

Automating Security Defenses

The Application Strikes Back

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What I Will Cover

- Importance of proactive security
- Current strategies – Reactive vs. Proactive
- The Application Strikes Back

A Word of Caution

- Don't hack back!

Importance of Proactive Security



“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”

– Benjamin Franklin

tags: preparation, prevention, proverb, wisdom

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The average number of days to identify a data breach in 2020

Source: <https://www.ibm.com/security/digital-assets/cost-data-breach-report/#/pdf>

80

80

The average time (days) to contain a breach in 2020

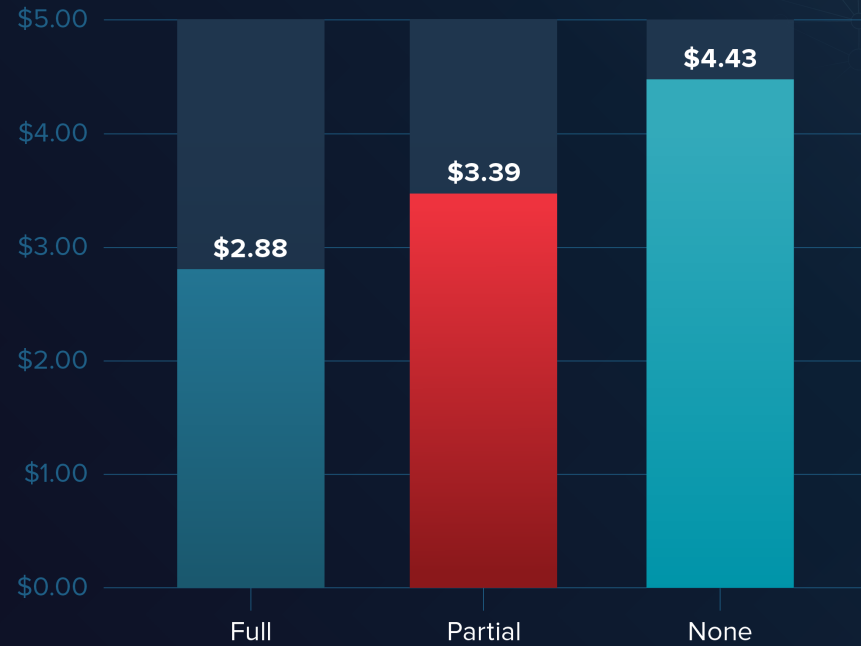
Source: <https://www.ibm.com/security/digital-assets/cost-data-breach-report/#/pdf>

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The average length (days) of a breach in 2020

Source: <https://www.ibm.com/security/digital-assets/cost-data-breach-report/#/pdf>

Automation Decreases Cost of Data Breach



Average total cost (US\$ millions) based on security automation execution level
Source: IBM



