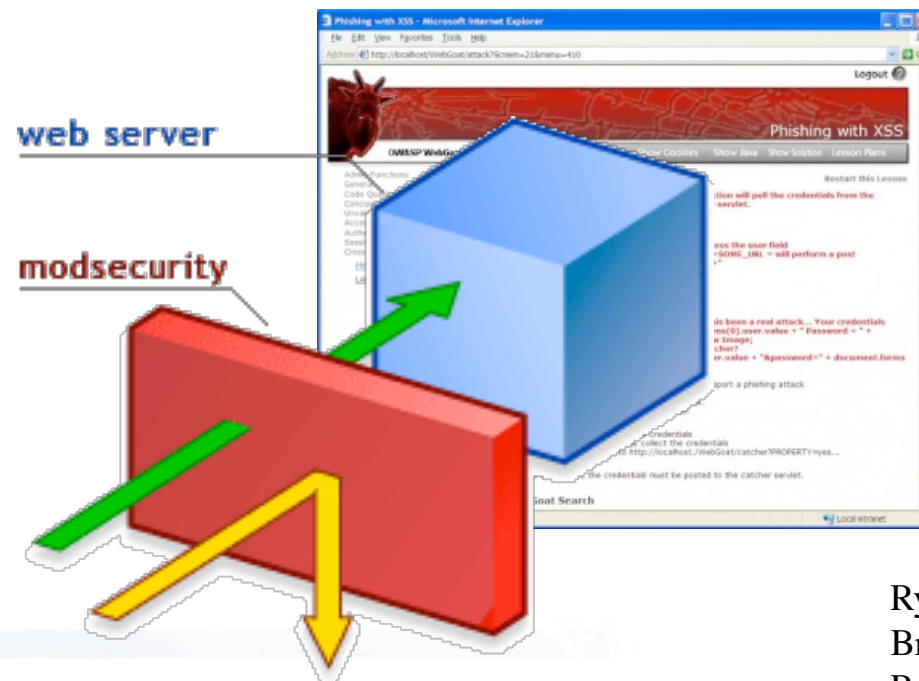


Virtual Patching Challenge

Securing WebGoat with ModSecurity



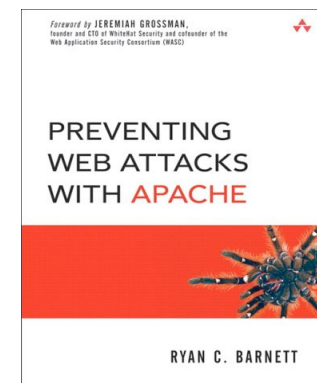
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Speaker Background

- Director of Application Security Research at Breach Security
 - Lead Breach Security Labs
 - Develop ModSecurity Rules
- ModSecurity Community Manager
 - The go-between for development and the user community
- Background as an IDS/Web Security Admin
 - Operational web security for government clients
- Author
 - Preventing Web Attacks with Apache (Addison/Wesley, 2006)



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Community Projects

- Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP)

- Speaker/Instructor
- Project Leader, ModSecurity Core Rule Set



OWASP
The Open Web Application Security Project
<http://www.owasp.org>

- Web Application Security Consortium (WASC)

- Board Member
- Project Leader, Distributed Open Proxy Honeypots



- The SANS Institute

- Courseware Developer/Instructor



- Center for Internet Security (CIS)

- Apache Benchmark Project Leader



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Agenda

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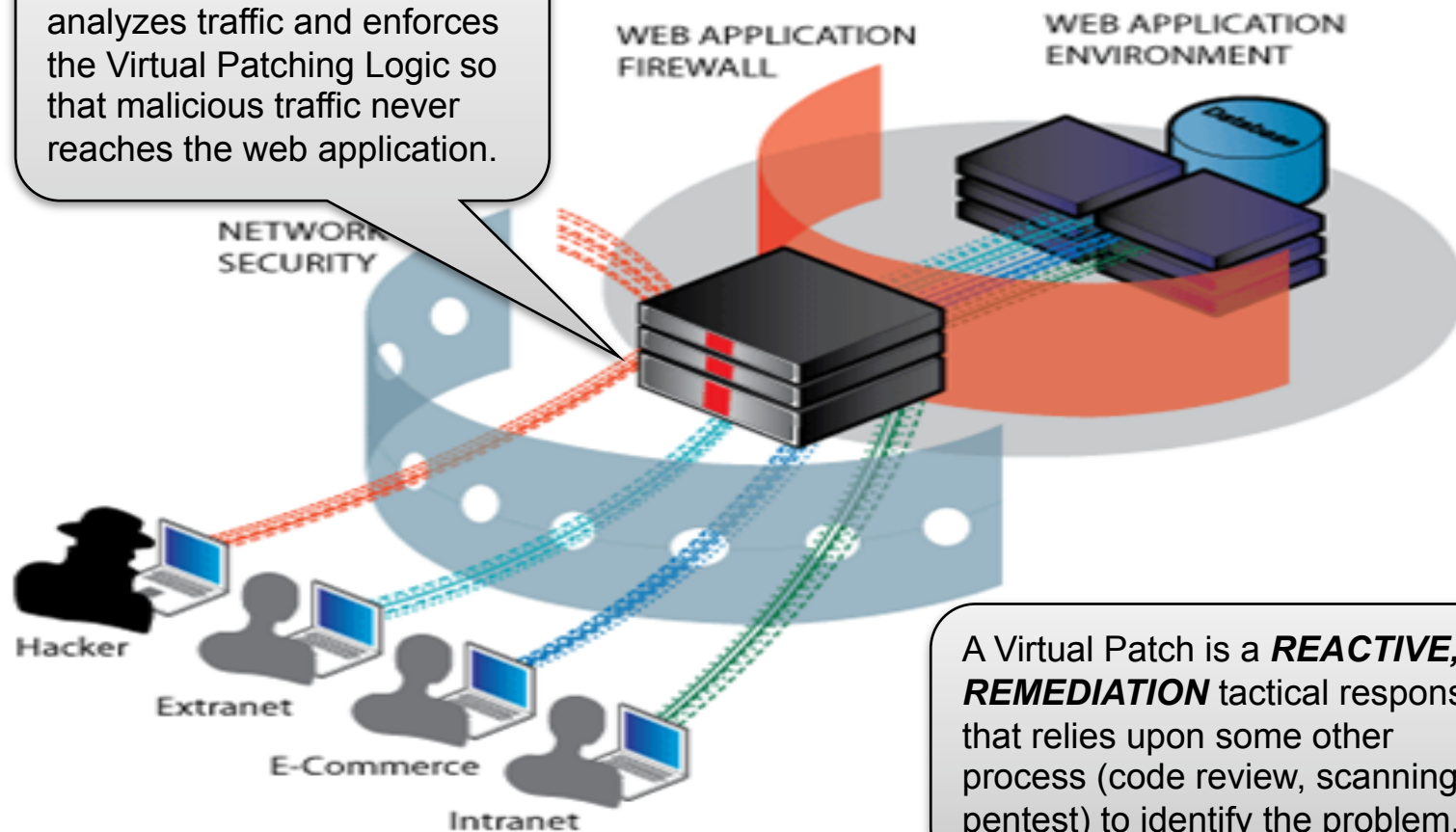
VIRTUAL PATCHING: *WHAT IS IT?*



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What is Virtual Patching?

A Web Application Firewall analyzes traffic and enforces the Virtual Patching Logic so that malicious traffic never reaches the web application.



A Virtual Patch is a **REACTIVE, REMEDIATION** tactical response that relies upon some other process (code review, scanning or pentest) to identify the problem.



Why Not Just Fix the Code?

