

Introduction to the OWASP Top Ten

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Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP) is a nonprofit foundation that works to improve the security of software.

- A website: owasp.org
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Project Spotlight: OWASP Top 10

OWASP Top 10
The Ten Most Critical Web Application Security Risks



We are back again with yet another OWASP Spotlight series and this time we have a project which needs no introduction and I got the chance to interact with Andrew van der Stock, OWASP Foundation Executive Director and

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Introduction

Welcome to the OWASP Top 10 - 2021



Welcome to the latest installment of the OWASP Top 10! The OWASP Top 10 2021 is all-new, with a new graphic design and an available one-page infographic you can print or obtain from our home page.

A huge thank you to everyone that contributed their time and data for this iteration. Without you, this installment would not happen. **THANK YOU!**



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OWASP Top Ten

Globally recognized by developers as the first step towards more secure coding.

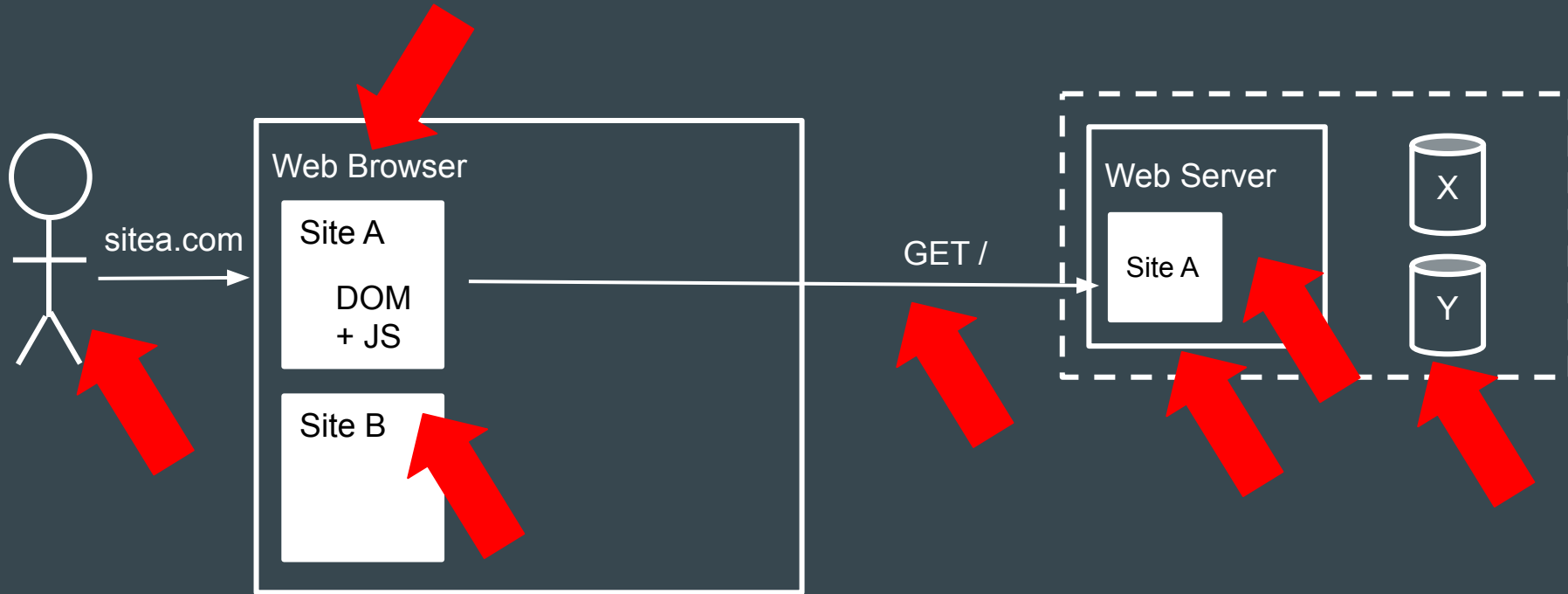
The *most critical* security risks to web applications.

