

OWASP Testing Guide v3: training



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Agenda:

- The OWASP Testing Guide: the standard for verifying the security of a web application
- How to use the Guide
- The Categories of testing and main controls to test: methodology and examples
- Mow the Guide can improve your SDLC and help the security industry



Who am I?

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- OWASP-Italy Chair
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Work

- ▶ CEO @ Minded SecurityApplication Security Consulting
- ➤ Working from 2001 on Information Security focusing on Application Security

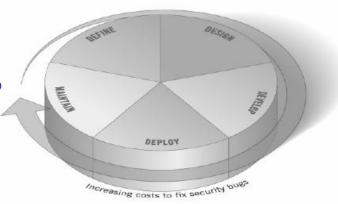






SDLC and Security processes

- Sofware Development Life Cycle, SDLC comprises:
 - Define
 - Design
 - Develop
 - Deploy
 - Maintain
- Which security processes to implement?
 - Awareness
 - Secure Code Guidelines
 - Code Review
 - Application Testing



SDLC & OWASP Guidelines e tools

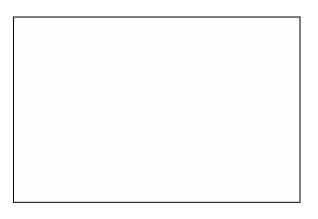
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Web Goat	.NET CSRFGuard ESAPI AntiSamy AppSensor	Orizon O2 LAPSE	WebScarab SWF Intruder SQLNinja SQLMap DirBuster	OWASP Tools

OWASP Guidelines

- Free and open source
- Books at low cost
- Cover all security checks
- Hundreds of experts
- All aspects of application security



Why do we need the OWASP Testing Guide?



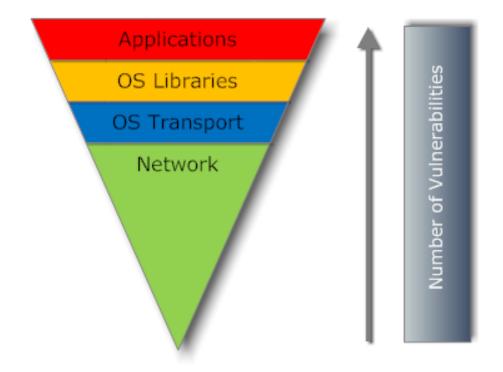


```
public class HelloWorld extends HttpServlet {
    public void doGet(
        HttpServletRequest request,
        HttpServletResponse response)
            throws IOException, ServletException
    {
        response.setContentType("text/html");
        PrintWriter out = response.getWriter();
        out.println("<HTML><HEAD>");
        out.println("<TITLE>Hello World</TITLE>");
        out.println("</HEAD><BODY>");
        out.println("Hello, " + }
```



The control of defects in software security should be considered part of the process of software development.

Where are the problems for the IT?



Source SANS: The Top Cyber Security Risks (Set 09)

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What are the possible vulnerabilities of a web application?

☐ Information Disclosure ☐ Cookies not secure

□ SSL Weakness □ Session Fixation

Configuration management weakness

Exposed sensitive session variables

Old, backup and unreferenced filesCSRF

Access to Admin interfacesPath Traversal

■ HTTP Methods enabled, XST permitted, HTTP Verb Bypassing authorization schema

Credentials transport over an encrypted channel
 Privilege Escalation

User enumeration
 Bypassable business logic

☐ Guessable user account ☐ Reflected XSS,Stored XSS,DOM XSS

Credentials Brute forcingCross Site Flashing

Bypassing authentication schema
 SQL, LDAP, ORM, XML,SSI, Code Injection

■ Vulnerable remember pwd weak pwd reset
□ OS Commanding

Logout functionBuffer overflow

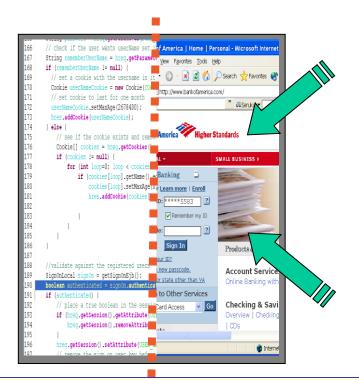
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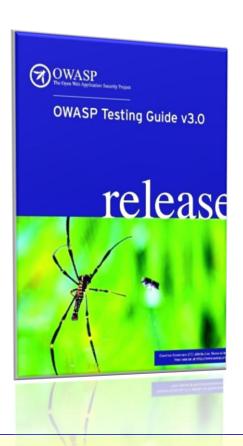
Bypassing Session Management Schema, Weak

