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**COLD FUSION**  
user group **Seattle**



# Agenda

- Welcome to the Seattle ColdFusion User Group
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# Introductions

- Tell us a little bit about who you are
- Share with us what you would like to get from this user group



# Goals

- Assist ColdFusion Developers Throughout the Pacific Northwest
- Promote ColdFusion Developers Throughout the Pacific Northwest
- Connect Employers with ColdFusion Developers
- Establish a Community of Friendship Between ColdFusion Developers
- Provide Speaking Opportunities for ColdFusion Developers
- Change the Perception of ColdFusion as a viable platform





# How to protect your web application from SQL Injection Attacks

## What is a SQL Injection (SQLi) Attack?

- **SQL injection** is a [code injection](#) technique, used to [attack](#) data-driven applications, in which nefarious [SQL](#) statements are inserted into an entry field for execution (e.g. to dump the database contents to the attacker).
- SQL injection must exploit a [security vulnerability](#) in an application's software, for example, when user input is either incorrectly filtered for [string literal escape characters](#) embedded in SQL statements or user input is not [strongly typed](#) and unexpectedly executed.



# How to protect your web application from SQL Injection Attacks

**How can I protect my application from this type of attack?**

- Utilize the Principle of Least Privilege
- Use the appropriate data type for each field in your database
- Validate all user provided data PRIOR to it touching the database
- USE CFQueryParam and CFProcParam tags with all of your queries/stored procedures



# How to protect your web application from SQL Injection Attacks

## Principle of Least Privilege

Each query or stored procedure call should utilize the lowest permission level possible required to execute that query or stored procedure



# How to protect your web application from SQL Injection Attacks

## Use the appropriate datatype for each database field

- Avoid using varchar/text other field that accept free-form characters when data would not be free-form
  - Dates/Times
  - Numbers





# How to protect your web application from SQL Injection Attacks

**Validate all user provided data PRIOR to it touching the dB**

- Validate all user provided data client-side that it conforms to what is expected
- Use the following functions to validate data server side:  
IsNumeric, IsDate, IsValid



# How to protect your web application from SQL Injection Attacks

**Use CFQueryParam and CFProcParam tags with each query/stored procedure parameter**

- Validate all user provided data client-side that it conforms to what is expected
- Use the following functions to validate data server side:  
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# How to protect your web application from SQL Injection Attacks

## CFQueryParam/CFQueryParam SQL Types

CF\_SQL\_VARCHAR, CF\_SQL\_INTEGER, CF\_SQL\_DATE,  
CF\_SQL\_SMALLINT, CF\_SQL\_NUMERIC, CF\_SQL\_TINYINT

- many more listed at <https://cfdocs.org/cfqueryparam>
- If using CF\_SQL\_NUMERIC don't forget to identify the scale (number of numbers to the right of the decimal point)
- No longer need to include **CF\_SQL\_** for CF11+/Lucee 4.5+



# How to protect your web application from SQL Injection Attacks

## Additional Tips to prevent SQL Injection from free-form text

- Set the maxlength attribute in the CFQueryParam/CFProcParam tag
- Use the isSafeHTML function (OWASP AntiSamy) to check input provided from a rich text editor/textarea field





# How to protect your web application from SQL Injection Attacks

## Resources

- CFQUERYPARAM - <https://cfdocs.org/cfqueryparam>
- CFPROCPARAM - <https://cfdocs.org/cfprocparam>
- isSafeHTML - <https://cfdocs.org/issafehtml>
- isValid - <https://cfdocs.org/isValid>
- isNumeric - <https://cfdocs.org/isNumeric>
- isDate - <https://cfdocs.org/isDate>



# How to protect your web application from XSS Attacks

**What is XSS (Cross-Site Scripting)?**

**Cross-site scripting (XSS)** is a type of computer security vulnerability typically found in web applications. **XSS** enables attackers to inject client-side scripts into web pages viewed by other users. A **cross-site scripting** vulnerability may be used by attackers to bypass access controls such as the same-origin policy.



