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INTRODUCTION

1.1. Overview of the Project:

Content management systems (CMS) provide a customizable multi-user environment with a default set of functions that are needed to create, organize and maintain web content. One of the main features of CMSs is the modularity which allows users to add various functions that are appropriate for their needs. First CMSs appeared in late 1990s, but they have become popular in middle 2000s. There are over 200 CMSs developed in various programming languages such as PHP, Java, Perl, .NET and others, divided in open-source and proprietary CMSs, each one with its own supported databases (eg. MySQL, SQLite, Oracle, PostgreSQL).

The **Content Management System** is a Web-Based application that provides capabilities for multiple users with different permission levels to manage content, data or information of a website.

Examples:

- Create, Edit, Publish, Archive web pages
- Create, Edit, Publish, Archive articles
- Create, Edit, Publish, Archive press releases
- Create, Edit, Publish, Archive blogs
- Add / Edit events into an Event Calendar
- Add / Edit products, description, product specifications, prices, photos, etc.
- Enter, Edit, or View orders and print packing slips and invoices
- View reports and statistics site data
- Create and Edit system users which have different permission levels to different section(s) of the above administration

Content Management Systems (CMSs) are consistently targeted and leveraged to launch cyber-attacks. CMSs are software suites that allow site administrators to easily manage the design, functionality, and operation of websites with minimal technical expertise. In recent years, there has been an increase in the number of deployments of CMS software on the Internet. This has been fuelled by popular open source projects which are freely available under General Public License (GPL) model. Unfortunately, some CMS web server operators are not following security best practices, exposing them and others to cyber security risks such as compromise and denial of service.

Drupal and WordPress the most widely used CMSs in the world. It is PHP-based and allows rapid deployment of dynamic content on websites. It is recognized for its simplicity of deployment and usage while offering extensive features and plugins. However, like many other large software packages, Joomla! has been the subject of a number of vulnerabilities in recent years and, if left unpatched, can represent a risk for site owners, and any other Internet users. Content management systems are very relevant to knowledge management (KM) since they are responsible for the creation, management, and distribution of content on the intranet, extranet, or a website. Content management is a discipline in itself, so this section will be relatively brief, only outlining the basic considerations.

One of Drupal's most popular features is the Taxonomy module, a feature that allows for multiple levels and types of categories for content types. And you can find plenty of professional Drupal Themes, which are ready to be customized and worked with. You can also grab Drupal Plugins. Drupal also has a very active community powering it, and has excellent support for plugins and other general questions.

Some Popular websites using these CMSs are:

1. WordPress

The New York Times, CNN, Forbes, Reuters, UPS, Ebay, TechCrunch.

2. Drupal

The White House, Linux, University of Minnesota, Red Hat, Timex, The Economist, Georgetown University.

3. Joomla

Peugeot, Harvard University, The Hill, MTV Greece, The Fashion Spot.

1.2. Vulnerabilities:

If we take a look at the vulnerabilities distribution by type, as shown in Figure 2, then we see that cross-site scripting (XSS) accounts for the most common vulnerabilities with an average of 65%. However, code execution with an average of 41%, and SQL injection with an average of 34%, are also quite common.

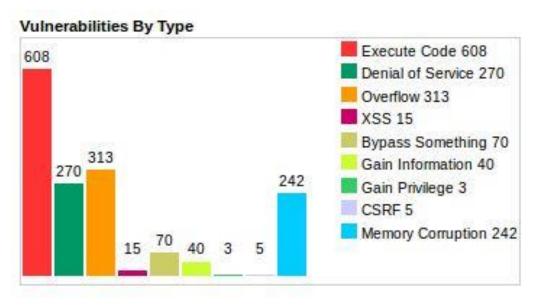


Figure 1. Vulnerabilities by Type

CMS should never be run in its default configuration and should be upgraded whenever newer versions become available. Sometimes changing the administration folder is enough to deceive your average script kiddies and prevent them from accessing the system as they are more likely to go after the low-hanging fruits that they can find with their scanners.

1.3. Problem Statement:

Most used CMS in world today are WordPress, Joomla and Drupal which are all open source software built on PHP with MySQL database support primarily. WordPress alone is used by more than 23.3% of the top 10 million websites as of January 2017 with around 60% of CMS market share and more than 60 million websites altogether. Joomla and Drupal together take around 10% of CMS market share. We'll analyse main causes of security problems in CMS in general and compare their security with enterprise CMS solutions. Since CMS security dominantly depends on security of underlying systems (server, database server and web server) we will briefly cover the comparison between three most used CMS (Linux

server, MySQL or Maria DB as database servers and Apache as web servers) with underlying Microsoft technology for running CMS (Windows Server, MS SQL as database server and .NET based CMS running on IIS as web server). We'll give analysis of most abused and most severe cases of vulnerabilities and try to identify most common ways in which they are being exploited. Analyses importance of community in preventing widespread abuse of newly discovered vulnerabilities. Analyses effectiveness of CDN 2 and their ability to eliminate standard threats. Final goal of this project is to securing open source CMS.

1.4. Types of CMS:

Most popular Open Source Content Management System are:

- 1. WordPress
- 2. Drupal
- 3. Joomla
- 1. WordPress: Ideal for personal websites, blogs, small businesses, and those with the least technical and no desire to learn any programming skills, WordPress is a great place to start. It has the most available free themes (templates) and plugins available today. Originally developed as a blogging tool, it is now used commonly to create complicated websites. If you like to hack and code, WordPress can still indulge even the hardcore programmer in you.
- **2. Drupal:** Drupal is another CMS that has a very large, active community. Instead of focusing on blogging as a platform, Drupal is more of a pure CMS. The White House ditched its proprietary CMS a few years ago and now uses Drupal. Other companies using Drupal include AT&T, McDonald's, Duke and Sandford Universities, Symantec, and Linux Foundation, etc.
- **3. Joomla:** Olympus, Porsche, Sprint, and Vodafone are just a few major corporations that use Joomla. Unlike WordPress, Joomla was never designed as a blogging software, but works fine for blogs, too. Joomla takes a little bit more time to set up than WordPress but is overall more powerful and still easier than the mighty Drupal.
 - There are plenty of options when it comes to picking a content management system for a development project. Depending on how advanced you need the CMS to be, what language it's built in, and who is going to be using it, it can be a nightmare trying to find the "perfect" CMS for a project.

However, some CMSs have a slight edge over the rest of the competition because of the usability of the software. Some are just easier to install, use and extend, thanks to some thoughtful planning by the lead developers.

1.5. Security Issues:

• Why are CMS platforms so vulnerable?

CMS are vulnerable by nature because they are built on open source frameworks. Such shared development environments offer several benefits but they also have their share of flaws, many of which arise form a lack of accountability. With no price tag, and with no one to take direct responsibility for potential problems, it's no surprise when the final product has some security issues. Since the top CMS are so popular, these security vulnerabilities are actively sought after both by security researchers and members of the hacker community.

Once identified, these flaws can turn into a virtual gold mine for hackers, creating a much more efficient way for them to execute automated large-scale cyber-attacks.

Adding to the issue are website operators who use weak passwords, leaving their admin accounts vulnerable to automated brute force attacks.

Open-source CMS solutions such as WordPress, Joomla and Drupal, have grown very popular amongst many developers. Open-source CMS solutions are seen as affordable, flexible and quick solutions to building a web presence. Unfortunately, the security of this type of software is very average and can result in users having to rebuild their websites, patch up problems that may reoccur or even opt for the safer approach of using a closed or proprietary source CMS solution.

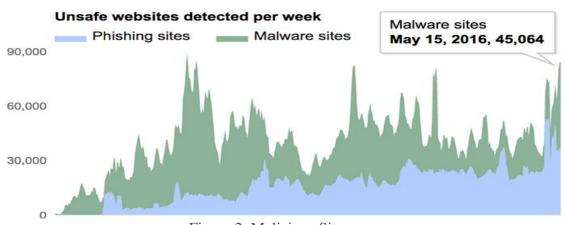


Figure 2. Malicious Sites

2.1. Existing System:

One of the biggest problems facing the IT security industry is the use of vulnerabilities in legitimate software to launch malware attacks. Professional hackers, either working on their own or employed by the government or military service, can find computer systems with vulnerabilities lacking the appropriate security software. Once found, they can infect systems with malicious code and then remotely control the system or computer by sending commands to view content or to disrupt other computers.

Vulnerability factor exploits how vulnerable an organization or government establishment is to cyber-attacks. An organization can be vulnerable to a denial of service attack, and a government establishment can be defaced on a web page.

2.2. Disadvantages of using a CMS

- Potential to break your websites look and feel if not used properly.
- Can require extra maintenance, backups, upgrades, security patches.
- The overhead on server resources.
- So many things can go wrong, formatting errors, incorrect preparation of images, no image compression, inconsistent resizing resulting in out of proportion photographs, breaking away from the 'style guide' of your website that you may have paid a designer a lot of money to create for you, thereby effecting the consistency of your brand. Most of this can be mitigated by proper training or indeed good advice on which CMS to use and as they say time heals all things. After some initial teething trouble, most of these issues can be ironed out eventually.
- You may not have the resource to update website regularly
- There is no point paying for a CMS to be implemented, that you don't intend to use very often and more importantly one that you don't have the resources; time, staff and skills to use effectively.
- Using a CSM effectively can require certain computer skills that you or your staff may not have Training will cost money so think about offsetting this against a retainer on your developer. Both options are well worth consideration.

