

CS 55: Security and Privacy

SQL injection attacks

HI, THIS IS
YOUR SON'S SCHOOL.
WE'RE HAVING SOME
COMPUTER TROUBLE.



OH, DEAR - DID HE
BREAK SOMETHING?
IN A WAY--



DID YOU REALLY
NAME YOUR SON
Robert'); DROP
TABLE Students;-- ?



OH. YES. LITTLE
BOBBY TABLES,
WE CALL HIM.

WELL, WE'VE LOST THIS
YEAR'S STUDENT RECORDS.
I HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY.



AND I HOPE
YOU'VE LEARNED
TO SANITIZE YOUR
DATABASE INPUTS.

Demo on VM

Start Firefox browser

Go to: <http://www.seedlabsqlinjection.com>

- Log in as Alice
 - Username: alice
 - Password: seedalice
 - See Alice's info
- Go to Edit Profile (at top)
 - Change details
- Log in as admin
 - Username: admin
 - Password: seedadmin
 - See all employee data

You use databases every day, but may not think them about very much



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New York
Times**



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Virtually all non-trivial applications have a database component

Databases are a set of programs used to Create, Read, Update, or Delete (CRUD) data through operations called queries

Queries typically use SQL to carry out queries

What characteristics would you like in a database?

Database skills are in high demand

TOP TECH SKILLS

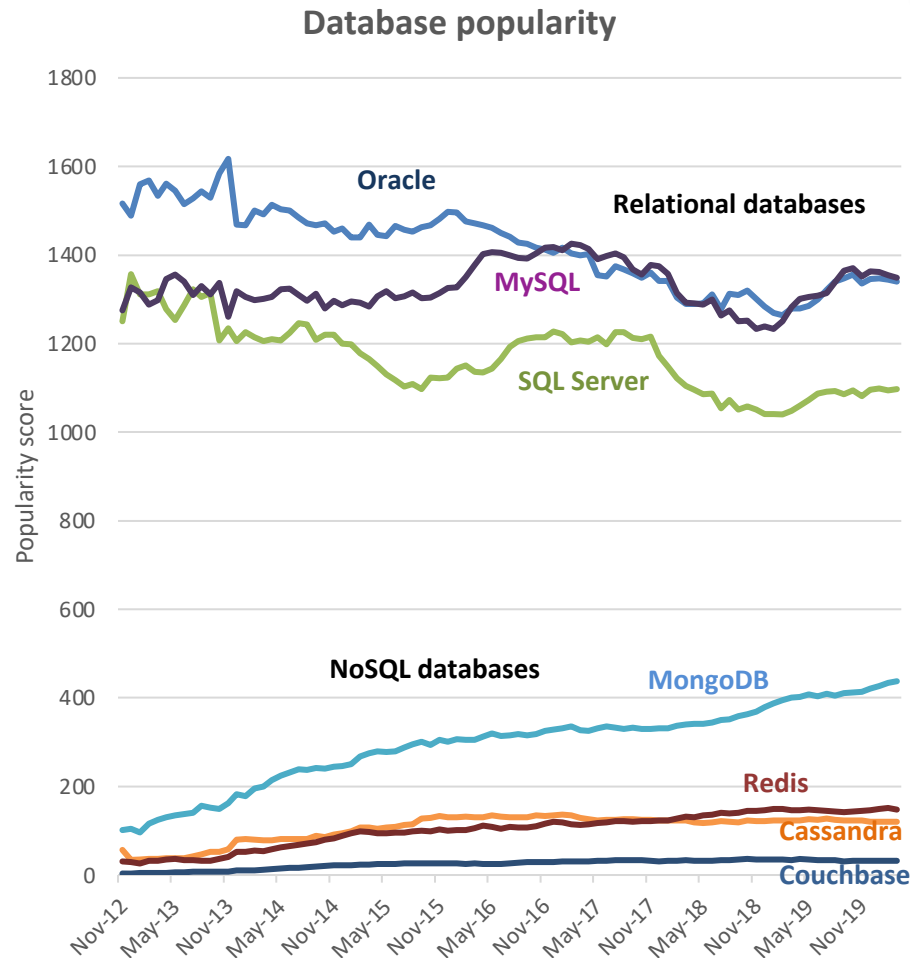
2019 Rank	Occupation	Change in Rank from 2018
1	SQL	—
2	Java	—
3	JavaScript	▲ 1
4	Project Management	▼ 1
5	Python	▲ 1
6	Linux	▼ 1
7	Oracle	—
8	Microsoft C#	—
9	Scrum	▲ 1
10	Quality Assurance and Control	▼ 1

Job placement firm Dice analyzed 6 million job postings for most frequently sought tech skills in 2020

Employers are looking to hire people with database skills

There are number of popular DBMS's in use today; we will use MySQL

Popular Database Management Systems



Relational

➡ Our focus

- *MySQL/MariaDB (open source, but owned by Oracle, MariaDB is fork)*
- Oracle (king of the hill, but expensive)
- Microsoft SQL Server (also Access, easy to use compared with Oracle)

NoSQL

- *Mongo (most popular NoSQL, has security concerns?)*
- Redis (in-memory data structure store, used as a database, cache and message broker)
- Cassandra (hybrid key-value and column-oriented DB)
- Couchbase (key/value store)

Agenda



1. SQL tutorial
2. SQL injection attacks
3. Countermeasures

Big picture of relational database design



Relational Database Management System (RDBMS)

- Normally represented graphically as a cylinder
- Holds data in relations (tables)

