



# SharePoint

Security Revealed

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# Agenda



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# The Voting Device

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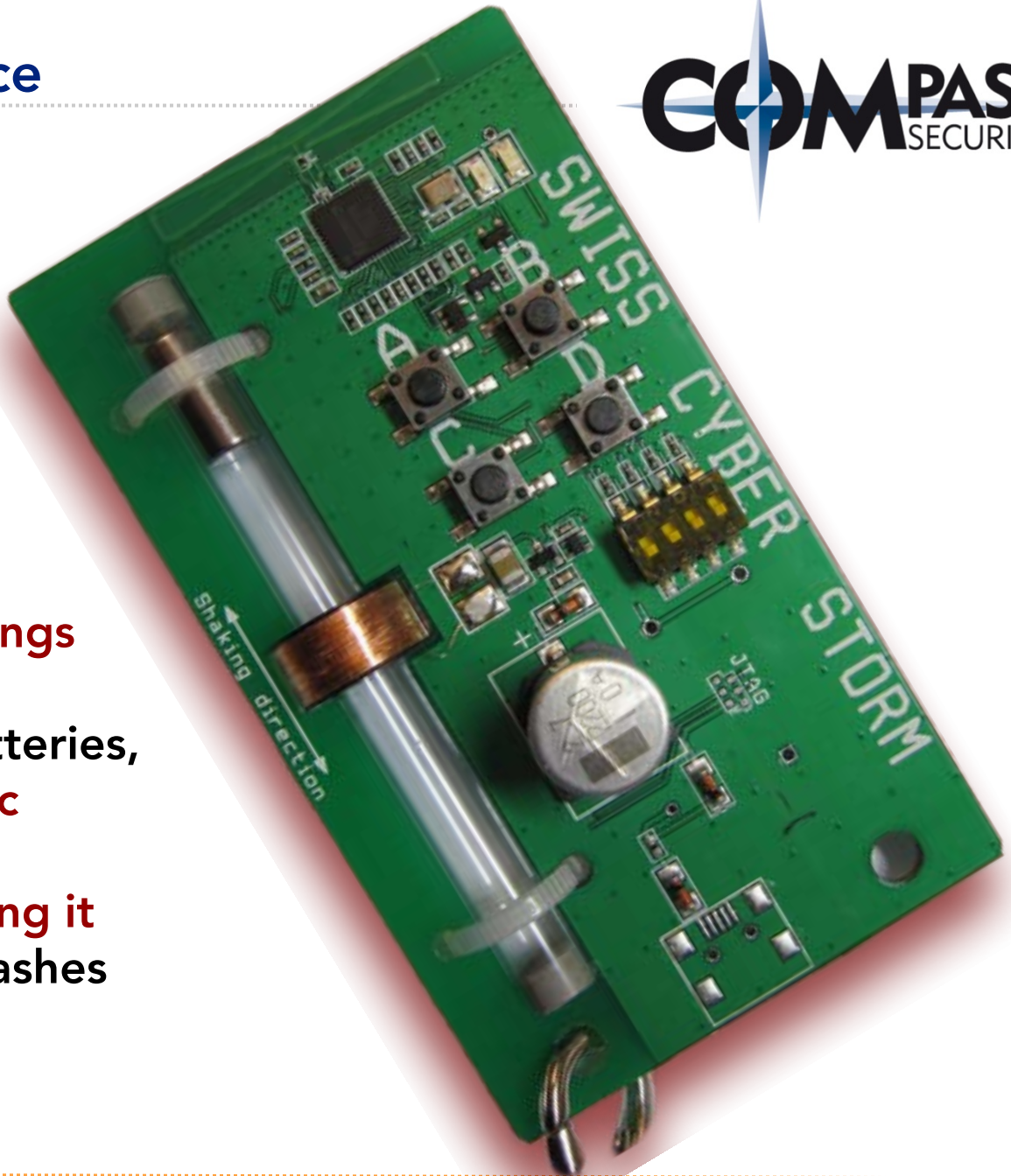
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# The Voting Device

It enables you to participate on **votings**

The device has no batteries, so it works **autarkic**

You power it by **shaking it** until green light flashes



# The Voting



Let's give it a try...

The top section of the slide features a green printed circuit board (PCB) labeled 'SWISS CYBER STORM' with various electronic components and a silver metal probe. To its right is the COMPASS SECURITY logo and the text 'shake and test'. Further right is a white ceramic mug with a blue logo that says 'I've seen the Future it's all SharePoint'.  

COMPASS SECURITY  
shake and test

I've seen the Future it's all SharePoint

Question

Answer A    A    B    Answer B

Answer C    C    D    Answer D

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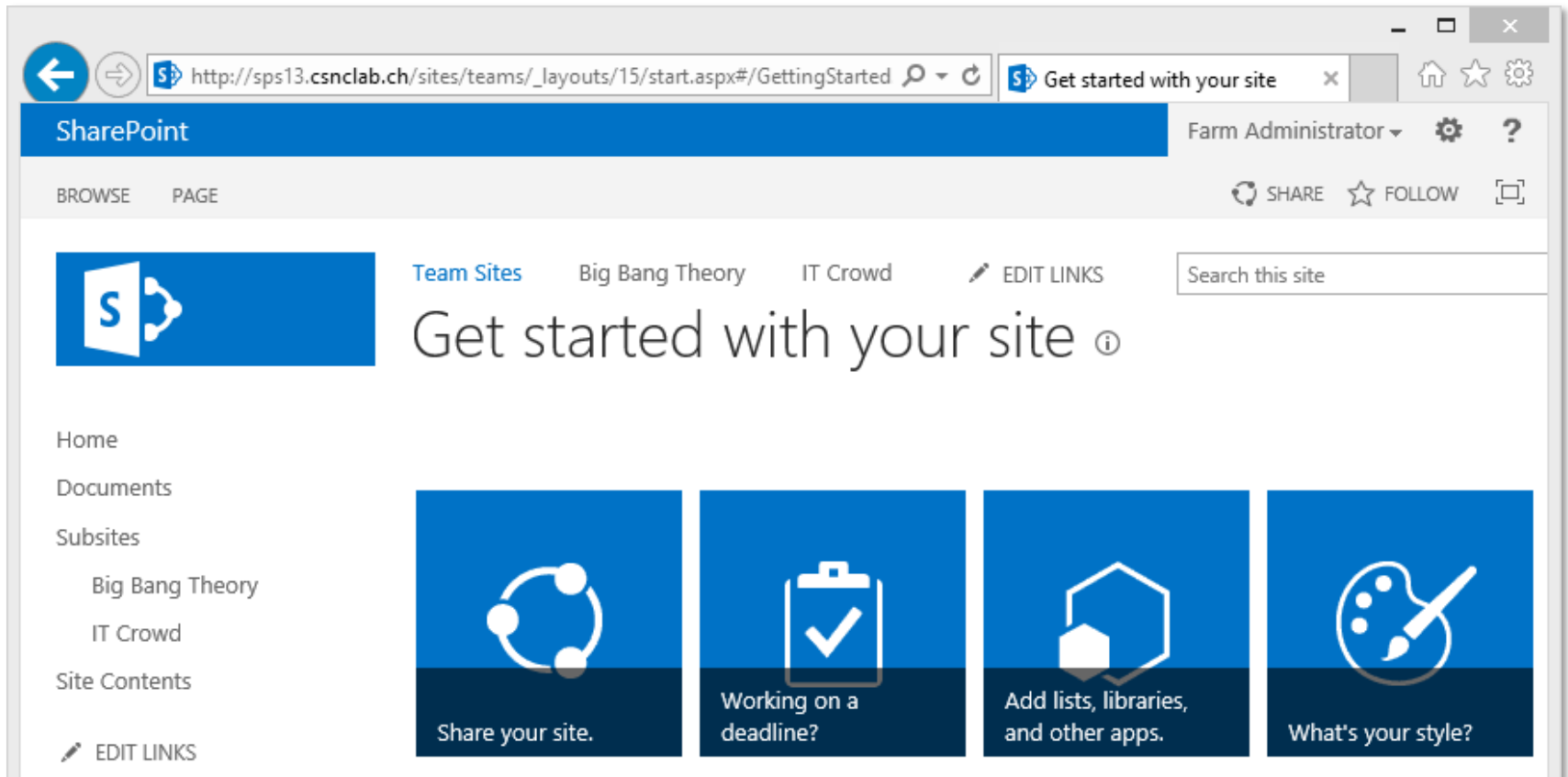


# What is SharePoint?



Browser-based collaboration and content management platform

The latest release of the product is SharePoint 2013





# Terminology



Web Application

Site Collection

Site

Subsite

List

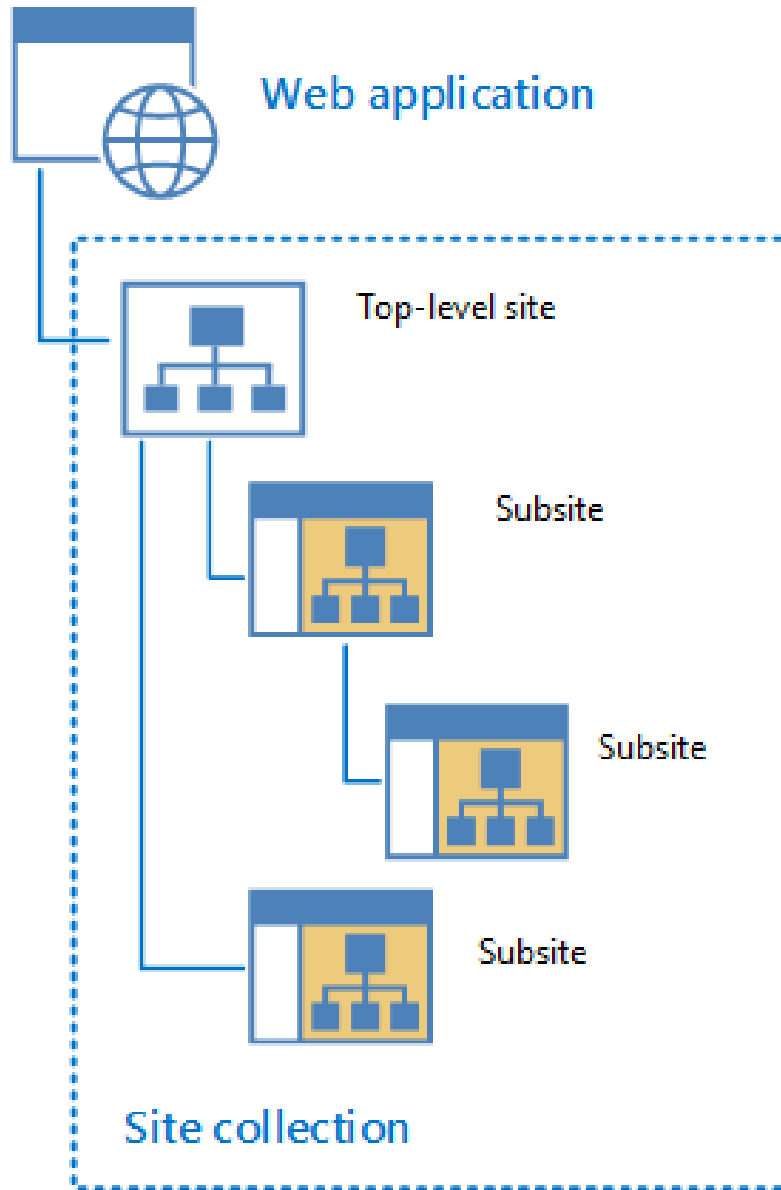
Custom List

Document Library

Web Parts

Apps

# Web Application, Site Collection, Site



# Web Application, Site Collection, Site



Web application

<http://sps13.csncclab.ch/sites/teams/bigbang/Lists/Favourite%20Physicists/AllItems.aspx>

SharePoint

Farm Administrator

BROWSE

WEB APPLICATIONS

<http://sps13.csncclab.ch/sites/teams/bigbang/Lists/Favourite%20Physicists/AllItems.aspx>



Site C...

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Team Sites

Big Bang Theory

IT Crowd

## Big Bang Theory

Home

Contacts

Documents

Pictures

Tasks

Watch Star

2 upcoming

# Document Libraries



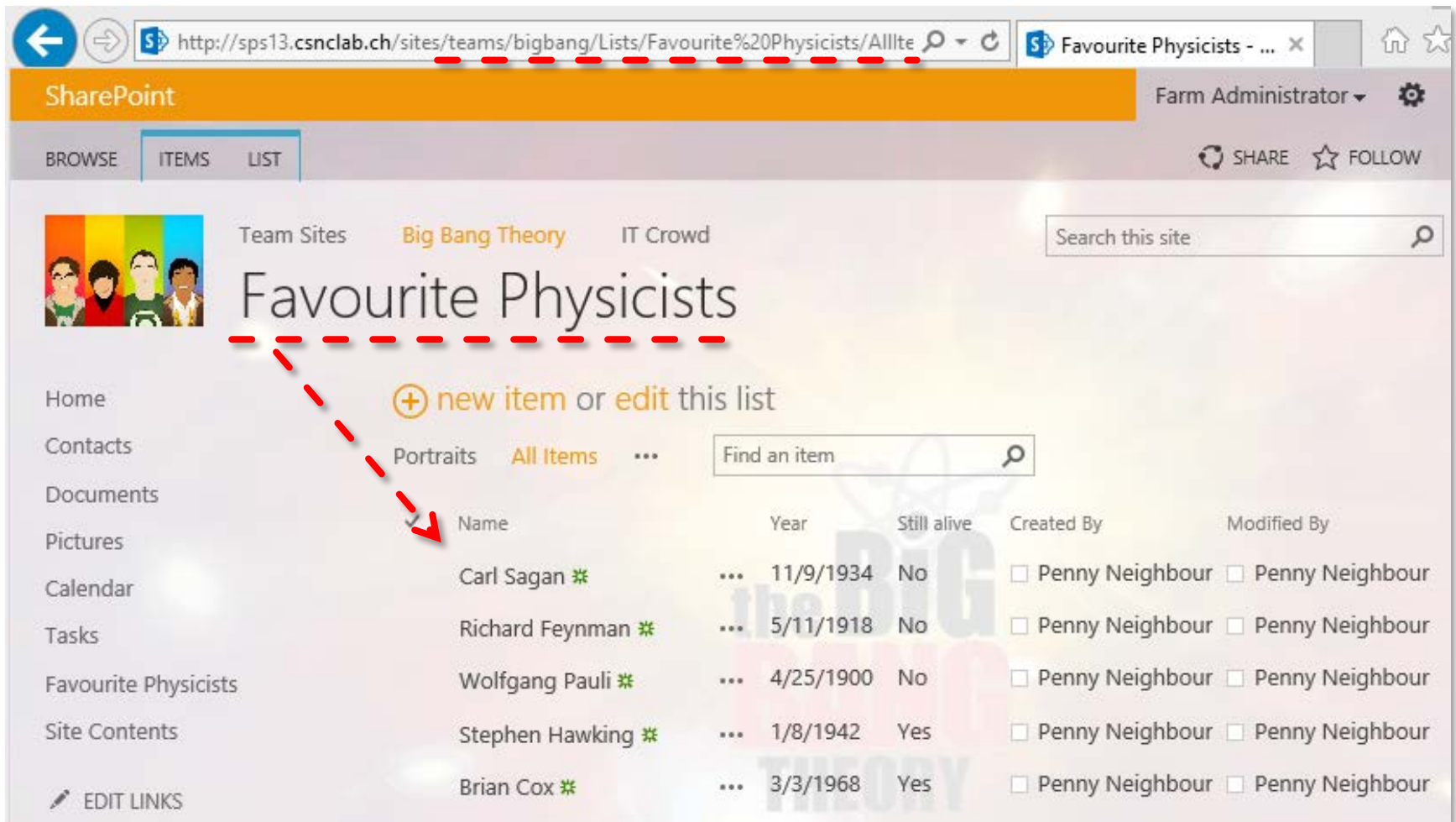
Document Libraries contain files:

