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Chapter: 1

Introduction

Introduction

The net has become an vital element of contemporary lifestyles, serving as a critical device for appearing a mess of day by day responsibilities. Simultaneously the developing recognition of internet applications has furnished unparalleled get entry to to information and services. However with this increase in internet software usage comes a corresponding uptick in assaults targeting them. Malicious actors have emerge as increasingly more sophisticated, exploiting vulnerabilities in net applications to have interaction in sports such as records robbery or different nefarious actions. One powerful means of safeguarding net packages towards such assaults is through the implementation of a web utility Firewall (WAF). This file outlines the stairs for putting in an open-supply WAF on a Linux-based totally machine and demonstrates how it is able to be leveraged to thwart attacks on an internet software.

1.1. Overview

Web Application firewall

A WAF is a type of firewall that is designed to protect web applications from attacks. It is placed between the web server and the internet to filter the incoming web traffic to the application so no attack is to be performed.

A WAF can be used to protect against a variety of web based attacks like cross site scripting and file inclusion.

Overview of WAF (Web Application firewall)

In this we perform hands on practical to see WAF is properly working. Now our first step is to install the WAF and turn on it now see it block the malicious traffic. The next step is turn off the WAF and see the traffic is moving or it cannot block the traffic.

ModSecurity

Modsecurity is open source web application that is used to protect our system from other side of attacks like web based attacks. Now that is used in every where and it also support like web server, Nginx and apache. we can install modsecurity in every operating system like window, linux and unix. It can see the receiving traffic and implement the rules that we already give him to work on the following rules.

Steps to install WAF(Web Application firewall) and implement

The process that is to follow

1. Install ModSecurity

2. Configuring ModSecurity
3. Setting Up the OWASP ModSecurity Core Rule Set
4. Enabling ModSecurity in Apache 2
5. Testing ModSecurity on DVWA.

Install modsecurity

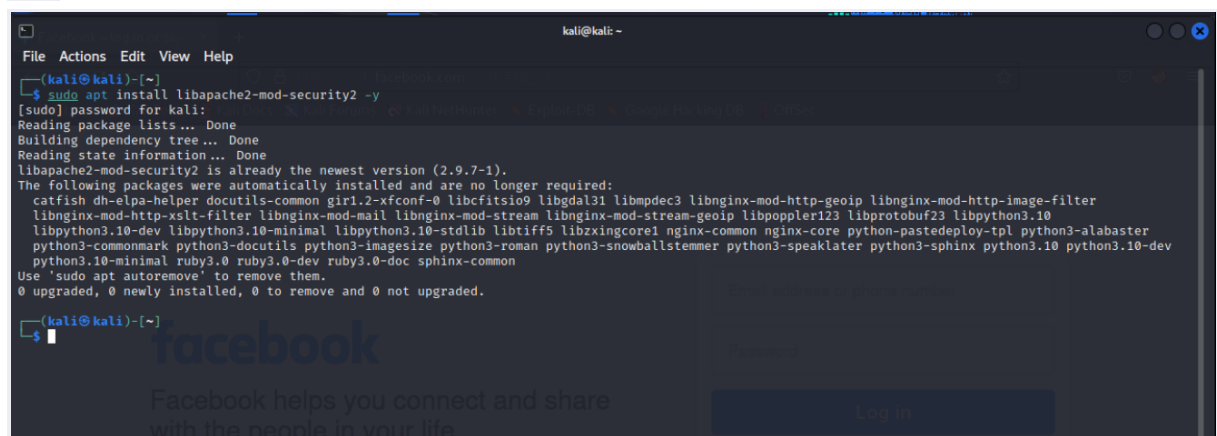
ModSecurity is an open source Web Application firewall that can be used to protect web applications from attacks like file inclusion and cross-site scripting. ModSecurity operates as an Apache module and can be used with any web server that supports the Apache interface.

This analyzes the receiving traffic and inspects the HTTP requests and responses. It sees the receiving traffic rules and compares the rules with those we implement in a set of instructions. If the traffic is harmful for our computer that we defined in rules, it blocks the traffic.

