- Privilege escalation
  - Gain higher level access to a system
    - Exploit a vulnerability
    - Might be a bug or a design flaw
  - Higher level access means moer capabilities
    - This commonly is the highest level access
    - This is obviously a concern
  - These are high priority vulnerability patches
    - You want to get these holes closed very quickly
    - Any user can be an admin
    - Horizontal privilege escalation
      - User A can access user B resources
- Mitigating privilege escalation
  - Patch quickly
    - Fix the vulnerability
  - Updated AV/AM
    - Block known vulnerabilities
  - Data Execution Prevention
    - Only data in executable areas can run
  - Address space layout randomization
    - Prevent a buffer overrun at a known memory address
- Elevation of privilege vulnerability
  - o CVE-2020-1530
    - Windows remote access elevation of privilege vulnerability
    - Windows Remote Access
      - 7,8.1,10
  - Attacker would execute a program on a victim computer
  - Vulnerability in Remote Access would elevate privileges
- Cross Site Scripting
  - XSS
    - Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) are something else entirely.
  - Originally called cross site because of browser security flaws
    - Information from one site could be shared with another site
  - One of the most common web application development errors
    - Takes advantage of the trust a user has for a site
    - Complex and varied
  - Malware that uses JavaScript?
    - Do you allow scripts? Me too
- Non-persistent (reflected) XSS Attack
  - Website allows scripts to run in user input
    - Search box is a common source
  - Attacker emails a link that takes advantage of this vulnerability
    - Runs a script that sends credentials/session IDs/ cookies th the attacker

- Script embedded in URL executes in the victim's browser
  - As if it came from the server
- Attacker uses credentials/session IDs/cookies to steal victim's knowledge
  - Very sneaky
- Persistent (stored) XSS attack
  - Attacker posts a message to a social network
    - Includes the malicious payload
      - Its now "persistent"
      - Everyone gets the payload
    - No specific target
      - All viewers to the page
    - For social networking, this can spread quickly
      - Everyone who views the message can have it posted to their page
        - Where someone can view it and then propagate to others
- Hacking a Subaru
  - o June '17, Aaron Guzman
    - Security researcher
  - When authenticating with Subaru, users get a token
  - This token never expires (bad!)
  - A valid token allowed any service request
    - Even adding your email address to someone else's account
    - Now you have full access to someone else's car
  - Web front end included an XSS vulnerability
    - A user clicks a malicious link, and you have their token.
- Protecting against XSS
  - Be careful when clicking untrusted links
    - Never blindly click in your email inbox. Never
    - Consider disabling JS
      - Or control with an extension
      - This offers limited protection
    - Keep your browser and applications up to date
    - Validate all inputs
      - Don't allow users to add their own scripts to an input field.
- Code injection
  - Code injection
    - Adding your own information into a data stream
  - Enabled because of bad programming
    - This application should properly handle input and output
  - So many different daat types:
    - HTML, SQI, XML, LDAP
- SQL Injection
  - SQL Structured Query Language
    - The common relational database management system language

- SQL Injection
  - Modifying SQL requests
  - Your application shouldnt really allow this.
- Example SQL injection
  - Inputting employee name and authentication tan (Transaction address basically)
  - Inputting into both fields, Smith and 3SL99A would provide the information for that specific user but since the input box can take scripts if i add OR'1'=1 which 1 does = 1 which means return everything that's TRUE it will output the entire database.
- XML injection and LDAP injection
  - XML Extensible Markup Language
    - A set of rules for data transfer and storage
  - XML Injection
    - Modifying XML requests, a good application will validate
  - LDAP Lightweight Directory Access Protocol
    - Created by the telephone companies
    - Now used by almost everyone
  - LDAP injection
    - Modify LDAP requests to manipulate application results
- DLL Injection
  - Dynamic Link Library
    - A windows library containing code and data
    - Many applications can use this library
  - Inject a DLL and have an application run a program
    - Runs as part of the target process.