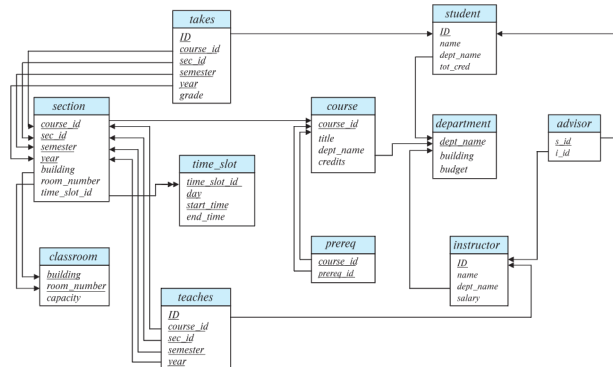
Relations (tables)

- Each relation holds data about people, places, things or events (nouns)
- Tables consist of rows and columns
- Each row (tuple or relation instance) represents one person, place, thing, or event
- Each column (field or attribute) represents one aspect of a person, place, thing, or event (e.g., last name)
- A column (FK) can refer to a column (PK) in another table, creating a relationship between tables

Database schema

- Logical collection of tables and relationships
- Minimizes storing multiple copies of data
- Look up additional data in another table if needed using key

ID	name	dept_name	salary
22222	Einstein	Physics	95000
12121	Wu	Finance	90000
32343	El Said	History	60000
45565	Katz	Comp. Sci.	75000
98345	Kim	Elec. Eng.	80000
76766	Crick	Biology	72000
10101	Srinivasan	Comp. Sci.	65000
58583	Califieri	History	62000
83821	Brandt	Comp. Sci.	92000



Relational database systems store data in relations (aka tables) made up of attributes

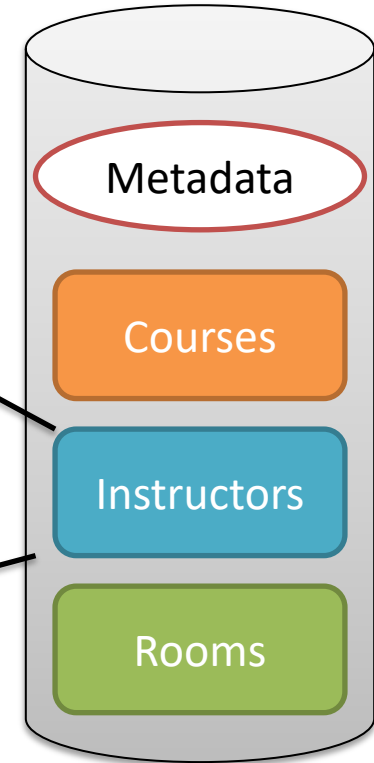
Relational database table

Instructors
relation

attributes

Relation
instances

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15151	Mozart	Music	40000
33456	Gold	Physics	87000
76543	Singh	Finance	80000



College database
schema

Data in a relational database

- Data stored in **relations** (tables)
- Relations are made up of **relation instances** (rows or tuples)
- Relation instances are made up of a fixed number of **attributes** (fields or columns) of fixed type
- Related relations are contained in a **schema** (aka database)
- Database may store multiple schemas

We will use the popular MySQL relational database management system (RDBMS)

Log in to MySQL

```
$ mysql -uroot -pseedubuntu  
Welcome to the MySQL monitor.  
mysql>
```

Most relational databases use Structured Query Language (aka S-Q-L, aka Sequel) to issue commands

If you use MySQL often, consider a tool such as MySQL Workbench

See databases “SHOW DATABASES;” create a new with “CREATE DATABASE <name>;”

See what databases already exist

```
mysql> SHOW DATABASES;
```

Database
information_schema
Users
dbtest
elgg_csrf
elgg_xss
mysql
performance_schema
phpmyadmin
sys

Note: SQL commands end with semicolon

By convention we capitalize SQL keywords, but it is not required

```
9 rows in set (0.00 sec)9 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Create new database

```
mysql> CREATE DATABASE cs55;
```

Data is stored in tables; each table represents a collection of related entities

Tell MySQL to use our new database and create an Employees table

```
mysql> USE cs55;  
Database changed
```

Create table named Employees



```
mysql> CREATE TABLE `Employees` (  
  `ID` int(11) NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,  
  `Name` varchar(30) NOT NULL,  
  `EID` varchar(7) NOT NULL,  
  `Password` varchar(60) DEFAULT NULL,  
  `Salary` int(11) DEFAULT NULL,  
  `SSN` varchar(11) DEFAULT NULL,  
  PRIMARY KEY (`ID`)  
);
```

Add attributes (fields) about employees, give name and data type

Table will have one row (record) per employee

Auto_increment means give each entry a number one greater than the previous entry, used for Key attribute

NOT NULL means the attribute must have a value other than NULL

DEFAULT NULL means assign NULL unless given another value

```
Query OK, 0 row affected (0.002 sec)
```

Database will look up employees by their primary key (ID here)



Use “describe <table>” see the structure of a database table

See the table's structure with describe command

```
mysql> describe Employees;
```

Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
ID	int(11)	NO	PRI	NULL	auto_increment
Name	varchar(30)	NO		NULL	
EID	varchar(7)	NO		NULL	
Password	varchar(60)	YES		NULL	
Salary	int(11)	YES		NULL	
SSN	varchar(11)	YES		NULL	

```
6 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

Show tables lists all tables in a database schema

See the tables in a database schema

```
mysql> show tables;
+-----+
| Tables_in_cs55 |
+-----+
| Employees      |
| Restaurants    |
| Users          |
+-----+
3 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

Structured Query Language (SQL) performs CRUD operations on data

CRUD

Create

```
INSERT INTO table (field1, field2, ...)
VALUES (val1, val2, ...)
```

Read

```
SELECT * | field list
FROM table
WHERE conditions
```

Update

```
UPDATE table
SET field1=val1, field2=val2
WHERE conditions
```

Delete

```
DELETE FROM table
WHERE conditions
```

Use INSERT to add rows to the table; use SELECT to see table rows

Add employee named Alice into table with INSERT command