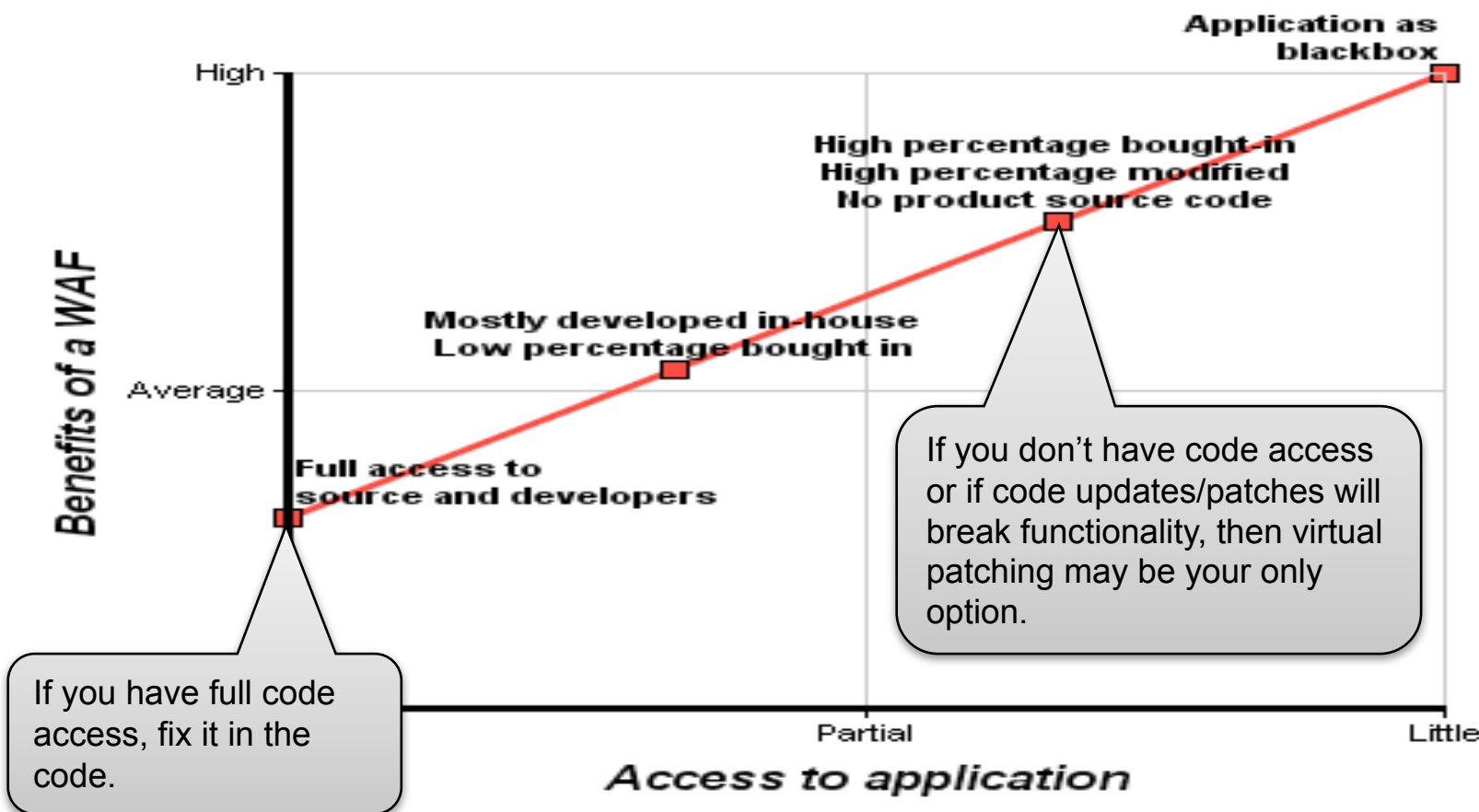


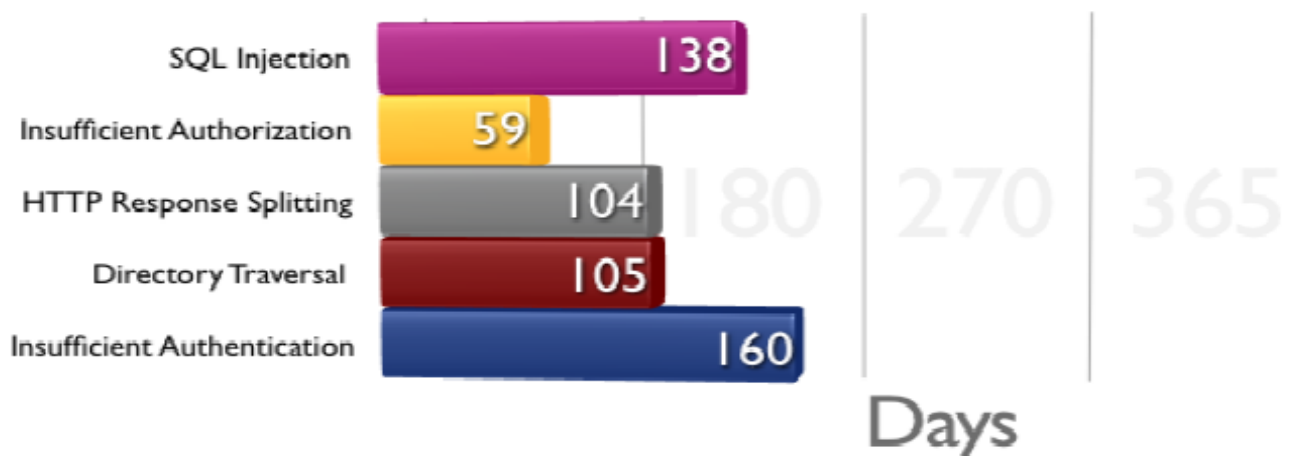
Image – OWASP Best Practices: Use of Web Application Firewalls



Vulnerability Scanning Statistics

Time-to-Fix

- Average # of days for the top 5 URGENT severity vulnerabilities to be fixed¹



- Identification of the vulnerability was not the problem
- *Exploit Code Availability Average – 6 days²*
- Traditional code fixes take too long...

1 – Whitehat Website Security Statistics Report, March 2008
2 – Symantec Internet Security Threat Report, H3, 2007



Why Not Just Fix the Code?

Business Considerations

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Risk Analysis} = \\ &\quad \text{Threat} \times \\ &\quad \text{Vulnerability} \times \\ &\quad \text{Impact} \times \\ &\quad \text{Cost to Fix} \end{aligned}$$



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Why Not Just Fix the Code?

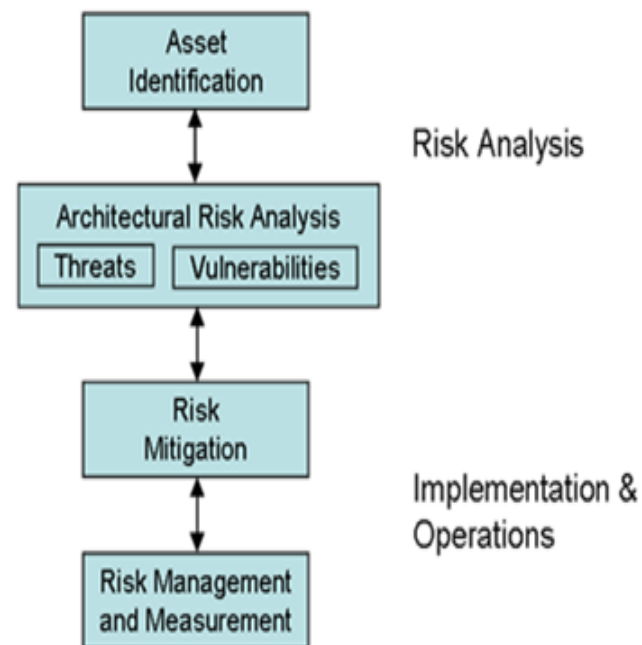
Emergent Behavior Phenomenon

- Some vulnerabilities only manifest themselves *in production* when inter-connected systems share data.
- These are *Architectural Flaws* that exhibit Emergent Behaviors:

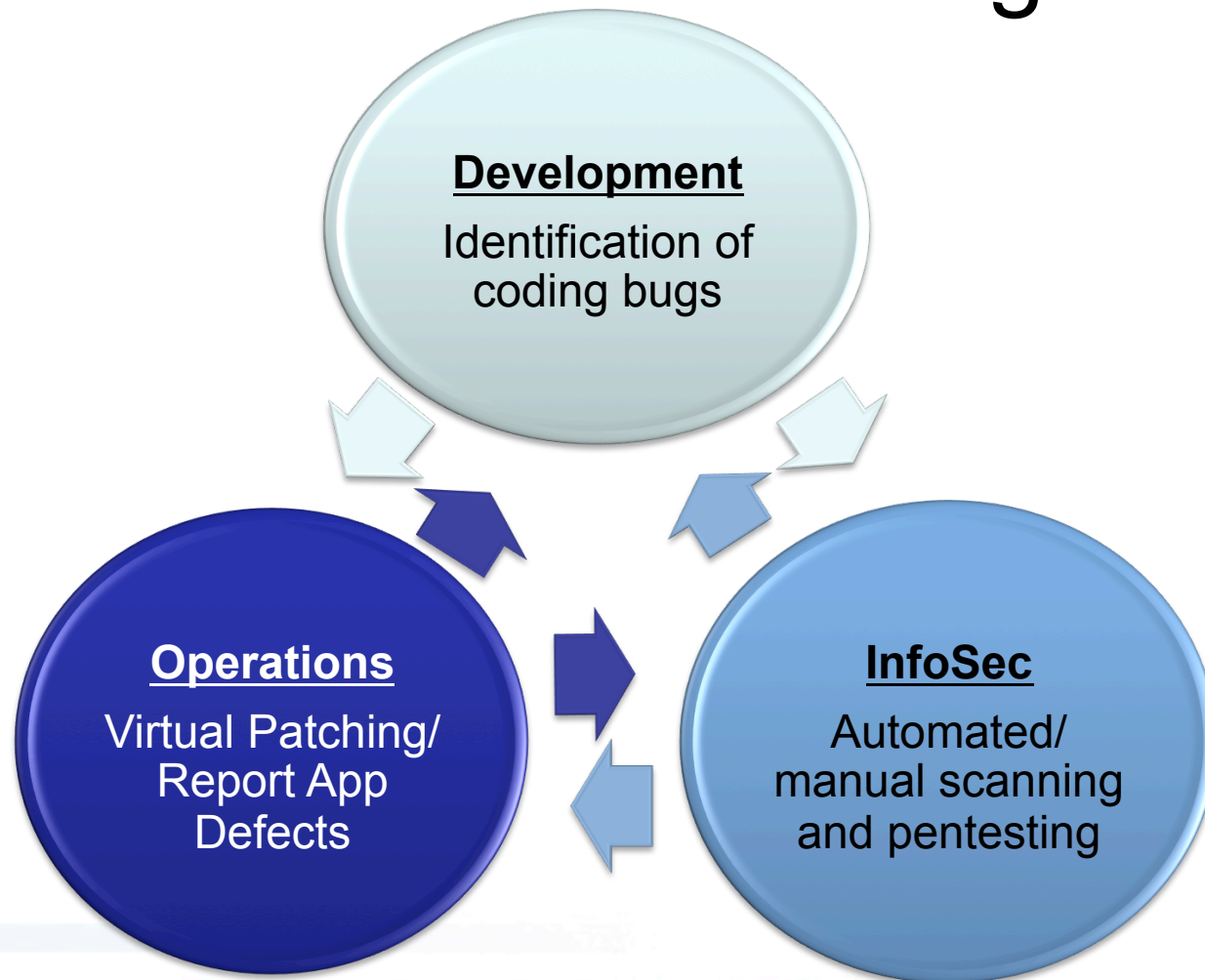
*Two pieces of code put together, one with a limited spec for strong data typing, and the other with weak handling of output, result in a new set of **behaviors** that fail to meet specification, though each unit of code individually meets it's own specification.*