Buffer Overflows

Session Token WSDL Weakness

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• SANS Top 20 2007

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- NIST "Technical Guide to Information Security Testing (Draft)"
- Gary McGraw (CTO Cigital) says: "In my opinion it is the strongest piece of Intellectual Property in the OWASP portfolio"

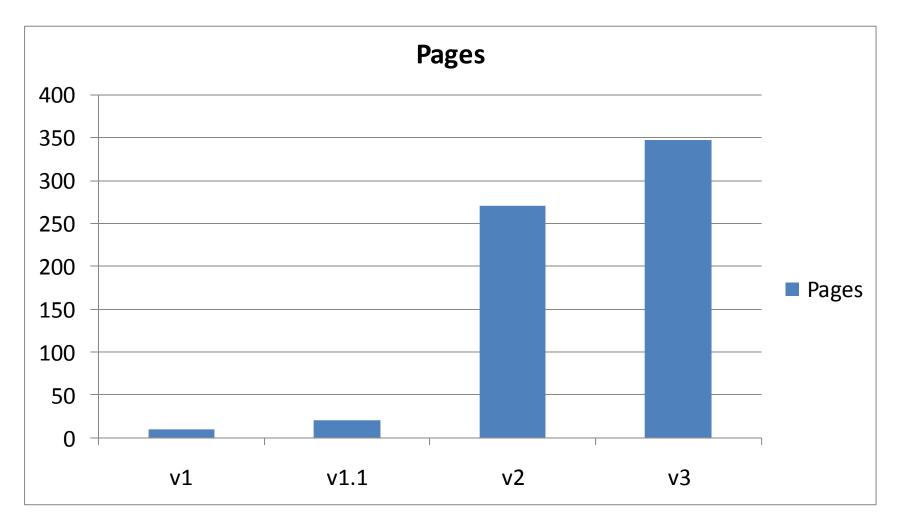
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- January 2004
 - ▶ "The OWASP Testing Guide", Version 1.0
- July 14, 2004
 - ▶ "OWASP Web Application Penetration Checklist", Version 1.1
- December 25, 2006
 - ▶ "OWASP Testing Guide", Version 2.0
- December 16, 2008
 - ▶ "OWASP Testing Guide", Version 3.0 Released at the OWASP Summit 08



Project Complexity



Testing Guide v3: Index

- 1. Frontispiece
- 2. Introduction
- 3. The OWASP Testing Framework
- 4. Web Application Penetration Testing
- 5. Writing Reports: value the real risk

Appendix A: Testing Tools

Appendix B: Suggested Reading

Appendix C: Fuzz Vectors

Appendix D: Encoded Injection



Web Application Penetration Testing

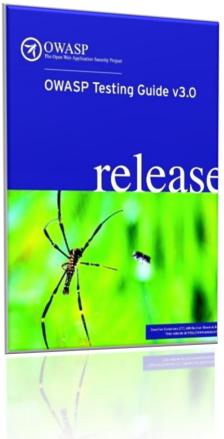
- What is a Web Application Penetration Testing?
 - ▶ The process involves an active analysis of the application for any weaknesses, technical flaws or vulnerabilities
 - ▶ It's a Black Box process (we don't know the source code of the application)
 - Methodology + tools (OWASP WebScarab, SQLmap, etc..)
- Our approach in writing this guide
 - Open
 - ▶ Collaborative
- Defined testing methodology
 - ▶ Consistent
 - Repeatable
 - Under quality

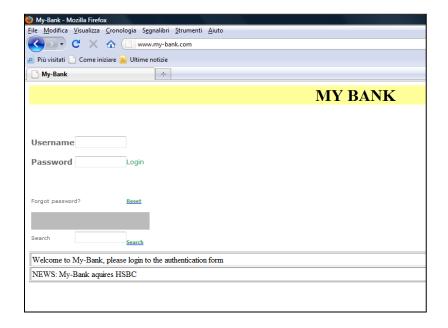
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How to use the Testing Guide



