



Don't Write Your Own Security Code – The Enterprise Security API Project

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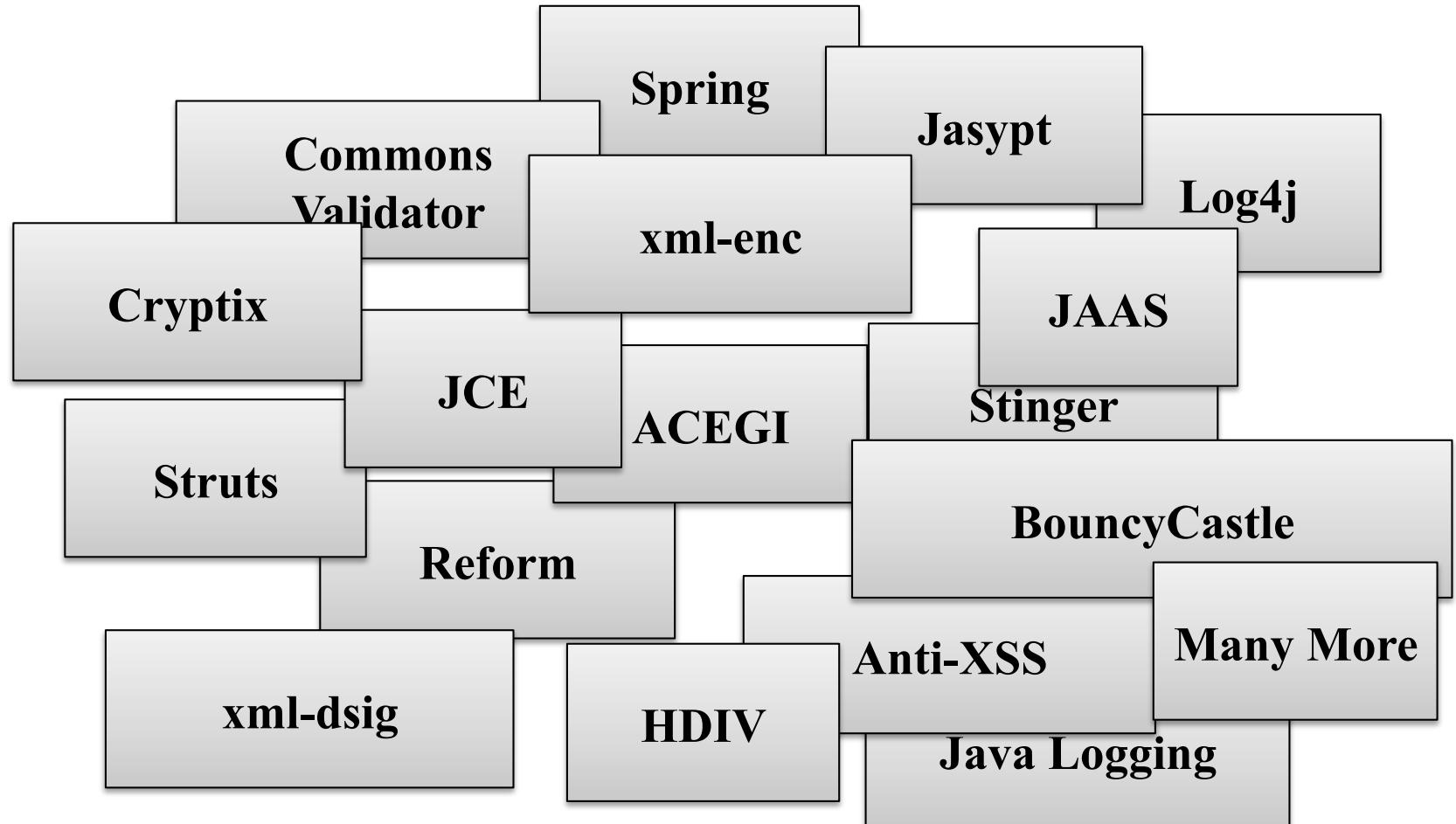
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The Challenge...