Process

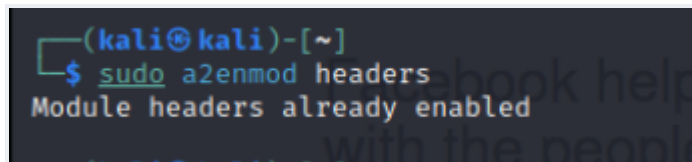
In this section, we see how to install. First, we open our terminal in Kali Linux and put the following command in terminal:

```
sudo apt install libapache2-mod-security2 -y
```



After installing ModSecurity, enable the Apache 2 by running the following command:

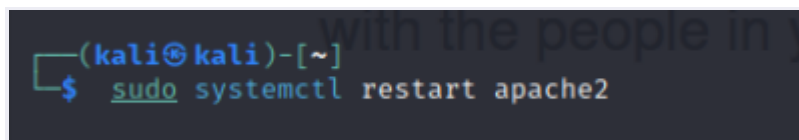
```
sudo a2enmod headers
```



```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ sudo a2enmod headers  
Module headers already enabled
```

After installing ModSecurity and enabling the header module you need to restart the apache2 service this can be done by this command:

```
sudo systemctl restart apache2
```



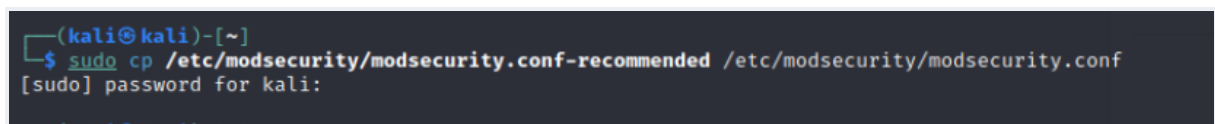
```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ sudo systemctl restart apache2
```

Configuring ModSecurity

ModSecurity is a firewall and that requires rules to function. Here we see how to implement OWASP Core Rule Set. First we have need to prepare the ModSecurity configure file.

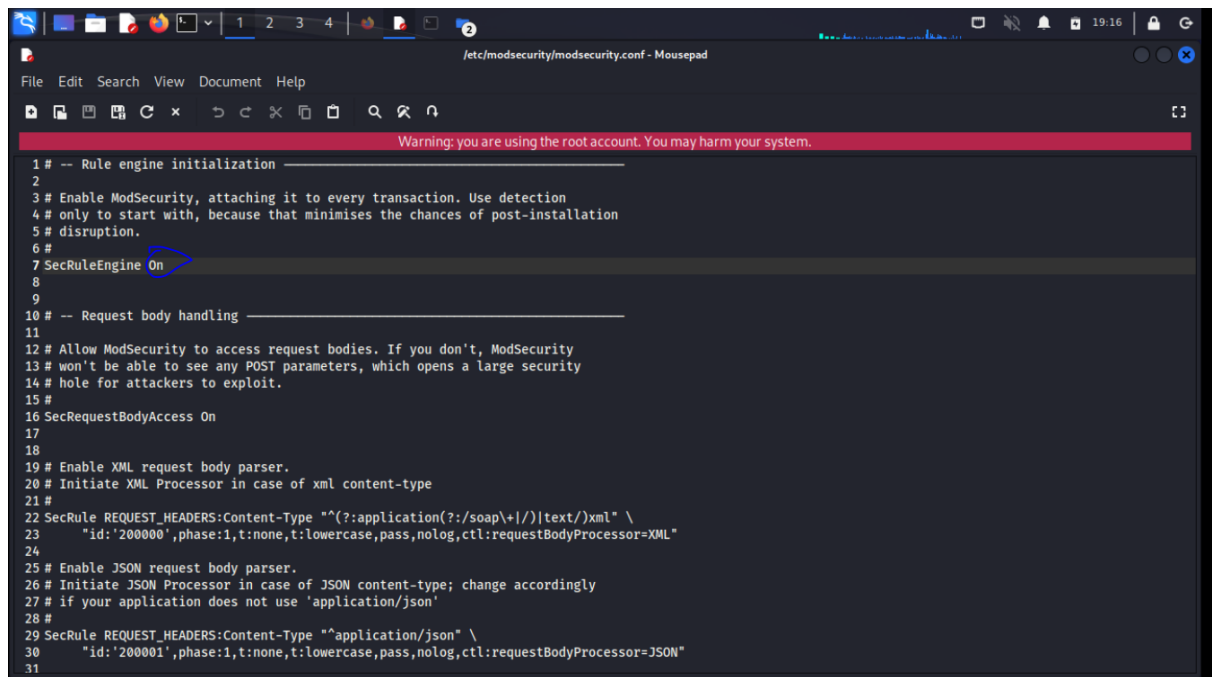
As per instruction we need to remove the .recommended extension from the modsecurity configuration file with the following command:

```
sudo cp  
/etc/modsecurity/modsecurity.conf-recommended  
/etc/modsecurity/modsecurity.conf
```



```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]  
$ sudo cp /etc/modsecurity/modsecurity.conf-recommended /etc/modsecurity/modsecurity.conf  
[sudo] password for kali:
```