## Buffer overflows

- Overwriting a buffer of memory
  - Spills over into other memory areas
- Developers need to perform bounds checking
  - The attackers spend a lot of time looking for openings
- Not a simple exploit
  - Takes time to avoid crashing things
  - Takes time to make it do what you want
- A really useful buffer overflow is repeatable
  - Which means that a system can be compromised
- Replay Attack
  - Useful information is transmitted over the network
    - A crafty hacker will take advantage of this.
  - Need access to the raw network data
    - Network tap, ARP poisoning
    - Malware on the victim computer

- The gathered information may help the attacker (Replay Attack)
  - Replay the data to appear as someone else
- This is not an on path attack
  - The actual replay doesn't require the original workstation
  - Pass the hash example
  - Avoid this type of replay attack with a salt or encryption
    - SSL or TLS is encrypted and can't find any hash info
  - Use a session ID with the password hash to create a unique auth hash each time
- Browser cookies and session IDs
  - Cookies
    - Information stored on your computer by the browser
  - Used for tracking personalization, session management
    - Not executable, not generally a security risk
      - Unless someone gets access to them
    - Could be considered be a privacy risk
      - Lots of personal information in there
    - Session IDs are often stored in the cookie
      - Maintains sessions across multiple browser sessions
- Header manipulation
  - Information gathering
    - Wireshark, Kismet
  - Exploits
    - Cross site scripting
  - Modify headers
    - Tamper, Firesheep, Scapy
  - Modify cookies
    - Cookies Manager+
      - Firefox add on
- How to prevent
  - Encrypt end to end
    - They can't capture your session ID if they cant see it
    - Additional load on the web server HTTPS
    - Firefox: HTTPS Everywhere, force TLS
    - Many sites are now HTTPS only
  - Encrypt end to somewhere
    - At Least avoid capture over a local wireless network
    - Still in the clear for part of the journey
    - Personal VPN (OpenVPN, VyprVPN, etc)
- - Cross Site requests
    - Cross site requests are common and legitimate
      - Loads professor messer server
      - Loads a video from YT

- Loads pictures from IG
- o HTML on ProfessorMesser.com directs requests from your browser
  - This is normal and expected
  - Most of these are unauthenticated requests
- The client and the server
  - Website pages consist of client side code and server-side code
    - Many moving parts
  - Client side
    - Renders the page on the screen
    - HTML, JS
  - Server side
    - Performs requests from the client
    - HTML, PHP
    - Transfer money from one account to another
    - Post a video on YT
- Cross site request forgery
  - One click attack, session riding
    - XSRF, CSRF (sea surf)
    - Takes advantage of the trust that a web application has for the user
      - The website trusts your browser
      - Requests are made without your consent or your knowledge
      - Attacker posts a FB status on your account
  - Significant web application development oversight
    - The application should have anti forgery techniques added
    - Usually a cryptographic token to prevent a forgery
- Server side request forgery (SSRF)
  - Attacker finds a vulnerable web application
    - Sends requests to a webs server
    - Web server performs the request on behalf of the attacker
  - Caused by bad programming
    - Never trust the user input
    - Server should validate the input and the responses
    - These are rare, but can be critical vulnerabilities
- Capital One SSRF breach
  - Attacker is able to execute commands on the Capital One website
    - This is normally stopped by a WAF (Web Application Firewall)
    - The WAF was misconfigured
    - Attacker obtained security credentials for the WAF role
    - WAF role account listed the buckets on Amazon S3
    - Attacker retrieved the data from the Amazon buckets
- Malware hide and go seek
  - Traditional antivirus is very good at identifying known attacks
    - Checks the signature

