

# Exploiting and Defending: Common Web Application Vulnerabilities



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# Disclaimer

Using real attack tools

**Illegal to attack targets without written contractual consent**

Obey all state and federal laws

**Cypress Data Defense assumes no liability**



# Agenda

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A3: Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

A8: Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)

Secure Software Development LifeCycle (SSDLC)



# Software Development LifeCycle (SDLC)



- Software Development Life Cycle
- Process for planning, creating, testing, and deploying an information system



# What is a *Secure* SDLC?

Security considered at each phase

**Initial and ongoing Security Training**

Overall security is the priority

**Testing and evaluation of security throughout**



# Secure Software Development LifeCycle (SSDLC)





# Meet George

:: Details

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**moz://a**

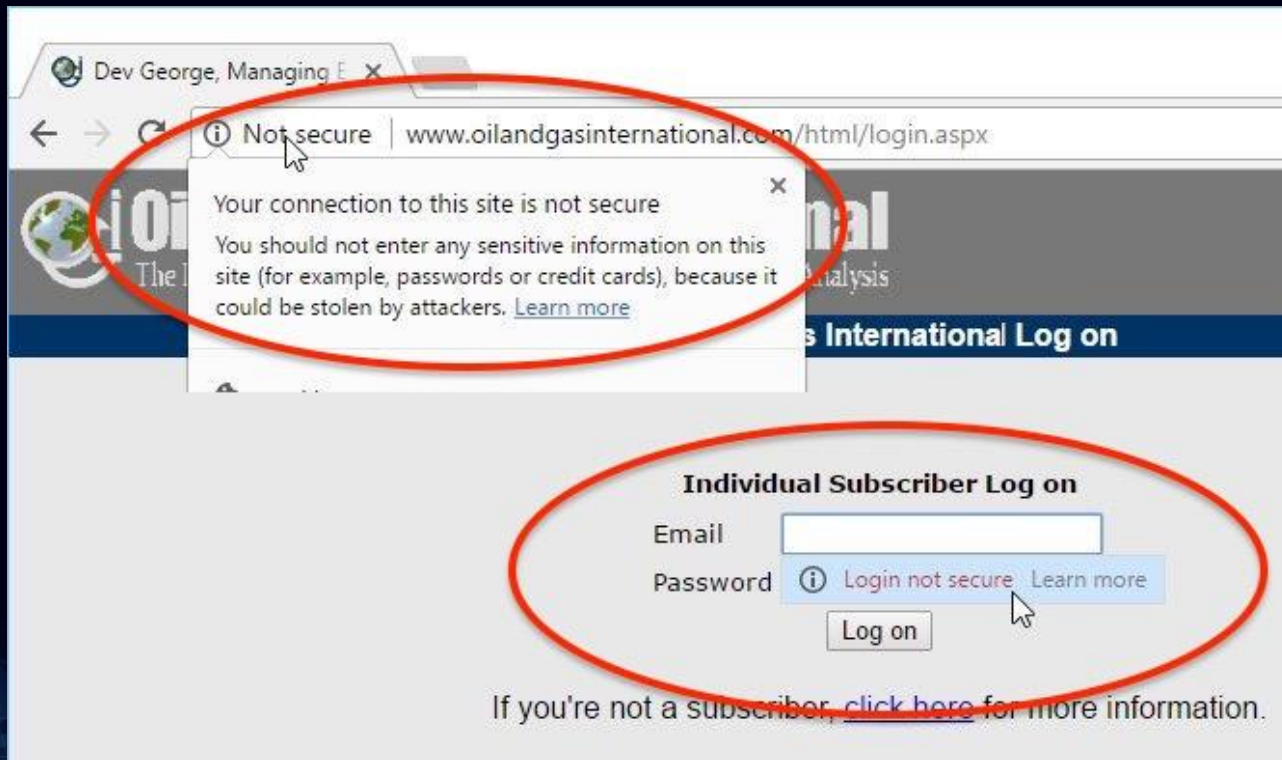
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# Oh, THAT notice...



# It Just Gets Worse...

## Individual Subscriber Log on

Email

Password

If you're not a subscriber, [click here](#) for more information.

## Corporate Subscriber Log on

Company ID

Email

Password

Forgot your password?  
Click [here](#) to receive it via email.



## A6: Sensitive Data Exposure

Sensitive Data Exposure occurs when an application does not adequately protect sensitive information. The data can vary and anything from passwords, session tokens, credit card data to private health data and more can be exposed.



