

Attacking with Character Encoding for Profit and Fun

～趣味と実益の文字コード攻撃～

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Who are you?

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- ▶ Investigating about the security issues that a character code such as Unicode causes
- ▶ Discovered a lot of vulnerabilities including IE and Mozilla Firefox so far, such as CVE-2008-0416, CVE-2008-1468, CVE-2007-2225, CVE-2007-2227 and ...

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Introduction

はじめに

What is the relation between charsets and security?

文字コードとセキュリティ、
何の関係あるの？

What's the relation between charsets and security ?

- ▶ **Web browser is Text Parser**
 - ▶ **Handles text data such as HTML/XML...**
- ▶ Webブラウザはテキストパーサ
 - ▶ HTMLやXMLなどのテキストデータを処理...

What's the relation between charsets and security ?

- ▶ **Upgrading from legacy encoding to Unicode.**

- ▶ **EUC-JP / Shift_JIS are often mixed in Unicode**

- ▶ レガシーな文字コードからUnicodeへの移行

- ▶ EUC-JPやShift_JISと、Unicodeの混在

What's the relation between charsets and security ?

- ▶ **Visual effect**
 - ▶ **Similar letters could be effective tools for attackers**
- ▶ 視覚的な効果
 - ▶ 視覚的に似た文字など、攻撃者の強力な道具

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Comparison: match/ unmatch

比較の一致/不一致

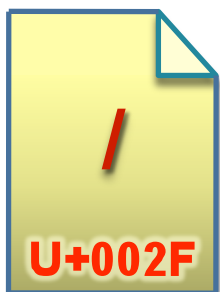
Comparison: match/unmatch

- ▶ **String comparison and detection**
 - ▶ **Basic processing for security**
 - ▶ **"confirm SAFE string to pass" or "detect DANGEROUS string"**
- ▶ 文字列の比較検出
 - ▶ セキュリティのための基本処理
 - ▶ 「安全な文字列の確認」や「危険な文字列の検出」

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Redundant encoding



Valid

0x2F

Invalid

0xC0 0xAF

0xE0 0x80 0xAF

0xF0 0x80 0x80 0xAF

- ▶ **Overlong forms of UTF-8**
 - ▶ **One of the traditional attack techniques**
- ▶ UTF-8の非最小形式
 - ▶ 伝統的な攻撃手法のひとつ

Redundant encoding

- ▶ **MS00-057 is famous.**
 - ▶ **Currently, attacks like this have already become fossils..**
- ▶ IISのMS00-057が有名
 - ▶ もはや化石のような攻撃手法



"fossils", Really?

ほんとうに化石?

Redundant encoding

- ▶ **CVE-2008-2938**
Apache Tomcat UTF-8 Directory Traversal Vulnerability
 - ▶ **Published: Aug 12 2008**
 - ▶ **Still existing issue, not past, "Living Fossil".**
- ▶ **いまでも存在する「生きた化石」**

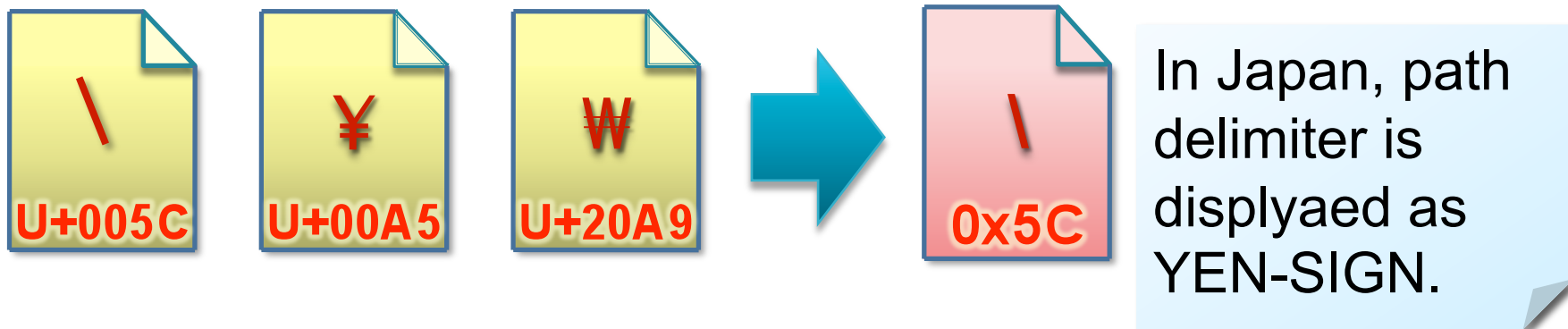
Redundant encoding

- ▶ **Countermeasure:**
 - ▶ **Don't implement functions handling UTF-8 yourself.**
 - ▶ **Convert all strings into UTF-16 beforehand**
- ▶ 自前でUTF-8を扱わない
- ▶ 処理前にUTF-16などに変換する

