Web User Interfaces

WHAT I THINK I LOOK LIKE WHEN I'M TALKING ABOUT INFOSEC



Bug Of The Day

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 Not strictly a security bug: https://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2019/10/ chemists-discover-cross-platform-python-scripts-not-socross-platform/

Researchers find bug in Python script may have affected hundreds of studies

"Willoughby-Hoye" scripts used OS call that caused incorrect measurements on Linux, Mojave

SEAN GALLAGHER - 10/15/2019, 7:17 AM



Root Cause: Undefined but *platform* deterministic behavior

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- Python is generally supposed to be "cross platform"
- Can run on anything that supports it
- But there is a lot of behavior that is platform dependent

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- Notably anything touching files
- One example, the rules for *matching* in glob.glob are specified, but the order isn't...

glob — Unix style pathname pattern expansion

Source code: Lib/glob.py

The glob module finds all the pathnames matching a specified pattern according to the rules used by the Unix shell, although results are returned in arbitrary order. No tilde expansion is done, but *, ?,

In Practice: Unspecified but deterministic

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- Windows would produce the list in one way, linux another
 - But within each OS, it would be consistent
 - Thus the code would give different results, but it "Worked fine for us"
- Useful paradigm:
 - If you have some unspecified behavior, make sure it is random each time!
 - golang does this with thread execution

