



Selling Security to Software Developers

**Lessons learned building a commercial static
analysis tool**

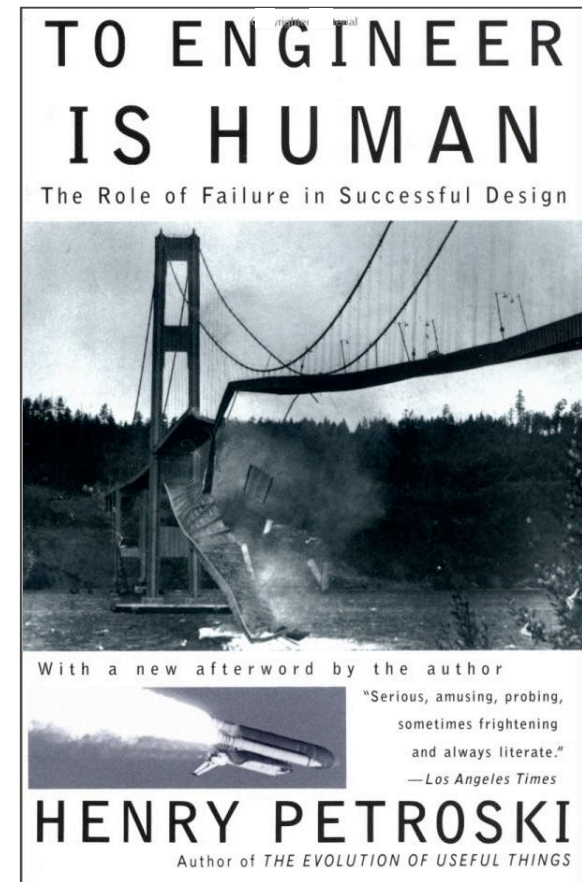
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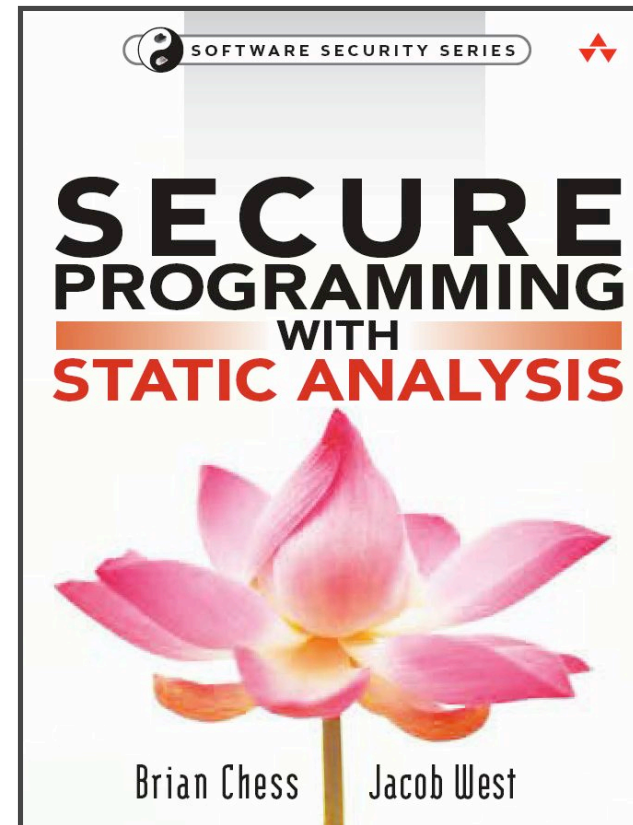
Success is foreseeing failure.

– Henry Petroski



Overview

- **Static analysis tools**
 - What makes a commercial tool tick
 - What to search for?
- **Selling static analysis**
 - Customers
 - Competitors
- **Hard problems, real and imagined**



Static Analysis

Static Analysis

- **Bugs-to-breaches abound:**
 - Stop playing catch-up: fix security problems before deployment.
 - As a group, developers make the same mistakes over and over.
- **Static analysis is good for security:**
 - Easy to explore boundary conditions and states that may be hard to achieve through testing.
 - Catch common mistakes automatically.

Classic fingerd buffer overflow

```
char line[512];  
gets(line);
```

Common Errors

MSDN sample code for function DirSpec:

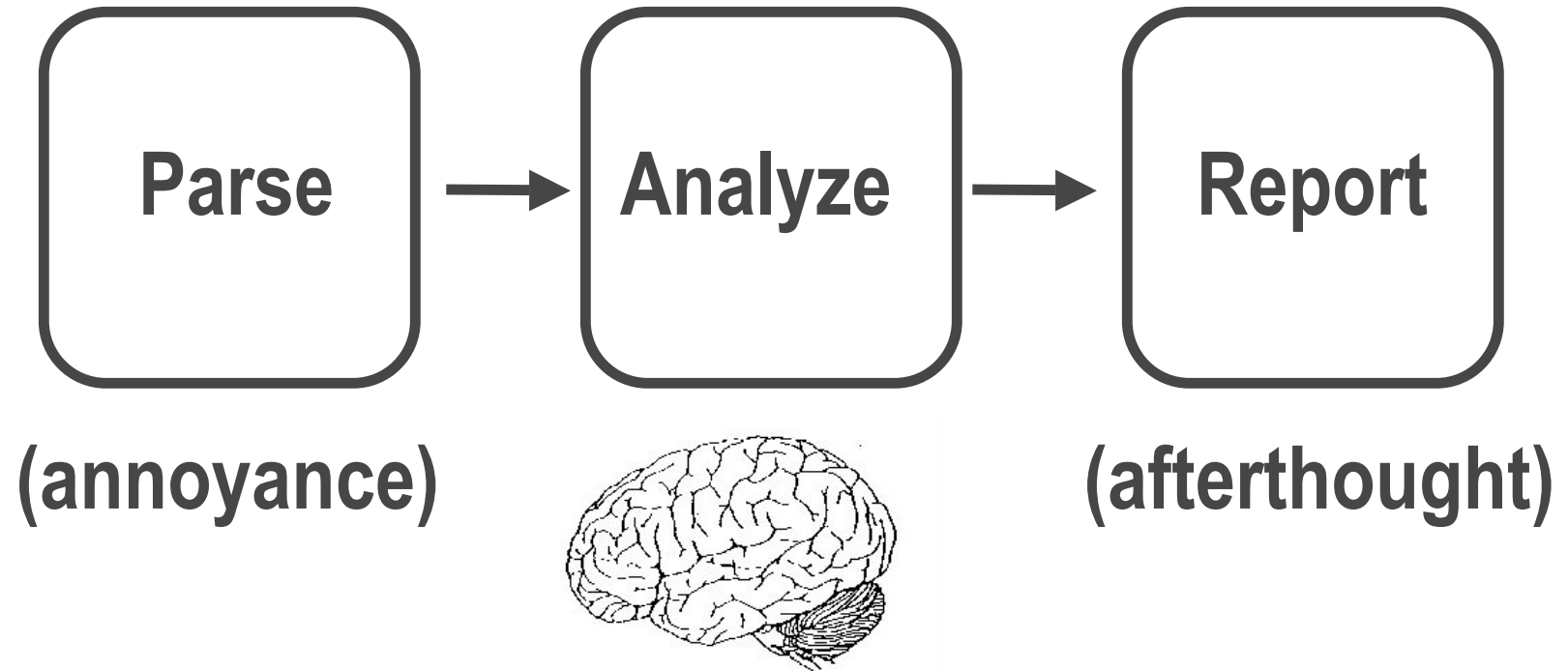
```
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {  
    ...  
    char DirSpec[MAX_PATH + 1];  
    printf ("Target dir is %s.\n", argv[1]);  
    strncpy (DirSpec, argv[1], strlen(argv[1])+1);  
}
```

