

Secure Web Coding w/Java

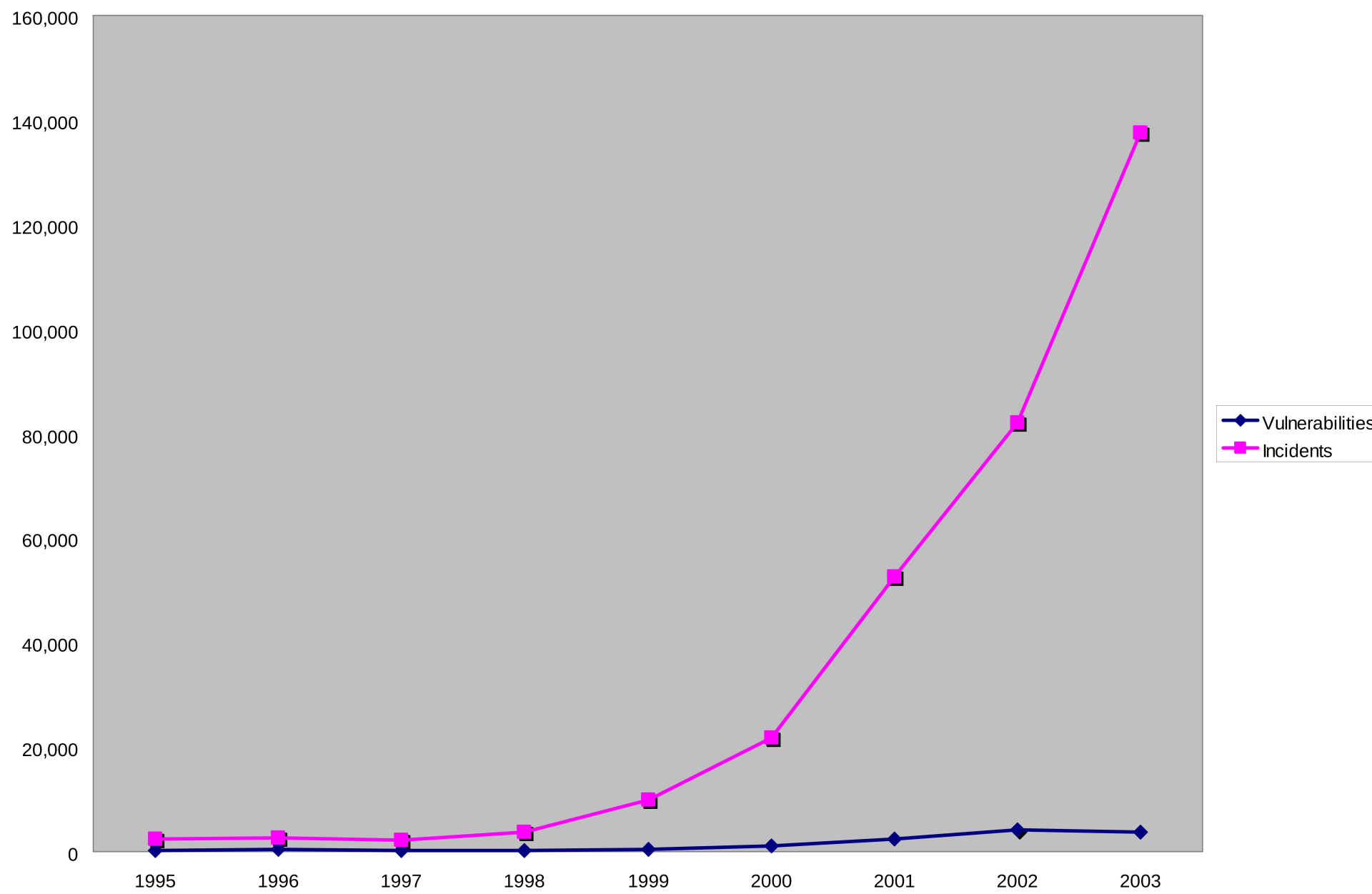
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Security Vulnerabilities vs. Incidents CERT



Who am I?

- **Security Architect in Cisco's InfoSec**

 - Responsible for consulting with application teams to secure their architecture

 - Monitor for infrastructure vulnerabilities

 - Infrastructure security architect

- **12 years developing application architectures**

- **Java programmer**

- **Master of Engineering – NC State University (2003)**

- **Bachelor's - Iowa State University – (1990)**

Outline

- **Introduction to web hacking**
- **Web architecture**
- **Principles of secure programming**
- **Top 10 web vulnerabilities from OWASP**

Secure development stats

- **Research conducted by MIT and @stake**
- **Fixing defects during testing is 7 times cheaper than during development**
- **ROI of fixing bugs**
 - Testing: 12% ROI**
 - Implementation: 15% ROI**
 - Design: 21% ROI**

95% of web apps have vulnerabilities

- **Cross-site scripting (80 per cent)**
- **SQL injection (62 per cent)**
- **Parameter tampering (60 per cent)**
- **Cookie poisoning (37 per cent)**
- **Database server (33 per cent)**
- **Web server (23 per cent)**
- **Buffer overflow (19 per cent)**

Why worry?

