

Securing SEEK's Web Applications @ Scale

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Todays Agenda

- Cyber, Cyber, Cyber...
- Why the current security model is failing?
- Bug bounty programs, the what and why?

Cyber All The Things...

TRUSTWAVE GLOBAL SECURITY REPORT



Compromises By Environment







FINANCIAL CREDENTIALS

PROPRIETARY DATA

PII + CHD (E-COMMERCE TRANSACTION DATA)

TRACK DATA (POS TRANSACTIONS)

How Companies Are Compromised



OWASP Top 10

- Awareness document for web application security.
- Updated every 3 years.
- Short descriptions and example scenarios.
- Broad consensus about what the most critical web application security flaws are.



A1 – Injection	Injection flaws, such as SQL, OS, and LDAP injection occur when untrusted data is sent to an interpreter as part of a command or query. The attacker's hostile data can trick the interpreter into executing unintended commands or accessing data without proper authorization.
A2 – Broken Authentication and Session Management	Application functions related to authentication and session management are often not implemented correctly, allowing attackers to compromise passwords, keys, or session tokens, or to exploit other implementation flaws to assume other users' identities.
A3 – Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)	XSS flaws occur whenever an application takes untrusted data and sends it to a web browser without proper validation or escaping. 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.
A4 – Insecure Direct Object References	A direct object reference occurs when a developer exposes a reference to an internal implementation object, such as a file, directory, or database key. Without an access control check or other protection, attackers can manipulate these references to access unauthorized data.
A5 – Security Misconfiguration	Good security requires having a secure configuration defined and deployed for the application, frameworks, application server, web server, database server, and platform. Secure settings should be defined, implemented, and maintained, as defaults are often insecure. Additionally, software should be kept up to date.
A6 – Sensitive Data Exposure	Many web applications do not properly protect sensitive data, such as credit cards, tax IDs, and authentication credentials. Attackers may steal or modify such weakly protected data to conduct credit card fraud, identity theft, or other crimes. Sensitive data deserves extra protection such as encryption at rest or in transit, as well as special precautions when exchanged with the browser.
A7 – Missing Function Level Access Control	Most web applications verify function level access rights before making that functionality visible in the UI. However, applications need to perform the same access control checks on the server when each function is accessed. If requests are not verified, attackers will be able to forge requests in order to access functionality without proper authorization.
A8 - Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)	A CSRF attack forces a logged-on victim's browser to send a forged HTTP request, including the victim's session cookie and any other automatically included authentication information, to a vulnerable web application. This allows the attacker to force the victim's browser to generate requests the vulnerable application thinks are legitimate requests from the victim.



The Problem? Wait... There is a problem?

The current application security model was designed when:

- There were 3-6 month deploy to prod cycles (think waterfall).
- One software stack per company (for example, only allowed to use C#, .NET, SQL Server and IIS).
- Ratio of security people to devs... Well that's always been skewed :)

So how was app sec approached?

The Current Security Model



The Current Software Development Cycle

- Small teams (Max 5-10)
- Agile development methodologies (move faster)
- Teams can choose what stack to use...
- CD / CI , deploy to prod daily (move even faster)

Security Vs Tech

~140 Tech Team

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1-2 App Sec Team



Deploys To Prod Per Month



Tools/Platforms/Frameworks

Frame works

Platforms

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The Solution? Can we make SEEK 100% secure?

Yes there is a way!



Defence In Depth









Secure Development Lifecycle. How can we add security into an SDLC?

Secure Development Lifecycle

It all starts with....

CONJOINED TRIANGLES OF SUCCESS >>> MANUFACTURING SALES -BROW. Ξ E R I N G

GROWTH

SEEK's Application Security Vision				
Training	Inception	Development 🥢	Deployment 📄	Monitoring 📀
Web security training for tech teams (e.g. devs and tester).	Review system design for security weaknesses.	Add security tests for controls in ASVS standard.	Automated security tools into the build pipeline (e.g. ZAP).	Manual security testing for high value components.
Security awareness for online delivery (e.g. Brown bags).	Develop attack scenarios for high risk projects.	Adopt security standards and security release plans.	Deploy source code analysis tools into build pipeline (e.g. Checkmarx).	Implement a continuous testing program (e.g. A bug bounty program).

