

# CS 455 – Computer Security Fundamentals

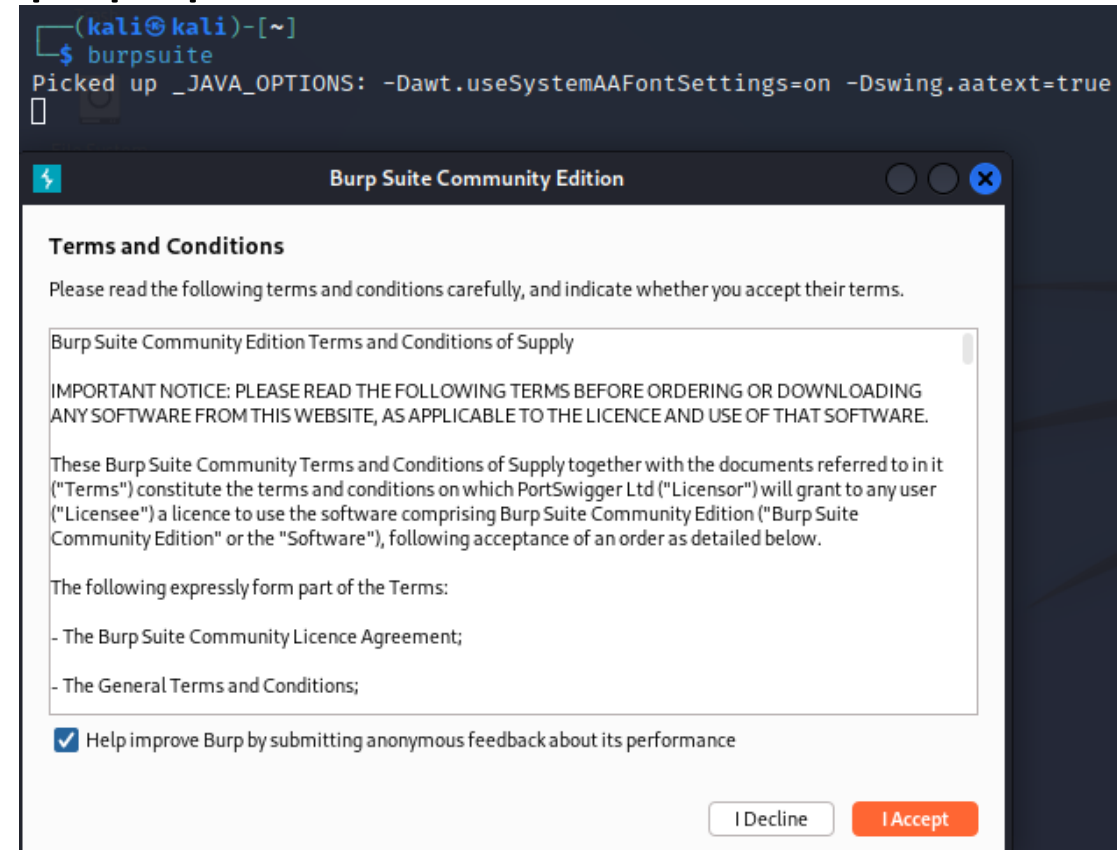
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# System and Networks Security

- **Web application vulnerability**
  - Burp Suite
    - It is powerful.
    - Little bit too detail (complicated)
    - It can perform brute force attack!
    - **“Brute Force Attack”**

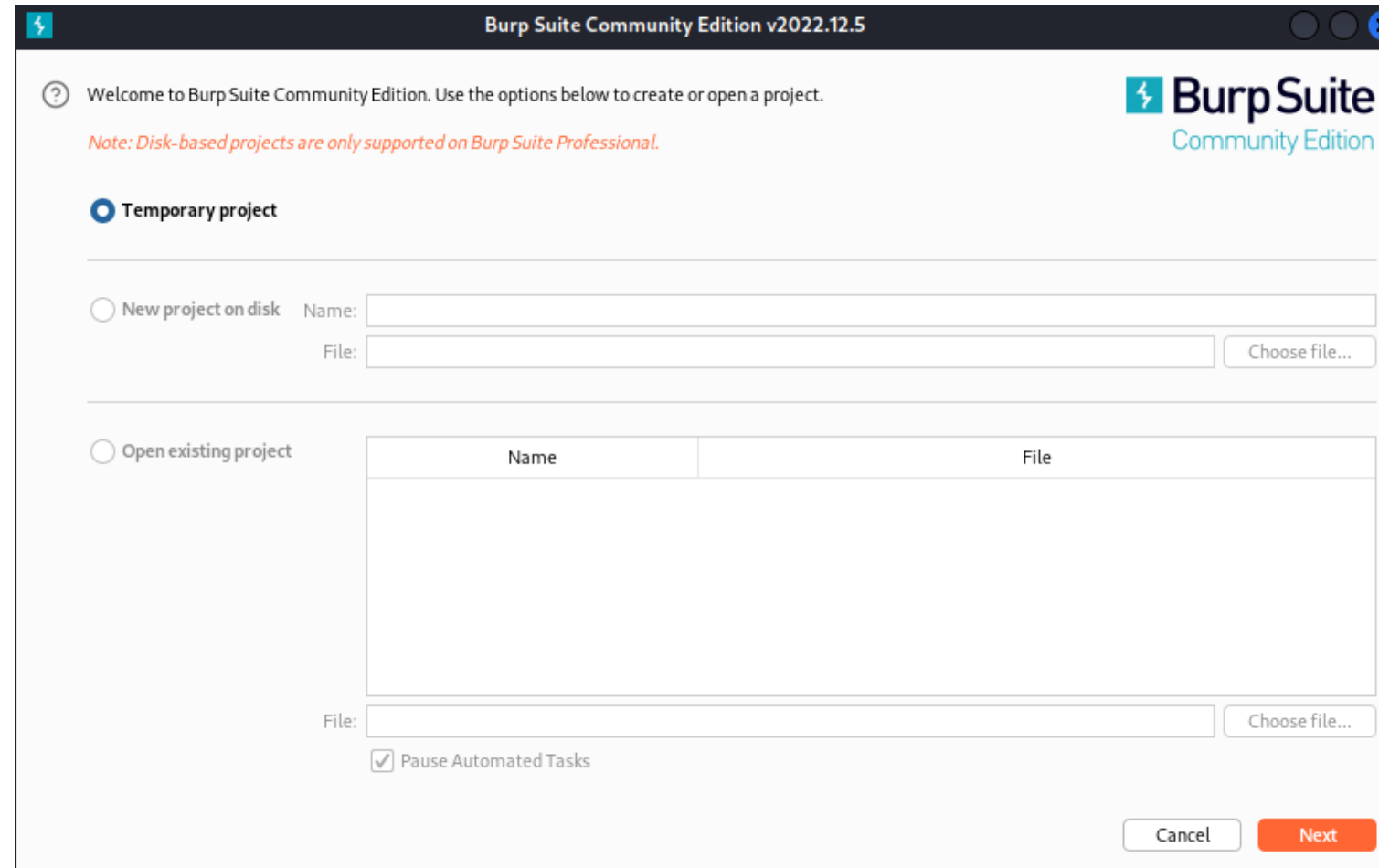
# Web application vulnerability

- The first time of the launch, type the “burpsuite” in the command line and followed by an [Enter], there is a Java popup
- Click the OK to continue and check the box to accept the terms
- If you have messages about JRE issues, you will need to fix that first



# Web application vulnerability

- We can just go ahead and launch the temporary project.



Burp Suite Community Edition v2022.12.5

Welcome to Burp Suite Community Edition. Use the options below to create or open a project.

*Note: Disk-based projects are only supported on Burp Suite Professional.*

☒ Temporary project

☐ New project on disk

Name:

File:

☐ Open existing project

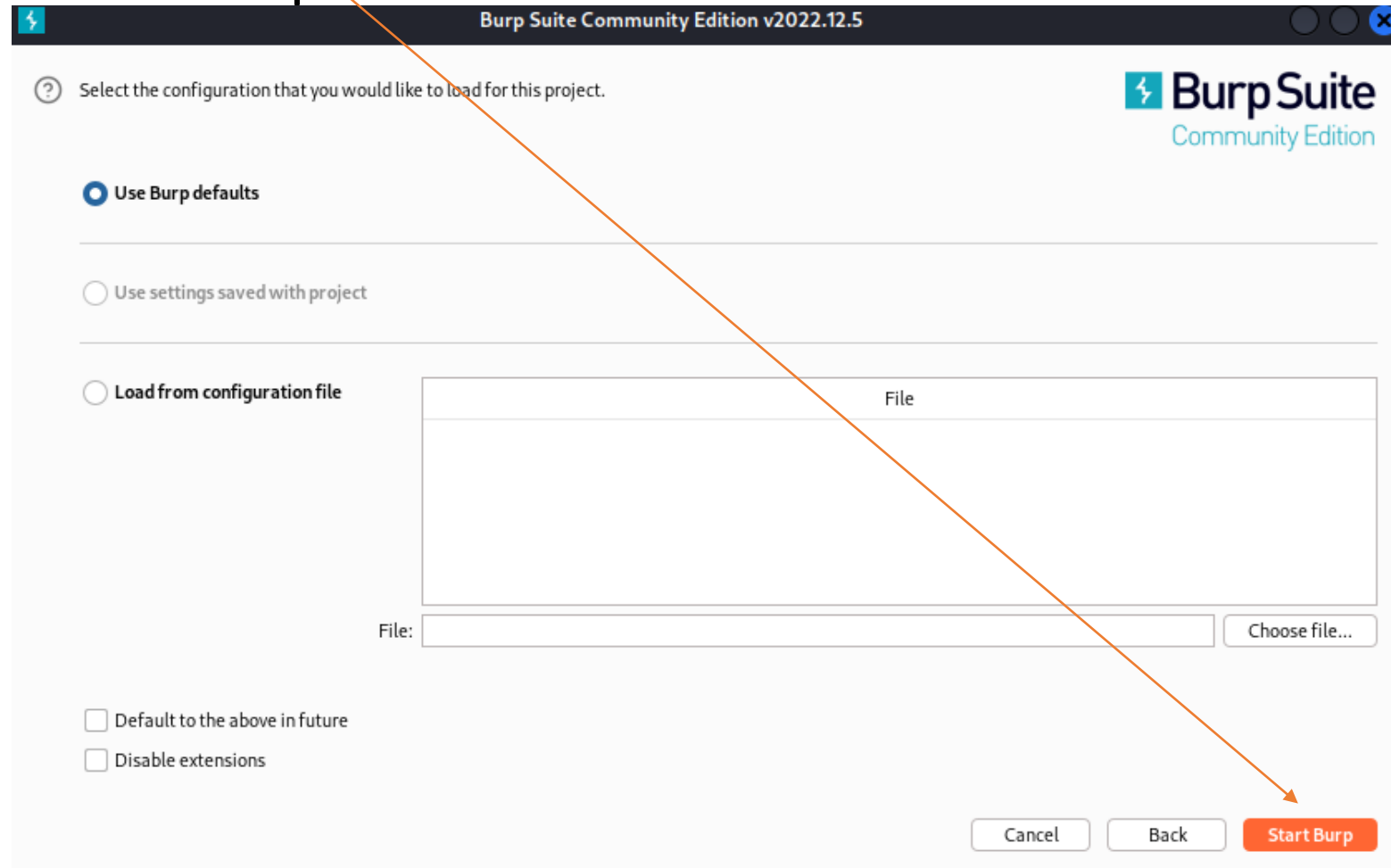
Name	File
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File:

☒ Pause Automated Tasks

# Web application vulnerability

- Use the Burp defaults and Start Burp



# Web application vulnerability

Dashboard

Target

Proxy

Intruder

Repeater

Sequencer

Decoder

Comparer

Logger

Extensions

Learn

Tasks

Filter

Running

Paused

Finished

Live task

Scan

Intruder attack

1. Live passive crawl from Proxy (all traffic)

Add links. Add item itself, same domain and URLs in suite scope.

0 items added to site map

0 responses processed

0 responses queued

Event log

Filter

Critical

Error

Info

Debug

Time	Type	Source	Message
16:07:55 9 Mar 2023	Info	Proxy	Proxy service started on 127.0.0.1:8080

Time to level up? Catch more bugs with Burp Suite Pro

Find out more

Issue activity [Pro version only]

Filter

High

Medium

Low

Info

Certain

Firm

Tentative

Issue type	Host	Path	Insertion point	Severity	Confidence
Suspicious input transformation (reflected)	http://insecure-bank.com	/url-shorten	input parameter	Information	Firm
SMTP header injection	http://insecure-website.c...	/contact-us	from parameter	Medium	Certain
Serialized object in HTTP message	http://insecure-bank.com	/blog		High	Firm
Cross-site scripting (DOM-based)	https://insecure-bank.com	/		High	Firm
XML external entity injection	https://vulnerable-websit...	/product/stock	request body	High	Firm
External service interaction (HTTP)	https://insecure-website....	/product	Referer HTTP header	High	Certain
Web cache poisoning	http://insecure-bank.com	/contact-us		High	Certain
Server-side template injection	http://insecure-bank.com	/user-homepage	input parameter	High	Certain
SQL injection	https://vulnerable-websit...	/	TrackingId cookie	High	Certain
OS command injection	https://insecure-website....	/feedback/submit	subject parameter	High	Certain

Advisory

Request

Response

Suspicious input transformation (reflected)

Issue:

Suspicious input transformation (reflected)

Severity:

Information

Confidence:

Firm

Host:

http://insecure-bank.com

Path:

/url-shorten

Issue detail

The application appears to process the value of the **input** request parameter, transform overlong UTF-8 sequences in an unexpected way, and echo the result in the response.

The payload **guqont6rks[0xc1][0x81]n44qpkckyf** was submitted in the input parameter. This payload contains the overlong UTF-8 sequence **[0xc1][0x81]** corresponding to the character 'A'. The input was copied into the application's response as **guqont6rksBn44qpkckyf**. This indicates that the application transformed the sequence in some unexpected way.

It might be possible to use this behavior to cause the application to differently interpret characters from the start of any data that is concatenated onto the input, by finishing the payload with the start of the multi-character sequence.

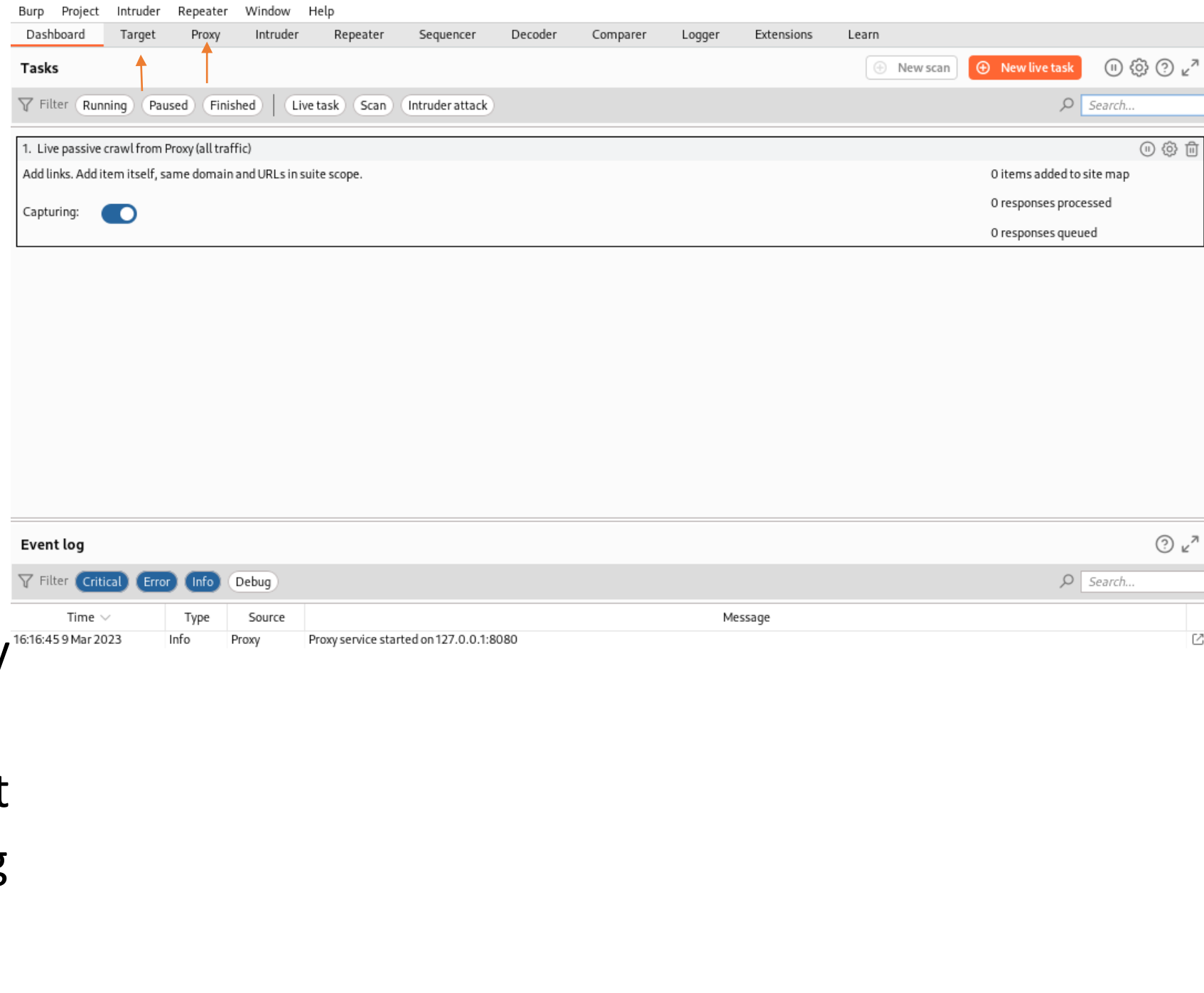
Issue background

Memory: 93.4MB

Disk: 32KB

# Web application vulnerability

- So basically, there are 2 major Panes
- We will focus primarily on the 2 tabs: Target and Proxy
- Proxy will be introduced in the part of brute force hacking



