

# The Art of Building Bulletproof Mobile Apps

1/2-day Class

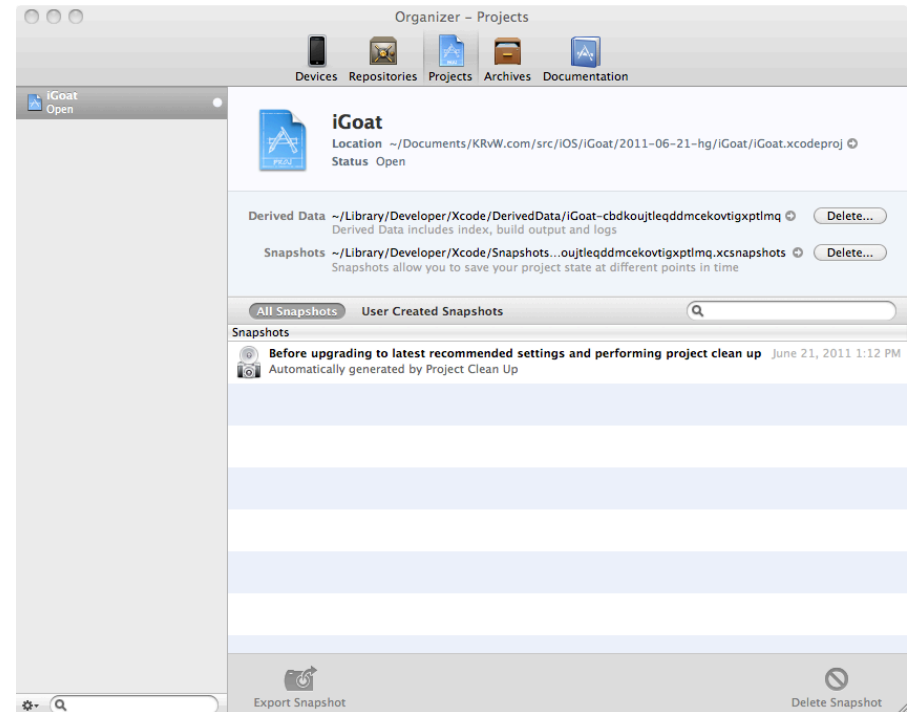
Apple iOS Edition

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# What you'll need in this class

If you want to be able to do the hands-on exercises and labs

- Apple Xcode (latest)
- iGoat source code
- Other tools I will provide
  - BurpSuite
  - iExplorer



# Understanding the problem

Just how bad is it, and why?

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# Mobile platforms

How secure are today's mobile platforms?

- Lots of similarities to web applications but...

Gold rush mentality

- Developers are on a death march to produce apps
- Unprecedented rate
- Security often suffers...



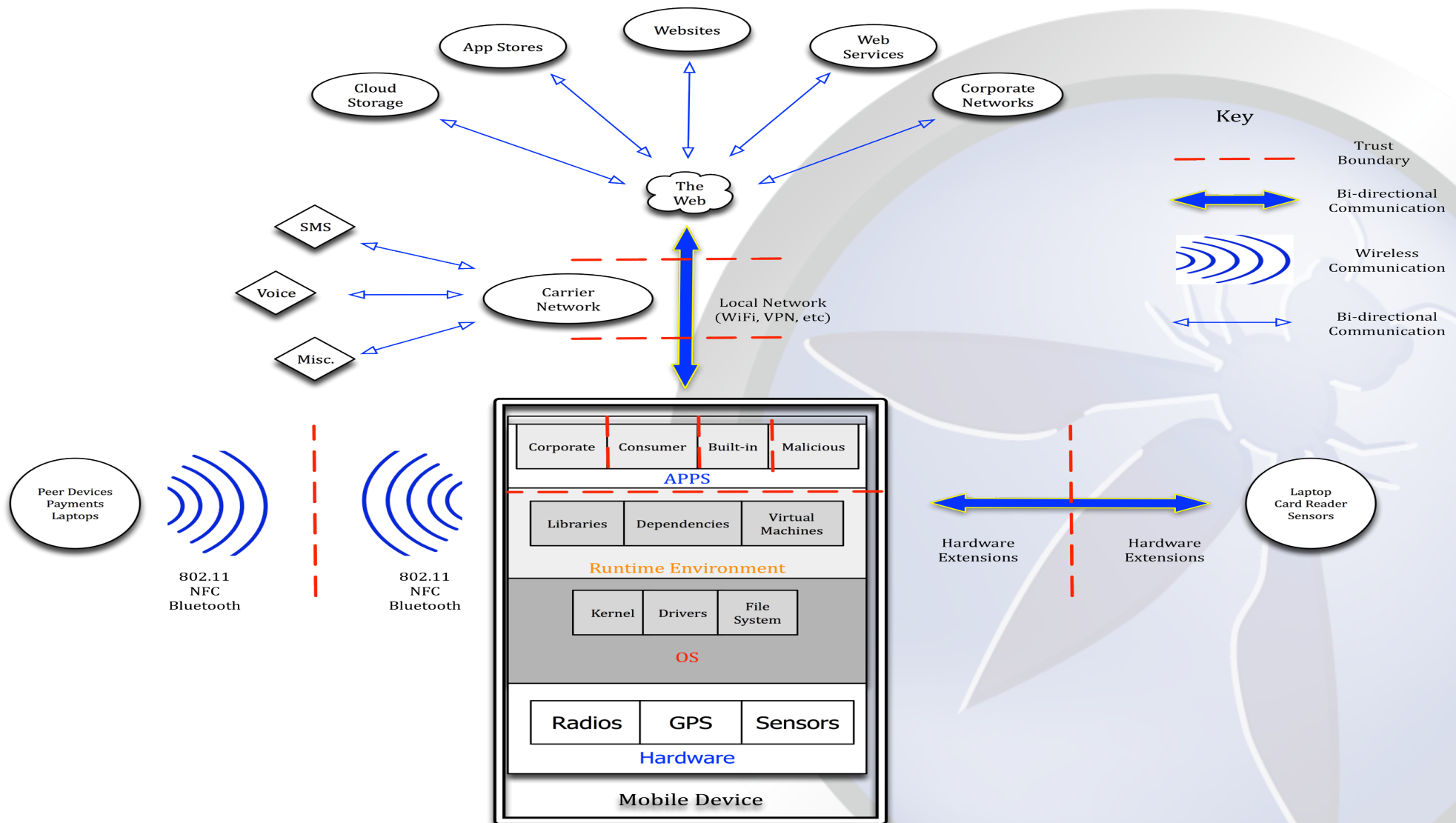
# Mobile app threat model

## Many considerations

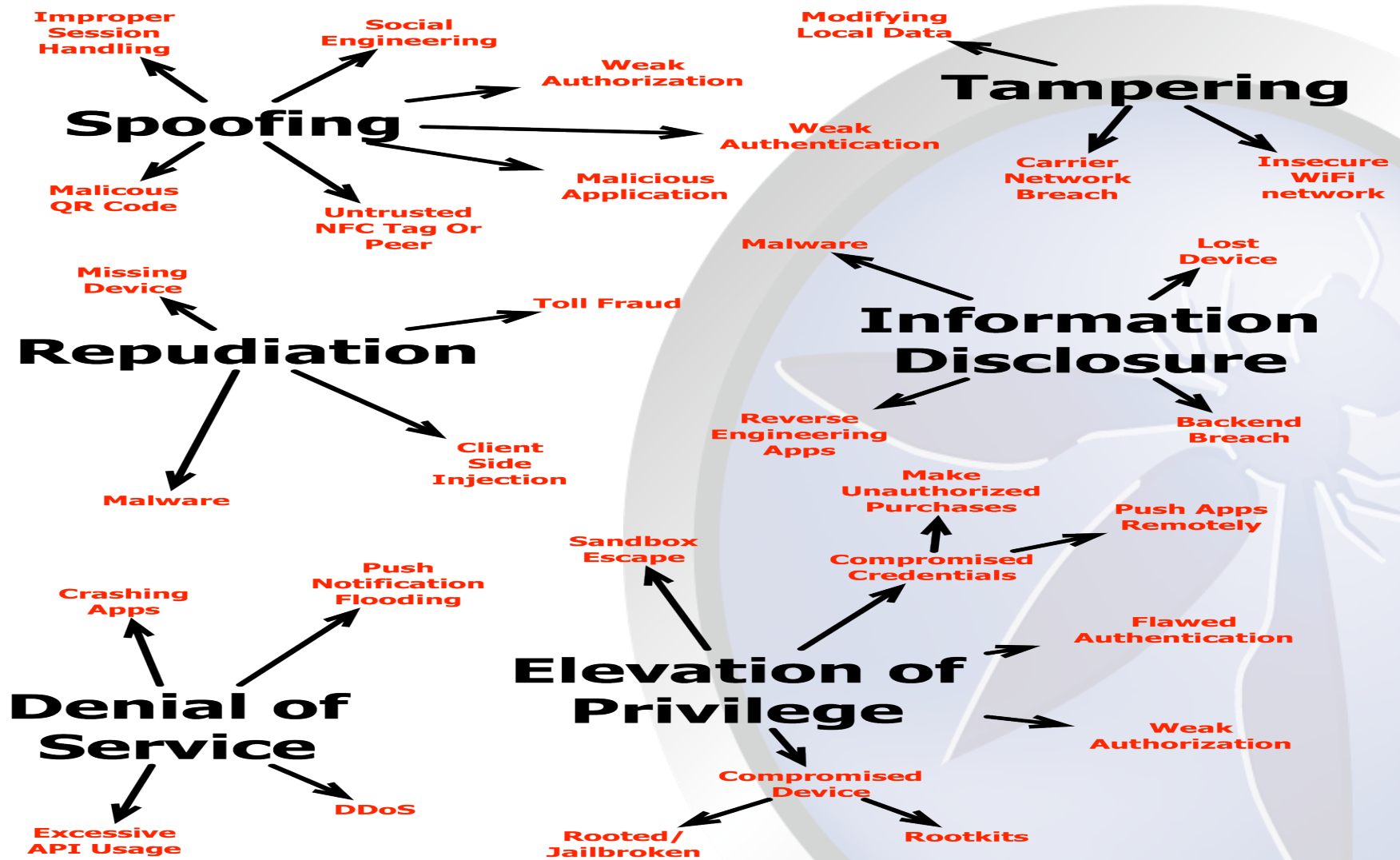
- Platforms vary substantially
- Similar but still very different than traditional web app--even when heavy with client-side code
- It's more than just apps
  - Cloud/network integration
  - Device platform considerations



