

**INTRO TO ETHICAL HACKING**  
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**Tonight's Plan**

- Web Application Security

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**Web Application Security**

- First (and nearly only) Rule

**Never Trust User Input**

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## Where Do We Start

- For web application security and web application penetration testing

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## OWASP

- OWASP stands for the Open Web Application Security Project
- Founded in 2001 as a charitable organization dedicated to improving Web Application Security
- Creators and publishers of the OWASP top 10
- Hosts numerous Web App tools and projects

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## The OWASP Top 10

### □ OWASP Top 10 – 2017 (New)

- 2017-A1 - Injection
- 2017-A2 - Broken Authentication and Session Management
- 2017-A3 - Sensitive Data Exposure
- 2017-A4 - XML External Entities (XXE)
- 2017-A5 - Broken Access Control
- 2017-A6 - Security Misconfiguration
- 2017-A7 - Cross Site Scripting (XSS)
- 2017-A8 - Insecure Deserialization
- 2017-A9 - Using Known Vulnerable Components
- 2017-A10 - Insufficient Logging & Monitoring

Source:  
[https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Top\\_10\\_2017\\_Top\\_10](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Top_10_2017_Top_10)

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## A3:2017-Sensitive Data Exposure

- Many web applications and APIs do not properly protect sensitive data, such as financial, healthcare, and PII. Attackers may steal or modify such weakly protected data to conduct credit card fraud, identity theft, or other crimes. Sensitive data may be compromised without extra protection, such as encryption at rest or in transit, and requires special precautions when exchanged with the browser.

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## 2017-A3 – Sensitive Data Exposure

Threat Agents / Attack Vectors		Security Weakness		Impacts	
App Specific	Exploitability: 2	Prevalence: 3	Orbitability: 2	Technical: 3	Business: 7
Other than directly attacking cryptos, attackers steal keys, exfiltrate them in the middle attacks, or steal clear text data off the server, which is then used to decrypt data on the user's client, e.g. browser. A manual attack is generally required. Previously retrieved password databases could be brute forced by Graphics Processing Units (GPUs).	Over the last few years, this has been the most common impactful attack. The most common flaw is simply not encrypting sensitive data.	When cryptos is employed, weak key generation and management, and weak algorithm, protocol and other design is common, particularly for weak password hashing storage techniques. For data in transit, server side weaknesses are nearly easy to detect, but hard for data at rest.	Failure frequently compromises all data that should have been protected. Typically, this information includes sensitive personal information (PII) data such as health records, credentials, personal data, and credit cards, which often require protection as defined by laws or regulations such as the EU GDPR or local privacy laws.		

### Example Attack Scenarios

- Scenario #1:** An application encrypts credit card numbers in a database using automatic database encryption. However, this data is automatically decrypted when retrieved, allowing an SQL injection flaw to retrieve credit card numbers in clear text.
- Scenario #2:** A site doesn't use or enforce TLS for all pages or supports weak encryption. An attacker monitors network traffic (e.g. at an insecure wireless network), downgrades connections from HTTPS to HTTP, intercepts requests, and steals the user's session cookie. The attacker then replays this cookie and hijacks the user's (authenticated) session, accessing or modifying the user's private data. Instead of the above they could alter all transported data, e.g. the recipient of a money transfer.
- Scenario #3:** The password database uses unsalted or simple hashes to store everyone's passwords. A file upload flaw allows an attacker to retrieve the password database. All the unsalted hashes can be exposed with a rainbow table of pre-calculated hashes. Hashes generated by simple or fast hash functions may be cracked by GPUs, even if they were salted.

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## A4:2017-XML External Entities (XXE)

- Many older or poorly configured XML processors evaluate external entity references within XML documents. External entities can be used to disclose internal files using the file URI handler, internal file shares, internal port scanning, remote code execution, and denial of service attacks.

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## A6:2017-Security Misconfiguration

- Security misconfiguration is the most commonly seen issue. This is commonly a result of insecure default configurations, incomplete or ad hoc configurations, open cloud storage, misconfigured HTTP headers, and verbose error messages containing sensitive information. Not only must all operating systems, frameworks, libraries, and applications be securely configured, but they must be patched/updated in a timely fashion.

