

Future Intern – Internship Task 1

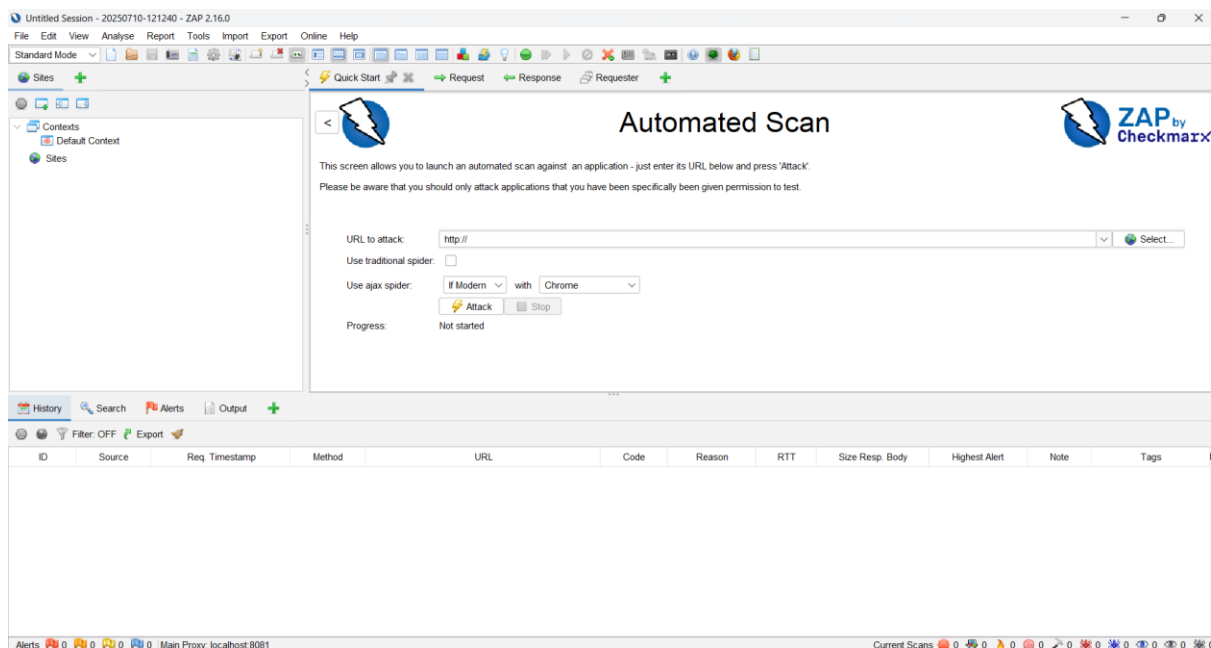
OWASP ZAP (Zed Attack Proxy) is an open-source web application security scanner developed by the OWASP (Open Web Application Security Project). It's widely used for finding vulnerabilities in web applications, including issues like:

- SQL Injection
- Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
- Broken Authentication
- Security misconfigurations

Step Follow

1. Enter the target URL in the top bar
2. Click "Attack" or right-click the site in the left pane → Attack → Spider.
3. ZAP will crawl all the links on the site and list them

Set target url and click on attack



The image displays three sequential screenshots of the ZAP by Checkmarx Automated Scan interface, showing the process of launching a scan, the results of the scan, and the details of the alerts found.

Screenshot 1: Automated Scan Interface

The interface shows the "Automated Scan" screen. The URL to attack is set to `http://localhost/DVWA/security.php`. The spider is configured to use the "Attack" spider. The progress bar indicates "Attack complete - see the Alerts tab for details of any issues found".

Screenshot 2: Scan Results

The "Alerts" tab is selected, showing a list of alerts. The first alert is "X-Content-Type-Options Header Missing" with a risk level of Low. The description states: "The Anti-MIME-sniffing header X-Content-Type-Options was not set to 'nosniff'. This allows older versions of Internet Explorer and Chrome to perform MIME-sniffing on the response body, potentially causing the response body to be interpreted and displayed as a content type other than the declared content type. Current (early 2014) and legacy versions of Firefox will use the declared content type (if one is set), rather than performing MIME-sniffing."

Screenshot 3: Scan Results

The "Alerts" tab is selected, showing a list of alerts. The first alert is "Missing Anti-clickjacking Header" with a risk level of Medium. The description states: "The response does not protect against 'Clickjacking' attacks. It should include either Content-Security-Policy with 'frame-ancestors' directive or X-Frame-Options."

Lab Setup (XAMPP Method)

Step 1: Install XAMPP

- Download and install XAMPP.
- Launch the XAMPP Control Panel.
- Start Apache and MySQL services.

Step 2: Download DVWA

<https://github.com/digininja/DVWA.git> or manually download from GitHub.

Step 3: Configure DVWA

1. Copy the DVWA folder into C:\xampp\htdocs\
2. Rename the config file:

C:\xampp\htdocs\DVWA\config\config.inc.php.dist

→ config.inc.php

3. Edit config.inc.php:

```
$_DVWA[ 'db_user' ] = 'root';
```

```
$_DVWA[ 'db_password' ] = '';
```

Step 4: Setup MySQL Database

- Visit: <http://localhost/phpmyadmin>
- Create a database named dvwa

Step 5: Configure Security Level

- Log in: admin / password
- Go to DVWA Security tab → Set level to Low, Medium, High, or
- Impossible

Title: SQL Injection (Union based)

Description

UNION-based SQL Injection is a type of SQL injection attack where an attacker uses the SQL UNION operator to combine the results of two or more SELECT statements into a single result.

Affected resources

DVWA web application
<http://localhost/DVWA/vulnerabilities/sqli/>

Severity

High

Impact

This type of injection can expose sensitive information such as usernames, passwords, email addresses, credit card numbers, and even internal database structure. If exploited, it may lead to unauthorized access, data breaches, identity theft, or further compromise of the system.

Recommendation

To protect against SQL Injection attacks, it is essential to use parameterized queries (prepared statements) to ensure that user inputs are treated as data, not executable code. Additionally, always validate and sanitize all user inputs to prevent malicious entries. Where appropriate, use stored procedures to encapsulate SQL logic and reduce exposure to injection points. Implement proper error handling by disabling detailed SQL error messages that could aid attackers. Lastly, strengthen your defense by enabling a Web Application Firewall (WAF) to detect and block malicious traffic at the application layer.

Tool used

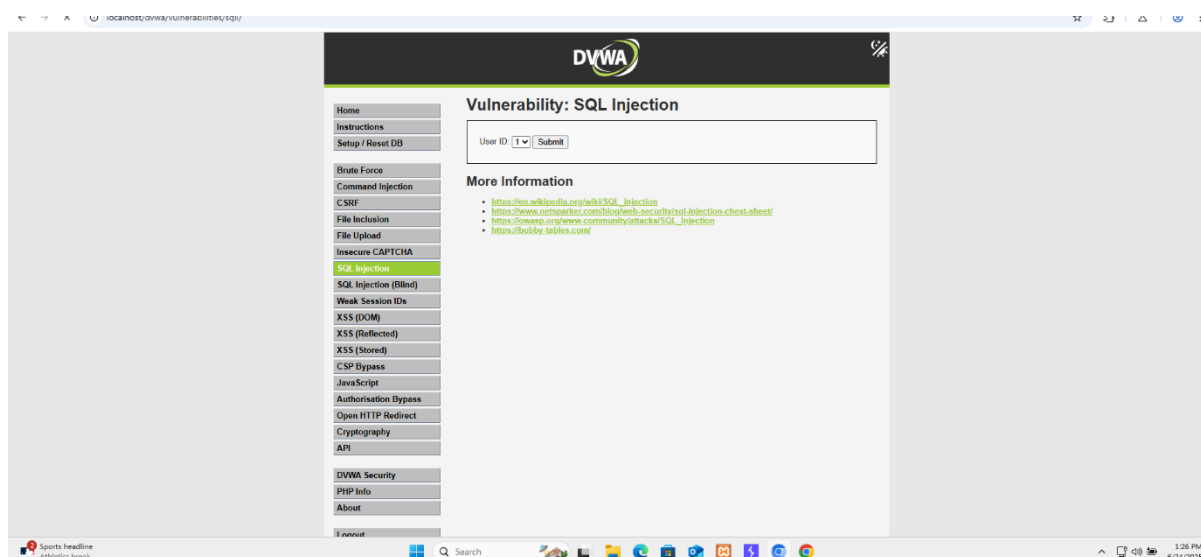
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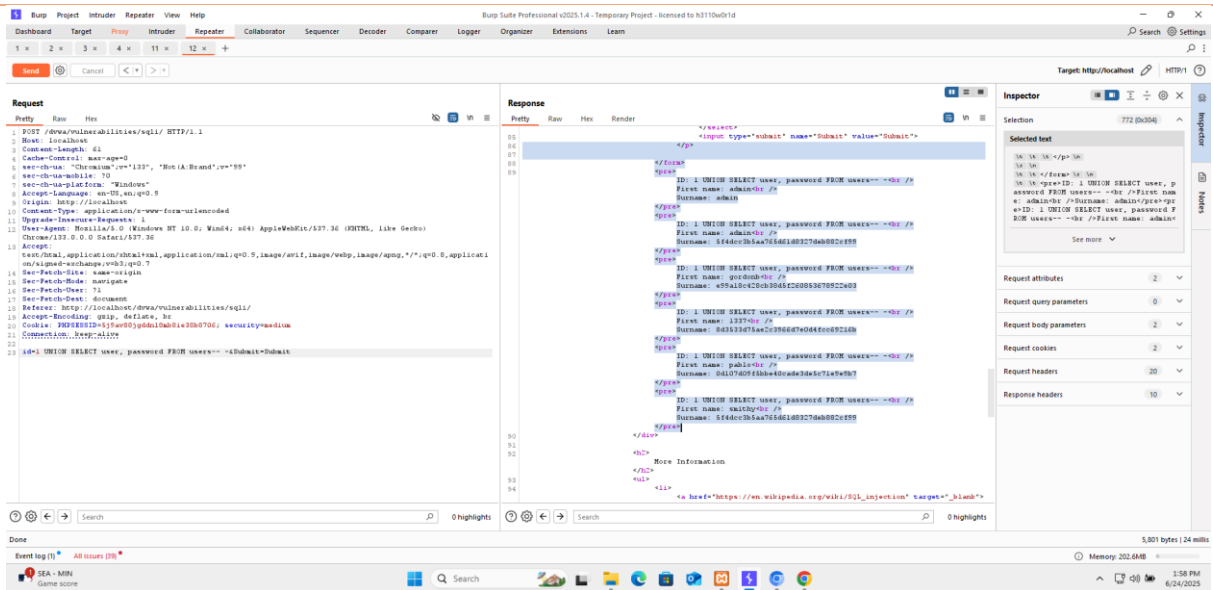
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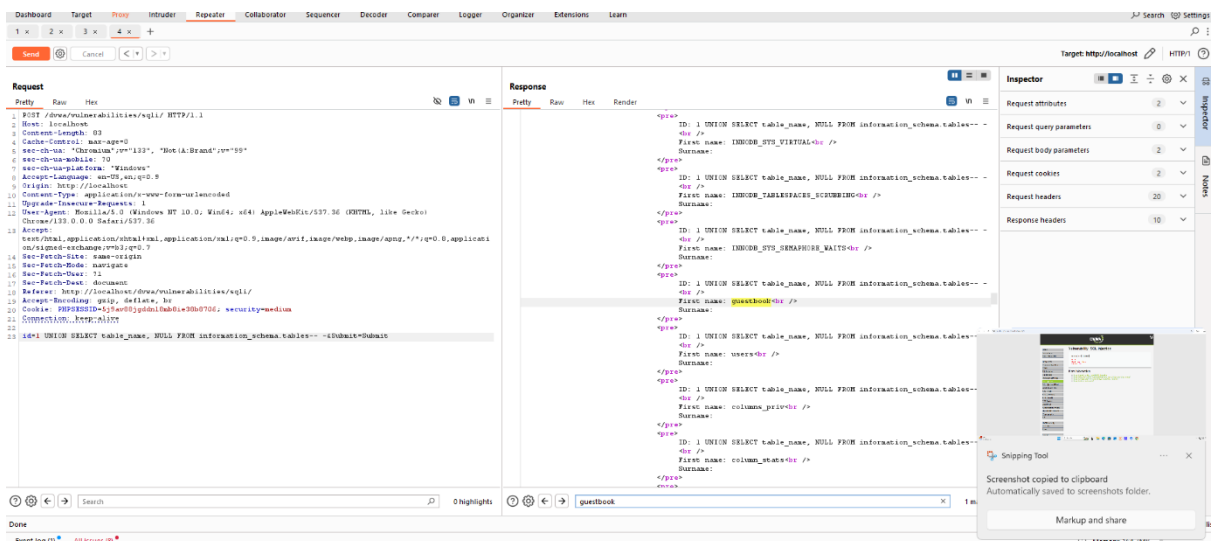
Step 1: Visit the DVWA web application and click on Sqli injection portion with severity level High



