CS 455 – Computer Security Fundamentals

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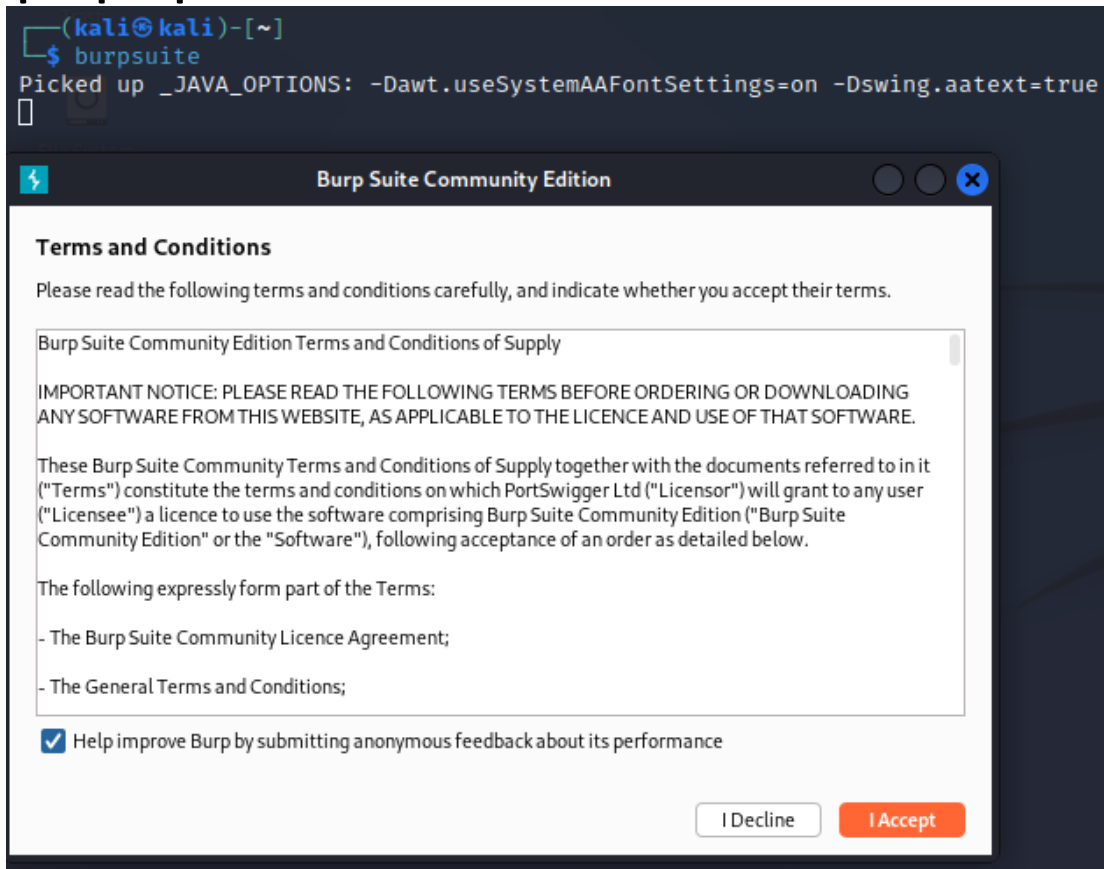
System and Networks Security

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

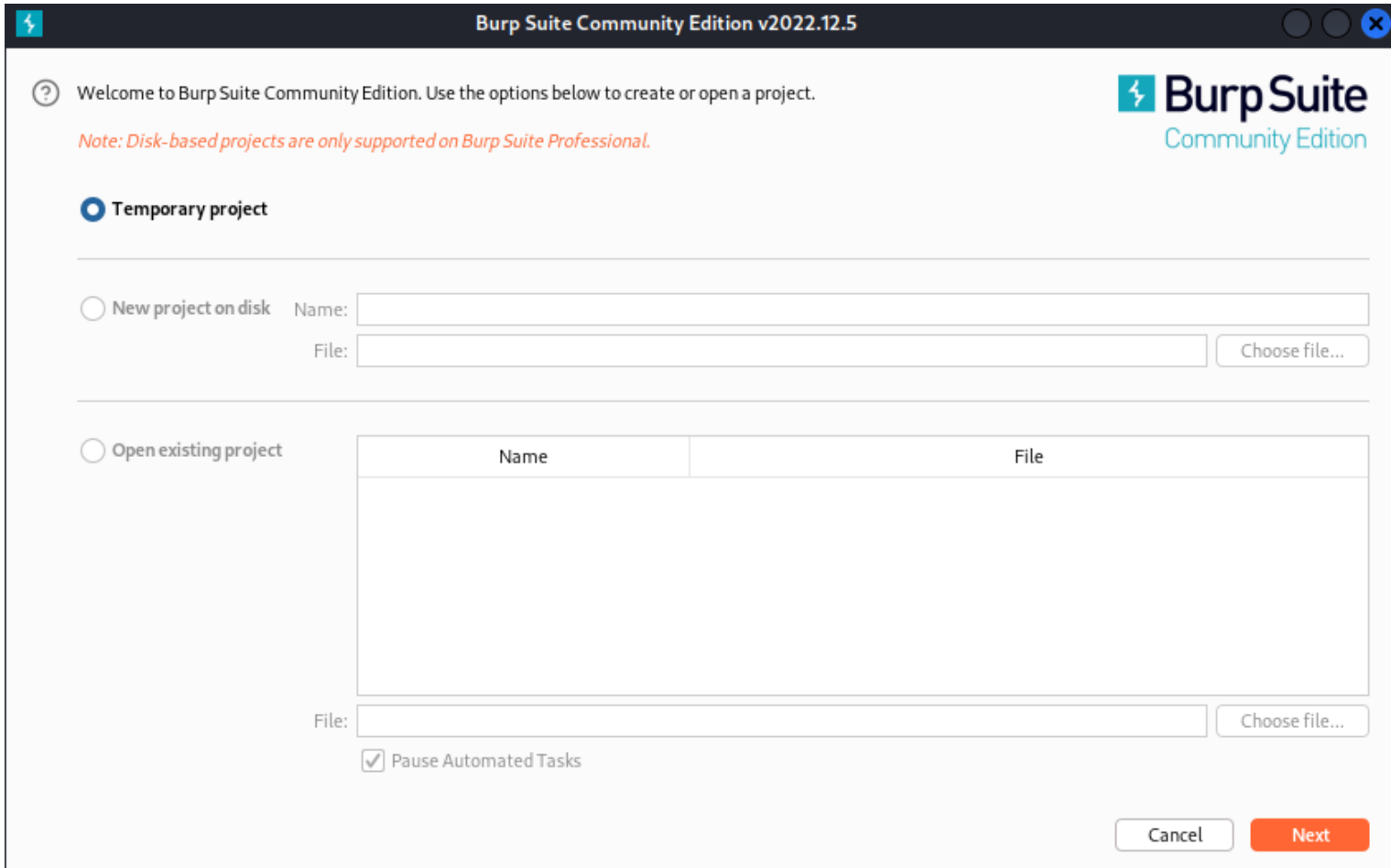
Web application vulnerability

- 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 the launch the temporary project.



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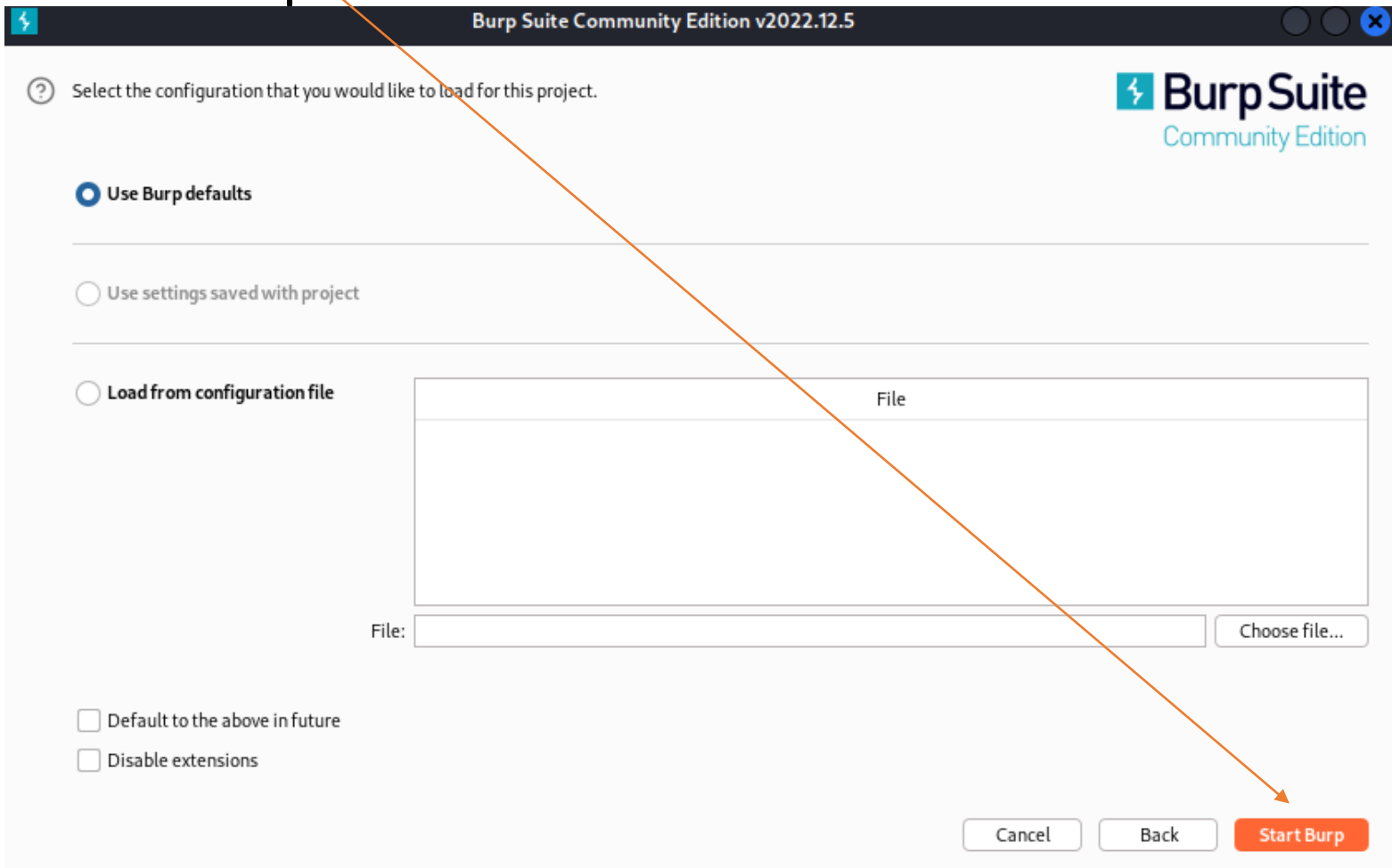
- Use the Burp defaults and Start Burp