Philosophy

■ Using security controls is different from building

- ▶ All the security guidelines, courses, tutorials, websites, books, etc... are all mixed up because everyone builds their own controls

■ Most developers shouldn't build security controls

- ▶ When to use a control
- ▶ How to use a control
- ▶ Why to use a control (maybe)

■ Most enterprises need the same set of calls

Design

- Only include methods that...
 - ▶ Are widely useful and focus on the most risky areas
- Designed to be simple to understand and use
 - ▶ Interfaces with concrete reference implementation
 - ▶ Full documentation and usage examples
- Same basic API across common platforms
 - ▶ Java EE, .NET, PHP, others?
 - ▶ Useful to Rich Internet Applications?

Architecture Overview

Custom Enterprise Web Application

Enterprise Security API

Authenticator

User

AccessController

AccessReferenceMap

Validator

Encoder

HTTPUtilities

Encryptor

EncryptedProperties

Randomizer

Exception Handling

Logger

IntrusionDetector

SecurityConfiguration

Existing Enterprise Security Services/Libraries

Create Your ESAPI Implementation

■ Your Security Services

- ▶ Wrap your existing libraries and services
- ▶ Extend and customize your ESAPI implementation
- ▶ Fill in gaps with the reference implementation

■ Your Coding Guideline

- ▶ Tailor the ESAPI coding guidelines
- ▶ Retrofit ESAPI patterns to existing code

Frameworks and ESAPI

- ESAPI is NOT a framework

- ▶ Just a collection of security functions, not “lock in”

