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Hello! And welcome to the IBM briefing on Achieving Enterprise Application Security. We'll be talking today about security technologies and techniques, and about the software products from IBM that can help you ensure that the applications you develop are secure..

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We will be covering application security from end-to-end. We'll start by examining the goals of application security, followed by a review of the basic security concepts. Next we'll see how those basics are applied as we build our security stack, adding layers of defense. We'll use Java and Java EE as our programming languages and environment to illustrate certain technologies and techniques.

We'll proceed through the following topics:

- Application security and core technologies
- Java and Java EE security
- Web services and SOA security
- Secure infrastructure from IBM
- Attacks and malicious code with a close look at common application vulnerabilities
- Watchfire AppScan
- Resources and wrap up


The security tools and product from IBM we'll discuss include:

- Rational Requisite Pro
- Rational Application Developer/Rational Software Architect
- Tivoli Access Manager
- Tivoli Identity Manager
- Tivoli Federated Identity Manager

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Let's get started.

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Application security is just one part of a whole

- Application security is part of overall enterprise security
- Application security is not an add-on, it must be incorporated throughout
 - ▶ At requirements time
 - ▶ At design time
 - ▶ At code time
 - ▶ At test time
 - ▶ At installation time
 - ▶ At runtime

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You can't think of application security as something you add to software just before you deliver it. The security of the application must be a consideration all through the delivery lifecycle. And it must be integrated with the overall enterprise security strategy and plan.

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Security goals and requirements

- There is no such thing as absolute security
 - ▶ There are risks and countermeasures to address these risks
- Nothing can ever be proven to be 100% secure
 - ▶ But we can make the cost of breaking into a system more expensive than the value of the information it contains
- Security requirements vary with different applications
 - ▶ There's no universal checklist
 - ▶ There are common requirements, but they may not all apply
- The emphasis must be on letting the "good guys" in as much as keeping the "bad guys" out
- Security must be based on strong, **open standards** to ensure interoperability between platforms

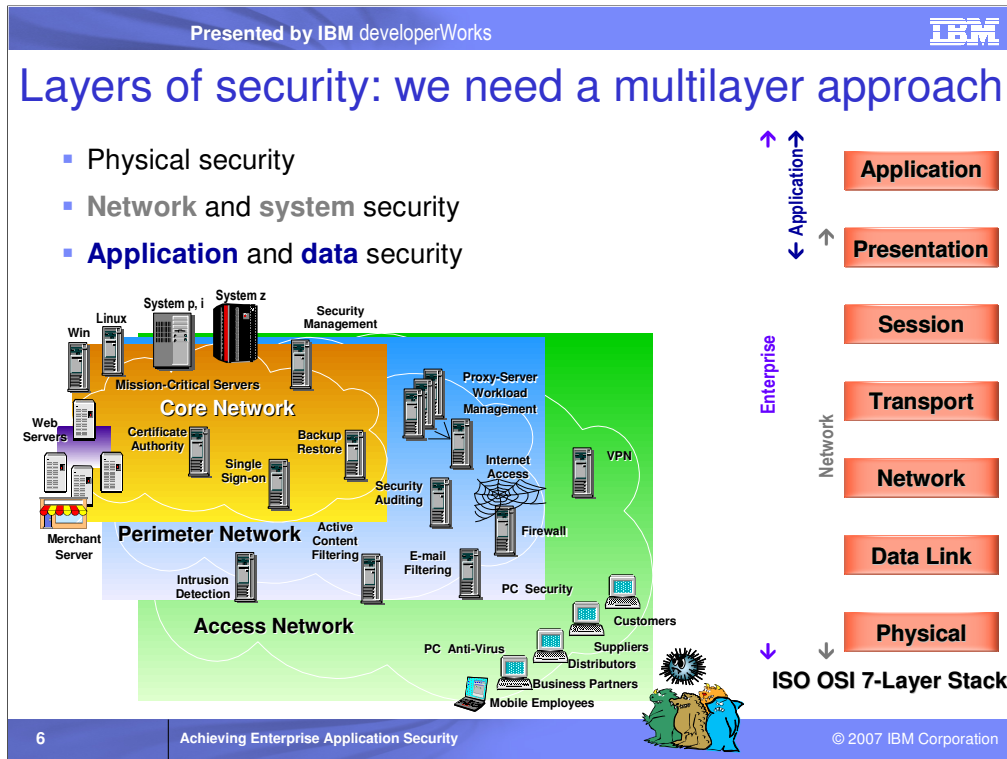
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You have to bear in mind that there is no such thing as absolute security, that nothing can be 100% secure. It's all a matter of trade-offs – how much the security costs in relation to the value of the information to be secured.


And there is no universal checklist that you can apply to every application. While there may be common requirements across many applications, each will have its own unique requirements.

Security measures cannot put major constraints on the usability of an application. You have to put as much emphasis on letting authorized users into your systems as you do on keeping unauthorized users out.

To ensure interoperability, the use of security standards is imperative.



In order to let the good guys in while keeping the bad guys out, security is required at many levels. We need to secure hardware, operating systems, application software, peripheral devices, and communications equipment. Successfully subverting any of these can compromise the system and the information stored on the system. Each point requiring security maps to a level in the OSI stack. The ISO OSI model is the International Standard Organization's Open System Interconnect (ISO/OSI) model. It defines seven network layers starting from the hardware and wiring and going all the way up to the applications running on the network. Each layer needs security. Today our focus will be on the application, but none of these other layers can be ignored in an enterprise.


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Seven ISO security requirements, plus one

1. **Identification:** who are you?
2. **Authentication:** how do I know your identity is true?
3. **Authorization:** are you allowed to perform this transaction?
4. **Integrity:** is the data you sent the same as the data I received?
5. **Confidentiality:** are we sure that nobody read the data you sent me?
6. **Auditing:** record of all transactions so we can look for security problems after the fact
7. **Non-repudiation:** both sender and receiver can provide legal proof to a third party (e.g. judge) that
 - ▶ the sender did send the message, and
 - ▶ the receiver received the identical message
8. And **Privacy:** addresses the access purpose and data owner choice


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1. You usually identify yourself with your username.
2. Authentication can be with something you know such as a password, something you have such as a badge or dongle or smartcard, or something you are such as biometry, including fingerprint, retinal scan, etc.
3. Once you are authenticated, the next decision is whether you have permission to do what you are trying to do.
4. Integrity is all about making sure data doesn't change in transit. We use hashing and digital signatures to help with this.
5. We use encryption to prevent unauthorized access to data.
6. Auditing is important, especially time-stamping of activity and transactions.
7. Auditing and digital signatures are used for non-repudiation,
8. Privacy is a little different. It's a form of access control, but considers the purpose of access against the choices of the data subject (data owner),

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Confidentiality uses cryptography

- **Encryption** and decryption
 - ▶ The act of "hiding" and "un-hiding" information
- Symmetric key encryption
 - ▶ Uses a shared "secret" key and algorithm to encrypt & decrypt
 - ▶ Advantage: faster than asymmetric
 - ▶ Disadvantage: key must be securely distributed in advance
- Asymmetric key encryption
 - ▶ Uses a complementary pair of keys: either can encrypt but only the other can decrypt
 - ▶ One key is given out to the public, the "public key", while the other is held privately, the "private" key
 - Send a message encrypted w/public key, only private key can decrypt
 - Send a message encrypted w/private key, successful decryption with public key means sender holds private key



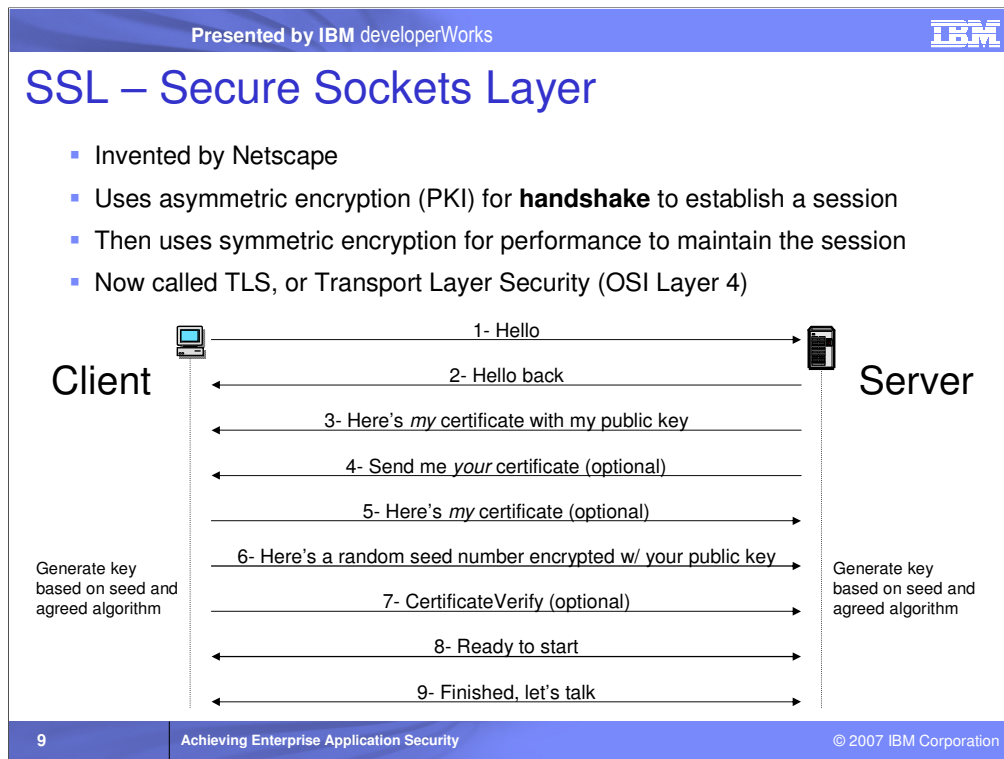
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To ensure confidentiality, we use cryptography.

You can encrypt/decrypt using a "transformation" algorithm, such as reversing each bit in a message, or you can use a key (a number) with the algorithm to encrypt/decrypt, such as adding one to each byte in a message. Usually we use both, and there are several algorithms available. The key needs to be kept secret between the two parties wishing to securely communicate.


Symmetric encryption is also known as Secret Key encryption because a key is shared between two parties and the key must be kept secret. Its advantage is that it is fast. Its drawback is the "key distribution problem": the key must remain secret, and it must be distributed securely to anyone we want to talk with; and, if we want secure conversations with n partners, we have to manage and distribute n keys, one for each. Offsetting this problem is the fact that symmetric encryption is very fast.

Asymmetric key encryption uses a pair of keys that work together to encrypt/decrypt. One of these keys is provided publicly, and is thus called the "public key". The other key is the "private key", and is held by the owner. The holder of a public key can encrypt a message with that key, and is ensured that the only key that can decrypt it is the holder of the private key of the public/private key pair. Likewise, if a message is received and it can be decrypted by the public key, then you can be assured that the message was encrypted by the holder of the private key.



Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) allows encrypted messages to be sent over a network. SSL uses both asymmetric and symmetric encryption: public key infrastructure (PKI) is used to establish the secure session. Once established, symmetric encryption is used for the actual message traffic.

SSL V2 requires a server certificate only. Thus the client definitely knows the server. Usually the client user has to log into the server site so that authentication is in both directions. SSL V3 also requires a client certificate so that authentication is mutual, at the Transport layer (OSI Layer 4). The optional messages in the handshake are sent if client authentication is in use. The CertificateVerify message is used so the client can authenticate; without this message – just sending the client certificate earlier doesn't prove client identity.

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XML encryption

- The XML Encryption standard defines ways to encrypt all or parts of an XML document
 - ▶ The encrypted information is replaced with a single `<EncryptedData>` element
 - ▶ You can encrypt different parts of the same document with different keys
 - ▶ You can encrypt the whole document, a single element, or just the text of an element


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SSL encrypts all of the traffic between two endpoints. It may be that you only wish to encrypt some of the data that is being sent. If you send that data as an XML document, then XML Encryption can be used to encrypt all or part of that document.

The portion of the document that you wish to encrypt is replaced with an `<EncryptedData>` element, containing the encrypted data. Other XML Encryption elements contain information about how the data was encrypted, the key used, and other information.

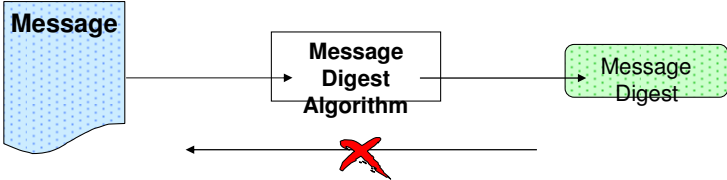
Different keys can be used to encrypt different parts of the same document. This lets you send a document to multiple parties, and each party can only decrypt the portion that applies to them.

You can encrypt any portion of an XML document with XML encryption, from the whole document down to the text of a single element.

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Integrity needs hash functions

- A *hash* or *message digest* function reduces an arbitrary stream of bytes to a fixed-size number (usually 128 or 160 bits)
- It has two important properties:
 1. A small change to the original input stream produces a huge change in the hash code
 2. You can't go the other way. And given an input stream and its hash code, it's practically impossible to find a second stream with the same hash code



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A hash or message digest function calculates a fixed-size number from an arbitrary stream of bytes.

There are two key features of hash algorithms that make them essential:

Any change to the input changes the output, so even a single bit difference to a 1MB document as input, will cause the digest to be different.


You cannot regenerate same input given output. You can't take a digest and figure out what the original input message or document was.

When a message is received with its hash, the receiver calculates the hash of the received message, and if it matches the hash sent by the sender, then the receiver knows that the message was not changed in the course of being sent.

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Digital Signature

- Based on hash functions and encryption
 - ▶ Generate a message digest from the data to be signed
 - ▶ Encrypt the digest to create the signature
- To verify the signature
 - ▶ Regenerate a digest of the original data that was signed
 - ▶ Decrypt the first encrypted digest
 - ▶ Compare the two digests; a match verifies the signature
- As with encryption, there is a standard for providing digital signatures in XML documents (XML-Signature).



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Digital signatures combine encryption and hash functions to provide both integrity and a level of non-repudiation.

To create a digital signature, a hash or message digest is generated from the data to be signed, then the digest is encrypted with the sender's private key.

To verify the signature, the receiver regenerates a digest from the data, then decrypts the encrypted digest and compares the two digests. If they match, the signature is verified – the data did not change during transmission and we are ensured that the data came from the holder of the private key.

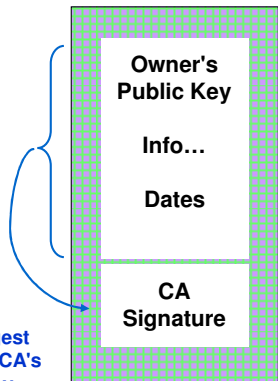
The XML Digital Signature standard specifies how to provide a digital signature of an XML document.

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Digital Certificates

- For distribution of owner's public key
- Irrefutably ties public key to owner
- Contains
 - ▶ Owner's distinguished name
 - ▶ Owner's public key
 - ▶ Time stamp and other information
- Issued and signed by a **Certification Authority**
 - ▶ Digital signing proves the certificate is valid
- Common type is **X.509** certificate
- PKI depends on trust
 - ▶ Must trust certification authority
- For an in-depth introduction to PKI, visit: <http://ibm.com/developerworks/security/library/s-pki.html>

Certificate



1 Create digest
2 Sign with CA's private key
3 Add to certificate

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We distribute a public key using a digital certificate, which irrefutably ties a public key to its owner. Certificates are created as follows:

1. Owner generates a public/private pair of keys
2. Owner submits his distinguished name and the public key to a CA in a Certificate Request, while locking the private key up in a keyfile
3. The CA verifies the owner and signs the certificate with the CA's private key (standard signature procedure)
4. Owner receives the signed certificate containing his public key and DN back from the CA.

The certificate can now be distributed to everyone -- this is how the public key inside is tied to the owner's identity and is made available to the public.

X.509 is a standard for public key infrastructure (PKI).

PKI depends on trusting the certificate issuers authority.

Authentication

- Authentication is the process of proving your identity
 - ▶ Once authenticated, credentials are typically created for the user so that subsequent authentications are not necessary
- Single sign-on (SSO)
 - ▶ Allows a user to sign on once and then be authenticated for multiple applications
 - ▶ SSO can be implemented with security tokens, such as LTPA, or Lightweight Third Party Authentication
 1. A user of a Web application authenticates to a server
 2. The server creates an LTPA token and stores it in the HTTP response
 3. Subsequent requests from the user contain the token
 4. The server recognizes the token and does not require user reauthentication when accessing another application


Authentication is the process of proving your identity, whether with a username/password, a certificate, or some other method. Once authenticated, some type of credentials are typically created for subsequent access to the same application.

Single sign-on (SSO) allows a user to sign on once and then be authenticated for multiple applications. The user authenticates to the server, and then a token is issued that can authenticate users to multiple applications.

Authorization and Access Control

- Pre-requisites:
 - ▶ **Identification**
 - Usually with a username
 - ▶ **Authentication**
 - Proof of who you are, with something you know, have, or are
 - Most common is username / password combination
- Access control is a key aspect of information security
 - ▶ Only **authorized** people have access to information
 - ▶ Trust that there is no way that a user can or will misuse their privileges
- Access control systems **enforce** rules of “authorized access”

Once a user has been identified and authenticated, we can begin to consider what that user is authorized to do and/or access in an application. Authorization rules and policies delineate which users are authorized to access certain functions or information. Access control systems enforce these rules.

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Access Control Lists (ACLs)

- Each protected **object** has an “owner”
- Owner grants to a **subject** the **ability** (permission) to access that **object**
- Access granted to **Subject** = {**users** and **groups**}
- Access permissions stored in terms of
 - ▶ {**subject**, **object**, **permissions**} ← one ACL entry
 - ▶ {**Fred**, **FileA**, **Read**}
 - ▶ {**Accountants**, **TaxFileB**, **Write**}
- Default is no access unless explicitly allowed

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Access control lists are one way to enforce authorization rules.

Each object (file or other resource) that requires only authorized access has an owner. The owner grants permission to access an object. Permission also indicates the type of access that can occur.

Permission is granted to subjects, which can be individual users or user groups.


An entry in an ACL lists the subject, the object, and the permission, as shown in these examples.

The default is to allow no access unless explicitly granted.

Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)

- What you have access to is based on your “role”
 - ▶ {Accountant, TaxFileA, Write}
- Note that “role” is very similar to group
 - ▶ In practice, almost all “role” based rules can be implemented using groups
- Requires some means of identifying which role user is “using”
- In Java EE, a security role is associated with an application
 - ▶ Different from a group, associated with an organization

Role-based access control, such as that used by Java EE, provides a level of indirection that allows access control specifications to be independent of the location where the application is installed. The role, instead of a user or group, is specified in the ACL. The independence is due to the further mapping of users and groups to roles.

