



Dynamic Vulnerability Identification:

Continuous Web Application Assessment

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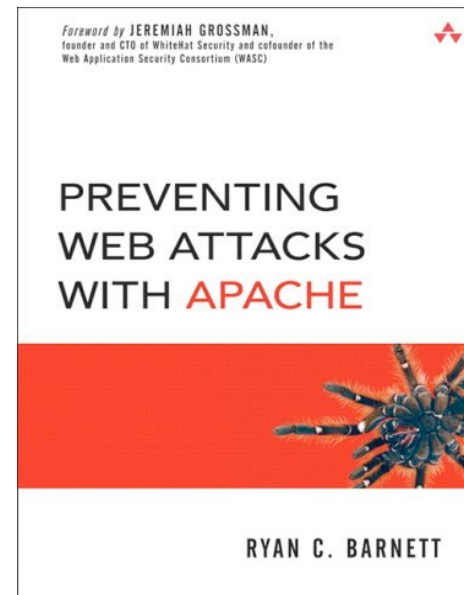


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Introduction - Ryan Barnett

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- Director of Application Security at Breach Security.
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- Project Leader, WASC Distributed Open Proxy Honeypots.
- Speaker, Open Web Application Security Project
- Instructor for the SANS Institute.
- Project Leader, Center for Internet Security's Apache Benchmark.



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**Dynamic Vulnerability Identification:
Passive Web Application Defect Monitoring**



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**Web Application Defects:
*What Are They?***



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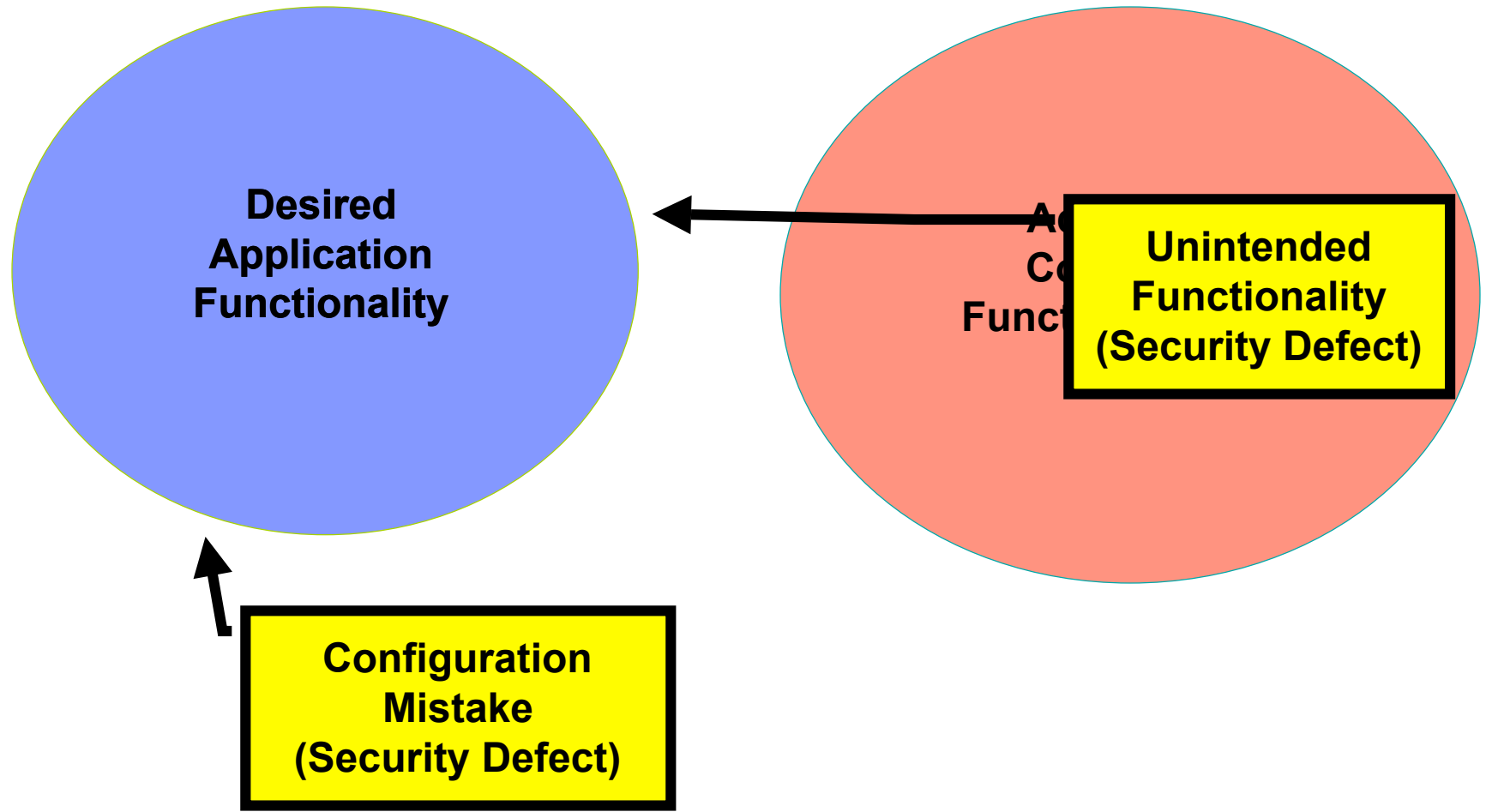
Web Application Defects

