TDT4237 Software Security

OWASP Testing Guide - part one

- Information gathering
- Injection attacks
- Session management attacks

Practical issues

We need a reference group

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10 Most Critical Web Application Security Risks

P Top 10 - 2013	→	OWASP Top 10 - 2017
A1 – Injection	→	A1:2017-Injection
A2 – Broken Authentication and Session Management	→	A2:2017-Broken Authentication
A3 – Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)	71	A3:2017-Sensitive Data Exposure
A4 – Insecure Direct Object References [Merged+A7]	U	A4:2017-XML External Entities (XXE) [NEW]
A5 – Security Misconfiguration	21	A5:2017-Broken Access Control [Merged]
A6 – Sensitive Data Exposure	71	A6:2017-Security Misconfiguration
A7 – Missing Function Level Access Contr [Merged+A4]	U	A7:2017-Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
A8 – Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)	×	A8:2017-Insecure Deserialization [NEW, Community]
A9 – Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities	→	A9:2017-Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities
A10 – Unvalidated Redirects and Forwards	×	A10:2017-Insufficient Logging&Monitoring [NEW,Comm.]

Information gathering

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- Why information gathering?
 - Attacker
 - A map to attack
 - Look for low hanging fruit
 - Improve efficiency
 - Developer/internal tester
 - Decide test scope, coverage, prioritization
 - Improve test efficiency



The more you know about the application's structure, the better you can plan your tests!

What information to gather

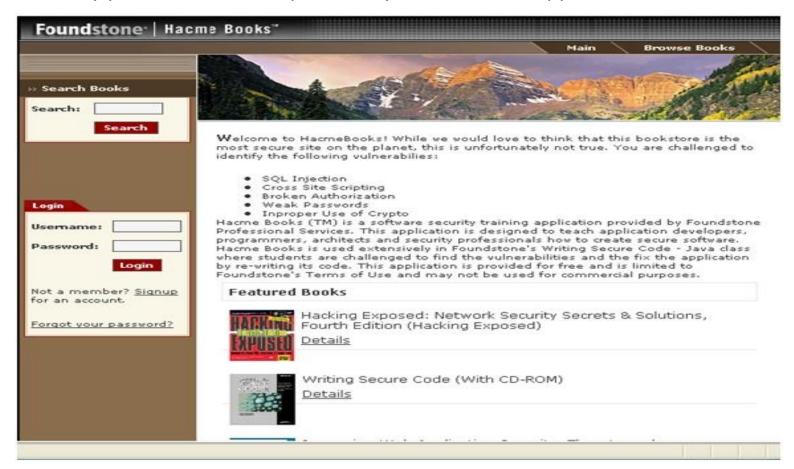
- Application structure, e.g., page map
- Data flow within the application, e.g.,
 - Parameters and value
 - Get and post
 - Always start manually
 - Use tools to complete

A good page map includes

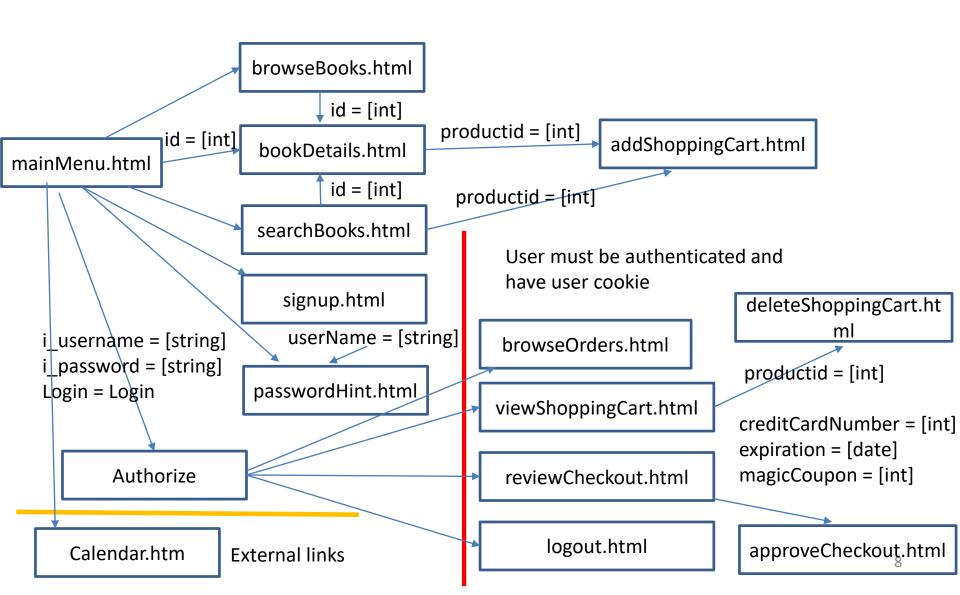
- All pages you have found in the application
 - Including subdomains
- Any external links
- Trust zones
 - Needs authentication vs. open
- Any parameters passed

