SQL INJECTION VULNERABILITIES IN DVWA

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DVWA INSTALLATION

The following steps were taken to clone the pentestlab repository and start DVWA.

Step 1: Cloning the PentestLab Repository

First, the pentestlab repository was cloned from GitHub using the following command:

git clone https://github.com/eystsen/pentestlab.git

This command downloads the pentestlab project, which is a collection of scripts to easily deploy vulnerable web applications, including DVWA.

Step 2: Navigating to the PentestLab Directory

Next, the directory was changed to the pentestlab folder:

cd pentestlab

This is where the management scripts for starting and stopping vulnerable labs are located.

Step 3: Listing the Contents of the PentestLab Directory

To view the available files and scripts in the pentestlab directory, the ls command was executed:

1s

This revealed the presence of the main script, pentestlab.sh, which is used to list and manage various vulnerable applications.

Step 4: Listing Available Labs

The following command was used to list the vulnerable labs available within PentestLab:

./pentestlab.sh list

This displayed a list of labs, including DVWA, which is the application of interest.

Step 5: Starting the DVWA Lab

To start the DVWA instance, the following command was executed:

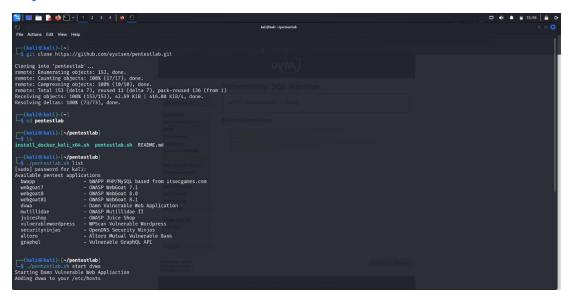
./pentestlab.sh start dvwa

This command deployed DVWA, along with the required services (Apache, MySQL, PHP), likely using Docker containers.

Step 6: Accessing DVWA

After starting DVWA, the web application was accessible via a web browser at:

http://127.8.0.1



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LOGGING INTO DVWA

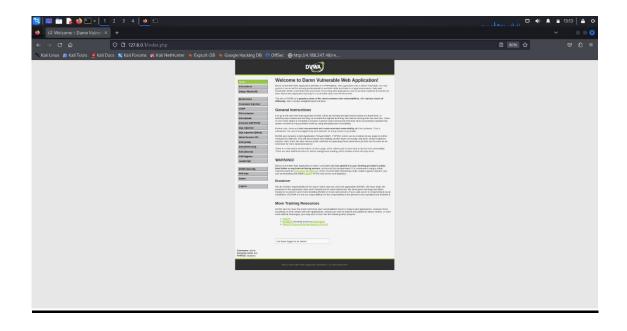
Once the DVWA instance was running, the default login credentials were used to access the application:

• Username: admin

• Password: password

Upon successful login, the DVWA dashboard became available, and the security levels (low, medium, high, or impossible) could be adjusted via the **DVWA Security** tab.



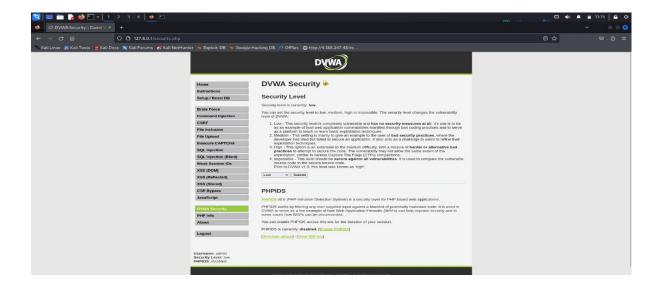


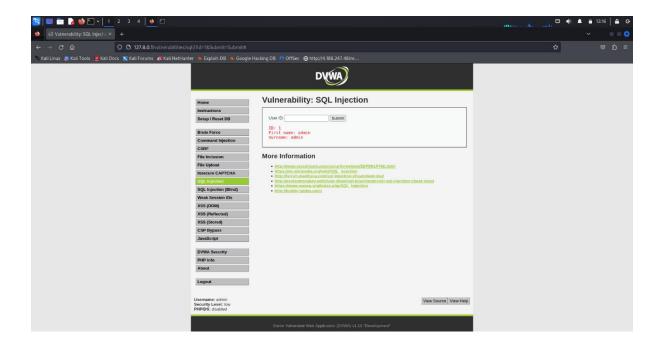
LOW SECURITY LEVEL SQL INJECTION

After changing the level to low in DVWA security, I went to SQL injection. There I find a place to inject a code.

Firstly I tried injecting 1.

The result after submitting the code, I got the first name and surname of user 1.

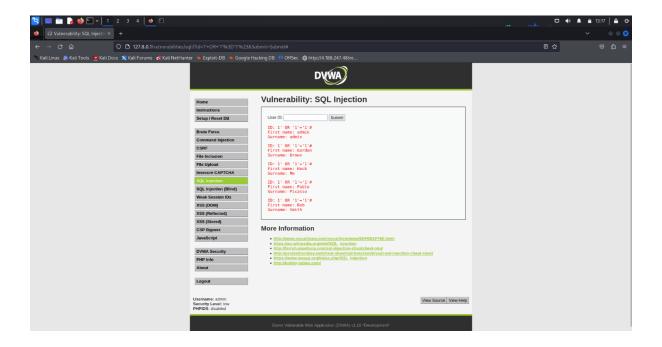




After this to gain more information, I injected the following code;

1' OR '1'='1'#

By injecting this code, I got the first name and surname of the other users.