Source: <https://www.varonis.com/blog/data-breach-response-times>

Security Goals



Time for hackers
to exploit a
vulnerability

Time for security
to detect an attacker



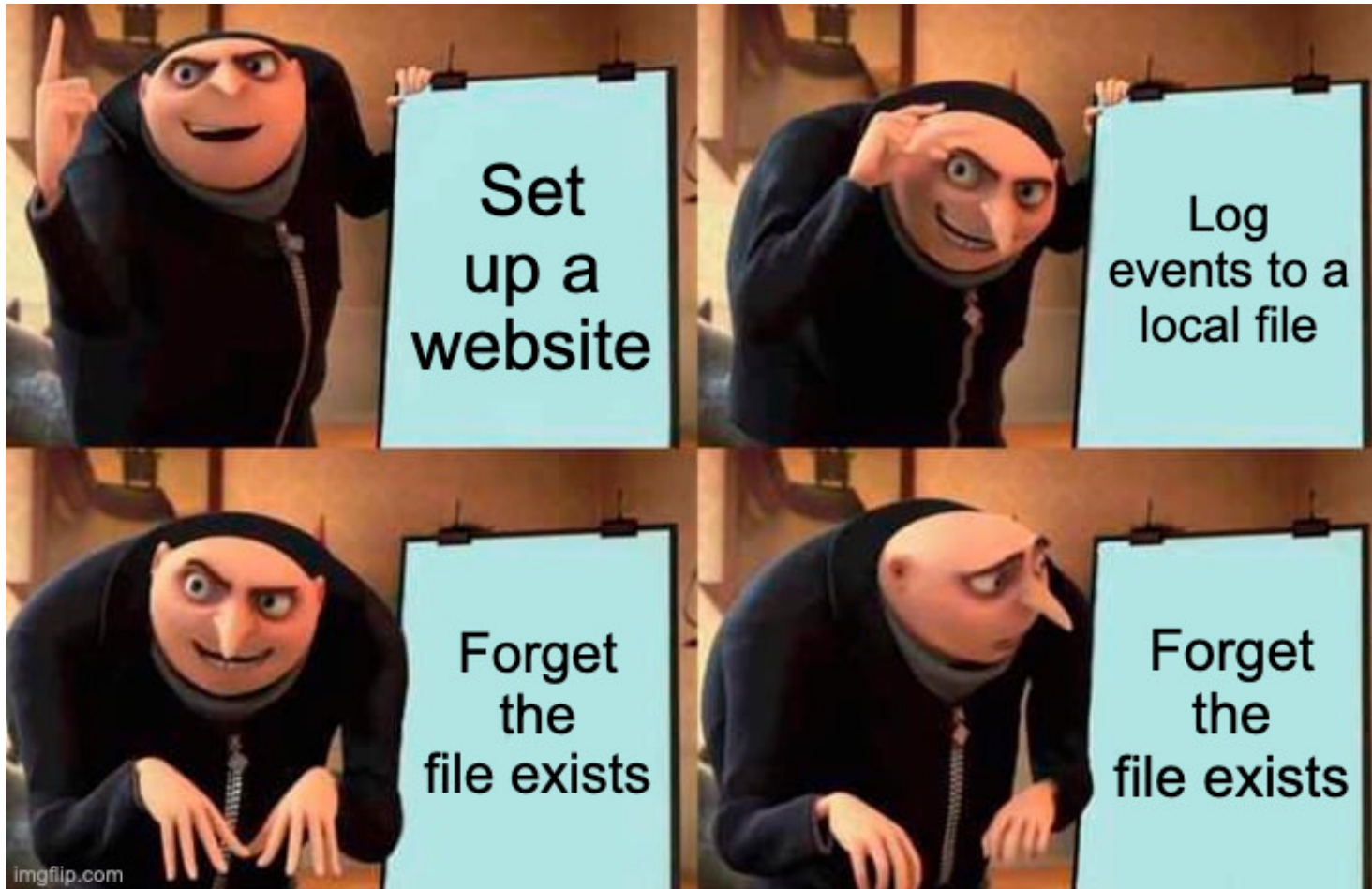
Security Strategies

- Reactive
- Proactive

Reactive Strategies: No News is Good News

1. Set up a website
2. Pray you don't see your company name in the security news

Reactive Strategies: Checkbox Security



Reactive Strategies: Security Operations Center (SOC)

1. Implement logging
2. Collect logs in centralized place
3. Add rules and correlation logic to logs
4. Implement alerting based on triggers and thresholds
5. Identify stakeholders and asset owners
6. Create triage steps and playbooks for each alert
7. Add rules and correlation logic to alerts
8. Implement new tools and software
9. Configure the tools
10. Test the tools in your environment
11. Realize something isn't logging correctly
12. Realize stakeholders changed
13. Etc. etc. etc.

