



# Web Security – IE2062

## 1.Quora BUG BOUNTY REPORT

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## Introduction to Bug Bounty program and audit scope

Quora is a social question-and-answer website that serves as an online knowledge market, where users can ask questions, share insights, and learn from one another. Founded in 2009, it's a platform where knowledge is shared and grown, connecting individuals with different perspectives to foster understanding and empower everyone to contribute their expertise. With a diverse range of topics and a community of experts and enthusiasts, Quora allows for collaborative editing and commenting on answers, making it a valuable resource for information seekers and knowledge sharers alike.

In hackerone bug bounty program, they defined these subdomains (and all inclusive) as valid subdomains for testing.

\*.quora.com

The bug bounty program specifies the eligible subdomains within its scope, stating that any subdomain falling under quora.com is included.,

Asset name ↑	Type ↑	Coverage ↑	Max. severity ↓	Bounty ↑	Last update ↑
<b>com.quora.app.mobile</b> The latest version of iOS app installed from the official store at: <a href="https://itunes.apple.com/us/developer/quora-inc/id456034440">https://itunes.apple.com/us/developer/quora-inc/id456034440</a>	iOS: App Store	In scope	Critical	Eligible	Feb 14, 2018
<b>com.quora.android</b> The latest version of Android app installed from the official store at: <a href="https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.quora.android">https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.quora.android</a>	Android: Play Store	In scope	Critical	Eligible	Feb 14, 2018
<b>*.quora.com</b> NEW FEATURE launched December 2018 - <i>Spaces</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Automated security testing against the site or APIs are not allowed.</li><li>Localize all your tests to the account you are using to test. Don't affect other users.</li><li>Findings derived primarily from social engineering (e.g. phishing) are not allowed.</li><li>Follow HackerOne's [disclosure guidelines] (<a href="https://hackerone.com/guidelines">https://hackerone.com/guidelines</a>).</li></ul>	Wildcard	In scope	Critical	Eligible	May 15, 2023

## Information gathering phase.

The initial phase of information gathering, commonly known as reconnaissance or recon, is crucial for obtaining insights into the nature and behavior of the target. This phase holds significant importance during audits or attacks as it facilitates the identification of potential vulnerabilities by gaining a deeper understanding of the target.

There are two main methods for conducting information gathering scans:

1. Active Scanning: This method involves generating substantial activity on the target system, often resulting in the retrieval of extensive information.
2. Passive Scanning: In contrast to active scanning, this approach minimizes disruption to the target system, albeit typically providing fewer comprehensive results compared to active scanning.

In bug bounty programs, where details about the underlying architecture of systems are usually not disclosed (referred to as black box pentesting), specific tools and techniques are essential for gathering insights into their services, devices, and exposed information. This enables testers to develop a better understanding of the systems they are assessing.

## Finding active subdomains and their states

### Sublist3r

Sublist3r, a Python tool, is specifically designed to reveal subdomains linked to a specified target website. Utilizing search engines and diverse online services, it systematically scours the web for available subdomains associated with the designated target domain. Given the opportunity to explore any subdomain within reddit.com, it is recommended to identify additional subdomains for testing objectives.

To install Sublist3r, navigate to its GitHub repository at <https://github.com/aboul3la/Sublist3r.git>. This repository hosts all the necessary files required for installing the tool. Execute the following command in your shell to download it:

...

***git clone https://github.com/aboul3la/Sublist3r.git***

...

Please note that Sublist3r necessitates either Python 2.7 or Python 3.4 to operate smoothly.

After downloading the files, go inside the 'Sublist3r' directory and install the requirements by entering,

***sudo pip install -r requirements.txt***

After installing the requirements, enter

`python3 sublist3r.py -d <domain_name>`

to find subdomains under the mentioned domain.

*\*In some Linux distributions, there will be an error saying that "[!] Error: Virustotal probably now is blocking our requests". To avoid this you will need to get the API key from VirusTotal by creating an account. After the API key has been obtained, export it to an environment variable using, export VT\_APIKEY=<API key>. This will work most of the time, but this is not a must.*

Since I need to check the subdomains after, I am writing the results to a file using -o switch.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/Tools/Sublist3r]
$ python3 sublist3r.py -d quora.com -o /home/kali/Documents/audit/quora/quora.txt

kali Desktop Recent Trash Documents
Sublist3r
# Coded By Ahmed Aboul-Ela - @aboul3la

[-] Enumerating subdomains now for quora.com
[-] Searching now in Baidu..
[-] Searching now in Yahoo..
[-] Searching now in Google..
[-] Searching now in Bing..
[-] Searching now in Ask..
[-] Searching now in Netcraft..
[-] Searching now in DNSdumpster..
[-] Searching now in Virustotal..
[-] Searching now in ThreatCrowd..
[-] Searching now in SSL Certificates..
[-] Searching now in PassiveDNS..
[!] Error: Virustotal probably now is blocking our requests
[-] Saving results to file: /home/kali/Documents/audit/quora/quora.txt
[-] Total Unique Subdomains Found: 171
corp.quora.com
tch.corp.quora.com
www.michael.dev.quora.com
help.quora.com
i.quora.com
www.abhinav.main.quora.com
www.abhishek.main.quora.com
www.adam.main.quora.com
www.aellis.main.quora.com
www.afrancis.main.quora.com
www.alan.main.quora.com
www.alarry.main.quora.com
www.andrey.main.quora.com
www.angela.main.quora.com
www.aokereke.main.quora.com
www.asaint.main.quora.com
www.asingh.main.quora.com
www.avi.main.quora.com
www.bbowles.main.quora.com
www.bchheda.main.quora.com
www.bdevnani.main.quora.com
www.besfahbod.main.quora.com
```

Upon examining for accessible subdomains, the next step involves identifying those that are operational. This can be accomplished by employing an additional tool known as 'httpprobe'.

## HTTPProbe

This tool can identify active domains that are operational. To discover active subdomains under this site, I'm utilizing the text file previously generated by Sublist3r and writing the active subdomains to a new file.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/Tools/Sublist3r]  
$ httpprobe < /home/kali/Documents/audit/quora/quora.txt > /home/kali/Documents/audit/quora/active_quora.txt
```