2.3. Purposed System:

Most used Content Management System in world today are Word Press, Joomla and Drupal which are all open source software built on PHP with My SQL database support primarily. We'll analyze main causes of security problems in CMS in general and compare their security with enterprise CMS solutions. Since CMS security dominantly depends on security of underlying systems (server, database server and web server) we will briefly cover comparison between usual underlying technology of three most used CMS (My SQL, Maria DB or PostgreSQL as database servers and Apache (Linux server as web servers). It has been shown that the basic installations of the CMSs fail to ensure safety requirements against Cyber-attacks due to irresistance to some threats. Necessary software tools for the tested CMSs have been specified in order to ensure the resistance to threats which have not been provided in the basic installation of the tested CMSs.

2.4. Advantages of using CMS

- Ability to add or edit pages on your website yourself
- It is nice to have control over your investment, the feeling of empowerment to control your website is a good one. In particular, for an organization or business that is dynamic and needs things to happen fast.
- Not have to pay your developer monthly maintenance or hourly rate for changes Why pay someone to do something you can do yourself right?
- Useful in organizations, with many content contributors, that perhaps need to audit
 additions and changes to content being made Many CMSs offer the ability to
 delegate roles and cascade these throughout the organization with some people
 writing content and others giving the OK. A CMS can be ideal for this type of
 workflow.
- The ability to leverage excellent third party plugins

CHAPTER-3

FEASIBILITY STUDY:

The following feasibilities are considered for the project in order to ensure that the project is variable and it does not have any major obstructions. Feasibility study encompasses the following things:

- 1. Technical Feasibility
- 2. Economic Feasibility
- 3. Operational Feasibility

3.1. Technical Feasibility:

Our project is technically feasible. It requires following technologies: -

- Python and Python Exploit Files.
- Virtual Machine to the get the complete access of the content on another machine.
- R57.php, C99.txt, C100.txt, mturk.php etc. to get down the target server machine.
 Copy these files into the target content server and the target machine will automatically go down.

• SQL Injection:

An attacker can use SQL Injection to bypass authentication or even impersonate specific users. One of SQL's primary functions is to select data based on a query and output the result of that query. An SQL Injection vulnerability could allow the complete disclosure of data residing on a database server.

3.2. Economic Feasibility

For any system if the expected benefits equal or exceed the expected costs, the system can be judged to be economically feasible. This project is completely feasible. It does not require any type of financial investment with respect to time. And the cost of new system used in this project as it is more than the investment and expenditure. It need more development tools.

3.3. Operational Feasibility:

For many years, the design of efficient and robust feature extraction and feature selection, especially band selection, algorithms have been the most important issue addressed by the remote sensing community. Strong efforts have been devoted to elaborate new band selection algorithms and improve techniques used to reduce dimensionality.

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REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS

4.1. SOFTWARE RQUIREMENTS:

Table 1. Software Requirements

S. No.	DESCRIPTION	TOOLS
1.	Operating System	Windows 8.1 & Windows XP
2.	Apache & MySQL	XAMPP
3.	CMS	Drupal v7.2
4.	Virtual Machine	VMWare
5.	DDos Attacking Tools	HOIC, LOIC, Pyloris
6.	SQL Injection	Havij <i>v1.17</i>
7.	Malicious Files	R57, C99.php
8.	Network Analysis	Wireshark, Omnipeek
9.	Network Scanner	Nmap <i>v6.47</i>
10.	Testing	DVWA

4.2. HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS:

Table 2. Hardware Requirements

S. No.	DESCRIPTION	TOOLS			
1.	Processor	Intel Core i5			
2.	Memory	50GB			
3.	RAM	8GB			

4.3. DOCUMENTATION:

Table 3. Documentation

S. No.	DESCRITION	TOOLS
1.	Report	MS Word 2016 & PPT
2.	Diagrams	Rational Rose & Online

CHAPTER-5

SYSTEM DESIGNING

5.1. So, what exactly is CMS?

A CMS or a 'Content Management System' allows you to control and manage the content within your web site - without technical training. Using this uncomplicated system, you can very easily add, delete images and edit text in your web site on the fly.

Many companies find it difficult to keep their web site content as up to date as they would like. Often there are delays getting new content online, the site users and your clients get to see outdated information. That's why so many companies are turning to CMS.

• CMS General Problems:

General security problems with CMS are: easy remote identification of system, poor programming practices while creating plugins, lack of oversight while submitting plugins, poor inspection of potential security issues with plugins and lack of auto-update of CMS installations and plugins which are leaving system open for knows CMS and plugins vulnerabilities.

Once a CMS has been compromised, adversaries can exploit their access to:

- Obtain access to authenticated and privileged areas of the site
- Upload malware to the web server to facilitate remote access, for example: upload C99, C100, R57.php files in the publish area and site will goes down.
- Inject malicious content into web pages. This could be used to serve exploits or malware to visitors or to facilitate remote access to the infrastructure.
- If you run a popular site, there is a very good chance that you will get hacked by DOS (Denial of Service) Attack. The vulnerability makes use of a well-known cyber-attack, DOS Attack. When executed, it has the capability to take down the whole website or server almost instantly, with the use of only a single machine.

5.2. Architecture Diagram:

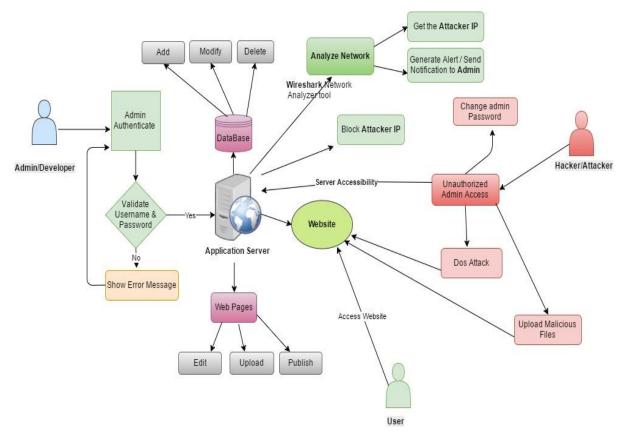


Figure 3. Architecture Diagram

UML Diagrams:

UML (Unified Modelling Language) is a standard language for specifying, visualizing, constructing, and documenting the artifacts of software systems.

Types of UML Diagrams:

- Use Case Diagram
- Class Diagram
- Activity Diagram
- Sequence Diagram

5.3. Use Case Diagram:

Use case diagrams are usually referred to as behaviour diagrams used to describe a set of actions (use cases) that some system or systems (subject) should or can perform in collaboration with one or more external users of the system (actors). Each use case should provide some observable and valuable result to the actors or other stakeholders of the system.

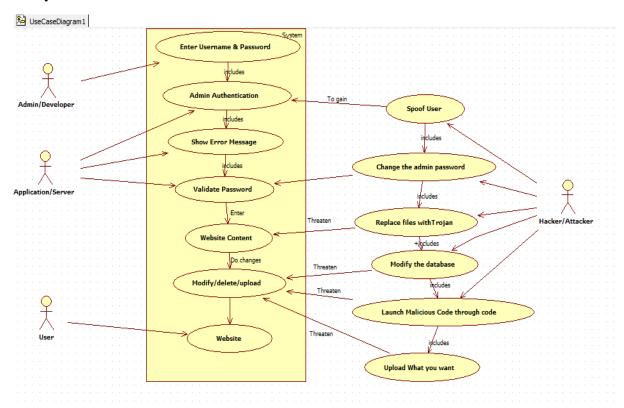


Figure 4. Use Case Diagram

5.4. Class Diagram:

Class diagram in the Unified Modelling Language (UML) is a type of static structure diagram that describes the structure of a system by showing the system's classes, their attributes, operations (or methods), and the relationships among objects. The purpose of the class diagram is to model the static view of an application. The class diagrams are the only diagrams which can be directly mapped with object oriented languages and thus widely used at the time of construction.

So, the purpose of the class diagram can be summarized as:

- Analysis and design of the static view of an application.
- Describe responsibilities of a system.
- Base for component and deployment diagrams.
- Forward and reverse engineering.

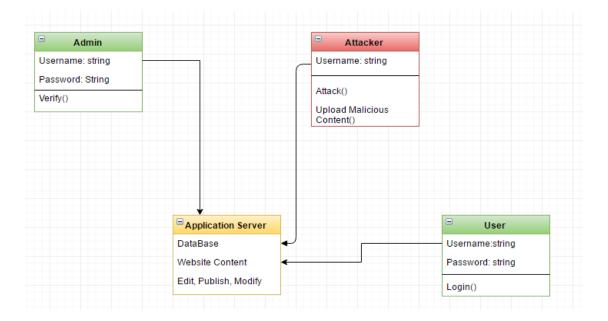


Figure 5. Class Diagram

5.5. Activity Diagram:

Activity diagram is basically a flow chart to represent the flow from one activity to another activity. The activity can be described as an operation of the system. The basic purposes of activity diagrams are similar to other four diagrams. It captures the dynamic behaviour of the system. Other four diagrams are used to show the message flow from one object to another but activity diagram is used to show message flow from one activity to another.