Security Defects are Vulnerabilities

- New class of application defect – the security defect
- Requires new developer training and testing procedures
 - ▶ SDLC tests usually only focus on “functionality” testing
- Not related to functionality rather relates to business risk
 - ▶ What happens when a user enters unexpected data?
 - ▶ How does the application respond?

Web Application Development

Unintended Coding/Configuration Errors



Web Application Defects

Security Defects are Vulnerabilities

- Often considered secondary in priority to functional requirements
 - ▶ Due to business deadlines, if an app passes functional testing it goes live.
 - ▶ Try and “find-n-fix” vulnerabilities in production.
- Not protected from exploitation by network security (IDS/IPS)
 - ▶ The devices have a tough time dealing with custom coded applications.
 - ▶ Their rule sets are derived from publicly disclosed vulnerabilities and exploits.

Web Application Defects

The Cost

- Exposes organizations to significant risk
- The financial impact of identity theft breaches are on the rise with an average cost of \$6.3 million per incident¹
- Up to 80% of successful attacks against organizations exploit vulnerabilities in Web applications
- These attacks exploit insecure code within applications to compromise underlying
- **SQL Injection is the top reason for card data compromise²**

1 – Poneman Institute, 2007 Annual Study: U.S. Cost of a Data Breach

2 - http://www.mastercard.com/us/sdp/assets/pdf/SDP_Presentation.pdf

Web Application Defects

Defect to Attack Mapping

Defects in a Web application relate directly to vulnerabilities and expose them to various attacks

- Lack of User Input Validation => SQL Injection
- Lack of User Input Validation => Cross-Site Scripting
- Insecure User Session Management => Session Hijacking/Cookie Poisoning
- Insecure Configuration => Malicious Application Modification/Defacement
- Poor Administrative Authentication => Privilege Escalation

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**Web Application Defects:
How Do You Find Them?
*Traditional Approaches***



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Traditional Approaches

■ Source Code Reviews

- ▶ Send the application code off for analysis by a secure code review company

■ Vulnerability Scanning

- ▶ Bring in experts to test and secure Web applications
- ▶ Scanning for vulnerabilities
- ▶ Remediate in development, outsource, or vendor
- ▶ Maintain with regular scans

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Source Code Reviews - Benefits

- There are some issues that you just won't be able to identify unless you look at the code
 - ▶ OWASP Top 10
 - Insecure Cryptographic Storage
 - ▶ WASC Threat Classification
 - Insufficient Authorization
- Code reviews allow you to identify certain vulnerabilities without the need for live client interaction
 - ▶ Vulnerability scanners have to send stimulus to the web app in order to interpret the response and make a determination on the existence of a vuln