From now we give the rules by OWASP Core Rule Set on firewall we should modify the file which has this way:



```
1 # -- Rule engine initialization -----
2
3 # Enable ModSecurity, attaching it to every transaction. Use detection
4 # only to start with, because that minimises the chances of post-installation
5 # disruption.
6 #
7 SecRuleEngine On
8
9
10 # -- Request body handling -----
11
12 # Allow ModSecurity to access request bodies. If you don't, ModSecurity
13 # won't be able to see any POST parameters, which opens a large security
14 # hole for attackers to exploit.
15 #
16 SecRequestBodyAccess On
17
18
19 # Enable XML request body parser.
20 # Initiate XML Processor in case of xml content-type
21 #
22 SecRule REQUEST_HEADERS:Content-Type "^(:application(?:/soap|/)|text/|xml)" \
23     "id:'200000',phase:1,t:none,t:lowercase,pass,nolog,ctl:requestBodyProcessor=XML"
24
25 # Enable JSON request body parser.
26 # Initiate JSON Processor in case of JSON content-type; change accordingly
27 # if your application does not use 'application/json'
28 #
29 SecRule REQUEST_HEADERS:Content-Type "application/json" \
30     "id:'200001',phase:1,t:none,t:lowercase,pass,nolog,ctl:requestBodyProcessor=JSON"
31
```

After that we restart the apache to apply changes by following command:



```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ sudo systemctl restart apache2
[sudo] password for kali:
(kali@kali)-[~]
```

Setting Up the OWASP ModSecurity Core Rule Set

The OWASP ModSecurity core Rule Set (CRS) is a hard and fast of accepted assault detection regulations for use with ModSecurity or compatible internet software firewalls. The CRS objectives to protect internet packages from a huge variety of assaults, such as the OWASP top Ten, with at the least fake alerts. The CRS gives protection in opposition to many commonplace assault categories, along with square Injection, pass site Scripting, and local document Inclusion.

Now we first delete the current rule set that comes prepackaged with ModSecurity by running the following command:

```
sudo rm -rf /usr/share/modsecurity-crs
```

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ sudo rm -rf /usr/share/modsecurity-crs
[sudo] password for kali:
```

Now we install git:

```
sudo apt install git
```

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ sudo apt install git
[sudo] password for kali:
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
git is already the newest version (1:2.39.2-1.1).
git set to manually installed.
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer required:
catfish dh-elpa-helper docutils-common gir1.2-xfconf-0 libcfitsio9 libgdal31 libmpdec3 libnginx-mod-http-geoip libnginx-mod-http-image-filter
libnginx-mod-http-xslt-filter libnginx-mod-mail libnginx-mod-stream libnginx-mod-stream-geoip libpoppler123 libprotobuf23 libpython3.10
libpython3.10-dev libpython3.10-minimal libpython3.10-stdlib libtiff5 libzmqcore1 nginx-common nginx-core python-pastedeploy-tpl python3-alabaster
python3-commonmark python3-docutils python3-imagesize python3-roman python3-snowballstemmer python3-speaklater python3-sphinx python3.10 python3.10-dev
python3.10-minimal ruby3.0 ruby3.0-dev ruby3.0-doc sphinx-common
Use 'sudo apt autoremove' to remove them.
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 0 not upgraded.
```

Now we clone the OWASP CRS Github repository by this command:

```
sudo git clone
https://github.com/coreruleset/coreruleset
/usr/share/modsecurity-crs
```

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ sudo git clone https://github.com/coreruleset/coreruleset /usr/share/modsecurity-crs
Cloning into '/usr/share/modsecurity-crs' ...
remote: Enumerating objects: 25911, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (102/102), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (59/59), done.
remote: Total 25911 (delta 50), reused 81 (delta 43), pack-reused 25809
Receiving objects: 100% (25911/25911), 6.52 MiB | 295.00 KiB/s, done.
Resolving deltas: 100% (20241/20241), done.
```

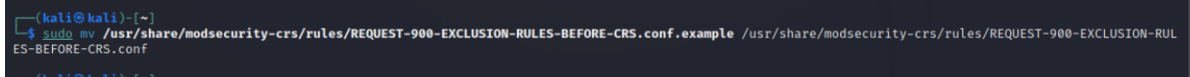
Now we rename the “crs-setup.conf.example” to “crs-setup.conf”:

```
sudo mv
/usr/share/modsecurity-crs/crs-setup.conf.example
/usr/share/modsecurity-crs/crs-setup.conf
```

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ sudo mv /usr/share/modsecurity-crs/crs-setup.conf.example /usr/share/modsecurity-crs/crs-setup.conf
```


know we rename the default request exclusion rule file by this command:

```
sudo mv  
/usr/share/modsecurity-crs/rules/REQUEST-900-EXCLU  
SION-RULES-BEFORE-CRS.conf.example  
/usr/share/modsecurity-crs/rules/REQUEST-900-EXCLU  
SION-RULES-BEFORE-CRS.conf
```

A terminal window with a dark background. The prompt is '(kali@kali) ~'. The command entered is 'sudo mv /usr/share/modsecurity-crs/rules/REQUEST-900-EXCLUSION-RULES-BEFORE-CRS.conf.example /usr/share/modsecurity-crs/rules/REQUEST-900-EXCLUSION-RULES-BEFORE-CRS.conf'. The output shows the file has been moved.

Know enabling the ModSecurity in Apache2:

To use ModSecurity we enable the apache configuration file by following steps:

```
/etc/apache2/mods-available/security2.conf
```

Know the following code is past in file:

```
SecDataDir /var/cache/modsecurity
```

```
Include  
/usr/share/modsecurity-crs/crs-setup.conf
```

```
Include  
/usr/share/modsecurity-crs/rules/*.conf
```

```
/etc/apache2/mods-available/security2.conf - Mousepad
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Warning: you are using the root account. You may harm your system.
1 <IfModule security2_module>
2 SecDataDir /var/cache/modsecurity
3 Include /usr/share/modsecurity-crs/crs-setup.conf
4 Include /usr/share/modsecurity-crs/rules/*.conf
5 # Default Debian dir for modsecurity's persistent data
6 SecDataDir /var/cache/modsecurity
7
8 # Include all the *.conf files in /etc/modsecurity.
9 # Keeping your local configuration in that directory
10 # will allow for an easy upgrade of THIS file and
11 # make your life easier
12 IncludeOptional /etc/modsecurity/*.conf
13
14 # Include OWASP ModSecurity CRS rules if installed
15 IncludeOptional /usr/share/modsecurity-crs/*.load
16 </IfModule>
17
```

Now we go into this file

`/etc/apache2/sites-enabled/000-default.conf` and past the following file virtualhost block and also include the SecRuleEngine directive to On.

```
ServerAdmin webmaster@localhost
```

```
DocumentRoot /var/www/html
```

```
ErrorLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/error.log
```

```
CustomLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/access.log
combined
```

```
SecRuleEngine On
```

```
1 <VirtualHost *:80>
2
3     ServerAdmin webmaster@localhost
4     DocumentRoot /var/www/html
5
6     ErrorLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/error.log
7     CustomLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/access.log combined
8
9     SecRuleEngine On
10
11     # The ServerName directive sets the request scheme, hostname and port that
12     # the server uses to identify itself. This is used when creating
13     # redirection URLs. In the context of virtual hosts, the ServerName
14     # specifies what hostname must appear in the request's Host: header to
15     # match this virtual host. For the default virtual host (this file) this
16     # value is not decisive as it is used as a last resort host regardless.
17     # However, you must set it for any further virtual host explicitly.
18     #ServerName www.example.com
19
20     ServerAdmin webmaster@localhost
21     DocumentRoot /var/www/html
22
23     # Available loglevels: trace8, ..., trace1, debug, info, notice, warn,
24     # error, crit, alert, emerg.
25     # It is also possible to configure the loglevel for particular
26     # modules, e.g.
27     #LogLevel info ssl:warn
28
29     ErrorLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/error.log
30     CustomLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/access.log combined
31
```

After all that know we must restart the apache2 service to configure by the following command:

```
sudo systemctl restart apache2
```

Download DVWA in localhost:

Here we see the some steps to install the DVWA in our localhost.

First we download metasploitable2 with this link.