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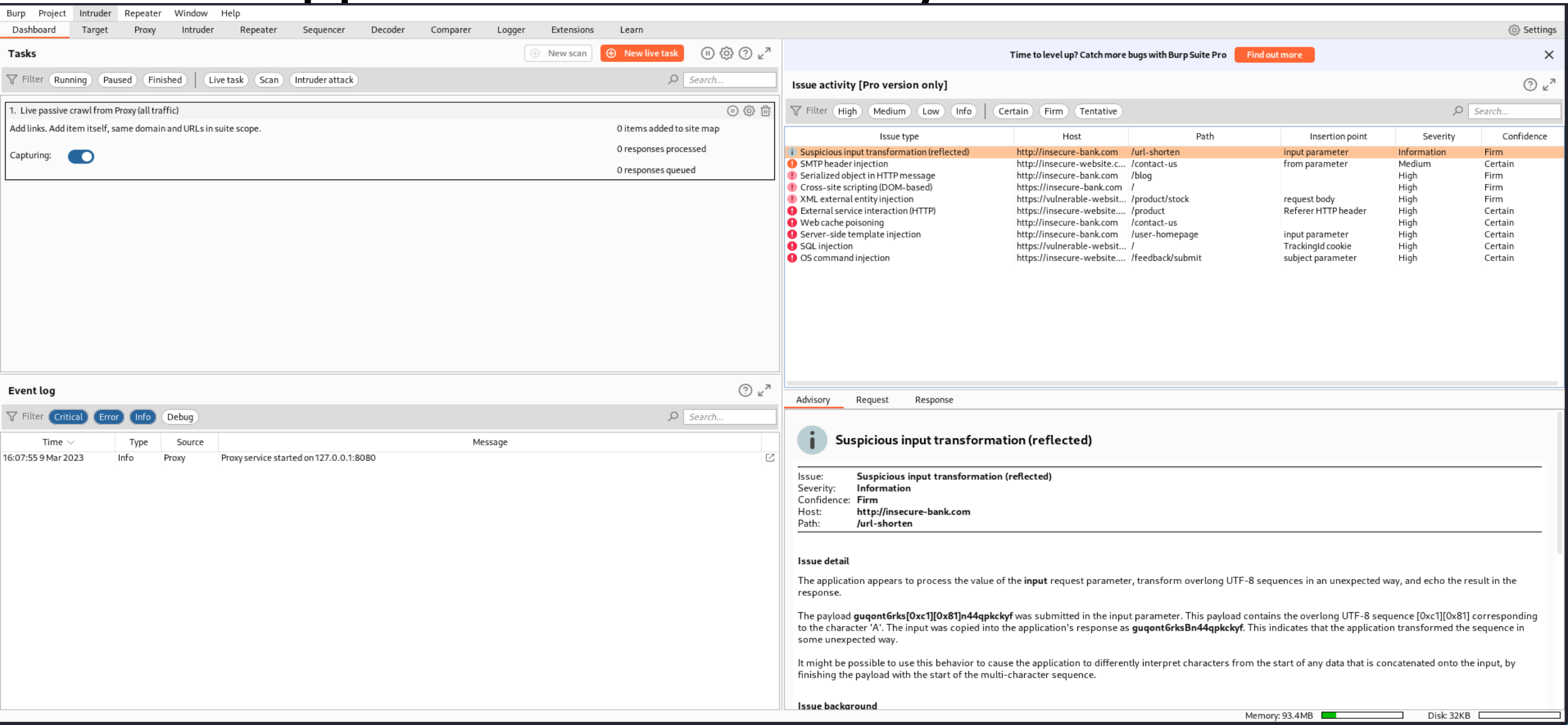
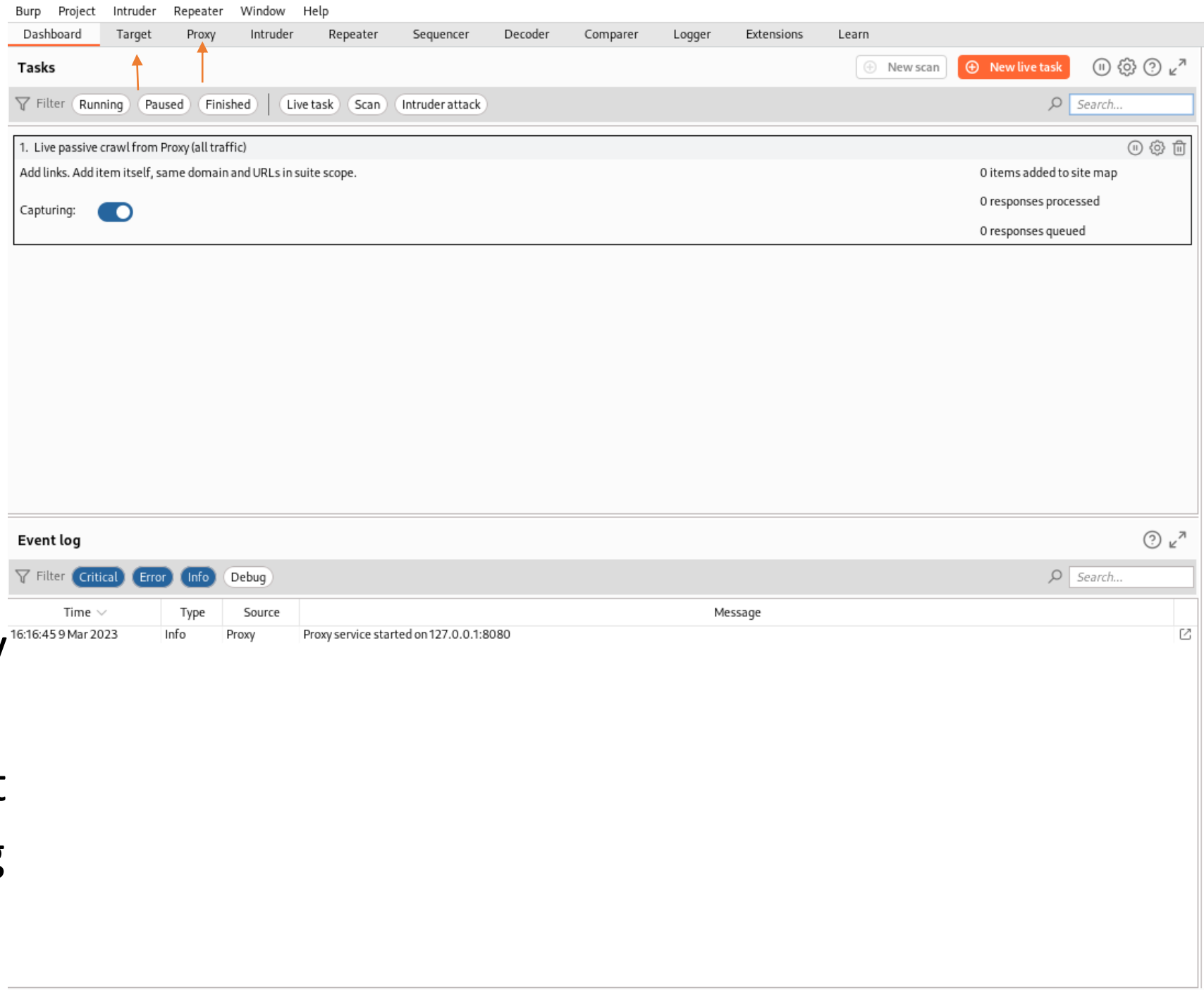


