

# Future Intern – Internship Task 1

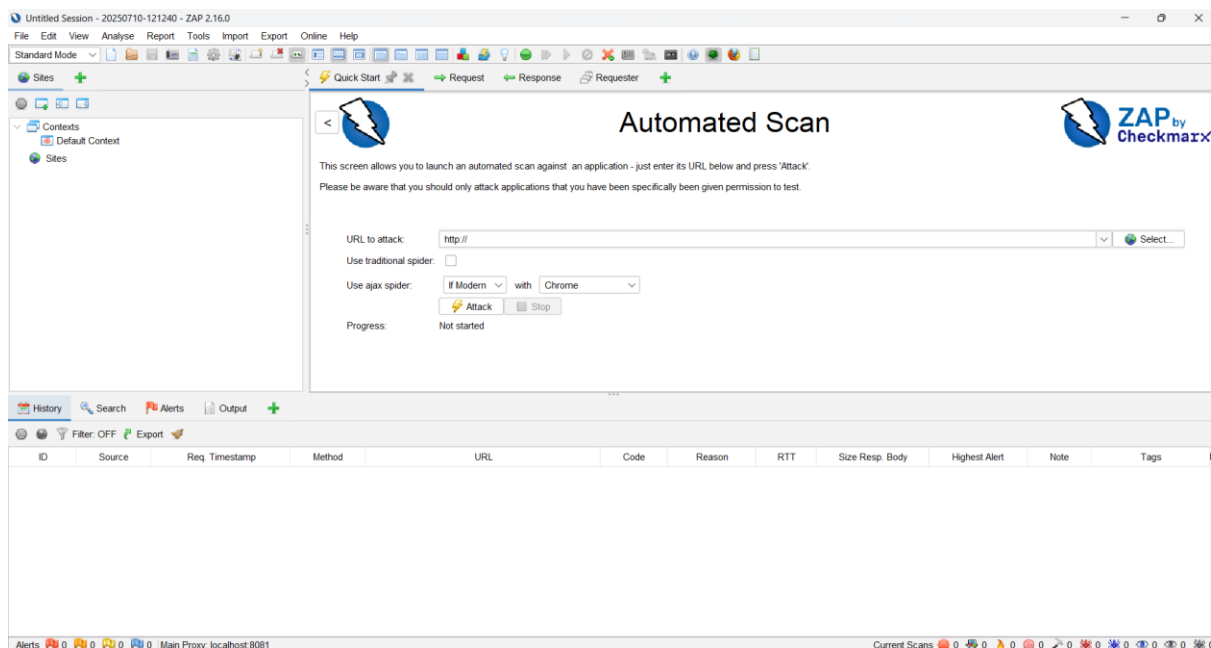
OWASP ZAP (Zed Attack Proxy) is an open-source web application security scanner developed by the OWASP (Open Web Application Security Project). It's widely used for finding vulnerabilities in web applications, including issues like:

- 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



## We can see the Vulnerability in the alert portion

The screenshot shows the ZAP Automated Scan interface. The URL to attack is `http://localhost/DVWA/security.php`. The scan is complete, and the Alerts tab is active. The alert list on the left shows 13 alerts, with 'X-Content-Type-Options Header Missing (5)' selected. The details pane on the right shows the following information:

- URL:** `http://localhost/DVWA/dvwa/images/login_logo.png`
- Risk:** Low
- Confidence:** Medium
- Parameter:** `x-content-type-options`
- Attack:**
- Evidence:**
  - CWE ID: 693
  - WASC ID: 15
  - Source: Passive (10021 - X-Content-Type-Options Header Missing)
  - Input Vector:
  - Description:

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."

The screenshot shows the ZAP Automated Scan interface. The URL to attack is `http://localhost/DVWA/security.php`. The scan is complete, and the Alerts tab is active. The alert list on the left shows 13 alerts, with 'Missing Anti-clickjacking Header (2)' selected. The details pane on the right shows the following information:

- URL:** `http://localhost/DVWA/security.php`
- Risk:** Medium
- Confidence:** Medium
- Parameter:** `x-frame-options`
- Attack:**
- Evidence:**
  - CWE ID: 1021
  - WASC ID: 15
  - Source: Passive (10020 - Anti-clickjacking Header)
  - Alert Reference: 10020-1
  - Input Vector:
  - Description:

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."

