are mission critical?

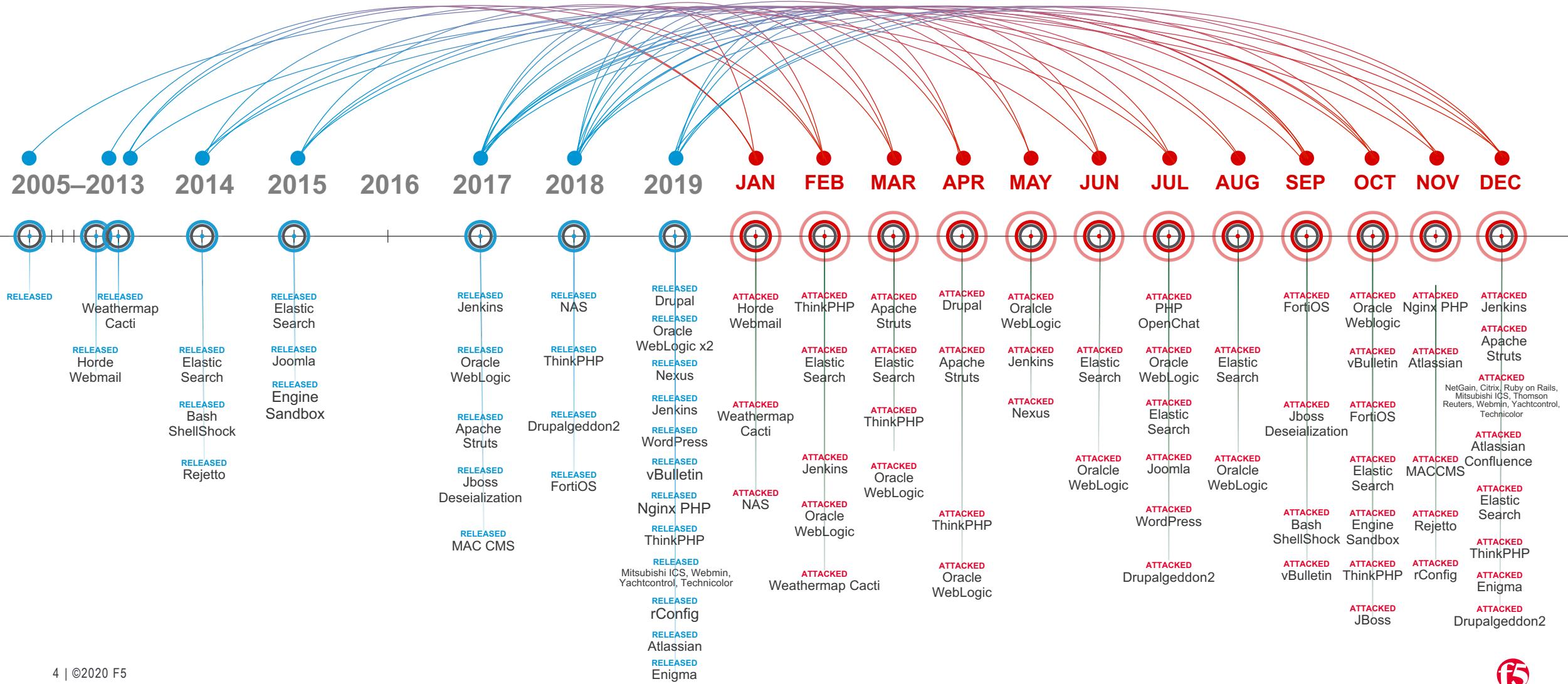


New vulnerabilities
are discovered in all
manner of software
all the time



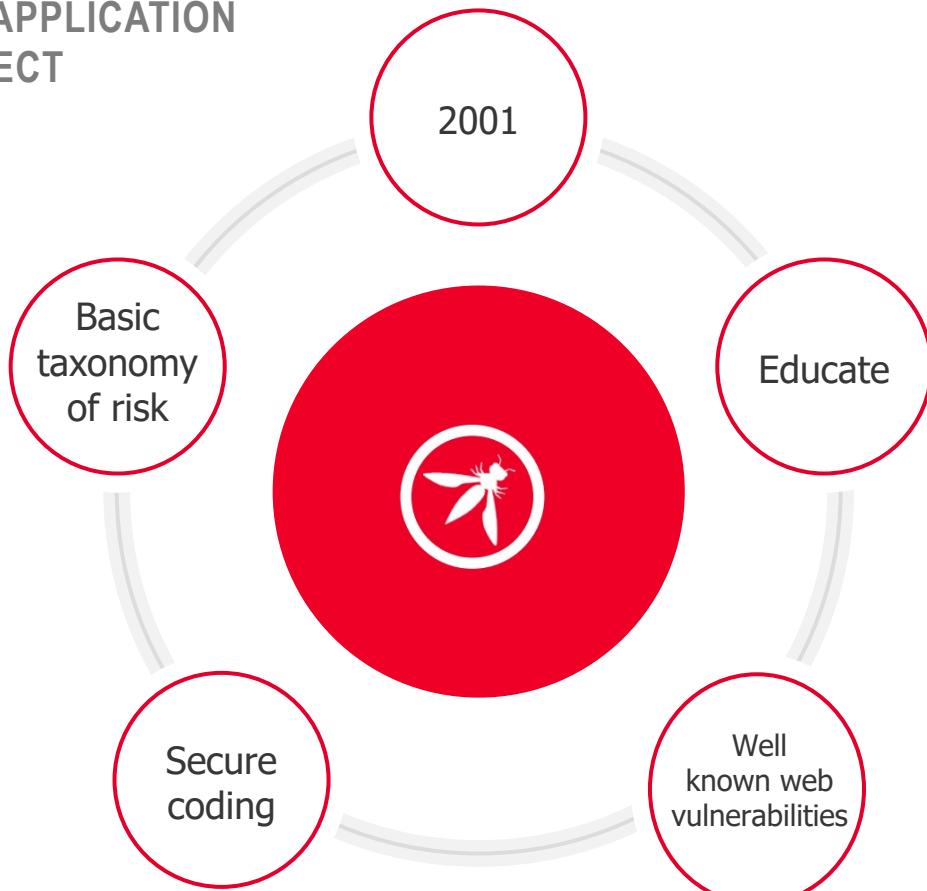
Note: Excludes any rejections or disputes