Updated every 2-3 years from 2003 to 2021

2021: Focus on the root cause, rather than the symptom

See: The How and Why of the OWASP Top Ten 2021 - Brian Glas

Securing the user



OWASP Top Ten 2021

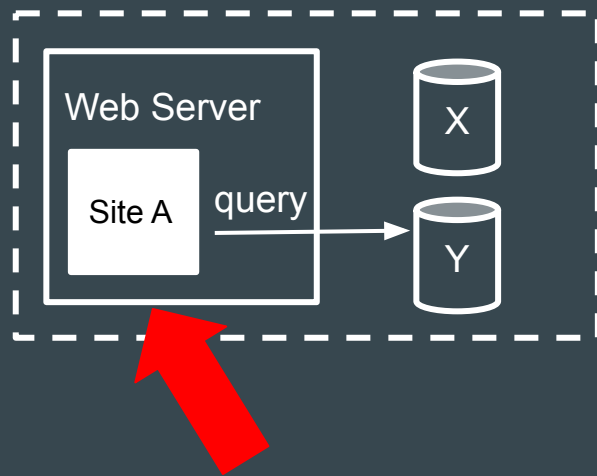
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A01 Broken Access Control



A01 Broken Access Control

- Access hidden pages
`http://site.com/admin/user-management`
- Elevate to an administrative account
- View other people's data
`http://site.com/user?id=7`
- Modifying cookies or JWT tokens



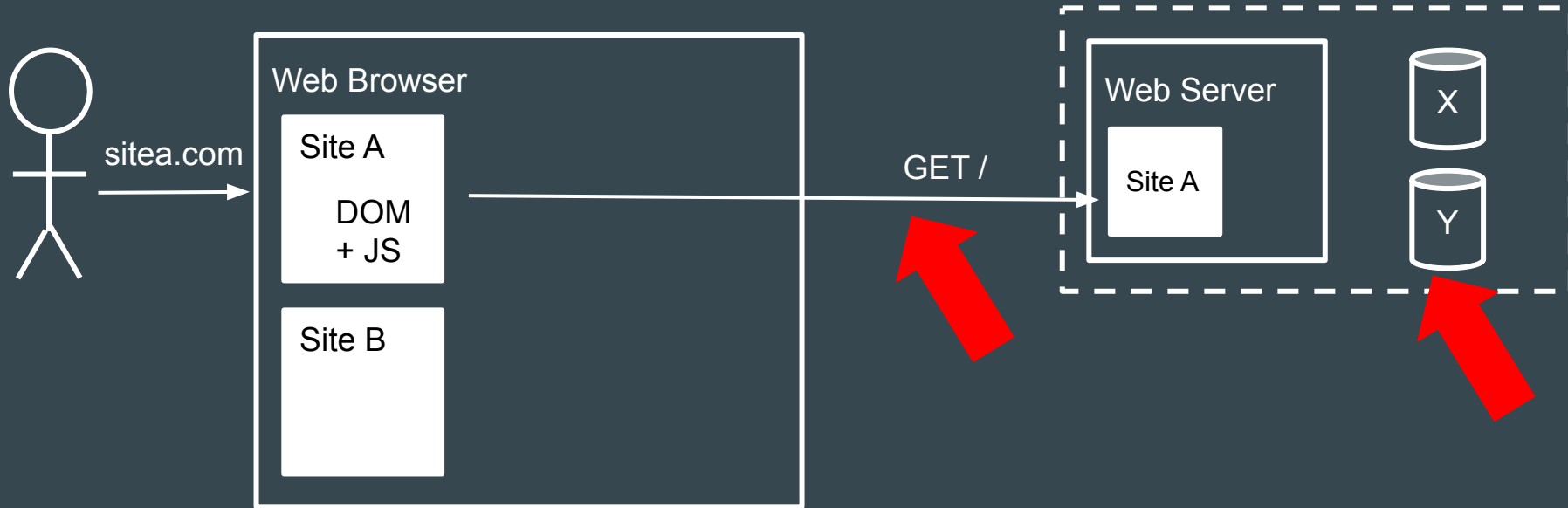
Access Control Demo

A01 Broken Access Control

Prevention:

