SECURE CODING ESSENTIALS



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- Security Architecture
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- The Process Security in the SDLC
- Mission Accomplished?







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SHOULD DEVELOPERS BOTHER ABOUT SECURITY?

Write clean, testable code against the infrastructure components of your choice and accomplish any task – without re-inventing the wheel.

Build a better website in less than an hour.

Choose a template. Upload pictures. Edit text. Done!

Secure

CakePHP comes with built-in tools for input validation, CSRF protection, Form tampering protection, SQL injection prevention, and XSS prevention, helping you keep your application safe & secure...

No design skills needed

Choose from hundreds of gorgeous website templates or build your own design using HTML and CSS.

YES, BECAUSE...

Over 750,000 websites were breached

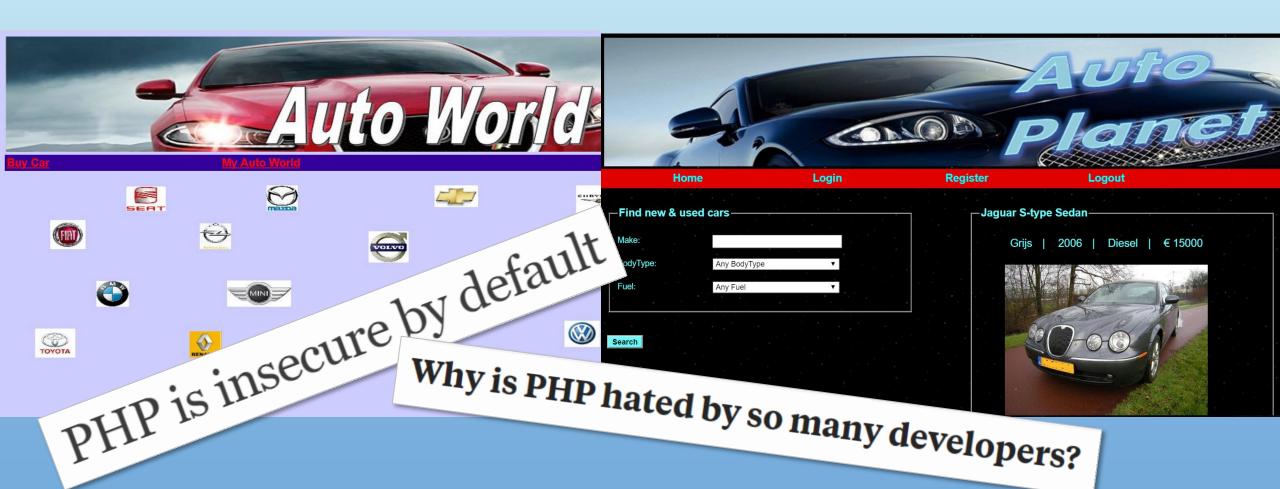


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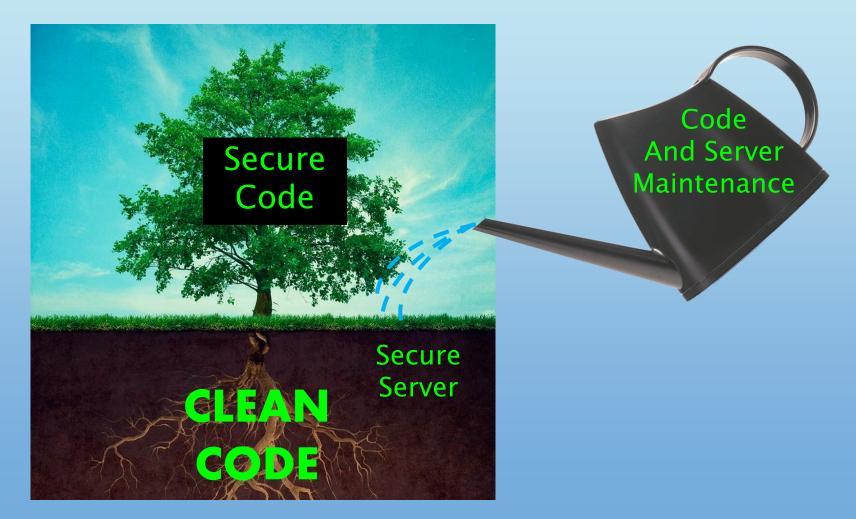




HOW TO WRITE IN/SECURE CODE



SECURE CODE NEEDS A GOOD FOUNDATION



THE 3 PILLARS OF CLEAN CODE



- Don't glue your application together with code snippets
- Structure & Organize your code by using an architectural pattern or application framework
- Follow proven SW design principles to avoid common pitfalls
- code till the end its life