The screenshot shows the ZAP Alerts tab. The alert list on the left shows 13 alerts, with 'Content Security Policy (CSP) Header Not Set (4)' selected. The details pane on the right shows the following information:

- Full details of any selected alert will be displayed here.**
- You can manually add alerts by right clicking on the relevant line in the history and selecting 'Add alert'.**
- You can also edit existing alerts by double clicking on them.**

## **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

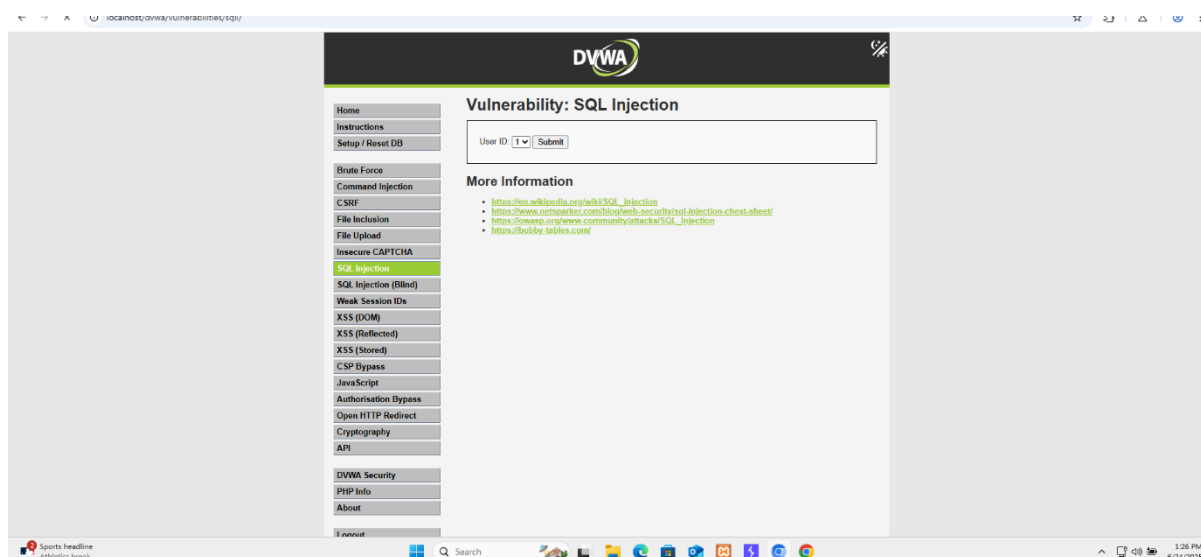
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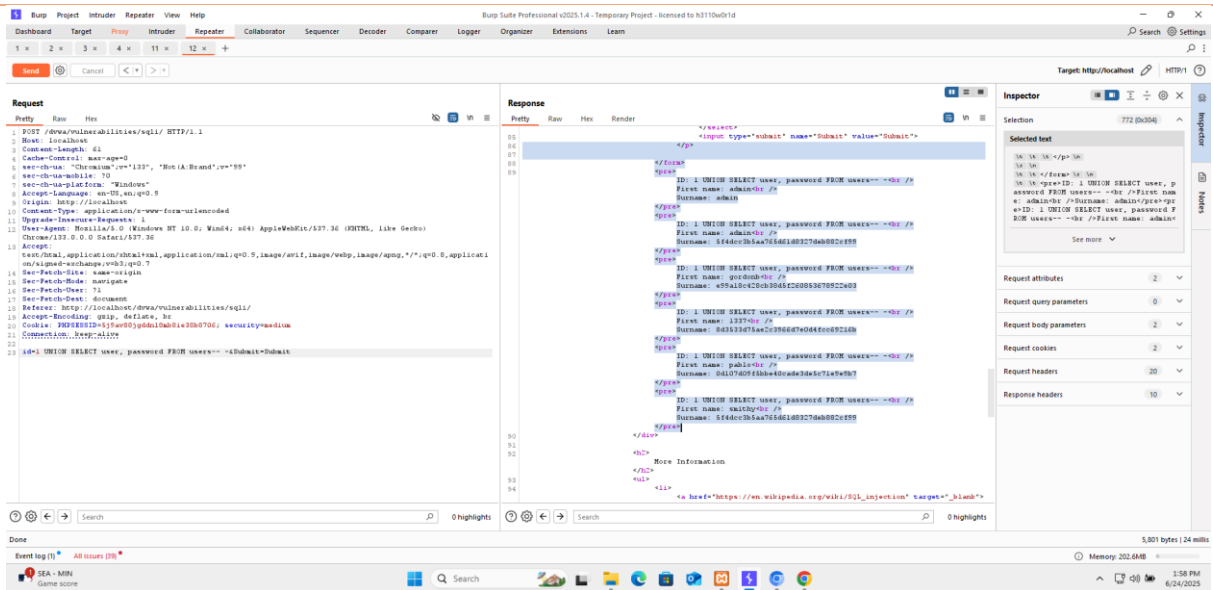
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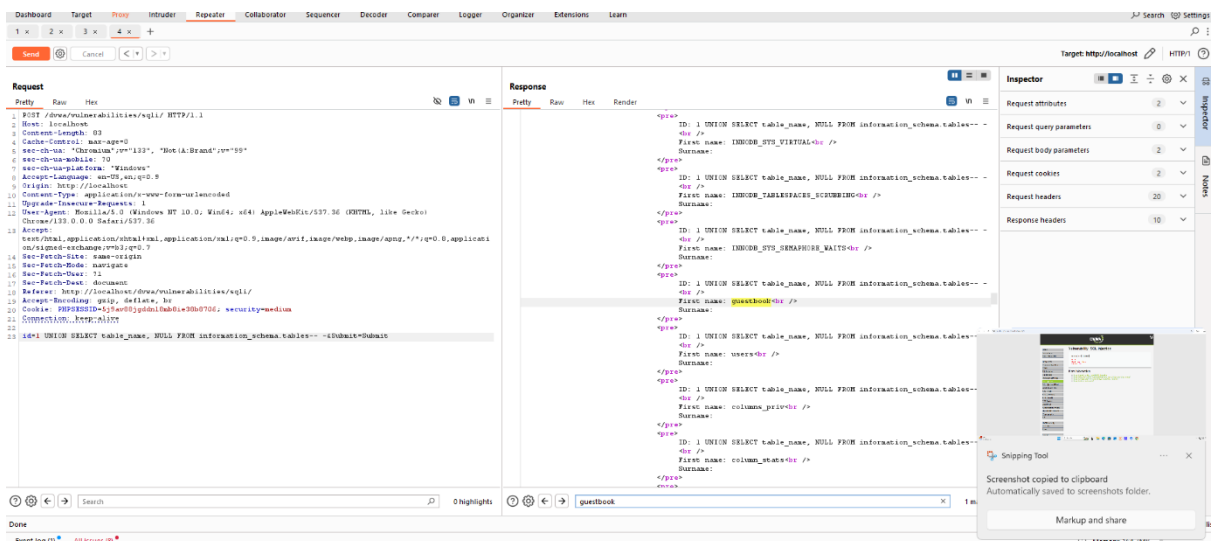
Step 1: Visit the DVWA web application and click on Sqli injection portion with severity level High



