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Who?

February, 2000

11,000,000

Web servers

October, 2007

142,000,000

Web servers

YAHOO!

600 websites, 17,000 publicly facing
web servers, and 120 millions users

2000-2001



Official Title
“the hacker yahoo”

Hack Everything!

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to cryptography I've
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The World Wide Web Security FAQ

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New

New information on distributed denial of service attacks. See [Q88 through Q101](#) for details.

Do your part to keep the WWW Security FAQ up to date. See [below](#) for submitting corrections and updates.

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The **master** copy of this document can be found at <http://www.w3.org/Security/Faq/>.

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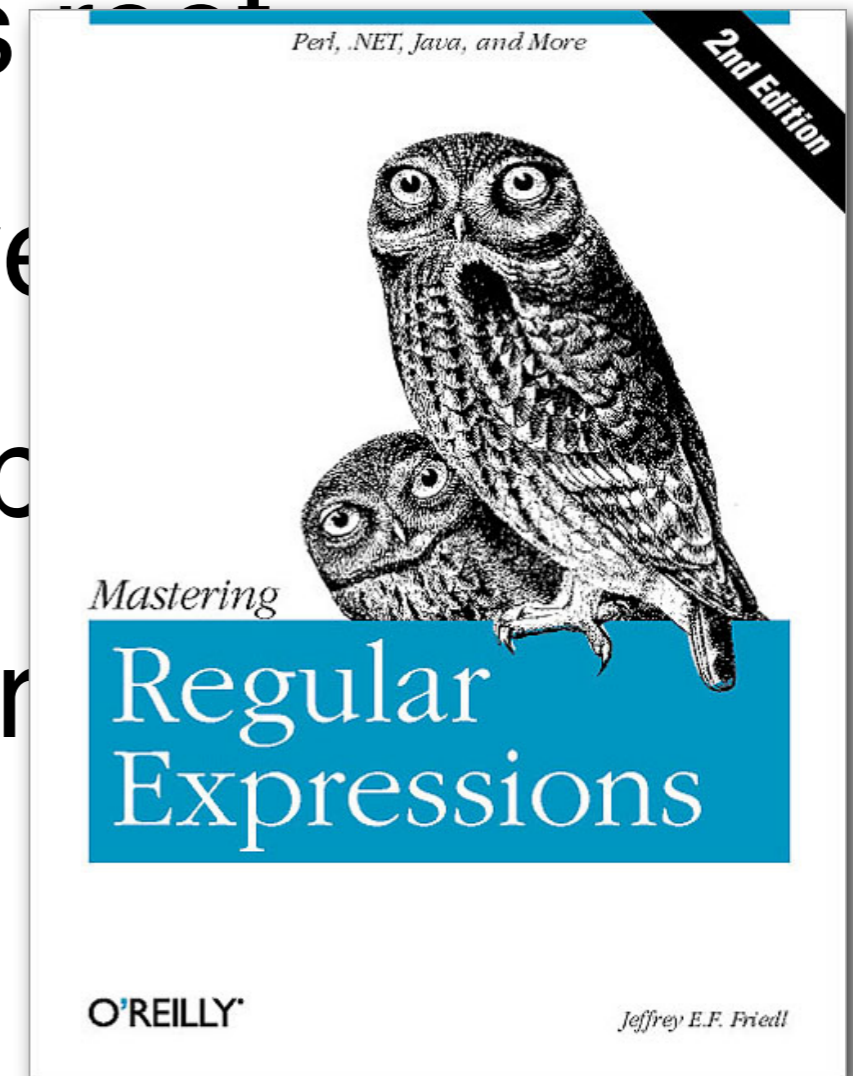


Web Security, Privacy & Commerce

O'REILLY*

Steven Garybickel with Gene Spafford

- ☑ Don't write your own crypto algorithms
- ☑ Don't run web servers as root
- ☑ Use Secure Sockets Layer
- ☑ Have proper file system permissions
- ☑ A paragraph about the virus
Validation!



Wait, how does this make a website secure?

10 Types of Web Application Perversion

- HIDDEN MANIPULATION
- COOKIE POISONING
- BACKDOOR & DEBUG OPTIONS
- BUFFER OVERFLOW
- STEALTH COMMANDING
- 3RD PARTY MISCONFIGURATION
- KNOWN VULNERABILITIES
- PARAMETER TAMPERING
- CROSS SITE SCRIPTING
- FORCEFUL BROWSING

And nothing else.

...No books...

...No white papers...

...No methodologies...

NOTHING!

...except for some guy named **rain.forest.puppy** would was writing something obscure about poison null-byte and SQL Injection.



From: Mark Curphey (markcurphey.com)

Date: Wed Sep 19 2001 - 01:23:05 CDT

Methodology - That sounds like a great idea and a great opportunity! You know what; I can even donate 50 mb of web space on a hosted server I have access to, to house it and I am sure it can go back on the securityfocus site as well. Hows that...