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MVC ARCHITECTURE PATTERN











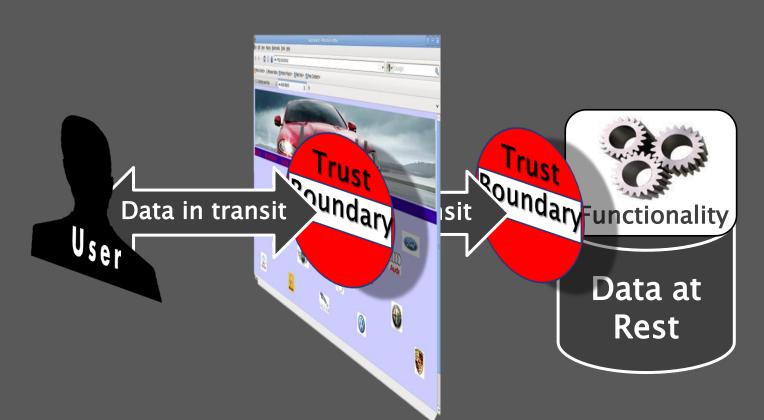


Separation of concerns



SECURITY ARCHITECTURE THREAT RISK MODELING

Application Modeling:



Identify Threats:

Data Integrity

➤ Is your data clean and can it be trusted?

Data Access

Can users access only the data they should be able to access?

Data Protection

➤ Is sensitive data well protected against unauthorized access?

Functionality

➤ Are features and application logic being used as expected?

SECURITY ARCHITECTURE DATA INTEGRITY

Is your data clean and can it be trusted?

Validate data before storing Refuse or transform data in a safe format before storing on database or file system

Model

Retrieve, Insert & Update Information

update data

Controller



Application Logic

Input Validation & Sanitation:
Refuse and/or clean
unwanted user input <u>BEFORE</u>
any further processing

update page

View

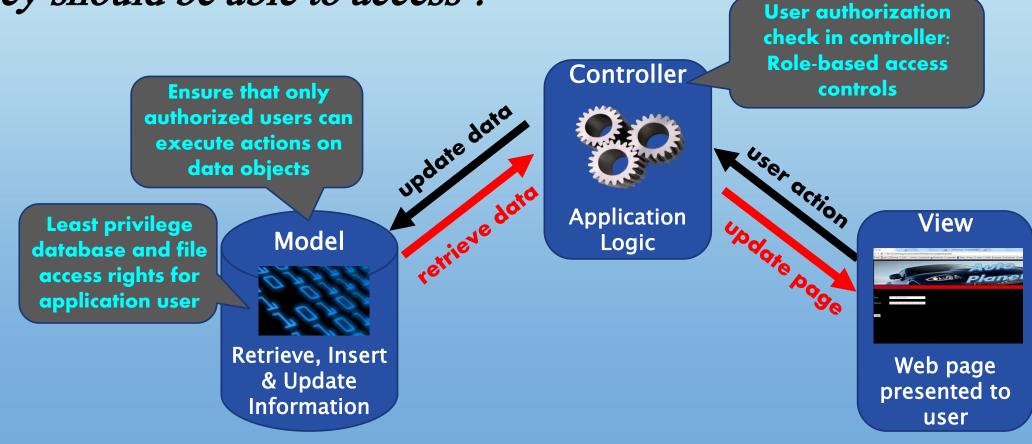


Web page presented to user

Output Encoding: Transform data in a safe format before sending it to the user

SECURITY ARCHITECTURE DATA ACCESS

Can users access only the data they should be able to access?



SECURITY ARCHITECTURE DATA PROTECTION

Is sensitive data well protected against unauthorized access?

Protect sensitive data which is stored in databases or files

Model

Retrieve, Insert & Update Information

update data

Controller



Application Logic

Safe exception and error handling to avoid exposure of sensitive information

Protect session data which is exchanged between application, user or third party systems (API's)

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Updoje Page

Protect sensitive
data which is
exchanged between
application and user

View



Web page presented to user

SECURITY ARCHITECTURE FUNCTIONALITY

Are features and application logic being used as expected?

functionality that you actually need **Ensure that your** Controller application can only be used as the expected update data order of operations retrieve data **Application** Update Page View Model Logic Retrieve, Insert Web page & Update presented to Information user