A screenshot of a SharePoint document library interface. The browser address bar shows the URL: http://sps13.csnc lab.ch/sites/teams/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx. The page title is "Documents". The interface includes a navigation pane on the left with "Home", "Documents", and "Subsites" (Big Bang Theory, IT Crowd). The main content area shows a "new document" button and a search bar. Below is a table of files:

✓	📄	Name	Modified	Modified By
	📄	6_4_SharePtServGovernance ✳	5 hours ago	<input type="checkbox"/> Farm Administrator
	📄	6_5_SharePtServContinuity ✳	5 hours ago	<input type="checkbox"/> Farm Administrator
	📄	persistent-cookies-whitepaper ✳	5 hours ago	<input type="checkbox"/> Farm Administrator
✓	📄	SharePointSecurityPt1 ✳	5 hours ago	<input type="checkbox"/> Farm Administrator

A red dashed line highlights the "Documents" title and the "new document" button. A red arrow points from the "new document" button to the "SharePointSecurityPt1.pptx" file in the list. At the bottom, a dialog box asks: "Do you want to open SharePointSecurityPt1.pptx (1.06 MB) from sps13.csnc lab.ch?".

Lists and Custom Lists contain structured information:



SharePoint Farm Administrator

BROWSE ITEMS LIST SHARE FOLLOW

Team Sites **Big Bang Theory** IT Crowd

Search this site

## Favourite Physicists

[+ new item](#) or [edit this list](#)

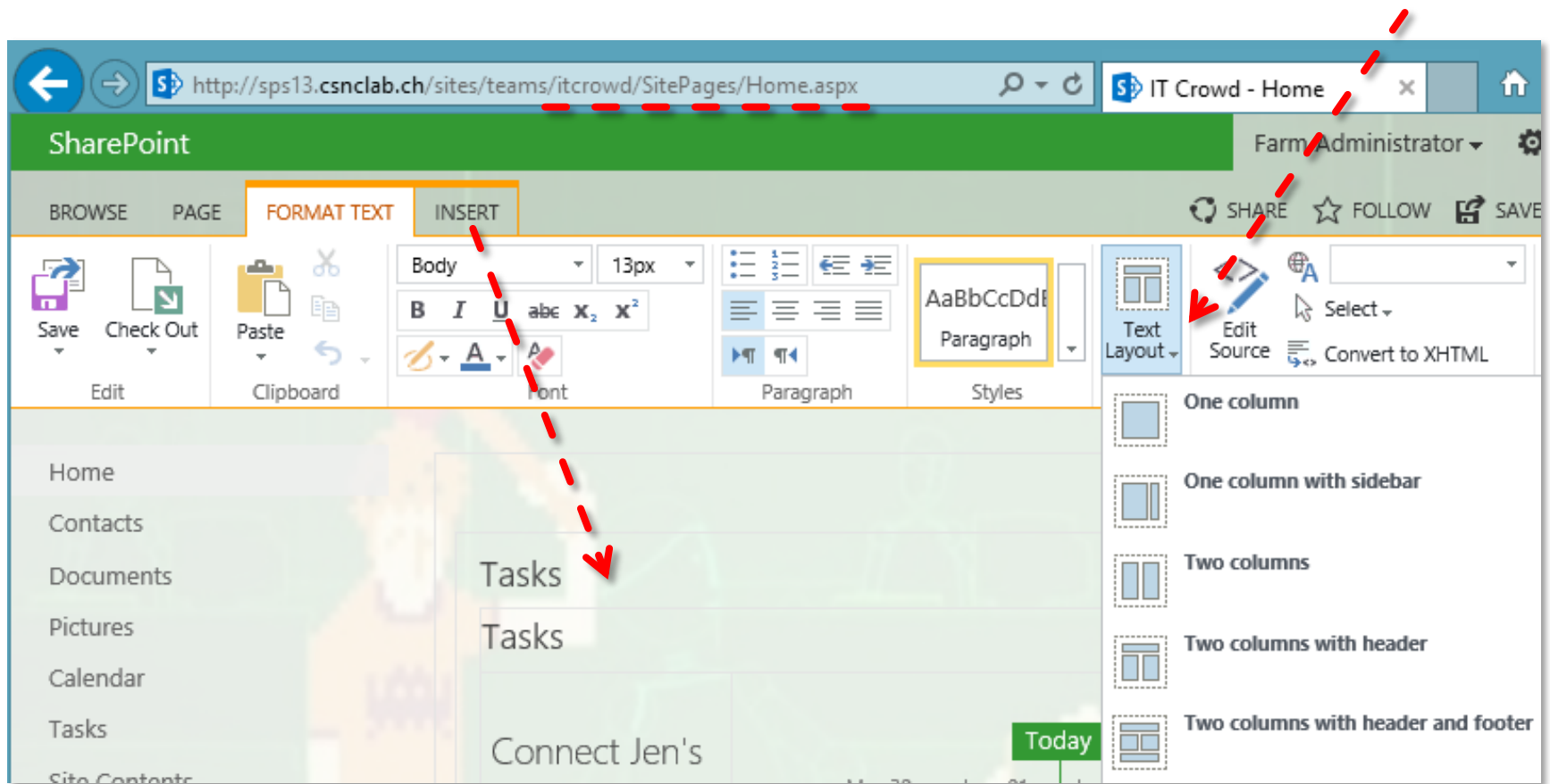
Portraits **All Items** ... Find an item

Name	Year	Still alive	Created By	Modified By
Carl Sagan ✱	11/9/1934	No	<input type="checkbox"/> Penny Neighbour	<input type="checkbox"/> Penny Neighbour
Richard Feynman ✱	5/11/1918	No	<input type="checkbox"/> Penny Neighbour	<input type="checkbox"/> Penny Neighbour
Wolfgang Pauli ✱	4/25/1900	No	<input type="checkbox"/> Penny Neighbour	<input type="checkbox"/> Penny Neighbour
Stephen Hawking ✱	1/8/1942	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Penny Neighbour	<input type="checkbox"/> Penny Neighbour
Brian Cox ✱	3/3/1968	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Penny Neighbour	<input type="checkbox"/> Penny Neighbour

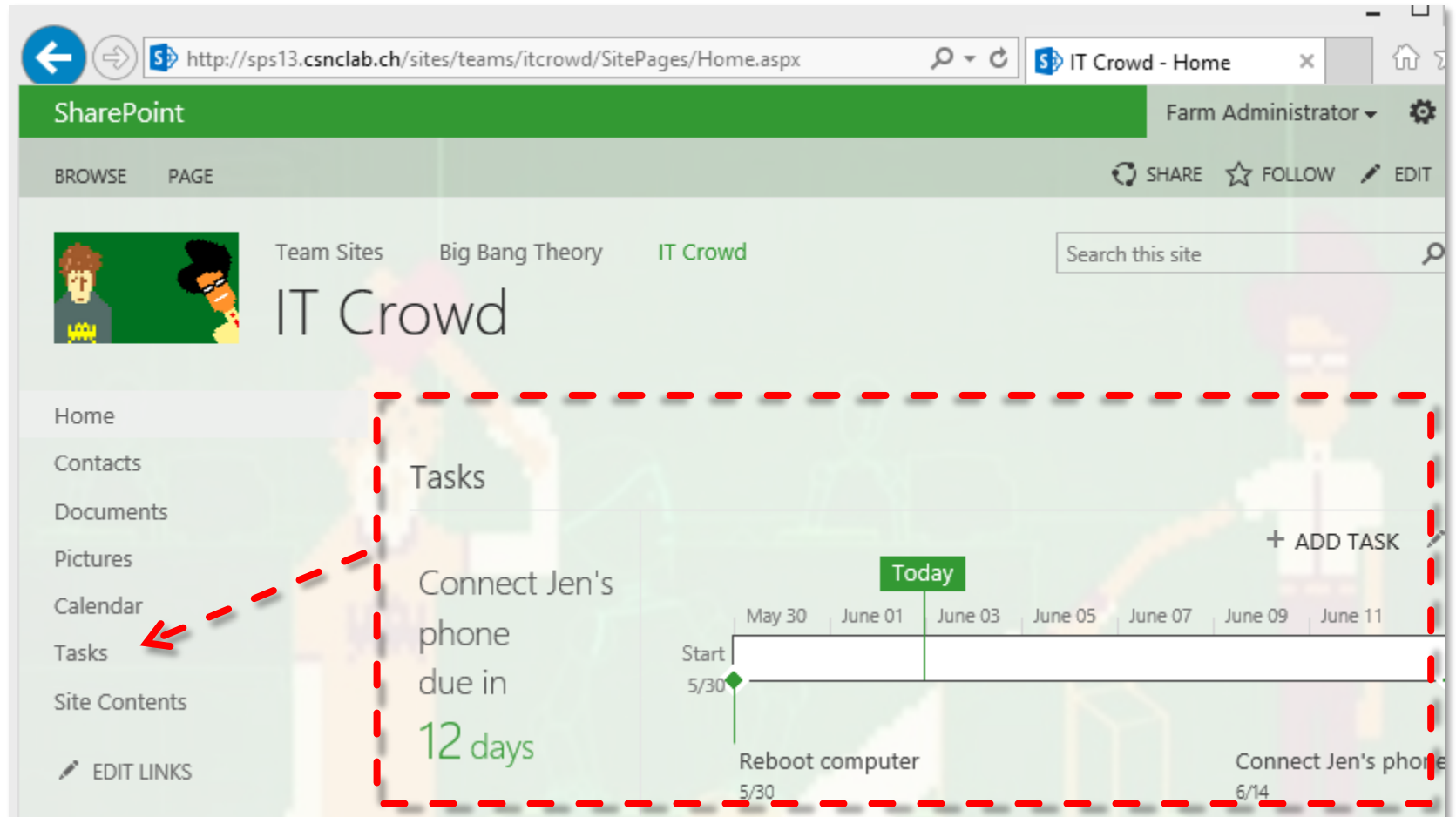
EDIT LINKS

A web site in SharePoint is built with Web Part Pages

Web Part Pages host Web Parts and App Parts on a given layout



## Web Parts render data from Doc. Libraries, Lists and other sources



The screenshot shows a SharePoint site titled 'IT Crowd'. The left navigation pane includes links for Home, Contacts, Documents, Pictures, Calendar, Tasks, and Site Contents. The 'Tasks' link is highlighted with a red arrow. The main content area displays a 'Tasks' web part with a calendar view. A task is highlighted with a red dashed box: 'Connect Jen's phone due in 12 days'. The task is represented by a green bar on the calendar starting on May 30 and ending on June 11. The calendar view shows dates from May 30 to June 11, with 'Today' marked on June 03. Other tasks visible include 'Reboot computer' (5/30) and 'Connect Jen's phone' (6/14).



**Apps do the same as Web Parts, but are much more limited.**

**Apps do not allow any code behind to access SharePoint server-side objects.**

**Apps can create Lists and Doc Libraries, but they are stored in a dedicated Site Collection on a different domain.**

**Apps are isolated on client side in iFrames (The Same Origin Policy prevents access to the data of your web site).**

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**==> To make it easier for end-users, Microsoft now calls everything an app, but technically this is not true.**

**==> Built-in "apps" like Tasks, Contacts or Calendar are not isolated in a dedicated site collection.**

**Everything is an App!**

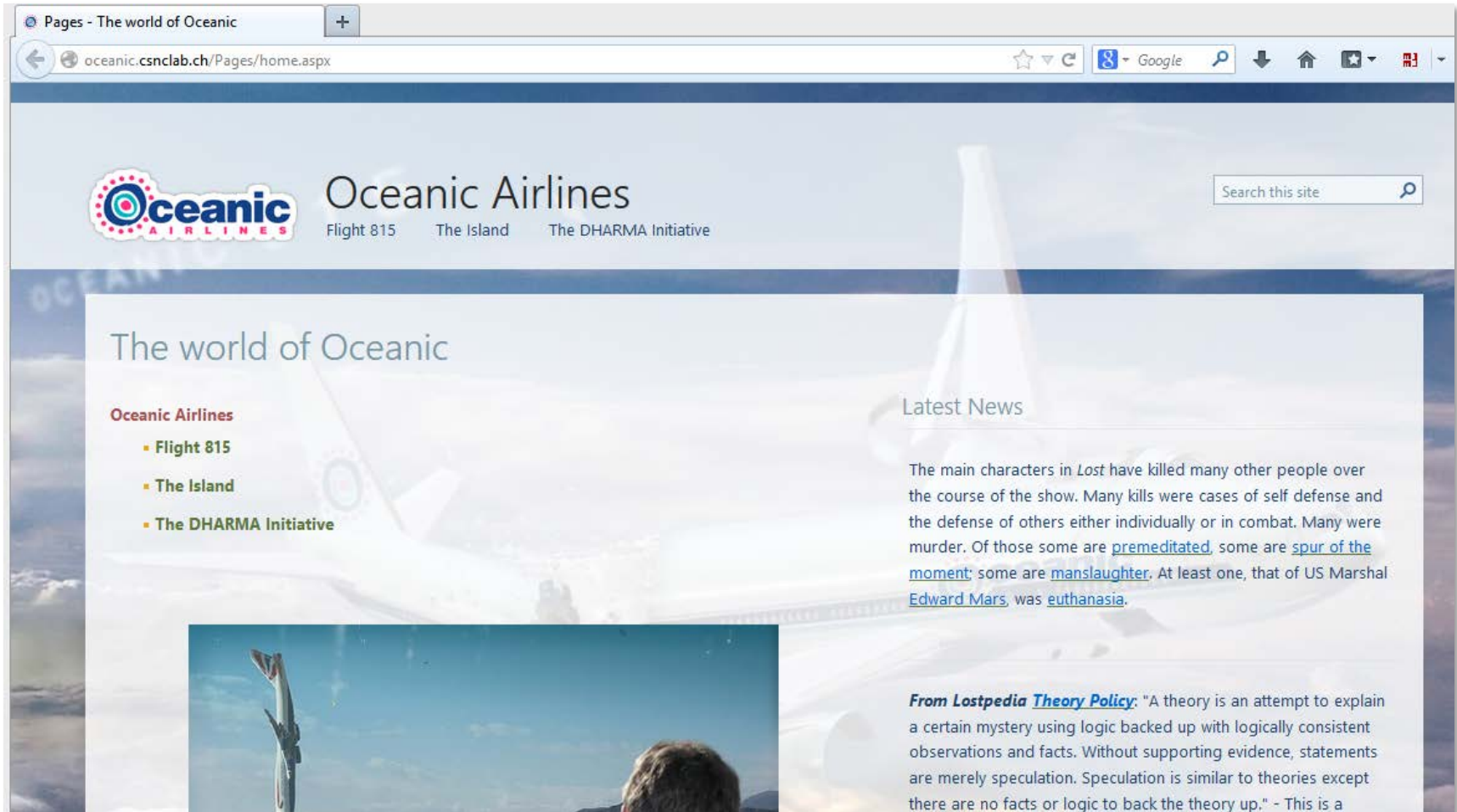
Type	Name	Description
Collaboration	Team Site	A place to work together with a group of people.
	Project Site	A site for managing and collaborating on a project.
Publishing	Publishing Portal	A starter hierarchy for an Internet-facing site or a large intranet portal.
	Enterprise Wiki	A site for publishing knowledge that you capture and want to share.