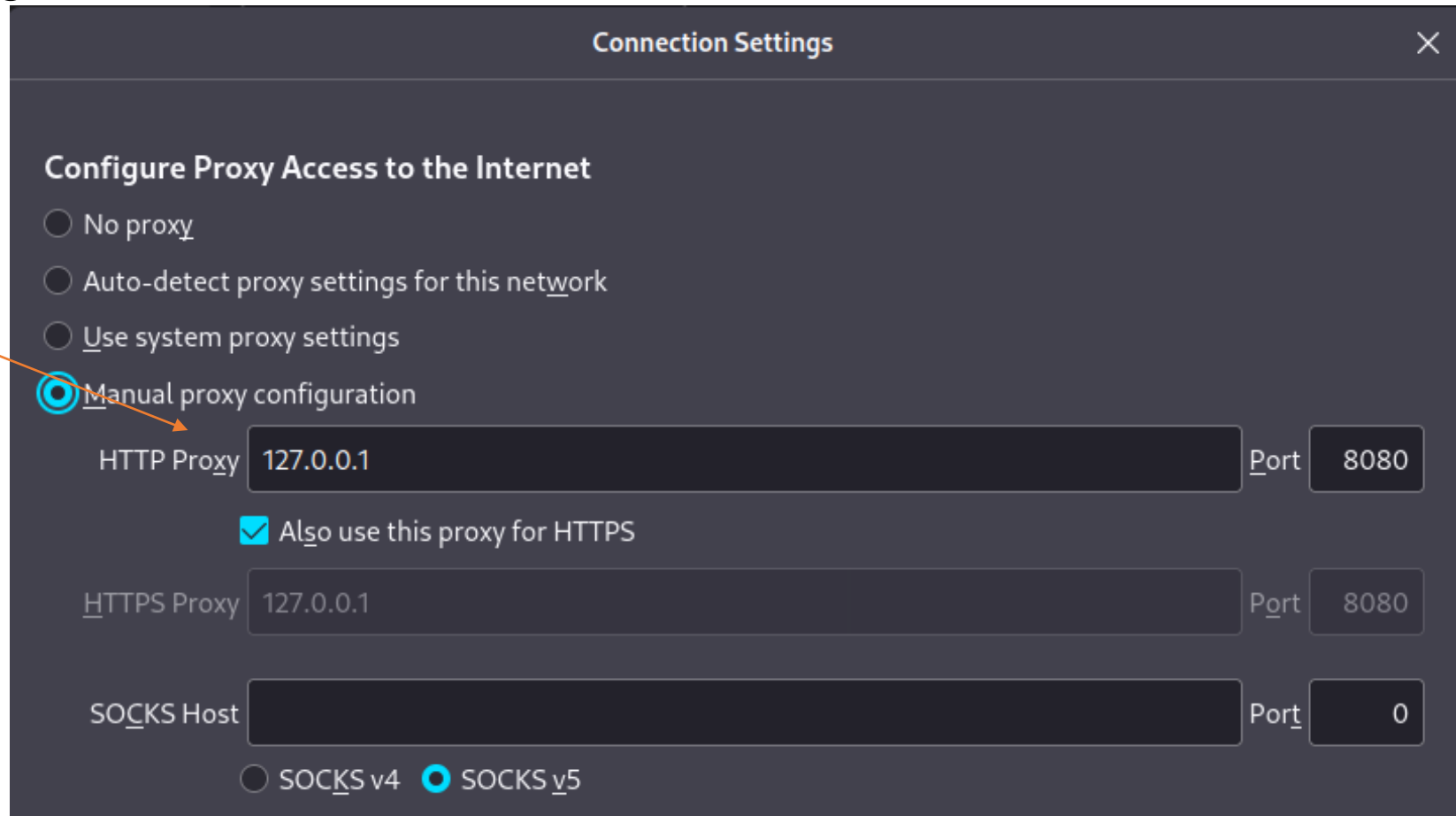
# Web application vulnerability

- Burp Suite functions as a proxy to capture the traffic (over the network)
- Before we can start capturing traffic, we need to setup burp suite to be our interception proxy in terms of web browser
- So, the first job is to setup our interception
- We choose Firefox browser to enable our proxy.
  - Firefox is built in our Kali



# Web application vulnerability

- Here's the configuration in Firefox, basically we use Burp Suite to interact with ourselves
- Settings → General → Network Settings, click the "Settings"
- Input the following
- Exit the Firefox (new setup will be saved automatically)

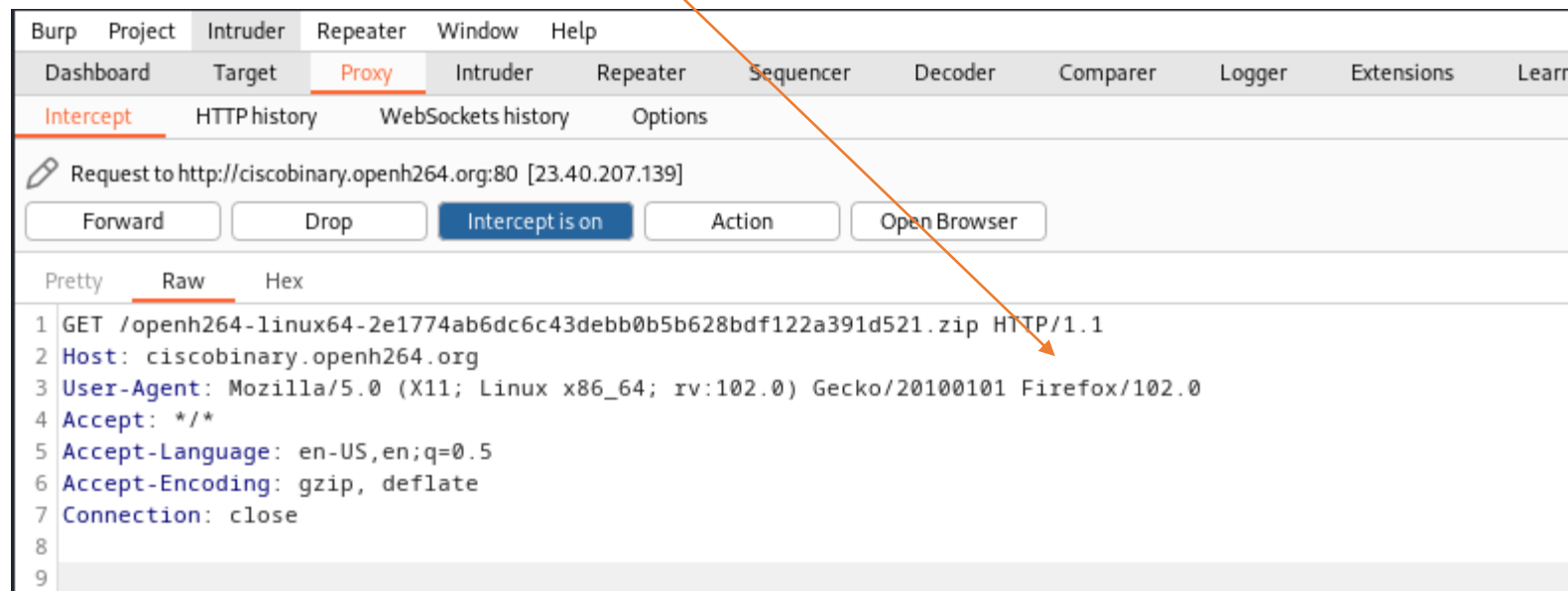


# Web application vulnerability

- One thing you need to be careful.
  - You will need to start the “Burp Suite” first
  - Then, go back to the Firefox to “change the settings”
  - If you reverse the order, the Burp Suite doesn’t start its logging

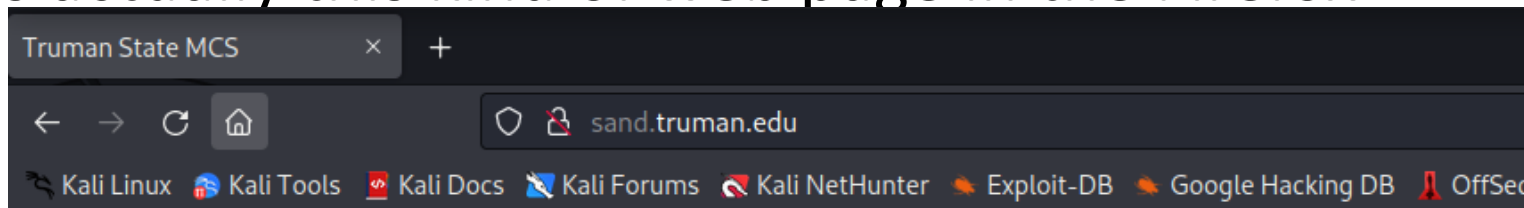
# Web application vulnerability

- Go back to the Burp Suite → Click the Proxy tab → Enable the “Interception” → After a while, it will **detect** the changes we have made in the Firefox browser (Interception is working now!)



# Web application vulnerability

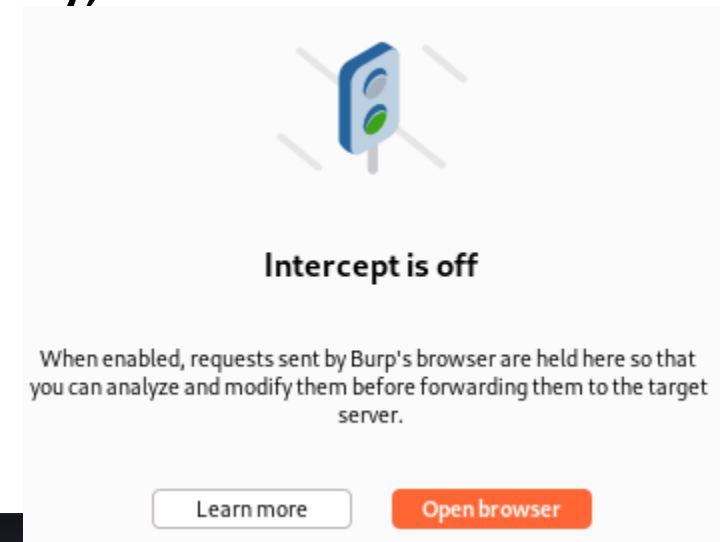
- Now, we quickly “turn off the” Interception of the proxy, and click the tab of “Target”
- In the beginning, there is nothing in the Target.
- What if we go back to the Firefox and type “sand.truman.edu”?
- It is actually this kind of web page in the Firefox



## Mathematics, Computer Science, and Statistics

Places to go from here:

- [www.truman.edu](http://www.truman.edu)
- [FAQ: Frequently asked questions for sand.truman.edu](#)



# Web application vulnerability

- But?
- In the Burp Suite?
- Lots of info.!

