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#### **XAMPP**

- ✓ XAMPP is an open source software developed by <u>Apache friends</u>.
- ✓ XAMPP software package contains Apache distributions for Apache server, MariaDB, PHP, and Perl.
- ✓ It is basically a local host or a local server which works on your own desktop or laptop computer.
- ✓ The use of XAMPP is to test the clients or your website before uploading it to the remote web server.
- ✓ The XAMPP server software gives you the suitable environment for testing MYSQL, PHP, Apache and Perl projects on the local computer.
- ✓ The full form of XAMPP is X stands for Cross-platform, (A) Apache server, (M) MariaDB, (P) PHP and (P) Perl. The Cross-platform usually means that it can run on any computer with any operating system.



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**XAMPP** is an easy to install Apache distribution containing MariaDB, PHP and Perl.

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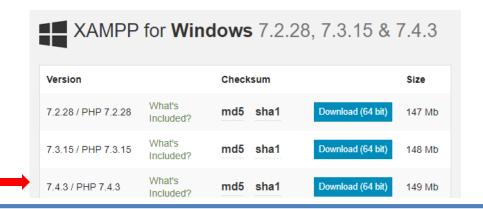
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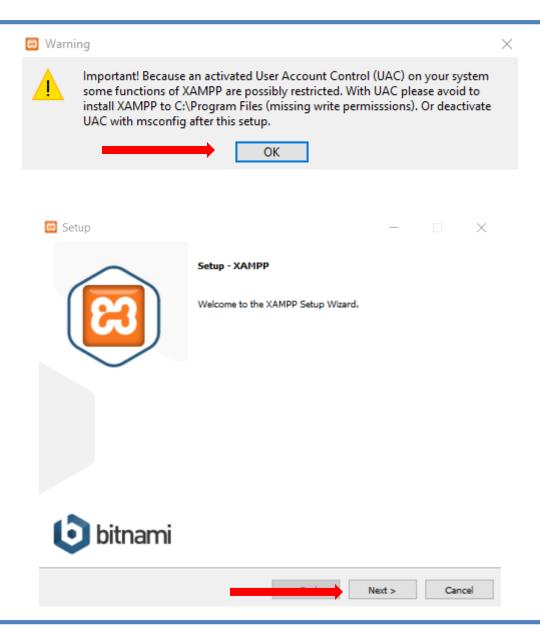
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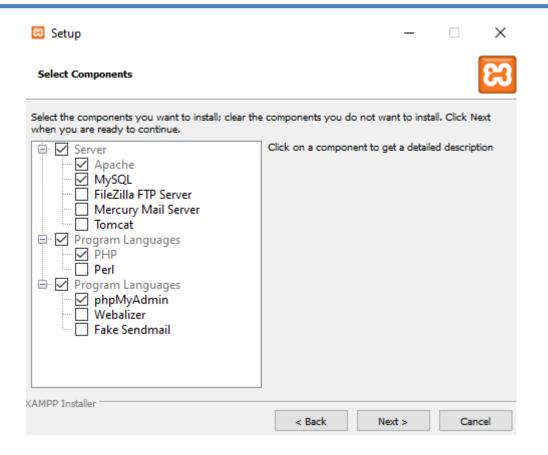




