



Stanford Applied Cyber Intro Security Workshop

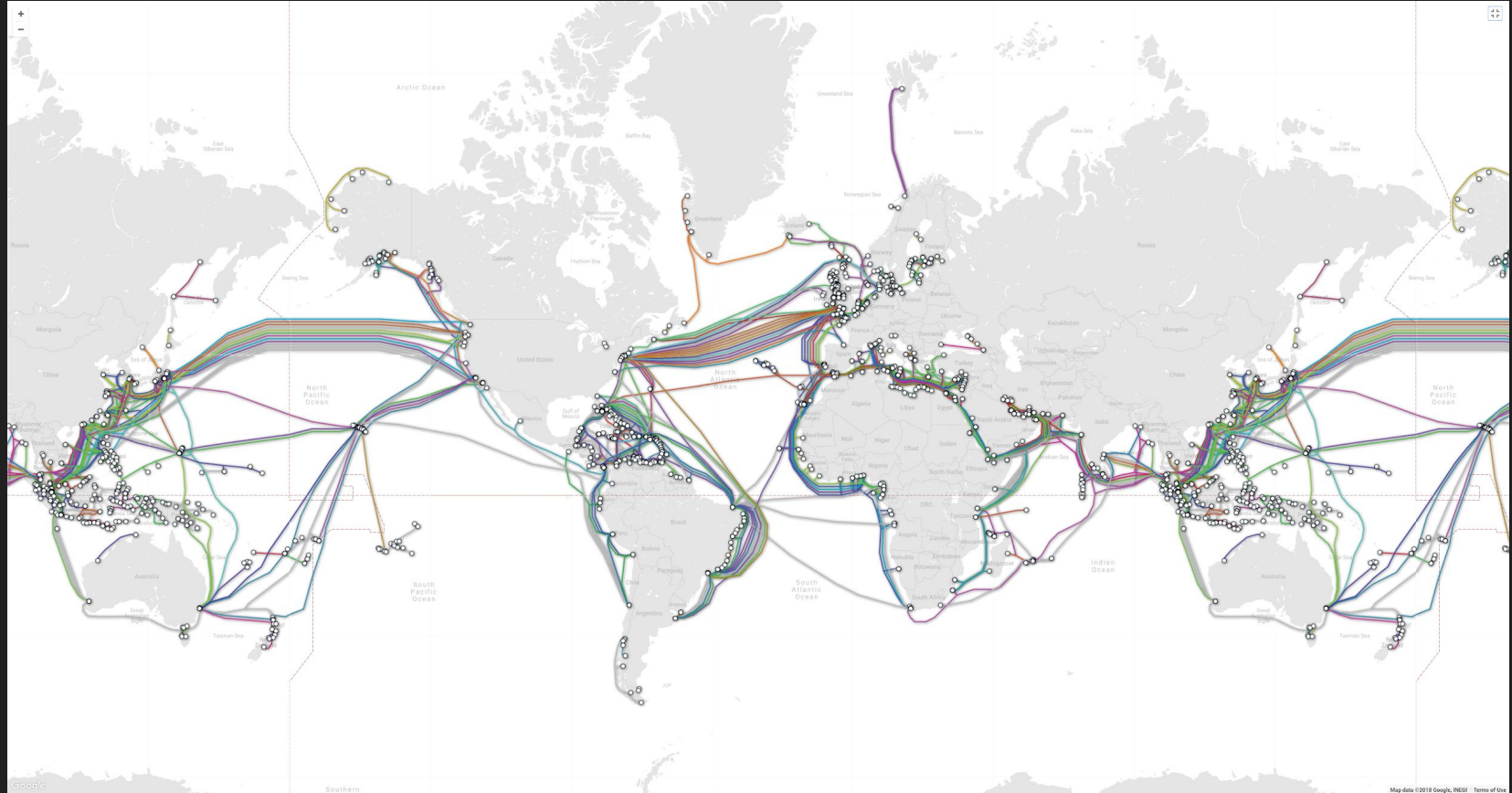
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The Language of the Web