– Arian Evans (WebSecurity Mail-list Post)

- May not be identifiable or correctable within the application's code.



Code Reviews + Scanning + WAF



Organizational Value

Business Value

- Allows organizations to maintain normal patching cycles.
- Reduced or eliminated time and money spent performing emergency patching.

Risk Value

- Reduces risk until a vendor-supplied patch is released or while a patch is being tested and applied.
- Protection for mission-critical systems that may not be taken offline.

Technical Value

- Less likelihood of introducing conflicts as libraries and support code files are not changed.
- Scalable solution as it is implemented in few locations vs. installing patches on all hosts.



Security Consultant Value

- When it is not possible to edit the application's code (for either business or technical reasons), security consultants are limited in the services they can provide.
 - Virtual Patching offers additional options.
- How web “multi-lingual” are you?
 - PHP, ASP/ASP.NET, Java, Python, Ruby, VB.NET, C#...
 - Actual Security Consultant Quote -

For the purpose of patching painfully old systems, that should really have been taken out and shot but are kept running for 'business-reasons', I'd rather learn ModSecurity + e.g Lua properly than having to learn every thinkable and unthinkable language and platform ever used for throwing together web content.



OWASP SUMMER OF CODE PROJECT: *SECURING WEBGOAT WITH MODSECURITY*



OWASP
The Open Web Application Security Project

Securing WebGoat
Using ModSecurity

beta



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Project Team and Objective

- **Project Team**

- **Leader: Stephen Evans (Security Consultant)**
- **1st reviewer: Ivan Ristic & Ryan Barnett (Breach Security Labs)**
- **2nd reviewer: Christian Folini (ModSecurity Power User)**

- **Objective**

- *“To create custom ModSecurity rulesets that, in addition to the Core Set, will protect WebGoat 5.2 Standard Release from as many of its vulnerabilities as possible (the goal is 90%) **without changing one line of source code.**”*

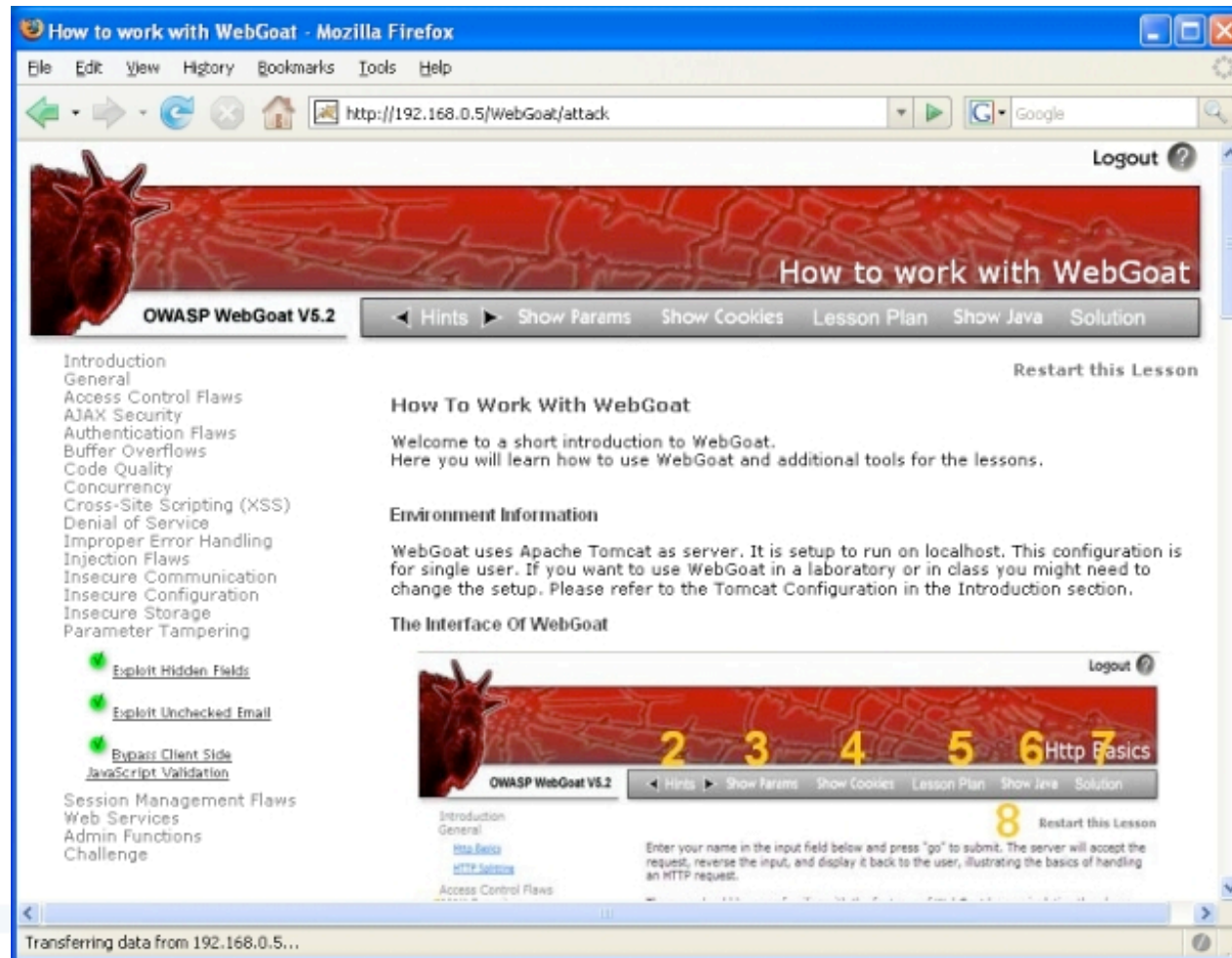


Project Goals

- Demonstrate cutting-edge WAF capabilities
 - **Wow, I didn't know (a WAF|ModSecurity) could do that?!**
- Tactical use-cases for virtual patching vulnerability remediation
 - Anyone can download WebGoat and ModSecurity and run their own tests.
- Virtual Patching Options
 - Block attacks to exploit the vulnerability.
 - Address the specific, underlying WebGoat vulnerability.
 - If possible, address the underlying vulnerability generically so that the virtual patch could be applied to other applications that suffer from the same issue.
 - Alert on identified Application Defects.

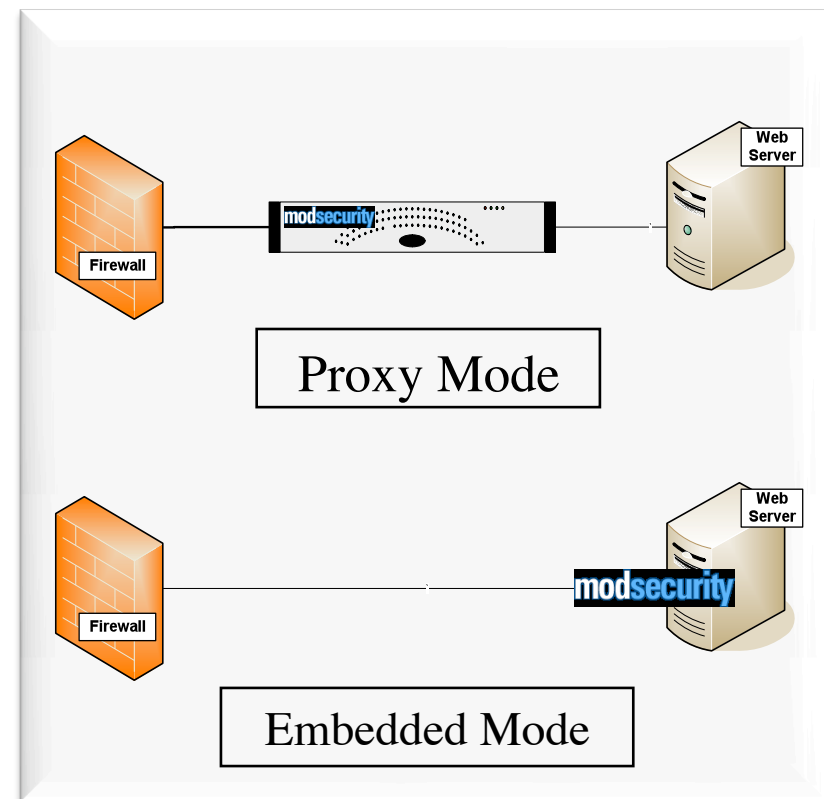


WebGoat Overview



Why ModSecurity?