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/](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

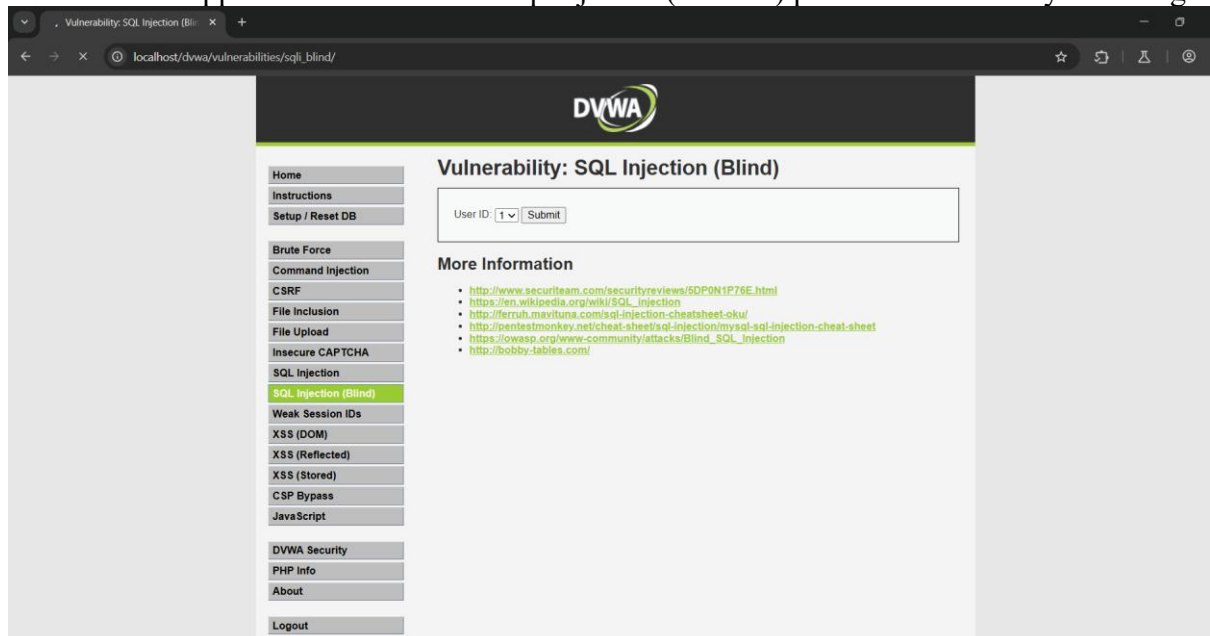
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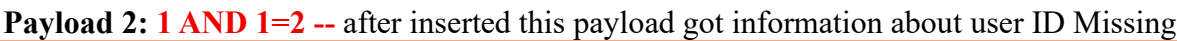
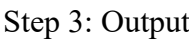
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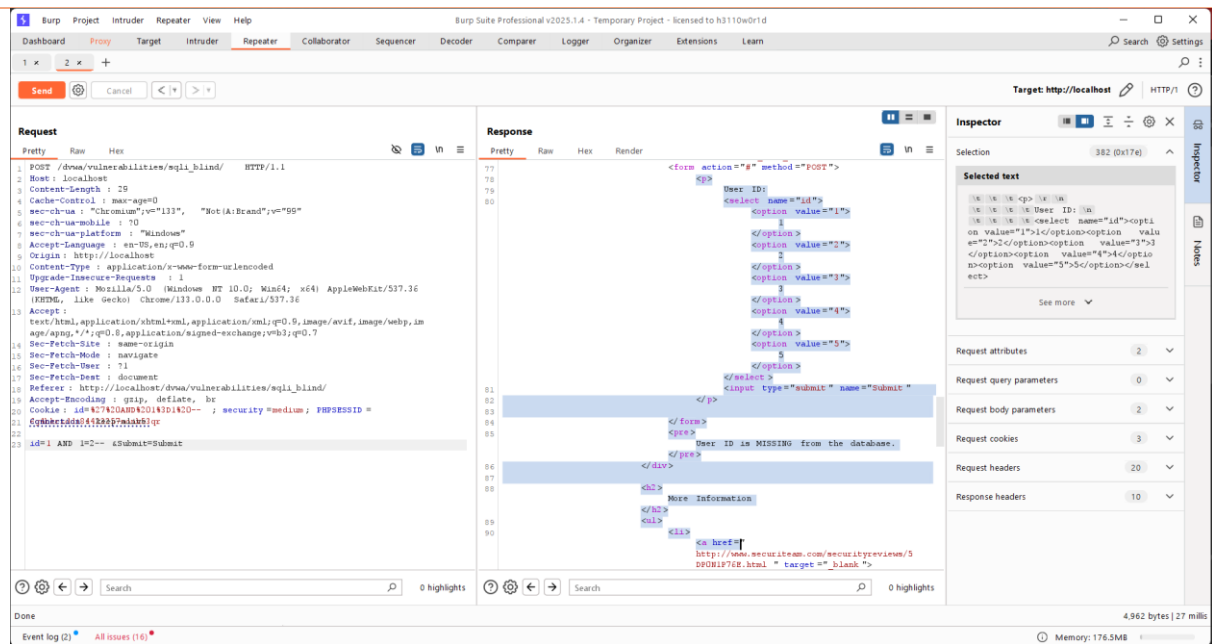
Step 1: Visit the DVWA web application and click on Sql injection(BLIND) portion with severity level High