```
mysql> INSERT INTO Employees (Name, EID, Password, Salary, SSN)
VALUES ('Alice', 'EID5001', 'passwd123', 80000, '111-11-1111');
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.01 sec)
```

See table rows with SELECT command

SELECT * means
return all attributes

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM Employees;
```

ID	Name	EID	Password	Salary	SSN
1	Alice	EID5001	passwd123	80000	111-11-1111

1 row in set (0.00 sec)

Can specify what attributes to return

```
mysql> SELECT Name, Salary FROM Employees;
```

Name	Salary
Alice	80000

SQL commands can span multiple lines, end with semicolon

**SELECT Name, Salary
FROM Employees;**

WHERE clauses allow us to limit which rows are returned

WHERE clause

WHERE clause is used to set conditions for several types of SQL statements including SELECT, UPDATE, or DELETE

```
mysql> SQL command  
WHERE predicate;
```


Affects rows for which the predicate in the WHERE clause is TRUE

The predicate is a logical expression; multiple predicates can be combined using keywords AND and OR

WHERE clauses can use AND and OR

WHERE clause

Added some more employees before
this command



```
mysql> SELECT * FROM Employees;
```

ID	Name	EID	Password	Salary	SSN
1	Alice	EID5001	passwd123	80000	111-11-1111
2	Bob	EID5002	passwd123	80000	222-22-2222
3	Charlie	EID5003	passwd123	85000	333-33-3333
4	Denise	EID5004	passwd123	90000	444-44-4444

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM Employees WHERE Name = 'Alice' OR EID='EID5003';
```

ID	Name	EID	Password	Salary	SSN
1	Alice	EID5001	passwd123	80000	111-11-1111
3	Charlie	EID5003	passwd123	85000	333-33-3333

```
2 rows in set (0.00 sec)
```

If WHERE clause always evaluates to true, then all rows are affected

WHERE clause

1 always equals 1, so true for all rows
Returns all rows

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM Employees WHERE 1=1;
```

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Seems like an odd thing to point out,
stand by...

UPDATE modified records, normally using WHERE clause

UPDATE command

Give Alice a raise



```
mysql> UPDATE Employees SET Salary=82000 WHERE ID=1;
```

```
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.00 sec)
```

```
Rows matched: 1   Changed: 1   Warnings: 0
```

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM Employees;
```

Alice now has a new salary



ID	Name	EID	Password	Salary	SSN
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4 rows in set (0.00 sec)

SQL commands can have comments, MySQL supports three different types

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM Employees; # comment to end of line  
mysql> SELECT * FROM Employees; -- comment to end of line  
mysql> SELECT * FROM /* In-line comment */ Employees;
```

Agenda

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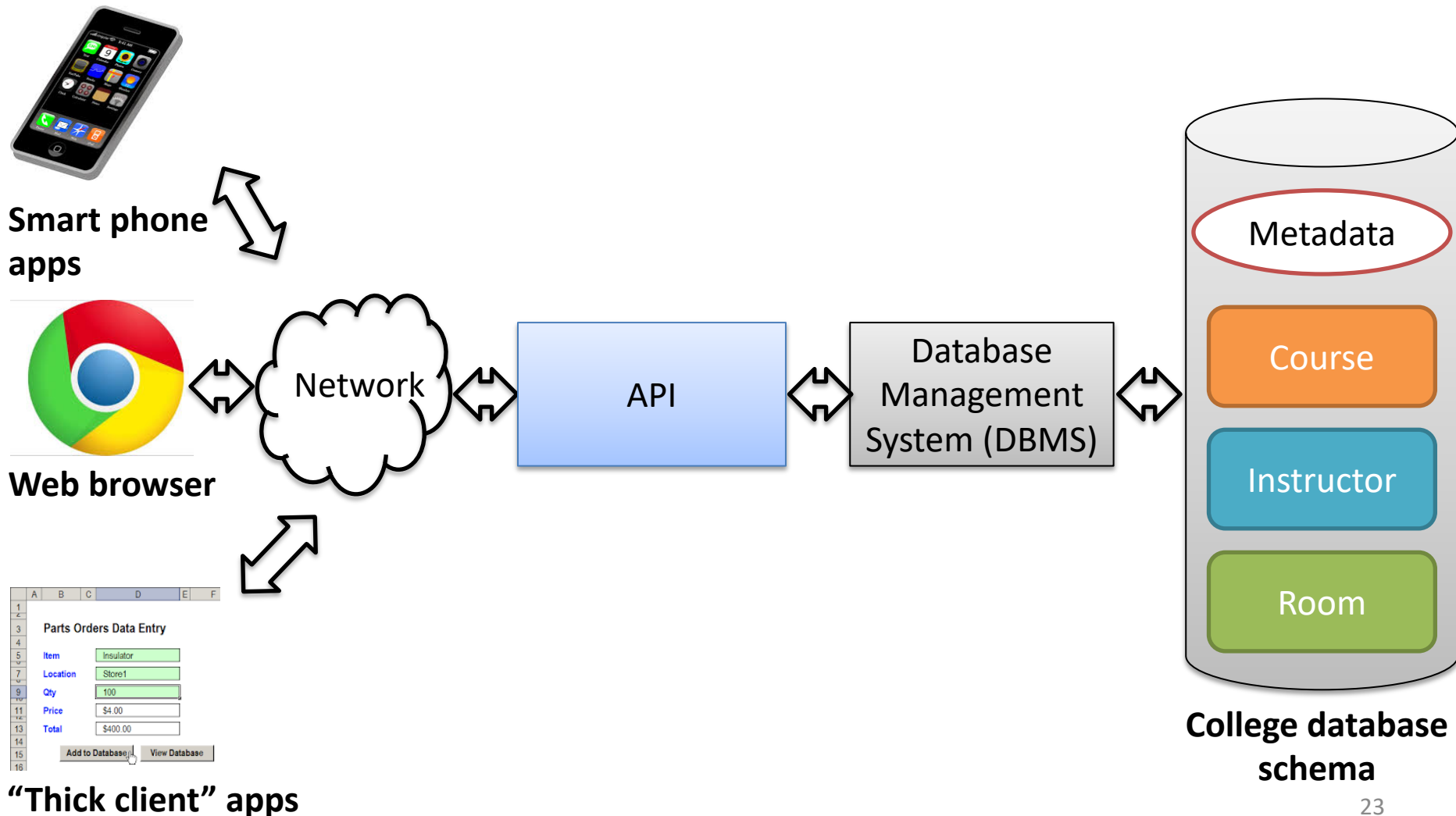