The screenshot displays the Burp Suite interface with the 'Target' tab selected. The site map on the left shows the target URL `http://sand.truman.edu`. The main panel shows a list of intercepted requests, with the first one highlighted: a GET request to `/` from `http://sand.truman.edu` with a status of 200 and length of 581. Below this, the 'Request' and 'Response' tabs are open, showing the raw HTTP data.

**Request:**

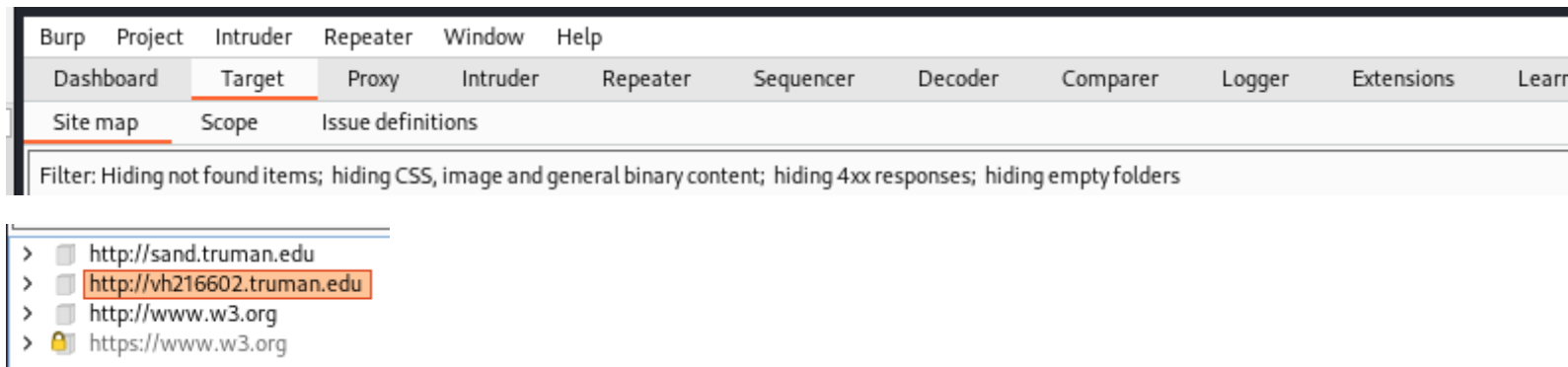
```
1 GET / HTTP/1.1
2 Host: sand.truman.edu
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:102.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/102.0
4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Connection: close
8 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
9
10
```

**Response:**

```
1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK
2 Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2023 22:28:12 GMT
3 Server: Apache/2.4.38 (Debian)
4 Last-Modified: Mon, 30 Aug 2021 19:37:39 GMT
5 ETag: "131-5cacbf745ac32-gzip"
6 Accept-Ranges: bytes
7 Vary: Accept-Encoding
8 Content-Length: 305
9 Connection: close
10 Content-Type: text/html
11
12 <html>
13   <head>
14     <title>
15       Truman State MCS
16     </title>
17   <body>
18     <h1>
19       Mathematics, Computer Science, and Statistics
20     </h1>
21     <p>
22       Places to go from here:
23     </p>
24     <ul>
25       <li>
26         <a href="http://www.truman.edu">
27           www.truman.edu
28         </a>
29       </li>
30       <li>
31         <a href="faq/">
32           FAQ: Frequently asked questions for sand.truman.edu
33         </a>
34       </li>
35     </ul>
36   </body>
37 </html>
```

# Web application vulnerability

- The one on our LHS is actually called site map
- Go to the Firefox and type the address in the URL
- Go back to see the Burp Suite and see if there is anything changes?
- The one, vh216602 is Dr. Alan's apache folder structure



Wow! He teaches lots of classes!

DashboardTargetProxyIntruderRepeaterSequencerDecoderComparerLoggerExtensionsLearn

Site mapScopeIssue definitions

Filter: Hiding not found items; hiding CSS, image and general binary content; hiding 4xx responses; hiding empty folders

> http://sand.truman.edu

> http://vh216602.truman.edu

agarvey

agarvey

/

CodeBlocks\_and\_Clang\_installation\_guide\_Win...

CookiesAndCogSciFall17.pdf

CookiesAndCogSciFall18.pdf

Spring23CSReg.html

bioinf

cs100

cs170

cs180

cs191

cs291

cs315

cs380

cs480

cs495

index.php

lastsemester.php

myfns.js

schedCurrent.html

http://www.w3.org

https://www.w3.org

Host	Method	URL	Params	Status	Length	MIME type	Title	Comment	Time requested
http://vh216602.truman....	GET	/agarvey		301	563	HTML	301 Moved Permanently		17:41:27 9 Mar 2023
http://vh216602.truman....	GET	/agarvey/		200	6534	HTML	Alan Garvey Class Page		17:42:58 9 Mar 2023
http://vh216602.truman....	GET	/agarvey/CodeBlocks_an...							
http://vh216602.truman....	GET	/agarvey/CookiesAndCog...							
http://vh216602.truman....	GET	/agarvey/CookiesAndCog...							
http://vh216602.truman....	GET	/agarvey/Spring23CSReg....							
http://vh216602.truman....	GET	/agarvey/bioinf/bioinf.php							
http://vh216602.truman....	GET	/agarvey/cs100/TrumanD...							
http://vh216602.truman....	GET	/agarvey/cs170/cs170.php							
http://vh216602.truman....	GET	/agarvey/cs180/cs180.php							
http://vh216602.truman....	GET	/agarvey/cs180/cs180f21....							
http://vh216602.truman....	GET	/agarvey/cs191/cs191.php							

Request

PrettyRawHex

1 GET /agarvey HTTP/1.1

2 Host: vh216602.truman.edu

3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86\_64; rv:102.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/102.0

4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,\*/\*;q=0.8

5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5

6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

7 Connection: close

8 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1

9

10

Response

PrettyRawHexRender

1 HTTP/1.1 301 Moved Permanently

2 Date: Thu, 09 Mar 2023 22:41:27 GMT

3 Server: Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu)

4 Location: http://vh216602.truman.edu/agarvey/

5 Content-Length: 328

6 Connection: close

7 Content-Type: text/html; charset=iso-8859-1

8

9 <!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//IETF//DTD HTML 2.0//EN">

10 <html>

11 <head>

12 <title>

13 301 Moved Permanently

14 </title>

15 </head>

16 <body>

17 <h1>

18 Moved Permanently

19 </h1>

20 <p>

21 The document has moved <a href="http://vh216602.truman.edu/agarvey/">

22 here

23 </a>

24 .

25 </p>

26 <hr>

27 <address>

28 Apache/2.4.29 (Ubuntu) Server at vh216602.truman.edu Port 80

29 </address>

30 </body>

31 </html>

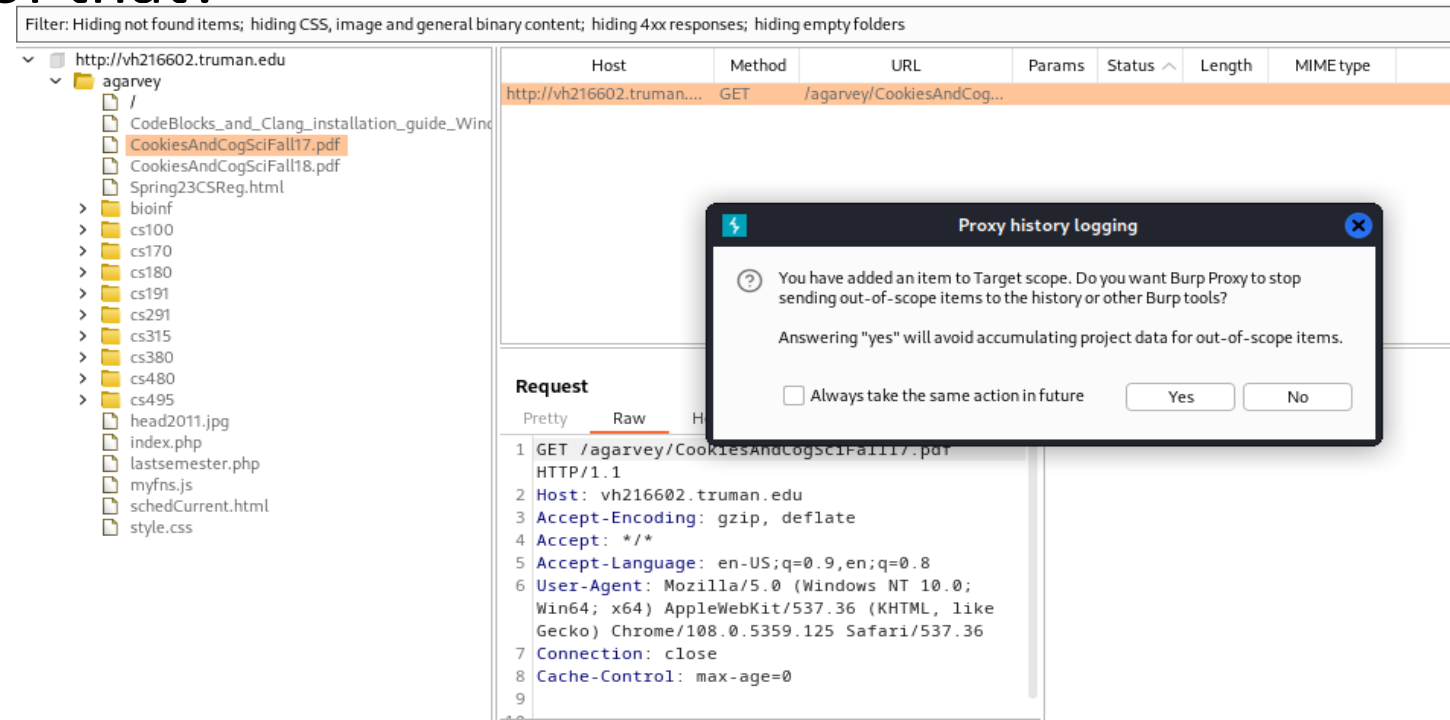
# Web application vulnerability

- If you were to browse multiple web sites, they would start showing up on the left pane
  - You can see I had visited our “sand” server and Dr. Alan’s server
- There is one more thing, in order to focus on our attention to the target, for example, Dr. Alan’s server. You will need to add this “host” to a thing, called “**scope**”
  - The scope is used for filtering. Or you can say it can help us getting “concentrated”
  - After a setup of the “**scope**”, in this example, **no matter how we visit other websites, there is just one record!** Dr. Alan’s server
  - How to do that?