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



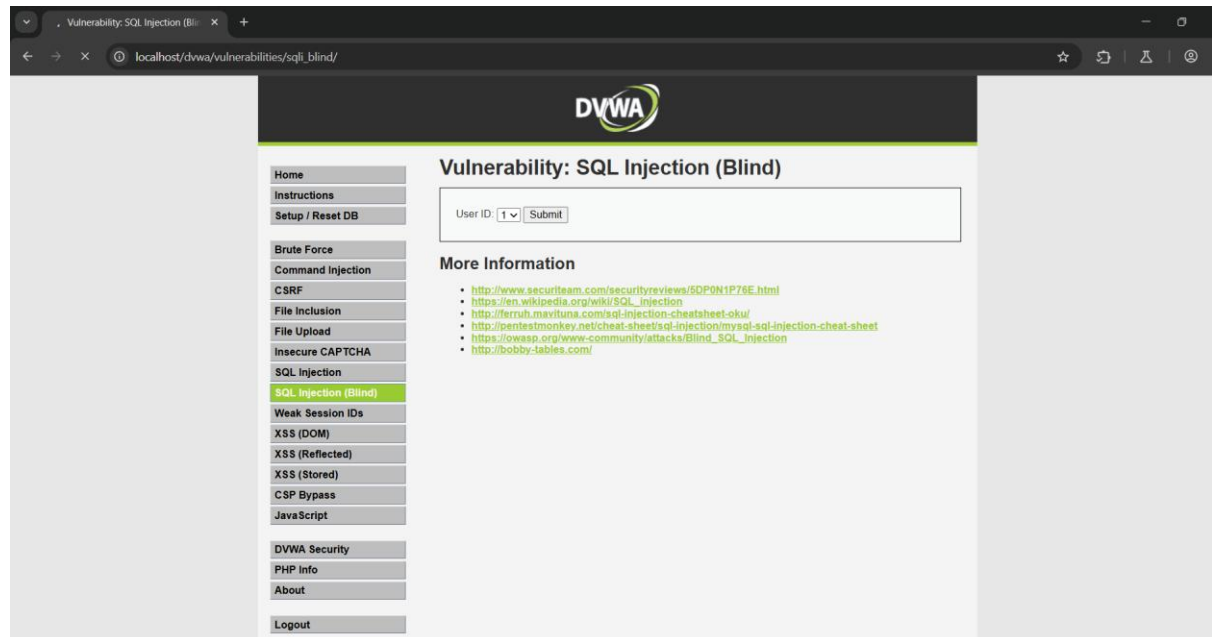




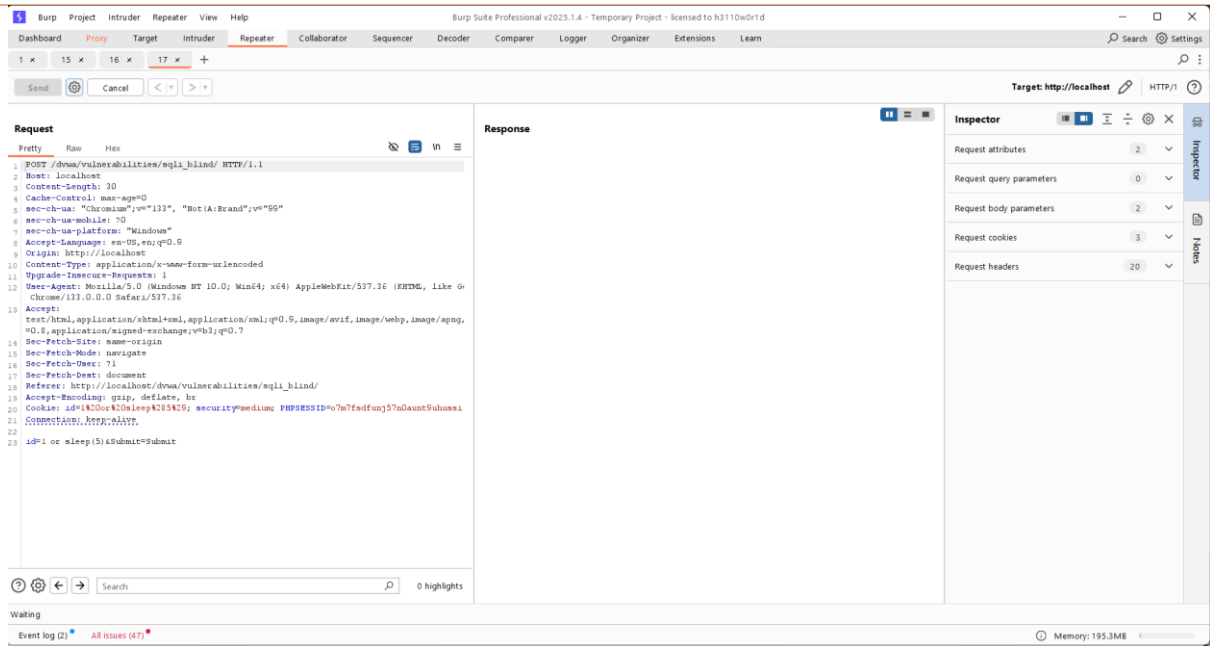
## Blind Time based SQL injection

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

