Broken Authentication

Web Development and Security (ZEIT3119)

Week 12

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- At which step SQL Injection is inserted.
 - 1. Connecting to the database;
 - 2. Sending SQL statements and data to the database;
 - 3. Fetching the result and display data from the database;
 - 4. Closing the connection

Answer: Step 2



How SQL Injection can harm the database?

Answer:

- Change the content of database (delete/modify the tables)
- Cause denial of service to application
- Retrieve sensitive data from database
- Attacker can get administrative rights



What is the most common example where SQL Injection can be inserted easily?

Answer: HTML form

What happens if attacker injects the following statement in SQL statement

Select * From users

Where username =user1' 'OR 1=1-- and Password = 123;

Answer:

The query will return all the information of users form table users and bypass the password because of hyphens --



State true or False

Web applications are more affected by XSS than SQL Injection

Answer: True

Reflected XSS is more harmful than Stored XSS

Answer: False



How many types of XSS are there?

Answer:

- Reflected XSS
- Stored XSS
- DOM XSS
- What are the mitigation techniques for XSS?

Answer:

- Educating people
- Web Application Firewall

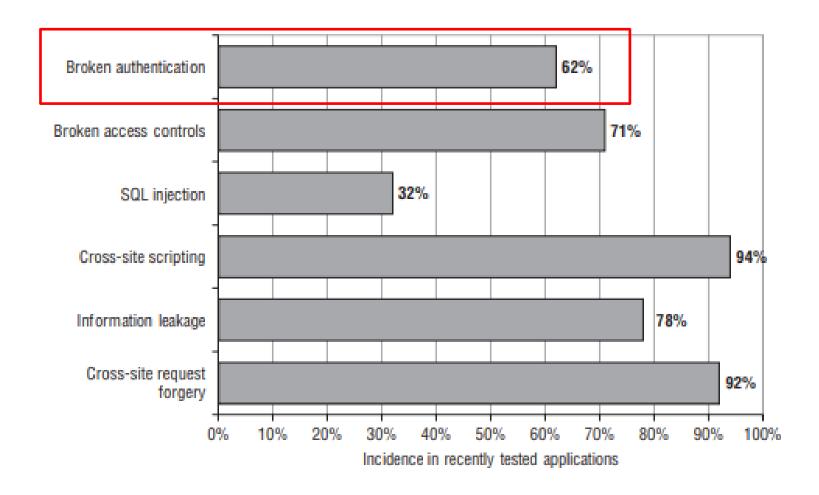


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OWASP Vulnerabilities





OWASP Vulnerabilities - 2021

Broken Access Control (up from #5 in 2020 to the top spot in 2021)





Authentication and Authorization

Authentication:

- ➤ The Process of verification that an individual, entity or website is who it claims to be examples:
 - Password
 - One-time Pins
 - Authentication App
 - Biometrics

Authorization:

Once the user is authenticated, it gives the user permission to access the resource

Authentication



Confirms users are who they say they are.

Authorization



Gives users permission to access a resource.



Authentication and Authorization

Authentication acts as a key to the door house. Lock on the door grants access to someone with the correct key. Similarly, they username/Password (or any authentication methods) act as key to the system. Correct credentials can give access to the system

Authorization is the permission. Once the user is Authenticated and use the correct key, the user is authorized to enter the house. Similarly, once the user is authenticated after entering correct credentials it can enter the system and authorized to do things depending on the privilege assigned to the user

Authorization and Authentication work together.



Authentication and Authorization

	Authentication	Authorization
What does it do?	Verifies credentials	Grants or denies permissions
How does it work?	Through passwords, biometrics, one-time pins, or apps	Through settings maintained by security teams
Is it visible to the user?	Yes	No
It is changeable by the user?	Partially	No
How does data move?	Through ID tokens	Through access tokens



Broken Authentication

Why is it Broken

- Password not hashed.
- Weak Password recovery method.
- Information leaked on failed login
- Unlimited logon attempt
- Exposed Session-Ids'.
- Long session timeout.
- Improper rotation of session-ids' after logout.
- Sending session-ids', passwords over unencrypted connections.