- Net worm using Google to spread
“...uses a flaw in the widely used community forum software known as the PHP Bulletin Board (phpBB) to spread...”
- California reports massive data breach
“...The compromised system had the names, addresses, phone numbers, social security numbers, and dates of birth of everyone who provided or received care .”
- Google bug exposes e-mail to hackers
“...By altering the "From" address field of an e-mail sent to the service, hackers could potentially find out a user's personal information, including passwords. ...”
- truckstop.com web application stolen by competitor
“...Getloaded's officers also hacked into the code Creative used to operate its website.”



Web server attack

- **Discover**

- Examine the environment

- Identify open ports

- Discover types/versions of apps running

- Banner grabbing

- Extensions (.jhtml, .jsp, etc.) and directory structures

- Generate and examine errors

- Submit ridiculous input to provoke errors (fuzzing)

- Database errors, stack traces very helpful

- Find info left behind (source code, comments, hidden fields)

- **Target**

- Login mechanism

- Input fields

- Session mgmt

- Infrastructure





A word of warning

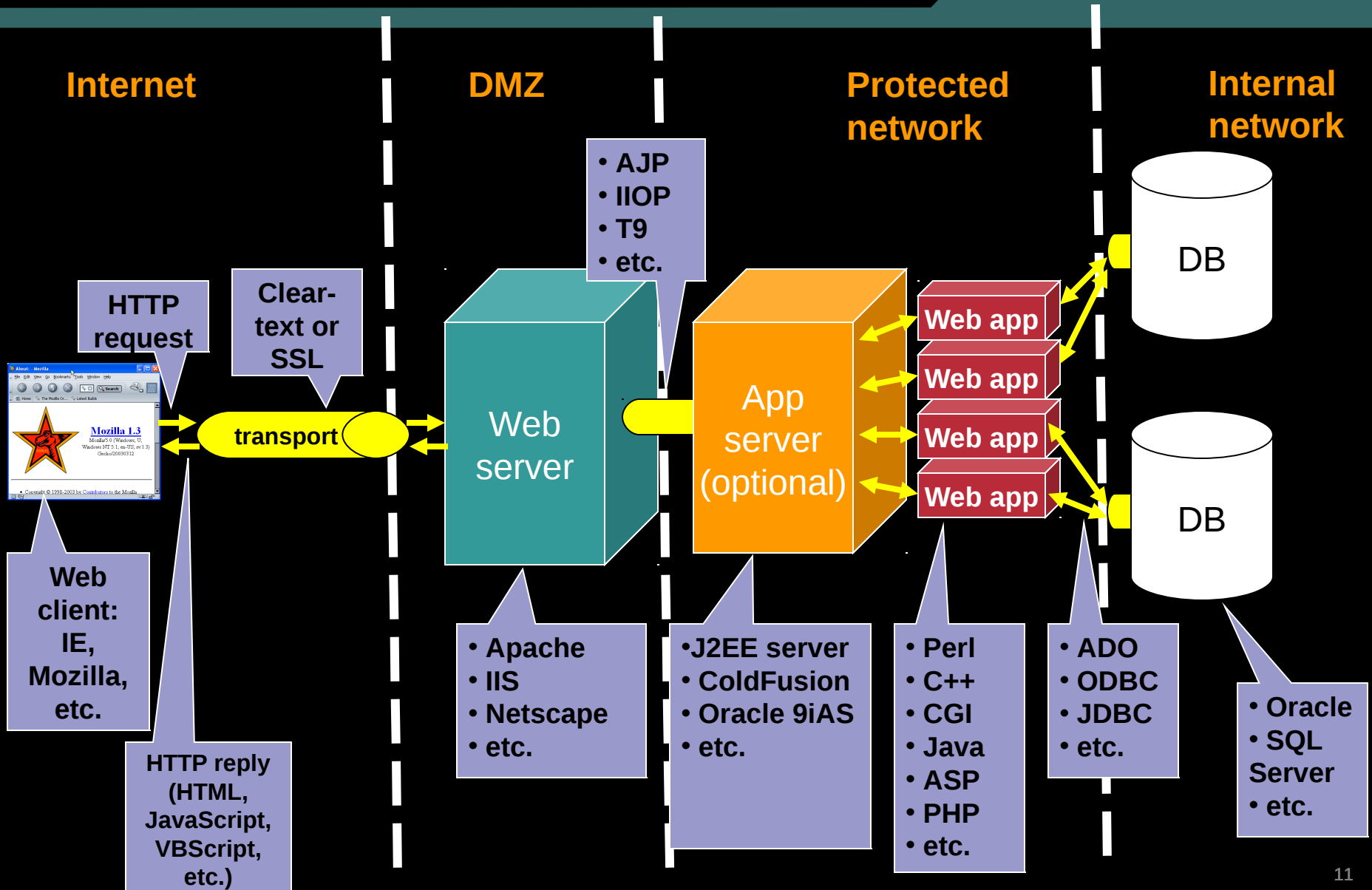
- These tools and techniques can be **dangerous**
- The difference between a hacker and a cracker is... **permission**
- Admins will see strange activity in **logs**, and come looking for you
- Authorities are **prosecuting** even the “good guys” for using these tools