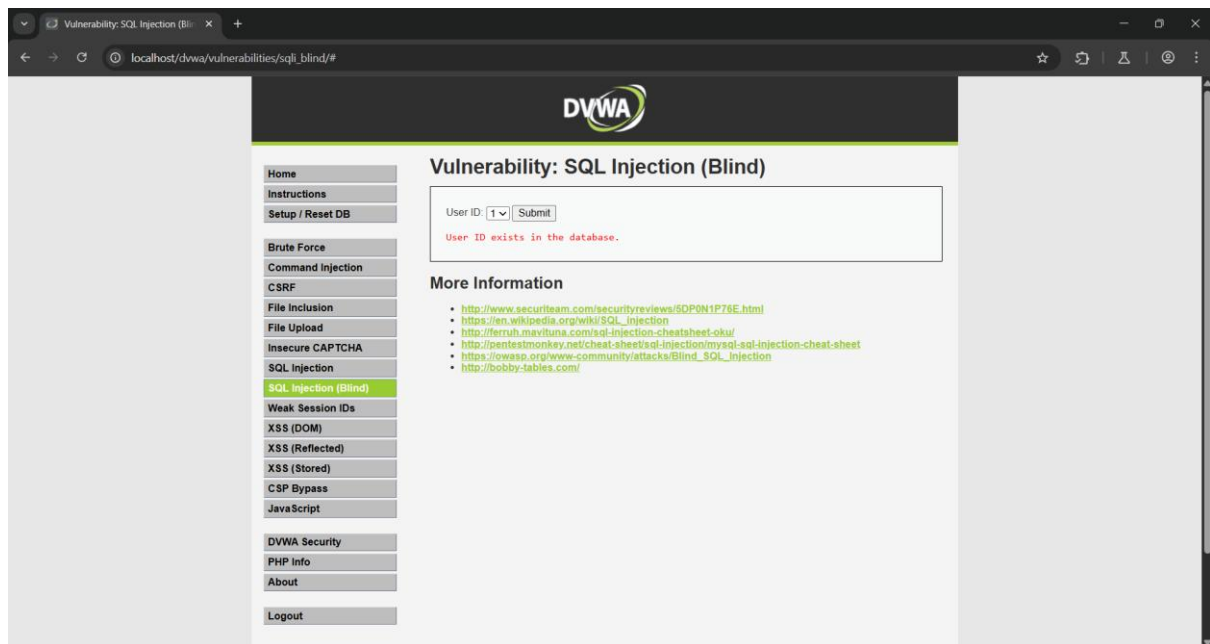
Step 1: Visit the sql injection(Blind)page.



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: SOL 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