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Three-tiered architecture

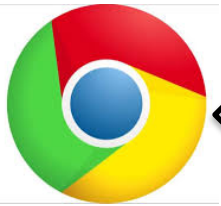


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Smart phone apps



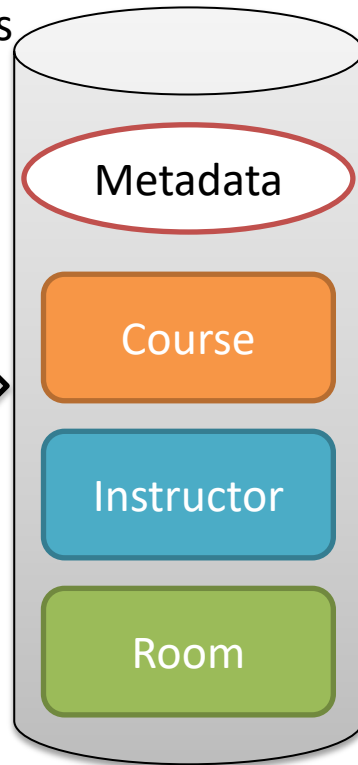
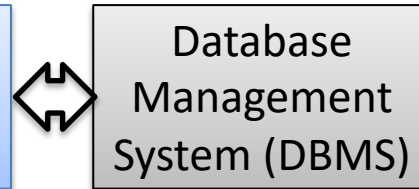
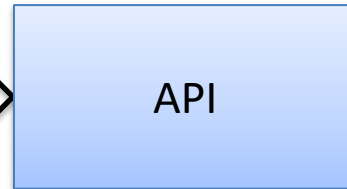
Web browser

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Parts Orders Data Entry

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“Thick client” apps



College database schema

Advantages

1. Allows data to be shared between multiple applications
2. Creates a single repository of knowledge
3. Manages security

Tier 1: DBMS

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- Controls access to database
- Allows data to be shared

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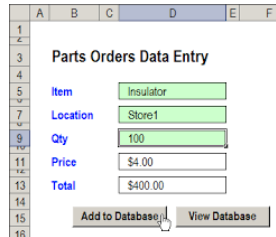
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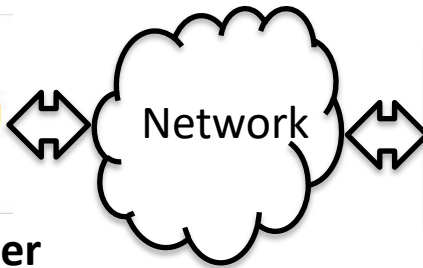
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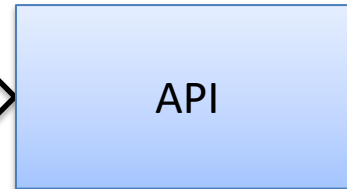


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1. Abstracts data access
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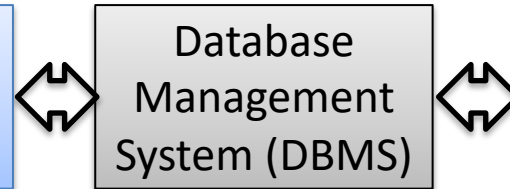


Tier 2: API

- Provides access to database via web services
- May also be web server for web pages

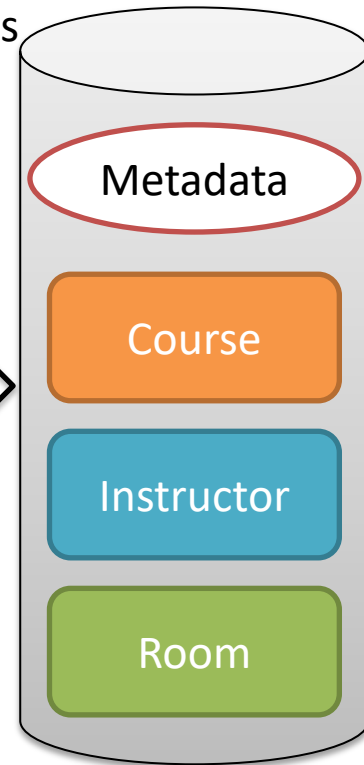
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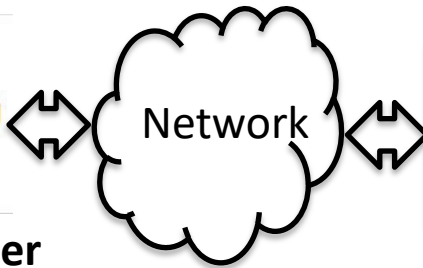
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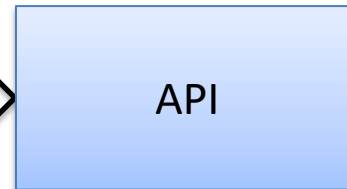
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Tier 3: Applications