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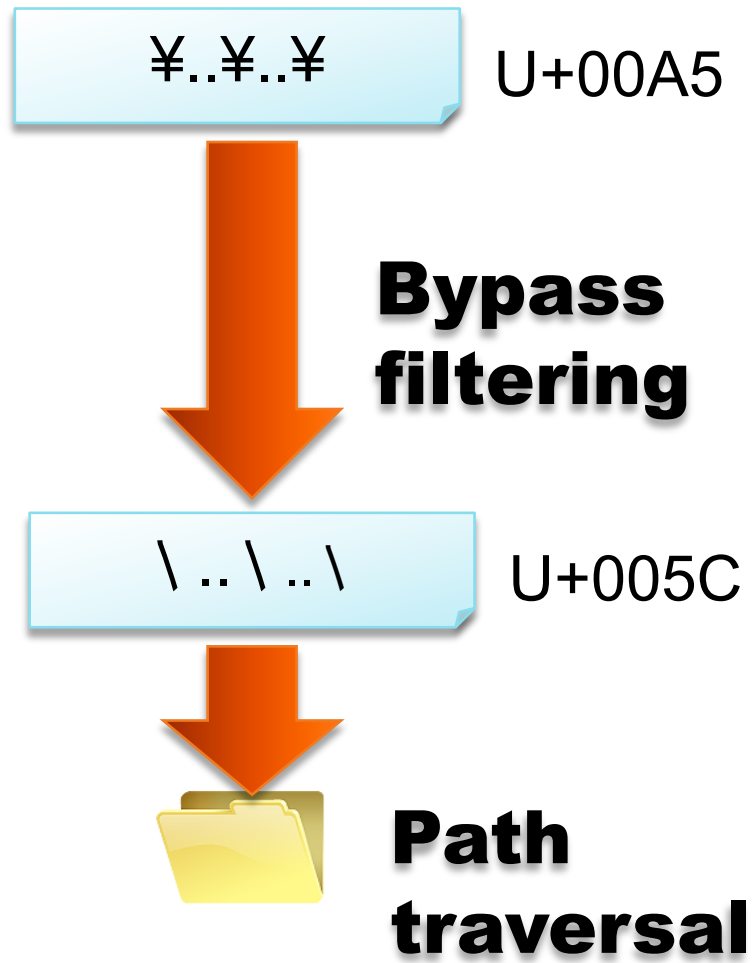
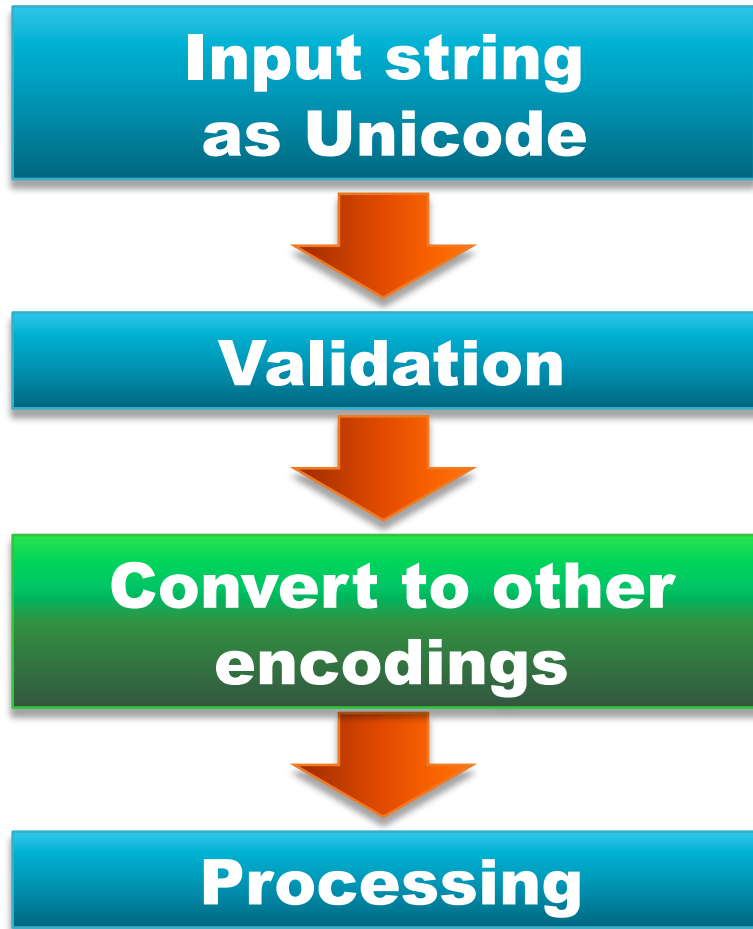
Many-to-one Conversion



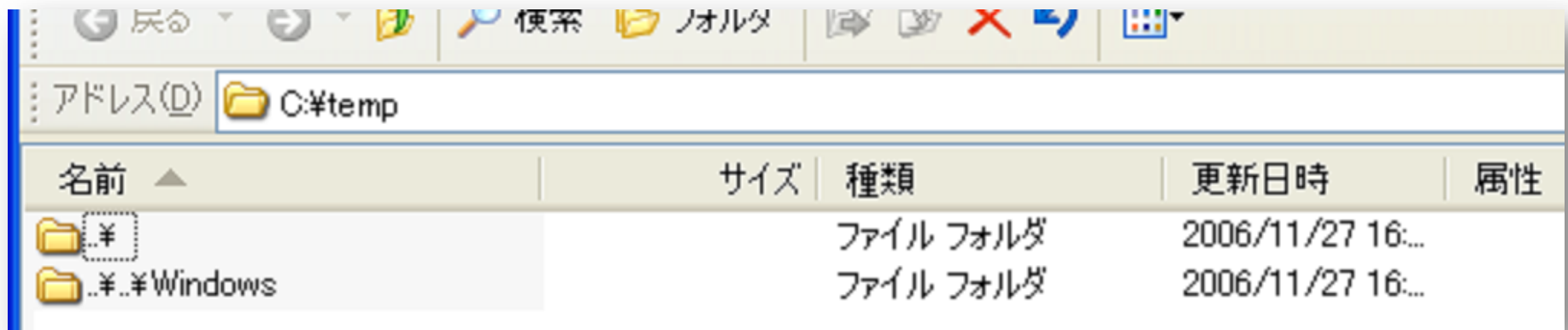
- ▶ **Conversions from Unicode to others has several "many-to-one" pairs.**

- ▶ Unicodeから他の文字コードへの変換は多対一で行われる

Many-to-one Conversion



Many-to-one Conversion



- ▶ **"..\'" and "..\..\Windows" is existing in "C:\temp" folder.**
- ▶ **Path traversal occurs when handling filenames as ANSI.**
- ▶ ファイル名をANSIで扱っているとパストラバーサル

Many-to-one Conversion

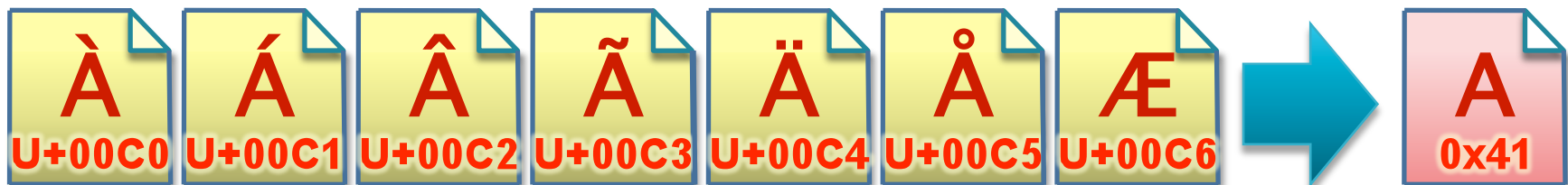
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Many-to-one Conversion

