OWASP ESAPI SwingSet

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Agenda

• Introduction to OWASP ESAPI
• Security Areas Covered by ESAPI
• Mapping ESAPI > ASVS > Swingset
• SwingSet Demo
• AppSec EU Details
• Q&A
Introduction to ESAPI

• What is the main problem with majority security controls/frameworks?
Introduction to ESAPI

- NOT Intuitive, Integrated nor Dev Friendly.
Introduction to ESAPI

RISK is a path from Threat Agent to Business Impact
Every vulnerability originates from:

**Missing Control**
- Lack of Input Validation
- Failure to perform Access Control

**Broken Control**
- Improper Session Handling
- Fail Open

**Ignored Control**
- Failure to implement Encryption
- Forgot to use Output Encoding

ESAPI could help you here.
Introduction to ESAPI

• OWASP ESAPI (Enterprise Security API) aims to provide developers with all the security controls they need:
  • Standarized
  • Centralized
  • Organized
  • Integrated
  • High Quality
  • Intuitive
  • Tested
What is ESAPI?

• OWASP Enterprise Security API Toolkits helps software developers guard against security-related design and implementation flaws.

• Collection of classes that encapsulate the key security operations most applications need.

• There are Java EE, .Net, Javascript, Classic ASP ColdFusion/CFML, PHP and Python language versions.

• The ESAPI for JAVA EE version includes a Web Application Firewall (WAF) that can be used to give development teams breathing room while making fixes.

• All language versions of ESAPI Toolkits are licensed under the BSD license.

• You can use or modify ESAPI however you want, even include it in commercial products.
Where does ESAPI fit?

OWASP
- Code Crawler
- Code review Guide
- W3AF
- ESAPI
- ASVS
- Testing Guide
- ESAPI WAF

Controls
- architectural risk analysis
- Security code review
- security testing
- WAF/XML firewalls

SDLC
- Plan & Design
- Build
- Test
- Implement

Controls
- policy
- awareness
- training

OWASP
- ASVS
- T10
- Education
- WebGoat
- Swingset
- Building Guide
How does ESAPI work?

• Just extract ESAPI distribution package to an appropriate location.

• The ESAPI security control interfaces include an “ESAPI” class that is commonly referred to as a “locator” class.

• The ESAPI locator class is called in order to retrieve instances of individual security controls, which are then called in order to perform security checks.
There are 120+ methods organized in different interfaces.
Mapping ESAPI to ASVS

- ASVS can be used to establish a level of confidence in the security of Web applications.

- Authentication
- Session Management
- Access Control
- Input Validation
- Output Encoding
- Cryptography
- Error Handling & Logging
- Data Protection
Mapping ESAPI to ASVS - An example -

• ASVS Session Management

• ESAPI Implementation
• ESAPI.httpUtilities().changeSessionIdentifier() changes the session id in the login process

• BTW: prevents session fixation.
Mapping ESAPI to ASVS

1. Define your own application risk levels mapped to ASVS for security requirements definition.
2. Use ESAPI as part of your design to meet the ASVS req'ts.
3. Here is where you plan how you are going to meet all your selected ASVS security requirements.
4. Build your ESAPI by extending ESAPI controls integrating your standard controls and implementing needed custom controls. Use it to protect your app.
5. Here is where you find out if your application has vulnerabilities such as Cross-Site Scripting (XSS), SQL injection, CSRF, etc.
6. Perform Initial Verification.
7. RemEDIATE and REVERIFy.
8. Fix vulnerabilities.
9. Verify against your selected ASVS level.
10. Implement.
Swingset

- Originally designed as a Web Application which demonstrates the many uses of ESAPI.
- One issue... lacked interactivity with devs.
Swingset Interactive

- Customized version of Swingset
- Aligned with OWASP GEC mission
- Aimed to train developers on ESAPI
  - Each lab presents a vulnerability
  - Developer needs to fix it using ESAPI
- Labs organized around ASVS
Swingset Interactive

- Installation Requirements:
  - JDK or JRE
  - Eclipse
  - ESAPI for Java
  - Swingset
Swingset Interactive Demo

• Let’s go for a swing!
Swingset Interactive Demo

• ESAPI provides a “positive” set of security controls

• ESAPI could be used to improve the security of your applications in alignment with ASVS

• Swingset is a great tool to train developers on how to achieve this.
Swingset Interactive
Future Plans

• Automate installation as much as possible
• Better GUI (side menu/graphics)
• More lessons (eg. beginners/advanced)
• Virtual Lab

• Interested? Drop me an email!
Additional Resources

• ESAPI Swingset Interactive
  
  https://www.owasp.org/index.php/ESAPI_Swingset

• ESAPI Javadocs
  

• ESAPI book (needs update)
  
AppSec EU Details

- Training Days 7\textsuperscript{th}/8\textsuperscript{th} June 2011
- Conference Days 9\textsuperscript{th}/10\textsuperscript{th} June 2011
- Challenges to win a free ticket

SURPRISE!
Raffle this evening among attendees
Q&A

Want to contribute or provide feedback?

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Thank you!