

Advancing Defenses against SQL Injection Attacks through a Vulnerability Forensic Parsing service

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Injection

Injection is still a weapon being used by hackers and script kiddies.

In January 2014 zero day SQL injection exploit was made publicly available.

In 2013 SQL injection was used to compromise the information of users of a Californian-based ISP.

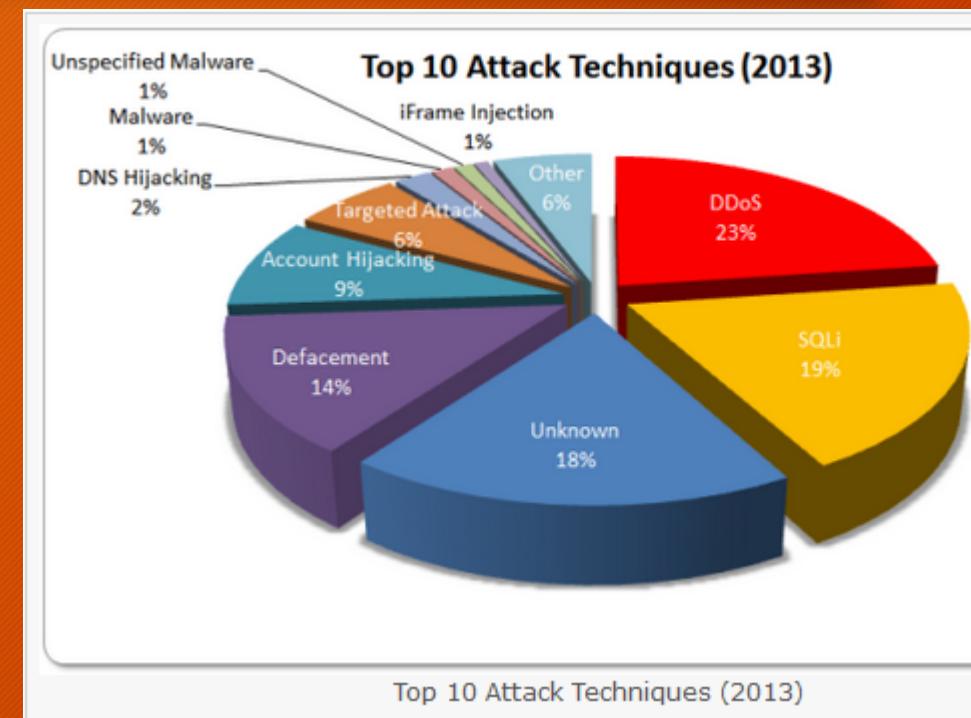


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Related Work

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Proposal: Vulnerability Parser (VP)

VP is a parsing tool designed to detect and classify SQL injection attacks in real time.

VP also introduces post-attack forensic analysis which is not well served in other research tools.

As proof of concept a stand alone user application is being developed. This paper merely shows the framework within which one can be presented.

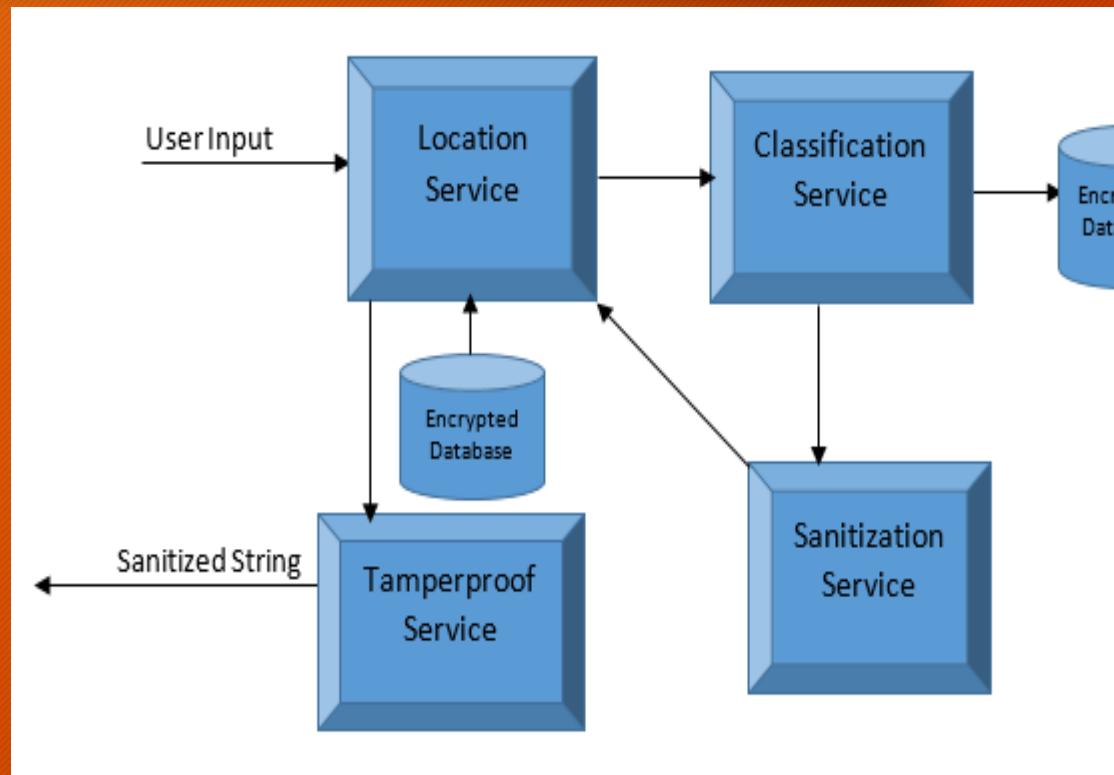


Figure showing the VP architecture

Location Service

The location service is the starting point for the VP and this is where all possible SQL injection attacks will be detected.

It is connected to an encrypted database/file which stores information of known SQL injection attacks.

If an SQL injection attack is discovered it will be passed to the classification Service else it will be passed to the tamperproof Service.

Classification Service

The classification service is the area of the VP where a attack is classified into a known attack (for example Tautologies, Logically incorrect Queries, Union Query, Piggy Backed Query and so on) or listed as an unknown attack if the classification model cannot fit it based on a certainty threshold.

This notion of unknown attacks is something which we have identified for future work.

The result of this is also stored in an encrypted database.

Sanitization Service

The sanitization service accepts the attack string and outputs a clean string based on the type of attack given.

It uses a query rewriting algorithm which parses the string for the attack sections and alters them into a non malicious segment. This non malicious segment however should still be a plausible SQL Query that executes safely on the server.

The query rewriting algorithm is still under development.

Tamperproof Service

The tamperproof service defines a mechanism in which the output of the location service is checked backed to a known safe state to validate output.

It uses a fusion of cached tables and state checking to ensure that sensitive or stated information is not returned to the user.

Still under development.

Future Work

Access to a suite of post forensic analysis tools.

Ability to learn and detect new form of attacks.

Protect from more than just SQL Injection attacks.

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