

# OWASP VAC - Cross Site Scripting

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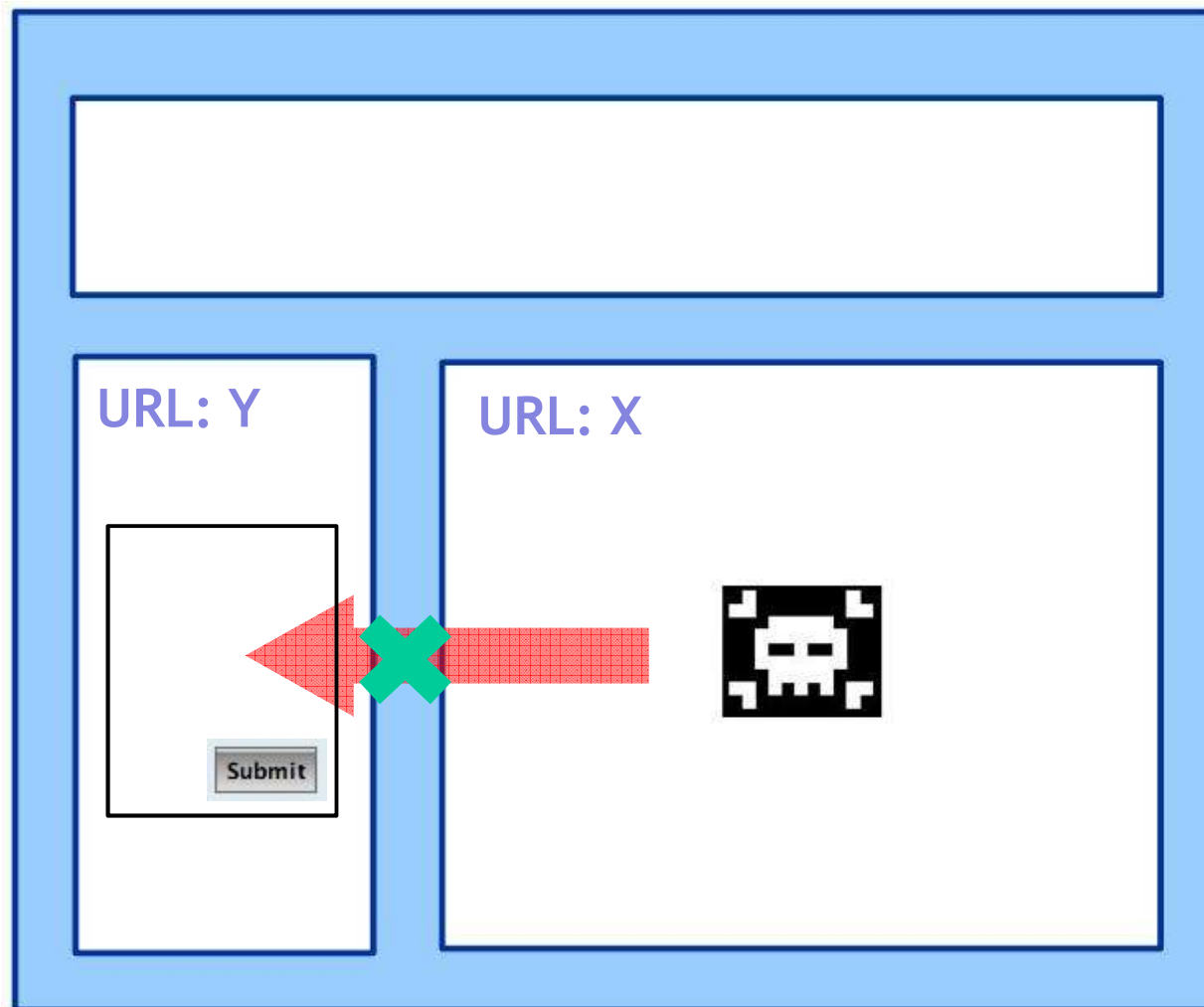
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  - > **Vulnerability**
  - > **Attack**
  - > **Countermeasures**

