



# Don't get stung by #OWASP Top 10

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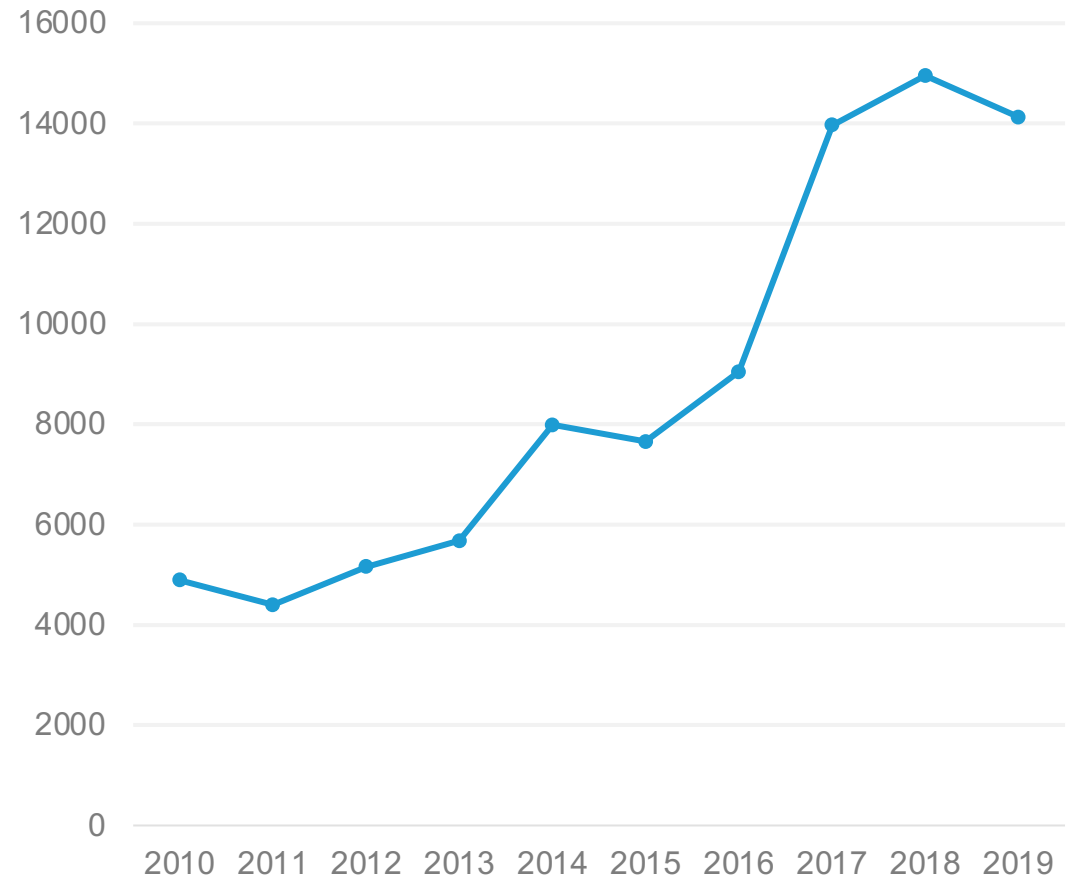
The average organization uses 983 apps

How many are mission critical?