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Source Code Reviews – Disadvantages (1)

- Very expensive
 - ▶ Consultants are paid by the hour
- Almost always must be outsourced
 - ▶ Dev staff might not have adequate secure coding background
 - ▶ Do you really want the same people that coded the app be the same ones who review it?
- Takes a lot of time to find vulns
 - ▶ Even with automated source code security tools, full code reviews involve manual review components

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Source Code Reviews – Disadvantages (2)

- Takes a lot of time to fix vulns
 - ▶ New projects needed
 - ▶ Extensive regression testing
- Only secures the code not the platform and environment
 - ▶ Code reviews lack an “in-context” view of how it will actually be run in production
 - ▶ Football Analogy – Scouting Combine vs. Live Games
- Must be done for every version of the application
 - ▶ Every code change may introduce new vulnerabilities

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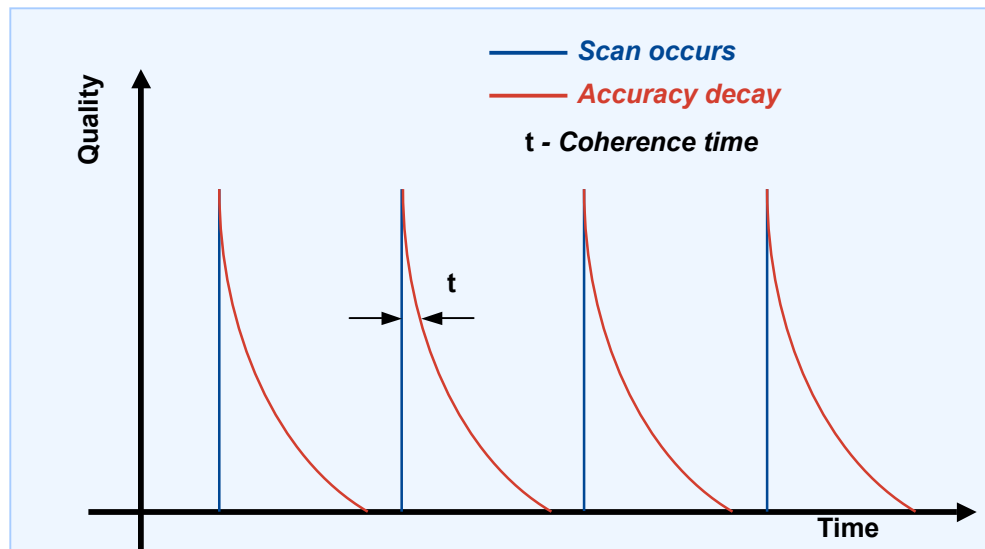
Vulnerability Scanning – Benefits

- Scanning/testing applications for vulnerabilities before going to production is absolutely a recommended best practice
- Scanners probe applications for vulnerabilities by sending requests to the application then analyzing how the application responds.
 - ▶ Scanners act differently than real attackers
 - ▶ Scanners look for indications of a vulnerability rather than actually exploiting an issue
 - Example – SQL Injection single tick
- Works well at identifying specific types of vulnerabilities, such as:
 - ▶ Identifying user input fields where data is not properly validated
 - ▶ Detecting default passwords and configurations
 - ▶ Locating parts of the application that should not be accessible externally, such as script directories and configuration files
 - ▶ Identifying when common session management techniques are implemented insecurely
 - ▶ Integrated into Dev and QA tools and environments

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Vulnerability Scanning – Disadvantages (1)

- Provides only a temporary “snapshot” of web applications and vulnerabilities
- Intelligence degrades in between active scans




- Active scanning can be “harmful” to some applications
 - ▶ Most assessment “Rules of Engagement” place extremely restrictive controls around who, what, where, when and how web applications may be actively scanned

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Vulnerability Scanning – Disadvantages (2)