# Demo: Team Sites



The image displays two overlapping screenshots of SharePoint Team Sites. The top screenshot shows the 'IT Crowd' site, featuring a navigation menu on the left with options like Home, Contacts, Documents, Pictures, Calendar, Tasks, and Site Contents. The main content area is titled 'Project Summary'. The bottom screenshot shows the 'Big Bang Theory' site, which includes a navigation menu with options like Home, Contacts, Documents, Pictures, Calendar, Tasks, Favourite Physicists, and Site Contents. The main content area features a 'Tasks' section with a Gantt chart showing a timeline from June 01 to June 25. The Gantt chart includes tasks such as 'Fix elevator' (6/1), 'Dinner with Penny' (6/15), and 'Watch Star Trek' (6/28). A 'Calendar' section at the bottom lists events like 'Beer Talk Jona' and 'Beer Talk Bern'. A search bar is visible in the top right of both screenshots.

## Internet-facing Web Sites are published for Anonymous Users:



# Web Site (Publishing Portal)



Editors use an internal URL to author the content:

A screenshot of a SharePoint web browser interface. The address bar shows the URL "http://oceanic-cms.csnc.ch/\_layouts/15/viewlists.aspx". The page header includes the "SharePoint" logo and navigation links for "Oceanic Airlines", "Flight 815", "The Island", and "The DHARMA Initiative". The main content area is titled "Site Contents" and lists various site components: "Flight 815", "The Island", "The DHARMA Initiative", and "Site Content". Under "Site Content", there are links for "Content and Structure Reports", "Documents", "Form Templates", "Images", "News", "Pages", and "Passenger List". A central "add an app" button is also visible. On the right side, there are two summary cards: "Content and Structure Reports" (7 items, Modified 7 days ago) and "News" (4 items, Modified 6 days ago).

http://oceanic-cms.csnc.ch/\_layouts/15/viewlists.aspx

SharePoint

Oceanic Airlines Flight 815 The Island The DHARMA Initiative

**Oceanic** AIRLINES

## Site Contents

Lists, Libraries, and other Apps

Flight 815

The Island

The DHARMA Initiative

Site Content

- Content and Structure Re
- Documents
- Form Templates
- Images
- News
- Pages
- Passenger List

add an app

Images  
0 items  
Modified 5 minutes ago

Content and Structure Reports  
7 items  
Modified 7 days ago

News  
4 items  
Modified 6 days ago





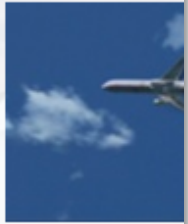
## Oceanic Airlines

[Flight 815](#)   [The Island](#)   [The DHARMA Initiative](#)

### Flight 815

**Flight 815** was a scheduled flight from [Sydney, Australia](#) to [Los Angeles, California, United States](#), on a [Boeing 777](#). On [September 22, 2004](#), the airliner, carrying 324 passengers, deviated from its original course and disappeared over the Pacific Ocean. This is the central moment in the series [Lost](#) and the personal chronological beginning of the [main characters'](#) exploits on [the Island](#).

Flight 815's breakup and crash was due to [Desmond Hume](#) failing to enter a [code](#) into [the Swan](#) station computer, causing a large burst of [electromagnetic](#) energy. The true cause of the plane's off-course deviation and arrival to the Island's airspace was [Jacob](#), the supernatural entity who protected the Island. Jacob brought the plane because many of the flight's passengers were [candidates](#) to replace him as [protector](#).



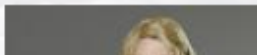
John Locke



Jack Shephard



Claire Littleton



Walt Lloyd



Two months after the crash, wreckage was found in the [Sunda Trench](#) in the Indian Ocean near Bali. All 324 passengers were presumed dead. In reality, however, the discovered wreckage was staged by [Claire Littleton](#). The real plane had suffered a [mid-air break-up](#) and crashed on an uncharted [Island](#), with more than 100 passengers and 2 crew members surviving the crash itself. Later, six of those survivors made it off the Island known as the [Oceanic Six](#).

By late 2007, the Island's treacherous conditions and the violent battles between passengers, [the inhabitants](#), and other factions killed nearly every passenger on the plane. As of [Lost's finale episode](#), [Austen](#), [Hugo "Hurley" Reyes](#), [James "Sawyer" Ford](#), [Walt Lloyd](#), [Rose Nadler](#), [Bernard Nadler](#), [Claire Littleton](#), [Emma](#), and [Zach](#) were still be alive. [Cindy Chandler](#) was the only crew member of the flight to survive. Some of the survivors were able to escape on [Ajin Flight 216](#) which they used to return to the United States.



# SharePoint Web Security

## Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

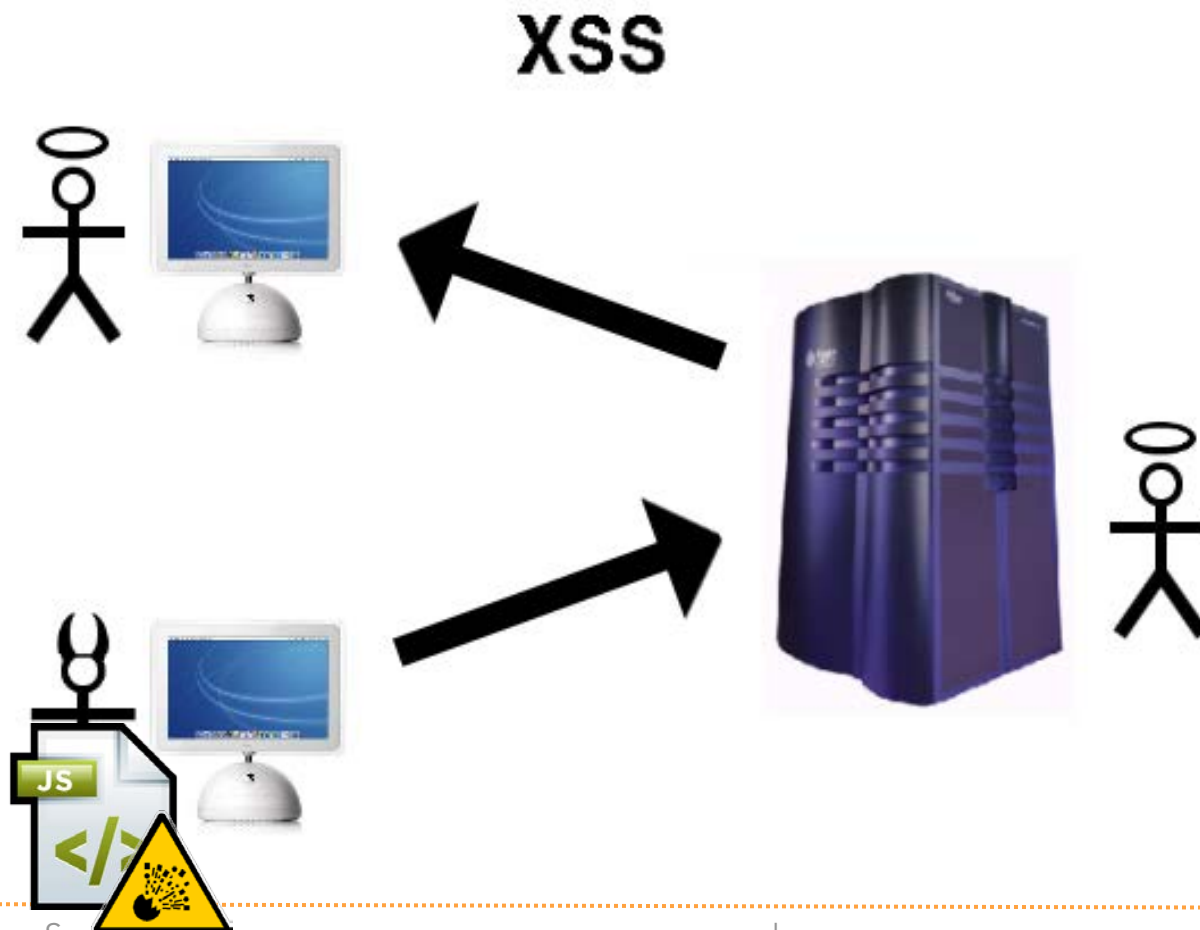
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# Cross-Site Scripting



With Cross-Site Scripting vulnerabilities, attackers are able to execute JavaScript code in the users' context



**Stealing user sessions  
(cookie value) to gain  
access to the application.**



**Usually not relevant on SharePoint Web Applications  
(Windows Integrated Authentication or HttpOnly Flag set).**

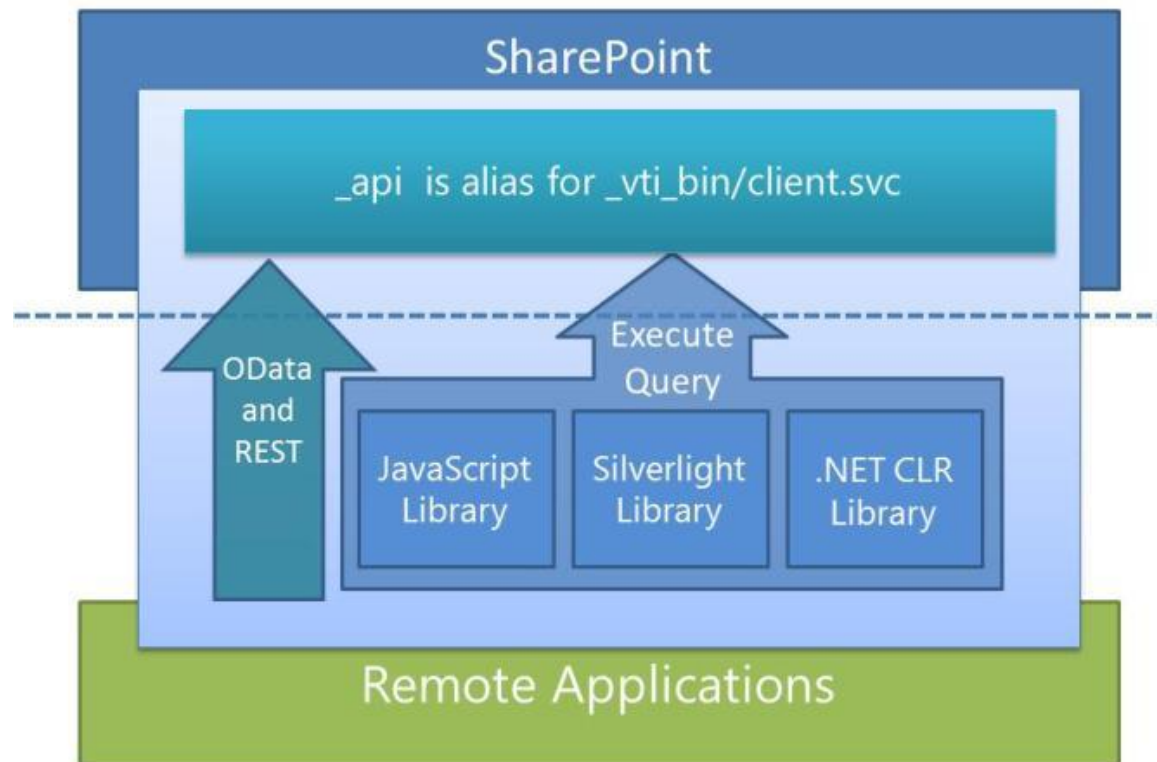
**However, cookies of other applications on the same domain can be  
stolen.**

# Cross-Site Scripting – Threats



Sending requests on behalf of the currently logged in user.

On SharePoint 2013 the JavaScript Client-Side Object Model (CSOM) allows comfortable access to all the data stored in SharePoint.