Vulnerability Release Date vs Active Attack Campaign



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THE OPEN WEB APPLICATION
SECURITY PROJECT

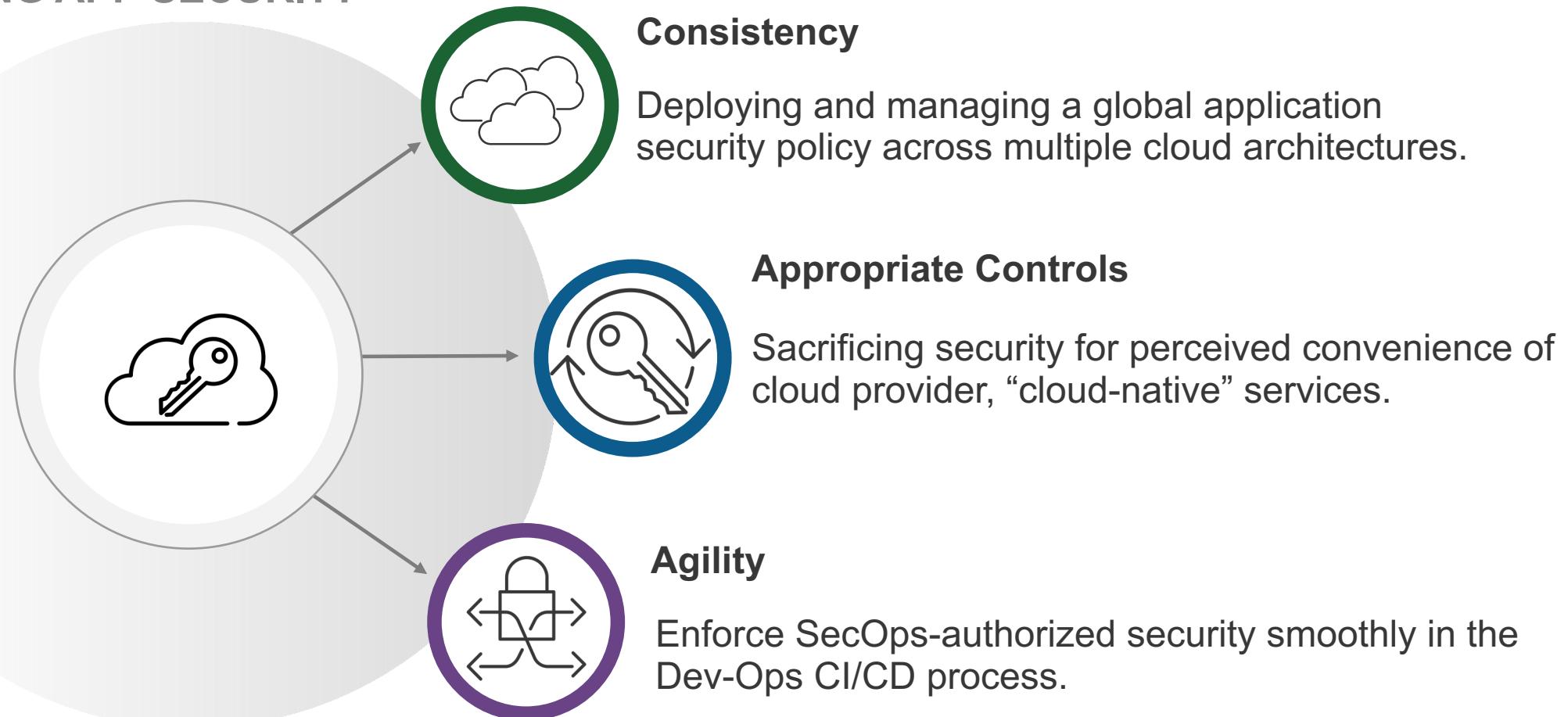


OWASP also publishes the API Security Top 10, the Mobile Top 10, the IoT Top 10, and the Automated Threats list



Security Challenges in Today's Multi-Cloud, App Driven World

RETHINKING APP SECURITY



Don't Trust the User. Ever.

Injection



ATTACK VECTORS Exploitability



SECURITY WEAKNESS Prevalence



SECURITY WEAKNESS Detectability



IMPACT Technical



Vulnerable

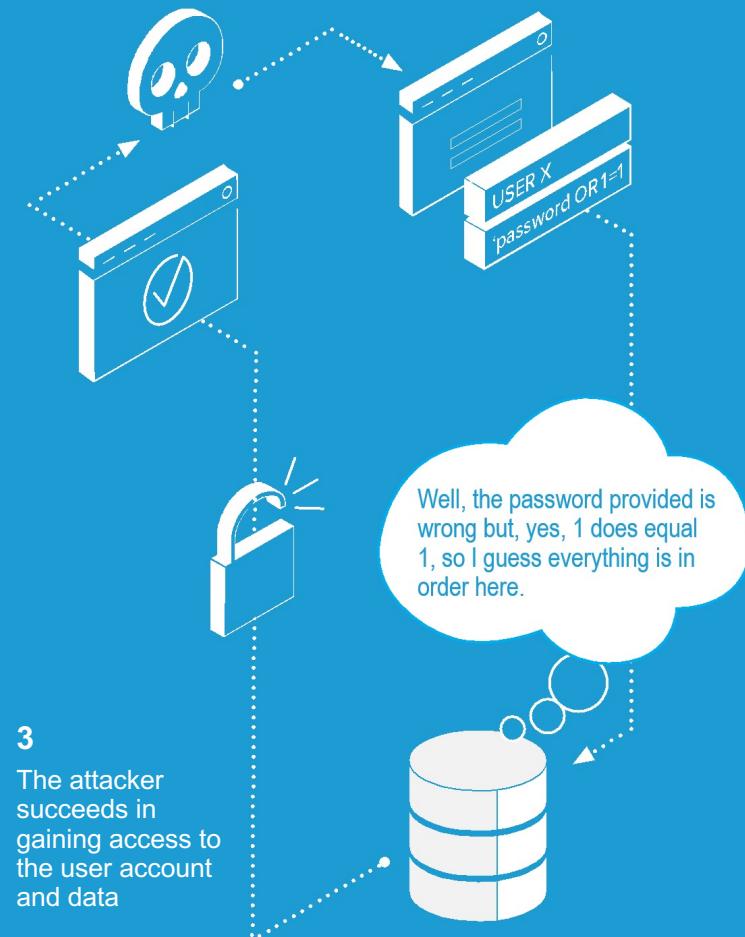
- User-supplied data is not validated, filtered, or sanitised