- Unless the scanning tool has been tuned and results reviewed by an expert, assessments are likely to be incomplete
- Scanners perform a breadth-first traversal of a web site for links to map a site and identify areas of user input
 - ▶ These crawls are usually only a few levels deep and miss large portions of the application
 - ▶ Credentialed vs. Anonymous access
 - ▶ Unless properly configured, scanners can miss possible navigation options (pull-down, user fields)



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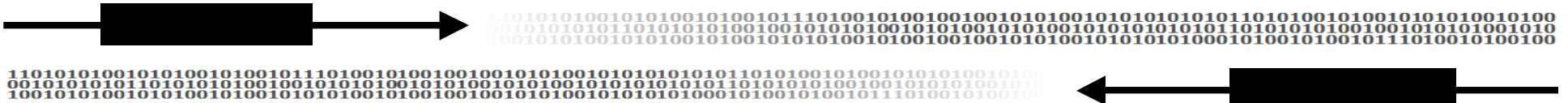
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Web Application Firewalls

- Dynamic means “real-time”, 24x7 visibility
 - ▶ As opposed to the “snap-shots” in time of scanning
 - ▶ Real-time application change discovery
- Due to WAF’s network placement they can monitor all transactions between clients and web applications for vulnerabilities
- Applications reveal a great deal about themselves:
 - ▶ App vendor, version
- No disruption of normal operations – as we do not need to send data to the app

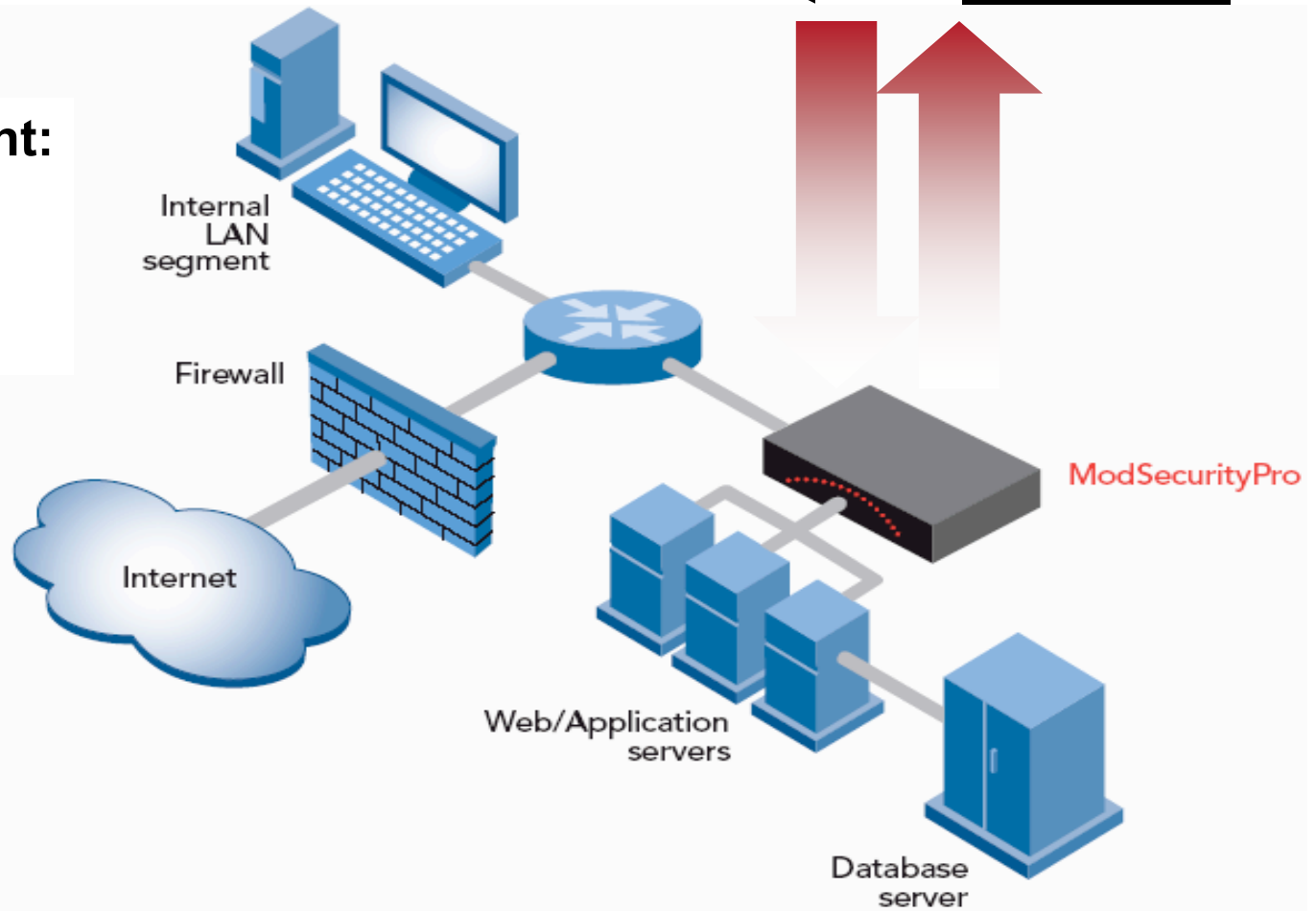
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In-line WAF