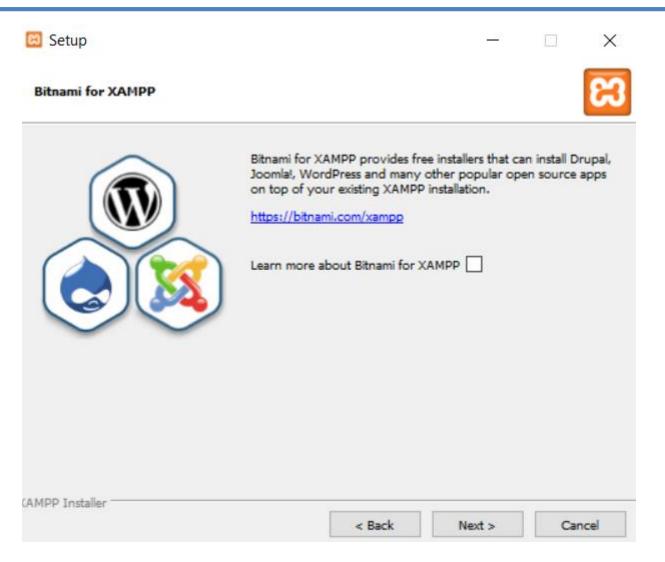


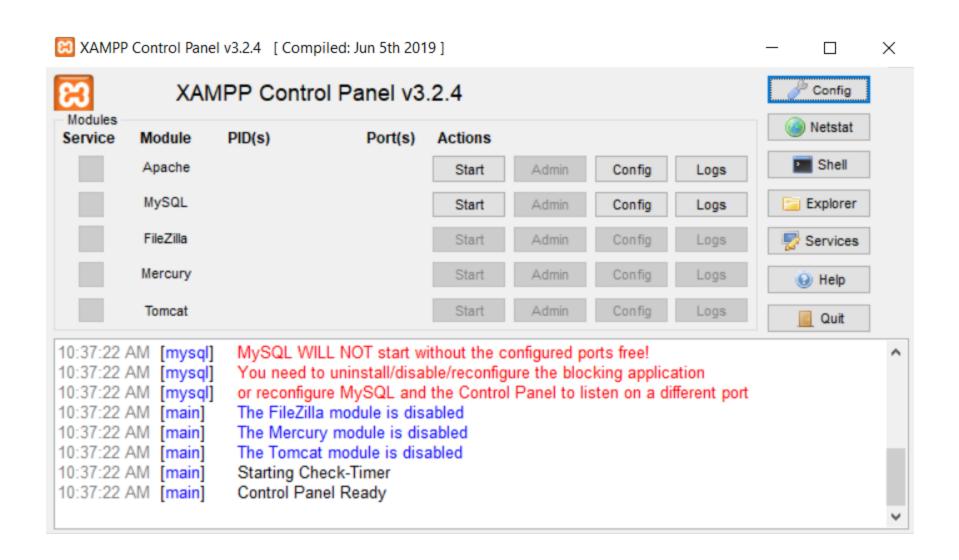






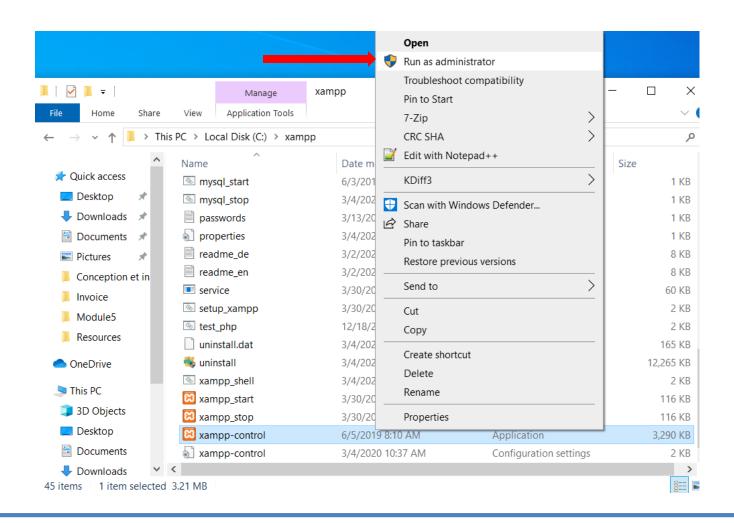




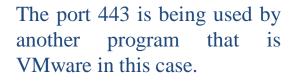




#### Run the XAMPP as the administrator:

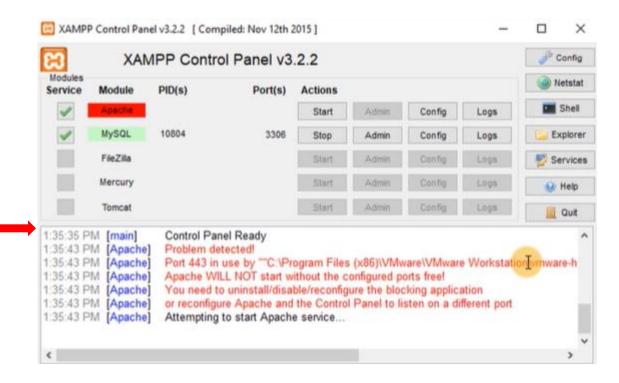






#### Solution:

Uninstall the program or change the port being used by Apache.