- ▶ **A lot of letters converted from Unicode are "many-to-one".**



▶ 多数の文字が多対一で変換



Many-to-one Conversion

- ▶ **Countermeasure:**
 - ▶ **Handle strings as Unicode, without conversion.**
 - ▶ **Don't convert after validation, even if conversion is necessary.**
- ▶ Unicodeのまま文字列を扱い、変換しない
- ▶ (変換するとしても)検査後には変換しない

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Upper case and Lower case

- ▶ **Definition of the identification for Upper-Case and Lower-Case is different by a language culture.**
- ▶ 大文字、小文字同一視の定義は、言語文化によって異なる

Upper case and Lower case

Comparison of Upper-Case and Lower-Case

Word 単語	Equivalent 一致	Nonequivalent 不一致
Gif / GIF	 U.S. アメリカ	 Turkey トルコ
Maße/MASSE	 Germany ドイツ	 U.S. アメリカ
Maße / Masse	 Switzerland スイス	 Germany ドイツ  U.S. アメリカ

「Windowsプログラミングの極意」,株式会社アスキー,ISBN978-4-7561-5000-4,P.340より

Upper case and Lower case

- ▶ **Countermeasure:**
 - ▶ **Don't adopt difference between lower case and upper case as boundary of security.**
 - ▶ **Never rely on case-conversion rules you expect.**
- ▶ 大文字、小文字の差でセキュリティ上の分界点をつくらない

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Normalization

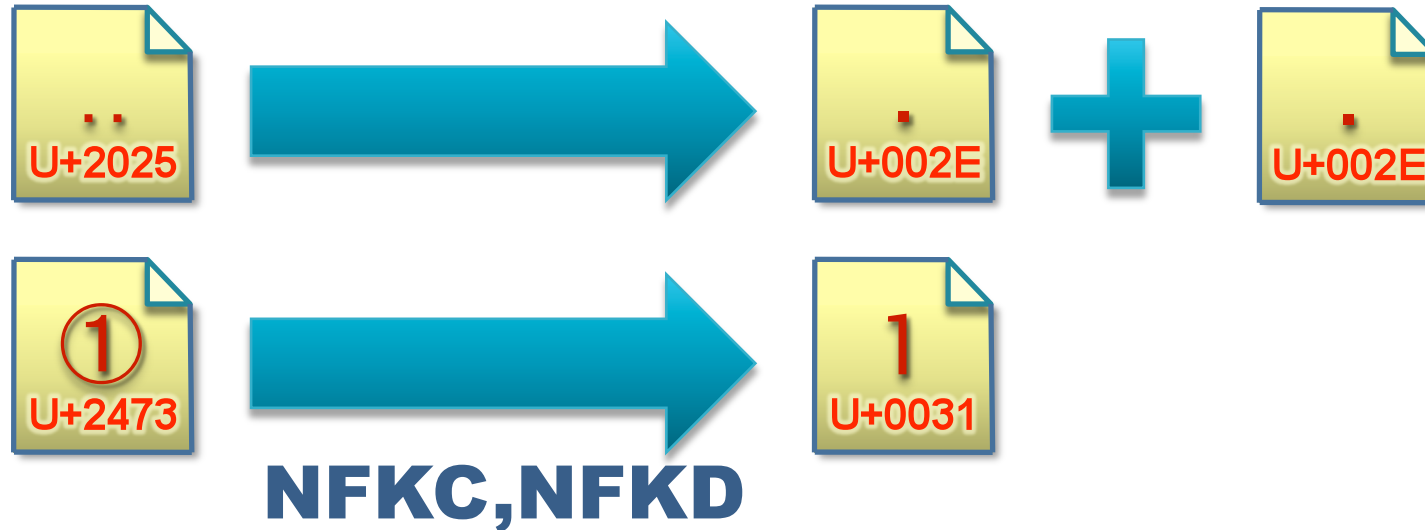


- ▶ **Unicode supports the Composition and Decomposition of letters.**
 - ▶ **No differences in appearance, but byte sequences are different**
- ▶ Unicodeは文字の分解・合成をサポート
 - ▶ 見た目は同じでもバイト列が異なる表現