Step 2: Intercepting the communication between DVWA web application and server inserting payload **1 UNION SELECT user, password FROM users-- --&Submit=Submit** and got information name surname



Payload 2: 1 UNION SELECT table_name, NULL FROM information_schema.tables-- -->submit=submit after inserted this payload got information about tables which is stored on database



Payload 3:1 UNION SELECT name, comment FROM guestbook--&Submit=Submit after inserted this payload got information about column which is selected from table

The screenshot shows the Burp Suite Professional interface with the following details:

- Request Tab:** Displays the raw HTTP request. The payload is injected at the end of the URL: `3 UNION SELECT name, comment FROM guestbook--&Submit=Submit`.
- Response Tab:** Displays the server's HTML response. It includes a table with user information. The selected text in the response is:

```
<table border="1">
  <tr>
    <td>admin</td>
    <td>This is a test comment</td>
  </tr>
</table>
```
- Inspector Panel:** Shows the selected text from the response, highlighting the user details for 'admin'.

Title: SQL Injection (Blind based)

Description

Blind SQL Injection is a type of SQL injection where the attacker cannot see the database output directly. Instead, they infer information indirectly by observing how the web application behaves — such as changes in page content, errors, response time.

Affected resources

DVWA web application
http://localhost/dvwa/vulnerabilities/sqli_blind/

Severity

High

Impact

when a web application is vulnerable to SQL injection, but the results of the queries are not directly visible to the attacker. The impact can be severe — attackers may gain unauthorized access to databases, extract confidential data such as usernames and passwords, and credit card numbers, modify or delete records, or even gain full control of the database server.

Recommendation

To protect against SQL Injection attacks, it is essential to use parameterized queries (prepared statements) to ensure that user inputs are treated as data, not executable code. Additionally, always validate and sanitize all user inputs to prevent malicious entries. Where appropriate, use stored procedures to encapsulate SQL logic and reduce exposure to injection points. Implement proper error handling by disabling detailed SQL error messages that could aid attackers. Lastly, strengthen your defense by enabling a Web Application Firewall (WAF) to detect and block malicious traffic at the application layer.

Tool used

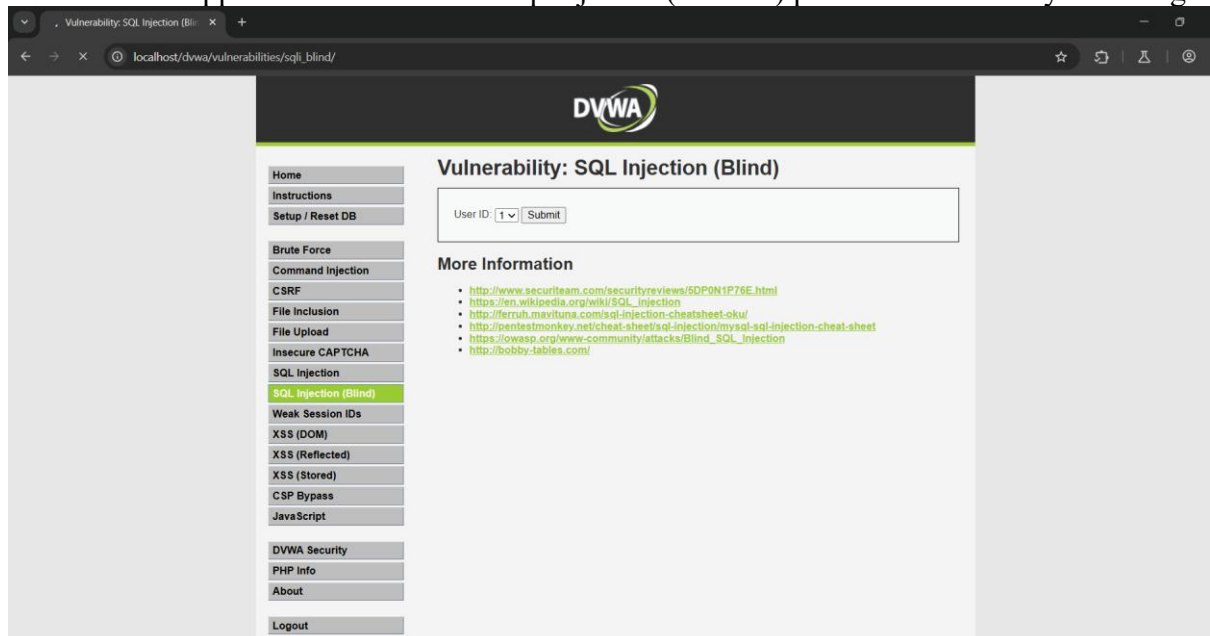
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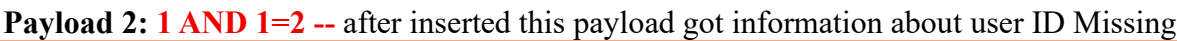
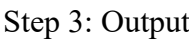
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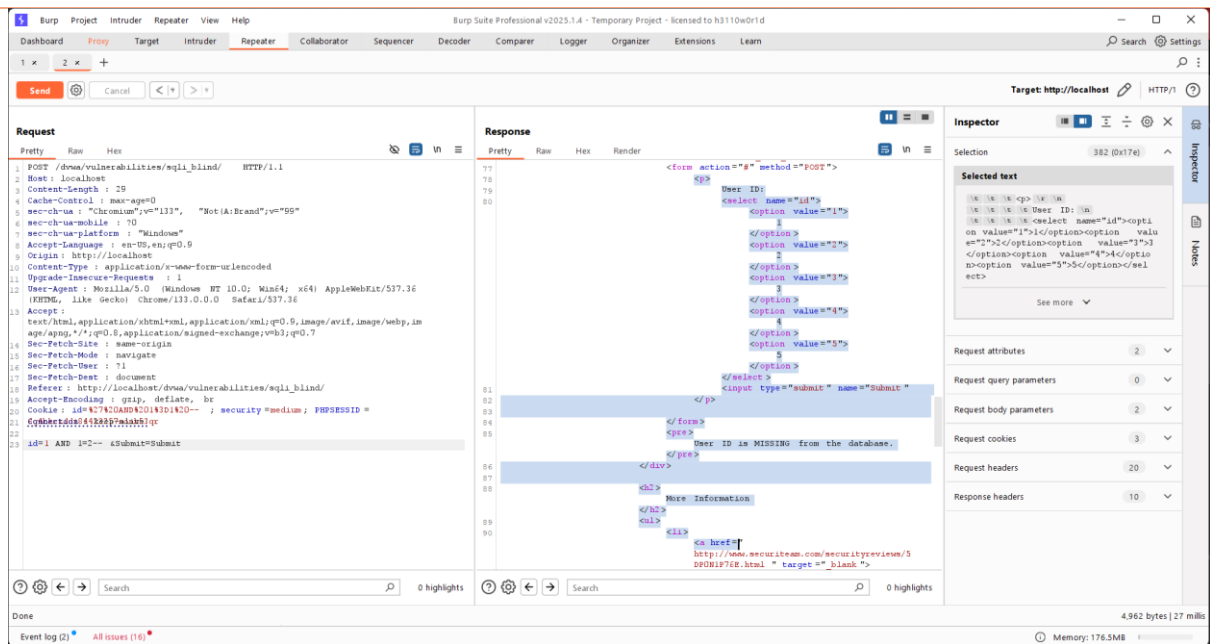
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Step 1: Visit the DVWA web application and click on Sql injection(BLIND) portion with severity level High



Step 2 : Intercepting the communication between DVWA web application and server inserting payload **1 AND 1=1** – and got information about user IDs .