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## 2017-A6 – Security Misconfiguration

Threat Agents / Attack Vectors		Security Weakness		Impacts	
App Specific	Commonality	Prevalence	Complexity	Technical	Business
Attackers will attempt to exploit unpatched flaws or default admin accounts, unused pages, unprotected files and directories, etc to gain unauthorized access or knowledge of the system	High	Security misconfiguration can happen at any level of an application stack, including the network services, platform, web server, application server, database, frameworks, custom code, and pre-installed third parties, containers, or plugins. Automated systems are used for detecting misconfigurations, use of default accounts or configurations, unnecessary services, legacy systems, etc.	Low	Each team frequently give different misconfigured access to some system data or functionality. Occasionally, such flaws result in a complete system compromise.	The business impact depends on the protection needs of the application and data.

### Example Attack Scenarios

**Scenario #1.** The application server comes with sample applications that are not removed from the production server. These sample applications have known security flaws attackers use to compromise the server. If one of these applications is the admin console, and default accounts weren't changed the attacker logs in with default passwords and takes over.

**Scenario #2.** Directory listing is not disabled on the server. An attacker discovers they can simply list directories. The attacker finds and downloads the compiled Java classes, which they decompile and reverse engineer to view the code. The attacker then finds a serious access control flaw in the application.

**Scenario #3.** The application server's configuration allows detailed error messages, e.g. stack traces, to be returned to users. This potentially exposes sensitive information or underlying flaws such as component versions that are known to be vulnerable.

**Scenario #4.** A cloud service provider has default sharing permissions open to the Internet by other CSP users. This allows sensitive data stored within cloud storage to be accessed.

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## A7:2017-Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

- XSS flaws occur whenever an application includes untrusted data in a new web page without proper validation or escaping, or updates an existing web page with user-supplied data using a browser API that can create HTML or JavaScript. XSS allows attackers to execute scripts in the victim's browser which can hijack user sessions, deface web sites, or redirect the user to malicious sites.

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## A9:2017-Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities

- Components, such as libraries, frameworks, and other software modules, run with the same privileges as the application. If a vulnerable component is exploited, such an attack can facilitate serious data loss or server takeover. Applications and APIs using components with known vulnerabilities may undermine application defenses and enable various attacks and impacts.

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## 2017-A9 - Using Known Vulnerable Components

Threat Agents / Attack Vectors	Security Weakness		Impacts	
	Exploitability: 2	Paradigm: 2	Technical: 2	Business: 2
When it is easy to find already-written exploits for many known vulnerabilities, other vulnerabilities require concentrated effort to develop a custom exploit.	Prevalence of the issue is very widespread. Component-heavy development patterns can lead to development teams not even understanding which components they use in their application or API, much less keeping them up to date.	Some scanners such as <a href="#">nmap</a> help in detection, but determining exploitability requires additional effort.	With some known vulnerabilities tied to only minor impacts, some of the largest breaches to date have relied on exploiting known vulnerabilities in components. Depending on the assets you are protecting, perhaps the risk should be at the top of the list.	

### Example Attack Scenarios

**Scenario #1:** Components typically run with the same privileges as the application itself, so flaws in any component can result in serious impact. Such flaws can be accidental (e.g. coding error) or intentional (e.g. backdoor in component). Some example exploitable component vulnerabilities discovered are:

- [CVE-2017-5638](#), a Struts 2 remote code execution vulnerability that enables execution of arbitrary code on the server, has been blamed for significant breaches.
- While [internet of things \(IoT\)](#) are frequently difficult or impossible to patch, the importance of patching them can be great (e.g. biomedical devices).

There are automated tools to help attackers find unpatched or misconfigured systems. For example, the [Shodan IoT search engine](#) can help you find devices that still suffer from [Heartbleed](#) vulnerability that was patched in April 2014.

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## A10:2017-Insufficient Logging&Monitoring

- Insufficient logging and monitoring, coupled with missing or ineffective integration with incident response, allows attackers to further attack systems, maintain persistence, pivot to more systems, and tamper, extract, or destroy data. Most breach studies show time to detect a breach is over 200 days, typically detected by external parties rather than internal processes or monitoring.

