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- 1. OWASP and the top 10 project
- 2. A closer look at the current top 10
- 3. Raise interest in secure programming



Every developer needs secure programming knowledge

- Applications must be protected from the beginning
 - A security fix does not bring back stolen data
 - The problem may be caused by the architecture
 - Not fixable with a couple of simple code changes
- 100% secure software will never exist
 - But we can stop making it that easy for attackers
 - Secure software is not developed accidentally
 - Test web applications for vulnerabilities before deployment





Improving the security of (web) application software

- Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP)
 - Not-for-profit worldwide charitable organization since 2001
 - All material available for free



- Top 10
- Cheat Sheets to avoid most of the top 10 risks
- Development guides



- ESAPI OWASP Enterprise Security API
- WebScarab analyze applications that communicate using HTTP(S)
- WebGoat deliberately insecure JEE web application to teach web application security



Awareness for developers – the OWASP TOP 10 project



- Lists the 10 most critical web application security risks
 - Focus changed from weaknesses/ vulnerabilities to risks in 2010
 - Not a security guide
 - Consider it as a starter
- There are more than 10 risks for web applications
 - Focus on secure development first and train all developers
 - Document secure coding conventions
 - Think about a Software Development Lifecycle (SDLC) later



The Enterprise Security API (ESAPI) addresses the top 10 risks

- Addresses the OWASP Top 10 risks
 - Good Java library, but project is not really active
- Easy to use open source web application security library
 - Collection of security building blocks, not a framework
 - Centralized access to all security related functionality
 - One access point for all security functionality
 - Much easier for developers
- Provides authentication, access control, input validation,
 output escaping, encryption, random numbers, ...

https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Category:OWASP_Enterprise_Security_API











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Top 10 2010

A3: Broken A4: Insecure A2: Cross-Site Authentication **Direct Object** A1: Injection Scripting (XSS) and Session References **Management** A5: Cross Site A8: Failure to A7: Insecure A6: Security Request Forgery Cryptographic Restrict URL Misconfiguration (CSRF) Storage Access A10: Unvalidated A9: Insufficient Redirects and Transport Layer Protection **Forwards**

http://owasptop10.googlecode.com/files/OWASP Top 10 - 2010%20Presentation.pptx



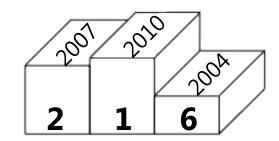








A1 – Injection



- The famous (and least necessary) SQL injection
 - Simple to avoid with prepared statements
 - Use an OR-Mapper like Hibernate
 - Use Spring JDBCTemplate
 - Dynamic queries may still be misused and made vulnerable
 - Limit database user permissions
- Other injections (like LDAP injection, XPath injection)
 - White list validation for all user supplied input

Always validate in front- and backend





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A2 – Cross Site Scripting (XSS)

- Execute code in victim's browser
 - Steal users' session, sensitive data
 - Redirect to phishing sites
- Often injected due to missing input validation
 - <script ...>
 - ... onclick="" ...>
- Different XSS types
 - Stored
 - Reflected ←
 - DOM based

Basic browser protection Internet Explorer 8 detects
some patterns/ Firefox with
NoScript



Server side attacks stored/ reflected, client side DOM based

Stored

- Injected code stored permanently on target servers
 - Often into a database via forum, guestbook, comment field, ...

Reflected

- Injected code is reflected off the web server
 - Search results, error messages, or other response which contain (parts of) the input

DOM based

- Attack payload is executed because of DOM environment modification in the victim's browser
 - Page itself (HTTP response) does not change, only client side code



A2 – Cross Site Scripting (XSS) (cont'd.)

- Every time an application accepts user input
 - Validate all user supplied input with a white list
 - Output escape (output encode) all user supplied input

```
private void escapeOutput() {
    String input = "<script>alert(12345)</script>";

String safeOutput = ESAPI.encoder().encodeForHTML(input);
    // &lt;script&gt;alert&#x28;12345&#x29;&lt;&#x2f;script&gt;

safeOutput = ESAPI.encoder().encodeForJavaScript(input);
    // \x3Cscript\x3Ealert\x2812345\x29\x3C\x2Fscript\x3E

safeOutput = ESAPI.encoder().encodeForXML(input);
    // &#x3c;script&#x3e;alert&#x28;12345&#x29;&#x3c;&#x2f;script&#x3e;

safeOutput = ESAPI.encoder().encodeForXPath(input);
    // &lt;script&gt;alert&#x28;12345&#x29;&lt;&#x2f;script&gt;
}
```



A2 – Cross Site Scripting (XSS) (cont'd.)