Can lead to

- Data loss
- Data corruption
- Denial of service
- Remote code execution
- Host take over

1

An attacker sends a request with an injected command from a browser/app for a web resource



2

Even though the password is wrong the database agrees that $1 = 1$ and the user is authenticated

3

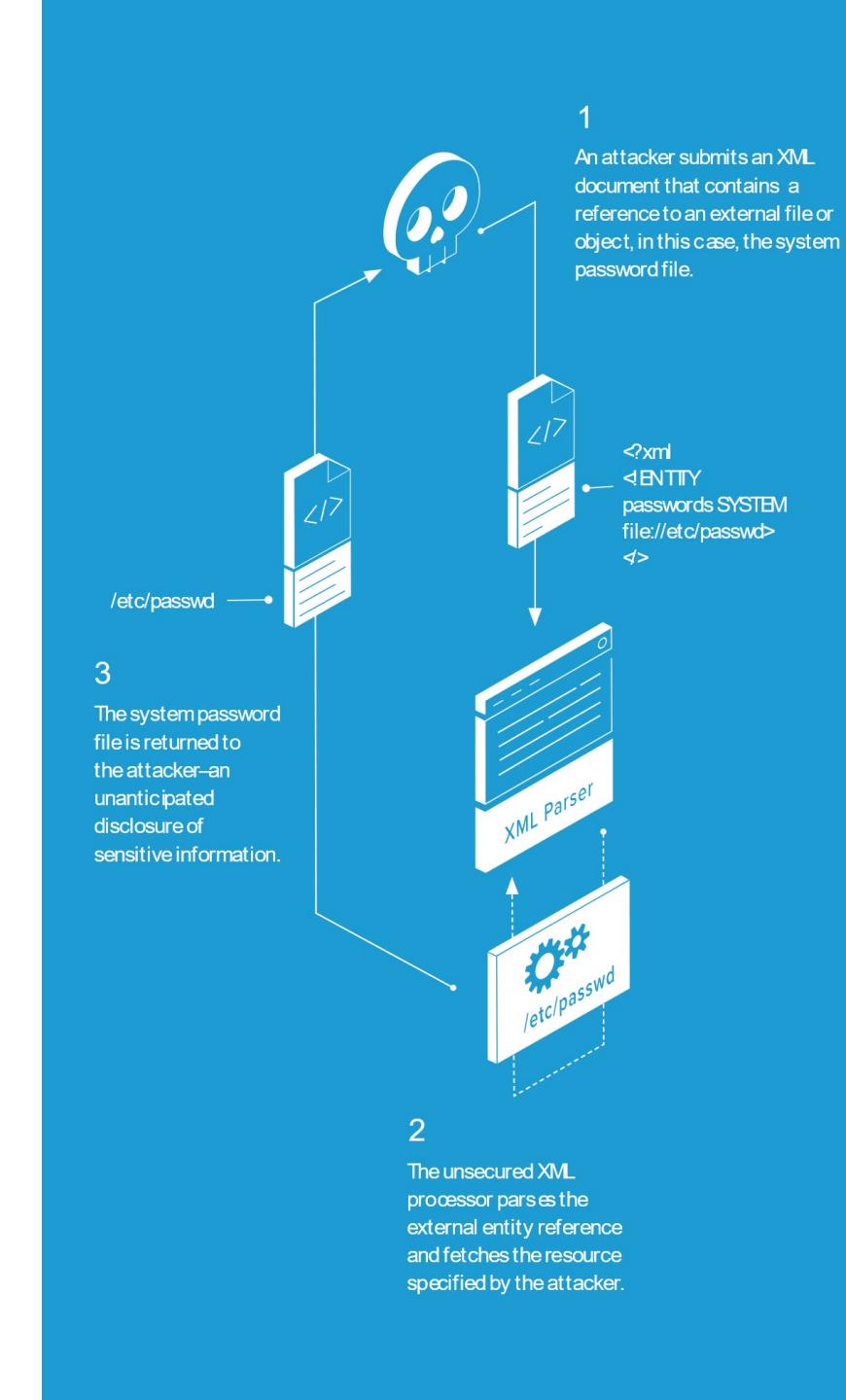
The attacker succeeds in gaining access to the user account and data

XML External Entity (XXE) Attacks



Vulnerable?

- XML directly or XML uploads
- XML processor has Document Type Definitions (DTDs) enabled
- Uses SOAP prior to version 1.2
- Not limited to web applications
- Valid functionality of the XML language



Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

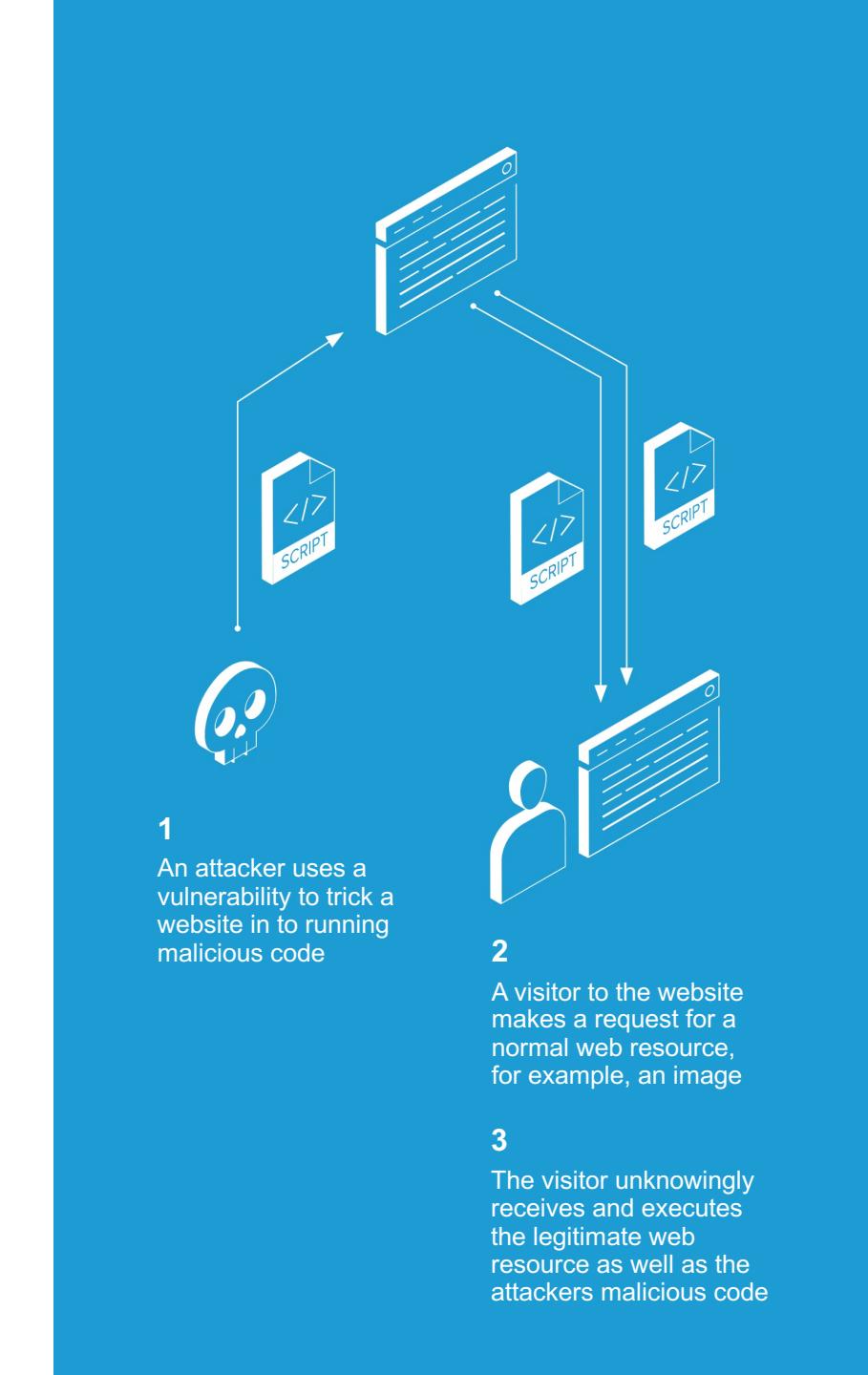


Three forms of XSS

- Reflected XSS
- Stored XSS
- Document Object Model (DOM) XSS

Can lead to

- Session hijacking
- Loss of data
- Fraudulent transactions
- Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)
- defense avoidance



Insecure Deserialisation

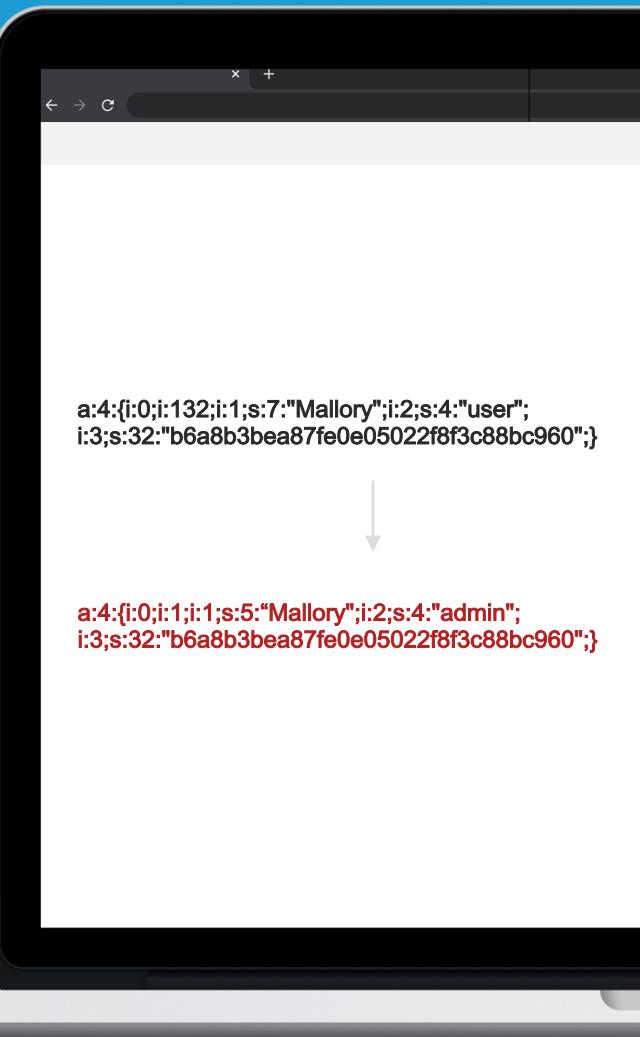


Vulnerable

- Serialised data treated as an object
- Not inspected and sanitised as other inputs

Can lead to

- Cross-site scripting, cookie theft
- Elevation of privileges
- Remote code execution



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Injection



Prevention

- Keep data separate from commands and queries
- Use a safe API
- Whitelist server-side input validation
- Use LIMIT & other controls to prevent mass disclosure of records

Victims

- Country's Commission on Elections: 77,736,795 Records
- Teen Social Site: 5.5 Million Teenage Accounts
- Major University: 400,000 Names & email Addresses
- Midwest Urology Group: 521,659 Patients



As We Speak,
Teen Social Site
is Leaking
Millions of
Plaintext
Passwords

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XML External Entity (XXE) Attacks

Prevention

- Dev Training
- Use less complex data formats: JSON
- Avoiding serialization of sensitive data
- Patch/upgrade all XML processors

Victims

- Multiple Adult Sites Hit: 3.5 million accounts



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Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)