Focus: the methodology



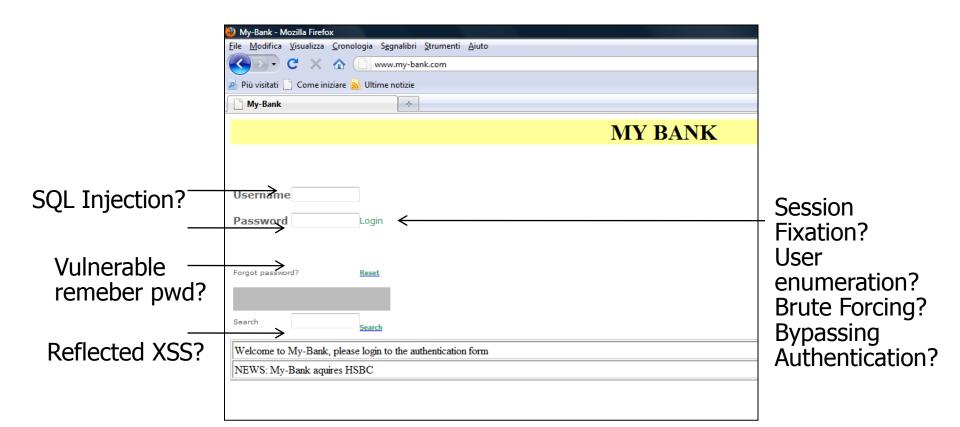


OWASP Methodology

Site to verify (PoC)



The methodology: a plan for the testing



Web Application Threats

- Incorrect handling of the environment of the application configurations
 - ▶ Exploiting versions of outdated sw and incorrect configurations can access the file system, read / modify data, access to administration interfaces
- 2) Authentication mechanisms are not robust
 - ▶ Finding username / password for a set of customers
 - ▶ Bypass the authentication scheme (identity theft)
- 3) Weak Authorization mechanisms
 - ▶ Disclosure of confidential information, privilege escalation
 - ▶ Access to information / documents to other users

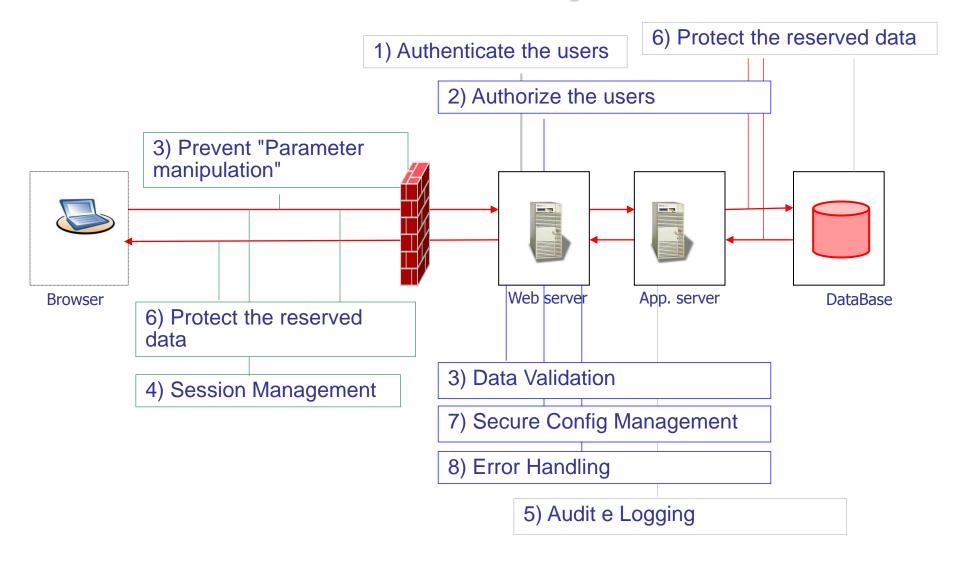


Web Application Threats (2)

- 4) Use of weak Session Management mechanism
 - Session hijacking (theft of temporary user session)
 - Forcing a user to perform unintended action (eg transfer)
- 5) Input / output not properly validated
 - Attacks on the browser client (identity theft)
 - ▶ Read / edit information on SQL / LDAP server
 - Sending commands to the server
 - Upload code, shell, impaired application
- 6) Use of weak cryptographic protocols
 - Disclosure of information in transit user to the server
 - Disclosure of information on Data Base