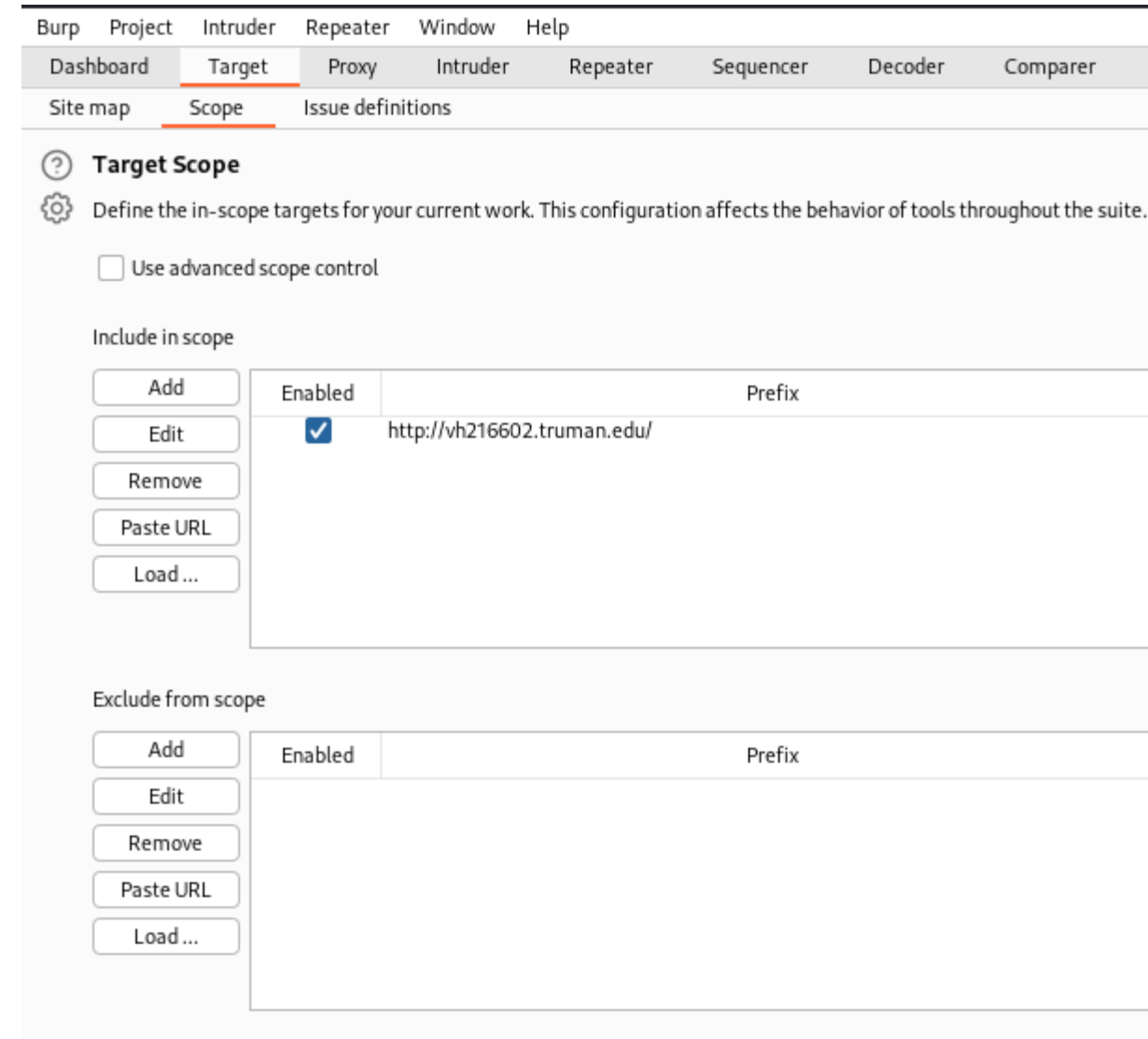
# Web application vulnerability

- **Right** click the <http://vh216602.Truman.edu>, and select “Add to scope”
- Just click “Yes”. This is just asking if you don’t like to see the “out-of-scope” traffic? Are you sure of that?
- We will only be collecting data on this web server



# Web application vulnerability

- Click the “**Scope**” tab under the “**Target**” and you will see that host has been added to the “Include in scope”
- So, this will filter the info. in the “site map”
- But it will not filter the intercept mode of the Proxy unless you specify it to.
- Click [Proxy] tab → [Options]



# Web application vulnerability

The screenshot shows the Burp Suite interface with the 'Proxy' tab selected. The 'Proxy Listeners' section is active, showing a table with one listener running on 127.0.0.1:8080. Below this, there are buttons for 'Import / export CA certificate' and 'Regenerate CA certificate'. The 'Intercept Client Requests' section is also visible, showing a table with one rule enabled. An orange arrow points to the 'Enabled' checkbox of the first rule in the 'Intercept Client Requests' table.

**Proxy Listeners**

Burp Proxy uses listeners to receive incoming HTTP requests from your browser. You will need to configure your browser to use one of the listeners as its proxy server.

	Running	Interface	Invisible	Redirect	Certificate	TLS Protocols
<div>Add</div> <div>Edit</div> <div>Remove</div>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	127.0.0.1:8080			Per-host	Default

Each installation of Burp generates its own CA certificate that Proxy listeners can use when negotiating TLS connections. You can import or export this certificate for use in other tools or another installation of Burp.

Import / export CA certificate

Regenerate CA certificate

**Intercept Client Requests**

Use these settings to control which requests are stalled for viewing and editing in the Intercept tab.

☒ Intercept requests based on the following rules: *Master interception is turned off*

	Enabled	Operator	Match type	Relationship	Condition
<div>Add</div> <div>Edit</div> <div>Remove</div> <div>Up</div> <div>Down</div>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		File extension	Does not match	(^gif\$ ^jpg\$ ^png\$ ^css\$ ^js\$ ^ico\$ ^sv...
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Or	Request	Contains parameters	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Or	HTTP method	Does not match	(get post)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	And	URL	Is in target scope	

We still like to see  
this one get checked

# Web application vulnerability

- So, that means, under the “Intercept Client Requests” section, I want to add one more intercept rule by adding “And” “URL is in target scope”
- This is the setup of the target which we want to “focus on” ^\_^
  - We are not collecting info. from totally different website
- If you use the browser to click something, some links in the website, the “sitemap” **grows**.
  - It can explore somewhere, you never know ^\_^
  - Now, I’m showing you something which is really, really fun. [Demo]

# Web application vulnerability

- Brute Force Attack!
  - The following might involve hacking activities. I'm just briefly describe that
    - Like I said, if you can find out this web server is using "phpMyAdmin", you need to smile or to smirk 😊
    - This one is vulnerable →
    - If you try to use default phpMyAdmin user name and password to login, (root, password) you might got login error.  
But sometimes, you can get it if you are still lucky enough...
    - Mostly, you will get a quick refuse-to-login, not a big deal!
      - We still get something
      - Check your Burp Suite!



The image shows the phpMyAdmin login interface. At the top, there is a logo with a sailboat and the text "phpMyAdmin". Below the logo, it says "Welcome to phpMyAdmin". There is a "Language" dropdown menu set to "English". Below that, there is a "Log in" section with a question mark icon. It contains labels for "Username:" and "Password:" next to input fields. At the bottom right, there is a "Go" button.

# Web application vulnerability

- In the Target / Sitemap, if you can find a record like this, for this time of “fail-to-login”:

POST	/phpmyadmin/index.php	✓	200	11805	HTML	phpMyAdmin	21:34:26 9 Mar 2023
POST	/phpmyadmin/index.php	✓	200	11805	HTML	phpMyAdmin	21:37:29 9 Mar 2023