New vulnerabilities are discovered in all manner of software all the time

YoY Increase in CVEs

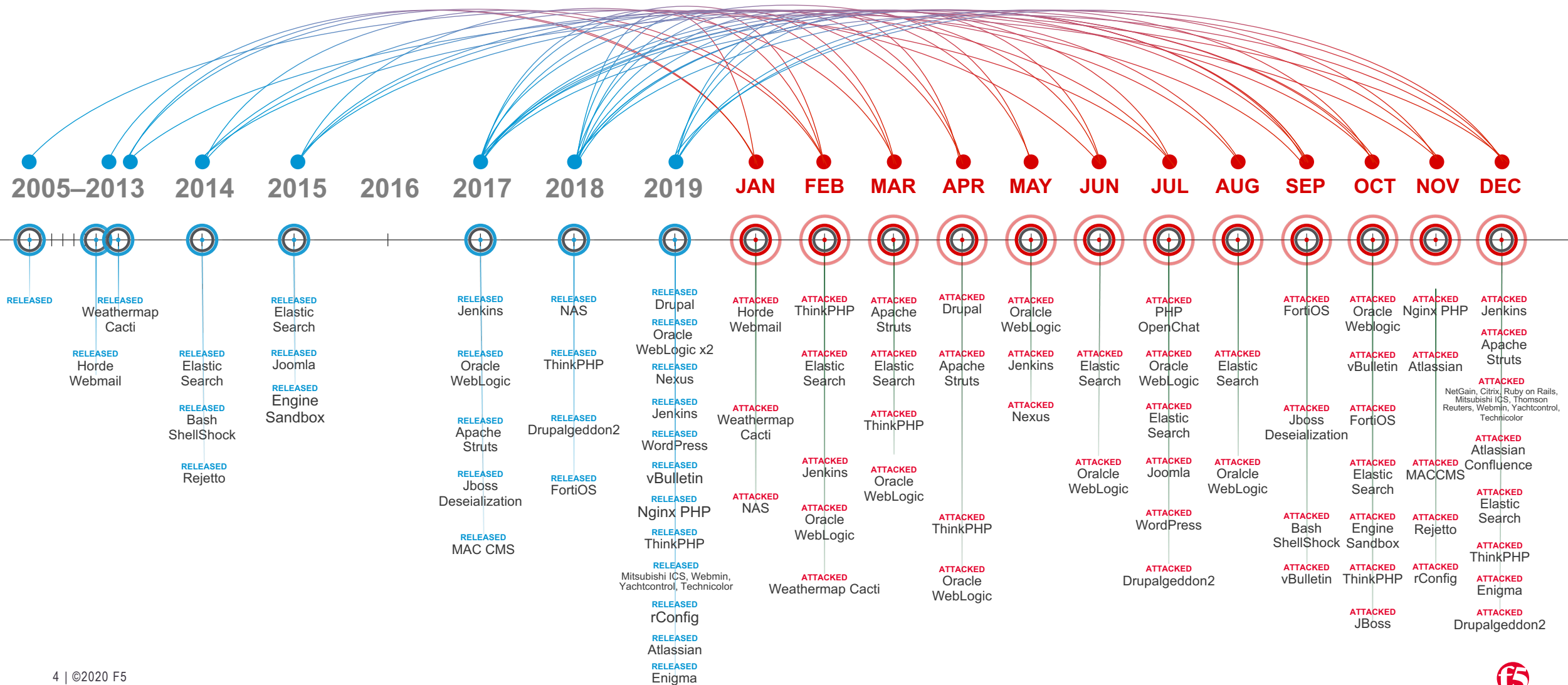


Note: Excludes any rejections or disputes



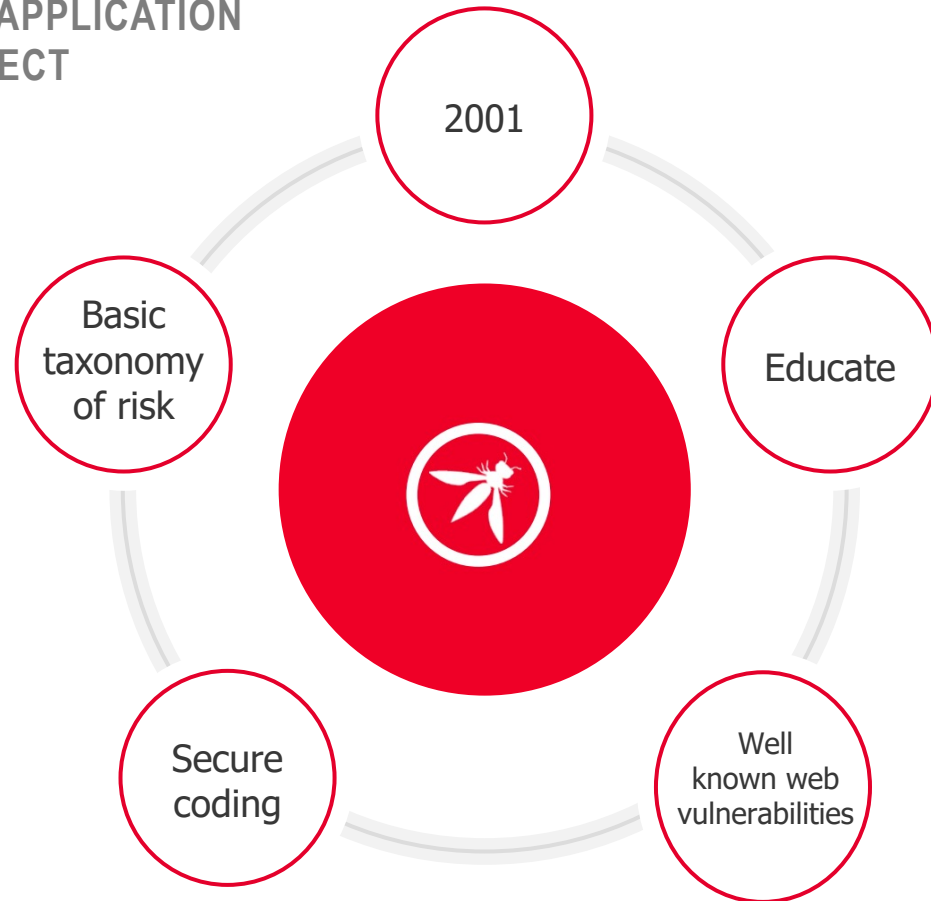


# Vulnerability Release Date vs Active Attack Campaign



# OWASP

THE OPEN WEB APPLICATION  
SECURITY PROJECT



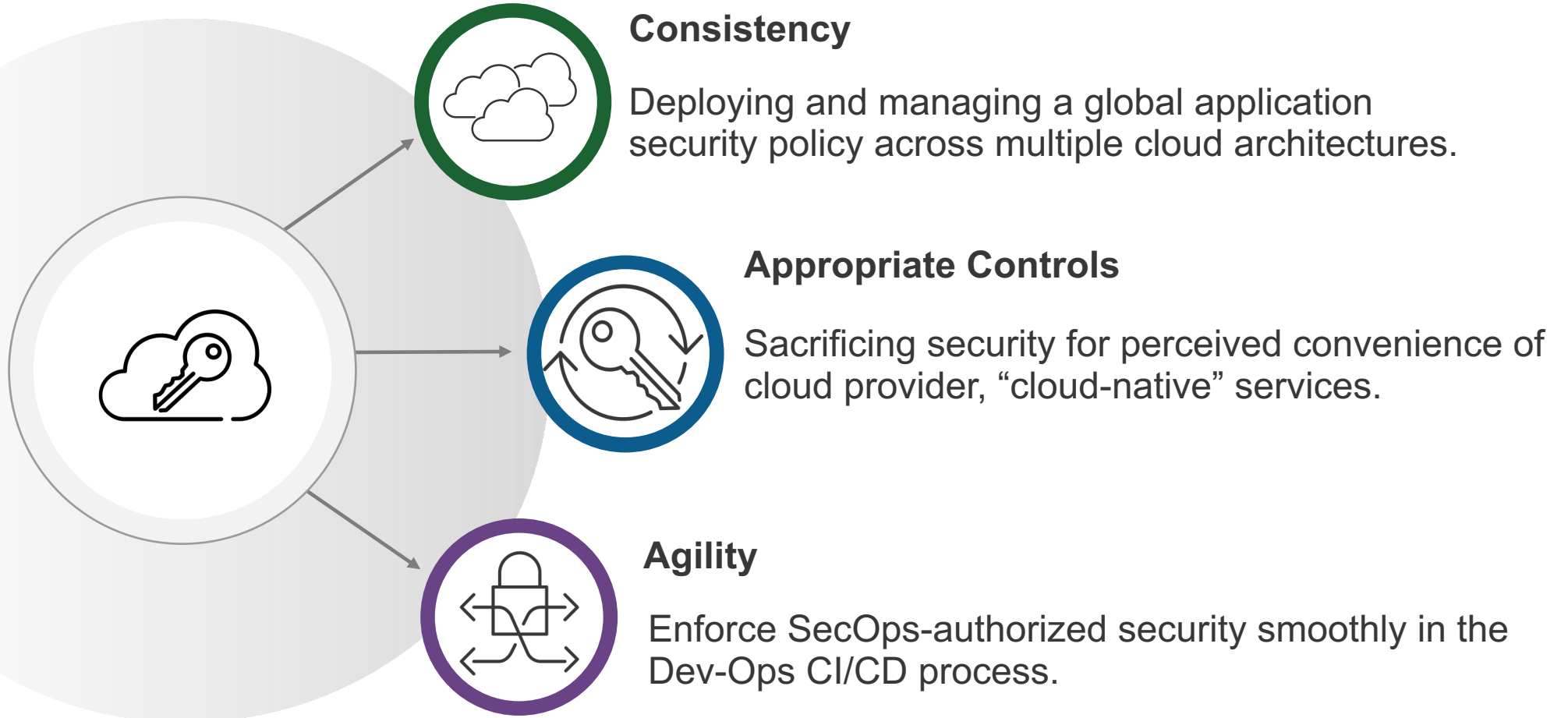
## THE OWASP **TOP 10**

VULNERABILITIES AND  
MITIGATIONS

OWASP also publishes the API Security Top 10, the Mobile Top 10, the IoT Top 10, and the Automated Threats list

# Security Challenges in Today's Multi-Cloud, App Driven World

## RETHINKING APP SECURITY



Don't Trust the User. Ever.

# Injection

ATTACK VECTORS  
**Exploitability**



SECURITY WEAKNESS  
**Prevalence**



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**Detectability**



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## Vulnerable

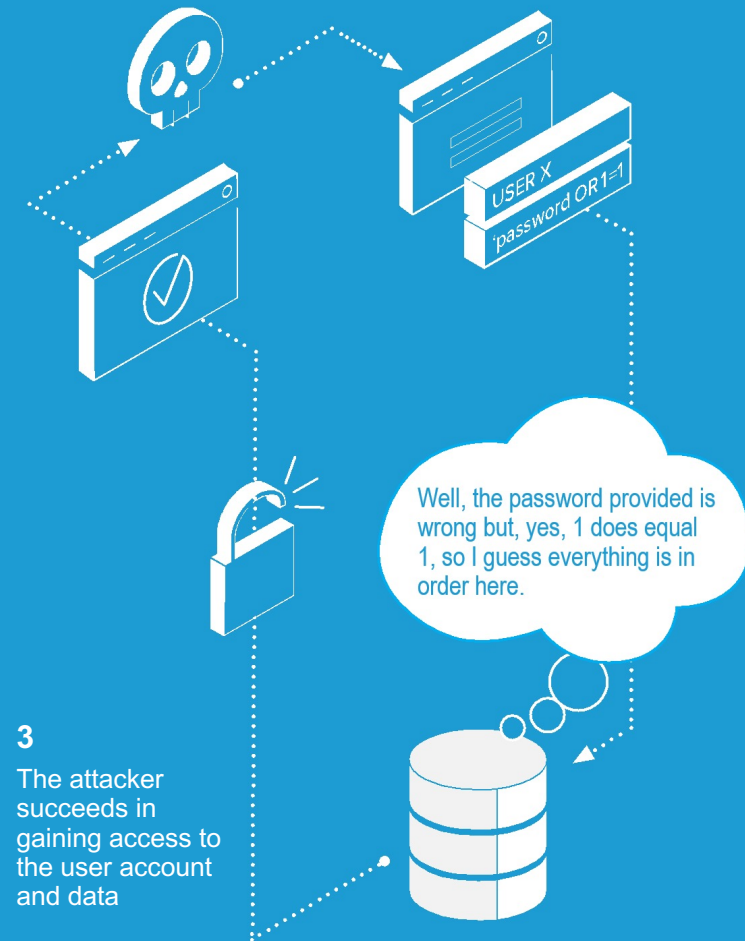
- User-supplied data is not validated, filtered, or sanitised