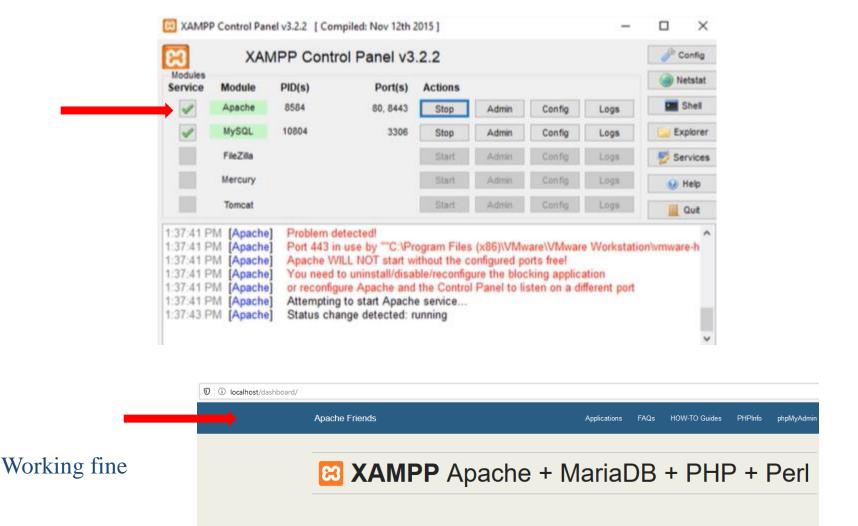




Change 443 to 8443 (standard practice) and save.

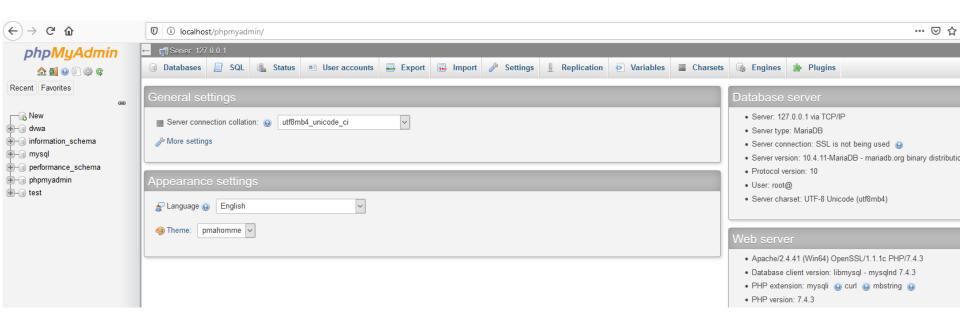
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httpd-ssl.conf - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
# Pseudo Random Number Generator (PRNG):
# Configure one or more sources to seed the PRNG of the SSL library.
# The seed data should be of good random quality.
# WARNING! On some platforms /dev/random blocks if not enough entropy
# is available. This means you then cannot use the /dev/random device
# becal Find
                                                     X (as long as
# it r
                                                         ally those
# plat Find what
                                               Find Next
                                                          which doesn't
# block
                                                         the mod ssl User
                              Direction
                                                Cancel
# Manua
                              ○Up   Down
       Match case
#SSLRai
       Wrap around
#SSLRar
#SSLRandomSeed connect file:/dev/random 512
#SSLRandomSeed connect file:/dev/urandom 512
# When we also provide SSL we have to listen to the
# standard HTTP port (see above) and to the HTTPS port
Listen 443
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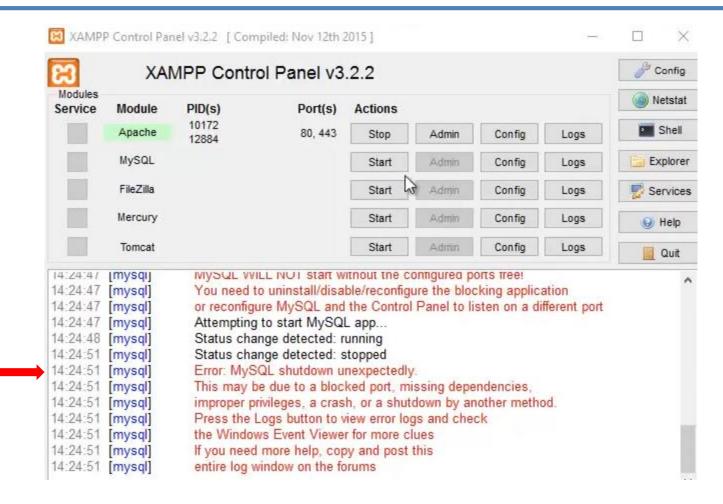


