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Code Dx: Visual analytics for triage of source code vulnerabilities

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We help you **make sense of data**

- Analyze security *decision-making* processes
- Build *visual analytics* to enhance security decisions and training

Our expertise starts where automated security sensors and scanners leave off

We **transition** our R&D into **operational use**, in government and industry



Grounded in commercial software and product development

- Division of Applied Visions, developer of commercial software
- 40 people, most with clearances, and secure facilities

Hackers are paid bounties to find software flaws

The New York Times

JULY 13, 2013

// In 2010, Google started paying hackers up to \$3,133.70 ... for bugs in its Web browser.

Last month, Microsoft sharply increased the amount it was willing to pay for such flaws, raising its top offer to \$150,000.

Software Assurance

SwA Terminology

Weakness Source code defect that an attacker *might* exploit

Vulnerability Source code defect *known* to be exploitable

- For simplicity, we'll use “vulnerability” in this presentation

SAST Static Application Security Testing tools

- Find vulnerabilities and poor quality in static source code
- Rapidly growing market

Commercial: Fortify, AppScan, Armorize, Coverity ...

Open source: FindBugs, Jlint, cppcheck ...

**Focus of
Code Dx**

Other categories of tools

DAST Dynamic Application Security Testing tools

- Penetration testing of web applications during execution

Binary code analysis

- Finding vulnerabilities through analysis of compiled code

The Need

Stop shipping insecure software



// **90%** of reported security incidents result from **exploits** of application software **defects**

Build Security In Website, DHS
<https://buildsecurityin.us-cert.gov/bsi/mission.html>

On average, one SAST tool finds only **14%** of vulnerabilities; you need lots of different tools to **cover** the vulnerabilities



50,000 weaknesses in 200,000 lines of code ...
Where do I start? What's most important?



Code Dx Approach

Find the most important vulnerabilities

Challenge

- Incomplete vulnerability coverage by single tool
- Difficult to compare tool results; different semantics
- Tens of thousands of vulnerabilities reported
- Format of results impedes communication and collaboration
- Expensive tools; hard to use for non-experts

Code Dx Solution

- Imports and correlates results from multiple tools
- Normalizes results; common severity scale
- Visual analytics to rapidly triage results
- Common UI with custom detail for security analysts, developers, and CISOs
- *Code Dx* will embed open source SAST tools for use with or without commercial tools

Visual Analytics for triage, remediation, and communication

Workflows tailored to each type of user

Code Qx SECURE DECISIONS
version 0.9.6 - 6/14/2013

Home Projects About Admin Logout Logged in as [user]

WebGoat > Analysis Run 1 Created on 6/11/2013 Uploaded on 6/11/2013 2,123 total weaknesses Options

Weakness Flow

Displaying weaknesses whose Tool Overlaps is 1 Tool

Bulk Operations for the 1,953 matching weaknesses Select a status... Generate Report...

Weaknesses

Id	Tool	Severity	Codebase Location	Status
2074	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	MultiLevelLogin2.java	New
2006	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	RefreshDBScreen.java	New
1996	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	RandomLessonAdapter.java	New
1941	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	MultiLevelLogin2.java	New
1920	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	UpdateProfile_I.java	New
1857	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	MultiLevelLogin2.java	New
1851	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	SqlNumericInjection.java	New
1786	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	UpdateProfile_I.java	New
1754	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	DatabaseUtilities.java	New
1748	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	SqlNumericInjection.java	New
1740	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	SqlModifyData.java	New
1735	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	RandomLessonAdapter.java	New
1714	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	RandomLessonAdapter.java	New
1667	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	BackDoors.java	New
1661	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	MaliciousFileExecution.java	New
1648	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	BlindNumericSqlInjection.java	New
1641	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	MultiLevelLogin1.java	New
1628	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	StoredXss.java	New
1622	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	SqlStringInjection.java	New