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def read_gaussian_outputfiles():
    list_of_files = []
    for file in glob.glob('*.out'):
        list_of_files.append(file)
    return list_of_files
```

So Far: Attacks involving just the server or browser/server interactions

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- Good "cheatsheets": https://github.com/OWASP/CheatSheetSeries
- SQL injection & command injection
 - · Server only attacks: uploaded data is processed as code on the server
 - Root cause: Too-powerful APIs
 - Things like system() and raw SQL queries
 - Solution: Use better APIs like execve() and SQL prepared statements
- Cross Site Request Forgery (CSRF/XSRF)
 - Server/client attacks: client "tricked" into sending request with cookies to the server
 - Does not require JavaScript!
 - Root cause: Base web design didn't include a clean mechanism to specify origin for requests
 - Solution: Hidden tokens, toolkits that do this automatically, Cookies with the "SameSite" attribute.

Cross Site Scripting

- Stored/Reflected XSS
 - Client receives JavaScript "from server"
 - But server was tricked into providing attacker's JavaScript
 - Stored: Server tricked into storing, get target to visit the page
 - Common pattern is uploaded user content that others can see
 - Reflected: Server tricked into displaying as part of the URL
 - · Common pattern is query reflected back in the page results
- Solution:
 - Only allow user content in some specific types of locations
 - And even then, you need to escape some or all non alphanumeric characters
 - · Ideally use a sanitizer
 - Content Security Policy: tell the browser to only accept scripts from limited locations
 - And no inline scripts period

Misleading Users

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- Browser assumes clicks & keystrokes = clear indication of what the user wants to do
 - Constitutes part of the user's trusted path