Network Deployment:

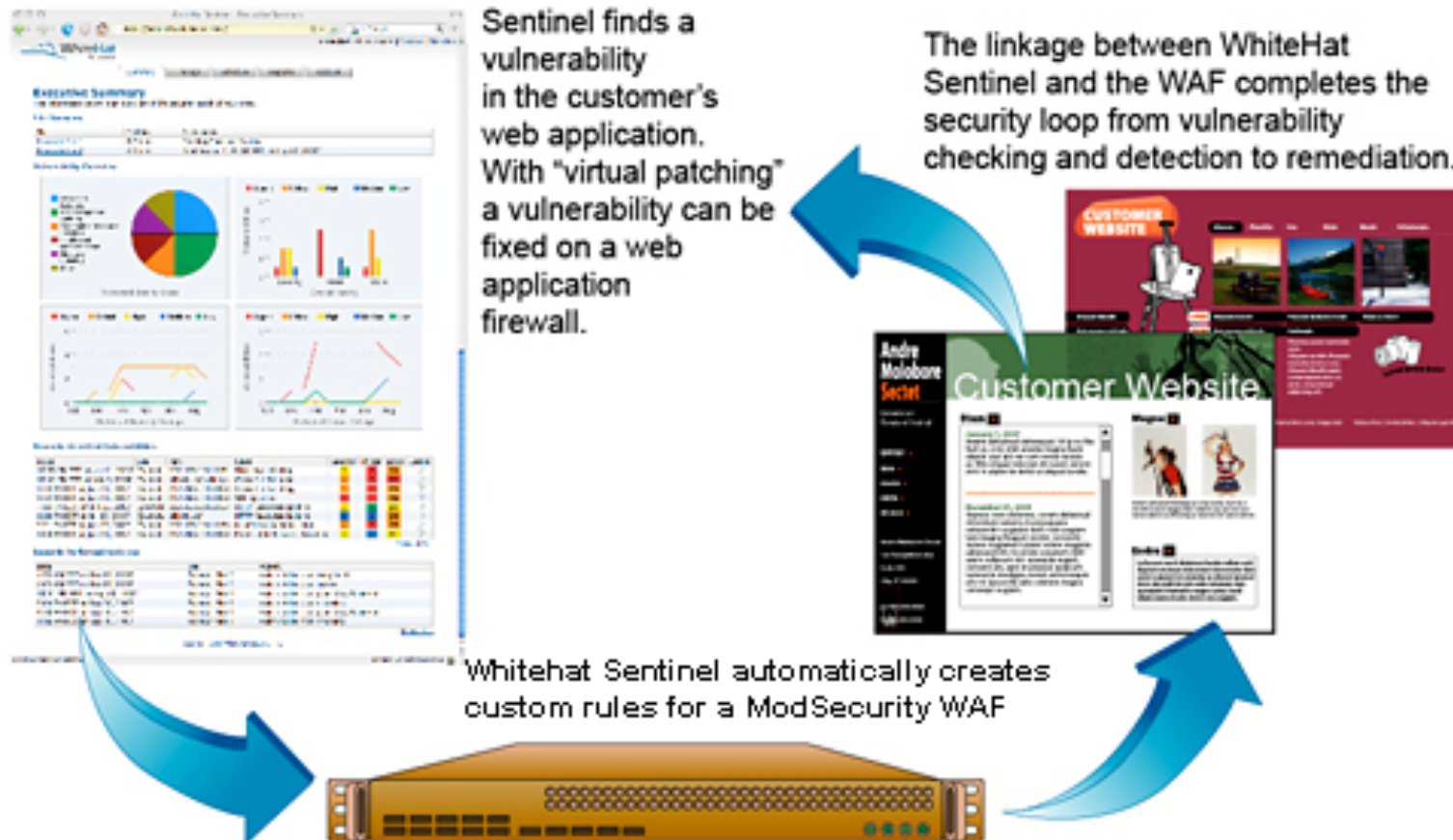
- ❑ In-line Transparent Bridge mode
- ❑ Bi-directional web traffic analysis