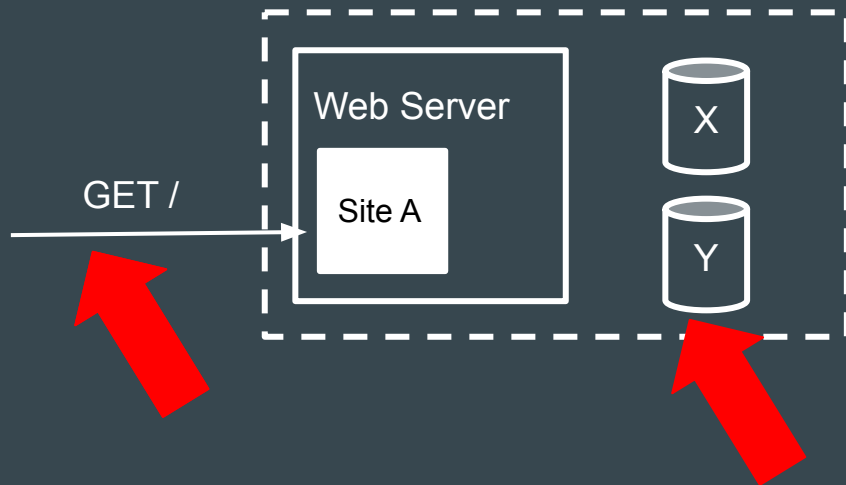
- Implement access control measures centrally
- Use proven code or libraries
- Deny access by default
- Log failures and alert
- Rate limit access to resources

A02 Cryptographic Failure



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- Clear-text data transfer
- Unencrypted storage
- Weak crypto or keys
- Certificates not validated
- Exposing PII or Credit Cards



A02 Cryptographic Failure

Prevention:

- Don't store data unless you need to!
- Encrypt at rest and in transit
- Use strong crypto

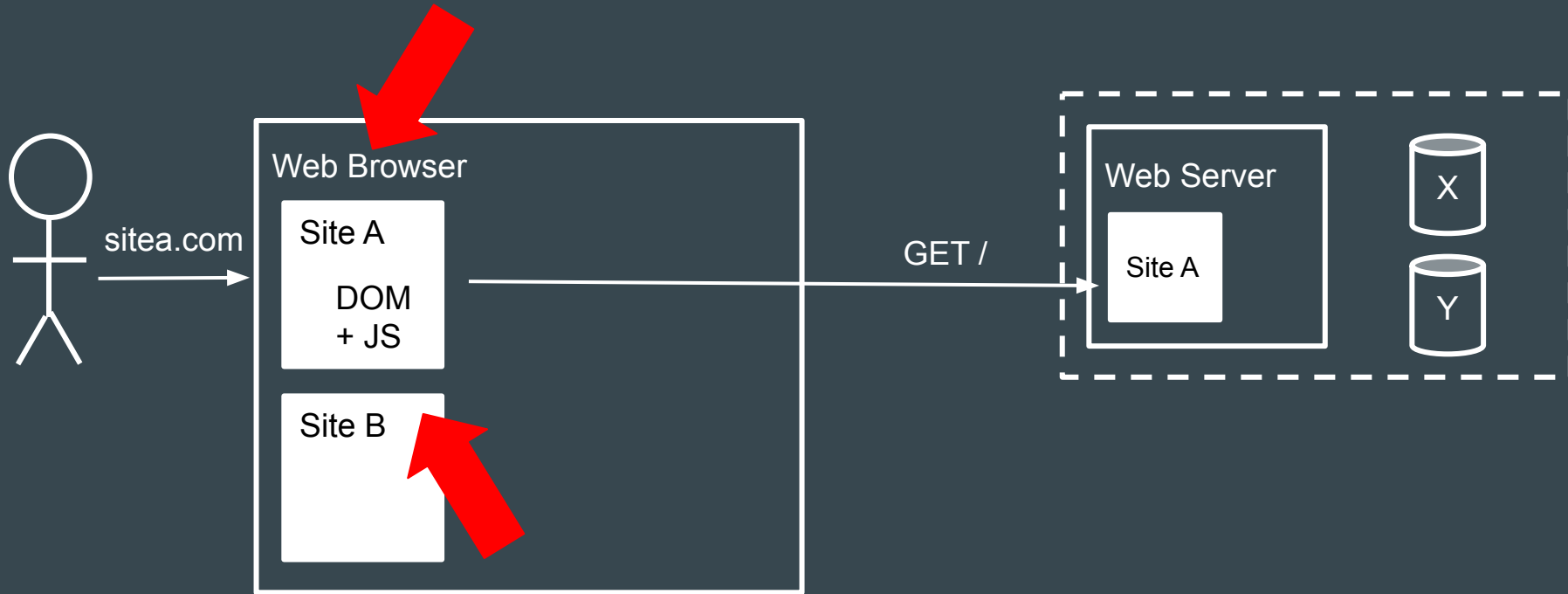
A03 Injection

Injecting attacker-controlled *data* into the *code* you intend to run

Examples:

- Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
- SQL Injection (SQLi)