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Privacy

- Different from authorization
- Pertains to “*data subject*” or “data owner” vs. “data custodian”
- Accommodates
 - ▶ Data subject choices (opt in/out) for access to their data
 - ▶ Purpose of access to that data
- E.g. data subject’s choice is that a doctor may access their medical records when the doctor’s acting as a physician, but not when acting as a consultant to an insurance company’s marketing department

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Privacy considerations are different from authorization. Privacy pertains to the data subject or data owner, i.e. who the information is about, as opposed to the data custodian who has physical possession of the data.

Privacy regulations often provide that data subjects be given choices about when, by whom, and for what purpose their data can be used. It is the data custodian’s job to ensure that the data subjects choices are enforced.


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Now we'll look at Java and Java EE security.

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Java and Java EE Security

- Java Security
 - ▶ The sandbox
 - ▶ Signed code
- Java 2 Security
 - ▶ Code-based security
 - ▶ Defined in Policy files
 - ▶ Enforced at runtime
- JAAS Security
 - ▶ Principal- and Subject-based security
 - ▶ Defined in code
 - ▶ Enforced programmatically
- Java EE Security
 - ▶ Role-based security
 - ▶ Defined in configuration settings or within code
 - ▶ Enforced by runtime and/or programmatically




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The original Java sandbox model prevented any code not on the CLASSPATH from accessing resources outside of the sandbox. This code, loaded by the ClassLoader, was untrusted. JDK 1.1 changed the sandbox model to allow signed code to access resources outside of the sandbox. This allowed signed code downloaded from Web sites to execute with trust as long as the signature could be validated.

With Java 2 security access control can be specified at the class level for particular resources and for particular types of access rather than all or nothing. Standalone applications can now be subject to security checking. The security policy is easy to configure and is stored external to the code, usually indicated by a URL. Thus the policy file can be local or remote.

JAAS is the Java Authentication and Authorization Service, and allows applications to authenticate and authorize independent of the underlying technology, e.g. user id/password, smartcard, biometrics, etc. JAAS allows access to resources (Subjects) to be controlled depending on who (Principals) is trying to access. JAAS is defined in application code and is enforced programmatically.

Java EE security builds on Java 2 security and JAAS to provide role-based security for enterprise applications. Security “roles” are defined for an application, and users and groups are assigned to these roles at deployment time. Access to resources is assigned by role, and can be defined in deployment descriptors or can be coded using the JAAS APIs. Authentication is typically handled by the Java EE container.


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An Important Part of Java Security

- DON'T code authentication and authorization into your application code, e.g.
 - ▶ Prompt for user ID and password
 - ▶ Look up user in database
 - ▶ Look up permissions in file
- DO use the security mechanisms provided, e.g.
 - ▶ Security policies
 - ▶ Container authentication
 - ▶ Well-tested JAAS classes

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Don't put authentication and authorization code directly into your application code, as the example outlines. Use the Java Security mechanisms provided – they are much less likely to contain holes or vulnerabilities.

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Rational Application Developer and Java security

- Automated *code review* using security rules
 - ▶ Performs *static analysis* on code
 - ▶ Finds violations of security rules in our Java code
- Rule sets include
 - ▶ Design Principles
 - ▶ Globalization
 - ▶ J2EE Best Practices
 - ▶ **J2EE Security**
 - ▶ J2SE Best Practices
 - ▶ **J2SE Security**
 - ▶ Naming
 - ▶ Performance
 - ▶ Private API

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Rational Application Developer/Software Architect provides a code review tool, which is a rule-based static analysis tool for automatic validation of Java code for correctness and compliance with coding standards and best practices.

Code review covers all of the types of potential problems shown here.


Each rule in the code review provides an explanation of the rule, examples of violations of the rule along with solutions to correct the example violation, and, possibly, a quick fix that can be applied automatically by Application Developer.


Each rule can be enabled or disabled individually or by category.

Users can also create their own rules from templates that are provided.

A Complete Code Review has over 200 rules, and a Quick Code Review has 34 of the most commonly breached rules.

The J2EE Security and J2SE Security rule categories cover potential problems for security code.

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DEMO

Security Code Review

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Let's take a look at a short demo of the code review capabilities of Rational Application Developer/Software Architect, particularly focusing on security code.

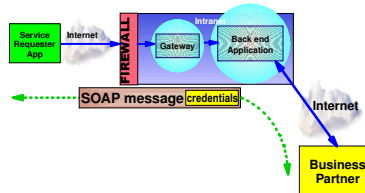
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Web services and SOA security is next.

Message-level Security for SOAP messages

- By placing security information **in the message itself**, we can overcome the point-to-point limitations of SSL and achieve an end-to-end solution
- To ensure interoperability, we need a standard to define new security elements to extend the SOAP message and allow the use of both proven and emerging security technologies



We can use SSL to provide confidentiality and some integrity to messages we send over the Internet. The problem with SSL, though, is that it is point-to-point. If we want to send a message that may take several hops to reach its destination, each pair of hops will need to establish their own SSL session. Thus any security information about the original sender will be lost before reaching that destination using SSL. The best solution is to put the security information in the message itself. For that to work, we need standards to ensure interoperability.

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WS-Security

- A foundational set of SOAP message extensions for building secure Web services
 - ▶ Defines elements to be used in the SOAP envelope for message-level security
- Defines how to identify the creator of the message
 - ▶ Carries multiple credential types
- Provides message integrity
 - ▶ Integrity of all or parts of a message
 - ▶ Builds on XML-Signature
 - ▶ Supports multiple and overlapping signatures
- Provides message confidentiality
 - ▶ Confidentiality of all or part of a message
 - ▶ Builds on XML Encryption

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WS-Security defines a set of enhancements to the SOAP specification of messaging to enable protection of the message through authentication, confidentiality, and assurance of integrity. It builds on XML-Signature and XML Encryption, incorporating use of those standards to ensure message integrity and message confidentiality.

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DEMO

Add a Digital Signature to a Web Service

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Developers depend on tools to help them incorporate security into the Web services they consume and produce. This demo shows how Rational Application Developer/Software Architect assists in the development of Web services, focusing on the facility with which a digital signature can be added to a service.

Service-Oriented Architecture security

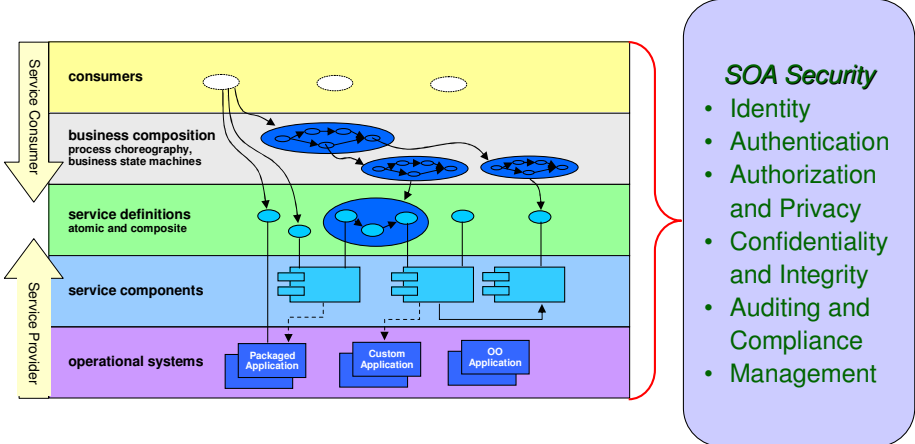
- In SOA we need to secure
 - ▶ Every transport, service, and message
- We need to align security with business processes at each step in the lifecycle, with governance
 - ▶ Model: define corporate and business security policies and requirements
 - ▶ Assemble: declare secure application policies and build secure applications
 - ▶ Deploy: into a secure infrastructure for people/process/information
 - ▶ Manage: monitor and manage security events and policies
- Need distributed identity management with single sign-on



In a service-oriented architecture, every transport, service, and message must be secure. The business process must incorporate security at all phases of the lifecycle, following an appropriate governance model. It is also essential to have distributed identity management with single sign-on capabilities.

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SOA security applies to the entire stack



The diagram illustrates the SOA security stack, divided into two main sections: Service Consumer and Service Provider. The Service Consumer section includes consumers, business composition (process choreography, business state machines), and service definitions (atomic and composite). The Service Provider section includes service components and operational systems (Packaged Application, Custom Application, OO Application). A red bracket on the right groups all these layers under SOA Security, which includes Identity, Authentication, Authorization and Privacy, Confidentiality and Integrity, Auditing and Compliance, and Management.

- Service Consumer
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atomic and composite
- Service Provider
 - service components
 - operational systems
 - Packaged Application
 - Custom Application
 - OO Application


SOA Security

- Identity
- Authentication
- Authorization and Privacy
- Confidentiality and Integrity
- Auditing and Compliance
- Management

- We need to implement, manage and monitor security at each level

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With each service used in our architecture we need full security. We need to propagate identities throughout the architecture, where an individual may have different identities but only log in once. We also need all messages fully secure with all the Web service security we've already discussed, plus management of that across domains.


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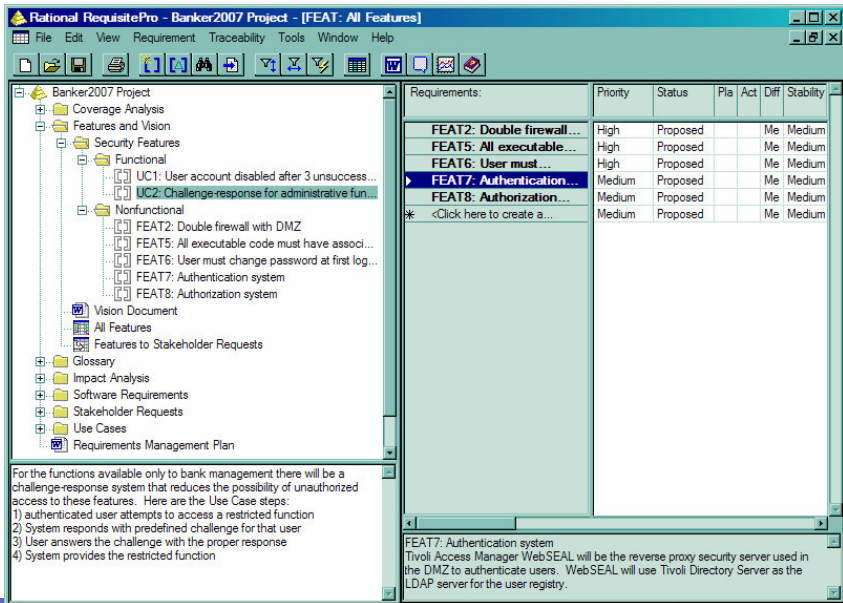
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Here we'll look at some security products from IBM.

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Define security requirements with RequisitePro



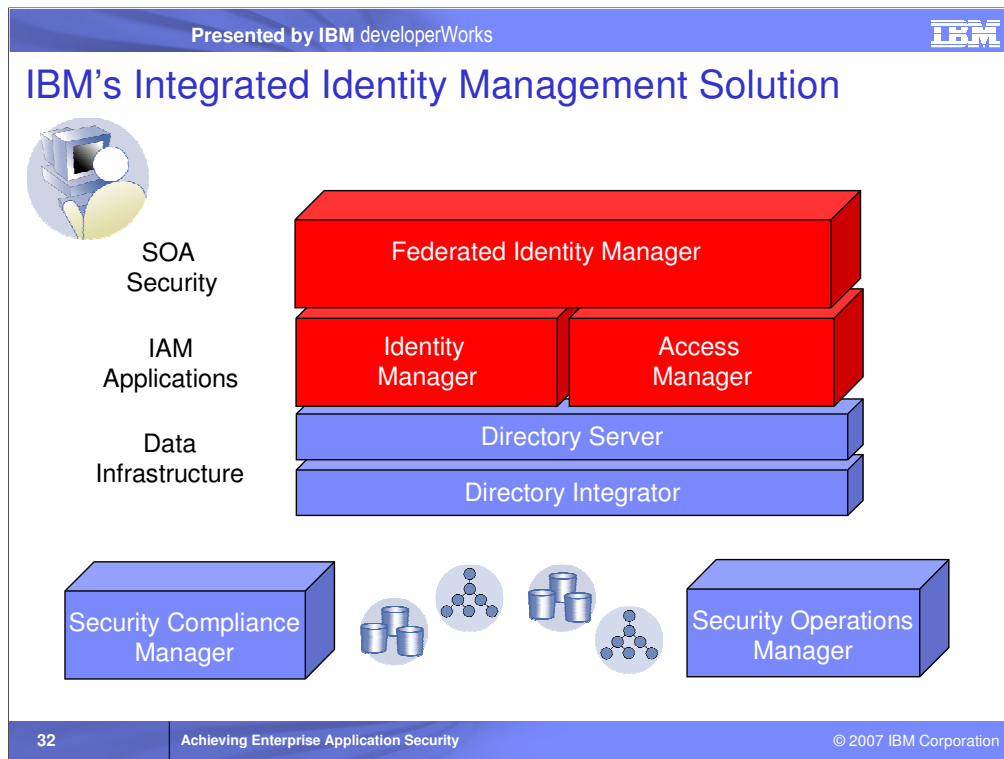
Requirements:	Priority	Status	Pla	Act	Diff	Stability
FEAT2: Double firewall...	High	Proposed				Me Medium
FEAT5: All executable...	High	Proposed				Me Medium
FEAT6: User must...	High	Proposed				Me Medium
FEAT7: Authentication...	Medium	Proposed				Me Medium
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Before we get to the infrastructure products, I want to discuss how a couple of other products can be used as part of development in ensuring a secure application.

Rational RequisitePro is the tool of choice for defining project requirements. It is important that the security requirements of an application be captured as soon as possible in the development process.

Rational ClearQuest is a tool that provides end-to-end application development lifecycle management, with full traceability and integration with all the other Rational Software Delivery Platform products, including RequisitePro. ClearQuest also supports test management with security. In order to make a change to a test plan, test suite, or other project artifact, ClearQuest can be configured to require a digital signature from the user to ensure compliance with government, corporate or industry regulations for IT governance.



These security products are under the Tivoli brand:

Identity Manager delivers provisioning, de-provisioning, and self-service. Tivoli Identity Manager is often abbreviated TIM.

Access Manager delivers controlled access to applications. Tivoli Access Manager is often abbreviated TAM.

Directory Server provides the most powerful and scalable LDAP-based directory in the industry. Tivoli Directory Server is often abbreviated TDS.

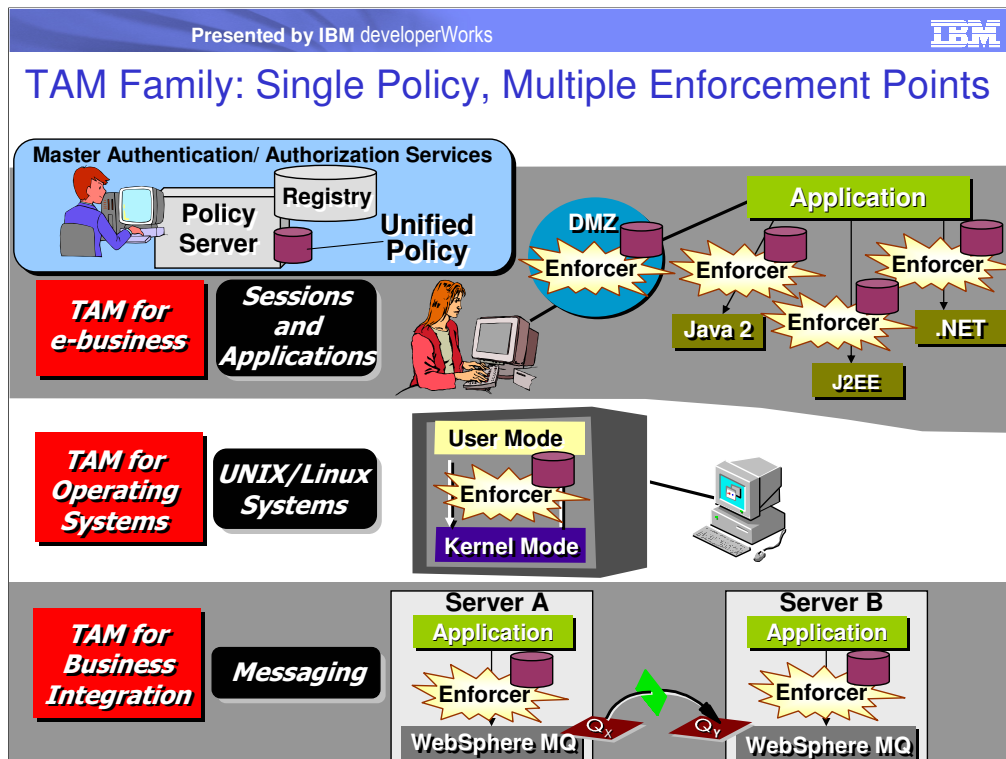
Directory Integrator addresses the underlying issue that the average large firm stores user information in 181 places (Forrester, 2000). Since this identity management software relies on having a clean, valid list of current users, how do we gather this pragmatically? Well, Directory Integrator allows us to synchronize all of these user information sources together to accomplish this goal. Tivoli Directory Integrator is often abbreviated TDI.

Security Compliance Manager is a security policy compliance product that checks systems and applications for vulnerabilities and identifies violations against security policies.


Security Operations Manager is a Security Information & Event Management (SIEM) solution to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and visibility of security operations, succeeding Tivoli Risk Manager as security monitoring solution.

Finally, most firms are looking at delivering their next-generation applications through Web services, and security is the #1 issue there. Most folks call the technology for addressing this "federated identity management," and IBM Tivoli is one of the leaders, with Tivoli Federated Identity Manager, or TFIM.

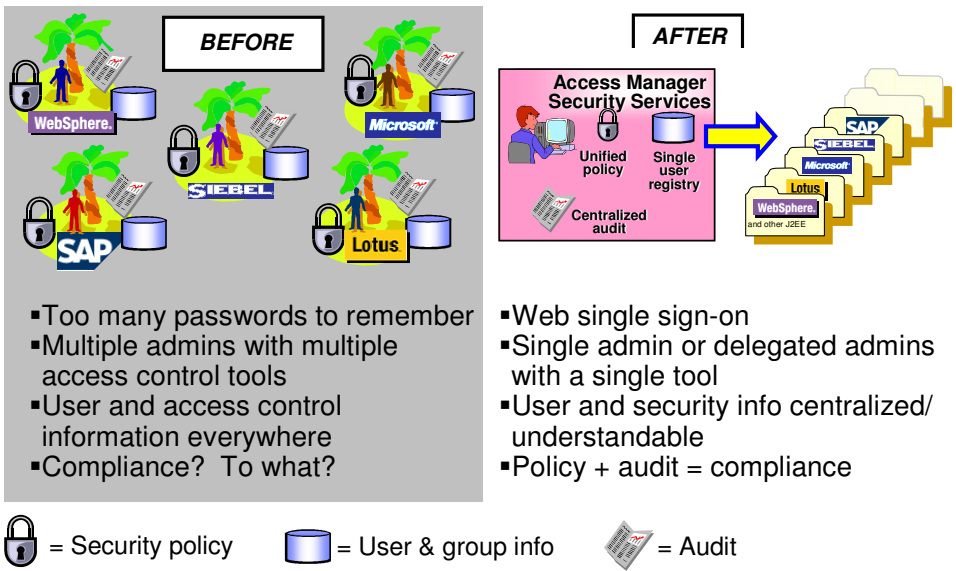
We will take a closer look in the following slides at the products in red.