Normalization

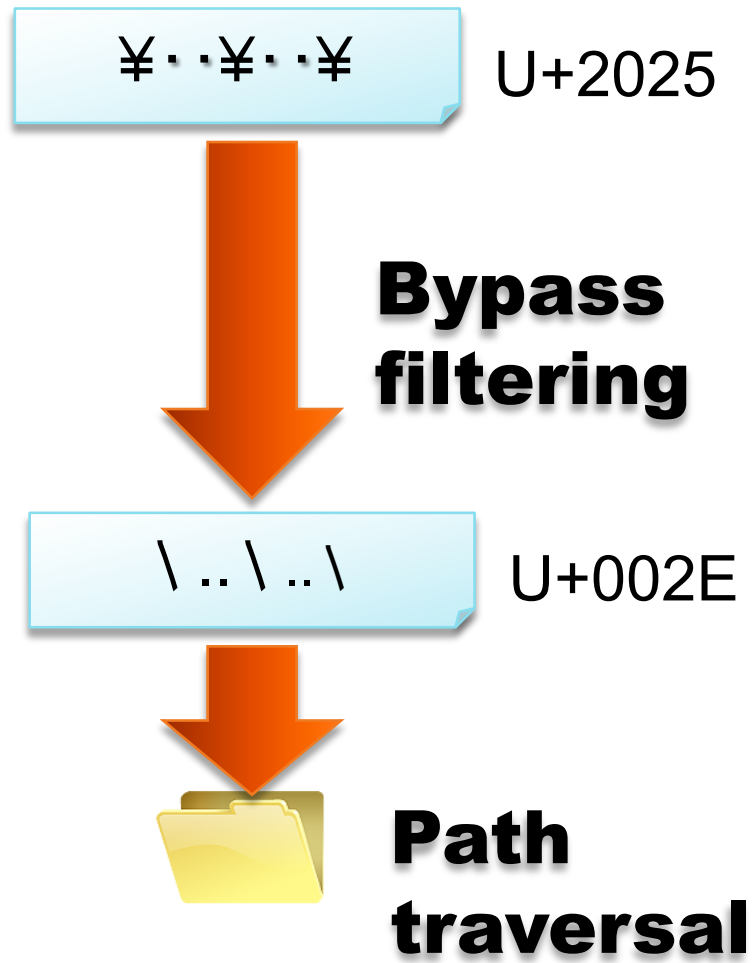
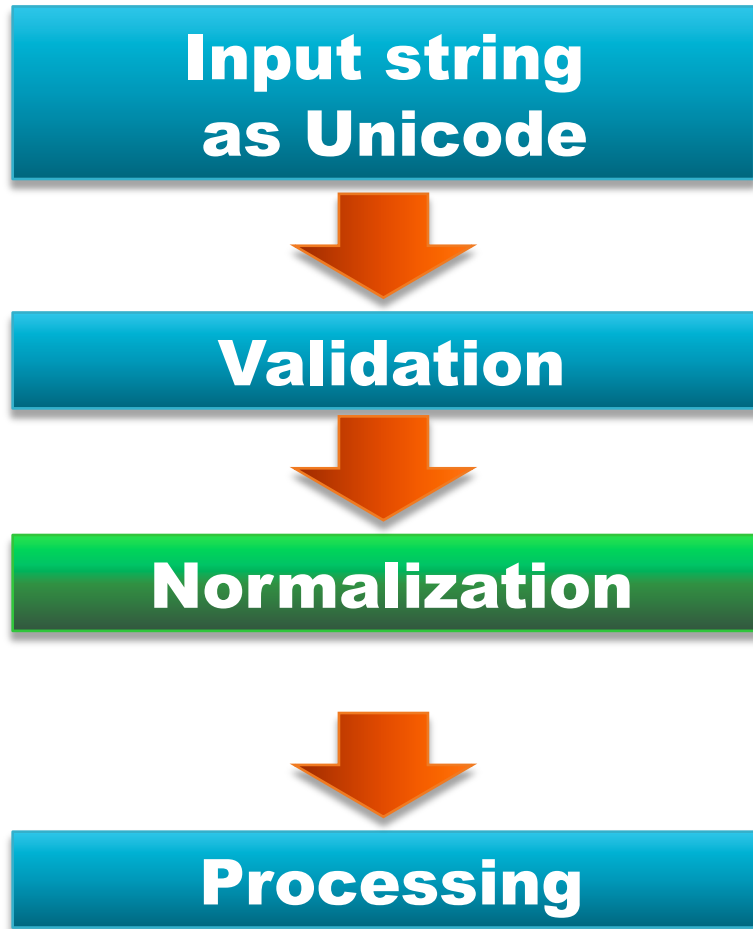
- ▶ **Unicode defines four specific forms of normalization.**
 - ▶ **NFC** Normalization Form Canonical Composition
 - ▶ **NFD** Normalization Form Canonical Decomposition
 - ▶ **NFKC** Normalization Form Compatibility Composition
 - ▶ **NFKD** Normalization Form Compatibility Decomposition
- ▶ **Cannot restore original byte sequence after Normalization.**
- ▶ Unicodeでは4種類の正規化方法を規定
- ▶ 正規化した結果から元のバイト列の復元はできない

Normalization



- ▶ **Normalization process changes the byte sequence into another of different meaning**
- ▶ 正規化により意味の異なるバイト列に変化

Normalization



Normalization

- ▶ **Countermeasure:**
 - ▶ **Never normalize strings after validation.**
 - ▶ 文字列の検査後に正規化を行わない

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Embedded invalid characters

- ▶ **Depending on the implementation, illegal byte sequence is often ignored or converted to unexpected characters.**
- ▶ 処理系によっては不正なバイト列が無視されたり、想定外の文字に変換されることがある

Embedded invalid characters

- ▶ **Firefox prior to 2.0.0.12 had ignored 0x80 under Shift_JIS encoding.**
- ▶ Firefox 2.0.0.12以前のバージョンはShift_JISのときに0x80を無視する

```
<s [0x80]c [0x80]r [0x80] ipt>  
  alert(1)  
</s [0x80]c [0x80]r [0x80] ipt>
```

Embedded invalid characters

- ▶ **IE ignores 0x00.**
- ▶ IEは0x00を無視する

```
<s [0x00]c [0x00]r [0x00] ipt>  
  alert(1)  
</s [0x00]c [0x00]r [0x00] ipt>
```

Embedded invalid characters

- ▶ **IE considers 0x0B and 0x0C as delimiter.**
- ▶ IEは0x0Bと0x0Cを区切り文字とみなす

```
<script [0x0B]> alert(1) </script>
```

```
<input type=text  
value=a [0x0C]onmouseover=alert(1)>
```


Embedded invalid characters

- ▶ **Countermeasure:**

- ▶ **Generate only safe string with white listing.**

- ▶ ホワइटリストを用いて安全な文字列のみ生成する。

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Embedded leading bytes

- ▶ **Inject leading byte of Multi Byte Character Set(MBCS) to bypass filters**

- ▶ マルチバイト文字の先行バイトを注入することでフィルタを回避

Embedded leading bytes

name:

```
<input type=text value="[0x82]">
```

e-mail:

```
<input type=text value=" onmouseover=...//">
```

- ▶ **Invalidate quotation with 0x82, leading byte of Shift_JIS.**
- ▶ Shift_JISの先行バイトである0x82でダブルクォートを無効にする