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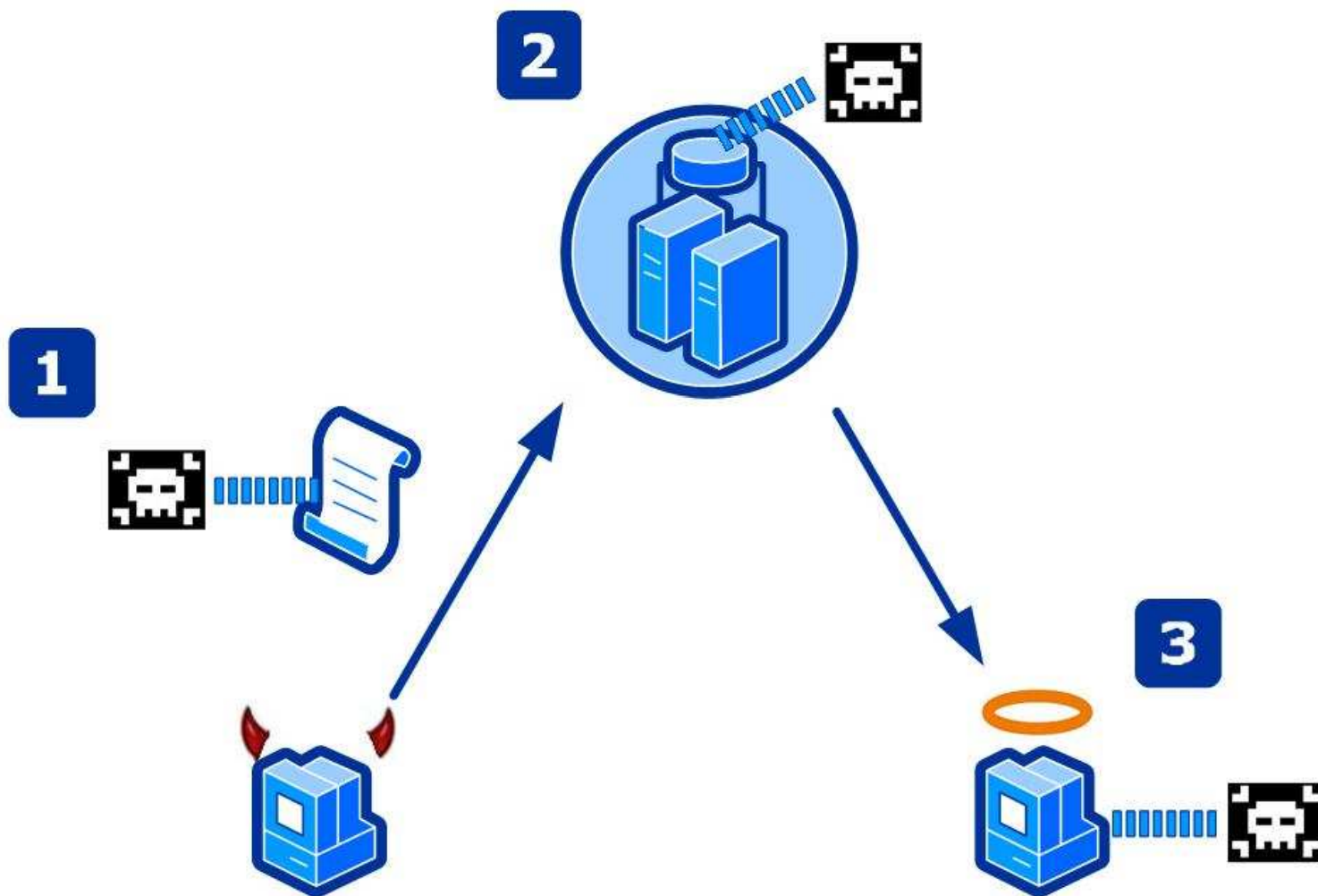
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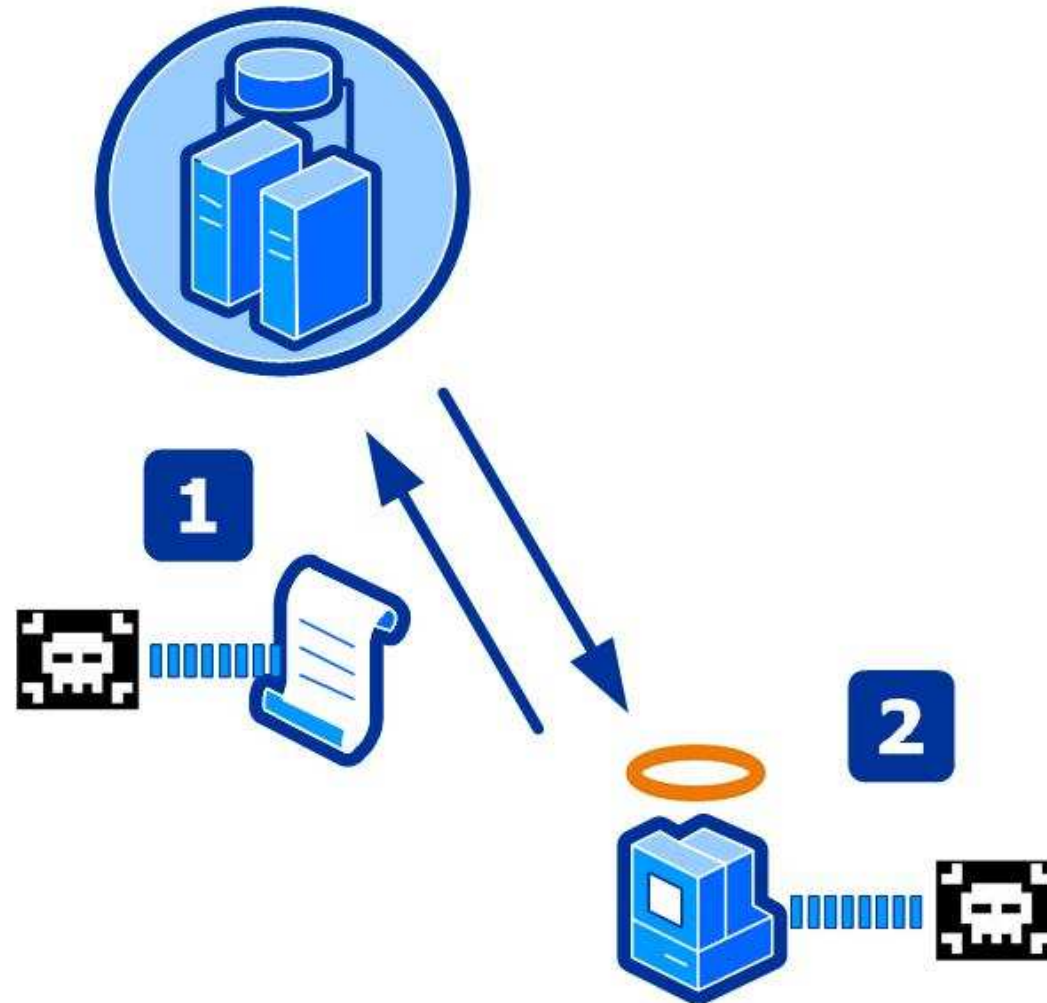