## A6: Mitigation

HTTPS (TLS Cert)

HTTP Security Headers

HSTS (HTTP Strict Transport Security)





# Stack Trace Anyone?

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Line 52:             if( blnLogin == true )  
Line 53:             {
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**Source File:** g:\inetpub\OilandGasInternational\html\login.aspx.cs **Line:** 51

**Stack Trace:**

```
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## A5: Security Misconfiguration

Good security requires having a secure configuration defined and deployed for the application, frameworks, application server, web server, database server, and platform. Secure settings should be defined, implemented, and maintained, as defaults are often insecure.

Additionally, software should be kept up to date.





## A5: Mitigation

Custom Error Handler

Single Error Message/Page

No Error Information – Including Return Code

Internal Error Logging



# What Threw the Stack Trace?

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# A1: Injection

Text-based attacks that exploit the syntax of the targeted interpreter.

Almost any source of data can be an injection vector, including internal sources.

Injection flaws occur when an application sends untrusted data to an interpreter.



# A1: SQL Injection



# In The News (Target)

110 million customer records

Email, Mailing addresses, other

Personally Identifiable  
Information (PII)



# In The News (Living Social)

50 million customer records

Email, DOB, Password Hashes,  
Challenge Questions & Answers



# A1: Example (1)

## Command Injection

```
Runtime.getRuntime().exec(String.format("myTestProcess.exe %s",  
request.getParameter("employeeId")))
```

## Inline SQL

```
rs = statement.executeQuery(  
"Select EmployeeId, LastName, FirstName, PhoneNumber " +  
"From Employees " +  
"Where EmployeeId = " + request.getParameter("employeeId"))
```





# Exploitation DEMO

sqlmap DEMO

<http://sqlmap.org/>

Written in Python





# A1: Mitigation

Parameterized Queries

Object Relation Mappers (ORM)



# Remember Me?

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# XSS

## Cross-Site Scripting



## A3: Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

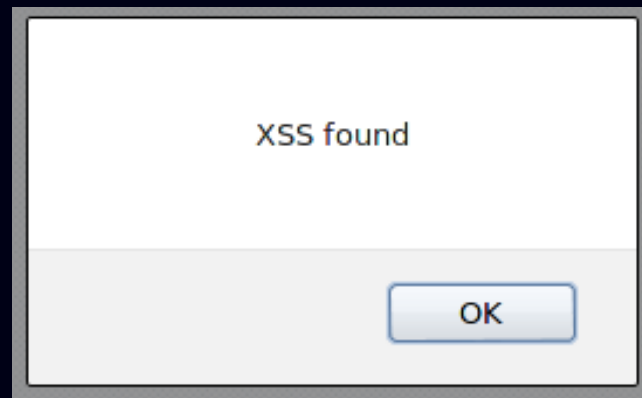
XSS flaws occur whenever an application takes untrusted data and sends it to a web browser without proper encoding.

- Execute scripts in the victim's browser

- Hijack user sessions

- Deface web sites

- Redirect the user to malicious sites.



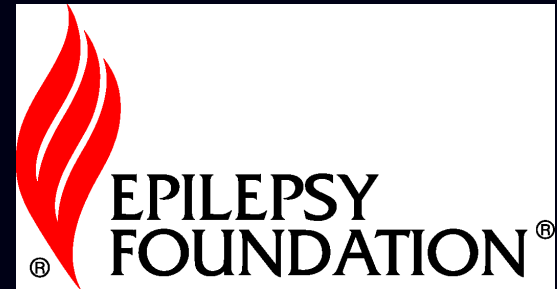
# In The News (Sears)



# In The News (EF)

Site defaced to contain flashing  
images designed to cause  
seizures

Some victims required hospital  
care



# Reflected Example

## HTML Context

```
<td><%= request.getParameter("Name") %></td>
```

## URL Context

```
<a href='<%= String.format("details.aspx?id=%s",  
request.getParameter("Name")) %>'></a>
```

## JavaScript Context