Advantages

1. Abstracts data access
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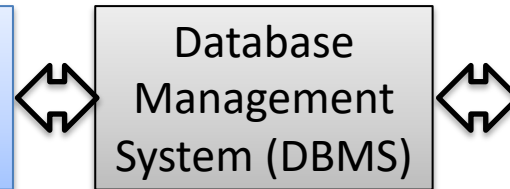


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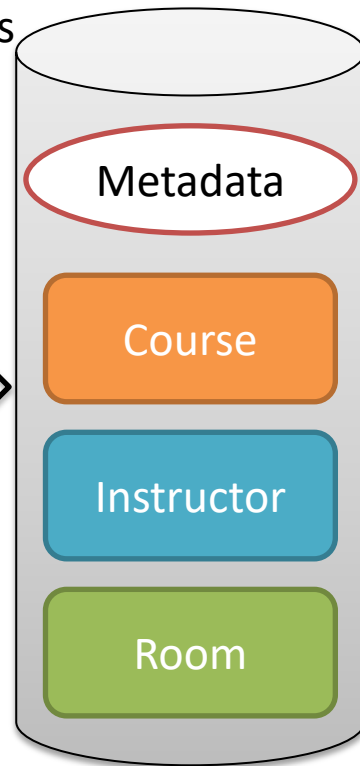
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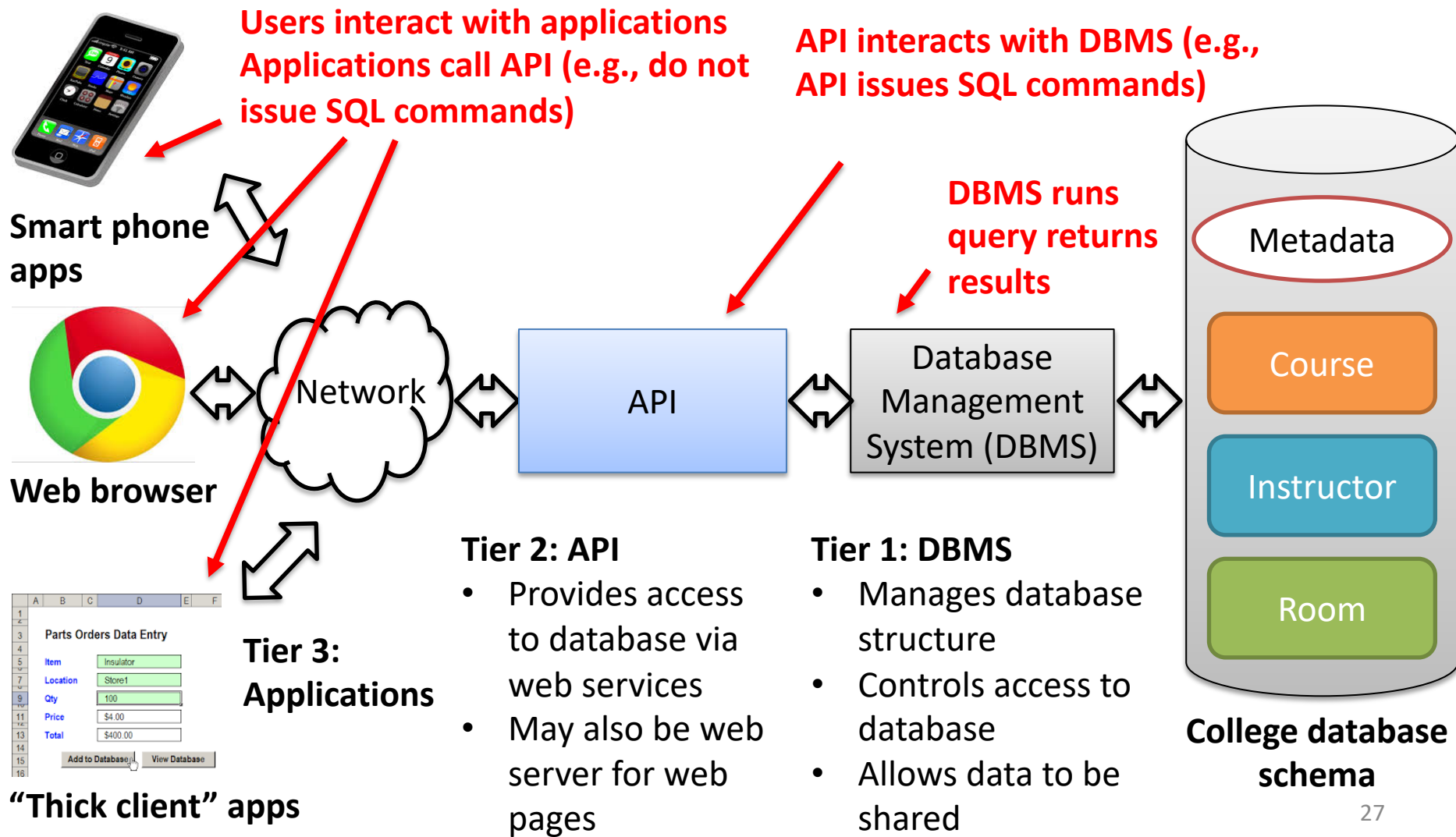
- Manages database structure
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College database schema

Users do not typically issue their own SQL commands

Three-tiered architecture



Most applications will need to get a user's input at some point, often from a browser



Login screen where the user enters their username and password

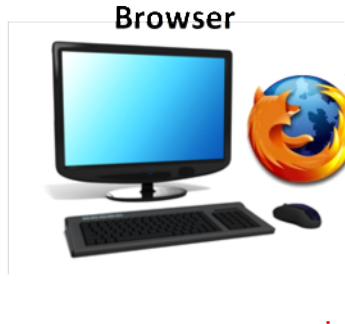
Employee Profile Login

USERNAME	<input type="text" value="Username"/>
PASSWORD	<input type="text" value="Password"/>

```
<form action="getdata.php" method="get">
Username: <input type="text" name="username"><br>
Password: <input type="text" name="password"><br>
         <input type="submit" value="Login">
</form>
```

