Create & Configure the Vulnerable WebApp VM

1. Prepare the VM

1. New VM Settings

o Name: WebApp

o **Type:** Linux → Version: Ubuntu (64-bit)

o Memory: 2 GB RAM

o **Disk:** 20 GB VDI, dynamically allocated

2. Network Adapter

o Adapter 1: NAT Network → choose Lab-DMZ

Adapter 2: Internal adapter → choose Lab-Internal

3. Attach Ubuntu ISO & Install

- Mount the latest Ubuntu Server ISO.
- Install with defaults; create a non-root user (e.g., webadmin), enable
 OpenSSH.

2. Install LAMP & DVWA (Damn Vulnerable Web App)

Log into your Ubuntu VM as webadmin:

Terminal:

Elevate to root

sudo -i

Update and install LAMP stack with MariaDB

apt update && apt upgrade -y

apt install -y apache2 mariadb-server php php-mysqli php-gd libapache2-mod-php

Secure MariaDB

mariadb-secure-installation

Start MariaDB server

sudo service mariadb start or sudo systemctl start mariadb

Create DVWA database and user

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mysql -u root -p <<EOF

CREATE DATABASE dvwa;

GRANT ALL ON dvwa.* TO 'dvwauser'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'dvwapass';

FLUSH PRIVILEGES;

EOF
```

Download and deploy DVWA

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cd /var/www/html

rm index.html

git clone https://github.com/digininja/DVWA.git

mv DVWA/*.
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Configure DVWA

Set permissions

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chown -R www-data:www-data/var/www/html
chmod -R 755 /var/www/html
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Enable Apache mods and restart

3. Configure DVWA

1. In **WebApp**'s Apache config (e.g., /etc/apache2/sites-available/000-default.conf), ensure:

<Directory /var/www/html>

AllowOverride All

</Directory>

2. Reload Apache:

Terminal:

systemctl reload apache2

3. Access DVWA from your host:

Terminal:

ip a

- In a browser on your Kali or host, navigate to http://<WebApp-IP>/setup.php
- Click Create / Reset Database.
- Login at http://<WebApp-IP>/login.php with credentials:

User: admin

Password: password

4. Test the Setup

- Verify you can log in to DVWA.
- Browse to **DVWA Security** and set it to **low** for initial testing.
- From Kali, try basic recon:

Terminal

nmap -sV <WebApp-IP>

curl http://<WebApp-IP>/login.php

Example 1 You now have:

- 1. Attacker VM (Kali)
- 2. **DC1** (Windows Server, AD DS & DNS)
- 3. **Win10** (domain-joined)
- 4. **FileSrv** (SMB share)
- 5. **WebApp** (vulnerable DVWA in DMZ)