Result of Broken Authentication

- By-pass authentication
- Complete control of accounts
- > Account theft, sensitive end-user (customer) data could be stolen
- Reputational damage and revenue loss
- > Title Placeholder



OWASP Testing Guide: Authentication

1. Testing for Credentials Transported over an Encrypted Channel

Verifying that the user's authentication data are transferred via an encrypted channel to avoid being intercepted by malicious users

Example1: Sending data with POST method through HTTP

```
POST http://www.example.com/AuthenticationServlet HTTP/1.1

Host: www.example.com

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows; U; Windows NT 5.1; it; rv:1.8.1.14) Gecko/20080404

Accept: text/xml,application/xml,application/xhtml+xml

Accept-Language: it-it;it;q=0.8,en-us;q=0.5,en;q=0.3

Accept-Encoding: grip,deflate

Accept-Charset: ISO-8859-1,utf-8;q=0.7,*;q=0.7

Keep-Alive: 300

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Referer: http://www.example.com/index.jsp

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

Content-length: 64

delegated_service=2188User=test8Pass=test8Submit=SUBMIT
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Example 2: Sending data with POST method through HTTPs

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POST https://www.example.com:443/cgi-bin/login.cgi HTTP/1.1

HUSET-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows; U; Windows NT 5.1; it; rv:1.8.1.14) Gecko/20080404

Accept: text/xml,application/xml,application/xhtmlxml,text/html

Accept-Language: it-it,it;q=0.8,en-us;q=0.5,en;q=0.3

Accept-Encoding: gzip,deflate

Accept-Charset: ISO-8859-1,utf-8;q=0.7,*;q=0.7

Keep-Alive: 300

Commection: keep-alive

Referer: https://www.example.com/cgi-bin/login.cgi

Cookie: language=Engish;

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

Content-length: 50

Command=Login&User=test&Pass=test
```