Welcome to XAMPP for Windows 7.4.3





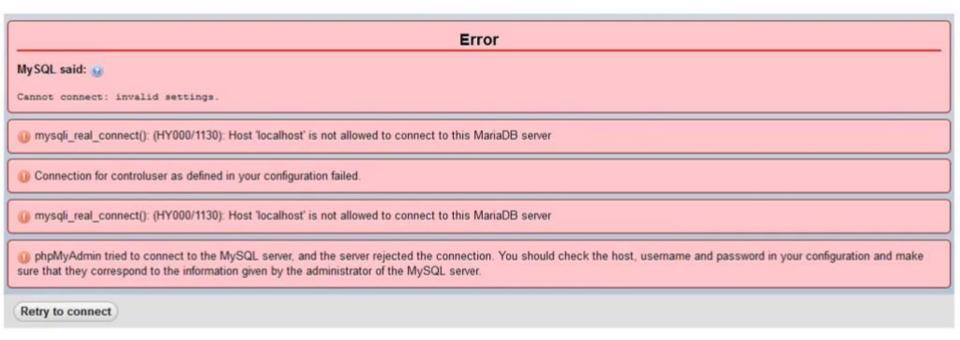




Go to Task Manager, find *mysqld* and end task. Go back to XAMPP and click start.

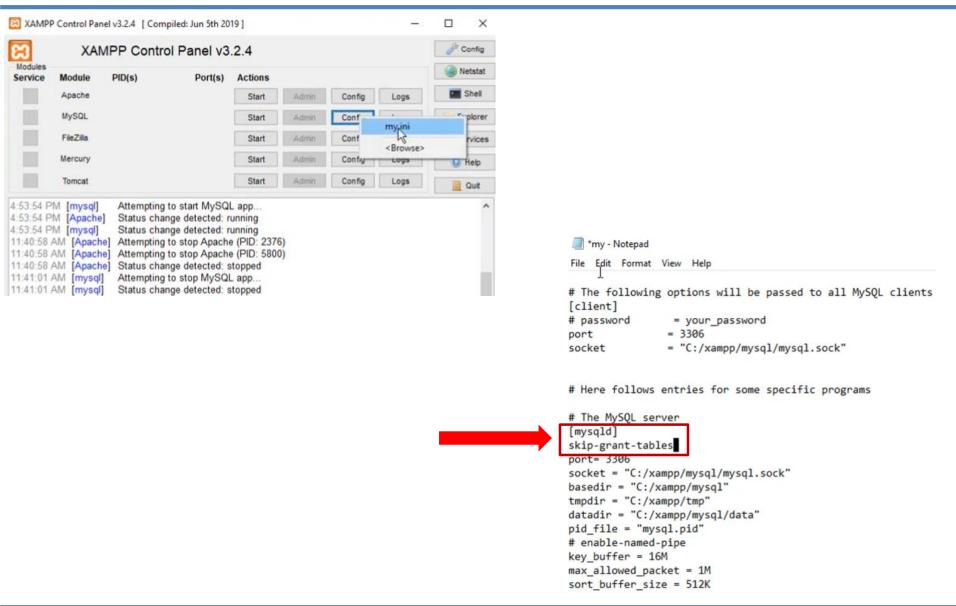


#### Welcome to phpMyAdmin



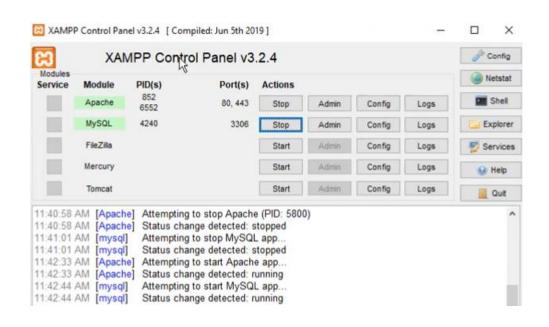
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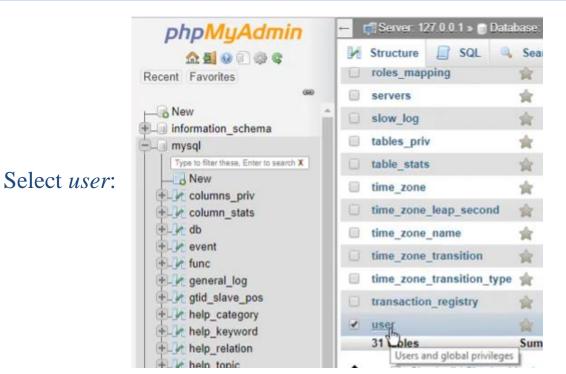
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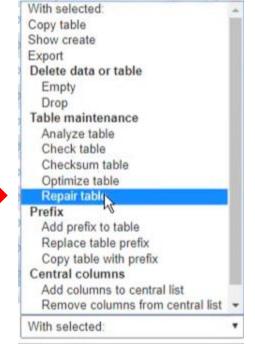