A03 Injection - Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

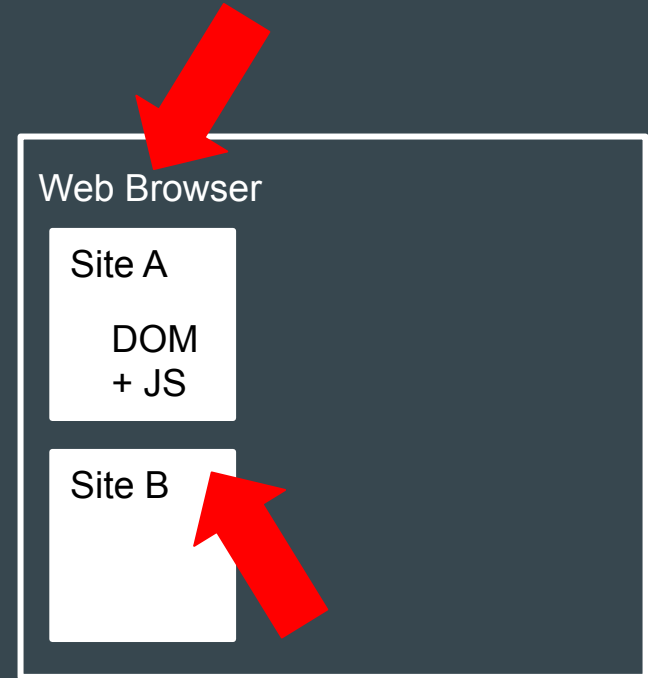


A03 Injection - Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

HTML mixes content, presentation and code into one string (HTML+CSS+JS)

If an attacker can alter the DOM, they can do *anything* that the user can do.

XSS can be found using automated tools.



XSS Demo

A03 Injection - Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

Prevention:

- Encode all user-supplied data to render it safe
Kirk <script> => Kirk <script>
- Use appropriate encoding for the context
- Use templating frameworks that assemble HTML safely
- Use Content Security Policy

A03 Injection - SQLi

Sending hostile data to an interpreter
(e.g. SQL, LDAP, command line)



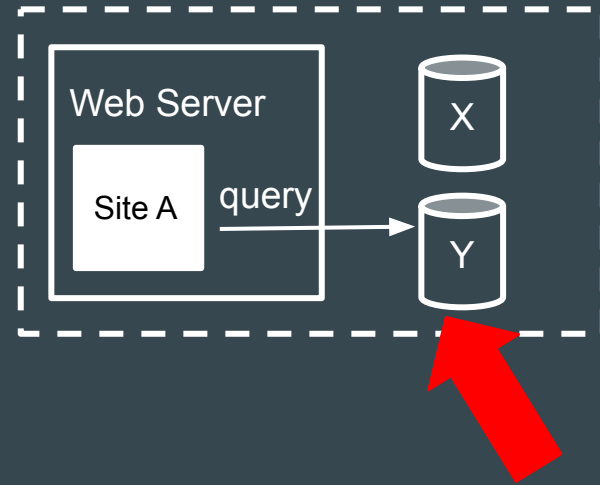
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```
String query = "SELECT * FROM accounts WHERE  
custID='" + request.getParameter("id") + "'";
```