## Request

```
Pretty Raw Hex
1 POST /phpmyadmin/index.php HTTP/1.1
2 Host:
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:102.0) Gecko/20100101
  Firefox/102.0
4 Accept:
  text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,
  */*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
8 Content-Length: 104
9 Origin: null
10 Connection: close
11 Cookie: pmaCookieVer=5; phpMyAdmin=ptief6sughobludl6dhsfuvstg; pma_lang=en;
  pma_collation_connection=utf8mb4_unicode_ci
12 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
13
14 pma_username=root&pma_password=password&server=1&target=index.php&token=
  bcae838eecfaa2dd644fa0e7afd571d6
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There are still something valuables. For example, some of parameters.

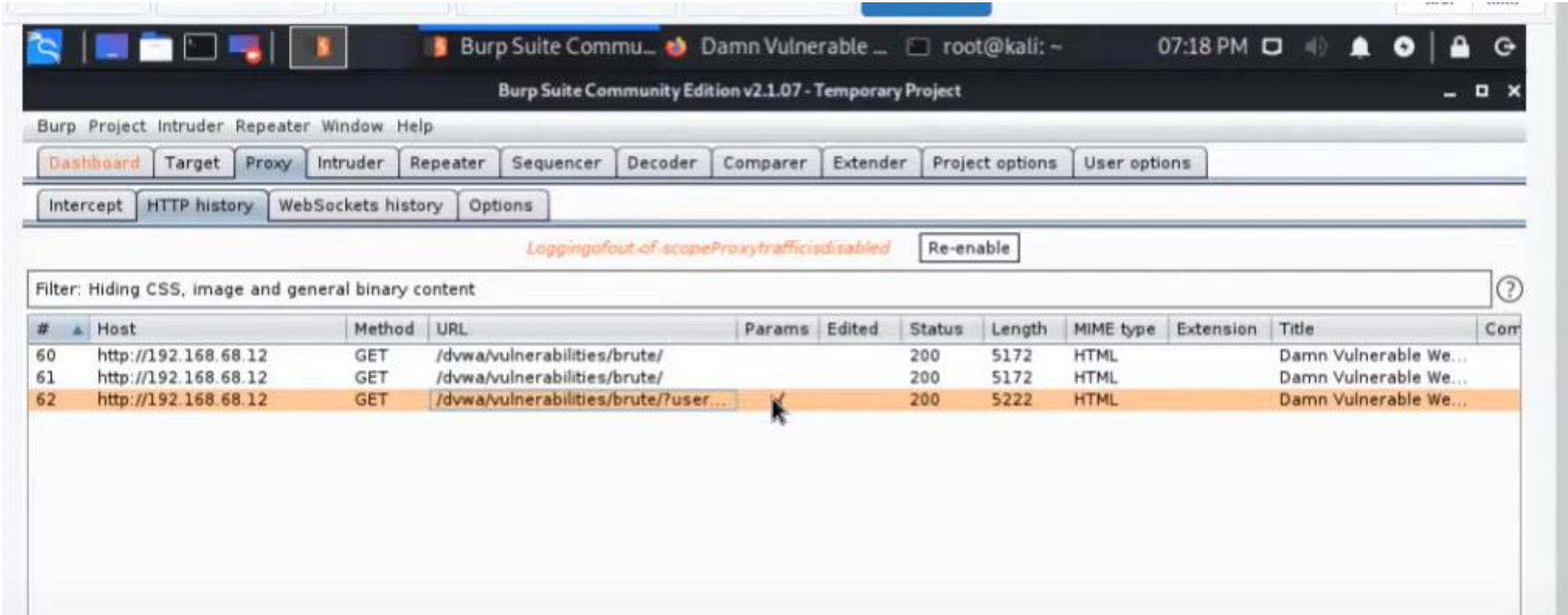
I removed the Host name

Some parameters, for example, pma\_username, pma\_password, target are giving us information.

# Web application vulnerability

- If you go to the [Proxy] tab → [Httphistory], you will see the similar screen for a list of http history
- You can clean up the history if it is needed → What to purify your current observation
- What we can do in a request is: **right click the request → [Send to Intruder]**
- I had removed all the “sensitive” host names

# Web application vulnerability



The screenshot shows the Burp Suite Community Edition v2.1.07 interface. The top bar indicates the user is root@kali: ~ and the time is 07:18 PM. The main menu includes Dashboard, Target, Proxy, Intruder, Repeater, Sequencer, Decoder, Comparer, Extender, Project options, and User options. Below the menu, there are tabs for Intercept, HTTP history, WebSockets history, and Options. A message states "Logging of out-of-scope proxy traffic is disabled" with a "Re-enable" button. The HTTP history table is filtered to show "Hiding CSS, image and general binary content". The table lists three requests:

#	Host	Method	URL	Params	Edited	Status	Length	MIME type	Extension	Title	Comments
60	http://192.168.68.12	GET	/dwa/vulnerabilities/brute/			200	5172	HTML		Damn Vulnerable We...	
61	http://192.168.68.12	GET	/dwa/vulnerabilities/brute/			200	5172	HTML		Damn Vulnerable We...	
62	http://192.168.68.12	GET	/dwa/vulnerabilities/brute/?user...			200	5222	HTML		Damn Vulnerable We...	



Dashboard

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HTTP history

WebSockets history

Options

Filter: Hiding CSS, image and general binary content

#	Host	Method	URL	Params	Edited	Status	Length	MIME type	Extension	Title	Comment	TLS	IP	Cookies	Time	Listener port
1		GET				200	6534	HTML					150.243.160.100		21:26:24 9 Ma...	8080
3		GET				200	1080	script	js				150.243.160.100		21:26:25 9 Ma...	8080
4		GET	/icons/valid-xhtml10			301	608						104.18.23.19	__cf_bm=2H4GAYE...	21:26:25 9 Ma...	8080
6		GET				403	464	HTML		403 Forbidden			150.243.160.100		21:28:00 9 Ma...	8080
7		GET				200	26169	HTML	php				150.243.160.100		21:28:57 9 Ma...	8080
8		GET				200	23896	HTML	php				150.243.160.100		21:29:05 9 Ma...	8080
9		GET	/phpmyadmin			301	569	HTML		301 Moved Permanently			150.243.160.100		21:30:43 9 Ma...	8080
10		GET	/phpmyadmin/			200	12356	HTML		phpMyAdmin			150.243.160.100	pmaCookieVer=5; p...	21:30:43 9 Ma...	8080
16		GET	/phpmyadmin/js/whitelist.php?lang=en&db=&collation_connection=utf8mb4_unico...	✓		200	2398	script	php				150.243.160.100		21:30:43 9 Ma...	8080
17		GET	/phpmyadmin/js/get_scripts.js.php?scripts%5B%5D=jquery/jquery-2.1.4.min.js&scri...	✓		200	482506	script	php				150.243.160.100		21:30:43 9 Ma...	8080
18		GET	/phpmyadmin/js/get_scripts.js.php?scripts%5B%5D=jquery/jquery.debounce-1.0.5.js...	✓		200	378068	script	php				150.243.160.100		21:30:43 9 Ma...	8080
19		GET	/phpmyadmin/js/get_scripts.js.php?scripts%5B%5D=indexes.js&scripts%5B%5D=co...	✓		200	453467	script	php				150.243.160.100		21:30:43 9 Ma...	8080
20		GET	/phpmyadmin/js/get_scripts.js.php?scripts%5B%5D=console.js&v=4.6.6debSubuntu...	✓		200	59252	script	php				150.243.160.100		21:30:43 9 Ma...	8080
21		GET	/phpmyadmin/js/get_image.js.php?theme=pmahomme&v=4.6.6debSubuntu0.5	✓		200	7100	script	php				150.243.160.100		21:30:43 9 Ma...	8080
22		GET	/phpmyadmin/js/messages.php?lang=en&db=&collation_connection=utf8mb4_unico...	✓		200	29599	script	php				150.243.160.100		21:30:43 9 Ma...	8080
28		POST	/phpmyadmin/index.php	✓		200	11805	HTML	php	phpMyAdmin			150.243.160.100	phpMyAdmin=ptief...	21:34:26 9 Ma...	8080
29		GET	/phpmyadmin/js/whitelist.php?lang=			200	2398	script	php				150.243.160.100		21:34:26 9 Ma...	8080
30		GET	/phpmyadmin/js/messages.php?lang=			200	29599	script	php				150.243.160.100		21:34:26 9 Ma...	8080
31		POST	/phpmyadmin/index.php			200	11805	HTML	php	phpMyAdmin			150.243.160.100	phpMyAdmin=qhj71...	21:37:29 9 Ma...	8080
32		GET	/phpmyadmin/js/whitelist.php?lang=			200	2398	script	php				150.243.160.100		21:37:29 9 Ma...	8080
33		GET	/phpmyadmin/js/messages.php?lang=			200	29599	script	php				150.243.160.100		21:37:29 9 Ma...	8080

Request

Pretty

Raw

Hex

1

POST /phpmyadmin/index.php HTTP/1.1

2

Host:

3

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86\_64; rv:102.0) Gecko/20

4

Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,

5

Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5

6

Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

7

Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded

8

Content-Length: 164

9

Origin: null

10

Connection: close

11

Cookie: pmaCookieVer=5; phpMyAdmin=gdf1267uau1tmktn323hriqc1;

12

utf8mb4\_unicode\_ci

13

Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1

14

pma\_username=root&pma\_password=application+password&server=1&t

=utf8mb4\_unicode\_ci&token=861b7de0b0baa68c32ff6a19acebe4

Send to Intruder

Send to Repeater

Send to Sequencer

Send to Comparer (request)

Send to Comparer (response)

Show response in browser

Request in browser

Engagement tools [Pro version only]

Show new history window

Add comment

Highlight

Delete item

Clear history

Copy URL

Copy as curl command

Copy links

Save item

Proxy history documentation

Response

Pretty

Raw

Hex

Render

" />

<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="js/codemirror/addon/lint/lint.css?v=4.6.6debSubuntu0.5" />

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phpMyAdmin

</title>

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</script>

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Inspector

Request Attributes

Request Body Parameters

Request Cookies

Request Headers

Response Headers

0 matches

0 matches

# Web application vulnerability

- We do have some other types of functions: Repeater, Sequencer, Decoder,...
- Since we have sent it to intruder, the target will be auto-populated.
- I cannot show you the detail, but here is the example.



# Web application vulnerability

- Now, switch to the [Intruder] → [Positions] tab, there is an option called Attack Type. 4 different types here
- Each of the type are saying how the **payload** is **used** or is **set**.
  - I'm not the expert of this, but you can try to ask Google
  - **Cluster bomb** is very useful for brute force attacks

The screenshot shows the 'Positions' tab in the Burp Suite Intruder tool. At the top, there are four tabs: 'Positions' (selected), 'Payloads', 'Resource Pool', and 'Options'. Below the tabs, there is a section titled 'Choose an attack type' with a question mark icon. Under this, there is a label 'Attack type:' followed by a dropdown menu currently showing 'Sniper'. Below the dropdown, there are four attack type options, each with a radio button and a description:

- Sniper**: This attack uses a single set of payloads and one or more payload positions. It places each payload into the first position, then each payload into the second position, and so on.
- Battering ram**: This uses a single set of payloads. It iterates through the payloads, and places the same payload into all of the defined payload positions at once.
- Pitchfork**: This attack uses multiple payload sets. There is a different payload set for each defined position (up to a maximum of 20). The attack iterates through all payload sets simultaneously, so it uses the first payload from each set, then the second payload from each set, and so on.
- Cluster bomb**: This attack uses multiple payload sets. There is a different payload set for each defined position (up to a maximum of 20). The attack iterates through each payload set in turn, so that all permutations of payload combinations are tested.

On the left side of the screenshot, there is a sidebar with a question mark icon and the text 'Payload P'. Below this, there is a section titled 'Configure th' with a radio button and the text 'Tar'. At the bottom left, there is a list of four items: '1 POST', '2 Host:', '3 User-', and '4 Accep'.

# Web application vulnerability

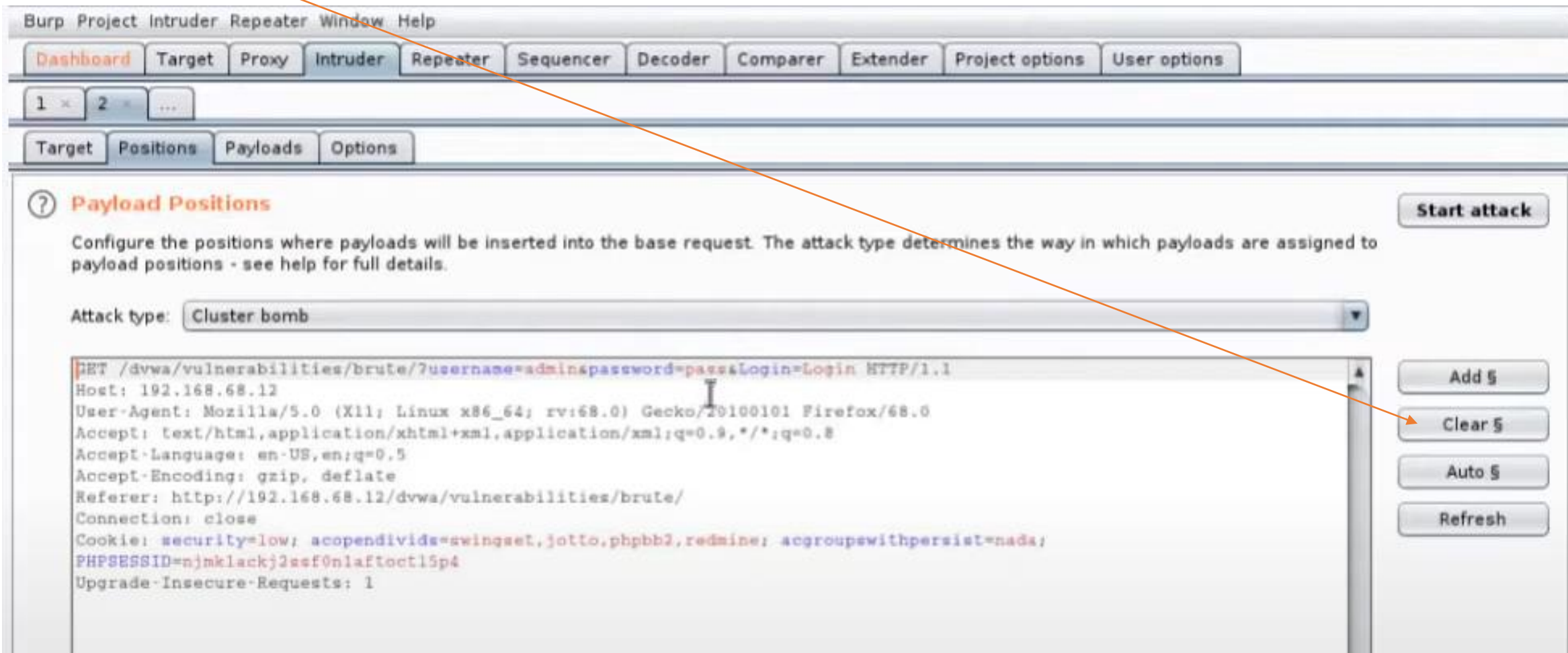
- The payloads are automatically marked