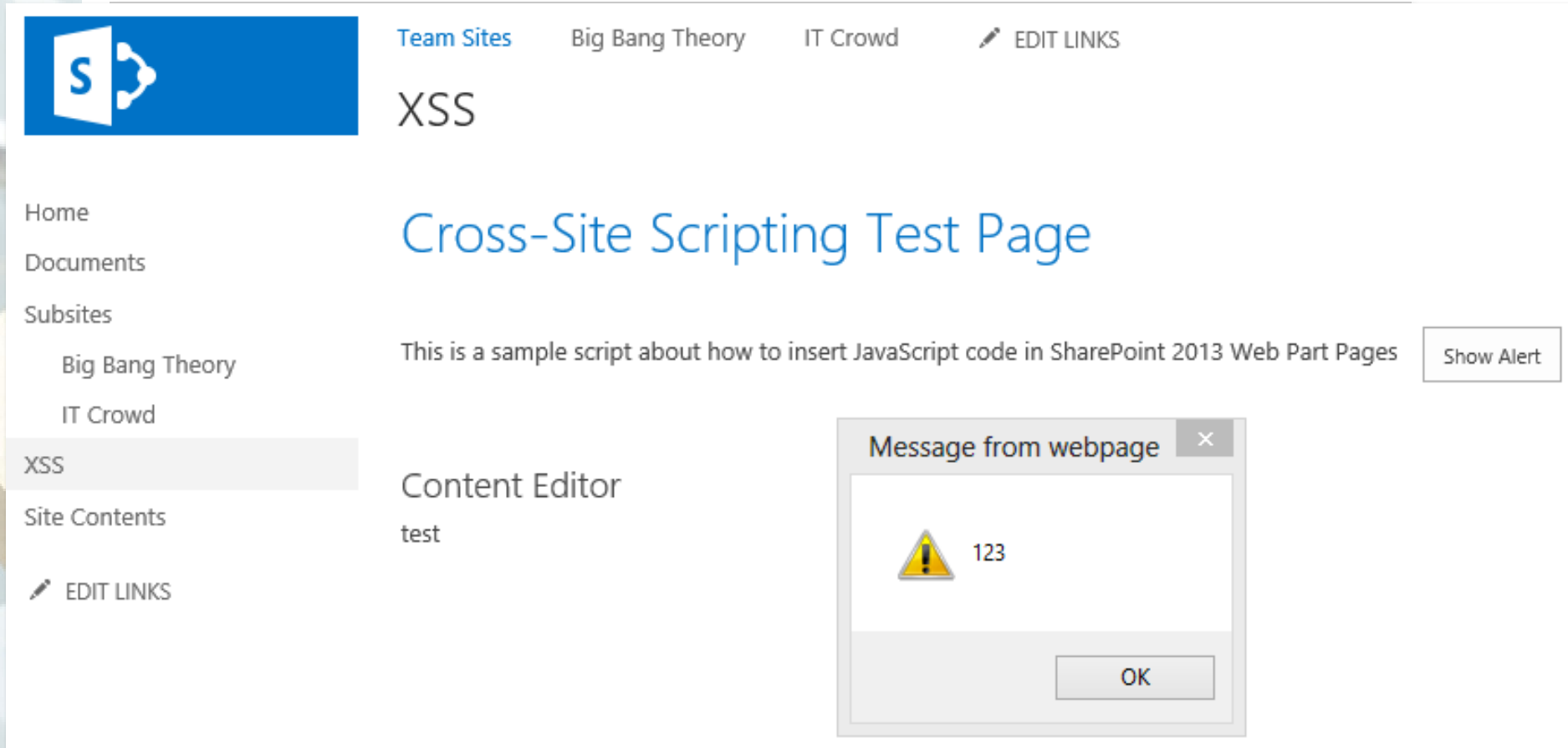
# Cross-Site Scripting – Navigation



## Default SharePoint Features: **Navigation Links** (2010 only)

A screenshot of the SharePoint 2010 ribbon interface. The ribbon is set to the "Home" tab. The "Quick Launch" section is visible, containing three buttons: "New Navigation Link" (with a yellow star icon), "New Heading" (with a blue star icon), and "Change Site Navigation" (with a blue document icon). A dialog box is overlaid on the ribbon, titled "Compass SharePoint Lab &gt; Site Settings &gt; Quick Launch". The dialog box contains the following text: "Use this page to d", followed by a list of ribbon IDs: "Ribbon.Document=1024661|3|56|7875530; Ribbon.Library=1024661|4|41|7875530; Ribbon.WikiPageTab=1024661|-1|349|733203796; Ribbon.Read=1024661|-1|0|1887612145; Ribbon.DocLibListForm.Edit=516257|-1|314|-2055126104; Ribbon.EditingTools.CPEditTab=1024661|-1|119|1887612145; Ribbon.EditingTools.CPInsert=1024661|-1|686|733203796; Ribbon.WebPartOption=1024661|-1|727|229461938". An "OK" button is located at the bottom right of the dialog box.

## Default SharePoint Features: **Web Parts** (e.g. Script / Content Editor Web Parts)



Team Sites   Big Bang Theory   IT Crowd   EDIT LINKS

## XSS


Home  
Documents  
Subsites  
    Big Bang Theory  
    IT Crowd  
XSS  
Site Contents  
EDIT LINKS

# Cross-Site Scripting Test Page

This is a sample script about how to insert JavaScript code in SharePoint 2013 Web Part Pages Show Alert

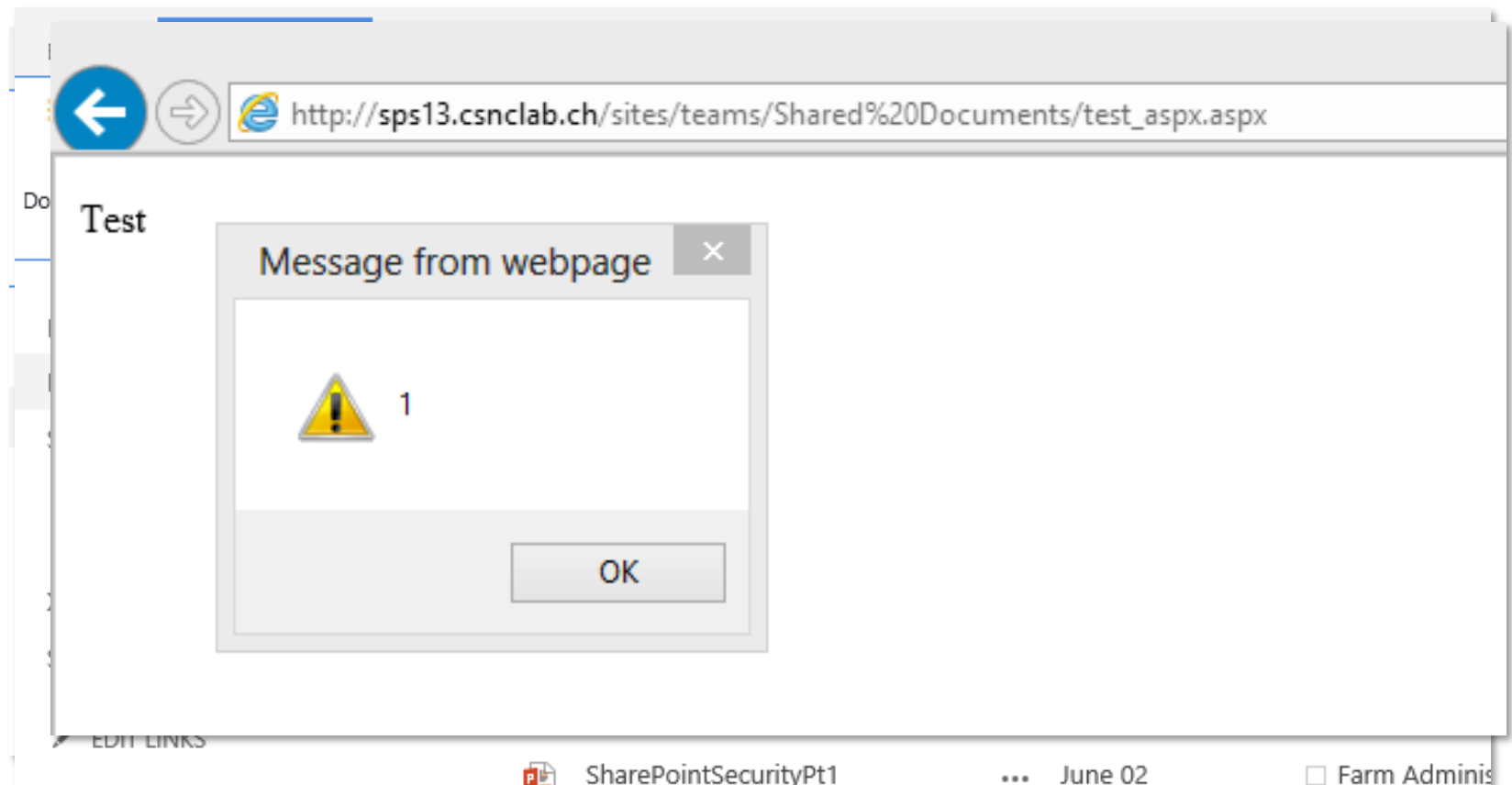
Content Editor  
test

Message from webpage

 123

OK

Default SharePoint Features: **ASP.NET / Web Part Pages**  
(Edit or upload .aspx page)





## Pre-Conditions I:

- ✦ Users with sufficient permissions can include JavaScript by Design
- ✦ “Add & Customize Pages” Permission is required

Add and Customize Pages - Add, change, or delete HTML pages or Web Part Pages, and edit the Web site using a Microsoft SharePoint Foundation-compatible editor.

- ✦ Not included in “**Contribute**” permission level and below (Since SP 2010)
- ✦ Included in “**Designer**” and “**Full Control**” permission levels

	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Name	Type	Permission Levels
Home			
Documents	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Team Sites Members	SharePoint Group	Contribute
Subsites			
Big Bang Theory	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Team Sites Owners	SharePoint Group	Full Control
IT Crowd	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Team Sites Visitors	SharePoint Group	Read

## Pre-Conditions II:

- ✦ Only applied consequently if Web Part Security Setting is not changed:

Scriptable Web Parts

Specify whether to allow contributors to edit scriptable Web Parts.

Allows contributors to add or edit scriptable Web Parts.

Prevent contributors from adding or editing scriptable Web Parts.

- ✦ And Web Parts are declared correctly in the web.config

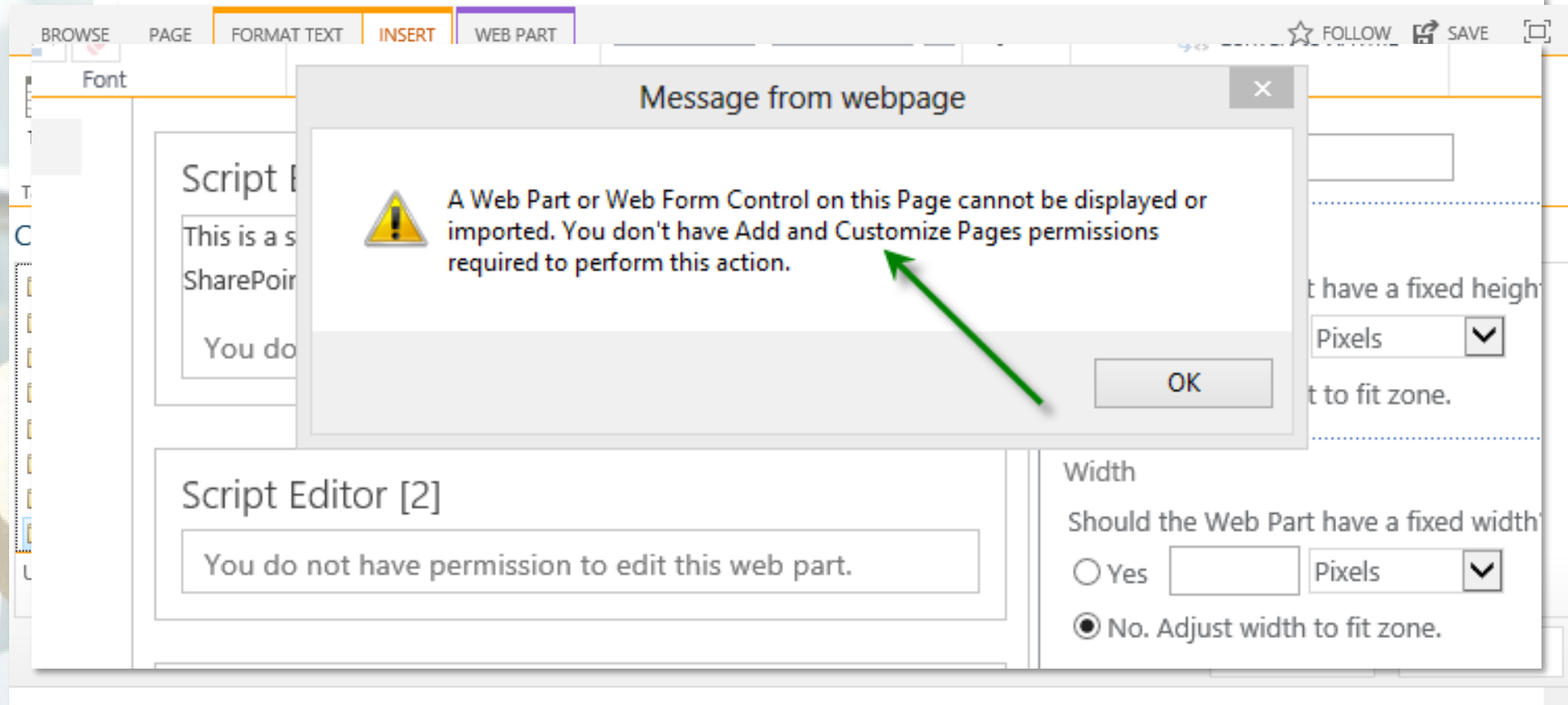
```
...  
<SafeControl ... TypeName="*" Safe="True" SafeAgainstScript=False ... />  
<SafeControl ... TypeName="ListViewWebPart" Safe="True" SafeAgainstScript=True ... />  
<SafeControl ... TypeName="XsltListViewWebPart" Safe="True" SafeAgainstScript=True ... />  
<SafeControl ... TypeName="ImageWebPart" Safe="True" SafeAgainstScript=True ... />  
<SafeControl ... TypeName="PageViewerWebPart" Safe="True" SafeAgainstScript=True ... />  
<SafeControl ... TypeName="PictureLibrarySlideshowWebPart" Safe="True" SafeAgainstScript=True ... />  
...
```

# Cross-Site Scripting – Web Parts



Permission Level	SharePoint Version	Web Part Security Setting	SafeAgainstScript
Full Control (Owner)	2007 and older	N/A	N/A
		2010 and newer	Allow Contributors
	False		
	Prevent Contributors		True
			False
	Contribute (Member)	2007 and older	N/A
2010 and newer			Allow Contributors
		False	
		Prevent Contributors	True
			False

## Trying to inject JavaScript code as Contributor without permissions

A screenshot of a SharePoint web part editor interface. The top navigation bar includes tabs for "BROWSE", "PAGE", "FORMAT TEXT", "INSERT", and "WEB PART". A "Message from webpage" dialog box is displayed in the center, containing a yellow warning icon and the text: "A Web Part or Web Form Control on this Page cannot be displayed or imported. You don't have Add and Customize Pages permissions required to perform this action." A green arrow points to the text in the dialog. Below the dialog, a "Script Editor [2]" web part is visible, containing the text: "You do not have permission to edit this web part." The background shows various web part settings, including "Width" and "Should the Web Part have a fixed width" options.

