Hands-on Security Tools

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Caveats and Warnings

- This is not a sales pitch for any product(s)
 - If you want to talk to a sales person, tell me
 - Otherwise, you will NOT get calls or spam
- You are not authorized to "test" any systems other than your own
 - If you do, then don't call me from prison
 - I don't know you

Prerequisites

- Computer (shared or solo)
 - Windows, OS X, Linux
 - Local admin access
- Virtual machine environment (Vmware, Parallels, Virtual Box)
- JDK (newer is better)
- Development environment (for source analysis tool)
 - C or Java
 - Make, Ant, Eclipse (3 or 2), Visual Studio, Rational,
 Websphere

Objectives and Intros

- We'll look at several tools described in my security tools class
- Idea is to give everyone a glimpse of several tools
 - NOT to turn anyone into an expert on any tool
- Safe, sales-free env

Flow

- Describe each tool
- Demo (where applicable)
- Class tries tool with specific objectives
- Discuss results and applicability

Secondary Goals

- Learn
- Experiment with the tools
- Judge for yourself
- Have fun

Setup environment

- We'll use a combination of stuff
 - Live CDs
 - OWASP, Network Security Toolkit (NST) 1.8
 - Desktop installations
- For live CDs, virtual machine is highly recommended
 - Copy CD image ISO into your VM folder
 - Set up separate Linux VMs for each
 - Recommend "no hard drive" options

Infosec tools

Categories include

- Network port scanners
- Vulnerability scanners
- Application scanners
- Web application proxies
- Network sniffers

(For a great list, see http://sectools.org/)

Software security tools

Categories include

- Static code analysis tools
- Testing tools
 - Fuzzers
 - Interposition tools
 - System monitors
 - Process analyzers
 - Etc.

Network and vul scanners

Usage: determine open and potentially vulnerable network services

- Mainstay of "penetration testers"
- Useful for verifying deployment environment
- Validating on-going maintenance
- Rarely directly valuable to developers

Examples

 Nmap, nessus, Metasploit, ISS, Core Impact, Retina

NMAP

- Http://nmap.org
- Open source and free
- Available on numerous OSes
- Command line and GUI
- Unix command-line folks will love this..
 - *nmap -h* lists options
 - Numerous!

Nessus

- http://nessus.org
- Free, but not open source
 - Parent company is http://www.tenablesecurity.com
 - Commercial
- Supports several OSes
 - Linux (RH, Suse, Debian, but not Ubuntu)
 - Windows, OS X, Solaris, FreeBSD
- Client/server model (but 3.0 can now run without server)

Metasploit

- http://metasploit.org
- WARNING!!!
- Open source exploit/payload tool
- Extensible with exploits written in Ruby
- Runs on most OSes
- CLI, menu, GUI, and WUI front-ends

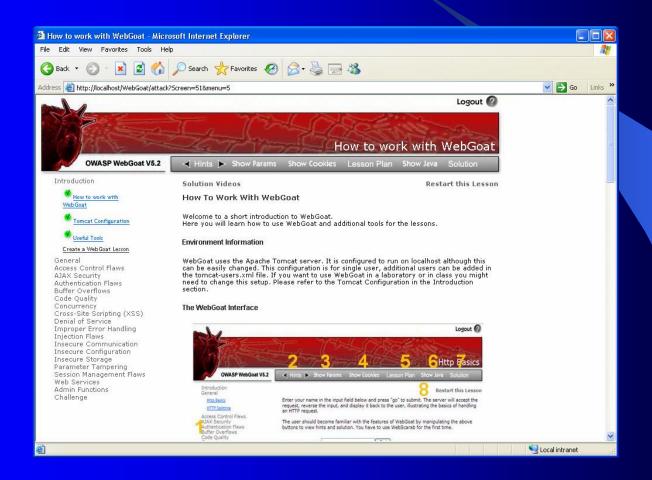
Web application testing

- First, the manual approach
 - A lot of times, there's no substitute for this
 - Kind of like a single-stepping debugger
- Testing proxies are useful
 - Man-in-the-middle between browser and app
- Examples
 - WebScarab, Paros Proxy

The tools we'll use

- OWASP tools (freely available)
 - Your web browser (IE or Firefox preferred)
 - WebGoat -- a simple web application containing numerous flaws and exercises to exploit them
 - Runs on (included) Apache Tomcat J2EE server
 - WebScarab -- a web application testing proxy
- Instructor demo
- Class installation of both tools