Security principles of web architecture

- **Practice defense-in-depth**
- **Separate services**
 - Web server, app server, db server on separate hosts
- **Limit privileges of application user**
 - File system (chroot or limit privs to read-only)
 - Database system (limit privileges on tables, schemas, etc.)
 - Privileges of running user (xxtomcat, apache, kobayashi, etc.)
- **Hide secrets**
 - Database account passwords
 - Encryption keys
- **Use standard, vetted components, libraries**
 - Keep them patched
- **Log, and watch logs for unusual activity**
- **Load-test and tune accordingly**



Example web environment



Web Application Security

Securing the application

Input validation	Session mgmt	Authentication
Authorization	Config mgmt	Error handling
Secure storage	Auditing/logging	

Web server

apps

host

App server

apps

host

DB server

database

host

firewall

firewall

Securing the network

Router
Firewall
Switch

Securing the host

Patches/updates	Accounts	Ports
Services	Files/directories	Registry
Protocols	Shares	Auditing/logging

OWASP Top 10 Web Application Security Vulnerabilities

<http://www.owasp.org>

1. Unvalidated input
2. Broken access control
3. Broken account/session management
4. Cross-site scripting (XSS) flaws
5. Buffer overflows
6. Injection flaws
7. Improper error handling
8. Insecure storage
9. Denial-of-service
10. Insecure configuration management



Principles for secure coding



- **Don't trust input from user**
- **Watch for logic holes**
- **Leverage common, vetted resources**
- **Only give information needed**
- **Leverage vetted infrastructure & components**
- **Build/test to withstand load**

Expected load

Potential DOS attack

#1: Unvalidated Input

- **Attacker can easily change any part of the HTTP request before submitting**

URL

Cookies

Form fields

Hidden fields

Headers

- **Input must be validated on the server (not just the client).**

CoolCarts: <http://www.extremelasers.com>

- **Countermeasures**

Code reviews (check variable against list of allowed values, not vice-versa)

Don't accept unnecessary input from user

Store in session or trusted back-end store

Sanitize input with regex



#1: Unvalidated input (example)

```
public void doPost(HttpServletRequest req, ...) {
    String customerId =
        req.getParameter("customerId");
    String sku = req.getParameter("sku");
    String stringPrice = req.getParameter("price");
    Integer price = Integer.valueOf(stringPrice);
    // Store in the database
    orderManager.submitOrder(sku, customerId, price);
} // end doPost
```


#1: Unvalidated input (corrected)

```
public void doPost(HttpServletRequest req,...) {  
    // Get customer data  
    String customerId =  
        req.getParameter("customerId");  
    String sku = req.getParameter("sku");  
    // Get price from database  
    Integer price = skuManager.getPrice(sku);  
    // Store in the database  
    orderManager.submitOrder(sku, customerId, price);  
} // end doPost
```

#2: Broken access control

- Usually inconsistently defined/applied

- Examples

 - Path traversal

 - Forced browsing past access control checks
 - File permissions – may allow access to config/password files