A peek inside a static analysis tool



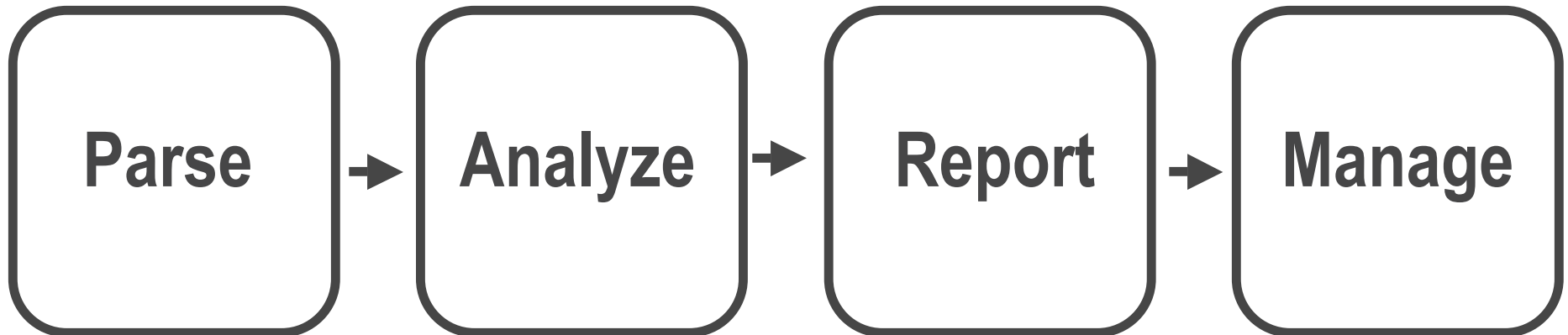
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The academic perspective



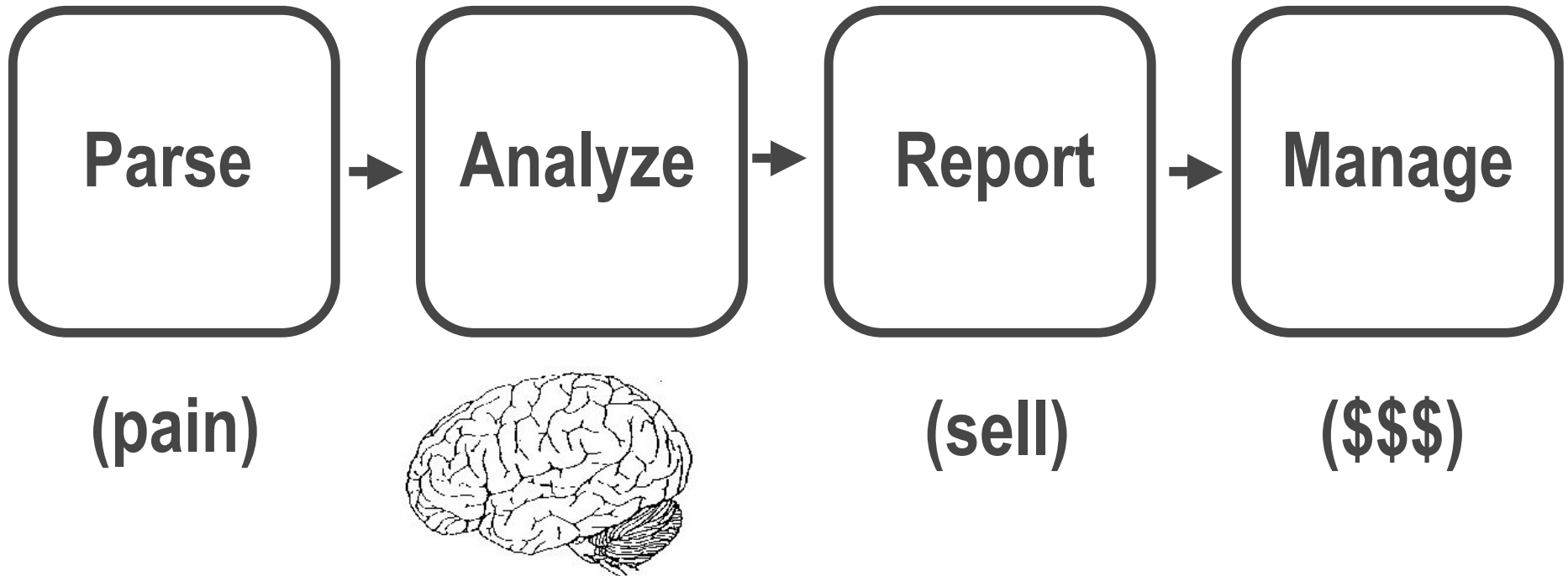
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SSM - Reports - Microsoft Internet Explorer

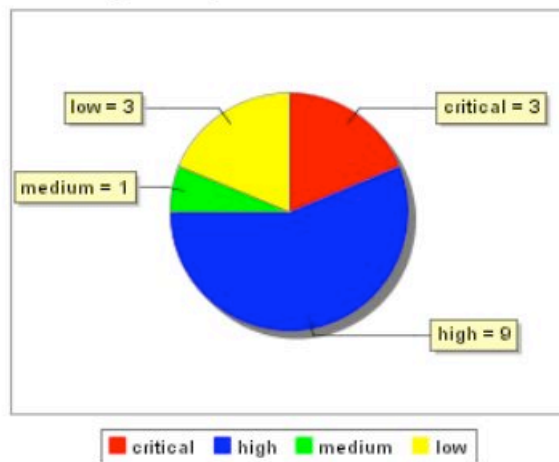
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Vulnerability Severity Summary

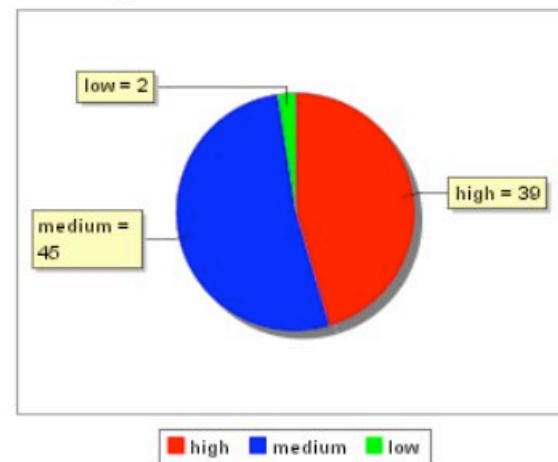
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Project Name	Most Recent Build Date	Severity	Vulnerabilities	Percent of Total
splc	January 07, 2005 @ 08:21 AM	All Severities	16	100%
		critical	3	18.8%
		high	9	56.2%
		medium	1	6.2%
		low	3	18.8%
zlib	January 03, 2005 @ 10:12 AM	All Severities	86	100%
		high	39	45.3%
		medium	45	52.3%
		low	2	2.3%