- Attacker can meddle with integrity of this relationship in different ways ...





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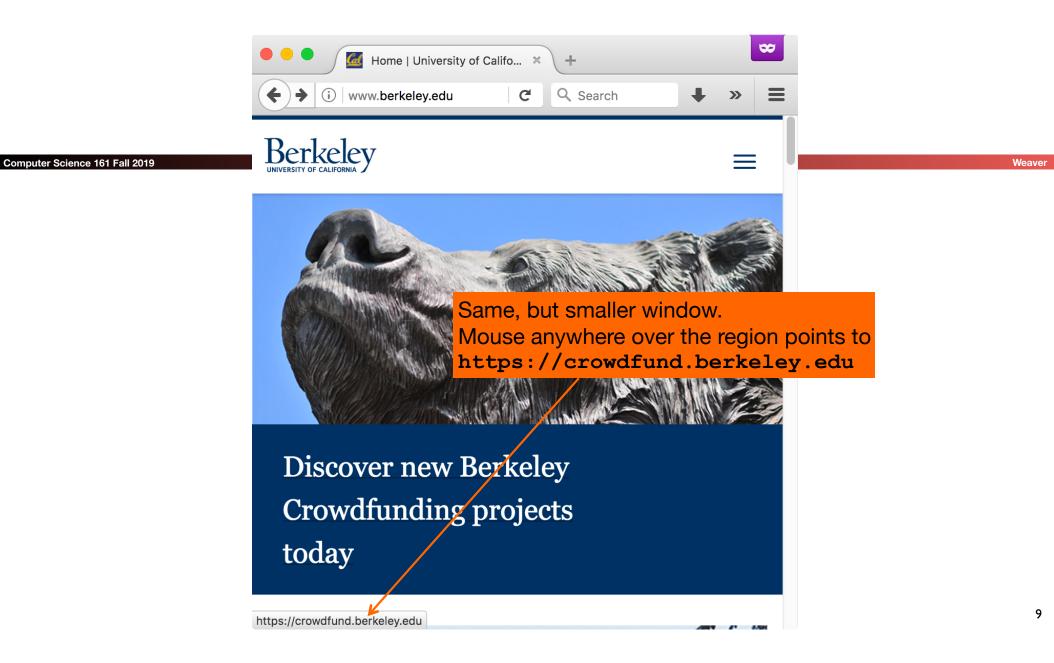




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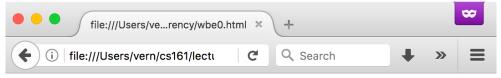
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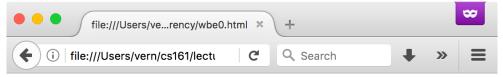
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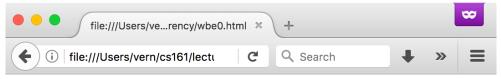
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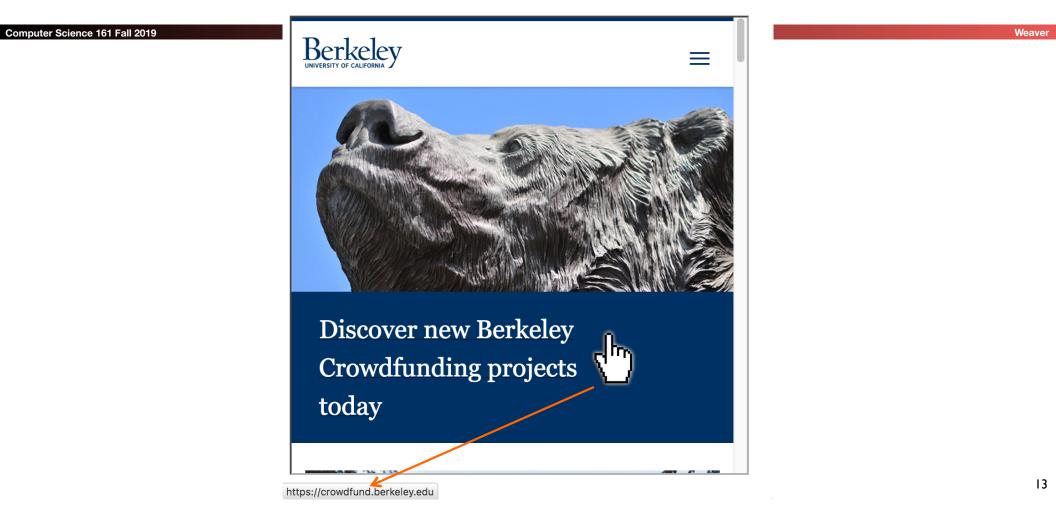


Though of course if the *user themselves* clicks in the framed window, that "counts"

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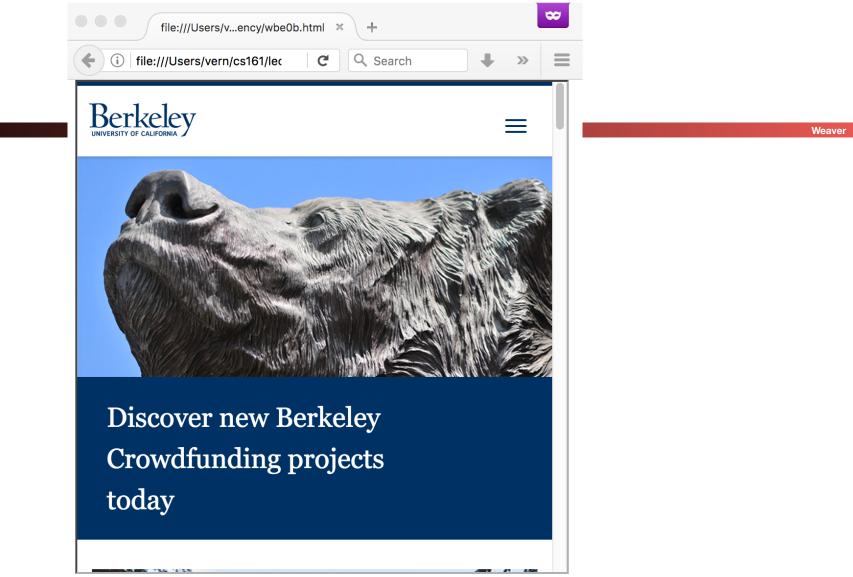


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We position the iframe to completely overlap with the outer frame

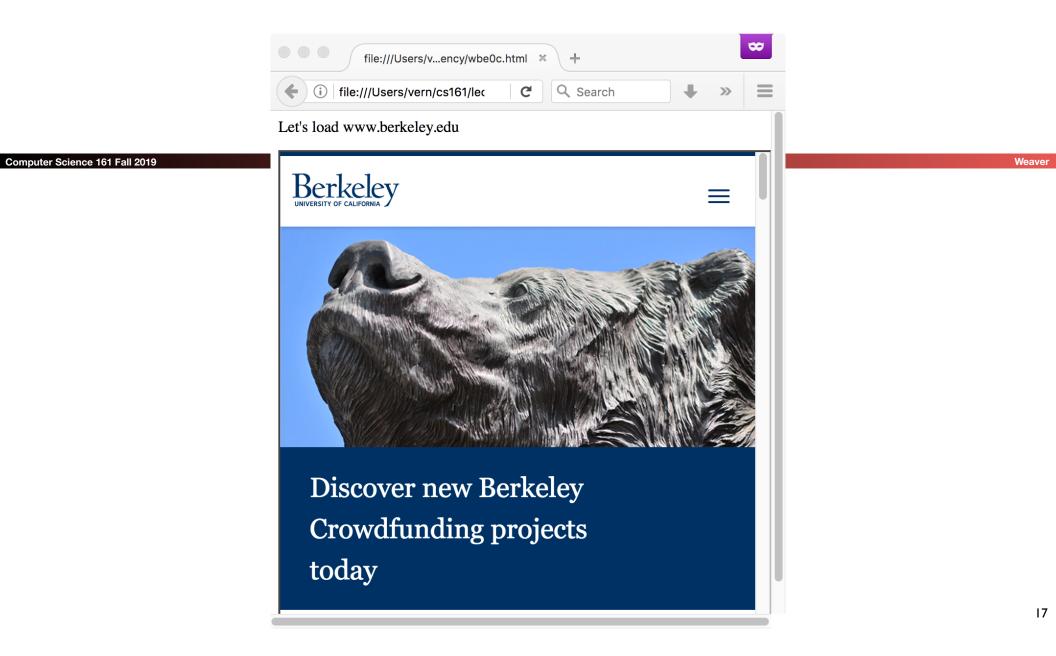


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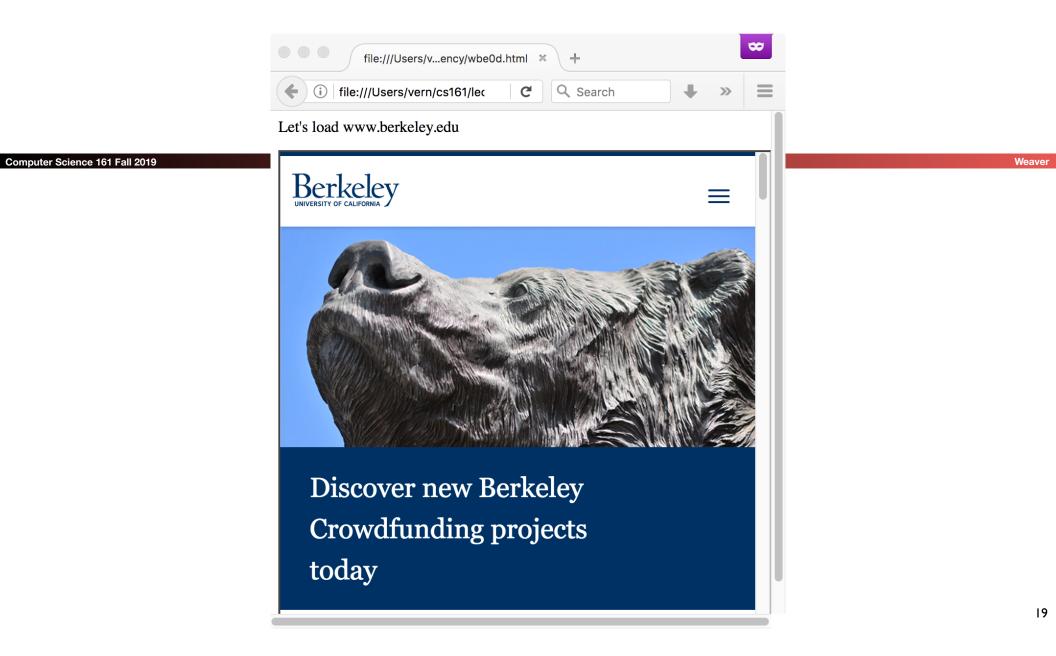
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We nudge the iframe's position a bit below the top so we can see our outer frame text



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<style> .bigspace { margin-top: 210pt; } </style>
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<em>You <b>Know</b> You Want To Click Here!</em>
<div style="position:absolute; top: 40px;">
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We add marked-up text to the outer frame, about 3 inches from the top

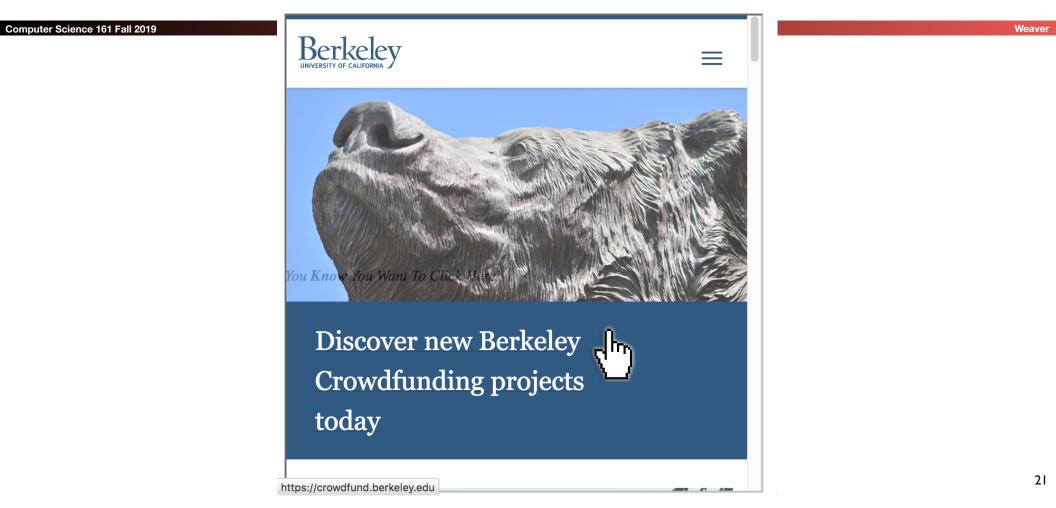


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We make the iframe partially transparent



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We make the iframe highly transparent

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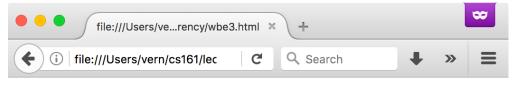


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We make the iframe *entirely* transparent