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Scanning + Web Application Firewalls

- The concept is combine the vulnerability identification capabilities of scanning with the remediation (virtual patching) capabilities of WAFs



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Data Sources

- All of these example AppDefects can be identified by WAFs
- WASC Distributed Open Proxy HoneyPot Project
 - ▶ <http://www.webappsec.org/projects/honeypots/>
 - ▶ Uses ModSecurity – <http://www.modsecurity.org>
- Findings Reports with real customer data
 - ▶ WebDefend AppDefects Data (sanitized)
- Commercial WAF Integration
 - ▶ Responding to ongoing incident
- Commercial Web Assessments

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Application Errors

■ Defect:

- ▶ Improper error handling

■ Attack Technique:

- ▶ Attackers are often able to bypass input filtering (client-side JS) and inject meta-characters
- ▶ Many times, app generate errors even when the client does not send malicious data
 - Most often associated with connectivity or config changes made during trouble-shooting

■ Consequence:

- ▶ Sensitive information leakage

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Application Errors

Server Error in '/' Application.

SQL Server does not exist or access denied.

Description: An unhandled exception occurred during the execution of the current web request. Please review the stack trace for more information about the error and where it originated in the code.

Exception Details: System.Data.SqlClient.SqlException: SQL Server does not exist or access denied.

Source Error:

An unhandled exception was generated during the execution of the current web request. Information regarding the origin and location of the exception can be identified using the exception stack trace below.

Stack Trace:

```
[SqlException: SQL Server does not exist or access denied.]
  System.Data.SqlClient.ConnectionPool.GetConnection(Boolean& isInTransaction) +472
  System.Data.SqlClient.SqlConnectionFactory.GetPooledConnection(SqlConnectionString options, Boolean& isInTransaction) +372
  System.Data.SqlClient.SqlConnection.Open() +386
  optCorp.Global1.Application_Error(Object sender, EventArgs e)
  System.EventHandler.Invoke(Object sender, EventArgs e) +0
  System.Web.HttpApplication.RaiseOnError() +157
```

Version Information: Microsoft .NET Framework Version:1.1.4322.2300; ASP.NET Version:1.1.4322.2300

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Reveals Version Information

Server Error in '/' Application.