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

#### Severity

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

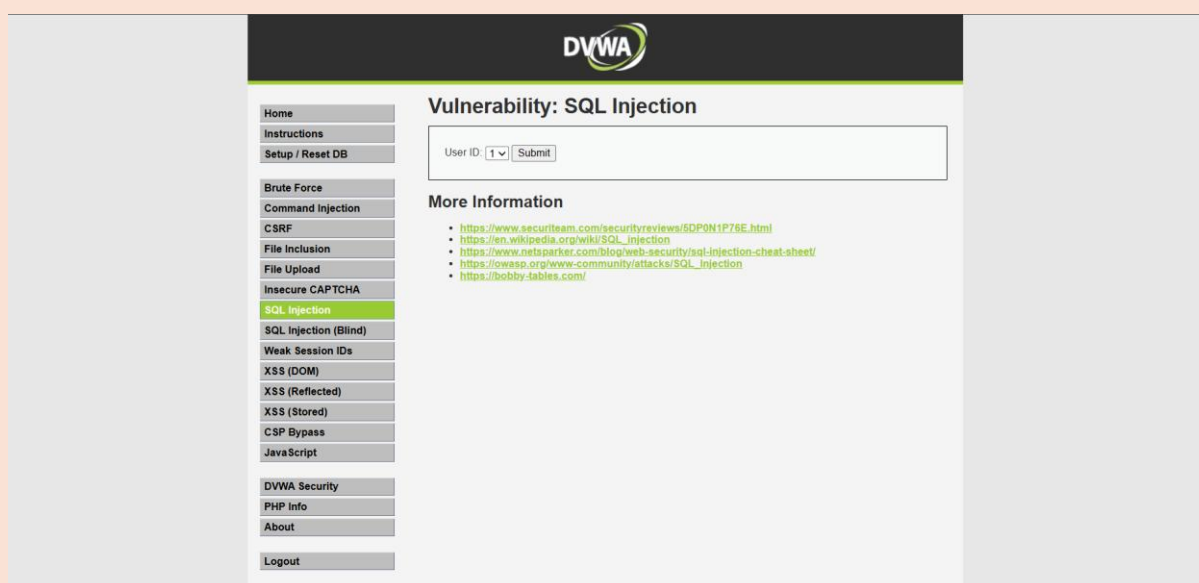
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