Tivoli Access Manager is an Integrated Security Platform for e-business that delivers single sign-on to Web-based applications and much more. It lets the right people in, to access the right applications and data by providing integrated, policy-based security management of users, access control, portals, Web applications, messaging applications, custom applications and more. It extends to address the security of the WebSphere MQ family (with Access Manager for Business Integration working with the base Access Manager's services), z/OS or OS390 and UNIX/Linux environments (with Access Manager for Operating Systems working with the base Access Manager's services) and ensures availability in multi-enterprise deployments. Key services that Access Manager provides are single sign-on to Web-based applications and (the heart of Access Manager) policy-based access to applications and data. In addition, the platform addresses distributed, delegatable management of users and access rights. The access rights or permissions address Web applications, including portals, and custom applications.

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Tivoli Access Manager for e-business






BEFORE

- Too many passwords to remember
- Multiple admins with multiple access control tools
- User and access control information everywhere
- Compliance? To what?

AFTER

- Web single sign-on
- Single admin or delegated admins with a single tool
- User and security info centralized/understandable
- Policy + audit = compliance

 = Security policy
  = User & group info
  = Audit

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Access Manager brings a directory-based, integrated approach to user management and security services for e-business.

The left-hand side of the picture depicts the “islands of security” approach ... wherein customers implement security within applications or more typically using unique security mechanisms provided by a particular application environment. There is nothing nefarious about this; it’s a natural thing to occur that companies implement security and develop specialized skills for each of the application areas they are investing in. But other than perhaps some significant expertise on the part of the security teams that have to stay on top of each application environment, what does the company gain from this? This kind of evolution is actually problematic, in that these security solutions can never be effectively cobbled together, and the result is that the company that is set up this way has no real idea what their e-business or Web security policy is.

The “after” picture is one involving partners, customers, employees, suppliers, and any other e-business participant attempting to access some resources in the secure intranet. By placing a security layer (HTTP reverse proxy called WebSEAL) in the demilitarized zone, we can accomplish secure, policy-based, and highly available transactions to take place.

The integration that Access Manager affords enables


Sharing of user and group information in a common directory

Single sign-on to the target applications

Efficient exchange of personalization data to maximize the users’ satisfaction with the transaction

Defense in depth – the capability of layering access points, in order to prevent unauthenticated or unauthorized users from entering the secure intranet

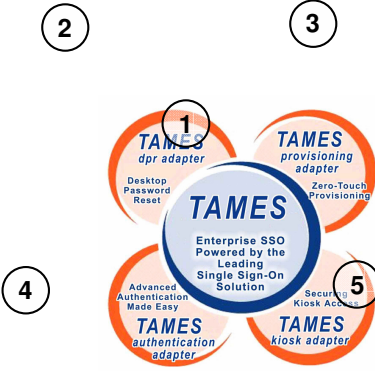
Plug-and-play security for application providers such as Siebel, SAP, Plumtree, BroadVision and others

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TAM E-SSO – A Family of Products

TAMES Products:

- ① **TAMES – Base SSO Product**
- ② **DPR Adapter** - Windows-based Self-Service Password Reset
- ③ **Provisioning Adapter** - Integration with TIM
- ④ **Authentication Adapter** – Flexible, Strong Authentication
- ⑤ **Kiosk Adapter** – Secure Access to Multiple User Access Systems



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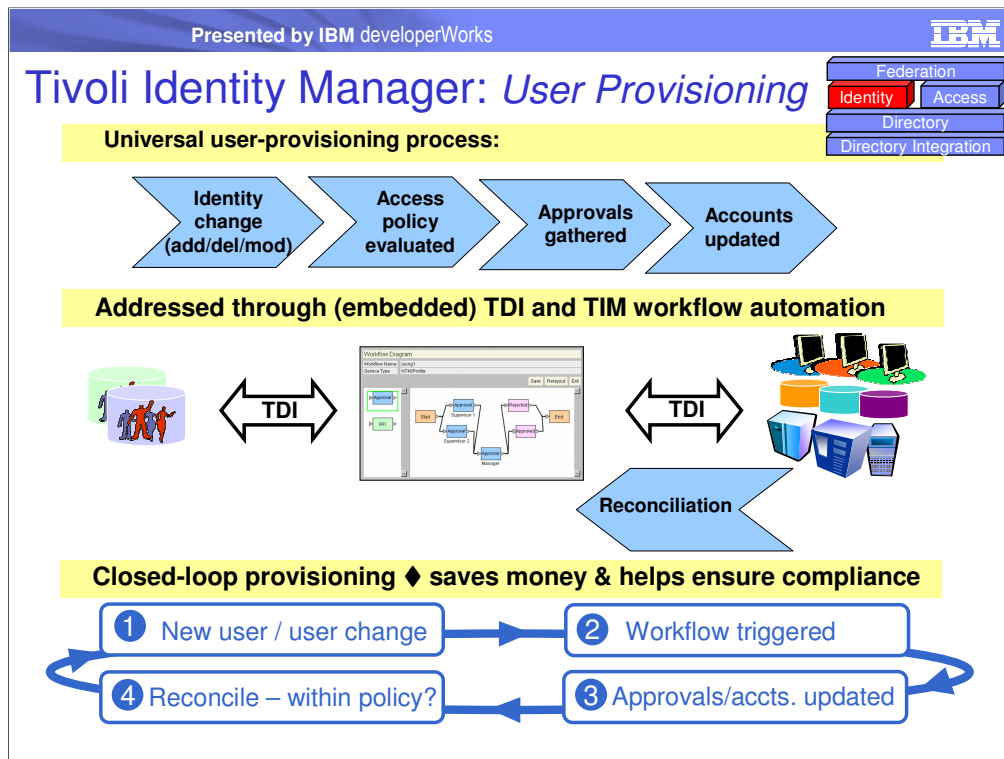
TAM for E-SSO (TAMES) is the enterprise single sign-on solution. TAMES's patented architecture eliminates the burden of integration so customers can start reaping the benefits of single sign-on in days - not months.

TAMES Desktop Password Reset (DPR) enables end user to reset their Windows password, without calling the help desk, directly from the locked workstation.

TAMES Authentication Adapter allows organizations to use any combination of tokens, smart cards, biometrics and passwords to control access to their applications.

TAMES Provisioning Adapter enables TIM system administrators to directly distribute user credentials — usernames and passwords — to the TAMES Enterprise Single Sign-On solution.

TAMES Kiosk Adapter provides automated termination of inactive sessions and application shutdown for Kiosk or shared workstation users.



IBM Tivoli Identity Manager is one of the products in the IBM integrated identity management solution. Tivoli Identity Manager can automate the management and user provisioning of user identities across the e-business infrastructure. It can help reduce administration costs with delegated administration, centralized user account creation (including self-service interfaces), automated approvals processing that integrates with existing business processes and resource provisioning.

Let's look at an example of automating the steps performed for managing a user.

An identity change is requested, such as create a new user account, modify a user account, or delete a user account. This identity change request could be automatically triggered by an event within your organization. For example, adding a new employee to the Human Resources (HR) Systems could automatically trigger the need to create a user account, based on that employee's role within the organization.


Tivoli Identity Manager then evaluates the access policy, using a powerful and flexible automated workflow engine that is GUI based.

An automated process is used to gather the required approvals. Automation can simplify and accelerate this process.

User accounts are then automatically created, updated, or removed on the corresponding operating systems, databases and applications. Tivoli Identity Manager has the industry's most comprehensive list of supported agents that are used to provision and de-provision user accounts, as well as a toolkit to further extend the solution to additional endpoints.

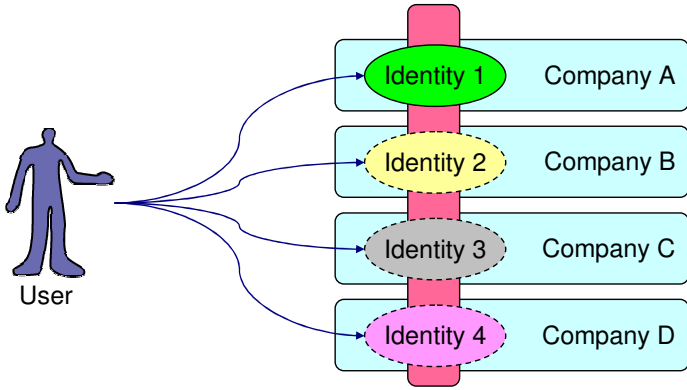
Using bi-directional support, resources are also monitored for any changes made by local administrators, to ensure that those changes are in compliance with your organization's security policies. If a local administrator change is not in compliance, it can be overridden.

Any time an identity change is made to a user, whether it's add, modify, or delete, it is managed by Tivoli Identity Manager to help ensure consistent compliance with your organization's security policy, and to leverage all of the automation and self-service capabilities for improved productivity. Tivoli Identity Manager helps automate the business processes of creating and provisioning users, managing users and also de-provisioning users.

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What is Identity Federation?

- The act or process of linking otherwise distinct identities managed by independent parties
 - ▶ E.g. Link multiple virtual identities of a single real user




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Federated Identity Management can provide secure business-to-business integration to link identity providers and service providers, while improving the user experience. In this example, the user logs in to their financial institution, which is a trusted identity provider. The financial institution is performing the identity management functions to manage and provision the user on its systems.

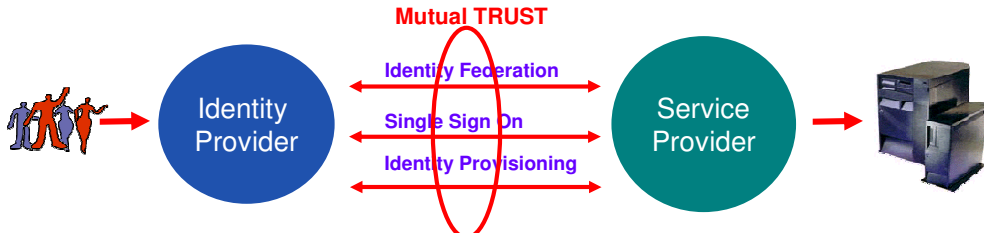
When the user wants to access additional Web services that are being provided by other partner providers to the financial institution, the user experiences a seamless access to those Web services. Since the financial institution has already authenticated the user, the user is able to access the desired Web services from the other partner providers without logging in a second or third time. The Web service providers use the identity information that they are provided from the financial institution, which is the trusted identity provider in this example.

The user benefits by being able to seamlessly access all of the needed services from their financial institution, as well as from other trusted Web services providers. At the same time the Web services providers benefit by being able to provide their services to users without having to incur all of the expenses associated with managing the user's identity.

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Roles: Identity Provider and Service Provider

“Vouching” party in transaction “Validation” party in transaction



1. Issues Network / Login credentials	Service Provider controls access to services
2. Handles User Administration/ ID Mgmt	Third-party user has access to services for the <u>duration of the federation</u>
3. Authenticates User	Only manages user attributes relevant to SP
4. “Vouches” for the user’s identity	

Tivoli Federated Identity Manager is an Identity Provider

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Within a federation, organizations play one or both of two roles: identity provider and/or service provider. The purpose of federated identity management is to link identity providers with service providers.

Identity Provider:


The identity provider (IdP) is the authoritative site responsible for authenticating an end user and asserting an identity for that user in a trusted fashion to trusted partners. The identity provider is responsible for account creation, provisioning, password management, and general account management, and also acts as a collection point or client to trusted identity providers.


Service Provider:

Those partners who offer services but do not act as identity providers are known as service providers. The service provider (SP) relies on the IdP to assert information about a user, leaving the SP to manage only those user attributes that are relevant to the SP.

In a federation

1. The user authenticates once, to trusted a identity provider
2. The user identity is managed by trusted the identity provider
3. Other Web services providers use identity information from the trusted identity provider

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DEMO

Tivoli Federated Identity Manager

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We'll look at a short video showing how Tivoli Federated identity Manager enables single sign-on across federated domains.

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Where We Are

- Application security basics and core technologies
- Java and Java EE security
- Web services and SOA security
- Secure infrastructure with IBM
- **Attacks and malicious code**
 - ▶ Cross-site scripting and injection flaws
 - ▶ Malicious file execution and insecure direct object reference
 - ▶ Information leakage and improper error handling
 - ▶ Failure to restrict URL access
- Watchfire AppScan
- Resources
- Q&A

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Let's move on and discuss attacks and malicious code.

Up To Now

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The Alarming Truth

“Approximately 100 million Americans have been informed that they have suffered a security breach so this problem has reached epidemic proportions.”

Jon Oltsik – Enterprise Strategy Group

“Up to 21,000 loan clients may have had data exposed”

Marcella Bombardieri, Globe Staff/August 24, 2006


“Personal information stolen from 2.2 million active-duty members of the military, the government said...”

New York Times/June 7, 2006

“Hacker may have stolen personal identifiable information for 26,000 employees..”

ComputerWorld, June 22, 2006

There is a real problem out there.

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Why Application Security is a High Priority

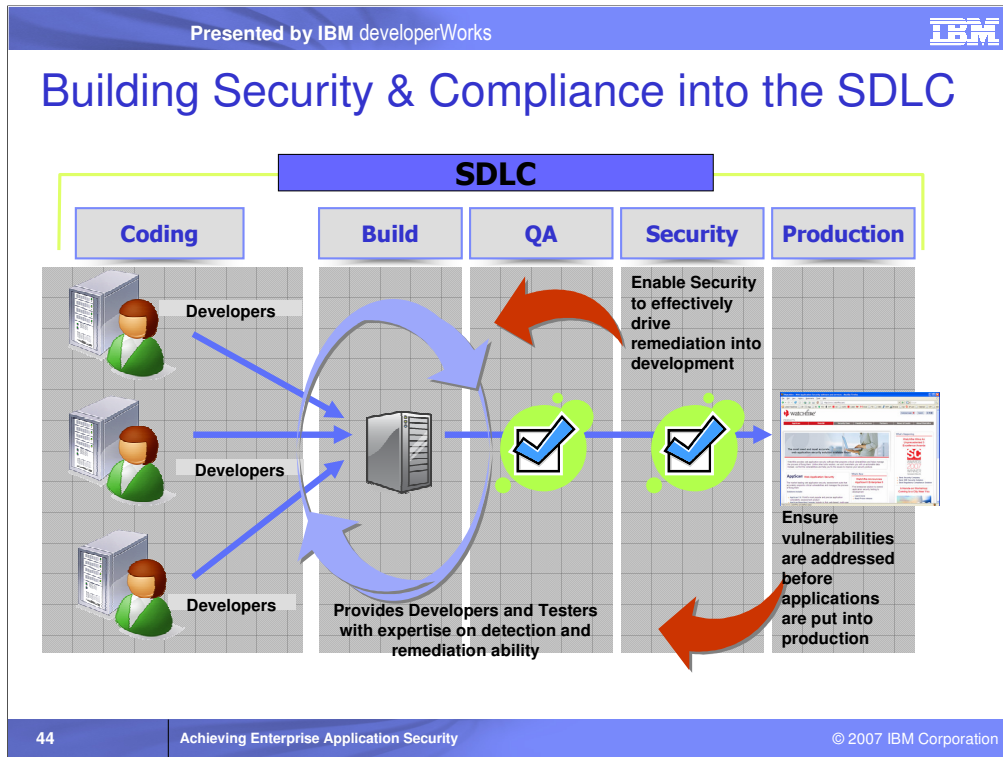
- **Web applications are the #1 focus of hackers:**
 - ▶ 75% of attacks at Application layer (Gartner)
 - ▶ XSS and SQL Injection are #1 and #2 reported vulnerabilities (Mitre)
- **Most sites are vulnerable:**
 - ▶ 90% of sites are vulnerable to application attacks (Watchfire)
 - ▶ 78% percent of easily exploitable vulnerabilities affected Web applications (Symantec)
 - ▶ 80% of organizations will experience an application security incident by 2010 (Gartner)
- **Web applications are high value targets for hackers:**
 - ▶ Customer data, credit cards, ID theft, fraud, etc
- **Compliance requirements:**
 - ▶ Payment Card Industry (PCI) Standards, GLBA, HIPAA, FISMA,

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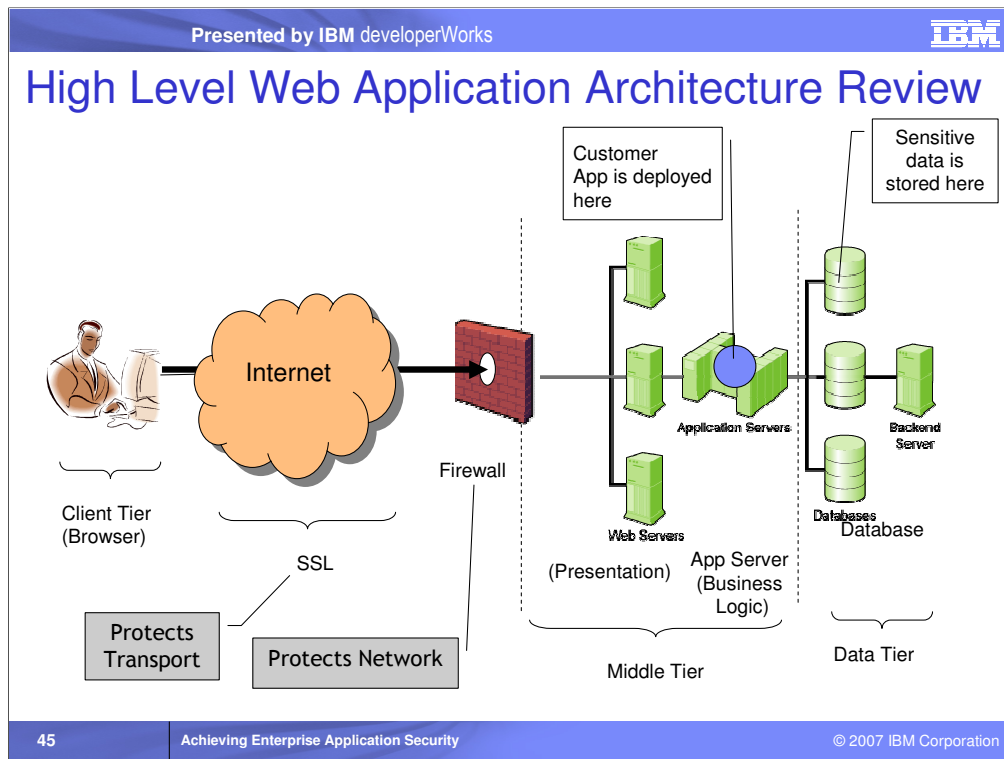
Here we see some statistics and figures that point at Web applications as being the most vulnerable and the most likely points of attack..

Hackers see Web applications as high value targets, containing the information they most want to get their hands on.