- Open Source, Free - ☺
- Can be deployed embedded or on a reverse proxy
- Deep understanding of HTTP and HTML
- Robust Parsing
- Anti Evasion Features
- Supports Complex Rules Logic
- Advanced Capabilities
 - Persistent Collections
 - Content Injection and Lua API



www.modsecurity.org



ModSecurity Rules Language

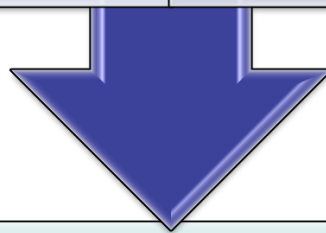
It's a simple event-based programming language.

Five processing phases, one for each major processing step.

Look at any part of the transaction.

Transform data to counter evasion.

Combine rules to form complex logic.



Common tasks are easy (the Core Rule Set), complex tasks are possible (Virtual Patching).



Example Rule Syntax

Tells ModSecurity
*how to process
data*

```
SecRule TARGETS OPERATOR [ACTIONS]
```

Tells
ModSecurity
where to look

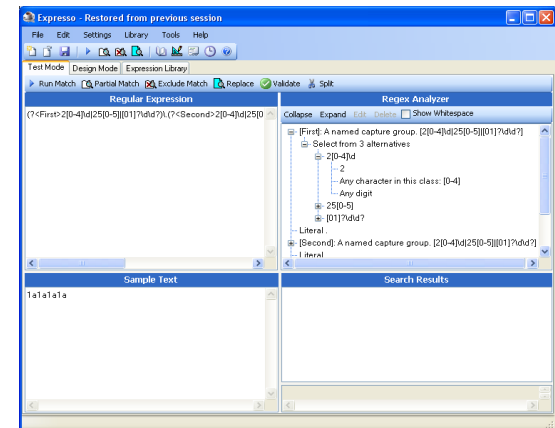
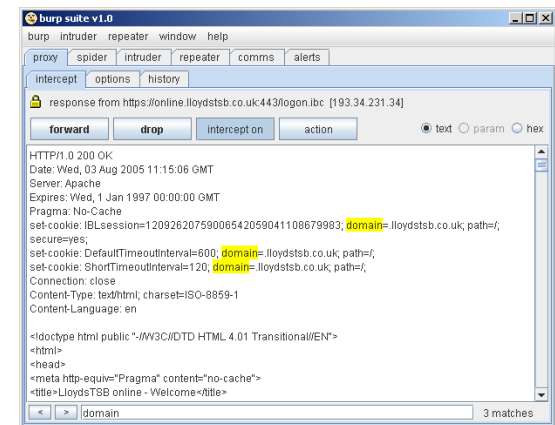
Tells ModSecurity
what to do if a rule
matches



Tools

Testing Tools

- In order to accurately test out the virtual patch, it may be necessary to use other tools –
 - cURL - Command line web client
 - Burp Proxy – Local Proxy
 - Espresso – RegEx GUI Tool
- These tools will aid in both the construction and testing of virtual patching rules.



grows those URLs

cURL



ModSecurity AuditViewer

```
Thu Feb 05 08:45:49 EST 2009
WebServer: 192.168.1.105 Port: 80 [x] adjust Content-Length [ ] use SSL [Inject] [Close]

POST /WebGoat/attack?Screen=801&menu=1600 HTTP/1.1
Host: www.webgoat.net
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows; U; Windows NT 5.1; en-US; rv:1.9.0.5) Gecko/2008120122 Firefox
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-us
Accept-Encoding: gzip,deflate
Accept-Charset: ISO-8859-1,utf-8;q=0.7,*;q=0.7
Keep-Alive: 300
Connection: keep-alive
Referer: http://www.webgoat.net/WebGoat/attack?Screen=801&menu=1600
Cookie: JSESSIONID=D798FE268D317B360020B9D797EFF2A1
Authorization: Basic Z3Vlc3Q6Z3Vlc3Q=
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Content-Length: 148

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Thu, 05 Feb 2009 13:52:06 GMT
Server: Apache-Coyote/1.1
Content-Type: text/html; charset=ISO-8859-1
Content-Length: 31115
Keep-Alive: timeout=5, max=100
Connection: Keep-Alive

<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN" "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD
/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
```



SOLUTION EXAMPLE: *CROSS-SITE SCRIPTING (XSS)*



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Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

- Application Defect(s)
 - Insufficient input validation
 - Application does not properly output encode user supplied data (meta-characters)
- Vulnerability:
 - Attacker can send JavaScript to the web application and have the code execute within the victim's browser
- Technique:
 - If attackers are able to insert XSS code, they may be able to steal SessionID credentials or do other harm
- Consequence:
 - Session Hijacking, Malware Installs, Fraud (CSRF)



Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

- **Reflected XSS**
- Attacker tricks the victim into sending the malicious payload themselves (e.g. Phishing email).
- Malicious JavaScript is sent/echoed back ***in the same transaction***



Reflected XSS Lesson

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window with the title 'Reflected XSS Attacks - Mozilla Firefox'. The address bar displays the URL `http://www.webgoat.net/WebGoat/attack?Screen=389&menu=900`. The page content includes a navigation menu with links like 'Hints', 'Show Params', 'Show Cookies', 'Lesson Plan', 'Show Java', and 'Solution'. A sidebar on the left lists various security topics, with 'Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)' selected. A JavaScript alert box is overlaid on the page, displaying the message: 'The page at http://www.webgoat.net says: JSESSIONID=989350FF5FC9A6B6C1CF0CBD978E7D59'. The alert box has a yellow warning icon and an 'OK' button. The browser's status bar at the bottom shows 'Waiting for www.webgoat.net...' and a search bar with '0 matches'.



Reflected XSS – Mitigations

- Input Validation
 - Negative Security – Blacklist known XSS using the Core Rule Set Regular Expressions
 - Positive Security – Enforce expected input for “field1” parameter data
- Application Defect Identification/Remediation
 - Identify if application does not properly output encode user supplied data
 - HTTPOnly flag missing from SessionIDs



Reflected XSS Mitigations

Input Validation

Negative security model: allow all, deny what's wrong

- Blacklist known XSS payloads using the ModSecurity Core Rule Set Regular Expressions

Positive security model: deny all, allow what's right

- Enforce expected input for “field1” parameter data



Core Rules - Negative Security

Generic XSS Detection

```
SecRule REQUEST_FILENAME|ARGS|ARGS_NAMES "(?:\b(?:
(?:type\b\W*?\b(?:text\b\W*?\b(?:j(?:ava)?|ecma|vb)|
application\b\W*?\b(?:x-(?:java|vb))script|
c(?:opyparentfolder|reatetextrange)|get(?:special|
parent)folder|iframe\b.{0,100}?\bsrc)\b|on(?:
(?:mo(?:use(?:o(?:ver|ut)|down|move|up)|ve)|
key(?:press|down|up)|c(?:hange|lick)|s(?:elec|
ubmi)t|(?:un)?load|dragdrop|resize|focus|blur)\b\W*?
=|abort\b)|(?:l(?:owsrc\b\W*?\b(?:?:... \
"phase:
2,pass,capture,t:none,t:htmlEntityDecode,t:compressW
hiteSpace,t:lowercase,ctl:auditLogParts=
+E,log,auditlog,msg:'Cross-site Scripting (XSS)
Attack',id:'950004',tag:'WEB_ATTACK/XSS',logdata:'%
{TX.0}',severity:'2'"
```



Updated Core Rules

Targeted XSS for WebGoat

<Location /WebGoat/attack>

```
SecRule ARGS:field1 "(?:\b(?:(:type\b\W*?\b(?:text
\b\W*?\b(?:j(?:ava)?|ecma|vb)|application\b\W*?\b|x-
(?:java|vb))script|c(?:opyparentfolder|
reatetextrange)|get(?:special|parent)folder|iframe
\b.{0,100}?\bsrc)\b|on(?:(:mo(?:use(?:o(?:ver|ut)|
down|move|up)|ve)|key(?:press|down|up)|c(?:hange|
lick)|s(?:elec|ubmi)t|(:un)?load|dragdrop|resize|
focus|blur)\b\W*?|=|abort\b)|(:l(?:owsrc\b\W*?\b(?:
(?:... \
"phase:
2, deny, capture, t:none, t:htmlEntityDecode, t:compressW
hiteSpace, t:lowercase, ctl:auditLogParts=
+E, log, auditlog, msg: 'Cross-site Scripting (XSS)
Attack', id: '1', tag: 'WEB_ATTACK/XSS', logdata: '%{TX.
0}', severity: '2'"
```