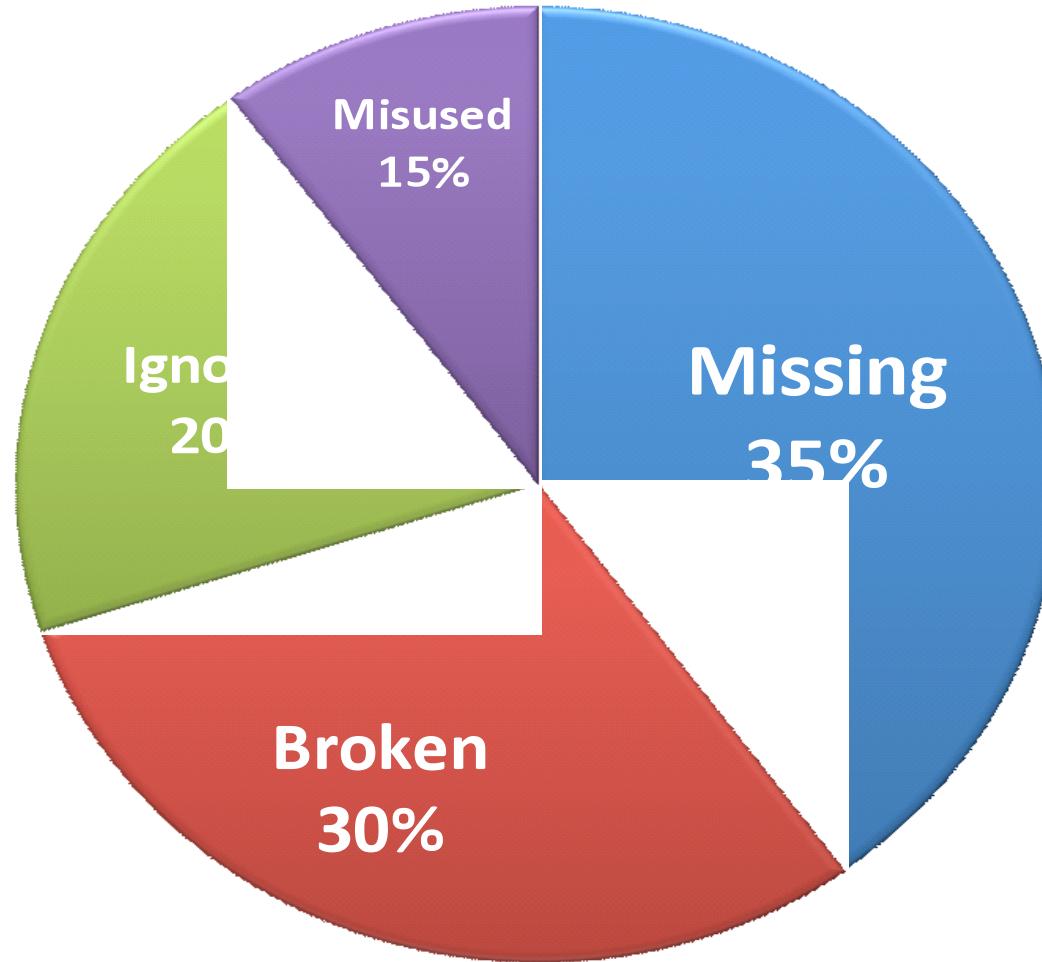
- Frameworks already have some security

- ▶ Controls are frequently missing, incomplete, or wrong

- ESAPI Framework Integration Project

- ▶ We'll share best practices for integrating
 - ▶ Hopefully, framework teams like Struts adopt ESAPI

Vulnerabilities and Security Controls



Web Escaping and Encoding

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Percent Encoding

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HTML Entity Encoding

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JavaScript Escape

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CSS Escape

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Overlong UTF-8

%c0%bc
%e0%80%bc
%f0%80%80%bc
%f8%80%80%80%bc
%f8%80%80%80%80%bc

US-ASCII

1/4

UTF-7

+ADw-

Punycode

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Simple Double Encoding

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< --> &lt; --> &#26;lt;&#59 (double entity)
< --> %3c --> %253c (double percent)
etc...
```

Double Encoding with Multiple Schemes

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< --> &lt; --> %26lt%3b (first entity, then percent)
< --> %26 --> &#25;26 (first percent, then entity)
etc...
```