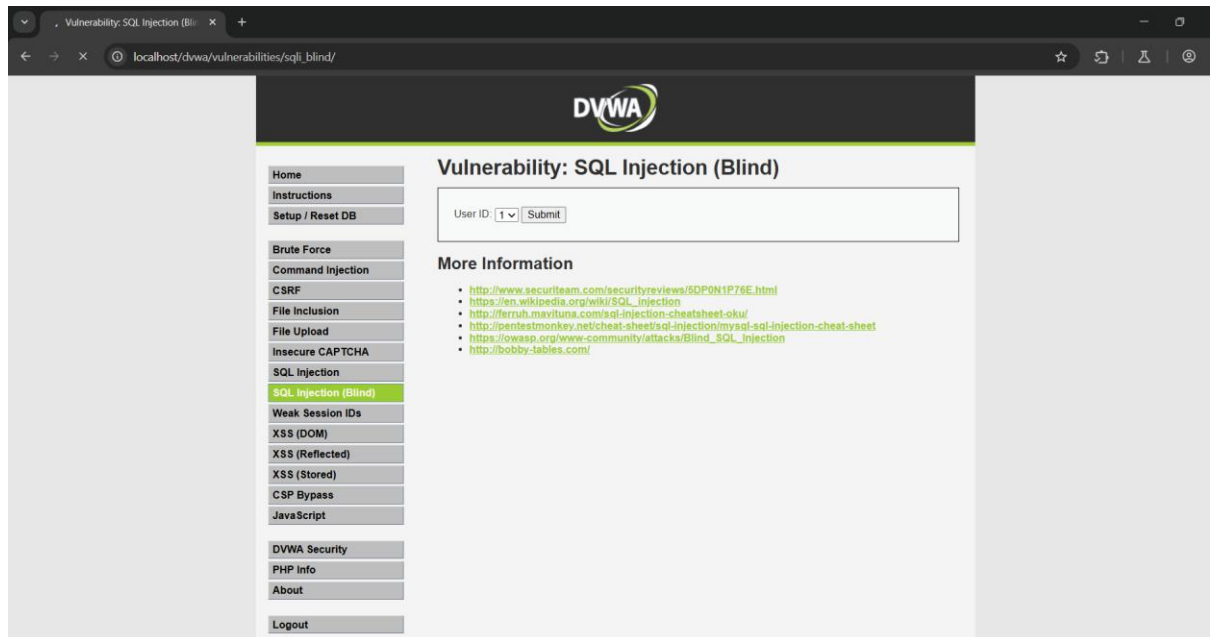




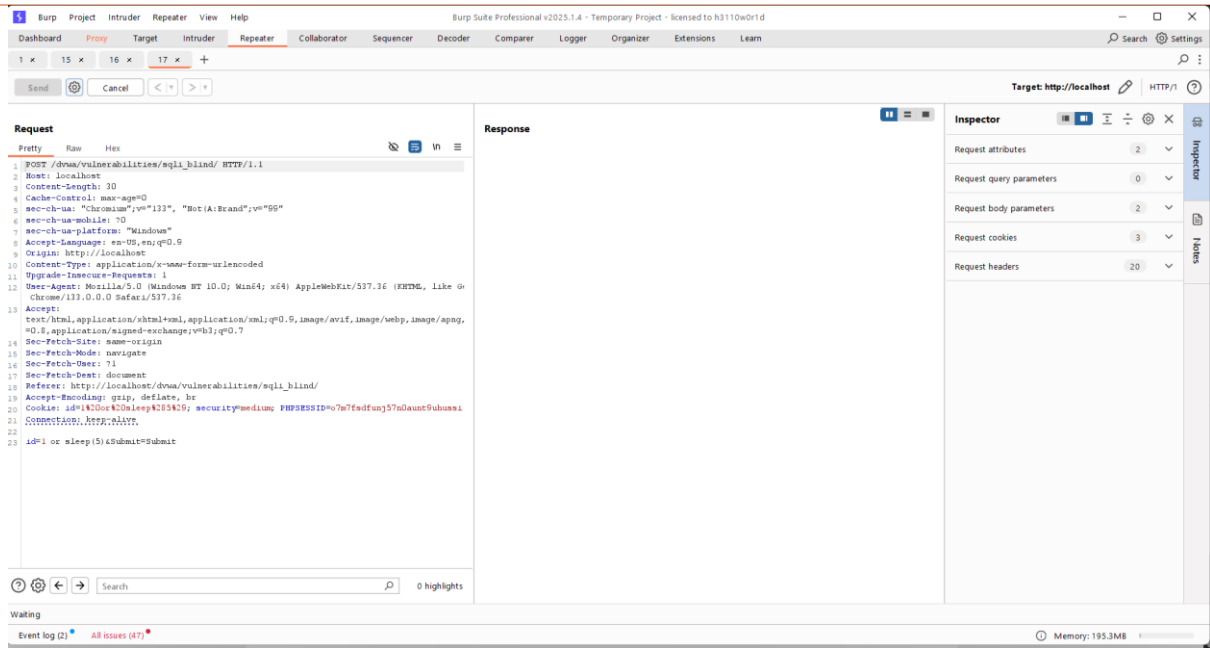
Blind Time based SQL injection

Payload: **1 or sleep(5)**

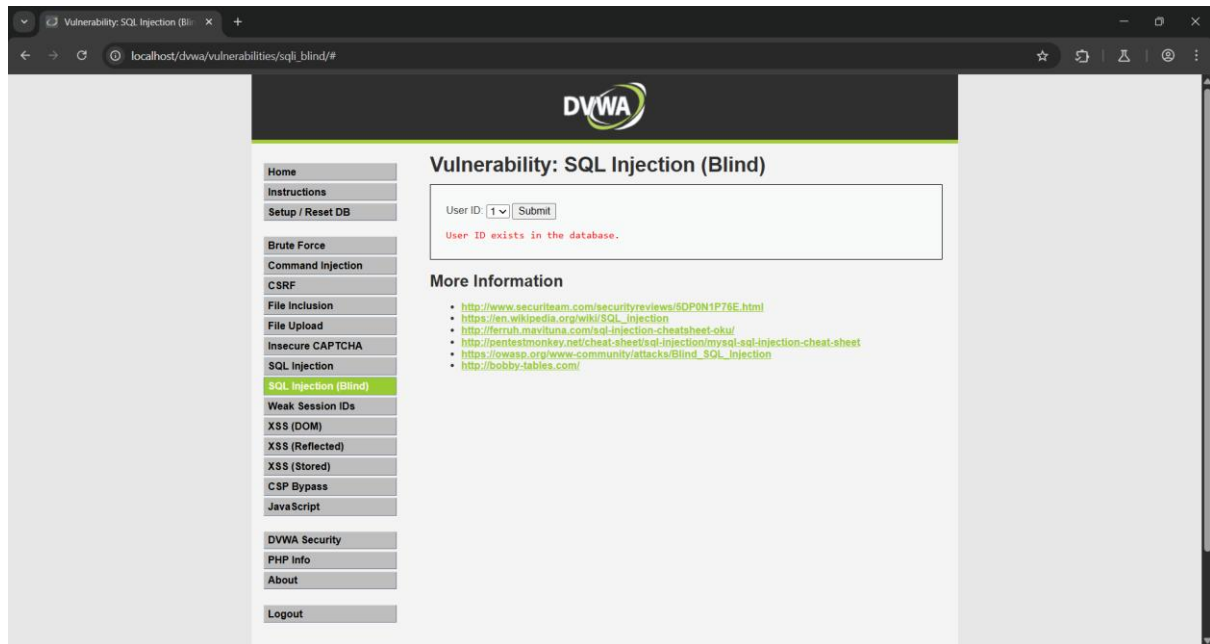
Step 1: Visit the sql injection(Blind)page.



Step 2: Intercepting the communication between DVWA web application and server inserting payload **1 or sleep(5)** as a result delay the server's response by 5 seconds .



3) output:



Title: SQL Injection(Error based)

Description

Error-Based SQL Injection is a technique where an attacker intentionally sends malformed SQL queries to trigger database errors, which then leak useful information

Affected resources

Severity

DVWA web application
<http://localhost/DVWA/vulnerabilities/sqli/>

High

Impact

Error-Based SQL Injection exploits improperly handled input to cause the database engine to return error messages. These errors often reveal sensitive internal information, making them dangerous.

Recommendation

To prevent Error-Based SQL Injection, always use parameterized queries (prepared statements) instead of dynamically building SQL statements. Validate and sanitize all user inputs to ensure only expected data is processed. Disable detailed database error messages in production environments to avoid leaking sensitive information. Additionally, implement least privilege access for database accounts and consider using Web Application Firewalls (WAFs) for an extra layer of defense.