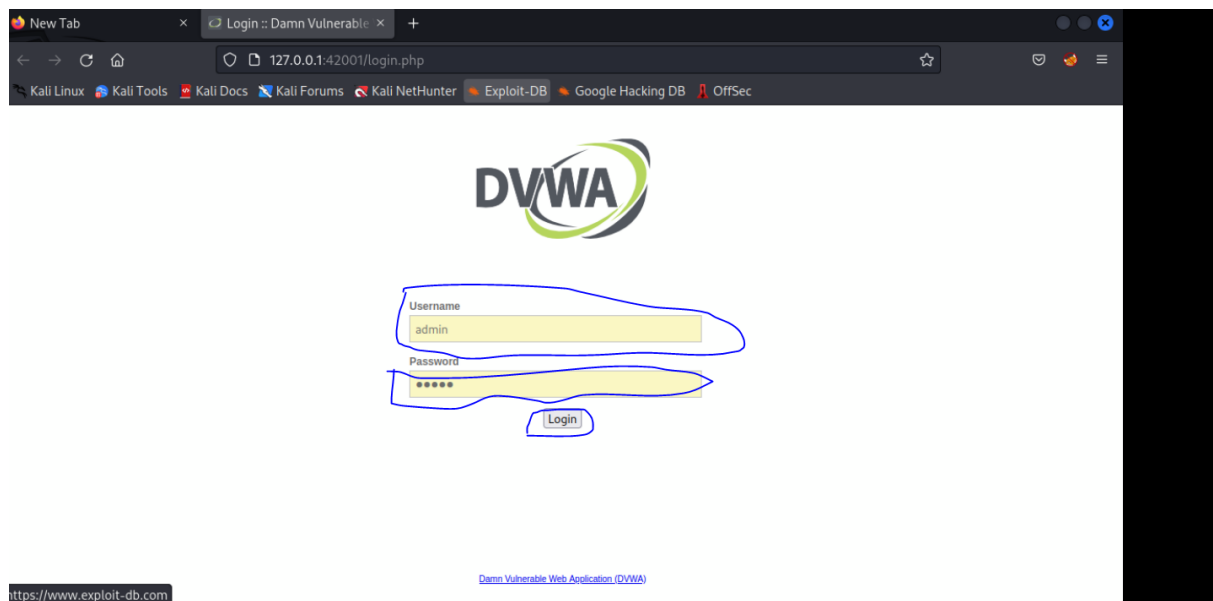
<https://www.vulnhub.com/entry/metasploitable-2,29/> . Open this in you vm wear or in virtual box and here default username and password is “msfadmin”.

```
Metasploitable2-Linux x
To access official Ubuntu documentation, please visit:
http://help.ubuntu.com/
No mail.
msfadmin@metasploitable:~$ ifconfig
eth0      Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 00:0c:29:8d:df:fa
          inet addr:192.168.44.129  Bcast:192.168.44.255  Mask:255.255.255.0
          inet6 addr: fe80::20c:29ff:fe8d:dffa/64 Scope:Link
          UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
          RX packets:56 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:73 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
          RX bytes:5305 (5.1 KB)  TX bytes:7530 (7.3 KB)
          Interrupt:17 Base address:0x2000

lo        Link encap:Local Loopback
          inet addr:127.0.0.1  Mask:255.0.0.0
          inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
          UP LOOPBACK RUNNING  MTU:16436  Metric:1
          RX packets:93 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:93 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
          RX bytes:19485 (19.0 KB)  TX bytes:19485 (19.0 KB)

msfadmin@metasploitable:~$ _
```

Now we go to the Linux terminal and type the following command “dvwa-start”. Default username is “admin” and password is “password”.