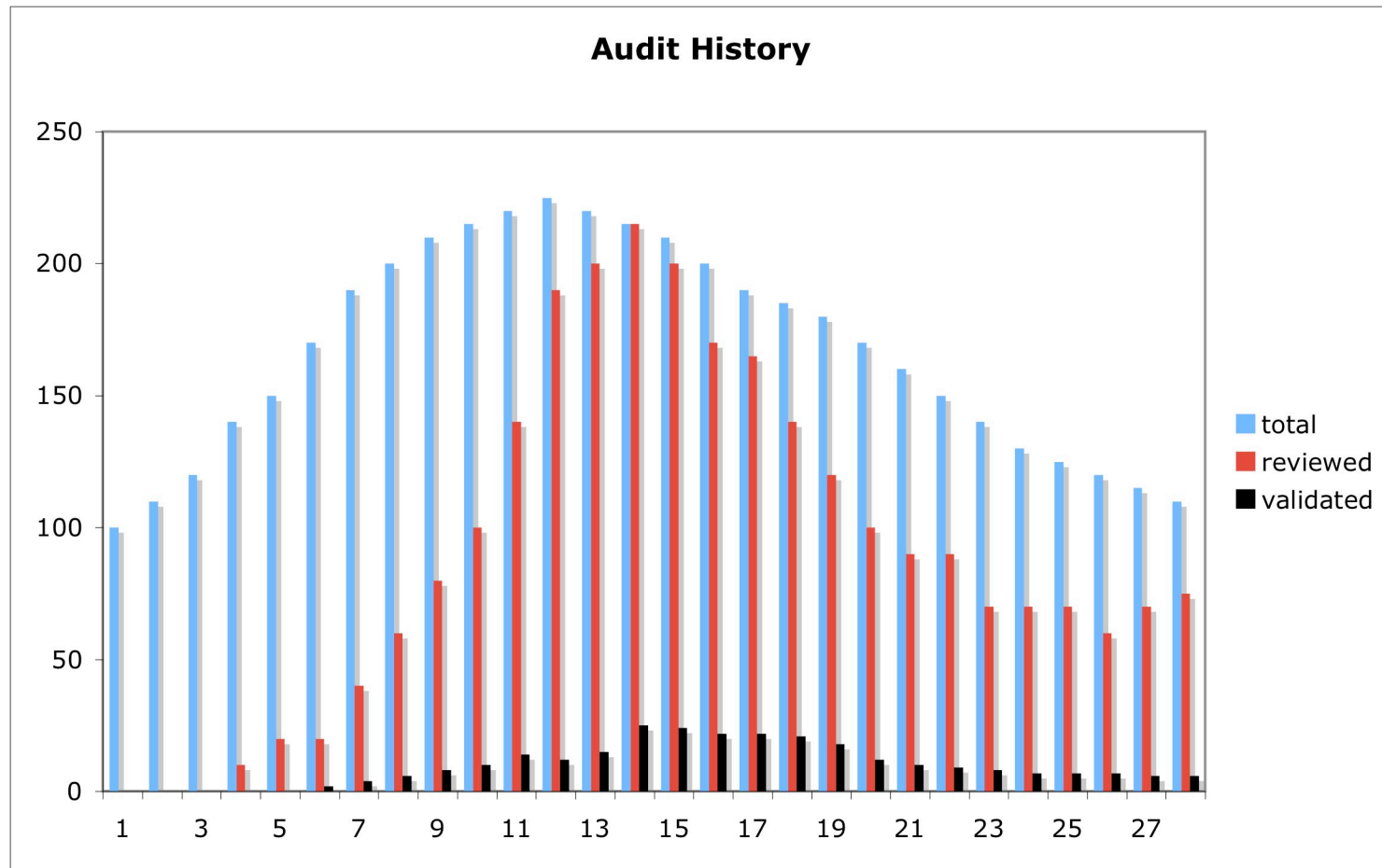
Vulnerability Severities for Project splc



Vulnerability Severities for Project zlib

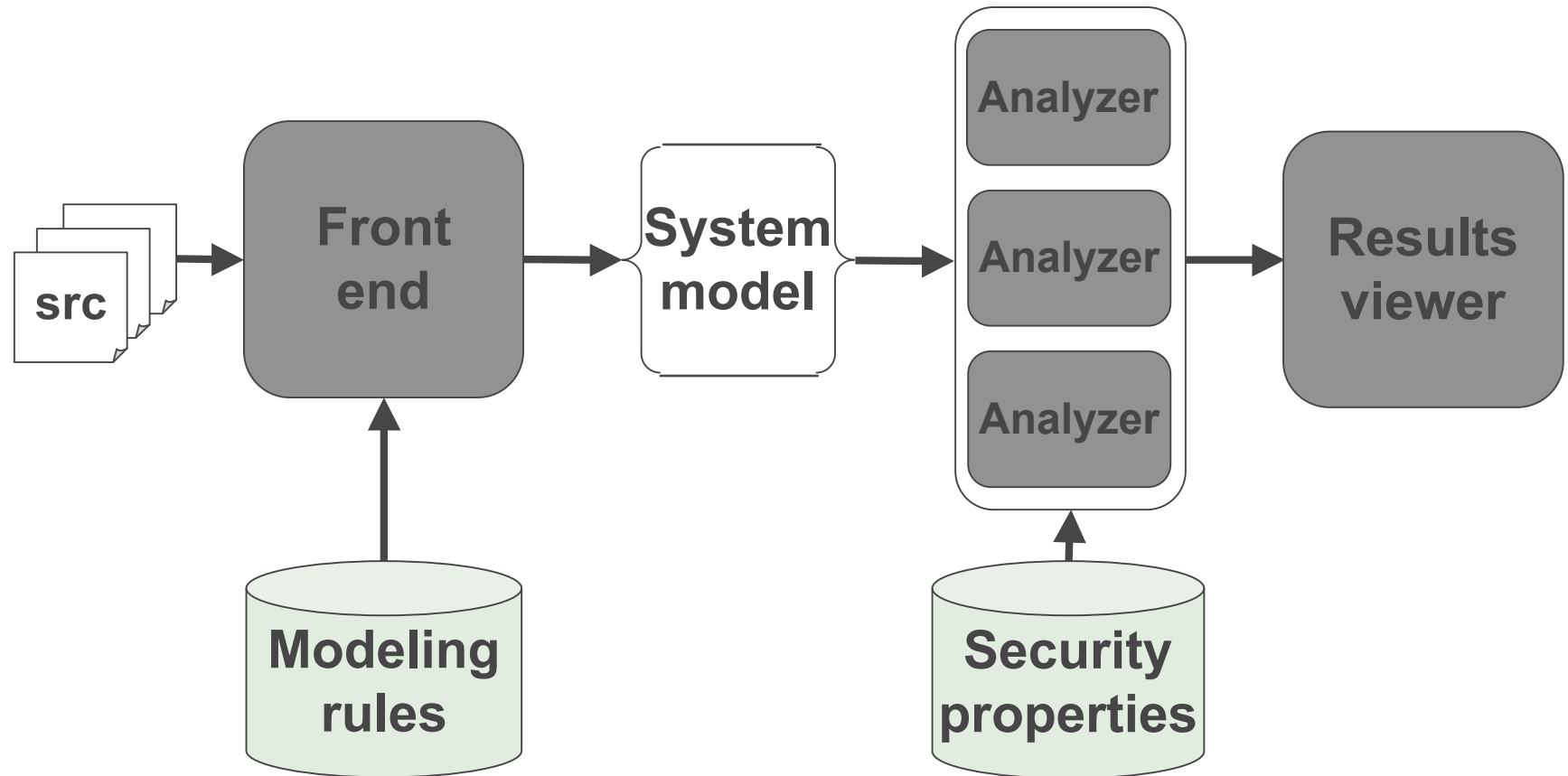


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critical feature: track defects over time

A peek inside a static analysis tool



Software security problems

C/C++

- **Buffer overflow**
- **Format string vulnerabilities**
- **Integer overflow**
- **Multi-byte character conversion**
- **Signal handling errors**

Java/C#

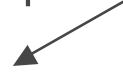
- **?**

Java security circa 1996

Mobile code security:

```
public String importantData;  
private int[] keysToKingdom;
```

Malicious code can alter
public member variable.



```
public int[] getKeysToKingdom() {  
    return keysToKingdom;  
}
```

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Modern vulnerabilities

- **Cross-site scripting**
- **SQL injection**
- **Bad error handling**
- **Poor session management**
- **Data race conditions**
- **Not Mobile code**
- **Not the Java sandbox**

What's wrong?

```
Statement stmt;  
String q = "select * from users "  
           "where uname = '" + uName + "'";  
stmt = conn.createStatement();  
rs = stmt.executeQuery(q);
```

What's wrong?

```
PreparedStatement stmt;
```

```
String q = "select * from users "  
           "where uname = '" + uName + "'");
```

```
stmt = conn.prepareStatement(q);
```

```
ResultSet results = stmt.executeQuery();
```