Only implement

features and

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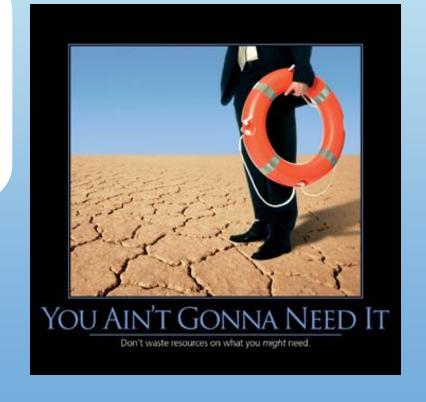
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SOFTWARE DESIGN PRINCIPLES









SECURE CODING DESIGN PRINCIPLES

Data Integrity

Never, ever, trust the user

Data Access

- ➤ Control access to protected resources
- > User rights: Less is more!

Data Protection

- > Keep sensitive information private
- > Don't expose yourself

Functionality

- > Expect the unexpected
- > Minimize attack surface











NEVER, EVER, TRUST THE USER - INPUT VALIDATION & SANITIZATION

• Input: (hidden) form input, http headers, cookies, captcha code, etc.

Sanitize unwanted input, but be careful...it can make your data unusable

```
// Call function san_chars to sanitize input from search form input
list($Make, $BodyType, $Fuel)=san_chars(@$_GET['Make'], $_GET['BodyType'], @$_GET['Fuel']);
```

Validate and reject unwanted input ... always at the server side

```
// Validate e-mail address
} elseif (!filter_var($Gebruikersnaam, FILTER_VALIDATE_EMAIL)) {
echo "Please fill in a valid email address !";
```



DATA INTEGRITY DESIGN PRINCIPLES NEVER, EVER, TRUST THE USER – SQL INJECTION

Home

Name:

Sell car

My autoplanet

_ogout

Please enter your details below to contact the seller—

Rob' OR '1'='1

• Prevent that user data can alter your SQL queries

Query with user input

//select entered username from users table

SELECT * FROM `users` WHERE `users` .`name` =(".\$name."

1) construct query string

SELECT * FROM `users` White `users` .`name` = 'Rob' OR '1'='1'

2 Execute query

Database Driver

Database

This will return all rows from the table users, since WHERE 1=1 is always true

Query with prepared statements

//prepare select statement with parameters

\$sth = \$conn->prepare("SELECT * FROM users WHERE name = :name")

//bind the statement parameters to the input variables

\$sth->bindParam(':name',\$name,PDO::PARAM_STR, 30)

1) Prepare (compile) query

2) Add variable parameters

3) Execute query

Abstraction Layer

Database Drive

Database



submit

Don't allow users to upload whatever they want

```
// Check if the uploaded picture isn't larger than 500kb
} elseif ($_FILES['carpic']['size'] > 500000) {
$warning='!!! Sorry, your picture file is too large !!!';
//
// Check if the uploaded picture is an image
} elseif ((getimagesize($_FILES['carpic']['tmp_name'])) == false) {
$warning='!!! File is not an image !!!';
}
```

Prevent code injection vulnerabilities

```
; Whether to allow the treatment of URLs (like http:// or ftp://) as files.
; http://php.net/allow-url-fopen
allow_url_fopen = Off

; Whether to allow include/require to open URLs (like http:// or ftp://) as files.
; http://php.net/allow-url-include
allow_url_include = Off
```

Disable script execution in upload directories

[raugust@kangoos carimages]\$ more .htaccess
php flag engine off







CONTROL ACCESS TO PROTECTED RESOURCES - WEB PAGE AUTHORIZATION

Home Login Register Logout

You need to login to access this page \

Check user authorization for each web page

// Check if user is authorised to access this page (depending on his role)
checkifuserauthorised("autoplanetuser");

Use centralized Authorization Routines

```
function checkifuserauthorised($role) {
// Run authorisation check for autoplanet users
if ($role=="anonymous") {
// Do nothing - No authorization check needed
}
if ($role=="autoplanetuser") {
// Check if user is authorised (logged in) to access this page
if(empty( $_SESSION['user_id'])) {
// If user isn't logged in show message that he needs to login to access show_message("You need to login to access this page !");
exit();
```









Home Sell car My autoplanet

Logout

Selected car advert has been deleted

Returning to myautoplanet within 5 seconds...