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- By placing an invisible iframe of target.com over some enticing content, a malicious web server can fool a user into taking unintended action on target.com...
- ... By placing a visible iframe of target.com under the attacker's own invisible iframe, a malicious web server can "steal" user input – in particular, keystrokes

Clickjacking Defenses

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- Require confirmation for actions (annoys users)
- Frame-busting: Web site ensures that its "vulnerable" pages can't be included as a frame inside another browser frame
 - So user can't be looking at it with something invisible overlaid on top ...
 - ... nor have the site invisible above something else



Attacker implements this by placing Twitter's page in a "Frame" inside their own page. Otherwise they wouldn't overlap.

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- See OWASP's "cheat sheet" for this too

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- Another approach: HTTP X-Frame-Options header
 - Allows white-listing of what domains if any are allowed to frame a given page a server returns

Yes, there is a hell of a lot of grafted on web security...

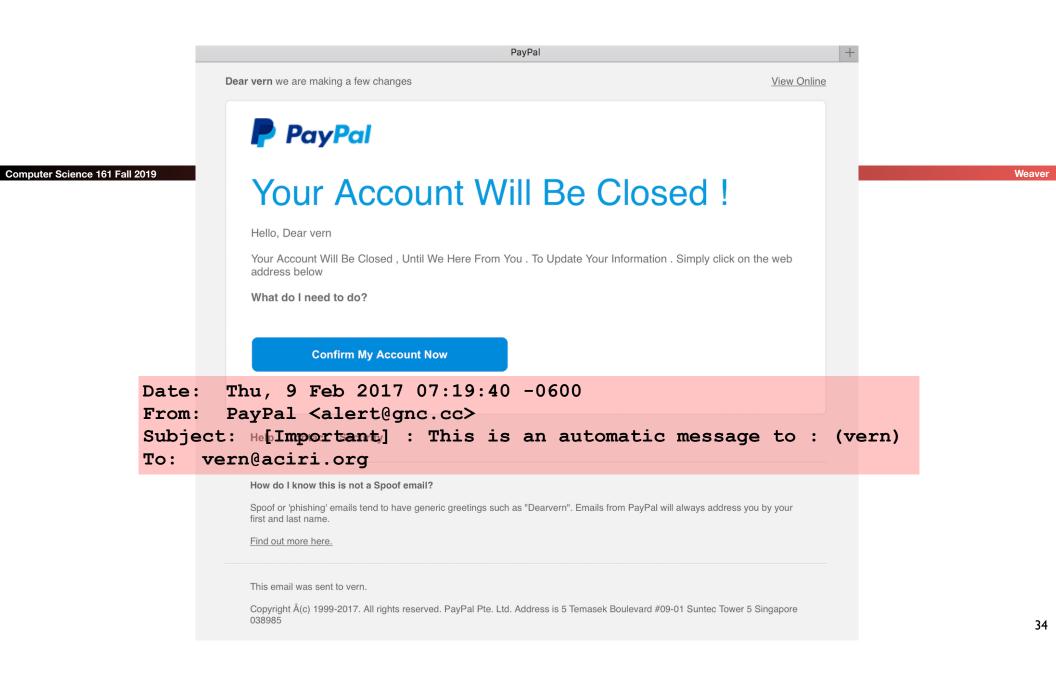
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- So far we've seen:
 - Content-Security-Policy: (HTTP header)
 - **SameSite** (Cookie attribute)
 - And now X-Frame-Options (HTTP header)
- One curse of security: Backwards compatibility....
 - We can't just throw out the old S@#)(*: people depend on it!



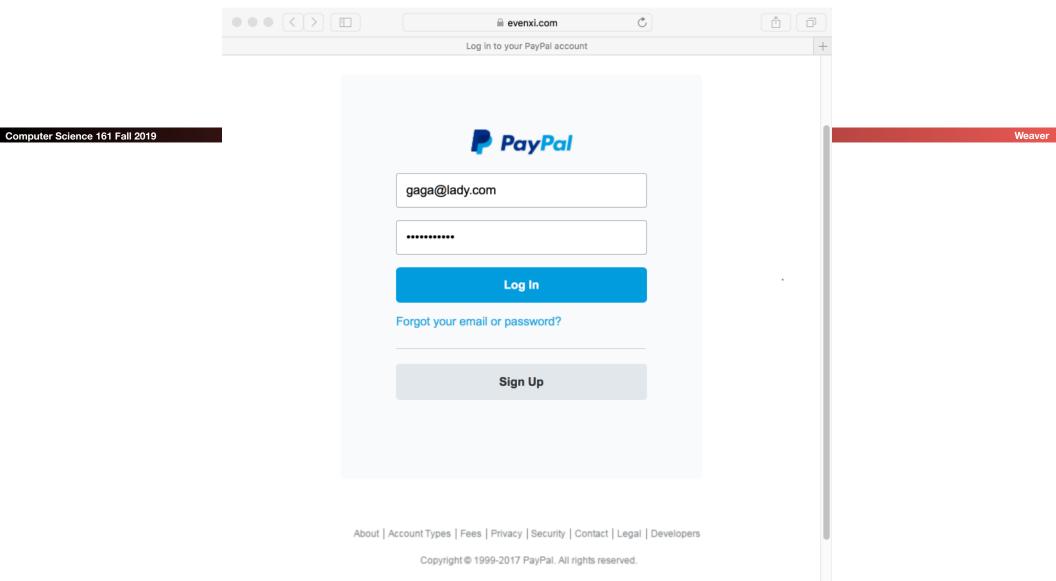
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- Leveraging the richness of web pages...
- And user training!



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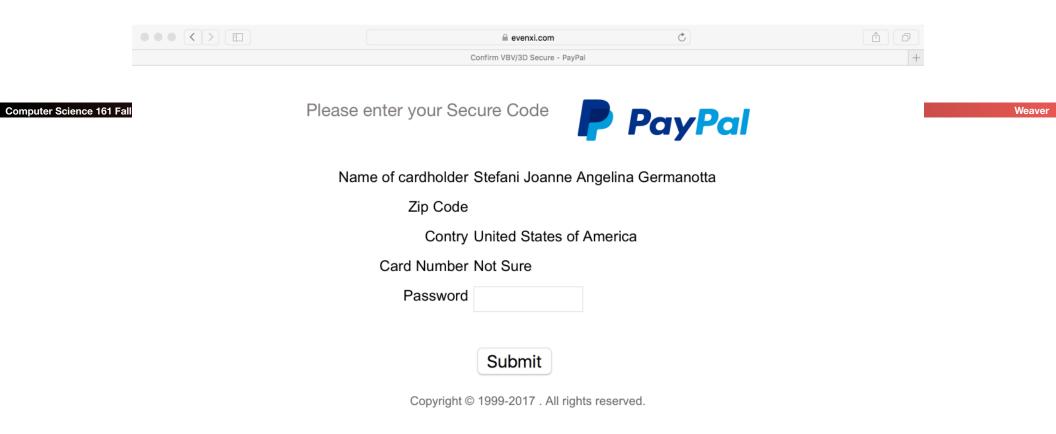
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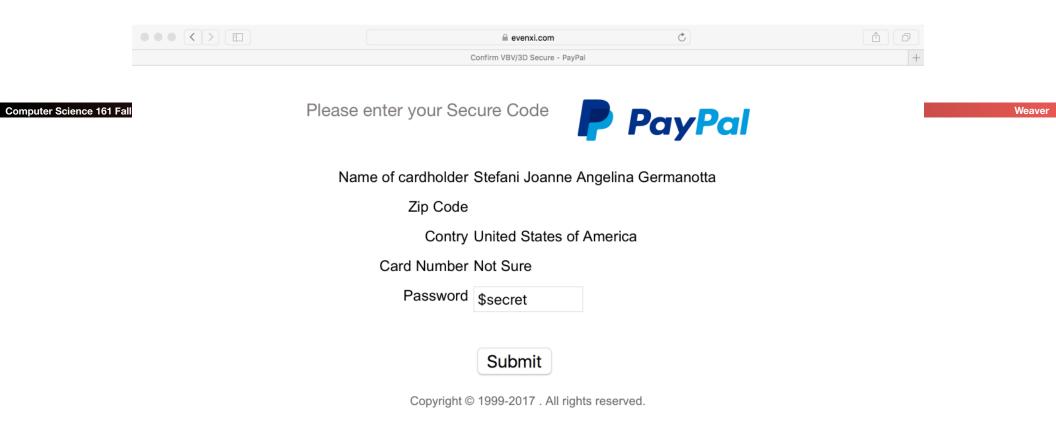
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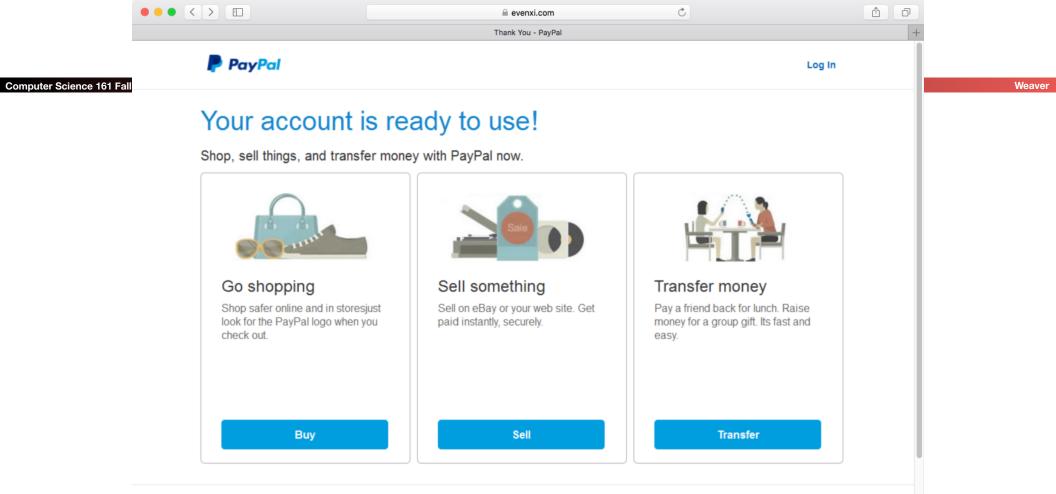