Bug Bounty Programs Evening up the playing field...

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50-200 Bounty Hunters

~140 Tech Team



Bug Bounty Programs



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•••••	~500 Public Bug Bou	inty Programs Globally	Google
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Managed Bug Bounty Programs

l1ackerone

bugcrowd







Even the Pentagon Have a Bug Bounty Program!!



US Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter (left) said the initiative was designed to "strengthen our digital defences and ultimately enhance our national security"

Credit Samuel Corum/Anadolu Agency/Getty Images

THE STATE OF BUG BOUNTY

Bugcrowd's second annual report on the current state of the bug bounty economy

JUNE 2016





Location of Researchers









Time Spent Per Week



Quality - Low Submission Volume



۲	37.44%	India
•	19.60%	United States
۲	12.04%	Pakistan
0	2.38%	United Kingdom
•	2.17%	Tunisia
•	2.14%	Hong Kong
	1.96%	Philippines
۲	1.25%	Germany
	1.22%	Australia
•	1.16%	Netherlands
۲	18.65%	Other



Companies Using Bounty Programs





- Two week, private, managed program through Bugcrowd.
- 50 researchers were invited and they were paid for the issues found.
- Testing occurred on production systems.
- Scope was <u>www.seek.com.au</u>, <u>talent.seek.com.au</u> and <u>talentsearch.seek.com.au</u>.
- Effort from SEEK's side was ~5 days FTE (not including remediation of issues).

104 issues were reported in total, with 40 being verified issues:



Timeline of Issues Submitted



Issue Ratings

3 High, 7 Medium and 31 Low issues were reported:



Issues by Category

97.5% of all issues are categorised in the OWASP Top 10:



50 researchers were invited, 15 submitted and 12 were valid:



12 researchers who submitted valid issues came from:



Distribution of \$15K USD reward pool:



Reward Pool

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Lesson	Reason	Impact	Next Time
Double and triple check the program start dates!	Bugcrowd confused UTC time for AEST	The program started at 2am, 10 hours earlier than expected!!	Confirm the start date in AEST.
Some of the bug bounty researchers don't follow ALL the rules in the bounty brief.	 English is not their first language. They assume it's similar to other briefs. They are hackers and don't follow the rules :P 	 Posting ads to different categories/locations, like Sydney region Not using their bugcrowd email address or custom useragent string for testing. 	Make the brief simpler to understand.
Some parts of the websites in scope are hosted by a third party.	We did not let the third party hosting provider for the Advice and Tips pages know that we were running a bounty program.	- 30min production outage of Advice and Tips pages due to hosting provider blocking our IP address.	Inform all third party hosting providers.

XML External Entity Attack



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http://52.64.105.114/payload.dtd

jberton — admin@ip-10-0-0-63: ~ -

admin@ip-10-0-0-63:~\$ sudo python -m SimpleHTTPServer 80 sudo: unable to resolve host ip-10-0-0-63 Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 80 ...



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Insecure Direct Object Reference

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1. Application provides direct access to objects based on user-supplied input. E.g.

seek.com.au/?UserID=89783488&attachmentID=53412090

- 2. Server does not check that the authenticated user is allowed to get the attachment of UserID (authorization bypass).
- 3. With any authenticated account an attacker can enumerate through **ALL** the ID's and download **ALL** the attachments!!

seek.com.au/?UserID=1111111&attachmentID=11111111

Insecure Direct Object Reference

Request	Payload1	Payload2	Status	Error	Timeout	Length	Comment
)			200			58643	baseline request
003	1	1	200			388	
006	2	3	200			338	
007	3	3	200			328	
008	4	3	200			334	
010	6	3	200	ō	ā	334	
009	5	3	200	ā	ā	336	
011	7	3	200		ē	334	
007	2	4	200	ō	ā	326	
008	3	4	200		ā	316	
009	4	4	200	ā	ā	322	
010	5	4	200	õ	õ	324	
011	6	4	200	ō	ā	322	
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	8	0	404			17436	

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Whats Next For SEEK?



The End

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