Simple Nested Escaping

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< --> %3c --> %%33%63 (nested encode percent both nibbles)
< --> %3c --> %%33c (nested encode first nibble percent)
< --> %3c --> %3%63 (nested encode second nibble percent)
< --> &lt; --> &&108;t; (nested encode I with entity)
etc...
```

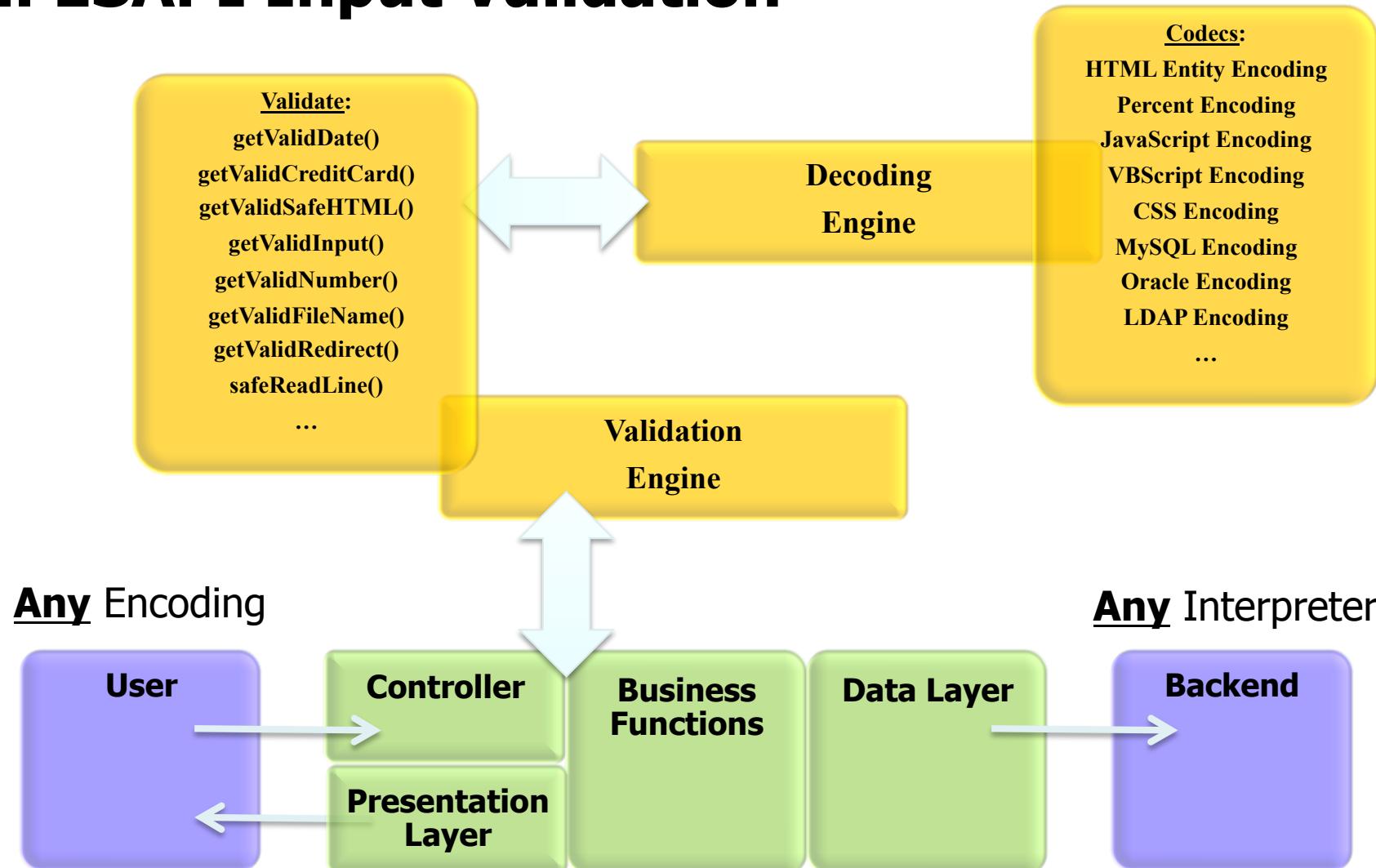
Nested Escaping with Multiple Schemes

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< --> &lt; --> %&#6ct; (nested encode 1 with percent)  
< --> %3c --> %&#x33;c (nested encode 3 with entity)  
etc...
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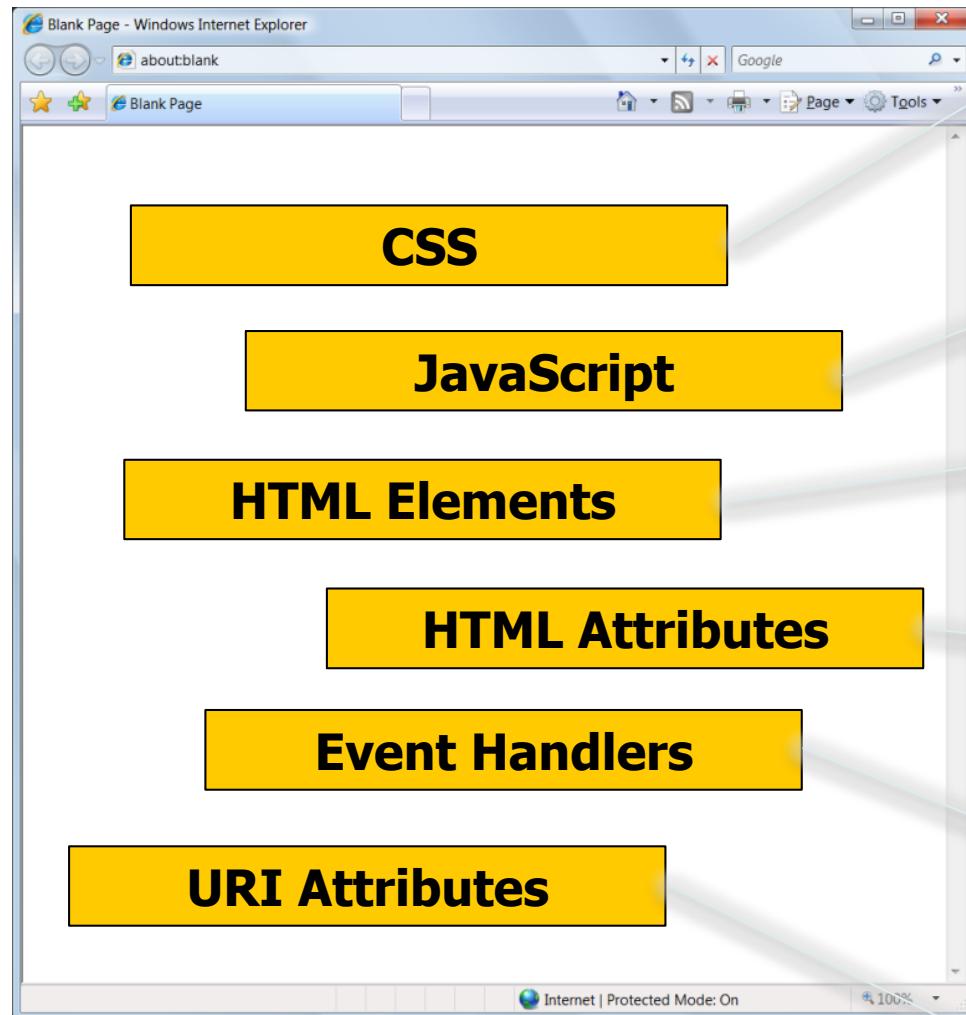
1,677,721,600,000,000
ways to encode <script>



1. ESAPI Input Validation



HTML Execution Contexts