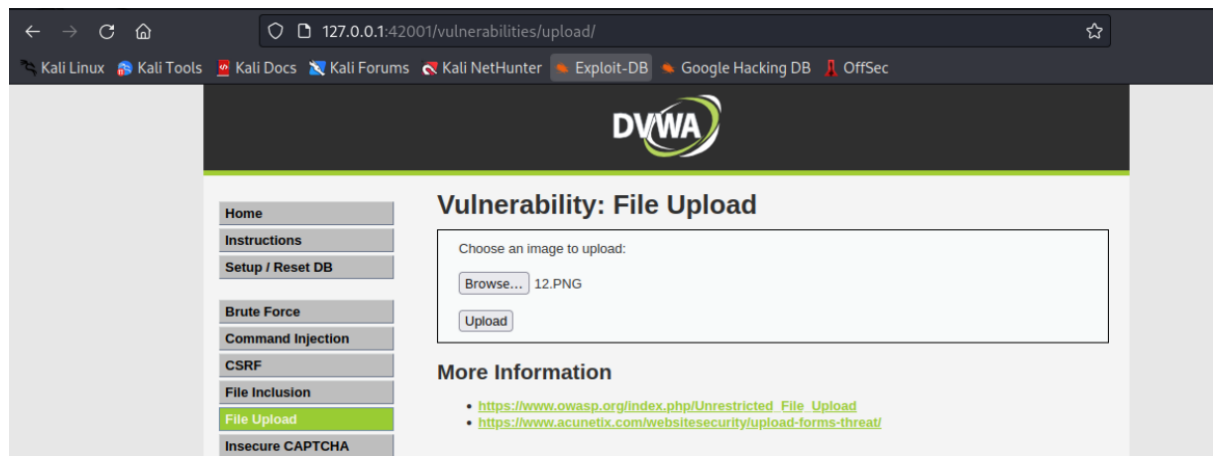


Testing ModSecurity

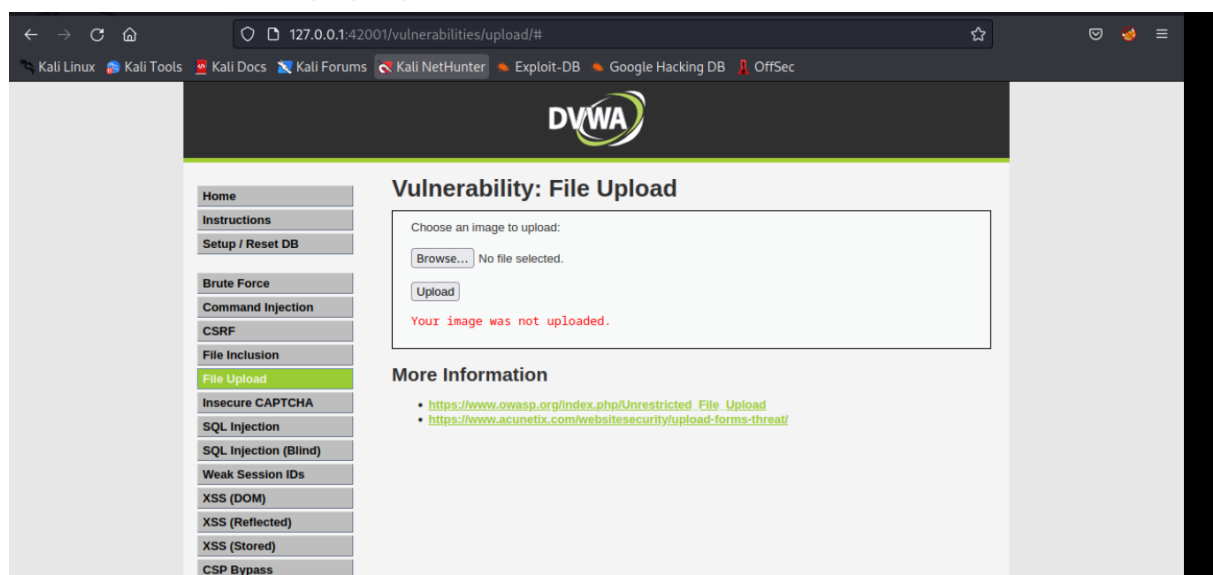
After all the installation is done, we are ready to perform an attack to see what things are working. To perform this operation, we use DVWA.

Malicious file upload:

During the on firewall we can upload the image.PNG this restrict or not allow the image to upload. We can also upload the php, python, JPG and .PNG in this but know the condition this allow to upload jpg and png.