Activity Diagram has following elements:

- Activities
- Association
- Conditions
- Constraints

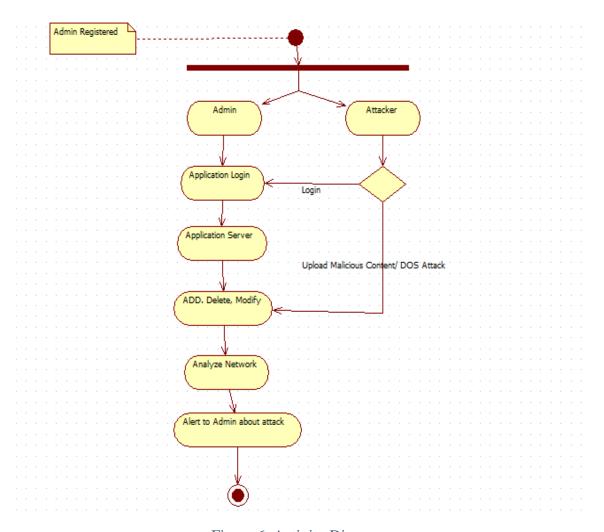


Figure 6. Activity Diagram

5.6. Sequence Diagram:

A sequence diagram is an interaction diagram that shows how objects operate with one another and in what order. It is a construct of a message sequence chart. A sequence diagram shows object interactions arranged in time sequence.

Sequence diagrams can be useful reference diagrams for businesses and other organizations.

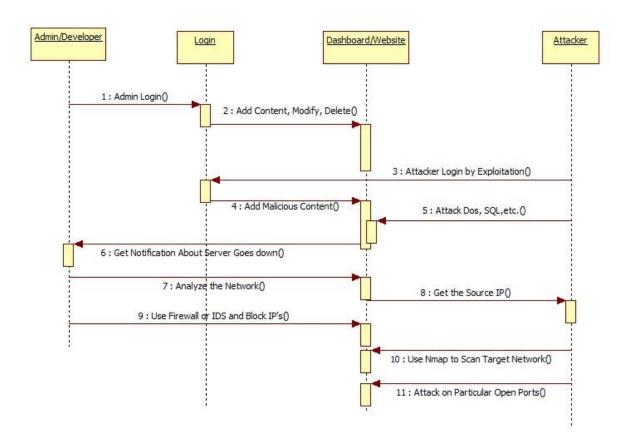
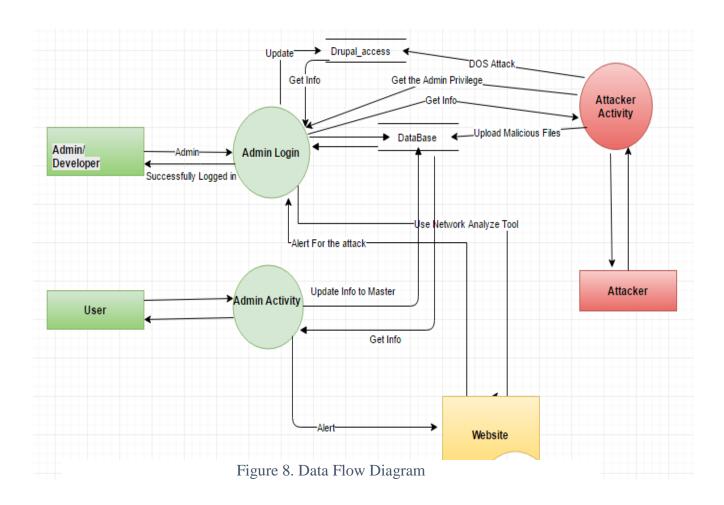


Figure 7. Sequence Diagram

5.7. Data Flow Diagram:

A data flow diagram (DFD) illustrates how data is processed by a system in terms of inputs and outputs. As its name indicates its focus is on the flow of information, where data comes from, where it goes and how it gets stored.



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ANALYSIS MODULES

6.1. System Model:

Web applications represent software solutions which provide accessibility to the user interface through a web browser, and are performed on a remote server by means of interpreter programming languages. Accordingly, and as explained in the previous chapter, CMSs represent the kind of web application that performs the function of content management. There are many organizations which deal with the security issues of computer systems and web applications. Some of them are: SANS Institute, Web Application Security Consortium12, Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT), The Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP), Security Focus. In this paper, the recommendations of the OWASP organization are used. The representatives of the OWASP organization have created a document in which the ten most critical vulnerabilities of web applications are listed and explained (OWASP, 2016). The same organization has recommended certain tools for testing critical vulnerability of web applications.

Analysis of High Score CMS Vulnerabilities:

In order to propose adequate security procedures, we must analyse common vulnerabilities and common ways in which they are being exploited. There are many ways in which CMS vulnerabilities could be exploited. Besides manual methods, recently many automated solutions appeared in forms of web kits for exploiting common vulnerabilities. Analysis of vulnerability severity for Drupal.

SQL injection allows attacker injection of destructive SQL code in order to misuse database of CMS application. This is a code injection technique that exploits a security vulnerability occurring in the database layer of an application and service. This is most often found within web pages with dynamic content. In 2015, serious SQL injection vulnerability was discovered in Drupal. SQL injection vulnerability in the *drupal/includes/post.php* in Drupal. We can conclude that most frequently reported types of attacks are mainly using SQL injection vulnerabilities or CSRF in combination with SQL injection. Also, we can conclude that having organized and interactive community (like one present around WordPress development) and professional hosting is essential for security of CMS solution.

6.2. System Modules:

- 1. Vulnerabilities
- 2. Admin Access
- 3. Dos Attack
- 4. SQL Injection attack
- 5. Analyze Network
- 6. Network Scanning
- 7. Generate Alert

6.2.1. Vulnerabilities:

The common types of vulnerabilities in the Content Management System that are responsible for the problems occurring in the CMS platforms:

- Database Vulnerabilities
- Web Server Vulnerabilities
- CMS Vulnerabilities
- Server Vulnerabilities

6.2.1.1. Database Vulnerabilities:

Final goal of attacker is usually access to database so securing database is probably most important issue in overall security of web application. Most popular CMS usually are using MySQL databases but since Oracle acquired it many users are turning to Maria DB which is a community-developed fork of the MySQL.

Table 4. Total Vulnerabilities by Year

Total vulnerabilities per year	Oracle MySQL	PostgreSQL	MariaDB	MS SQL Server
2013.	66	6	3	0
2014.	63	9	1	2
2015.	76	3	0	3

6.2.1.2. Web Server Vulnerabilities:

Three major open source CMS have to be hosted on web servers that support PHP/MySQL. So, security of application greatly depends on security of web server. We will do comparison of general security of web servers commonly used to host three major CMS and other currently used web servers.

Table 5. Total Vulnerabilities by CMS Comparison

Total vulnera bilities	Word Press	Joomla	Drupal	DotNet Nuke	phpBB
2013.	20	11	14	2	0
2014.	29	10	35	3	0
2015.	11	13	10	1	2

6.2.1.3. Server Vulnerabilities:

Securing application itself is futile without server-side validation measures. So, we'll compare general security of Windows servers (which are most commonly used for running three most used CMS) with security of other servers (mainly Linux servers).

Table 6. Operating System Vulnerabilities

	Number of vulnerabilities					
os	Total	High	Medium	Low		
Apple Mac OS X	147	64	67	16		
Linux Kernel	119	24	74	21		
MS Win Server 2008	38	26	12	0		
MS Win Server 2012	38	24	14	0		

6.2.1.4. CMS Vulnerabilities:

Main cause of security problems is CMS application itself. We'll analyse security situation for main most used CMS: WordPress, Joomla and Drupal and compare that to DotNetNuke (.NET based CMS) Most dangerous types of attacks are related to SQL injection vulnerability because these attacks have higher availability impact on the system. Most dangerous types of attacks are related to SQL injection vulnerability because these attacks have higher availability impact on the system. Usually there is reduced performance or interruptions in resource availability.

General hacking probability of CMS is defined in *Fig.* Hackers dominantly focus on CMS with greater market share, than on existing CMS exploits and server vulnerabilities.

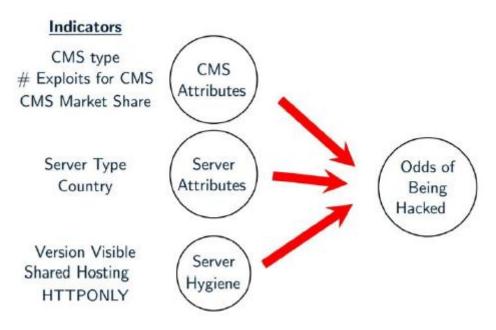


Figure 9. CMS Hacking Probabilities

6.2.2. Admin Access:

With only standard user privileges, the attacker gets full access to the Administrator of the user account. This is enough to integrate malicious code into processes in order to remotely control the system, to modify the content in the browser, etc. Since most antivirus programs can control attempts to implement unknown code in the processes, attackers often use more secretive methods. Since the accounts of most corporate users are domain accounts, the domain authentication provides the user with access to the whole access of the website content. This access is often provided

automatically without any additional verification of the username and password. As a result, if the infected user has access to the corporate database, attackers can easily take advantage of it.

In our case by using the python code we can change the administration password to get access of the whole content of the website. There are codes available in python called **Python Exploit** save them in the python installation directory and then run the command prompt and go to the python command directory: - "C:\Python27" and type the command:

C:\Python27>python drupal.py http://localhost/drupal/ admin test123.

And here(below) is the result: -



Figure 10. Admin Access

6.2.3. Dos Attack:

What is a Denial of Service Attack?

