OWASP Top 10 – 2010

The Top 10 Most Critical Web Application Security Risks

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Introduction

- OWASP Top 10 Project
  - ***"The OWASP Top Ten represents a broad consensus about what the most critical web application security flaws are."***
- Why are we covering this?
  - Flaws 4, 5 and 6
  - What I see day to day during webapp assessments
  - Widely applicable to .nz businesses
- These slides are ~~heavily~~ entirely based on the work of others
  - See credits at the end

OWASP Top Ten (2010 Edition)

- A1: Injection
- A2: Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
- A3: Broken Authentication and Session Management
- A4: Insecure Direct Object References
- A5: Cross Site Request Forgery (CSRF)
- A6: Security Misconfiguration
- A7: Failure to Restrict URL Access
- A8: Insecure Cryptographic Storage
- A9: Insufficient Transport Layer Protection
- A10: Unvalidated Redirects and Forwards

OWASP
The Open Web Application Security Project
http://www.owasp.org

http://www.owasp.org/index.php/Top_10

A4 – Insecure Direct Object References

How do you protect access to your data?

- This is part of enforcing proper “Authorization”, along with A7 – Failure to Restrict URL Access

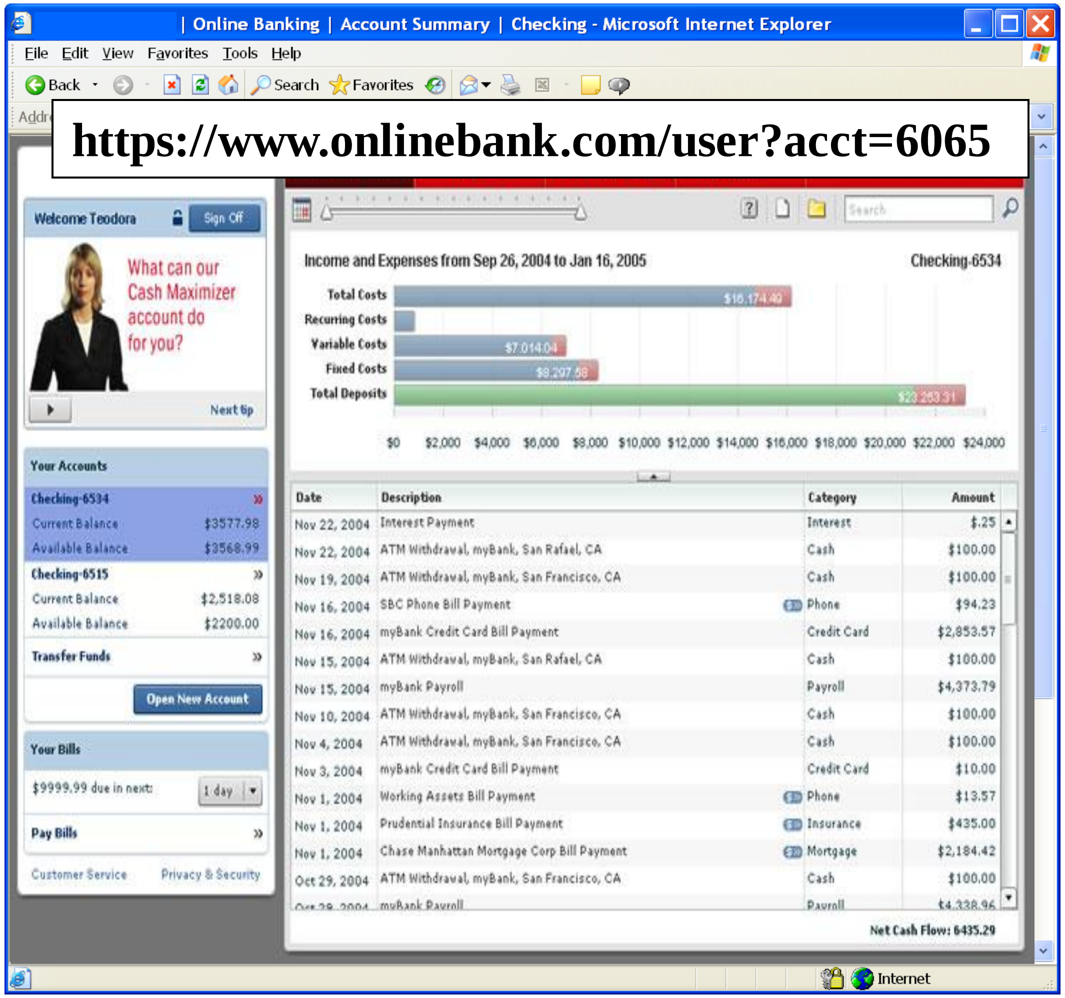
A common mistake …

- Only listing the ‘authorized’ objects for the current user, or
- Hiding the object references in hidden fields
- … and then not enforcing these restrictions on the server side
- This is called presentation layer access control, and doesn’t work
- Attacker simply tampers with parameter value