- Prevent scripts from accessing cookie with http-only
 - No session cookie theft and other session-based attacks

```
<cookie-config>
    <!-- block script access to cookie -->
    <http-only>true</http-only>
    <!-- protect cookie transport -->
    <secure>true</secure>
</cookie-config>
```



A3 – Broken Authentication and Session Management

- One of the most complicated parts to develop
 - Simply: Don't invent it again, use existing frameworks
 - Spring Security http://static.springsource.org/spring-security/site
 - Apache Shiro http://shiro.apache.org
- Centralize in one place and reuse code application wide
 - Try to use one library only
 - Know exactly how to use it

But: HTTP is a stateless protocol > credentials (session id) are included in every request



A3 – Broken Authentication and Session Management (cont'd.)

- Protect all connections with authentication data with TLS
 - Session id and credentials must be protected at all times
 - Session id is as valuable as username and password
 - Unprotected connection does expose the session id
- Don't include session information (like session id) in URLs
 - Shows up in referrer and other logs
 - Included in copied links (send via email, twitter, ...)
- Make sure logoff/timeout completely destroys the session

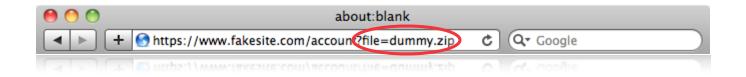


Servlet specification 3.0 makes secure configuration easier

```
x web.xml X
    <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
  ⊖ <web-app xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"</pre>
       xsi:schemaLocation="http://java.sun.com/xml/ns/javaee http://java.sun.com/x
       id="WebXMLParameters" version="3.0">
       <display-name>WebXMLParameters</display-name>
       <session-config>
           <!-- soft session timeout -->
           <session-timeout>30</session-timeout>
           <cookie-config>
               <!-- block script access to cookie -->
               <http-only>true</http-only>
               <!-- protect cookie transport -->
               <secure>true</secure>
           </cookie-config>
           <!-- store JSESSIONID in cookie -->
           <tracking-mode>COOKIE</tracking-mode>
       </session-config>
    </web-app>
Design Source
```



A4 – Insecure Direct Object References



- Presentation layer access control
 - User notices a direct reference in the URL
 - e.g. a file, account, database record, ...
 - No enforcement of these restrictions on server side
 - User 57894 logs in with username/ password
 URL is https://www.myfakewebsite.com/account?no=57894
 - 2. User experiments with URL *no* parameter, e.g. 57895 URL is https://www.myfakewebsite.com/account?**no=57895**
 - 3. User can view/ change other accounts



Reference map samples with ESAPI

```
private Set<Object> fileSet;
   private File fileA = new File("/temp/dummyA.txt");
   private File fileB = new File("/temp/dummyB.txt");
   private File fileC = new File("/temp/dummyC.txt");
   private File fileD = new File("/temp/dummyD.txt");
   public FileService() {
       fileSet = new HashSet<Object>(); public void accessMap() throws AccessControlException {
                                           IntegerAccessReferenceMap map = new IntegerAccessReferenceMap(fileSet);
                                           String indRef = map.getIndirectReference(fileB);
       fileSet.add(fileA);
       fileSet.add(fileB);
                                           System.out.println("indRef " + indRef);
       fileSet.add(fileC);
       fileSet.add(fileD);
                                           String mapRef = indRef; // e.g. accessed via request parameter
                                           File file = (File) map.getDirectReference(mapRef);
indRef 3
                                           System.out.println("file " + file.getAbsolutePath());
file C:\temp\dummyC.txt
                                        public void accessRandomMap() throws AccessControlException {
                                            RandomAccessReferenceMap map = new RandomAccessReferenceMap(fileSet);
                                            String indRef = map.getIndirectReference(fileA);
                                            System.out.println("indRef " + indRef);
                                            String mapRef = indRef; // e.g. accessed via request parameter
                                            File file = (File) map.getDirectReference(mapRef);
indRef hUDXFM
                                            System.out.println("file " + file.getAbsolutePath());
file C:\temp\dummyA.txt
```

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A4 – Insecure Direct Object References (cont'd.)