Visualize thousands of weaknesses in a single view

Interactively, powerful filtering

Quickly and effectively triage large weakness lists

Weakness Flow

Filters

Weakness count 2,123 / 2,123

Tool

- CodeSecure (9.1%)
- FindBugs (19.1%)
- Fortify (51.2%)
- Jlint (7.4%)
- PMD (13.2%)

Severity

- Unspecified (7.4%)
- Low (43.5%)
- Medium (33.6%)
- High (15.4%)

Codebase Location

- org.owasp.webgoat (100%)
 - org.owasp.webgoat.lessons (86.3%)
 - org.owasp.webgoat.servlets (< 0.1%)
 - org.owasp.webgoat.session (10%)
 - org.owasp.webgoat.util (2.1%)
 - Catcher (0.2%)
 - HammerHead (1.1%)

Tool Overlaps

- 1 Tool (92%)
- 2 Tools (8%)

CWE

- CWE-497: Exposure of System Data to an Un...
- CWE-398: Indicator of Poor Code Quality (15)
- CWE-396: Declaration of Catch for Generic E...
- CWE-404: Improper Resource Shutdown or F...
- None (10%)
- CWE-79: Im...
- CWE-459: Incomplete Cleanup (6.5%)

Status

Displaying all **totals from all 5 tools**

Bulk Operations for the 2,123 matching weaknesses

Select a status... Generate Report...

W	Severity	Codebase Location	Status
2082	High	Unreleased Resource - Database EditProfile.java	Unresolved
2074	High	Unreleased Resource - Database MultiLevelLogin2.java	Unresolved
2073	High	Unreleased Resource - Database UpdateProfile.java	Unresolved
1996	High	Unreleased Resource - Database RefreshDBScreen.java	Unresolved
1953	High	Unreleased Resource - Database RandomLessonAdapter.java	Unresolved
1941	High	Unreleased Resource - Database Login_i.java	Unresolved
1920	High	Unreleased Resource - Database MultiLevelLogin2.java	Unresolved
1857	High	Unreleased Resource - Database UpdateProfile_i.java	Unresolved
1854	High	Unreleased Resource - Database UpdateProfile.java	Unresolved
1851	High	Unreleased Resource - Database MultiLevelLogin2.java	Unresolved
1850	High	Unreleased Resource - Database DeleteProfile.java	Unresolved
1850	High	Unreleased Resource - Database SqlNumericInjection.java	Unresolved
1786	High	Unreleased Resource - Database UpdateProfile_i.java	Unresolved
1785	High	Unreleased Resource - Database ViewProfile.java	Unresolved
1778	High	Unreleased Resource - Database Login.java	Unresolved
1754	High	Unreleased Resource - Database UpdateProfile.java	Unresolved
1754	High	Unreleased Resource - Database DatabaseUtilities.java	Unresolved
1751	High	Unreleased Resource - Database Login.java	Unresolved
1746	High	Unreleased Resource - Database SqlNumericInjection.java	Unresolved
1746	High	Unreleased Resource - Database DefaultLessonAction.java	Unresolved

tool attribution

normalized severities

correlated source code mappings

overlap detection

correlated standards mappings

SINGLE INTERFACE FOR CORRELATED RESULTS FROM MULTIPLE TOOLS

WebGoat > Analysis Run 1 Created on 7/16/2013 **ACTIONABLE WORKFLOW** Options

Weakness Flow

Filters clear all

Weakness count 954 / 2,123

Tool

Severity clear filter

- Unspecified (0%)
- Low (0%)
- Medium (67%)
- High (33%)

Codebase Location clear filter

- org.owasp.webgoat (100%)
 - org.owasp.webgoat.lessons (100%)
 - org.owasp.webgoat.servlets (0%)
 - org.owasp.webgoat.session (0%)
 - org.owasp.webgoat.util (0%)
 - Catcher (0%)
 - HammerHead (0%)

Tool Overlaps

CWE

Status

- Escalated (4.1%)
- False Positive (4.8%)
- Fixed (5%)
- Ignored (54.2%)
- New (21%)
- Unresolved (10.9%)

Displaying weaknesses whose Codebase Location is **org.owasp.webgoat.lessons** and Severity is **Medium** or **High**

Bulk Operations for the 954 matching weaknesses Select a status... Generate Report...