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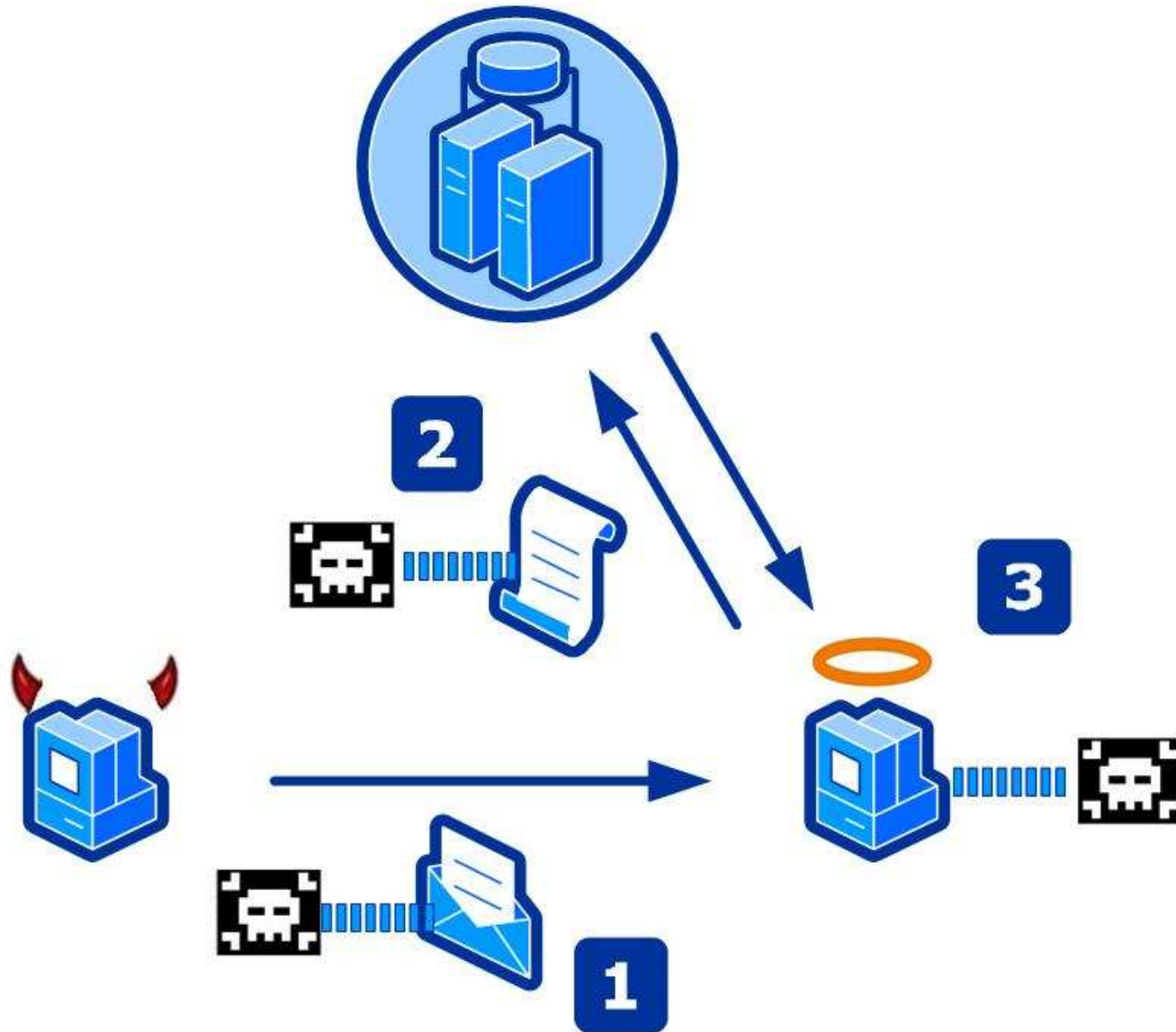
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# Overview - Facts & Figures