Embedded leading bytes

UTF-8

`http://example.com/?%3cscript%20%E2%3Ealert(1);...`

`http://example.com/?%E2%22onmouseover=alert(1)`

Shift_JIS

`http://example.com/?%3cscript%20%81%3E%3Ealert(1);...`

EUC-JP

`http://example.com/?%3cscript%20%E0%3Ealert(1);...`

`http://example.com/?%E0%22onmouseover=alert(1)`

- ▶ **Bypass XSS Filter of IE8 using leadbyte of MBCS.**
- ▶ IE8のXSS Filterも回避

Embedded invalid characters

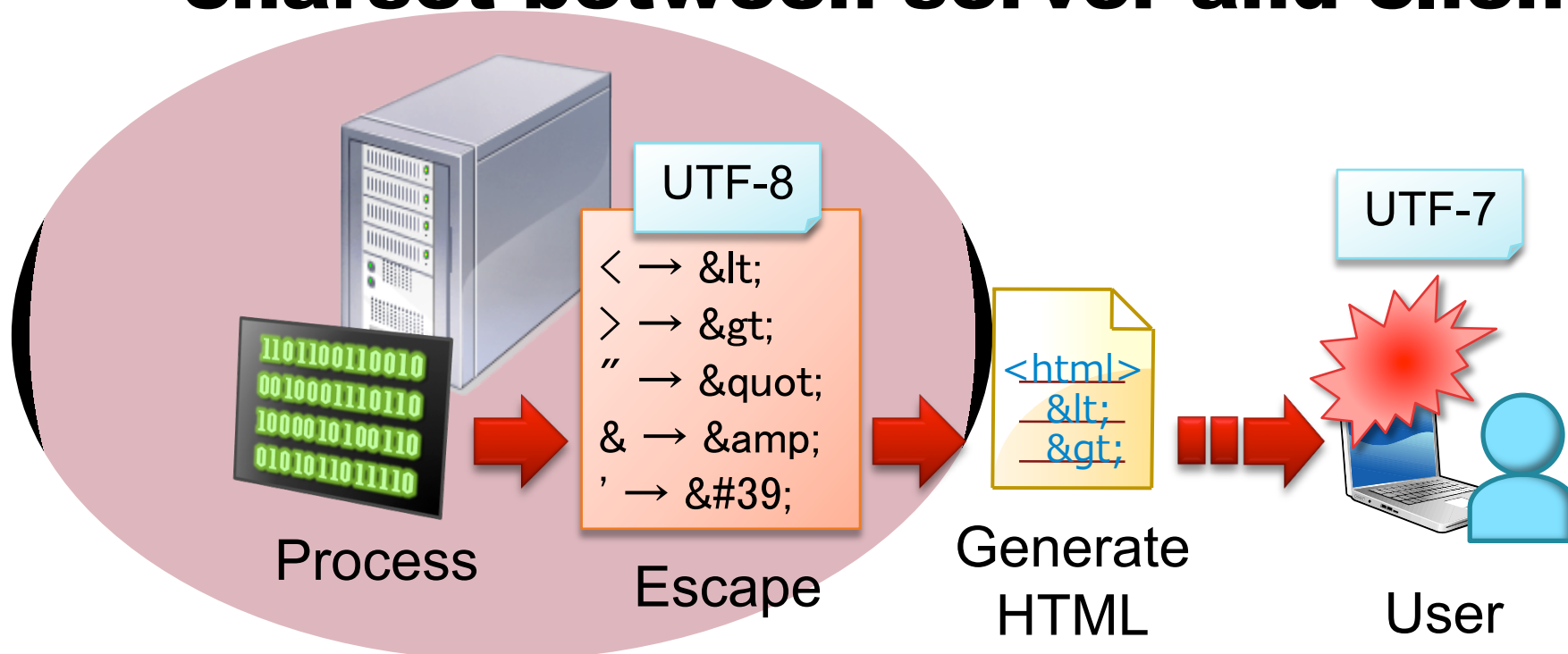
- ▶ **Countermeasure:**
 - ▶ **Validate by a letter unit.**
 - ▶ **Convert another encoding...**
- ▶ 文字単位で検証
- ▶ 他の文字コードに変換...

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Mismatch in charset information

- ▶ **Different understanding about the charset between server and client**



- ▶ サーバとクライアント間でcharsetの解釈が異なる

Mismatch in charset information

- ▶ **Typical issue is XSS with UTF-7**
 - ▶ **When charset is ambiguous, IE assumes it as UTF-7 and causes XSS.**
- ▶ 典型的にはUTF-7によるXSSが該当
 - ▶ charsetが不明瞭なとき、IEはUTF-7だと解釈してXSSが発生

Mismatch in charset information

- ▶ **No charset is specified neither HTTP response header nor <meta>**
- ▶ charsetが指定されていない

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: text/html
...
<html><head>
<meta http-equiv="content-type"
  content="text/html">
</head><body>
+ADw-script+AD4- alert(1) +ADw-/script+AD4-...
```

Mismatch in charset information

- ▶ **Unrecognizable charset name for IE**
- ▶ IEが解釈できないcharset名

```
<meta http-equiv=' content-type'  
  content=' text/html ; charset=CP932' >  
+ADw-script+AD4-  
  alert (document.cookie) ;  
+ADw-/script+AD4-
```

- ▶ **Typically wrong charset names are:
CP932 / MS932 / sjis / jis / utf8 ...**

Mismatch in charset information

- ▶ **Inject fake <meta> before original it.**
- ▶ 本来の<meta>より前に偽の<meta>を注入

```
<title>+ADw-/title+AD4-  
+ADw-meta http-equiv+AD0-' content-type'  
content+AD0-' text/html+ADs-charset+AD0-utf-7' +AD4-  
</title>  
<meta http-equiv=' content-type'  
content=' text/html; charset=euc-jp' >
```

Mismatch in charset information

- ▶ **UTF-7 issues affect not only IE, but also other browsers.**
- ▶ **UTF-7**の問題は**IE**だけでなく他のブラウザにも影響

Mismatch in charset information

- ▶ **Yet Another JSON Hijacking with UTF-7**
 - ▶ **If no charset is specified in HTTP response header**
 - ▶ **If attacker can control a part of JSON string**
- ▶ **Attacker can handle inside data of the JSON**
- ▶ **UTF-7を使ったJSON Hijacking**
 - ▶ **HTTPレスポンスヘッダにcharsetがない**
 - ▶ **攻撃者がJSONの一部をコントロール可能**
 - ▶ **JSON内のデータを操作可能**

Mismatch in charset information

▶ JSON Hijacking with UTF-7

JSON for target: <http://example.com/target.json>

```
[
  {
    "name" : "abc+MPv/fwAiAH0AXQA7-var t+AD0AWwB7ACIAIg-:+ACI-",
    "mail" : "hasegawa@utf-8.jp"
  },
  {
    "name" : "Kanatoko",
    "mail" : "anvil@example.com"
  }
]
```

Injected by the attacker

No charset in HTTP response header

This means...

Mismatch in charset information

▶ JSON Hijacking with UTF-7

JSON for target: <http://example.com/target.json>