Overview of the security controls



Testing Guide Categories

Category	Ref. Number	Test Name	Vulnerability	
	OWASP-IG-001	Spiders, Robots and Crawlers	N.A.	
	OWASP-IG-002	Search Engine Discovery/Reconnaissance	N.A.	
	OWASP-IG-003	Identify application entry points	N.A.	
Information Gathering	OWASP-IG-004	Testing for Web Application Fingerprint	N.A.	
	OWASP-IG-005	Application Discovery	N.A.	
	OWASP-IG-006	Analysis of Error Codes	Information Disclosure	
	OWASP-CM-001	SSL/TLS Testing (SSL Version, Algorithms, Key length, Digital Cert. Validity)	SSL Weakness	
	OWASP-CM-002	DB Listener Testing	DB Listener weak	
Configuration Management Testing	OWASP-CM-003	Infrastructure Configuration Management Testing	Infrastructure Configuration management weakness	
	OWASP-CM-004	Application Configuration Management Testing	Application Configuration management weakness	
	OWASP-CM-005	Testing for File Extensions Handling	File extensions handling	
	OWASP-CM-006	Old, backup and unreferenced files	Old, backup and unreferenced files	
	OWASP-CM-007	Infrastructure and Application Admin Interfaces	Access to Admin interfaces	
	OWASP-CM-008	Testing for HTTP Methods and XST	HTTP Methods enabled, XST permitted, HTTP Verb	
	OWASP-AT-001	Credentials transport over an encrypted channel	Credentials transport over an encrypted channel	
	OWASP-AT-002	Testing for user enumeration	User enumeration	
Authentication Testing	OWASP-AT-003	Testing for Guessable (Dictionary) User Account	Guessable user account	
	OWASP-AT-004	Brute Force Testing	Credentials Brute forcing	



Testing paragraph template

Brief Summary

Describe in "natural language" what we want to test. The target of this section is non-technical people (e.g.: client executive)

- **Description of the Issue**Short Description of the Issue: Topic and Explanation
- Black Box testing and example
 - How to test for vulnerabilities:
 - Result Expected:

...

- Gray Box testing and example
 - How to test for vulnerabilities:
 - ▶ Result Expected:

...

- References
 - Whitepapers
 - **Tools**

Example



Black Box vs. Gray Box

Black Box

The penetration tester does not have any information about the structure of the application, its components and internals

Gray Box

The penetration tester has partial information about the application internals. E.g.: platform vendor, sessionID generation algorithm

White box testing, defined as complete knowledge of the application internals, is beyond the scope of the Testing Guide and is covered by the OWASP Code Review Project

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Testing Model

- The testing model consists of:
 - ▶ Tester: Who performs the testing activities
 - ▶ Tools and methodology: The core of this Testing Guide project
 - Application: The black box target to test
- The test is divided into 2 phases
- I) Passive mode: in the passive mode, the tester tries to understand the application's logic, and plays with the application. At the end of this phase, the tester should understand all the access points (gates) of the application (e.g., HTTP headers, parameters, and cookies). The Information Gathering section explains how to perform a passive mode test. For example, the tester could find the following:
 - https://www.example.com/login/Authentic_Form.html
 - ▶ http://www.example.com/Appx.jsp?a=1&b=1
- In this case, the application shows the authc. form and two gates (parameters a and b). All the gates found in this phase represent a point of testing.
- A spreadsheet with the directory tree of the application and all the access points would be useful for the second phase.

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Testing Model (2)

- II) Active mode: in this phase, the tester begins to test using the methodology described in the follow paragraphs.
- We have split the set of active tests in 9 sub-categories for a total of 66 controls:
 - Configuration Management Testing
 - Authentication Testing
 - Session Management Testing
 - Authorization testing
 - Business Logic Testing
 - Data Validation Testing
 - Denial of Service Testing
 - Web Services Testing
 - Ajax Testing

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The Testing Categories: methodology and PoC

Information Gathering

- The first phase in security assessment is of course focused on collecting all the information about a target application.
- Using public tools it is possible to force the application to leak information by sending messages that reveal the versions and technologies used by the application
- Available techniques include:
 - ▶ Testing: Spiders, robots, and Crawlers (OWASP-IG-001)
 - ▶ Search engine discovery/Reconnaissance (OWASP-IG-002)
 - ▶ Identify application entry points (OWASP-IG-003)
 - Web Application Fingerprint (OWASP-IG-004)
 - ▶ Application Discovery (OWASP-IG-005)
 - ▶ Analysis of Error Codes (OWASP-IG-006)

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Identify application entry points

- The purpose of this gathering phase is to identify and enumerate all the entry points of the application in order to gain a comprehensive view of the surface to be tested.
- Focus to the all GET and HTTP POST and all the parameters sent to the application (including Hidden fields in HTML content). Better to use a visual tool that shows the directory tree of published applications and its parameters.
- Using a proxy WebScarab as you can see all requests and view the headers and parameters sent and received, and put the results into a spreadsheet (the parameters of interest, type of request (POST / GET), authenticated access or not, if SSL is used and any relevant information).