Maybe we could do it like this.....

Consensus agreement on a template of what to include, mission statement, licensing model, format, development model etc.

Things to think about.

Mission I think we should aim to build an open-source, recognized standard that covers design, development and deployment. It could include as a minimum both "How to design and build secure web applications" and " How to test the security of web applications" (black box and white box). Any thing else ? David Wheeler has done a good job of some of this stuff, you may want to take a look. www.dwheeler.com

If subject matter experts came forward they could be ultimately responsible for each section. We could take the content template and assign a week on the list when that topic could be debated along-side regular stuff. The subject matter expert could prepare his draft for submission at the beginning of that week, amendments / inclusions proposed during the week with the finalized section being represented a week after. **I guess some topics may need several weeks ?**

...
should first agree on the mission and development model, ideas for nominating subject matter experts, the subject matter, licensing models etc...I'll summarize discussions in to a plan at the end of say next week and we can go from there !

Great idea !





Me



Dennis Groves



Bill Pennington



[OWASP.ORG](https://owasp.org)

OWASP focused on “Application” and “Software” security...

The industry still desperately needed standardized terminology, processes to compare methodologies, and visibility into web application security.

Robert Auger	CGISecurity
Ryan C. Barnett	Breach Security
Yuval Ben-Itzhak	Finjan
Erik Caso	NT OBJECTives, Inc.
Jeremiah Grossman	WhiteHat Security
Sverre Huseby	Heimdall
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Aaron C. Newman	Application Security, Inc.
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WEBAPPSEC.ORG

To develop, adopt, and advocate standards for web application security.

WASC is an international group of experts, industry practitioners, and organizational representatives who produce open source and widely agreed upon best-practice security standards for the World Wide Web.

Web Security Mailing List

#1 Mailing List

2,600 Subscribers

Threat Classification

“A cooperative effort to clarify and organize the threats to the security of a web site”

Classes of Attack

Abuse of Functionality	Brute Force	Buffer Overflow
Content Spoofing	Credential/Session Prediction	Cross-site Scripting
Denial of Service	Directory Indexing	Format String Attack
Information Leakage	Insufficient Anti-automation	Insufficient Authentication
Insufficient Authorization	Insufficient Process Validation	Insufficient Session Expiration
LDAP Injection	OS Commanding	Path Traversal
Predictable Resource Location	Session Fixation	SQL Injection
SSI Injection	Weak Password Recovery Validation	XPath Injection
* Fingerprinting	* HTTP Response Splitting	

81 pages authored by 18 web security pros

Wide industry support and adoption

Translated into 6 languages

Version 2 underway, led by Robert Auger (eBay)



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hacked



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VICTORIA'S SECRET

Web Hacking Incident Database

“Web hacking incident database (WHID) is dedicated to maintaining a list of web applications related security incidents.”

Managed and updated by O
The most comprehensive gl
related security incidents.

Class	Total	Security Breaches	Vulnerability Disclosures
Cross-site Scripting	55	16	39
Unknown	44	41	3
SQL Injection	26	17	9
Insufficient Authorization	22	9	13
Credential/Session Prediction	16	3	13
Insufficient Authentication	15	6	9
OS Commanding	10	9	1
Predictable Resource Location	8	3	5
Other	8	7	1
Abuse of Functionality	5	4	1
Weak Password Recovery Validation	4	1	3
Information Leakage	4		4
Content Spoofing	4	4	
Denial of Service	3	3	
Misconfiguration	3	3	
Worm	2	2	
Insufficient Anti-automation	2	2	
Known Vulnerability	2	1	1
Brute Force	1	1	
Defacement	1	1	
Directory Indexing	1		1
HTTP Response Splitting	1		1
Insufficient Session Expiration	1	1	
Path Traversal	1		1
Phishing	1	1	
Redirection	1		1
Insufficient Process Validation	1	1	

Year	Total	Security Breaches	Vulnerability Disclosures
1999	1		1
2000	5	2	3
2001	6	1	5
2002	4	3	1
2003	9	3	6
2004	18	6	12
2005	62	31	31
2006	44	18	26
2007	55	51	4

Statistics

“Industry wide collection of application vulnerability statistics in order to identify the existence and proliferation of application security issues on enterprise websites.”