Page map example - Hacmebooks

Hacme Books is representative of real-world J2EE scenarios and demonstrates the security problems that can potentially arise in these applications.



Parts of Hacmebooks page map



Tools for making page map

- Why use a web proxy?
 - To capture and examine requests
 - To manipulate requests
 - To learn more about the application
 - Can also be used for attacks







Tool set

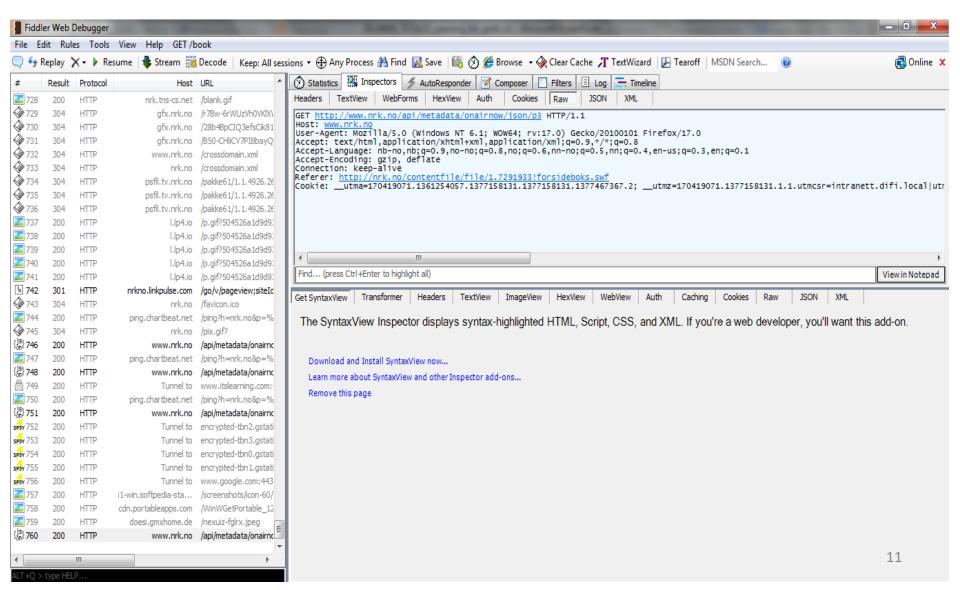
Web debugging proxy

Web mirroring

Kali Linux



Fiddler tool



HTML Information leakage



CWE-615: Information Exposure Through Comments

Example Languages: HTML and JSP

<!-- FIXME: calling this with more than 30 args kills the JDBC server -->

What information to gather (cont')

- Infrastructure or platform, e.g.,
 - Web server (otg-INFO-002)
 - Applications on the webserver (OTG-INFO-004)
 - Web application framework (отд-INFO-008)
 - Network/infrastructure configuration (отд-соныд-001)
 - Vulnerability scanners