Identify application entry points (2)

HTTP GET:

GET https://www.my-bank.com/private/Transfer.jsp?ID=123&Q=1000&To=124

Host: www.my-bank.com

Cookie: SESSIONID=cvcxvZCBGlzIGZvbyBhbmQgcGFzc3dvcmQgaXMVd

ID, Q, To, SessionID are relevant to this request

HTTP POST:

POST https://www.my-bank.com

Host: www.my-bank.com.com

Cookie:

SESSIONID=bggbbgbfgCBhcHAgdGhhdCBzZXRzIHByZWRpY3RhYmxlIGNvb2tpZXMgYW5kIG1pbmUgaXMgMTlzNA==

CustomCookie=00my00trusted00ip00is00x.x.x.x00

user=Matteo&password=secret!&IP=true

user,password,IP, Cookie, CustomCookie are relevant to this request



Configuration Management Testing



Configuration Management Testing

- SSL/TLS Testing (OWASP-CM-001)
- DB Listener Testing (OWASP-CM-002)
- Infrastructure Configuration Management Testing (OWASP-CM-003)
- Application Configuration Management Testing (OWASP-CM-004)
- Testing for File Extensions Handling (OWASP-CM-005)
- Old, Backup and Unreferenced Files (OWASP-CM-006)
- Infrastructure and Application Admin Interfaces (OWASP-CM-007)
- Testing for HTTP Methods and XST (OWASP-CM-008)



Testing for file extensions handling

- The following file extensions should NEVER be returned by a web server, since they are related to files which may contain sensitive information.
 - .asa
 - .inc
- Therefore, files with these extensions must be checked to verify that they are indeed supposed to be served (and are not leftovers), and that they do not contain sensitive information.
 - ▶ .zip, .tar, .gz, .tgz, .rar, ...: (Compressed) archive files
 - .java: No reason to provide access to Java source files
 - .txt: Text files
 - ▶ .pdf: PDF documents
 - .doc, .rtf, .xls, .ppt, ...: Office documents
 - .bak, .old and other extensions indicative of backup files (for example: ~ for Emacs backup files)
- Nessus and Nikto tools



Authentication testing

Testing the authentication scheme means understanding how the application checks for users' identity and using that information to circumvent that mechanism and access the application without having the proper credentials

Tests include the following areas:

- Credentials transport over an encrypted channel (OWASP-AT-001)
- Testing for user enumeration (OWASP-AT-002)
- Default or guessable (dictionary) user account (OWASP-AT-003)
- Testing For Brute Force (OWASP-AT-004)
- Testing for Bypassing authentication schema (OWASP-AT-005)
- Testing for Vulnerable remember password and pwd reset (OWASP-AT-006)
- Testing for Logout and Browser Cache Management (OWASP-AT-007)
- Testing for Captcha (OWASP-AT-008)
- Testing for Multiple factors Authentication (OWASP-AT-009)
- Testing for Race Conditions (OWASP-AT-010)

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Session management testing

Session management is a critical part of a security test, as every application has to deal with the fact that HTTP is by its nature a stateless protocol. Session Management broadly covers all controls on a user from authentication to leaving the application

Tests include the following areas:

- Testing for session management scheme (OWASP-SM-001)
- Testing for cookie attributes (OWASP-SM-002)
- Session Fixation (OWASP-SM-003)
- Exposed session variables (OWASP-SM-004)
- Cross Site Request Forgery (OWASP-SM-005)

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Cookie collections

1st Authentication:

User = Mario Rossi; password=12aB45cD:

Cookie=TWFyaW8123

2nd Authentication:

User = Mario Rossi; password=12aB45cD:

Cookie=TWFyaW8125

3rd Authentication:

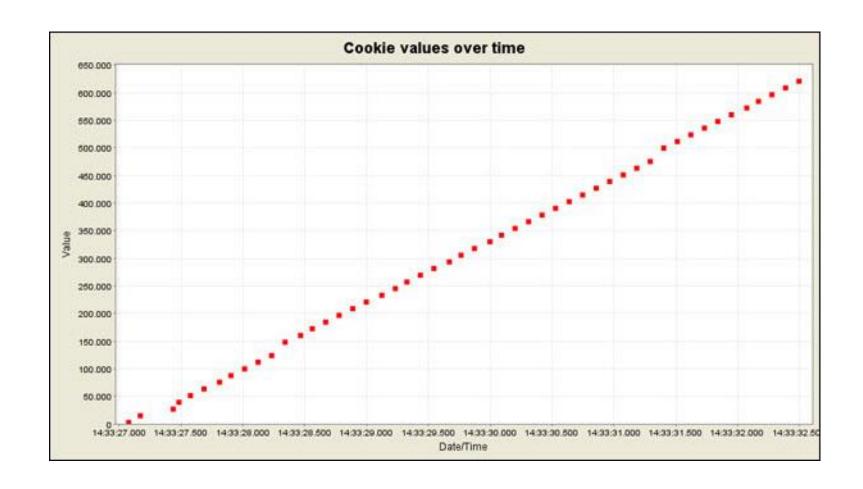
User = Mario Rossi; password=12aB45cD:

Cookie=TWFyaW8127

Cookie Guessable: Cookie=TWFyaW8 (29)

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Cookie collection: WS SessionID Analysis





Authorization Testing

Authorization is the concept of allowing access to resources only to those permitted to use them. Testing for Authorization means understanding how the authorization process works, and using that information to circumvent the authorization mechanism.

Tests include the following areas:

- Testing for path traversal (OWASP-AZ-001)
- Testing for bypassing authorization schema (OWASP-AZ-002)
- Testing for Privilege Escalation (OWASP-AZ-003)

Business logic testing

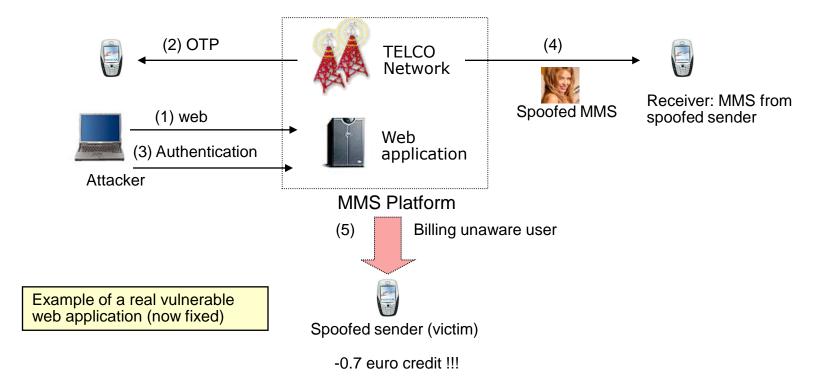
Business logic may include:

- Business rules that express business policy (such as channels, location, logistics, prices, and products); and
- Workflows based on the ordered tasks of passing documents or data from one participant (a person or a software system) to another.

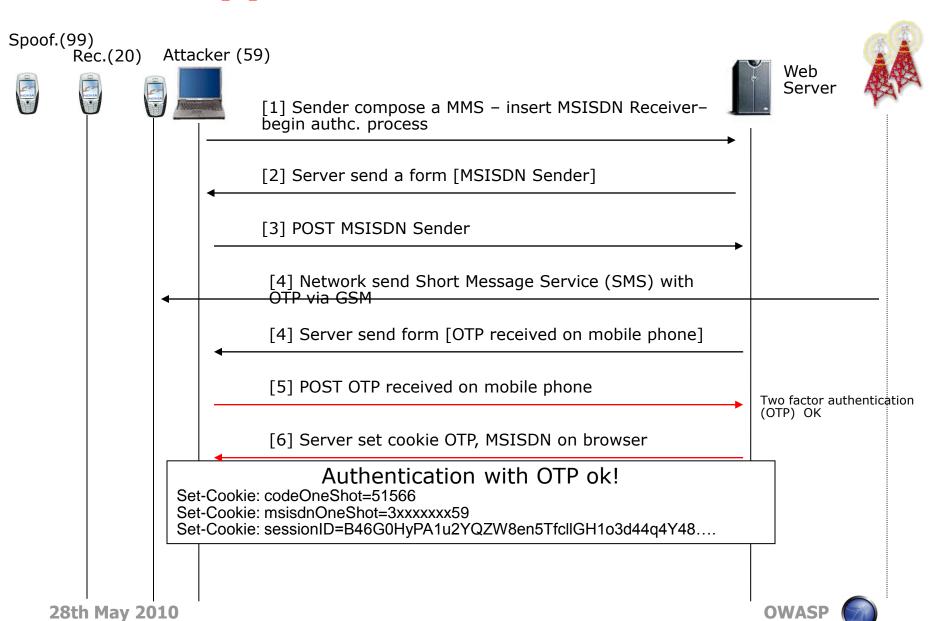
This step is the most difficult to perform with automated tools, as it requires the penetration tester to perfectly understand the business logic that is (or should be) implemented by the application