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## 2017-A10 - Insufficient Logging & Monitoring

Threat Agents / Attack Vectors		Security Weakness		Impacts	
Age Specific	Exploitability: 2	Prevalence: 3	Complexity: 1	Technical: 2	Business: 7
Exploitation of insufficient logging and monitoring is the backbone of nearly every major incident. Attacker use the lack of monitoring and timely response to achieve their goals without being detected.		This issue is included in the Top 10 based on an <a href="#">analysis</a> of One strategy for determining if you have sufficient monitoring is to measure the log following penetration testing. The broader actions should be recorded sufficiently to understand what damages they may have inflicted.		Most successful attacks start with vulnerability probing. Allowing such probes to continue can raise the likelihood of successful exploit to nearly 50%. In 2016, identifying a breach took an <a href="#">average of 181 days</a> - plenty of time for damage to be inflicted.	

### Example Attack Scenarios

**Scenario #1:** An open source project forum software run by a small team was hacked using a flaw in its software. The attackers managed to wipe out the internal source code repository containing the next version, and all of the forum contents. Although source could be recovered, the lack of monitoring, logging or alerting led to a far worse breach. The forum software project is no longer active as a result of this issue.

**Scenario #2:** An attacker uses scans for users using a common password. They can take over all accounts using this password. For all other users, this scan leaves only one false login behind. After some days, this may be repeated with a different password.

**Scenario #3:** A major US retailer reportedly had an internal malware analysis sandbox analyzing attachments. The sandbox software had detected potentially unwanted software, but no one responded to this detection. The sandbox had been producing warnings for some time before the breach was detected due to fraudulent card transactions by an external bank.

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## A Little About Browsers

- What is a Web Browser?
  - Rendering Engine
  - JavaScript Engine
  - Network communications layer
  - ...
- May also include
  - Add-Ins
  - Browser Helper Objects
  - APIs to/for other applications

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## A Little More About Browsers

- Why are we talking about this?
  - Browser are fairly complicated
  - Browsers have many sub-components and features
  - Browsers need to understand many different forms of character encoding
- All of this gives us something to work with when attacking Web Applications
- Good reference for details
- <http://taligarsiel.com/Projects/howbrowserswork1.htm>

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## Now What

- So, all of this is interesting, but does that have to do with penetration testing
- Or, to put it another way. How do we exploit these issues?
- First step:

Intercepting Proxies

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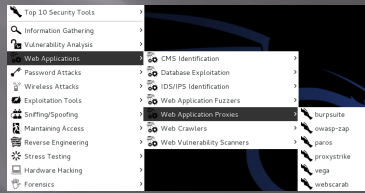
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## What's an Intercepting Proxy

- In this instance, an intercepting proxy is software that acts as a server and sits between the web browser and your internet connection
- Examples
  - Burp Suite
  - Webscarab
  - Paros



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## Some Rules for Our Use of Intercepting Proxies

- For this course
- **Monitor and record ONLY**
- Do not inject or alter any traffic unless you personally own the web site.
- We'll save changing traffic in the next course

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## Burp Suite

- ❑ Start Burp Suite by logging in to Kali and selecting Burp Suite from:
- ❑ Kali Linux>Web Applications>Web Application Proxies>burpsuite

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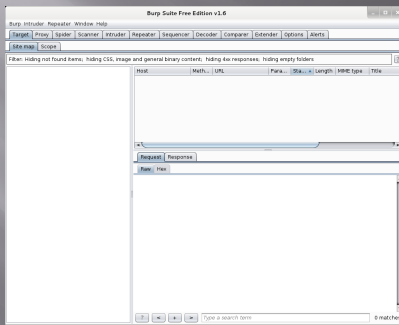
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## Burp Suite



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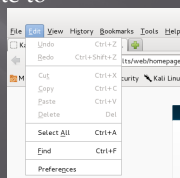
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## Getting Started