Following the completion of the scan, the findings reveal that most of the subdomains are indeed active.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/Tools/Sublist3r]  
$ cat /home/kali/Documents/audit/quora/active_quora.txt  
http://tch.corp.quora.com  
https://corp.quora.com  
http://corp.quora.com  
https://help.quora.com  
http://help.quora.com  
https://tch.quora.com  
https://tch1.quora.com  
https://tch.www.quora.com  
http://tch.quora.com  
http://tch1.quora.com  
http://tch.www.quora.com
```

## Netcraft

Netcraft, an internet services firm, offers online security solutions. Their services encompass automated vulnerability scanning and application security. No downloads or intricate setups are necessary as these services are accessible online.

By utilizing Netcraft search feature on their website, users can retrieve various details including site rank, IP address, SSL/TLS versions in use, hosting country, and hosting company.



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### Site report for <https://quora.com>


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#### Background

Site title	Quora - A place to share knowledge and better understand the world	Date first seen	May 2000
Site rank	25746	Primary language	English
Description	Not Present		

#### Network

Site	<a href="https://quora.com">https://quora.com</a>	Domain	quora.com
Netblock Owner	Amazon Technologies Inc.	Nameserver	ns-1143.awsdns-14.org
Hosting company	Amazon - US East (Northern Virginia) datacenter	Domain registrar	corporatedomains.com
Hosting country	 us	Nameserver organisation	whois.pir.org
IPv4 address	52.2.236.164 ( <a href="#">VirusTotal</a> )	Organisation	Quora, Inc, 605 Castro Street, Mountain View, 94041, US
IPv4 autonomous systems	AS14618	DNS admin	awsdns-hostmaster@amazon.com

For full site report: [Site report for https://quora.com | Netcraft](#)

This data is publicly accessible, and some details regarding the system and its technology can be uncovered through available sources.

Since, many users utilize this website, and considering that the IP addresses match those of my specified targets, I only obtain a Netcraft report for this domain. However, reports for the other mentioned subdomains can also be retrieved from Netcraft.



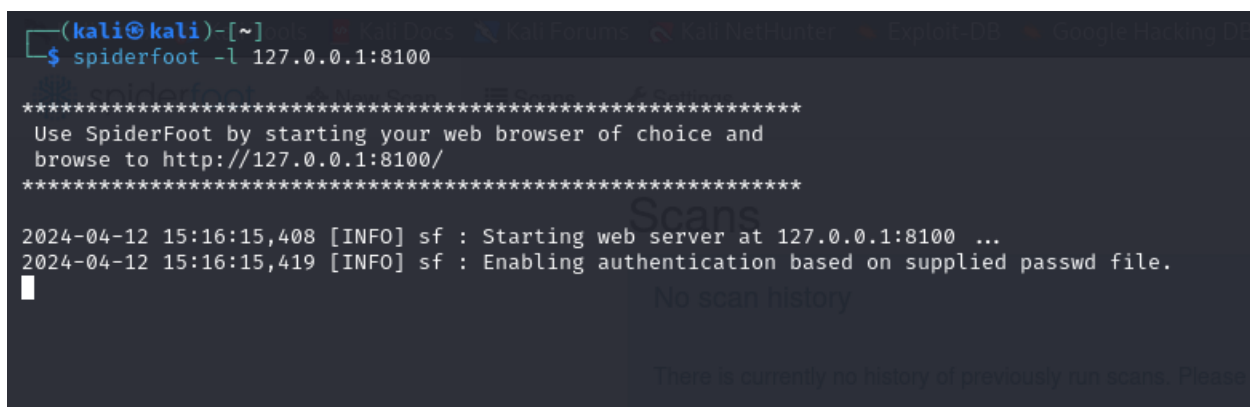
## Spiderfoot

SpiderFoot is an open-source intelligence (OSINT) automation tool that is designed to simplify the process of gathering and analyzing data. It integrates with a wide range of data sources and provides an intuitive web-based interface or a command-line option. SpiderFoot is equipped with over 200 modules for various data analysis tasks, including host/sub-domain/TLD enumeration/extraction, email address, phone number and human name extraction, and much more. It also offers export options in CSV, JSON, and GEXF formats, and integrates with the TOR network for dark web searches. SpiderFoot is a powerful tool for both offensive and defensive reconnaissance, making it an asset in the field of cybersecurity.

### Using spiderfoot

It must be setup, before using this tool.

Spiderfoot -l 127.0.0.1:8100



```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ spiderfoot -l 127.0.0.1:8100

*****
Use SpiderFoot by starting your web browser of choice and
browse to http://127.0.0.1:8100/
*****

2024-04-12 15:16:15,408 [INFO] sf : Starting web server at 127.0.0.1:8100 ...
2024-04-12 15:16:15,419 [INFO] sf : Enabling authentication based on supplied passwd file.
█