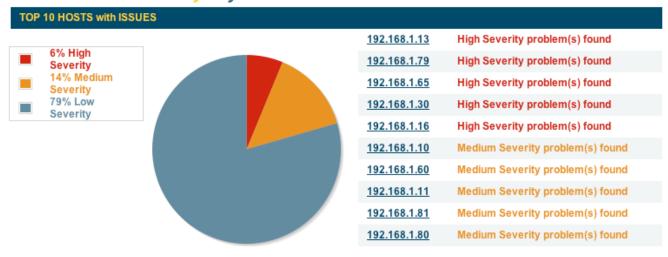


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Executive Summary: My Network Scan

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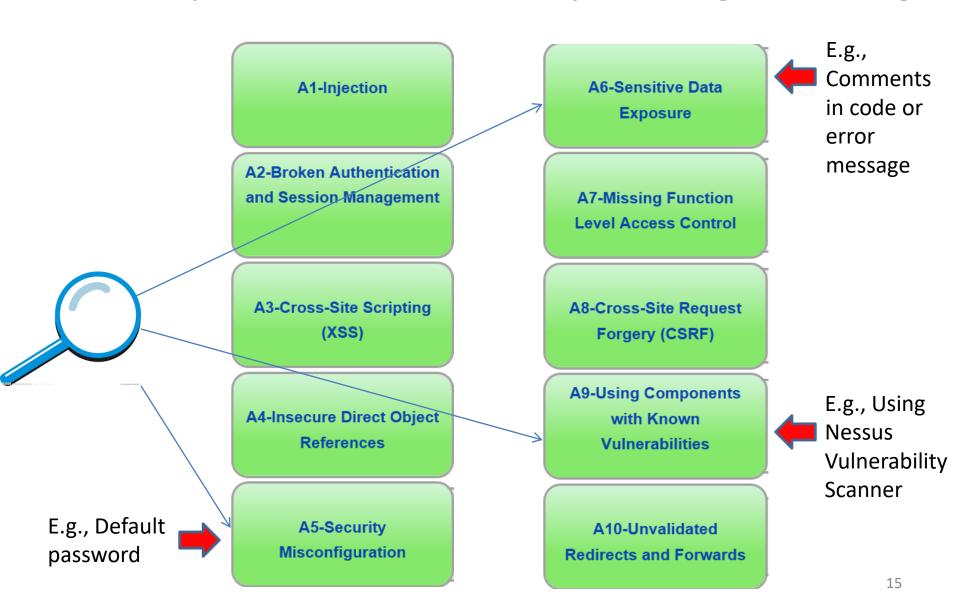


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<u>10180</u>	22
10287	20
<u>35716</u>	19
<u>10107</u>	16
<u>11936</u>	15
24260	14
<u>10114</u>	14
<u>25220</u>	13

PLUGIN IDS ISSUES

PLUGIN IDS	SEVERITY	# OF ISSUES	SYNOPSIS
47606	High	2	D-Link DCC Protocol Security Bypass The remote network service is affected by a security bypass vulnerability.
50504	High	1	Web Common Credentials It is possible to access protected web pages with common credentials.
50309	High	1	[DSA2122] DSA-2122-1 glibc The remote host is missing the DSA-2122 security update
49766	High	1	[DSA2116] DSA-2116-1 freetype The remote host is missing the DSA-2116 security update
42411	High	1	Microsoft Windows SMB Shares Unprivileged Access It is possible to access a network share.