 - Logic flaws

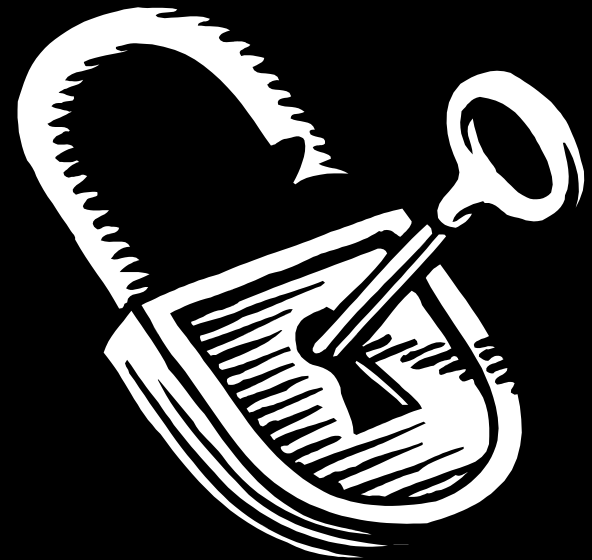
 - Client-side caching

- Countermeasures

 - Use non-programmatic controls

 - Access control via central container

 - Code reviews



#2: Broken access control (example)

```
protected void doPost(HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse res) {
    try {
        String username = req.getParameter("USERNAME");
        String password = req.getParameter("PASSWORD");
        try {
            Connection connection = DatabaseUtilities.makeConnection();
            PreparedStatement statement = connection.prepareStatement
                ("SELECT * FROM user_system_data WHERE user_name = ? AND password = ?");
            statement.setString(1,username);
            statement.setString(2,password);
            ResultSet results = statement.executeQuery(query);
            results.first();
            if (results.getString(1).equals("")) {
                s.setMessage("Invalid username and password entered.");
                return (makeLogin(s));
            } // end results check
        } catch (Exception e) {}
        // continue and display the page
        if (username != null && username.length() > 0) {
            return (makeUser(s, username, "PARAMETERS"));
        } // end username test
    } catch (Exception e) {
        s.setMessage("Error generating " + this.getClass().getName());
    } // end try/catch
    return (makeLogin(s));
} // end doPost
```

#2: Broken access control (solution)

How to set up **basic** authentication on CCX

```
<security-constraint>
  <web-resource-collection>
    <web-resource-name>Admin</web-resource-name>
    <url-pattern>/jsp/admin/*</url-pattern>
  </web-resource-collection>
  <auth-constraint>
    <role-name>(accessLevel=4)</role-name>
  </auth-constraint>
</security-constraint>
<login-config>
  <auth-method>BASIC</auth-method>
  <realm-name>CCO</realm-name>
</login-config>
```

#2: Broken access control (solution)

How to set up **form** authentication on CCX

web.xml file

```
<!-- LOGIN AUTHENTICATION -->
<login-config>
  <auth-method>FORM</auth-method>
  <realm-name>CCO</realm-name>
  <form-login-config>
    <form-login-page>login.jsp</form-login-page>
    <form-error-page>error.jsp</form-error-page>
  </form-login-config>
</login-config>
```

login.jsp

```
<form method="POST" action= "j_security_check" >
  <input type="text" name= "j_username" >
  <input type="password" name= "j_password" >
</form>
```

#3: Broken Account and Session Management

- **Weak user authentication**

 - Password-only

 - Easily guessable usernames (admin, etc.)

 - Poorly implemented single sign-on (SSO)

- **Weak resource authentication**

 - How are database passwords stored?

 - Review trust relationships between hosts

 - IP address can be spoofed, etc.

- **Countermeasures**

 - Use vetted single sign-on and session mgmt solution

 - Netegrity SiteMinder

 - RSA ClearTrust

 - Strong passwords

 - Remove default user names

 - Protect sensitive files



#3: Broken account/session management (client example - SSO)

```
public void doGet(HttpServletRequest req, ...) {  
    // Get user name  
    String userId = req.getRemoteUser();  
    Cookie ssoCookie = new Cookie("userid", userId);  
    ssoCookie.setPath("/");  
    ssoCookie.setDomain("cisco.com");  
    response.addCookie(ssoCookie);  
    ...  
}
```

#3: Broken account/session management (server example - SSO)

```
public void doGet(HttpServletRequest req,...) {  
    // Get user name  
    Cookie[] cookies = req.Cookies();  
    for (i=0; i < cookies.length; i++) {  
        Cookie cookie = cookies[i];  
        if (cookie.getName().equals("ssoCookie")) {  
            String userId = cookie.getValue();  
            HttpSession session = req.getSession();  
            session.setAttribute("userId",userId);  
        } // end if  
    } // end for  
} // end doGet
```


#3: Broken account/session management (client solution - SSO)

```
public void doGet(HttpServletRequest req, ...) {  
    // Get user name  
    String userId = req.getRemoteUser();  
    encryptedUserId = Encrypter.encrypt(userId);  
    Cookie ssoCookie =  
        new Cookie("userid", encrypteduserId);  
    ssoCookie.setPath("/");  
    ssoCookie.setDomain("cisco.com");  
    response.addCookie(ssoCookie);  
    ...  
}
```

#3: Broken account/session management (server solution - SSO)