Tool used

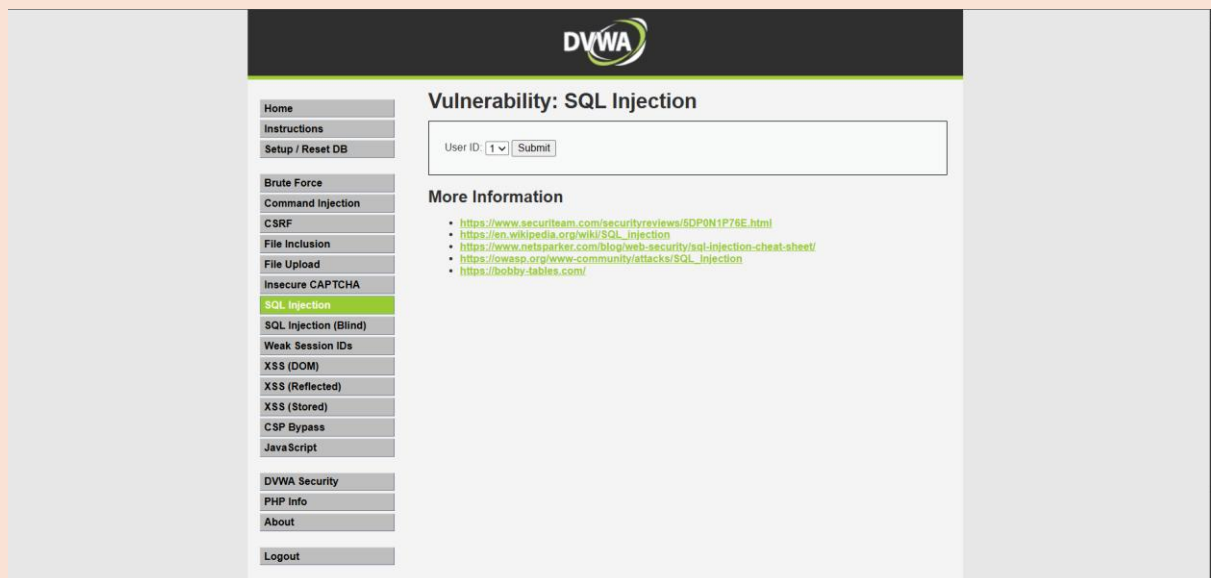
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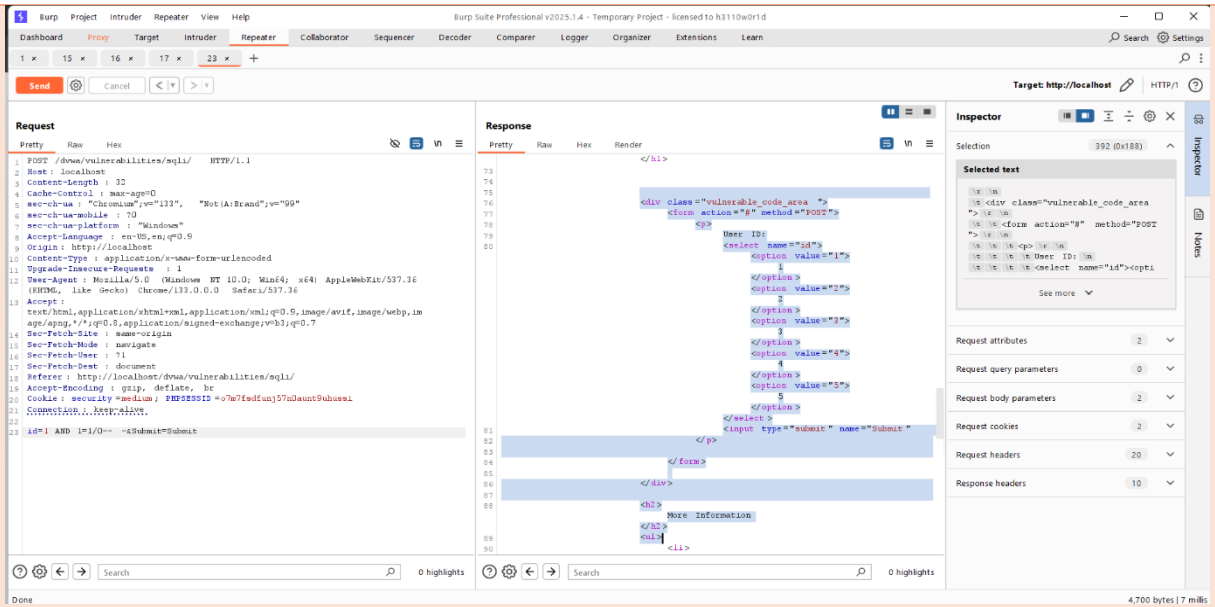
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POC

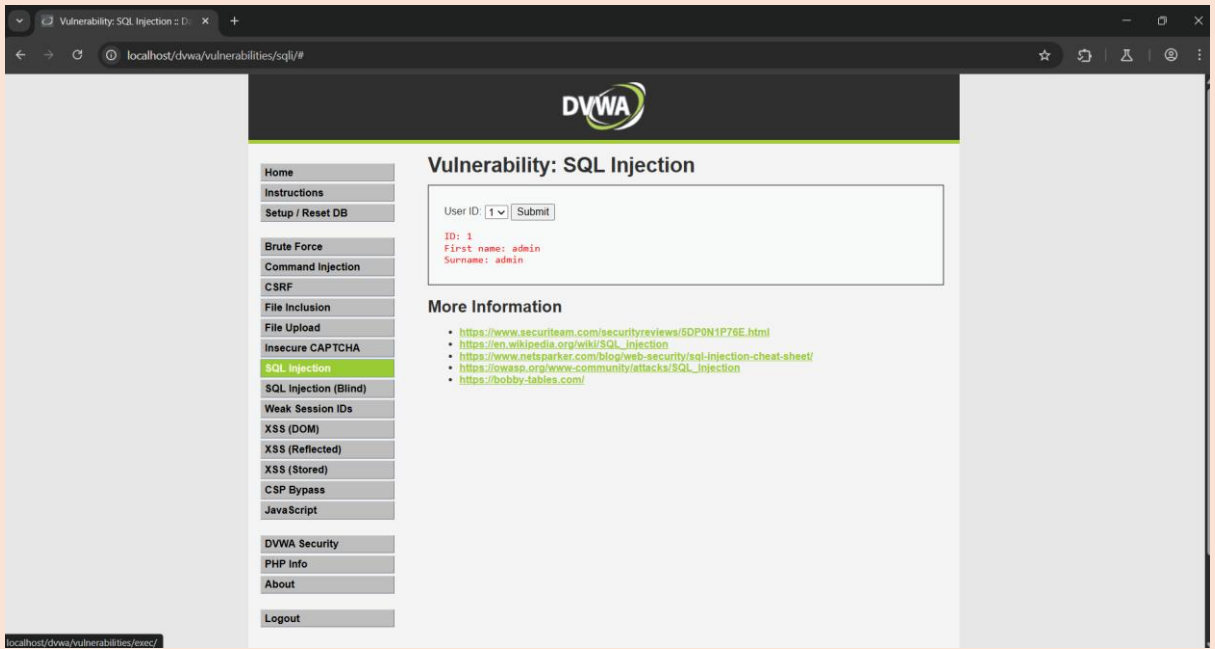
Step 1: Visit the sql injection page.



2) Step2: Intercepting the communication between DVWA web application and server inserting payload **1 AND 1=1/0-** as a result reveal sensitive internal information.



3) Output



Title: Bypass authentication

Description

Bypassing authentication is a technique attackers use to gain unauthorized access to a system by skipping or manipulating the login mechanism

Affected resources

DVWA web application
<http://localhost/DVWA/vulnerabilities/sqli/>

Severity

High

Impact

When used in input fields like login forms, it manipulates the SQL query to always return true, potentially allowing an attacker to bypass authentication without valid credentials

Recommendation

To prevent Error-Based SQL Injection, always use parameterized queries (prepared statements) instead of dynamically building SQL statements. Validate and sanitize all user inputs to ensure only expected data is processed. Disable detailed database error messages in production environments to avoid leaking sensitive information. Additionally, implement least privilege access for database accounts and consider using Web Application Firewalls (WAFs) for an extra layer of defense.