Web Sensitive Files can be used to embed malicious content like JavaScript

Therefore only users with "Add & Customize Pages" permissions are allowed to add and modify Web Sensitive Files

By default, Web Sensitive Files are:

- ✦ ascx
- ✦ asmx
- ✦ **Aspx** (ASP.NET pages)
- ✦ **Jar** (Java)
- ✦ master
- ✦ **Swf** (Flash)
- ✦ xap
- ✦ xsf
- ✦ xsn

The Web Sensitive File Types are not complete. Other dangerous files like **.html** can be uploaded without the "Add & Customize Pages" permission

However, SharePoint Setting "Browser File Handling" **prevents the browser from automatically render malicious files** by default:

Browser File Handling

Specifies whether additional security headers are added to documents served to web

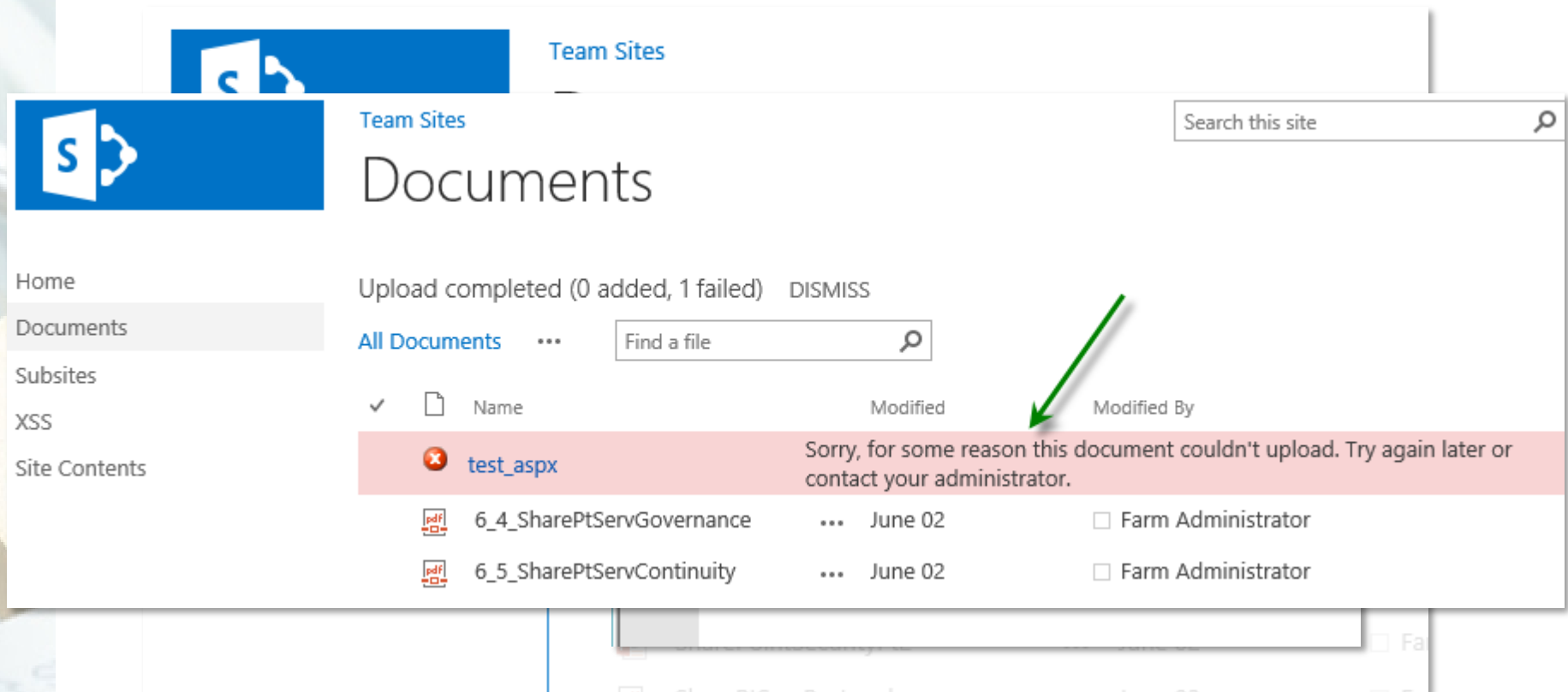
Permissive

Strict



- ✦ **Strict:** Content-Disposition Header is set on every file type to force the file to be downloaded instead of rendering it in the browser.
- ✦ **Permissive:** Some file types, like \*.html are rendered in the browser. If these files contain javascript it gets executed in the context of SharePoint.

## Trying to upload ASP.NET page with JavaScript code as Contributor without permissions

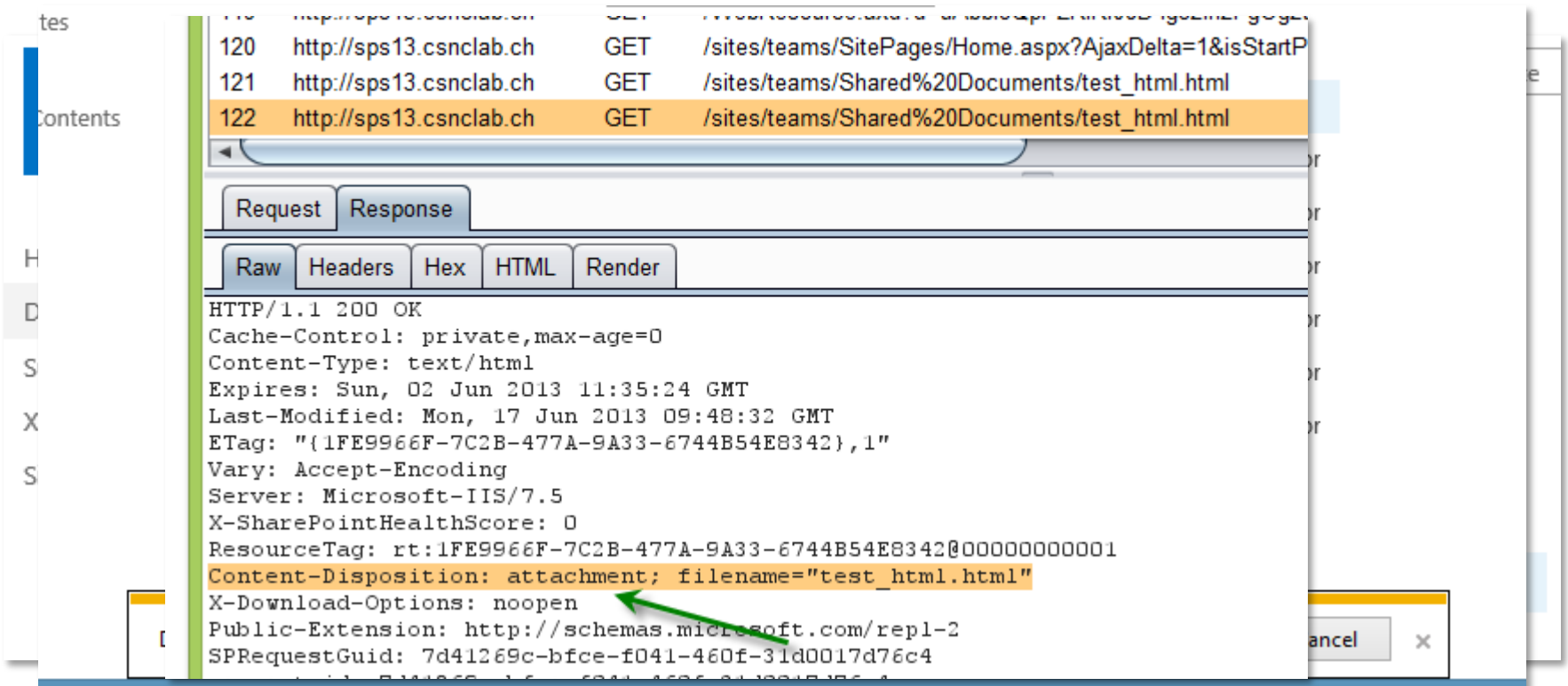


The screenshot shows a SharePoint 'Documents' page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Team Sites' and a search box. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'Documents'. A message indicates 'Upload completed (0 added, 1 failed) DISMISS'. A search box labeled 'Find a file' is present. A table lists documents with columns for Name, Modified, and Modified By. The first row, 'test\_aspx', is highlighted in red and has a green arrow pointing to it. The message for this row reads: 'Sorry, for some reason this document couldn't upload. Try again later or contact your administrator.' Below it are two other documents: '6\_4\_SharePtServGovernance' and '6\_5\_SharePtServContinuity', both modified on June 02 by 'Farm Administrator'.

✓	📄	Name	Modified	Modified By
✗		test_aspx	Sorry, for some reason this document couldn't upload. Try again later or contact your administrator.	
	📄	6_4_SharePtServGovernance	June 02	<input type="checkbox"/> Farm Administrator
	📄	6_5_SharePtServContinuity	June 02	<input type="checkbox"/> Farm Administrator



## Trying to download malicious HTML page uploaded by a Contributor

A screenshot of a web browser's developer tools window. The top section shows a list of network requests, with the third request (ID 122) selected and highlighted in orange. The request details show a GET request to the URL "http://sps13.csnclab.ch/sites/teams/Shared%20Documents/test\_html.html". Below this, the "Response" tab is active, showing the raw HTTP response. The response headers are visible, with the "Content-Disposition" header highlighted in orange and a green arrow pointing to it. The header value is "attachment; filename='test\_html.html'". Other headers include "Cache-Control: private,max-age=0", "Content-Type: text/html", "Expires: Sun, 02 Jun 2013 11:35:24 GMT", "Last-Modified: Mon, 17 Jun 2013 09:48:32 GMT", "ETag: '{1FE9966F-7C2B-477A-9A33-6744B54E8342},1'", "Vary: Accept-Encoding", "Server: Microsoft-IIS/7.5", "X-SharePointHealthScore: 0", "ResourceTag: rt:1FE9966F-7C2B-477A-9A33-6744B54E8342@000000000001", "X-Download-Options: noopen", "Public-Extension: http://schemas.microsoft.com/repl-2", and "SPRequestGuid: 7d41269c-bf5e-f041-460f-31d0017d76c4".

No	http://sps13.csnclab.ch	GET	/sites/teams/SitePages/Home.aspx?AjaxDelta=1&isStartP
120	http://sps13.csnclab.ch	GET	/sites/teams/Shared%20Documents/test_html.html
121	http://sps13.csnclab.ch	GET	/sites/teams/Shared%20Documents/test_html.html
122	http://sps13.csnclab.ch	GET	/sites/teams/Shared%20Documents/test_html.html

Request Response

Raw Headers Hex HTML Render

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Cache-Control: private,max-age=0
Content-Type: text/html
Expires: Sun, 02 Jun 2013 11:35:24 GMT
Last-Modified: Mon, 17 Jun 2013 09:48:32 GMT
ETag: "{1FE9966F-7C2B-477A-9A33-6744B54E8342},1"
Vary: Accept-Encoding
Server: Microsoft-IIS/7.5
X-SharePointHealthScore: 0
ResourceTag: rt:1FE9966F-7C2B-477A-9A33-6744B54E8342@000000000001
Content-Disposition: attachment; filename="test_html.html"
X-Download-Options: noopen
Public-Extension: http://schemas.microsoft.com/repl-2
SPRequestGuid: 7d41269c-bf5e-f041-460f-31d0017d76c4
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## Minimal trustful Owners:

- ✦ Only provide Owner permission level to trustful users
- ✦ Do not allow everyone to own a Site
- ✦ Disable Self-Site Creation or at least limit it to a dedicated domain



## Careful Configuration:

- ✦ Do not allow untrusted users to "Add & Customize Pages" (*Custom Permission Levels*)
- ✦ Do not allow Contributors to use Web Parts not declared as "SafeAgainstScripts" (*Web Part Security Settings*)
- ✦ Do not change the "SafeAgainstScripts"-declaration of preinstalled Web Parts (*Web Config Settings*)
- ✦ Do not misconfigure the list of Web Sensitive Files
- ✦ Do not misconfigure the Browser File Handling



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Code:

- ✦ Check correct declaration of 3<sup>rd</sup> party Web Parts which by design allow to embed JavaScript ("SafeAgainstScript=false")
- ✦ Test 3<sup>rd</sup> party Web Parts declared as "SafeAgainstScript", if they do not accidentally allow embedding of JavaScript (XSS Vulnerability)

A vertical decorative strip on the left side of the slide features a close-up image of a computer keyboard with a yellow padlock resting on one of the keys.

# SharePoint Web Security

## Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)

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- ✦ Submitting a form to add a new user
- ✦ Submitting a form to delete a document
- ✦ ...

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**Web Page  
Security Validation!**

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## Web Page Security Validation = Anti-XSRF Token

Web Page Security Validation

Security validations expire after a configurable amount of time, requiring the user to retry his operation.

Security validation is:

On  Off

Security validation expires:

After  minutes  Never

**This feature is enabled by default on every ASP.NET page based on a SharePoint Master Page**

**3<sup>rd</sup> party solutions, which do not inherit from the SharePoint Master Page, must include the "FormDigest" control and check it by calling the "ValidateFormDigest" method before they execute an action**

# DEMO: Cross-Site Request Forgery



Project Space Toilet x Calendar

Google x    Title

Site Contents x Beer Talk Jona

110	http://sps13.csncal.ch	POST	/sites/teams/bigbang/SitePages...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	200	1515	CSS	aspx
111	http://sps13.csncal.ch	POST	/sites/teams/bigbang/SitePages...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	200	12825	CSS	aspx

Original request Edited r

Raw Params Headers

Cache-Control: no-cac

MINIMALDOWNLOAD=1&\_Pn\_ShowSettings=False  
VENTTARGET=&\_EVENTAR  
Command=&SPPageStateC  
nager\_ExitingDesignMo  
=&\_wzSelected=&MSOSP  
OSPWebPartManager\_End  
ItemUser=1&\_VIEWSTAT  
qpPXJZ6CxMk3o0qZJB0%3  
HolderMain%24wikiPage  
EC2D8C6152986DB9D1552  
%20-0000&\_CALLBACKID  
A%222013-06-25T11%3A4  
2StartingNodeTitle%22

Google

EDIT LINKS

⚠ There was a problem.  
Some of your changes may have been saved. The security validation for this page is invalid. Click Back in your Web browser, refresh the page, and try your operation again.

source=&MSOT1Pn\_SelectedWpId=&MSOT1Pn\_View=0&MSOT1erString=&MSOT1Pn\_Button=none&\_wikiPageMode=&\_EOAC\_EditDuringWorkflow=&InputComments=&\_wikiPageartManager\_DisplayModeName=Browse&MSOSPWebPartMaayoutChanges=&MSOLayout\_InDesignMode=&\_wpSelectedPWebPartManager\_StartWebPartEditingName=false&MS1Position=0&SPPageStateContext\_PreviousAuthoringYmE4NS02YzcyMjRiYTZjN2Nk3po02JRzjsYghVol1fZQXyD9d100%24ct147=&=Search%20this%20site&ct100%24PlaceC30729C55FAA9E94B290D83414710D5927C08CB780EFO13ED6CD55F53B10047%2C25%20Jun%202013%2011%3A45%3A02chMenu&\_CALLBACKPARAM=Save%3A%7B%22Version%22%322%3A0%2C%22StartingNodeKey%22%3A%221025%22%2C%23A%22%2Fsites%2Fteams%22%2C%22SPWebPrefix%22%3A

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# SharePoint Web Security

## SQL Injection

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**The default pages and web parts of SharePoint are most likely not vulnerable to SQL Injection attacks**

**However, 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Solutions need to be checked carefully**

- ✦ Which data sources do these pages / web parts use?
- ✦ Do they access the database?
- ✦ Do they use Stored Procedures / Prepared Statements?
- ✦ ...