Web application vulnerability

- 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

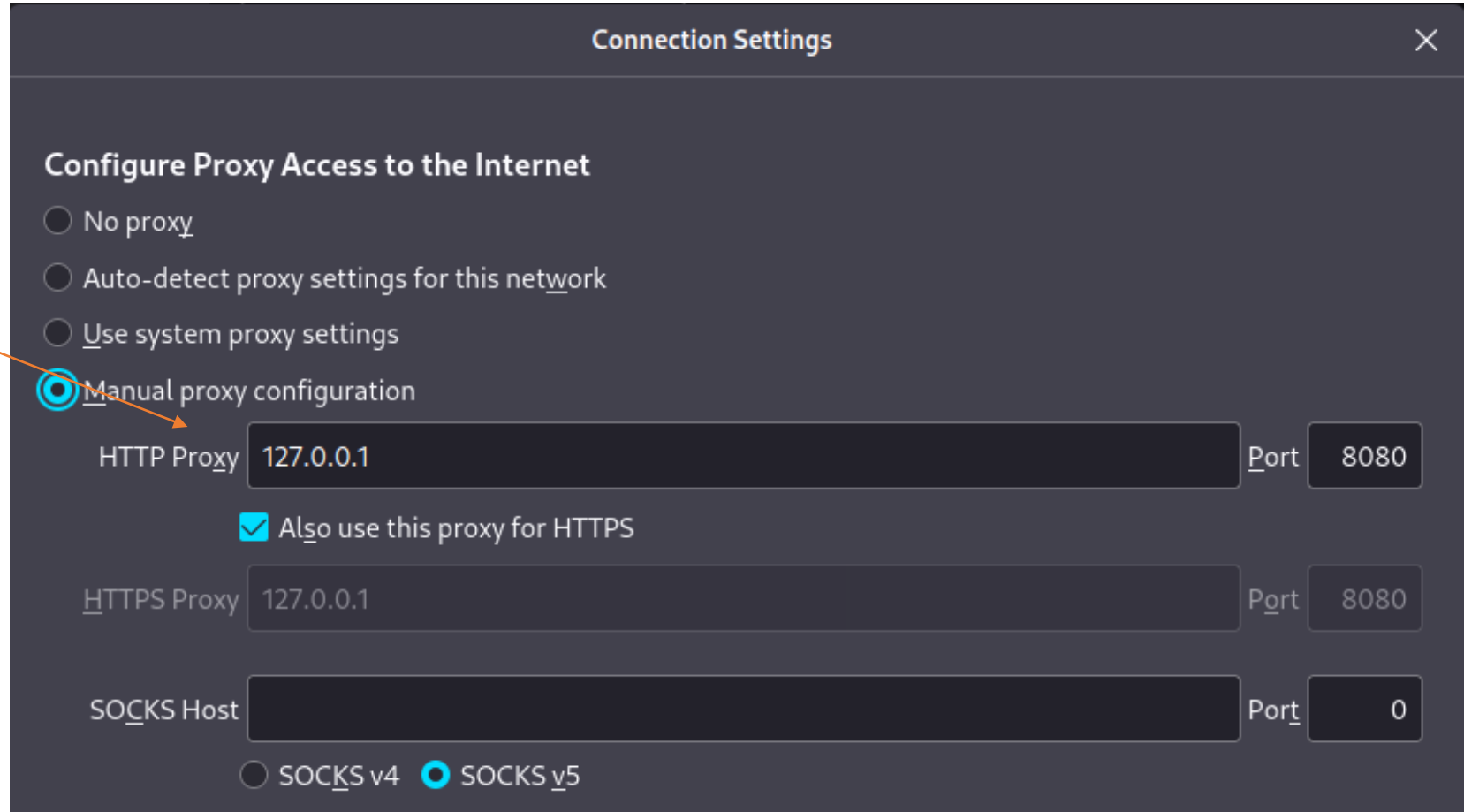


Web application vulnerability

- 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)

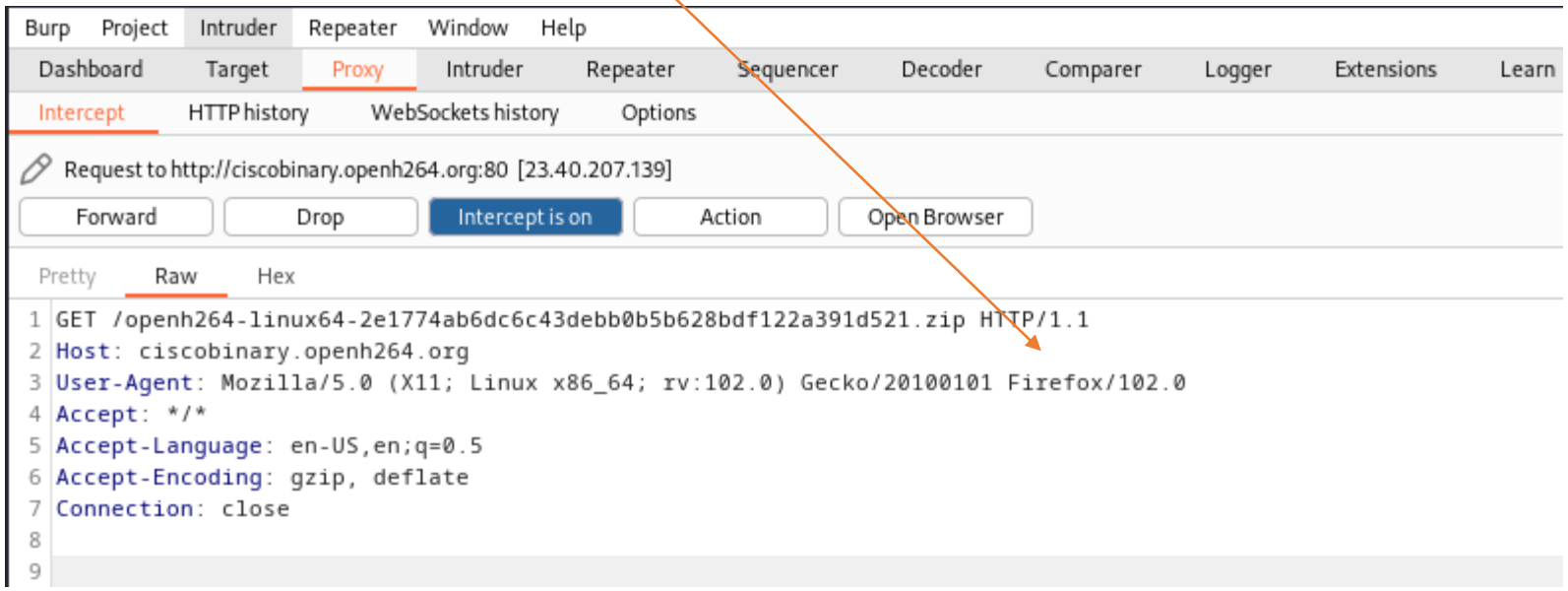


Web application vulnerability

- 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

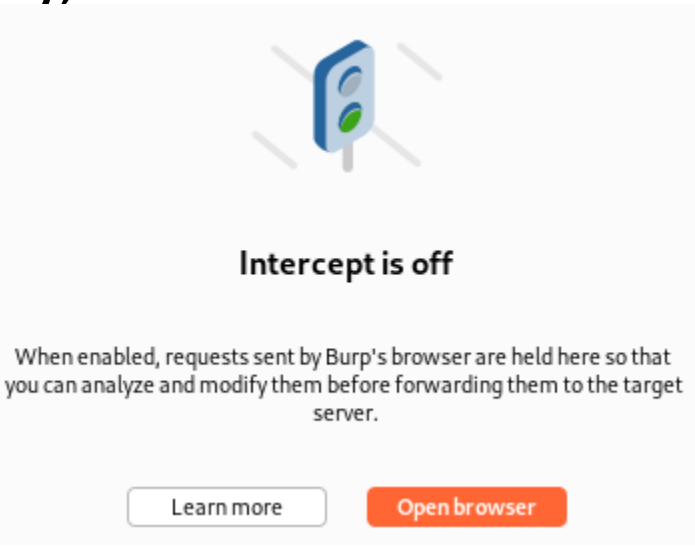
Web application vulnerability

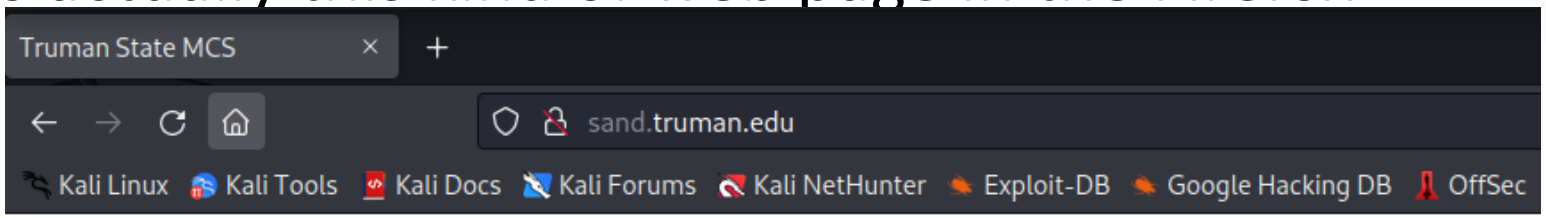
- Go back to the Burp Suite → Click the Proxy tab → Enable the "Interception" → After a while, it will detect the changes we have made in the Firefox browser (Interception is working now!)