Tool used

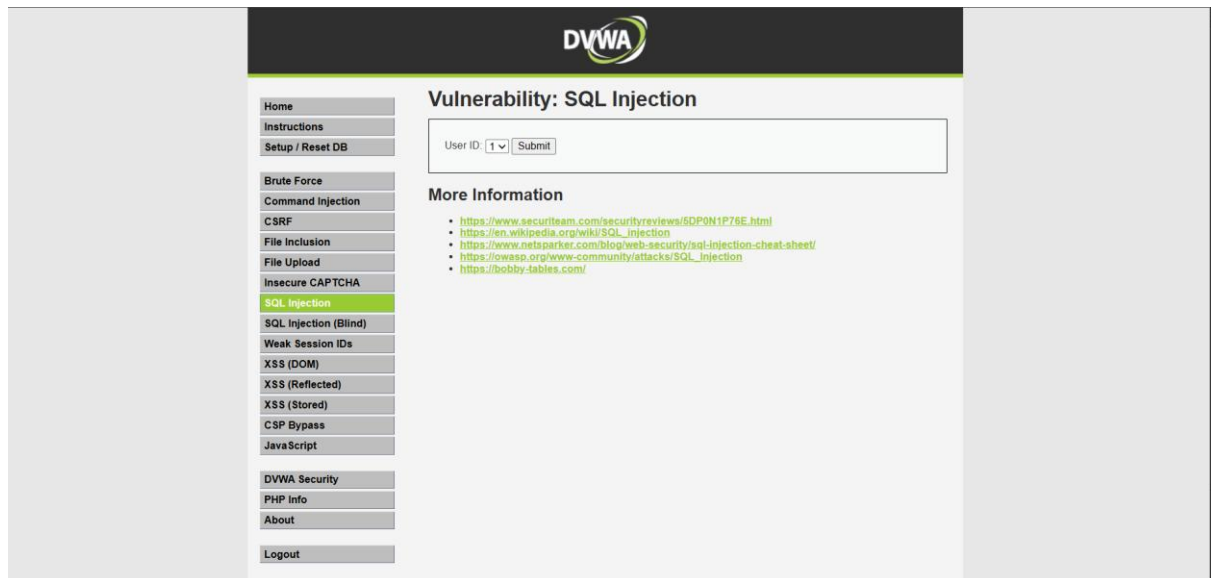
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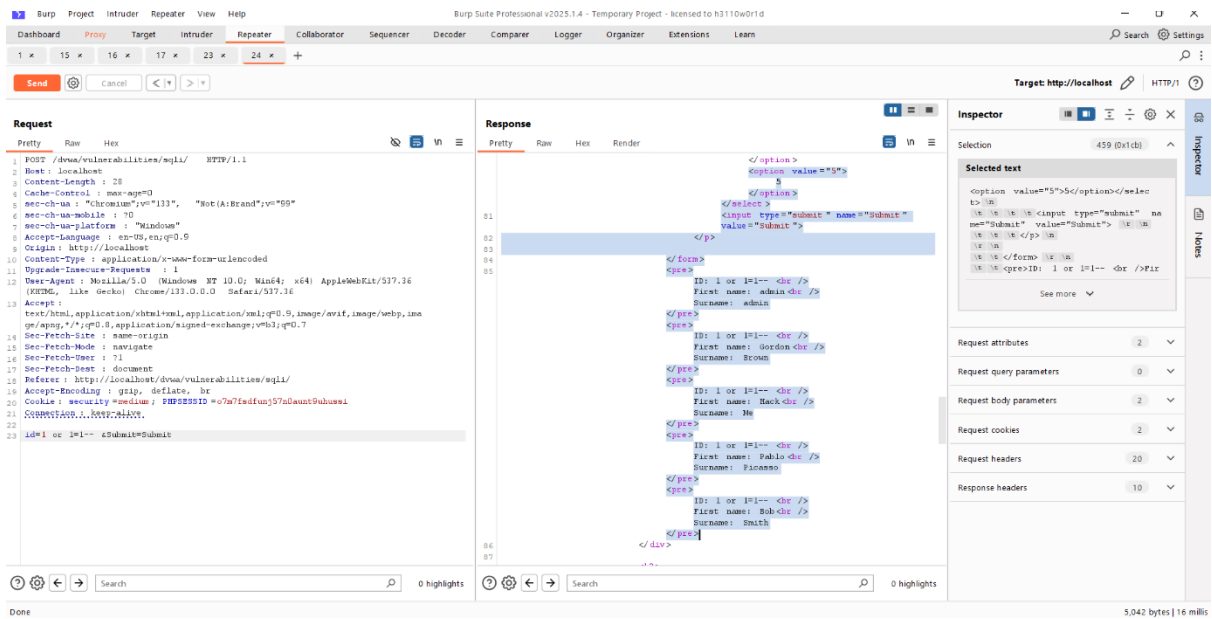
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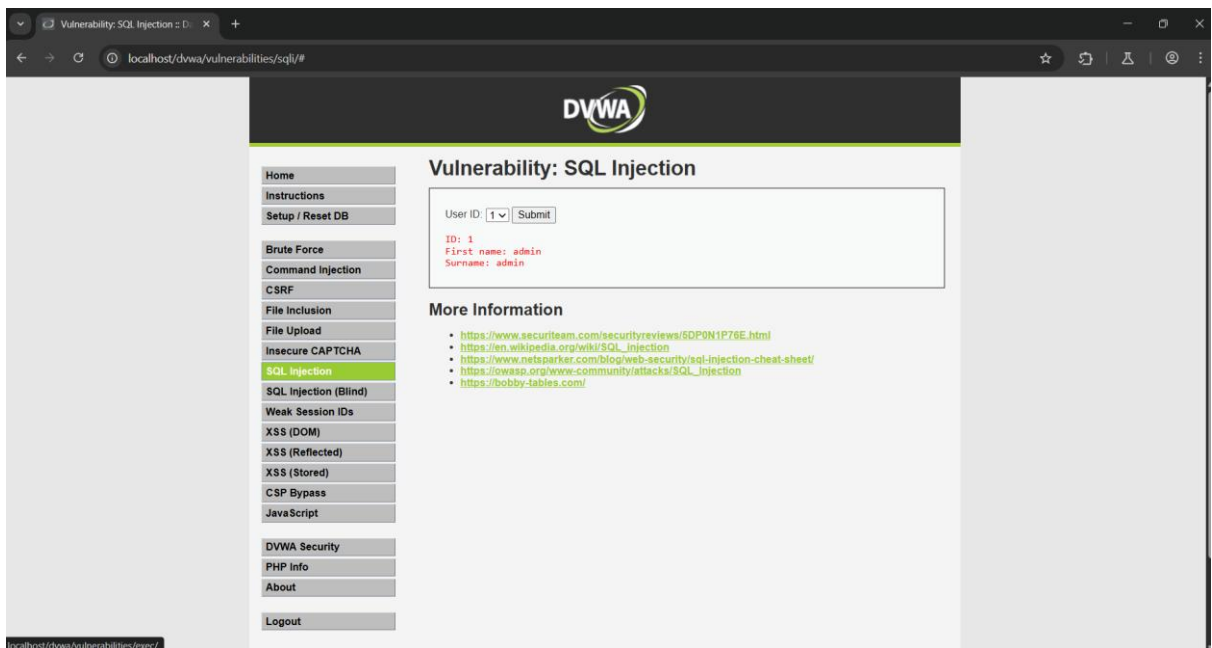
Step 1: Visit the sqli injection page.



Step 2: Intercepting the communication between DVWA web application and server inserting payload `1 or 1=1--` as a result gain unauthorized access to a system.



3) Output



Title: Cross Side Scripting(XSS)

Description

XSS (Cross-Site Scripting) is a web security vulnerability that allows an attacker to inject malicious scripts (usually JavaScript) into content delivered to users. When a browser executes this script, it can lead to data theft, session hijacking, phishing, and more.

Affected resources

http://localhost/dvwa/vulnerabilities/xss_r/

Severity

Medium

Impact

Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) is a serious web vulnerability that allows attackers to inject malicious scripts into web pages viewed by other users.

Recommendation

To prevent Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) attacks, always validate and sanitize user input by removing or encoding potentially harmful characters. Use frameworks or libraries that auto-escape HTML output, such as React or Angular. Implement Content Security Policy (CSP) headers to limit the sources of executable scripts. Avoid using `eval()` or inner HTML with untrusted data, and regularly update your software to patch known vulnerabilities.