- Always ensure the data owner is referenced in queries
 - Prevent tampering with query parameters

Is the user who requests this delete action the owner of this record?

```
Vulnerable SQL query: // Delete car advert from database
$sth = $conn->prepare("DELETE FROM autoplans" WHERE ID = :ID");
```

Integrate access control in your SQL queries

```
// Delete car advert from database
$sth = $conn->prepare("DELETE FROM autoplanet WHERE ID = :IL AND Name = :Name AND Email = :Email");
```

DATA ACCESS DESIGN PRINCIPLES CONTROL ACCESS TO PROTECTED RESOURCES - SESSION DATA



Prevent theft of (session) cookies by XSS attacks

Tell browsers that client scripts aren't allowed to access cookies

Prevent that attackers can obtain a valid session identifier (session hijacking)

Change session ID's at any transition in authentication state

Prevent that attackers can force users to use known session ID (session fixation)

Enforce that always a new session ID is created if a session is requested with a ID that does not exist



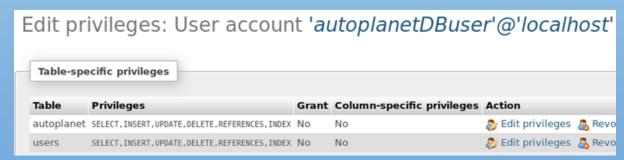
Password (min 8 chars): Min 8 chars, must contain letters at

Don't use a single shared database account for your application

	User name	Host name	Password	Global privileges 🔞	Grant	Action
	autoplanetDBuser	localhost	Yes	USAGE	No	🐉 Edit privileges 🗐 Export
	autoplanetDBuseranonymous	localhost	Yes	USAGE	No	🐉 Edit privileges ᇘ Export



Don't give application users complete access to your database





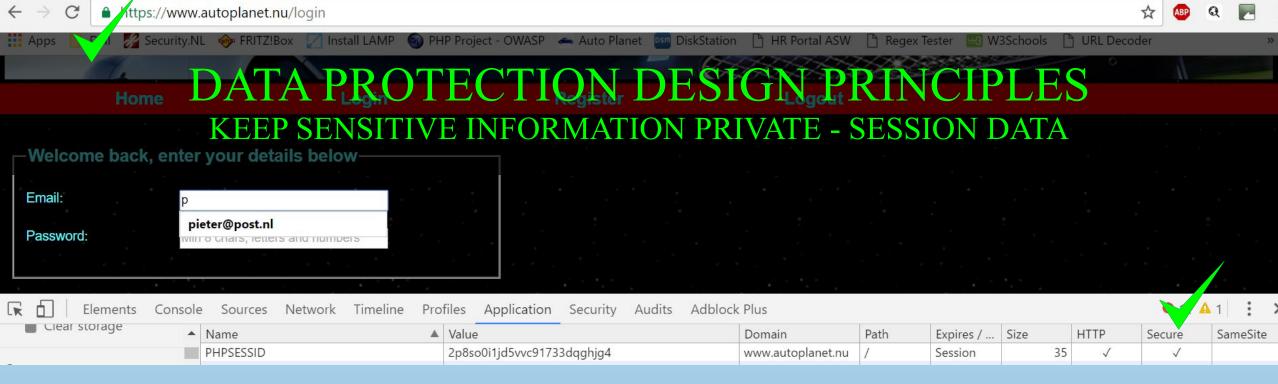


Use HTTPS and POST for sending sensitive information via web forms

<form name='form' action='/login' method='post'/

Prevent that usernames and passwords on shared computers get exposed to other users

name='Username' size='40' autocomplete='off'/class='textbox-menu' required>



Prevent that session data is visible in the URL (enforce that only cookies are used)

Encrypt session data between user and application (set session.cookie secure flag)

Prevent that session data is being transmitted in plain text (enforce HTTPS for whole site)

```
RewriteEngine On
RewriteCond %{SERVER_PORT} 80
RewriteRule ^(.*)$ https://www.autoplanet.nu/$1 [R,L]
```



Use a recent salted password hashing algorithm (argon2, bcrypt, scrypt)

Pieter Post pieter@post.nl \$2y\$10\$Lt5SYWdcGJvXhIrhnE5p0u3pXCARWPW

Keep database connection strings out of your source code (keep them in a trusted place)

DATA PROTECTION DESIGN PRINCIPLES DON'T EXPOSE YOURSELF - SENSITIVE CONTENT

Use URL rewriting and routing to prevent access to physical file paths and files

Prevent attackers to discover admin consoles or pages



Don't allow attackers to view sensitive content in your web directories

```
# Deny listings of the directories below <Directory "/var/www/html/autoplanet/public/images">

Forbidden

You don't have permission to access /images/ on this server.

# Deny listings of the directories below <Directory "/var/www/html/autoplanet/public/images">

**Options - Indexes**

**Options -
```