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





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Places to go from here:

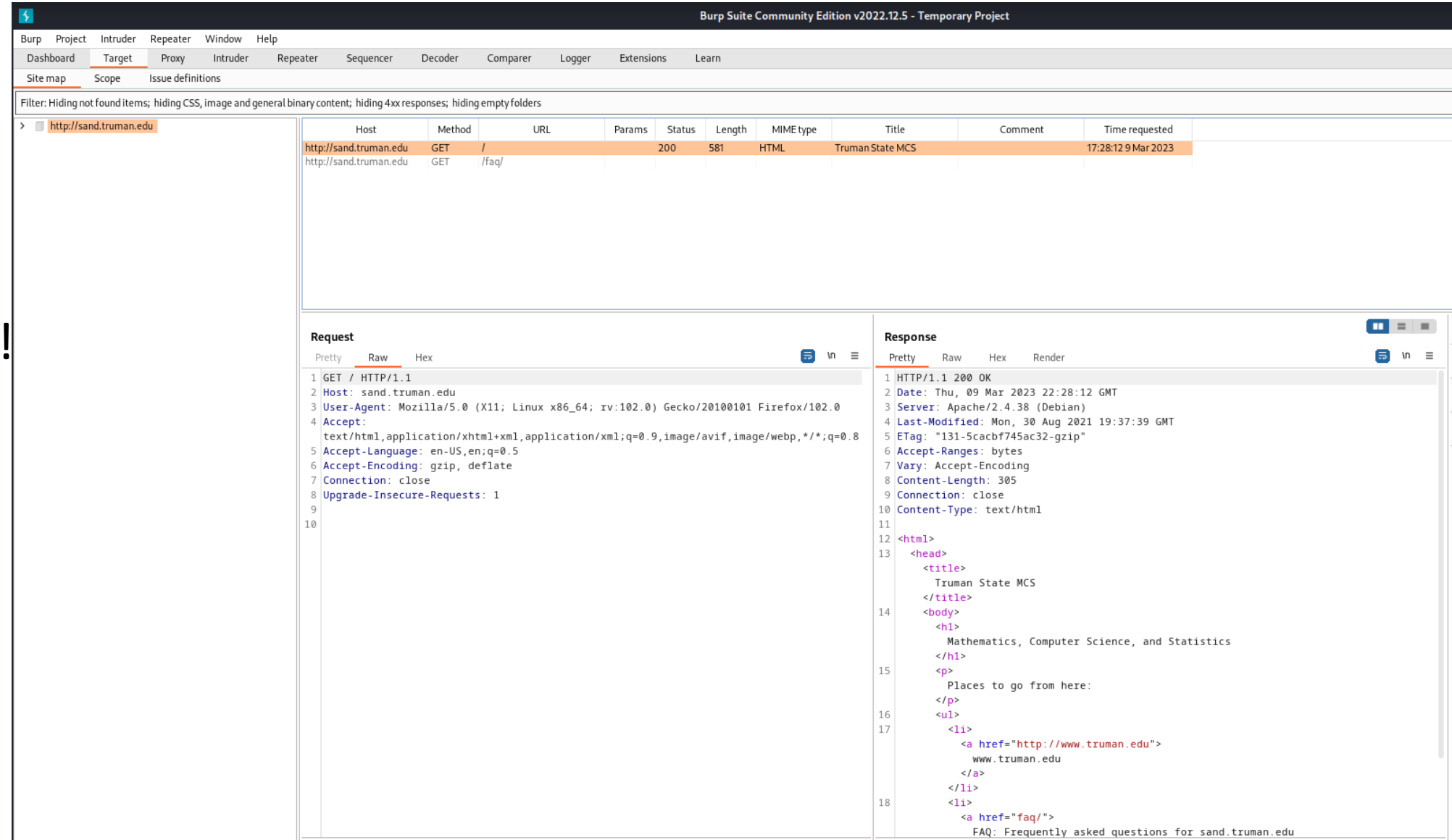
- www.truman.edu
- FAQ: Frequently asked questions for sand.truman.edu

Web application vulnerability

- But?

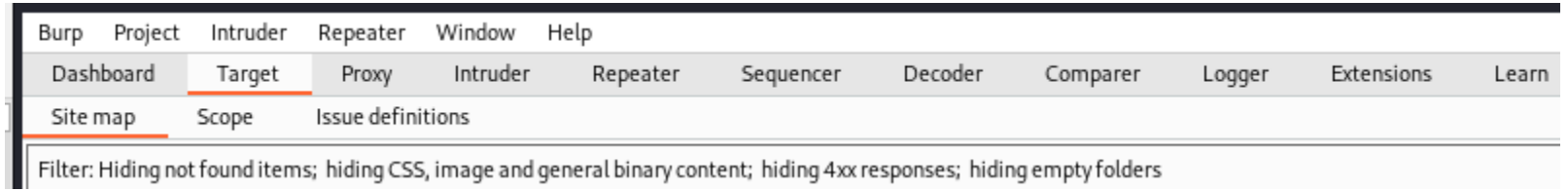
In the Burp Suite?

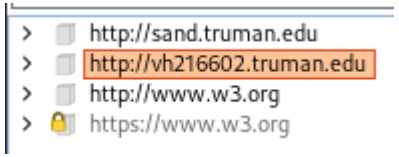
Lots of info.!



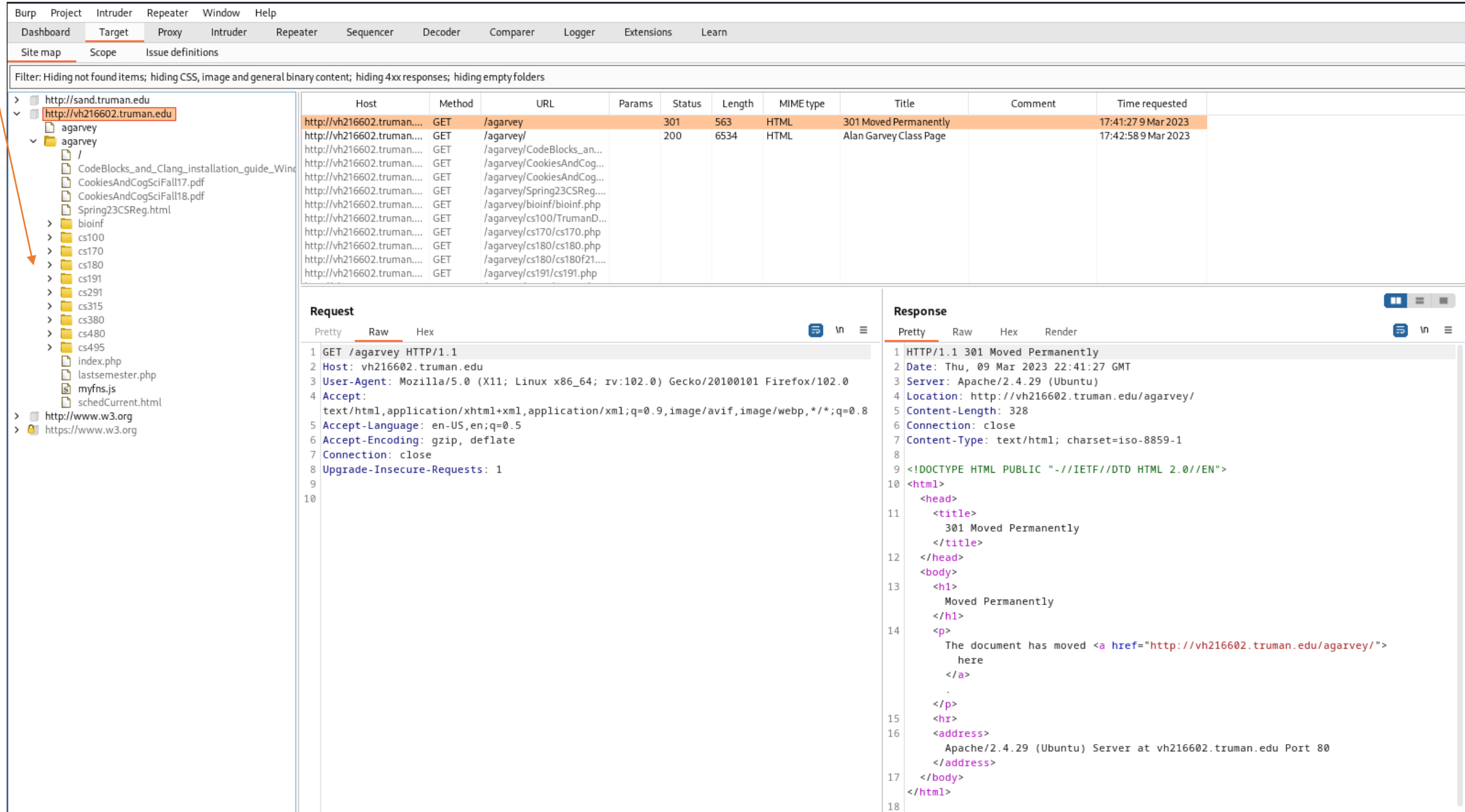
Web application vulnerability

- 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!