Identify vulnerabilities by info. gathering



Injection Attacks

<< All input is evil. >> Michael Howard

2013 OWASP top 10 list



A3-Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

A4-Insecure Direct Object
References

A5-Security
Misconfiguration

A6-Sensitive Data Exposure

A7-Missing Function
Level Access Control

A8-Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)

A9-Using Components
with Known
Vulnerabilities

A10-Unvalidated
Redirects and Forwards

Injection attacks

- SQL injection
- Blind SQL injection
- Xpath injection

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Injection attack

- Malicious inputs inserted into
 - Query/Data
 - Command
- Attack string alters intended semantics
 - Query/Data
 - Command

SQL injection – normal input



"Server side login code (E.g., PHP)"

\$ result = mysql_query (" select * from Users where (name = '\$ user'
and password = '\$pass'); ");

Application constructs SQL query from parameter to DB, e.g.,

Select * from Users where name = user1 and password = TDT4237

SQL injection – Attack scenario (1)

Attacker types in this in the username field

```
user1 'OR 1=1); --
```

At the serverside, the code to be executed

```
$ result = mysql_query (" select * from Users where (name = 'user1'
OR 1=1); -- and password = 'whocares'); ");
```

SQL query constructed is

Select * from Users

Where name = user1 OR 1= 1



SQL injection – Attack scenario (2)

If attacker types this in the username field

```
user1 'OR 1=1); Drop TABLE Users; --
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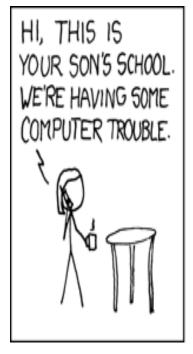
SQL query constructed is

Drop TABLE Users;

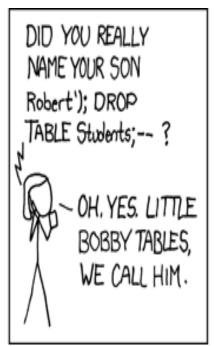
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Select * from Users
Where name = user1 OR 1= 1;
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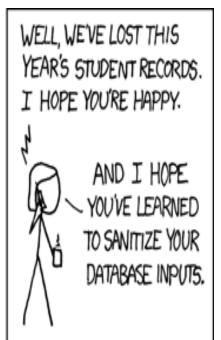
Delete the Table Users

SQL injection humor



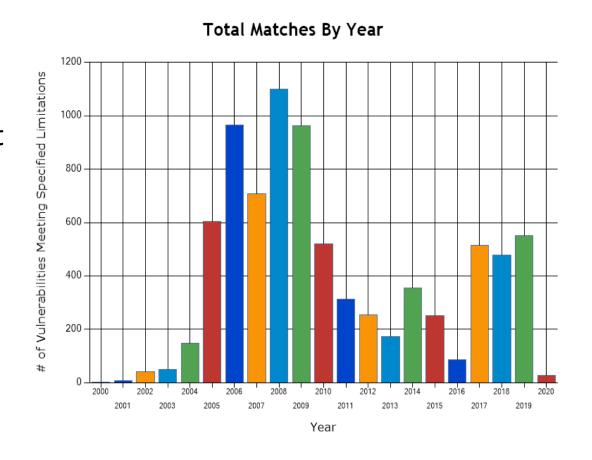






Is SQL injection just a humor?

- SQL injection attack towards CardSystems (a credit card payment processing company) in June 2005
- 263,000 credit card #s (unencrypted) stolen from its DB



Why so common?



What can you achieve?

- Bypass authentication
- Privilege escalation
- Stealing information
- Destruction

Blind SQL injection

- Systematically reverse engineering DB schema
- First, insert legitimate info. (e.g., a userID) in DB
- Then check the site is vulnerable to SQL injection?
 - First register as legal user using "attackerUserID"
 - Then, run SQL inject attack and see results
 - SELECT Id FROM Users WHERE userID= attackerUserID AND 1=1; -Id shows, vulnerable to SQL injection

TRUE

- Manipulate condition after AND to guess something
 - If the guess is correct, Id will show
 - If the guess is wrong, Id will not show

Blind SQL injection (cont')

Guess DB schema through a binary search

Q: What is the first letter of a Table in DB?