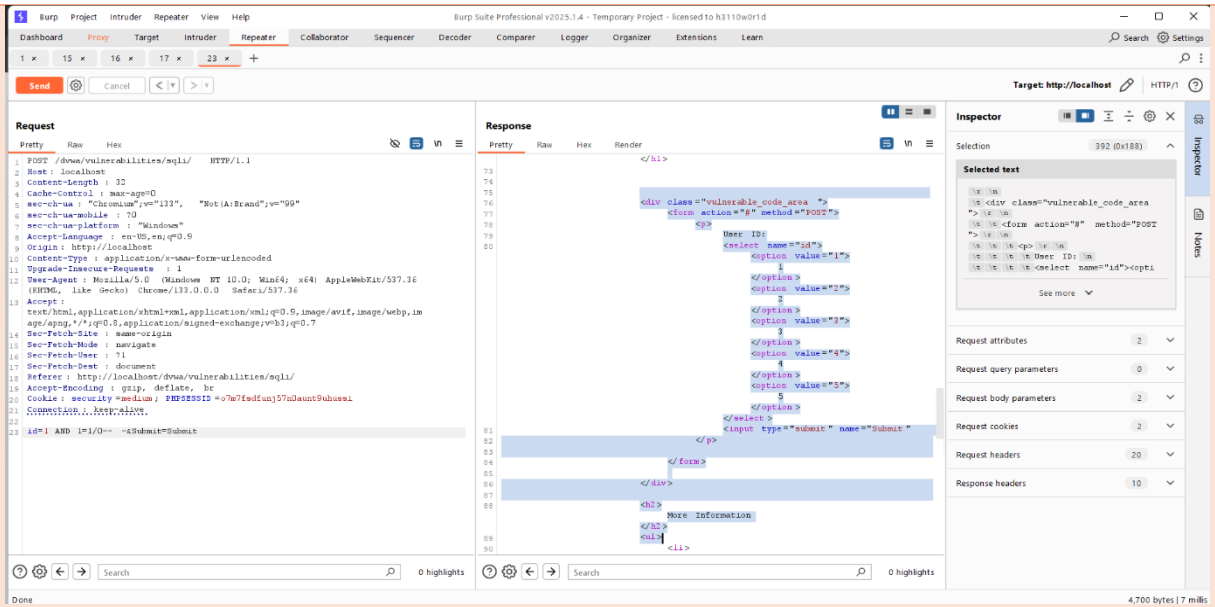
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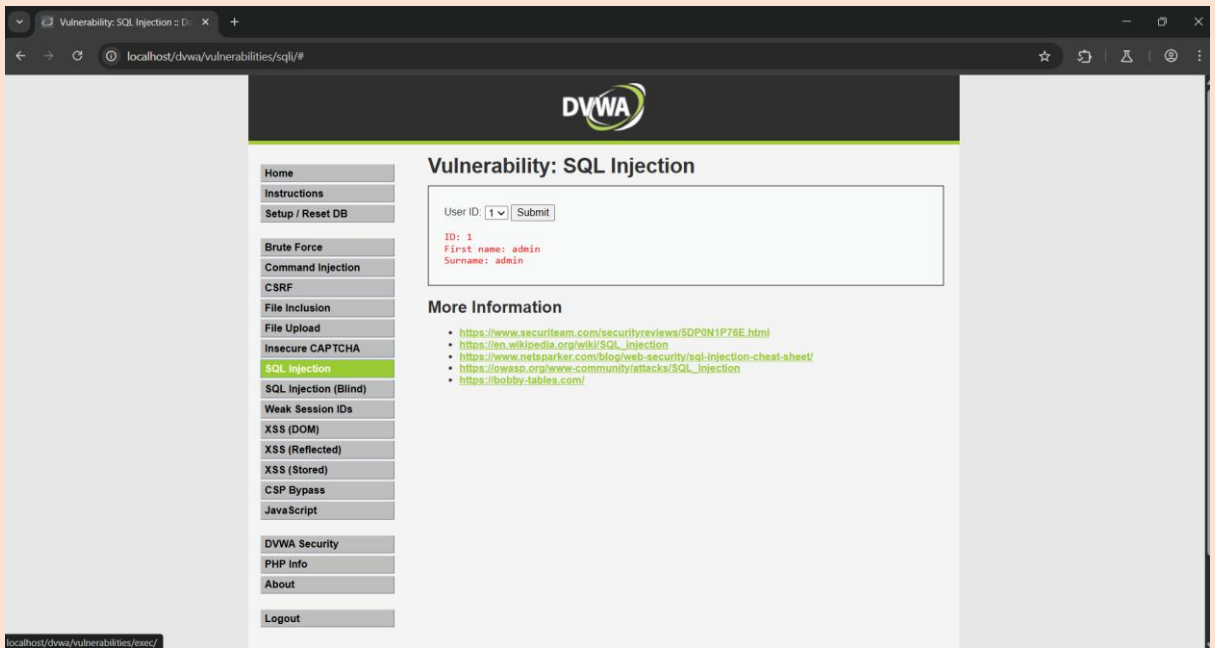
Step 1: Visit the sql injection page.



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.