Example: Bypass business logic

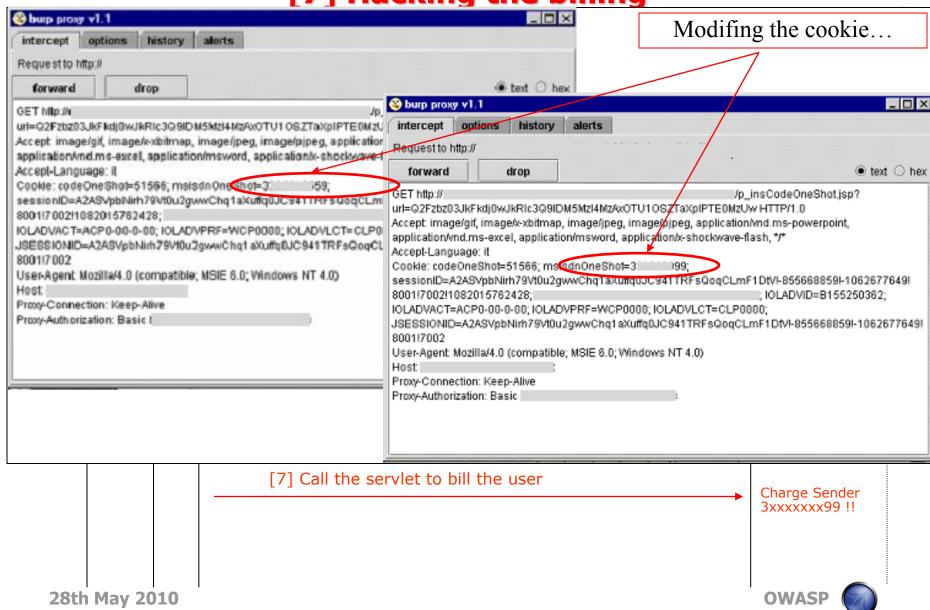
Web Application to create MMS.
Two factor Authentication using cellular phone.



[6] Authentication and Set Cookie



[7] Hacking the billing



Spoof (99)

[8] Sent MMS ok

Mobile phone receiver (3xxxxxx20)

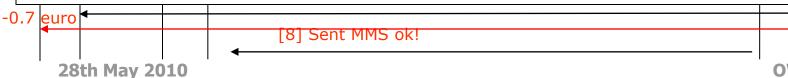


Web Browser attacker (3xxxxxx59)



Mobile phone spoofed user (3xxxxxx99)