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This error page might contain sensitive information because ASP.NET is configured to show verbose error messages using <customErrors mode="Off"/>. Consider using <customErrors mode="On"/> or <customErrors mode="RemoteOnly"/> in production environments.-->
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Insufficient Input Validation - SQL Injection

■ Defect:

- ▶ Lack of validation for user input used in a database query

■ Vulnerability:

- ▶ By using special characters, attackers are able to obtain complete access to an application's database

■ Technique:

- ▶ Attackers are able to append their own commands to an application's database queries

■ Consequence:

- ▶ Identity Theft

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SQL Injection – How It Works

■ Research Phase:

- ▶ Attackers probe the application to identify a user data entry field that is used in a database query
- ▶ Attackers enter intentional incorrect text values to generate informative error messages to map out table and field names

■ Exploitation Phase:

- ▶ Attackers enter text that includes appended commands to control the database
- ▶ Typically these commands will:
 - Extract sensitive information in bulk from the database
 - Modify the database to corrupt the information
 - Encrypt the data to hold it hostage until ransom is paid
 - Delete the entire contents of the database

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SQL Injection – Reconnaissance Probe

Request Details

```
GET /cart/loginexecute.asp?LoginEmail='%20or%201=convert(int,(select%20@@version%2b'/'%2b@ \
@servername%2b'/'%2bdb_name()%2b'/'%2bssystem_user))--sp_password HTTP/1.1
Accept: image/gif, image/x-xbitmap, image/jpeg, image/pjpeg, */*
User-Agent: Microsoft URL Control - 6.00.8862
Host: www.example.com
X-Forwarded-For: 222.252.135.128
Connection: Keep-Alive
Cache-Control: no-cache, bypass-client=222.252.135.128
```

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SQL Injection – Injected String

Request Details

```
GET /cart/loginexecute.asp?LoginEmail='%20or%201=convert(int,(select%20@@version%2b'/'%2b@ \
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SQL Injection – Targeting DB Variables

Request Details

```
GET /cart/loginexecute.asp?LoginEmail='%20or%201=convert(int,(select%20@@version%2b'/'%2b@ \
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SQL Injection – DB Audit Log Evasion Attempt

Request Details

```
GET /cart/loginexecute.asp?LoginEmail='%20or%201=convert(int,(select%20@@version%2b'/'%2b@ \
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SQL Injection – DB Error Message

Response Details

HTTP/1.1 500 Internal Server Error

Content-Length: 598

Content-Type: text/html

Cache-control: private

Set-Cookie: ASPSESSIONIDCCQCSRQ=EHEPIKBBBFLOFIFOBPCJDBGP; path=/

Connection: close

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.Copyright (c) 1988-2003 Microsoft Corporation
.Standard Edition on Windows NT 5.2 (Build 3790: Service Pack 1)
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SQL Injection – 500 Status Code and DB Error Text

Response Details

HTTP/1.1 500 Internal Server Error

Content-Length: 598

Content-Type: text/html

Cache-control: private

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SQL Injection – Includes Variable Query Results

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SQL Injection – Complex Query

Request Details

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SQL Injection – Targeting Customer Data

Request Details

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SQL Injection – Response Includes DB Table Data

Response Details

HTTP/1.1 500 Internal Server Error

Content-Length: 573

Content-Type: text/html

Cache-control: private

Connection: close

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SQL Injection – Detection Methods

■ ModSecurity

▶ Inbound Request

- Request Indicates an automated program explored the site
- SQL Injection Attack. Matched signature <or 1=>

▶ Outbound Response

- IIS Information Leakage
- SQL Error Message

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Non-Use of HttpOnly Cookie Option

■ Defect:

- ▶ Application does not use the HttpOnly Cookie Option

■ Vulnerability:

- ▶ The HttpOnly cooking flag option helps to prevent client-side code from access the cookie data within the browser

■ Technique:

- ▶ If attackers are able to insert XSS code, they may be able to steal SessionID credentials

■ Consequence:

- ▶ Session Hijacking

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Non-Use of HttpOnly Cookie Option - XSS

■ How it works:

■ Research Phase:

- ▶ Attackers probe the application to identify a user data entry field that is incorporated into the application (e.g. review or user forum page)

■ Exploitation Phase:

- ▶ Attackers prepare a script for injection into the application
 - Silently send SessionID cookie data to an attacker's site
- ▶ Attackers submit text containing the malicious script to the input field and modify the application

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Non-Use of HttpOnly Cookie Option - XSS

- DEMO
- Using BadStore as the buggy app
- Show how Cookies that do not have HttpOnly flag can be stolen by XSS vulnerability in the Guest Book application
- Then use BurpProxy to show how adding the HttpOnly flag can prevent this attack vector

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Non-Use of HttpOnly Cookie Option – Detection Methods

■ WebDefend

▶ Outbound Response

- Monitors all outbound “Set-Cookie” response headers and flags SessionID cookies that do not include the HttpOnly flag

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Insecure Session Management – Session Hijacking

■ Defect:

- ▶ Insecure method of managing application user sessions

■ Vulnerability:

- ▶ By manipulating the session management process, attackers are able to impersonate legitimate users with access to their data

■ Technique:

- ▶ Attackers modify session identifiers to hijack another user's session

■ Consequence:

- ▶ Identity Theft

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Insecure Session Management – Session Hijacking

■ How it works:

■ Research Phase:

- ▶ Attackers study the application to understand the underlying mechanism used to manage application user sessions
- ▶ Attackers repeatedly create new users and log into the application to understand the sequencing for user session identifiers
- ▶ Review html source code for information leaks

■ Exploitation Phase:

- ▶ Attacker modifies the application session identifier to impersonate a legitimate user

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Insecure Session Management – Source Code Leaks

Security Events

Group View - <PHP source code leakage>

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Entry/Informative Event	Site	Result	Exit Event	URL
	WWW. [REDACTED].COM:80	Leakage	PHP source code leakage	/news/2006_04_24.htm
	WWW. [REDACTED].COM:80	Leakage	PHP source code leakage	/news/2003.html
	WWW. [REDACTED].COM:80	Leakage	PHP source code leakage	/news/2001.html
	WWW. [REDACTED].COM:80	Leakage	PHP source code leakage	/plan/pharmacy/index.l
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Accept-Ranges: bytes
Last-Modified: Thu, 22 Jun 2006 12:18:20 GMT
ETag: "0ced1f2f595c61:c5f"
Content-Length: 8563