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&#DD &#xHH &entity;

" ' & #DD &#xHH

" ' \specials \xHH \uHHHH

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ESAPI Swingset

The screenshot shows two browser windows side-by-side. The left window is a Mozilla Firefox instance showing the main demonstration page at <http://localhost:8080/swingset/main>. The right window is a Windows Internet Explorer instance showing the 'Insecure' demo at <http://localhost:8080/ESAPI-SwingSet-1.0/main?function=XSS&insecure>.

Firefox Window Content:

- ESAPI SwingSet Demonstration**
- Input Validation, Encoding, and Injection**
 - [Output User Input](#)
 - [Accept Rich Content](#)
 - [Validate User Input](#)
 - [Encode Output](#)
- Authentication and Session Management**
 - [Login](#)
 - [Change Password](#)
 - [Change Session Identifier](#)
- Access Control and Referencing Objects**
 - [Reference a Server-Side Object](#)
 - [Access Control](#)
- Encryption, Randomness, and Integrity**
 - [Encryption](#)
 - [Randomizer](#)
 - [Integrity Seals](#)
 - [Globally Unique IDs](#)
- Caching**

Internet Explorer Window Content:

- ESAPI SwingSet - XSS: Insecure**
- Exercise**
- RULE #0 - Never Insert Untrusted Data Except in Allowed Locations**

Only put untrusted data in the five approved locations! Not into a script:

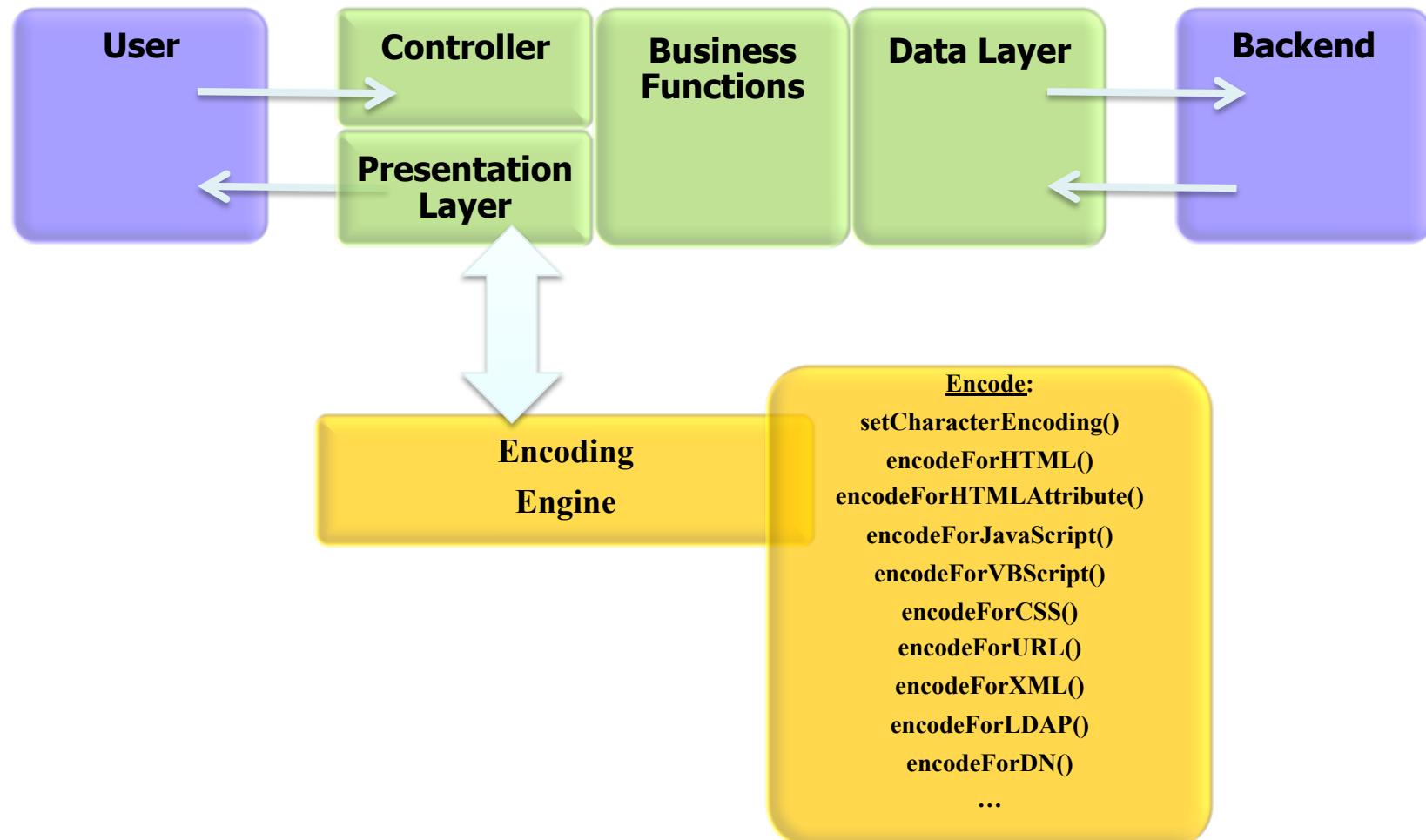
 - [50; alert\('xss0'\)](#)

Don't put untrusted data in a script
<html><body>data<script>var i= **50; alert('xss0')**; </script></body></html>
data