Don't expose valuable information to attackers such as PHP and Web server version

expose_php = Off in php.ini

Apache httpd.conf:

ServerTokens Product ServerSignature Off

GET https://www.autoplanet.nu

-- response --

200 OK

Date: Fri 20 oct 2016 15:54.55 CMT

Server: Apache/2.4.23 (Fedora) OpenSSL/1.0.2j-fips PHP/

X-Powered-By: PHP/5.6.27

GET https://www.autoplanet.nu

-- response --

200 OK

Date: Fri, 28 Oct 2016 13:38 GMT

Server: Apache

Don't put information in HTML or JavaScript comments

<meta name="generator" content "WooCommerce 2.4.10" />

DON'T EXPOSE YOURSELF

INFORMATION EXPOSURE THROUGH ERROR MESSAGES

```
exception 'PDOException' with message 'SQLSTATE[HY000] [2002] No such file or directory' in /var/www/html/auto_lanet/application/models/searchcarmodel.php:12 Stack trace: #0 /var/www/html/autoplanet/application/models/searchcarmodel.php(12): PDO->__construct('mys_i...ost=loca..., is utoplanetDBuse...', 'KraftwerkAut0ba...', #1 /var/www/html/autoplanet/application/controllers/searchcar.php(38):
```

Fail safe: Error messages reveal sensitive information such as passwords, file paths, etc.

```
// Display error message in case of database error, close connection and exit script
}
catch(PDOException $e) {
    show_message("Sorry, something went wrong... Please try again later.");
// Uncomment line below if you need detailed error messages for debugging purposes
// show_message($e);
$conn = null;
exit();

display_errors = Off
; Default Value: On
```

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Development Value: On Production Value: Off

FUNCTIONALITY DESIGN PRINCIPLES EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED - APPLICATION LOGIC ATTACKS

Some jokers don't respect your rules

Prevent that application logic steps can be bypassed

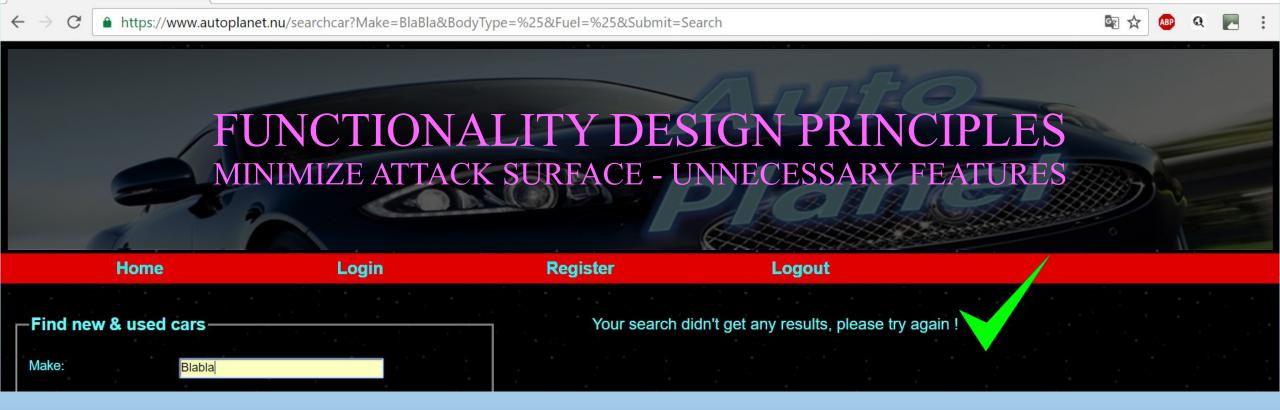




Avoid being helpful for attackers







Don't display search queries back to the user (XSS risks)