```
11 Cookie: pmaCookieVer=$5$; phpMyAdmin=$ptief6sughobludl6dhsfuvstg$; pma_lang=$en$; pma_collation_connection=$utf8mb4_unicode_ci$
12 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
13
14 pma_username=$root$&pma_password=$password$&server=$1$&target=$index.php$&token=$bcae838eecfaa2dd644fa0e7afd571d6$
```

- Our “simulated” attack target is 192.168.68.12 😊

# Web application vulnerability

- Let's go clear payloads that is automatically set on payload positions



# Web application vulnerability

- Double click the “password” and click the [Add \$]

```
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:102.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/102.0
4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
8 Content-Length: 104
9 Origin: null
10 Connection: close
11 Cookie: pmaCookieVer=5; phpMyAdmin=ptief6sughobludl6dhsfuvstg; pma_lang=en; pma_collation_connection=utf8mb4_unicode_ci
12 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
13
14 pma_username=root&pma_password=password&server=1&target=index.php&token=bcae838eecfaa2dd644fa0e7afd571d6
```

- It will be...

```
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:102.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/102.0
4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
8 Content-Length: 104
9 Origin: null
10 Connection: close
11 Cookie: pmaCookieVer=5; phpMyAdmin=ptief6sughobludl6dhsfuvstg; pma_lang=en; pma_collation_connection=utf8mb4_unicode_ci
12 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
13
14 pma_username=root&pma_password=$password$&server=1&target=index.php&token=bcae838eecfaa2dd644fa0e7afd571d6
```

# Web application vulnerability

- Do the same thing for “root”.