Led by Michael Sutton (HP)

5 organizations currently contributing data

First report has been released

2006 Statistics (January 1 - December 31)

Total Sites Tested - 31,373

Threat Classification	No. of Vulns	Vuln. %	No. of Sites	% of Vuln. Sites
Brute Force	66	0.04%	66	0.21%
Content Spoofing	663	0.45%	218	0.69%
Cross Site Scripting	100,059	67.59%	26,531	84.57%
Directory Indexing	292	0.20%	168	0.54%
HTTP Response Splitting	4,487	3.03%	3,062	9.76%
Information Leakage	20,518	13.86%	4,924	15.70%
Insufficient Authentication	84	0.06%	1	0.00%
Insufficient Authorization	23	0.02%	4	0.01%
Insufficient Session Expiration	46	0.03%	1	0.00%
OS Commanding	143	0.10%	44	0.14%
Path Traversal	426	0.29%	374	1.19%
Predictable Resource Location	651	0.44%	173	0.55%
SQL Injection	19,607	13.25%	8,277	26.38%
SSI Injection	950	0.64%	298	0.95%
XPath Injection	14	0.01%	6	0.02%
	148,029	100.00%	44,147	

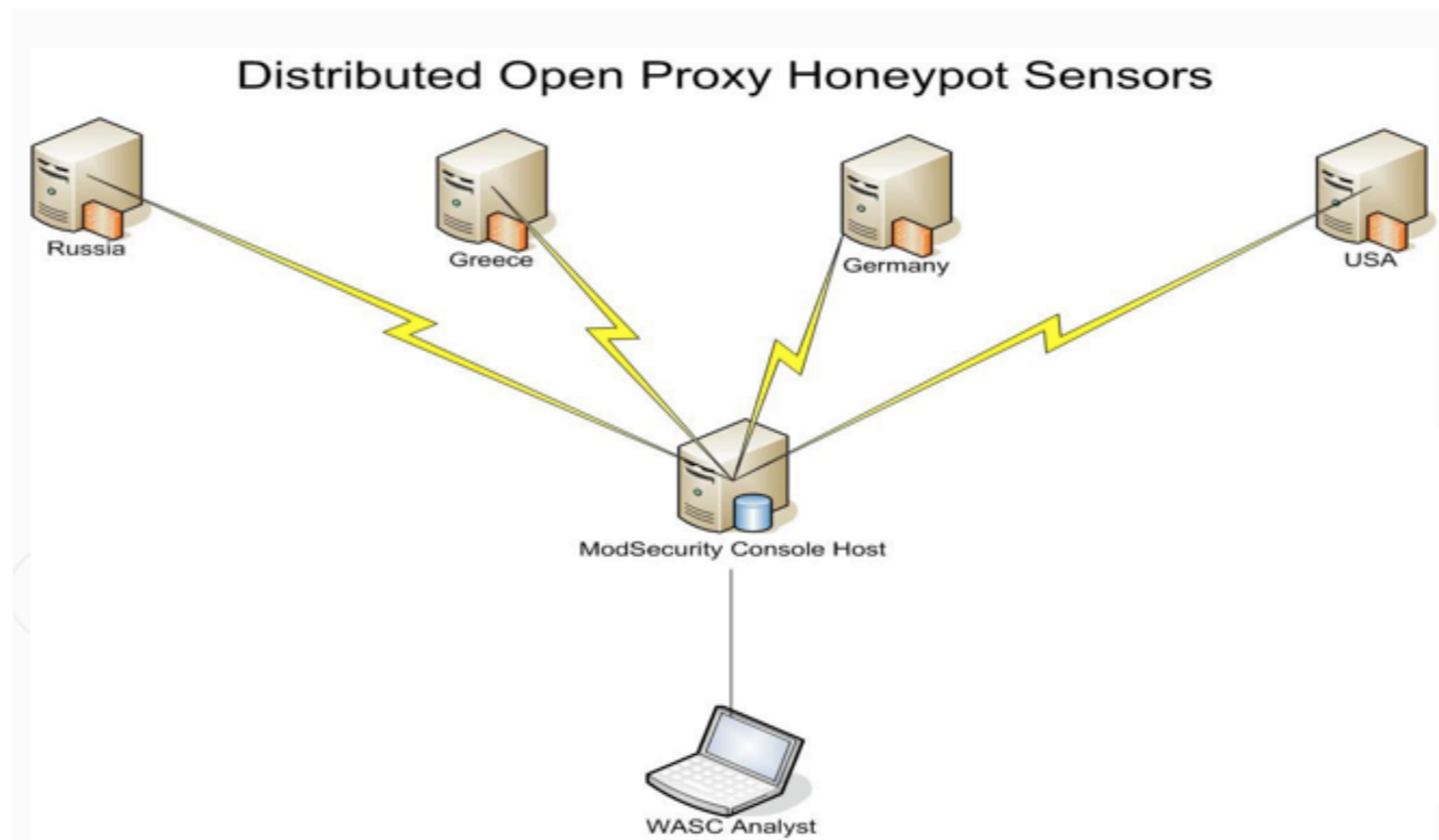
Distributed Open Proxy Honeypot

“Use one of the web attacker's most trusted tools against him - the Open Proxy server. Instead of being the target of the attacks, we opt to be used as a conduit of the attack data in order to gather our intelligence”

Led by Ryan Barnett (Breach)

Web Security Threat Report, Volume 1: January April 2007

9 million requests in Oct, and 3 million were “attacks”



Web Application Firewall Evaluation Criteria (WAFEC)

“Develop a detailed web application firewall (WAF) evaluation criteria; a testing methodology that can be used by any reasonably skilled technician to independently assess the quality of a WAF solution.”