## Can lead to

- Data loss
- Data corruption
- Denial of service
- Remote code execution
- Host take over

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An attacker sends a request with an injected command from a browser/app for a web resource



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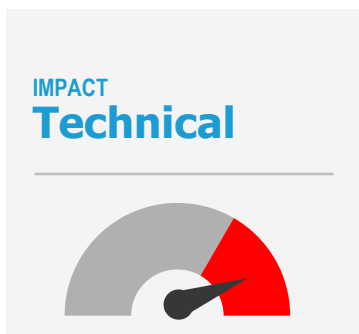
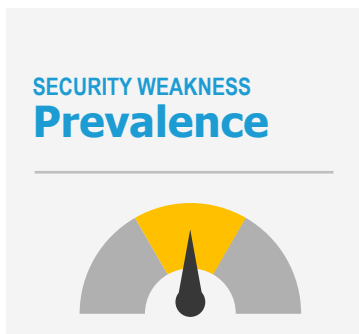
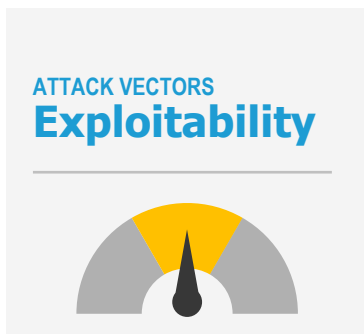
The attacker succeeds in gaining access to the user account and data

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Even though the password is wrong the database agrees that `1 = 1` and the user is authenticated

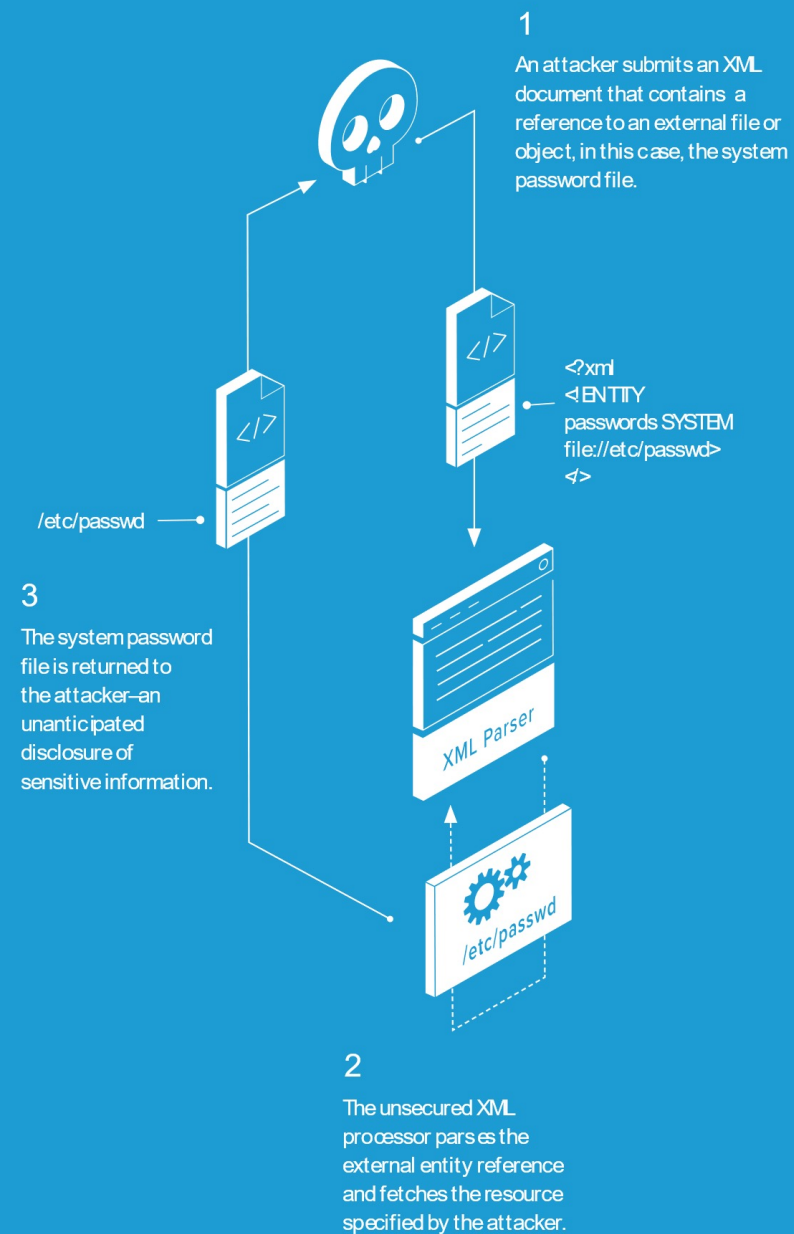


# XML External Entity (XXE) Attacks



## Vulnerable?

- XML directly or XML uploads
- XML processor has Document Type Definitions (DTDs) enabled
- Uses SOAP prior to version 1.2
- Not limited to web applications
- Valid functionality of the XML language