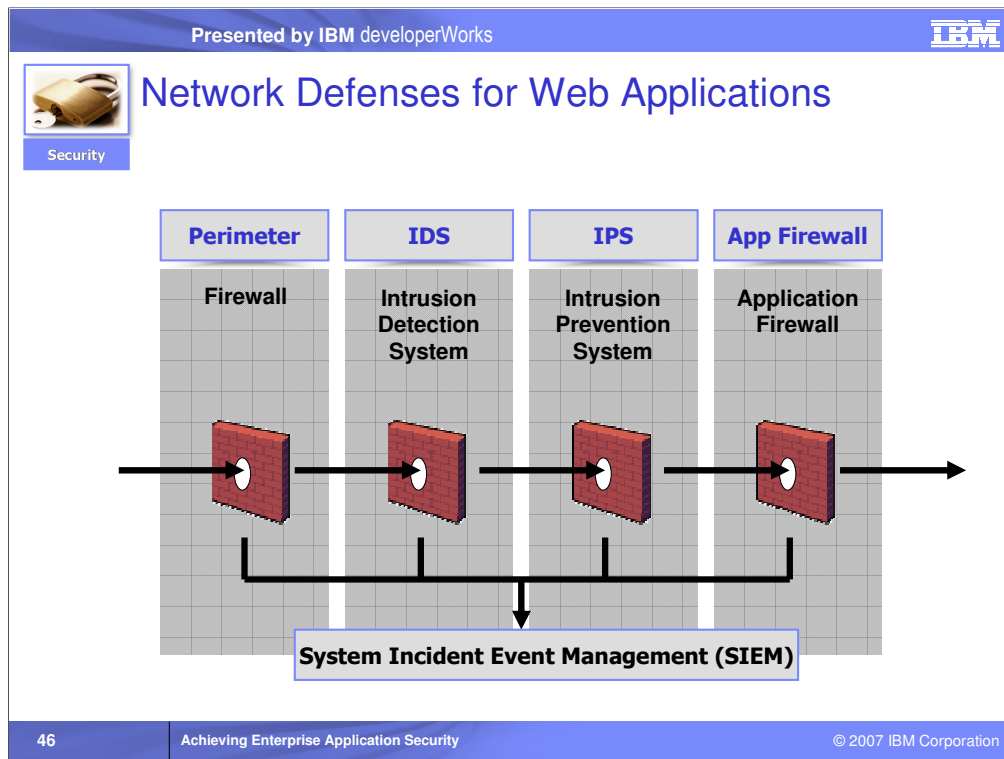
Additionally, the security (or not) of Web applications can have direct impact on compliance with standards and regulations like the Payment Card Industry (PCI) Standards, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA) which regulates financial services, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) which regulates the health insurance and healthcare industry, and the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) which regulates government agencies and government contractors.



Security and compliance should be an important consideration during the Software Development Lifecycle. Watchfire solutions of AppScan and WebXM provide tools to ensure web security vulnerabilities are identified and addressed early in the lifecycle and also ensure that web sites are in compliance.



In a typical Web application security landscape, the user on the left-hand side interacts with the server environment, on the right. The data that is exchanged back and forth between the user and server environment might be encrypted using SSL, or it may not be, but it moves across the firewalls, intrusion detection systems, intrusion prevention systems, routers, switches to the web server on the other side. Note that it is the web application that facilitates the exchange of data between the server environment and the user. It is interesting to stop and note that while the data received from the client is not to be trusted, the web application itself is implicitly trusted by the backend environment and is permitted to communicate with everything from the database to an LDAP authentication system or to the core network. Let's take a little closer look at the network protections that might be associated with this exchange of data.



The first barrier that an HTTP request encounters while crossing the network is a firewall. Firewalls are set up to allow outsiders access to specific resources, and to prevent them from accessing other resources. For example, an outside individual wouldn't be allowed to directly connect to a database, but they can make a request to a web server. This means the firewall would be configured to deny traffic on a standard database port 1443, but allow traffic through ports 80 and 443 - web application ports. This system is clearly no protection at all against malicious attacks.

The next protection an HTTP request encounters is an intrusion detection system. The IDS has been set up to look for signatures in the traffic that might indicate an attack. For example, they may look for a SQL statement embedded within a request, or they might look for a script tag for indicates a potential XSS attack. The challenge with these systems is that if the request is encoded in some alternative format (say UTF-7) or perhaps the traffic is encrypted using SSL, the intrusion detection system is often not able to interpret or understand the requests. The IDS offers little to no protection against the web application attack.

The next protection that an HTTP request might encounter is an intrusion prevention system or IPS. These systems are designed to explicitly block requests that are deemed to be malicious. It is very similar to the IDS, except that it takes an active role rather than a passive one. Again, if the traffic is encoded or encrypted, the systems may not be able to block malicious requests. The IPS offers little protection against the web application attack.

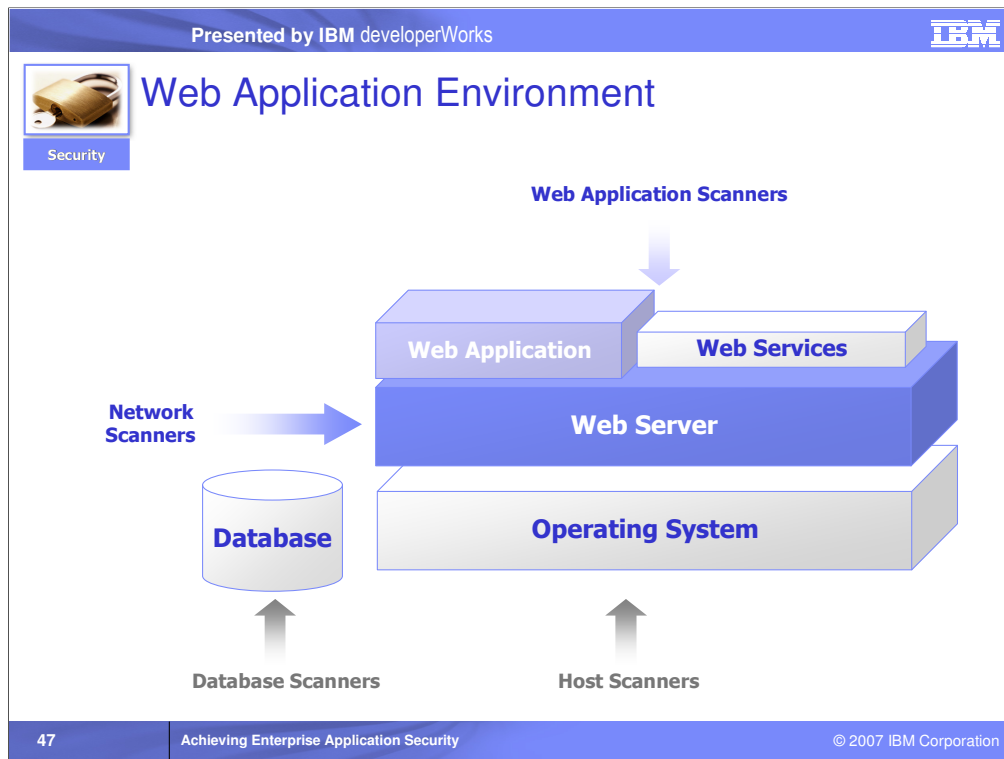
The lines are blurring actually, between the IDS and IPS systems.

The last system that the HTTP request might encounter before the web server is probably an application firewall. These are the smartest of all the network protections and can be configured explicitly to only allow through certain traffic that it knows to be good. The problem with these systems is that it's very expensive to maintain the correct configurations or valid algorithms to recognize good traffic. If the web application firewall has been designed to fail securely (a web application security principle), that is, if you're not sure what to do, they block the user, the web application firewall may block legitimate traffic. For this reason, most application firewalls are usually designed to break one of the founding principles of security (fail securely) by allowing through traffic that they don't understand.

There is one other issue with web application firewalls. They do not understand the application. As an example, they might be configured to allow a numerical value for a certain cookie value, but they do not know that my user is only allowed a value of 6014, but not 6015. A core principle in web application defense is that **THE WEB APPLICATION MUST DEFEND ITSELF**. Are web application firewalls valuable? Absolutely!

Another implicit challenge faced by the network protections is that they throttle and slow the data traffic. Some organizations are averse to decrypting and re-encrypting, or implementing systems that have noticeable degradation of the user experience.

All of these systems feed into the security incident and event management system. You may consider these devices as operational controls or real-time defense against the real-time attack. They are not used to find vulnerabilities but rather to protect the application in real time.



If the web application must defend itself, let's take a very high level look at web application vulnerability assessment (VA). This will consider the products that will be used to discover vulnerabilities within or related to the Web application. We will discuss these in the typical order of usage – not priority.

The first product to be considered is the host-based VA product. These look for issues on the boxes. The reason why these are used first and are the largest expenditure in this world as the box requires an operating system and the operating system needs to be locked down. Host-based products ensure that shares, configuration and patches are properly implemented. There can be no web application without an operating system and web server. Protections for vulnerabilities and problems found by these products include configuration changes and patches.

The second products we will consider are network scanners. As mentioned before, these products are not provided local credentials for the systems. Instead, they are used to scan the network, discovering devices (web servers in this case) and testing them for known vulnerabilities. For example, if you're running Apache 1.3.27, it is known to have current known vulnerabilities with negative content length buffer overflows. They also have some additional capabilities which we will discuss on the next slide. Network VA tools are usually used first as this is the most commonly used tool by the malicious individual. Thankfully, administrators also have access to this software and have considerable knowledge and experience at implementing protections at the network layer. Protections most often mean patching.

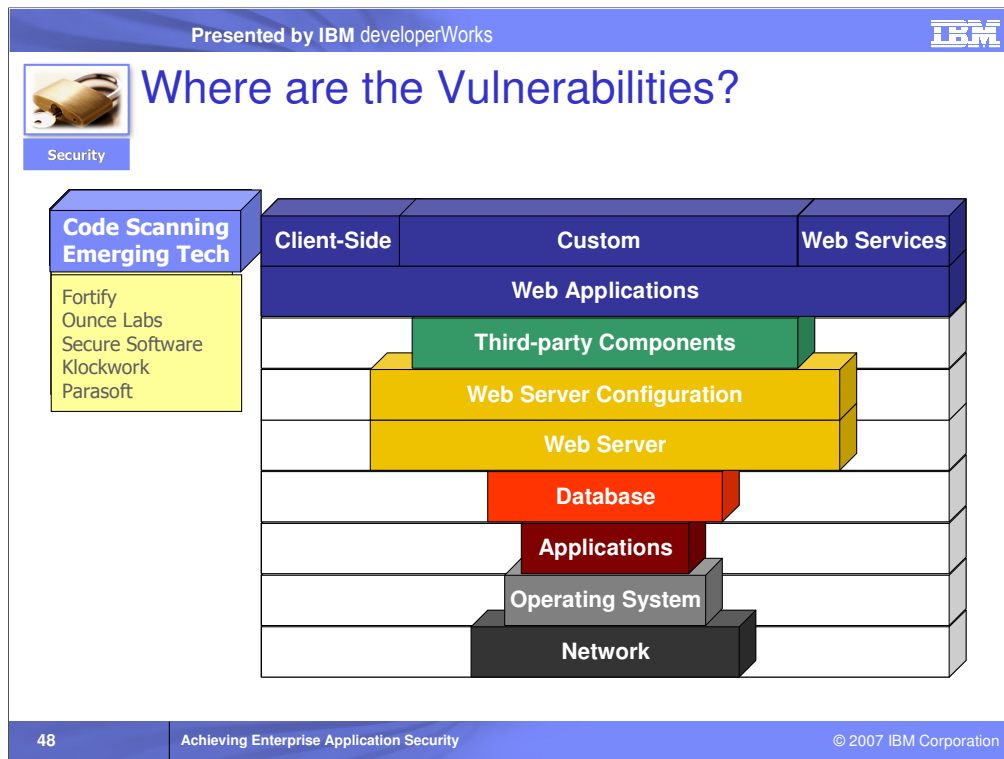
A third product that may or may not be used, is a specific type of host-based VA: database assessment. These products require credentials on the target database and similar to host-based assessment, offer suggestions for all problems through configuration and patching. There are really only two players here: AppSec Inc and NGS Software. These have not yet received wide market adoption and are often a piece of the pure host-based assessment.

Up to this point, none of these vulnerability assessment products do anything to discover application specific vulnerabilities in the web application itself.

The next products that are usually used are black-box (outside-in) web application scanning products. This is clearly where Watchfire has the most significant focus.

The last products that might be used are white-box (inside-out) source code scanning products. These do not take a typical vulnerability reporting perspective and instead report on best practices for coding. Failure to adhere to the best practices may lead to application compromise. Issues reported by source code analysis are theoretical until verified by a security professional. Unless an organization has implemented either black-box or white-box (complimentary views) of web application security, they are exposed to significant risk. The only way to test a web application is to understand all the inputs to the application and to comprehensively test these for security issues.

Let's consider web application VA in the context of the larger picture and where the vulnerabilities are found.



This security stack clearly depicts the framework of the network through to web application. What areas do each of the VA tools address?

Let's look at the network VA tools first. These do not have any permission on the operating system itself and includes products like Nessus, ISS Security Scanner, QualysGuard, and eEye Retina. These discover and search for vulnerabilities on the network (routers, switches, and firewalls) as well as web servers and known web applications.

Host-based assessment products look at applications. (Remember that the operating system is really just a foundational application.)

Database assessment products are specialized host-based products requiring credentials, that consider specific issues found in databases – another form of application.

Black-box application scanners consider everything at the top of this stack: from the web server to web server configuration, third party components and the web application itself. This might include client-side components such as JavaScript used in AJAX and Web 2.0, web services and service oriented architectures as well as the web application itself.

White-box application scanners are limited to the latter component. They can look at the source code of the web application itself, and only where the code is available.

So why is it that some network scanners claim that they can find and report on SQL injection, XSS and buffer overflows? This is because there is some overlap in capabilities. Some of these issues (XSS and buffer overflows) exist in the web server itself, while all three (SQL Injection, XSS and buffer overflows) can be found in third party components. Network scanners DO NOT explore the web application or find any issues that are introduced in the application itself.

Some overlap exists because both black-box application scanners and network scanners are able to find issues in the web server, web server configuration and third party components.

So is a web application scanning technology really necessary? Where do the vulnerabilities exist? It is interesting to realize that 10 years ago most of the vulnerabilities lived in the network or operating system. This is no longer the case. IT administrators to become very smart about security and products have gotten very mature in the lower levels of the stack, right up to, and including, third party components used by web applications. The people who understand security are those that control the network, operating systems and applications. These issues are solved through configuration and patching.

The challenge arises because they IT administrator does not understand the application – a requirement for securing the application. The web developer, who understands the application, does not understand security or have sufficient tools or knowledge to eliminate this issue. Further, while there a finite number of IPs in a network, or a finite number of ports on a device to be analyzed, a web application has a potentially infinite number of entry points, from forms, to query strings to cookies to header fields. This leaves the application with a significant number of vulnerabilities.

Crackers are not unaware of this. Gartner reports that 75% of attacks now occur at the network layer and Watchfire has found that 90% of applications are vulnerable.

One last thought. There is implicit trust in this stack. If the malicious individual is able to find an issue in the web application, keep in mind that the web application is typically trusted by the database, the applications, the operating system and the network. The entire system may be compromised.

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 **The Myth: "Our Site Is Safe"**

Security

We Have Firewalls in Place

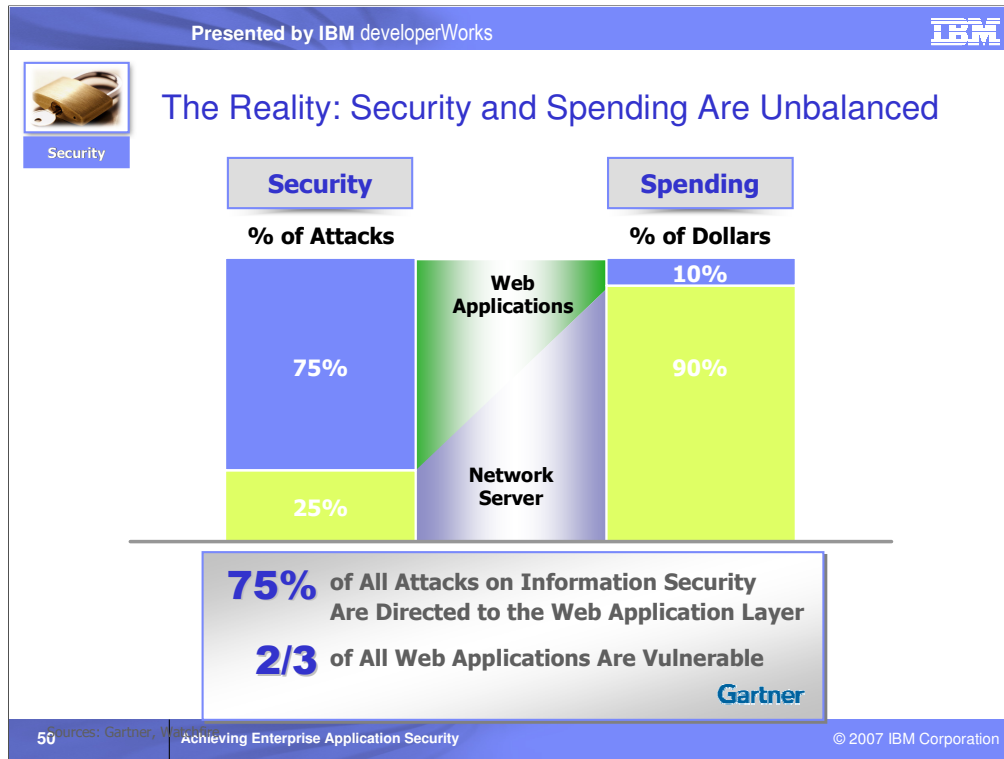
We Audit It Once a Quarter with Pen Testers

We Use Network Vulnerability Scanners

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Every organization we visit, we hear the same things – we have firewalls, we audit once a quarter with penetration testers, we use network vulnerability scanners -- but when we show them the following slide, they have a different perspective.



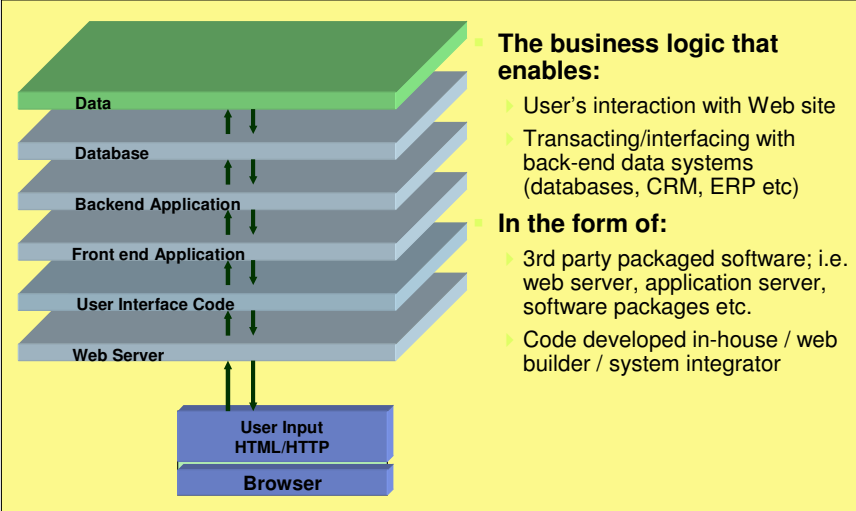
We all know that enterprise web site security is critical; what's surprising is that the security risk and the associated level of spending to mitigate this risk are unbalanced.