Injection attacks

- **SQL Injection**

- **Don't stop there!**

- SQL Injection
- Command injection
- File system traversal
- XML injection

- **Defense**

- Prepared statements (bind variables)
- Whitelist good
- Blacklist bad

#1 cause of security problems:
bad/missing input validation

A blacklist from Apache Tomcat 4.1

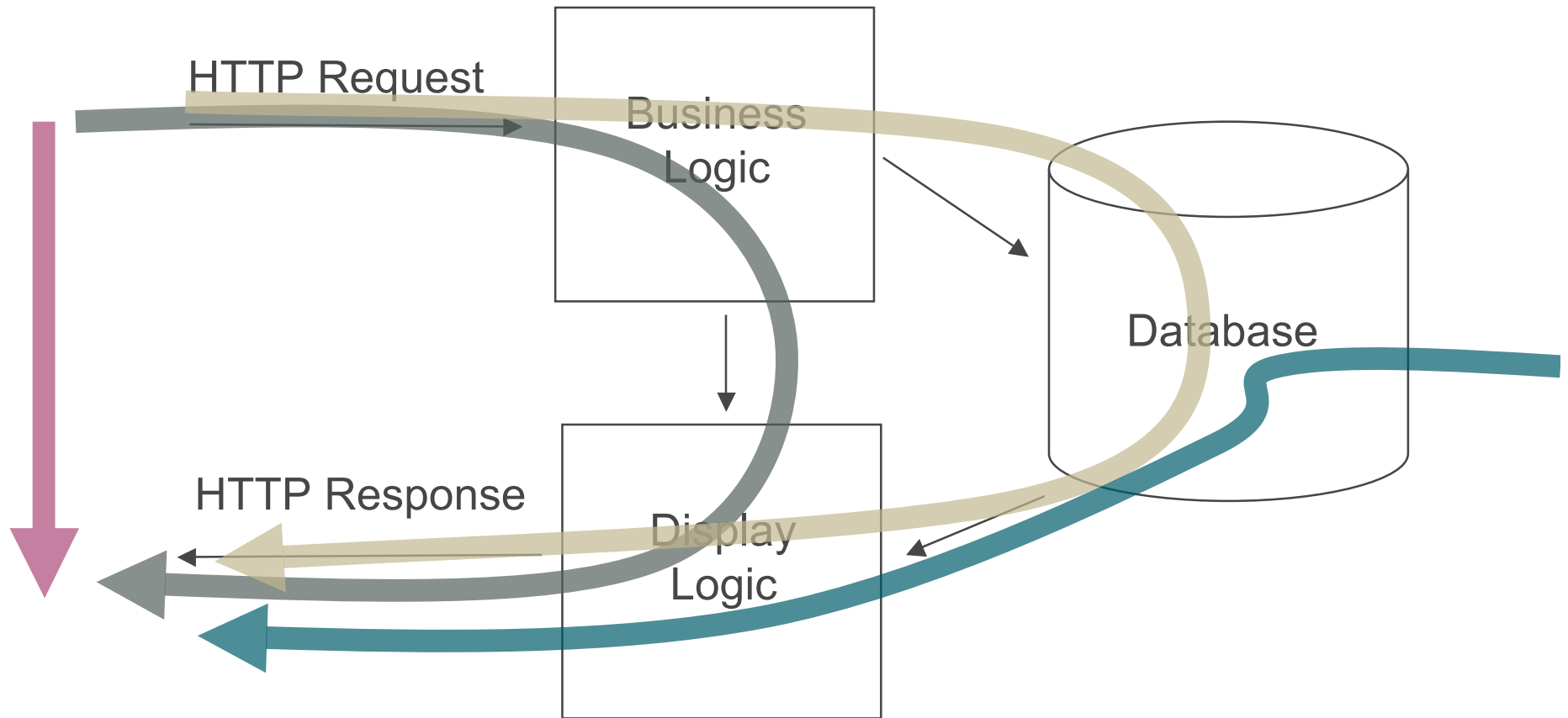
```
for (int i = 0; i < content.length; i++) {  
    switch (content[i]) {  
        case '<':  
            result.append("&lt;");  
            break;  
        case '>':  
            result.append("&gt;");  
            break;  
        case '&':  
            result.append("&amp;");  
            break;  
        case '\"':  
            result.append("&quot;");  
            break;  
        default:  
            result.append(content[i]);  
    }  
}
```

What about injecting into a
CSS stylesheet or into
dynamically generated
javascript?

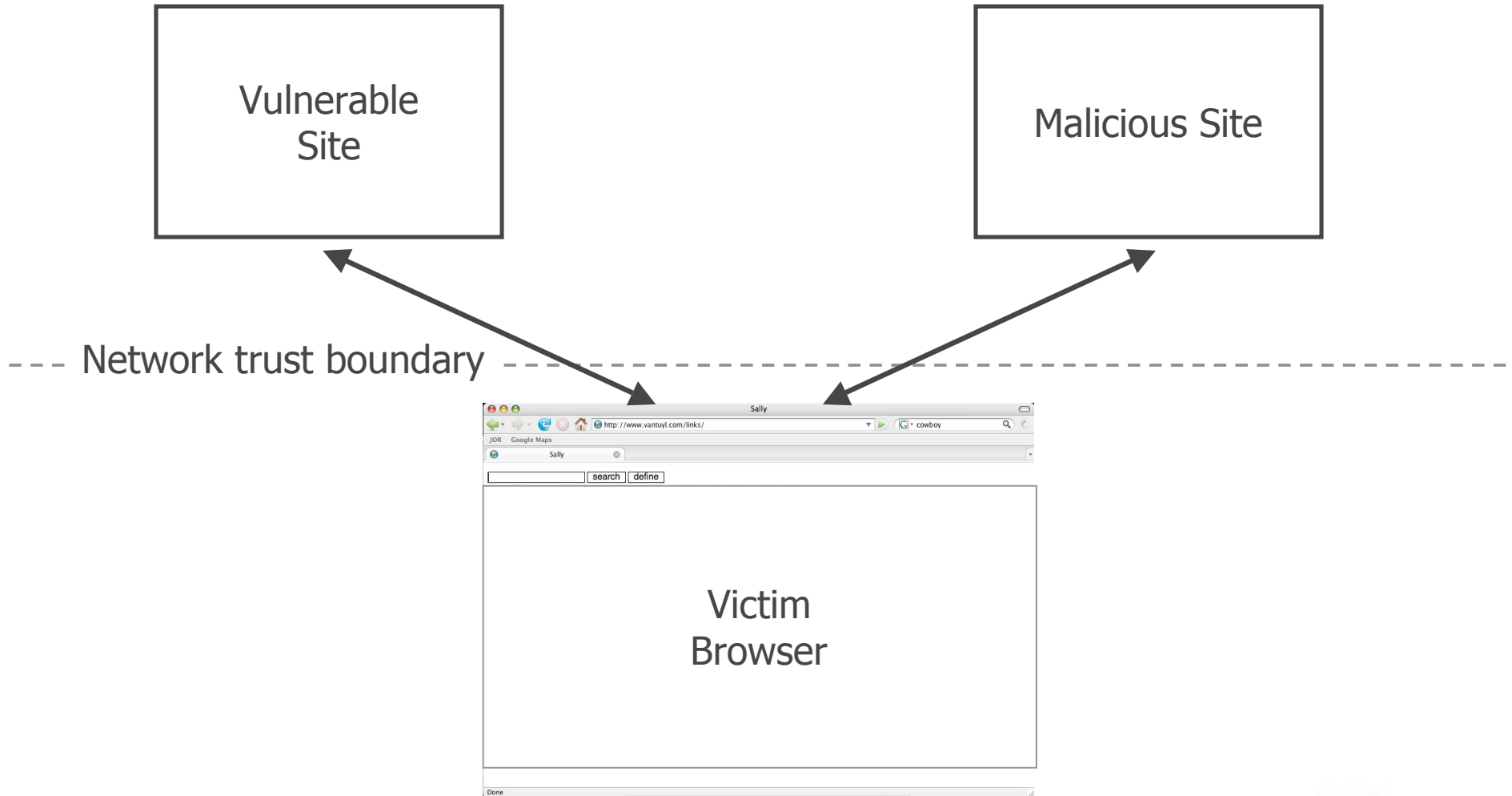
What's wrong?

```
out.println("malformed input: " +  
            queryParameter);
```

Cross-site Scripting (XSS)