```
id = " ' ; drop table accounts -- "
```

SQL statements combine *code* and *data*



SQLi Demo

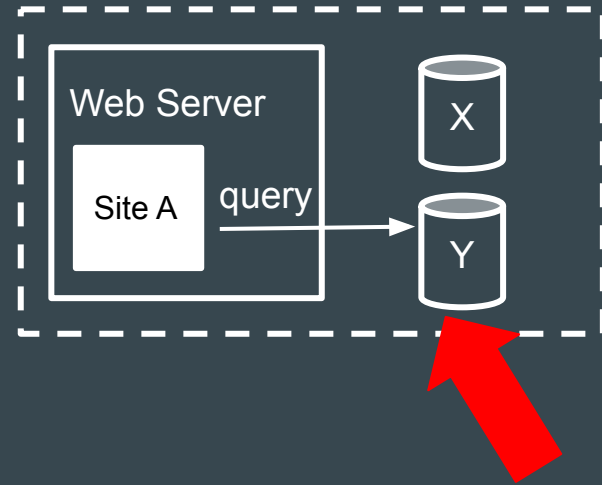
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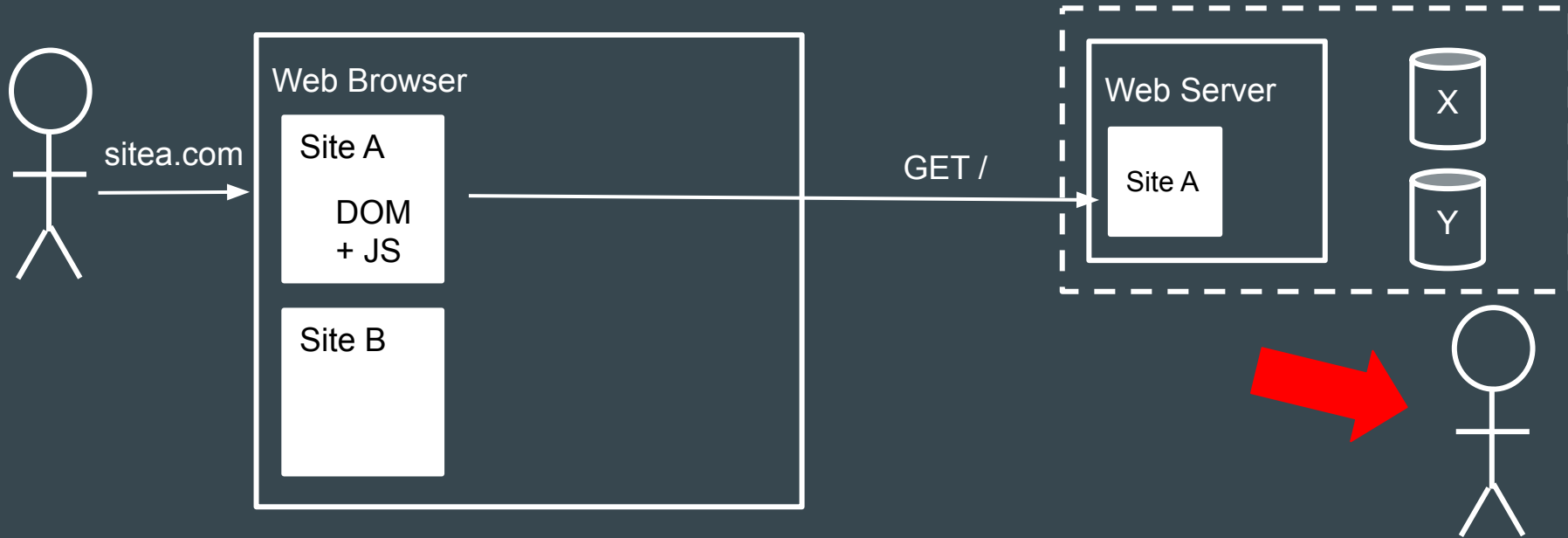
SQL statements combine *code* and *data*

=> Separate code and data

- Parameterise your queries
- Validate which data can be entered
- Escape special characters



A04 Insecure Design



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Risks related to design and architectural flaws

Cannot be fixed by rock-solid implementation

Use:

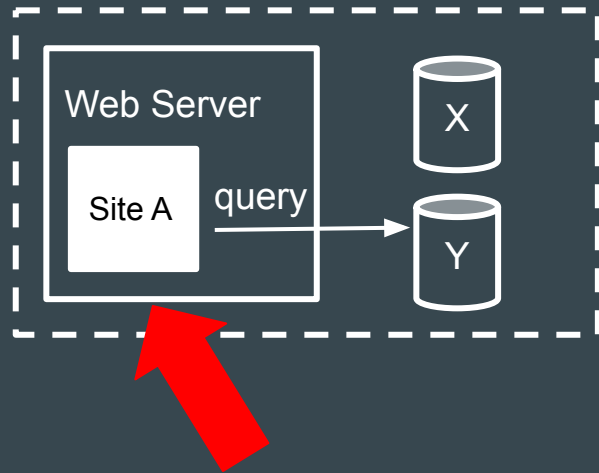
- Threat modeling
- Secure design patterns
- Reference architectures

A05 Security Misconfiguration



A05 Security Misconfiguration

- Security features not configured properly
- Unnecessary features enabled
- Default accounts not removed
- Error messages expose sensitive information



A05 Security Misconfiguration

Prevention:

- Have a repeatable build process or “gold master”