```
<?php session_start(); if (($_SESSION['myrealm'] == "web_screens") || ($_SESSION['myrealm'] == "admin")) {  
else { header("Location: /index.html"); } }?><!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional/E  
"http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd"><html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml" xml:lang=
```


Dynamic Vulnerability Identification Examples

Insecure Session Management – Logic Flaw

```
GET /login/menu.php HTTP/1.0
Accept: image/gif, image/x-bitmap, image/jpeg, image/pjpeg,
application/x-shockwave-flash, application/vnd.ms-powerpoint,
application/vnd.ms-excel, application/msword, */*
Referer: https://www.example.com/login/login.php
Accept-Language: en-us
Connection: Keep-Alive
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 6.0; Windows NT 5.1;
SV1; .NET CLR 1.1.4322)
Host: www.example.com
Cache-Control: no-cache
Cookie: cp_user=222558;1;
id_hash=19d248f567170f6ddfc45495942b58ca
```

- This real example web app provided two cookies to users - cp_user is the customer ID number and the id_hash is a value that means the users is "authenticated"
- The defect is that these two cookie values were evaluated independently from each other which means that an attacker can alter the cp_user value and access other customer data

Dynamic Vulnerability Identification Examples

Insecure Session Management – Detection Methods

■ WebDefend

▶ Inbound Requests

- Identifies Cookie Tampering/Session Hijacking attempts by correlating which Cookies were provided to which clients

▶ Outbound Response

- Monitors all outbound responses for the existence of source code leakages

Conclusion

- Web Application Defects are a serious problem
- Traditional approaches to identifying these vulnerabilities are not adequate
 - ▶ Source Code Reviews
 - ▶ Vulnerability Scanning
- Web Application Firewalls offer real-time, continuous vulnerability identification
 - ▶ Non-invasive approach vs. actively probing the application

Questions?

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