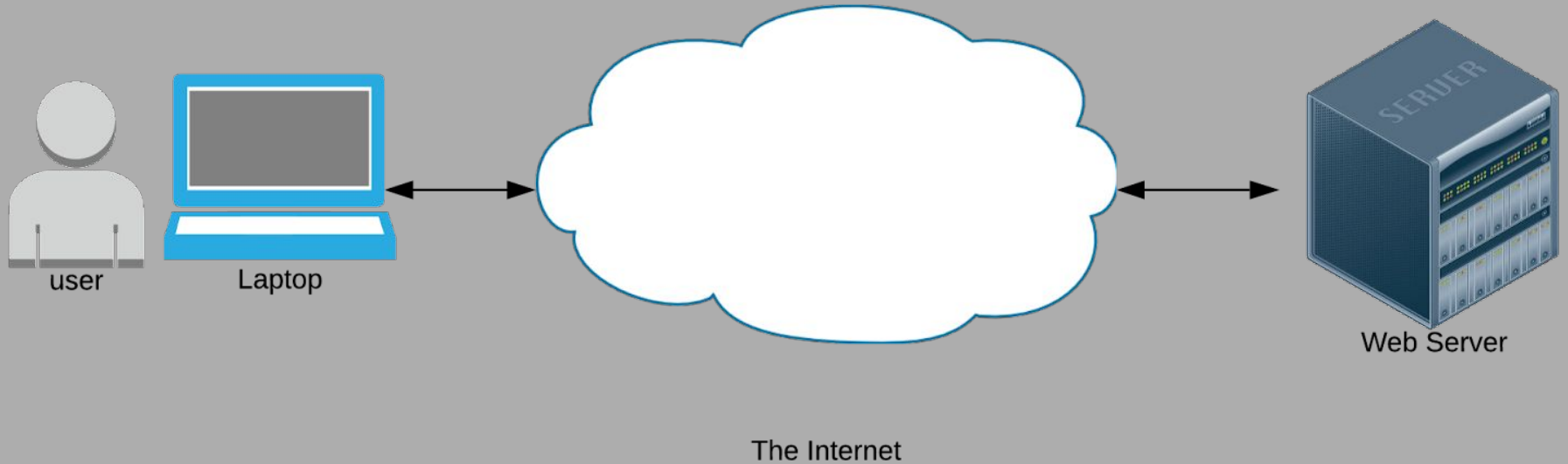
What language does the web speak?



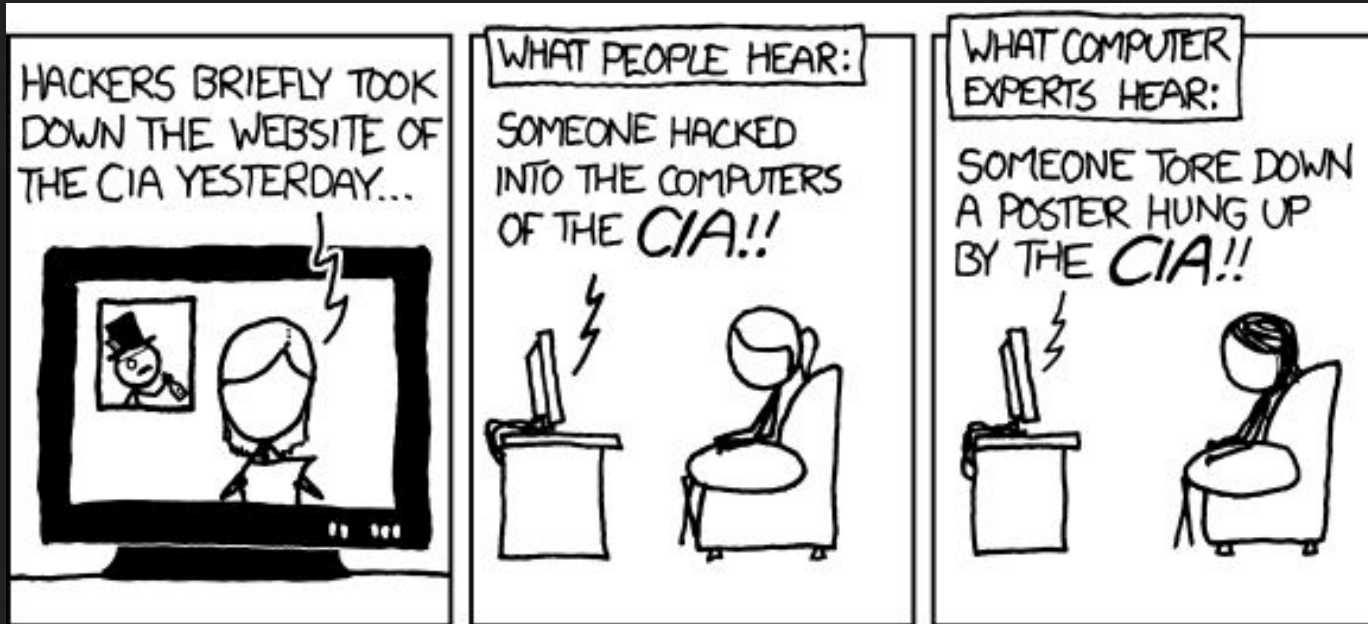
How does the Internet Work?