Tool used

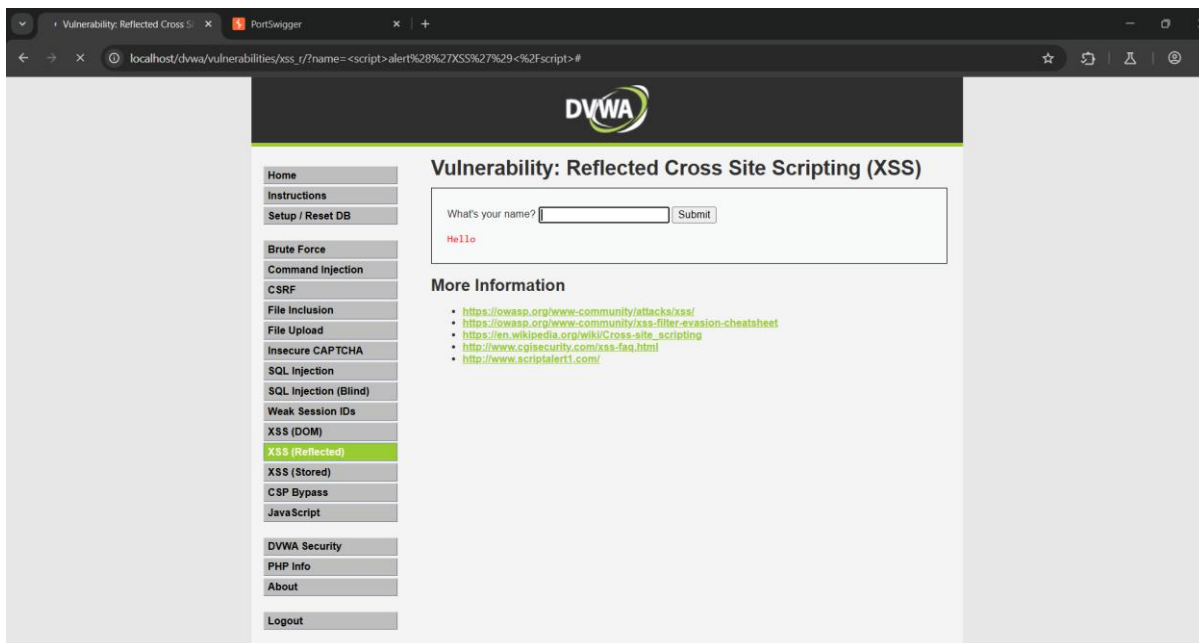
Burp-suite

References

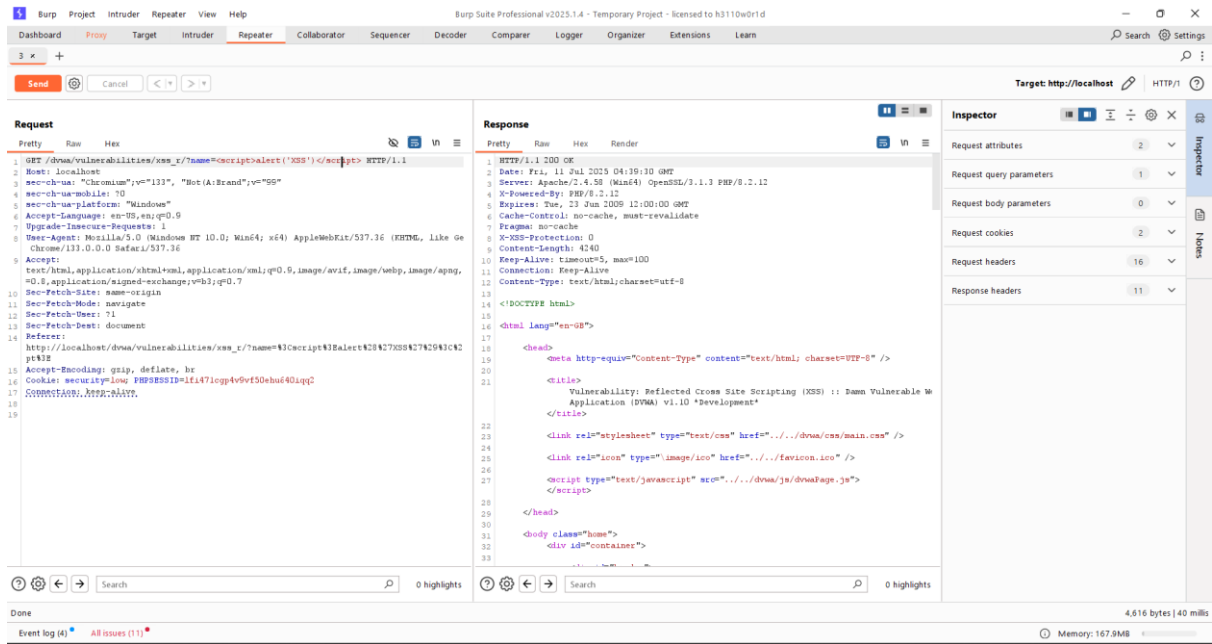
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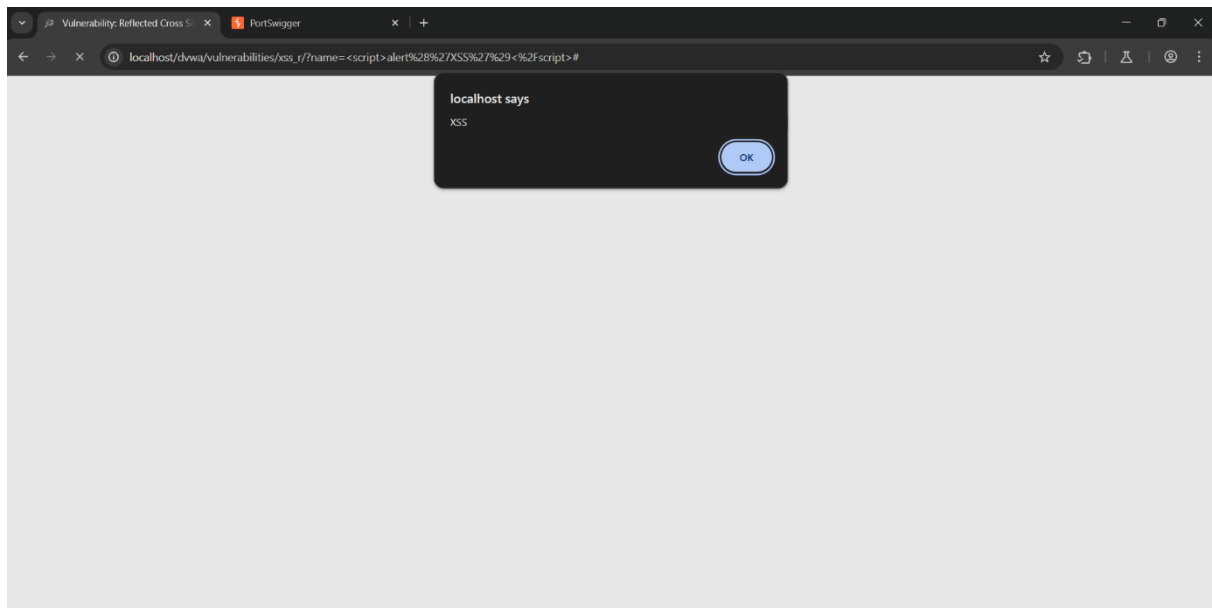
Step 1: Visit the XSS page



Step 2: Intercepting the communication between DVWA web application and server inserting payload `<script>alert('XSS')</script>` result mention below



Step 3: Output



Title: Cross Side Scripting (STORED)

Description

Stored XSS, also known as Persistent XSS, is a type of Cross-Site Scripting vulnerability where the malicious payload is permanently stored on the target server, such as in a database, comment field, forum post, user profile, or any data storage location.

Affected resources	Severity
http://localhost/dvwa/vulnerabilities/xss_s/	Medium

Impact

Stored XSS is one of the most dangerous types of XSS vulnerabilities, as the malicious script is permanently stored on the server and automatically delivered to users who view the affected content.

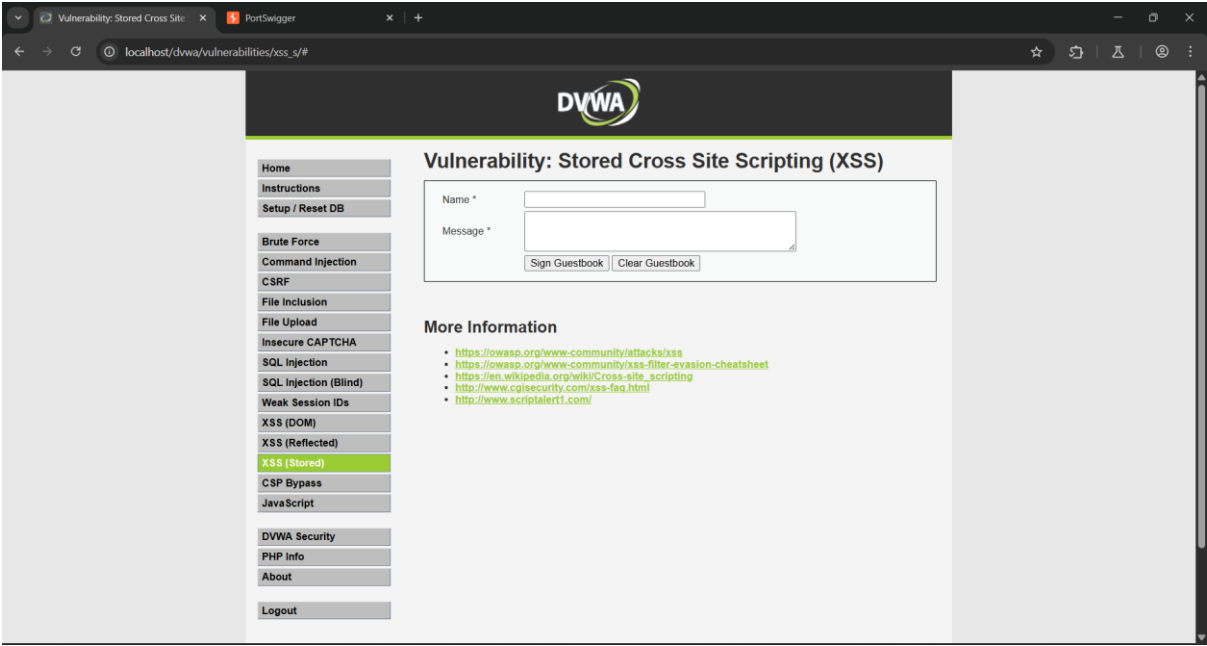
Recommendation

To prevent Stored XSS (Cross-Site Scripting), always validate and sanitize user inputs on both client and server sides. Encode output properly before displaying user-supplied data in HTML, JavaScript, or other contexts. Use security libraries or frameworks that automatically escape dangerous characters. Implement a strong Content Security Policy (CSP) to limit script execution, and ensure cookies are marked as HttpOnly and Secure to protect session data. Regular security testing and code reviews should also be conducted to identify and fix XSS vulnerabilities early.

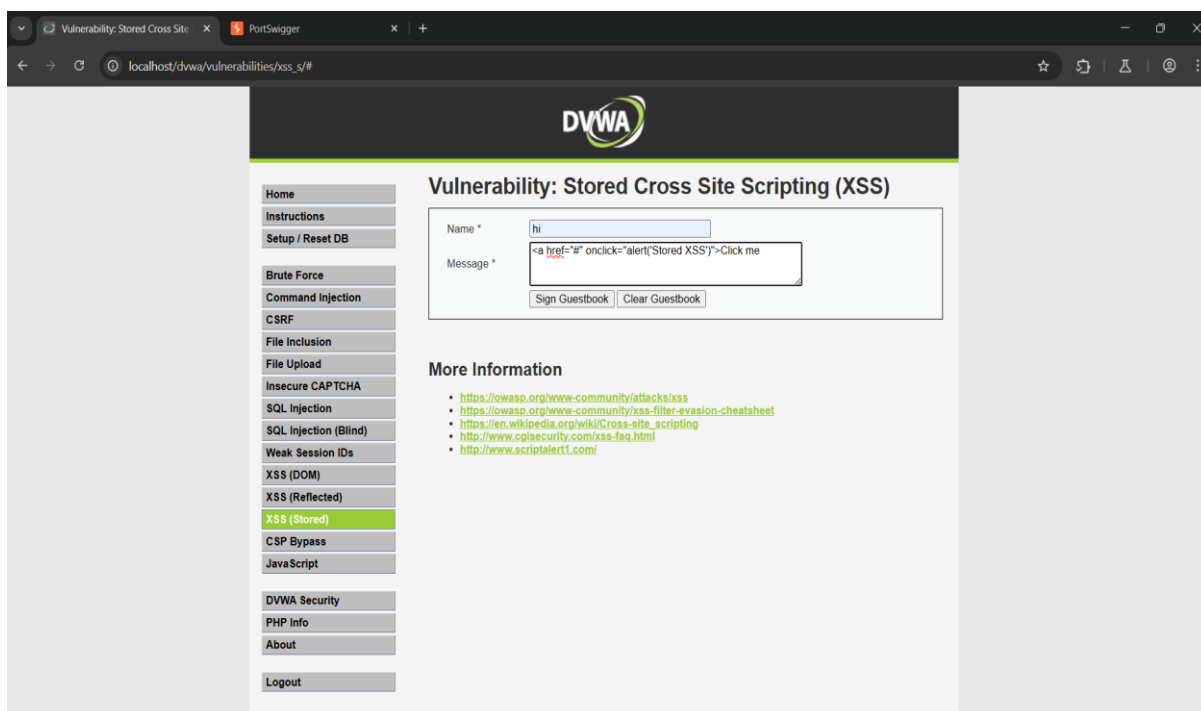
Tool used	References
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POC