75% of attacks occur through web applications, yet only 10% of the security spending dollars are in this area.

We've certainly seen our customer base become much more informed about the level of risk that web applications present, and adjust their spending accordingly

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What is a Web Application?



- The business logic that enables:**
 - User's interaction with Web site
 - Transacting/interfacing with back-end data systems (databases, CRM, ERP etc)
- In the form of:**
 - 3rd party packaged software; i.e. web server, application server, software packages etc.
 - Code developed in-house / web builder / system integrator

Input and Output flow through each layer of the application
A break in any layer breaks the whole application

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If we look at the complexity of the web application, it is multi-layered and includes all the business logic that enables user's interaction with the web site and the transacting with the back-end data systems sitting behind the site. These applications come in the form of 3rd party packaged software and code developed in-house.

Even in a secure environment, so much has to go right for these layers to behave appropriately that it is amazing these sites work half the time!

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Security Defects: Those I manage vs. Those I own		
	Infrastructure Vulnerabilities or Common Web Vulnerabilities (CWVs)	Application Specific Vulnerabilities (ASVs)
Cause of Defect	Insecure application development by 3 rd party SW	Insecure application development In-house
Location within Application	3 rd party technical building blocks or infrastructure (web servers,)	Business logic - dynamic data consumed by an application
Type(s) of Exploits	Known vulnerabilities (patches issued), misconfiguration	SQL injection, path tampering, Cross site scripting, Suspect content & cookie poisoning
Detection	Match signatures & check for known misconfigurations.	Requires application specific knowledge
Business Risk	Patch latency primary issue	Requires automatic application lifecycle security
Cost Control	As secure as 3 rd party software	Early detection saves \$\$\$
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This chart details more of the differences between CWVs and ASVs and ultimately points out how an organization can most effectively reduce security defect costs.


Basically, an organization has very little control over the costs to find and fix CWVs and a lot of control over the costs to find and fix ASVs. CWVs are a result of 3rd party defects and as such can only be found once the application is in production. Because they are relatively easy to identify, and have patches issued for them that are publicly available their cost to the organization is relatively low in terms of finding and fixing. On the other hand, ASVs are defects introduced during the application development lifecycle, are very difficult to identify manually, and require the entire app lifecycle process for creating a fix, therefore, the ability to control the cost is relatively high.

The cost to fix a vulnerability once it reaches deployments is 100 times greater than if it were caught and fixed in design. Because an ASV can be caught throughout the application lifecycle the organization has the ability to control this cost.

OWASP and the OWASP Top 10 list

- Open Web Application Security Project – an open organization dedicated to fight insecure software
- “The OWASP Top Ten document represents a broad consensus about what the most critical web application security flaws are”
- We will use the Top 10 list to cover some of the most common security issues in web applications

The Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP) is an open organization dedicated to fighting insecure software. The organization publishes a Top 10 list of the most critical web application security flaws.

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The OWASP Top 10 list		
Application Threat	Negative Impact	Example Impact
Cross Site scripting	Identity Theft, Sensitive Information Leakage, ...	Hackers can impersonate legitimate users, and control their accounts.
Injection Flaws	Attacker can manipulate queries to the DB / LDAP / Other system	Hackers can access backend database information, alter it or steal it.
Malicious File Execution	Execute shell commands on server, up to full control	Site modified to transfer all interactions to the hacker.
Insecure Direct Object Reference	Attacker can access sensitive files and resources	Web application returns contents of sensitive file (instead of harmless one)
Cross-Site Request Forgery	Attacker can invoke "blind" actions on web applications, impersonating as a trusted user	Blind requests to bank account transfer money to hacker
Information Leakage and Improper Error Handling	Attackers can gain detailed system information	Malicious system reconnaissance may assist in developing further attacks
Broken Authentication & Session Management	Session tokens not guarded or invalidated properly	Hacker can "force" session token on victim; session tokens can be stolen after logout
Insecure Cryptographic Storage	Weak encryption techniques may lead to broken encryption	Confidential information (SSN, Credit Cards) can be decrypted by malicious users
Insecure Communications	Sensitive info sent unencrypted over insecure channel	Unencrypted credentials "sniffed" and used by hacker to impersonate user
Failure to Restrict URL Access	Hacker can access unauthorized resources	Hacker can forcefully browse and access a page past the login page

We will discuss the threats in red.

But First

- An attacker can learn a lot about a Web site without doing anything malicious
 - ▶ Web servers
 - ▶ Application servers
 - ▶ Database
 - ▶ Authentication and authorization types
 - ▶ And more
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DEMO

Profile Web Application

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This demo shows some of the information that an attacker can get from profiling a Web application.


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Cross-site scripting and injection flaws are major vulnerabilities in Web applications.

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Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

- What is it?
 - ▶ Malicious script echoed back into HTML returned from a trusted site, and runs under trusted context
- What are the implications?
 - ▶ Session Tokens stolen (browser security circumvented)
 - ▶ Complete page content compromised
 - ▶ Future pages in browser compromised

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A Cross Site Scripting attack, attempts to echo back a malicious script in the HTML returned from a trusted site. Since the script is echoed back from a trusted site, it runs in the context of that site.

The implications of XSS are:

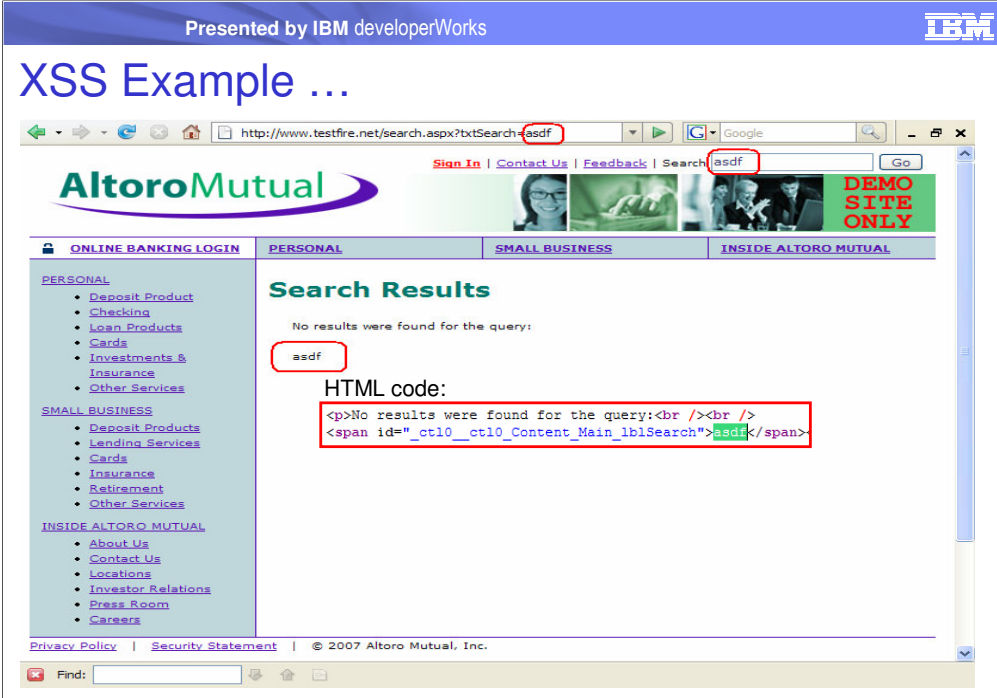
Stealing HTTP session tokens

Page content may be compromised (this may include “local” site defacement, or hijacking of the browser’s session using scripting)

Future pages may be contaminated as well (by hijacking the session)

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XSS Example ...



http://www.testfire.net/search.aspx?txtSearch=asdf

Sign In | Contact Us | Feedback | Search [asdf] Go

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Search Results

No results were found for the query:

asdf

HTML code:

```
<p>No results were found for the query:<br /><br />
<span id="_ct10_ct10_Content_Main_lblSearch">asdf</span>
```

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Find:


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Let's take a look at the following banking web site – this site contains a search function, that allows users to search the site for specific text. If we type the string “asdf”, the response to the search will contain that string, inside the results page, in what we call “free HTML context”.

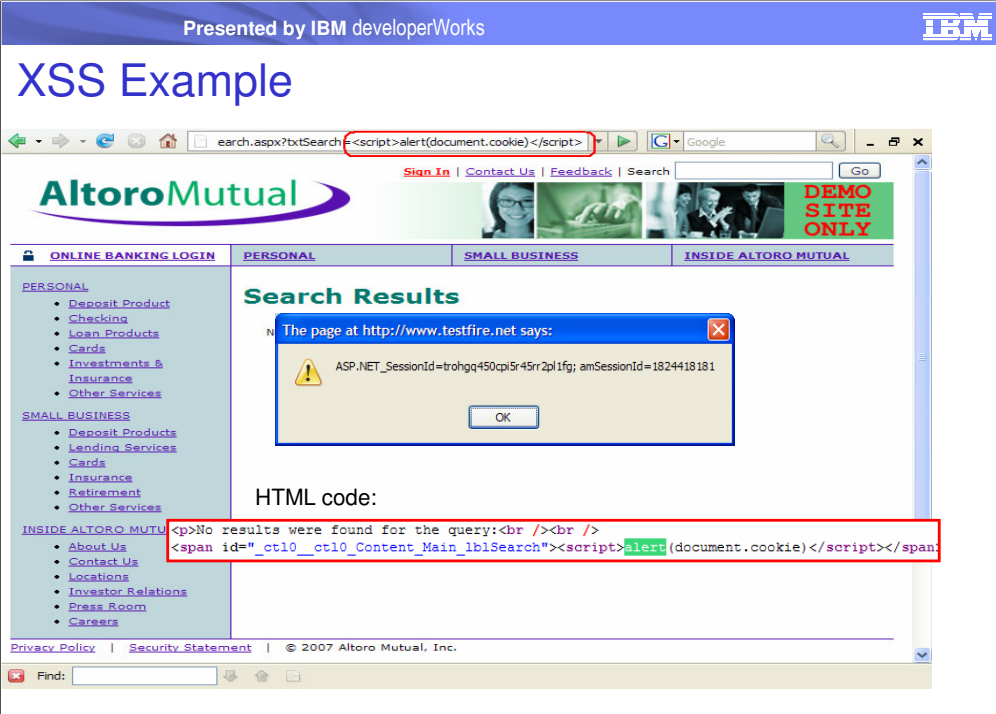
What will happen if instead of typing “asdf”, we will type some JavaScript code?

Let's try to type the following JavaScript code:

```
<script>alert(document.cookie)</script>
```


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XSS Example



The page at <http://www.testfire.net> says:

ASP.NET_SessionId=trhgq450cpi5r45rr2pl1fg; amSessionId=1824418181


HTML code:

```
<p>No results were found for the query:<br /><br />
<span id="ctl00_ctl00_Content_Main_lblSearch"><script>alert(document.cookie)</script></span>
```

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As you can see – the piece of JavaScript code that we wrote, was echoed back by the site’s search function – since it was returned from the banking application, it had access to the Document Object Model (DOM), and could access the current session cookie.

In this situation, I myself planted this JavaScript code in the web page, but in a XSS attack, it is the attacker who creates a link that contains the malicious JavaScript, and then sends this link to the victim. When the victim clicks on the link, the malicious JavaScript will be echoed back from the trusted site.

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XSS Details

- Common in Search, Error Pages and returned forms.
 - ▶ But can be found on any type of page
- Any input may be echoed back
 - ▶ Path, Query, Post-data, Cookie, Header, etc.
- Browser technology used to aid attack
 - ▶ XMLHttpRequest (AJAX), Flash, IFrame...
- Has many variations
 - ▶ XSS in attribute, DOM Based XSS, etc.

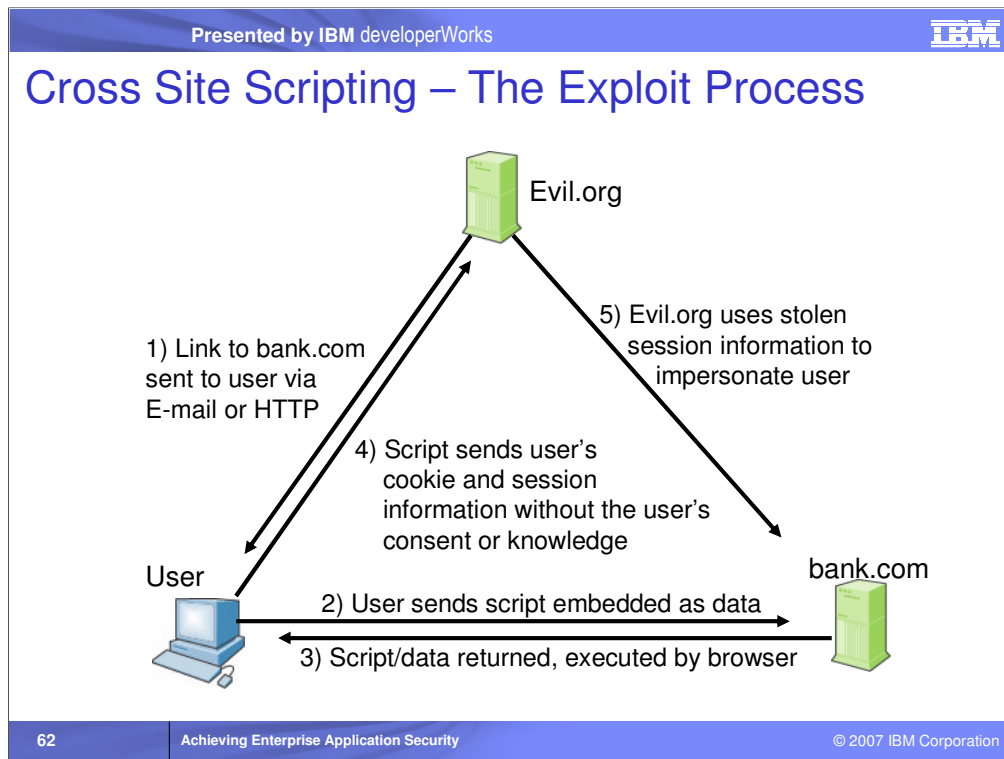
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XSS usually occurs in pages that echo back user input, for example – search pages, error pages and forms that are returned in subsequent pages.

Echoed input can come from any part of the HTTP message that is used by the application, for example: parts of the path, query, cookie or other headers.

Some browser technologies can help with mounting the XSS attack, for example XMLHttpRequest (used in AJAX), flash objects or IFrames.

There are several different flavors and variations of XSS, for example – XSS in HTML attributes, DOM Based XSS, etc.



Let's take a look at the chain of events during a XSS attack.

The attack creates and sends the victim a link to bank.com (a trusted site). The link contains a search string (or any other string that is echoed back), which contains a malicious JavaScript code.

The victim, clicks on this link, since he/she trusts the bank.com web site.

The bank.com web application, echoes back the malicious JavaScript code inside the response page. This JavaScript is executed in the security context of bank.com, since it is echoed by from that site. This means that it has access to DOM elements belonging to this domain/session.

The malicious script sends the current cookie and session information, without the victim's consent, to the evil.org web site, where the hacker is waiting for it.

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Exploiting XSS


- If I can get you to run my JavaScript, I can...
 - ▶ Steal your cookies for the domain you're browsing
 - ▶ Track every action you do in that browser from now on
 - ▶ Redirect you to a Phishing site
 - ▶ Completely modify the content of any page you see on this domain
 - ▶ Exploit browser vulnerabilities to take over machine
 - ▶ ...
- XSS is the Top Security Risk today (most exploited)

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XSS is currently one of the "hottest" security risks


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DEMO

Steal the User Cookie

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This demo shows a vulnerability that could be exploited through cross-site scripting.

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Injection Flaws

- What is it?
 - ▶ User-supplied data is sent to an interpreter as part of a command, query or data.
- What are the implications?
 - ▶ SQL Injection – Access/modify data in DB
 - ▶ SSI Injection – Execute commands on server and access sensitive data
 - ▶ LDAP Injection – Bypass authentication

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Injection flaws occur when user supplied data, is sent to an interpreter as a part of a command, query or data. The main issue here is that user input is not sanitized, and is embedded in pre-existing commands.

Injection flaws can occur in:

SQL queries (known as SQL Injection)

Server Side Includes (execute commands on the web server)

LDAP queries – used to bypass authentication

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SQL Injection

- User input inserted into SQL Command:
 - ▶ Get product details by id:
Select * from products where id='\$REQUEST["id"]';
 - ▶ Hack: send param id with value ' or '1'='1'
 - ▶ Resulting executed SQL:
Select * from products where id=' or '1'='1'
 - ▶ All products returned

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SQL Injection occurs when user input is embedded as-is inside a pre-built SQL query. For example:

Let's assume that our web application receives a product ID as input, and presents that product's page. The SQL query looks like this:

```
"Select * from products where id="" + $REQUEST['id'];
```


You should note, that the query is basically a text string, and user input is concatenated to it. In this example, the user string is surrounded by apostrophes. Let's take a look at what will happen if we submit the product ID value of ' or ''=';

The query will be:

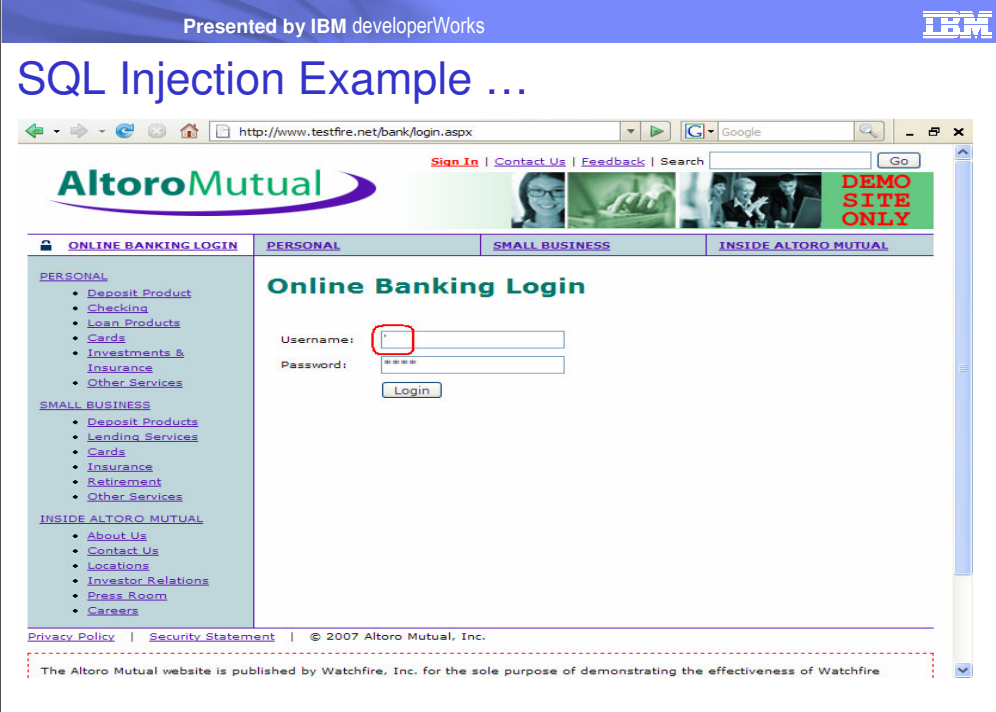
```
SELECT * from products where id="" or ""=";
```

You should pay attention to the fact that the WHERE criteria here is basically a Boolean TRUE.