# Mobile Threat Model



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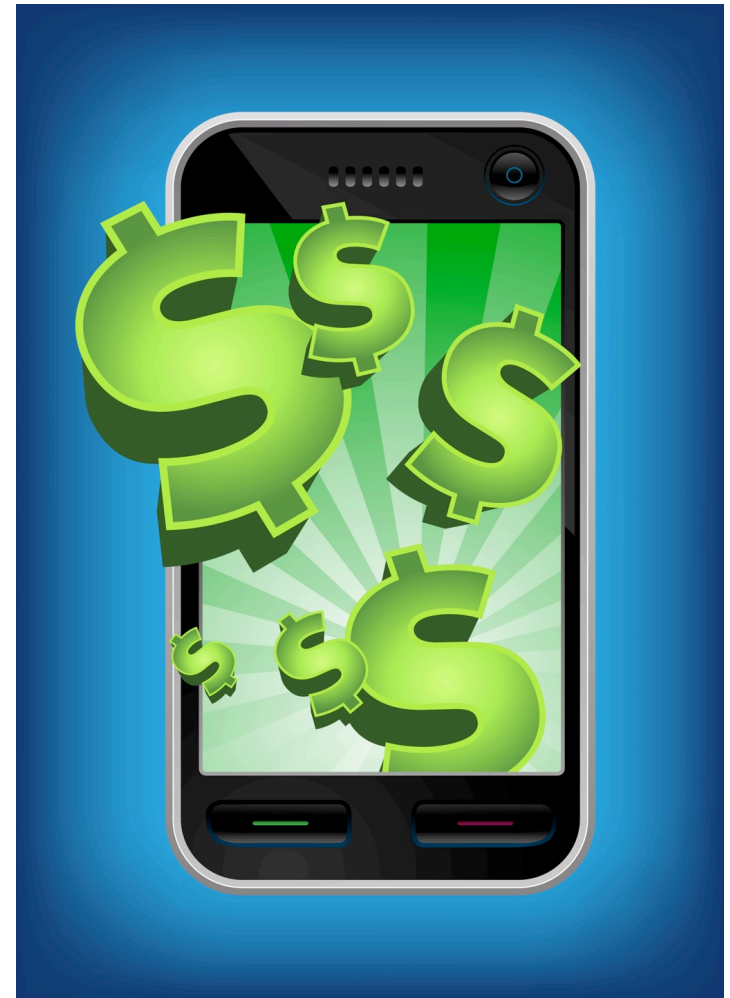
# Biggest issue: lost/stolen device

Anyone with physical access to your device can get to a wealth of data

- PIN is not effective
- App data
- Keychains
- Properties

Disk encryption helps, but we can't count on users using it

See forensics results





# Second biggest: insecure comms

Without additional protection, mobile devices are susceptible to the “coffee shop attack”

- Anyone on an open WiFi can eavesdrop on your data
- No different than any other WiFi device really

Your apps **MUST** protect your users’ data in transit



# Typical mobile app

Most mobile apps are basically web apps

- Clients issue web services request
  - SOAP or RESTful
- Servers respond with XML data stream

But with more client “smarts”

Almost all web weaknesses are relevant, and more





# OWASP Mobile Top 10 Risks

**M1- Insecure Data Storage**

**M6- Improper Session Handling**

**M2- Weak Server Side Controls**

**M7- Security Decisions Via Untrusted Inputs**

**M3- Insufficient Transport Layer Protection**

**M8- Side Channel Data Leakage**

**M4- Client Side Injection**

**M9- Broken Cryptography**

**M5- Poor Authorization and Authentication**

**M10- Sensitive Information Disclosure**

# A lot to consider

That's a lot of mistakes to avoid (and there are more)

- What are the key differences between the web list and the mobile list?
- What assumptions must we then make in our apps?
- What assumptions are *unsafe*?



# Security Principles and Pitfalls

Including hands-on exercises

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# Let's consider the basics

We'll cover these (from the mobile top 10)

- Protecting secrets
  - At rest
  - In transit
- Input/output validation
- Authentication
- Session management
- Access control
- Privacy concerns



# Hands-on examples

Topic discussion

Hands-on examples to really understand

– Optional, but recommended

Instructor will demo as well



# Some tools we'll be using

We'll also later use a couple others

- Burpsuite -- another web app proxy, but handles SSL really easily
- iPhone Explorer -- allows us to look at the files on an iOS device
  - Non-destructively, of course
  - Does NOT require any jailbreaking to work
- Xcode, iPhone simulator, and Finder
  - To build some apps and explore their file systems



# Introducing OWASP's iGoat

A new OWASP project

- iGoat
- Developer tool for learning major security issues on iOS platform
- Inspired by OWASP's WebGoat tool for web apps



# A word of warning on ethics

You will see, learn, and perform real attacks against a web and/or mobile application today

You may only do this on applications where you are authorized

Violating this is a breach of law in most countries

Do not do this on real apps without explicit authorization from the owner

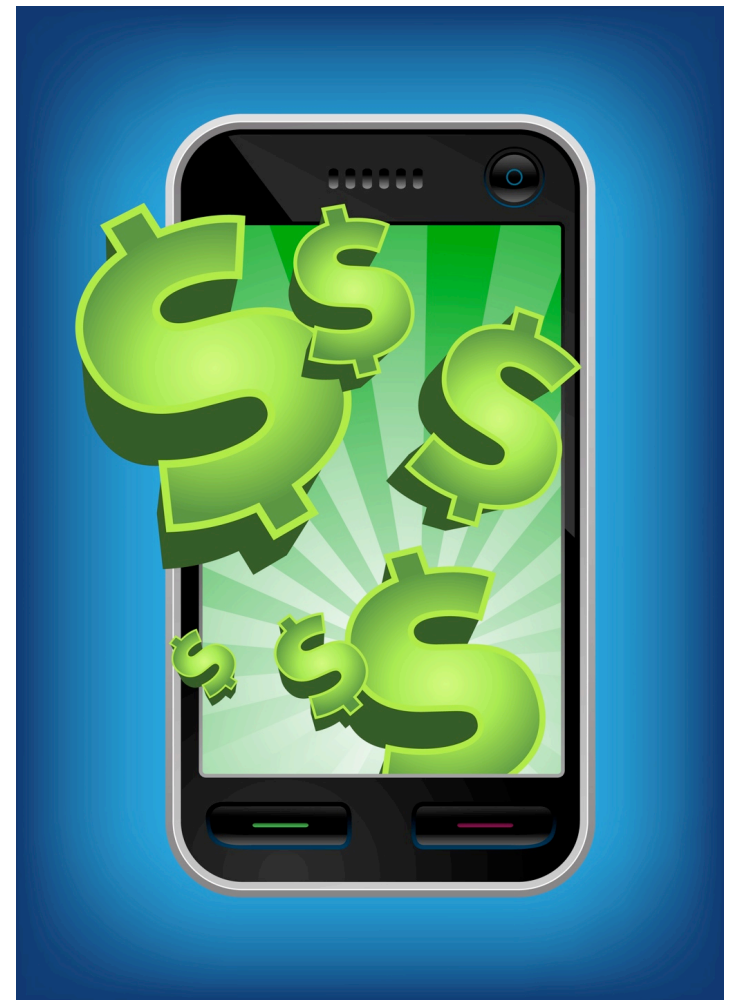
# Attack vector: lost/stolen device

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See forensics studies

Your app must protect users' local data storage





# M1- Insecure Data Storage

- Sensitive data left unprotected
- Applies to locally stored data + cloud synced
- Generally a result of:
  - Not encrypting data
  - Caching data not intended for long-term storage
  - Weak or global permissions
  - Not leveraging platform best-practices

## Impact

- Confidentiality of data lost
- Credentials disclosed
- Privacy violations
- Non-compliance