Prevention

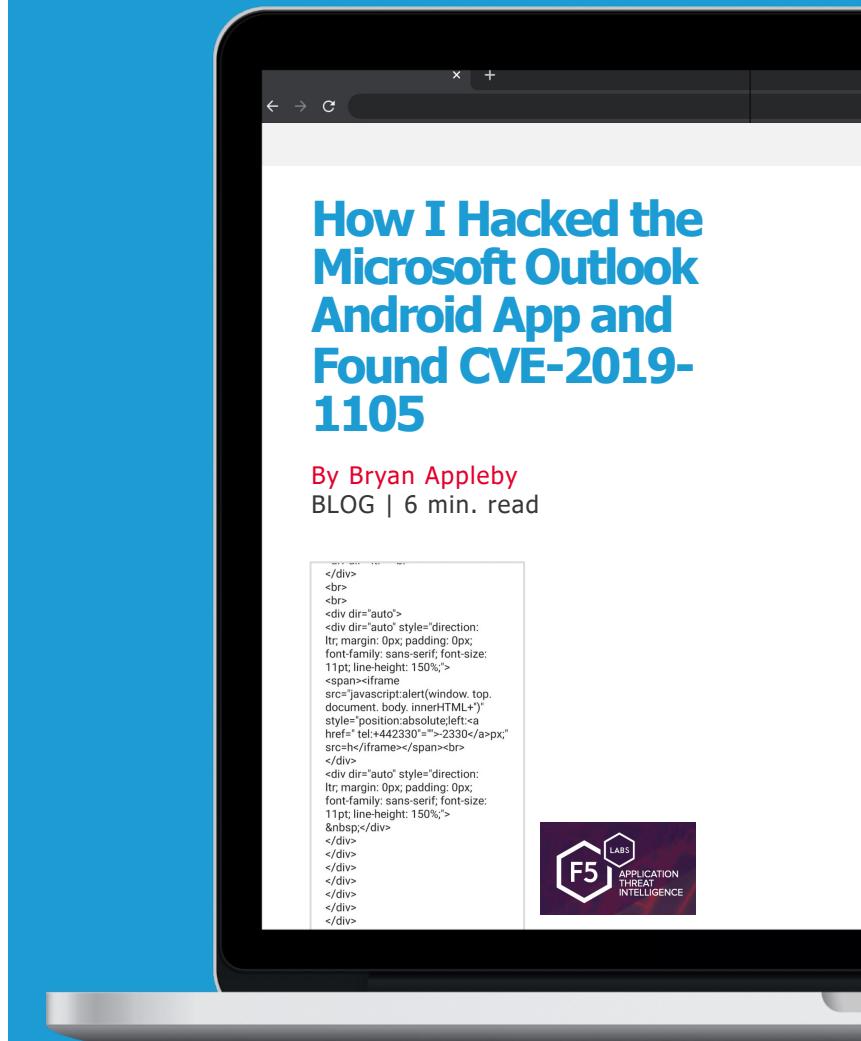
- Separation of untrusted data from active browser content.
- Using frameworks that automatically escape XSS by design
- Escaping untrusted HTTP request data based on the context
- Context-sensitive encoding when modifying the browser document on the client side.
- Enabling a Content Security Policy as a DiD vs. XSS.

Victims

- Major European Airline: 380,000 booking transactions
- Social Messaging Site: Potentially 330 Million Accounts
- Online Auctioning/Sellers Site: Potentially 175 Million Accounts

¹ <https://www.f5.com/labs/threat-intelligence/application-protection-report-2019--episode-3--web-injection-attacks>

² <https://www.f5.com/labs/threat-intelligence/how-i-hacked-the-microsoft-outlook-android-app-and-found-cve-2019-1105>



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Insecure Deserialization

CVE-2020-0688 (MS Exchange RCE) just landed to [@metasploit](#), just needs a domain user with a mailbox for SYSTEM code exec

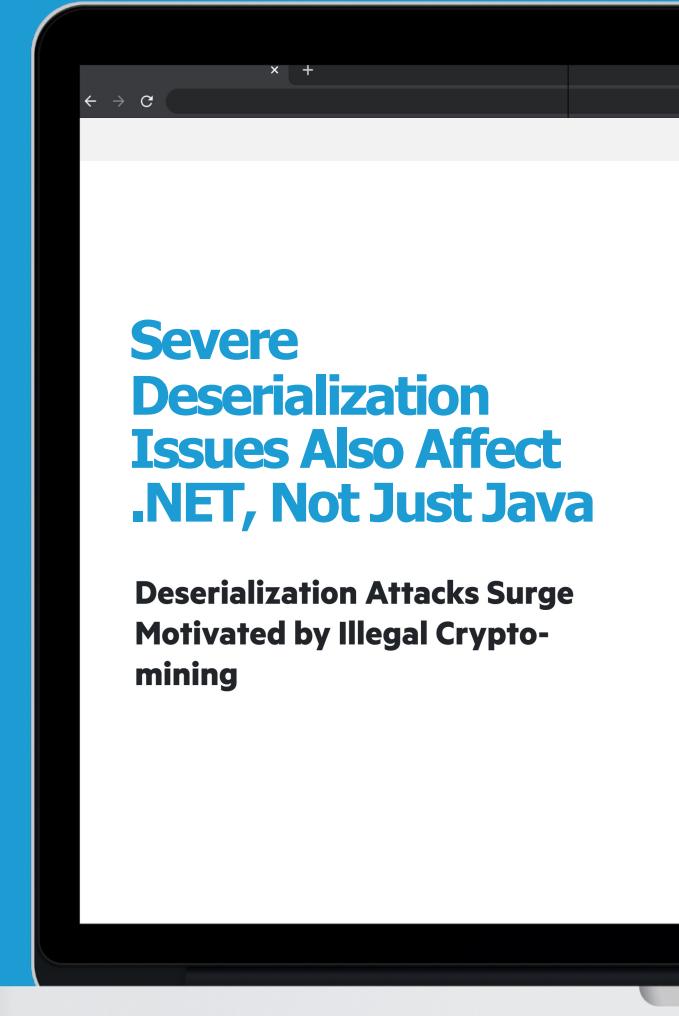


Add an exploit for Exchange ECP ViewState deserialization (...
This PR adds an exploit module for CVE-2020-0688
(Exchange ECP ViewState Deserialization). The viewstate ...
[🔗 github.com](#)

Prevention

“The only safe architectural pattern is not to accept serialized objects from untrusted sources or to use serialization mediums that only permit primitive data types.”