</Location>



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Why Negative Security Fails

Evasions

- Canonicalization/Obfuscation Problems
 - Unicode, HTML Encoding/Decoding
 - Too many variations that result in **functionality equivalent code**

- Original form

```
<script>alert('XSS')</script>
```

- Using ActionScript inside Flash

```
a="get"; b="URL(\""; c="javascript:";  
d="alert('XSS');\")"; eval(a+b+c+d);
```

- DIV Background Image

```
<DIV STYLE="background-image:  
    \0075\0072\006C\0028'\006a  
    \0061\0076\0061\0073\0063\0072\0069\0070  
    \0074\003a\0061\006c  
    \0065\0072\0074\0028.1027\0058.1053\0053  
    \0027\0029'\0029">
```

<http://ha.ckers.org/xss.html>



Reflected XSS

Positive Security Model

<Location /WebGoat/attack>

```
SecRule &ARGS_GET_NAMES:field1 "@ge 1" "phase:
2,t:none,log,deny,msg:'Field1 Parameter Found in
Query_String.'"
```

```
SecRule &ARGS_POST_NAMES:field1 "@eq 0" "phase:
2,t:none,log,deny,msg:'Field1 Parameter is Missing
from Post Payload.'"
```

```
SecRule &ARGS_POST_NAMES:field1 "@gt 1" "phase:
2,t:none,log,deny,msg:'Multiple Field1 Parameters
Found in Post Payload.'"
```

```
SeRule ARGS_POST:field1 "!^\d{3}$" "phase:
2,t:none,log,deny,msg:'Field1 Invalid Parameter
Data.'"
```

</Location>

Only allow
3 digits



Reflected XSS

Application Defect

Failure to HTML Output Encode User Supplied Data

Request

- `<IMG SRC="javascript:alert('XSS');">`
- `<IMG SRC="javascript:alert('XSS');">`

Response

Correct HTML Output Encoding of User Supplied Data

Request

- `<IMG SRC="javascript:alert('XSS');">`
- `<IMG SRC="javascript:alert('XSS');">`

Response



Reflected XSS

ModSecurity Audit Log Entry

```
--1e58114a-A--
[05/Feb/2009:01:42:16 --0500] SYqKSH8AAQEABUEAsgAAAA
192.168.110.1 4134 192.168.110.133 80
--1e58114a-B--
POST /WebGoat/attack?Screen=49&menu=900 HTTP/1.1
--CUT--
--1e58114a-C--
QTY1=1&QTY2=1&QTY3=1&QTY4=1&field2=4128+3214+0002+1999&field1=
<script>alert(document.cookie)</script>&SUBMIT=Purchase
--CUT--
--1e58114a-E--
--CUT--
<div id="message" class="info"><BR> * Congratulations. You
have successfully completed this lesson.<BR> * Whoops! You
entered <script>alert(document.cookie)</script> instead of
your three digit code. Please try again.</div>
```



App Defect Rule Set

*Dynamic Taint Propagation*¹

Follow untrusted data and identify points where they are misused

Use ModSecurity's built-in Transactional Collection (TX)

Use the "setvar:tx" action



Inspect Request Parameter Payloads

Monitor inbound payloads for meta-characters that could be used in an XSS attack

Set a TX variable that holds this data



Inspect *Current* Response Body Payload

Check outbound response data for **the exact same user-supplied data**



1- Fortify - B. Chess/J. West

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Reflected XSS

App Defect Rule

```
SecRule ARGS "([\\"'\"\\(\\)\\;.<>#])" "chain,phase:4,t:none,log,auditlog,deny,status:403,id:'1',msg:'Potentially Malicious Meta-Characters in User Data Not Properly Output Encoded.',logdata:'%{tx.inbound_meta-characters}'"
```

```
    SecRule MATCHED_VAR "^.{15,}$"  
    "chain,t:none,setvar:tx.inbound_meta-characters=%{matched_var}"
```

```
        SecRule RESPONSE_BODY  
        "@contains %{tx.inbound_meta-characters}"  
        "ctl:auditLogParts=+E"
```



Rule and Debug Log Data (1)

```
SecRule ARGS "([\\"'\"\\(\\)\\;.<>#])" "chain,phase:
4,t:none,log,auditlog,deny,status:
403,id:'1',msg:'Potentially Malicious Meta-
Characters in User Data Not Properly Output
Encoded.',logdata:'%{tx.inbound_meta-characters}'"
```

```
Rule 81c0640: SecRule "ARGS" "@rx ([\\"'\"\\(\\)\\
\\;.<>#])" "phase:
2,log,auditlog,pass,chain,t:none,setvar:tx.inbound_met
a-characters=%{matched_var}"
```

**[4] Executing operator "rx" with param "([\\"'\"\\(\\)\\
\\;.<>#])" against ARGS:field1.**

**[9] Target value: "<script>alert(document.cookie)</
script>"**

[9] Added regex subexpression to TX.0: <

[9] Added regex subexpression to TX.1: <

[4] Operator completed in 28 usec.



Rule and Debug Log Data (2)

```
SecRule MATCHED_VAR "^.{15,}$"  
"chain,t:none,setvar:tx.inbound_meta-characters=%  
{matched_var}"
```

```
[5] Rule 81d6a30: SecRule "MATCHED_VAR" "@rx ^.{15,}$" "phase:  
2,log,auditlog,pass,chain,t:none,setvar:tx.inbound_meta-  
characters=%{matched_var}"  
[4] Transformation completed in 2 usec.  
[4] Executing operator "rx" with param "^.{15,}$" against  
MATCHED_VAR.  
[9] Target value: "<script>alert(document.cookie)</script>"  
[4] Operator completed in 3 usec.  
[9] Setting variable: tx.inbound_meta-characters=%{matched_var}  
[9] Resolved macro %{matched_var} to  
    "<script>alert(document.cookie)</script>"  
[9] Set variable "tx.inbound_meta-characters" to  
    "<script>alert(document.cookie)</script>".  
[4] Rule returned 1.
```



Rule and Debug Log Data (3)

```
SecRule RESPONSE_BODY "@contains %  
{tx.inbound_meta-characters}" "ctl:auditLogParts=  
+E"
```

```
[4] Executing operator "contains" with param "%  
{tx.inbound_meta-characters}" against RESPONSE_BODY.  
[9] Target value: "\r\n\r\n\r\n\r\n<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//  
DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN"  
--CUT--  
[9] Resolved macro %{tx.inbound_meta-characters} to  
"<script>alert(document.cookie)</script>"  
[4] Ctl: Set auditLogParts to ABIFHZE.  
[2] Warning. String match "<script>alert(document.cookie)</  
script>" at RESPONSE_BODY. [file "/usr/local/apache/conf/  
core-rules_1.6.2/modsecurity_crs_15_customrules.conf"] [line  
"17"] [id "1"] [msg "Potentially Malicious Meta-Characters in  
User Data Not Properly Output Encoded."] [data  
"<script>alert(document.cookie)</script>"]
```

Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

- **Stored XSS**

- Attacker is the one who sends the malicious payload to the application.
- Victim views the malicious payload at another time.
- Malicious JavaScript is sent/echoed back *in different transactions*
- Negative/Positive Security rules presented for Reflective XSS still work to block the inbound attack



App Defect Rule Set

Stored XSS

Use ModSecurity's Global Persistent Collection (GLOBAL)

Use the "initcol:global=" and "setvar:global." actions



Leverage the Reflected XSS Rules

Set a variable in the GLOBAL collection that holds this data across transactions



Inspect **ALL** Response Body Payloads

Check outbound response data for **the exact same user-supplied data**



Stored XSS

App Defect Rule

```
SecAction "phase:1,nolog,pass,initcol:global=xss_list"
```

...Reflected XSS Rules Here...

```
SecRule GLOBAL:'/XSS_LIST_.*/' "@streq "phas%  
{tx.inbound_meta-characters}" e:  
4,t:none,nolog,pass,skip:1"
```

```
SecRule TX:INBOUND_META-CHARACTERS ".*" "phase:  
4,t:none,nolog,pass,setvar:global.xss_list_%  
{time_epoch}=%{matched_var}"
```

```
SecRule GLOBAL:'/XSS_LIST_.*/' "@within %  
{response_body}" "phase:  
4,t:none,log,auditlog,pass,msg:'Potentially Malicious  
Meta-Characters in User Data Not Properly Output  
Encoded',tag:'WEB_ATTACK/XSS'"
```



Viewing Persistent Collections

```
# java -cp /root/org.jwall.tools.jar  
org.jwall.tools.CollectionViewer /tmp/  
  
Collection global, last read @ Thu Feb 05 02:01:18 EST 2009  
Created at Thu Feb 05 01:42:16 EST 2009  
  
global[xss_list].xss_list_1233816136 =  
<script>alert(document.cookie)</script>  
  
global[xss_list].xss_list_1233817131 =  
<SCRIPT>alert(String.fromCharCode(88,83,83))</SCRIPT>  
  
global[xss_list].xss_list_1233817276 = <META HTTP-  
EQUIV="refresh" CONTENT="0;  
URL=http://;URL=javascript:alert('XSS');">  
  
global[xss_list].xss_list_1233817198 = <BASE  
HREF="javascript:alert('XSS');//">  
  
global[xss_list].TIMEOUT = 3600  
This collection expires in 59m 57.242s
```