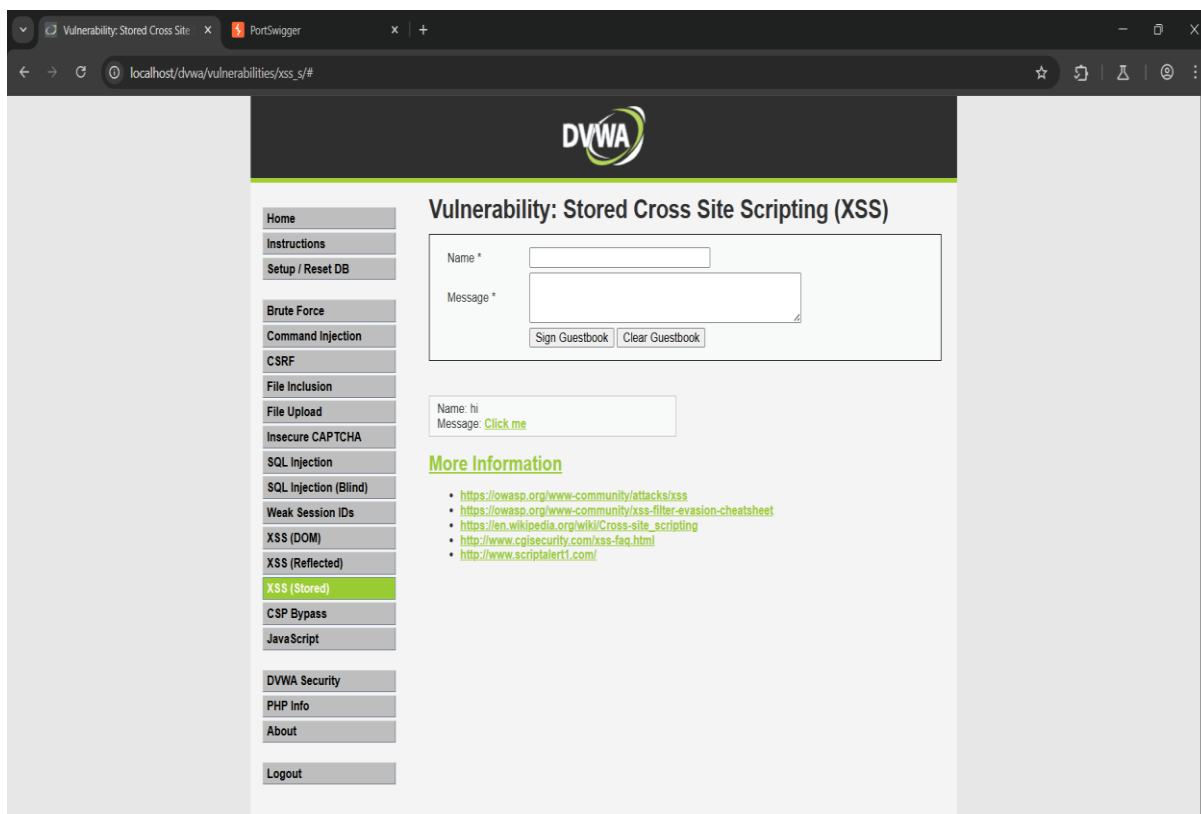
Step 1: Visit the XSS(stored) Page



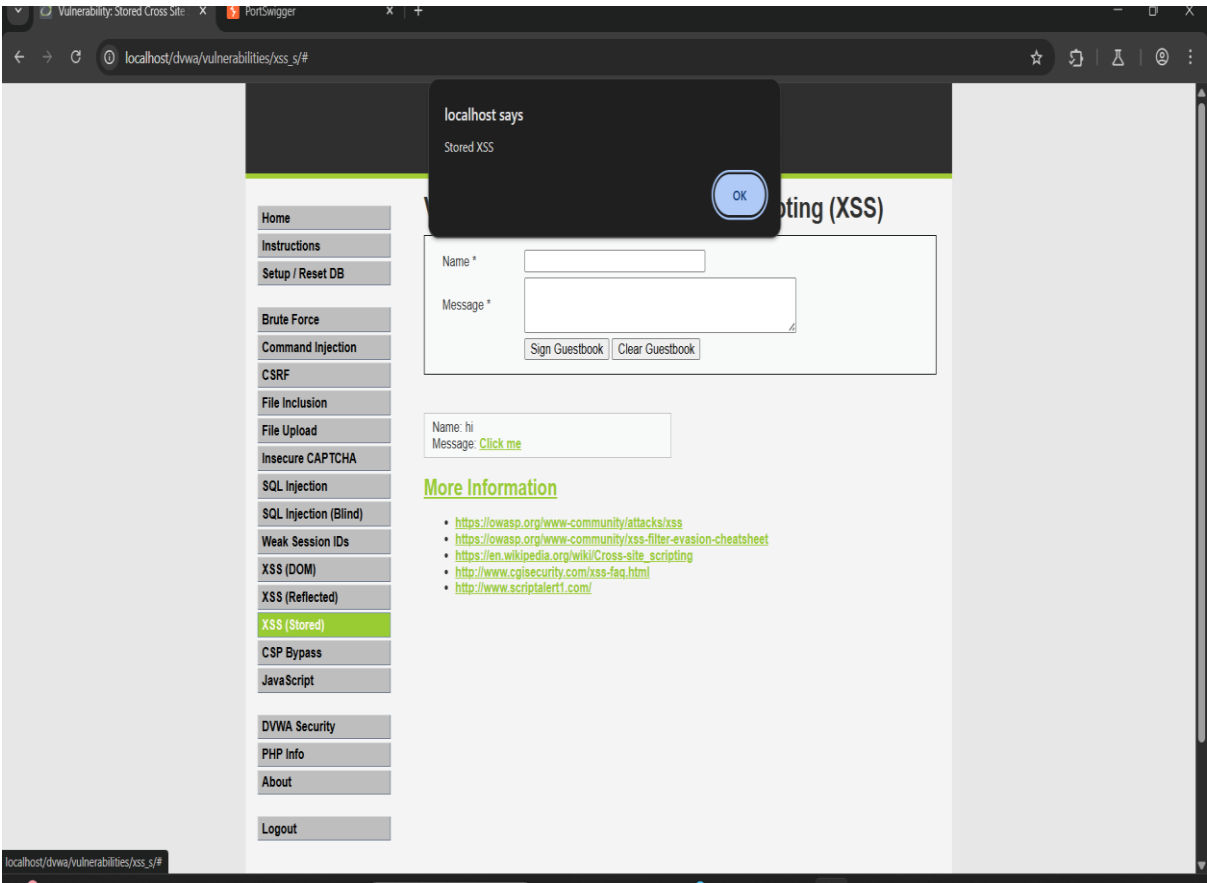
Step 2: Insert the payload on the message portion `Click me`



Step 3: Click on the Sign Guestbook option



Step 4: Next click on the **click me** option the output mention below



Title: Command Injection

Description

Command Injection is a critical web vulnerability that occurs when an application allows unsanitized user input to be passed directly into system-level commands executed by the server

Affected resources

<http://localhost/dvwa/vulnerabilities/exec/>

Severity

High

Impact

Command Injection is a critical security vulnerability that allows attackers to execute arbitrary system-level commands on a server.

Recommendation

To prevent command injection, always validate and sanitize user inputs by allowing only expected values and rejecting or escaping special characters. Avoid using system commands directly with user data—prefer safer APIs or built-in functions. Apply the principle of least privilege, ensuring the application runs with minimal permissions. Regularly update software and use web application firewalls (WAFs) to detect and block malicious inputs.

Tool used

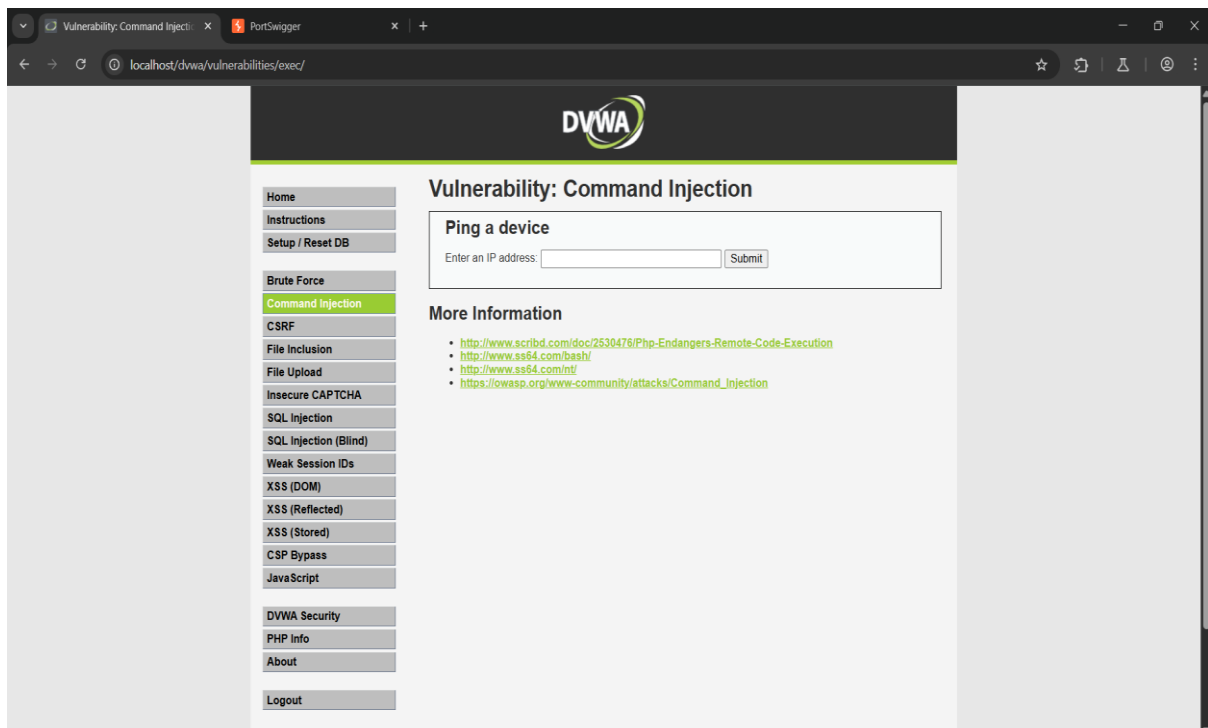
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Step 1: Visit command injection page



Step 2: Insert payload || **ipconfig**

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Vulnerability: Command Injection

Ping a device

Enter an IP address:

Windows IP Configuration

Ethernet adapter Ethernet 2:

```
Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . : 
Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::54e:7e3a:1801:957c%18
IPv4 Address. . . . . : 192.168.56.1
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
Default Gateway . . . . . :
```

Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 1:

```
Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :
```

Wireless LAN adapter Local Area Connection* 2:

```
Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . :
```

Wireless LAN adapter Wi-Fi:

```
Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . : domain.name
IPv4 Address. . . . . : 192.168.1.10
Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
Default Gateway . . . . . : 192.168.1.1
```