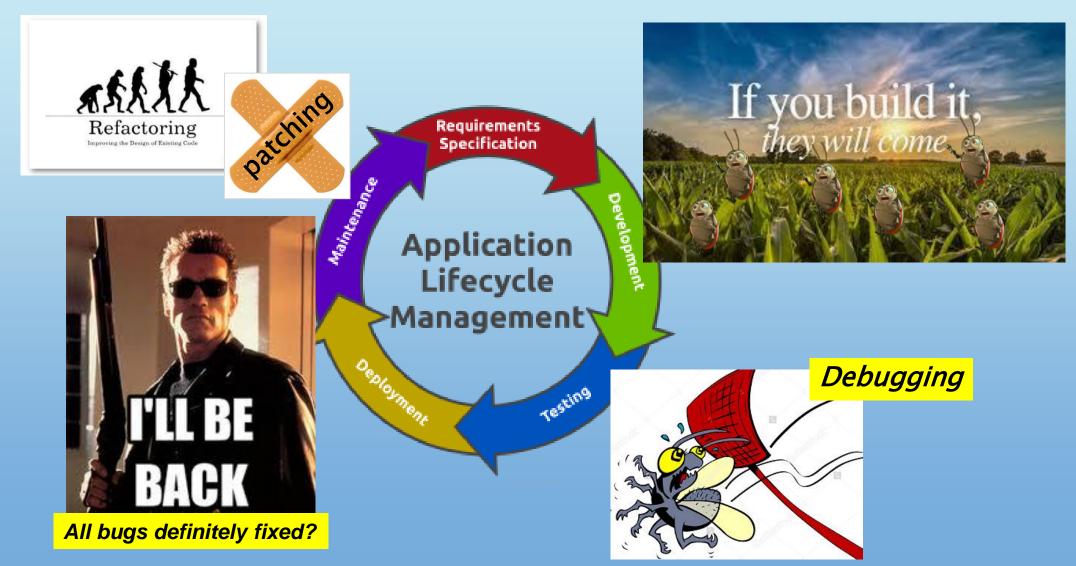
Don't use the URL as input for the navigation bar

Disable default application settings which you don't need

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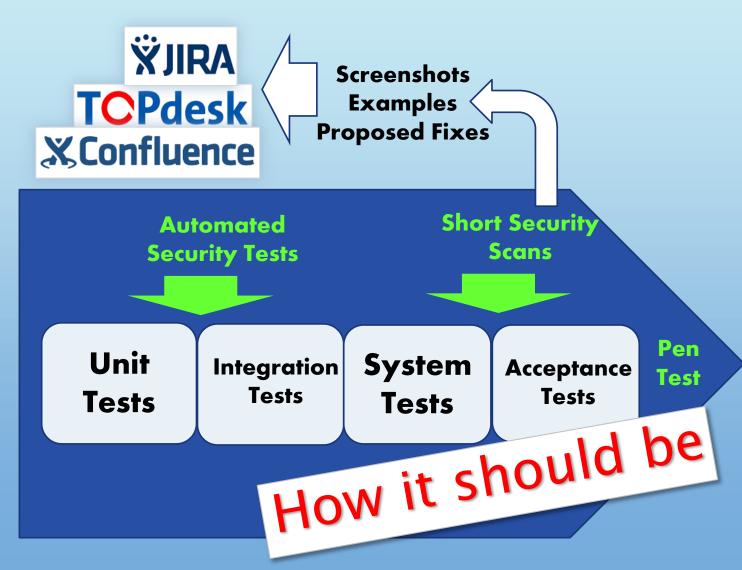
SECURITY IN THE SDLC



SECURITY TESTING

One week before launch...





INTEGRATING SECURITY IN THE SDLC

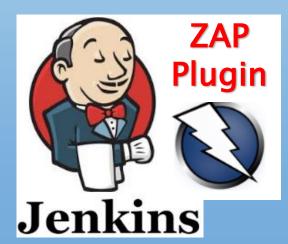
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Automated Security Testing





Evil User Stories



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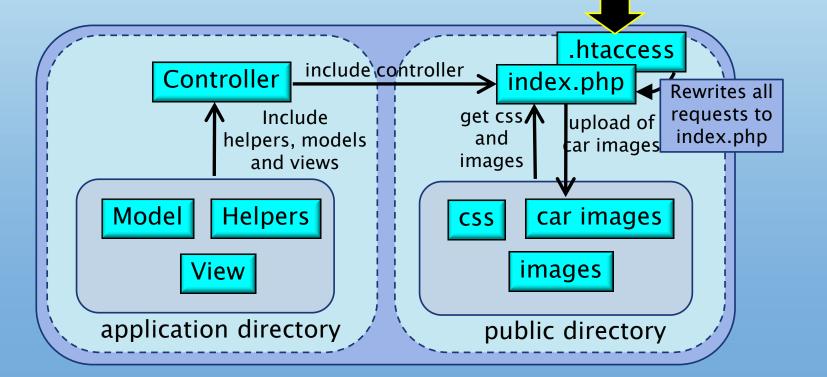