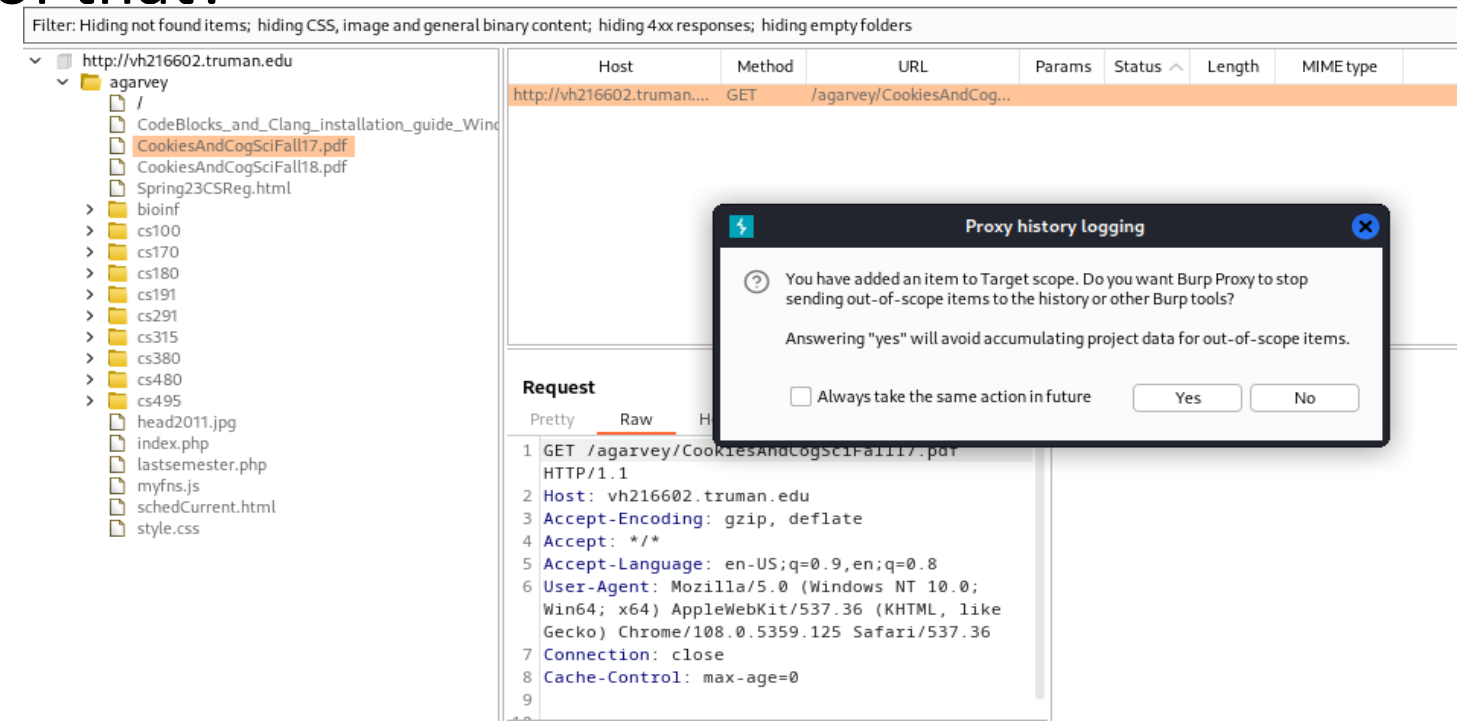
Web application vulnerability

- 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

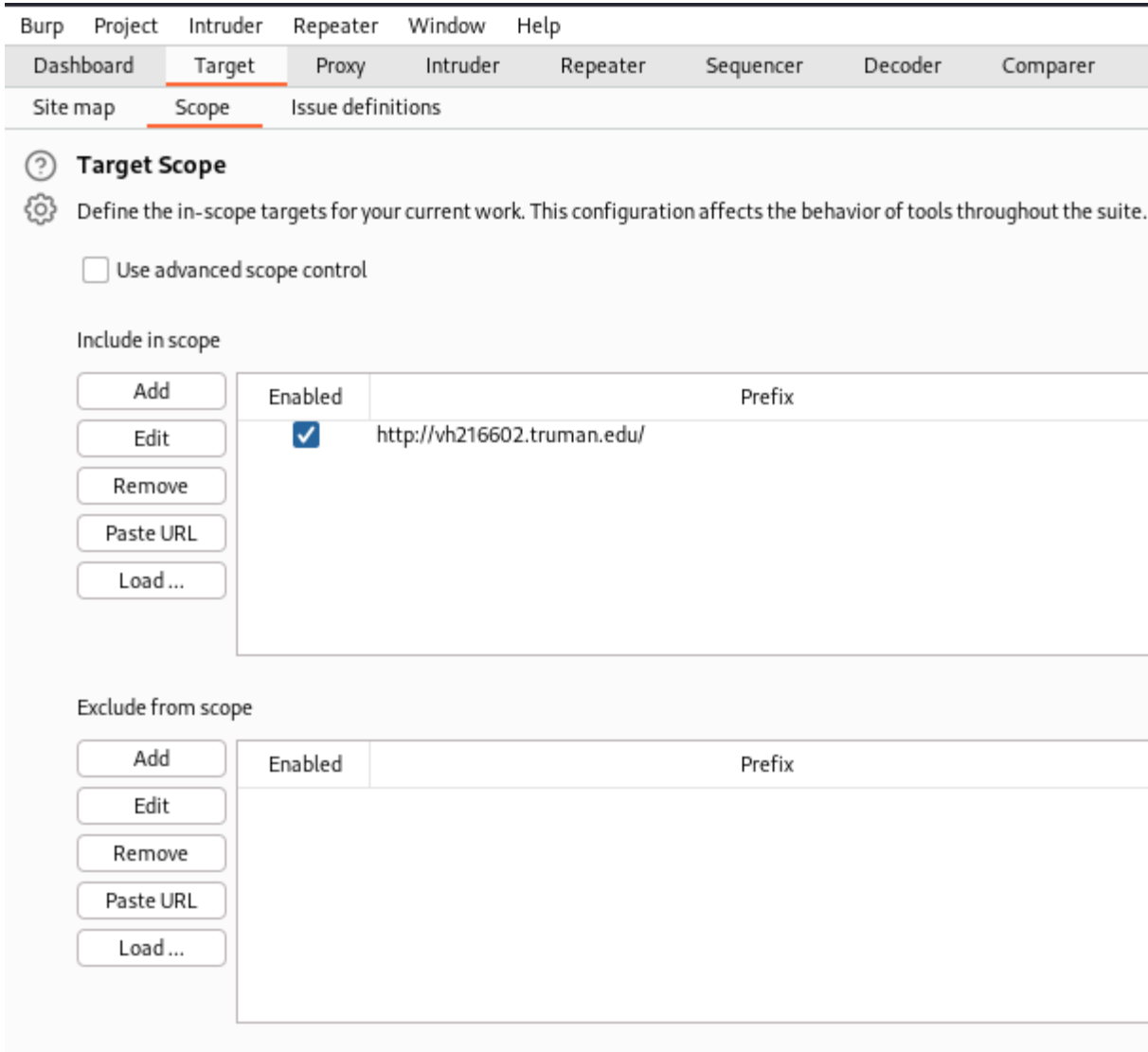
- Right click the http://vh216602.Truman.edu, and select “Add to scope”
- Just click “Yes”. This is just a asking if you don’t like to see the “out-of-scope” traffic? Are you sure of that?
- We will only be collecting

data on this web server



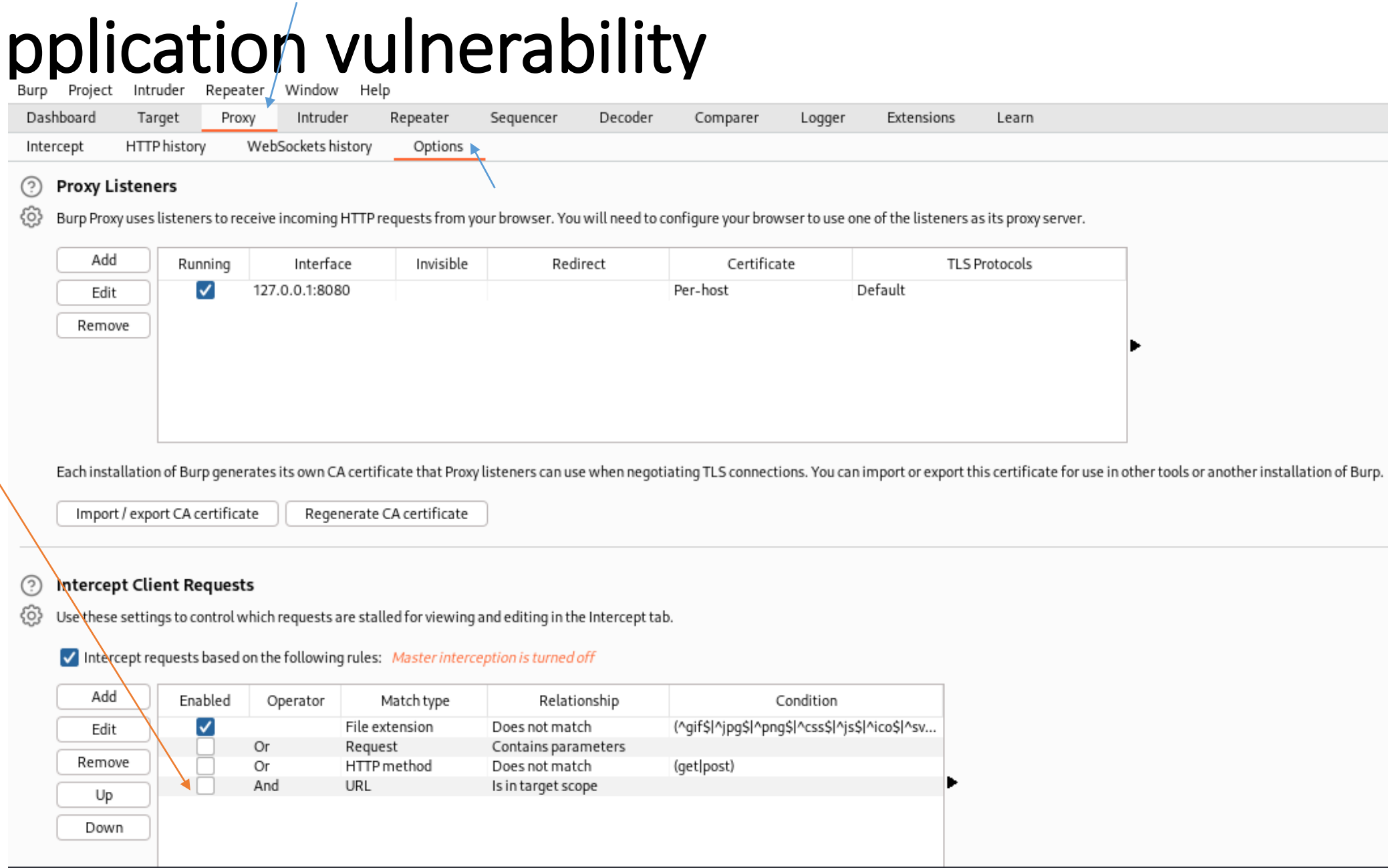
Web application vulnerability

- 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

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!