- OWASP

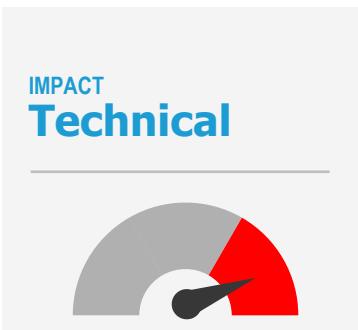
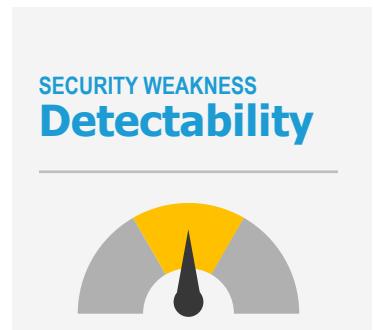


Severe Deserialization Issues Also Affect .NET, Not Just Java

Deserialization Attacks Surge Motivated by Illegal Crypto-mining

Let the Right One In

Broken Authentication



Can lead to

- Brute force / Credential stuffing
- Session hijacking
- Session fixation
- Cross Site Request Forgery (CSRF)
- Execution After Redirect (EAR)
- One-click attack

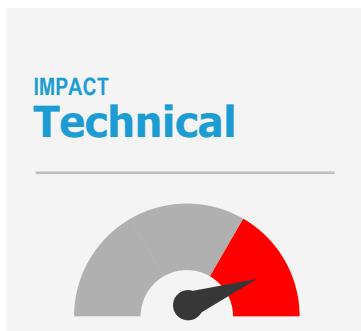
UK's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) the Top 10 most common passwords in 2019

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. 123456 | 6. 12345678 |
| 2. 123456789 | 7. abc123 |
| 3. Qwerty | 8. 1234567 |
| 4. Password | 9. Password1 |
| 5. 111111 | 10. 12345 |



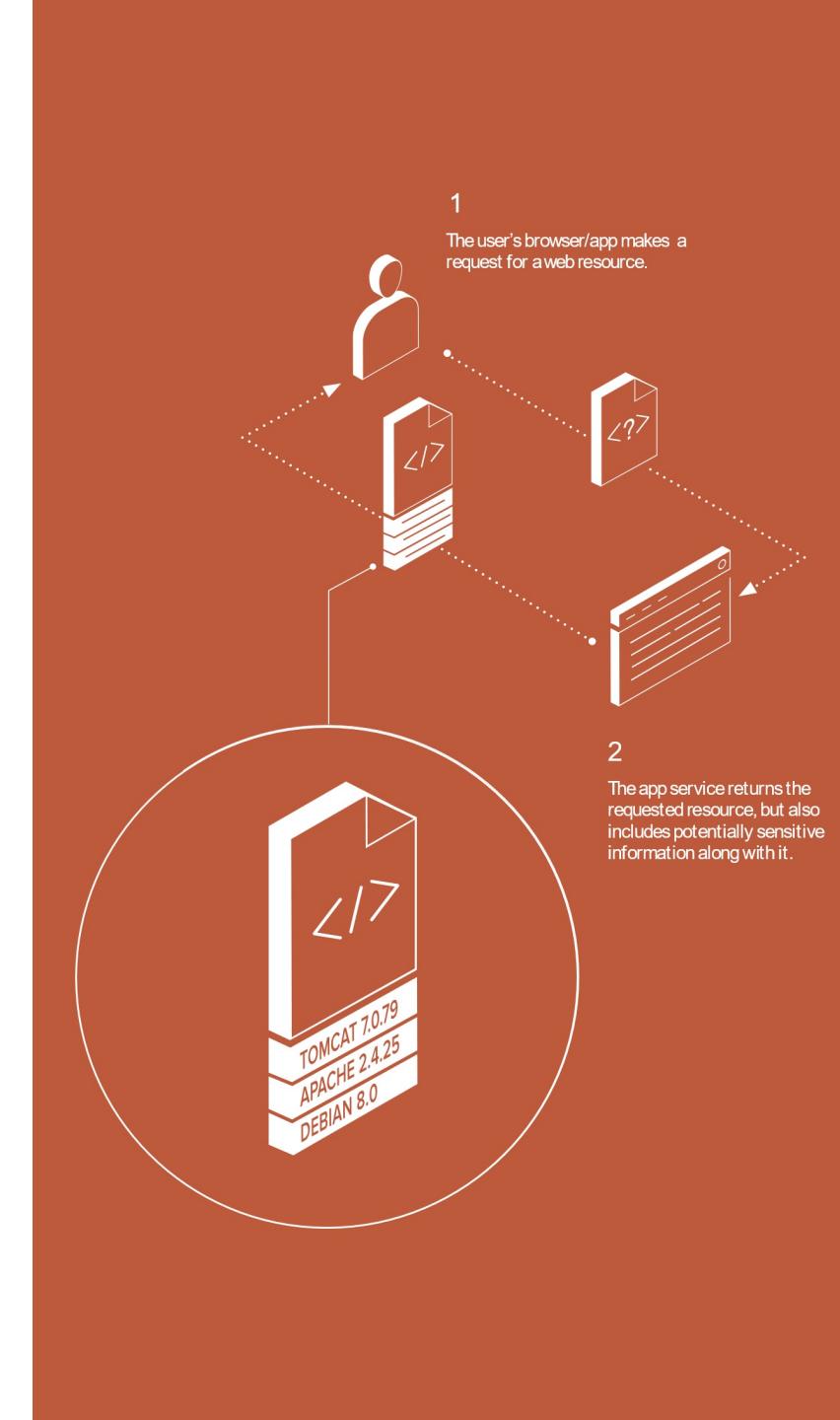
National Cyber Security Centre

Sensitive Data Exposure



Vulnerable?

- Data transmitted in clear text
- Using old or weak cryptographic algorithms
- Default or weak crypto keys
- Encryption not enforced



Broken Access Control



Fallout

- Unauthorised access to sensitive information
- Inappropriate creation or deletion of resources
- User impersonation
- Privilege escalation

Thousands of Amazon S3 buckets left open exposing private data

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Broken Authentication

Victims

- **Credit agency / Supermarket:**
431,000 tax and salary data
- **Payroll provider:**
550,000 clients
- **Video platform:**
30 million accounts
- **Ticket broker:**
1.5 million airline passengers

Prevention

- Multifactor
- No default credentials
- Weak password check
- Hardened registration and recovery
- Limit failed attempts
- SessionID



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Sensitive Data Exposure

Victims

- **Healthcare / insurance billing processor:**

1.7GB personal data / 90K

- **Pharmaceutical company:**

78,000 patients

Prevention

- Classify data (sensitive)
- Controls per class
- Discard after use
- Encrypt in transit / at rest
- Strong algorithms / protocols / keys
- Salt passwords

**Report:
Thousands of
pharmaceutical
records leaked in
possible HIPAA*
violation**

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Broken Access Control

Victims

- Too many to count

Prevention

- Access control is only effective if enforced in trusted server-side code or server-less API
- Implement once and re-use them throughout the application
- Unique application business limit requirements
- Rate limit API and controller access
- Deny by default