- RULE #1 - HTML Escape Before Inserting Untrusted Data into HTML Element Content**

Normal Element Content, common attacks are:

http://www.owasp.org/index.php?title=XSS_Prevention

2. ESAPI Output Encoding



Applications Enjoy Attacks

Live Search



500 Internal Server Error

Sorry, something went wrong

A team of highly trained monkeys has been assigned to customer service.

Also, please include the following inform-

w5kck2L-bJm72LNwtT_K-237nvz8Sg
qNWX-j2FB31M9Kdpa1j_27QJvT1K4-
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type Exception report

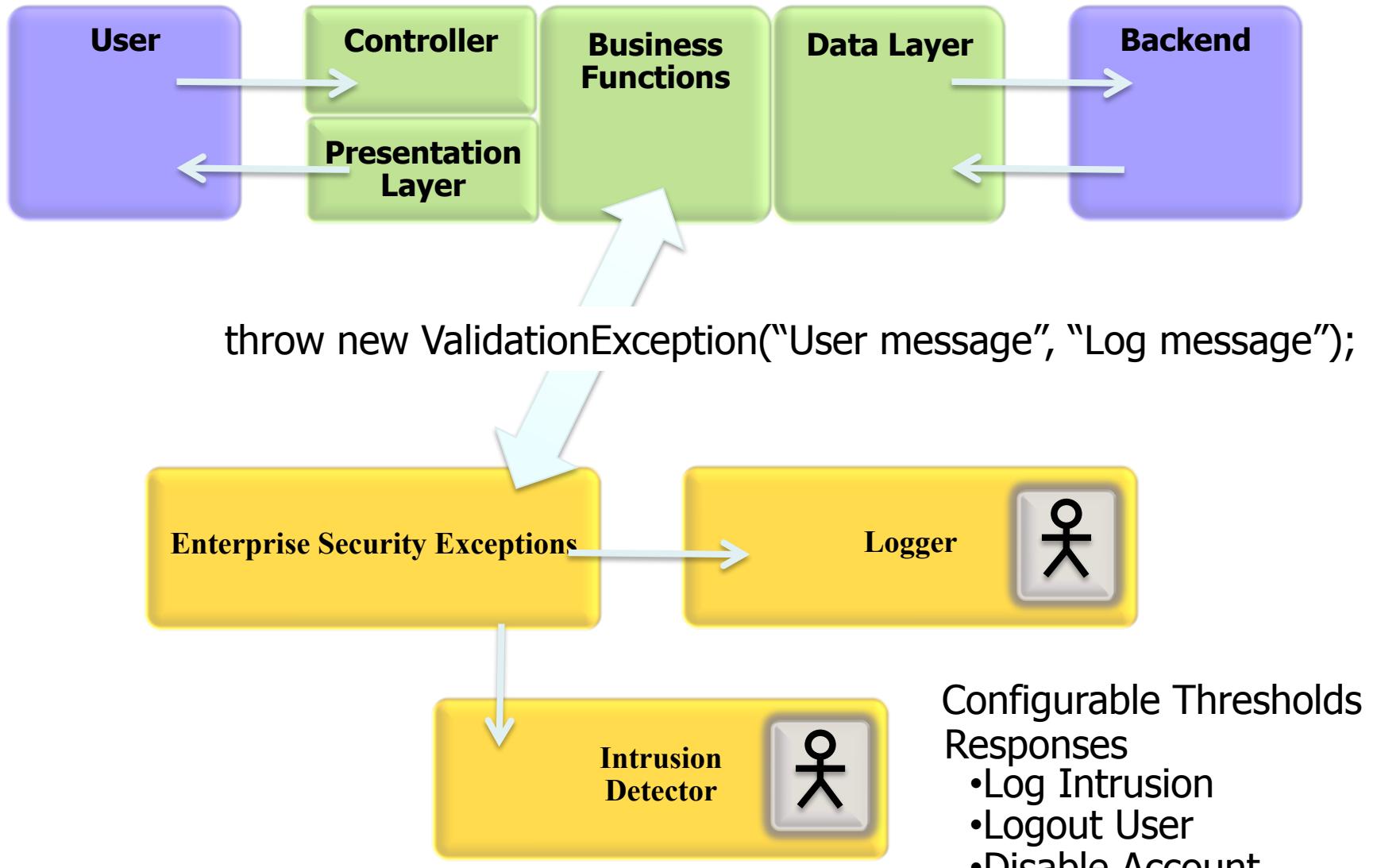
message

description The server encountered an internal error () that prevented it from fulfilling this request.

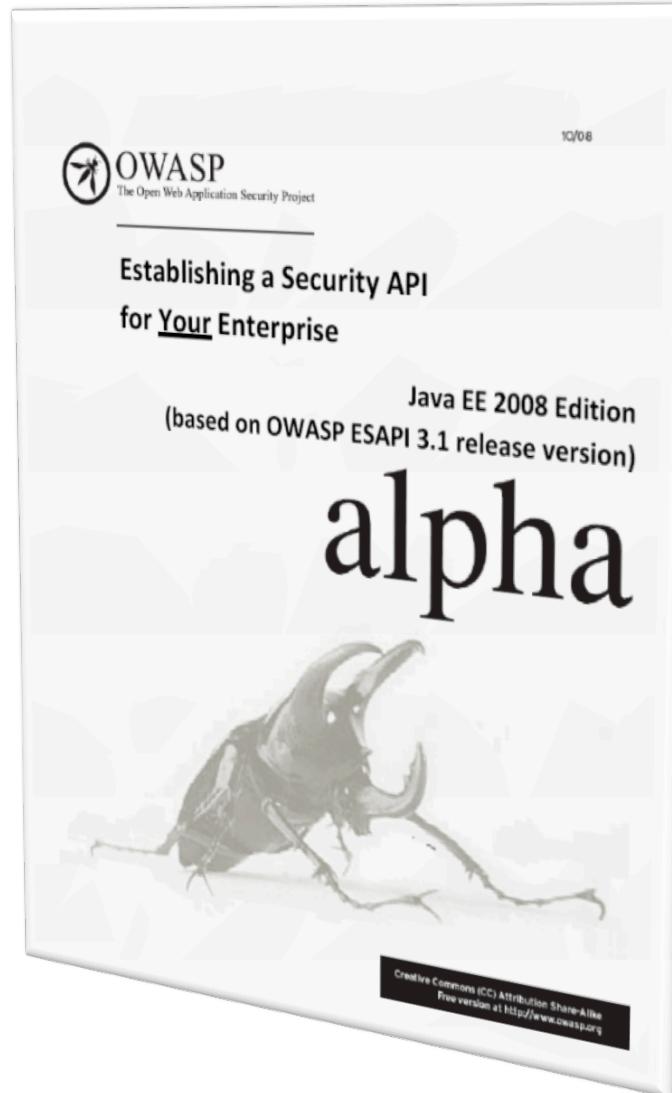
exception