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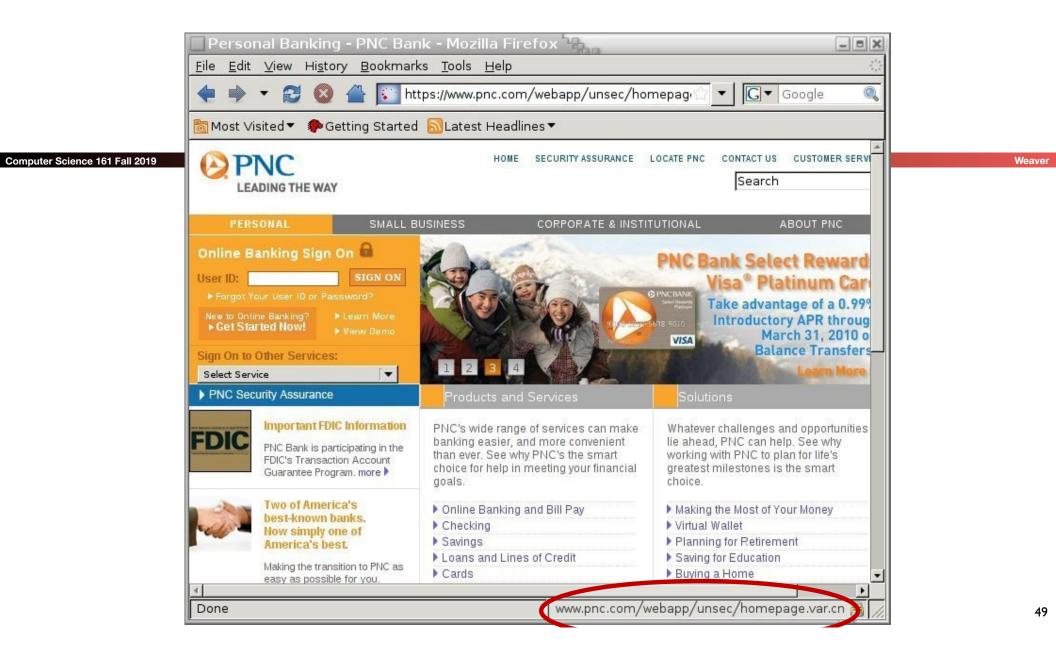
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The Problem of Phishing

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- Arises due to mismatch between reality & user's:
 - Perception of how to assess legitimacy
 - Mental model of what attackers can control
 - Both Email and Web
- Coupled with:
 - Deficiencies in how web sites authenticate
 - In particular, "replayable" authentication that is vulnerable to theft
- Attackers have many angles …



Homograph Attacks

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- International domain names can use international character set
 - E.g., Chinese contains characters that look like / . ? =
- Attack: Legitimately register var.cn ...
- ... buy legitimate set of HTTPS certificates for it ...
- ... and then create a subdomain:
 www.pnc.com/webapp/unsec/homepage.var.cn

This is one subdomain

Check for a padlock?

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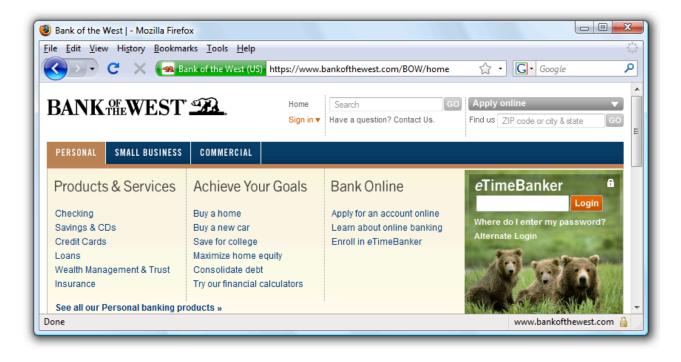
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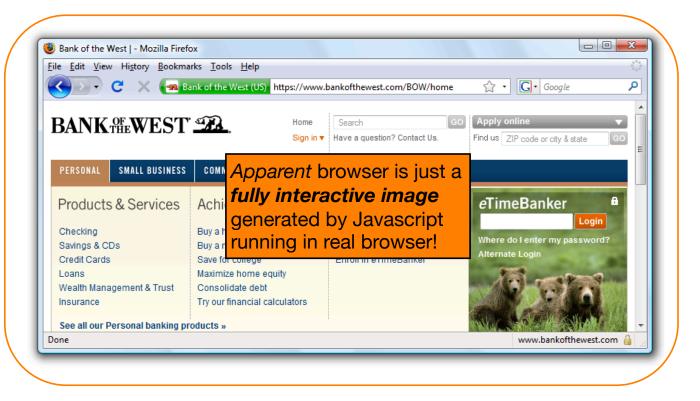
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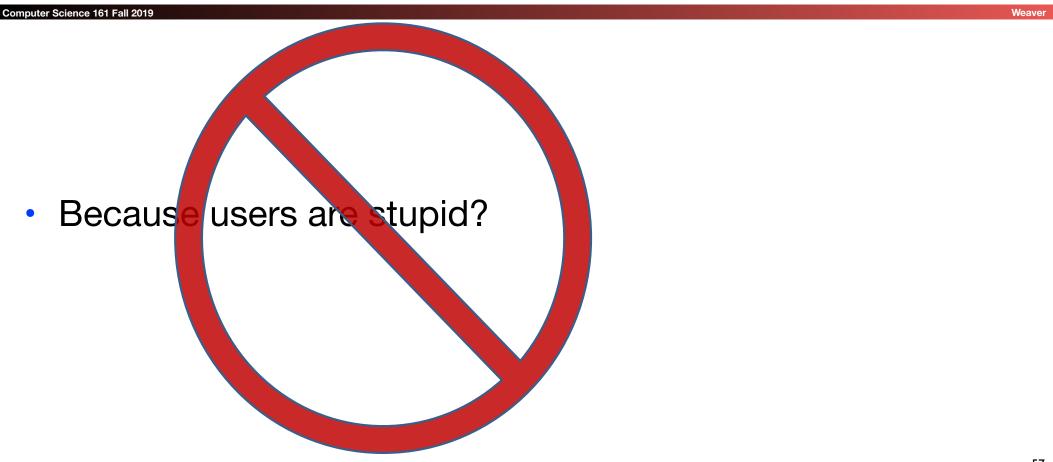


"Browser in Browser"

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So Why Does This Work?



Why does phishing work?

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- User mental model vs. reality
 - Browser security model too hard to understand!
- The easy path is insecure; the secure path takes extra effort
- Risks are rare
- Users tend not to suspect malice; they find benign interpretations and have been acclimated to failure
 - And as a bonus, we actively train users to be phished!

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 Inbox -...berkeley.edu
 May 24, 2019 at 3:17 AM

 Reminder: UC Cyber Security Awareness Fundamentals has been assigned to NICHOL...