Weaknesses			
Id	Weakness Type	Severity	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2082	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	Unresolved
<input type="checkbox"/> 2073	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	Unresolved
<input type="checkbox"/> 2006	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	Unresolved
<input type="checkbox"/> 1996	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	Unresolved
<input type="checkbox"/> 1953	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	Unresolved
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1893	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	Unresolved
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1783	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	Unresolved
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1764	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	Unresolved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1751	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	Unresolved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1748	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	Unresolved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1746	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	Unresolved
<input type="checkbox"/> 1740	Unreleased Resource - Database	High	Unresolved

powerful filtering

bulk processing

communicate status

well defined triage process

assign for remediation

Select a status...

- Unresolved
- Escalated**
- Ignored
- False Positive
- Fixed
- Jane
- John

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- Unresolved
- Escalated
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- Fixed
- Jane**
- John

Operations for the 3 selected weaknesses Select a status...

WebGoat > Analysis Run 1 > Weakness 944 **SQL_NONCONSTANT_STRING_PASSED_TO_EXECUTE** detected by FindBugs with High severity

First seen on 7/16/2013 19 weaknesses in this file 13 similar weaknesses in this analysis run

CWE 89 - Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an SQL Command ('SQL Injection') [[CWEVis](#) | [Mitre](#)]

jump to weakness v

Status

John ⓘ

Activity Stream

@Jane You're right. I'll fix this right away!

You can write your comments using markdown

Jane commented

@John Looks like we didn't sanitize the user's input!

2 minutes ago

Jane changed status to **Assigned to John**

4 minutes ago

admin changed status to **New**

3 days ago

correlated weaknesses

- 944 (Current Weakness)
- 302 SQL line 101
- 538 CheckResultSet line 101

```

67  *return description of the return value
68  */
69  protected Element createContent(WebSession s)
70  {
71      return super.createStagedContent(s);
72  }
73
74  protected Element doStage1(WebSession s) throws Exception
75  {
76      return injectableQuery(s);
77  }
78
79  protected Element doStage2(WebSession s) throws Exception
80  {
81      return parameterizedQuery(s);
82  }
83
84  protected Element injectableQuery(WebSession s)
85  {
86      ElementContainer ec = new ElementContainer();
87
88      try
89      {
90          Connection connection = DatabaseUtilities.getConnection(s);
91
92          ec.addElement(makeAccountLine(s));
93
94          String query = "SELECT * FROM user_data WHERE last_name = '" + accountName + "'";
95          ec.addElement(new PRE(query));
96
97          try
98          {
99              Statement statement = connection.createStatement(ResultSet.TYPE_SCROLL_INSENSITIVE,
100                  ResultSet.CONCUR_READ_ONLY);
101              ResultSet results = statement.executeQuery(query);
102
103              if ((results != null) && (results.first() == true))
104              {
105                  ResultSetMetaData resultsMetaData = results.getMetaData();
106                  ec.addElement(DatabaseUtilities.writeTable(results, resultsMetaData));
107                  results.last();
108
109                  // If they get back more than one user they succeeded
110                  if (results.getRow() >= 6)
111                  {
112                      makeSuccess(s);
113                  }
114              }
115              StringBuffer msg = new StringBuffer();
116
117          }

```

detailed guidance

real-time collaboration

impacted source

DEVELOPER FOCUSED REMEDIATION

Benefits

- **Better Coverage** - Find more important vulnerabilities
 - **Combine** multiple tool results to find **more** vulnerabilities
 - **Prioritize** combined results to highlight **most important**
 - **Filter out** overlapping results and false positives
- **Efficiency** - Save remediation **time** and **resources**
 - Developers can remediate **highest priority** vulnerabilities first
 - *Remediation can take 7–10 hours per vulnerability*
- **Communicate** more effectively up and down the chain
 - Visual analytics and reports, based on **roles** and **expertise**
- **Easy** to get started
 - *Code Dx 1.0* (Q4 2013) **auto-runs** open source tools
 - **Affordable** to small and mid-sized businesses