Scans
No scan history

There is currently no history of previously run scans. Please
```

To utilize the Spiderfoot tool, which is hosted on localhost (127.0.0.1) at port 8100, just launch a web browser and enter `http://127.0.0.1:8100` in the address bar.

After the scanner loads, proceed to "New scan" and tailor your scan type according to the scope of your investigation. There are various modules at your disposal that can be activated or deactivated based on your permissions. Since you're engaging in a passive information gathering phase, opt for the 'footprint' option to crawl and collect information about the website.

## Spiderfoot results

spiderfoot New Scan Scans Settings Dark Mode About

### New Scan

Scan Name: quora

Scan Target: www.quora.com

Your scan target may be one of the following. SpiderFoot will automatically detect the target type based on the format of your input:

- Domain Name: e.g. example.com
- IPv4 Address: e.g. 1.2.3.4
- IPv6 Address: e.g. 2608:4700:4700:1111
- Hostname/Sub-domain: e.g. abc.example.com
- Subnet: e.g. 1.2.3.0/24
- Bitcoin Address: e.g. 1HesYJSP1QqyPEjPQ9vz8L1wjuNGe7R
- E-mail address: e.g. bob@example.com
- Phone Number: e.g. +12345678901 (E.164 format)
- Human Name: e.g. "John Smith" (must be in quotes)
- Username: e.g. "jmh2002" (must be in quotes)
- Network ASN: e.g. 1234

By Use Case: By Required Data By Module

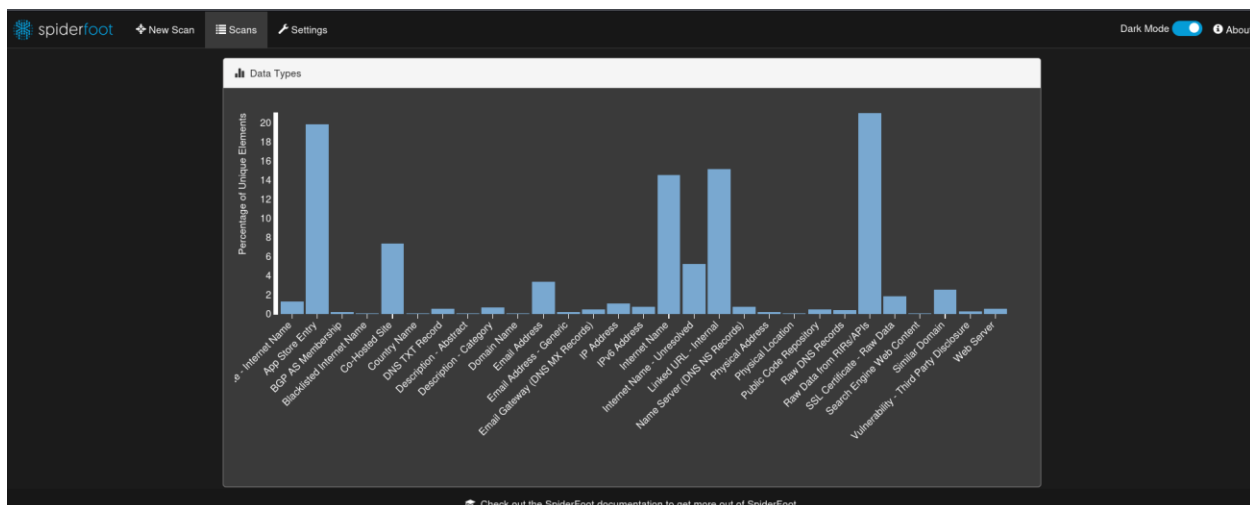
All: Get anything and everything about the target.  
All SpiderFoot modules will be enabled (slow) but every possible piece of information about the target will be obtained and analysed.

Footprint: Understand what information this target exposes to the Internet.  
Gain an understanding about the target's network perimeter, associated identities and other information that is obtained through a lot of web crawling and search engine use.

Investigate: Best for when you suspect the target to be malicious but need more information.  
Some basic footprinting will be performed in addition to querying of blacklists and other sources that may have information about your target's maliciousness.

Passive: When you don't want the target to even suspect that they are being investigated.

<https://www.kali.org> Don't want to manage your SpiderFoot installation yourself? Check out SpiderFoot HX.

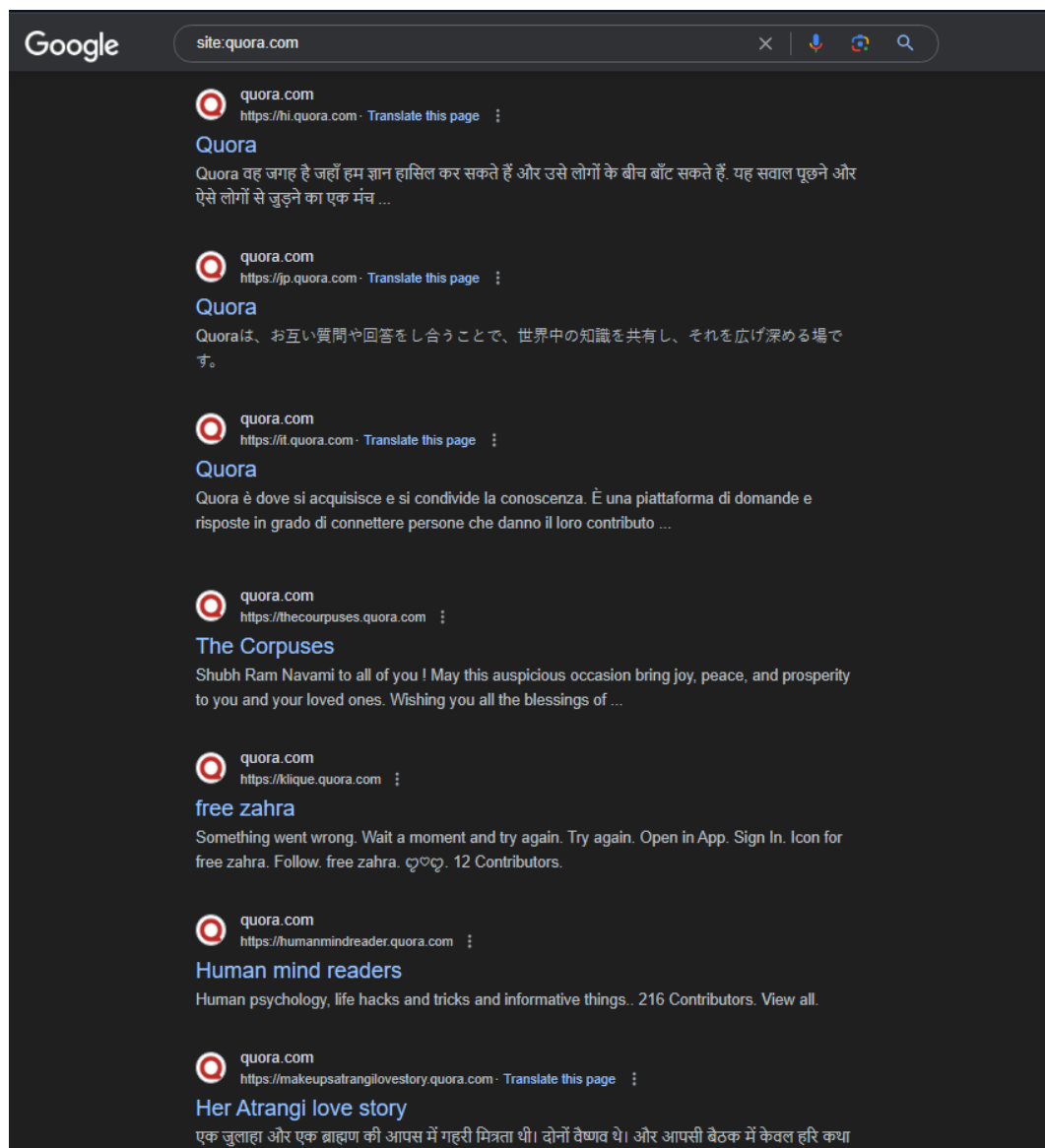


The scan has produced noteworthy findings, such as usernames, SSL certificates, and physical addresses. A significant portion of this data seems to be publicly accessible information and links leading to external websites. However, it's essential to highlight those usernames, especially when coupled with their corresponding email addresses, could potentially become avenues for social engineering or spear phishing attacks. Nevertheless, it's important to acknowledge that addressing such concerns lies beyond the boundaries of this assessment.

## Google Dorks

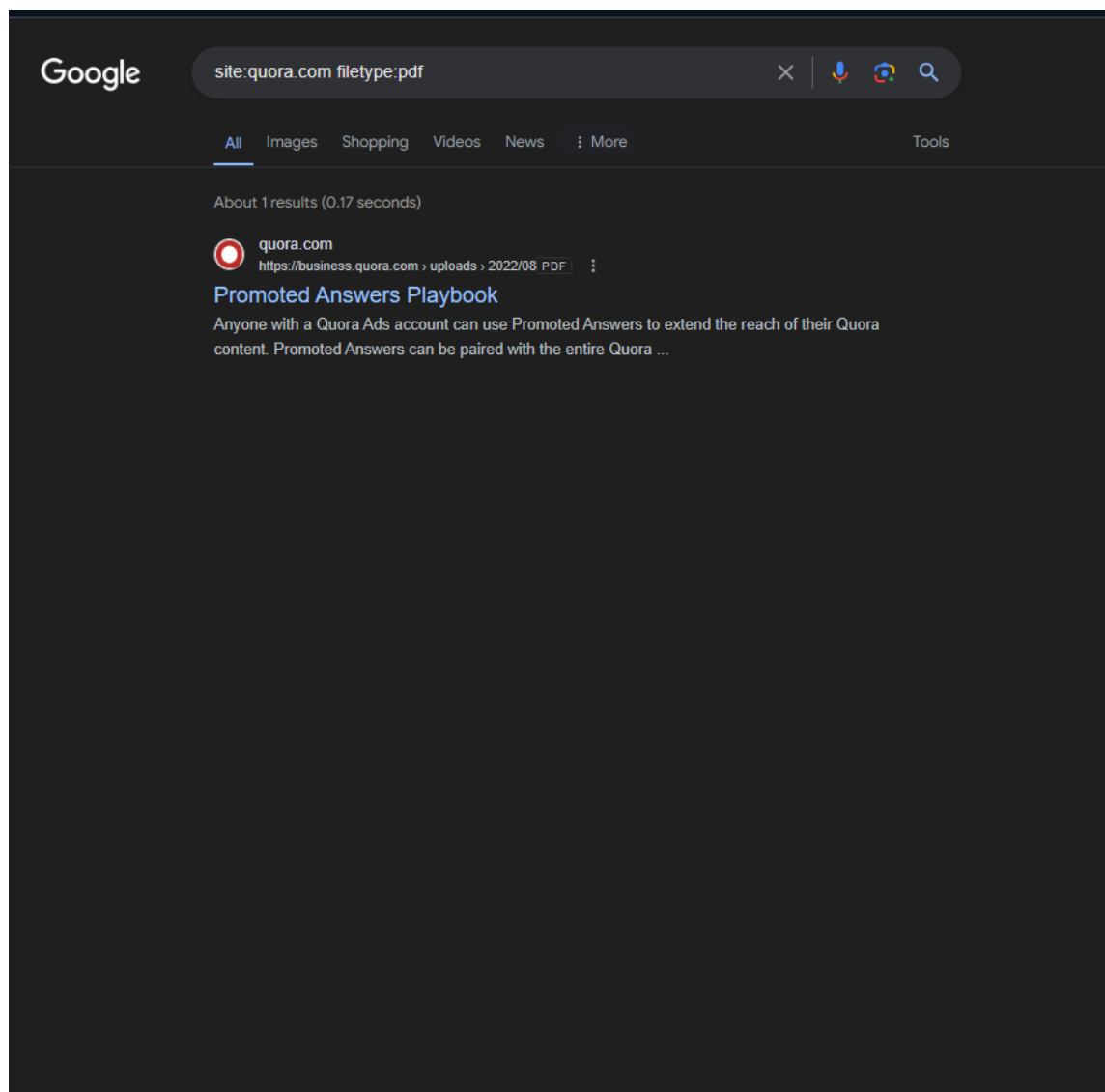
Google Dorks, also known as Google Hacking or Google Dorking, are specialized search queries that leverage Google's powerful search engine to unearth specific information and vulnerabilities that might not be accessible through standard searches. These are advanced search queries that use special operators to find specific information in Google's databases. They can be used to uncover hidden data or vulnerabilities on websites. By employing these dorks, you can focus on specific search results, unveiling hidden gems that ordinary searches might miss. They are valuable for security research but also pose risks if used maliciously. For example, they can reveal sensitive or private information about websites and the companies, organizations, and individuals that own and operate them. Google Dorks are a powerful tool for information gathering and vulnerability scanning, but they should be used responsibly to avoid unintended consequences.

**site:quora.com** operator searches for websites that has "**quora.com**" in their domains.



Certainly, the appearance of subdomains in search results illustrates a common utilization of Google Dorking. This method facilitates the discovery of different file types and pages that are exposed by a specific website on the internet, whether it's deliberate or unintentional. Through the refinement of search queries, users can unearth information and potentially pinpoint vulnerabilities or confidential data that might be accessible online.

During a search for various file types exposed on the internet, I came across some intriguing and possibly concerning PDFs within this subdomain.



The management of information and files within this subdomain appears to be efficient, as no additional significant files were uncovered apart from the previously mentioned PDFs.

## Directory and services enumeration

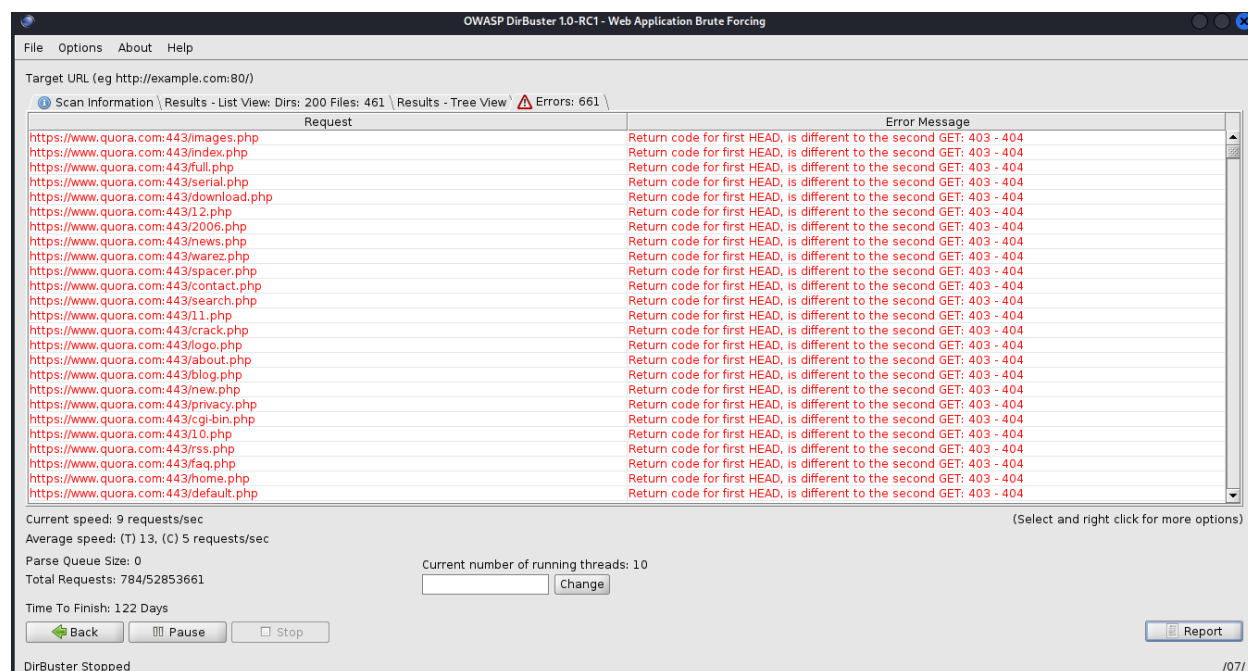
### Dirbuster

DirBuster, a web content scanner developed by OWASP, utilizes brute force methods to uncover different directories within a target website. By scrutinizing HTTP responses and their associated response codes, the tool detects concealed or referenced directories. Built in Java, DirBuster supports multi-threading to expedite directory scanning and produce a comprehensive file and folder structure of the target site.

Employing this tool facilitates the identification of directories or files that might be accessible yet not overtly exposed. Furthermore, it offers a glimpse into the server's file and folder arrangement, assisting in comprehending its structure and potential vulnerabilities.

Domain: [www.grammarly.com](http://www.grammarly.com)

After running the scan for some time, DirBuster encountered errors and ceased functioning. Upon further investigation, it appeared that DirBuster was unable to access the domain.



Despite the constraints, I was able to develop a broad understanding of the folder structure within the web server through exploration with DirBuster.