A DOS attack is an attempt to make a system or server unavailable for legitimate users and, finally, to take the service down. This is achieved by flooding the server's request queue with fake requests. After this, server will not be able to handle the requests of legitimate users. The denial of service (DOS) attack is one of the most powerful attacks used by hackers to harm a company or organization. In past few years, the use of the attack has increased due to the availability of free tools.

6.2.4. SQL Injection:

SQL Injection (SQLi) refers to an injection attack wherein an attacker can execute malicious SQL statements (also commonly referred to as a malicious payload) that control a web application's database server (also commonly referred to as a Relational Database Management System – RDBMS). Since an SQL Injection vulnerability could possibly affect any website or web application that makes use of an SQL-based database, the vulnerability is one of the oldest, most prevalent and most dangerous of web application vulnerabilities.

6.2.5. Analyse Network:

Wireshark, a network analysis tool formerly known as Ethereal, captures packets in real time and display them in human-readable format. Wireshark includes filters, color-coding and other features that let you dig deep into network traffic and inspect individual packets. Wireshark has two filtering languages: One used when capturing packets, and one used when displaying packets.

6.2.6. Network Scanning:

Nmap:

Nmap (Network Mapper) is a security scanner to scan the network to find vulnerabilities in the target website. Open source tool Nmap is a popular choice amongst hackers and security pros alike for network mapping, port-scanning and testing for network vulnerabilities. As an alternative to the router-based device tracking, it is possible to directly scan the network for devices by using Nmap.

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IMPLEMENTATION

7.1. DDos Attack:

DDOS or Distributed Denial of Service Attack

This is the complicated but powerful version of DOS attack in which many attacking systems are involved. In DDOS attacks, many computers start performing DOS attacks on the same target server. As the DOS attack is distributed over large group of computers, it is known as a distributed denial of service attack.

To perform a DDOS attack, attackers use a zombie network, which is a group of infected computers on which the attacker has silently installed the DOS attacking tool. Whenever he wants to perform DDOS, he can use all the computers of ZOMBIE network to perform the attack. In simple words, when a server system is being flooded from **fake requests** coming from multiple sources, it is known as a DDOS attack. There are many tools available for free that can be used to flood a server and perform an attack.

Free DOS Attacking Tools:

- LOIC (Low Orbit Ion Canon)
- HOIC (High Orbit Ion Canon)
- PyLoris



Figure 11. LOIC Attack

Algorithm to Configure LOIC:

- Open attacker machine
- Open the DDos attack tool (**LOIC**)
- Enter the target IP
- Click on Lock on
- Then set the method as http
- And click on Flood

7.2.7. ATTACK CONFIGURATION:

- **UDP Attack:** To perform the UDP attack, select the method of attack as UDP. It has port 80 as the default option selected, but you can change this according to your need. Change the message string or leave it as the default.
- TCP Attack: This method is similar to UDP attack. Select the type of attack as TCP to use this.
- **HTTP Attack:** In this attack, the tool sends HTTP requests to the target server. A web application firewall can detect this type of attack easily.

How to use LOIC to perform a Dos attack: Just follow these simple steps to perform a DOS attack against a website.

- **Step 1:** Run the tool.
- **Step 2**: Enter the URL of the website in The URL field and click on Lock O. Then, select attack method (TCP, UDP or HTTP).
- **Step 3:** Change other parameters per your choice or leave it to the default. Now click on the Big Button labelled as "**IMMA CHARGIN MAH LAZER**." You have just mounted an attack on the target.

After starting the attack, you will see some numbers in the Attack status fields. When the requested number stops increasing, restart the LOIC or change the IP. You can also give the UDP attack a try. We can also set the speed of the attack by the slider. It is set to faster as default but we can slow down it with the slider.

Here's the meaning of each field:

- **IDLE:** It shows the number of threads idle. It should be zero for higher efficiency of the attack.
- Connecting: This shows the number of threads that are trying to connect to the victim server
- **Requesting:** This shows the number of threads that are requesting some information from the victim server.
- **Downloading:** This shows the number of threads that are initiating some download for some information from the server.
- **Downloaded:** This number shows how many times data downloading has been initiated from victim server on which you are attacking.
- **Requested:** This number shows how many times a data download has been requested from victim server.
- Failed: This number shows how many times the server did not respond to the request.

 A larger number in this field means the server is going down. The success of the attack can be measured by the number shown in this field.

Drawbacks of using LOIC:

The main drawback of LOIC as a DOS attack tool is that it is very easy to find the attacker. This tool does not take any precautions to hide IP address of the origin of the attack. Attacks generated by this tool are simple and expose the IP address of attacker in each request packet sent to victim server to flood the request queue. Attackers cannot use proxies in these attacks because our requests will hit the proxy server, not the target server. So, we will not be able to launch a DOS attack on the server effectively while using a proxy. But some analysts say that this can be used with a proxy server if the proxy is robust enough. According to them, all your request packets will be forwarded to the server system by proxy at the end.

How to prevent the attack of LOIC:

LOIC is available for free to download and use, and can be used effectively with very little hacking experience. Anyone that wants to can attack a website with this tool. As discussed above, the attack of this tool is simple and easy to identify. A well-configured firewall is enough to prevent the attack from being fully effective. And a server administrator can see the request logs to identify the IP and block the IP from the server. Every website owner or server administrators should monitor the traffic and all the activities being performed on the server. This can help well enough against the attack. But this will not help you when a network of LOIC clients will fire on the server system all at once. Protecting the server with a Firewall configured to filter the packets sent by the LOIC is the best way to protect against the attack.

7.3. NMAP:

Nmap (Network Mapper) is a security scanner to scan the network to find vulnerabilities in the target website. Open source tool Nmap is a popular choice amongst hackers and security pros alike for network mapping, port-scanning and testing for network vulnerabilities. As an alternative to the router-based device tracking, it is possible to directly scan the network for devices by using Nmap.

1. Nmap Target Selection

Scan a single IP *nmap 192.168.1.1*

Scan a host *nmap www.hostname.com*

Scan a range of IPs *nmap* 192.168.1.1-20

Scan targets from a text file *nmap -iL list-of-ips.txt*

2. Nmap Port Selection

Scan a single Port *nmap -p 22 192.168.1.1*

Scan a range of ports *nmap -p 1-100 192.168.1.1*

Scan 100 most common ports (Fast) nmap -F 192.168.1.1

Scan all 65535 ports *nmap -p- 192.168.1.1*

3. Nmap Port Scan types

Scan using TCP connect *nmap -sT 192.168.1.1*

Scan using TCP SYN scan (default) nmap -sS 192.168.1.1

Scan UDP ports *nmap -sU -p 123,161,162 192.168.1.1*

Scan selected ports - ignore discovery *nmap -Pn -F 192.168.1.1*

4. Service and OS Detection

Detect OS and Services nmap -A 192.168.1.1

Standard service detection *nmap -sV 192.168.1.1*

More aggressive Service Detection *nmap -sV --version-intensity 5* 192.168.1.1

Lighter banner grabbing detection nmap -sV --version-intensity 0 192.168.1.1

TCP Scan and Stealth Scan:



Figure 12. Nmap TCP Port Scanning

Scanning All ports:

```
Starting Nmap 6.25 ( http://nmap.org ) at 2013-07-16 10:48 CEST Nmap scan report for 172.16.37.145
Host is up (0.00097s latency).
PORT STATE SERVICE
                              VERSION
1/tcp open pop3
                              Eudora Internet Mail Server X pop3d 870
                              Network Flight Recorder BackOfficer Friendly http honeypot
Postfix smtpd (Debian)
2/tcp open honeypot
3/tcp open smtp
                              (protocol 7)
4/tcp open
             ssh
5/tcp open
             X11
                              XFree86 9 patch level g (Connectiva Linux)
6/tcp open
                              Kerio imapd 4539 patch 4
             imap
                              Sambar ftpd
7/tcp open
             ftp
8/tcp open
             unknown
9/tcp open
                              Cisco VPN Concentrator http config
             http
10/tcp open
             ssh
                              (protocol 3)
11/tcp open
             ms-wbt-server
                              Microsoft NetMeeting Remote Desktop Service
12/tcp open scalix-ual
                              Scalix UAL
13/tcp open smtp
                              Small Home Server smtpd
                              Dreambox 500 media device telnetd (Linux kernel t; PLi image Jade, based on Dk)
14/tcp open
             telnet
15/tcp open ftp
                              ProFTPD (German)
16/tcp open ftp
                              Lexmark K series printer ftpd (MAC: k)
17/tcp open
             ftp
                              ProFTPD
18/tcp open irc-proxy
                              muh irc proxy
19/tcp open ftp
                              ProFTPD
                              IEEE 1284.4 scan peripheral gateway
             hp-gsg IEEE 1284.4 scan peripheral gateway
desktop-central ManageEngine Desktop Central DesktopCentralServer
20/tcp open
21/tcp open
22/tcp open ssh
                              OpenSSH 5.3p1 Debian 3ubuntu7 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
                              Blue Coat telnetd
IEEE 1284.4 scan peripheral gateway
23/tcp open
             telnet
24/tcp open hp-gsg
25/tcp open ftp
                              Polycom VSX 7000A VoIP phone ftpd
26/tcp open vnc
                              Ultr@VNC 1.0.8.0
                              (protocol 133038)
27/tcp open
             ssh
                              Blue Coat telnetd
28/tcp open
             telnet
29/tcp open printer
                              VSE 1pd
                              SSHTools J2SSH (protocol 0740)
30/tcp open ssh
31/tcp open telnet
                              Lantronix MSS100 serial interface telnetd 8469697
                              Dovecot pop3d
32/tcp open
             pop3
33/tcp open telnet
                              Comtrol DeviceMaster RTS ethernet to serial telnetd (Model 4; NS-Link DqX; MAC Q)
34/tcp open
                              WebShieldet smtpd
             smtp
35/tcp open telnet
                              HP switch telnetd
36/tcp open upnp
                              MiniDLNA MJSUCeP (DLNADOC cwbQquVF; UPnP YT)
```

Figure 13. Nmap all ports Scanning

The 3 way TCP handshake

First a bit of background, during communication with a TCP service, a single connection is established with the TCP 3 way handshake. This involves a SYN sent to an TCP open port that has a service bound to it, typical examples are HTTP (port 80), SMTP (port 25), POP3 (port 110) or SSH (port 22). The server side will see the SYN and respond with SYN ACK, with the client answering the SYN ACK with an ACK. This completes the set up and the data of the service protocol can now be communicated.