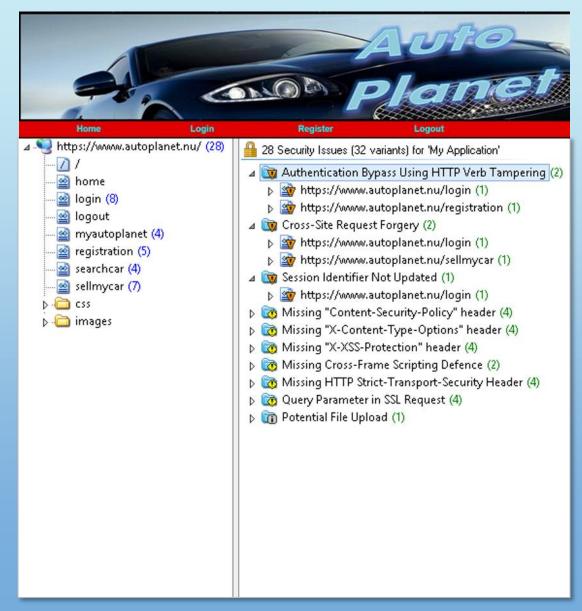
Home Login https://home-url/cor

https://home-url/controller?param1=value1¶m2=value2...



APPSCAN TEST RESULTS







THE WHOLE PICTURE

WAF IPS **CDN** Security Safety Net Functionality
Data Protection Data Access Data Integrity Secure Code Architecture Design **Process** Clean Code Hardening Patches & Updates Secure Server

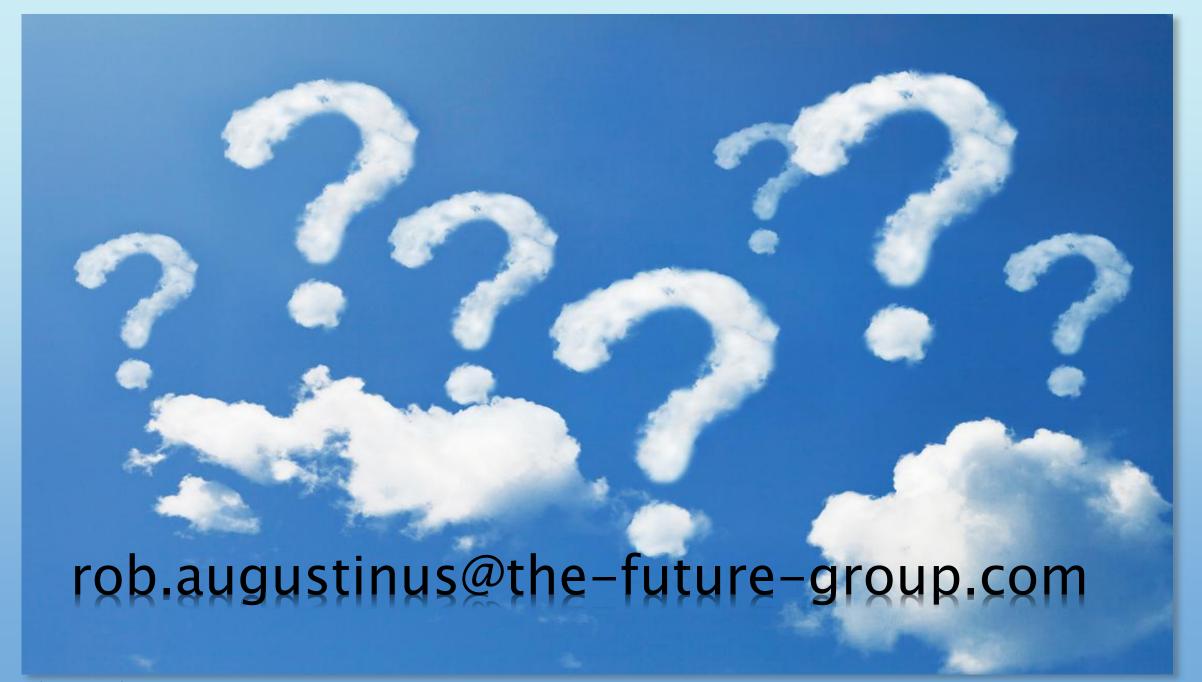
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED OR.... MISSION ACCOMPLISHED OR.... | MISSION | MISSION

Can we build with secure coding a

Trump wall to keep out the hackers?

Can we do much better than the millions of poorly secured websites on the Internet?