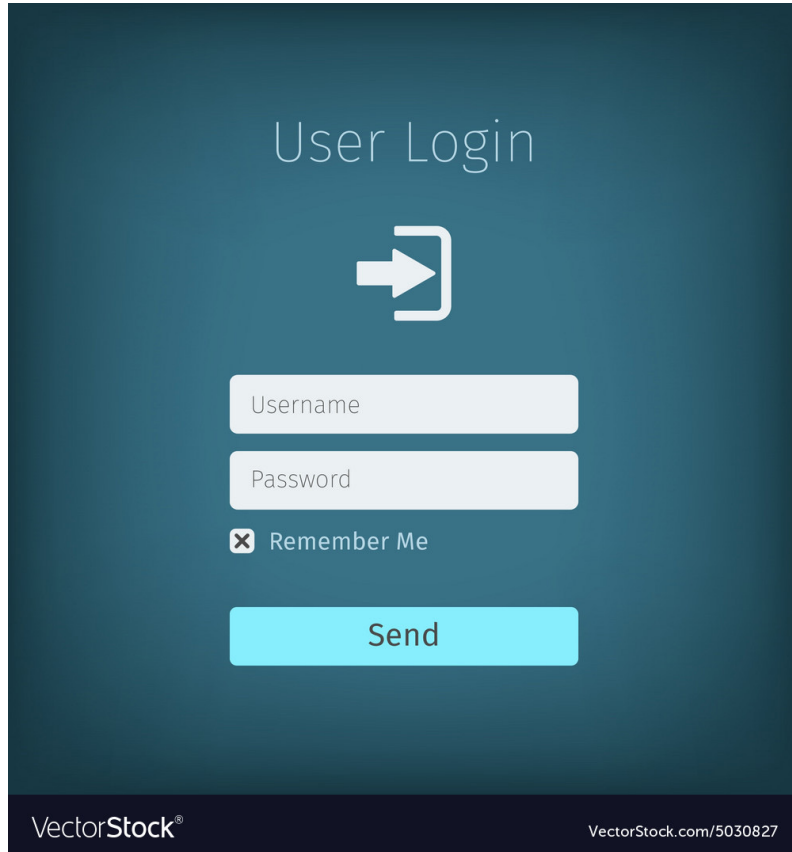
The Application Strikes Back



Hybrid Strategy: Alert from the Application

1. Identify a security risk in your application
2. Send an alert from the application if the risk is triggered
3. Block the offending user/source IP
 - Table of blocked sources
 - Automated request to WAF

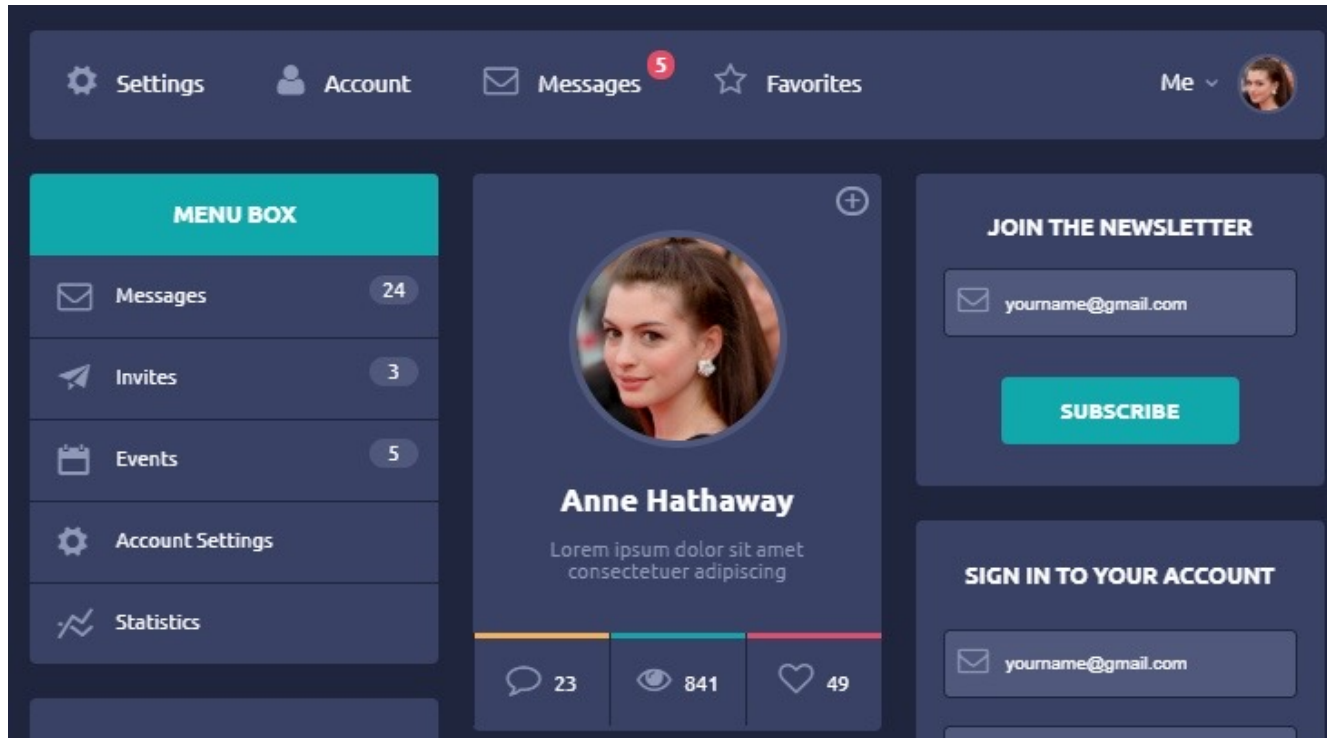
Brute Forcing Login Portal



A dark-themed login form titled "User Login". It features a white arrow icon pointing into a bracket. Below the icon are two input fields: "Username" and "Password". A checkbox labeled "Remember Me" is checked. A blue "Send" button is at the bottom. The footer includes "VectorStock®" and "VectorStock.com/5030827".