# M1- Insecure Data Storage



The screenshot shows a mobile application interface for a login form. At the top, the status bar displays '3G', signal strength, battery, and the time '9:42 AM'. The form has a title 'Login' and two input fields: 'Username' and 'Password'. Below the password field is a 'Remember Me' checkbox, which is checked and highlighted with a red box. At the bottom, there are two blue buttons labeled 'Login' and 'Register'. The OWASP logo is visible at the bottom left.

```
public void saveCredentials(String userName, String password) {  
    SharedPreferences credentials = this.getSharedPreferences(  
        "credentials", MODE_WORLD_READABLE); — Very Bad  
    SharedPreferences.Editor editor = credentials.edit();  
    editor.putString("username", userName); — Convenient!  
    editor.putString("password", password);  
    editor.putBoolean("remember", true);  
    editor.commit();  
}
```





# M1- Insecure Data Storage

## Prevention Tips

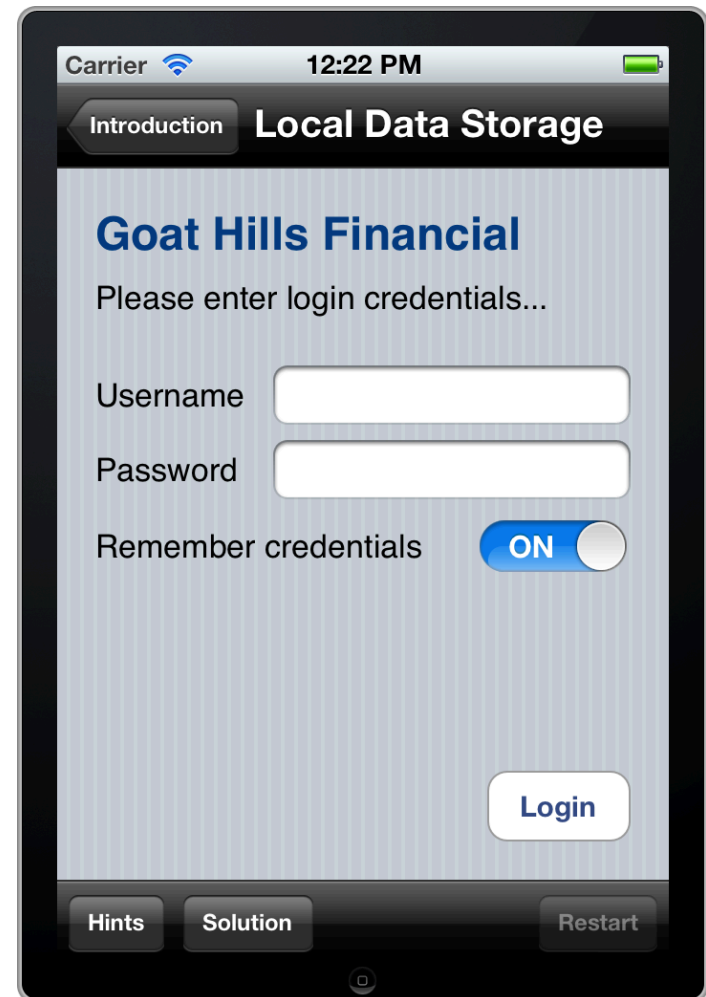
- Store **ONLY** what is absolutely required
- Never use public storage areas (ie- SD card)
- Leverage secure containers and platform provided file encryption APIs
- Do not grant files world readable or world writeable permissions

Control #	Description
1.1-1.14	Identify and protect sensitive data on the mobile device
2.1, 2.2, 2.5	Handle password credentials securely on the device

# SQLite example

Let's look at a database app that stores sensitive data into a SQLite db

- We'll recover it trivially by looking at the unencrypted database file



# Protecting secrets at rest

Encryption is the answer,  
but it's not quite so simple

- Where did you put that key?
- Surely you didn't hard code it into your app
- Surely you're not counting on the user to generate and remember a strong key

*Key management is a non-trivially solved problem*





# How bad is it?

It's tough to get right

- Key management is everything

We've seen many examples of failures

- Citi and others

Consider lost/stolen device as worst case

- Would you be confident of your app/data in hands of biggest competitor?



# Exercise - static analysis of an app

## Explore folders

- ./Documents
- ./Library/Caches/\*
- ./Library/Cookies
- ./Library/Preferences

## App bundle

- Hexdump of binary
- plist file

What else?



# Tools to use

## Mac tools

- Finder
- iPhone Explorer
- hexdump
- strings
- otool
- otx ([otx.osxninja.com](http://otx.osxninja.com))
- class-dump  
([iphone.freecoder.org/classdump\\_en.html](http://iphone.freecoder.org/classdump_en.html))

- Emacs (editor)

## Xcode additional tools

- Clang (build and analyze)
  - Finds memory leaks and others

# What to examine?

## See for yourself

- There is no shortage of sloppy applications in the app stores
- Start with some apps that you know store login credentials



# Attack vector: coffee shop attack

Exposing secrets through non-secure connections is rampant

- Firesheep description

Most likely attack targets

- Authentication credentials
- Session tokens
- Sensitive user data

At a bare minimum, your app needs to be able to withstand a coffee shop attack





# M3- Insufficient Transport Layer Protection

- Complete lack of encryption for transmitted data
  - Yes, this unfortunately happens often
- Weakly encrypted data in transit
- Strong encryption, but ignoring security warnings
  - Ignoring certificate validation errors
  - Falling back to plain text after failures

## Impact

- Man-in-the-middle attacks
- Tampering w/ data in transit
- Confidentiality of data lost



# M3- Insufficient Transport Layer Protection

## Prevention Tips

- Ensure that all sensitive data leaving the device is encrypted
- This includes data over carrier networks, WiFi, and even NFC
- When security exceptions are thrown, it's generally for a reason...DO NOT ignore them!

Control #	Description
3.1.3.6	Ensure sensitive data is protected in transit

# Exercise - dynamic net analysis

Let's see how to set up a dynamic analysis test bed

- Configure proxy on your laptop
  - Make note of external IP number on your net
- Point iPhone/iPad network settings to IP number of proxy
- Observe the network traffic
- Note SSL limitations



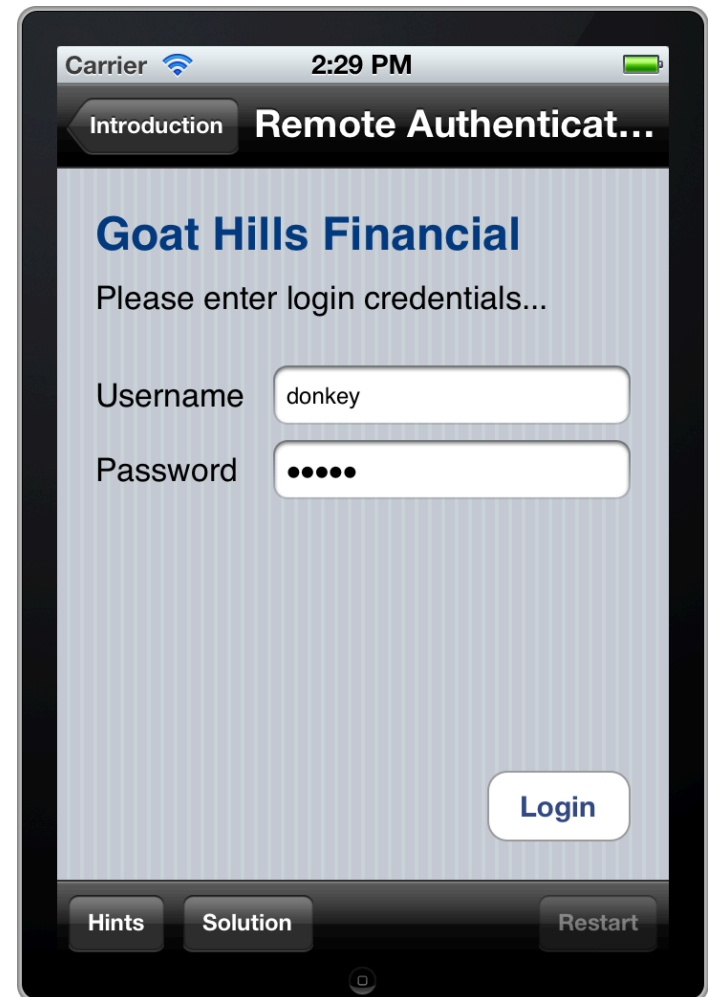


# Exercise - coffee shop attack

This one is trivial, but let's take a look

In this iGoat exercise, the user's credentials are sent plaintext

- Simple web server running on Mac responds
- If this were on a public WiFi, a network sniffer would be painless to launch