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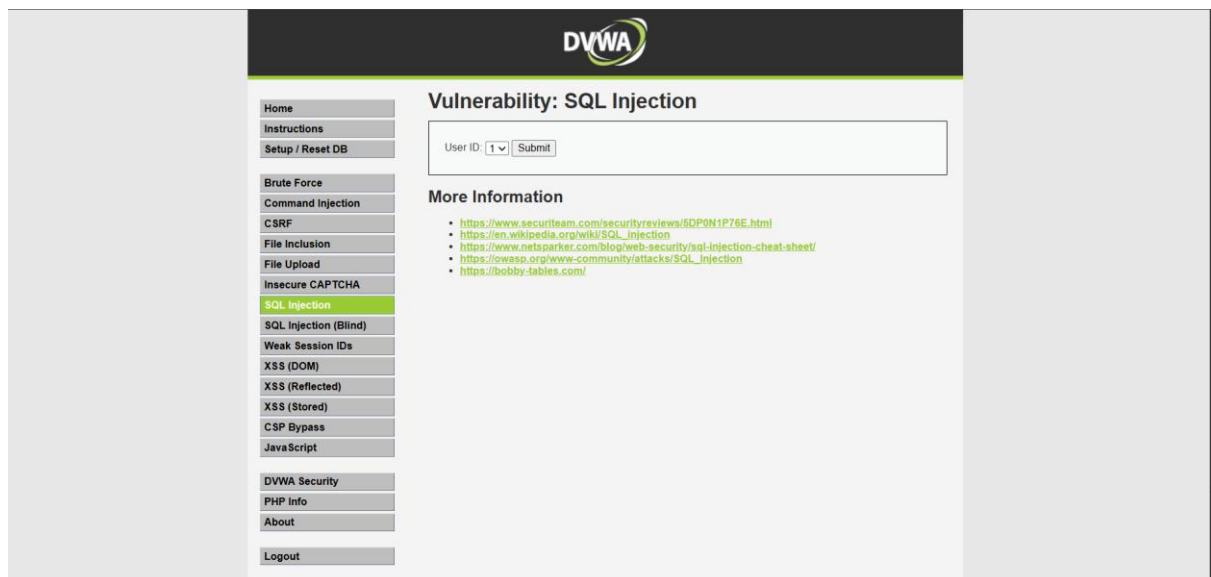
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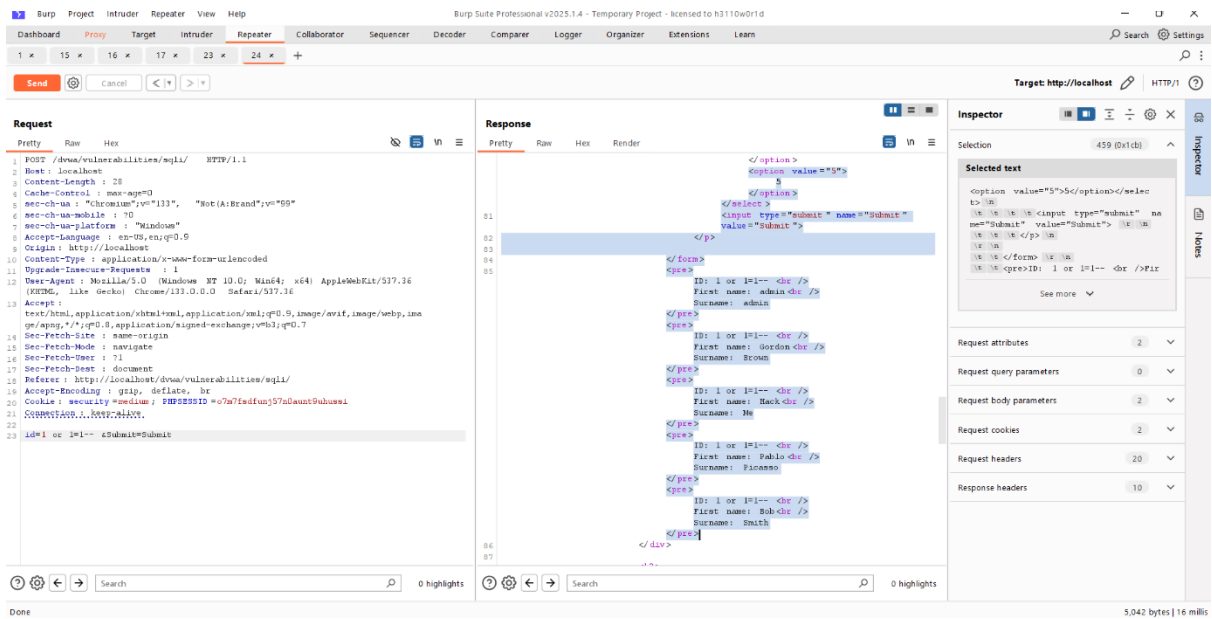
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### POC

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