Go to phpMyAdmin and open mysql





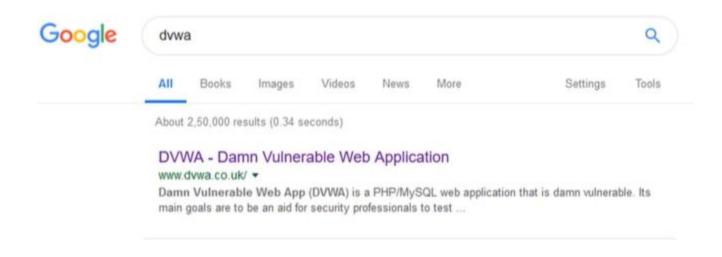






- ✓ Damn Vulnerable Web App (DVWA) is a PHP/MySQL web application that is damn vulnerable. Its main goals are to be an aid for security professionals to test their skills and tools in a legal environment, help web developers better understand the processes of securing web applications and aid teachers/students to teach/learn web application security in a class room environment.
- ✓ DVWA was made by security professionals, for researchers and enthusiasts to practice and learn different types of vulnerabilities in relation to web applications which can also be used for other things such as software activation keys.

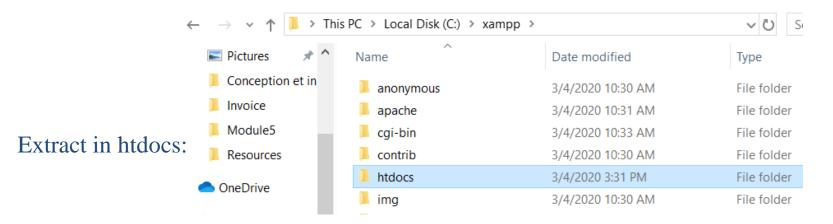




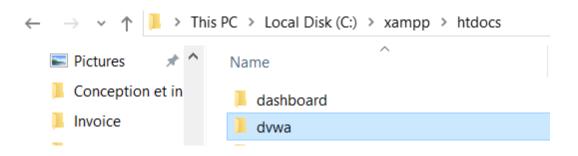
Extract in the location where you installed XAMPP





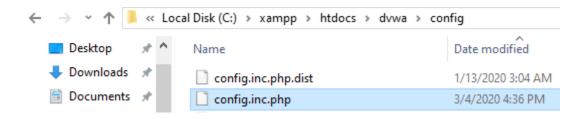


Rename the file to *dvwa*:

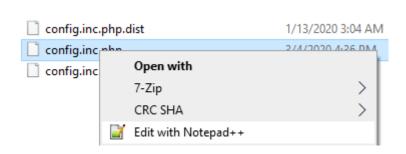




Open the config folder, make a copy from *config.inc.php.dist* end rename it to *config.inc.php*:



Open the *config.inc.php file* with Notepad++:





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*C:\xampp\htdocs\dvwa\config\config.inc.php - Notepad++
                            File Edit Search View Encoding Language Settings Tools Mi
                            🚽 config.inc.php 🔀 🔚 change.log 🖸
                                 □<?php
                                   # If you are having problems connecting to
                                   # try changing the 'db server' variable fr
                              4
                                   # Thanks to @digininja for the fix.
                                   # Database management system to use
                              8
                                   $DBMS = 'MySQL';
                              9
                                   #$DBMS = 'PGSQL'; // Currently disabled
                             11
                                   # Database variables
                             12
                                       WARNING: The database specified under
                             13
                                   # Please use a database dedicated to DVW
                             14
                             15
                                   # If you are using MariaDB then you cannot
   local host IP
                             16
                                       See README.md for more information on
                                   $ DVWA = array();
                             18
                                   $ DVWA[ 'db server' ] = '127.0.0.1';
     database
                                   $ DVWA[ 'db database' ] = 'dvwa';
                                   $ DVWA[ 'db user' ] = 'root';
   database user
                                   $ DVWA[ 'db password' ] = 'p@ssw0rd';
database password
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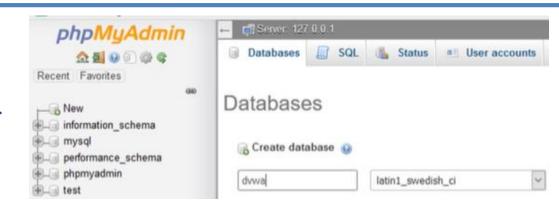
Remove the password:

```
$_DVWA = array();
$_DVWA[ 'db_server' ] = '127.0.0.1';
$_DVWA[ 'db_database' ] = 'dvwa';
$_DVWA[ 'db_user' ] = 'root';
$_DVWA[ 'db_password' ] = '';
```