```
SELECT Id from Users WHERE userID= attackerUserID AND ascii( low (substring ((SELECT Top 1 name FROM sysobjects WHERE xtype = 'U'), 1, 1))) > 109

True or false?
```

- First letter after m (ascii of m is 109), "Id" will show
- First letter before m, "Id" will not show

Xpath injection

User/password/account DB in XML (users.xml)

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
  <users>
    <user>
     <username>gandalf</username>
     <password>Abcd3</password>
     <account>admin</account>
    </user>
    <user>
     <username>Stefan0</username>
     <password>w1s3c</password>
     <account>guest</account>
    </user>
  </users>
```

Xpath injection (cont')

 Normal query username= 'gandalf' and password = 'Abcd3'

Normal Xpath query

```
string(//user[username/text()='gandalf' and
password/text()='Abcd3']/account/text())
```

Attack query

```
string(//user[username/text()=" or '1' = '1' and password/
text()=" or '1' = '1' ]/account/text())
```

SQL injection countermeasures

- Blacklisting
- Whitelisting
- Escaping
- Prepared statement & bind variables
- Mitigating impact



Blacklisting

- Filter quotes, semicolons, whitespace, and …?
 - E.g. Kill_quotes (Java) removes single quotes

Pitfalls of Blacklisting

Could always miss a dangerous character

- May conflict with functional requirements
 - E.g., A user with name O'Brien

Whitelisting

- Only allow well-defined safe inputs
- Using RegExp (regular expressions) match string
 - E.g., month parameter: non-negative integer
 - RegExp: ^[0-9]+\$
 - ^ beginning of string, \$ end of string
 - [0-9] + matches a digit, + specifies 1 or more
- Pitfalls: Hard to define RegExp for all safe values

Escaping

- Could escape quotes instead of blacklisting
 - E.g. Escape(O'Brien) = O''Brien

INSERT INTO USERS(username, passwd) VALUES ('O''Brien', 'mypasswd')

 Pitfalls: like blacklisting, could always miss a dangerous character

Prepared statements & Bind variables

- Root cause of SQL injection attack
 - Data interpreted as control, e.g., user1 'OR 1=1); --,
- Idea: decouple query statement and data input

Examples of Java prepared statement*

```
PreparedStatement stmt=con.prepareStatement("update emp set
name=?_where id=?");
stmt.setString(1,"Sonoo"); //1 specifies the first parameter in
   the query i.e., name
                                                Bind variable;
stmt.setInt(2,101);
                                                Data Placeholder
int i=stmt.executeUpdate();
System.out.println(i+" records updated");
```

^{*}https://www.javatpoint.com/PreparedStatement-interface

Examples of PHP prepared statement

- Prepare the statement with placeholders
 - \$ ps = \$ db->prepare('SELECT * FROM Users WHERE name = ?
 and password = ?');

Bind variable; Data Placeholder

- Specify data to be filled in for the placeholders
 - \$ ps -> execute (array(\$current_username, \$current_passwd));

No explicit typing of parameters like java

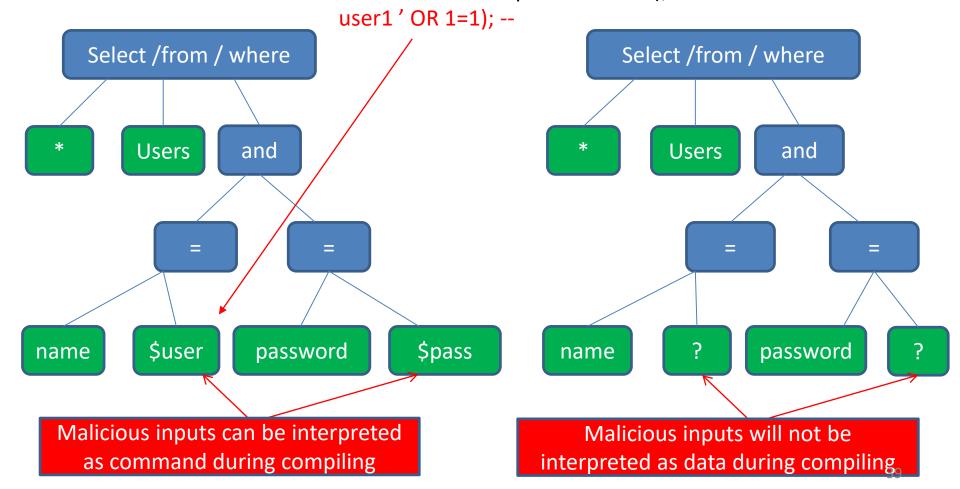
Why prepared statements & bind variables work?