# Protecting users' secrets in transit

Always consider the coffee shop attack as lowest common denominator

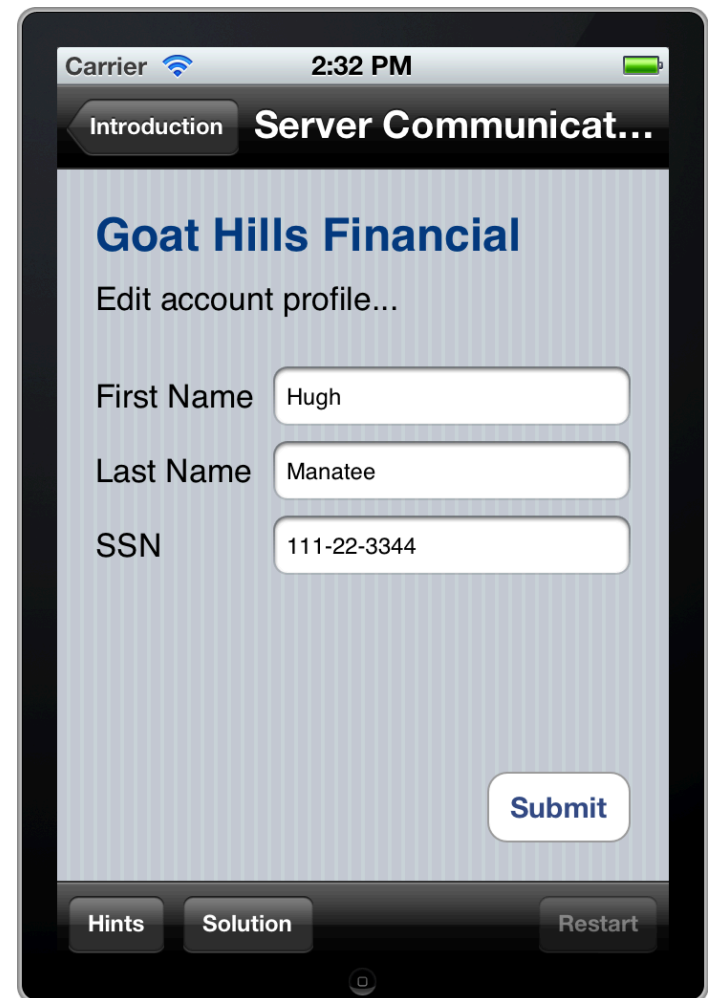
We place a lot of faith in SSL

– But then, it's been subjected to scrutiny for years



# Passing secrets

In this simple example, we'll send customer data to a proxy server and intercept via a simulated coffee shop attack



# How bad is it?

Neglecting SSL on network comms is common

– Consider the exposures

- Login credentials
- Session credentials
- Sensitive user data

Will your app withstand a concerted coffee shop attacker?



# Attack vector: web app weakness

Remember, modern mobile devices share a lot of weaknesses with web applications

- Many shared technologies
- A smart phone is *sort of* like a mobile web browser
  - Only worse in some regards



# Input and output validation

## Problems abound

- Data must be treated as dangerous until proven safe
- No matter where it comes from

## Examples

- Data injection
- Cross-site scripting

*Where do you think input validation should occur?*



# SQL Injection

## Most common injection attack

- Attacker taints input data with SQL statement
- Application constructs SQL query via string concatenation
- SQL passes to SQL interpreter and runs on server

## Consider the following input to an HTML form

- Form field fills in a variable called “CreditCardNum”
- Attacker enters
  - ‘
  - ‘ --
  - ‘ or 1=1 --
- What happens next?

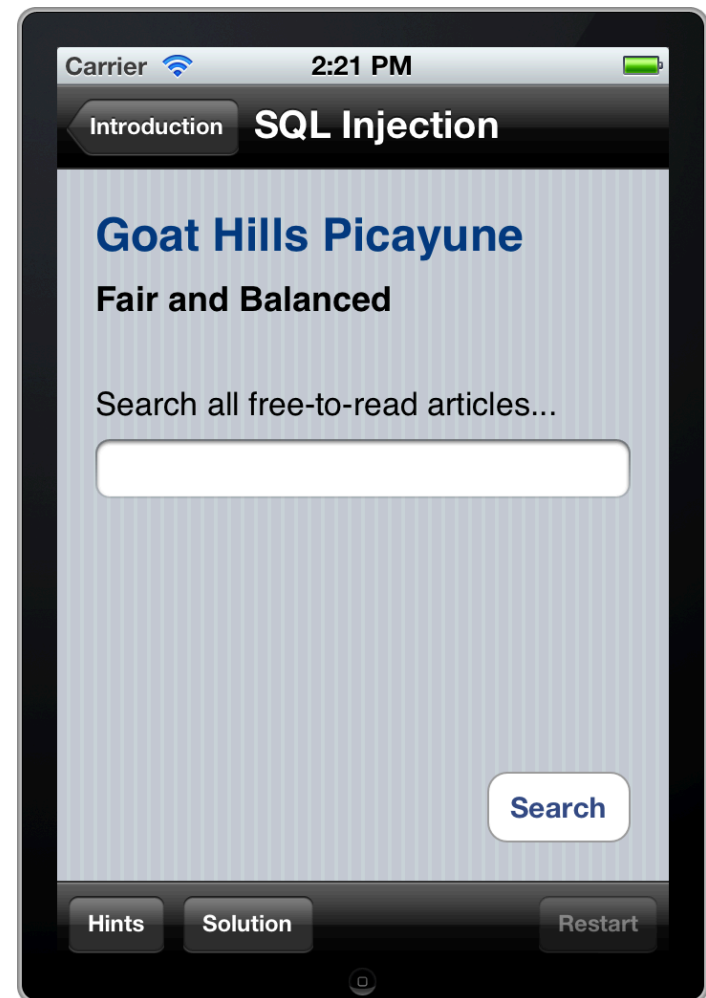
# SQL injection exercise - client side

In this one, a local SQL db contains some restricted content

– Attacker can use “SQLi” to view restricted info

Not all SQLi weaknesses are on the server side!

*Question: Would db encryption help?*





# Platform Architecture - iOS

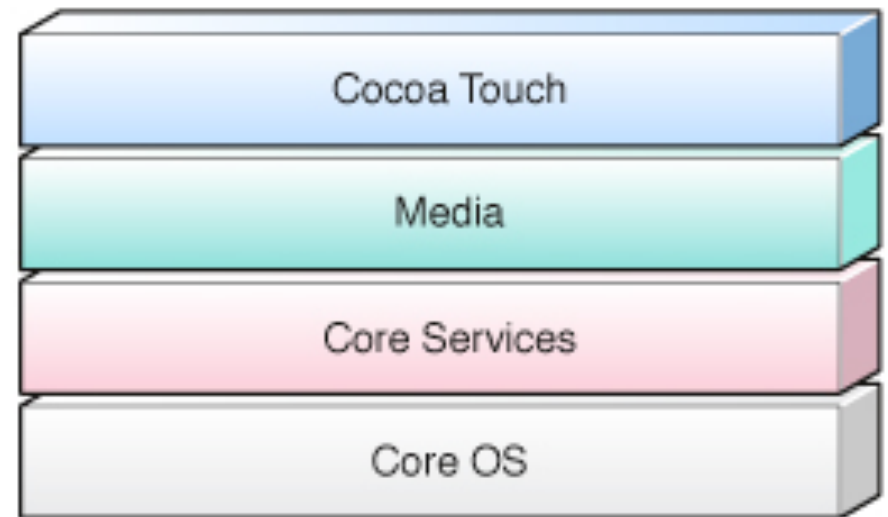
What the iOS / hardware platform offers us in the way of protection

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# iOS application architecture

The iOS platform is basically a subset of a regular Mac OS X system's

- From user level (Cocoa) down through Darwin kernel
- Apps can reach down as they choose to
- Only published APIs are permitted, however



# Key security features

Application sandboxing

App store protection

Hardware encryption

Keychains

SSL and certificates



# Application sandboxing

By policy, apps are only permitted to access resources in their sandbox

- Inter-app comms are by established APIs only
  - URLs, keychains (limited)
- File i/o in ~/Documents only

Sounds pretty good, eh?



# App store protection

Access is via digital signatures

- Only registered developers may introduce apps to store
  - Apps are required to conform to Apple's rules
- Only signed apps may be installed on devices

Sounds good also, right?

- But then there's jailbreaking...
- Easy and free
- Completely bypasses sigs



# App Store Review Limitations

Don't count on the App Store to find your app's weaknesses

Consider what they can review

- Memory leaks, functionality
- Playing by Apple's rules
  - Published APIs only
- Protecting app data?
  - Do they know your app?
- Deliberate malicious “features”?



# Hardware encryption

Each iOS device (as of 3S) has hardware crypto module

- Unique AES-256 key for every iOS device
- Sensitive data hardware encrypted

Sounds brilliant, right?

- Well...



# Keychains

Keychain API provided for storage of small amounts of sensitive data

- Login credentials, passwords, etc.
- Encrypted using hardware AES

Also sounds wonderful

- Wait for it...





# SSL and x.509 certificate handling

API provided for SSL and certificate verification

- Basic client to server SSL is easy
- Mutual verification of certificates is achievable, but API is complex

Overall, pretty solid

- Whew!
- Not so easy to implement, though...



# And a few glitches...

Keyboard data

Screen snapshots

Hardware encryption is  
flawed



# Keyboard data

All “keystrokes” are stored

- Used for auto-correct feature
- Nice spell checker

Key data can be harvested using forensics procedures

- Passwords, credit cards...
- Needle in haystack?





# But the clincher

Hardware module protects  
unique key via device PIN

- PIN can trivially be disabled  
in many cases
- Jailbreak software

No more protection...

Note: Strong passcodes  
help



# Discouraged?

If we build our apps using these protections only, we'll have problems

- But consider risk
- What is your app's “so what?” factor?
- What data are you protecting?
- From whom?
- Might be enough for some purposes



# But for a serious enterprise...

The protections provided are simply not adequate to protect serious data

- Financial
- Privacy
- Credit cards

We need to further lock down

- But how much is enough?



