

10 WEEKS TO 0 CRITICAL VULNERABILITIES

INJECTION ATTACKS



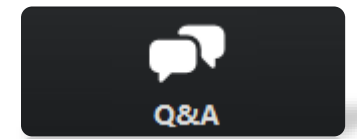
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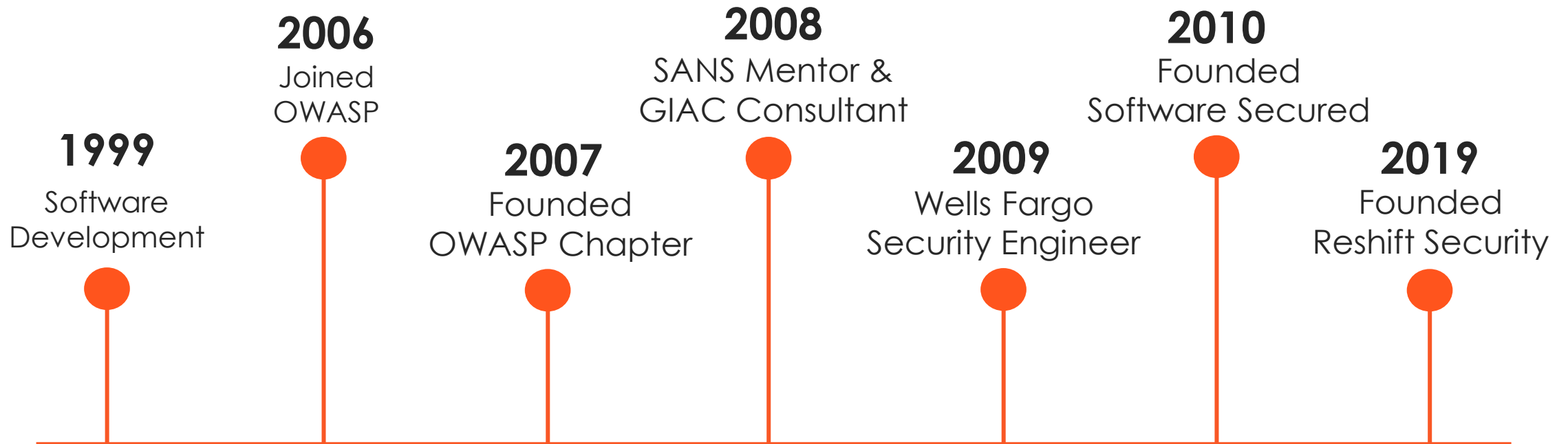
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10 WEEK SCHEDULE

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1. What are Injection Attacks and their impacts

2. Injection Theory

3. Types of Injection Attacks:

- SQL Injection (Exercise)
- JavaScript Server Side Injection
- NoSQL Injection

5. Injection Attacks Mitigation

6. Tools and Resources

WHAT ARE INJECTION ATTACKS

Injection attacks denote a wide range of attacks targeting the server, where the attacker supplies untrusted input to software.

This gets processed by an interpreter as part of a command or query. In turn, the input alters the course of execution of that program.

IMPACTS OF INJECTION ATTACKS

- Authentication bypass
- Privilege escalation
- Application logic bypass
- Database dump
- Denial of service
- Full system compromise

REAL COMPANY INJECTION ATTACKS

- **2011 Sony PlayStation** – 77 Million records - SQL Injection
- **2016 Adult Friend Finder** – 412 Million records – SQL Injection
- **2017 Equifax Breach** – 148 Million users - Code Injection
- **2019 Zynga** – 218 Million user accounts – SQL Injection
- **2019 Canva** – 137 Million user accounts – SQL Injection

INJECTION THEORY



TYPES OF INJECTION ATTACKS

- **SQL Injection**
- **Server-Side JavaScript Injection**
- **NoSQL Injection**
- Command Injection
- XML Injection
- LDAP Injection
- XPath Injection
- Code Injection

SQL INJECTION

WHAT IS SQL INJECTION

SQL injection is a technique where an attacker would alter SQL statements using untrusted input, modifying the intended use of that SQL statement.