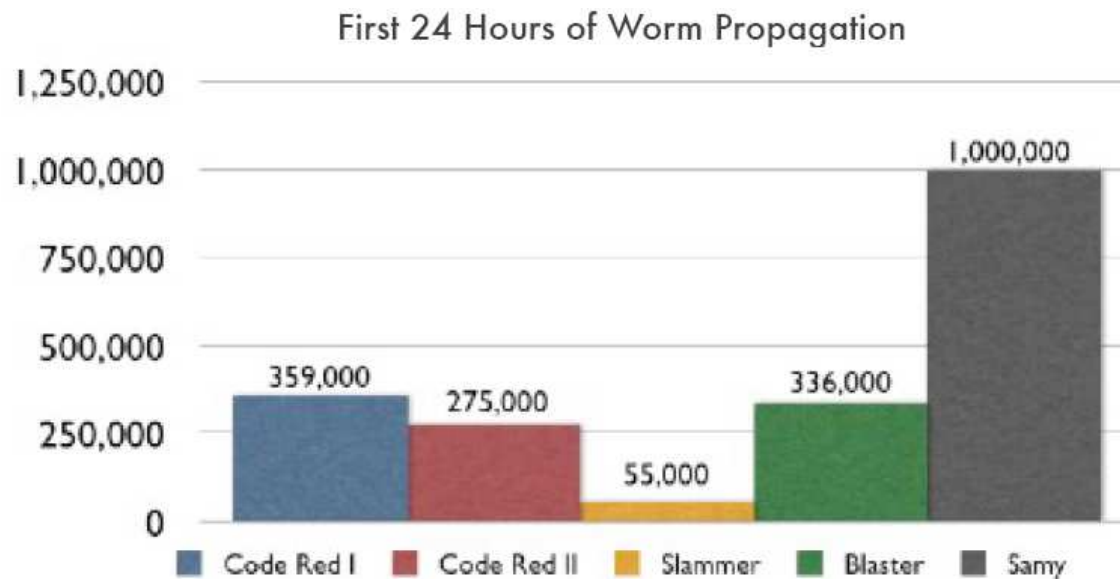
- **No. 1 in top 10 2007**
- **SANS top 25**
- **32.384 registered occurrences**
  - > **MySpace.com**
  - > **Google.com**
  - > **Nasa.gov**
  - > **McAfee.com (hacker-safe ;)**
  - > **Etc.**
- **Some claim 80% of sites vulnerable**