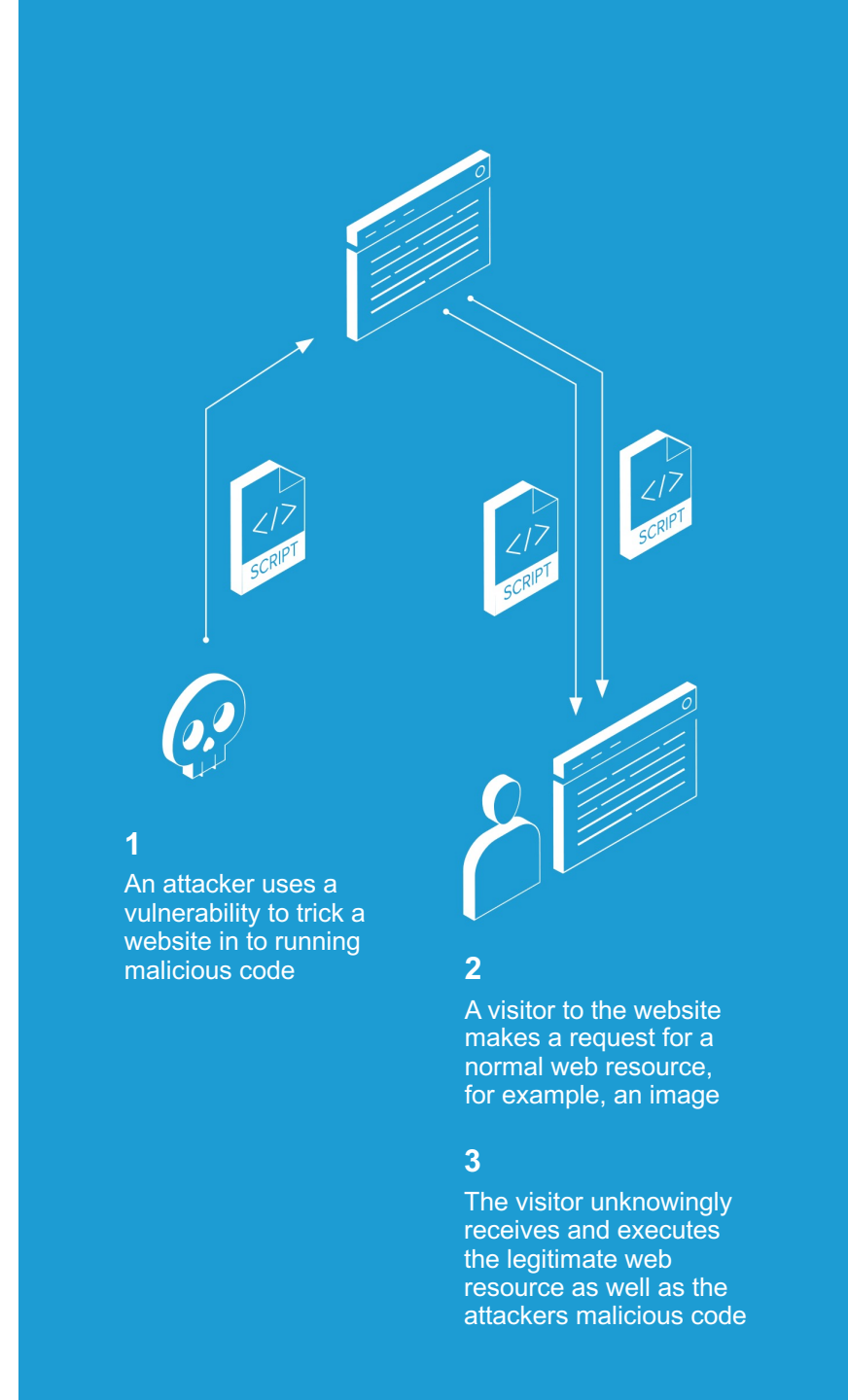
# Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

## Three forms of XSS

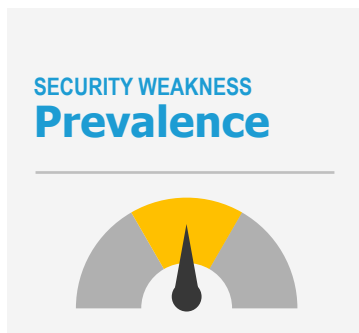
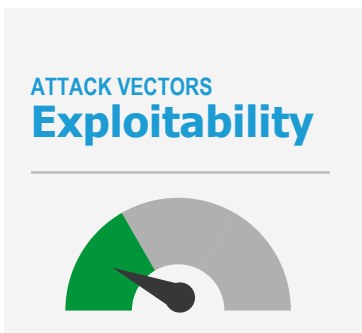
- Reflected XSS
- Stored XSS
- Document Object Model (DOM) XSS

## Can lead to

- Session hijacking
- Loss of data
- Fraudulent transactions
- Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) defense avoidance



# Insecure Deserialisation

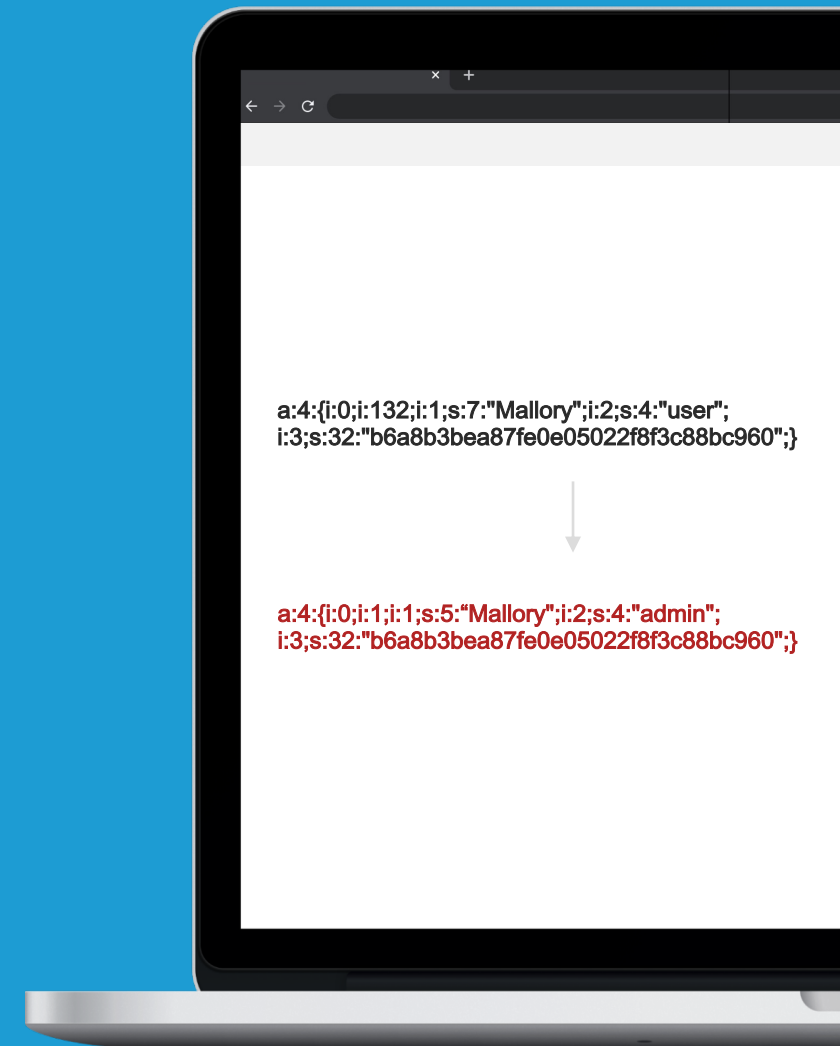


## Vulnerable

- Serialised data treated as an object
- Not inspected and sanitised as other inputs

## Can lead to

- Cross-site scripting, cookie theft
- Elevation of privileges
- Remote code execution