```
javax.servlet.ServletException: Servlet execution threw an exception
    at org.apache.catalina.core.ApplicationFilterChain.internalDoFilter(ApplicationFilterChain.java:247)
    at org.apache.catalina.core.ApplicationFilterChain.doFilter(ApplicationFilterChain.java:221)
    at org.apache.catalina.core.StandardWrapperValve.invoke(StandardWrapperValve.java:283)
    at org.apache.catalina.core.StandardPipeline$StandardPipeline.invoke(StandardPipeline.java:364)
    at org.apache.catalina.core.StandardPipeline.invoke(StandardPipeline.java:541)
    at org.apache.catalina.core.ContainerBase.invoke(ContainerBase.java:943)
    at org.apache.catalina.core.StandardContextValve.invoke(StandardContextValve.java:190)
    at org.apache.catalina.core.StandardPipeline$StandardPipeline.invoke(StandardPipeline.java:364)
    at org.apache.catalina.core.StandardPipeline.invoke(StandardPipeline.java:541)
    at org.apache.catalina.authenticator.AuthenticatorBase.invoke(AuthenticatorBase.java:515)
    at org.apache.catalina.core.StandardPipeline$StandardPipeline.invoke(StandardPipeline.java:364)
    at org.apache.catalina.core.StandardPipeline.invoke(StandardPipeline.java:541)
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```

3. Errors, Logging, and Detection



ESAPI Book!



http://www.owasp.org/images/7/79/ESAPI_Book.pdf

Closing Thoughts

- I am learning an amazing amount (I thought I knew)
- An ESAPI is a key part of a balanced breakfast
 - ▶ Build rqmts, guidelines, training, tools around your ESAPI
- Secondary benefits
 - ▶ May help static analysis do better
 - ▶ Enables security upgrades across applications
 - ▶ Simplifies developer training
- Next year – experiences moving to ESAPI

Questions and Answers

- Rollout strategy?
- Integrating existing security libraries?
- Technical questions?

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