```
-<DirBusterResults>
<Result type="File" path="/images.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/index.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/full.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/serial.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/12.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/2006.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/download.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/news.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/warez.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/spacer.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/contact.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/search.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/11.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/crack.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/logo.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/about.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/new.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/blog.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/privacy.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/cgi-bin.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/10.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/rss.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/faq.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/home.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/default.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/products.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/2005.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/sitemap.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/img.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/1.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/links.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/09.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/archives.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/01.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/2.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/08.php" responseCode="403"/>
<Result type="File" path="/06.php" responseCode="403"/>
```

I manually inspected each result and did not discover any suspicious or flawed findings.

## Nmap

Nmap, also known as Network Mapper, is a flexible port scanner engineered to probe hosts and reveal their open ports, associated services, port statuses, running service versions, and the operating system in use, among other details. This open-source tool serves various purposes, offering valuable insights into network configurations and potential vulnerabilities. Additionally, Nmap supports the execution of scripts on target systems to exploit vulnerabilities or gather additional information.

Upon installation, you can access the available options by typing "nmap -h" in your command line interface. For a more detailed understanding of how the tool operates, you can consult the manual page by entering "man nmap" in your command line interface.\*Note that some options may require administrator / super user privileges.

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I am using the following scan options for this assessment.

*sudo nmap <host name> -sS -sV -O -oN <filename>*

-sS: Enables SYN scan (also known as Stealth scan).

-sV: Enables version detection. It tries to detect the version of the service running in that port.

-O: Enables Operating System detection.

-oN : Outputs the scan results to text file

Scanned results for <https://www.quora.com/>