Cross-site Scripting



More from Tomcat: generating session identifiers

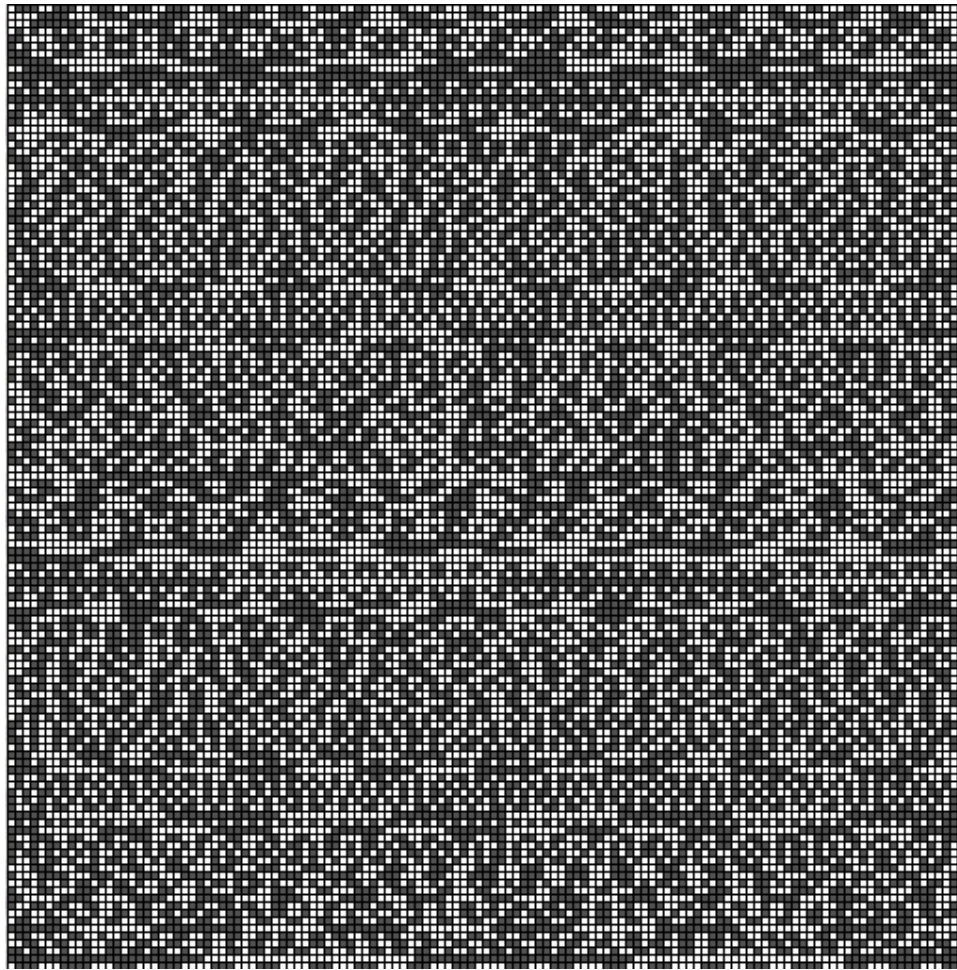
```
protected synchronized Random getRandom() {
    if (this.random == null) {
        try {
            Class clazz = Class.forName(randomClass);
            this.random = (Random) clazz.newInstance();
            long seed = System.currentTimeMillis();
            char entropy[] = getEntropy().toCharArray();
            for (int i = 0; i < entropy.length; i++) {
                long update = ((byte) entropy[i]) << ((i % 8)*8);
                seed ^= update;
            }
            this.random.setSeed(seed);
        } catch (Exception e) {
            this.random = new java.util.Random();
        }
    }
    return (this.random);
}
```

What, me worry?



Bad random numbers

Output from `java.util.Random`



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            }
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```

Bad error handling:

- insecure
- no notification!

What's wrong?

```
private boolean doAuth(String usr, String passwd)
{
    if (checkPasswd(usr, passwd)) {
        session = req.getSession();
        session.setAttribute(USER, usr);
        return true;
    }
}
```

Session Fixation

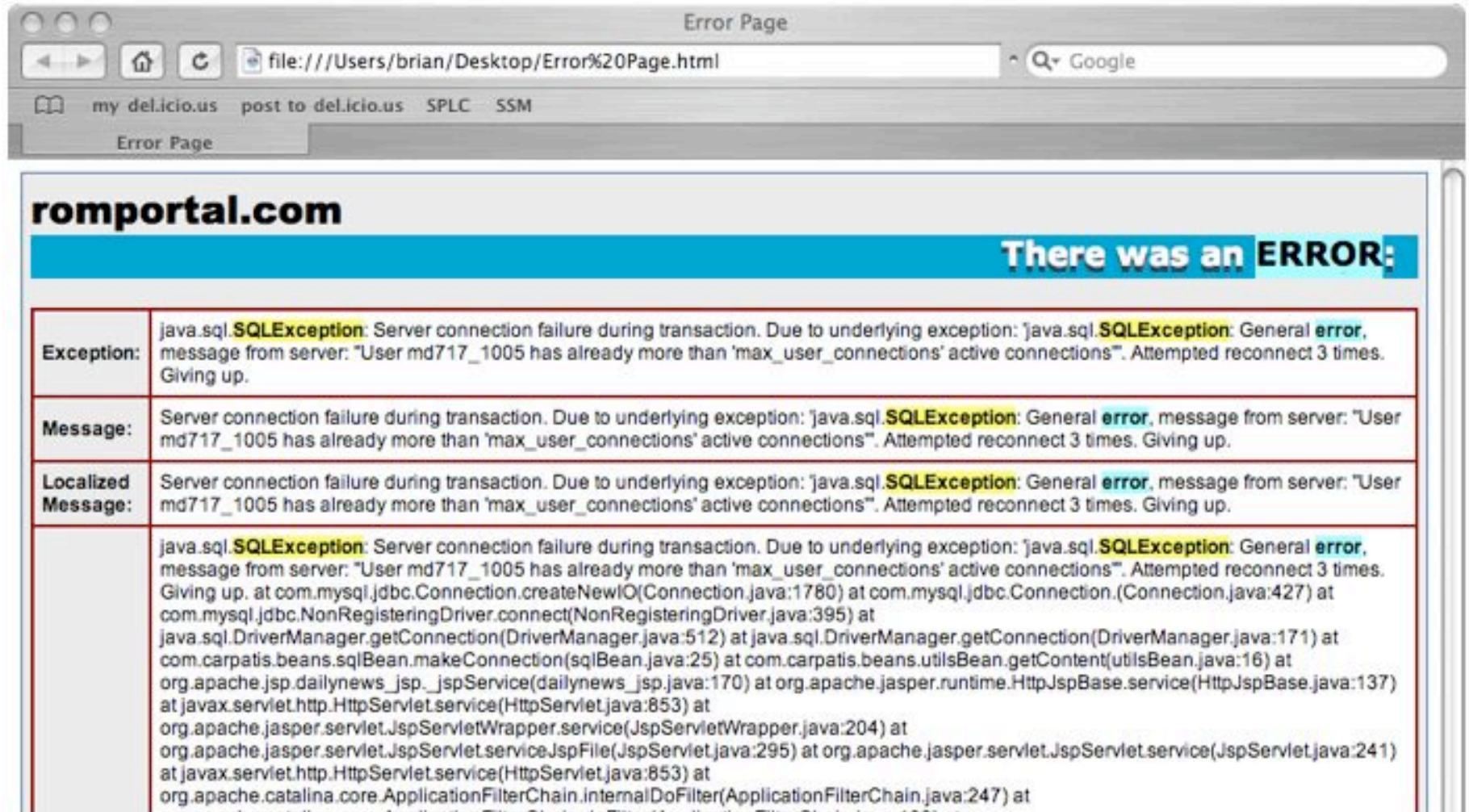
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        return true;
    }
}
```

Re-using existing
session object



- Session fixation: attacker forces session ID on user.
- Tomcat (again):
Attacker can send link that includes jsessionid

What's wrong?



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There was an ERROR:

Exception:	java.sql. SQLException : Server connection failure during transaction. Due to underlying exception: java.sql. SQLException : General error , message from server: "User md717_1005 has already more than 'max_user_connections' active connections". Attempted reconnect 3 times. Giving up.
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Bad Error Handling

- Lack of top-level (global) error handling
- Lack of understanding about how valuable an error message or system information is to an attacker

What's wrong?