Start *Apache* and *MySQL* on XAMPP.

Go to *localhost* and then *phpMyAdmin*. Create a new database named *dvwa*.



Go to localhost/dvwa

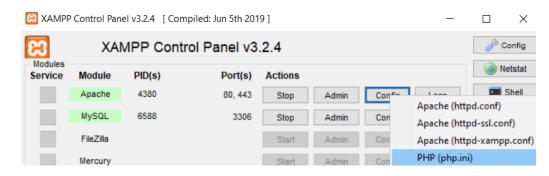




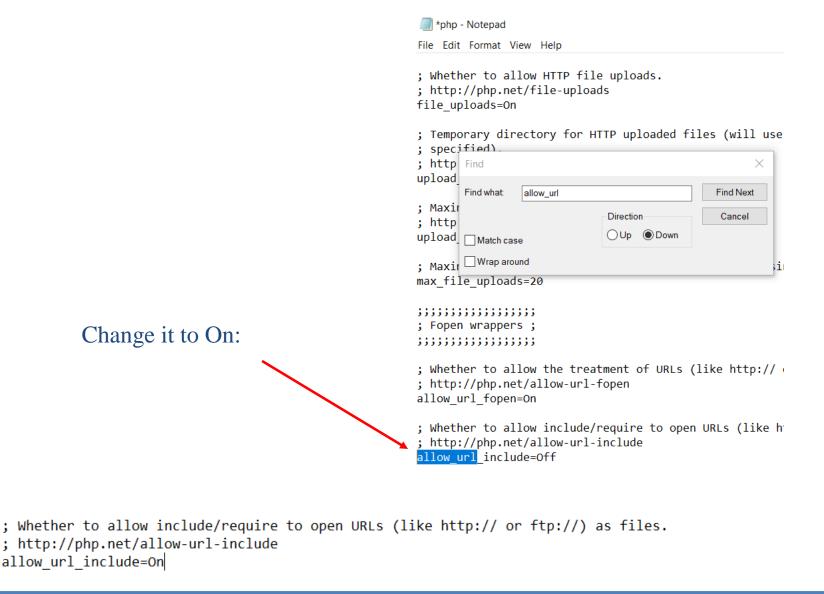
In dvwa setup check we need to make PHP function allow\_url\_include enable

Backend database: MySQL PHP version: 7.1.26 Web Server SERVER\_NAME: localhost PHP function display errors: Enabled (Easy Mode!) PHP function safe mode: Disabled PHP function allow url include: Disabled PHP function allow url fopen: Enabled PHP function magic\_quotes\_gpc: Disabled PHP module gd: Installed PHP module mysql: Installed PHP module pdo mysql: Installed MySQL username: root MySQL password: "blank" MySQL database: dvwa MySQL host: 127.0.0.1 reCAPTCHA key: Missing [User: SYSTEM] Writable folder C:\xampp1\htdocs\dwa\hackable\uploads\: Yes [User: SYSTEM] Writable file C:\xampp1\htdocs\dwa\external\phpids\0.6\lib\lDS\tmp\phpids log.txt: Yes [User: SYSTEM] Writable folder C:\xampp1\htdocs\dvwa\config: Yes Status in red, indicate there will be an issue when trying to complete some modules. If you see disabled on either allow url\_fopen or allow url\_include, set the following in your php.ini file and restart Apache.