# Application Architecture

How do we build our apps securely?

iOS security building blocks

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# Common app types

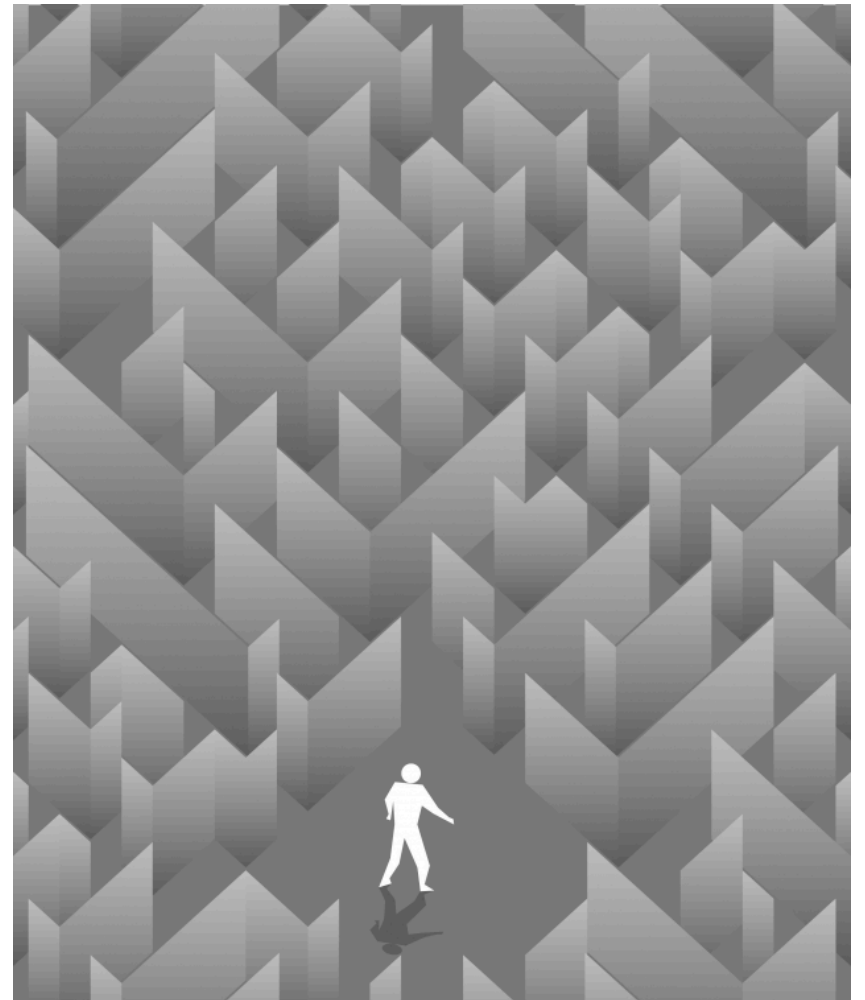
Web app

Web-client hybrid

App

- Stand alone
- Client-server
- Networked

Decision time...



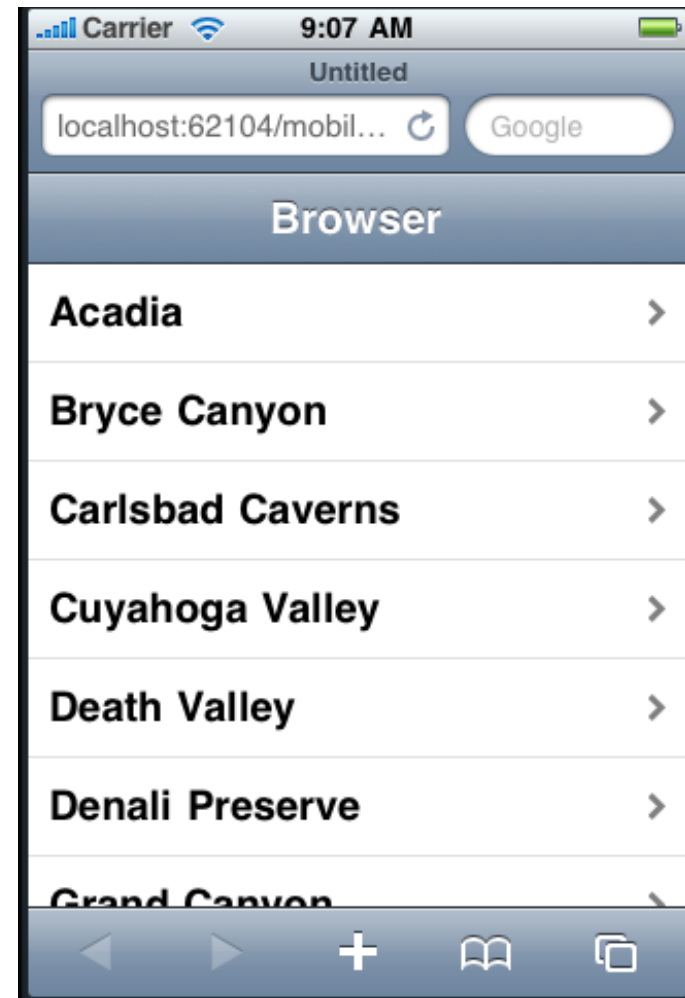
# Web applications

Don't laugh--you really can do a lot with them

- Dashcode is pretty slick
- Can give a very solid UI to a web app

## Pros and cons

- Data on server (mostly)
- No app store to go through
- Requires connectivity



# Web-client hybrid

## Local app with web views

- Still use Dashcode on web views
- Local resources available via Javascript
  - Location services, etc

## Best of both worlds?

- Powerful, dynamic
- Still requires connection



# iOS app -- client-server

Most common app for enterprises

- Basically alternate web client for many
- But with iOS UI on client side
- Server manages access, sessions, etc.

Watch out for local storage

- Avoid if possible
- Encrypt if not



# iOS app -- networked

Other network architectures also

- Internet-only
- P2P apps

Not common for enterprise purposes



# Major APIs where security matters

There are many places where you have to take extra caution

- Keystroke logging
- Cut/paste
- Backgrounding
- Frameworks
  - Keychain
  - Networking
  - Crypto
  - Randomness
  - Geolocation



# Keyboard logging

Used by spell checker, autocompletion, etc.

- Turned on everywhere by default
- Disabled for password fields
- You must manually turn off for other sensitive data fields
  - Set UITextField property `autocorrectionType = UITextAutocorrectionNone`

See *iOS Application Programming Guide*

# Cut and paste buffer

Available pretty much everywhere, to all apps

– Two primary access methods

- *UIPasteboardNameGeneral* and *UIPasteboardNameFind*

– Take caution to clean up after use

See iOS Application Programming Guide



# Don't forget screen shots

When an app  
backgrounds, a screen  
shot is snapped

- Safest bet is to disallow
  - UIApplicationExitsOnSuspend
  - Set in info.plist
- If not feasible, clear data
- Detect/control backgrounds
  - Several key methods for controlling backgrounding



# Backgrounding safely

## Key delegated methods to control

### – applicationDidEnterBackground

- Set any sensitive fields hidden
  - viewController.secretData.hidden = YES;

### – applicationDidBecomeActive

- Before returning control, be sure to restore any sensitive user data
  - viewController.secretData.hidden = NO;

This causes screen shot to be saved, but without sensitive data

# Relevant backgrounding methods

Also look at

- applicationWillEnterForeground:
- applicationWillTerminate:
- applicationDidBecomeActive
- applicationWillResignActive
- applicationDidEnterBackground
- application: didFinishLaunchingWithOptions:

See [iOS Application Programming Guide](#)

# Common frameworks - Keychain

Used for storing credentials

- Protected by system AES and PIN
  - Further protection in app is advisable
- Primary methods
  - SecItemCopyMatching, SecItemAdd, SecItemUpdate, SecItemDelete
- Adequate for consumer-grade data

See Keychain Services Programming Guide

# Common frameworks - Network

## APIs in various layers

- WebKit
  - Safari browser and UIWebView
- NSURL
  - Cocoa Obj-C
  - Does most of the heavy lifting for you
- CFNetwork
  - Core Foundation layer - more control over behavior
  - Supports sockets, streams, etc.
- BSD Sockets
- All support SSL

See CFNetwork Programming Guide

# Common frameworks - Crypto

## Certificate, key, and trust services

– In Core Foundation layer

– Methods for

- Certificate management (generate, add, delete, find, update)
- Evaluate a certificate's trust
- Encrypt and decrypt

See Certificate, Key, and Trust Services  
Programming Guide

# Common frameworks - Random

When you have a need for strong randomness

- Avoid /dev/random
- Instead, use SecRandomCopyBytes
  - `int sesskey = SecRandomCopyBytes(kSecRandomDefault, sizeof(int), (uint8_t*)& randomResult);`

See Randomization Services Reference

# Common frameworks - Location

Easy to use but fraught with peril

- Privacy concerns make this the “third rail” of iOS dev
- Don’t store users’ locations
- If you must, only do so on an “opt-in” basis