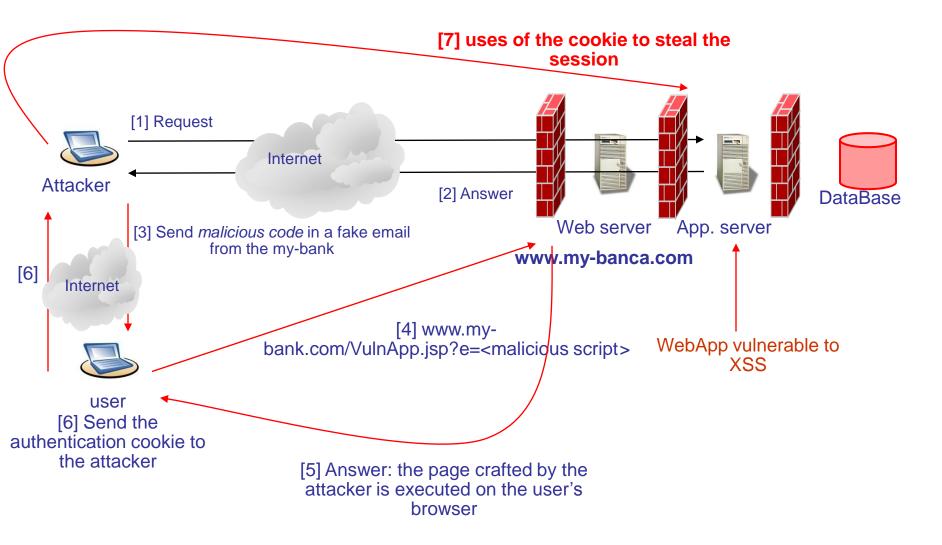
Data validation testing

In this phase we test that all input is properly sanitized before being processed by the application, in order to avoid several classes of attacks

- Test that the application filters JavaScript code that might be executed by the victim in order to steal his/her cookie
- SQL Injection

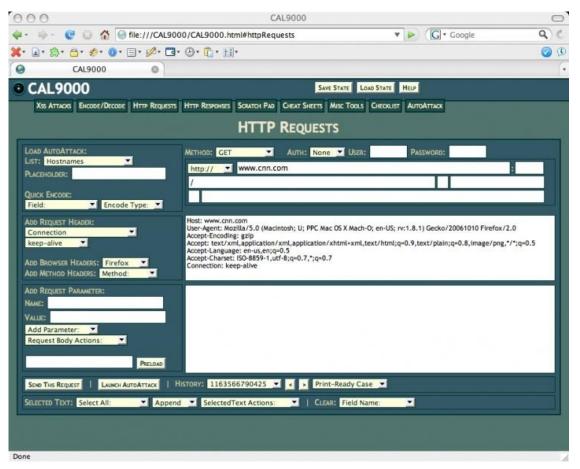
 Test that the application properly filters SQL code embedded in the user input
- Other attacks based of faulty input validation...
 - ▶ LDAP/XML/SMTP/Command injection
 - Buffer overflows

Cross-Site-Scripting (XSS)



<script>alert('XSS')</script>?

<, ', '', /, (,)</pre>



http://ha.ckers.org/xss.html

XSS: what risks?

- Steal users' cookies and run a session-hijacking (identity theft)
- Run unintended functionality of the website
- Attack the end user with malicious code
- Run a defacement of the site
- Ability to perform a perfect phishing
- Forcing the user to perform actions such as:
 - Dispositive action
 - Scan the internal network



Injection Flaws

- Injection means ...
 - ▶ Ensure that application includes data additional to those provided in direct flows to an interpreter
- Interpreters ...
 - Accept strings as input data and interpret them as commands
 - SQL, Shell OS, LDAP, XPath, etc ...
- SQL injection is the most common problem
- Many applications use SQL and are vulnerable



Web Services Testing

- The vulnerabilities are similar to other "classical" vulnerabilities such as SQL injection, information disclosure and leakage etc but web services also have unique XML/parser related vulnerabilities.
- WebScarab (available for free at www.owasp.org) provides a plug-in specifically targeted to Web Services. It can be used to craft SOAP messages that contains malicious elements in order to test how the remote system validates input



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Web Services Testing

XML Structural Testing

In this example, we see a snippet of XML code that violates the hierarchical structure of this language. A Web Service must be able to handle this kind of exceptions in a secure way

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Web Services Testing (cont.)

XML Large payload

Another possible attack consists in sending to a Web Service a very large payload in an XML message. Such a message might deplete the resource of a DOM parser

Web Services Testing (cont.)

Naughty SOAP attachments

Binary files, including executables and document types that can contain malware, can be posted using a web service in several ways

```
POST /Service/Service.asmx HTTP/1.1
Host: somehost
Content-Type: text/xml; charset=utf-8
Content-Length: length
SOAPAction: http://somehost/service/UploadFile
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<soap:Envelope xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"</pre>
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/">
<soap:Body>
<UploadFile xmlns="http://somehost/service">
<filename>eicar.pdf</filename>
<type>pdf</type>
<chunk>X50!P%@AP[4\PZX54(P^)7CC)7}$EICAR-STANDARD-ANTIVIRUS-TEST-FILE!$H+H*</chunk>
<first>true</first>
</UploadFile>
</soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
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