Typical Impact

- Users are able to access unauthorized files or data

Insecure Direct Object References Illustrated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Your Accounts

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Checking-6515	»
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Transfer Funds	»

Open New Account

Your Bills

$9999.99 due in next: 1 day

Pay Bills »

Customer Service   Privacy & Security

Income and Expenses from Sep 26, 2004 to Jan 16, 2005   Checking-6534

Total Costs	$16,174.40
Recurring Costs	
Variable Costs	$7,014.04
Fixed Costs	$9,297.58
Total Deposits	$23,253.31

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Date	Description	Category	Amount
Nov 22, 2004	Interest Payment	Interest	$.25
Nov 22, 2004	ATM Withdrawal, myBank, San Rafael, CA	Cash	$100.00
Nov 19, 2004	ATM Withdrawal, myBank, San Francisco, CA	Cash	$100.00
Nov 16, 2004	SBC Phone Bill Payment	Phone	$94.23
Nov 16, 2004	myBank Credit Card Bill Payment	Credit Card	$2,853.57
Nov 15, 2004	ATM Withdrawal, myBank, San Rafael, CA	Cash	$100.00
Nov 15, 2004	myBank Payroll	Payroll	$4,373.79
Nov 10, 2004	ATM Withdrawal, myBank, San Francisco, CA	Cash	$100.00
Nov 4, 2004	ATM Withdrawal, myBank, San Francisco, CA	Cash	$100.00
Nov 3, 2004	myBank Credit Card Bill Payment	Credit Card	$10.00
Nov 1, 2004	Working Assets Bill Payment	Phone	$13.57
Nov 1, 2004	Prudential Insurance Bill Payment	Insurance	$435.00
Nov 1, 2004	Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp Bill Payment	Mortgage	$2,184.42
Oct 29, 2004	ATM Withdrawal, myBank, San Francisco, CA	Cash	$100.00
Oct 29, 2004	myBank Payroll	Payroll	$4,338.96

Net Cash Flow: 6435.29

- Attacker notices his acct parameter is 6065

  ?acct=6065

- He modifies it to a nearby number

  ?acct=6066

- Attacker views the victim's account information

A4 – Avoiding Insecure Direct Object References

- Eliminate the direct object reference
  - Replace them with a temporary mapping value (e.g. 1, 2, 3)
  - ESAPI provides support for numeric & random mappings
    - IntegerAccessReferenceMap & RandomAccessReferenceMap

http://app?file=Report123.xls
http://app?file=1

http://app?id=9182374
http://app?id=7d3J93

Access Reference Map

Report123.xls

Acct:9182374

- Validate the direct object reference
  - Verify the parameter value is properly formatted
  - Verify the user is allowed to access the target object
    - Query constraints work great!
  - Verify the requested mode of access is allowed to the target object (e.g., read, write, delete)

A5 – Cross Site Request Forgery (CSRF)

Cross Site Request Forgery

- An attack where the victim's browser is tricked into issuing a command to a vulnerable web application
- Vulnerability is caused by browsers automatically including user authentication data (session ID, IP address, Windows domain credentials, …) with each request

Imagine…

- What if a hacker could steer your mouse and get you to click on links in your online banking application?
- What could they make you do?

Typical Impact

- Initiate transactions (transfer funds, logout user, close account)
- Access sensitive data
- Change account details

CSRF Vulnerability Pattern

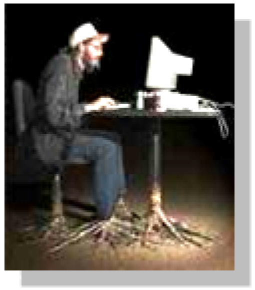
- The Problem
  - Web browsers automatically include most credentials with each request
  - Even for requests caused by a form, script, or image on another site