User input passed to web service API on the server after the Login button clicked

www.example.com/getdata.php?Username=Alice&Password=seedalice



Browser

Web Application Server



Clicking submit button calls PHP file on server named `getdata.php` and passes Username and Password parameters in query string

Employee Profile Login

USERNAME Username

PASSWORD Password

Login

```
<?php
$name = $_GET["Username"];
$pwd = $_GET["Password"];
$sql = "SELECT id, name, salary
FROM credential
WHERE name='$name' AND
Password='$pwd'";
$result = $conn->query($sql);
?>
```

`getdata.php` issues SQL command to get data from the database using parameters passed in query string

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```

The database fetches and returns the data requested by the user

www.example.com/getdata.php?Username=Alice&Password=seedalice



Browser

Web Application Server



Database



Employee Profile Login

USERNAME Username

PASSWORD Password

Login

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?>
```

SELECT id, name, salary
FROM credential
WHERE name='Alice' AND
Password='seedalice'

**Database is queried
and returns
requested data**

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```

**Key point: the user never
issues a SQL command
directly to the database, the
API does**

PHP can connect to a MySQL database and parse user parameters passed by GET

Server side

```
function getDB() {  
    $dbhost="localhost";  
    $dbuser="root";  
    $dbpass="seedubuntu";  
    $dbname="dbtest";  
  
    // Create a DB connection  
    $conn = new mysqli($dbhost, $dbuser, $dbpass, $dbname);  
    if ($conn->connect_error) {  
        die("Connection failed: " . $conn->connect_error . "\n");  
    }  
    return $conn;  
}
```

Server side: create a connection to the database

```
$eid = $_GET['EID'];  
$pwd = $_GET['Password'];  
echo "EID: $eid --- Password: $pwd\n";
```

$\$_GET$ ['param name'] returns value in query string

Use $\$_POST$ ['param name'] if HTML POST command issued

Using user's input in SQL command creates an attack vector

Construct SQL command from user input, then send command to database for execution

Get user's input from HTML GET

```
/* getdata.php */
<?php
    $eid = $_GET['EID'];
    $pwd = $_GET['Password'];

    $conn = new mysqli("localhost", "root", "seedubuntu", "dbtest");
    $sql = "SELECT Name, Salary, SSN
            FROM employee
            WHERE eid= '$eid' and password='$pwd'";

    $result = $conn->query($sql);
    if ($result) {
        // Print out the result
        while ($row = $result->fetch_assoc()) {
            printf ("Name: %s -- Salary: %s -- SSN: %s\n",
                    $row["Name"], $row["Salary"], $row['SSN']);
        }
        $result->free();
    }
    $conn->close();
?>
```

Constructing
SQL statement

Key point: what
the user types
becomes part
of the database
query

What could do
wrong?

Print results

<http://www.example.com/getdata.php?EID=EID5000&Password=paswd123>

Do not trust user input

A malicious user could bypass user/password checks

The intention of the web app developer by the following is for the user to provide some data for the blank areas.

```
SELECT Name, Salary, SSN
FROM employee
WHERE eid='  ' and password='  '
```

Assume that a user types “EID5002’#” in the eid entry. The SQL statement will become the following

```
SELECT Name, Salary, SSN
FROM employee
WHERE eid= 'EID5002' # and password='xyz'
```

Everything after the # is treated as a comment, so the command is

```
SELECT Name, Salary, SSN
FROM employee
WHERE eid= 'EID5002'
```

Get information without knowing the password because password commented out!

A malicious user could bypass user/password checks

- Let's see if a user can get all the records from the database assuming we don't know all the EID's in the database.
- We need to create a predicate for WHERE clause so that it is true for all records.

```
SELECT Name, Salary, SSN  
FROM employee  
WHERE eid= 'a' OR 1=1
```



User types a' or 1=1 #

**Now all employees are listed
because 1=1 is always true!**

curl can launch attacks from the command line

Using cURL, we can send out a form from a command-line, instead of from a web page

```
$ curl 'www.SeedLabSQLInjection.com/unsafe_home.php?username=alice&Password=seedalice'
```

Special characters need to be UTF-8 encoded for curl to work:

Character	UTF-8
'	%27
#	%23
space	%20

Sometimes an adversary can change the contents of the database

If the statement is UPDATE or INSERT, we will have chance to change the database

Password change form asks for EID, old password, new password

When Submit button clicked, an HTTP POST sent to server-side script changepasswd.php, which uses an UPDATE statement to change the user's password

Note: adversary usually doesn't know what SQL looks like on server, has to guess

EID	EID50000
Old Password	paswd123
New Password	paswd456

```
/* changepasswd.php */
<?php
    $eid = $_POST['EID'];
    $oldpwd = $_POST['OldPassword'];
    $newpwd = $_POST['NewPassword'];

    $conn = new mysqli("localhost:", "root", "pwd", "db");
    $sql = "UPDATE Employees
            SET password='$newpwd'
            WHERE eid='$eid' and password='$oldpwd'";
    $result = $conn->query($sql);
    $conn->close();
?>
```

Get user's input from HTTP POST

Use user's input in SQL UPDATE command

Alice wants to give herself a raise

Password change web form

EID	EID50000
Old Password	paswd123
New Password	paswd456

SQL command

```
UPDATE Employees  
SET password='$newpwd'  
WHERE eid='$eid' AND password='$oldpwd'
```

SQL statement sets two attributes: password and salary