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public void doGet(HttpServletRequest req,...) {  
    // Get user name  
    Cookie[] cookies = req.Cookies();  
    for (i=0; i < cookies.length; i++) {  
        Cookie cookie = cookies[i];  
        if (cookie.getName().equals("ssoCookie")) {  
            String encryptedUserId = cookie.getValue();  
            String userId = Encrypter.decrypt(encryptedUserId);  
            if (isValid(userId)) {  
                HttpSession session = req.getSession();  
                session.setAttribute("userId",userId);  
            }  
        } // end if  
    } // end for  
} // end doGet
```

#4: Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

- Attacker...

Inject code into web page that is then displayed to user in the browser

Uses trusted application/company to reflect malicious code to end-user

Can “hide” the malicious code w/unicode

- Vulnerable anywhere user-supplied data is redisplayed w/out input validation or output encoding

- 2 types of attacks: stored & reflected

- **Can steal cookies, especially vulnerable on apps with form-based authentication**

- Countermeasures

Input validation

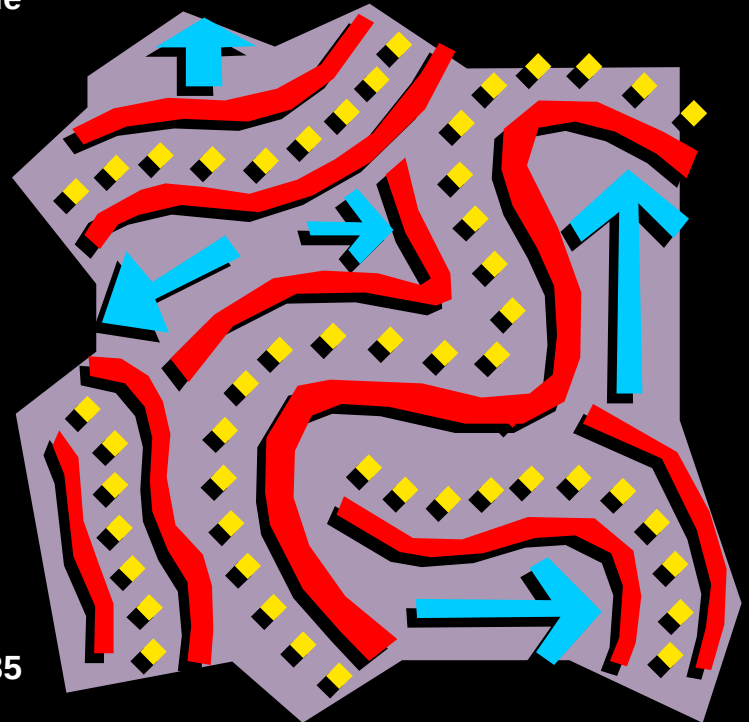
White-listing: a-z, A-Z, 0-9, etc.)

Black-listing: “< > () # &”

Don't forget these: “< > () # &”

Output encoding (htmlEncode output)

Truncate input fields to reasonable length



#4: Cross-site scripting (flaw)

```
protected void doPost(HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse res) {
    String title = req.getParameter("TITLE");
    String message = req.getParameter("MESSAGE");
    try {
        connection = DatabaseUtilities.makeConnection(s);
        PreparedStatement statement =
            connection.prepareStatement
                ("INSERT INTO messages VALUES(?,?)");
        statement.setString(1,title);
        statement.setString(2,message);
        statement.executeUpdate();
    } catch (Exception e) {
        ...
    } // end catch
} // end doPost
```

#4: Cross-site scripting (solution)

```
private static String stripEvilChars(String evilInput) {
    Pattern evilChars = Pattern.compile("[^a-zA-Z0-9]");
    return evilChars.matcher(evilInput).replaceAll("");
}

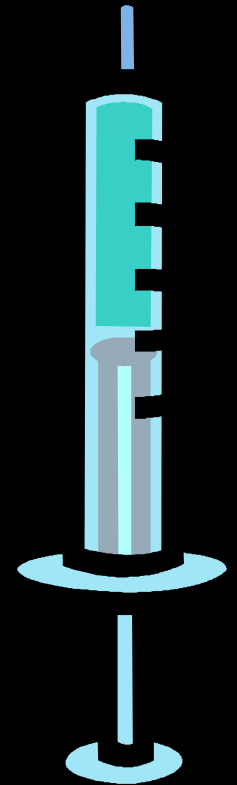
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```

#5 Buffer overflow errors

- **Not generally an issue with Java apps**
- **Avoid use of native methods**
Especially from untrusted sources

#6: Injection flaws

- Allows attacker to relay malicious code in form variables or URL
 - System commands
 - SQL
- Typical dangers
 - `Runtime.exec()` to external programs (like `sendmail`)
 - Dynamically concatenated SQL statements
- Examples
 - Path traversal: `“ ../ ”`
 - Add more commands: `“ ; rm -r * ”`
 - SQL injection: `“ ' OR 1=1 ”`
- Countermeasures
 - Use PreparedStatements in SQL
 - Avoid `Runtime.exec()` calls (use libraries instead)
 - Run with limited privileges
 - Filter/validate input



#6: SQL injection (flaw)

```
protected void doPost(HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse res) {
    String query =
        "SELECT userid, name FROM user_data WHERE accountnum = '"
        + req.getParameter("ACCT_NUM")
        + "'";
    PrintWriter out = res.getWriter();
    // HTML stuff to out.println...
    try {
        connection = DatabaseUtilities.makeConnection(s);
        Statement statement = connection.createStatement();
        ResultSet results = statement.executeQuery(query);
        while (results.next ()) {
            out.println("<TR><TD>" + rset.getString(1) + "</TD>");
            out.println("<TD>" + rset.getString(2) + "</TD>");
        } // end while
    } catch (Exception e) {
        // exception handling...
    } // end catch
} // end doPost
```


