

The SWAP Project

Helping to build Secure Web Applications

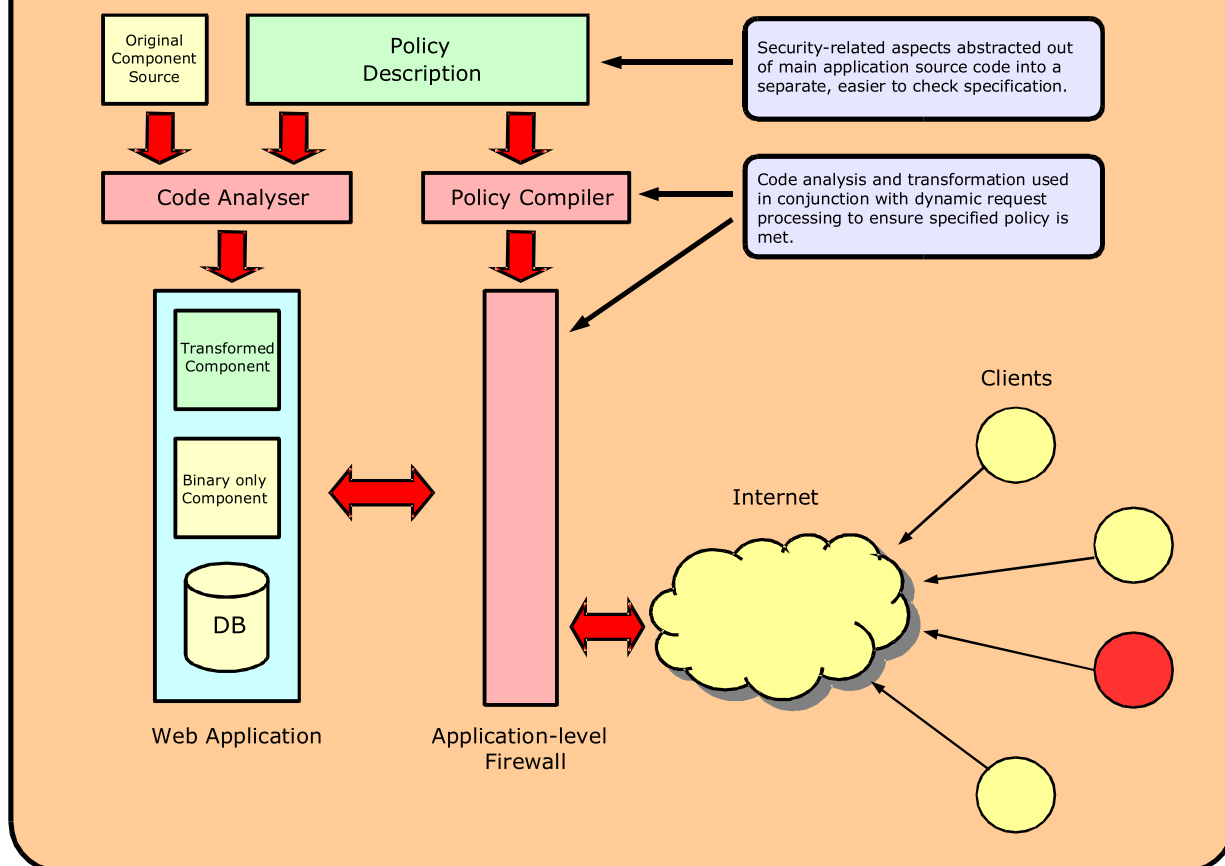
From the news:

- 11 widely deployed shopping cart applications suffer from Form Modification ("price-changing") vulnerabilities – *Internet Security Systems (ISS), February 2000.*
- 30-40% of e-commerce sites are vulnerable to attack – *ZD-Net, March 2001.*
- By 2004 30% of all buffer overflow attacks will be carried over HTTP tunnelling; and
- by 2006 more than 50% of successful Internet attacks will exploit application data handling vulnerabilities vs. operating system and application misconfigurations – *Gartner, March 2002.*

Some reasons for failure

- Developers forced to use low-level languages and tools with few useful abstractions
- Projects often consist of multiple interacting components written in different languages (e.g. PHP, VBScript, Javascript, SQL) by different people
- Distributed systems are much harder than non-distributed ones
- Tricky to get a clear view of the whole system; often there is no simple way to abstract out security-related code for easier analysis.

Our Application Framework



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