```
public class SimpleServlet extends HttpServlet {  
    public String acct;  
    public Receipt rcpt;  
    ...  
}
```

“Hidden” concurrency errors through singletons. Single object shared between all users:

- HttpServlet
- Struts Action
- Spring Bean

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Native Methods / Unmanaged code

- **All the memory safety promises that Java makes?**
 - Gone
- **All of the type safety promises that Java makes?**
 - Gone
- **Cross-language boundaries == bugs**

Native methods / Unmanaged code

- Date Jan 18, 2007
- Name CVE-2007-0243 (under review)
- Status Candidate
- Description **Buffer overflow in Sun JDK** and Java Runtime Environment (JRE) 5.0 Update 9 and earlier, SDK and JRE 1.4.2_12 and earlier, and SDK and JRE 1.3.1_18 and earlier allows applets to gain privileges via a GIF image with a block with a 0 width field, which triggers memory corruption.

Commercial static analysis keys to success

- Don't crash, don't hang
- No one cares if your tool is sound
- Run on large code bases (> 1000 kloc → one of everything)
- Explain findings in great detail
- Offer metrics, reporting, management
- A good rule set is crucial
- **Excellent results viewer**

PMD - AddItemAction.java - Eclipse SDK

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Package Explorer

- blank
 - java
 - com.order.splc
 - filters
 - resources
 - hibernate.properties
 - JRE_LIB - C:\Program Files\Java
 - cglib-full-2.0.1.jar - C:\p4\intern
 - commons-beanutils.jar - C:\p4\in
 - commons-collections.jar - C:\p4\
 - commons-digester.jar - C:\p4\in
 - commons-fileupload.jar - C:\p4\i
 - commons-lang.jar - C:\p4\intern
 - commons-logging.jar - C:\p4\int
 - commons-validator.jar - C:\p4\in
 - dom4j-1.4.jar - C:\p4\internal\de
 - ehcache-0.7.jar - C:\p4\internal\
 - hibernate2.jar - C:\p4\internal\d
 - hsldb.jar - C:\p4\internal\demo

AddHelpAction.java HelpService.java ItemService.java AddItemAction.java

```

package com.order.splc;

import javax.servlet.http.HttpServletRequest;

public class AddItemAction extends Action
{
    The Logger variable declaration does not contain the static and final modifiers
    Action.class.getName() );

    public ActionForward execute(ActionMapping mapping, ActionForm form, HttpServletRequest
        throws java.sql.SQLException
    {
        log.info("AddItemAction execute");
        /*
         * Cast generic form to the AddItemForm.
         */
        AddItemForm addItemForm = (AddItemForm) form;

        if (addItemForm.getBean().getAccount() != null)
        {
            if (addItemForm.getBean().getId().toString().equals("0"))
            {
                ItemService.getInstance().addItem(addItemForm.getBean());
            }
        }
    }
}

```

Violations Outline

Error Message	Line

Violations Overview Problems

Element	# Violations	# Violations/LOC	# Violations/Method
AddHelpAction.java	9	409.1 / 1000	9.0
AddHelpForm.java	12	571.4 / 1000	3.0
AddItemAction.java	9	428.6 / 1000	9.0
MethodArgumentCouldBeFinal	4	190.5 / 1000	4.0
LoggerIsNotStaticFinal	1	47.6 / 1000	1.0
AtLeastOneConstructor	1	47.6 / 1000	1.0
LocalVariableCouldBeFinal	1	47.6 / 1000	1.0
DataflowAnomalyAnalysis	2	95.2 / 1000	2.0
AddItemForm.java	11	440.0 / 1000	2.7

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Issues - Broad (Fortify Default)

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 - bmp.c:206 (Integer Overflow) (multiple i
 - common.c:173 (Integer Overflow)
 - common.c:247 (Integer Overflow)
 - common.c:254 (Integer Overflow)
 - controlsocket.c:248 (Integer Overflow)
 - controlsocket.c:371 (Integer Overflow)
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 - fileinfo.c:587 (Integer Overflow) (multiple
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 - id3_frame.c:744 (Integer Overflow) (mul
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 - playlist.c:1183 (Integer Overflow)

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audio.c

bmp.c X

controlsocket.c

main.c

urldecode.c

```

194         fread(&rgb_quads[i], 3, 1, file);
195     }
196     else
197     {
198         ncols = MIN(ncols / 4, 256);
199         fread(rgb_quads, 4, ncols, file);
200     }
201 }
202 fseek(file, offset, SEEK SET);
203 buffer = g_malloc(imgsize);
204 fread(buffer, imgsize, 1, file);
205 fclose(file);
206 data = g_malloc0((w * 3 * h) + 3); /* +3 is just for safety */
207
208 if (bitcount == 1)
209     read_1b_rgb(buffer, imgsize, data, w, h, rgb_quads);
210 else if (bitcount == 4)
211 {
212     if (comp == BI_RLE4)
213         read_4b_rle(buffer, imgsize, data, w, h, rgb_quads);
214     else if (comp == BI_RGB)
215         read_4b_rgb(buffer, imgsize, data, w, h, rgb_quads);
216     else
217         g_warning("read_bmp(): Invalid compression (%d)", comp);

```

Summary Details

Location: xmms\bmp.c:203

Analysis: Dangerous Impact: Low

Status: Reviewed List: Warning

Comments: Integer overflow if the filesystem is untrusted.

File Bug...

Suppress issue

Integer Overflow (Input Validation and Representation, Data Flow)

Not accounting for integer overflow can result in logic errors or buffer overflow.

View More Details

Writable

Smart Insert

203 : 30

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Summary Details

ABSTRACT

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EXPLANATION

Integer overflow errors occur when a program fails to account for the fact that an arithmetic operation can result in a quantity either greater than a data type's maximum value or less than its minimum value. These errors often cause problems in memory allocation functions, where user input intersects with an implicit conversion between signed and unsigned values. If an attacker can cause the program to under-allocate memory or interpret a signed value as an unsigned value in a memory operation, the program may be vulnerable to a buffer overflow.

Example 1: The following code excerpt from OpenSSH 3.3 demonstrates a classic case of integer overflow:

```
nresp = packet_get_int();
if (nresp > 0) {
    response = xmalloc(nresp*sizeof(char*));
    for (i = 0; i < nresp; i++)
        response[i] = packet_get_string(NULL);
}
```

If `nresp` has the value `1073741824` and `sizeof(char*)` has its typical value of `4`, then the result of the operation `nresp*sizeof(char*)` overflows, and the argument to `xmalloc()` will be `0`. Most `malloc()` implementations will happily allocate a 0-byte buffer, causing the subsequent loop iterations to overflow the heap buffer `response`.

Example 2: This example processes user input comprised of a series of variable-length structures. The first 2 bytes of input dictate the size of the structure to be processed.

```
char* processNext(char* strm) {
    char buff[512];
```



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- UNKNOWN
- MM
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- Networking
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[Status](#)

- BUG
- BUG RESOLVED
- NOT BUG
- UNINSPECTED
- UNKNOWN
- DON'T CARE

Show bugs

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```
471     if (units == -1) {
472         /* nothing fits into current node, take new node and continue */
473         needed_nodes ++, i--, total_node_size = 0;
474         continue;
475     }
476 }
477
478 /* something fits into the current node */
479 //if (snum012[3] != -1 || needed_nodes != 1)
480 // reiserfs_panic (tb->tb_sb, "vs-8115: get_num_ver: too many nodes required");
481 //snum012[needed_nodes - 1 + 3] = op_unit_num (vi) - start_bytes - units;
482 start_bytes += units;
483 snum012[needed_nodes - 1 + 3] = units;
484
485 if (needed_nodes > 2)
486     reiserfs_warning ("vs-8111: get_num_ver: split_item_position is out of boundary\n");
487 snum012[needed_nodes - 1] ++;
SIMPLE_BUFFER error: Accessing buffer "split_item_positions" of size "2" at position "2" with index variable "(needed_nodes -
/home/test/nightly-qa/test-packages/linux-2.6.4/fs/reiserfs/fix_node.c:488:get_num_ver:
488     split_item_positions[needed_nodes - 1] = i;
489     needed_nodes ++;
490     /* continue from the same item with start_bytes != -1 */
491     start_item = i;
492     i --;
493     total_node_size = 0;
494 }
495
496 // sum012[4] (if it is not -1) contains number of units of which
497 // are to be in S1new, snum012[3] - to be in S0. They are supposed
498 // to be S1bytes and S2bytes correspondingly, so recalculate
499 if (snum012[4] > 0) {
500     int split_item_num;
501     int bytes_to_r, bytes_to_l;
502     int bytes_to_S1new;
503
504     split_item_num = split_item_positions[1];
505     bytes_to_l = ((from == split_item_num && from_bytes != -1) ? from_bytes : 0);
506     bytes_to_r = ((end_item == split_item_num && end_bytes != -1) ? end_bytes : 0);
507     bytes_to_S1new = ((split_item_positions[0] == split_item_positions[1]) ? snum012[3] : 0);
```