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 \n

```
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=ptief6sughob1udl6dhsfuvstg; 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
```

There are still something valuables. For example, some of parameters.

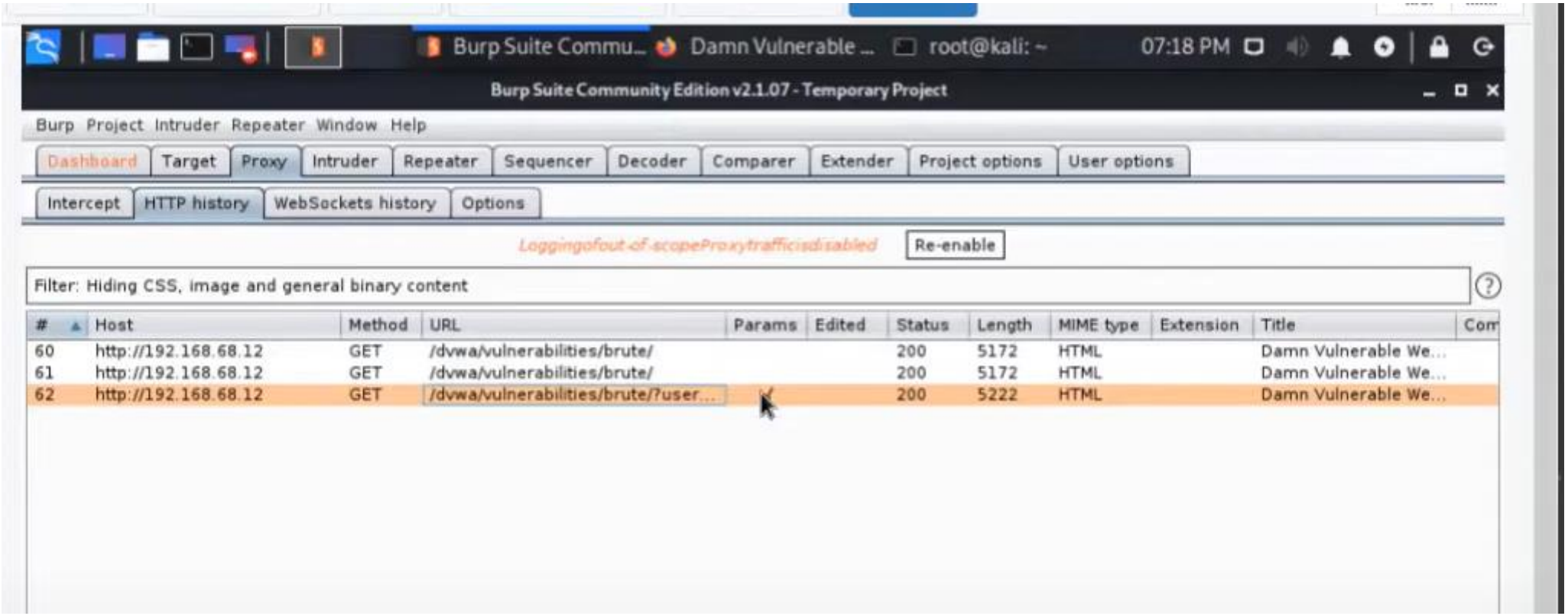
I removed the Host name

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



Burp Project Intruder Repeater Window Help

Dashboard Target Proxy Intruder Repeater Sequencer Decoder Comparer Logger Extensions Learn

Intercept 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_unicod...	✓		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=4.6.6deb5ubuntu...	✓		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=4.6.6deb5ubuntu0.5	✓		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
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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=gdfl267uau1tmktn323hrisqc1;
   utf8mb4_unicode_ci
12 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
13
14 pma_username=root&pma_password=application+password&server=1&t
   =utf8mb4_unicode_ci&token=861b7de0b0baa68cc32ffb6a19acebe4
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Search... 0 matches

Response

Pretty Raw Hex Render

```
" />
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="js/codemirror/addon/lint/lint.css?v=4.6.6deb5ubuntu0.5" />
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="phpmyadmin.css.php?nocache=4424561643ltr" />
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="./themes/pmahomme/css/printview.css?v=4.6.6deb5ubuntu0.5"
media="print" id="printcss"/>
<title>
  phpMyAdmin
</title>
<script data-cfasync='false' type='text/javascript' src='
js/whitelist.php?lang=en&amp;db=&amp;token=bcae838eecfaa2dd644fa0e7afd571d6&v=4.6.6deb5ubuntu0.5'>
</script>
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/jquery.ba-hashchange-1.3.js&amp;v=4.6.6deb5ubuntu0.5">
</script>
<script data-cfasync="false" type="text/javascript" src="
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Search... 0 matches

Inspector

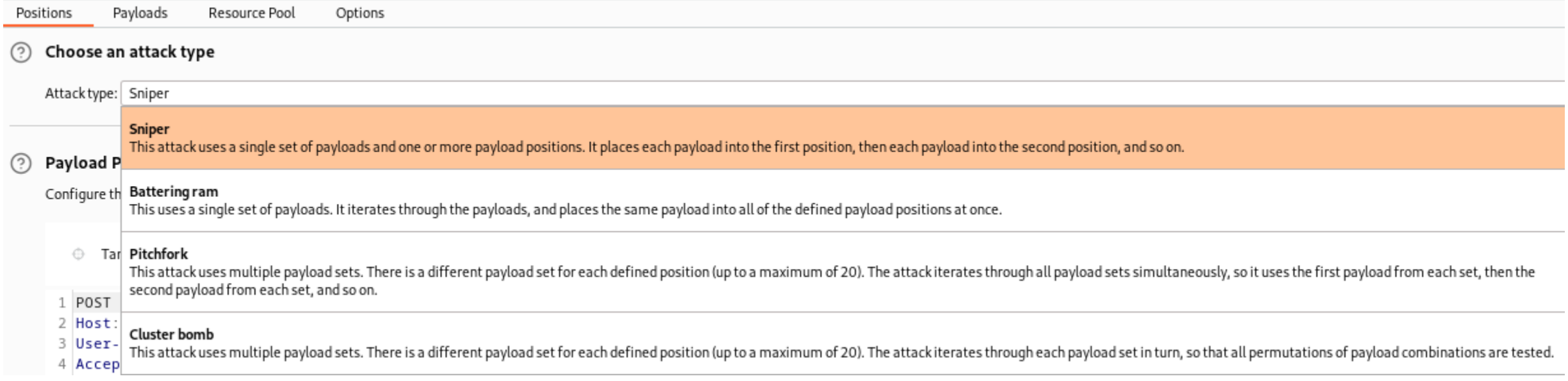
- Request Attributes
- Request Body Parameters
- Request Cookies
- Request Headers
- Response Headers

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



Web application vulnerability

- The payloads are automatically marked