Our Internet Abstraction



How do websites work?



How do we communicate with a web server?

HTTP

Hypertext Transport Protocol

HTTP: the missing language of the web



GET index.html



```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<h1>Hello World!</h1>

</body>
</html>
```


HTTP protocol

GET / HTTP/1.0

Verb

Object (noun)

Protocol

HTTP REQUEST

GET / HTTP/1.1

Host: stanford.edu

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:59.0)

Gecko/20100101 Firefox/59.0

Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8

Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5

Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

Connection: close

Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1



HTTP RESPONSE

HTTP/1.1 302 Found

Response Code

Date: Mon, 02 Apr 2018 02:37:56 GMT

Headers

Server: Apache

Location: <https://www.stanford.edu/>

Content-Length: 209

Connection: close

Content-Type: text/html; charset=iso-8859-1

<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//IETF//DTD HTML 2.0//EN">

Body

<html><head>

<title>302 Found</title>

</head><body>

<h1>Found</h1>

<p>The document has moved here.</p>

</body></html>

HTTP Requests: GET and POST

GET — The GET method requests a specified resource.

Requests using GET should only retrieve data.

POST — The POST method is used to submit data to the specified resource.

This often causes changes in state or side effects on the server.



CatShare



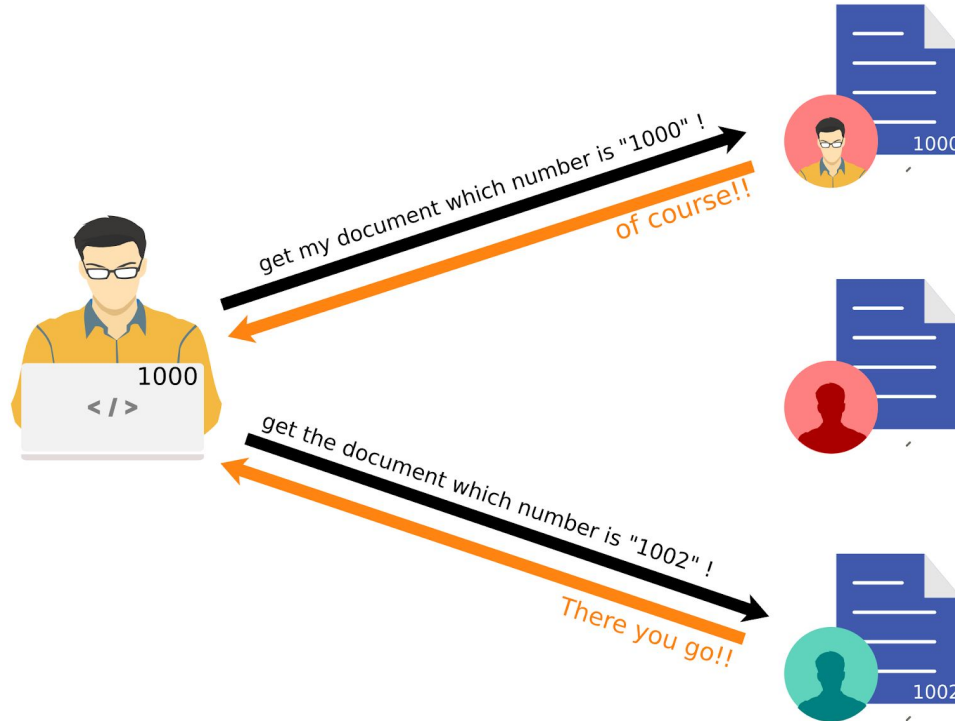
We're a real startup!



Vulnerabilities

- IDOR
- XSS
- Improper Session Handling

Insecure Direct Object Reference (IDOR)



IDOR Case Study

70TB of user content leaked

IDOR

Why did this happen?