SQL INJECTION ATTACK

Consider the code (intended use)

```
2  
3 - public static ResultSet getReviews(Connection con, HttpServletRequest request throws SQLException {  
4  
5     ResultSet rst = null;  
6     Statement stmt = con.createStatement();  
7  
8     rst = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT * FROM Reviews WHERE ProductID = " + request.getParameter("id"));  
9  
10    return rst;  
11 }  
12
```

12

Resulting SQL:

```
SELECT * FROM Reviews WHERE ProductID = 12
```

SQL INJECTION ATTACK

Consider the code (abuse case)

```
2  
3 public static ResultSet getReviews(Connection con, HttpServletRequest request) throws SQLException {  
4  
5     ResultSet rst = null;  
6     Statement stmt = con.createStatement();  
7  
8     rst = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT * FROM Reviews WHERE ProductID = " + request.getParameter("id"));  
9  
10    return rst;  
11 }  
12
```

12 UNION SELECT * FROM USERS;

Resulting SQL:

SELECT * FROM Reviews WHERE ProductID = 12 UNION SELECT * FROM USERS;

STORED PROCEDURES & SQL INJECTION

Consider the stored procedure (intended use)

```
CREATE PROCEDURE usp_GetEmployee @employeeName varchar(50) = NULL AS
DECLARE @sql nvarchar(4000)
SELECT @sql = ' SELECT EmployeeMiddleName, EmployeeSurname, SSN ' +
            ' FROM HumanResources.Employee ' +
            ' WHERE '
IF @employeeName IS NOT NULL
    SELECT @sql = @sql + ' employeeName LIKE ''' + @employeeName + ''''
EXEC (@sql)
```

John

Resulting Query:

```
SELECT EmployeeMiddleName, EmployeeSurname, SSN FROM
HumanResources.Employee WHERE employeeName LIKE 'John'
```


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CREATE PROCEDURE usp_GetEmployee @employeeName varchar(50) = NULL AS
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            ' FROM HumanResources.Employee ' +
            ' WHERE '
IF @employeeName IS NOT NULL
    SELECT @sql = @sql + ' employeeName LIKE ''' + @employeeName + ''''
EXEC (@sql)
```

John' or '1'='1

Resulting Query:

```
SELECT EmployeeMiddleName, EmployeeSurname, SSN FROM
HumanResources.Employee WHERE employeeName LIKE 'John' or '1'='1'
```

EXERCISE: IDENTIFY SQL INJECTION USING RESHIFT



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FIXING SQL INJECTION

- Use of Prepared Statements
 - **Java EE** – use PreparedStatement() with bind variables
 - **.NET** – use parameterized queries like SqlCommand() or OleDbCommand() with bind variables
 - **PHP** – use PDO with strongly typed parameterized queries (using bindParam())
 - **Hibernate** - use createQuery() with bind variables (called named parameters in Hibernate)
 - **SQLite** - use sqlite3_prepare() to create a [statement object](#)

FIXING SQL INJECTION

- Example of Prepared Statements

```
3 - public static ResultSet getReviews(Connection con, HttpServletRequest request) throws SQLException {
4
5     ResultSet rst = null;
6     PreparedStatement stmt = con.prepareStatement("SELECT * FROM Reviews WHERE ProductID = ?");
7
8     stmt.setString(1, request.getParameter("id"));
9
10    stmt.executeQuery();
11
12    return rst;
13 }
14
```

EXERCISE: FIXING SQL INJECTION USING RESHIFT



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SERVER-SIDE JAVASCRIPT INJECTION

WHAT IS SERVER-SIDE JAVASCRIPT INJECTION

Server-side JavaScript injection happens when an application incorporates untrusted data into a string that is dynamically evaluated by an interpreter.

SERVER-SIDE JAVASCRIPT INJECTION

Consider the server-side JavaScript code (intended use)