- Decoupling lets us compile the prepared statement before binding the "query input data" !!!
 - Prepared statements
 - Preserve the structure of the intended query
 - "Query input data" is not involved in query parsing or compiling
 - Bind variables
 - ? Placeholders guaranteed to be data (not control)

Why Prepared statements & Bind variables work (cont')?

select * from Users where (name = '\$user' and
password = '\$pass');

select * from Users where (name = '?' and password = '?');



Mitigating impact

- Prevent schema & information leakage
 - E.g., Not display a detailed error message to external users
 - E.g., Not display stack traces to external users
- Limiting privileges
 - No more privileges than typical user needs
 - E.g., Read access, tables/views the user can query
 - E.g., No drop table privilege for a typical user

Mitigate impact (cont')

- Encrypt sensitive data, e.g.,
 - Username, password, credit card number

- Key management precautions
 - Do not store the encryption key in DB

Question: Which principles have been applied to injection countermeasures?

- Secure the weakest link
- Practice defense in depth
- Fail securely
- Compartmentalize
- Be reluctant to trust
- Follow the principle of least privilege
- Keep it simple
- Promote privacy
- Remember that hiding secrets is hard
- Use your community resources

OWASP SQL injection test cases

- Testing for SQL Injection (OTG-INPVAL-005)
 - Oracle Testing
 - MySQL Testing
 - SQL Server Testing
 - Testing PostgreSQL
 - MS Access Testing
 - Testing for NoSQL injection

OWASP other injection test cases

- Testing for LDAP Injection (OTG-INPVAL-006)
- Testing for ORM Injection (OTG-INPVAL-007)
- Testing for XML Injection (OTG-INPVAL-008)
- Testing for SSI Injection (OTG-INPVAL-009)
- Testing for XPath Injection (OTG-INPVAL-010)
- IMAP/SMTP Injection (OTG-INPVAL-011)
- Testing for Code Injection (OTG-INPVAL-012)

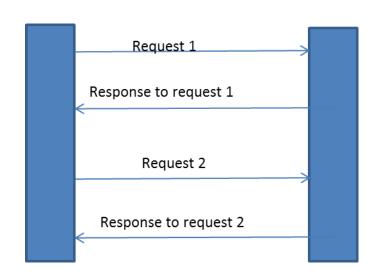
Session Management Attacks

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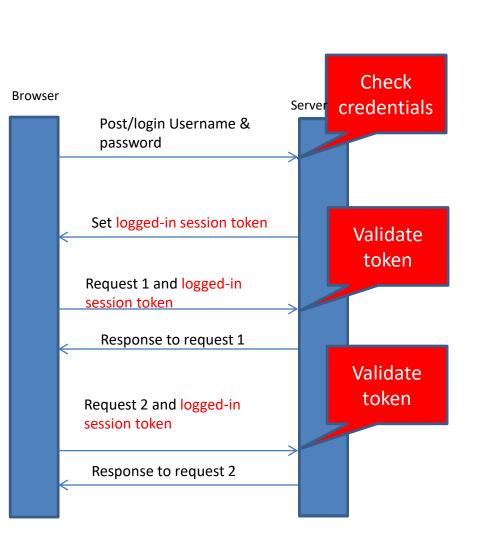
A1-Injection A6-Sensitive Data **Exposure A2-Broken Authentication** and Session Management **A7-Missing Function Level Access Control** A3-Cross-Site Scripting **A8-Cross-Site Request** (XSS) Forgery (CSRF) **A9-Using Components A4-Insecure Direct Object** with Known References **Vulnerabilities** A5-Security A10-Unvalidated Misconfiguration **Redirects and Forwards**