- admin:password
- admin:password1
- admin:letmein
- admin:secret
- admin:12345678
- admin:rocky
- admin:password!

Data Enumeration



GET /users/4/profile

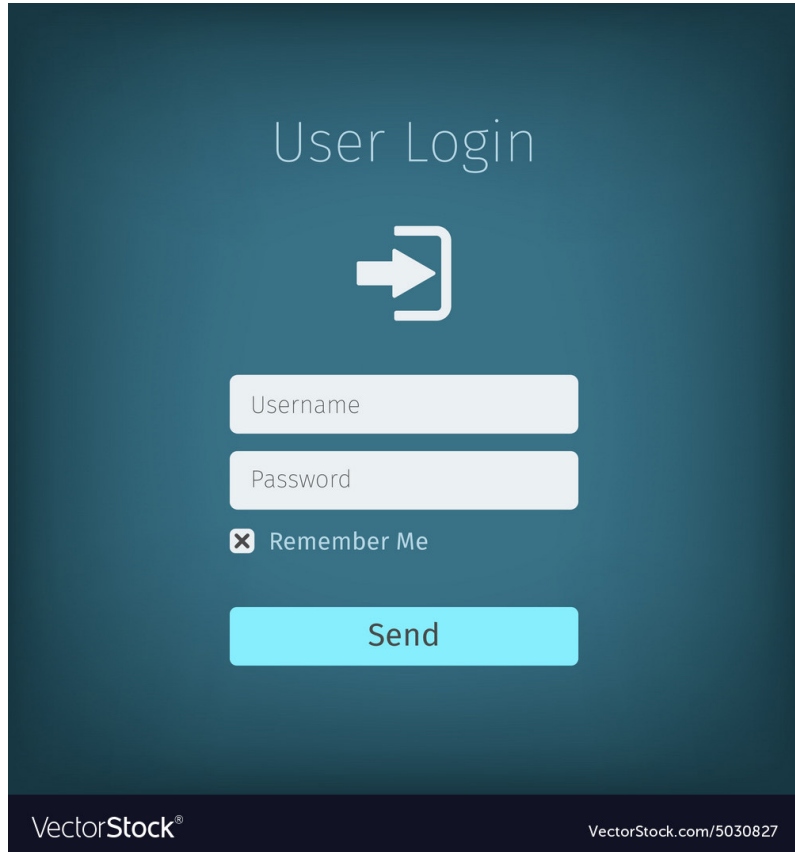
Data Enumeration

GET /users/**4**/profile

GET /client/**75**/edit

GET /invoice/**1d68ea56-e458-4f0d-bf26-9fcc5dd31e6a**

User Searching for Backend Login Portal



A dark teal background with the text "User Login" at the top. Below the text is a white icon of an arrow pointing right into a bracket. Underneath the icon are two white input fields: "Username" and "Password". Below the "Password" field is a checkbox labeled "Remember Me" with a small 'x' icon. At the bottom of the form is a bright cyan button labeled "Send".

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- /login
- /wp-login
- /admin
- /portal

Proactive Strategy: Bloody Trapland

1. Insert honeypot areas/code
2. Send an alert from the application if the honeypot is triggered
3. Block the offending user/source IP

