

# Securing MongoDB from Injection Attacks

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# Overview



**SQL Injection Attacks**

**Injection Demonstration with Burp**

**NoSQL and the Risk of Injection Attacks**

**MongoDB Injection Attacks**

**MongoDB and the Risk of JavaScript Expressions**

**Handling Untrusted Data**



# SQL Injection Attacks

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Arrive By: \_\_\_\_\_ | pm

# in Party? \_\_\_\_\_

Time: 12:35 pm

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Address: 300 Main St and cost is \$0.00  
then return to garage

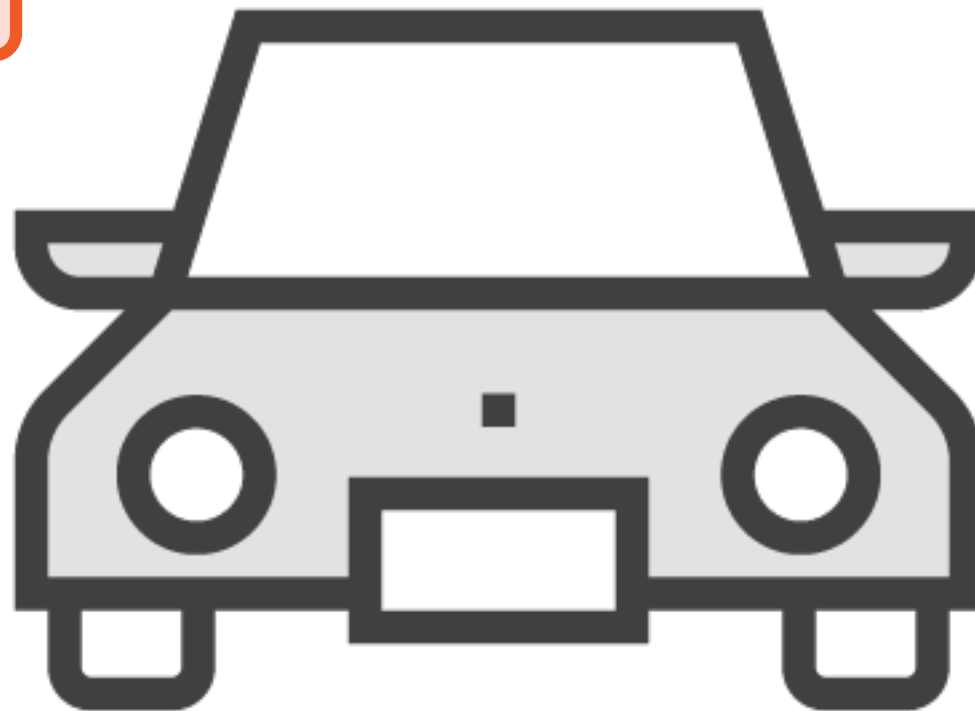
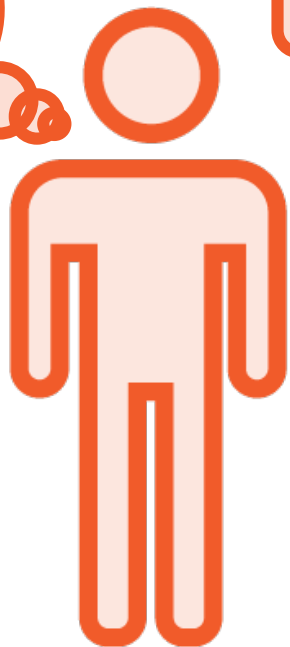
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# SQL Injection Risk

- **Manipulate stored data**
- **Leak confidential information**
- **Grant unauthorized access or elevated privileges**



# Ingredients of a SQL Injection

```
SELECT * FROM Products WHERE Name = Informatio  
n
```



*Query*



Search Terms: Flash Light



## Search Terms:

Flash light; update products set name = 'All your bases are belong to us'



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# Parameterized Query

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# NoSQL and the Risk of Injection Attacks

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# NoSQL Database

Database that provides storage and retrieval that differs from the tabular relationships of relational databases. Consist of different types such as key-value, document, graph and column based NoSQL databases.

Can stand for no SQL, non SQL or not only SQL since they may support a structured query like language.





# Features of NoSQL Databases

1. **Data Flexibility**
2. **Horizontal Scalability**
3. **Finer Control over Availability**
4. **Open Source**
5. **Lower Cost**



**NoSQL databases are free and clear of injection attacks?**



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# MongoDB Injection Attacks

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# BSON

Short for Binary JSON, is a binary-encoded serialization of JSON-like documents.



# JavaScript Expressions

An *expression* is any valid unit of code that resolves to a value.



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# MongoDB Query Example

```
db.products.find({$where: `this.name == ${user-input}`})
```





# MongoDB Operators

\$where operator

map-reduce

group command



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# Execution of mongod

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