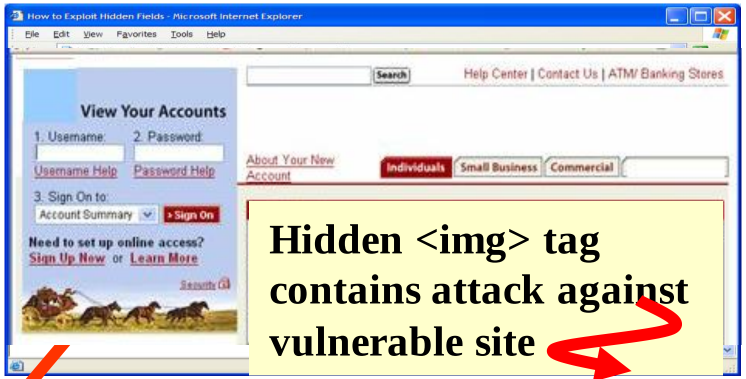
- All sites relying solely on automatic credentials are vulnerable!
  - (almost all sites are this way)

- Automatically Provided Credentials
  - Session cookie
  - Basic authentication header
  - IP address
  - Client side SSL certificates
  - Windows domain authentication

CSRF Illustrated

1 Attacker sets the trap on some website on the internet (or simply via an e-mail)

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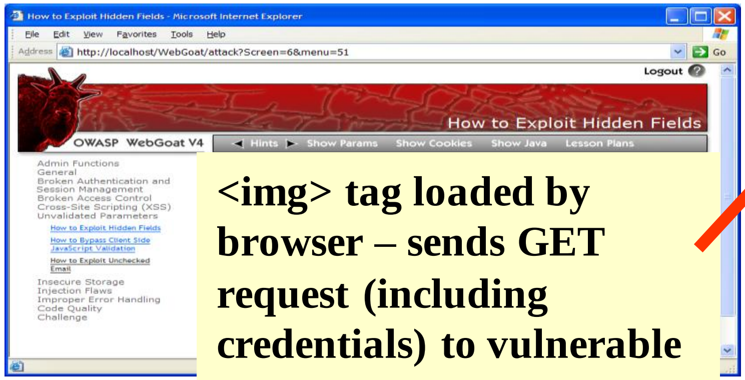
Hidden <img> tag contains attack against vulnerable site

2 While logged into vulnerable site, victim views attacker site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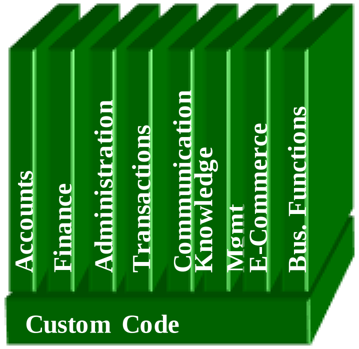
General
Broken Authentication and Session Management
Broken Access Control
Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
Unvalidated Parameters
How to Exploit Hidden Fields
How to Bypass Client Side JavaScript Validation
How to Exploit Unchecked Email
Insecure Storage
Injection Flaws
Improper Error Handling
Code Quality
Challenge

<img> tag loaded by browser – sends GET request (including credentials) to vulnerable site

Application with CSRF vulnerability



3 Vulnerable site sees legitimate request from victim and performs the action requested

A5 – Avoiding CSRF Flaws

- Add a secret, not automatically submitted, token to ALL sensitive requests
  - This makes it impossible for the attacker to spoof the request
    - (unless there's an XSS hole in your application)
  - Tokens should be cryptographically strong or random
- Options
  - Store a single token in the session and add it to all forms and links
    - **Hidden Field:** `<input name="token" value="687965fdfaew87agrde" type="hidden"/>`
    - **Single use URL:** `/accounts/687965fdfaew87agrde`
    - **Form Token:** `/accounts?auth=687965fdfaew87agrde …`
  - Beware exposing the token in a referer header
    - Hidden fields are recommended
  - Can have a unique token for each function
    - Use a hash of function name, session id, and a secret
  - Can require secondary authentication for sensitive functions (e.g., eTrade)
- Don't allow attackers to store attacks on your site
  - Properly encode all input on the way out
  - This renders all links/requests inert in most interpreters

See the new: www.owasp.org/index.php/CSRF_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet for more details

A6 – Security Misconfiguration

Web applications rely on a secure foundation

- Everywhere from the OS up through the App Server
- Don't forget all the libraries you are using!!

Is your source code a secret?