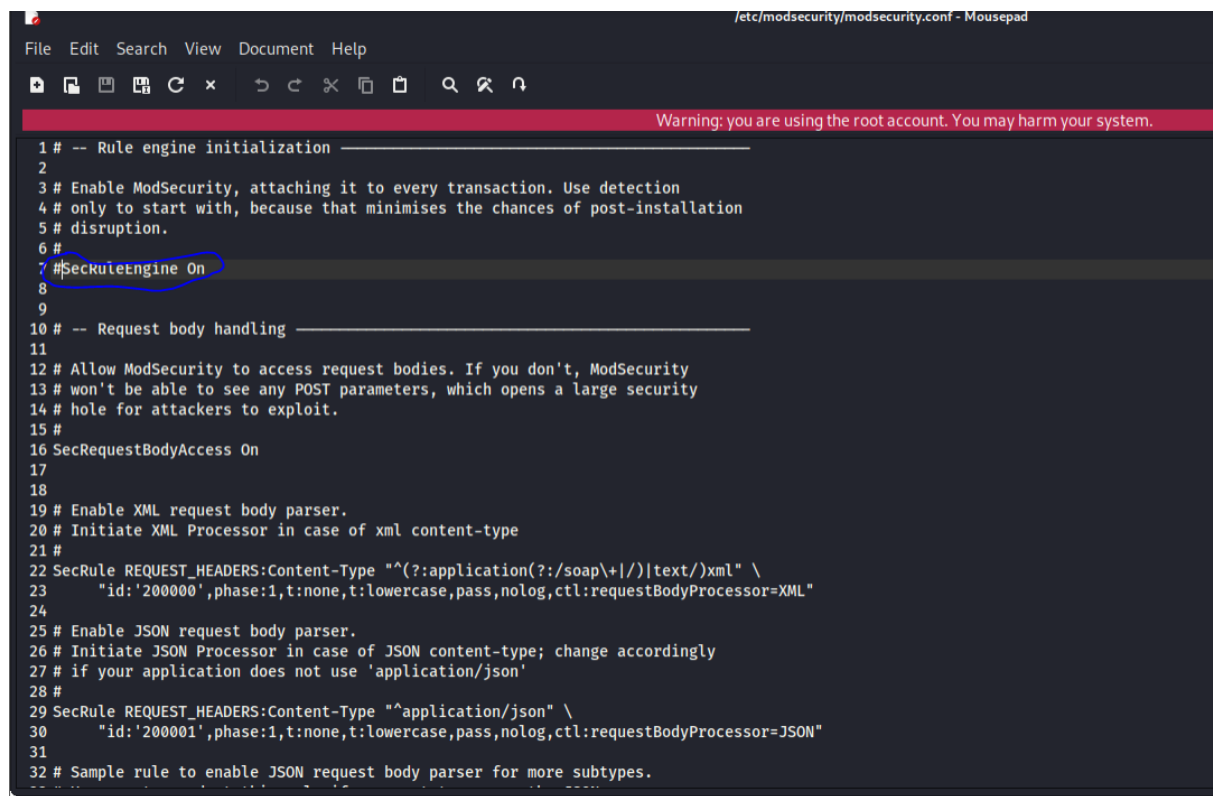


After uploading .jpg

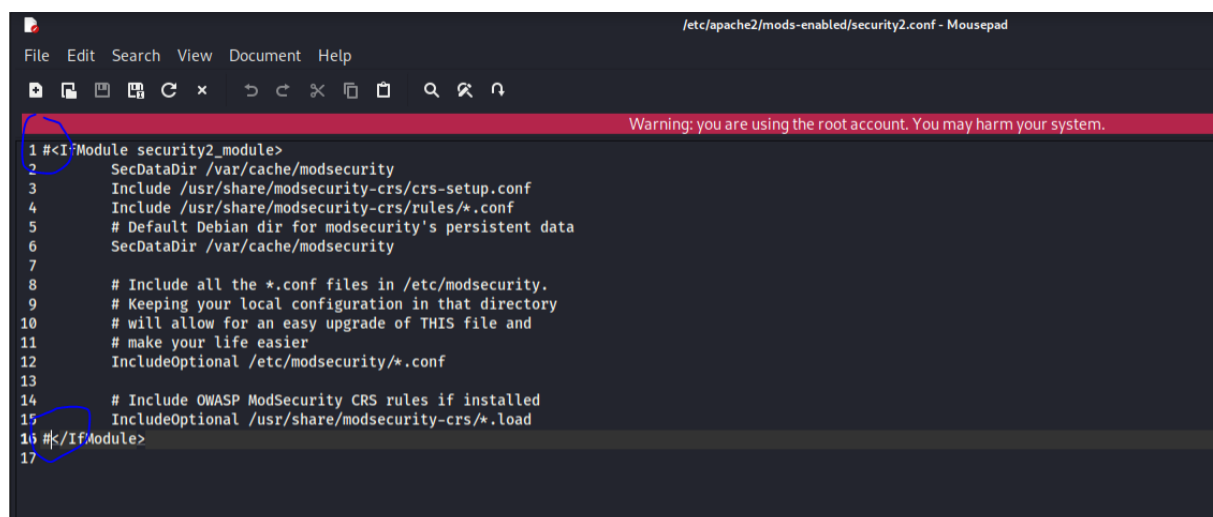


Testing ModSecurity

At the last we off the modsecurity and upload the file and we see the file is successfully uploaded.



```
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Warning: you are using the root account. You may harm your system.
1 # -- Rule engine initialization
2
3 # Enable ModSecurity, attaching it to every transaction. Use detection
4 # only to start with, because that minimises the chances of post-installation
5 # disruption.
6 #
7 #SecRuleEngine On
8
9
10 # -- Request body handling
11
12 # Allow ModSecurity to access request bodies. If you don't, ModSecurity
13 # won't be able to see any POST parameters, which opens a large security
14 # hole for attackers to exploit.
15 #
16 SecRequestBodyAccess On
17
18
19 # Enable XML request body parser.
20 # Initiate XML Processor in case of xml content-type
21 #
22 SecRule REQUEST_HEADERS:Content-Type "^(:application(?:/soap+|/))text/xml" \
23     "id:'200000',phase:1,t:none,t:lowercase,pass,nolog,ctl:requestBodyProcessor=XML"
24
25 # Enable JSON request body parser.
26 # Initiate JSON Processor in case of JSON content-type; change accordingly
27 # if your application does not use 'application/json'
28 #
29 SecRule REQUEST_HEADERS:Content-Type "application/json" \
30     "id:'200001',phase:1,t:none,t:lowercase,pass,nolog,ctl:requestBodyProcessor=JSON"
31
32 # Sample rule to enable JSON request body parser for more subtypes.
```