Led by Ivan Ristic (Breach)

26 contributors, most WAF vendors onboard

Basis in the Forrester WAF evaluation in 2006

Regularly cited when RFIs are sent to WAF vendors

Web Application Security Scanner Evaluation Criteria (WASSEEC)

“Set of guidelines to evaluate web application security scanners on their identification of web application vulnerabilities and its completeness.”

Led by Anurag Agarwal

90 participants, most scanner vendors contributing

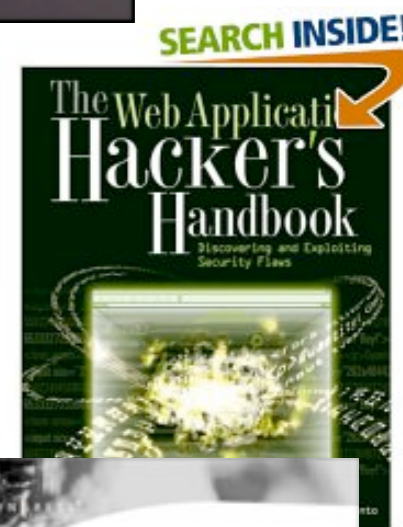
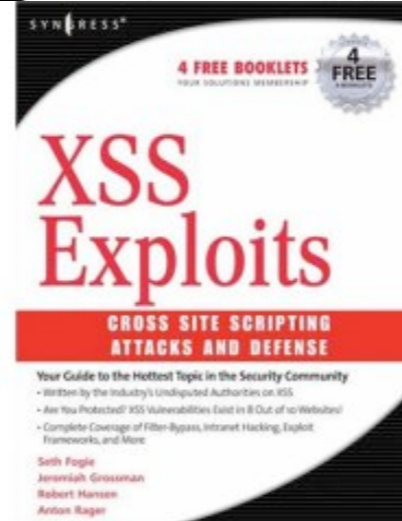
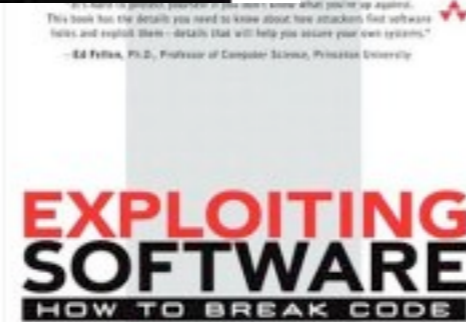
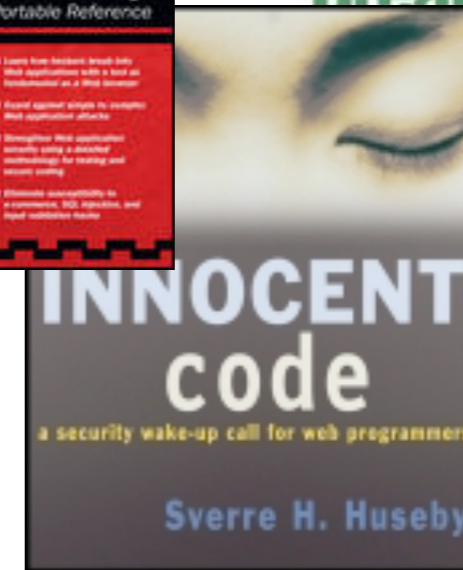
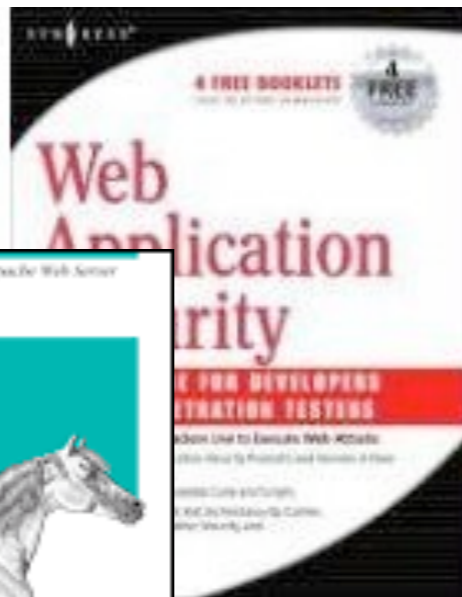
Hundreds of contributors

...OWASP...

...NIST...

...SANS...

Its a community



A lot still needs to be done...

Browser Security

Ajax Development

Security standards

Thank You!