```
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:102.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/102.0
4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
8 Content-Length: 104
9 Origin: null
10 Connection: close
11 Cookie: pmaCookieVer=5; phpMyAdmin=ptief6sughob1ud16dhsfuvstg; pma_lang=en; pma_collation_connection=utf8mb4_unicode_ci
12 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
13
14 pma_username=root&pma_password=password&server=1&target=index.php&token=bcae838eecfaa2dd644fa0e7afd571d6
```

- So, we just basically set 2 payload positions.
- We click the [Payloads] tab
- (Now, we are still sticking on “Cluster bomb” algorithm)

# Web application vulnerability

- The 1<sup>st</sup> one will be a “root”, then [Add] it
- Or if you know someone’s user name. (smile)



## Payload Sets

You can define one or more payload sets. The number of payload sets depends on the attack type defined in the Positions tab. Various payload types are available for each payload set, and each payload type can be customized in different ways.

Payload set: 1

Payload count: 1

Payload type: Simple list

Request count: 2



## Payload Options [Simple list]

This payload type lets you configure a simple list of strings that are used as payloads.

Paste

Load ...

Remove

Clear

Deduplicate

root

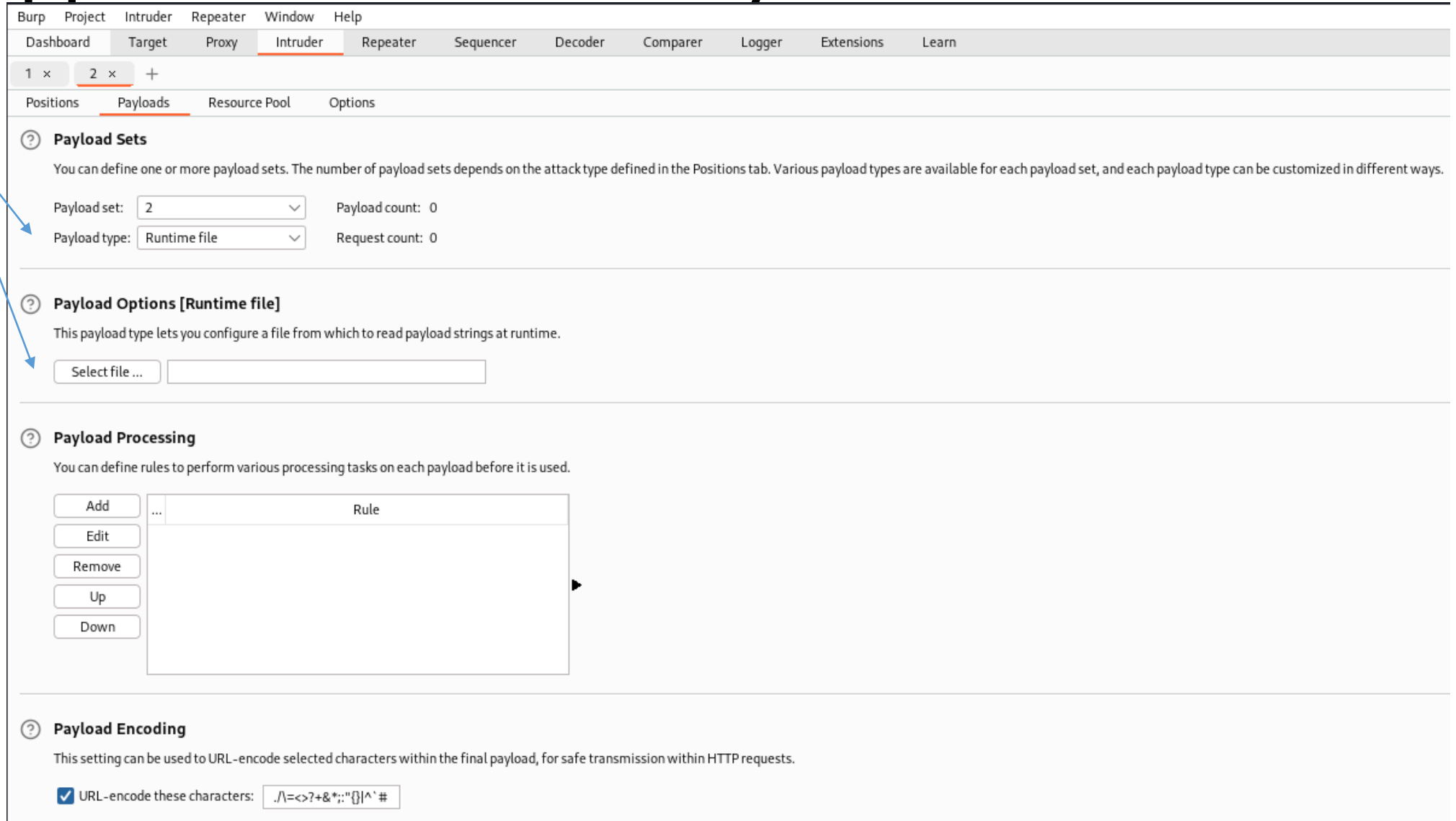
Add

root



# Web application vulnerability

The 2<sup>nd</sup> payload set, we use the “Runtime file” in this time



The screenshot shows the Burp Suite interface with the 'Intruder' tab selected. The 'Payloads' sub-tab is active, displaying the configuration for the 2nd payload set. The 'Payload set' is set to '2' and the 'Payload type' is 'Runtime file'. The 'Payload count' is 0 and the 'Request count' is 0. The 'Payload Options [Runtime file]' section is expanded, showing a 'Select file ...' button and an empty text field. The 'Payload Processing' section is also expanded, showing a table with one row and one column labeled 'Rule'. The 'Payload Encoding' section is expanded, showing a checkbox for 'URL-encode these characters' which is checked, and a text field containing the characters to be encoded: '.\|=<>?+&\*;,:"{}|^' #

1 x 2 x +

Positions Payloads Resource Pool Options

**Payload Sets**

You can define one or more payload sets. The number of payload sets depends on the attack type defined in the Positions tab. Various payload types are available for each payload set, and each payload type can be customized in different ways.

Payload set: 2 Payload count: 0

Payload type: Runtime file Request count: 0

**Payload Options [Runtime file]**

This payload type lets you configure a file from which to read payload strings at runtime.

Select file ...

**Payload Processing**

You can define rules to perform various processing tasks on each payload before it is used.

Add ... Rule

Edit

Remove

Up

Down

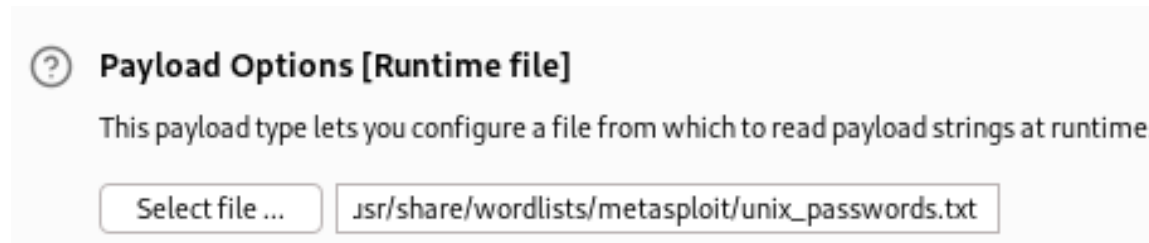
**Payload Encoding**

This setting can be used to URL -encode selected characters within the final payload, for safe transmission within HTTP requests.

☒ URL-encode these characters: .\|=<>?+&\*;,:"{}|^' #

# Web application vulnerability

- Choose the following file as our 2<sup>nd</sup> parameter, the password
  - /usr/share/wordlists/metasploit/unix\_passwords.txt
- This is basically a text file filled with words. We can say it is a “dictionary”



- Now, we click the [options] tab and scroll down to the “Grab-Match” section

# Web application vulnerability

Let's go ahead to **clear** the current list

And just put something like "Incorrect"  
You will see why we do this?  
It is helpful in the outputs

**Grep - Match**  
These settings can be used to flag result items containing specified expressions.

☐ Flag result items with responses matching these expressions:

Paste  
Load ...  
Remove  
Clear

Add

Match type: ☒ Simple string  
☐ Regex

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Positions Payloads Resource Pool **Options**

☒ Update Content-Length header  
☒ Set Connection header

**Error Handling**  
These settings control how Intruder handles network errors during the attack.

Number of retries on network failure:   
Pause before retry (milliseconds):

**Attack Results**  
These settings control what information is captured in attack results.

☒ Store requests  
☒ Store responses  
☒ Make unmodified baseline request  
☐ Use denial-of-service mode (no results)  
☐ Store full payloads

**Grep - Match**  
These settings can be used to flag result items containing specified expressions.

☐ Flag result items with responses matching these expressions:

Paste  
Load ...  
Remove  
Clear

error  
exception  
illegal  
invalid  
fail  
stack  
access  
directory  
file  
not found

Add

Match type: ☒ Simple string  
☐ Regex

☐ Case sensitive match  
☒ Exclude HTTP headers

# Web application vulnerability

- Get out of the options tab, no matter where we are.

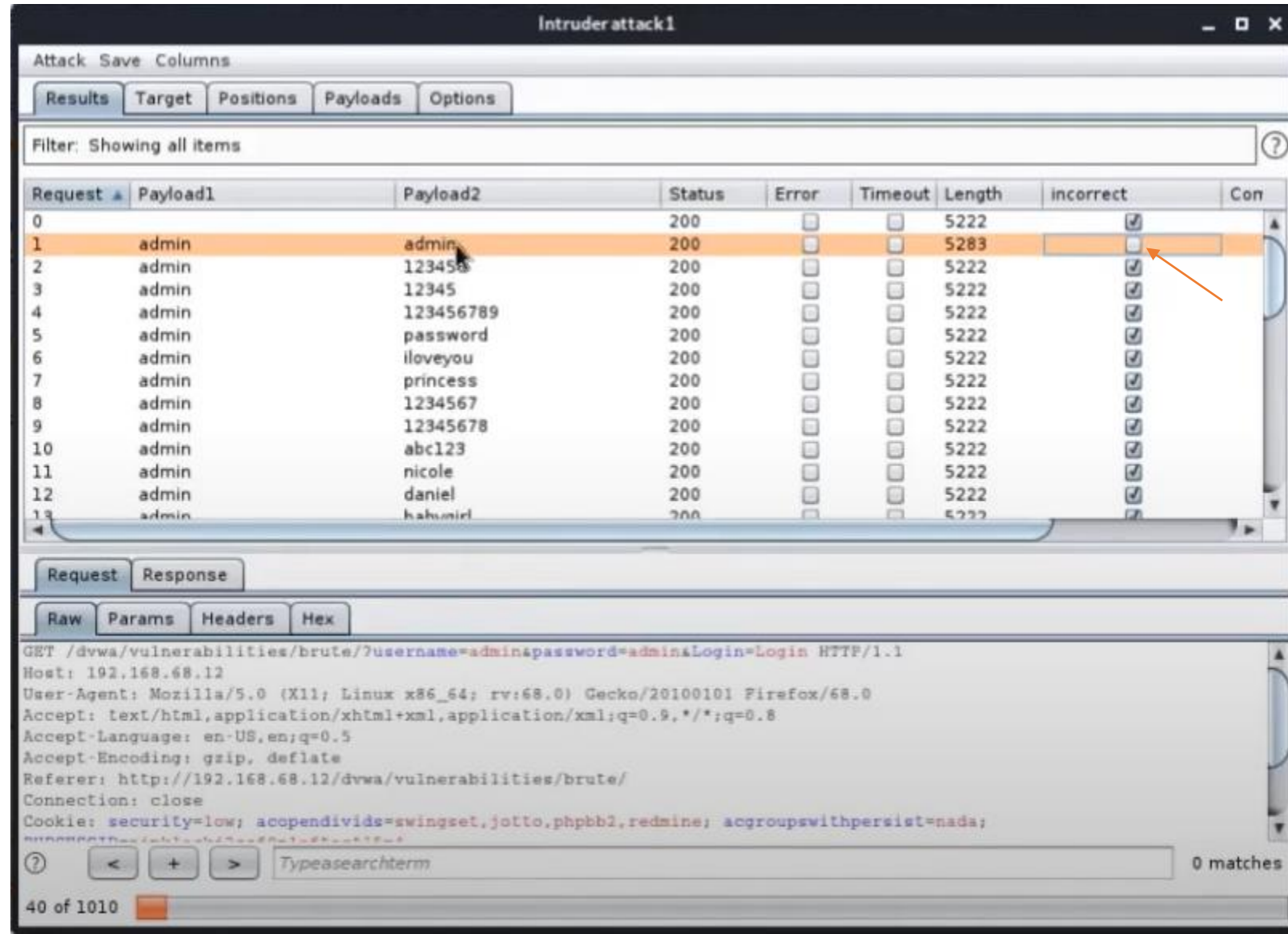
It is easily see the button

“Start attack”

- One it starts, it will bring up a **small window** like this.

- In this example, its user name is **admin**, not our “root”

- But for the password, it is trying everything from the file



# Web application vulnerability

- Oh wow! There is a match. The user name and password are both “admin” --- not a very smart combination
- There are totally 1010 words in the dictionary for password, by the way.
- You can see the progress bar