- Replace the direct object references with an access
 reference map (indirect object references)
 - Replace account number with no=1, no=2, ... for current user
 - Mapping reference <-> real object on server for this user
 - Map is stored somewhere safe, e.g. session
 - No way for an attacker to break out
 - Using no=100 results in an error
 - Only resources in this map are accessible
- Useable for files, database records, accounts, ...
 - Use random numbers for more protection



ESAPI only

A5 – Cross Site Request Forgery (CSRF)

- Often a vulnerable standard intranet (rarely web) application
 - Not accessible externally
 - Victim's browser is tricked into issuing commands via XSS
 - Acts as a proxy
- Browser with authenticated user must send credentials
 - Attacker causes request to vulnerable application
 - Uses credentials to execute his own request









A5 – Cross Site Request Forgery (CSRF) (cont'd.)

- Calculate a random secret token at beginning of session
 - May not be automatically submitted like session cookie
 - Add this token as hidden field to all forms (and links)
 <input name="token" value="abekdil873843944"</pr>
 type="hidden"/>
 - Check token before executing selected action
- Configure a low soft session timeout
 - Makes attack more complicated, not impossible



A6 – Security Misconfiguration

- Some other guys job
 - Patches for app-/web-server, databases, operating system, ...
 - App-/web-server/ database configuration, firewall, user rights
 - Turn off unnecessary features, disable ports, services, ...
- Developer's job
 - Inform admins about project requirements (document them)
 - Configure logging, exception handling
 - No technical errors in frontend
 - Never serve log over web application in a production environment
 - Framework security configuration
 - Security related settings in all used frameworks
 - Security updates, new library versions



A7 – Insecure Cryptographic Storage

- Most of the time, the problem is not the algorithm
 - The data isn't protected at all
 - Identify and protect all sensitive data in all places
 - The real threats are not identified
 - DB encryption protects data from DBA/ stolen disks, not SQL injection
- Never log any sensitive data unencrypted
- Store key(s) and data in different locations
 - Prepare key exchange and revocation
 - Change keys periodically



How do I select a strong algorithm?

- Never invent your own algorithms
- There is more than just the algorithm name
 - Size, padding, mode, and don't forget the salt
 - Symmetric **AES/CBC/PKCS5Padding** with 192 bit, Blowfish
 - AsymmetricRSA, DSA with > 1024 bit
 - Hash
 SHA-256, RIPEMD-160

if in doubt, choose the stronger key (negative impact on performance)

Follow the news, replace weak algorithms in next project



Encryption does not have to be complicated

```
/**
    * Symmetric AES (CBC, 128 bits) encryption sample with Apache Shiro.

*/
private void encryptAndDecryptAES() {
    AesCipherService cipher = new AesCipherService();

    byte[] key = cipher.generateNewKey().getEncoded();

    byte[] encrypted = cipher.encrypt("Secure Programming rocks!".getBytes(), key).getBytes();
    System.out.println("Encrypted: " + asHex(encrypted));

    byte[] decrypted = cipher.decrypt(encrypted, key).getBytes();
    System.out.println("Decrypted: " + new String(decrypted));
}
```

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Console 

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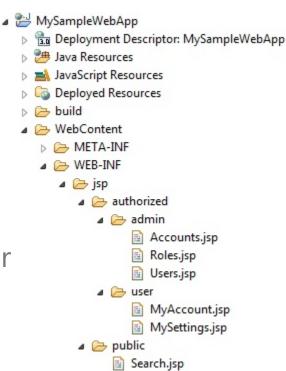
A8 – Failure to Restrict URL Access

- Presentation layer access control
 - GUI only shows authorized buttons/ links/ ...
 - User notices his role in the URL and changes it
 - e.g. user, editor, admin, ...
 - No enforcement of these restrictions on server side
 - 1. User 57894 logs in with username/ password URL is https://www.myfakewebsite.com/**user**/account
 - 2. User experiments with role part in URL, e.g. admin URL is https://www.myfakewebsite.com/admin/account
 - 3. User has access to other accounts



A8 – Failure to Restrict URL Access (cont'd.)

