Discovering Software Vulnerabilities through Interactive Static Analysis

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Challenge:

- Software vulnerabilities are a major source of security problems
- Programmers need tools to help them detect and mitigate security vulnerabilities during development.

Solution:

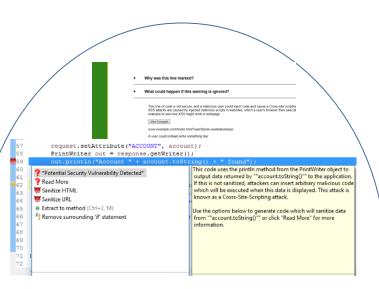
- Understand how developers diagnose security warnings
- Interactive static analysis in the IDE to increase awareness and practice of secure programming.

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ASIDE: Application Security in the IDE.

Prototype interactive static analysis tool.
Provides security vulnerability warnings in the IDE, explanations of the vulnerability and how to prevent it, and automatic code generated for sanitization.

Scientific Impact:

- Informs design of security tools based on user studies of developers.
- Provides an open source static analysis tool that can be utilized by developers and extended by the research community.

Broader Impact:

- Reduces the security vulnerabilities that programmers implement, in turn will reducing the security risks for users of those applications.
- Demonstrates a new paradigm of vulnerability detection which can be incorporated into commercial tools.