- Poor Engineering, Lack of Testing

Source: <https://cybernews.com/news/70tb-of-parler-users-messages-videos-and-posts-leaked-by-security-researchers/>



TRY IT!

- This AC team has a website <http://catshare.saligrama.io/> that we want to store our personal information on
- We make a new endpoint <http://catshare.saligrama.io/user> to access this info
- Ex: <http://catshare.saligrama.io/user?id=test>
- We say that this is secure and only accessible to admins. Show us otherwise

Story Time with Cooper! Stanford Marriage Pact

<http://mp.com/554d417a3bc9fbcba653c0097c6f3710>

554d417a3bc9fbcba653c0097c6f3710

MD5

mccain@stanford.edu

cdenicol@stanford.edu

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Cross Site Scripting (XSS)

XSS attacks enable attackers to **run JavaScript code** on your website for other users

They occur when **user input is not properly sanitized and displayed**, allowing it to execute as code

XSS



GET /myfeed

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<body>

<b>Alex says:</b>
<script>alert("You got
hacked!");
</script>

</body>
</html>
```



XSS on Tweetdeck



*andy

@derGeruhn

 Follow

```
<script  
class="xss">$($('.xss').parents().eq(1).find('a')  
.eq(1).click());$('[data-  
action=retweet]').click();alert('XSS in  
Tweetdeck')</script> ❤️
```

 Reply  Retweet  Favorite  More

RETWEETS
39,868

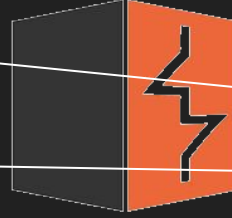
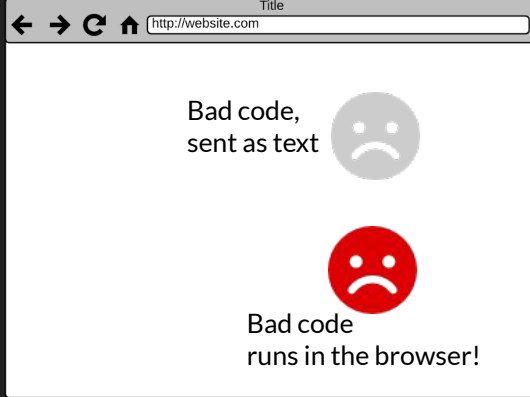
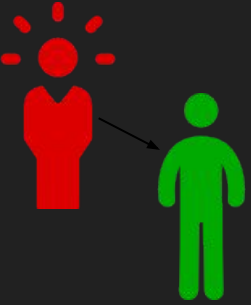
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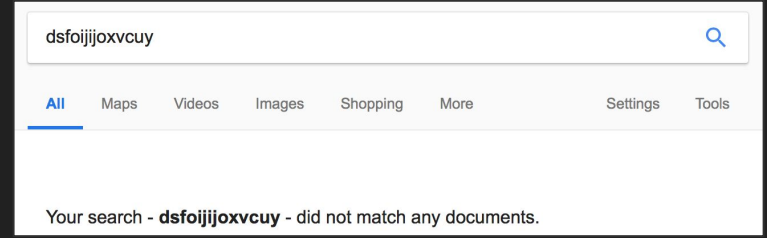
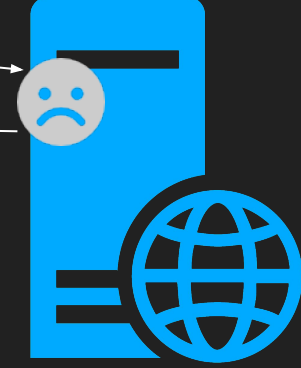
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Reflected XSS

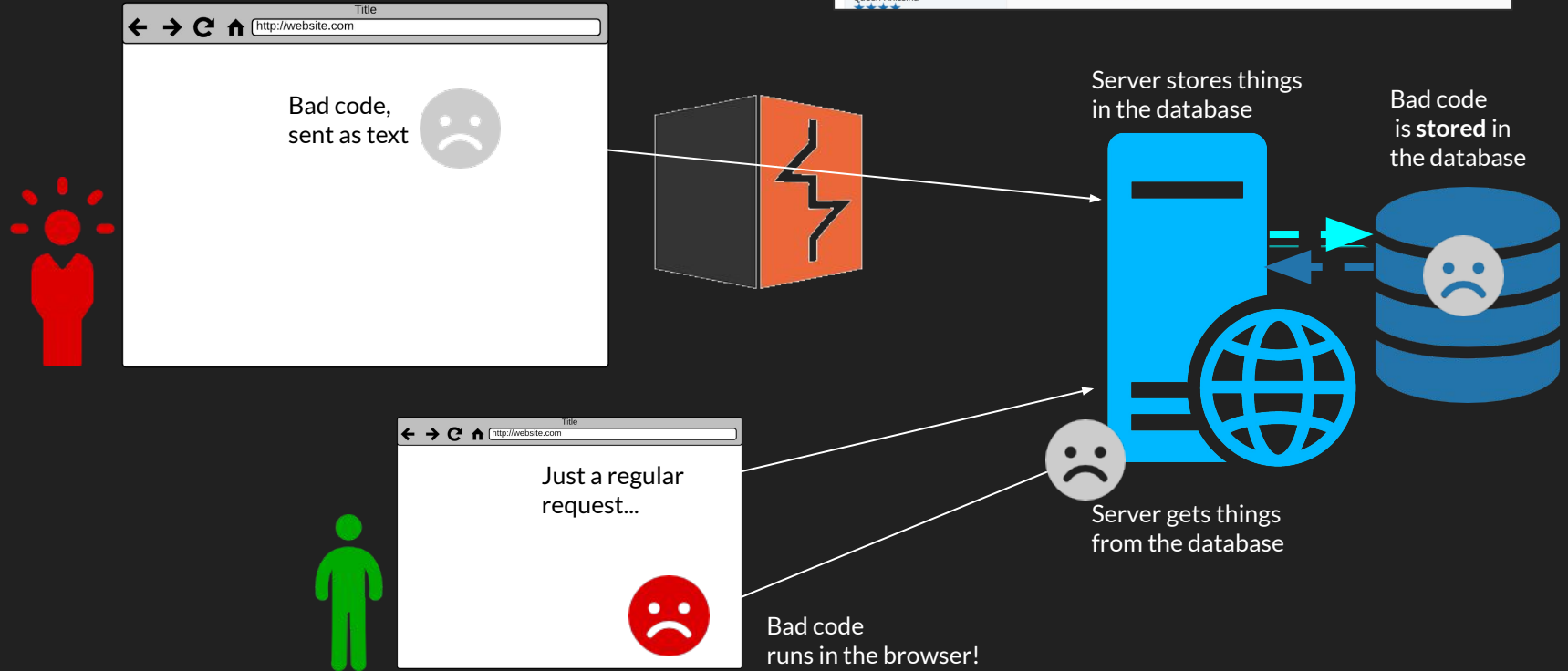