Ethernet adapter Ethernet:

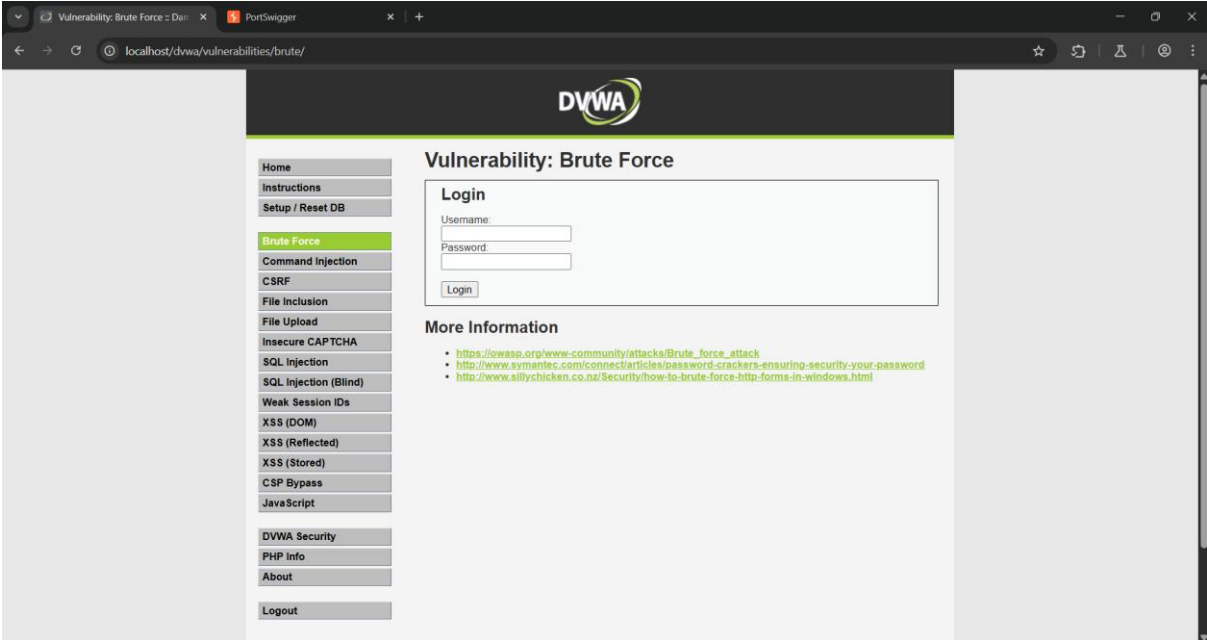
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Media State . . . . . : Media disconnected
Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . : E3-MDS13.COM
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More Information

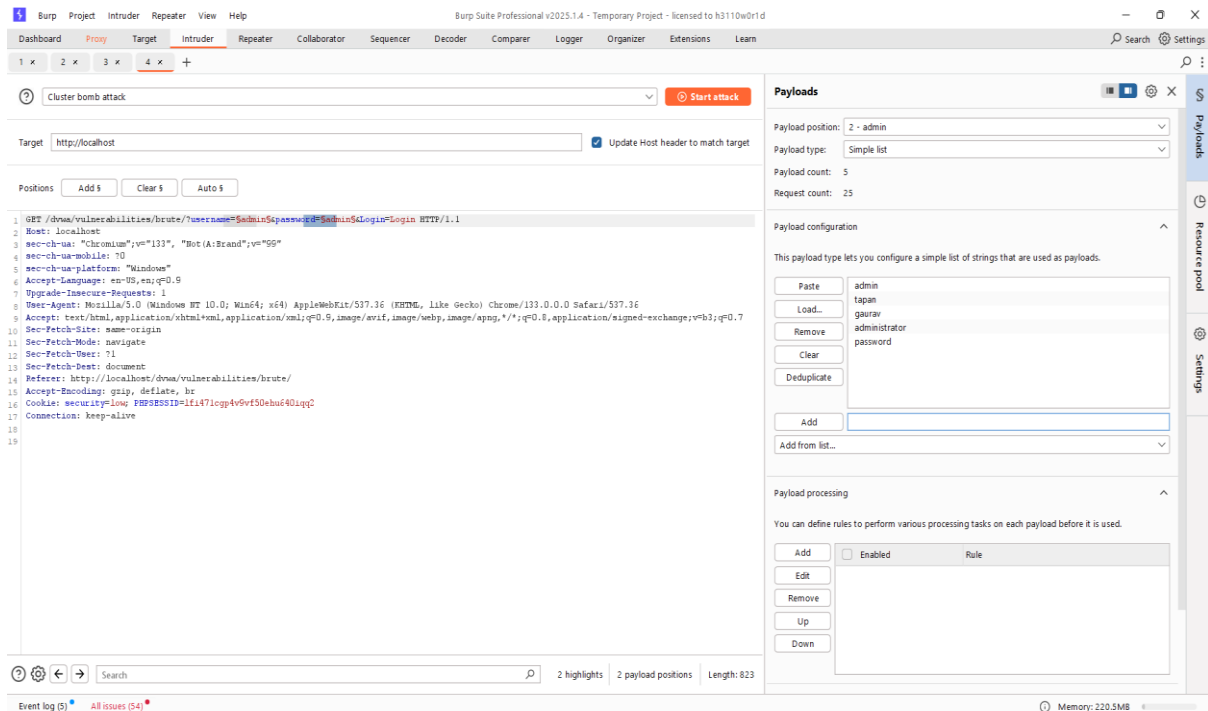
- <http://www.scribd.com/doc/2630476/Php-Endangers-Remote-Code-Execution>
- <http://www.ssfd.com/bash/>
- <http://www.ssfd.com/int/>

Title: Brute force	
Description	
Brute force is an attack method where an attacker systematically tries all possible combinations of usernames, passwords, or encryption keys until the correct one is found. It relies on trial and error and can be time-consuming, but with automation and weak credentials, it can be effective. This attack often targets login forms, authentication mechanisms, or encrypted data.	
Affected resources	Severity
http://localhost/dvwa/vulnerabilities/brute/	Medium
Impact	
Brute force attacks can lead to unauthorized access to user accounts or administrative systems, resulting in data breaches, loss of sensitive information, and potential system compromise. They can also cause account lockouts, service disruption, and increased server load, impacting system performance and user experience.	
Recommandation	
To prevent brute force attacks, implement account lockout mechanisms after a limited number of failed login attempts. Use CAPTCHA to block automated scripts and enforce strong password policies. Enable multi-factor authentication (MFA) for added security. Monitor login activity for suspicious behavior and rate-limit authentication attempts.	
Tool used	References
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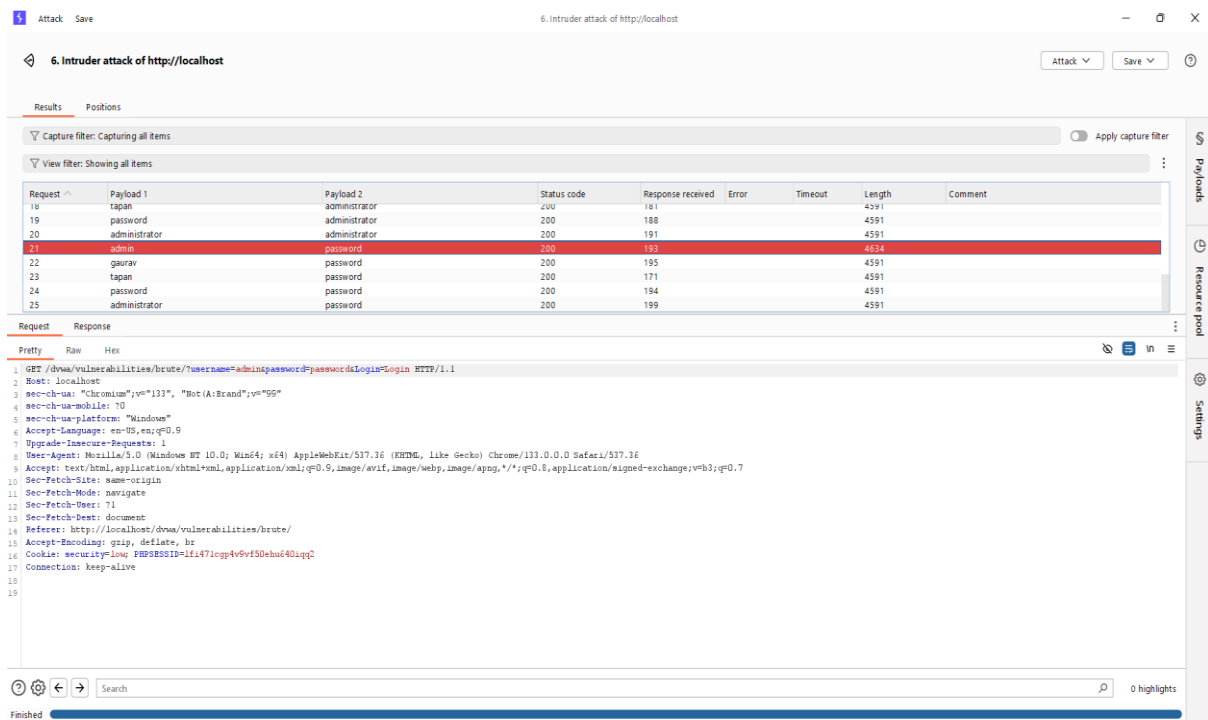
Step 1: Visit the page



Step 2:Intercepting the communication between DVWA web application and server send login page request to intruder



Step 3: Select the attack type and click on start attack



Step 4: In the above screenshot we can see in red highlight we can get Useradmin='admin' and Password='password'

Vulnerability: Brute Force - DanPortSwiggerlocalhost/dvwa/vulnerabilities/brute/?username=admin&password=password&Login=Login#DWVA

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Login

Username

Password

Login

Welcome to the password protected area admin



More Information

- https://owasp.org/www-community/attacks/Brute_force_attack
- <http://www.symantec.com/connect/articles/password-crackers-ensuring-security-your-password>
- <http://www.sillychicken.co.nz/Security/how-to-brute-force-http-forms-in-windows.html>