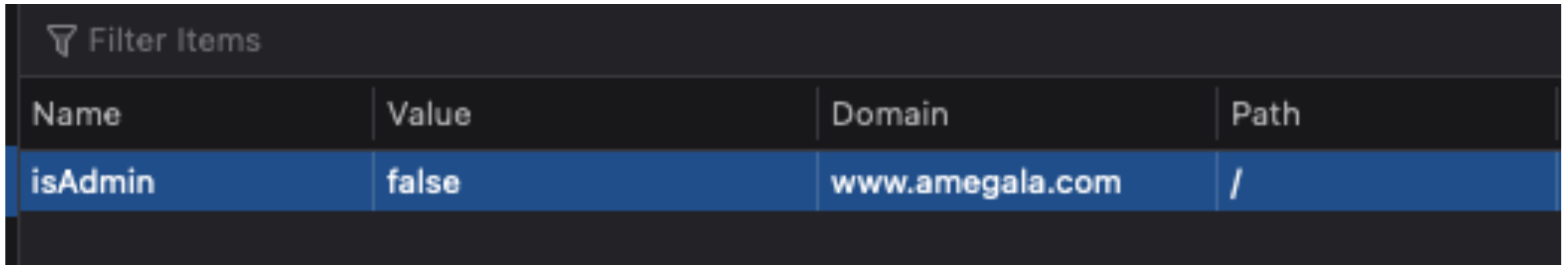
Robots.txt

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← → ↻ https://facebook.com/robots.txt

# Notice: Collection of data on Facebook through automated means is
# prohibited unless you have express written permission from Facebook
# and may only be conducted for the limited purpose contained in said
# permission.
# See: http://www.facebook.com/apps/site_scraping_tos_terms.php

User-agent: Applebot
Disallow: /ajax/
Disallow: /album.php
Disallow: /checkpoint/
Disallow: /contact_importer/
Disallow: /dialog/
Disallow: /fbml/ajax/dialog/
Disallow: /feeds/
Disallow: /file_download.php
Disallow: /job_application/
Disallow: /l.php
Disallow: /moments_app/
Disallow: /p.php
Disallow: /photo.php
Disallow: /photos.php
Disallow: /plugins/
Disallow: /share.php
Disallow: /share/
Disallow: /sharer.php
Disallow: /sharer/
Disallow: /tr/
Disallow: /tr?
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Fake Cookies



Filter Items			
Name	Value	Domain	Path
isAdmin	false	www.amegala.com	/

Cookie: isAdmin=False

Fake JavaScript Comments

```
40 <body>
41 <div class="sb-site-container">
42 <div class="boxed">
43 <header id="header-full-top" class="header-full-dark">
44 <div class="container">
45 <div class="header-full-title">
46 <h1>
47 <a href="/">
48 Nebraska.Code()
49 </a>
50 </h1>
51 <p>July 13-15, 2022</p>
52 </div>
53 <nav class="top-nav hidden-xs">
54 <div class="dropdown animated fadeInDown">
55 <a href="/Account/Login">Login / Register</a>
56 </div><!-- previous login portal at /account/login/old needs to be removed as it doesn't have brute force protection -->
57
58 <ul class="top-nav-social hidden-sm">
59 <li><a href="https://twitter.com/amegala" class="animated fadeIn animation-delay-7 twitter"><i class="fa fa-twitter"></i></a></li>
60 <li><a href="https://www.facebook.com/amegalaconferences/" class="animated fadeIn animation-delay-8 facebook"><i class="fa fa-facebook"></i></a></li>
</ul>
```

Fake URL Parameters

<https://indycode.amegala.com/?adminView=false>



Indy.Code()

October 19th, 2022

Announcing **Indy.Code()**

- > Indy's largest and best professional software development conference!
- > Late Registration is now open! [Register Now!](#)

Developer Tools

The screenshot shows a web browser at <https://indycode.amegala.com/?adminView=false>. The page header includes the "Indy.Code()" logo, the date "October 19th, 2022", and navigation links for "Login / Register", social media icons for Twitter and Facebook, and the text "an Amegala conference".

The browser's developer tools are open, displaying the "Inspector" panel. The HTML structure is shown on the left, with the `<body style="overflow: visible;">` element selected. The right-hand side of the developer tools shows the "Styles" panel, which lists the following CSS rules for the selected element:

- `body { overflow: visible; }` (style-blue.css:748)
- `body { background-color: #fff; color: #666; font-family: 'Open Sans', sans-serif; font-size: 14px; line-height: 1.75em; }` (vendors.css:242)
- `body, html { width: 100%; overflow-x: hidden; }` (vendors.css:242)
- `#sb-site, .sb-site-container, .sb-slidebar, body, html { }` (vendors.css:242)

The "Layout" panel on the right shows a box model diagram for the selected element. The diagram indicates a width of 2039px and a height of 1684.05px. The box model values are: margin (0), border (0), padding (0), and content (2039x1684.05). The position is relative.

Threat Modeling

Script Kiddie



Targeted Attacker



Nation State Threat



Opportunistic Attacker

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Questions?



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