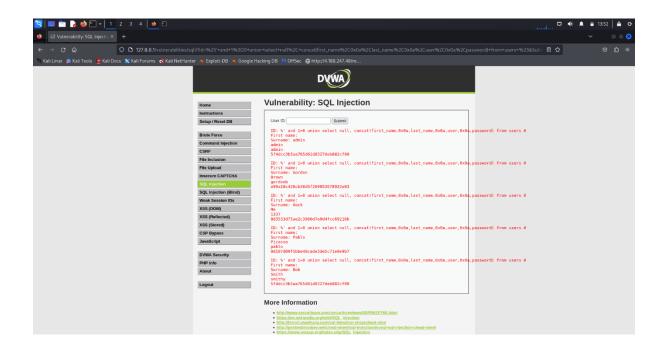


After this to gain more data, I used this code;

%' and 1=0 union select null,

concat(first_name,0x0a,last_name,0x0a,user,0x0a,password) from users #

By this code, I am able to get the cookies as well.



MEDIUM SECURITY LEVEL SQL INJECTION

In medium level, I used burp suite to do SQL injection. So I opened browser in burp suite and accessed DVWA there.

After logging in, I entered the code 1 and submitted it.

After this, I went to http history in burp suite and found a get request which I got after submitting the data.

In the request the security was low. So I changed it into medium and send it. Then I opened the response of the request in browser.

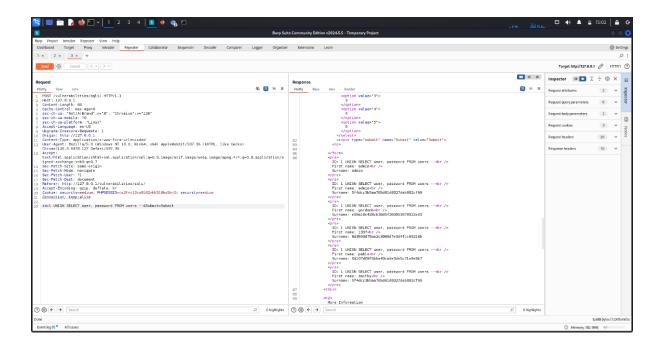
So in the page, I selected 1 and submit it.

Then went back to burp suite which I found a post request. And I send it to repeater and edited the security to medium from low. Then I inserted this particular code in the place of id.

The code is;

1 UNION SELECT user, password FROM users –

After that I send it . In the response I was able to get the details of the users

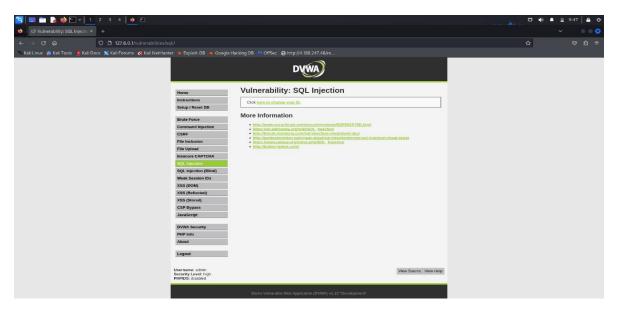


HIGH SECURITY LEVEL SQL INJECTION

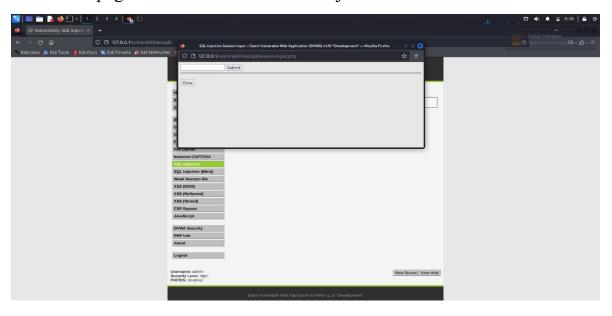
During this time, I changed the level to high.

Then went to SQL injection. There was a hyperlinking text "click here to change your id". So I clicked it.

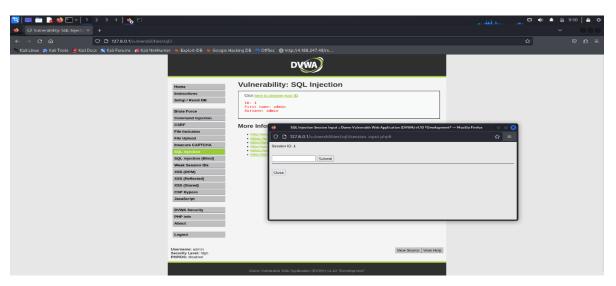
After submitting it, I was able to get some details.



And a new page will come which we can inject code into it.



So I entered 1.



To get more information , I then injected a code;

1' UNION SELECT user,password from users

After this, I was able to get more details.