```
11 Cookie: pmaCookieVer=§5§; phpMyAdmin=§ptief6sughob1udl6dhsfuvstg§; 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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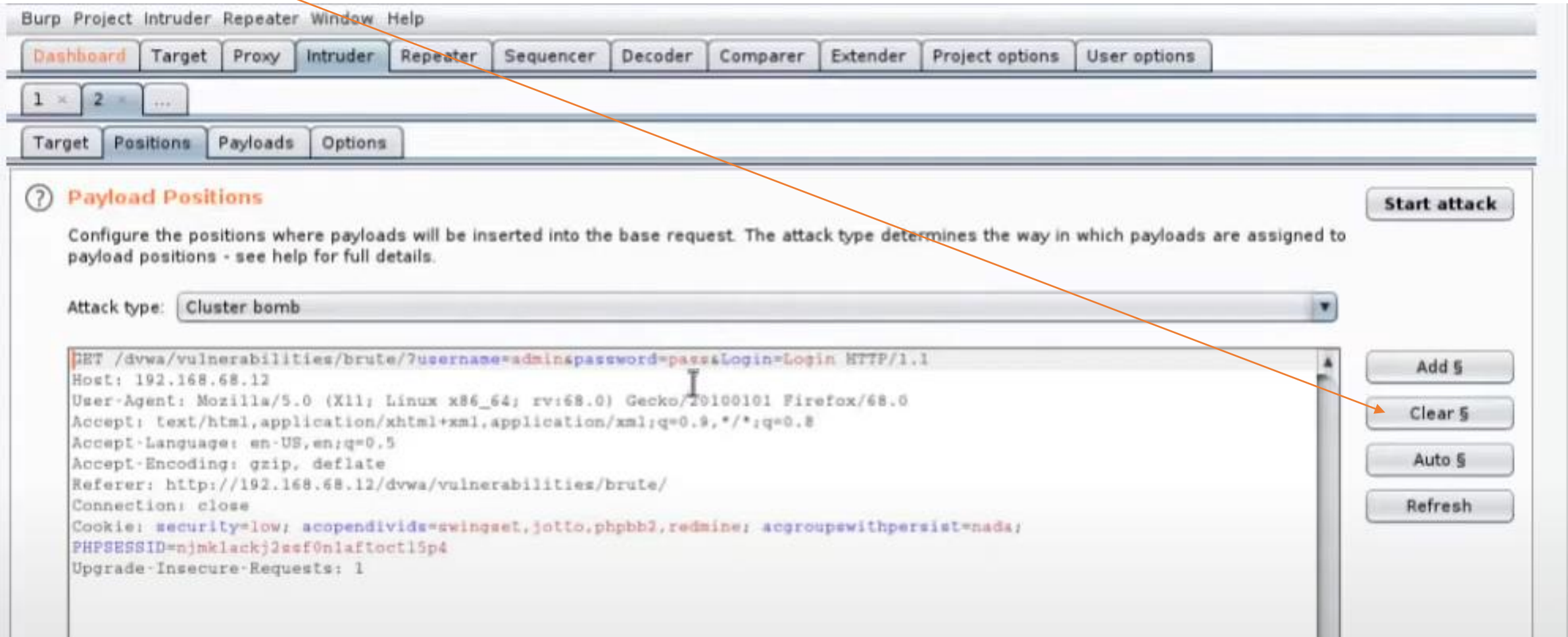
- Our “simulated” attack target is 192.168.68.12 ☺

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=ptief6sughob1udl6dhsfuvstg; 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
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8  Content-Length: 104
9  Origin: null
10 Connection: close
11 Cookie: pmaCookieVer=5; phpMyAdmin=ptief6sughob1udl6dhsfuvstg; 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