- Think of all the places your source code goes
- Security should not require secret source code

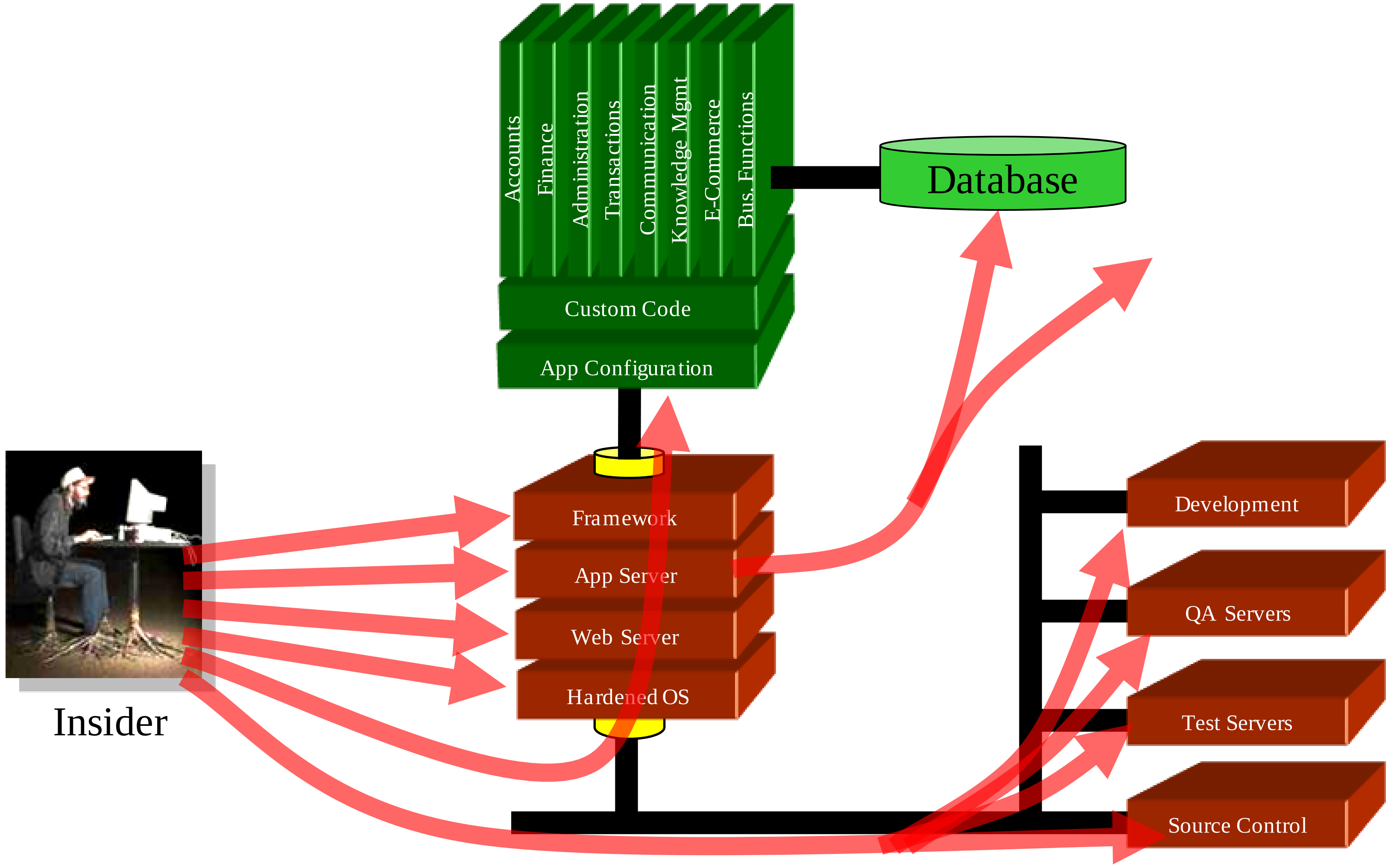
CM must extend to all parts of the application

- All credentials should change in production

Typical Impact

- Install backdoor through missing OS or server patch
- XSS flaw exploits due to missing application framework patches
- Unauthorized access to default accounts, application functionality or data, or unused but accessible functionality due to poor server configuration