```
UPDATE Employees  
SET password='paswd456'  
WHERE eid='EID5000' AND password='paswd123'
```

Alice wants to give herself a raise

Password change web form

EID	EID50000
Old Password	paswd123
New Password	paswd456', salary=100000 #

SQL command

```
UPDATE Employees  
SET password='$newpwd'  
WHERE eid='$eid' AND password='$oldpwd'
```

SQL statement sets two attributes: password and salary

```
UPDATE Employees  
SET password='paswd456', salary=100000 #'  
WHERE eid='EID5000' AND password='paswd123'
```

Alice doesn't like Bob...

Password change web form

EID	EID50001' #
Old Password	anything
New Password	paswd456', salary=0 #

SQL command

```
UPDATE Employees  
SET password='$newpwd'  
WHERE eid='$eid' AND password='$oldpwd'
```

SQL statement changes Bob's password and sets salary to zero

```
UPDATE Employees  
SET password='paswd456', salary=0 #'  
WHERE eid='EID5001' # AND password='anything'
```

**Assume Alice knows
Bob's EmployeeID
but does not know
Bob's password**

Sometimes an adversary can execute multiple commands

Login web form

EID	<code>a'; DROP DATABASE db; #</code>
Password	anything

SQL command

```
SELECT Name, Salary, SSN  
FROM Employees  
WHERE eid='$eid'
```

SQL statement becomes

```
SELECT Name, Salary, SSN  
FROM Employees  
WHERE eid='a'; DROP DATABASE db; #
```



**Semicolon ends statements
then second DROP DATABASE
command follows**

**Note: does not work
against MySQL because
mysql does not allow
multiple queries**

Now we know why this is funny

HI, THIS IS
YOUR SON'S SCHOOL.
WE'RE HAVING SOME
COMPUTER TROUBLE.



OH, DEAR - DID HE
BREAK SOMETHING?
IN A WAY-



DID YOU REALLY
NAME YOUR SON
Robert'); DROP
TABLE Students;-- ?



OH, YES. LITTLE
BOBBY TABLES,
WE CALL HIM.

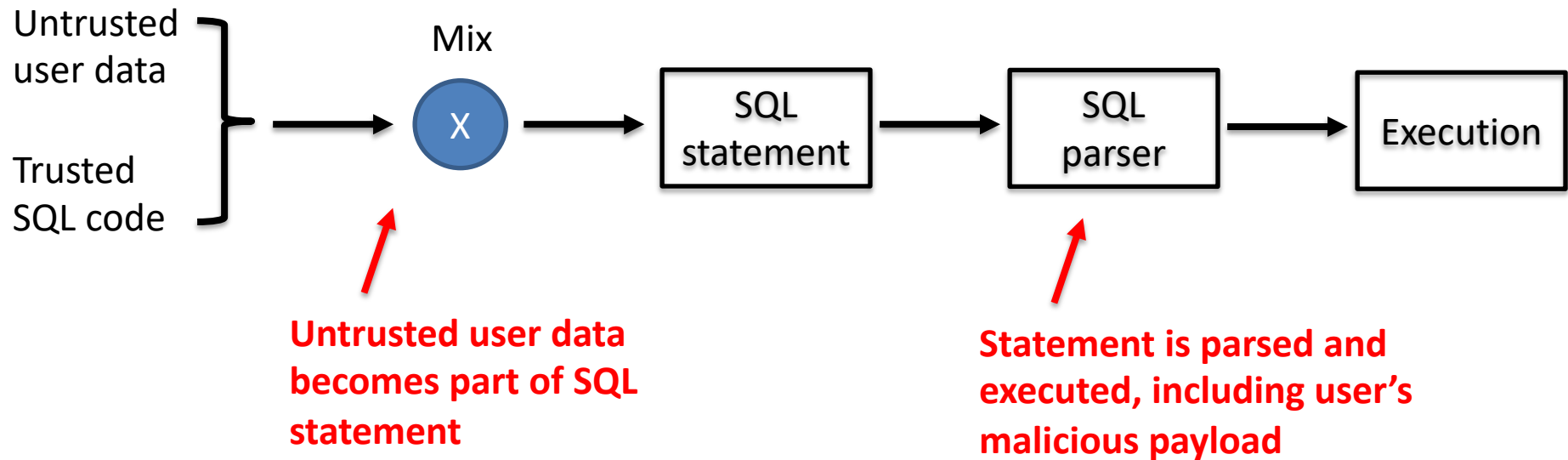
WELL, WE'VE LOST THIS
YEAR'S STUDENT RECORDS.
I HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY.



AND I HOPE
YOU'VE LEARNED
TO SANITIZE YOUR
DATABASE INPUTS.


The fundamental problem is mixing untrustworthy user data and code

Simplified SQL execution flow



The problem of mixing user data and code is not limited to just SQL!

Agenda

1. SQL tutorial
2. SQL injection attacks
-  3. Countermeasures

Approach 1: filter out dangerous data that might be interpreted as code

Encode special characters tells parser to treat the encoded character as data and not as code

```
Before encoding:   aaa' OR 1=1 #  
After encoding:    aaa\' OR 1=1 #
```

Use MySQL `real_escape_string` to encode user data