# XSS - Vulnerability

- **Very common**
- **Easily found**
  - > **XSSed.com: 20.000+ unfixed**
- **Underestimated**
- **Misunderstood**
  - > **"Our site uses SSL"**
- **"First stage" in attacks**
  - > **CSRF**
  - > **DoS**

# XSS - Vulnerability

- **A few examples**
  - > **Deface your site**
  - > **Steal your cookies**
  - > **Phish your valuable data**
  - > **Spread as a very efficient worm**



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# XSS - Attack

- **Attacks with Javascript**

- > **HTML attributes**

- `<body onload=alert('test1')>`
    - `<b onmouseover=alert('Wufff!')>click me!</b>`
    - ``

- > **Encoded URI**

- `<IMG SRC=j&#X41vascript:alert('test2')>`

- > **Code encoding**

- `<META HTTP-EQUIV="refresh" CONTENT="0;url=data:text/html;base64,PHNjcmlwdD5hbGVydCgndGVzdDMnKTwvc2NyaXB0Pg">`

# XSS - Attack

- **Some examples**

# XSS - Countermeasures

- **Use input validation**
  - > **Whitelist**
  - > **Defense-in-depth strategy**
  - > **Define trust boundaries**
- **Use encoding**
  - > **Whitelist**
  - > **Both input and output**
  - > **In the appropriate context**
    - HTML, URL, CSS, XML, JavaScript, HTML Attributes, VB script, etc.

# XSS - Countermeasures

- **Architecture & Design**
  - > Use protection in framework
  - > Ensure input validation & encoding
- **Implementation**
  - > OWASP prevention cheat sheet
  - > OWASP ESAPI Encoding module
  - > Static code analysis
- **Test**
  - > Use tools like CAL9000
  - > RSnake's XSS cheat sheet
- **Operations**
  - > Application firewall

# Further Reading

- **OWASP**
- **Google Code Best Practices**





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