#6: SQL injection (fix)

```
protected void doPost(HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse res) {
    PrintWriter out = res.getWriter();
    // HTML stuff to out.println...
    try {
        connection = DatabaseUtilities.makeConnection(s);
        PreparedStatement statement = connection.prepareStatement
("SELECT userid, name FROM user_data WHERE accountnum = ?");
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        // exception handling...
    } // end catch
} // end doPost
```

#7: Improper error handling



- **Examples: stack traces, DB dumps**
- **Helps attacker know how to target the app**
- **Often left behind during programmer debugging**
- **Inconsistencies can be revealing**
 - “File not found” vs. “Access denied”
- **Gives insight into source code**
 - Logic flaws
 - Default accounts, etc.
- **Good messages give enough info to user w/o giving too much info to attacker**
- **Countermeasures**
 - Code review
 - Modify default error pages (404, 401, etc.)
 - Log details to log files, not returned in HTTP request

Error messages example

General Error

Could not obtain post/user information.

DEBUG MODE

SQL Error : 1016 Can't open file: 'nuke_bbposts_text.MYD'. (errno: 145)

```
SELECT u.username, u.user_id, u.user_posts, u.user_from, u.user_website, u.user_email, u.user_icq, u.user_aim, u.user_yim,
u.user_regdate, u.user_msnm, u.user_viewemail, u.user_rank, u.user_sig, u.user_sig_bbcode_uid, u.user_avatar,
u.user_avatar_type, u.user_allowavatar, u.user_allowsmile, p.*, pt.post_text, pt.post_subject, pt.bbcode_uid FROM
nuke_bbposts p, nuke_users u, nuke_bbposts_text pt WHERE p.topic_id = '1547' AND pt.post_id = p.post_id AND u.user_id =
p.poster_id ORDER BY p.post_time ASC LIMIT 0, 15
```

Line : 435

File : /usr/home/geeks/www/vonage/modules/Forums/viewtopic.php

#7: Improper error handling (flaw)

```
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    String query =
        "SELECT userid, name FROM user_data WHERE accountnum = '"
        + req.getParameter("ACCT_NUM") + "'";
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        } // end while
    } catch (Exception e) {
        e.printStackTrace(out);
    } // end catch
} // end doPost
```

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```
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    // HTML stuff to out.println...
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        } // end while
    } catch (Exception e) {
        Logger logger = Logger.getLogger();
        logger.log(Level.SEVERE, "Error retrieving account number", e);
        out.println("Sorry, but we are unable to retrieve this account");
    } // end catch
} // end doPost
```

#8: Insecure storage

- Sensitive data such as credit cards, passwords, etc. must be protected
- Examples of bad crypto
 - Poor choice of algorithm
 - Poor randomness in sessions/tokens
- Storage locations must be protected
 - Database
 - Files
 - Memory
- Countermeasures
 - Store only what you must
 - Store a hash instead of the full value if you can (SHA-1, for example)
 - Use only vetted, public cryptography



#8: Insecure storage – bad example

```
public String encrypt(String plainText) {  
    plainText = plainText.replace("a", "z");  
    plainText = plainText.replace("b", "y");  
    ...  
    return Base64Encoder.encode(plainText);  
}
```

#8: Insecure storage – fixed example