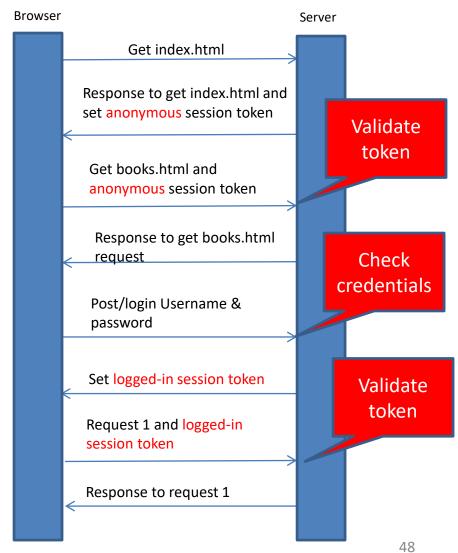
Why session management?

- HTTP is stateless
- Impossible to know if Req1 and Req2 are from the same client
- Users would have to constantly re-authenticate
- Session management
 - Authenticate user once
 - All subsequent requests are tied to the user



Session tokens





Where to store session token

Embed in all URL links
 https://site.com/checkout? sessionToken= 1234

In hidden form field

```
<input type= "hidden" name = "sessionToken"
value = "1234">
```

Browser cookie

setcookie: sessionToken = 1234

Issues of embedding token in URL links

- The HTTP Referer header
 - Get /wiki/ntnu HTTP/1.1
 - Host: en.wikipedia.org
 - Keep alive: 300
 - Connection: keep-alive
 - Referer:
 - https://www.google.no/search?dcr=0&ei=m8VbWo Dulor36ATWtLa4CQ&q=ntnu+wiki&oq=ntnu+wiki ... Referer leaks URL session token to 3rd parties
- Users may publish URL (with token info.) in blogs

Issues of embedding token in hidden form field

Do not work for long-lived sessions

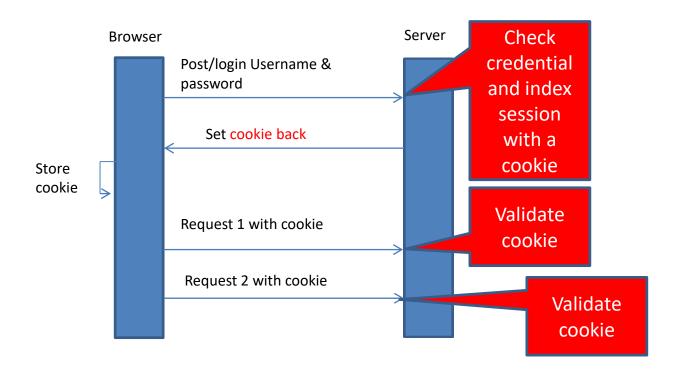
 Every protected web page must embed this hidden token

Issues of embedding token in cookies

 The browser sends cookies with every request, even when it should not (e.g., CSRF)

Explained in detail in the following slides

Session management with cookie



How cookie works

- Setting and sending cookies
 - In header of HTTP response (Server to browser)

```
set-Cookie: token=1234; expire=Wed, 3-Aug-2016 08:00:00; path=/; domain = idi.ntnu.no
```

 In header of HTTP request (Browser to server, when visit the domain of the same scope)

Cookie: token=1234

- Cookie protocol problem
 - Sever only sees Cookie: NAME = VALUE
 - Server does not see which domain sends the cookie

Session management attacks and countermeasures

- Session token theft
- Session token predication attack
- Session fixation attack