- Unreviewed (490)
- Not an Issue (0)
- Should Fix (0)

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Poor Style: Value Never Read	8
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unchecked Return Value	10
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unreleased Resource: (infeasible)	1

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Issue #	Primary Location	Category	Enclosing Function/Class
1	playlist.c:1184	Buffer Overflow	playlist_load_ins
2	cddb.c:114	Buffer Overflow: Format String	cddb_generate_offset_string
3	id3_frame_text.c:48	Buffer Overflow: Off-by-One	id3_utf16_to_ascii
4	http.c:711	Double Free	http_buffer_loop
5	http.c:712	Double Free	http_buffer_loop
6	http.c:713	Double Free	http_buffer_loop
7	http.c:714	Double Free	http_buffer_loop
8	fileinfo.c:155	Double Free	add_tag
9	http.c:624	Double Free	http_buffer_loop
10	http.c:625	Double Free	http_buffer_loop
11	http.c:626	Double Free	http_buffer_loop
12	http.c:627	Double Free	http_buffer_loop
13	wmxmms.c:671	Double Free	init
14	input.c:549	Double Free	input_update_vis
15	skin.c:334	Double Free	skin_create_transparent_mask
16	skin.c:365	Double Free	skin_create_transparent_mask
17	skin.c:366	Double Free	skin_create_transparent_mask



Buffer Overflow

The program writes outside the bounds of allocated memory, which could corrupt data, crash the program, or lead to the execution of malicious code. ([More](#))

Location

- playlist.c:1184

Evidence

Buffer Size: 4 bytes
Write Length: 1024

Give feedback on this issue | [Tips](#)

```
1166
1167     /*
1168     * Seems like an m3u. Maybe we should do some sanity checking
1169     * here? If someone accidentally selects something else, we
1170     * will try to read it.
1171     */
1172
1173     if ((file = fopen(filename, "r")) == NULL)
1174         return 0;
1175
1176     line = g_malloc(linelen);
1177     while (fgets(line, linelen, file))
1178     {
1179         while (strlen(line) == linelen - 1 &&
1180                line[strlen(line) - 1] != '\n')
1181         {
1182             linelen += 1024;
1183             line = g_realloc(line, linelen);
1184             fgets(&line[strlen(line)], 1024, file);
1185         }
1186         while (line[strlen(line) - 1] == '\r' ||
1187                line[strlen(line) - 1] == '\n')
1188             line[strlen(line) - 1] = '\0';
1189
1190         if (!strncmp(line, "#EXTM3U", 8))
1191         {
1192             extm3u = TRUE;
1193             continue;
1194         }
1195
1196         if (extm3u && !strncmp(line, "#EXTINF:", 8))
1197         {
1198             if (ext_info)
1199                 g_free(ext_info);
1200             ext_info = g_strdup(line);
1201             continue;

```


Analyzing source vs. analyzing executable

- **Why not analyze the exe?**
 - Everybody has it.
 - No need to guess at what the compiler will do.
 - No need for rules about how functions behave.
- **but ...**
 - Decompilation is difficult in some cases.
 - Loss of context hurts.

Analyzing source vs. analyzing executable

Analyzing the binary:

- Lose ability to detect errors related to interface semantics
- SQL Injection:

```
ctx.getAuthUserName(&userName);  
CString query;  
query = "SELECT * FROM items WHERE owner = '"  
        + userName + "' AND itemname = '"  
        + request.Lookup("item") + "'";  
dbms.ExecuteSQL(query);
```

Analyzing source vs. analyzing executable

Bytecode to the rescue? Nope.

- Cross-site scripting in JSP (Java server pages):

```
<fmt:message key="hello">  
  <fmt:param value="{param.test}"/>  
</fmt:message>
```


Analyzing source vs. analyzing executable

JSP translation into Java (100 lines of boilerplate omitted)

```
//^%$_TAG_CODEGEN : begin message custom tag block... //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 5]
/** declare AT_BEGIN TagExtra Vars here *//[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 5]
if (_fmt_message0 == null) _fmt_message0 = new org.apache.taglibs.standard.tag.el.fmt.MessageTag(); //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 5]
_fmt_message0.setPageContext(pageContext); //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 5]
_fmt_message0.setParent((javax.servlet.jsp.tagext.Tag)null); //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 5]
_activeTag = _fmt_message0; //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 5]
_fmt_message0.setKey(weblogic.utils.StringUtils.valueOf("hello")); //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 5]
_int0 = _fmt_message0.doStartTag(); //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 5]
/** sync AT_BEGIN TagExtra Vars here *//[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 5]
if (_int0 != Tag.SKIP_BODY) { // begin !SKIP_BODY... //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 5]
  if (_int0 == BodyTag.EVAL_BODY_BUFFERED) { //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 5]
    out = pageContext.pushBody(); //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 5]
    _fmt_message0.setBodyContent((BodyContent)out); //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 5]
    _fmt_message0.doInitBody(); //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 5]
  } //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 5]
  do { //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 5]
    /** sync AT_BEGIN Vars after doInitBody *//[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 5]
    /** declare & sync NESTED TagExtra Vars here *//[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 5]
    out.print("\r\n ");
    //^%$_TAG_CODEGEN : begin param custom tag block... //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 6]
    /** declare AT_BEGIN TagExtra Vars here *//[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 6]
    if (_fmt_param0 == null) _fmt_param0 = new org.apache.taglibs.standard.tag.el.fmt.ParamTag(); //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 6]
    _fmt_param0.setPageContext(pageContext); //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 6]
    _fmt_param0.setParent((javax.servlet.jsp.tagext.Tag)_fmt_message0); //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 6]
    _activeTag = _fmt_param0; //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 6]
    _fmt_param0.setValue(weblogic.utils.StringUtils.valueOf("${param.test}")); //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 6]
    _int1 = _fmt_param0.doStartTag(); //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 6]
    /** sync AT_BEGIN TagExtra Vars here *//[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 6]
    weblogic.servlet.jsp.StandardTagLib.fakeEmptyBodyTag(pageContext, _fmt_param0, _int1, true); //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 6]
    if (_fmt_param0.doEndTag() == Tag.SKIP_PAGE) { _activeTag = null; _releaseTags(_fmt_param0); return; } //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 6]
    _activeTag = _fmt_param0.getParent(); _fmt_param0.release(); //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 6]
    //end param custom tag... //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 6]
    /** sync AT_BEGIN TagExtra Vars here *//[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 6]
    /** declare & sync AT_END TagExtra Vars here *//[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 6]
    out.print("\r\n ");
    //^%$_TAG_CODEGEN //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 7]
  } while (_fmt_message0.doAfterBody() == IterationTag.EVAL_BODY_AGAIN); //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 7]
  if (_int0 == BodyTag.EVAL_BODY_BUFFERED) out = pageContext.popBody(); //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 7]
} // end !SKIP_BODY //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 7]
if (_fmt_message0.doEndTag() == Tag.SKIP_PAGE) { _activeTag = null; _releaseTags(_fmt_message0); return; } //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 7]
_activeTag = _fmt_message0.getParent(); _fmt_message0.release(); //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 7]
//end message custom tag... //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 7]
/** sync AT_BEGIN TagExtra Vars here *//[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 7]
/** declare & sync AT_END TagExtra Vars here *//[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 7]
_writeText(response, out, _w1_block2, _w1_block2Bytes);
//^%$_TAG_CODEGEN : begin message custom tag block... //[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 9]
/** declare AT_BEGIN TagExtra Vars here *//[ /WEB-INF/test_fmt.jsp; Line: 9]
if (_fmt_message0 == null) _fmt_message0 = new org.apache.taglibs.standard.tag.el.fmt.MessageTag();
```

Selling Security Software

Why buy?