```
/* getdata_encoding.php */  
<?php  
    $conn = new mysqli("localhost", "root", "seedubuntu", "dbtest");  
    $eid = $mysqli->real_escape_string($_GET['EID']);  
    $pwd = $mysqli->real_escape_string($_GET['Password']);  
    $sql = "SELECT Name, Salary, SSN  
            FROM employee  
            WHERE eid= '$eid' and password='$pwd'";  
?>
```

Not recommended
Still mixes code and data

Approach 2: use prepared statements to separate code and data

High-level overview of SQL execution process

UPDATE Users SET UserName = ? AND Password = ?



Parse

- Check syntax
- Check table and columns exist

Compile

- Convert query to machine code

Optimize

- Choose optimal execution plan

Cache

- Store optimized query plan in cache
- If command submitted again, skip prior steps (already done)

Replace placeholders

- Prepared statement are not complete statements
- Have placeholders for some values
- But, format of command is set now
- Placeholders filled with literal values
- Place holder data doesn't change command format

Execute

- Query is executed
- Data is returned
- Malicious command are stored in table as text, not executed

Approach 2: use prepared statements to separate code and data

```
$conn = new mysqli("localhost", "root", "seedubuntu", "dbtest");  
$sql = "SELECT Name, Salary, SSN  
      FROM employee  
      WHERE eid= '$eid' and password='$pwd'";  
$result = $conn->query($sql);
```

**Original approach mixes
code and user data**

**Instead, separate code and data
with prepared statement**

```
$conn = new mysqli("localhost", "root", "seedubuntu", "dbtest");  
$sql = "SELECT Name, Salary, SSN  
      FROM employee  
      WHERE eid= ? and password=?";
```

**Question marks are
placeholders for user data**

```
if ($stmt = $conn->prepare($sql)) {  
    $stmt->bind_param("ss", $eid, $pwd);  
    $stmt->execute();  
  
    $stmt->bind_result($name, $salary, $ssn);  
    while ($stmt->fetch()) {  
        printf ("%s %s %s\n", $name, $salary, $ssn);  
    }  
}
```

**Fill placeholders after
statement is compiled**

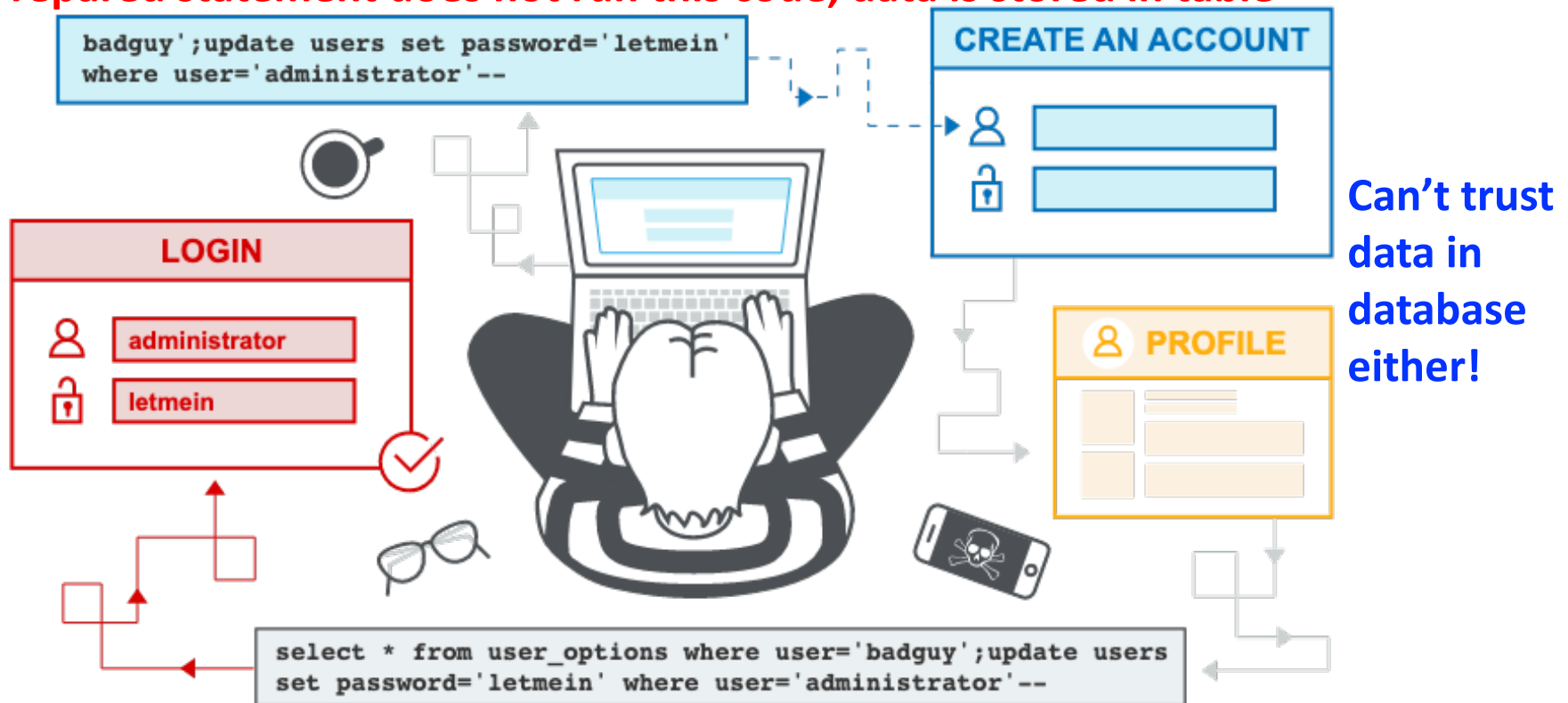
**Added benefit: possible
improved query performance!**

Even if you use prepared statements, be wary of data in your database!

Second-order attack:

User enters data with SQL embedded

Prepared statement does not run this code, data is stored in table



Later someone runs a command where user = 'badguy'
Command executes; here resets admin password

SQL injection attacks are still being found!

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Freepik data breach: Hackers stole 8.3M records via SQL injection

By [Sergiu Gatian](#)

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8.3M usernames and passwords stolen via SQL injection attack

SQL injection attacks have been around for a long time

We should know better!