- ❑ Once burpsuite is running, you will need to start and configure a browser
- ❑ Kali's web browser is "Iceweasel", an adaptation of Firefox
- ❑ After starting Iceweasel, navigate to preferences
- ❑ And select it



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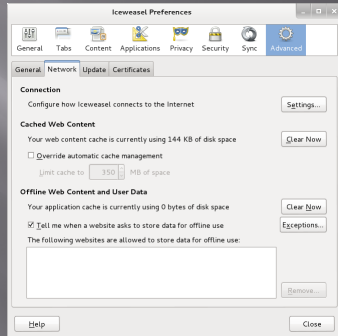
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## Configuring the Network Proxy

- Navigate to the Network Tab and select settings... for Connection



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## Configuring the Network Proxy

- Change selection from "Use system proxy settings" to "Manual proxy configuration and enter "127.0.0.1" for "HTTP Proxy" and "8080" for "Port"
- Also, select check box for "Use this proxy server for all protocols"
- Delete reference to localhost and 127.0.0.1 from the no proxy list
- Select "OK" when done
- Browser is now setup to use burpsuite
- See next slide for example

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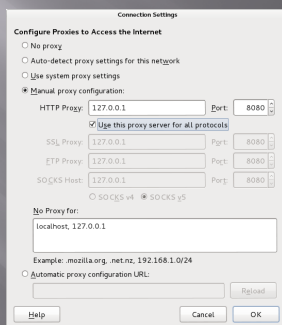
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## Configuring the Network Proxy



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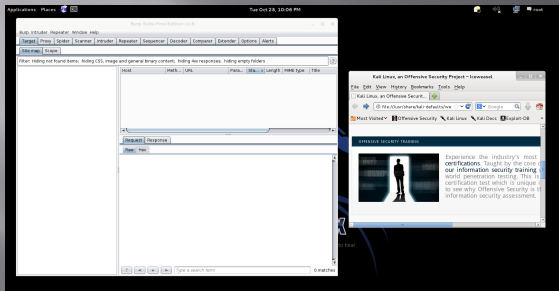
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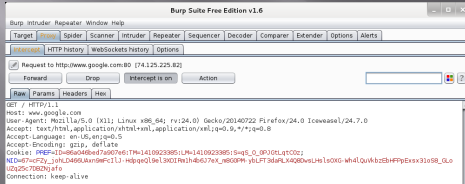
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# Now We Can Test

- ☐ In browser, navigate to google.com
- ☐ Browser will hang and look busy
- ☐ Select the "Proxy" tab in burpsuite
- ☐ Burpsuite is waiting for you, select forward



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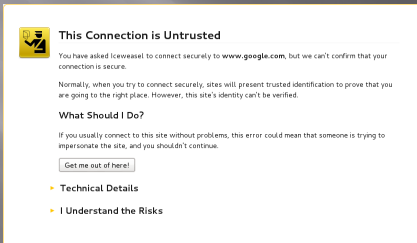
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# Browser Knows Something is Up

- ☐ Select "I understand the Risks" and follow prompts to add an exception



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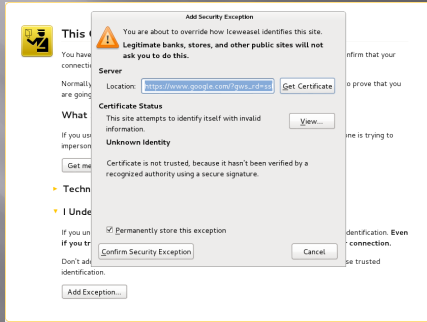
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# Browser Knows Something is Up



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# Continuing

- ☐ You may have to hit forward a number of times
- ☐ You may want to click "Intercept is on" to turn it off and save hitting the forward button
- ☐ Eventually, all traffic is forwarded.
- ☐ Now, select "HTTP history" and see what you have

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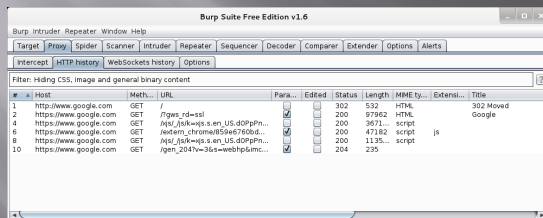
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# Results