```
<a href='<%= String.format("javascript:redirect  
{%s}'", request.getParameter("Name"))  
%>'>View</a>
```



# Exploitation DEMO

## Browser Exploitation Framework (BeEF)

<http://beefproject.com/>

Written in Ruby





# Mitigations

Encoding, encoding, encoding

**Validation is not the solution**

Contexts to consider

Html, Url, JavaScript

HtmlAttribute, Css, Xml, XmlAttribute



## Mitigations (2)

Language Specific Encoding Libraries

HTTP Security Headers

X-XSS-Protection

Content-Security-Policy (CSP)



# CSRF

## Cross Site Request Forgery



# In The News (GoDaddy)

Admin console vulnerable to  
CSRF allowing attackers to  
perform the following:

- Modify automatic renewals

- Edit zone files

- Name server management



# In The News (TP-Link)

Multiple manufacturers

4.5 Million Routers Compromised  
in Brazil

**TP-LINK**<sup>®</sup>  
The Reliable Choice



# Cross-Site Request Forgery

A CSRF attack forces a logged-on victim's browser to send a forged HTTP request, including the victim's session cookie and any other automatically included authentication information.

Audit logs will show the user made the transaction

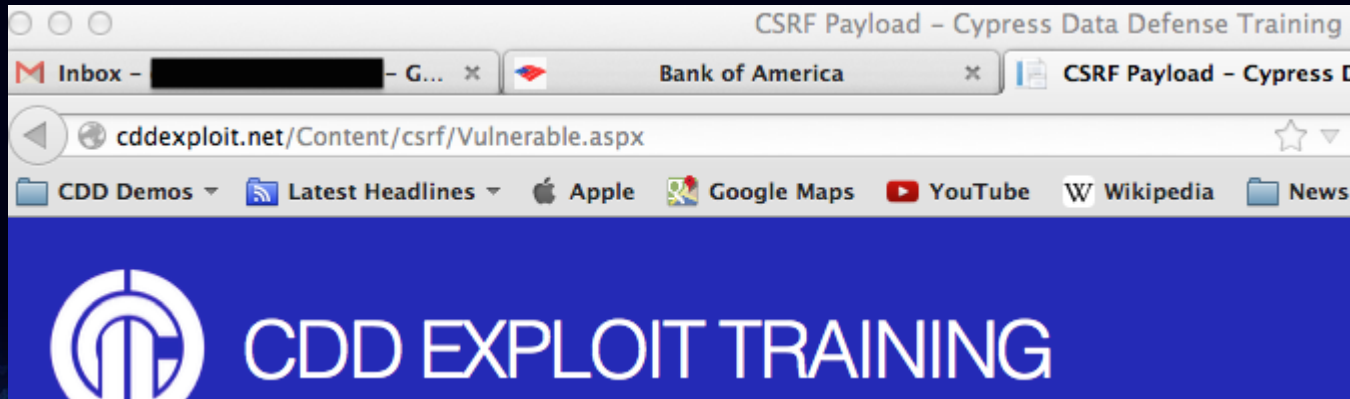
User has no knowledge of the transaction



# Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) Example

Multiple Tabs

Authenticated Session



# Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) Example (2)

## Payload on attack page

```
<form id="csrfForm"
action="http://localhost:8080/csrf/content/vulnerable/changepassword" method="POST" >
    <input type="hidden" name="newPassword"
        value="StorageRoomB" />
    <input type="hidden" name="confirmPassword"
        value="StorageRoomB" />
</form>
```





# Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) Example (3)

## Request triggered from authenticated session

```
POST /csrf/content/vulnerable/changepassword HTTP/1.1
Host: localhost:8080
Cookie: JSESSIONID=2E7F523BE6E086F5EEB593B2B69842D2
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Content-Length: 53

newPassword=StorageRoomB&confirmPassword=StorageRoomB
```



# Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) Example (4)

## 200 Response from web site

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
```

```
<div class="alert alert-dismissable alert-success">  
  <span>Your password was successfully changed.</span>  
</div>
```



# Exploitation DEMO

## Simple Javascript Post



# Mitigations

## CSRF Mitigations

Random nonce for each request

Anti-Forgery Tokens

CSRF Guard (OWASP Project)

Browsers looking at headers (e.g., Origin)



# Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) Mitigation (1)

## Payload with incorrect csrf token

```
<form id="csrfForm"
action="http://localhost:8080/csrf/content/vulnerable/changepassword" method="POST" >
  <input type="hidden" name="newPassword"
    value="StorageRoomB" />
  <input type="hidden" name="confirmPassword"
    value="StorageRoomB" />
  <input type="hidden" name="&#95;csrf"
    value="103ae2a3&#45;d4d6&#45;46e9&#45;8ba6&#45;92188ff998c2" />
</form>
```



# Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) Mitigation (2)

## Request with invalid token submitted

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```



# Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) Example (3)

## 403 response from web site

```
HTTP/1.1 403 Forbidden
```

```
<div class="alert alert-dismissable alert-danger">  
  <span>java.lang.NullPointerException</span>  
</div>
```



# Secure Software Development LifeCycle (SSDLC)





# Secure Lifecycle

Involve security through lifecycle

Security Training

Requirements

Design

Automated testing during implementation

Manual testing of critical security components during implementation

Secure Code Review and Penetration Testing



# What Can I Do TODAY?

Security Headers

Parameterized Queries/ORM

Treat Untrusted Data Appropriately



# Thanks for attending!

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