

## CS 88: Week 4: Class 7: Defensive Programming and SQL Injection Attacks

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### Discussion Question 1: The Art of Fuzzing

Testing allows us to see if running our code results in expected behavior. However, reasoning about “correct” behavior is hard and often has complex subtleties.

**Part A:** What is the fault in this program? Identify one test case that identifies the failure and one test case that does not.

```
void toUpperCase (char * str){
    for (int i = 0, e = strlen(str) - 1; i < e; i++){
        if (isalpha(str[i] && islower(str[i]))){
            str[i] = str[i] - 32;
        }
    }
    printf("%s\n", str);
}
```

**Part B:** Testing program behavior is more than half of the development costs of most software development. Below is pseudo code for testing a critical program named run\_program over the entire universe of possible inputs. Discuss why or why not this code is a good example of testing, and suggest improvements to this pseudo code (consider whether the code below is scalable, likelihood of use, etc)

```
for test in allPossibleInputs:
    run_program(test)
```

**Part C:** Generating carefully crafted random input, is often referred to as Fuzz testing. The goal is to find crashes that can be triggered by input that a typical user would never think of entering. What kinds of software do you think can be tested with fuzz testing?

Circle all that apply:

**PDF readers, Graphics, office suites, Libraries (images, audio), gcc, SQL databases, Browsers, Unix tools: fopen, Crypto APIs, filesystem drivers, OS kernels, code written in memory safe languages.**

**Part D:** Discuss 2-3 limitations to fuzz testing

### Discussion Question 3: SQL Injection Attacks

**Part A:** Assume that a database only stores the sha256 value for the password and eid columns. The following SQL statement is sent to the database, where the values of the \$passwd and \$eid variables are provided by users. Does this program have a SQL injection problem? If so, please describe how to exploit this vulnerability.

```
mysql> SELECT * FROM employee WHERE eid=SHA2('$eid', 256)
                                     and password=SHA2('$passwd', 256);
```

**Part B:** Assume now that the hash value is not calculated inside the SQL statement; instead it is calculated in the PHP code using PHP's hash() function. Does this modified program have an SQL injection vulnerability?

```
mysql> $hashed_eid = hash('sha256', $eid);
mysql> $hashed_passwd = hash('sha256', $passwd);
mysql> $sql = "SELECT * FROM employee WHERE eid='$hashed_eid' AND
              password='$hashed_passwd'";
```

**Part C:** To defeat SQL injection attacks, a web application has implemented a filtering scheme at the client side: basically, on the page where users type their data, a filter is implemented using JavaScript. It removes any special character found in the data, such as apostrophe, characters for comments. Assume that the filtering logic does its job; is this solution able to defeat SQL injection attacks?

**Part D:** Comment on whether you think the following PHP code is secure.

```
$conn = new mysqli("localhost", "root", "seedubuntu", "dbtest");  
$sql = "SELECT Name, Salary, SSN FROM employee WHERE eid= '$eid' and  
password=?";  
    if ($stmt = $conn->prepare($sql)) {  
        $stmt->bind_param("s", $pwd);  
        $stmt->execute(); ...  
    }
```