Go to *Apache* configuration and then *php.ini* 









Change the memory\_limit to 256M

Maximum amount of memory a script may consume (128MB)

; http://php.net/memory-limit

memory limit=256M

Change the max\_input\_time to 360:

max input time=360

Backend database: MySQL

PHP version: 7.1.26

Web Server SERVER NAME: localhost

PHP function display\_errors: Enabled (Easy Model)

PHP function safe\_mode: Disabled PHP function allow\_url\_include: Enabled PHP function allow\_url\_fopen: Enabled

PHP function magic\_quotes\_gpc: Disabled

PHP module gd: Installed PHP module mysql: Installed PHP module pdo\_mysql: Installed

MySQL username: root MySQL password: \*blank\* MySQL database: dvwa MySQL host: 127.0.0.1

reCAPTCHA key: Missing

Restart the *Apache* in order to reload the php file.

Create/Reset database:

Create / Reset Database



Command Injection occurs when there is a field or an application that is accepting the input from user. However, the rule says Never trust a user. It is wrong and dangerous if the application trust the user that entering e.g. an IP address.

User may enter a command called as injection or execution because user is trying to inject the command in the web application and the command is going to be executed by the web application so just for this source.

The DVWA security level is submitted at *Low*.

#### **Command Injection Source**

vulnerabilities/exec/source/low.php

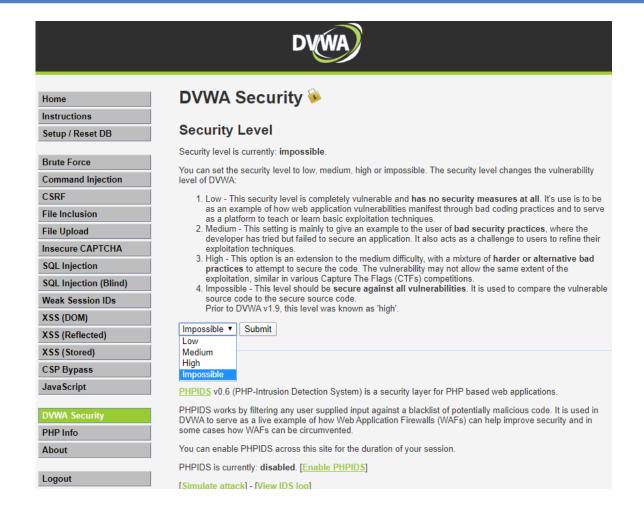
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<?php

if( isset( $_POST[ 'Submit' ]  ) ) {
    // Get input
    $target = $_REQUEST[ 'ip' ];

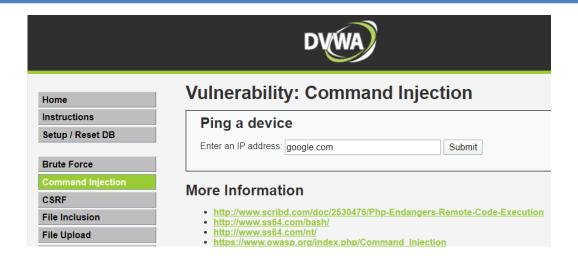
    // Determine OS and execute the ping command.
    if( stristr( php_uname( 's' ), 'Windows NT' ) ) {
        // Windows
        $cmd = shell_exec( 'ping ' . $target );
    }
    else {
        // *nix
        $cmd = shell_exec( 'ping -c 4 ' . $target );
    }

    // Feedback for the end user
    echo "<pre>{$cmd}";
}
```









#### **Vulnerability: Command Injection**

```
Ping a device

Enter an IP address:

Pinging google.com [172.217.13.142] with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 172.217.13.142: bytes=32 time=15ms TTL=52
Reply from 172.217.13.142: bytes=32 time=14ms TTL=52
Reply from 172.217.13.142: bytes=32 time=15ms TTL=52
Reply from 172.217.13.142: bytes=32 time=36ms TTL=52
Reply from 172.217.13.142: bytes=32 time=36ms TTL=52

Ping statistics for 172.217.13.142:
Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
Minimum = 14ms, Maximum = 36ms, Average = 20ms
```



## Special characters used

- An attacker will use the following characters to attach his commands to that of the server:
  - command1 | command2:
    - command 2 is executed no matter if command 1 is successfully executed or not.
  - command1; command2:
    - command 2 is executed no matter if command 1 is successfully executed or not.
  - command1 || command2:
    - command 2 will be executed if the execution of command 1 fails.
  - command1 && command2:
    - command 2 will be executed if the execution of command 1 succeeds.
  - \$(command):
    - what lies between the parentheses will be executed
  - 'cmd':
    - is used to execute a specific command