```
[
  {
    "name" : "abc"}];var t=[{"": ""},
    "mail" : "hasegawa@utf-8.jp"
  },
  {
    "name" : "Kanatoko",
    "mail" : "anvil@example.com"
  }
]
```

No charset in HTTP response header

Mismatch in charset information

▶ JSON Hijacking with UTF-7

Trap page:

```
<script src="http://example.com/target.json"
  charset="utf-7"></script>
<script>
  alert( t[ 1 ].name + t[ 1 ].mail );
</script>
```

```
[
  {
    "name" : "abc"}];var t=[{"": "",
    "mail" : "hasegawa@utf-8.jp"
  },
  {
    "name" : "Kanatoko",
    "mail" : "anvil@example.com"
  }
]
```

Specify charset as UTF-7 from outside of JSON.

No need to use `__defineSetter__`

外からJSONがUTF-7であると指定。
setterが使えない場面でも有効。

Mismatch in charset information

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Mismatch in charset information

- ▶ **Countermeasure for XSS:**
 - ▶ **Specify charset clearly at HTTP response header.**
 - ▶ **Specify recognizable charset name by browser.**
 - ▶ **Don't place the text attacker can control before "<meta>" .**
 - ▶ **charset**を**HTTP**レスポンスヘッダで明記する
 - ▶ ブラウザが理解できる**charset**名とする
 - ▶ **<meta>**より前に攻撃者がコントロールできる文字列を置かない

Mismatch in charset information

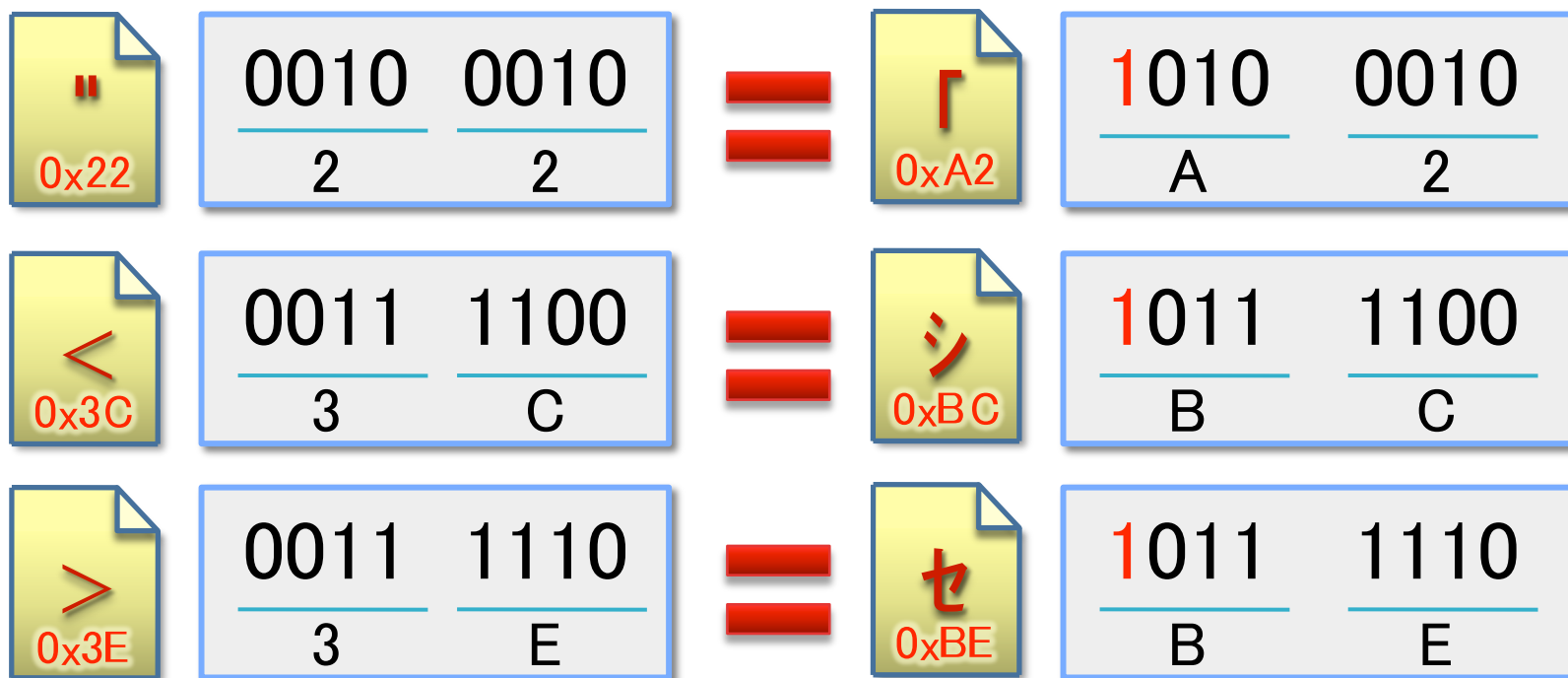
- ▶ **Countermeasure for JSON:**
 - ▶ **Place "while (1);" before JSON text.**
 - ▶ **Accept only "POST", Reject access by "GET".**
- ▶ **while(1); をJSONの前に配置**
- ▶ **POSTのみ受け入れる**

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Interpreting 7-bit encoding

- ▶ **IE ignores the most significant bit of US-ASCII.**
- ▶ **IEはUS-ASCIIの最上位ビットを無視する**



Interpreting 7-bit encoding

ADDRESS	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0A	0B	0C	0D	0E	0F	0123456789ABCDEF
00000000	3C	68	74	6D	6C	3E	0D	0A	20	20	3C	68	65	61	64	3E	<html>.. <head>