```
1 var http = require('http');
2 http.createServer(function (request, response) {
3   if (request.method === 'POST') {
4
5     var data = '';
6
7     request.addListener('data', function(chunk) {
8       data += chunk; });
9
10    request.addListener('end', function() {
11      var stockQuery = eval("(" + data + ")");
12      getStockPrice(stockQuery.symbol);
13      ...
```

`{"symbol" : "AMZN"}`

Resulting Query:

`var stockQuery = eval("{\"symbol\" : \"AMZN\"}");`

SERVER-SIDE JAVASCRIPT INJECTION

Consider the server-side JavaScript code (abuse case)

```
1 var http = require('http');
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10    request.addListener('end', function() {
11      var stockQuery = eval("(" + data + ")");
12      getStockPrice(stockQuery.symbol);
13      ...
```

{while(1)}

Resulting Query:

```
var stockQuery = eval("{while(1)} ");
```

SERVER-SIDE JAVASCRIPT INJECTION

Consider the server-side JavaScript code (2nd abuse case)

```
1 var http = require('http');
2 http.createServer(function (request, response) {
3   if (request.method === 'POST') {
4
5     var data = '';
6
7     request.addListener('data', function(chunk) {
8       data += chunk; });
9
10    request.addListener('end', function() {
11      var stockQuery = eval("(" + data + ")");
12      getStockPrice(stockQuery.symbol);
13      ...
```

{process.exit()}

Resulting Query:

```
var stockQuery = eval("{process.exit()} ");
```

FIXING JAVASCRIPT SERVER SIDE INJECTION

- Avoid `eval()` at all cost and use `JSON.parse()` instead.
- Avoid creating “ad-hoc” JavaScript commands by concatenating script with user input.
- Validate untrusted input used with server-side JS commands using regular expressions.

NO-SQL INJECTION

WHAT IS NOSQL INJECTION

NoSQL injection is a technique where an attacker would alter NoSQL queries using untrusted input, modifying the intended use of that query.

NOSQL INJECTION

Consider the NoSQL Injection code (intended use)

```
3  
4  
5 db.accounts.find({username: username, password: password});  
6  
7
```

```
{  
  "username": "admin",  
  "Password": "MySecurePass"  
}
```

```
db.accounts.find({username: "admin", password: "MySecurePass"});
```

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Consider the NoSQL Injection code (abuse case)

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4  
5 db.accounts.find({username: username, password: password});  
6  
7
```

```
{  
  "username": "admin",  
  "Password": {'&ne': ""}  
}
```

```
db.accounts.find({username: "admin", password: {'&ne': ""}});
```

FIXING NOSQL INJECTION

- Don't use the Mongo *where*, *mapReduce*, or *group* with user supplied data.
- Use a typed model. Typed models will automatically stop some injections by converting user input to the expected type, such as string or int.
- Set *javascriptEnabled* to false in your mongod.conf, if you can. This will disable JavaScript execution in your instance and remove that class of attacks.
- Always strongly validate user supplied data - this will help prevent a lot more than just NoSQL attacks.

TOOLS

- Reshift – a developer-first code security tool that finds and automatically fix vulnerabilities: www.reshiftsecurity.com
- [SpotBugs](#) – a static code analysis that detects Java vulnerabilities with a security plugin: [FindSecBugs](#)
- [ZAP Proxy](#) – is an open-source web app security scanner.
- [Burp Suite](#) – used for penetration testing of web applications.
- [SQLMap](#) – an open source penetration testing tool that automates the process of detecting and exploiting SQL injection flaws and taking over of database servers
- [NoSqlMap](#) – an open-source Python tool to audit NoSQL databases

RESOURCES:

- [Introduction to SQL Injection Mitigation](#) by Software Secured
- [SQL Injection Prevention Cheat Sheet](#) by OWASP
- [A NoSQL Injection Primer \(Mongo\)](#)
- A [tool](#) and a [tutorial](#) to practice NoSQLi and Server-Side JavaScript injection examples
- An [extensive](#) list of ways NoSQL databases could be abused
- [LDAP Injection Prevention Cheat Sheet](#) by OWASP
- [OS Command Injection Prevention Cheat Sheet](#) by OWASP

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