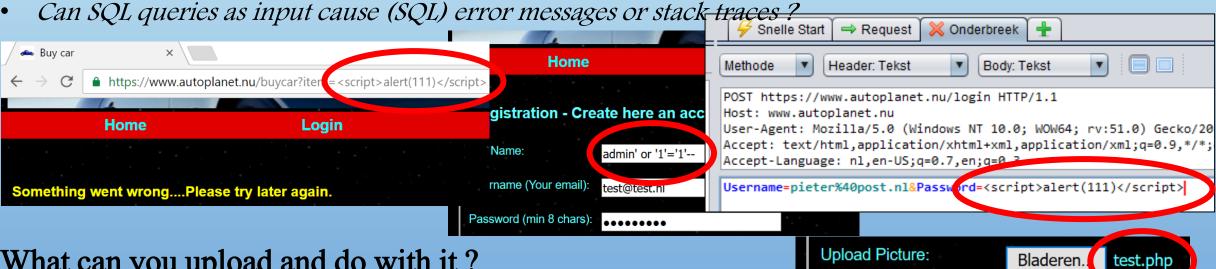
// Home Page & Search Car Controller // // Regin this session Session Start(): // CONTROLLER STRUCTURE (SEARCH FORM) require_once('/var/www/html/autoplanet/application/helpers/sanchars.php'); // Include function to generate view for page header

```
require once('/var/www/html/autoplanet/application/models/searchcarmodel.php');
// Include function to generate view for showing search results
require once('/var/www/html/autoplanet/application/views/searchcarview.php');
                                                                                                Load includes (views, model, helpers)
^{\prime\prime} Include function to check if user is authorised to access the web page
require once('/var/www/html/autoplanet/application/helpers/checkuserauth.php');
// Generate the page header view depending on session status
                                                                                                 Display menu (page header view)
page header('Home', $ SESSION['user id']);
                                                                                                 Authorization check (page access)
check authorisation("anonymous");
  Set value for search form status depending on if input is submitted
if (empty($ GET['Make'])) {
 searchformstatus=0;
                                                                                                Initialize form (based on submit status)
else {
 searchformstatus=1;
 // Call function san chars to sanitize input from search form input
                                                                                                Validate & sanitize form input
list($Make, $BodyType, $Fuel)=san chars(@$ GET['Make'], $ GET['BodyType'], @$ GET['Fuel']);
   Call datamodel function to search for cars in the database
                                                                                                Search car in database (data model)
 Foundcars=search car($Make,$BodyType,$Fuel);
 / Generate the view for the search page
                                                                                                 Display search results (page view)
search page($foundcars,$searchformstatus);
```

DATA INTEGRITY SECURITY TESTING

How does the application respond to unexpected input?

- Test input such as special characters and SQL queries, try parameter tampering
- How does the input appear in the returned HTML? (dangerous characters not removed /encoded)



What can you upload and do with it?

Test uploading of files with unexpected extension, type, content, size, Can uploaded HTML or scripts be executed?

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submit

DATA ACCESS SECURITY TESTING

Unauthorized access to protected resources

- Try to access to webpages or data which you shouldn't be able to access
- Try if session cookies are protected (cookie HttpOnly flag), are they visible in URL or (hidden) parameters?
- Test for directories and/or files which shouldn't be visible (use fuzzer tool to discover)



User rights

- Review database permissions for application users
- Do they use the lowest possible level of permissions?

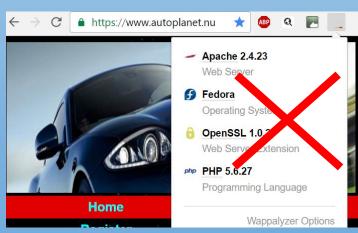
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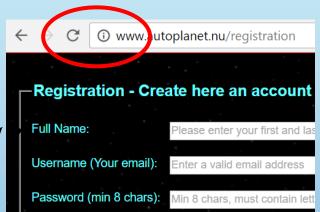
Is sensitive information well protected?

- Check if forms with sensitive data can't be sent via GET and/or HTTP
- Check for autocomplete on form fields with sensitive data
- Check session.cookie_secure flag and what happens if cookies are denied

Information exposure

- Check server response for webserver version and other information (Wappalyzer)
- Force stack trace errors (e.g. stop database) and check if sensitive information is exposed
- Check source code for hard coded credentials





FUNCTIONALITY SECURITY TESTING EVIL USER STORIES

Be creative: What data, steps, parameters, etc. can be tampered with?

- Try to resubmit email reply forms an unlimited number of times
- Intercept POST requests and remove or change parameters before submitting
- See what happens if you enter negative amounts or item numbers
- Change your token or account nr to another number to see what will happen