Security Misconfiguration Illustrated



A6 – Avoiding Security Misconfiguration

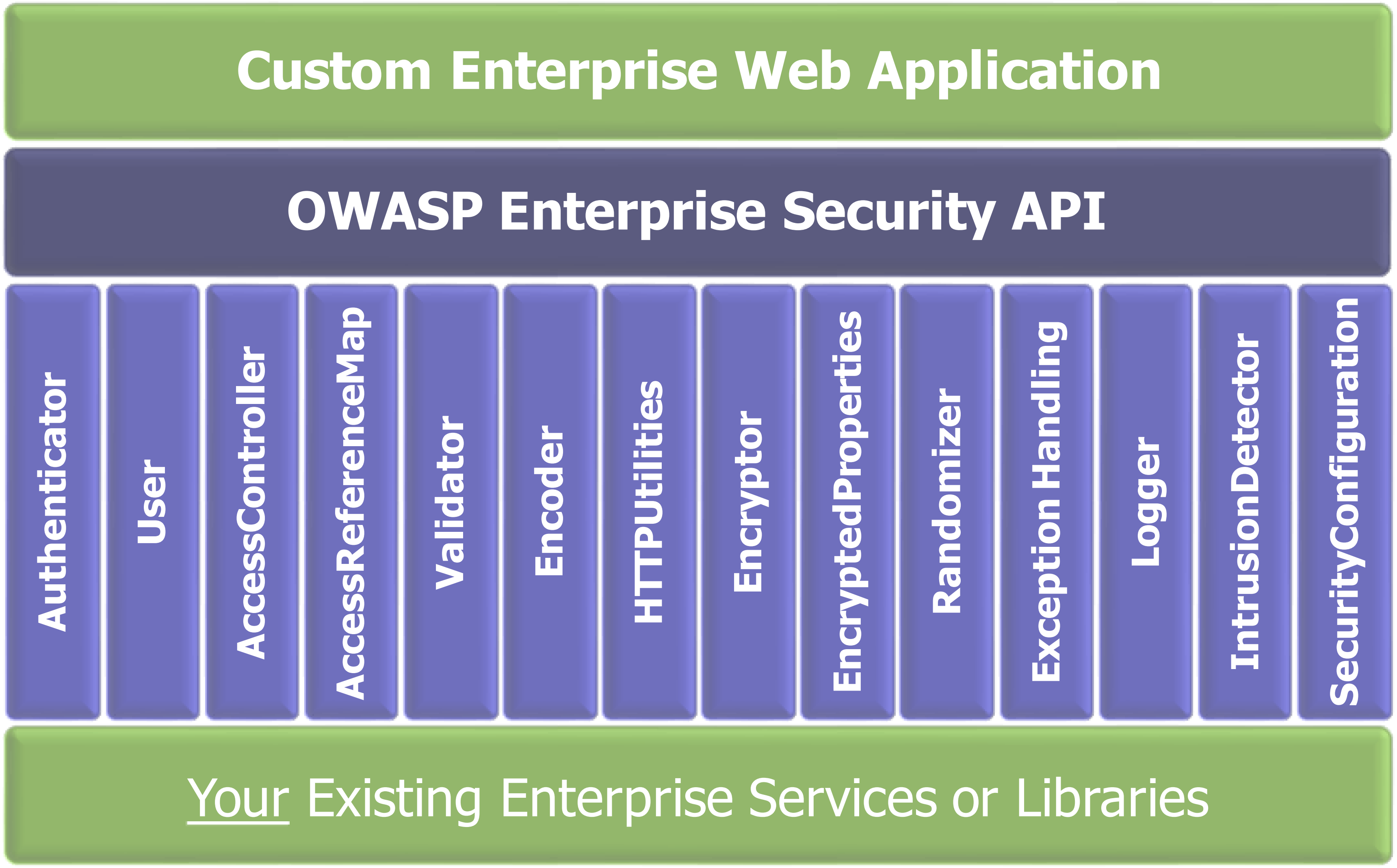
- Verify your system's configuration management
  - Secure configuration "hardening" guideline
    - Automation is REALLY USEFUL here
  - Must cover entire platform and application
  - Keep up with patches for ALL components
    - This includes software libraries, not just OS and Server applications
  - Analyze security effects of changes
- Can you "dump" the application configuration
  - Build reporting into your process
  - If you can't verify it, it isn't secure
- Verify the implementation
  - Scanning finds generic configuration and missing patch problems

Summary: How do you address these problems?

- Develop Secure Code
  - Follow the best practices in OWASP's Guide to Building Secure Web Applications
    - http://www.owasp.org/index.php/Guide
  - Use OWASP's Application Security Verification Standard as a guide to what an application needs to be secure
    - http://www.owasp.org/index.php/ASVS
  - Use standard security components that are a fit for your organization
    - Use OWASP's ESAPI as a basis for your standard components
    - http://www.owasp.org/index.php/ESAPI

- Review Your Applications
  - Have an expert team review your applications
  - Review your applications yourselves following OWASP Guidelines
    - OWASP Code Review Guide: http://www.owasp.org/index.php/Code_Review_Guide
    - OWASP Testing Guide: http://www.owasp.org/index.php/Testing_Guide

OWASP (ESAPI)



ESAPI Homepage: http://www.owasp.org/index.php/ESAPI

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