- Disable all unused services
- Use tools to review settings

A06 Vulnerable and Outdated Components



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Modern applications contain a *lot* of third-party code.

It's hard to keep it all up to date.

Attackers can enumerate the libraries you use, and develop exploits.

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Prevention:

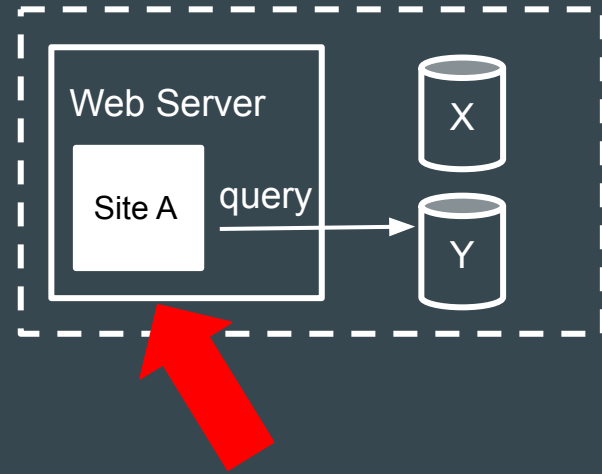
- Inventory management
- Reduce dependencies
- Patch management
- Scan for out-of-date components
- Budget for ongoing maintenance for all software projects

A07 Identification and Authentication Failures



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- Weak session management
- Credential stuffing
- Brute force
- Forgotten password
- No multi-factor authentication
- Sessions don't expire



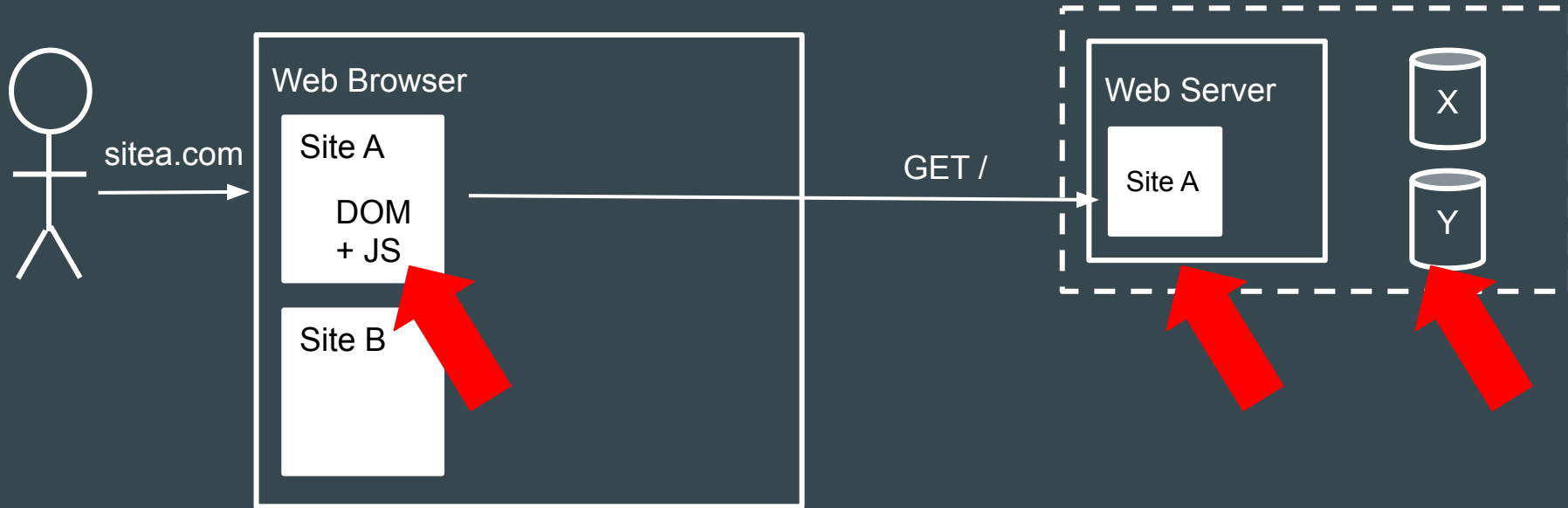
Identity and Authentication Failures Demo

A07 Identification and Authentication Failures

Prevention:

- Use good authentication libraries
- Use MFA
- Enforce strong passwords
- Detect and prevent brute force or stuffing attacks

A08 Software and Data Integrity Failures



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Software integrity:

- Downloading code from untrustworthy sources
- No integrity checks
- Insecure CI/CD pipeline

Data integrity:

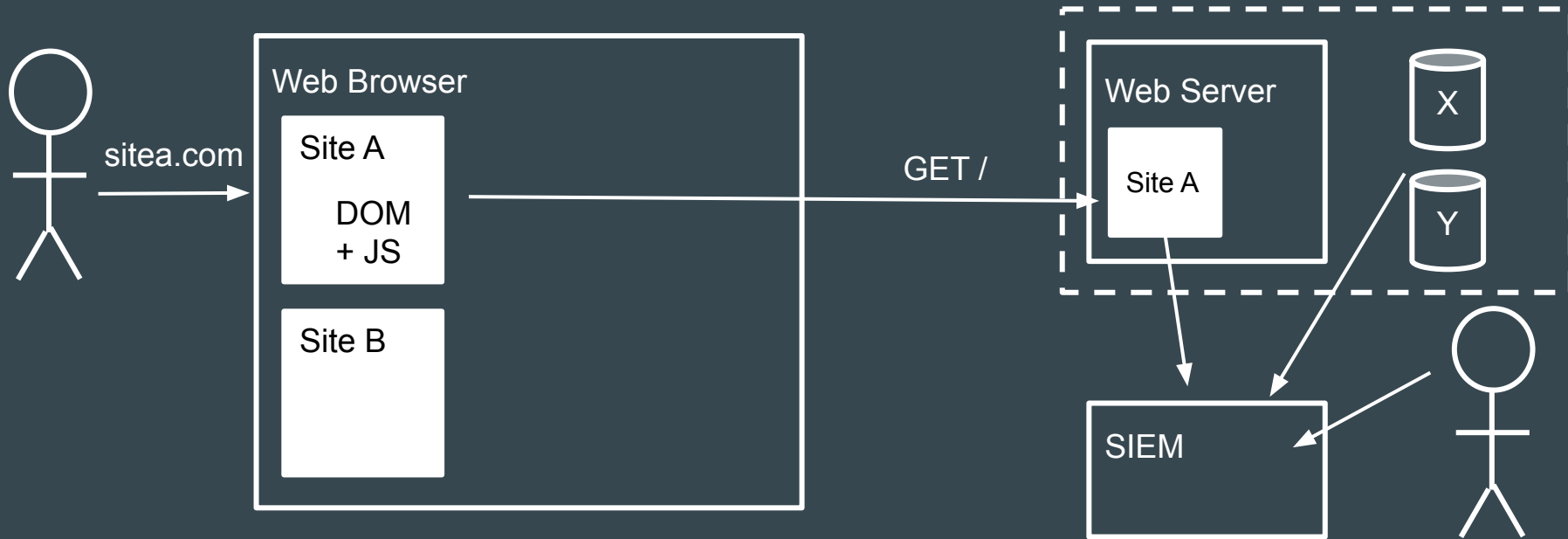
- Data may be modified for deserialisation attack

A08 Software and Data Integrity Failures

Prevention:

- Digital signatures for libraries and executables
- Use trustworthy repositories
- Supply chain dependency check
- Encrypt data, and check integrity

A09 Security Logging and Monitoring Failures

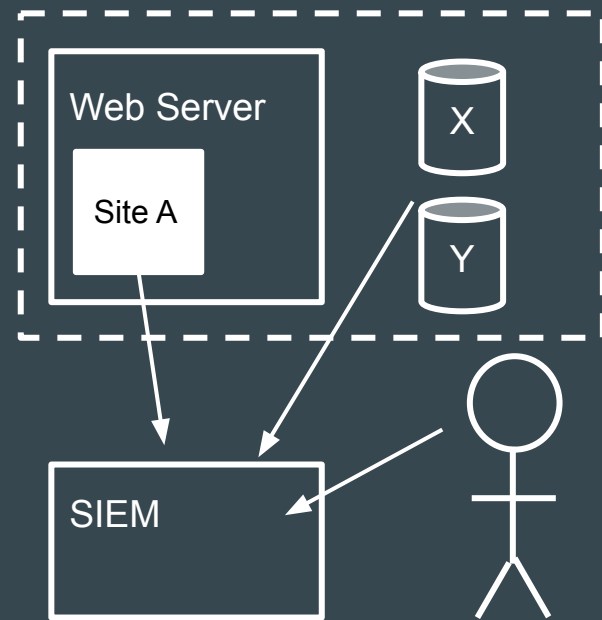


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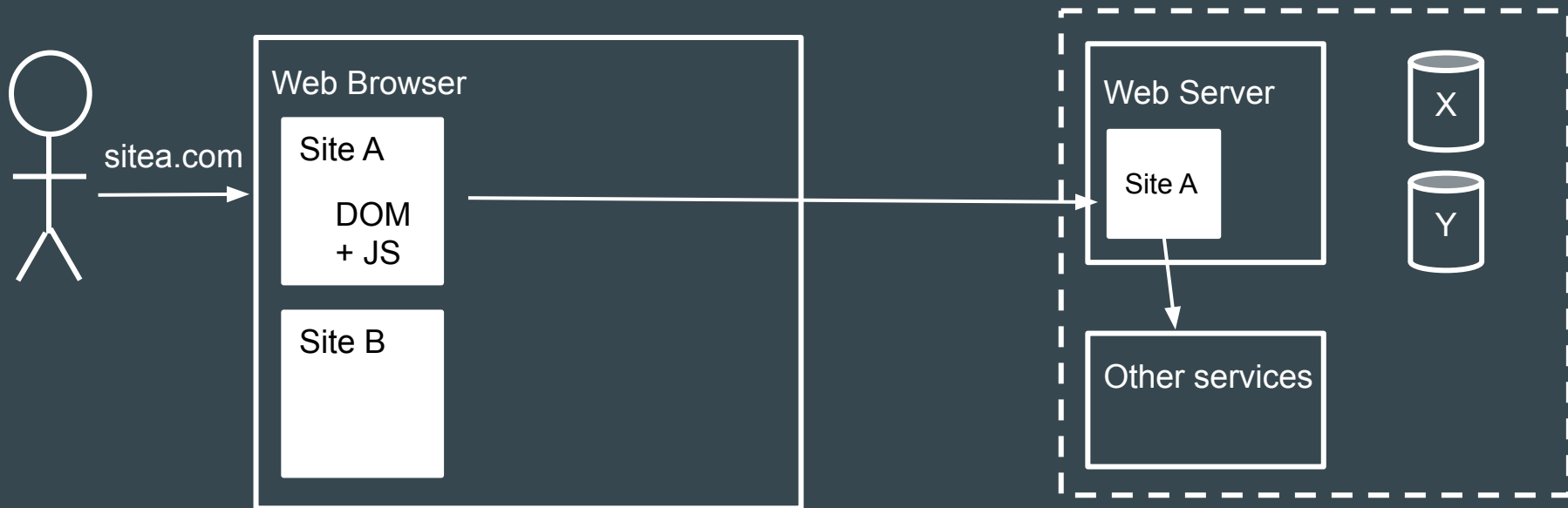
You can't react to attacks that you don't know about.

Logs are important for:

- Detecting incidents
- Understanding what happened
- Proving who did something