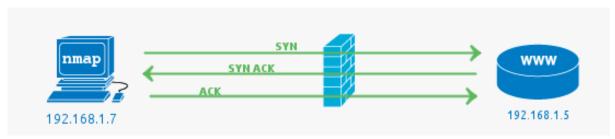


Figure 14. Nmap 3-way Handshake

Real time and display them in human-readable format. Wireshark includes filters, color-coding and other features that let you dig deep into network traffic and inspect individual packets. Wireshark has two filtering languages: One used when capturing packets, and one used when displaying packets.

7.5. FILTERING PACKETS:

Wireshark, a network analysis tool formerly known as Ethereal, captures packets in real time and display them in human-readable format.

Wireshark Features:

- Live capture, which allows sniffing data from a live network in real time.
- Support for offline protocol analysis.
- Enriched user interface (UI).
- Supports almost all network, transport and application protocols.
- Active development by enthusiasts across the globe.
- Compatibility with other products. Supports standard. pcap format which makes it compatible for use with other such tools.

Step 1: Start Wireshark!

To open Wireshark in Windows, open it after installation of the Wireshark setup.

Step 2: Wireshark GUI

Once the Wireshark GUI has opened, we will see that the dashboard has a left column box called 'Interface List'. This list lets you know which devices and capture cards you can use. At the top of the application there is an option called 'Capture Options' which is exactly that, it allows you to modify and tweak how you would like to capture the packets of data that are being transmitted over your network.

Step 3. Wireshark Interface

If you have a look at your interface list (see Step 2 and the associated screen shot) you'll see that one of your devices is actually sending and receiving packets. Options include promiscuous mode and capture mode etc. Have a play around with these and understand what each of these functions does – and you will rapidly learn how to effectively use Wireshark.

Step 4. Capture Interface Options

This screen shot shows the Wireshark capture interfaces, in other words, it shows what processes and platforms are receiving and sending data on your machine. If you have a wireless card, then it will show it.

Step 5. The Main Packets Panel

Once you are happy with the interface you'd like to use, go ahead and click 'start' and Wireshark will show all the packets that are being transmitted over your network. The whole point here is to find patterns or anything that looks suspicious. Taking the columns at the top of the Wireshark interface from left to right, the first number is the 'packet number'. The second column shows how many seconds it has been since the start of the capture. The third column is the source IP Address and the fourth column shows the destination IP Address. The fifth column is the protocol that sent the packet, i.e. it could be DNS, TCP (Transmission Control Protocol) or even HTTP.

Filtering the packets is key when using Wireshark – done by using the search bar within the interface (top left). If we right click on a packet of interest you can 'follow TCP stream' and you get a ton of raw information.

Filter with the source IP address

<u>F</u> ile	<u>E</u> dit <u>V</u> iew <u>(</u>	Go Capture A	Analyze Statistics Tel	ephony <u>T</u> ools <u>I</u> nternals <u>I</u>	delp					
0	o 🚄 🔳 🖟	d 🖹 📋	X 2 Q 4 4		0 0 0			8 %	H	
Filter:	ip.src==10.1.	10.129	Address	Filtering Expressi	on Clear A	pply Sa	ve			
No.	Time	CumuBytes S	ource address	Destination address	Protocol	Length	Seq	Next SEQ	ACK	ACKFor
2	0.000078	54	10.1.10.129	31.13.70.1	TCP	54	1		489	1
143	6.009165	566	10.1.10.129	108.160.167.156	TLSV1	512	1	459	278	142
190	7.821079	646	10.1.10.129	64.233.187.125	TCP	80	1	27	1	
390	16.088881	834	10.1.10.129	255.255.255.255	DB-LSP-E	01188				
391	16.090268	1022	10.1.10.129	10.1.255.255	DB-LSP-E	1188				
403	16.372276	1088	10.1.10.129	10.0.200.30	TCP	66	1		2	402
417	16.890855	1154	10.1.10.129	10.0.200.40	TCP	66	1		2	416
462	18.821297	1209	10.1.10.129	10.0.200.20	TCP	55	1	2	1	
546	21.536503	1330	10.1.10.129	10.1.50.102	SNMP	121				
766	30.819951	1406	10.1.10.129	10.0.1.13	DNS	76				
767	30.819973	1482	10.1.10.129	10.0.1.13	DNS	76				
770	30.821207	1548	10.1.10.129	31.13.70.1	TCP	66	0		0	Marian
774	30.830904	1602	10.1.10.129	31.13.70.1	TCP	54	1		1	773
775	30.831065	2173	10.1.10.129	31.13.70.1	TLSv1.2	571	1	518	1	
778	30.841182	2314	10.1.10.129	31.13.70.1	TLSV1.2	141	518	605	183	777
779	30.841612	2433	10.1.10.129	31.13.70.1	TLSV1.2	119	605	670	183	
780	30.841718	3638	10.1.10.129	31.13.70.1	TLSV1.2	1205	670	1821	183	
4				.111						

Figure 15. Wireshark IP search

Get the http requests:

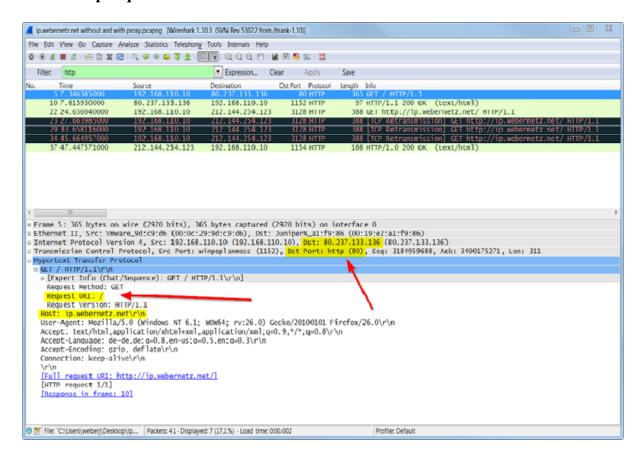


Figure 16. Wireshark http request

Filtering:

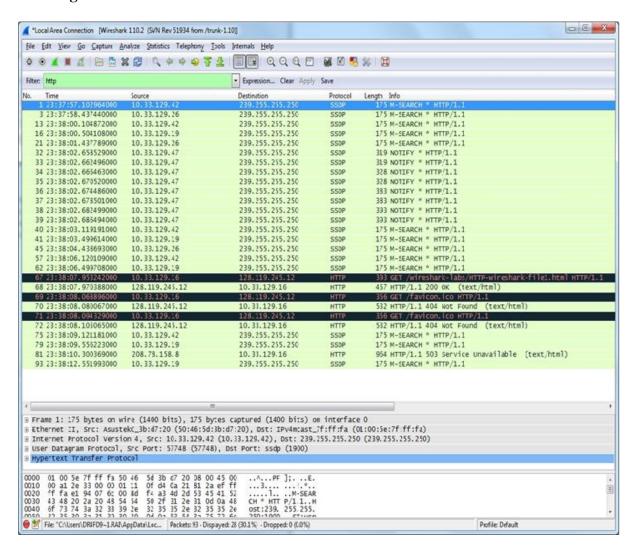


Figure 17. Wireshark Packet Capturing

When the attack is happening on the website through **HOIC** that time the network analysis:

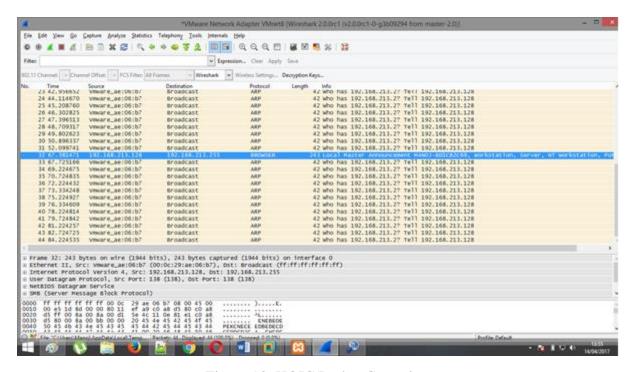


Figure 18. HOIC Packet Capturing

When the **Dos** TCP attack is happening on website, that time the captured analysis look like:

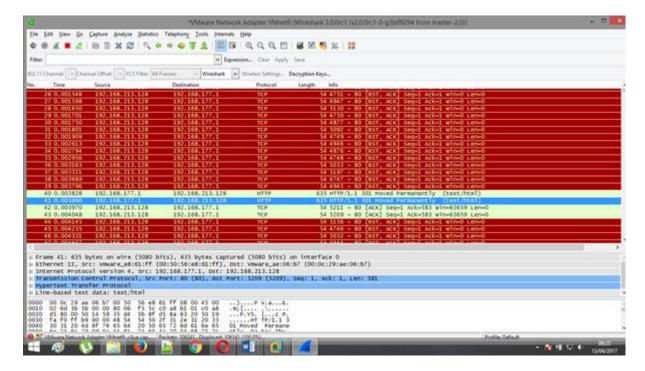


Figure 19. Wireshark TCP Attack

Wireshark 3 way TCP Handshake:

((tcp.flags == $0x0002 \parallel tcp.flags == 0x0012$) && tcp.seq == 0) \parallel (tcp.flags == 0x0010 && tcp.seq == 1 && tcp.ack <=1)

dumpfile={ }

--Set filter to use as capture filter on next line

- -- tcp.flags
- --0x10 = ack
- --0x02 = syn
- $-- 0x12 = syn \ ack$
- --first frame
- *--syn*, seq = 0
- $--tcp.flags = 0x02 \ tcp.seq = 0$
- --second frame
- $--syn\ ack,\ seq=0$
- --tcp.flags = 0x12
- --tcp.seq = 0

--third frame

--ack, seq = 1

--tcp.flags = 0x10

--tcp.seq = 1

- -- Run tshark as shown on the following line
- -- tshark -X lua_script:dumptofile_ack_packet.lua -i 4 -o tcp.relative_sequence_numbers:TRUE

TCP 3 Way Handshake Filter Wireshark Information Client Server Client Side Server Side Closed Closed TCP.Flag.SYN=1 TCP.Flags.SYN=1, TCP.Flags.ACK=1 SYN Sent Listen SYN+ACK Receive SYN+ACK SYN Received TCP.Flags.ACK=1 Established ACK. Receive ACK Established

Figure 20. Wireshark 3-way handshake

Filter 1: tcp.flags.syn == 1 && tcp.flags.ack == 0

Filter 2: tcp.flags.syn == 1 && tcp.flags.ack == 1

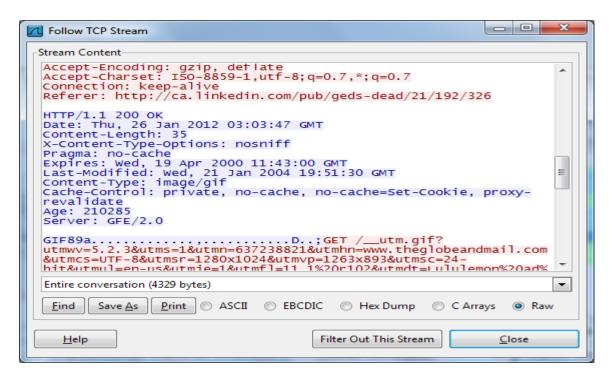


Figure 21. Wireshark TCP Stream Analysis

Wireshark: Display Filter - Profile: Default		
Edit— Display Filter—		
<u>N</u> ew	Ethernet address 00:08:15:00:08:15	_
	Ethernet type 0x0806 (ARP)	
	Ethernet broadcast	
	No ARP	
	IP only	=
	IP address 192.168.0.1	
	IP address isn't 192.168.0.1, don't use != for this!	
	IPX only	
	TCP only	
	UDP only	
	UDP port isn't 53 (not DNS), don't use != for this!	+
Properties		
Filter name: IP address isn't 192.168.0.1, don't use != for this!		
Filter string: !(ip.addr == 192.168.0.1)		
Help OK Apply Cancel		

Figure 22. Wireshark Display Filter

7.4. SQL Injection:

A SQL injection attack consists of insertion or "injection" of a SQL query via the input data from the client to the application. A successful SQL injection exploit can read sensitive data from the database, modify database data (Insert/Update/Delete), execute administration operations on the database (such as shutdown the DBMS), recover the content of a given file present on the DBMS file system and in some cases issue commands to the operating system. SQL injection attacks are a type of injection attack, in which SQL commands are injected into data-plane input in order to affect the execution of predefined SQL commands.

The following server-side pseudo-code is used to authenticate users to the web application.

```
# Define POST variables

uname = request.POST['username']

passwd = request.POST['password']

# SQL query vulnerable to SQLi

sql = "SELECT id FROM users WHERE username='" + uname + "' AND password='" + passwd + "'"

# Execute the SQL statement

database.execute(sql)
```

An attacker can also comment out the rest of the SQL statement to control the execution of the SQL query further.

```
-- MySQL, MSSQL, Oracle, PostgreSQL, SQLite
' OR '1'='1' --
' OR '1'='1' /*
-- MySQL
' OR '1'='1' #
-- Access (using null characters)
' OR '1'='1' %00
' OR '1'='1' %16
```

Once the query executes, the result is returned to the application to be processed, resulting in an authentication bypass.

Threats from SQL Injection Attack:

- An attacker can use SQL Injection to bypass authentication users.
- One of SQL's primary functions is to select data based on a query and output the result of that query. An SQL Injection vulnerability could allow the complete disclosure of data residing on a database server.
- Since web applications use SQL to alter data within a database, an attacker could use SQL
 Injection to alter data stored in a database. Altering data affects data integrity and could
 cause repudiation issues, for instance, issues such as voiding transactions, altering balances
 and other records.
- SQL is used to delete records from a database. An attacker could use an SQL Injection vulnerability to delete data from a database. Even if an appropriate backup strategy is employed, deletion of data could affect an application's availability until the database is restored.
- Some database servers are configured (intentional or otherwise) to allow arbitrary
 execution of operating system commands on the database server. Given the right
 conditions, an attacker could use SQL Injection as the initial vector in an attack of an
 internal network that sits behind a firewall.

Threat Modelling:

- SQL injection attacks allow attackers to spoof identity, tamper with existing data, cause repudiation issues such as voiding transactions or changing balances, allow the complete disclosure of all data on the system, destroy the data or make it otherwise unavailable, and become administrators of the database server.
- SQL Injection is very common with PHP and ASP applications due to the prevalence of older functional interfaces. Due to the nature of programmatic interfaces available, J2EE and ASP.NET applications are less likely to have easily exploited SQL injections.
- The severity of SQL Injection attacks is limited by the attacker's skill and imagination, and to a lesser extent, defence in depth countermeasures, such as low privilege connections to the database server and so on. In general, consider SQL Injection a high impact severity.

CHAPTER-8

SYSTEM TESTING

8.1. General:

Test your site to ensure that all pages display correctly, links go to the specified address, and images are not broken. It is important to test the site as you build it; do not wait until just before launch to begin testing. Also, test templates as you create them so any issues are resolved before creating other content based on the templates. Recruit as many people as possible to help you test.

Here are some general site testing guidelines:

- Test on the browsers and platforms your site visitors use
- Test on a variety of monitors (for example, LCD and CRT)
- View pages using different screen resolutions
- View pages using different colour settings
- Test all navigation and links
- Test items that can be downloaded (for example, PDF files)
- Test the search functionality
- Test site security
- If required, test for accessibility

8.2. Penetration Testing:

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.

8.2.1. Command Execution:

What is Command Execution?

Command Execution is where a website application provides the ability to execute system commands.

What is a Command Injection Attack?

The purpose of the command injection attack is to inject and execute commands specified by the attacker in the vulnerable application. In situations like this, the application, which executes unwanted system commands, is like a pseudo system shell, and the attacker may use it as an authorized system user. Note, the commands are executed with the same privileges as the application and/or web server.

Command injection attacks are possible in most cases because of lack of correct input data validation, which can be manipulated by the attacker (forms, cookies, HTTP headers etc.).

What is Command Injection Harvesting?

Command Injection Harvesting is where a malicious user manipulates a website command execution application to render sensitive data.

If we browse to the" Command Execution" tab we are presented with a small PHP utility that allows us to ping remote machines. After a bit of fooling around I discovered you can make the utility execute multiple commands by chaining them together with the" &" character. Our end-game ploy in this demo is to remotely execute a PHP exploit. So, first of all we have to find a way to transfer our malicious payload to the remote machine. There are many ways to do this: ftp, tftp, inline transfer, web browser, ... To get an idea of what we have to work with we can get a directory list of C:\WINDOWS\system32 which will contain binaries of the programs that are installed on the remote server. As we can see below we are in luck, tftp is installed on the remote machine (this is most practical transfer method for non-interactive command line execution).