- Block anything that matches
- o There are still ways to infect and hide
  - Its a constant war
  - Zero day attacks, new attack types, etc.
- Your drivers
  - The interaction between the hardware and your operating system
    - They are often trusted
    - Great opportunity for security issues
  - May 2016 HP audio drivers
    - Conexant audio chips
    - Driver installation includes a audio control software
    - Debugging feature enables a keylogger
    - Hardware interactions contain sensitive information
      - Video keyboard mouse
- Shimming
  - Filling in the space between two objects
    - A middleman
  - Windows includes its own shim
    - Backwards compatibility with previous Windows versions
    - Application compatibility Shim Cache
  - Malware authors write their own shims
    - Get around security (like UAC)
- Refactoring
  - Metamorphic Malware'
    - A different program each time its downloaded
  - Make it appear diff each time
    - Add NOP instructions
    - Loops, pointless code strings
  - Can intelligently redesign itself
    - Reorder functions
    - Modify flow
    - Reorder code and insert unused data types
  - Difficulty to match with signature-based detection
    - Used a layered approaches
- SSL Stripping / HTTP downgrade
  - Combines an on-path attack with a downgrade attack
  - Difficult to implement, but big returns for the attacker.
- Attacker must sit in the middle of the conversation
  - Must modify data between the victim and web server
    - Proxy server, ARP spoofing, rogue WIFI hotspot
  - VIctim does not see any significant problem
    - Except the browser isnt encrypted
    - Strips the A away from HTTPS

- This is a client and server problem
  - Works on SSL and TLS.
- SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) 2.0
  - Deprecated in 2011
- o SSL 3.0
  - Vulnerable to the POODLE attack
    - June 2015
- TLS Transport Layer Security (1.0)
  - Upgrade to SSL 3.0
  - Can downgrade to SSL 3.0
  - TLS 1.1
    - Deprecated in 2020
  - TIs 1.2 and 1.3 the latest standards
- Web site visitor —> attacker ←– web server
  - Intercepts the HTTPS and converts to HTTPS and sends it back to web site visitor. Sends post for login and user info and the attacker can grab it.

Race condition

- A programming conundrum
  - Sometimes, things happen at the same time
  - This can be bad if you've not planned for it
- Time-of-check to time-of-use attack (TOCTOU)
  - Check the system
  - When do you use the results of your last check?
- Memory Vulnerability
  - Manipulating memory can be advantageous
    - Relatively difficult to accomplish
  - Memory leak
    - Unused memory is not properly released.
    - Begins to slowly grow in size
    - Eventually uses all available memory
    - System crashes
  - NULL Pointer dereference (pointing to nothing in memory)
    - Programming technique that references a portion of memory
    - Application crashes, DoS, debug information
  - o Integer overflow
    - Large numbers into a smaller sized space.
    - Where does the extra number go
    - You shouldnt be able to manipulate memory this way.
  - Directory traversal attack
    - Directory traversal / path traversal
    - Read files from a web server that are outside of the website's file directory
    - Users shouldnt be able to browse the Windows folder.

- Web server software vulnerability
  - Wont stop suers from browsing past the web server root
- Web application code vulnerability
  - Take advantage of badly written code
- Improper error handling
  - Errors happen, and you should probably know about it
  - Messages should be informational enough
    - · Avoid too much detail
    - Network info
    - Memory dump
    - Stack traces
    - Database dumps
    - Easy to fix
- Improper input handling
  - Many applications accept user input
    - We put data in, we get data back
  - All input should be considered malicious
    - Check everything
  - Allowing invalid input can be devastating
    - SQL injections, buffer overflow, DoS
  - It takes a lot of work to find input that can be used maliciously
- API attacks
  - API Application Programming interface
  - Attackers look for vulnerabilities in this new communication path
    - Exposing sensitive data, dos, privileged access
- Resource exhaustion
  - A specialized dos attack
    - Zip bomb
    - Uncompressed to 4.5 petabytes from 42 kb compressed file.
    - Antivirus will identify these vulnerabilities
  - DHCP starvation
  - Attack floods a network with Ip address requests
  - MAC address changes each time
  - DHCP server eventually runs out of addresses
  - Can limit DHCP requests