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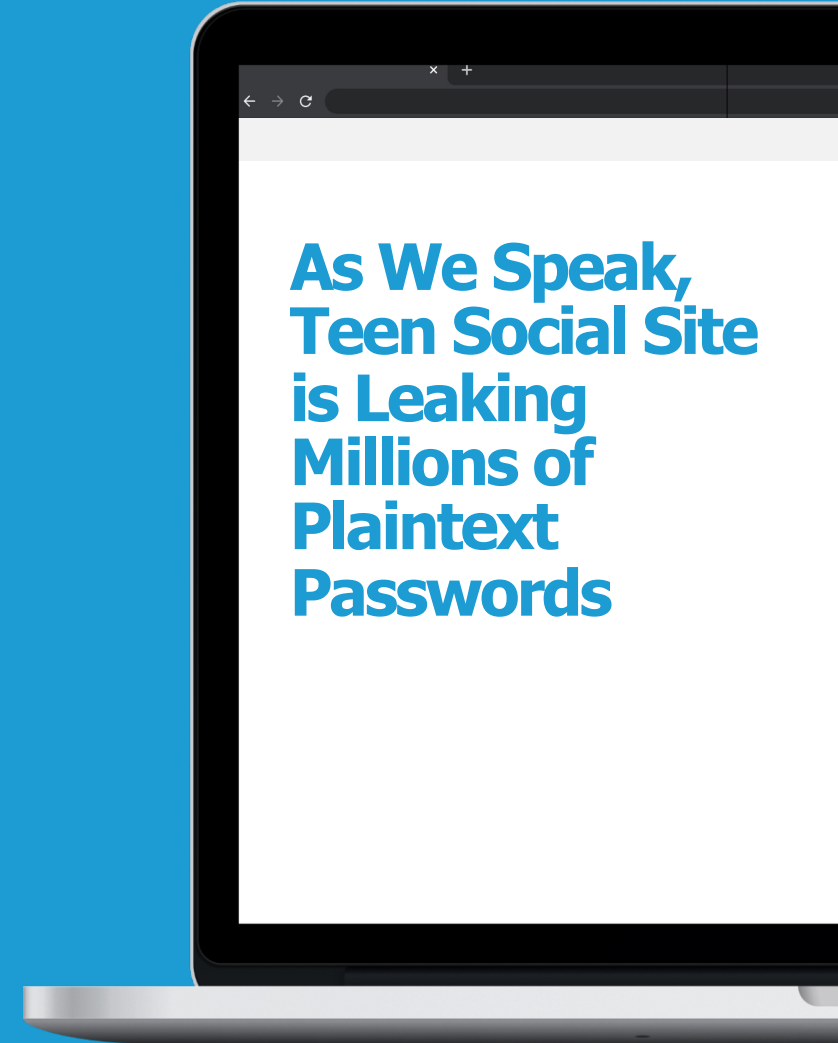
# Injection

## Prevention

- Keep data separate from commands and queries
- Use a safe API
- Whitelist server-side input validation
- Use LIMIT & other controls to prevent mass disclosure of records

## Victims

- Country's Commission on Elections: 77,736,795 Records
- Teen Social Site: 5.5 Million Teenage Accounts
- Major University: 400,000 Names & email Addresses
- Midwest Urology Group: 521,659 Patients





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# XML External Entity (XXE) Attacks

## Prevention

- Dev Training
- Use less complex data formats: JSON
- Avoiding serialization of sensitive data
- Patch/upgrade all XML processors

## Victims

- Multiple Adult Sites Hit: 3.5 million accounts



**Alleged Adult Website Breach May Affect 412 Million Accounts**

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# Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

## Prevention

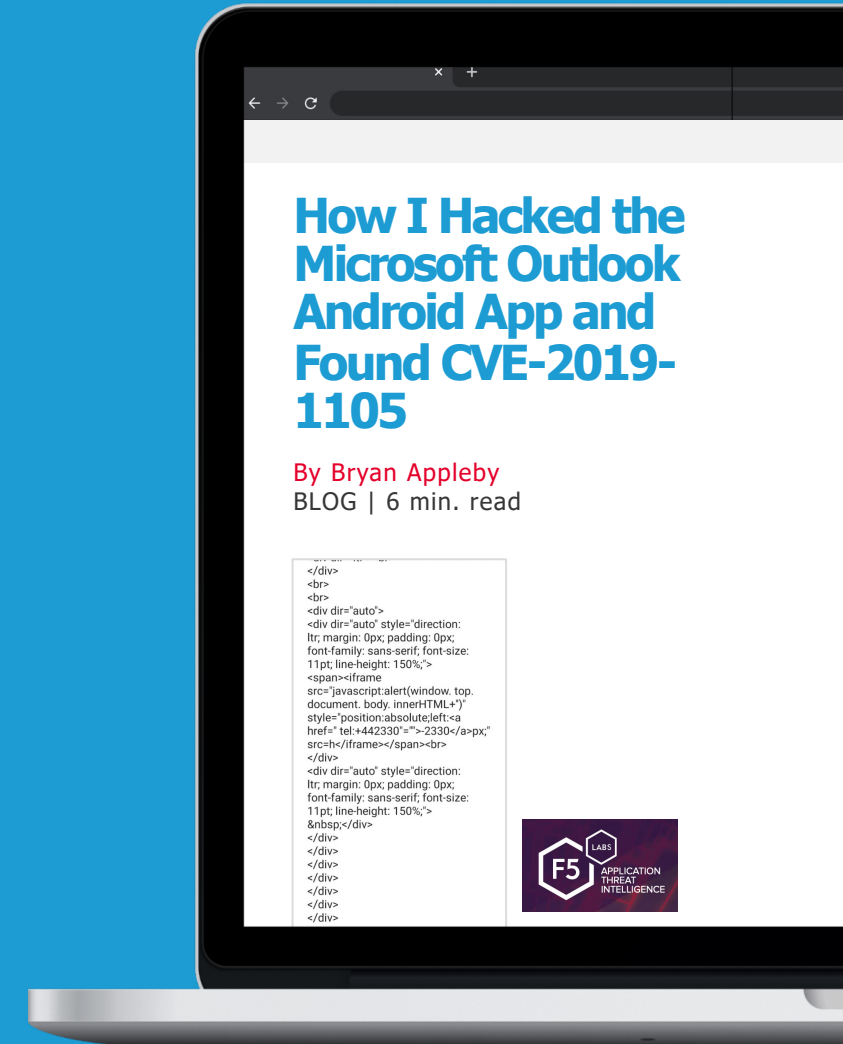
- Separation of untrusted data from active browser content.
- Using frameworks that automatically escape XSS by design
- Escaping untrusted HTTP request data based on the context
- Context-sensitive encoding when modifying the browser document on the client side.
- Enabling a Content Security Policy as a DiD vs. XSS.

## Victims

- Major European Airline: 380,000 booking transactions
- Social Messaging Site: Potentially 330 Million Accounts
- Online Auctioning/Sellers Site: Potentially 175 Million Accounts

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.f5.com/labs/articles/threat-intelligence/application-protection-report-2019--episode-3--web-injection-attacks>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.f5.com/labs/articles/threat-intelligence/how-i-hacked-the-microsoft-outlook-android-app-and-found-cve-2019-1105>



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# Insecure Deserialization

CVE-2020-0688 (MS Exchange RCE) just landed to [@metasploit](#), just needs a domain user with a mailbox for SYSTEM code exec



Add an exploit for Exchange ECP ViewState deserialization (...  
This PR adds an exploit module for CVE-2020-0688  
(Exchange ECP ViewState Deserialization). The viewstate ...  
[github.com](#)

## Prevention

“The only safe architectural pattern is not to accept serialized objects from untrusted sources or to use serialization mediums that only permit primitive data types.”

- OWASP

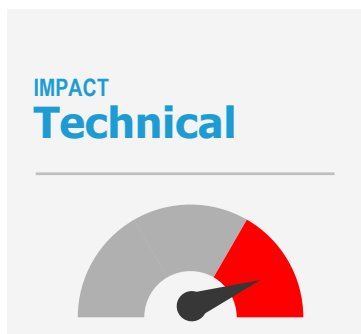
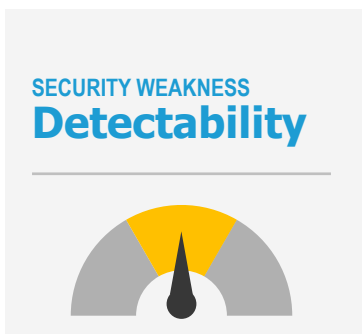
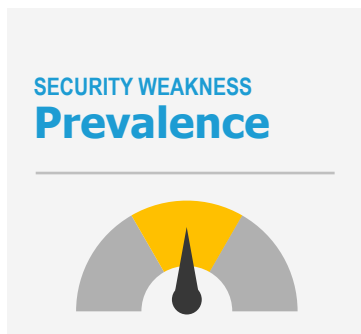
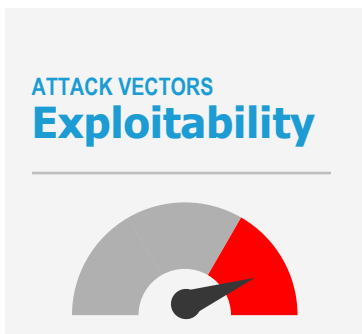
Severe  
Deserialization  
Issues Also Affect  
.NET, Not Just Java