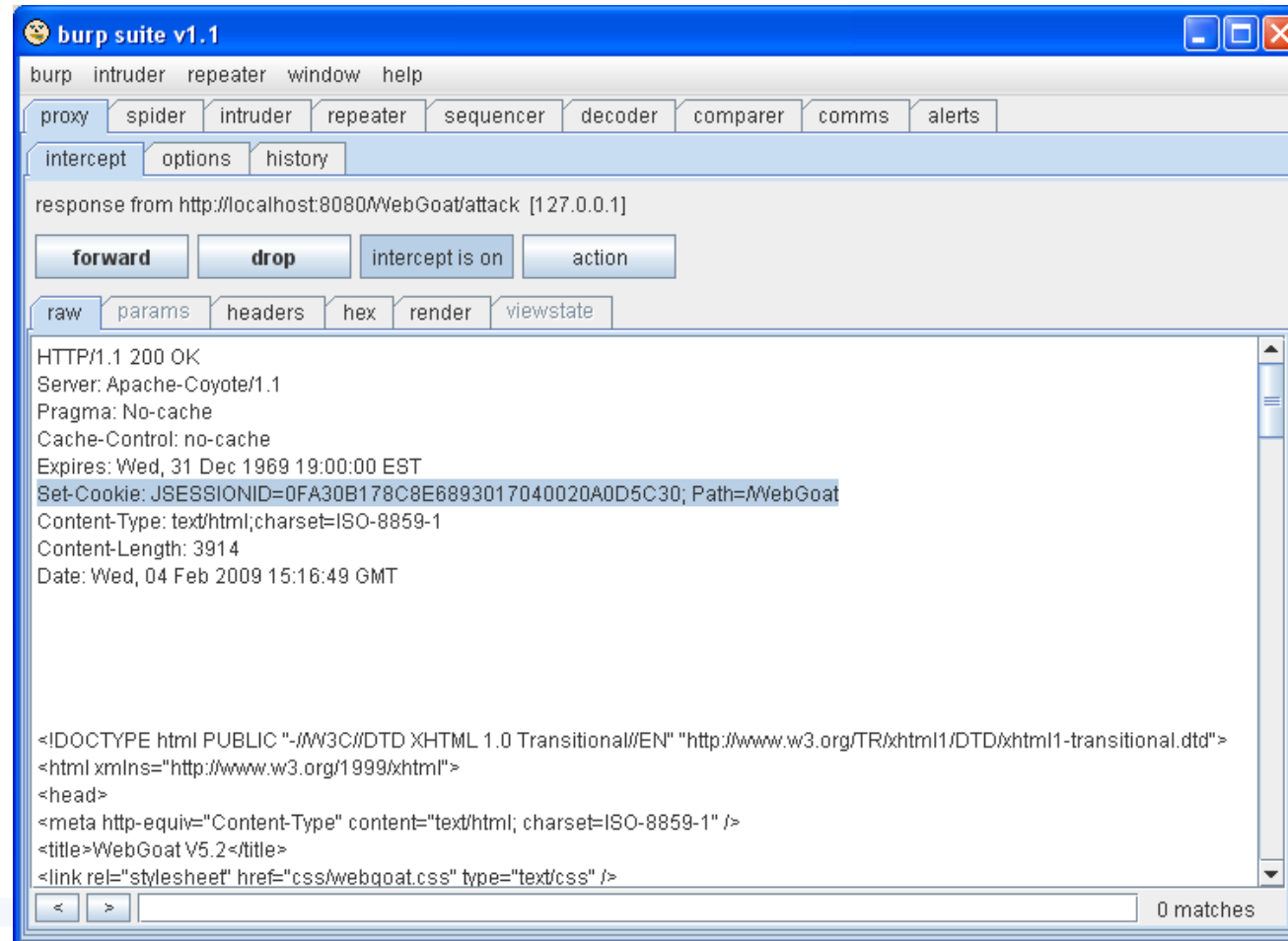
Application Defect Mitigation

Missing Cookie Protections – HTTPOnly Flag

- Defect:
 - Application does not use the HttpOnly Cookie Option
- Vulnerability:
 - The HttpOnly cooking flag option helps to prevent client-side code from access the cookie data within the browser
- Technique:
 - If attackers are able to insert XSS code, they may be able to steal SessionID credentials
- Consequence:
 - Session Hijacking



Missing HTTPOnly Flag



Missing HTTPOnly Rule Set

ModSecurity + Apache

Use ModSecurity to Inspect Outbound Set-Cookie Data

Check for SessionIDs that are missing the HTTPOnly flag



Use ModSecurity's "setenv" action

ENV data holds the initial Set-Cookie data



Apache can access/update this data using the Header directive

Issue a new Set-Cookie header that appends HTTPOnly to the end



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Missing HTTPOnly Flag

App Defect Rule

```
SecRule RESPONSE_HEADERS:/Set-Cookie2?/ "!(?i:\;  
? ?httponly;?) " chain,phase:  
3,t:none,pass,nolog"
```

```
    SecRule MATCHED_VAR "(?i:(j?sessionid|(php)?  
sessid|(asp|jserv|jw)?session[-_]?(id)?|cf(id|  
token)|sid))" "t:none,setenv:http_cookie=%  
{matched_var}"
```

```
Header set Set-Cookie "%{http_cookie}e;  
HTTPOnly" env=http_cookie
```



HTTPOnly Flag Added

LAB: Cross Site Scripting - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View History Bookmarks Tools Help

http://www.webgoat.net/WebGoat/attack?Screen=849&menu=900

LAB: Cross Site Scripting

Logout ?

OWASP WebGoat V5.2

Introduction

General

Access Control Flaws

AJAX Security

Authentication Flaws

Buffer Overflows

Code Quality

Concurrency

Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

Denial of Service

Solution View

As 'Tom', ex...
that 'Jerry' is...
The passwor...

The page at http://www.webgoat.net says:

OK

Goat Hills Financial
Human Resources

Search For User
Employee larry

Transferring data from www.webgoat.net...

FoxyProxy: Disabled

SOLUTION EXAMPLE:
***CROSS-SITE REQUEST FORGERY
(CSRF)***

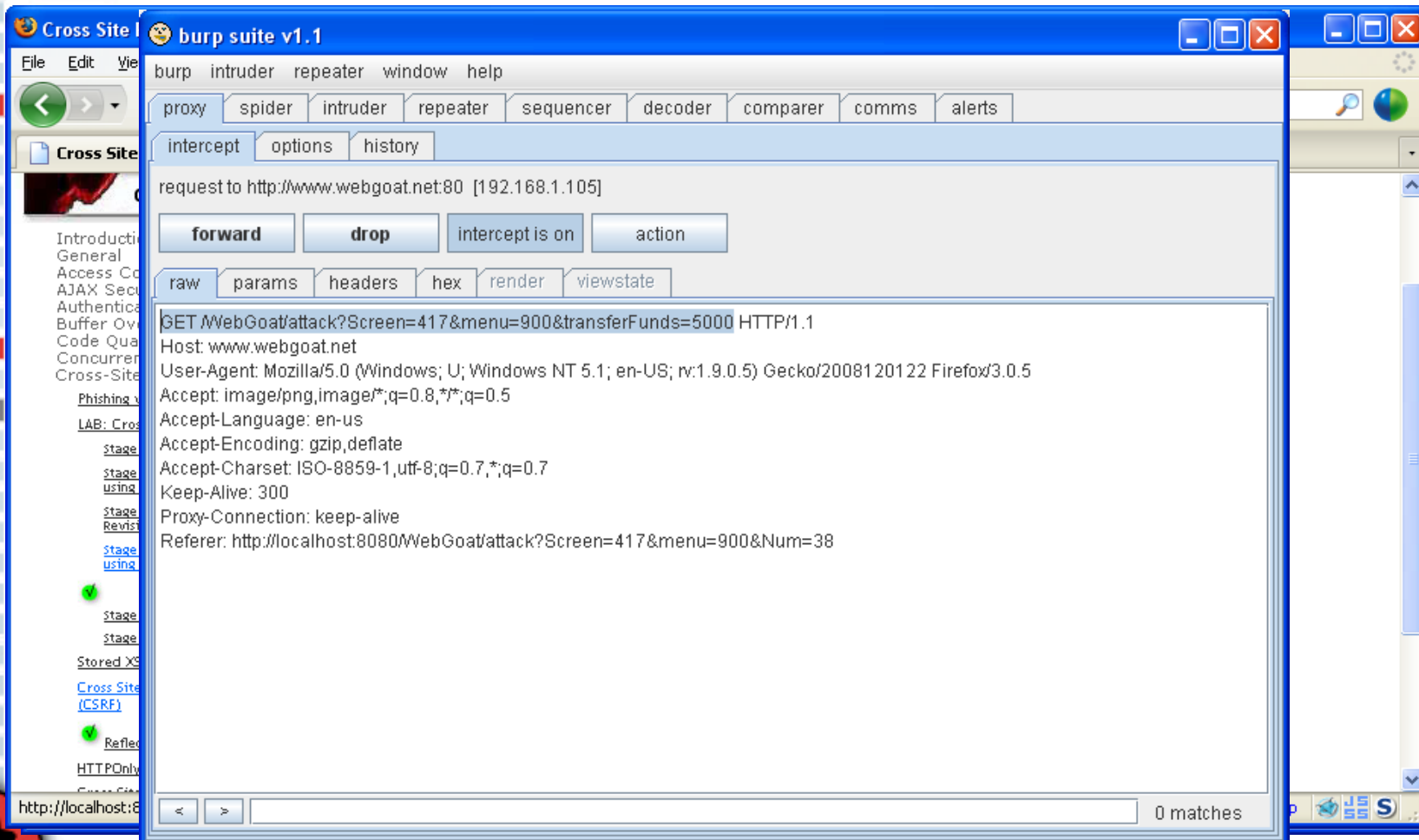


Cross Site Request Forgery (CSRF)