# How to protect your web application from XSS Attacks

**What is XSS (Cross-Site Scripting) - continued?**

#1 Vulnerability in Web Applications

**Types of Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)**

- Reflected
- Persistent
- DOM



# How to protect your web application from XSS Attacks

## Reflected Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

```
<cfoutput>
```

```
    Hello #url.name#
```

```
</cfoutput>
```

```
index.cfm?name=<script>alert('gotcha')</script>
```





# How to protect your web application from XSS Attacks

## Reflected Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) – how to defense

1. Ensure debugging is turned off
2. Use the scriptprotect attribute the CFApplication tag or this.scriptprotct in an Application.cfc file (an okay 1<sup>st</sup> line of defense, but not a catch-all)



# How to protect your web application from XSS Attacks

## Reflected Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) – how to defense

3. Use the ESAPI functions around all output variables (unless the output variable is from a texarea field – then consider using the getSafeHTML function)  
EncodeForHTML, EncodeForHTMLAttribute,  
EncodeForJavaScript, EncodeForURL, EncodeForXML
4. Use Foundeo's CFML Security Utilities -  
<https://github.com/foundeo/cfml-security/tree/master/securityutil>



# How to protect your web application from XSS Attacks

## Reflected Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) – how to defense

5. Use the **X-XSS-Protection** response header

*not supported by Firefox*

```
<cfheader name="X-XSS-Protection" value="1;  
mode=block">
```

or

*X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block* as a custom header in  
web.config



# How to protect your web application from XSS Attacks

## Reflected Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) – how to defense

5. Use the **X-XSS-Protection** response header

*not supported by Firefox*

more info: <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/X-XSS-Protection>





# How to protect your web application from XSS Attacks

## Persistent Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

The persistent (or stored) XSS vulnerability is a more devastating variant of a cross-site scripting flaw: it occurs when the data provided by the attacker is saved by the server, and then permanently displayed on "normal" pages returned to other users in the course of regular browsing, without proper HTML escaping.



# How to protect your web application from clickjacking

## What is Clickjacking?

Clickjacking is an exploit that fools a web site user to interact with a site for the purposes of the attacker.

Typically, the attacker will:

- Have done extensive research on the particular web site to exploit
- Determine which functionality on the site to exploit (for example, a person's bank account), and include that content as an iFrame on their web site
- Take advantage of the logged-in user to have them perform actions on the web site to their benefit (examples of exploits involved transferring money to the attacker's account, to pad Facebook Likes for an individual (among many others))



# How to protect your web application from clickjacking

## How Do I Protect My App Against This?

Do not allow your web site to be included within an iFrame by an attacker.



# How to protect your web application from clickjacking

## What Are the Protections I can Add?

There are several things that you should include to provide the widest protection for users of older to the most modern web browsers

1. **Add the following CFHEADER tags to your Application.cfm or Application.cfc**

```
<cfheader name="Content-Security-Policy" value="frame-ancestors 'none'">
```

```
<cfheader name="X-Content-Security-Policy" value="frame-ancestors 'none'">
```

```
<cfheader name=" X-WebKit-CSP" value="frame-ancestors 'none'">
```

**- or -**

```
<cfheader name="Content-Security-Policy" value="frame-ancestors 'self'">
```

```
<cfheader name="X-Content-Security-Policy" value="frame-ancestors 'none'">
```

```
<cfheader name=" X-WebKit-CSP" value="frame-ancestors 'none'">
```

more info: <https://caniuse.com/#search=Content%20Security%20Policy%201.0>





# How to protect your web application from clickjacking

## What Are the Protections I can Add?

2. Add the following CFHEADER tag to your Application.cfm or Application.cfc

```
<cfheader name="X-Frame-Options" value="DENY">
```

- or -

```
<cfheader name="X-Frame-Options" value="SAMEORIGIN">
```

This option fills the gap for many other browsers (but not all) that do not support the **content-security-policy** header

see: <https://caniuse.com/#search=X-Frame-Options%20HTTP%20header>



# How to protect your web application from clickjacking

## What Are the Protections I can Add?

### 3. Add a “Best-for-now Legacy Browser Frame Breaking Script”

In the document HEAD element, add the following:

```
<style id="antiClickjack">body{display:none !important;}</style>
```