See Location Awareness Programming Guide



# Common Security Mechanisms

Now let's build security in

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# Common mechanisms

Input validation

Output escaping

Authentication

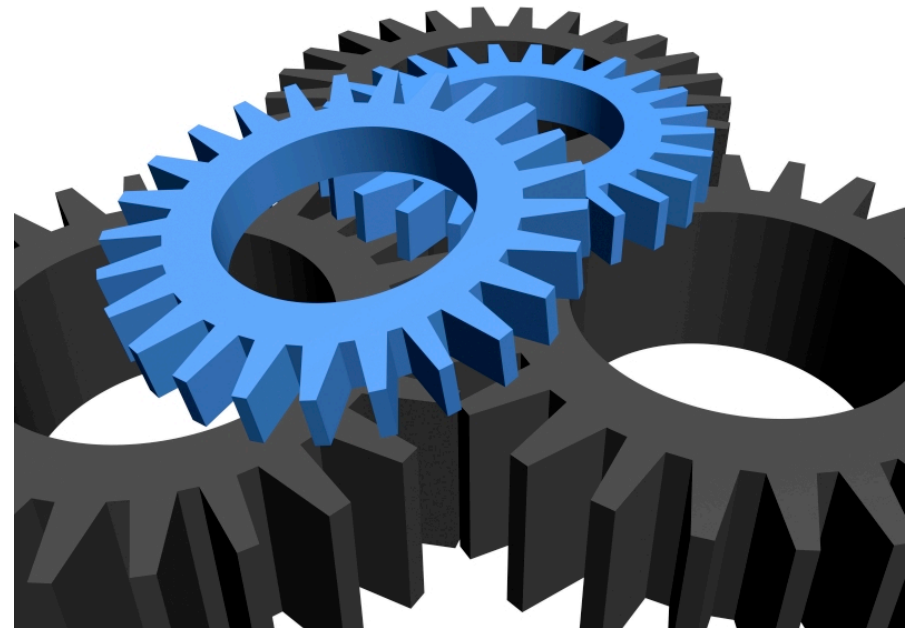
Session handling

Protecting secrets

- At rest

- In transit

SQL connections



# Input validation

## Positive vs negative validation

- Dangerous until proven safe
- Don't just block the bad

## Consider the failures of desktop anti-virus tools

- Signatures of known viruses



# Input validation architecture

We have several choices

- Some good, some bad

Positive validation is our aim

Consider tiers of security in an enterprise app

- Tier 1: block the bad
- Tier 2: block and log
- Tier 3: block, log, and take evasive action to protect



# Input validation (in iOS)

```
// RFC 2822 email address regex.
```

```
NSString *emailRegex =
```

```
@("(?:[a-z0-9!#$%&'*/+=?\\^_`{}~-]+(?:\\.([a-z0-9!#$%&'*/+=?\\^_`{}~-]+)*)|"(?:[\\x01-\\x08\\x0b\\x0c\\x0e-\\x1f\\x21\\x23-\\x5b\\x5d-\\x7f]|\\\\[\\x01-\\x09\\x0b\\x0c\\x0e-\\x7f])*")@(?:([a-z0-9]([a-z0-9-]*[a-z0-9])?\\.|)+[a-z0-9]([a-z0-9-]*[a-z0-9])?\\|\\|([?:(?:25[0-5]|2[0-4][0-9]|[01]?[0-9][0-9]?\\|\\.){3}(?:25[0-5]|2[0-4][0-9]|[01]?[0-9][0-9]?|[a-z0-9]([a-z0-9-]*[a-z0-9])?:([\\x01-\\x08\\x0b\\x0c\\x0e-\\x1f\\x21"-\\x5a\\x53-\\x7f]|\\\\[\\x01-\\x09\\x0b\\x0c\\x0e-\\x7f])+)\\|\\|)");
```

```
// Create the predicate and evaluate.
```

```
NSPredicate *regexPredicate =
```

```
[NSPredicate predicateWithFormat:@"SELF MATCHES %@", emailRegex];
```

```
BOOL validEmail = [regexPredicate evaluateWithObject:emailAddress];
```

```
if (validEmail) {
```

```
...
```

```
} else {
```

```
...
```

```
}
```

# Input validation (server side Java)

```
protected final static String ALPHA_NUMERIC =
    “[a-zA-Z0-9\s\.-]+$”;
// we only want case insensitive letters and numbers
public boolean validate(HttpServletRequest request, String
parameterName) {
    boolean result = false;
    Pattern pattern = null;
    parameterValue = request.getParameter(parameterName);
    if(parameterValue != null) {
        pattern = Pattern.compile(ALPHA_NUMERIC);
        result = pattern.matcher(parameterValue).matches();
        return result;
    } else
    { // take alternate action }
```

# Output encoding

Principle is to ensure data output does no harm in output context

- Output escaping of control chars
  - How do you drop a “<” into an XML file?
- Consider all the possible output contexts



# Output encoding

This is normally server side code

Intent is to take dangerous data and output harmlessly

Especially want to block Javascript (XSS)

In iOS, not as much control, but

- Never point `UIWebView` to untrusted content





# Output encoding (server side)

Context

```
<body> UNTRUSTED DATA HERE </body>
```

```
<div> UNTRUSTED DATA HERE </div>
```

other normal HTML elements

String safe =

```
ESAPI.encoder().encodeForHTML(request.getParameter("input"));
```

# Authentication

This next example is for authenticating an app user to a server securely

- Server takes POST request, just like a web app



# Authentication (POST forms-style)

```
// Initialize the request with the YouTube/Google ClientLogin URL (SSL).
NSString youTubeAuthURL = @"https://www.google.com/accounts/ClientLogin";
NSMutableURLRequest *request =
    [NSMutableURLRequest requestWithURL:[NSURL URLWithString:youTubeAuthURL]];

[request setHTTPMethod:@"POST"];

// Build the request body (form submissions POST).
NSString *requestBody =
    [NSString stringWithFormat:@"Email=%@&Passwd=%@&service=youtube&source=%@",
        emailAddressField.text, passwordField.text, @"Test"];

[request setHTTPBody:[requestBody dataUsingEncoding:NSUTF8StringEncoding]];

// Submit the request.
[[NSURLConnection alloc] initWithRequest:request delegate:self];

// Implement the NSURLConnection delegate methods to handle response.
...
```

# Mutual authentication

We may also want to use x.509 certificates and SSL to do strong mutual authentication

More complicated, but stronger

Certificate framework in NSURL is complex and tough to use

(Example is long--see src)



# Authentication (mutual)

```
/ Delegate method for NSURLConnection that determines whether client can handle
// the requested form of authentication.
- (BOOL)connection:(NSURLConnection *)connection
  canAuthenticateAgainstProtectionSpace:(NSURLProtectionSpace *)protectionSpace {

    // Only handle mutual auth for the purpose of this example.
    if ([[protectionSpace authenticationMethod] isEqual:NSURLAuthenticationMethodClientCertificate]) {
        return YES;
    } else {
        return NO;
    }
}

// Delegate method for NSURLConnection that presents the authentication
// credentials to the server.
- (void)connection:(NSURLConnection *)connection
  didReceiveAuthenticationChallenge:(NSURLAuthenticationChallenge *)challenge {

    id<NSURLAuthenticationChallengeSender> sender = [challenge sender];
    NSURLCredential *credential;
    NSMutableArray *certArray = [NSMutableArray array];
```

# Access control (authorization)

On the iOS device itself, apps have access to everything in their sandbox

Server side must be designed and built in like any web app



# Authorization basics

## Question every action

– Is the user allowed to access this

- File
- Function
- Data
- Etc.

## By role or by user

- Complexity issues
- Maintainability issues
- Creeping exceptions

# Role-based access control

Must be planned  
carefully

Clear definitions of

- Users
- Objects
- Functions
- Roles
- Privileges

Plan for growth

Even when done well,  
exceptions will happen



# ESAPI access control

In the presentation layer:

```
<% if ( ESAPI.accessController().isAuthorizedForFunction( ADMIN_FUNCTION ) ) { %>
  <a href="/doAdminFunction">ADMIN</a>
<% } else { %>
  <a href="/doNormalFunction">NORMAL</a>
<% } %>
```

In the business logic layer:

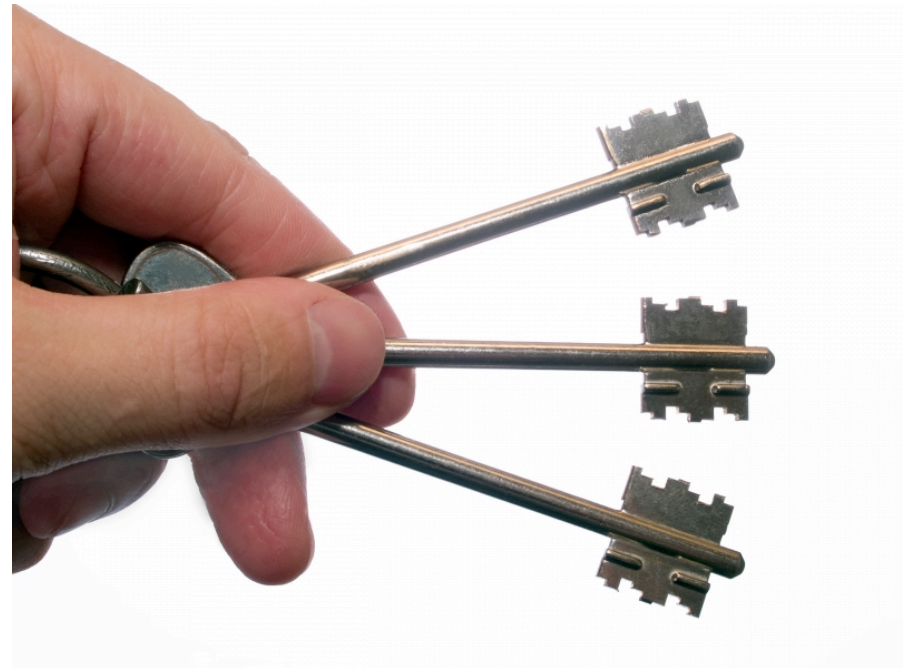
```
try {
    ESAPI.accessController().assertAuthorizedForFunction( BUSINESS_FUNCTION );
    // execute BUSINESS_FUNCTION
} catch (AccessControlException ace) {
    ... attack in progress
}
```

# Protecting secrets at rest

The biggest problem by far is key management

- How do you generate a strong key?
- Where do you store the key?
- What happens if the user loses his key?