```
(kali@kali) [~/Desktop/Tools/Sublist3r]
$ sudo nmap quora.com -sS -sV -O -oN /home/kali/Documents/audit/quora/nmap_quora.txt
[sudo] password for kali:
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-04-18 14:44 EDT
Stats: 0:01:37 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing Service Scan
Service scan Timing: About 0.00% done
Nmap scan report for quora.com (52.3.162.157)
Host is up (0.083s latency).
Other addresses for quora.com (not scanned): 52.54.12.196 52.4.105.45 52.71.99.164 52.55.161.44 52.23.50.78 52.45.226.173 52.3.137.76
rDNS record for 52.3.162.157: ec2-52-3-162-157.compute-1.amazonaws.com
Not shown: 997 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
25/tcp    open  smtp    postfix
80/tcp    open  http    nginx
443/tcp   open  ssl/http nginx
1 service unrecognized despite returning data. If you know the service/version, please submit the following fingerprint at https://nmap.org/cgi-bin/submit.cgi?new-service :
SF-Port25-TCP:V=7.94SVN|X=7ND=4/18NTime=66216A6AXP=x86_64-pc-linux-gnuXr(H
SF:ello,2A,"552\x20Invalid\x20domain\x20name\x20in\x20EHLO\x20command\.\r\
SF:n")Xr(GenericLines,28,"500\x20Syntax\x20error,\x20command\x20unrecogniz
SF:ed\r\n")Xr(GetRequest,28,"500\x20Syntax\x20error,\x20command\x20unrecog
SF:nized\r\n")Xr(HTTPOptions,28,"500\x20Syntax\x20error,\x20command\x20unr
SF:ecognized\r\n")Xr(RTSPRequest,28,"500\x20Syntax\x20error,\x20command\x2
SF:0unrecognized\r\n")Xr(RPCCheck,28,"500\x20Syntax\x20error,\x20command\x
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
OS fingerprint not ideal because: Missing a closed TCP port so results incomplete
No OS matches for host
OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 204.99 seconds
```



## Automated Testing

For automated testing, I've selected OWASP ZAP widely used tool within the industry.

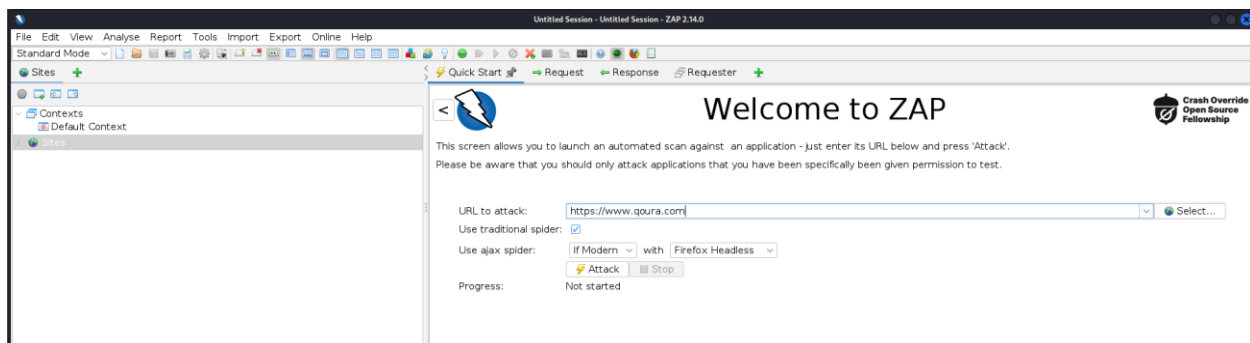
### OWASP ZAP

The Open Web Application Security Project Zed Attack Proxy (OWASP ZAP) is a well-known open-source vulnerability scanner recognized for its ability to operate as a Man-in-the-Middle (MITM) proxy. It evaluates various vulnerabilities by examining responses from the web application or server. OWASP ZAP is notably user-friendly and offers customization options through the installation of modules, allowing for efficient management of results.

Within this proxy, there are primarily two types of scans available:

1. Automated Scan: Users input the target URL and initiate the attack. The behavior can be customized by selecting the ZAP mode, triggering all scripts against the target to detect vulnerabilities and generate reports accordingly.
2. Manual Explore: Users can navigate to the target web application and begin exploration. During manual exploration, ZAP HUD (Heads Up Display) captures each page, while the ZAP proxy records responses.

For this assessment, I am running ZAP in automated mode.



After entering the target URL in the designated textbox, simply click on "Attack" to begin the scanning process. Once finished, you can generate a detailed report of the findings by clicking on "Report."

Below are screenshots illustrating the results obtained after scanning several domains.

#### Alert counts by risk and confidence

This table shows the number of alerts for each level of risk and confidence included in the report.

(The percentages in brackets represent the count as a percentage of the total number of alerts included in the report, rounded to one decimal place.)

		Confidence				
		User Confirmed	High	Medium	Low	Total
Risk	High	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (4.8%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (4.8%)
	Medium	0 (0.0%)	5 (23.8%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	5 (23.8%)
	Low	0 (0.0%)	1 (4.8%)	8 (38.1%)	1 (4.8%)	10 (47.6%)
	Informational	0 (0.0%)	1 (4.8%)	1 (4.8%)	3 (14.3%)	5 (23.8%)
	Total	0 (0.0%)	7 (33.3%)	10 (47.6%)	4 (19.0%)	21 (100%)

### Alert counts by alert type

This table shows the number of alerts of each alert type, together with the alert type's risk level.

(The percentages in brackets represent each count as a percentage, rounded to one decimal place, of the total number of alerts included in this report.)

Alert type	Risk	Count
<a href="#">SQL Injection</a>	High	2 (9.5%)
<a href="#">CSP: Wildcard Directive</a>	Medium	61 (290.5%)
<a href="#">CSP: script-src unsafe-eval</a>	Medium	61 (290.5%)
<a href="#">CSP: script-src unsafe-inline</a>	Medium	61 (290.5%)
<a href="#">CSP: style-src unsafe-inline</a>	Medium	61 (290.5%)
<a href="#">Content Security Policy (CSP) Header Not Set</a>	Medium	3 (14.3%)
<a href="#">Application Error Disclosure</a>	Low	2 (9.5%)
<a href="#">CSP: Notices</a>	Low	61 (290.5%)
<a href="#">Cookie No HttpOnly Flag</a>	Low	78 (371.4%)
<a href="#">Cookie Without Secure Flag</a>	Low	78 (371.4%)
<a href="#">Cookie with SameSite Attribute None</a>	Low	75 (357.1%)
<a href="#">Cookie without SameSite Attribute</a>	Low	153 (728.6%)

<a href="#">Cross-Domain JavaScript Source File Inclusion</a>	Low	305 (1,452.4%)
<a href="#">Information Disclosure - Debug Error Messages</a>	Low	2 (9.5%)
<a href="#">Timestamp Disclosure - Unix</a>	Low	120 (571.4%)
<a href="#">X-Content-Type-Options Header Missing</a>	Low	1 (4.8%)
<a href="#">Information Disclosure - Suspicious Comments</a>	Informational	63 (300.0%)
<a href="#">Loosely Scoped Cookie</a>	Informational	77 (366.7%)
<a href="#">Modern Web Application</a>	Informational	63 (300.0%)
<a href="#">Re-examine Cache-control Directives</a>	Informational	1 (4.8%)
<a href="#">Session Management Response Identified</a>	Informational	110 (523.8%)
Total		21

\*Note that these vulnerabilities are rated according to the OWASP risk rating methodology which can be found in this link. [OWASP Risk Rating Methodology](#).

Here are the vulnerabilities detected within this domain, along with their impacts. The insights provided, including screenshots and remedies, are sourced from the report generated by OWASP ZAP and the Netsparker website. [ <https://www.netsparker.com/web-vulnerability-scanner/vulnerabilities> ])

<https://www.quora.com> (1)

### SQL Injection (1)

▼ GET <https://www.quora.com/search/?q=+AND+1%3D1+--+>

#### Alert tags

- [OWASP\\_2021\\_A03](#)
- [WSTG-v42-INPV-05](#)
- [OWASP\\_2017\\_A01](#)

#### Alert description

SQL injection may be possible.

#### Other info

The page results were successfully manipulated using the boolean conditions [ AND 1=1 -- ] and [ AND 1=2 -- ]

The parameter value being modified was stripped from the HTML output for the purposes of the comparison

Data was returned for the original parameter.

The vulnerability was detected by successfully restricting the data originally returned, by manipulating the parameter

#### Request

▼ Request line and header section (457 bytes)