```
public String encrypt(String plainText) {  
    // Read encryptKey as a byte array from a file  
    DESKeySpec keySpec = new DESKeySpec(encryptKey);  
    SecretKeyFactory factory =  
        new SecretKeyFactory.getInstance("DES");  
    SecretKey key = factory.generateSecret(keySpec);  
    Cipher cipher = Cipher.getInstance("DES");  
    cipher.init(Cipher.ENCRYPT_MODE, key);  
    byte[] utf8text = plainText.getBytes("UTF8");  
    byte[] encryptedText = cipher.doFinal(utf8text);  
    return Base64Encoder.encode(encryptedText);  
}
```

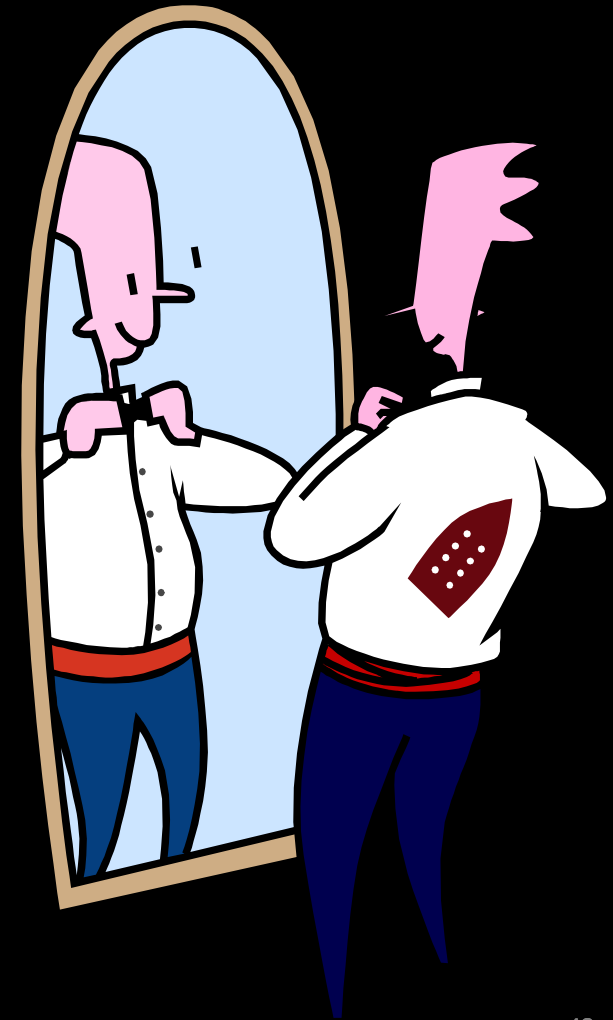

#9: Denial-of-service (DoS)



- **Examples that may provoke DoS**
 - Heavy object allocation/reclamation
 - Overuse of logging
 - Unhandled exceptions
 - Unresolved dependencies on other systems
 - Web services
 - Databases
- **May impact other applications, hosts, databases, or network itself**
- **Countermeasures**
 - Load testing
 - Code review

#10: Insecure configuration management

- Tension between “work out of the box” and “use only what you need”
- Developers ≠ web masters
- Examples
 - Unpatched security flaws (BID example)
 - Misconfigurations that allow directory traversal
 - Administrative services accessible
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 - Create and use hardening guides
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Expected load

Potential DOS attack

Tools used in this preso

- **WebGoat** –vulnerable web applications for demonstration
- **VMWare** – runs Linux & Windows 2000 virtual machines on demo laptop.
- **nmap** –host/port scanning to find vulnerable hosts
- **Mozilla Firefox** – browser that supports plug-ins for proxied HTTP, source browsing
 - SwitchProxy plug-in lets you quickly switch your proxies
 - WebDeveloper plug-in lets you easily clear HTTP auth
- **WebScarab** – HTTP proxy

Backup slides & old slides

#9: Remote Administration Flaws

- **Problems**

Weak authentication (username="admin")

Weak encryption

- **Countermeasures**

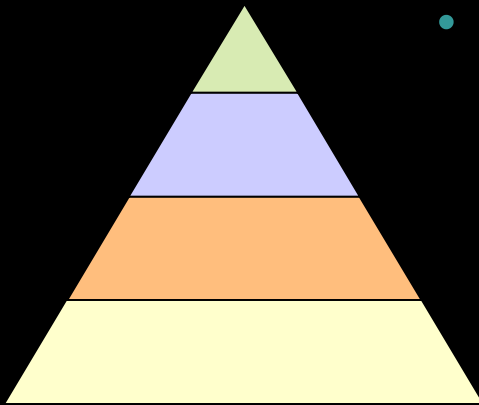
Don't place admin interface on same server

Use strong authentication: certificates, tokens, strong passwords, etc.

Encrypt entire session (VPN or SSL)

Control who has accounts

IP restrictions

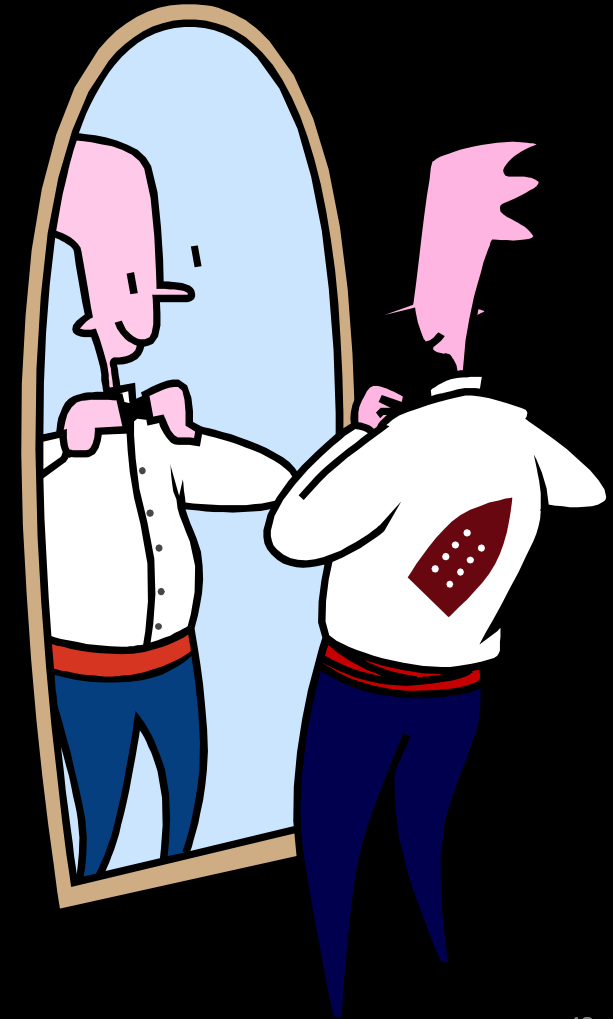


#7: Fail open authentication – code fix