- Enforce all restrictions on server side
 - Access for authorized users only
- Think about roles from the beginning
 - Store view files (JSP, JSF, ...) in different folders based on their roles
 - Makes role/ filter configuration much easier
- Avoid combining user and admin roles in one application
 - Public application with user role only accessible via internet
 - Separate admin application only accessible in the intranet





A9 – Insufficient Transport Layer Protection

- Identify all routes where sensitive data is broadcasted
- Correct SSL/TLS configuration is difficult
 - Ask an administrator
- Protect all (or nothing)
 - Don't mix protected with unprotected content
 - Secure the input form for log-in credentials
 - Secure the (session) cookie

less
vulnerable for
Man-in-theMiddle



Some Secure Sockets Layer and Transport Layer Security basics

- SSL v2 is insecure and must not be used
 - Disable it
- SSL v3 and TLS v1.0 are most common
 - Do not have any major security flaws up to now
 - TLS v1.0 is sometimes referred to as SSL v3.1
- TLS v1.1 and TLS v1.2 are the best selection
 - Do not have any security flaws up to now
 - Widely unsupported, choose in case server supports it
 - Older clients will automatically fall back to TLS v1.0









Set the HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS) header

```
HttpServletResponse response ...;
response.setHeader("Strict-Transport-Security",
    "max-age=8640000; includeSubdomains");
```

- HTTP Strict Transport Security is currently an IETF draft
- Application forces browser to only use HTTPS when visiting
 - For specified time, renewed with every response
 - Access is blocked if communication is insecure
 - Invalid certificate results into error page, not a strange certificate warning dialog
- Browser support required, no backwards compatibility issues
 - Supported in Firefox and Chrome

http://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-websec-strict-transport-sec





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A10 – Unvalidated Redirects and Forwards

- Redirects send request to different page
 - Often include user supplied parameters in destination URL
 - Target: Phishing and pharming (malware installation)
- Forwards send request to new page in same application
 - Sometimes include user supplied parameters in destination URL
 - Target: Bypass authentication/ authorization checks



A10 – Unvalidated Redirects and Forwards (cont'd.)

- Avoid redirects and forwards wherever possible
- Don't allow user parameters for the target URL

- In case you need parameters in the target URL
 - Use a server side mapping to translate the values shown to the user into valid URL parts
 - That's the access reference map from before...
 - Validate the final target URL
 - Call the access controller

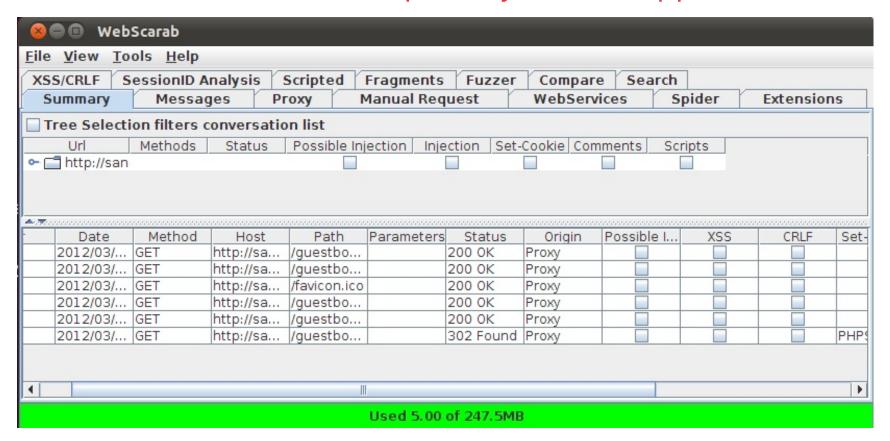


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Use tools to examine/ manipulate your web application (data)

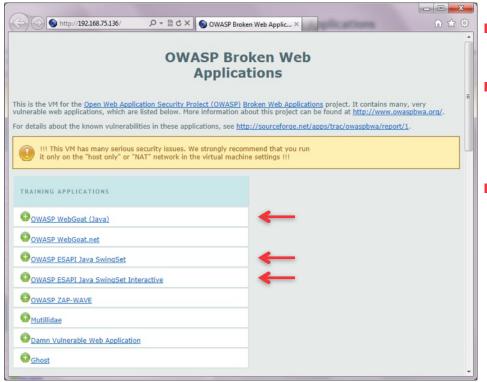


https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Category:OWASP_WebScarab_Project
with Firefox QuickProxy https://addons.mozilla.org/de/firefox/addon/quickproxy





The OWASP Broken Web Applications project



- Download the VM
- Run it with NAT virtual machine settings!!!
- Launch your host's browser with the IP address shown

https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP_Broken_Web_Applications_Project











One security aware developer is not enough

- Developing with security awareness is a good start
 - Make sure the environment is configured properly
 - Inform administrators about your requirements
- Design security in from the beginning
 - Think about security needs before starting to code
 - Much harder/ more expensive to secure an existing application

Security must be a natural part of the development process



THANK YOU.

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