Deserialization Attacks Surge  
Motivated by Illegal Crypto-  
mining

Let the Right One In



# Broken Authentication



## Can lead to

- Brute force / Credential stuffing
- Session high jacking
- Session fixation
- Cross Site Request Forgery (CSRF)
- Execution After Redirect (EAR)
- One-click attack

## UK's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) the Top 10 most common passwords in 2019

- |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| 1. 123456    | 6. 12345678  |
| 2. 123456789 | 7. abc123    |
| 3. Qwerty    | 8. 1234567   |
| 4. Password  | 9. Password1 |
| 5. 111111    | 10. 12345    |



National Cyber Security Centre

# Sensitive Data Exposure

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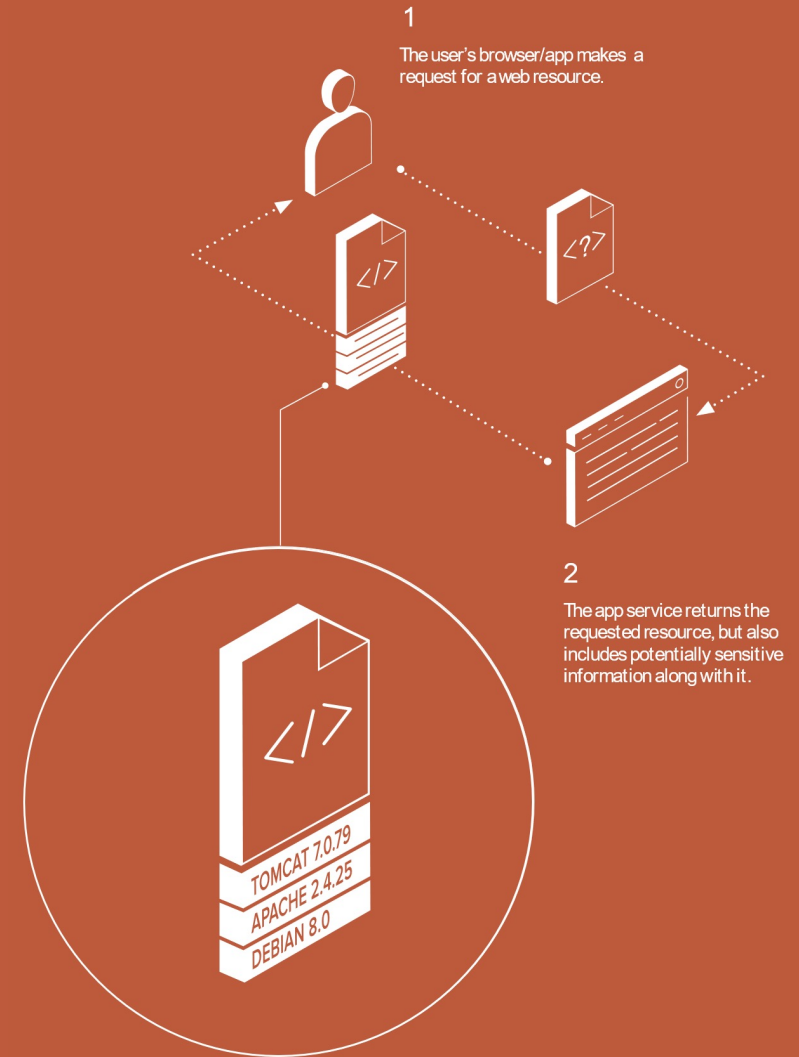


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## Vulnerable?

- Data transmitted in clear text
- Using old or weak cryptographic algorithms
- Default or weak crypto keys
- Encryption not enforced



# Broken Access Control



## Fallout

- Unauthorised access to sensitive information
- Inappropriate creation or deletion of resources
- User impersonation
- Privilege escalation

**Thousands of Amazon S3 buckets left open exposing private data**

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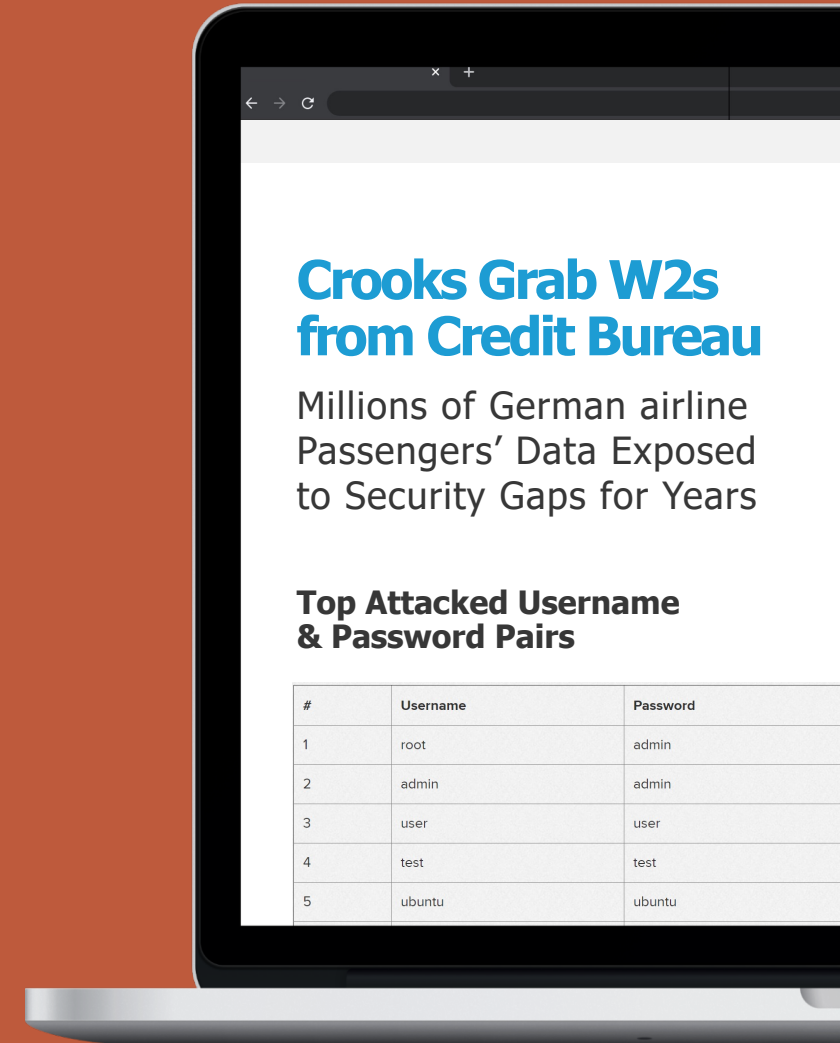
# Broken Authentication

## Victims

- **Credit agency / Supermarket:**  
431,000 tax and salary data
- **Payroll provider:**  
550,000 clients
- **Video platform:**  
30 million accounts
- **Ticket broker:**  
1.5 million airline passengers

## Prevention

- Multifactor
- No default credentials
- Weak password check
- Hardened registration and recovery
- Limit failed attempts
- SessionID