And then delete that style by its ID immediately after in the script:

```
<script type="text/javascript">  
  if (self === top) {  
    var antiClickjack = document.getElementById("antiClickjack");  
    antiClickjack.parentNode.removeChild(antiClickjack);  
  } else {  
    top.location = self.location;  
  }  
</script>
```



# How to protect your web application from clickjacking

## What Are the Protections I can Add?

4. If you would prefer, and you are using IIS, add the following code to your web.config file under <configuration><system.webServer><httpProtocol><customHeaders>

```
<clear />
```

```
<add name="Content-Security-Policy" value="frame-ancestors 'self' X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN;upgrade-insecure-requests" />
```

```
<add name="X-Content-Security-Policy" value="frame-ancestors 'none'" />
```

```
<add name="X-WebKit-CSP" value="frame-ancestors 'none'" />
```

[Download example web.config](#)



# How to protect your web application from clickjacking

## Example

Clickjacking Allowed:

<https://www.seattlecfug.org/presentations/clickjacking.cfm>

Clickjacking Not Allowed:

<https://www.seattlecfug.org/presentations/clickjackingDisallowwed.cfm>





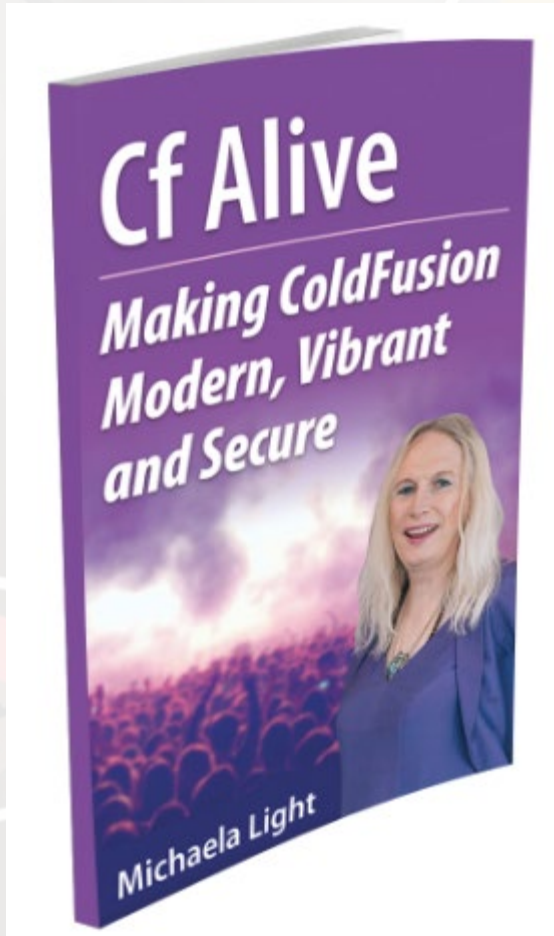
# How to protect your web application from clickjacking

## References

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[https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Clickjacking\\_Defense\\_Cheat\\_Sheet](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Clickjacking_Defense_Cheat_Sheet)
2. Can I Use? <https://caniuse.com>
3. Blackhat 2013 – Clickjacking Revisited - A Perceptual View of UI Security:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUoHW3Eq-n4>
4. Burp Suite Professional (will allow you to navigate to a page and write the script to test if a site is vulnerable to clickjacking) - <https://portswigger.net>



# CF Alive



- Book Recently Released by Michaela Light



# Next Steps for the Seattle ColdFusion User Group

- Does this venue work for you?
- Do you prefer meeting in person or online?
- What would you like our group to focus on?
- What topics would you like to hear?



# Next Month's Meeting

- December 5, 2018 – WeWork – Lincoln Square – Bellevue Conference Room 5K





# Questions/Answers/Help!