Instructions:

Click on Command Execution

Execute Ping

192.168.1.106

Click Submit

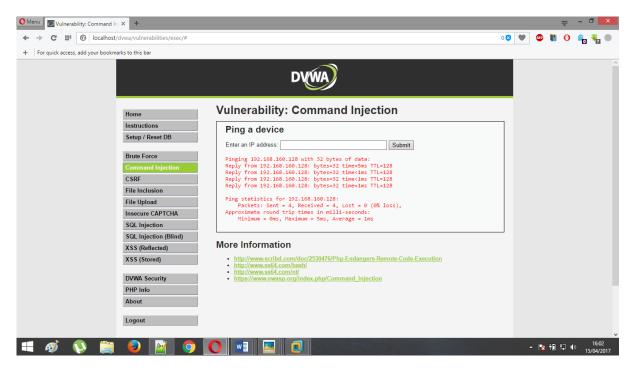


Figure 23. DVWA Command Injection

8.2.2. CSRF (Cross-Site Request Forgery):

Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) is an attack that forces an end user to execute unwanted actions on a web application in which they're currently authenticated. CSRF attacks specifically target state-changing requests, not theft of data, since the attacker has no way to see the response to the forged request. With a little help of social engineering (such as sending a link via email or chat), an attacker may trick the users of a web application into executing actions of the attacker's choosing. If the victim is a normal user, a successful CSRF attack can force the user to perform state changing requests like transferring funds, changing their email address, and so forth. If the victim is an administrative account, CSRF can compromise the entire web application.

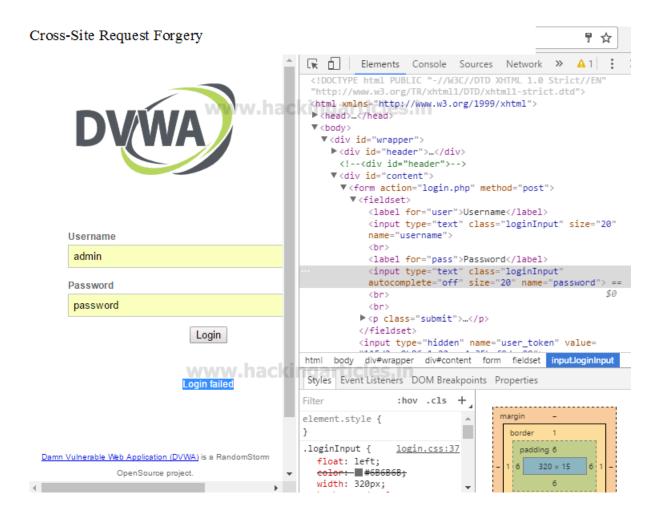


Figure 24. DVWA CSRF

8.2.3. SQL Injection:

SQL injection (also known as SQL fishing) is a technique often used to attack data driven applications. This is done by including portions of SQL statements in an entry field in an attempt to get the website to pass a newly formed rogue SQL command to the database (e.g., dump the database contents to the attacker). SQL injection is a code injection technique that exploits a security vulnerability in an application's software. The vulnerability happens when user input is either incorrectly filtered for string literal escape characters embedded in SQL statements or user input is not strongly typed and unexpectedly executed.

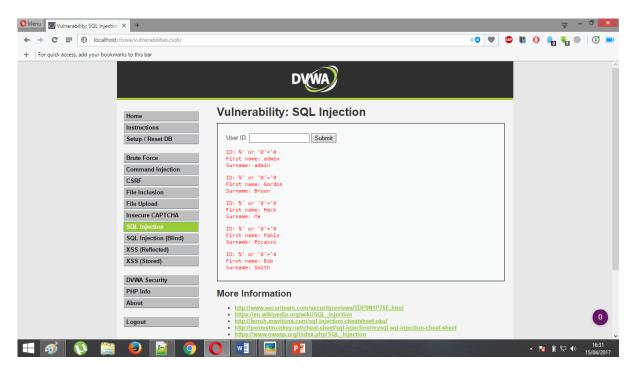


Figure 25. SQL Injection

Instructions:

Input the below text into the User ID Textbox.

%' or '0'='0

Click Submit

8.2.4. XSS (Cross Site Scripting):

What is Cross Site Scripting?

Cross-site scripting (XSS) is a type of computer security vulnerability typically found in Web applications.

XSS enables attackers to inject client-side script into Web pages viewed by other users. A cross-site scripting vulnerability may be used by attackers to bypass access controls such as the same origin policy. In Addition, the attacker can send input (e.g., username, password, session ID, etc.) which can be later captured by an external script.

The victim's browser has no way to know that the script should not be trusted, and will execute the script. Because it thinks the script came from a trusted source, the malicious script can access any cookies, session tokens, or other sensitive information retained by the browser and used with that site.

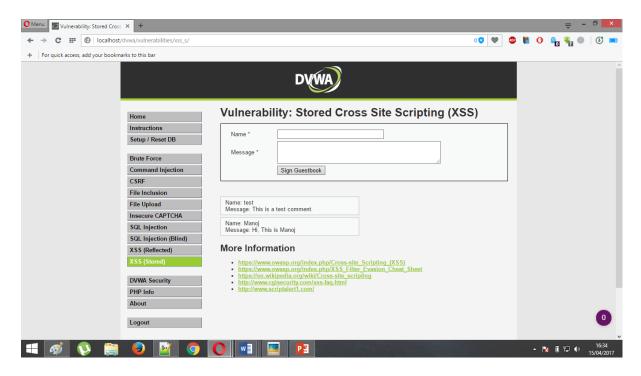


Figure 26. DVWA XSS.

8.2.5. Upload:

What is an Upload Attack Vector?

An Upload Attack Vector exists when a website application provides the ability to upload files. Uploaded files represent a significant risk to applications. The first step in many attacks is to get some code to the system to be attacked. Then the attack only needs to find a way to get the code executed. Using a file upload helps the attacker accomplish the first step. The consequences of unrestricted file upload can vary, including complete system takeover, an overloaded file system, forwarding attacks to backend systems, and simple defacement. It depends on what the application does with the uploaded file, including where it is stored.

What is c99.php?

The c99 PHP utility provides functionality for listing files, brute-forcing FTP passwords, updating itself, executing shell commands and PHP code. It also provides for connecting to

MySQL databases, and initiating a connect-back shell session. In many ways, it can be considered the web equivalent of the rootkits that successful attackers often download. In other ways, it is the malware equivalent of PHPShell itself. c99 is often one of the utility programs that is either downloaded if a web server is vulnerable due to being misconfigured.

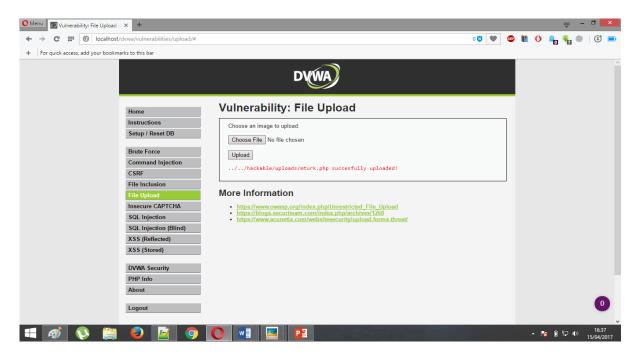


Figure 27. DVWA File Upload

CHAPTER-9

CODING

```
Session File:
<?php
include('config.php');
session_start();
$user_check = $_SESSION['login_user'];
$ses_sql = mysqli_query($db,"select username from admin where username = '$user_check'
");
$row = mysqli_fetch_array($ses_sql,MYSQLI_ASSOC);
$login_session = $row['username'];
if(!isset($_SESSION['login_user'])){
header("location:login2.php");
 }
?>
Database Store:
<?php
define('DB_NAME','database');
define('DB_USER','root');
define('DB_PASSWORD',");
define('DB_HOST','localhost');
$link=mysql_connect(DB_HOST, DB_USER, DB_PASSWORD);
```

if(!\$link){

```
die('could not connect:'.mysql_error());
       }
       $db_selected=mysql_select_db(DB_NAME, $link);
       if(!$db_selected){
              die('can\'t use' . DB_NAME . ':' .mysql_error());
       $value1=$_POST['Full_Name'];
       $value2=$_POST['Emai_id'];
       $value3=$_POST['mobile'];
       $value4=$_POST['username'];
       $value5=$_POST['passcode'];
       $sql="INSERT INTO register (Full_Name,Emai_id,mobile,username, passcode)
       values ('$value1', '$value2', '$value3', '$value4', '$value5')";
       if(!mysql_query($sql)){
              die('error:'.mysql_error());
       }
       echo'<html><title>Successfull signup</title><body bgcolor="yellow"><font
       color="blue">Your account has been created <br><br><br>
       Click here to login----> <a href="index.php">Login</a></font></body></html>';
       mysql_close();
       ?>
Logout:
       <?php
         session_start();
        if(session_destroy()) {
          header("Location: index.php");
         }
       ?>
```

Register:

```
<html><head>
<title>Registration</title>
k rel="shortcut icon" href="swami.ico" type="image/x-icon"/>
</head>
<div align = "center">
    <div style = "width:400px; border: solid 2px blue; " align = "left">
<center>
<h1 style="color:red">Registration</h1><hr color="yellow">
<h2 style="color:blue">Fill your complete details</h2><hr color="yellow">
<form action="store.php" method="post">
<br/><b>Full Name:&nbsp;&nbsp;<input type="text" name="Full_Name"><br><br>
Emai-id:    <input type="text"
name="Emai_id"><br><br>
Mobile No. :  <input type="text" name="mobile"><br><br>
Username:   <input type="text" name="username"><br><br>
Password:       <input type="password" name="passcode"> <hr
color="yellow">
<input type="Submit" value=" Register "
Style="color:blue">    <input type="reset" value=" Reset
" Style="color:blue"> </b>
<center> </form> </div> </div>
</html>
```

```
Successfully Login:
<?php
 include('session.php');
?>
<html">
 <head>
   <title>Welcome </title>
   k rel="icon" href="swami.ico" type="image/x-icon">
 </head>
 <body bgcolor="lightgreen">
   <h3>Welcome <u><b><?php echo $login_session; ?><b></u> you have
successfully loged in</h3>
   <a href = "logout.php">Sign Out</a>
 </body>
</html>
Configuration:
<?php
 define('DB_SERVER', 'localhost');
 define('DB_USERNAME', 'root');
 define('DB_PASSWORD', ");
 define('DB_DATABASE', 'database');
 db =
mysqli\_connect(DB\_SERVER,DB\_USERNAME,DB\_PASSWORD,DB\_DATABAS
E);
?>
```