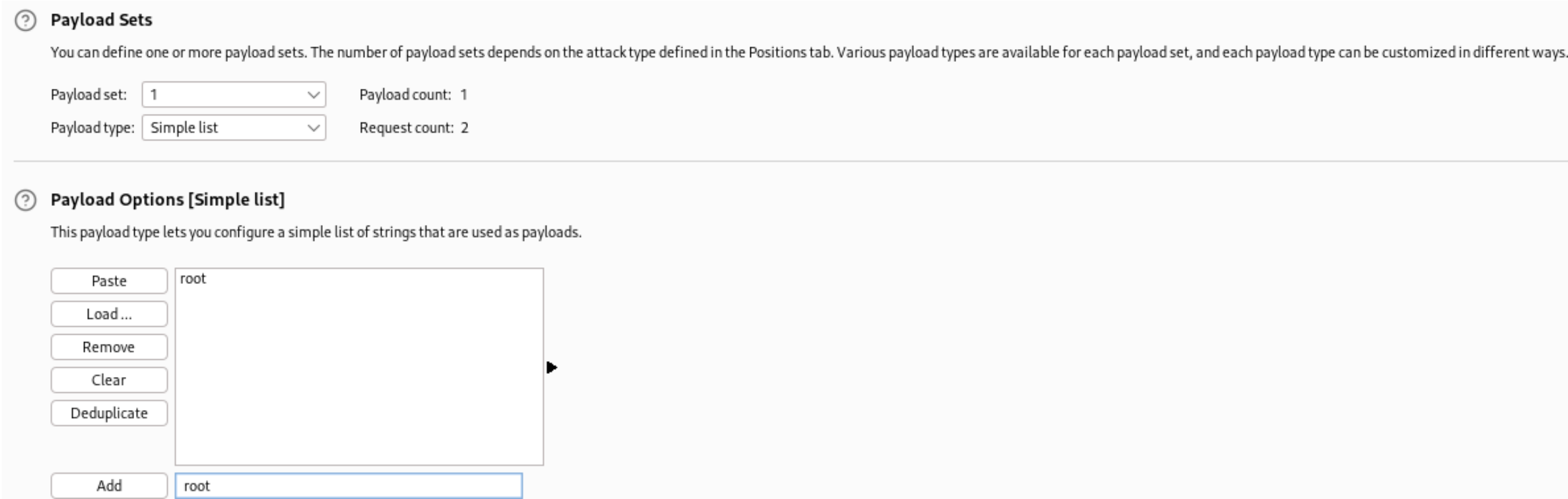
- Do the same thing for “root”.

```
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=ptief6sughob1udl6dhsfuvstg; 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)

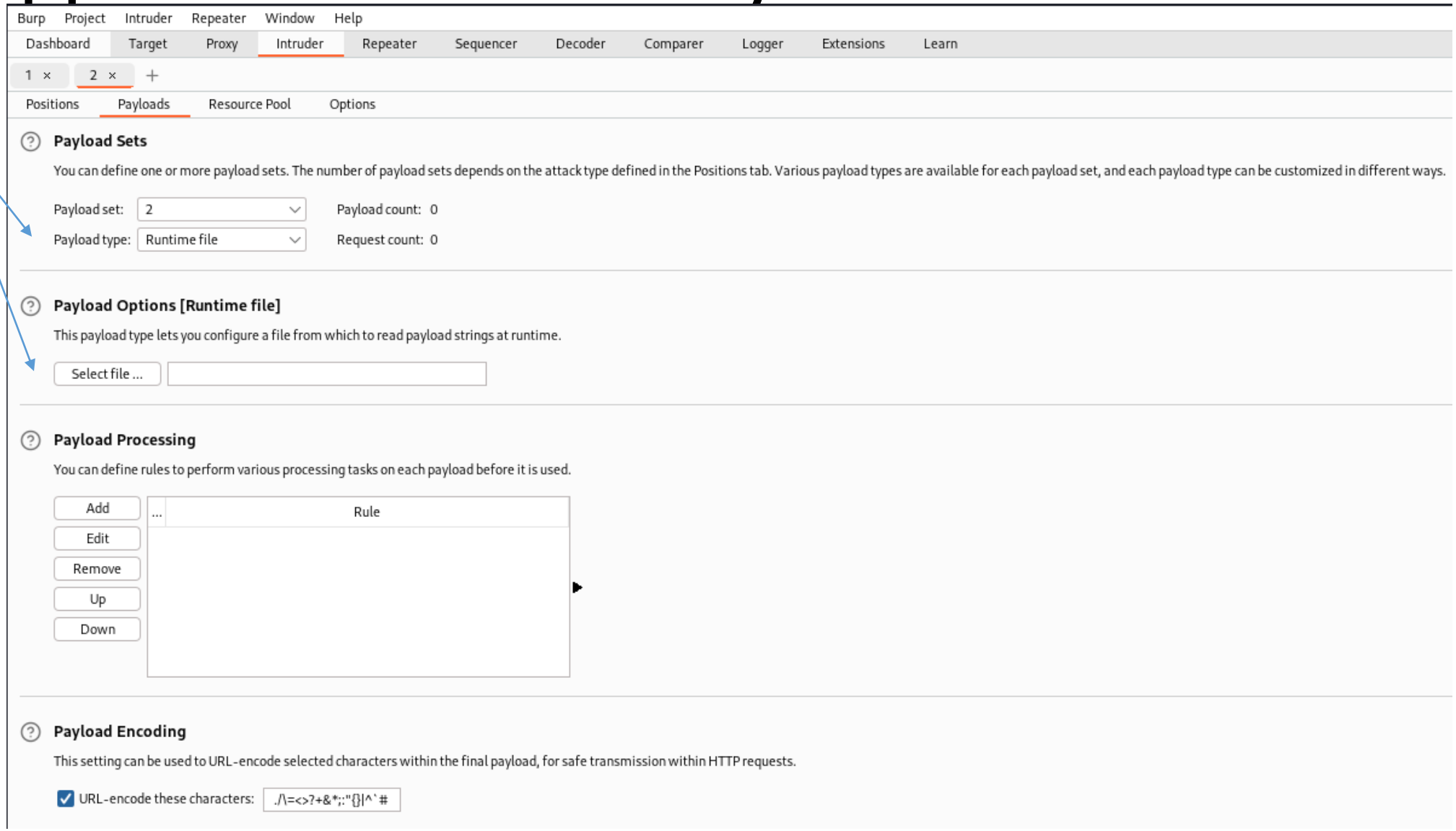
Web application vulnerability

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



Web application vulnerability

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



Web application vulnerability

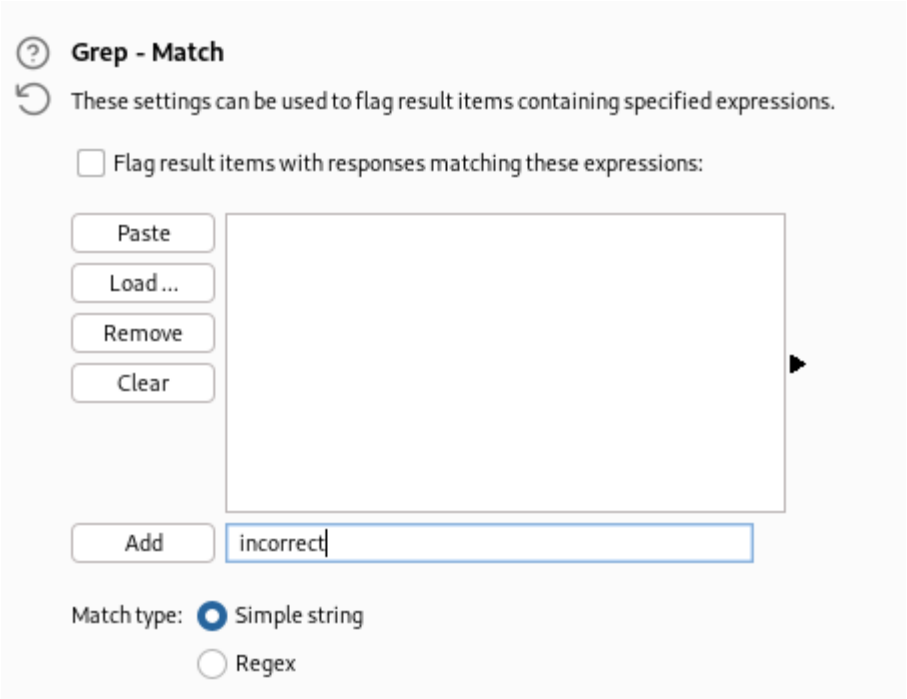
- Choose the following file as our 2nd parameter, the password
  - /usr/share/wordlists/metasploit/unix_passwords.txt
- This is basically a text file filled with words. We can say it is a “dictionary”

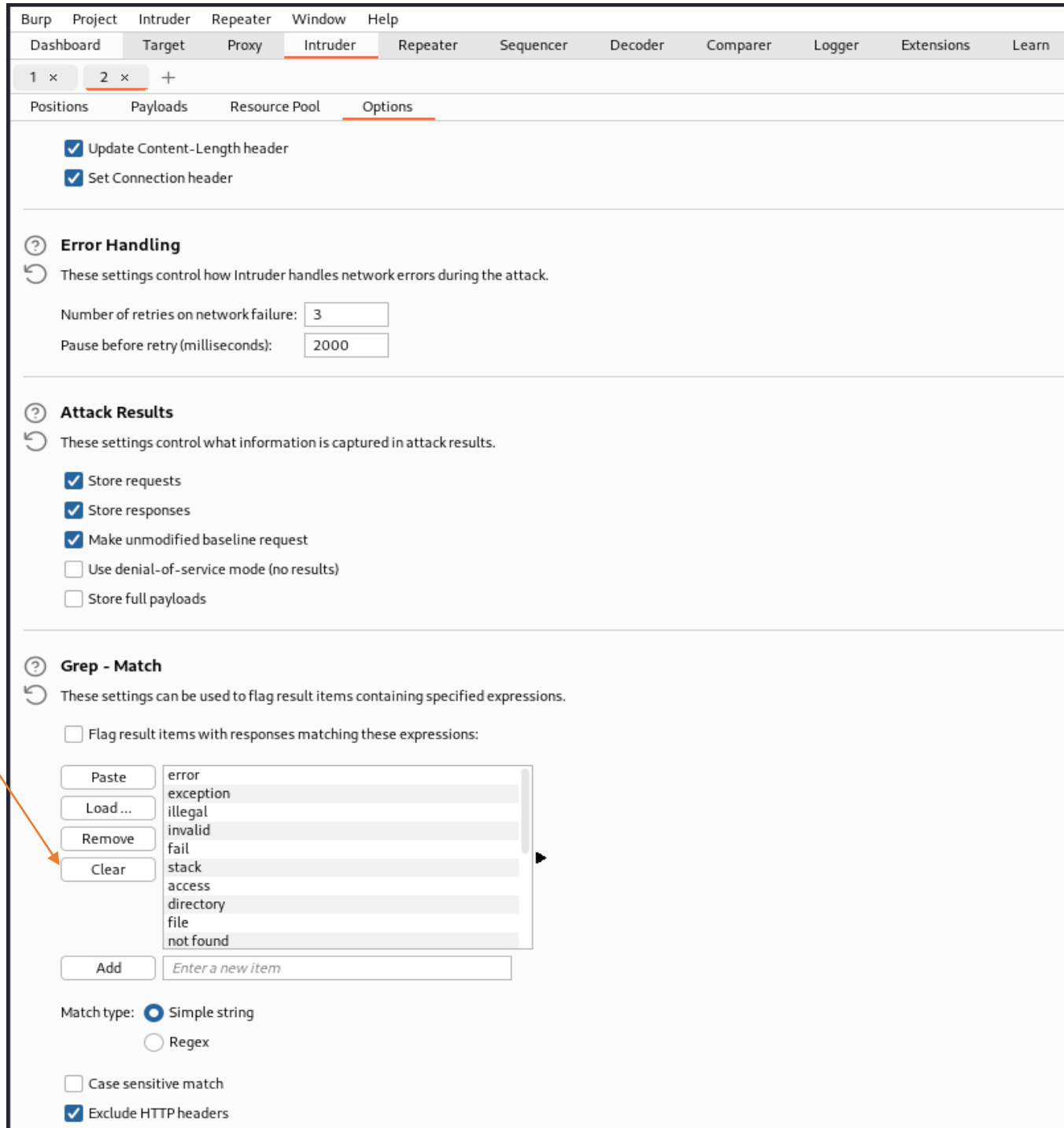
- Now, we click the [options] tab and scroll down to the “Grab-Match” section

Web application vulnerability

Let's go ahead to clear the current list

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





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,

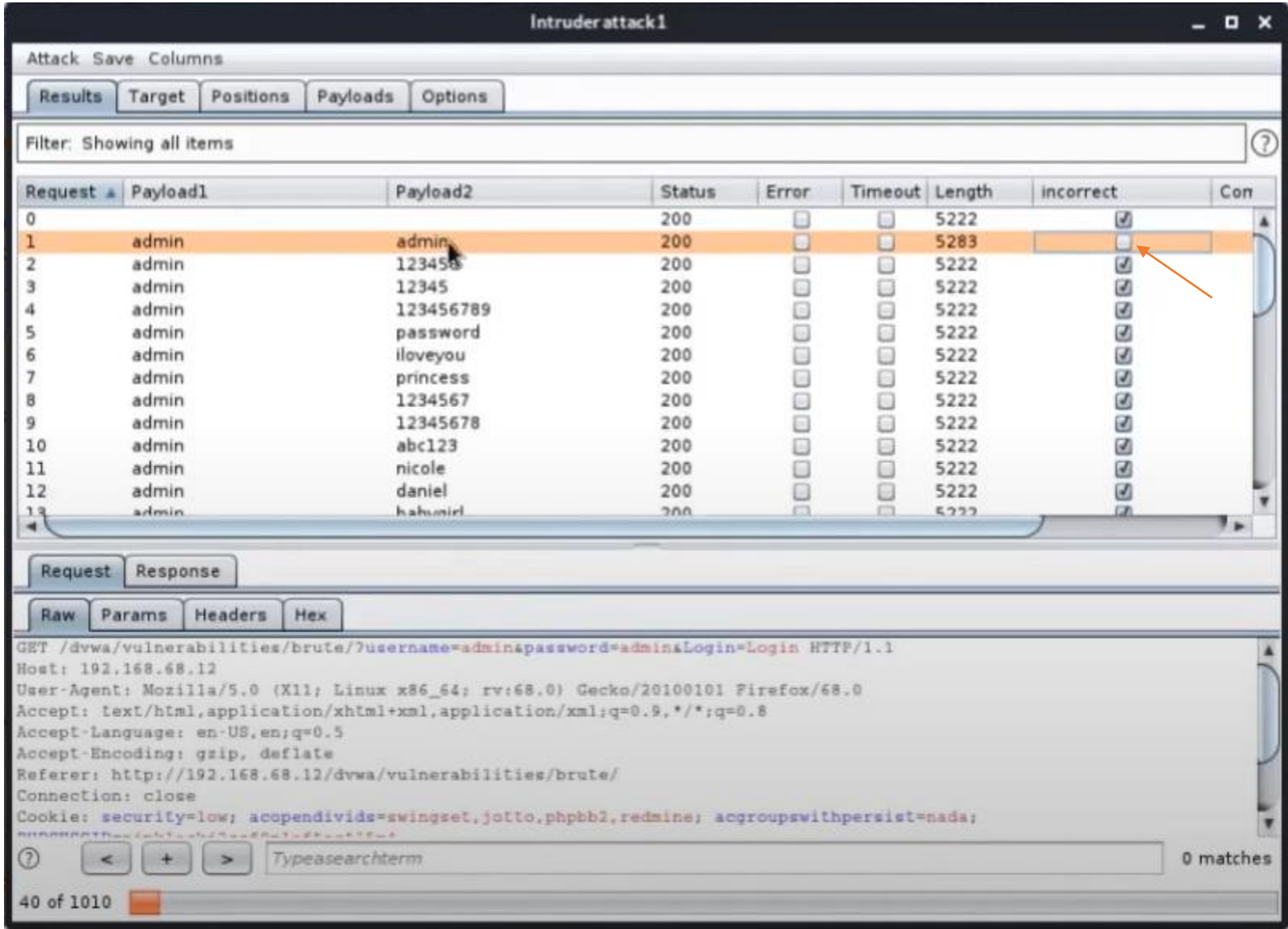
its user name is

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