00000010	0D	0A	20	20	20	20	3C	6D	65	74	61	20	68	74	74	70	.. <meta http
00000020	2D	65	71	75	69	76	3D	22	63	6F	6E	74	65	6E	74	2D	-equiv="content-
00000030	74	79	70	65	22	20	63	6F	6E	74	65	6E	74	3D	22	74	type" content="t
00000040	65	78	74	2F	68	74	6D	6C	3B	20	63	68	61	72	73	65	ext/html; charse
00000050	74	3D	55	53	2D	41	53	43	49	49	22	3E	0D	0A	20	20	t=US-ASCII">..
00000060	3C	2F	68	65	61	64	3E	0D	0A	20	20	3C	62	6F	64	79	</head>.. <body
00000070	3E	0D	0A	20	20	20	20	20	BC	73	63	72	69	70	74	BE	>.. %scripte
00000080	61	6C	65	72	74	28	31	29	3B	BC	2F	73	63	72	69	70	alert(1);%/scrip
00000090	74	BE	0D	0A	20	20	3C	2F	62	6F	64	79	3E	0D	0A	3C	t%.. </body>..<
000000A0	2F	68															

Windows Internet Explorer

http://example.com/ - Windows Internet Explorer

http://example.com/

http://example.com/

Windows Internet Expl... [X]

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OK

Interpreting 7-bit encoding

- ▶ **Countermeasure:**
 - ▶ **Specify charset clearly on HTTP response header.**
 - ▶ **Don't use US-ASCII. Use ISO-8859-1 and so on.**
- ▶ **HTTPレスポンスヘッダでcharsetを明記する**
- ▶ **US-ASCIIを避け、ISO-8859-1などを使う**

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Deceptive indications

表示上の欺瞞

Deceptive indications

- ▶ **Visual effect for human being**
 - ▶ **Provoke a mistake**
 - ▶ **Effective and useful tool for attackers**
- ▶ 人間に対する視覚的な効果
 - ▶ ミスを誘う
 - ▶ 攻撃者の強力で便利な道具

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Characters with similar appearance

- ▶ **Such as "1" (Digit One) and "l" (Small letter L)...**

- ▶ `http://bank1.example.com/`

- ▶ `http://bankl.example.com/`

- ▶ **More and more on Unicode...**

- ▶ **Solidus "/" and "⸮"(U+2215;Division Slash)**

`http://example.co.jp/t.example.com/foo/bar`