Since the results of this query matches every entry in the database, all the products will be returned.

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SQL Injection Example ...




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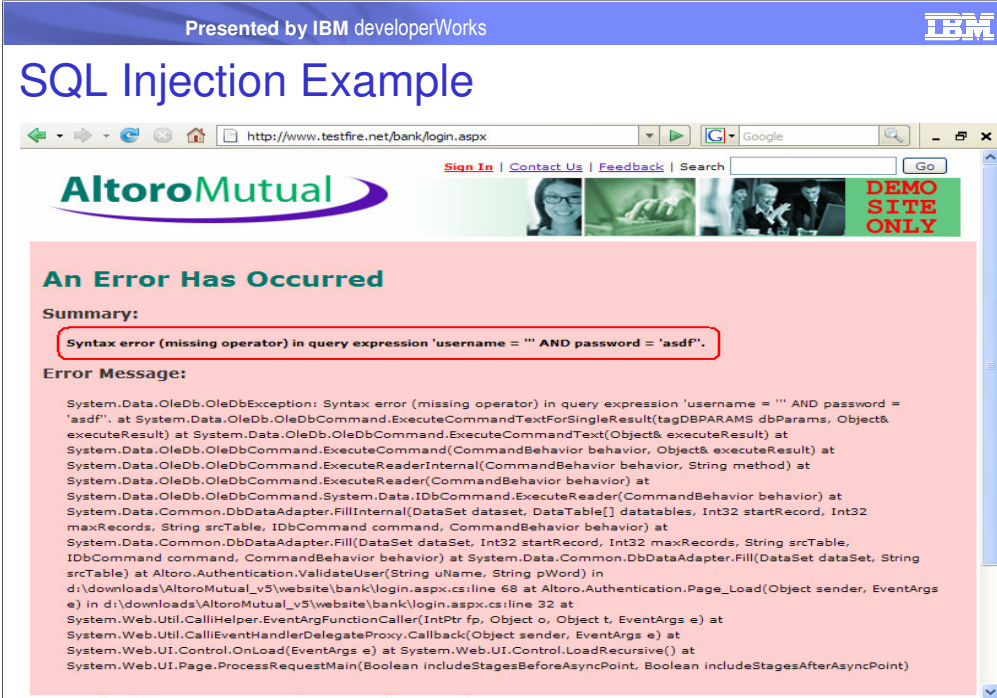
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Let's take a look at how SQL Injection can assist a hacker to bypass the login mechanism of a banking application:

First, in order to sense that SQL Injection is possible, the hacker will inject the character apostrophe ('), as the user name

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SQL Injection Example



An Error Has Occurred

Summary:

Syntax error (missing operator) in query expression 'username = '' AND password = 'asdf'.

Error Message:

```
System.Data.OleDb.OleDbException: Syntax error (missing operator) in query expression 'username = '' AND password = 'asdf'. at System.Data.OleDb.OleDbCommand.ExecuteCommandTextForSingleResult(tagDBPARAMS dbParams, Object& executeResult) at System.Data.OleDb.OleDbCommand.ExecuteCommandText(Object& executeResult) at System.Data.OleDb.OleDbCommand.ExecuteCommand(CommandBehavior behavior, Object& executeResult) at System.Data.OleDb.OleDbCommand.ExecuteReaderInternal(CommandBehavior behavior, String method) at System.Data.OleDb.OleDbCommand.ExecuteReader(CommandBehavior behavior) at System.Data.OleDb.OleDbCommand.System.Data.IDbCommand.ExecuteReader(CommandBehavior behavior) at System.Data.Common.DbDataAdapter.FillInternal(DataSet dataset, DataTable[] datatables, Int32 startRecord, Int32 maxRecords, String srcTable, IDbCommand command, CommandBehavior behavior) at System.Data.Common.DbDataAdapter.Fill(DataSet dataSet, Int32 startRecord, Int32 maxRecords, String srcTable, IDbCommand command, CommandBehavior behavior) at System.Data.Common.DbDataAdapter.Fill(DataSet dataSet, Int32 startRecord, Int32 maxRecords, String srcTable) at Altoro.Authentication.ValidateUser(String uName, String pWord) in d:\downloads\AltoroMutual_v5\website\bank\login.aspx.cs:line 68 at Altoro.Authentication.Page_Load(Object sender, EventArgs e) in d:\downloads\AltoroMutual_v5\website\bank\login.aspx.cs:line 32 at System.Web.Util.CalliHelper.EventArgFunctionCaller(IntPtr fp, Object o, Object t, EventArgs e) at System.Web.Util.CalliEventHandlerDelegateProxy.Callback(Object sender, EventArgs e) at System.Web.UI.Control.OnLoad(EventArgs e) at System.Web.UI.Control.LoadRecursive() at System.Web.UI.Page.ProcessRequestMain(Boolean includeStagesBeforeAsyncPoint, Boolean includeStagesAfterAsyncPoint)
```

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This yields a very informative SQL error message, which helps the attacker to devise the next phase of the injection

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SQL Injection Example - Exploit

http://www.testfire.net/bank/login.aspx

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Online Banking Login

Username:

Password:

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Now, the hacker attempts to send the username: ' or 1=1—

Note: the apostrophe is used to close the string context in which our input is embedded in.

1=1 is a Boolean TRUE

-- is used in MS SQL to comment out everything after the -- sign, so we don't have to worry about the rest of the SQL query

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SQL Injection Example - Outcome




The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar containing 'http://www.testfire.net/bank/main.aspx'. The page header includes the Altoro Mutual logo and navigation links like 'Sign Off', 'Contact Us', and 'Feedback'. A 'DEMO SITE ONLY' banner is visible. The main content area is personalized for 'John Smith' and includes a 'MY ACCOUNT' sidebar with links like 'View Account Summary', 'View Recent Transactions', and 'Transfer Funds'. The main text says 'Hello, John Smith' and 'Welcome to Altoro Mutual Online.' Below this, there's a 'View Account Details:' section with a dropdown menu showing '1001160140 Checking' and a 'GO' button. A 'Congratulations!' message follows, stating 'You have been pre-approved for an Altoro Gold Visa with a credit limit of \$10000!' and a link to 'Click Here to apply.' The footer contains a disclaimer: 'The Altoro Mutual website is published by Watchfire, Inc. for the sole purpose of demonstrating the effectiveness of Watchfire products in detecting web application vulnerabilities and website defects. This site is not a real banking site. Similarities, if any, to third party products and/or websites are purely coincidental. This site is provided "as is" without warranty of any kind, either express or implied. Watchfire does not assume any risk in relation to your use of this website. For additional Terms of Use, please go to http://www.watchfire.com/statements/terms.aspx.' and a copyright notice for 2007 Watchfire Corporation.

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After sending this SQL injection payload, we will be logged into the application, as the first user in the user's table - without having to supply actual credentials.

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Login Without Credentials

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This demo shows how SQL injection can be used to login to a site without a proper username and password..


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Next we'll discuss malicious file execution and insecure direct object reference.

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Malicious File Execution


- What is it?
 - ▶ Application tricked into executing commands or creating files on server
- What are the implications?
 - ▶ Command execution on server – complete takeover
 - ▶ Site Defacement, including XSS option

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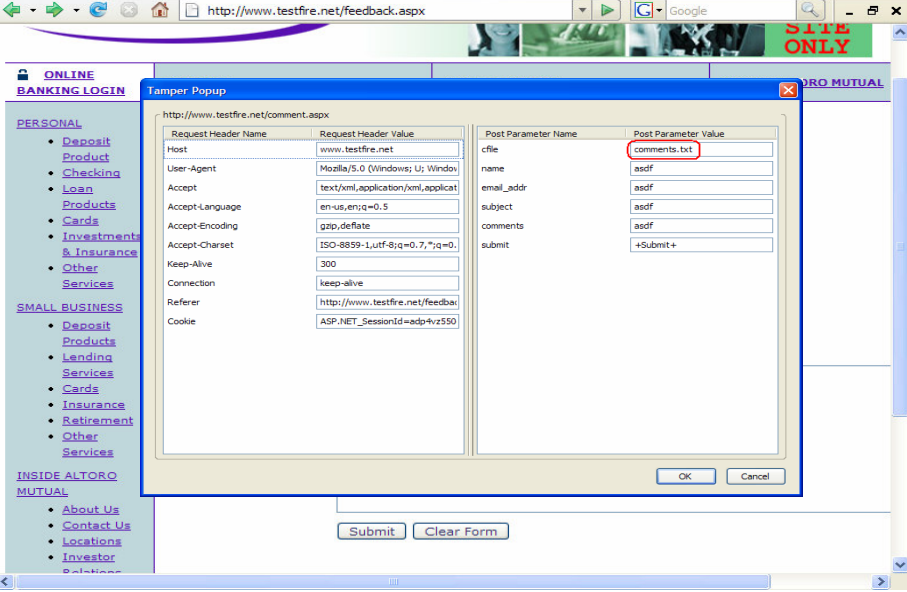
In Malicious File Execution, the hacker attempts to trick the application into executing commands or creating files on the server.

The implications of this attack are:

- The hacker can execute remote commands on the server, which means a complete takeover
- The hacker may deface the web site.

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Malicious File Execution Example ...



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `http://www.testfire.net/feedback.aspx`. A "Tamper Popup" window is open, displaying the request headers and post parameters for the URL `http://www.testfire.net/comment.aspx`. The "Post Parameter Name" column shows the following parameters:


Post Parameter Name	Post Parameter Value
cfile	comments.txt
name	asdf
email_addr	asdf
subject	asdf
comments	asdf
submit	+Submit+

The "cfile" parameter value "comments.txt" is highlighted with a red box. The background shows a banking application interface with a sidebar menu and a "Submit" button.

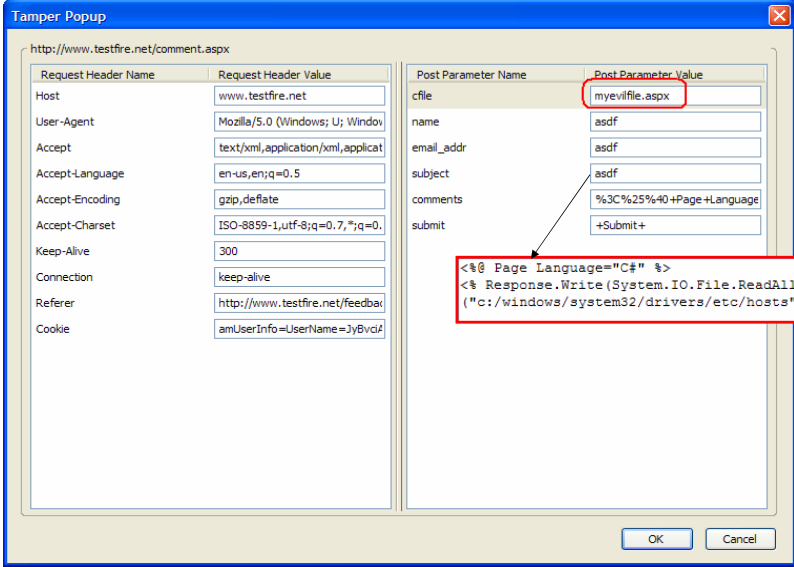
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Let's take a look at our banking application again –

The application contains a feedback form, which allows users to send the application owner all sorts of feedback. This feedback is submitted and appended to a file on the operating system. Since the application was designed poorly, the location of the feedback is taken from a “hidden” form parameter called “cfile”. All a hacker has to do in order to “create” a new file on the operating system, is manipulate the value of the “cfile” parameter to a different filename, and submit contents to that file (submitted as feedback).

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Malicious File Execution Example ...



The screenshot shows a 'Tamper Popup' window for the URL `http://www.testfire.net/comment.aspx`. It displays request headers and post parameters. The 'cfile' parameter is highlighted in red and set to 'myevilfile.aspx'. The 'comments' field contains the following C# code:


```
<% Page Language="C#" %>
<% Response.Write(System.IO.File.ReadAllText(
"c:/windows/system32/drivers/etc/hosts")); %>
```

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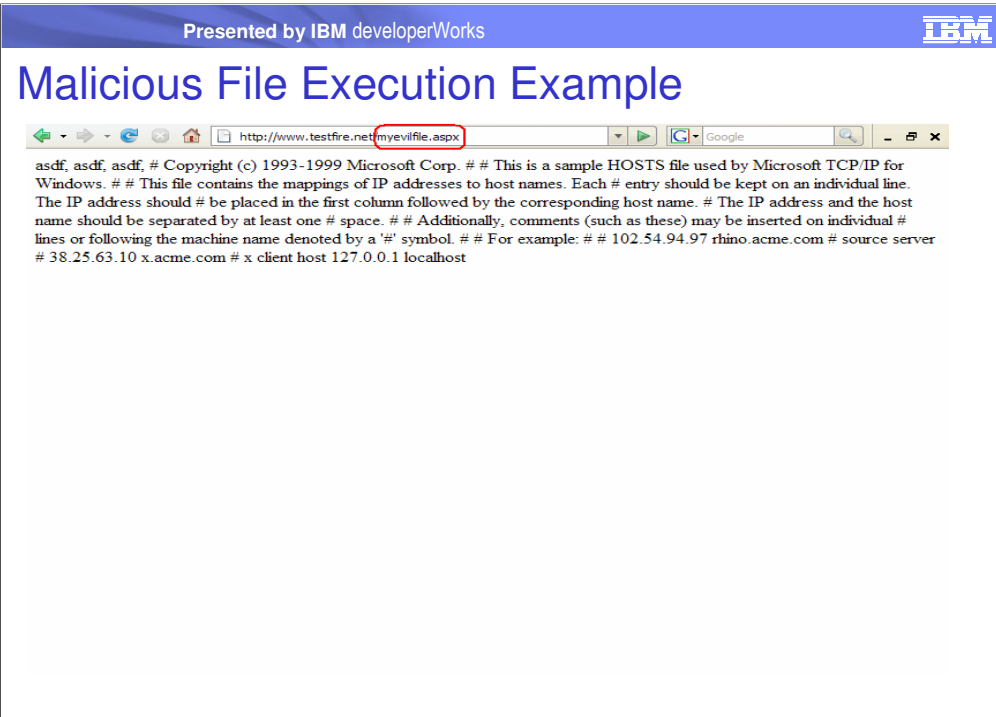
Let's perform the attack –

We change the value of the cfile parameter to myevilfile.aspx (we are creating an ASPX file, which is a server-side Microsoft ASP.NET script)

Instead of a feedback, we'll fill this file with some C# code, that will reveal the contents of the system's hosts file

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Malicious File Execution Example




```
asdf, asdf, asdf, # Copyright (c) 1993-1999 Microsoft Corp. ## This is a sample HOSTS file used by Microsoft TCP/IP for Windows. ## This file contains the mappings of IP addresses to host names. Each # entry should be kept on an individual line. The IP address should # be placed in the first column followed by the corresponding host name. # The IP address and the host name should be separated by at least one # space. ## Additionally, comments (such as these) may be inserted on individual # lines or following the machine name denoted by a '#' symbol. ## For example: ## 102.54.94.97 rhino.acme.com # source server # 38.25.63.10 x.acme.com # x client host 127.0.0.1 localhost
```

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When requesting the server-side script we just created, the application will execute it for us, revealing the contents of the hosts file.

Game Over!

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Insecure Direct Object Reference

- What is it?
 - ▶ Part or all of a resource (file, table, etc.) name controlled by user input.
- What are the implications?
 - ▶ Access to sensitive resources
 - ▶ Information Leakage, aids future hacks

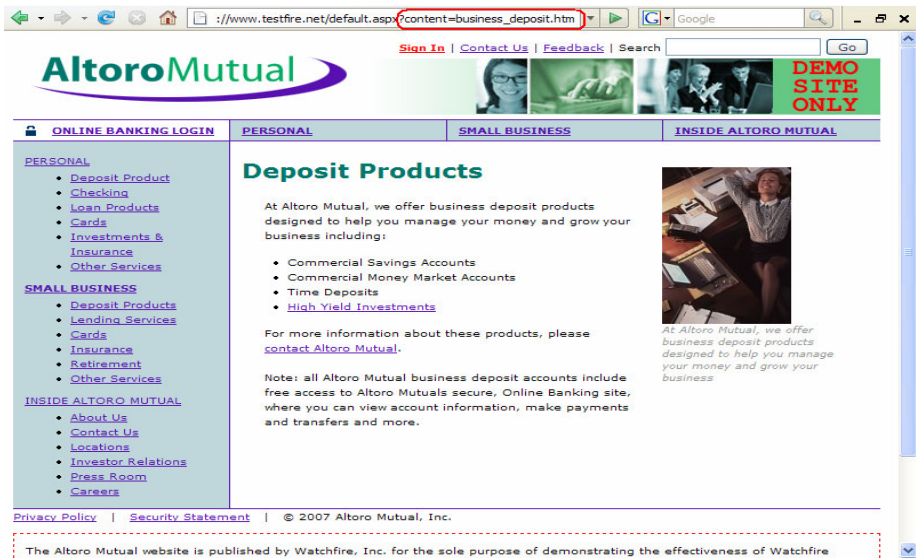
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In several scenarios, it may be possible for an attacker to manipulate the web application to disclose a resource such as a sensitive file. This can occur by either guessing a common file name and location and attempting to request it, or by manipulating a parameter value that is used to access a file, as will be seen in the next example.

The implications of Insecure Direct Object Reference is usually information leakage or access to sensitive resources.


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Insecure Direct Object Reference – Example ...