- Defect:
 - Application uses Implicit Authentication based on SessionID Cookie data
 - Also known as Session Riding, One-Click Attacks, etc...
- Vulnerability:
 - Web browsers automatically send SessionID data with requests
- Technique:
 - An attack that tricks the victim into loading a page that contains a malicious request.
 - In a forum, the attack may direct the user to invoke a logout function
 - Can be combined with XSS
- Consequence:
 - Fraud



WebGoat CSRF Lesson



CSRF Mitigation

Adding Unique Tokens via Content Injection

Use ModSecurity's Session Persistent Collection

Data is saved for each SessionID



Create/Inject Unique Token Value into Response Data

Use "t:sha1" action to capture hash of JSESSIONID

Use "append" Content Injection action

Uses csrf.js script from OWASP CSRFGuard



Validate CSRF Token Data on Subsequent Requests

Check that CSRF Token exists and data matches the saved CSRF Hash data



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CSRF Rules (1)

Storing/Injecting Unique Tokens

SecContentInjection On

```
SecRule RESPONSE_HEADERS:/Set-Cookie2?/ "(?i:jsessionid=([a-f0-9]+)\;  
\s*)" "chain,phase:3,t:none,pass,nolog,capture,setsid:%{TX.  
1},setvar:session.sessionid=%{TX.1}"
```

```
    SecRule SESSION:SESSIONID "(.*)" "  
    "t:none,capture,t:sha1,t:hexEncode,setvar:session.csrf_token=%{TX.1}"
```

```
SecRule REQUEST_FILENAME "/WebGoat/attack" "phase:  
4,t:none,nolog,pass,append: '<script language=\"JavaScript\"> \  
var tokenName = \'MODSEC_CSRF_TOKEN\'; \  
var tokenValue = \'%{session.csrf_token}\'; \  
\  
--CUT--  
</script>'"
```



CSRF Rules (2)

Validating Tokens

```
SecRule &ARGS "@ge 1" "chain,phase:
2,t:none,deny,log,ctl:auditLogParts=+E,msg:'CSRF
Attack Detected - Missing CSRF Token.'"

```

```
SecRule &ARGS:MODSEC_CSRF_TOKEN "!@eq 1"

```

```
SecRule &ARGS "@ge 1" "chain,phase:
2,t:none,deny,log,msg:'CSRF Attack Detected -
Invalid Token.'"

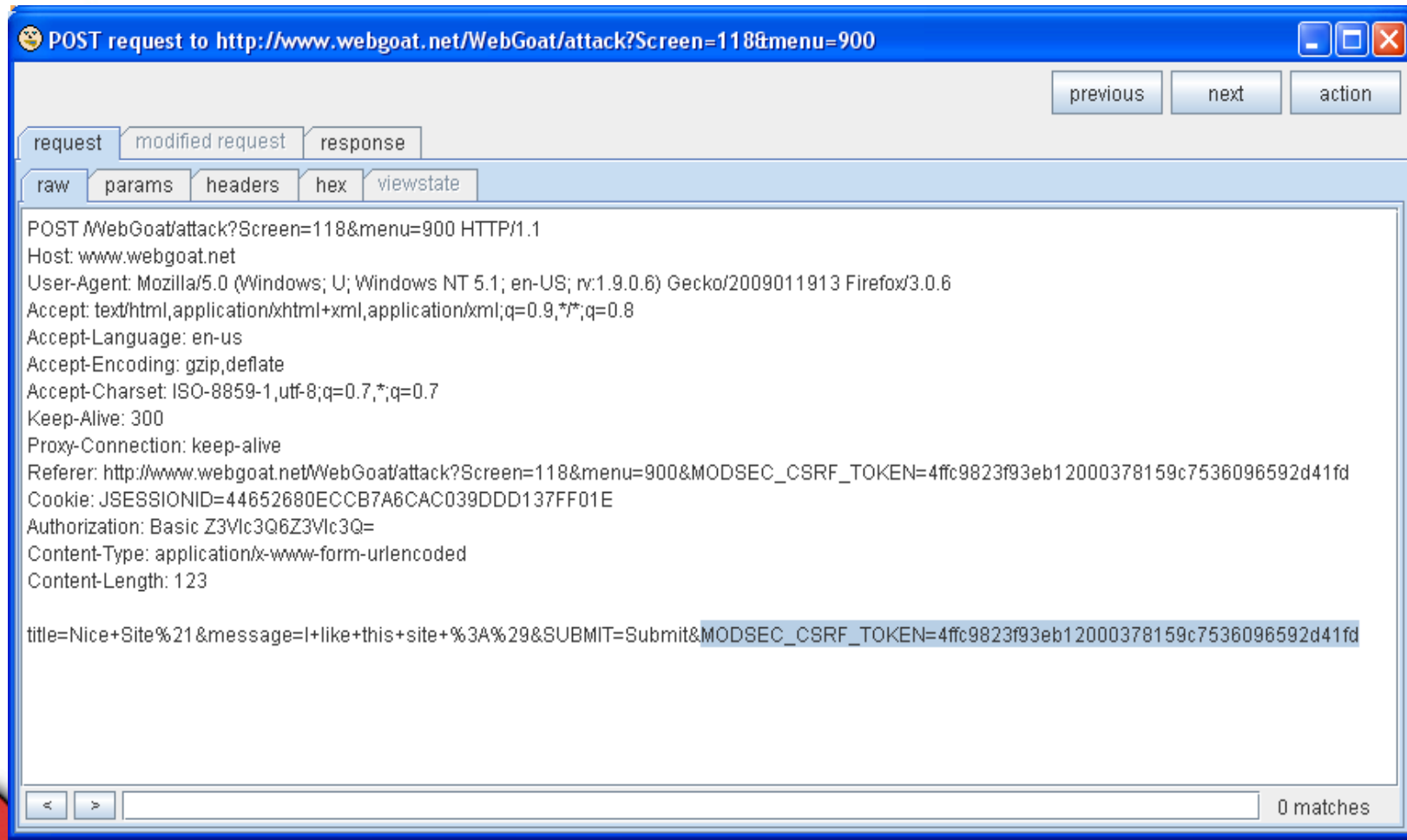
```

```
SecRule ARGS:MODSEC_CSRF_TOKEN "!@streq %
{SESSION.CSRF_TOKEN}"

```



CSRF Content Injection



POST request to <http://www.webgoat.net/WebGoat/attack?Screen=118&menu=900>

request modified request response

raw params headers hex viewstate

POST /WebGoat/attack?Screen=118&menu=900 HTTP/1.1
Host: www.webgoat.net
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows; U; Windows NT 5.1; en-US; rv:1.9.0.6) Gecko/2009011913 Firefox/3.0.6
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-us
Accept-Encoding: gzip,deflate
Accept-Charset: ISO-8859-1,utf-8;q=0.7,*;q=0.7
Keep-Alive: 300
Proxy-Connection: keep-alive
Referer: http://www.webgoat.net/WebGoat/attack?Screen=118&menu=900&MODSEC_CSRF_TOKEN=4ffc9823f93eb12000378159c7536096592d41fd
Cookie: JSESSIONID=44652680ECCB7A6CAC039DDD137FF01E
Authorization: Basic Z3Vlc3Q6Z3Vlc3Q=
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Content-Length: 123

title=Nice+Site%21&message=I+like+this+site+%3A%29&SUBMIT=Submit&MODSEC_CSRF_TOKEN=4ffc9823f93eb12000378159c7536096592d41fd

0 matches



SOLUTION EXAMPLE:

SESSION MANAGEMENT FLAWS



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Session-Based Attacks

- Defect:
 - The web application does not “remember” who it issued the SessionID to.
 - Clients submit SessionIDs that the web application did not issue (via Set-Cookie)
- Vulnerability:
 - Attacker can use SessionIDs that belong to other users.
- Technique:
 - Brute Force Guessing SessionIDs
 - Session Hijacking
 - Session Fixation
- Consequence:
 - Session Hijacking



Identifying Session Attacks



GET /mybank.php HTTP/1.0
Host: bank.example.com
User-Agent: Mozilla/4.0
Cookie: sessionid=11111
Connection: close



GET /mybank.php HTTP/1.0
Host: bank.example.com
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0
Cookie: sessionid=11111
Connection: close



