

# Fall Show + Tell



# Announcements

- DiceCTF in < 2 weeks (Feb 4)
  - Be there!
  - Let's be top 3
  - There will be pizza
- eCTF
  - Officially started
  - Check out #eCTF on Discord



# Research Projects

- Reach out to Chris if interested
- Talk to us about your ideas or if you need an idea



# Pete: Breaking PrairieLearn

- Had done some work trying to sandbox same-process python execution as a discord bot in the past and failed
- Wanted to perform research on if sandboxing same-process python is possible without extreme restrictions
- While researching this, Nathan had noticed that PrairieLearn executes your code in the same process...

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152     try:
153         exec(str_student, student_code)
154         err = None
155     except Exception:
156         err = sys.exc_info()
157
```



# Pete: Breaking PrairieLearn

- Pivoted my project to breaking out of PrairieLearn... success!
  - Command Execution on dockerized grader (I could read grader scripts, desired outputs, give myself a 100%)
- Deliverable: Wrote a patch to safely sandbox the execution (not merged yet 🙄)
- Wrote paper on my findings



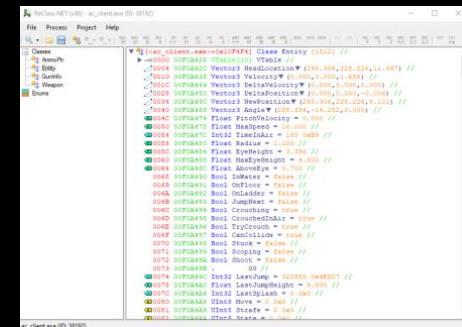
# Nebu: Instruction Counting Side Channel

- Nothing very fancy: got annoyed with how irregularly Intel PIN behaves, noticed how much better Valgrind's Callgrind is.
- PIN pain causes PinCTF to also be hard to get working.
- Wrote a “better” tool that relies on Callgrind to count instructions.
- Added some more CTF-y options.



# Louis: Introductory Dive into Game Hacking

- Wanted to understand the main components of hacking a game
- C++ External vs Internal cheats
- Techniques for code injection
  - Quite often the main challenge nowadays due to kernel-level anticheats
- Approach: Basic open-source FPS game without anticheat
  - Dynamic analysis: Cheat Engine, x64dbg, ReClass.NET
  - Static analysis: Ghidra
  - Deliverable: A paper, two cheats and two injectors



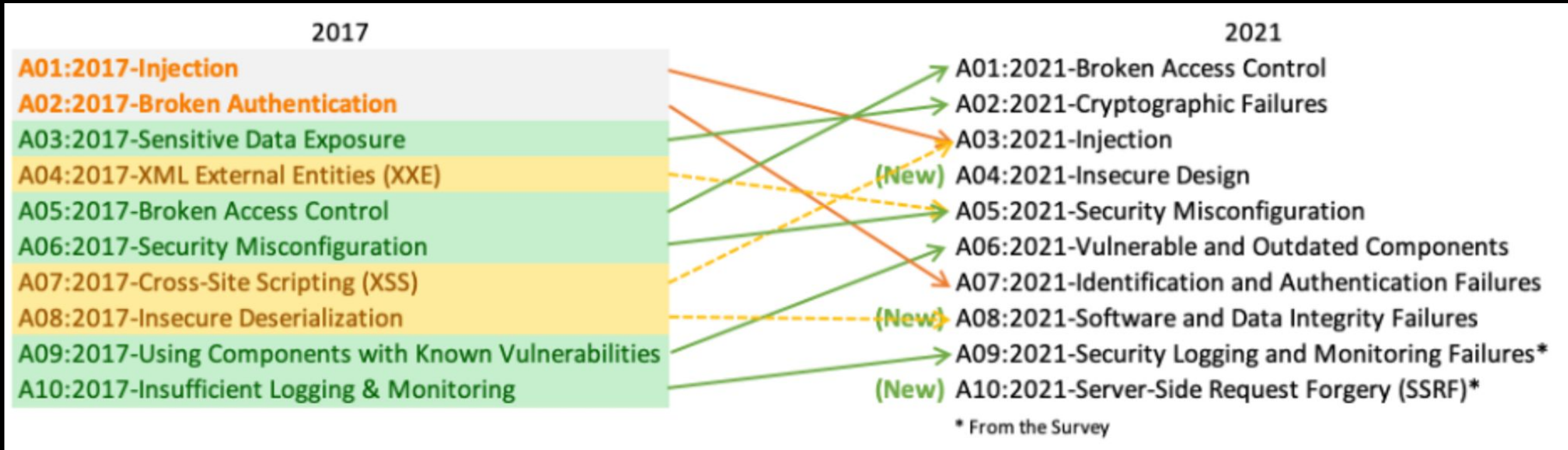
# Daniel: Web Attack/Defense

- Key Questions: To what extent does modern frameworks defend popular web attacks?
- Web service: MySQL/Springboot/Vue
- Division of Responsibility: DTO/DAO; Service; Controller/VO
- Auth Control + SpringSecurity
- Failed Attacks: CSRF; SQLi; Injection





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# Next Meetings

## Next Thursday:

- ROP
- In person in Siebel 1404 at 6pm
- Learn how to bypass non executable stack
- Background in pwn/asm from last semester very helpful

## Next Seminar:

- UIUCTF planning