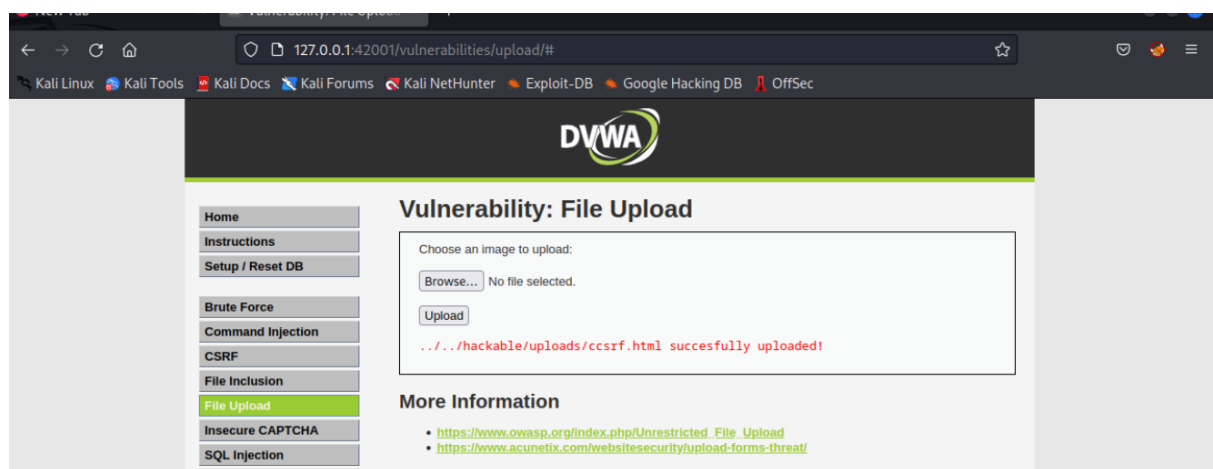


```
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Warning: you are using the root account. You may harm your system.
1 <IfModule security2_module>
2     SecDataDir /var/cache/modsecurity
3     Include /usr/share/modsecurity-crs/crs-setup.conf
4     Include /usr/share/modsecurity-crs/rules/*.conf
5     # Default Debian dir for modsecurity's persistent data
6     SecDataDir /var/cache/modsecurity
7
8     # Include all the *.conf files in /etc/modsecurity.
9     # Keeping your local configuration in that directory
10    # will allow for an easy upgrade of THIS file and
11    # make your life easier
12    IncludeOptional /etc/modsecurity/*.conf
13
14    # Include OWASP ModSecurity CRS rules if installed
15    IncludeOptional /usr/share/modsecurity-crs/*.load
16 </IfModule>
17
```

```
File Edit Search View Document Help
Warning: you are using the root account. You may harm your system.

1 <VirtualHost *:80>
2
3     ServerAdmin webmaster@localhost
4     DocumentRoot /var/www/html
5
6     ErrorLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/error.log
7     CustomLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/access.log combined
8
9     #SecRuleEngine On
10
11     # The ServerName directive sets the request scheme, hostname and port that
12     # the server uses to identify itself. This is used when creating
13     # redirection URLs. In the context of virtual hosts, the ServerName
14     # specifies what hostname must appear in the request's Host: header to
15     # match this virtual host. For the default virtual host (this file) this
16     # value is not decisive as it is used as a last resort host regardless.
17     # However, you must set it for any further virtual host explicitly.
18     #ServerName www.example.com
19
20     ServerAdmin webmaster@localhost
21     DocumentRoot /var/www/html
22
23     # Available loglevels: trace8, ..., trace1, debug, info, notice, warn,
24     # error, crit, alert, emerg.
25     # It is also possible to configure the loglevel for particular
26     # modules, e.g.
27     #LogLevel info ssl:warn
28
29     ErrorLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/error.log
30     CustomLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/access.log combined
31
32     # For most configuration files from conf-available/, which are
33     # return to your computer, move the mouse pointer outside or press Ctrl+Alt.
```

comment it





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Thanks