Strong Basics

Security Misconfiguration



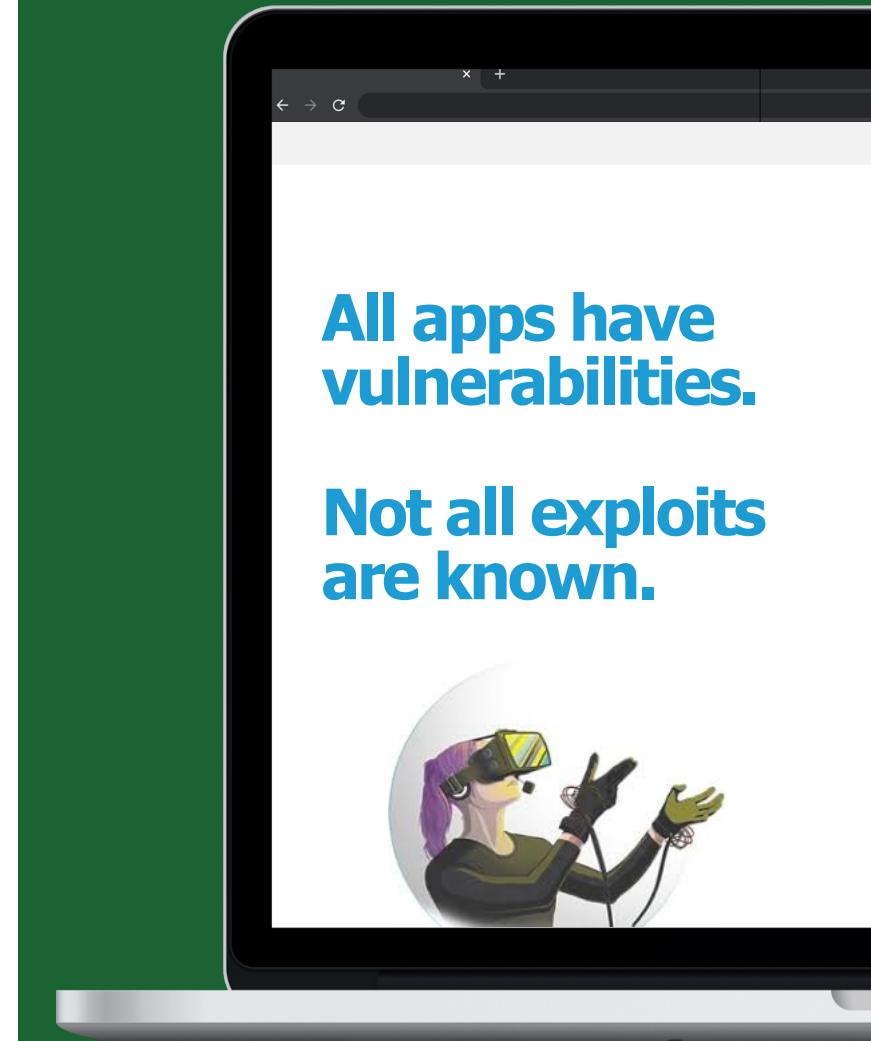
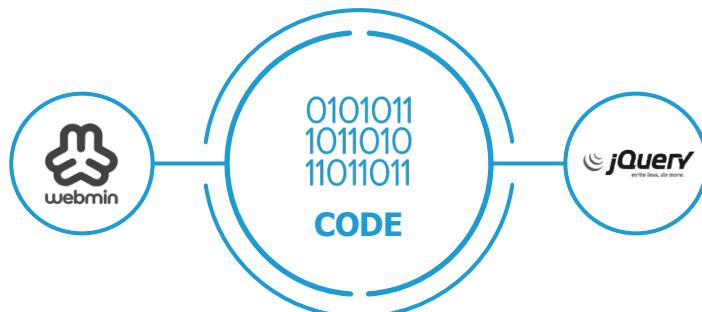
Fallout

- Brute force, credential stuffing
- Code injection
- Buffer overflow
- Command injection
- XSS
- Forceful browsing

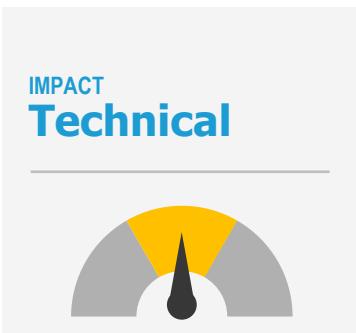
Security misconfiguration can leave apps vulnerable to multiple attacks



Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities



Insufficient Logging and Monitoring



Can lead to

- Code injection
- Buffer overflow
- Command injection
- XSS
- Forceful browsing

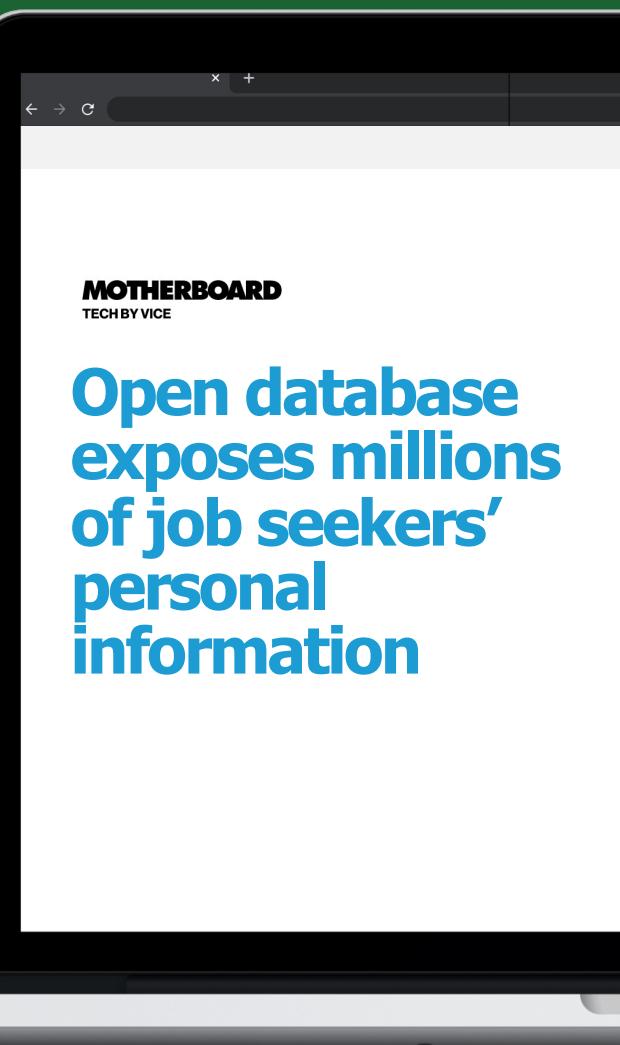
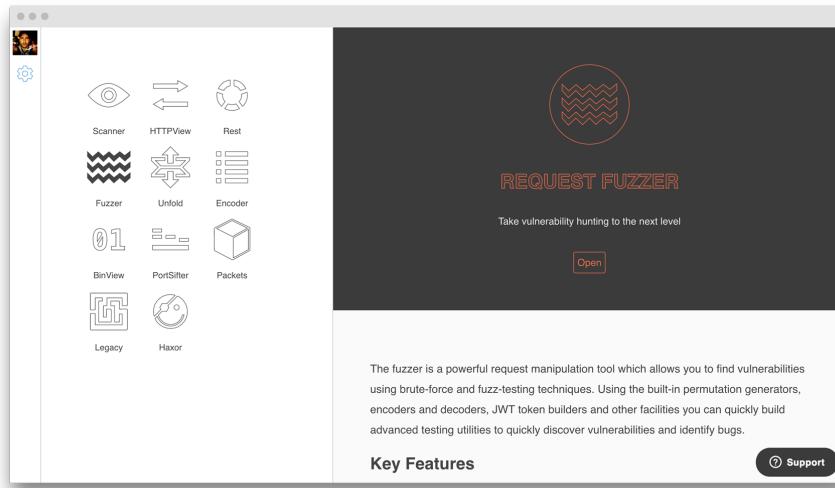
Attackers rely on complacency and blind spots to gain access to apps