Domain name

- ▶ 数字の1(イチ)と小文字のl(エル)など
 - ▶ **Unicode**だともっとたくさん

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Invisible characters

▶ Invisible byte sequence

▶ Unicode

U+200B	ZERO WIDTH SPACE
U+200C	ZERO WIDTH NON-JOINER
U+200D	ZERO WIDTH JOINER
U+202A	LEFT-TO-RIGHT EMBEDDING
U+FEFF	BYTE ORDER MARK (ZWNBSP)

▶ ISO-2022-JP

Escape sequences

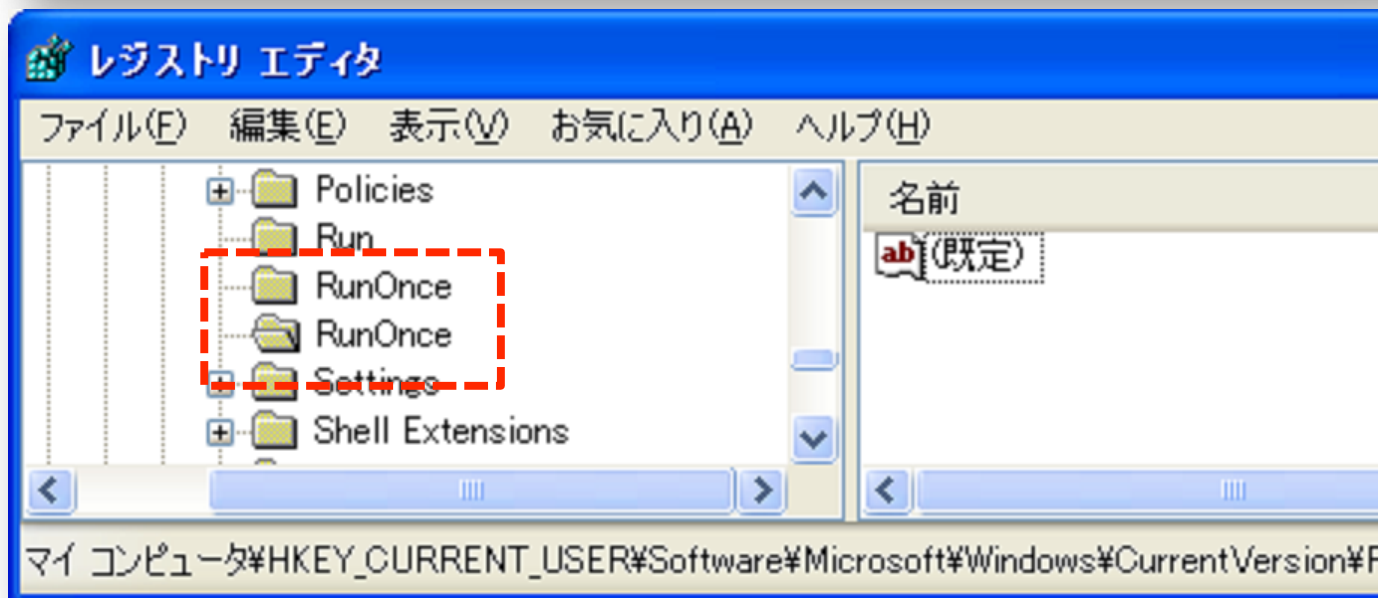
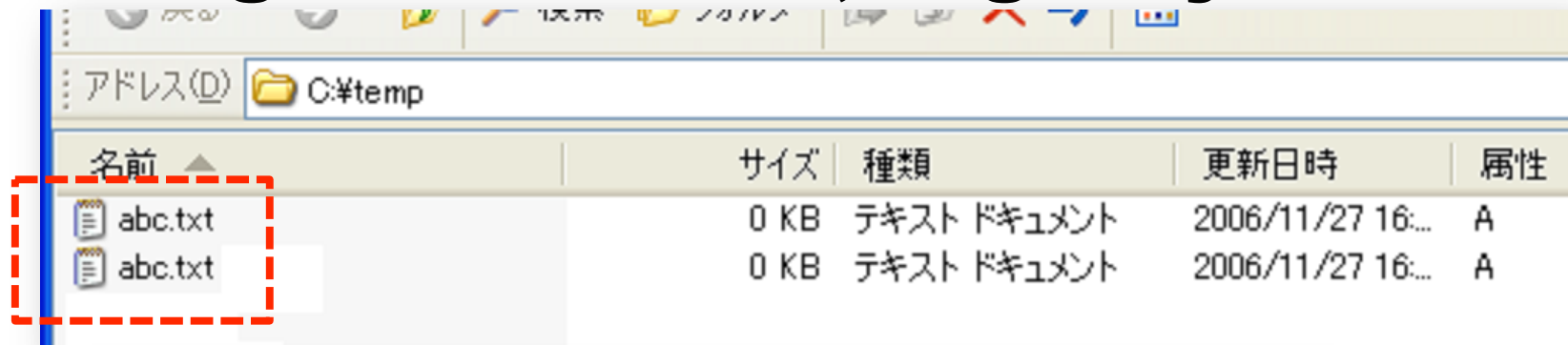
0x1B 0x24 0x40

0x1B 0x24 0x42

0x1B 0x28 0x42

Invisible characters

▶ Using for filename, registry



Invisible characters

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Embedded control characters

- ▶ **Unicode Bidirection (Bidi)**
 - ▶ **Part of string is displayed from RIGHT to LEFT**
 - ▶ **U+202E (Right-to-Left Override;RLO)**

this-(U+202E)txt.exe

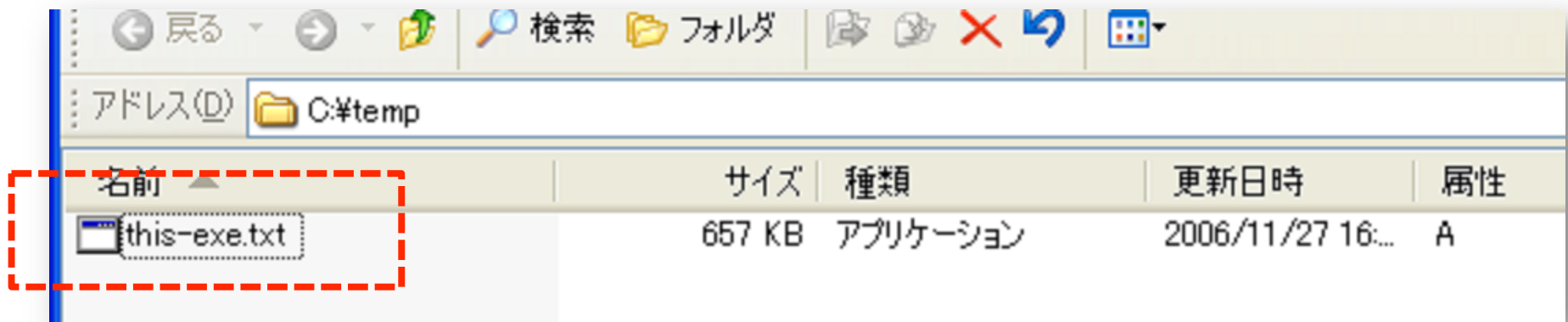
Actual byte sequence

this-exe.txt

Displayed text

- ▶ **Unicodeの双方向機能(Bidi)**
 - ▶ 文字列の一部が右から左に表示される

Embedded control characters



this-(U+202E)txt.exe

Actual byte sequence

this-exe.txt

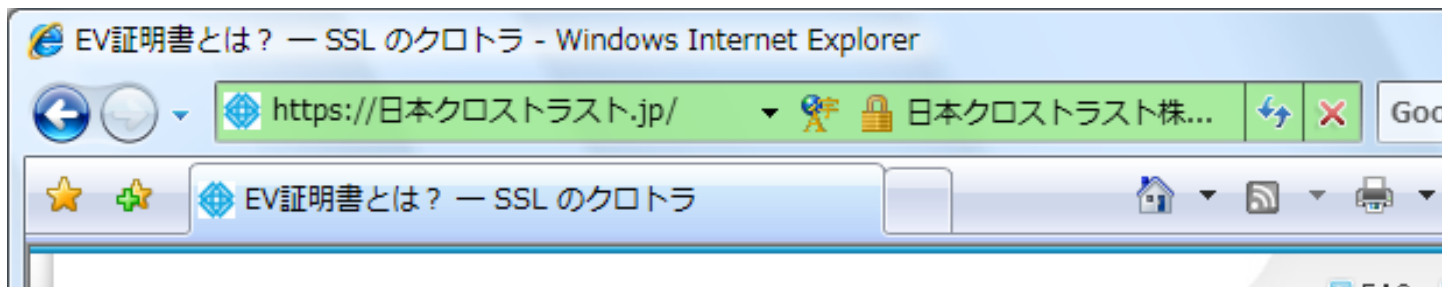
Displayed text

Embedded control characters

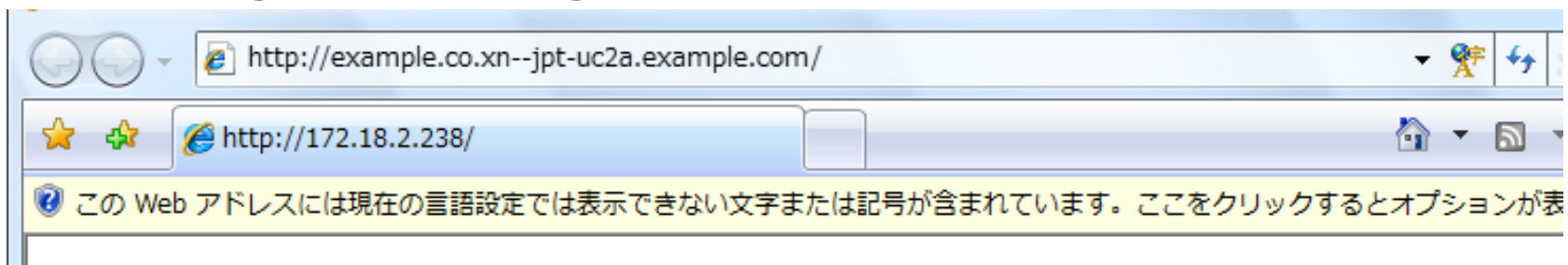
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Deceptive indications

- ▶ **Countermeasure:**
 - ▶ **Prepare multiple confirmation methods**
 - ▶ **SSL / EVSSL**



- ▶ **Display as Punycode**



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Conclusion

- ▶ **Never convert to another encoding or normalize after validating strings.**
- ▶ **Don't be deceived only by an appearance.**
- ▶ **Security issues concerning character encodings are uncultivated fields.**
- ▶ 検査後は変換・正規化しない
- ▶ 見た目だけに騙されない
- ▶ 文字コード×セキュリティって未開拓

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