```
GET https://www.quora.com/search/?q=+AND+1%3D1+--+
HTTP/1.1
host: www.quora.com
user-agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64;
x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko)
Chrome/116.0.0.0 Safari/537.36
pragma: no-cache
cache-control: no-cache
referer: https://www.quora.com/robots.txt
Cookie: m-uid=None; m-s=pz7gXPAqcRrZ-C_mnEWjfg==;
m-login=0; m-b=benPbripcMSc-CxNj58ug==;
m-b_lax=benPbripcMSc-CxNj58ug==;
m-b_strict=benPbripcMSc-CxNj58ug==
```

▼ Request body (0 bytes)

#### Response

► Status line and header section (1309 bytes)

▼ Response body (102 bytes)

302 Found

The resource was found at <https://www.quora.com/>;  
you should be redirected automatically.

<b>Response</b>	<p>► Status line and header section (1309 bytes)</p> <p>▼ Response body (102 bytes)</p> <p>302 Found</p> <p>The resource was found at <a href="https://www.quora.com/">https://www.quora.com/</a>; you should be redirected automatically.</p>
<b>Parameter</b>	q
<b>Attack</b>	AND 1=1 --
<b>Solution</b>	<p>Do not trust client side input, even if there is client side validation in place.</p> <p>In general, type check all data on the server side.</p> <p>If the application uses JDBC, use PreparedStatement or CallableStatement, with parameters passed by '?'</p> <p>If the application uses ASP, use ADO Command Objects with strong type checking and parameterized queries.</p> <p>If database Stored Procedures can be used, use them.</p> <p>Do *not* concatenate strings into queries in the stored procedure, or use 'exec', 'exec immediate', or equivalent functionality!</p> <p>Do not create dynamic SQL queries using simple string concatenation.</p> <p>Escape all data received from the client.</p> <p>Apply an 'allow list' of allowed characters, or a 'deny list' of disallowed characters in user input.</p> <p>Apply the principle of least privilege by using the least privileged database user possible.</p> <p>In particular, avoid using the 'sa' or 'db-owner' database users. This does not eliminate SQL injection, but minimizes its impact.</p> <p>Grant the minimum database access that is necessary for the application.</p>

<https://www.quora.com> (8)

#### Application Error Disclosure (1)

- ▶ GET [https://www.quora.com/widgets/content\\_iframe/](https://www.quora.com/widgets/content_iframe/)

#### Cookie No HttpOnly Flag (1)

- ▼ GET <https://www.quora.com>

##### Alert tags

- [OWASP 2021 A05](#)
- [WSTG-v42-SESS-02](#)
- [OWASP 2017 A06](#)

##### Alert description

A cookie has been set without the HttpOnly flag, which means that the cookie can be accessed by JavaScript. If a malicious script can be run on this page then the cookie will be accessible and can be transmitted to another site. If this is a session cookie then session hijacking may be possible.

##### Request

- ▶ Request line and header section (227 bytes)
- ▶ Request body (0 bytes)

##### Response

- ▶ Status line and header section (1417 bytes)
- ▼ Response body (101 bytes)

302 Found

The resource was found at <https://ta.quora.com/>; you should be redirected automatically.

##### Parameter

m-login

##### Evidence

Set-Cookie: m-login

##### Solution

Ensure that the HttpOnly flag is set for all cookies.

## Information Disclosure - Debug Error Messages (1)

▼ GET https://www.quora.com/widgets/content\_iframe/

### Alert tags

- [OWASP\\_2021\\_A01](#)
- [WSTG-v42-ERRH-01](#)
- [OWASP\\_2017\\_A03](#)

### Alert description

The response appeared to contain common error messages returned by platforms such as ASP.NET, and Web-servers such as IIS and Apache. You can configure the list of common debug messages.

### Request

- Request line and header section (456 bytes)
- ▼ Request body (0 bytes)

### Response

- ▼ Status line and header section (522 bytes)  