1) protect the business from “bad guys”



2) limit liability, comply with legislation



3) avoid damage to brand and reputation



Customers

The quick fix

Secure Development Lifecycle (SDL)

- Security Training
- **Source Code Analysis & Review**
- Risk Analysis
- Security Testing
- Abuse Cases

Programming is hard.
Donald Knuth

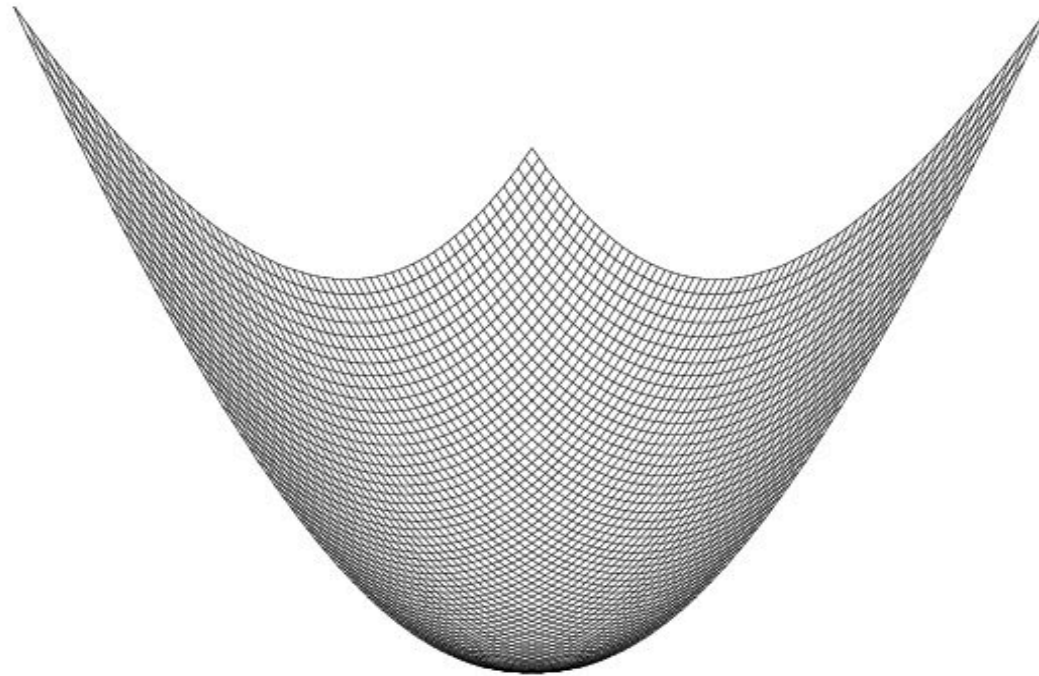


The security team

- Motivation: make code review more efficient
- Simple != unimportant

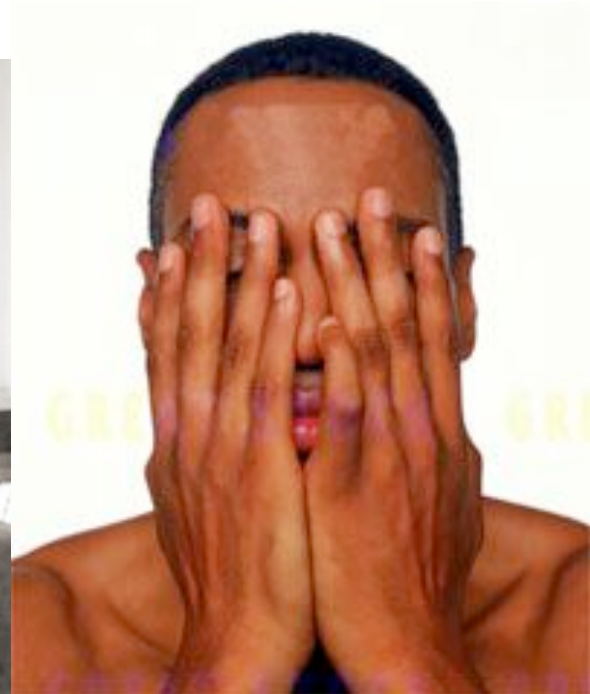
```
conn = DriverManager.getConnection  
      (connStr, "scott", "tiger");
```

Developers are optimizers



MINIMUM OF 0.0 AT X = -0.0009 AND Y = -0.0009

Developers



Developers say the darndest things

“That’s not a vulnerability because ...”

Developers say the darndest things

“That’s not a vulnerability because ...

I trust the system administrators.”

Developers say the darndest things

“That’s not a vulnerability because ...

you have to authenticate before you can post to that URL.”

Developers say the darndest things

“That’s not a vulnerability because ...

no one would ever think to do that!”

Developers say the darndest things

“That’s not a vulnerability because ...

that method call can never fail!”

Developers say the darndest things

“That’s not a vulnerability because ...

making it secure is someone else’s job.”

Developers say the darndest things

“That’s not a vulnerability because ...

that code will never be run.”

Developers say the darndest things

“That’s not a vulnerability because ...

we already knew about it.

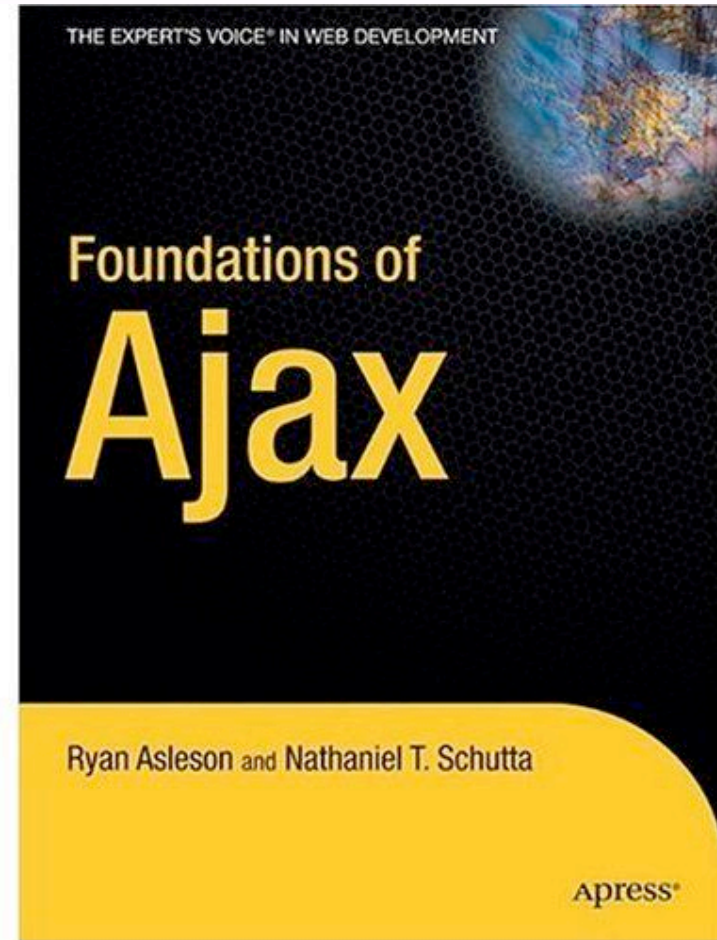
And we were going to fix it.

Someday.”

Developers say the darndest things

“We never intended the code that's in there to actually be production-ready code”

Ryan Asleson



It needs to be easy

- **Predictable, comprehensible security for non-experts**
 - Minimal static analysis knowledge
 - Minimal security knowledge
- **Solutions**
 - Better languages
 - Better tools

Competition

Competitors

Network-devices

“Security in a Box”

Focusing on the attack over the root cause, “Now fixes applications” is now the latest craze.

- Focused on protecting the infrastructure not the software.
- Some solutions serve as a stop gap, but by no means replace the need to build security in.

Penetration Testing

“Badness-ometers”

A popular method for establishing awareness offered up as a sustainable solution.

- Great for demonstrating the problem.
- Testing without upstream activities to “test” is pointless and expensive.

An extra scoop of quality

“Security Light”

To broaden reach of niche products, static analysis vendors add security to a list of quality issues.

- Security issues are not “just another bug”.

Security vs. Quality

- **Quality**

- Bugs are cheap.
- Be picky about what you report (low false positives).

- **Security**

- Missing a bug is expensive.
- Don't throw results away (low false negatives).

Sound off: false positives vs. false negatives

- Instant gratification
- Tuning/triage
- Customization



Hard Problems, Real and Imagined

The Usual Suspects

- Pointer aliasing
- Loop invariants
- Precision vs. scalability tradeoffs
- Making use of idioms and programmer hints

A Few More Hard Ones

- Knowing what to check for
- Low false positives and low false negatives not enough
- Getting users to customize
- Usability, documentation, support
- How much should it cost?



end

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