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# Hardening Considerations

## Lockdown Anonymous Access

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## Lockdown Feature (DE: Sperrmodus)



**Lockdown mode is a Site Collection Feature that you can use to secure published sites:**



Limited-access user permission lockdown mode

When this feature is enabled, permissions for users in the "limited access" permissions level (such as Anonymous Users) are reduced, preventing access to Application Pages.

Deactivate

Active

**By enabling lockdown mode on a site, you can remove unnecessary permissions for anonymous users.**



Oceanic Airlines

Flight 815

The Island

The DHARMA Initiative





# Lockdown Feature (DE: Sperrmodus)



When lockdown mode is turned on, fine-grain permissions for the **limited access permission level** are reduced:

Permission	Limited access — default	Limited access — lockdown mode
List permissions: View Application Pages	Yes	No
Site permissions: Browse User Information	Yes	Yes
Site permissions: Use Remote Interfaces	Yes	No
Site permissions: Use Client Integration Features	Yes	Yes
Site permissions: Open	Yes	Yes

- ✦ Removes the permission to access application pages like *[\\_layouts/viewlists.aspx](#)*, which can be used to show all available lists in a site
- ✦ Removes the permission to use remote interfaces like SOAP and REST API

# Lockdown Feature (DE: Sperrmodus)



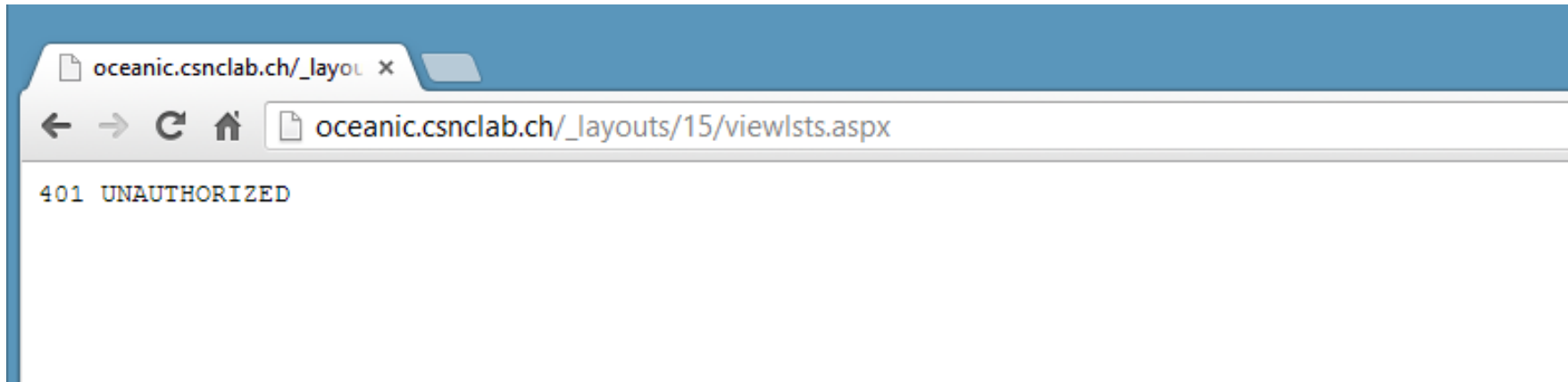
View lists as authenticated user (e.g. Editor):

A screenshot of a SharePoint site interface. The browser address bar shows the URL: http://oceanic-cms.csnclab.ch/\_layouts/15/viewlists.aspx. The page title is "Site Contents". The user is logged in as "Farm Administrator". The page features the "Oceanic AIRLINES" logo and navigation links for "Oceanic Airlines", "Flight 815", "The Island", and "The DHARMA Initiative". A search box is present with the text "Search this site". The main content area displays "Lists, Libraries, and other Apps" and includes a "Content and Structure Reports" card showing "7 items" and "Modified 3 weeks ago". There are also links for "SITE WORKFLOWS", "SETTINGS", and "RECYCLE BIN (9)". A sidebar on the left lists "Flight 815", "The Island", "The DHARMA Initiative", and "Site Content" with sub-items "Content and Structure Re" and "Documents". A green "add an app" button is visible in the center.

## Lockdown Feature (DE: Sperrmodus)



View lists as anonymous user (not authorized):



**==> Access still possible with Remote Interfaces if Web Application is poorly configured!**

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# Hardening Considerations

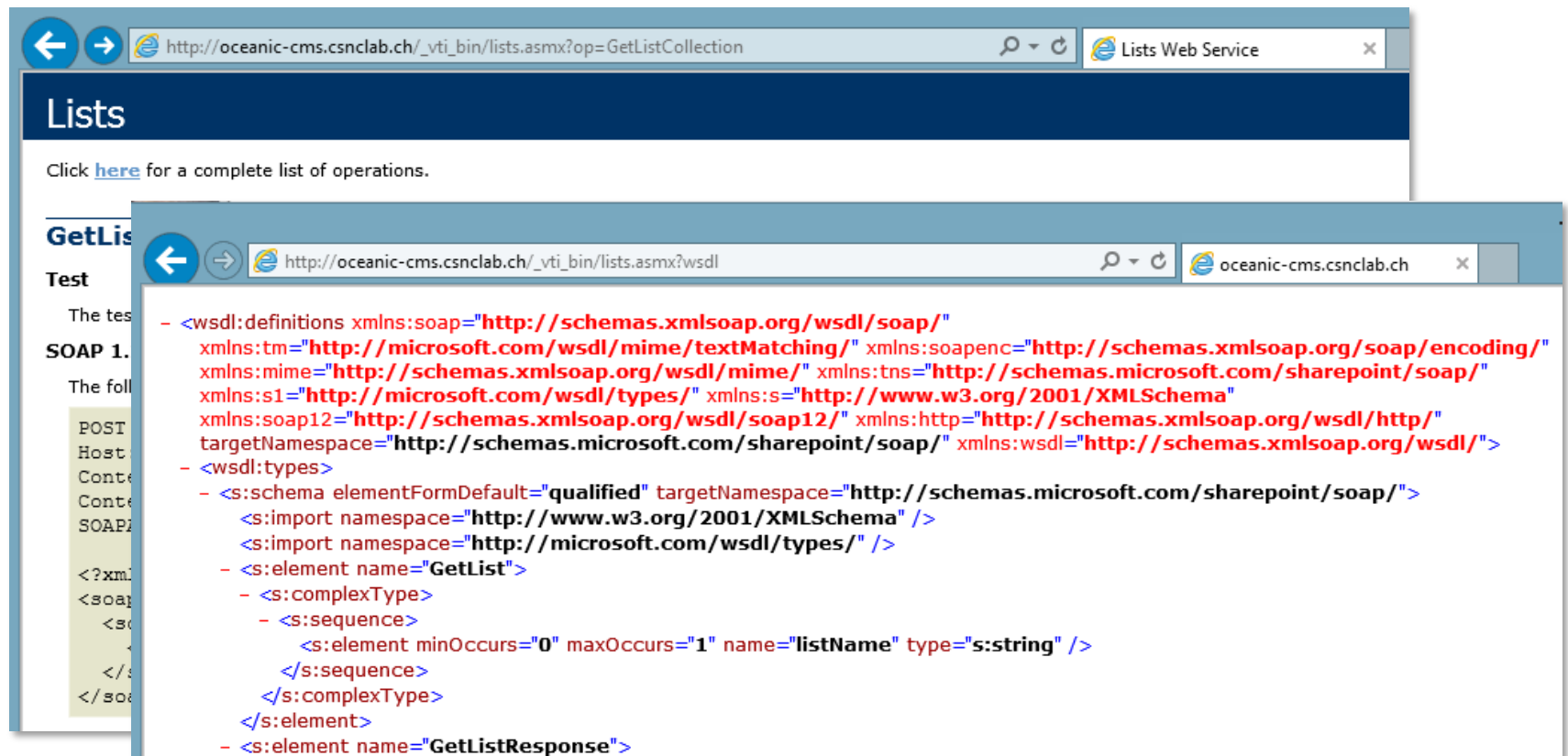
## Remote Interfaces

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## Traditional SharePoint SOAP Web Services:

- ✦ <site>/\_vti\_bin/lists.asmx
- ✦ <site>/\_vti\_bin/sites.asmx
- ✦ ...

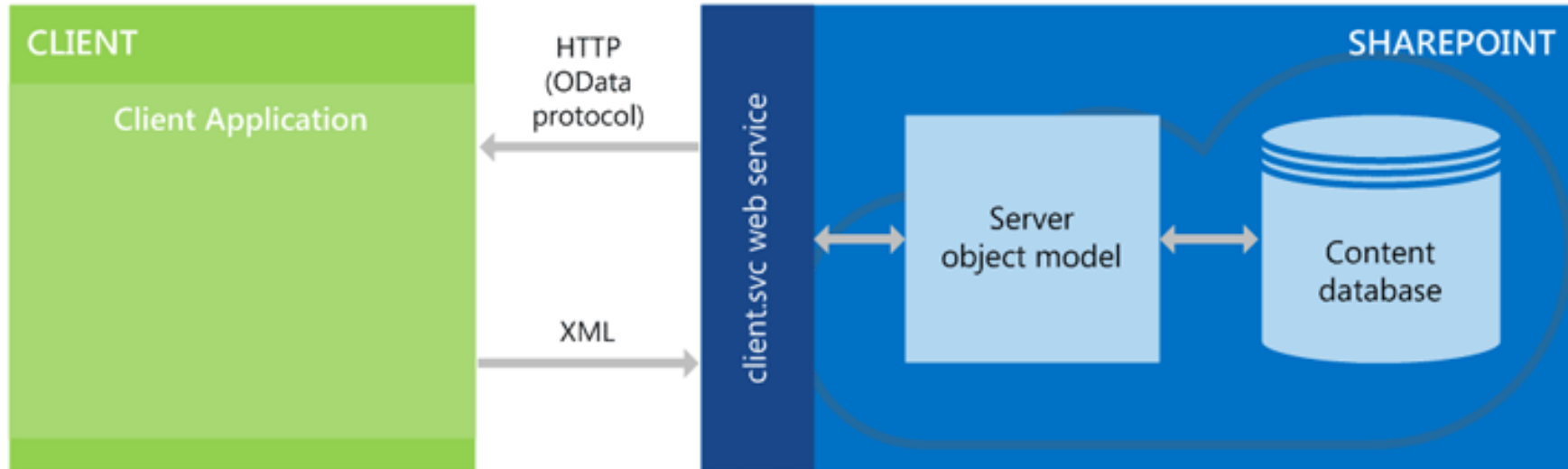


The screenshot displays two browser windows. The top window shows the 'Lists' web service interface at `http://oceanic-cms.csnclab.ch/_vti_bin/lists.asmx?op=GetListCollection`. The bottom window shows the WSDL definition for the same service at `http://oceanic-cms.csnclab.ch/_vti_bin/lists.asmx?wsdl`. The WSDL content is as follows:

```
- <wsdl:definitions xmlns:soap="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/"
  xmlns:tm="http://microsoft.com/wsdl/mime/textMatching/" xmlns:soapenc="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/encoding/"
  xmlns:mime="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/mime/" xmlns:tns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/"
  xmlns:s1="http://microsoft.com/wsdl/types/" xmlns:s="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
  xmlns:soap12="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap12/" xmlns:http="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/http/"
  targetNamespace="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/" xmlns:wsdl="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/">
- <wsdl:types>
- <s:schema elementFormDefault="qualified" targetNamespace="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sharepoint/soap/">
  <s:import namespace="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema" />
  <s:import namespace="http://microsoft.com/wsdl/types/" />
  - <s:element name="GetList">
    - <s:complexType>
      - <s:sequence>
        <s:element minOccurs="0" maxOccurs="1" name="listName" type="s:string" />
      </s:sequence>
    </s:complexType>
  </s:element>
- <s:element name="GetListResponse">
```

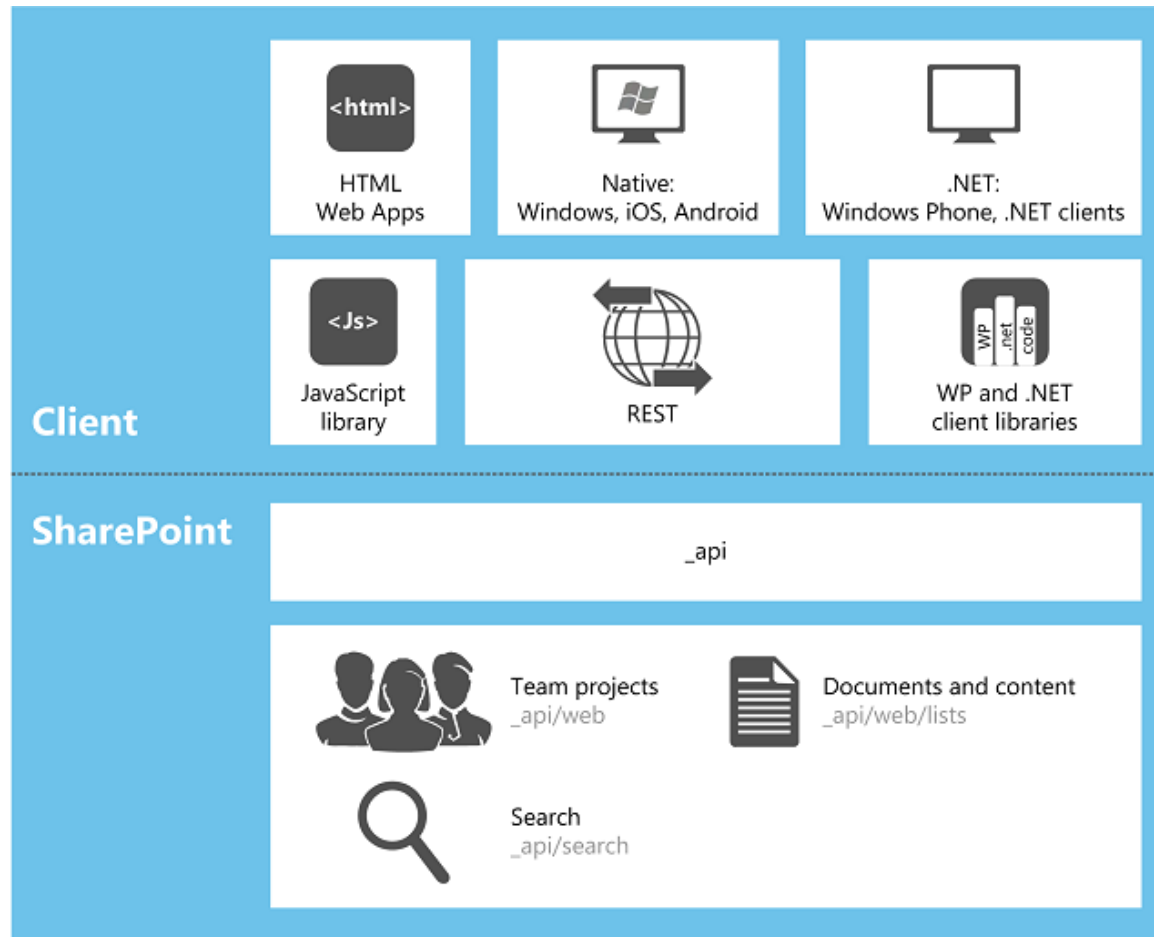
## Client-Side Object Model CSOM:

- ✦ Client Applications can use the web service `<site>/_vti_bin/client.svc` to access the **SharePoint Object Model**
- ✦ They provide better performance because they batch requests and perform all operations asynchronously
- ✦ The semantics are more familiar and easier to be used for SharePoint developers



## The CSOM can be used with...

- ✦ JavaScript or .NET APIs
- ✦ REST Endpoints on URL: <site>/*\_api* (new in SP 2013)





# Demo: Remote Interfaces




## Passenger Information is pulled from a list called "Passenger List"

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `oceanic.csncolab.ch/Pages/passengers.aspx`. The page header includes the Oceanic Airlines logo and navigation links for "Flight 815", "The Island", and "The DHARMA Initiative". A search bar is located in the top right corner.





### Flight 815

**Flight 815** was a scheduled flight from [Sydney, Australia](#) to [Los Angeles, California, United States](#), on a [Boeing 777](#). On [September 22, 2004](#), the airliner, carrying 324 passengers, deviated from its original course and disappeared over the Pacific Ocean. This is the central moment in the series [Lost](#) and the personal chronological beginning of the [main characters'](#) exploits on [the Island](#). Flight 815's breakup and crash was due to [Desmond Hume](#) failing to enter a [code](#) into [the Swan](#) station computer, causing a large burst of [electromagnetic](#) energy. The true cause of the plane's off-course deviation and arrival to the Island's airspace was [Jacob](#), the supernatural entity who protected the Island. Jacob brought the plane because many of the flight's passengers were [candidates](#) to replace him as [protector](#).



Two months after the crash, wreckage was found in the [Sunda Trench](#) in the Indian Ocean near Bali. All of the passengers were presumed dead. In reality, however, the discovered wreckage was staged by [Charles Widmore](#). The real plane had suffered a [mid-air break-up](#) and crashed on an uncharted [island](#), with more than 69 passengers and 2 crew members surviving the crash itself. Later, six of those survivors made it off the Island and became known as the [Oceanic Six](#).

By late 2007, the island's treacherous conditions and the violent battles between passengers, [the Island's inhabitants](#), and other factions killed nearly every passenger on the plane. As of [Lost's finale episode](#), only [Kate Austen](#), [Hugo "Hurley" Reyes](#), [James "Sawyer" Ford](#), [Walt Lloyd](#), [Rose Nadler](#), [Bernard Nadler](#), [Claire Littleton](#), [Emma](#), and [Zach](#) were still be alive. [Cindy Chandler](#) was the only crew member of the flight to survive the series. Some of the survivors were able to escape on [Ajira Flight 316](#) which they used to return to the Island after leaving. Hurley became [Protector](#) of the Island and remained behind with [Ben Linus](#). Rose and Bernard also stayed behind to live out the rest of their lives together, in harmony. Cindy, Emma and Zach also remained to live under Hurley's guard.

<p>John Locke</p> 	<p>Jack Shephard</p> 
<p>Claire Littleton</p> 	<p>Walt Lloyd</p> 

# Demo: Remote Interfaces



## Trying to access Passenger List as Editor (sensitive information)

SharePoint Farm Administrator

Flight 815 The Island The DHARMA Initiative

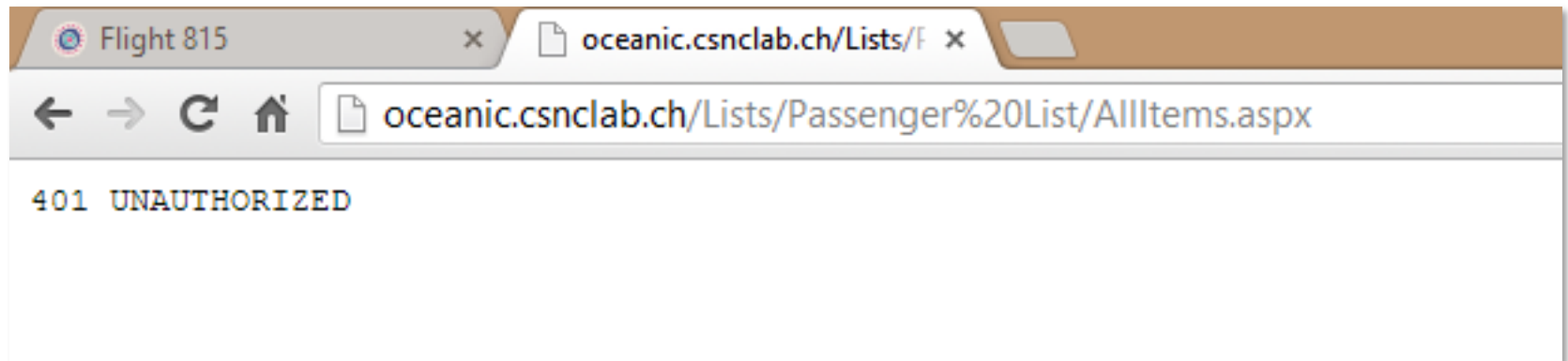
### Passenger List

new item or edit this list

All Items Public Find an item

Name	Portrait	Alive	Insurance	Salary	Credit Card No
John Locke		Yes	No	\$55,000.00	1332-2455-7694-1457
Jack Shephard		Yes	Yes	\$145,000.00	0931-4761-7921-4661

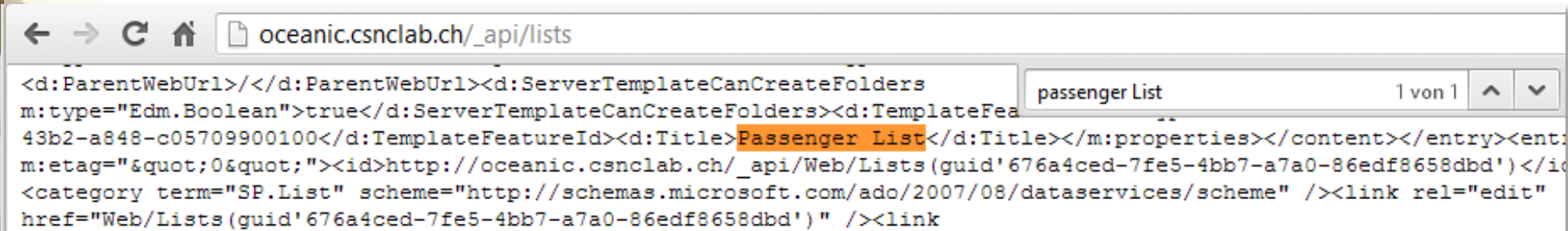
## Trying to access Passenger List as Anonymous User



## Access Passenger List with CSOM REST API:

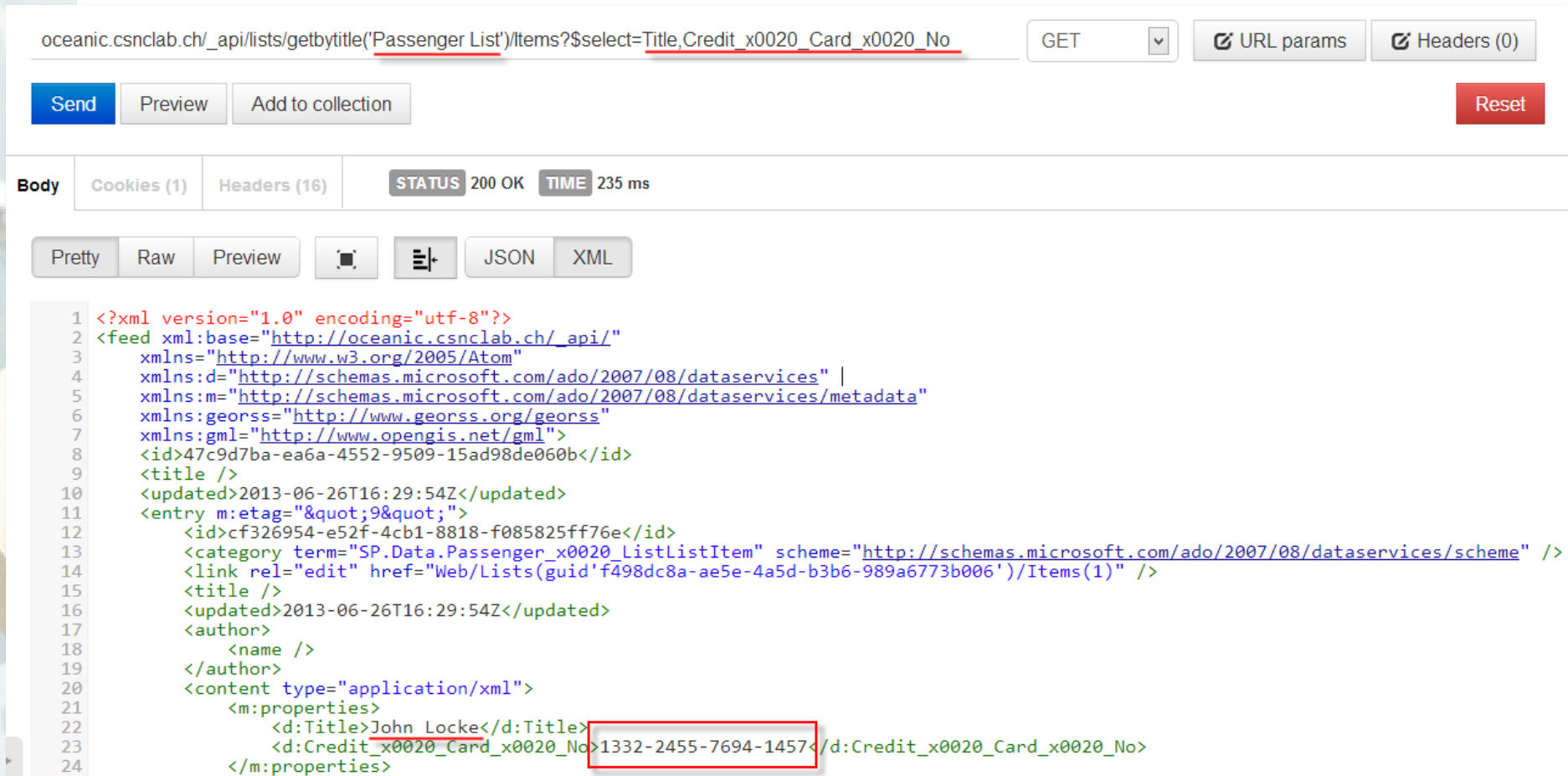
- ✦ [http://oceanic.csnclab.ch/\\_api/lists](http://oceanic.csnclab.ch/_api/lists)
- ✦ [http://oceanic.csnclab.ch/\\_api/lists/?\\$select=Title](http://oceanic.csnclab.ch/_api/lists/?$select=Title)
- ✦ [http://oceanic.csnclab.ch/\\_api/lists/getbytitle\('Passenger%20List'\)](http://oceanic.csnclab.ch/_api/lists/getbytitle('Passenger%20List'))
- ✦ [http://oceanic.csnclab.ch/\\_api/lists/getbytitle\('Passenger%20List'\)/title](http://oceanic.csnclab.ch/_api/lists/getbytitle('Passenger%20List')/title)
- ✦ [http://oceanic.csnclab.ch/\\_api/lists/getbytitle\('Passenger%20List'\)/Items](http://oceanic.csnclab.ch/_api/lists/getbytitle('Passenger%20List')/Items)
- ✦ [http://oceanic.csnclab.ch/\\_api/lists/getbytitle\('Passenger%20List'\)/Items?\\$select=Title](http://oceanic.csnclab.ch/_api/lists/getbytitle('Passenger%20List')/Items?$select=Title)
- ✦ [http://oceanic.csnclab.ch/\\_api/lists/getbytitle\('Passenger%20List'\)/Items?\\$select=Title,Credit\\_x0020\\_Card\\_x0020\\_No](http://oceanic.csnclab.ch/_api/lists/getbytitle('Passenger%20List')/Items?$select=Title,Credit_x0020_Card_x0020_No)

## Raw in browser (e.g. chrome):

A screenshot of a web browser window. The address bar shows the URL "oceanic.csnclab.ch/\_api/lists". The main content area displays a raw XML response. A search box in the top right of the content area contains the text "passenger List" and shows "1 von 1" results. The XML content includes a title element with the value "Passenger List" highlighted in orange. Other visible XML elements include "m:etag", "category term", and "href".

```
<d:ParentWebUrl></d:ParentWebUrl><d:ServerTemplateCanCreateFolders
m:type="Edm.Boolean">true</d:ServerTemplateCanCreateFolders><d:TemplateFea
43b2-a848-c05709900100</d:TemplateFeatureId><d:Title>Passenger List</d:Title></m:properties></content></entry><ent
m:etag="&quot;0&quot;"><id>http://oceanic.csnclab.ch/_api/Web/Lists(guid'676a4ced-7fe5-4bb7-a7a0-86edf8658dbd')</id
<category term="SP.List" scheme="http://schemas.microsoft.com/ado/2007/08/dataservices/scheme" /><link rel="edit"
href="Web/Lists(guid'676a4ced-7fe5-4bb7-a7a0-86edf8658dbd') " /><link
```

## REST Chrome Apps like Dev HTTP Client, Postman – REST Client:



The screenshot shows a REST client interface with the following details:

- URL:** `oceanic.csnc.ch/_api/lists/getbytitle('Passenger List')/Items?$select=Title,Credit_x0020_Card_x0020_No`
- Method:** GET
- Buttons:** Send, Preview, Add to collection, Reset
- Status:** 200 OK, TIME: 235 ms
- Response Format:** XML
- XML Response (lines 1-24):**

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
2 <feed xml:base="http://oceanic.csnc.ch/_api/"
3   xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2005/Atom"
4   xmlns:d="http://schemas.microsoft.com/ado/2007/08/dataservices" |
5   xmlns:m="http://schemas.microsoft.com/ado/2007/08/dataservices/metadata"
6   xmlns:georss="http://www.georss.org/georss"
7   xmlns:gml="http://www.opengis.net/gml">
8   <id>47c9d7ba-ea6a-4552-9509-15ad98de060b</id>
9   <title />
10  <updated>2013-06-26T16:29:54Z</updated>
11  <entry m:etag=""9"">
12    <id>cf326954-e52f-4cb1-8818-f085825ff76e</id>
13    <category term="SP.Data.Passenger_x0020_ListListItem" scheme="http://schemas.microsoft.com/ado/2007/08/dataservices/scheme" />
14    <link rel="edit" href="Web/Lists(guid'f498dc8a-ae5e-4a5d-b3b6-989a6773b006')/Items(1)" />
15    <title />
16    <updated>2013-06-26T16:29:54Z</updated>
17    <author>
18      <name />
19    </author>
20    <content type="application/xml">
21      <m:properties>
22        <d:Title>John Locke</d:Title>
23        <d:Credit_x0020_Card_x0020_No>1332-2455-7694-1457</d:Credit_x0020_Card_x0020_No>
24      </m:properties>
```



# Cause: Misconfiguration



## The Lockdown Feature:

- ✦ prevents access to /\_vti\_bin and /\_layouts folders
- ✦ removes the Remote Interface Permissions for anonymous users

But there is an **important flag** on **two separate locations**, which overrules the Remote Interface Permission if set wrongly

A screenshot of a SharePoint administration page. On the left is a 'Site Content' navigation pane with items like 'Content and Structure', 'Documents', 'Form Templates', 'Images', 'News', 'Pages', 'Passenger List', 'Pictures', and 'Reusable Content'. The main content area is titled 'Client Object Model Permission Requirement' and contains the text: 'You can require that users must have the Use Remote Interfaces permission in order to use the Client Object Model to access the server, which is used by some parts of the UI. Enabling this prevents users from performing some tasks using the UI if they do not have the Use Remote Interfaces permission.' A red rectangular box highlights the checkbox for 'Require Use Remote Interfaces permission', which is currently unchecked. In the bottom right corner of the screenshot, there is a photograph of two men in Star Trek uniforms sitting at a console, both covering their faces with their hands in a gesture of despair or frustration.

# Cause: Misconfiguration



## #1: Authentication Provider (Web Application Settings)

The screenshot shows the 'WEB APPLICATIONS' settings page. The ribbon includes 'Contribute' (New, Extend, Delete), 'Manage' (General Settings, Manage Features, Managed Paths, Service Connections), 'Security' (Authentication Providers, Self-Service Site Creation), 'Policy' (Blocked File Types, User Permissions, Web Part Security, User Policy, Anonymous Policy, Permission Policy), and 'SHARE'. Below the ribbon is a table of web applications.

Central Administration	Name	URL	Port
Application Management	SharePoint - oceanic-cms.csnc lab.ch80	http://oceanic-cms.csnc lab.ch/	80
System Settings	SharePoint - 80	http://sps13.csnc lab.ch/	80
	SharePoint Central Administration v4	http://sps13.csnc lab.ch:4443/	4443

## #2: Anonymous Access Configuration (Site Permissions)

The screenshot shows the 'PERMISSIONS' settings page. The ribbon includes 'Grant' (Grant Permissions, Create Group), 'Modify' (Edit User Permissions, Remove User Permissions), 'Check' (Check Permissions), and 'Manage' (Anonymous Access, Permission Levels, Site Collection Administrators). A yellow warning banner states: 'Some content on this site has different permissions from what you see here. [Show these items.](#)' Below the banner is a table of site permissions.

Site Name	Anonymous Users	Type	Permission Levels
Flight 815	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	
The Island	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anonymous	Entire Web site

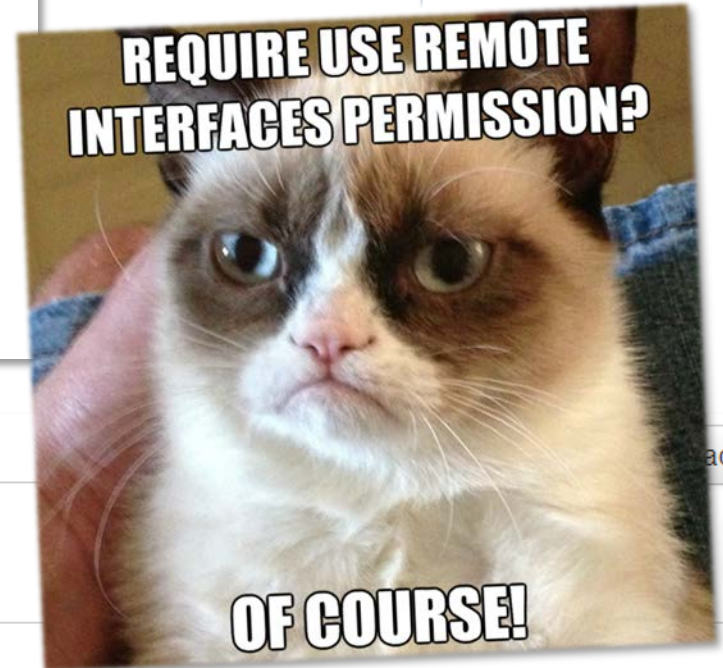


# Mitigation I – Remote Interface Perm.

## Client Object Model Permission Requirement

You can require that the user must have the Use Remote Interfaces permission in order to use the Client Object Model to access the server. The Client Object Model is used by some parts of the UI. Enabling this prevents users from performing some tasks using the UI if they do not have the Use Remote Interfaces permission.

Require Use Remote Interfaces permission



oceanic.csnc.ch/\_api/lists/?\$select=Title

Send Preview Add to collection

Body Headers (16) STATUS 401 Unauthorized TIME 24953 ms

Pretty Raw Preview   JSON XML

```
1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
2 <m:error
3   xmlns:m="http://schemas.microsoft.com/ado/2007/08/dataservices/metadata">
4   <m:code>-2147024891, System.UnauthorizedAccessException</m:code>
5   <m:message xml:lang="en-US">Access denied. You do not have permission to perform this action or access this
6   resource.</m:message>
7 </m:error>
```

## Mitigation II – List Permissions



If you need CSOM for some client side features like search or other highly dynamic Ajax features:

==> Explicitly deny access for Anonymous Users on "hidden" lists

A screenshot of a web browser's developer tools interface. The address bar shows the URL: `oceanic.csnc.ch/_api/lists/getbytitle('Passenger List')/Items?$select=Title,Credit_x0020_Ci`. The method is set to GET. The status bar indicates a 404 Not Found error with a response time of 106 ms. The response body is displayed in XML format, showing an error message: `<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?><m:error xmlns:m="http://schemas.microsoft.com/ado/2007/08/dataservices/metadata"><m:code>-1, System.ArgumentException</m:code><m:message xml:lang="en-US">List 'Passenger List' does not exist at site with URL 'http://oceanic.csnc.ch'.`

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# Hardening Considerations

**Server-Side Controls, Sandboxing and further hardening recommendations**

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Make sure that only controls from trustful sources are in the list of safe ASP.NET controls in the web.config:

- ✦ Dangerous controls which should not be usable within .aspx pages are marked as **Safe="False"** by default.  
(E.g. controls allowing the execution of server-side code or similar)
- ✦ Controls / Web Parts marked as **Safe="True"** can be used in .aspx pages (whitelisting).

```
...  
<SafeControl ... TypeName="*" Safe="True" SafeAgainstScript="False" ... />  
<SafeControl ... TypeName="ListViewWebPart" Safe="True" SafeAgainstScript="True" ... />  
<SafeControl ... TypeName="XsltListViewWebPart" Safe="True" SafeAgainstScript="True" ... />  
<SafeControl ... TypeName="ImageWebPart" Safe="True" SafeAgainstScript="True" ... />  
<SafeControl ... TypeName="SqlDataSource" Safe="False" SafeAgainstScript="False" />  
<SafeControl ... TypeName="Xml" Safe="False" SafeAgainstScript="False" />  
<SafeControl ... TypeName="DataViewWebPart" Safe="False" SafeAgainstScript="False" />  
...
```

==> The list of default controls should only be extended with a very good reason!

**Make sure that only trustful code (Web Parts / ASP.NET Controls) deployed with a Full Trust Level**

## **Global Assembly Cache:**

- ✦ Runs with a **full trust level**
- ✦ Can be used by every SharePoint Web Application
- ✦ Assemblies are signed and need to be installed by an Administrator

## **Bin directory of Web Application:**

- ✦ Runs with the trust level *WSS\_Minimal* (<= SP 2010)
- ✦ Only available to that single Web Application
- ✦ Can be deployed by everyone with write access to that directory
- ✦ Developers need to explicitly specify which privileges their code need (CAS polices)



With **SharePoint 2013**, Microsoft changed the default trust level of code in the Bin directory to **full trust**!

```
</SiteMap>  
<trust level="Full" originUrl="" legacyCasModel="true" />  
<webParts>
```

==> Only allow 3<sup>rd</sup> party code which is reviewed and trusted to run with a full trust level

==> Try to change trust level back to *WSS\_Minimal*

==> Use Sandboxed Solutions or Apps if possible

## Sandboxed Solutions:

- ✦ Run isolated in the User Code Service in a dedicated process
- ✦ Running under a very strict CAS policy only allowing a minimum of calls

## Apps:

- ✦ Are hosted in an isolated SharePoint site, farm or either in the cloud
- ✦ Are not allowed to use server-side code
- ✦ Need to use the client object model to connect back to the SharePoint farm

## Best Practices:

- ✦ Only deploy trusted code (Farm Solutions) to the GAC or the Bin directory
- ✦ 3<sup>rd</sup> party developers should use Sandboxed Solutions or Apps
- ✦ Sandbox solutions are deprecated but are still working in SharePoint 2013
- ✦ Use SharePoint Apps for 3<sup>rd</sup> party code in SharePoint 2013



# Hardening Recommendations



**Is SharePoint Designer disabled?**

**Are unnecessary or suspicious features disabled?**

**Is Self-Service Site Creation disabled?**

**Check the list of blocked file types?**

**Check the Web Part gallery, which really need to be used?**

**Is the Developer Dashboard disabled?**

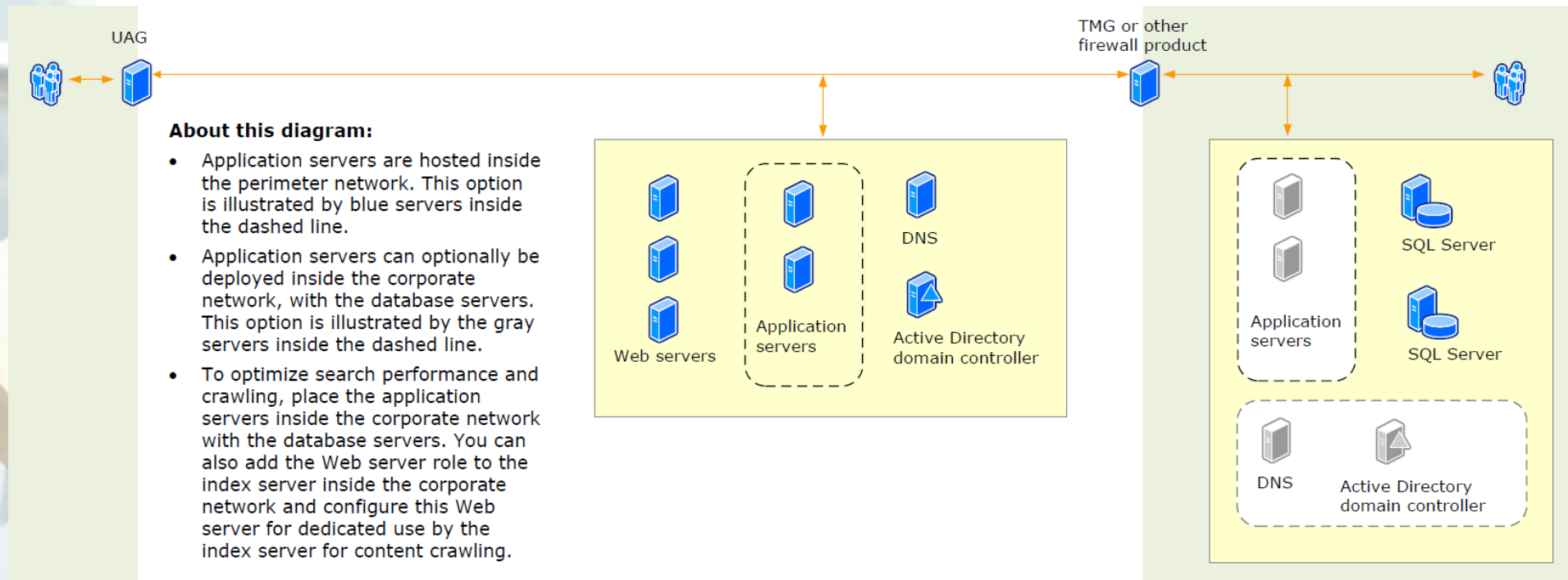
**Is the Audit Log configured properly?**

**Is HTML Field Security configured properly (SP 2013)?**

**Who are your Site Collection Administrators?**

Do we use a proper architecture for our deployment?

## Split back-to-back





## Conclusion

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# SharePoint 2010+ by default secure



-> Do not misconfigure!

**Do not trust 3<sup>rd</sup> party code (e.g. Web Parts)**



**-> Wrong declarations in web.config?**

**-> XSS, CSRF and SQL Injection vulnerabilities?**



## Quiz and Q&A

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# Quiz



How much do you still know?

The quiz interface is set against a black background. At the top left is a green printed circuit board (PCB) labeled "SWISS CYBER STORM" with various electronic components and a silver probe. At the top center is the COMPASS SECURITY logo and the text "shake and test". At the top right is a white ceramic mug with a blue "S" logo and the text "I've seen my Future in SharePoint". Below these images are four red, arrow-shaped buttons arranged in a grid. The top button is labeled "Question". The second row contains "Answer A" and "Answer B", with a small "A" and "B" icon between them. The third row contains "Answer C" and "Answer D", with a small "C" and "D" icon between them.



# Questions



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