Too strong and user support may be an issue



# Built-in file protection (weak)

// API for writing to a file using writeToFile method

- (BOOL)writeToFile:(NSString \*)path options:  
(NSDataWritingOptions)mask error:(NSError  
\*\*)errorPtr

// To protect the file, include the

// NSDataWritingFileProtectionComplete option

# Protecting secrets at rest (keychain)

```
// Write username/password combo to keychain.  
BOOL writeSuccess = [SFHFKeychainUtils storeUsername:username  
andPassword:password  
forServiceName:@"com.krvw.ios.KeychainStorage" updateExisting:YES  
error:nil];  
...  
  
// Read password from keychain given username.  
NSString *password = [SFHFKeychainUtils getPasswordForUsername:username  
andServiceName:@"com.krvw.ios.KeychainStorage" error:nil];  
...  
  
// Delete username/password combo from keychain.  
BOOL deleteSuccess = [SFHFKeychainUtils deleteItemForUsername:username  
andServiceName:@"com.krvw.ios.KeychainStorage" error:nil];  
...
```

# Enter SQLcipher

Open source extension to SQLite

- Free
- Uses OpenSSL to AES-256 encrypt database
- Uses PBKDF2 for key expansion
- Generally accepted crypto standards

Available from

- <http://sqlcipher.net>



# Protecting secrets at rest (SQLcipher)

```
sqlite3_stmt *compiledStmt;
// Unlock the database with the key (normally obtained via user input).
// This must be called before any other SQL operation.
sqlite3_exec(credentialsDB, "PRAGMA key = 'secretKey!'", NULL, NULL, NULL);
// Database now unlocked; perform normal SQLite queries/statments.
...
// Create creds database if it doesn't already exist.
const char *createStmt =
    "CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS creds (id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT, username TEXT, password
    TEXT)";
sqlite3_exec(credentialsDB, createStmt, NULL, NULL, NULL);
// Check to see if the user exists.
const char *queryStmt = "SELECT id FROM creds WHERE username=?";
int userID = -1;
if (sqlite3_prepare_v2(credentialsDB, queryStmt, -1, &compiledStmt, NULL) == SQLITE_OK) {
    sqlite3_bind_text(compiledStmt, 1, [username UTF8String], -1, SQLITE_TRANSIENT);
    while (sqlite3_step(compiledStmt) == SQLITE_ROW) {
        userID = sqlite3_column_int(compiledStmt, 0);
    }
}
if (userID >= 1) {
    // User exists in database.
    ...
}
```

# Protecting secrets in transit

Key management still matters, but SSL largely takes care of that

- Basic SSL is pretty easy in NSURL
- Mutual certificates are stronger, but far more complicated
- NSURL is awkward, but it works
  - See previous example



# Protecting secrets in transit

```
// Note the "https" protocol in the URL.
NSString *userJSONEndpoint =
    [[NSString alloc] initWithString:@"https://www.secure.com/api/user"];

// Initialize the request with the HTTPS URL.
NSMutableURLRequest *request =
    [NSMutableURLRequest requestWithURL:[NSURL URLWithString:userJSONEndpoint]];

// Set method (POST), relevant headers and body (jsonAsString assumed to be
// generated elsewhere).
[request setHTTPMethod:@"POST"];
[request setValue:@"application/json" forHTTPHeaderField:@"Content-Type"];
[request setValue:@"application/json" forHTTPHeaderField:@"Accept"];
[request setHTTPBody:[jsonAsString dataUsingEncoding:NSUTF8StringEncoding]];

// Submit the request.
[[NSURLConnection alloc] initWithRequest:request delegate:self];

// Implement delegate methods for NSURLConnection to handle request lifecycle.
...
```



# SQL connections

Biggest security problem  
is using a mutable API

- Weak to SQL injection

Must use immutable API

- Similar to  
PreparedStatement in Java  
or C#



# SQL connections

```
// Update a users's stored credentials.
sqlite3_stmt *compiledStmt;
const char *updateStr = "UPDATE credentials SET username=?, password=? WHERE id=?";

// Prepare the compiled statement.
if (sqlite3_prepare_v2(database, updateStr, -1, &compiledStmt, NULL) == SQLITE_OK) {
    // Bind the username and password strings.
    sqlite3_bind_text(compiledStmt, 1, [username UTF8String], -1, SQLITE_TRANSIENT);
    sqlite3_bind_text(compiledStmt, 2, [password UTF8String], -1, SQLITE_TRANSIENT);

    // Bind the id integer.
    sqlite3_bind_int(compiledStmt, 3, userID);

    // Execute the update.
    if (sqlite3_step(compiledStmt) == SQLITE_DONE) {
        // Update successful.
    }
}
```

# Other pitfalls

## Format string issues from C

```
NSString outBuf = @"String to be appended";  
outBuf = [outBuf stringByAppendingFormat:[UtilityClass  
    formatBuf: unformattedBuff.text]]];
```

vs.

```
NSString outBuf = @"String to be appended";  
outBuf = [outBuf stringByAppendingFormat:@"%@" , [UtilityClass  
    formatBuf: unformattedBuff.text]]];
```

# Now let's try some in iGoat labs

A new OWASP project

- iGoat
- Developer tool for learning major security issues on iOS platform
- Inspired by OWASP's WebGoat tool for web apps

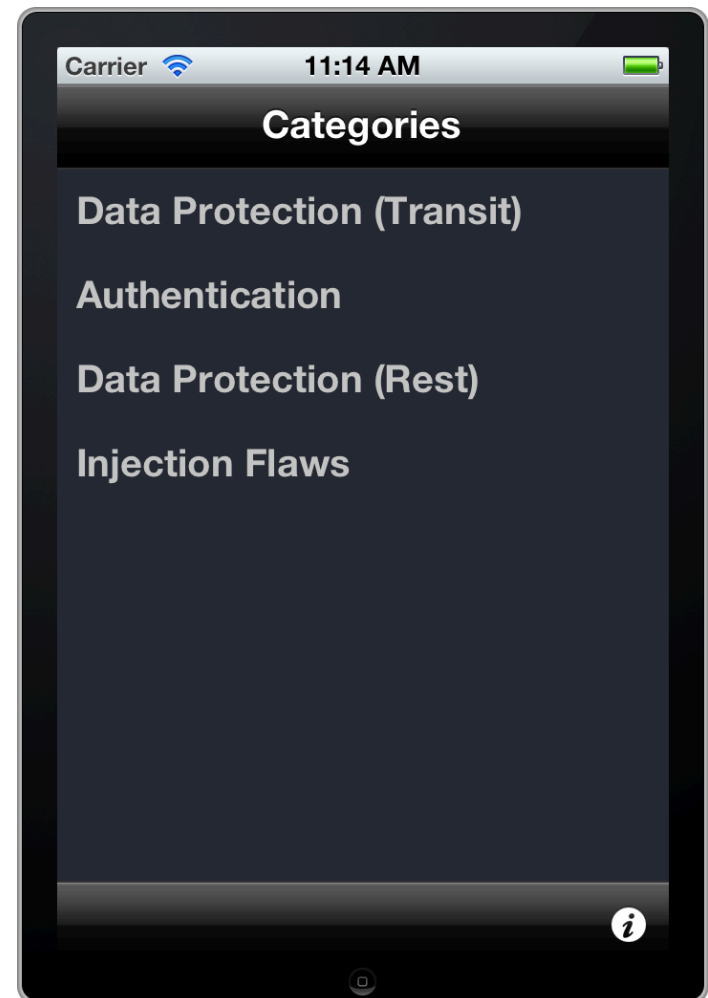
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# iGoat Layout