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Security Misconfiguration

Prevention

- Repeatable hardening
- Minimal platform and features
- Asset / inventory / patch management
- Segmented architecture
- Automate verification

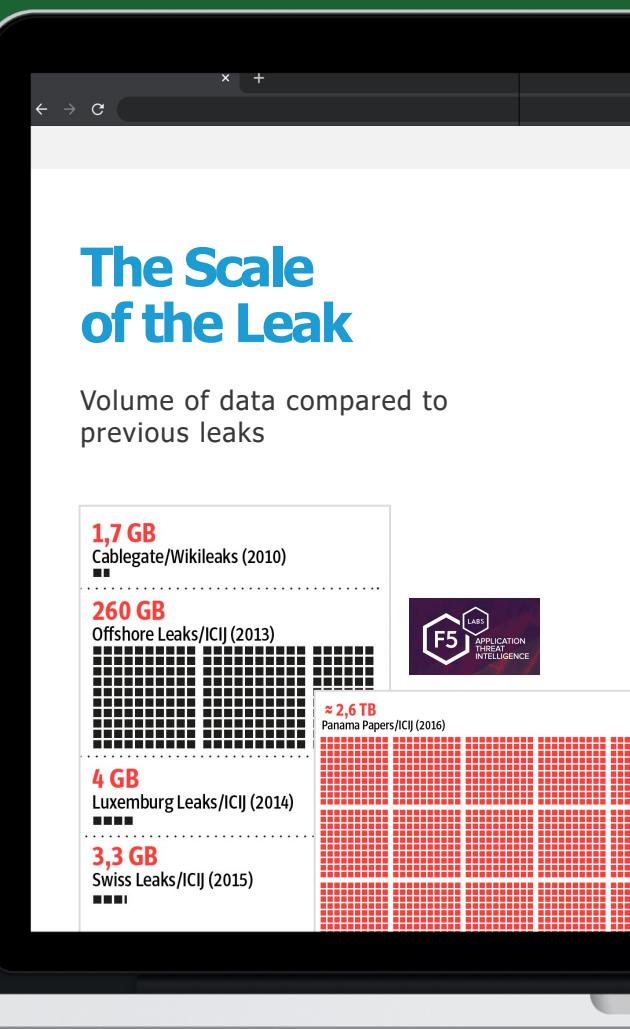
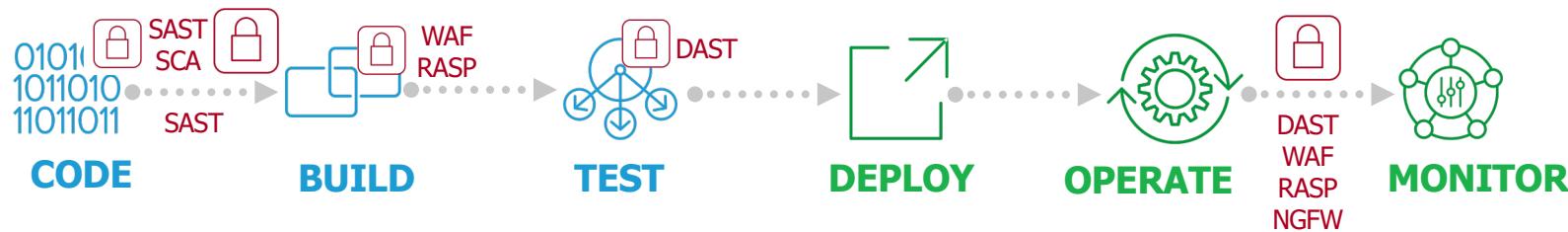


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Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities

What is the risk?

- Most common vulnerability in 2019 is jQuery XSS (CVE-2012- 6708)
- CVE-2017-5638 Apache Struts resulted in a major data breach



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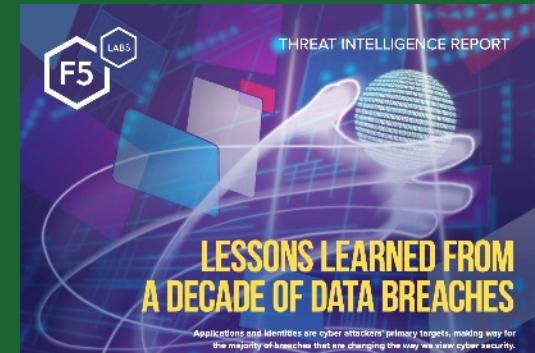
Insufficient Logging and Monitoring

What could happen?

"Most successful attacks start with vulnerability probing. Allowing such probes to continue can raise the likelihood of successful exploit to nearly 100%."

– OWASP

Applications and identities are cyber attackers' primary targets



Protect Every App

Risk Surface