```
protected void doPost(HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse res) {
    try {
        String username = req.getParameter("USERNAME");
        String password = req.getParameter("PASSWORD");
        try {
            Connection connection = DatabaseUtilities.makeConnection();
            PreparedStatement statement = connection.prepareStatement
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            statement.setString(1,username);
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            ResultSet results = statement.executeQuery(query);
            if (results == null || !results.first()) {
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            } // end results check
        } catch (Exception e) {}
        // continue and display the page
        if (username != null && username.length() > 0) {
            return (makeUser(s, username, "PARAMETERS"));
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#3 bad example of session id generation

```
// Tomcat version 1 (JServ)
//
public class SessionIdGenerator {
    private static int counter = 1010;
    public static synchronized String generateId() {

        Integer i = new Integer(counter++);
        StringBuffer buf = new StringBuffer();
        String dString = Double.toString(Math.abs(Math.random()));

        buf.append("To");
        buf.append(i);
        buf.append("mC");
        buf.append(dString.substring(2, dString.length()));
        buf.append("At");

        return buf.toString();
    }
}
```

#3 fixed example session id generation

```
public class SessionIdGenerator {  
  
    static private int session_count = 0;  
    static private long lastTimeVal = 0;  
    static private java.util.Random randomSource = new java.security.SecureRandom();  
  
    // MAX_RADIX is 35  
    public final static long maxRandomLen = 2176782336L; // 36 ** 6  
  
    public final static long maxSessionLifespanTics = 46656; // 36 ** 3  
  
    public final static long ticDifference = 2000;  
  
    static synchronized public String getIdentifier (String jsIdent)  
    {  
        StringBuffer sessionId = new StringBuffer();  
  
        // random value ..  
        long n = randomSource.nextLong();  
        if (n < 0) n = -n;  
        n %= maxRandomLen;  
        n += maxRandomLen;  
        sessionId.append (Long.toString(n, Character.MAX_RADIX)  
            .substring(1));  
  
        long timeVal = (System.currentTimeMillis() / ticDifference);  
        // cut..  
        timeVal %= maxSessionLifespanTics;  
        // padding, see above  
        timeVal += maxSessionLifespanTics;  
  
        sessionId.append (Long.toString (timeVal, Character.MAX_RADIX)  
            .substring(1));  
  
        if (lastTimeVal != timeVal) {  
            lastTimeVal = timeVal;  
            session_count = 0;  
        }  
        sessionId.append (Long.toString (++session_count,  
            Character.MAX_RADIX));  
  
        if (jsIdent != null && jsIdent.length() > 0) {  
            return sessionId.toString()+"-"+jsIdent;  
        }  
        return sessionId.toString();  
    }  
  
    public static synchronized String generateId() {  
        return getIdentifier(null);  
    }  
}
```

#4: Bad example – output vuln to XSS

```
protected void doGet(HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse res) {
    int messageNum = Integer(res.getParameter(NUMBER)).intValue();
    String title, message;
    try {
        PreparedStatement statement = connection.prepareStatement
            ("SELECT title,message FROM messages WHERE num = ?");
        statement.setInt(1,messageNum);
        ResultSet results = statement.executeQuery(query);
        title = results.getString(1);
        message = results.getString(2);
    } catch(Exception e) {
        // exception handling
    }
    PrintWriter out = response.getWriter();
    res.setContentType("text/html");
    PrintWriter out = res.getWriter();
    // HTML page formatting
    out.println(title + " - " + message);
}
```

#4: Good example – output vuln to XSS

```
protected void doGet(HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse res) {
    int messageNum = Integer(res.getParameter(NUMBER)).intValue();
    String title, message;
    try {
        PreparedStatement statement = connection.prepareStatement
            ("SELECT title,message FROM messages WHERE num = ?");
        statement.setInt(1,messageNum);
        ResultSet results = statement.executeQuery(query);
        title = results.getString(1);
        message = results.getString(2);
    } catch(Exception e) {
        // exception handling
    }
    PrintWriter out = response.getWriter();
    res.setContentType("text/html");
    PrintWriter out = res.getWriter();
    // HTML page formatting
    out.println(htmlEncode(title + " - " + message));
}
```