WebGoat

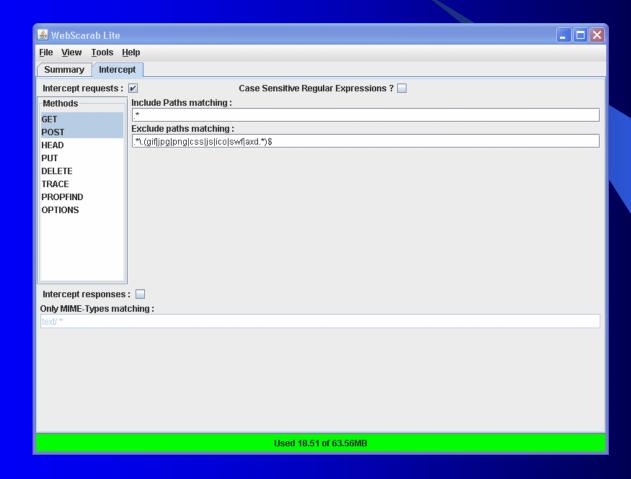


Setting up WebGoat

- Run WebGoat on TCP port 8080
 - From WebGoat folder (GUI or command line)
 - Windows: webgoat_8080.bat
 - OS X or Linux: ./webgoat.sh start8080
 - (Will need to chmod +x webgoat.sh first)
 - Verify in browserhttp://localhost:8080/WebGoat/attack

At this point, WebGoat is running, but you'll still need a testing proxy to perform some attacks

WebScarab



Next, set up WebScarab

- Run WebScarab
 - Default listener runs on TCP port 8008
 - Ensure listener is running within WebScarab
- Configure proxy
 - Set web browser proxy point to TCP port 8008 on 127.0.0.1 (localhost)
 - Include proxy for localhost
 - Connect once again to http://localhost:8080/WebGoat/attack

Troubleshooting

- Scarab not running
 - Listener turned off or on wrong port
- Browser proxy not configured or misconfigured
 - IE behaves differently than Firefox
 - IE 7 often "misbehaves"
 - Make sure proxy is set for localhost and 127.0.0.1
 - Try using 127.0.0.1. (note the "." at end)
 - Turn off anti-phishing or "safe browsing" features
 - Ensure JavaScript is running
 - Try Firefox if you are an IE user, and vice versa

WebGoat tips

- Report card shows overall progress
- Don't be afraid to use the "hints" button
 - Show cookies and parameters can also help
 - Show java also helpful
 - None of these are typical on real apps...
- Learn how to use it
- Fabulous learning tool

Familiarizing Goat and Scarab

- WebGoat
 - Do "Web Basics" exercise
 - Try Hints and other buttons
 - Look at report card

- WebScarab
 - Turn on intercepts
 - Requests
 - Responses
 - Explore and experiment
 - Parsed vs. raw view
 - Try editing a request
 - Modify parameters
 - Add/omit parameters

#1 Cross site scripting ("XSS")

- Can occur whenever a user can enter data into a web app
 - Consider all the ways a user can get data to the app
- When data is represented in browser, "data" can be dangerous
 - Consider this user input

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

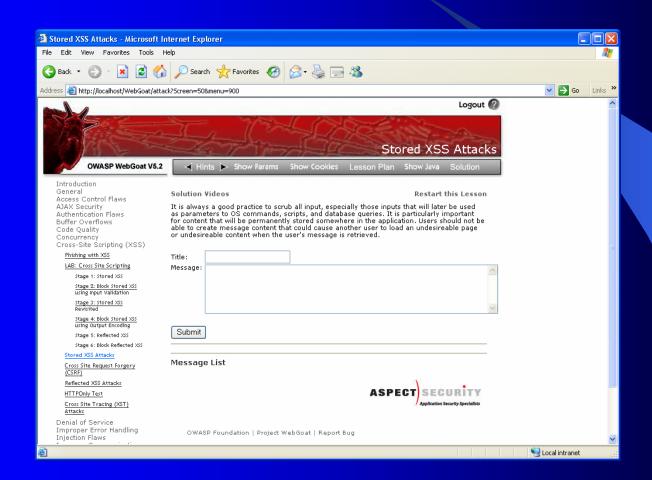
- Where can it happen?
 - ANY data input
- Two forms of XSS
 - Stored XSS
 - Reflected XSS
- Two WebGoat exercises to see for yourself

Stored XSS

- Attacker inputs script data on web app
 - Forums, "Contact Us" pages are prime examples
 - All data input must be considered

- Victim accidentally views data
 - Forum message, user profile, database field
- Can be years later
 - Malicious payload lies patiently in wait
 - Victim can be anywhere

Stored XSS exercise

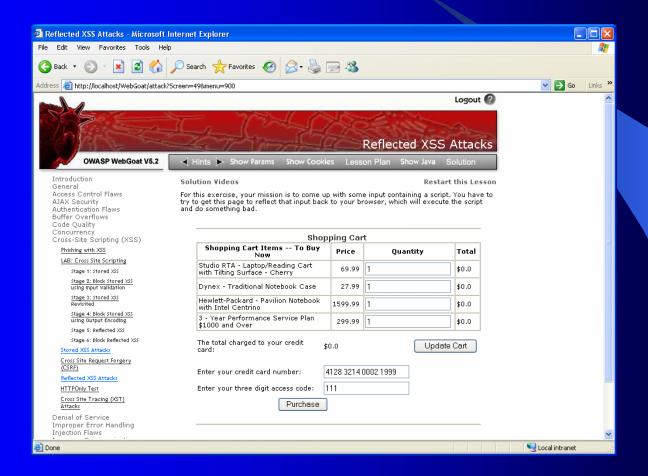


Reflected XSS

- Attacker inserts script data into web app
- App immediately "reflects" data back
 - Search engines prime example
 - "String not found"