- ☐ Your traffic



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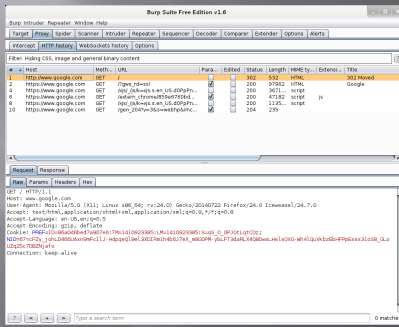
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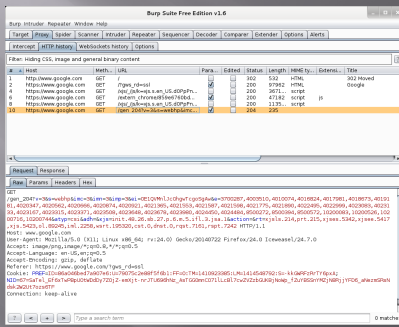


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# More Results



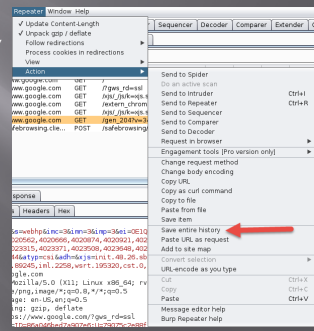
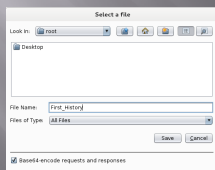
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# Saving Our Results

Under "Repeater", select "Action", then select "Save Entire History"



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## Check The Alerts

□ A few things to look at

Time	Tool	Message
22:30:45 28 Oct 2014	Proxy	Proxy service started on 127.0.0.1:8080
22:30:59 28 Oct 2014	Proxy	(5) The client failed to negotiate an SSL connection to assets.temple.edu.4...
22:31:01 28 Oct 2014	Proxy	The client failed to negotiate an SSL connection to fiot.ernia.akaamahd.n...
22:31:01 28 Oct 2014	Proxy	The client failed to negotiate an SSL connection to fiocdn-sphotos-d-a.akaama...
22:31:05 28 Oct 2014	Proxy	The client failed to negotiate an SSL connection to stats.g.doubleclick.net.4...
22:31:09 28 Oct 2014	Proxy	The client failed to negotiate an SSL connection to www.facebook.com.4.3...
22:32:09 28 Oct 2014	Proxy	(8) The client failed to negotiate an SSL connection to assets.temple.edu.4...
22:32:09 28 Oct 2014	Proxy	(2) The client failed to negotiate an SSL connection to api.googleapis.com...

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## What Now

- If this was a real Web App Test
  - Navigate the web site recording everything
  - Review looking for interesting leads to follow
  - Set Proxy to crawl site
    - (DO NOT DO THIS FOR THIS COURSE)

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## A Few More Things

□ Some of the more interesting features are turned off or limited

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From \$3,999.00 per year	\$399.00 per user per year	For researchers and hobbyists
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## A Few More Things

- We covered just one proxy
- Different proxies have different strengths and weaknesses
- For instance, Webscarab will flag potential XSS automatically

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## Poor Man's Substitute

- In Internet Explorer
  - F12 Developer Tools
  - Allows user to at least see the code loaded in browser
  - Often worth looking at as developers sometimes leave comments

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## Assignment 3

- Using an Intercepting Proxy, look at a Website
  - Choose a site that interests you
- Review what you find and create an executive summary and three page PowerPoint as if you were reporting out for an initial Pen Test
- **Remember - Do not alter any data - Monitor and Record Only**

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## Ruby

- Link to Language
  - <https://www.ruby-lang.org/en/>
- Link to Interactive Ruby Website
  - <https://ruby.github.io/TryRuby/>
- Work through exercise section labeled "Summary #8, The Hey-Relax-You-Did-Good Summary"

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## Next Week

- Introduction to SQL Injection

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## Questions

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