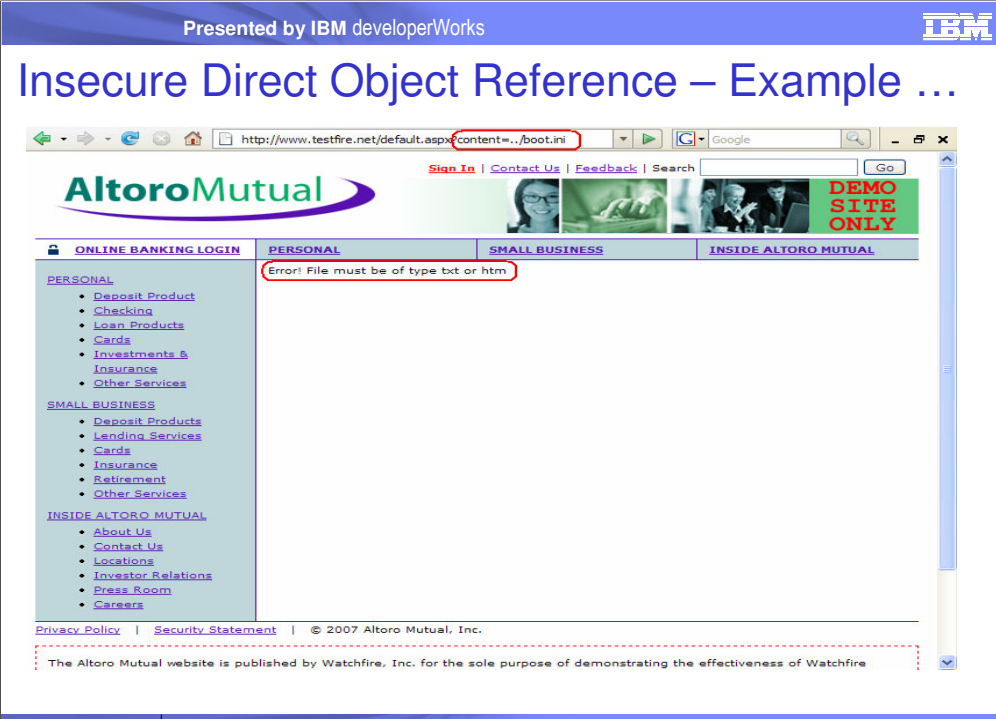


The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Altoro Mutual website. The address bar contains the URL `://www.testfire.net/default.aspx?content=business_deposit.htm`, with the parameter value `business_deposit.htm` highlighted in red. The page content includes a navigation menu with categories like PERSONAL, SMALL BUSINESS, and INSIDE ALTORO MUTUAL. The main content area displays "Deposit Products" with a list of services and a note about secure access. A footer contains copyright information for 2007 Altoro Mutual, Inc. and Watchfire, Inc.

In this example, we see that a web application that uses a parameter called “content”, which points to the contents of the page to be displayed. An attacker might attempt to manipulate the parameter value, from “business_deposit.htm”, which is the valid page, to some other file – for example, the Boot.ini which is a system file.

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Insecure Direct Object Reference – Example ...




The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `http://www.testfire.net/default.aspx?content=../boot.ini`. The browser's address bar highlights the parameter value `content=../boot.ini`. The page displays the Altoro Mutual logo and a navigation menu with categories: ONLINE BANKING LOGIN, PERSONAL, SMALL BUSINESS, and INSIDE ALTORO MUTUAL. A red box highlights the error message: "Error! File must be of type txt or htm". The footer of the page includes "Privacy Policy | Security Statement | © 2007 Altoro Mutual, Inc." and a note: "The Altoro Mutual website is published by Watchfire, Inc. for the sole purpose of demonstrating the effectiveness of Watchfire".

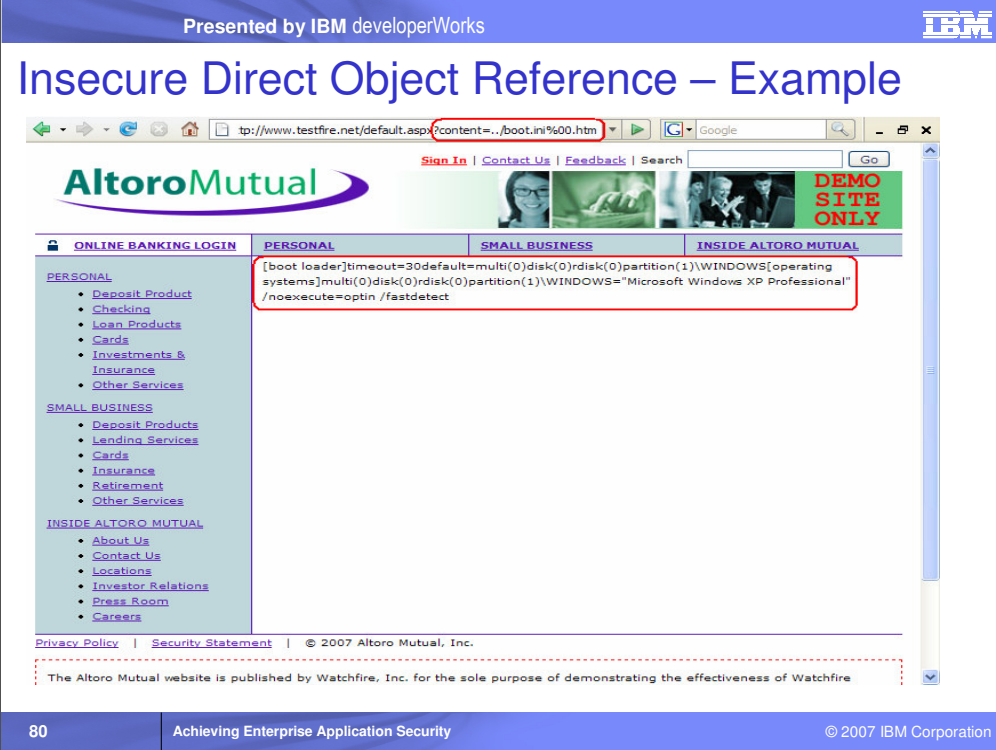
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The attempt failed, and the system disclosed that it only allows parameter value (file names) that end with either txt or htm as their file extension.

Let's try a little trick called "Poison Null Byte", we'll write the file we actually want to open which is Boot.ini, but append a NULL character and the extension the application is looking for (in this example .htm)

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Insecure Direct Object Reference – Example



tp://www.testfire.net/default.aspx?content=../boot.ini%00.htm

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Bingo! – we managed to circumvent the file extension validation, and open a sensitive system file.

Using this technique, we can manipulate the application to hand us the contents of other, more sensitive files, such as databases, customer files, etc.


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Now let's turn to information leakage and improper error handling, and see how those vulnerabilities can be exploited by an attacker.

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Information Leakage and Improper Error Handling


- What is it?
 - ▶ Unneeded information made available via errors or other means.
- What are the implications?
 - ▶ Sensitive data exposed
 - ▶ Web App internals and logic exposed (source code, SQL syntax, exception call stacks, etc.)
 - ▶ Information aids in further hacks

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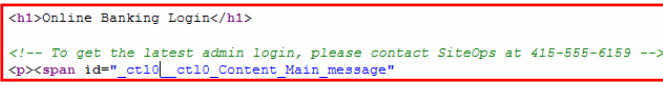
Let's move on to the next item on the OWASP Top 10 list - Information Leakage and Improper Error Handling.

Information leakage vulnerabilities usually do not allow a hacker to perform malicious actions, but rather enable the attacker to gather sensitive information, either about the application or about its users. This usually happens when application debugging information is not sanitized from response pages, when all sorts of errors (such as SQL error messages as shown before) occur, but it can also happen from more naive mistakes, such as leaving personal information or debugging remnants inside HTML comments.

The implication of Information leakage can range between sensitive data being exposed, to web application internal logic being visible to the hacker.

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Information Leakage Example




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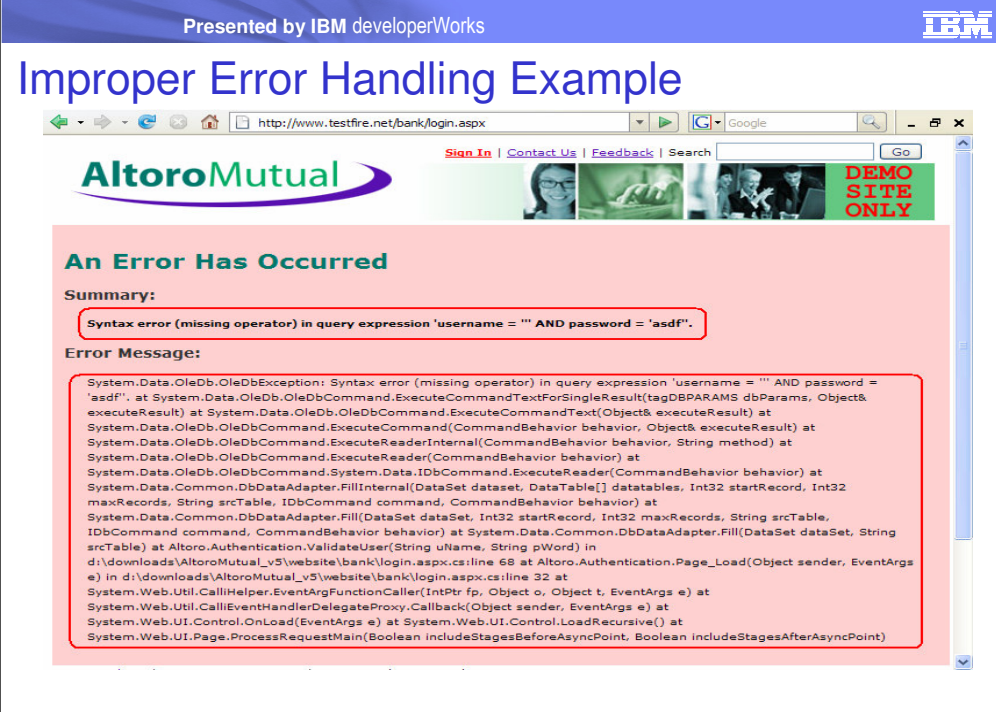
Let's take a look at two information leakage examples:

The first example is a simple one – the administrator left his/her phone number inside HTML comments, assuming that users do not read them. This information can be harvested and later on used for social engineering purposes

The second example is the same as our previous SQL Injection scenario – if we submit a value (in this case apostrophe), that the application does not know how to handle, it might spit back debugging information.

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Improper Error Handling Example



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An Error Has Occurred

Summary:

Syntax error (missing operator) in query expression 'username = '' AND password = 'asdf''.