Current Status

Technology Readiness Level 7

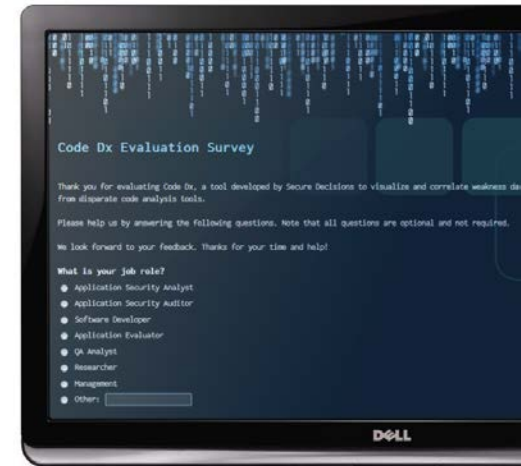
- More than **10 beta testers**, incl. ITT, NSA, Raytheon, RTI, Univ. of Nebraska ...
- Systematic collection of **feedback**

"I really like the visualization. ..tying [the tools] together and being able to work with that data is very useful."

"...at the present state, it seems to require the user to do a lot of work and formatting that the software itself could do."

"After a few minutes, I was able to manipulate the filters well enough to focus on particular discoveries."

- Currently being **evaluated** by NIST, DHS S&T CIO, TSA, McAfee, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, Indiana Univ.
- Working with Morgridge Institute to integrate into **SWAMP**
- **Training** program being refined



Code Dx Roadmap

Version	Major Features	Target Users	13	2014				2015				
			Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Code Dx 1.0	Embeds and auto-runs open source tools ; produces consolidated normalized results	Users seeking low-cost, easy-to-use bundle of SAST tools (e.g. small biz)	▲									
Code Dx 1.1	More open source tools with additional languages , e.g. .Net; Enhanced reporting	As above			▲							
Enterprise 1.0	Correlates commercial and open source SAST tools ; Enhanced analytics/reporting	Users of commercial SAST who want to extend their vulnerability coverage	▲									
Enterprise 1.5	Dynamic tracing from Code Pulse; enhanced visual analytics	As above			▲							
Enterprise 2.0	Maps weaknesses to compliance (e.g. HIPAA) and industry standards (e.g. OWASP Top Ten)	As above, plus industry verticals, e.g. health					▲					
Enterprise 3.0	Addition of hybrid analysis correlating SAST and DAST	As above, with focus on web application risk assessment										▲
SWAMP 1.0	More tool adaptors; Modified for SWAMP beta	SWAMP users	▲									
SWAMP 1.1	Upgrades for SWAMP IOC	SWAMP users		▲								
SWAMP 2.0	SWAMP Yr 2 added scalability and functions	SWAMP users					▲					
SWAMP 3.0	Upgrades for SWAMP Yr 3 custom needs	SWAMP users										▲
SIEM Beta	Feed pre-correlated SAST data to SIEM ; Beta to be integrated into McAfee ESM	SIEM vendors; SIEM users	▲									
ED 1.0	Free version of Code Dx for education	Academia; training organizations			▲							

Next 120 days towards transition

1. Transition Code Dx into **government programs**
 - Integrate into SWAMP Beta version
 - Determine effectiveness in NIST SATE program
 - Have other government agencies evaluate Code Dx
2. Initiate **operational pilots** to reach TRL 8
 - Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board; Commonwealth of PA
3. Conduct full **commercialization**
 - Integrate with McAfee ESM to demonstrate value proposition to Security Information Event Management (SIEM) users
 - Determine pricing model; Set up reseller program
 - Gain active use by at least one Fortune 500 company
4. Continue collaboration with academia

What do you think?



Diagnosis and triage of source code vulnerabilities

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