CHAPTER-10

10. SECURING CMS:

Based on this project we have defined list of best practices for securing CMS. Most important of them are:

- Regularly updating CMS, programming and database support, web server and server itself. If all of that is done regularly it's almost impossible to hack major CMS applications,
- Limiting logging attempts, obscuring admin page and installation itself, enforcing strong passwords, use discreet error messages, regularly check for proper permissions, limit IP and country access if necessary.
- Deleting known IDs and names for administration access (like Admin) and use random IDs for admin accounts,
- Using professional hosting services with security teams specially dedicated to monitor security issues with CMS of a choice,
- Using professional CDN service with option to automatically add new and recommended firewall rules.
- Using web firewall and security plugins (like Themes Security or Wordfence) is not effective in case previously defined important factors are not covered. Experts demonstrated how fully patched systems with all security plugins in place can still be compromised. This could be countered if hosting is moved in cloud environment. Since attackers are using standardized exploit kits and standardized codes massively it's easy to spot breach in cloud environment if cloud hosting service is hosting thousands of WordPress installations for example. If there's communication with development team of CMS application than rules can be quickly added or changed easily. For specific most used web applications attacks are detected daily and rules are added immediately to prevent them.

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CONCLUSION

In this project, basic features of CMSs have been presented. Critical web vulnerabilities against web applications have been explained. Each vulnerability has been tested on the basic installation of the tested CMSs (Drupal) and possible security measures have been listed. The test results of the CMS systems have been presented as well as the list of threats against which the tested CMS systems were resistant in their basic installations. Based on findings the vulnerabilities we can conclude that servers, web servers and database servers used to host most popular CMS explained in project are not less secure than those used to host other CMS if proposed alternatives are used. We also concluded that number of discovered CMS vulnerabilities in three major CMS is correlated with their market share. Analysis of most frequently reported types of attacks showed that attacks on three major CMS are mainly using SQL injection vulnerabilities or CSRF in combination with SQL injection. WordPress development team is good example of such community where automated security updates are created and deployed as soon as threat is discovered. Current project confirms that hosting CMS without cloud web protection is becoming increasingly vulnerable even if all other measures are taken. The resistance of the tested CMSs to each of the ten analysed critical threats against web applications may be achieved by installing add-ons (plugin, extension) and the web server and network resource settings.

APPENDICES

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Drupal website:

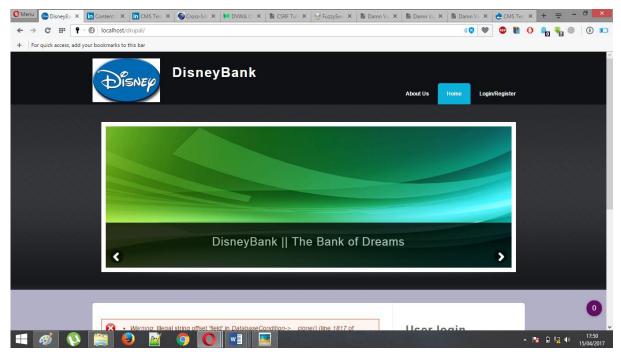


Figure 28. Drupal Website Main

Drupal Login:

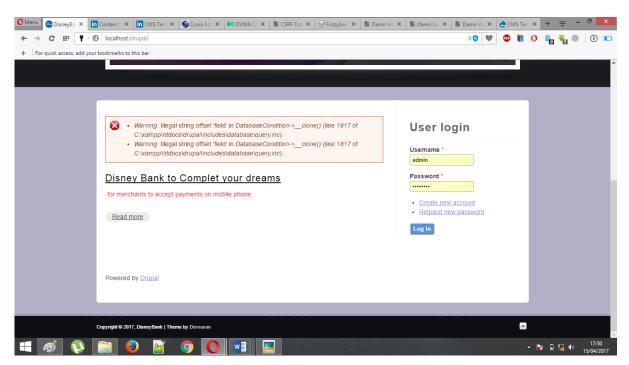


Figure 29. Drupal Login

Drupal Content Dashboard:

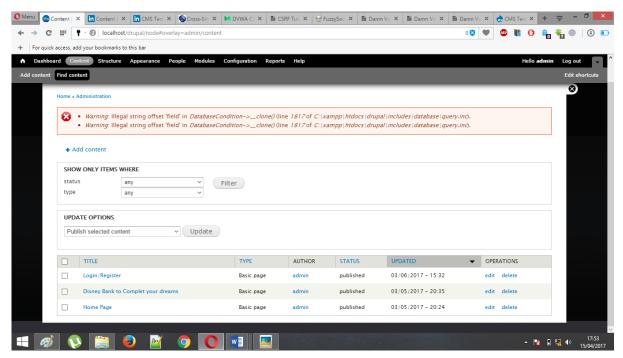


Figure 30. Drupal Dashboard

Drupal Configuration:

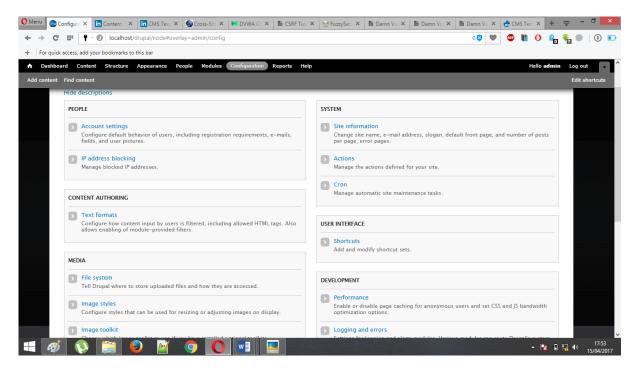


Figure 31. Drupal Configuration

HOIC Attack:

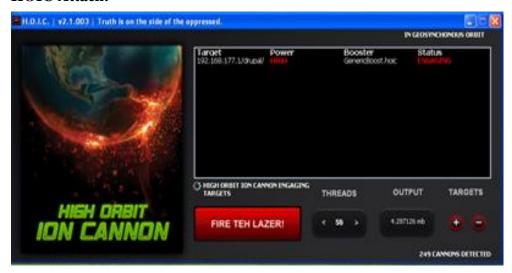


Figure 32. HOIC Attack

DVWA Login:

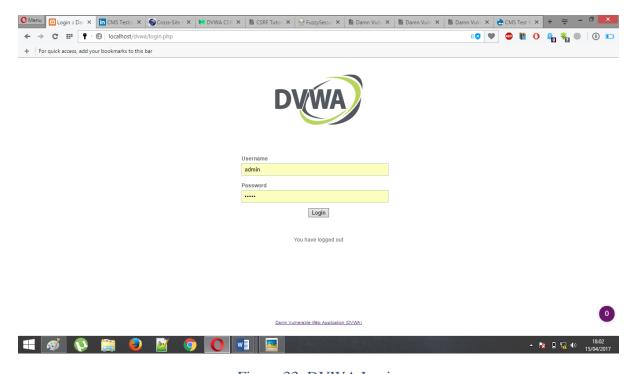


Figure 33. DVWA Login

DVWA Dashboard:

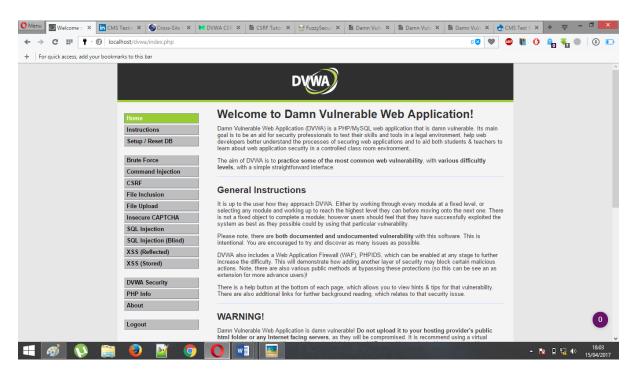


Figure 34. DVWA Dashboard

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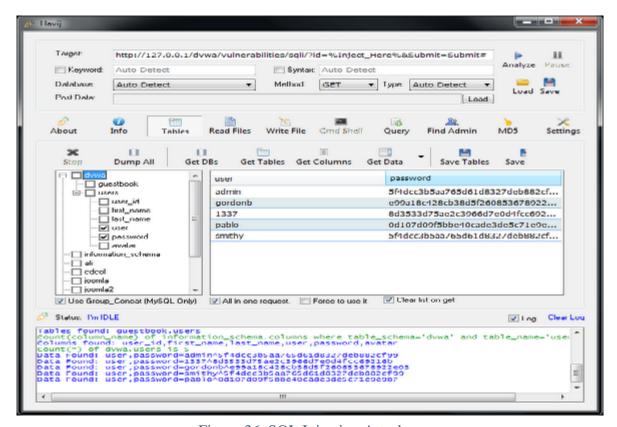


Figure 36. SQL Injection Attack

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