Session token theft – Sniff network

- User (e.g., Alice)
 - Alice logs in login.site.com (HTTPS)
 - Alice gets logged-in session token
 - Alice visits non-encrypted.site.com (HTTP)
- Attacker
 - Wait for Alice to log in
 - Steal the logged-in session token (in HTTP)
 E.g., FireSheep (2010) sniff WiFi in wireless cafe
 - Impersonate Alice to issue request

Session token theft – Logout problem

- What should happen during logout
 - 1. Delete session token from the client
 - 2. Mark session token as expired on the server
 - Many web sites do (1) but not (2)!!
- Attacker
 - If can impersonate once, can impersonate for a long time
 - E.g., Twitter sad story
 - Token does not become invalid when the user logs out

Solutions to Session token theft

- Always send Session ID over an encrypted channel
- Remember to log out
- Time out session ID
- Delete expired session ID
- Binding session token to the client's IP or computer

Binding session token to client's IP or Computer

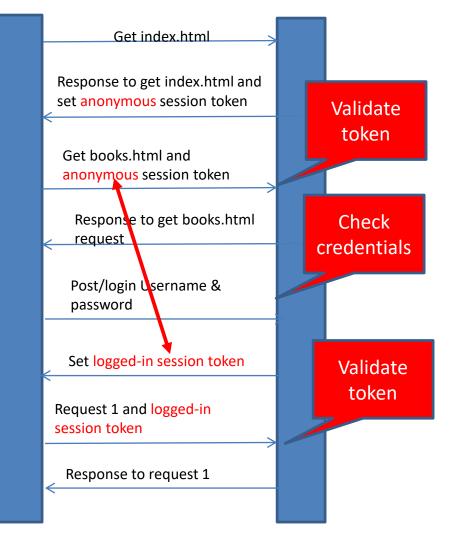
• Idea:

- Overcome cookie protocol problem
 - Sever only sees Cookie: NAME = VALUE
 - The server does not see which domain sends the cookie
- Combine IP
 - Possible issue: IP address changes (Wifi / 3G)
- Combine user agent: weak defense, but does not hurt

Session token predication attack

- Predicable tokens, e.g., counter
- Non-predicable token means
 - Seeing one or more token
 - Should not be able to predict other tokens
- Solution:
 - Do not invent own token generator algorithm
 - Use token generator from the known framework (e.g. ASP, Tomcat, Rails)

Session fixation attack



- User (e.g., Alice):
 - Visits site using an anonymous token
- Attacker
 - Overwrites user's anonymous token with own token
- User:
 - Logs in and gets anonymous token elevated to logged-in token
- Attacker:
 - Attacker's token gets elevated to logged-in token after user logs in
- Vulnerability: Sever elevates the anonymous token without changing the value

How to overwrite session token?

- Tampering through network
 - Alice visits non-encrypted.site.com (HTTP)
 - The attacker injects into the response to overwrite the secure cookie

Set-cookie: SSID=maliciousToken;

- Cross-site scripting
 - How? Explain in lecture next week

Mitigate session fixation

 Always issue a new session token, when elevating from anonymous token to logged in token

Session management tests

- Testing for Bypassing Session Management Schema (OTG-SESS-001)
- Testing for Cookies attributes (OTG-SESS-002)
- Testing for Session Fixation (OTG-SESS-003)
- Testing for Exposed Session Variables (OTG-SESS-004)
- Testing for logout functionality (OTG-SESS-006)
- Test Session Timeout (OTG-SESS-007)
- Testing for Session puzzling (OTG-SESS-008)

Summary

- Information gathering
- Injection attacks and solutions
- Session management attacks and solutions
- Next lecture
 - Cross-site attacks
 - OWASP 2017 attacks
 - HTML 5 security issues
 - Authentication and password security

To read before next lecture

- OWASP Testing guide
 - Authentication testing
 - CSRF testing
 - CSS injection testing
- Security engineering book
 - Chapter 2, content related to password
- Foundations of security book
 - Chapter 9 and 10