- Generally combined with other delivery mechanisms
 - HTML formatted spam most likely
 - Image tags containing search string as HTML parameter
 - Consider width=0 height=0 IMG SRC

Reflected XSS exercise



XSS issues

- Why is this #1?
 - Input validation problems are pervasive
 - Focus on functional spec
- Why is it such a big deal?
 - Highly powerful attack

- Anything the user can do, the attacker can do
 - Take over session
 - Install malware
 - Copy/steal sensitive data

Reflected (via spam email) attacks most common technique by phishers

How bad is XSS?

- Perhaps the most (in)famous example is the MySpace Samy virus
 - XSS content in author's page that added any viewer as a friend whenever viewed
 - In less than 24 hours, Samy had > 1 million "friends"
 - MySpace crashed and was down for 3+ days

JavaScript Obfuscation

- Used to hide the real intent of a JS
- Many (!) examples exist
- Increasingly difficult to detect

Example

```
var a="Hello World!";
function MsgBox(msg)
{
  alert(msg+"\n"+a);
}
MsgBox("OK");
```

Becomes

```
//language=jscript.encode
#@~^1wAAAA==-mD~|!X FF
XT']Jw6W%wa+*-X•Z'6v;wavw-X T-
aXF-avww6F wa+Z-a•W-a
8EBJwX!zJ~r-X*s'6*ArTI-
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```

(Source javascriptobfuscator.com)

Application vul scanners –1

Category of black box test tools that attempts additional "application level" vul probes

- E.g., SQL injection, buffer overflows, cookie manipulation, Javascript tampering
- Increasing in popularity among pen testers
- Useful at verifying (web) app is not vulnerable to the most common attacks
- Moderately useful to developers

Application vul scanners –3

Examples

IBM/Watchfire's Appscan, HP/SPI
 Dynamics' WebInspect, Nikto

Nikto

- http://nikto.org
- Written in Perl
- Simple and low-level app scans

AppScan

- http://www.watchfire.com (acquired by IBM)
- Windows only
- Commercial application scanner
- We'll look at eval copy
 - Only able to scan http://demo.testfire.net

Fuzzers -1

Growing field of app testing that involves sending malformed data to/from app

- Tools, frameworks, and APIs are popping up
- "One size fits all" approach is highly problematic
 - Informed fuzzing vs. uninformed fuzzing
- Still early adoption among pen testers (arguably)
- Dev knowledge is necessary to get most of it

Fuzzers -2

- Fuzzing can and should be done from unit to entire app tests
- QA test team needs to acquire and learn

Examples

 OWASP's JBroFuzz, PEACH, SPI Fuzzer, GPF, Codenomicon, Mu Security, SPIKE, Sulley

"At Microsoft, about 20 to 25 percent of security bugs are found through fuzzing a product before it is shipped"

JBroFuzz

- http://www.owasp.org/index.php/Category
 :OWASP_JBroFuzz
- Open source from OWASP
- Simplistic, but can fuzz
 - Fields in any web app form
 - URL guessing
- Project is still alpha-stage

Static code analyzers -1

Review source code for common coding bugs

- A bit of history
 - 1999: First examples appear from research projects
 - E.g., ITS4, RATS, Flawfinder
 - Tokenize input streams and perform rudimentary signature analysis
 - Accurate at finding strcpy() and the like, but lacking context to really be useful

Static code analyzers –2

- 2001: "2nd generation" tools arrive
 - E.g., Fortify, Ounce Labs, Coverity
 - Parse and build abstract syntax tree for analysis
 - Enables execution flow, data flow, etc., traces
 - Significant leap forward, but much work remains
 - Hundreds of common bugs in several languages
 - Management tools for overseeing, measuring, and policy enforcement
 - Integration into popular IDEs
- Still, many are shelfware

Static code analyzers –4

- Then do large scale analysis at project completion
- Possibly using more than one tool set

Examples

– Fortify SCA, Ounce Labs Ounce 5, Coverity Prevent, Klocwork

Fortify SCA

- http://fortifysoftware.com
- Commercial source code analyzer
- Supports numerous platforms, languages, compilers, and IDEs
- License caveats for this class
- Other features: security manager, rule builder

The Challenge!

- Rules of the game
 - 1. You may use WebScarab
 - 2. All access to the Challenge app must be via browser
 - 3. You may NOT use command-line or other OS interface
 - 4. Questions are ok, but I will answer to everyone

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