## Exercise categories

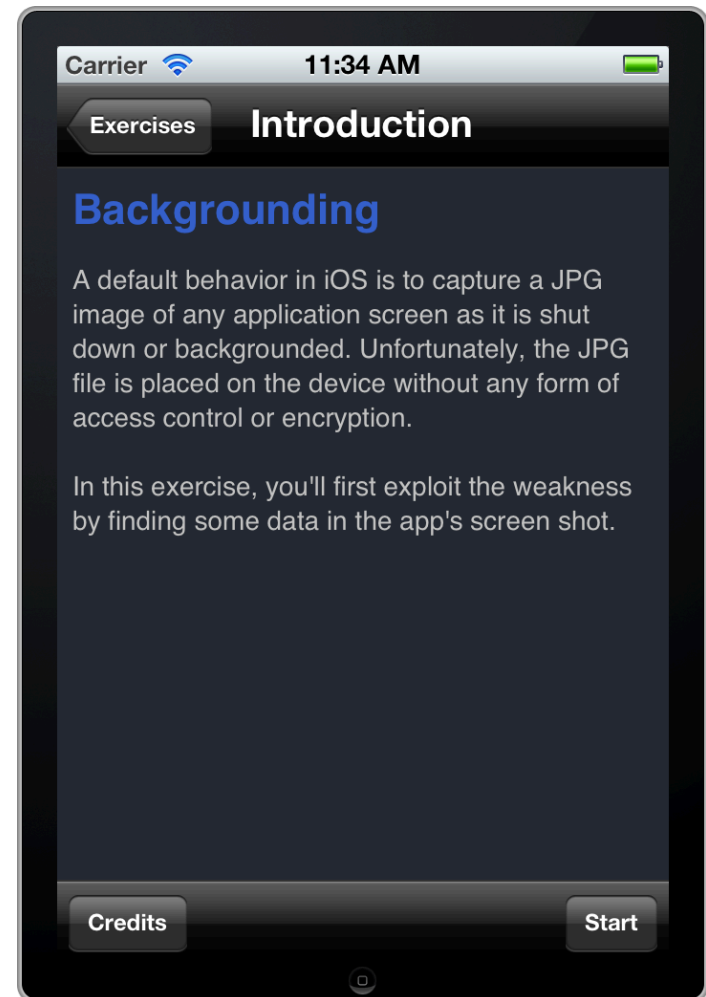
- Data protection (transit)
- Authentication
- Data protection (rest)
- Injection



# Exercise example - Backgrounding

Intro describes the nature of the issue

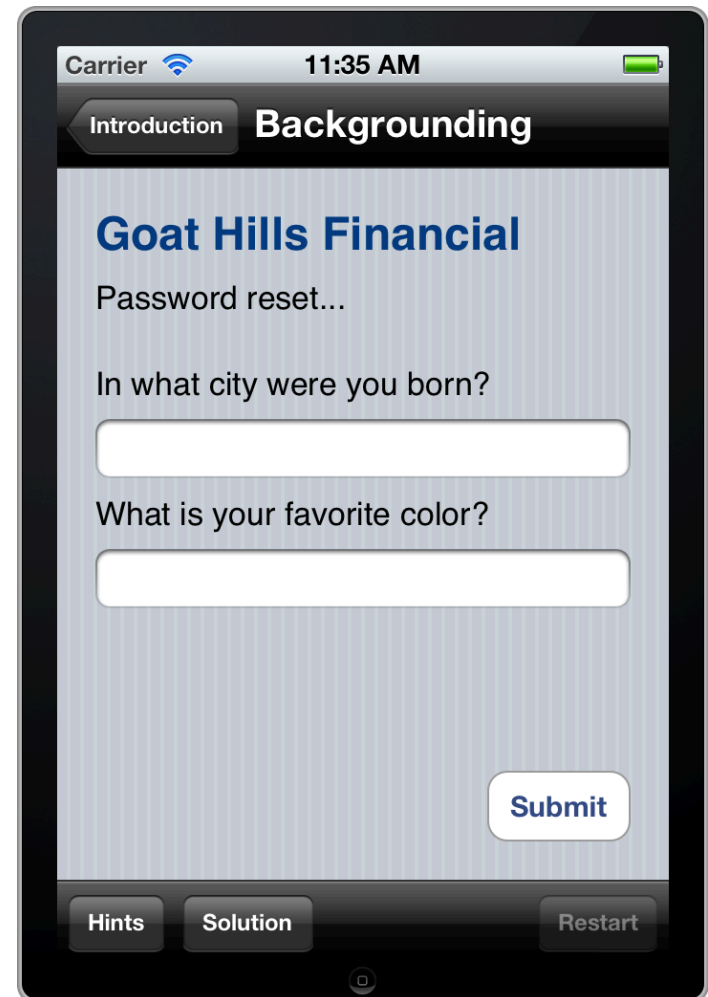
Credits page too, so others can contribute with due credit



# Exercise example - Main screen

This screen is the main view of the exercise

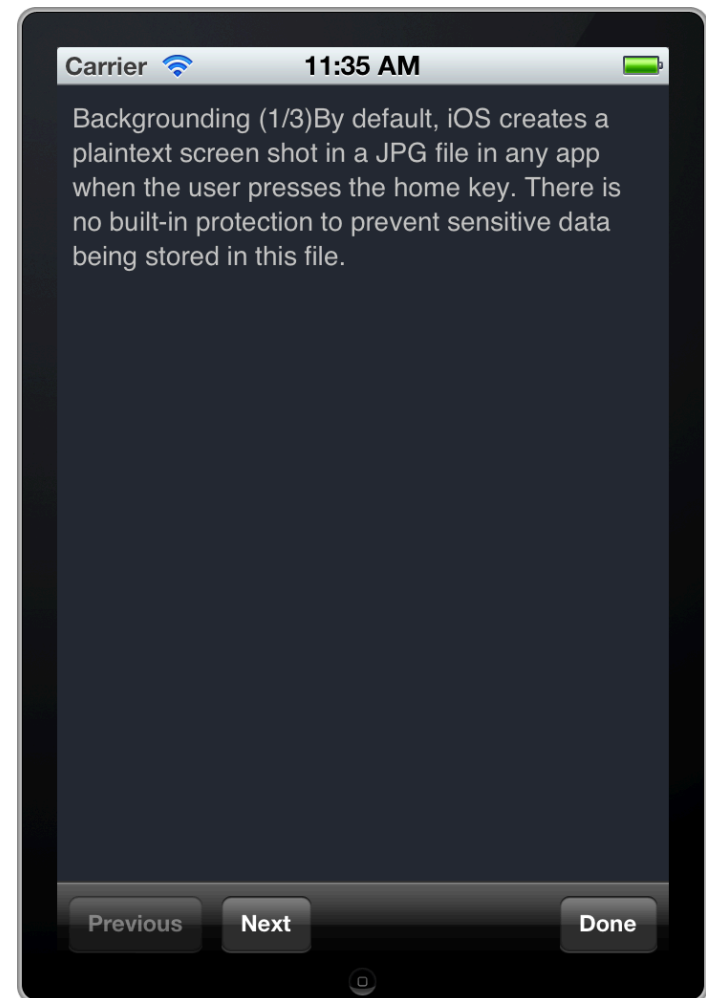
- Enter data, etc., depending on the exercise



# Exercise - Hints

Each exercise contains a series of hints to help the user

- Like in WebGoat, they are meant to help, but not quite solve the problem





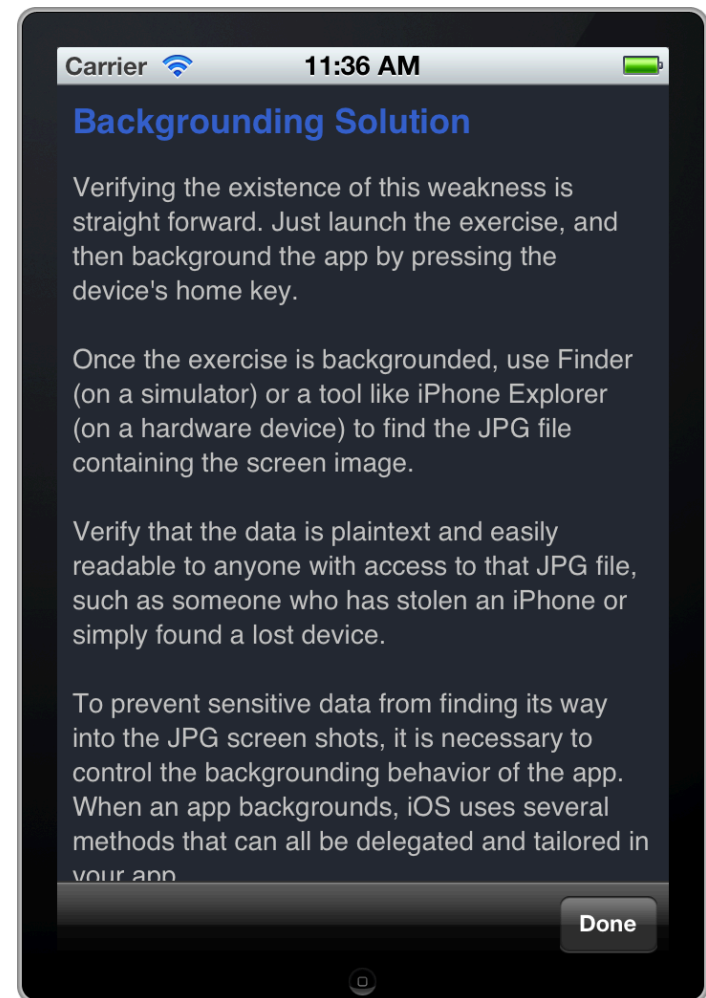
# Exercise - Solution

Then there's a solution page for each exercise

- This describes how the exercise can be solved

No source code remediations yet

- That comes in the next step



# iGoat URLs

Project Home:

– [https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP\\_iGoat\\_Project](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP_iGoat_Project)

Source Home:

– <http://code.google.com/p/owasp-igoat/>

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