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 To: Nicholas Weaver <nweaver@berkeley.edu>

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You can access the course via the UC Learning Center: 1. Log onto the UC Learning Center at: <u>https://uc.sumtotal.host/core/dash</u>

Two Factor

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- Because people chose bad passwords...
 - Add a *second* authentication path
- Relies on the user having access to something orthogonal to the password
 - Cellphone or email
 - Security Token/Authenticator App
 - FIDO U2F/FIDO2 security key

Second Communication Channel...

- Provide the "security code" (4-8 digits) transmitted "out of band"
 - Cellphone SMS
 - Email
- Still vulnerable to *transient* phishing (a *relay attack*)...
 - Phishing site *immediately* tries to log in as the user...
 - Sees 2-factor is in use
 - Presents a fake "2-Factor" challenge
 - Passes the result to the site... BOOM, logged in!

Authentication Tokens/Apps

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- RSA Securid and Google Authenticator
 - Token and site share a common secret key
- Display first 6 digits of: HMAC(K, time)
- Time rounded to 30 seconds
- Verify:
 - If code == HMAC(K, time) or HMAC(K, time+30) or HMAC(K, time-30), OK
- Still vulnerable to transient phishing!
- But code is relatively small...
 - Assumes some limit on brute-forcing: After 3+ tries, start adding delays

Bigger Point of those 2FA protections: Credential stuffing

- Since people reuse passwords all the time
- Attacker compromises one site
 - Then uses the resulting data to get everyone's password
 - Brute force the password hashes
- Now attacker reuses those passwords on every other site
- Basic 2FA prevents that
 - The password alone is no longer enough to log in

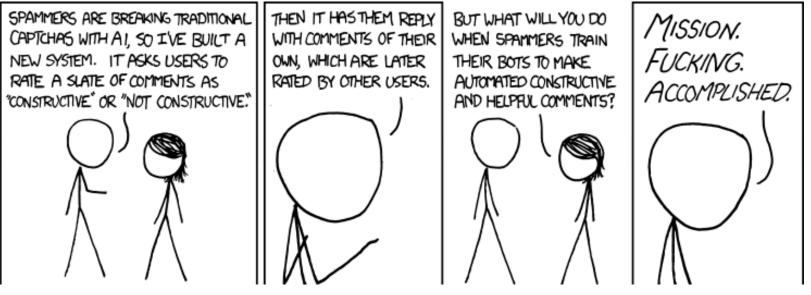
FIDO U2F/FIDO2 Security Key

- Two operations:
- Register Site:
 - · Generate a new public/private key pair and present it to the site
- Verify:
 - · Given a nonce, site, and key ID, sign the nonce and return it
 - Nonce (provided by server) prevents replay attack
 - Site is verified as allowed for the key ID, prevents *relay attack*
- Both operations require user presence
 - Can't happen in the background, need to "touch" the key
 - But an optional "no touch needed" mode is supported
- Can't be phished!
 - A phishing site will fail the site verification



CAPTCHAs: How Lazy Cryptographers Do Al

- The whole point of CAPCHAs is not just to solve "is this human"...
 - But leverage bad guys to force them to solve hard problems
 - Primarily focused on machine vision problems





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CAPTCHAs

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- *Reverse Turing Test*: present "user" a challenge that's easy for a human to solve, hard for a program to solve
- One common approach: distorted text that's difficult for characterrecognition algorithms to decipher

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Text in the box:



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(d) Simple Machines Forum

(e) Yahoo!

(f) youku

Figure 1: Examples of CAPTCHAs from various Internet properties.

Problems?



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Enter the code shown: This helps prevent automated registrations.	
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	Qualifying question Just to prove you are a human, please answer the following math challenge.
Please enter the code you see below. what's this?	Q: Calculate:

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Issues with CAPTCHAs

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• Inevitable arms race: as solving algorithms get better, defense erodes



Figure 4: Examples of images from the hard CAPTCHA puzzles dataset.

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 Inevitable arms race: as solving algorithms get better, defense erodes, or gets harder for humans