ALERT!
Session Hijack



Session Flaw Mitigation

Tracking SessionIDs

Use ModSecurity's Session Persistent Collection

Data is saved for each SessionID



Capture Hash Values of Meta-Data and Save in Session Collection

Valid Session Token

IP Network Block Hash

User-Agent Hash



Validate SessionID Data on Subsequent Requests

Valid Session Token

IP Network Block Hash

User-Agent Hash



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Session Rules (1)

Storing SessionID Meta-Data

```
SecRule RESPONSE_HEADERS:/Set-Cookie2?/ "(?  
i:jsessionid=([a-f0-9]+\s?)" "phase:  
3,t:none,pass,log,capture,msg:'Captured session id  
from response cookie: %{TX.1}',setvar:%{TX.  
1},setvar:session.sessionid=%{TX.1},setvar:tx.ip=%  
{remote_addr},setvar:tx.ua=%{request_headers.user-  
agent},setvar:session.valid=1"
```

```
SecRule TX:IP "^(\\d{1,3}\\.(\\d{1,3}\\.(\\d{1,3}\\.))"  
"phase:  
3,capture,t:none,t:sha1,t:hexEncode,nolog,pass,setvar  
:session.ip=%{tx.1}"
```

```
SecRule TX:UA "(.*)" "phase:  
3,capture,t:none,t:sha1,t:hexEncode,nolog,pass,setvar  
:session.ua=%{tx.0}"
```



Session Rules (2)

Validate SessionID Meta-Data

```
SecRule REQUEST_COOKIES:JSESSIONID "!^$" "phase:1,t:none,pass,nolog,setsid:%  
{request_cookies.jsessionid},setvar:session.sessionid=%  
{request_cookies.jsessionid},setvar:tx.ip={remote_addr},setvar:tx.ua=%  
{request_headers.user-agent}"
```

```
SecRule &SESSION:VALID "!@eq 1" "phase:1,t:none,deny,log,msg:'Invalid SessionID  
Submitted.'"
```

```
SecRule TX:IP "^(\d{1,3}\.\d{1,3}\.\d{1,3}\.)" "phase:  
2,capture,t:none,t:sha1,t:hexEncode,nolog,pass,setvar:tx.ip_hash={tx.1}"
```

```
SecRule TX:UA "(.*)" "phase:  
2,capture,t:none,t:sha1,t:hexEncode,nolog,pass,setvar:tx.ua_hash={tx.0}"
```

```
SecRule TX:IP_HASH "!@streq %{SESSION.IP}" "phase:  
2,t:none,pass,log,setvar:tx.sticky_session_anomaly+=1,msg:'Warning - Sticky  
SessionID Data Changed - IP Address Mismatch.'"
```

```
SecRule TX:UA_HASH "!@streq %{SESSION.UA}" "phase:  
2,t:none,pass,log,setvar:tx.sticky_session_anomaly+=1,msg:'Warning - Sticky  
SessionID Data Changed - User-Agent Mismatch.'"
```

```
SecRule TX:STICKY_SESSION_ANOMALY "@eq 2" "phase:2,t:none,deny,log,msg:'Warning -  
Sticky SessionID Data Changed - IP Address and User-Agent Mismatch.'"
```



SOLUTION EXAMPLE:

HIDDEN PARAMETER TAMPERING



Black Hat Briefings

Hidden Parameter Tampering

- Defect:
 - The web application keeps track of session state data by adding on “HIDDEN” form parameters
- Vulnerability:
 - Attackers can manipulate this data.
- Technique:
 - Attack can edit page source or use a local web proxy to intercept the response data and change data
- Consequence:
 - Session Hijacking, Business Logic Flaws



Hidden Parameter Tampering

Exploit Hidden Fields - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View History Bookmarks Tools Help

http://www.webgoat.net/WebGoat/attack?Screen=665&menu=1600&MODSEC_CSRF_TOKEN=3

Exploit Hidden Fields

OWASP WebGoat V5.2

Hints Show Params Show Cookies Lesson Plan Show Java Solution

Introduction

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- AJAX Security
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- Injection Flaws
- Insecure Communication
- Insecure Configuration
- Insecure Storage
- Parameter Tampering

Exploit Hidden Fields

Exploit Unchecked Email

Bypass Client Side JavaScript Validation

Session Management Flaws

Web Services

Admin Functions

Challenge

Solution Videos Try to purchase the HDTV for less than the purchase price, if you have not done so already. Restart this Lesson

Source of: http://www.webgoat.net/WebGoat/attack?Screen=665&menu=1600&MOD...

```

File Edit View Help
name='SUBMIT' type='SUBMIT'
</td>
</tr>
</table><input name='Price' type='HIDDEN' value='2999.99'><br>
</form></div>

<div id="credits">
<table align='RIGHT' cellpadding='0'
width='90%' border='0' cellspacing='0'>
<tr>
<td valign='MIDDLE' width='100%' align='RIGHT'>

```

Line 561, Col 9

Waiting for www.webgoat.net...

FoxyProxy: Disabled

Parameter Manipulation Mitigation

Use ModSecurity's Session Persistent Collection

Data is saved for each SessionID



Inspect Response Body Payload for HIDDEN Parameter Data

Save HIDDEN data in Session Collection



Validate Parameter Data on Subsequent Requests

Check if saved Hidden Parameter Name
Exists in Request

Ensure the Hidden Parameter Data is
Unaltered



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Parameter Manipulation Rules (1)

Capture Outbound HIDDEN Data

```
SecRule RESPONSE_BODY "(<input\s.*type=[\"']?hidden[\"']?[\s>][^<]*>)" "chain,phase:4,t:none,t:lowercase,pass,nolog,capture,setvar:tx.hidden_data=%{tx.1}"
```

```
    SecRule TX:HIDDEN_DATA "<input\s.*name=[\"']?([\w\s]*)[\"']?[\s>)" "chain,capture,setvar:session.hidden_arg_name=%{tx.1}"
```

```
        SecRule TX:HIDDEN_DATA "<input\s.*value=[\"']?([\w\s\.]*)[\"']?[\s>)" "capture,setvar:session.hidden_arg=%{session.hidden_arg_name}=%{tx.1}"
```



Parameter Manipulation Rules (1)

Validate Inbound Parameter Data

```
SecRule &SESSION:HIDDEN_ARG_NAME "@gt 0"  
"chain,phase:  
2,t:none,log,auditlog,deny,msg:'Hidden  
Parameter Manipulation.'"
```

```
    SecRule ARGS_POST_NAMES  
"@contains %{SESSION.HIDDEN_ARG_NAME}"  
"chain"
```

```
        SecRule REQUEST_BODY "!"  
@contains %{SESSION.HIDDEN_ARG}"  
"t:none,t:lowercase"
```



Viewing Hidden Collection Data

```
# java -cp /root/org.jwall.tools.jar
org.jwall.tools.CollectionViewer /tmp/

Reading collections from /tmp

Collection default_SESSION, last read @ Fri Jan 30 04:08:39
EST 2009

Created at Fri Jan 30 04:05:56 EST 2009

default_SESSION[].sessionId =
D798FE268D317B360020B9D797EFF2A1

default_SESSION[].hidden_arg = price=2999.99

default_SESSION[].ip =
d9df736088f7a4a919e4de2634d4b53d487a3b26

default_SESSION[].ua =
467cbdf2fcbeef118adf68237f3ead3a5c7b1670

default_SESSION[].hidden_arg_name = price

default_SESSION[].TIMEOUT = 3600

This collection expires in 59m 32.943s
```



The Need for Lua

- ModSecurity Rules Language Limitations
 - Allows for easy “and” logic but it is difficult to do if/then/or structures
 - RegEx parsing has problems with capturing multiple individual elements (e.g. – more than 1 HIDDEN parameter)
- ModSecurity has a Lua API
 - User creates scripts that use advanced programming logic
- Stephen Evans created many example Lua scripts for WebGoat mitigations
- Content Injection (Javascript) + Lua is a powerful virtual patching combination
 - Not constrained by pre-packaged, WAF GUI functionality



Lua Scripts

```
SecRuleScript "/etc/modsecurity/data/write-hidden-values1.lua" \ "phase:4,t:none,log,auditlog,allow,msg:'Writing RESPONSE BODY \ & parsed input fields to file using luascript'"
```

```
local tbuff = m.getvar("RESPONSE_BODY", "none")
for a in string.gmatch(tbuff, "<input .->") do
    t = {}
    for k, v in string.gmatch(a, "(%w+)= '(.-)'"') do
        t[k]=v
    end
    if t.type:lower() == "hidden" then
        -- write t.type, t.name and t.value to file
    end
Entry{
    name = "hidden_tan",
    type = "HIDDEN",
    value = "2"
```

Conclusion

- A WAF is more than an “attack blocking device.”
 - Can also identify/correct Application Defects.
 - Can be used as an HTTP Auditing device.
- There is a tremendous need for Virtual Patching:
 - Expedite the implementation of mitigations.
 - Provide protection for apps that can't be updated.
- ModSecurity is an excellent, tactical tool to use for mitigation strategies
 - Robust rules language
 - Content Injection + Lua is powerful



Questions?

- Thank you!

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