```
HTTP/1.1 500 Internal Server Error
Date: Sat, 27 Apr 2024 12:01:23 GMT
Content-Type: text/html
Content-Length: 2814
Connection: keep-alive
ETag: "65cc51e3-afe"
Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=63072000;
includeSubDomains; preload
X-Q-Stat:
,416c29edba5807d444a35b1aa71ef66e,10.0.0.85,54118,11
2.134.174.140,,797647835922,1,1714219282.949,0.126,,
.,0,0,0.000,0.128,0.128,0,849,21446,114,57,10,35796,
,,,,,
CF-Cache-Status: DYNAMIC
Server: cloudflare
CF-RAY: 87aea854da435137-CMB
alt-svc: h3=":443"; ma=86400
```
- Response body (2814 bytes)

### Evidence

Internal Server Error

### Solution

Disable debugging messages before pushing to production.



<https://www.quora.com> (3)

#### Information Disclosure - Suspicious Comments (1)

▼ GET <https://www.quora.com>

##### Alert tags

- [OWASP\\_2021\\_A01](#)
- [WSTG-v42-INFO-05](#)
- [OWASP\\_2017\\_A03](#)

##### Alert description

The response appears to contain suspicious comments which may help an attacker. Note: Matches made within script blocks or files are against the entire content not only comments.

##### Other info

The following pattern was used: `\bQUERY\b` and was detected in the element starting with: `"<script type="text/javascript">window.isReactPage = true;window.isReactLoaded = true;window.ansFrontendRelayWebpackManifest = {}"`, see evidence field for the suspicious comment/snippet.

##### Request

▼ Request line and header section (227 bytes)

```
GET https://www.quora.com HTTP/1.1
host: www.quora.com
user-agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64;
x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko)
Chrome/116.0.0.0 Safari/537.36
pragma: no-cache
cache-control: no-cache
```

► Request body (0 bytes)

##### Response

► Status line and header section (5660 bytes)

► Response body (75144 bytes)

##### Evidence

query

##### Solution

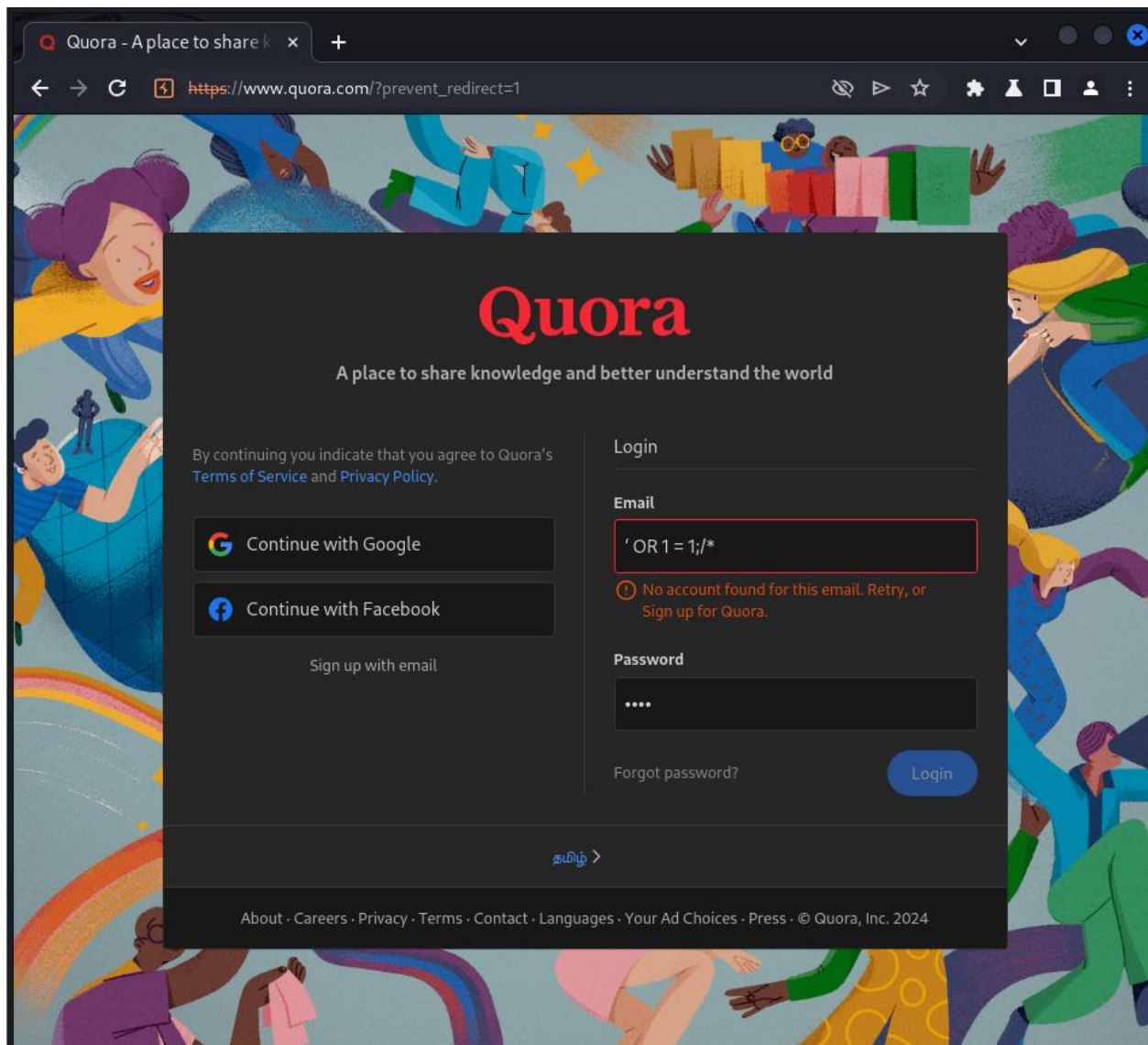
Remove all comments that return information that may help an attacker and fix any underlying problems they refer to.

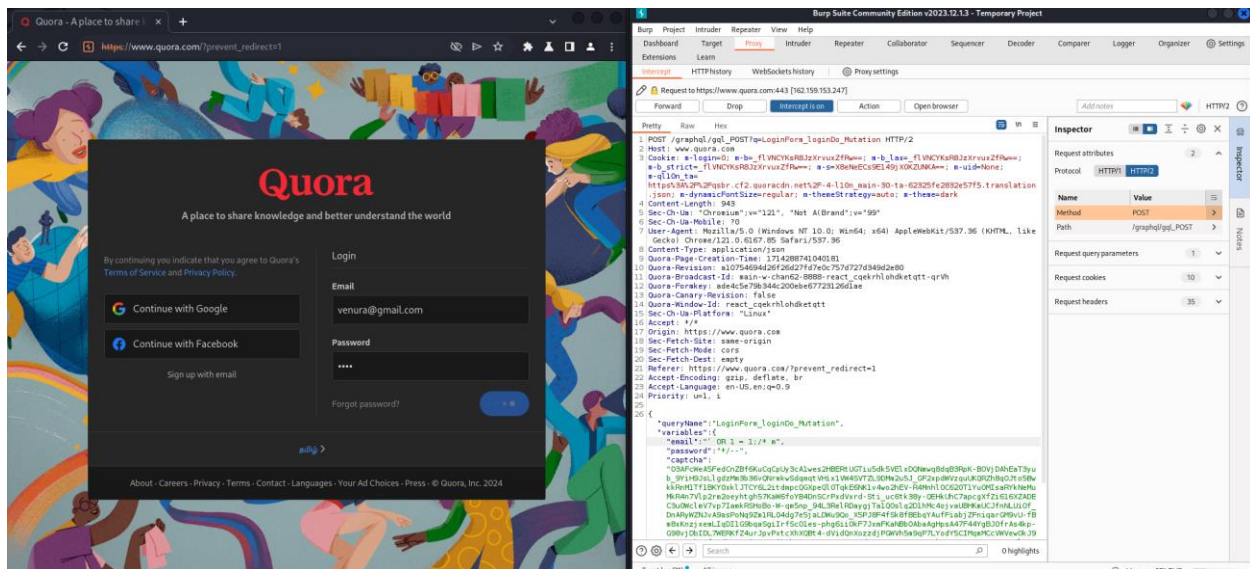
## Manual Testing

### SQL injection

If this page is vulnerable to SQL injection attack the Query will be executed as:

```
SELECT * FROM users WHERE email address = ' OR 1 = 1; /* AND password = */--
```



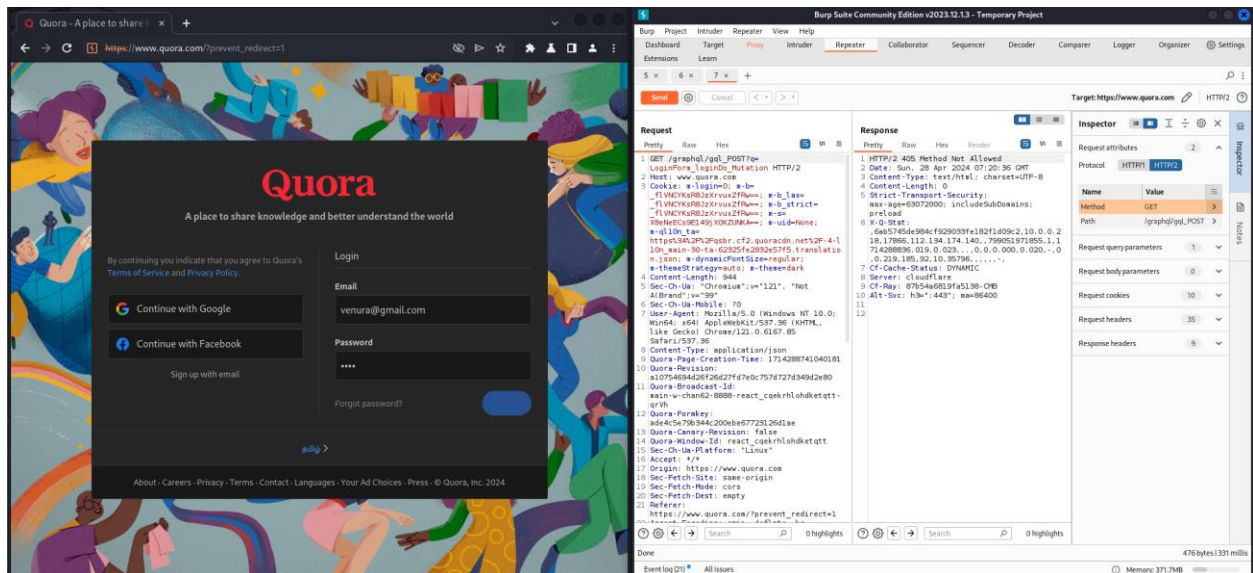


They have implemented password policies, so that I tried to intercept the request and do the SQL injection but failed and it is secured well against SQLi injection.

## Checking for Insecure HTTP methods

Specific HTTP methods, particularly DELETE and PUT, pose potential security threats to the server. The DELETE method has the capability to eliminate resources from the server, while the PUT method can upload and execute files. However, these methods need to be used with care as they could potentially jeopardize the Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability of the server and its users.

To determine the HTTP methods that are supported, I utilized the Burp proxy to capture requests and the Repeater to alter the request method. This allowed me to dispatch the altered requests to the server and scrutinize the responses.



The server only supports the POST method. Therefore, no insecure methods were utilized on the server.

## Conclusion

The web application, along with its associated authorization gateway, showcases a commendable level of upkeep and control, particularly from a cybersecurity standpoint. While there have been occurrences of information exposure, these can be suitably handled, and their corresponding risk quotient is evaluated to be minimal. It's worth noting that all detected security weaknesses fell into the categories of either being Informational or of Low severity. Moreover, the vulnerabilities that were categorized as Low are not readily exploitable, as has been evidenced in the past.

It's also important to highlight that the application's security measures are regularly updated to keep up with the evolving threat landscape. Regular security audits are conducted to identify and rectify any potential vulnerabilities. The application also employs a robust encryption mechanism to protect sensitive data and ensure secure communication. Additionally, the application's user authentication process is designed to prevent unauthorized access, further enhancing its security posture. Despite the presence of some low-level vulnerabilities, the overall security of the web application and its authorization portal is well-maintained and managed. This reflects the commitment to security and the proactive approach taken towards identifying and addressing potential security issues.

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