Hey, click
this link



Bad code
is reflected



Stored XSS



www.yourwebsite.com/law/<?StealAllTheData.js>/supersecretdata

TRY IT!

- After our last data breach, us at <http://catshare.saligrama.io/> want to make our customers feel like we care about them
- We added an endpoint <http://catshare.saligrama.io/hello> that takes a user's name and greets them kindly. Ya' know, to show we care
- Ex: <http://catshare.saligrama.io/hello?name=User1>
- We think this is harmless and will only build customer trust. Show us our mistake.

Improper Session Handling

- We have added an admin view to <http://catshare.saligrama.io/login> for admins to view user data
- One set of credentials is `cooper:cooper`
- Can you become `admin` and view the user data?

Mitigating Risk as a startup

Vulnerability Disclosure Policy

Let ethical hackers make your technology safer!

A vulnerability disclosure policy is intended to give ethical hackers clear guidelines for submitting potentially unknown and harmful security vulnerabilities to organizations.

Vulnerability Disclosure Policy Resources

DHS Template: <https://cyber.dhs.gov/bod/20-01/vdp-template/>

DoJ Framework: <https://www.justice.gov/criminal-ccips/page/file/983996/download>

HackerOne:

<https://www.hackerone.com/blog/What-Vulnerability-Disclosure-Policy-and-Why-You-Need-One>

Example Safe Harbor: <https://github.com/cybertransparency/vdp-terms>

Credits

Source Code for Vulnerable Web App

<https://github.com/cdenicola/CS106S-VulnerabilityExample>

Sources

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- Security Conference Presentation — (Maya Ziv, Cooper de Nicola)
- CatShare — (Cooper de Nicola, Aditya Saligrama, George Hosono)