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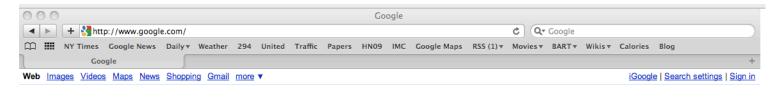
- Accessibility: not all humans can see
- Granularity: not all bots are bad (e.g., crawlers)

Issues with CAPTCHAs, con't

- Deepest problem: CAPTCHAs are inherently vulnerable to outsourcing attacks
 - Attacker gets real humans to solve them

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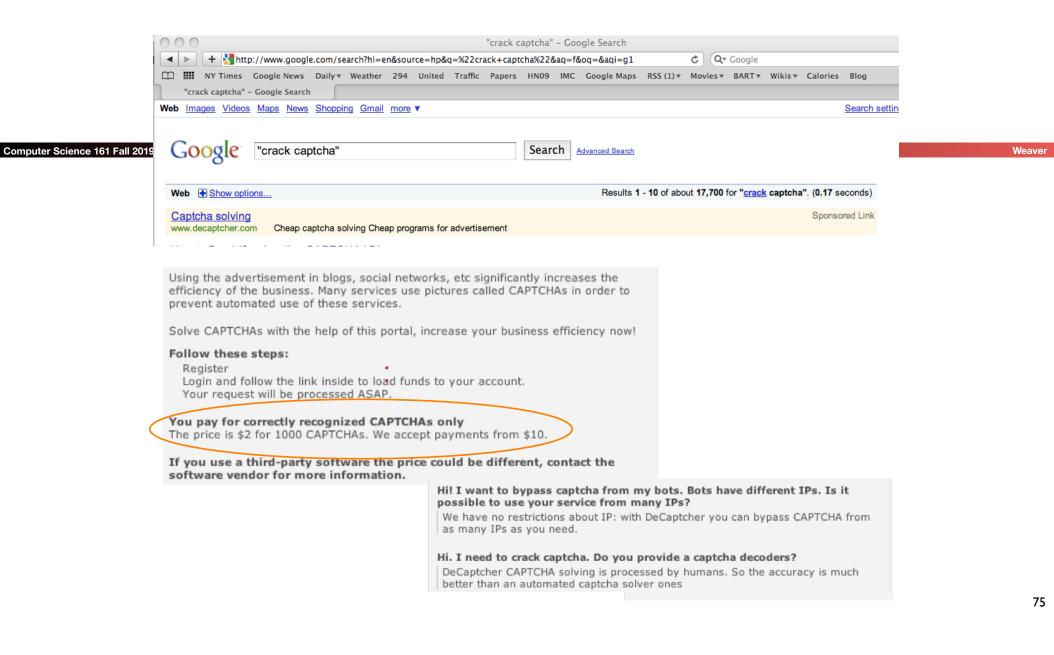




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Chinese (Simp.)	$- = \equiv$	48.4	31.0	0.00	68.9	26.9	35.8	35.2
Chinese (Trad.)	$- = \equiv$	52.9	24.4	0.00	63.8	30.2	33.0	34.1
Spanish	uno dos tres	1.81	13.8	0.00	2.90	7.78	56.8	13.9
Italian	uno due tre	3.65	8.45	0.00	4.65	5.44	57.1	13.2
Tagalog	isá dalawá tatló	0.00	5.79	0.00	0.00	7.84	57.2	11.8
Portuguese	um dois três	3.15	10.1	0.00	1.48	3.98	48.9	11.3
Russian	один два три	24.1	0.00	0.00	11.4	0.55	16.5	8.76
Tamil	ஒன்று இரண்டு மூன்று	2.26	21.1	3.26	0.74	12.1	5.36	7.47
Dutch	een twee drie	4.09	1.36	0.00	0.00	1.22	31.1	6.30
Hindi	एक दो तीन	10.5	5.38	2.47	1.52	6.30	9.49	5.94
German	eins zwei drei	3.62	0.72	0.00	1.46	0.58	29.1	5.91
Malay	satu dua tiga	0.00	1.42	0.00	0.00	0.55	29.4	5.23
Vietnamese	một hai ba	0.46	2.07	0.00	0.00	1.74	18.1	3.72
Korean	일 이 삼	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.2	3.37
Greek	ένα δύο τρία	0.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.5	2.65
Arabic	ثلاثة اثنين واحد	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.3	2.56
Bengali	এক দুই তিন	0.45	0.00	9.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.72
Kannada	ಒಂದು ಎರಡು ಮೂರು	0.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.55	6.14	1.26
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Table 2: Percentage of responses from the services with correct answers for the language CAPTCHAS.

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These Days: CAPTCHAs are ways of *training* AI systems

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