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# Sensitive Data Exposure

## Victims

- **Healthcare / insurance billing processor:**  
1.7GB personal data / 90K
- **Pharmaceutical company:**  
78,000 patients

## Prevention

- Classify data (sensitive)
- Controls per class
- Discard after use
- Encrypt in transit / at rest
- Strong algorithms / protocols / keys
- Salt passwords

**Report:  
Thousands of  
pharmaceutical  
records leaked in  
possible HIPAA\*  
violation**

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# Broken Access Control

## Victims

- Too many to count

## Prevention

- Access control is only effective if enforced in trusted server-side code or server-less API
- Implement once and re-use them throughout the application
- Unique application business limit requirements
- Rate limit API and controller access
- Deny by default



# Strong Basics

# Security Misconfiguration



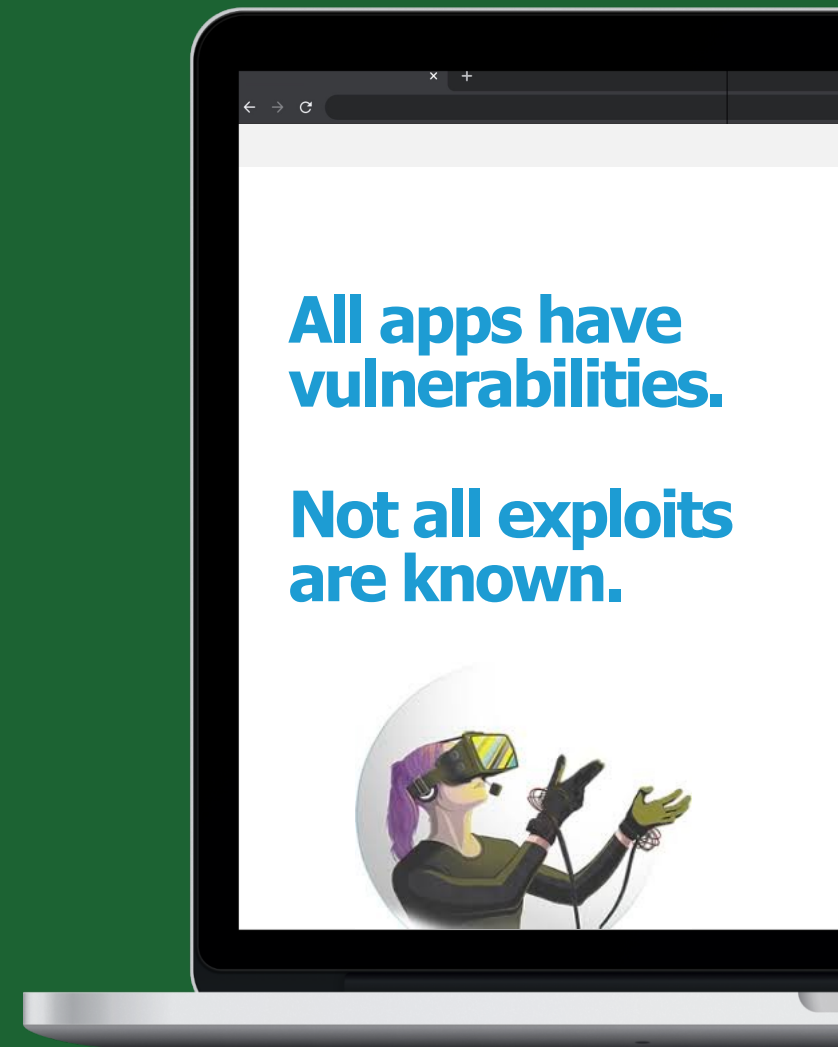
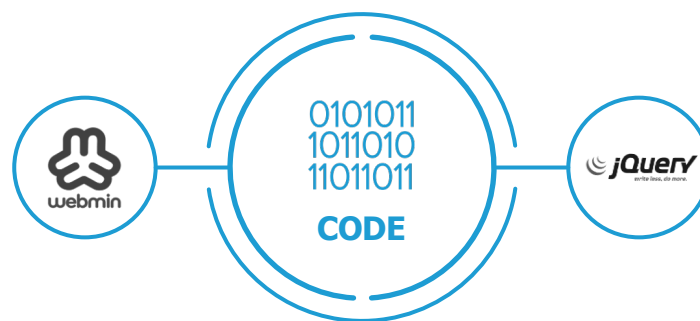
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- Brute force, credential stuffing
- Code injection
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- Command injection
- XSS
- Forceful browsing

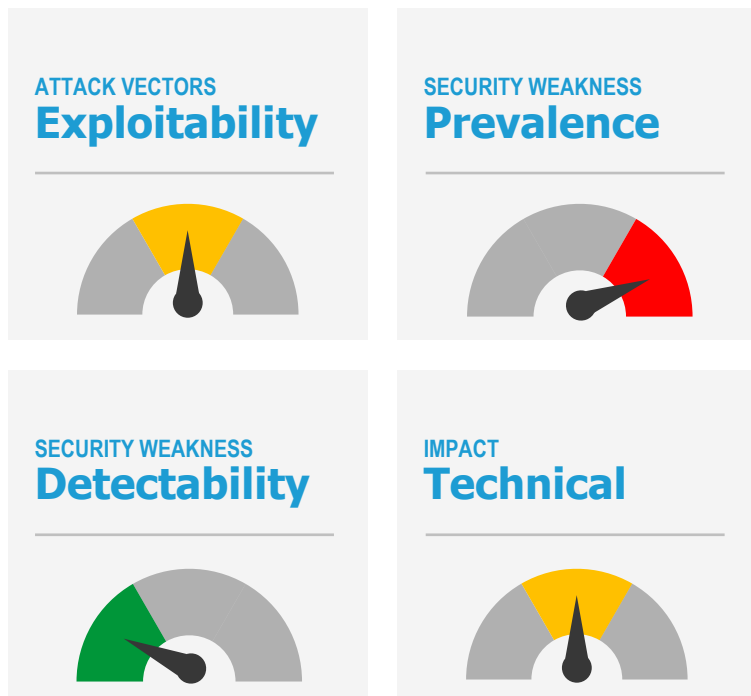
**Security misconfiguration can leave apps vulnerable to multiple attacks**



# Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities



# Insufficient Logging and Monitoring



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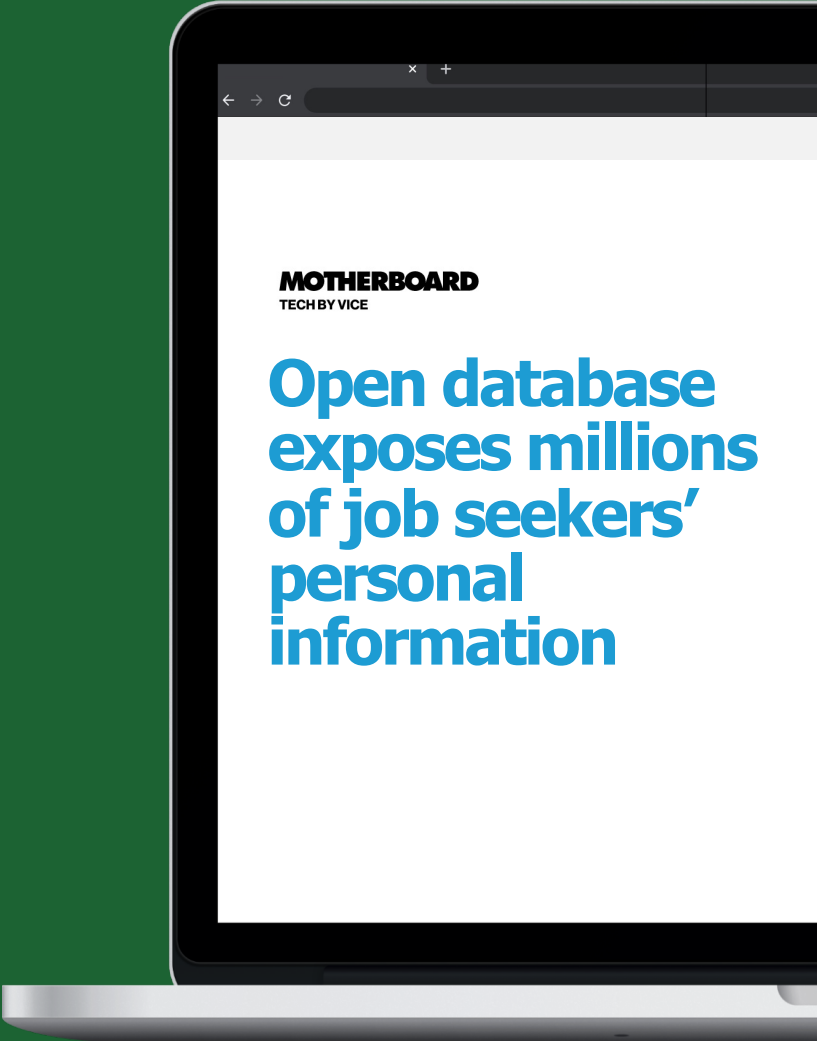
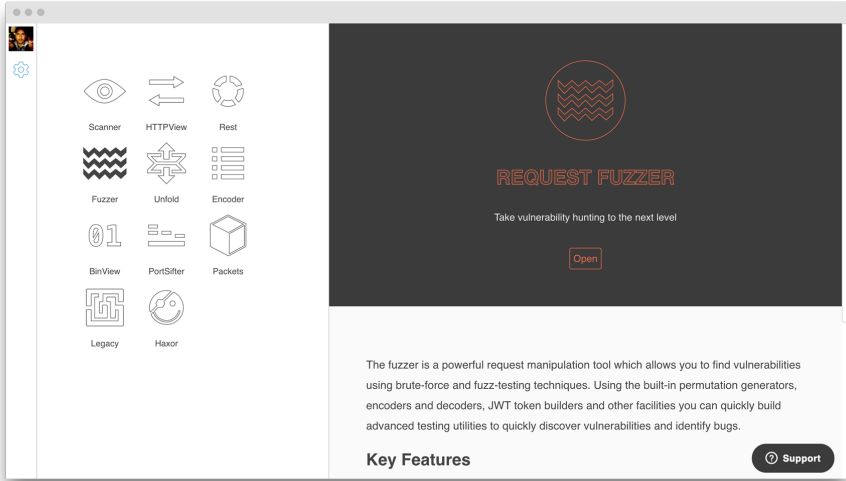
**Attackers rely on complacency and blind spots to gain access to apps**

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# Security Misconfiguration

## Prevention

- Repeatable hardening
- Minimal platform and features
- Asset / inventory / patch management
- Segmented architecture
- Automate verification



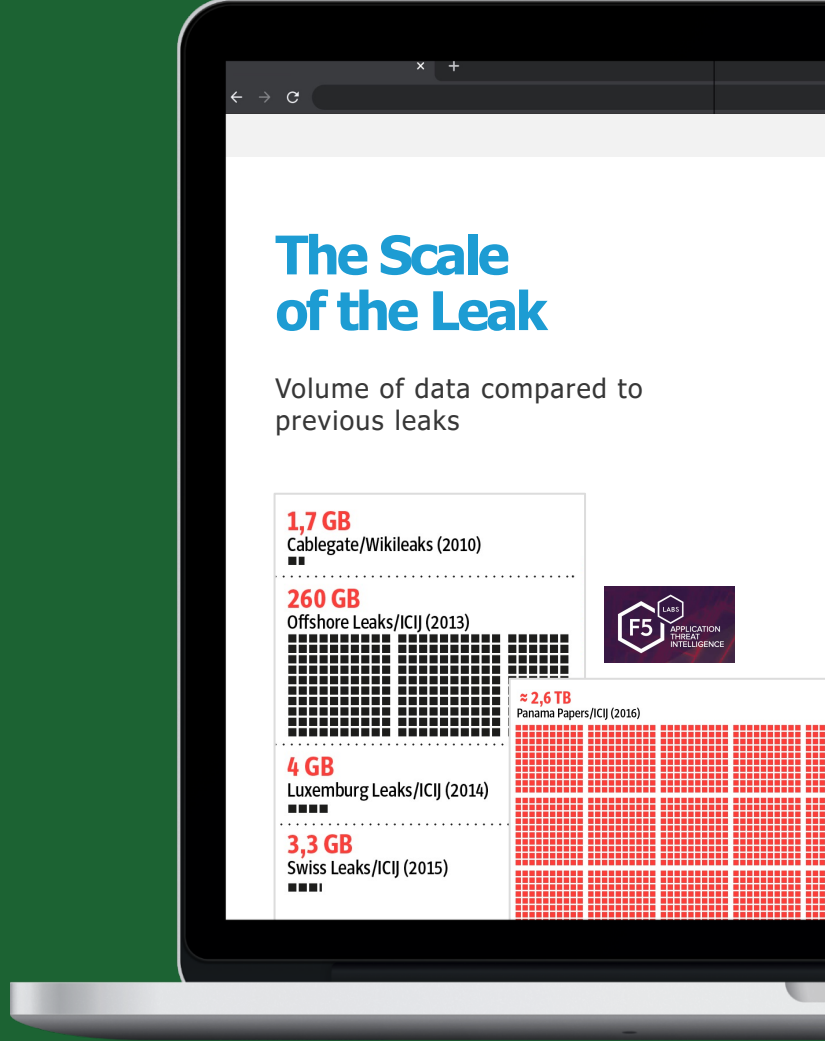
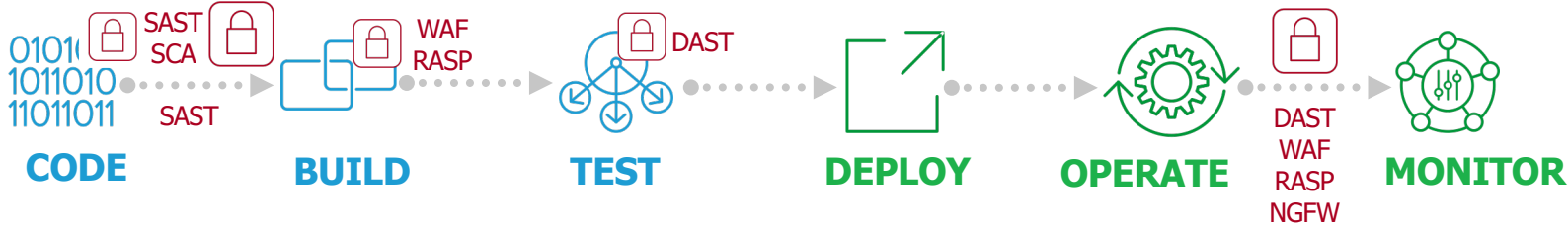


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# Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities

## What is the risk?

- Most common vulnerability in 2019 is jQuery XSS (CVE-2012- 6708)
- CVE-2017-5638 Apache Struts resulted in a major data breach



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# Insufficient Logging and Monitoring

## What could happen?

"Most successful attacks start with vulnerability probing. Allowing such probes to continue can raise the likelihood of successful exploit to nearly 100%."

– OWASP

Applications and identities are cyber attackers' primary targets



# Protect Every App

# Risk Surface



