

Introduction to Data Management Practical Aspects

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Announcements

- HW5 is due on Friday
- HW6 has two parts:
 - Part 1 due 5/17. **No late days** (for quick feedback)
 - Part 2 due 5/24. Much more work than part 1

Data Privacy Laws

Some data is protected by law:

- HIPPA
- GDPR
- FERPA

Health Information Portability and Accountability Act

- Mandatory for healthcare and health insurance institutions
- Privacy Rule to protect Protected Health Information
- Security Rule to ensure administrative, physical, and technical safeguards

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

- European Union
- Corporate disclosure of what user data is stored
- Only recently implemented (a few years ago)

Family Education Rights and Privacy Act

- Mandatory for education institutions
 - Requires written consent to disclose academic info
 - Allows the release of directory information

- Allows institutions to disclose “directory information” without consent (institution policies can be stronger)
 - Name
 - Email
 - Photographs
 - Phone Number

Privacy Leaks via Linking

Anonymity

- Common practice for making a dataset private: remove Personal Identifiable Information (PII)
- But by linking data from distinct datasets one can reveal private information
- In her PhD thesis* (2001) Latanya Sweeney described a famous example

* <https://dspace.mit.edu/handle/1721.1/8589>

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Sweeney learned Weld's medical records !

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- The best common practice is still to remove PII
- Law specifies which attributes are considered PII

Privacy Leaks via Aggregates

Implicit Disclosure

FERPA says:

- These might be public*
 - Name
 - Email
 - Photographs
 - Phone Number

- Grades are private;
- Grade averages from larger groups are OK

* Each university may impose further restrictions

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Discussion

Make sure you understand how the privacy leak happened. Example:

- Sum of all grades = S
- Alice's grade = A
- 100 students in class

- Avg grade in class: $S/100 = 3.49$
- Avg grade w/o Alice: $(S-A)/99 = 3.5$

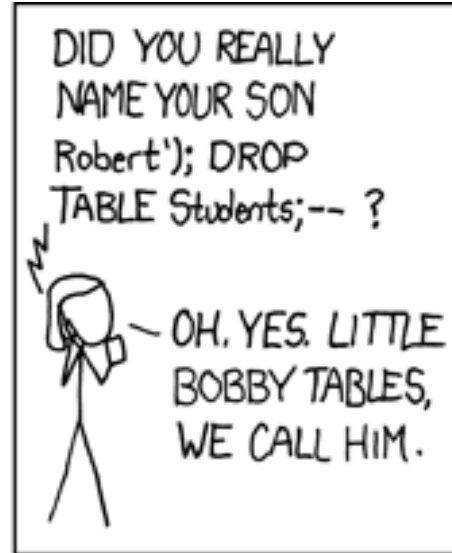
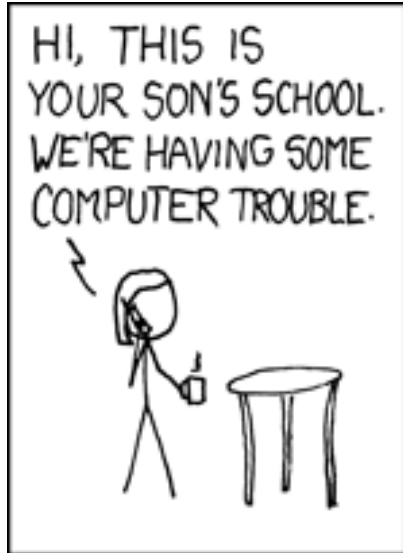
- Solve for A : $A = 2.5$

Today's Solutions

- Bucketize data and release only information on large groups
- Add noise: differential privacy

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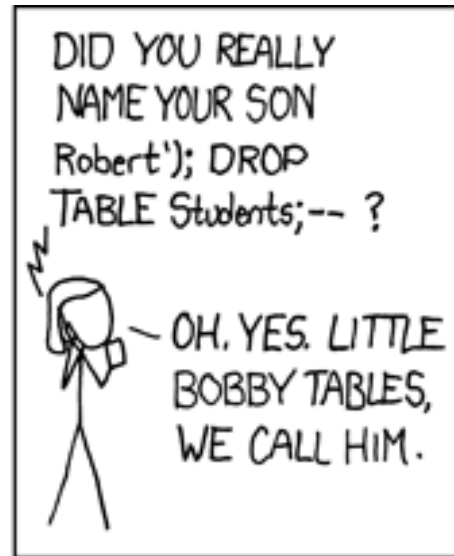
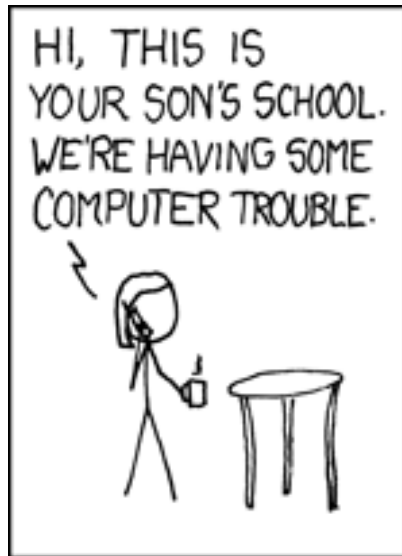


SQL Injection

- In the application, a SQL query is a string
- Part of that string is input by the user
- A malicious user can enter a string that changes the SQL query

Demo

SQL Injection



OH, YES. LITTLE BOBBY TABLES, WE CALL HIM.



AND I HOPE YOU'VE LEARNED TO SANITIZE YOUR DATABASE INPUTS.

SQL Injection

Considered a “solved” problem

- Parameterize queries using '?'
- Use 'prepared' statements

Storing Passwords

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- Passwords are special
 - High potential for additional security compromises
 - Only operation that should be done is equality comparison

Storing Passwords

(bobtheninja246, password)



If you do this, Ted Codd will roll in his grave.

Username	Password
bobtheninja246	password
xXxDragonSlayerxXx	password
420_E-Sports_Masta	qwertyuiop

Storing Passwords

- Quick overview of hashing
 - Hash(input) → hash value
 - Hash function takes input and generates “scrambled” output, that is always equal for the same input
 - Hashing is deterministic
 - Ideally hashing is noninvertible
 - Secure hash functions make it impossible to derive the input value from the hash value
 - Ideally hash values are uniformly spread out
 - Useful for hash tables!

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Issues/pitfalls:

- Hashing functions have precomputed “rainbow tables”
- Patterns can occur for the same passwords

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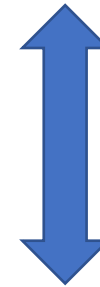
Salt it and hash it!

(bobtheninja246, hash(password * random salt), random salt)



To check:

(bobtheninja246, hash(password * stored salt))



Username	Hash	Salt
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xXxDragonSlayerxXx	7rYFQlowpW	mq5rFL6JzF
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- These are just the fundamentals: companies outsource password management because it can get very complicated.
- In HW6 you are asked to do simple password management