Error Message:

```
System.Data.OleDb.OleDbException: Syntax error (missing operator) in query expression 'username = '' AND password = 'asdf''. at System.Data.OleDb.OleDbCommand.ExecuteCommandTextForSingleResult(tagDBPARAMS dbParams, Object& executeResult) at System.Data.OleDb.OleDbCommand.ExecuteCommandText(Object& executeResult) at System.Data.OleDb.OleDbCommand.ExecuteCommand(CommandBehavior behavior, Object& executeResult) at System.Data.OleDb.OleDbCommand.ExecuteReaderInternal(CommandBehavior behavior, String method) at System.Data.OleDb.OleDbCommand.ExecuteReader(CommandBehavior behavior) at System.Data.OleDb.OleDbCommand.System.Data.IDbCommand.ExecuteReader(CommandBehavior behavior) at System.Data.Common.DbDataAdapter.FillInternal(DataSet dataset, DataTable[] datatables, Int32 startRecord, Int32 maxRecords, String srcTable, IDbCommand command, CommandBehavior behavior) at System.Data.Common.DbDataAdapter.Fill(DataSet dataSet, Int32 startRecord, Int32 maxRecords, String srcTable, IDbCommand command, CommandBehavior behavior) at System.Data.Common.DbDataAdapter.Fill(DataSet dataSet, String srcTable) at Altoro.Authentication.ValidateUser(String uName, String pWord) in d:\downloads\AltoroMutual_v5\website\bank\login.aspx.cs:line 68 at Altoro.Authentication.Page_Load(Object sender, EventArgs e) in d:\downloads\AltoroMutual_v5\website\bank\login.aspx.cs:line 32 at System.Web.Util.CalliHelper.EventArgFunctionCaller(IntPtr fp, Object o, Object t, EventArgs e) at System.Web.Util.CalliEventHandlerDelegateProxy.Callback(Object sender, EventArgs e) at System.Web.UI.Control.OnLoad(EventArgs e) at System.Web.UI.Control.LoadRecursive() at System.Web.UI.Page.ProcessRequestMain(Boolean includeStagesBeforeAsyncPoint, Boolean includeStagesAfterAsyncPoint)
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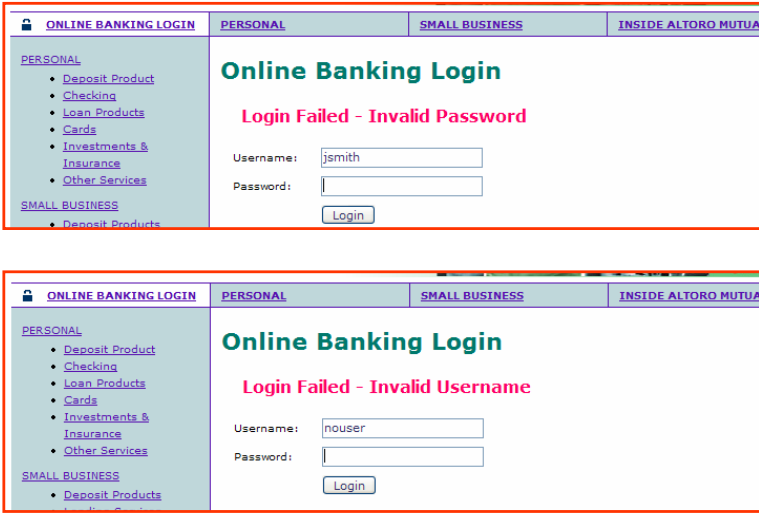
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What you see here, is the response to the form submission, which included an apostrophe character as the user name.

This error page reveals information about the type of SQL database that is used, and about the structure of the SQL query, allowing us to further devise a SQL Injection attack against the web application

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Information Leakage – Different User/Pass Error



The image displays two screenshots of an online banking login interface. The top screenshot shows a login failure with the message "Login Failed - Invalid Password". The username field contains "jsmith" and the password field is empty. The bottom screenshot shows a login failure with the message "Login Failed - Invalid Username". The username field contains "nouser" and the password field is empty. Both screenshots show a navigation menu on the left with categories like PERSONAL and SMALL BUSINESS, and a header with tabs for ONLINE BANKING LOGIN, PERSONAL, SMALL BUSINESS, and INSIDE ALTORO MUTUA.

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One last example of information leakage, which is also very common, is verbose login error messages. Some applications, will present the user with different error messages when the login process failed due to invalid username or invalid password (as seen in this slide). While this is not a severe issue, it narrows down the amount of time it will take the hacker to guess (or brute force) his/her way into the application.

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DEMO

Steal Usernames and Passwords

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This demo shows how to use information leakage to steal the usernames and passwords from a site.


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The last vulnerability we will look at is failure to restrict URL access.

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Failure to Restrict URL Access


- What is it?
 - ▶ Resources that should only be available to authorized users can be accessed by forcefully browsing them
- What are the implications?
 - ▶ Sensitive information leaked/modified
 - ▶ Admin privileges made available to hacker

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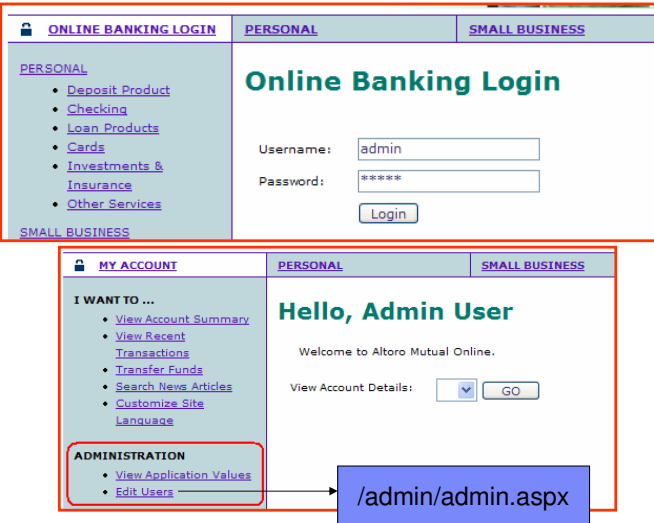
One of the most common security issues in web applications is the lack of proper access restrictions. Many people forget that not having a link to a resource, doesn't mean that hackers can't guess it. You should always limit user's access, by putting URL access restrictions. Portions of the site that belong to administrators, should never be accessed by regular users.

Failing to create proper access restrictions on web application resources might lead to:

- Information leakage
- Privilege escalation

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Failure to Restrict URL Access - Admin User Login




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We'll now take a look at a simple Privilege Escalation example -

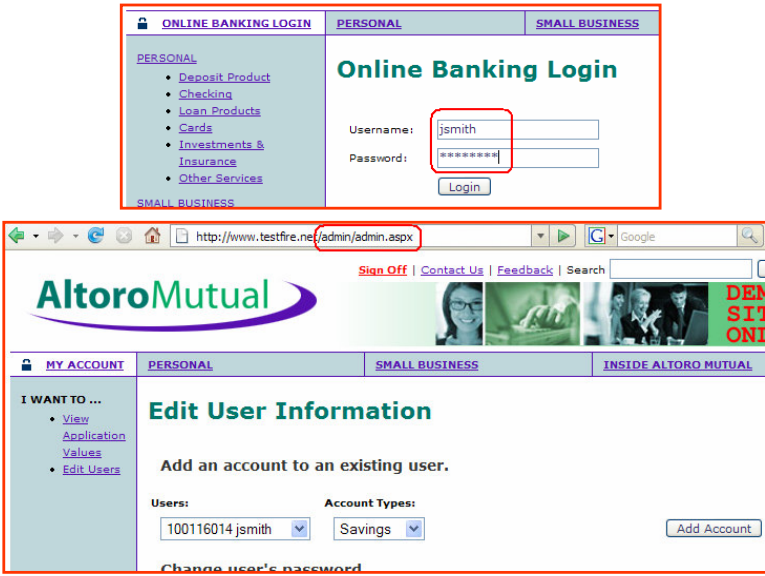
This example, shows how unrestricted access to the administration page, may lead to complete compromise of the web application.

When we log into the application as the administrator, we are presented with a link to the user account editing page. Naturally, this link doesn't appear in regular users' screens, nor should it be accessible for them.

Since the application doesn't restrict access to this page, a hacker can attempt to guess that link, and take over the web application, as will be seen in the following slide.

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Forceful Browse to Admin Page



The screenshot illustrates a security vulnerability in an online banking application. The top part shows the 'Online Banking Login' page with a navigation menu (PERSONAL, SMALL BUSINESS) and a login form. The username 'jsmith' and a masked password are entered. The bottom part shows the browser's address bar with the URL 'http://www.testfire.net/admin/admin.aspx'. The page content is the 'Edit User Information' page, which is an administrative interface for adding or editing users. The browser's address bar and the URL are highlighted with a red box, indicating the user's successful access to the admin page through a forceful browse attack.

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In this slide you see how the user authenticates as a regular user, but since the application did not have proper URL access permissions, the user guessed the link to the administration page, and was able to perform actions on behalf of the administrator, without having to log in as a high privileged user.

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Failure to Restrict URL Access - Privilege Escalation Types

- Access given to completely restricted resources
 - ▶ Accessing files that shouldn't be served (*.bak, "Copy Of", *.inc, *.cs, ws_ftp.log, etc.)
- Vertical Privilege Escalation
 - ▶ Unknown user accessing pages past login page
 - ▶ Simple user accessing admin pages
- Horizontal Privilege Escalation
 - ▶ User accessing other user's pages
 - ▶ Example: Bank account user accessing another's

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You should always block users from requesting and retrieving restricted resources (for example, backup files, log files, source code files, etc.)

Regular users shouldn't be allowed to access pages that belong to higher privileged users (this is referred to as vertical PE)

Regular users shouldn't have access to other regular users' pages (this is referred to horizontal PE)

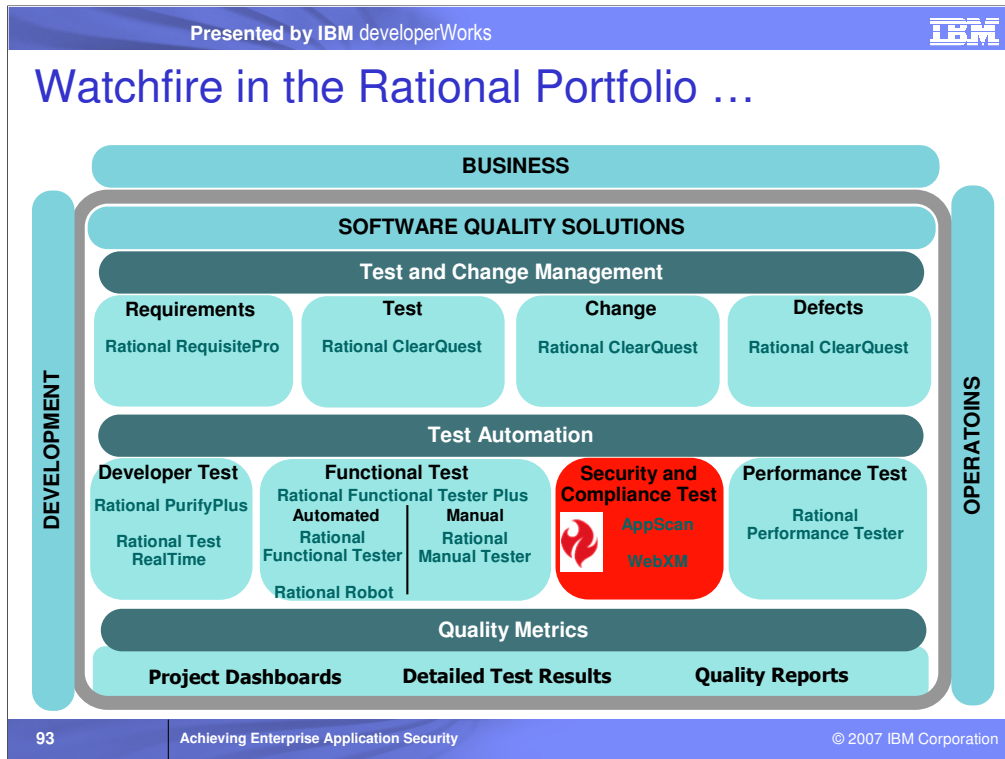
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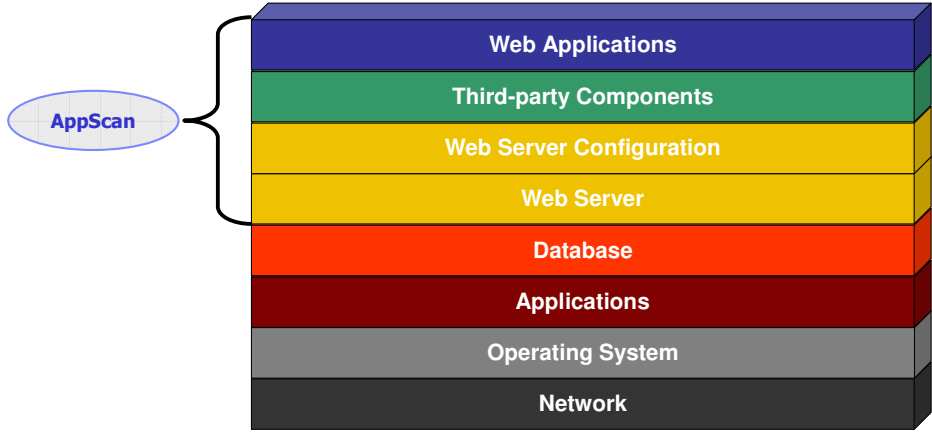
Watchfire AppScan can help you find vulnerabilities in your Web applications.



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What Does AppScan Test For?



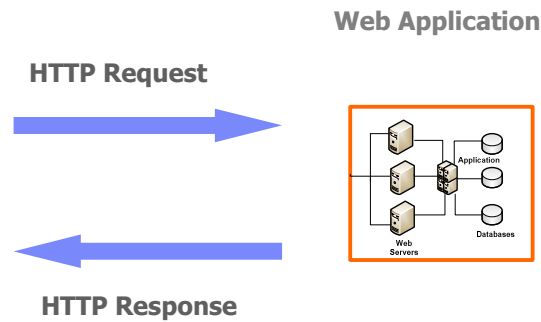
The diagram illustrates a multi-layered application stack. The layers, from top to bottom, are: Web Applications, Third-party Components, Web Server Configuration, Web Server, Database, Applications, Operating System, and Network. A blue oval labeled 'AppScan' is positioned to the left of the stack, with a bracket indicating its testing scope covers the top four layers: Web Applications, Third-party Components, Web Server Configuration, and Web Server.

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In the stack shown, AppScan focuses on the Web server, its configuration, third-party components in the Web server environment, and Web applications that operate in the Web server.

How Does AppScan Work?

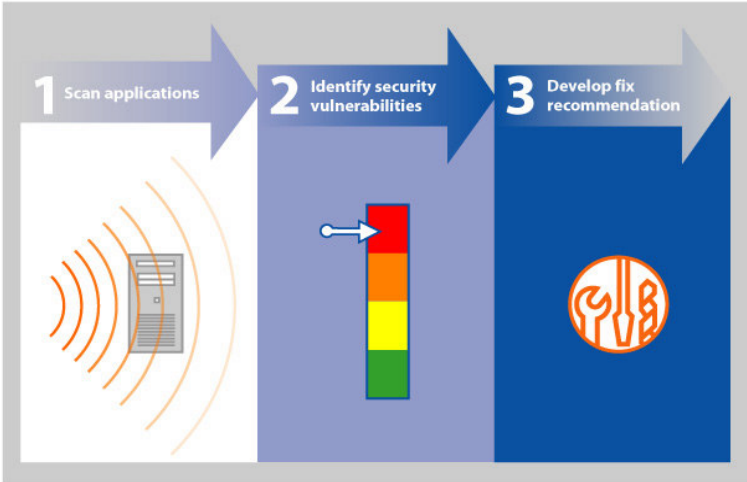
- Approaches an application as a black-box
- Traverses a web application and builds the site model
- Determines the attack vectors based on the selected Test policy
- Tests by sending modified HTTP requests to the application and examining the HTTP response according to validate rules



AppScan scans for vulnerabilities by traversing an application similarly to the way a user browses a website. It starts from the home page or some other entry point, as defined by the user, and follows all the links. Each page is analyzed, and based on the characteristics of the page, AppScan sends a number of tests. The tests are sent in the form of HTTP requests. AppScan determines the presence of vulnerabilities based on the responses from the web server. The application is treated as a black box and AppScan communicates with it just like a browser does.

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AppScan Goes Beyond Pointing out Problems



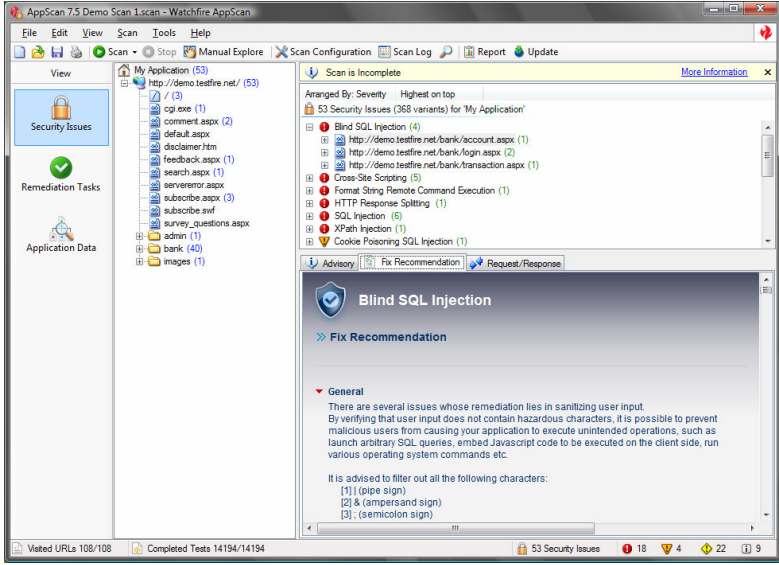
1 Scan applications → 2 Identify security vulnerabilities → 3 Develop fix recommendation

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AppScan does not just merely find the problems in your Web application, but also provides recommendations on how to fix each problem found.

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Actionable Fix Recommendations



The screenshot displays the IBM AppScan 7.5 interface. The main window shows a list of security issues for the application 'http://demo.testfire.net/'. The issues are arranged by severity, with the highest on top. The top issue is 'Blind SQL Injection (4)'. Below it, other issues include 'Cross-Site Scripting (5)', 'Formal String Remote Command Execution (1)', 'HTTP Response Splitting (1)', 'SQL Injection (6)', 'XPath Injection (1)', and 'Cookie Poisoning SQL Injection (1)'. A detailed view of the 'Blind SQL Injection' issue is shown in the foreground. It includes a 'Fix Recommendation' section with the following text:

Blind SQL Injection

» Fix Recommendation

General

There are several issues whose remediation lies in sanitizing user input. By verifying that user input does not contain hazardous characters, it is possible to prevent malicious users from causing your application to execute unintended operations, such as launch arbitrary SQL queries, embed Javascript code to be executed on the client side, run various operating system commands etc.

It is advised to filter out all the following characters:

- [1] | (pipe sign)
- [2] & (ampersand sign)
- [3] ; (semicolon sign)

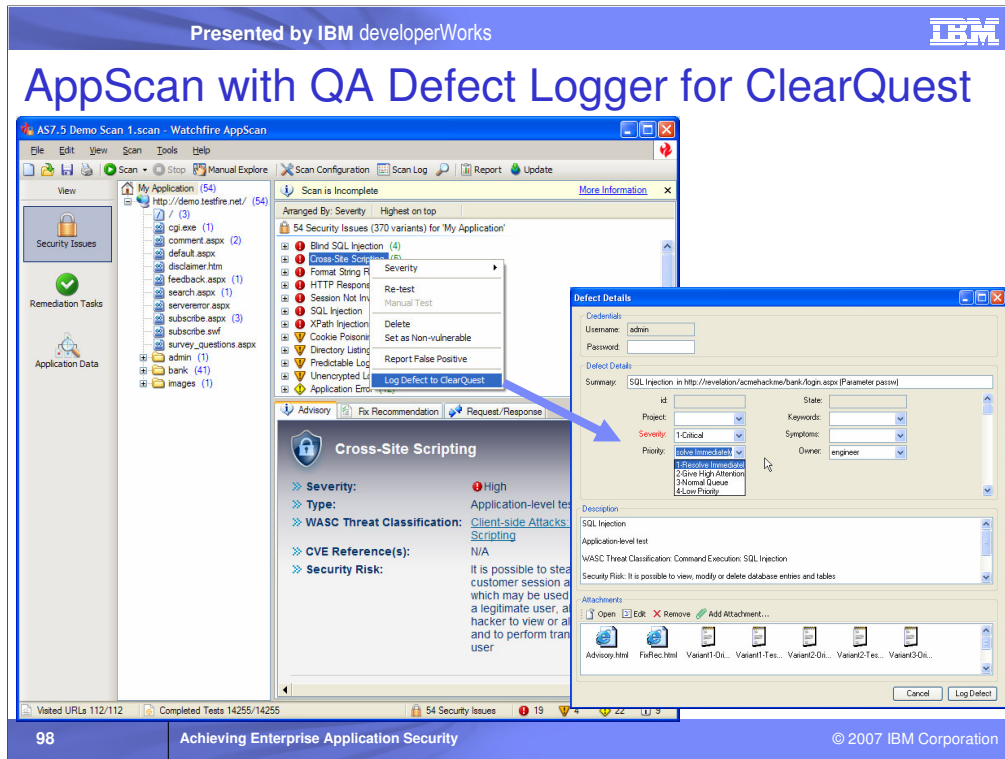
At the bottom of the interface, there is a status bar showing 'Vetted URLs 108/108', 'Completed Tests 14194/14194', '53 Security Issues', '18', '4', '22', and '9'.

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Actionable fix recommendations provide detailed information on the problem and steps you can take to fix it.



AppScan integrates with Rational ClearQuest, so that security issues can be logged as defects into ClearQuest for assignment and tracking.

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DEMO

Execute and Analyze
Web Application Security Scan

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This demo shows AppScan in action.

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Web resources ...

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 - ▶ <http://www.cert.org>
- Security Focus – network security, tools, downloads, white papers
 - ▶ <http://www.securityfocus.com>
- Gibson Research Corporation – home security, security scanner testing
 - ▶ <http://www.grc.com>
- System Administration, Security, and Networking Institute – news and vulnerability lists
 - ▶ <http://www.sans.org>
- Vmyths.com for finding hoaxes
 - ▶ <http://www.vmyths.com>
- Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures – standard list of names for vulnerabilities
 - ▶ <http://cve.mitre.org>
- NTSecurity (and sister site) NTBugtraq for Windows
 - ▶ <http://ntsecurity.ntadvice.com> and <http://www.ntbugtraq.com>
- Security Portal – DSL security, latest news on MS hotfixes, viruses, hoaxes
 - ▶ <http://www.securityportal.com>
- RSA Security – loads of technical security information from inventor of PKI
 - ▶ <http://www.rsasecurity.com/rsalabs/>
- OASIS Web Services Security: SOAP Message Security spec
 - ▶ http://www.oasis-open.org/committees/tc_home.php?wg_abbrev=wss

Web resources

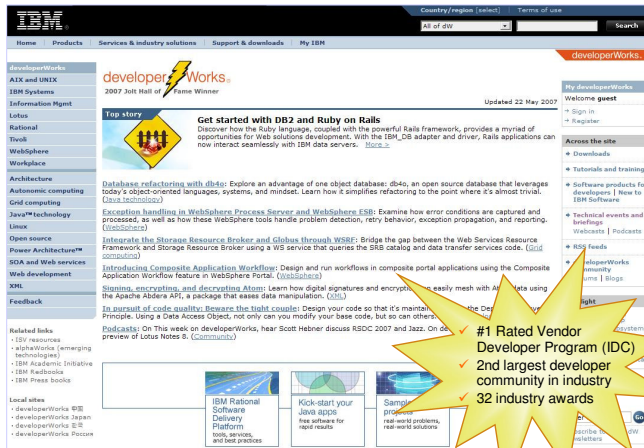
- IBM Tivoli – tech resources for security (and other Tivoli) products
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- Visit the Tivoli security zone on developerWorks
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- All about Java 6 security
 - ▶ <http://java.sun.com/javase/6/docs/technotes/guides/security/>
- Download a whitepaper on Security And Management for SOA Environments
 - <ftp://ftp.software.ibm.com/software/tivoli/whitepapers/GC28-8455-00.pdf>
- Watchfire products
 - ▶ <http://www-306.ibm.com/software/rational/welcome/watchfire/products.html>

Books and periodicals

- *Web Security* by Lincoln Stein, Addison-Wesley (great read, good overall overview)
- *Network Security 2nd Ed.* by Charlie Kaufman, Radia Perlman & Mike Speciner. Prentice Hall (superb and great read)
- *Practical Intranet Security* by Paul Ashley and Mark Vandenwauver. Kluwer Academic Press
- *SG24-6316 – WebSphere Application Server V6.1 Security Handbook*
 - ▶ Available from ibm.com/redbooks
- *Core Security Patterns* by Steel, Nagappan, & Lai. Prentice Hall (Sun)
- *Security+ Certification for Dummies* by Miller & Gregory. Wiley
- *Java & Internet Security* by Nadalin, Rich, & Shrader. iUniverse.com
- *Inside Internet Security* by Jeff Crume. Addison-Wesley
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- *2600 Magazine - The Hacker Quarterly*. Superb. <http://www.2600.com>

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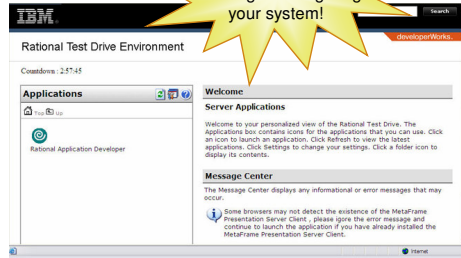
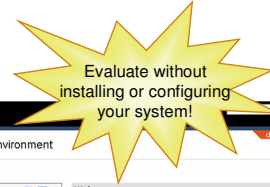
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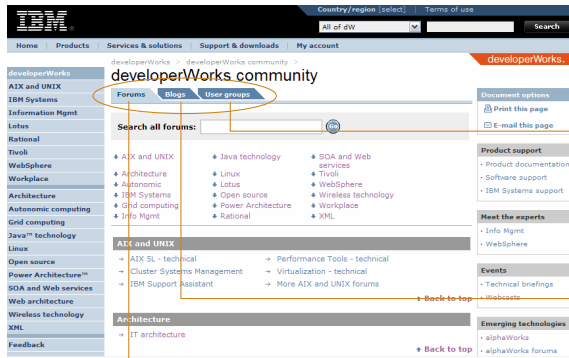
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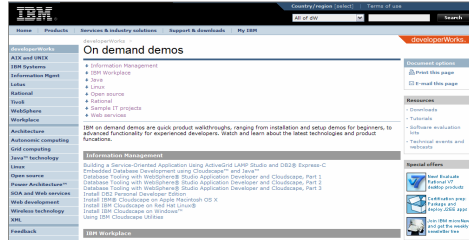
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The screenshot shows the alphaWorks website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Home, Products, Services & industry solutions, Support & downloads, and My account. A search bar is positioned on the right. The main header reads 'alphaWorks Emerging technologies' with a sub-header 'Featured technologies' and a date 'Updated 21 May 2007'. The featured article is 'ThinkPlace', described as a web application for idea generation. Below this, there's a 'Recently updated technologies' section listing items like 'JAR Class Finder', 'IBM Trace and Request Analyzer for WebSphere Application Server', and 'Post-Link Optimization for Linux on POWER'. The page also includes a left sidebar with categories like 'Automation computing', 'Collaboration', and 'Information management'. On the right, there are sections for 'All downloads' and 'Spotlight'.

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The screenshot shows the IBM developerWorks community page for user groups. The main heading is "developerWorks community" with sub-sections for "Forums", "Blogs", and "User groups". A navigation menu on the left lists various categories like "AIX and UNIX", "IBM Systems", "Information Mgmt", etc. The main content area features several user group profiles, including "Grid computing", "Information Management", "U2UG", and "Java technology". Each profile includes a brief description and links for more details or to find a user group. A right-hand sidebar contains sections for "Additional options", "Product support", "Meet the experts", "Events", "Emerging technologies", and "Special offers".

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