A10 Server-Side Request Forgery

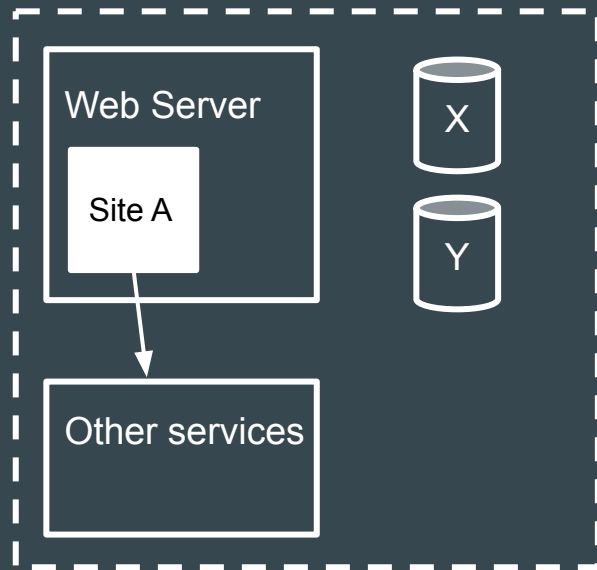


A10 Server-Side Request Forgery

Tricking an application to fetch something by url

E.g.

- Access an internal service
- Port-scan a network
- Access cloud metadata service
- Proxy attacks to other targets



SSRF Demo

A10 Server-Side Request Forgery

Prevention:

- Segment networks, firewall restrictions
- Don't trust input data
- Do not display raw HTTP responses to clients
- Don't follow redirects

Server-Side Request Forgery (SSRF): The community push to the OWASP Top 10

Nick Lauder, Track Two - Thursday, 15:30

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- Attend OWASP events
- Search for OWASP Top Ten category names and your framework
E.g. “C# XSS protection”
- Watch youtube or Pluralsight videos
- Use the terms when discussing bugs with colleagues
- Keep track of which issues affect you the most
- Go beyond the Top Ten

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