OWASP Testing Guide: Authentication

1. Testing for Credentials Transported over an Encrypted Channel

Example 3: Sending data with POST method via HTTPs on a page reachable via HTTP



Example 4: Sending data with GET method via HTTPs

```
GET https://www.example.com/success.html?user=test&pass=test HTTP/1.1

Host: https://www.example.com/success.html?user=test&pass=test HTTP/1.1

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows; U; Windows NT 5.1; it; rv:1.8.1.14) Gecko/20080404

Accept: text/xml,application/xml,application/xhtml+xml,text/html

Accept-Language: it-it,it;q=0.8,en-us;q=0.5,en;q=0.3

Accept-Encoding: gzip,deflate

Accept-Encoding: gzip,deflate

Accept-Charset: ISO-8859-1,utf-8;q=0.7,*;q=0.7

Keep-Alive: 300

Connection: Keep-alive

Referer: https://www.example.com/form.html

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If-None-Match: "43a01-5b-4868915f"
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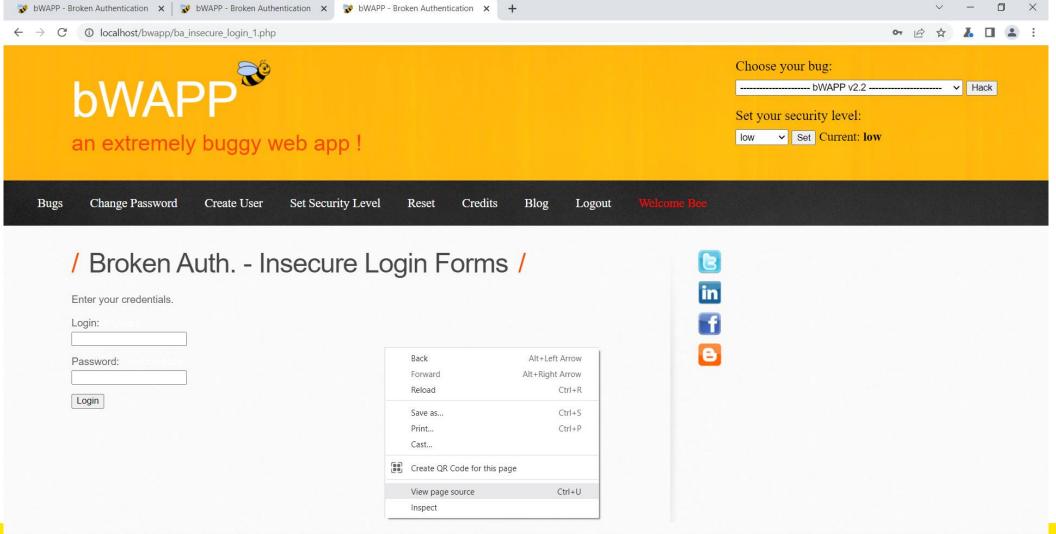


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- 2. Testing for default credentials transported over an Encrypted Channel
- > Testing for default credentials of common applications
 - > Try the following usernames "admin", "administrator", "root", "system", "guest", "operator", or "super".
- > Testing for default password of new accounts
 - It can also occur that when a new account is created in an application the account is assigned a default password. This password could have some standard characteristics making it predictable.
- 3. Testing for Weak lock out mechanism
- Testing for account lock-out policy
- To evaluate the account lockout mechanism's ability to mitigate brute force password guessing, attempt an invalid log in by using the incorrect password a number of times, before using the correct password to verify that the account was locked out.



bWAPP – Insecure Login Form





















on Twitter and ask for our cheat sheet, containing all solutions! / Need an exclusive









































bWAPP – Insecure Login Form

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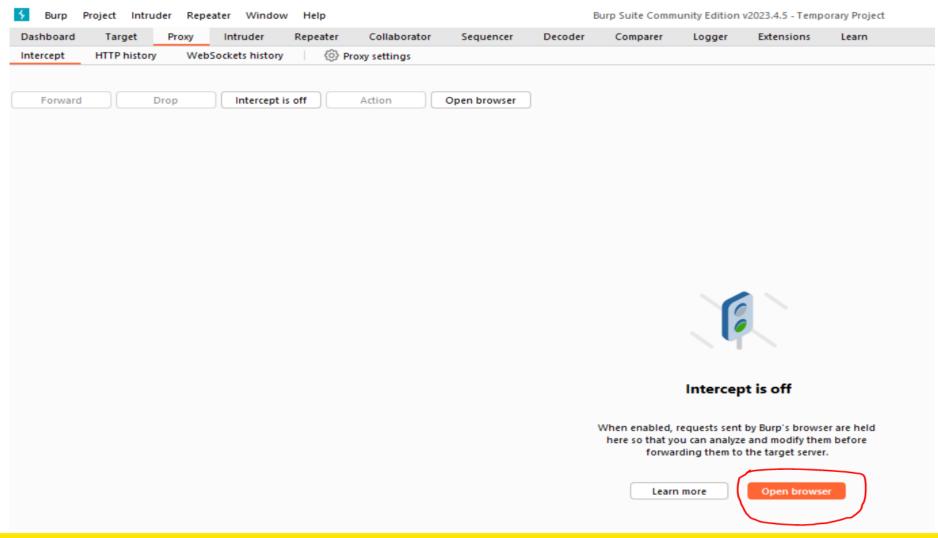


Burp Suite

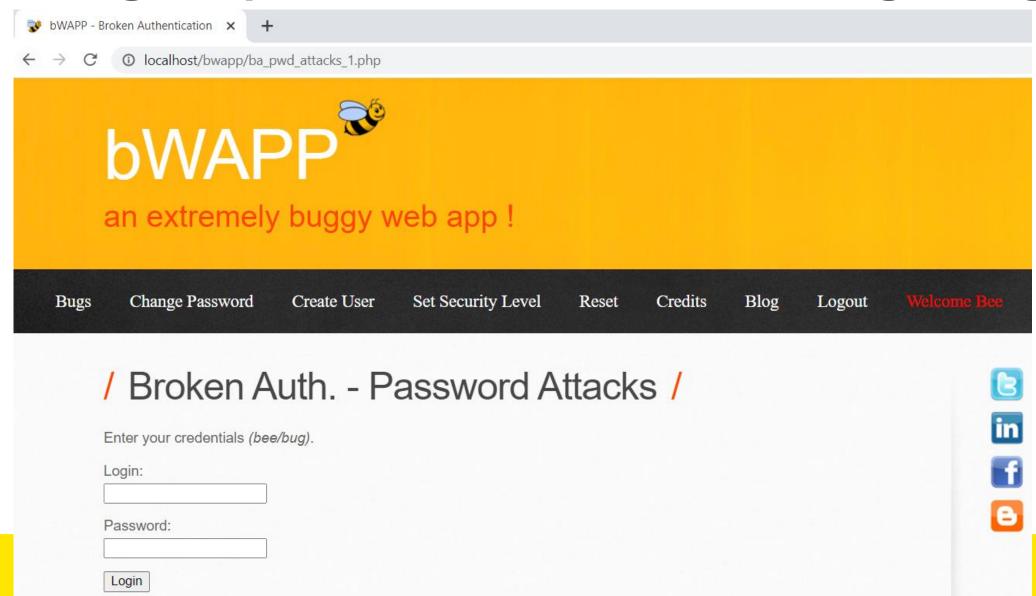


- Burp Suite is a set of tools used for penetration testing of web applications.
 - > Spider
 - > Proxy
 - > Intruder
 - > Repeater
 - > Sequencer
 - Decoder
 - > Extender
 - > Scanner

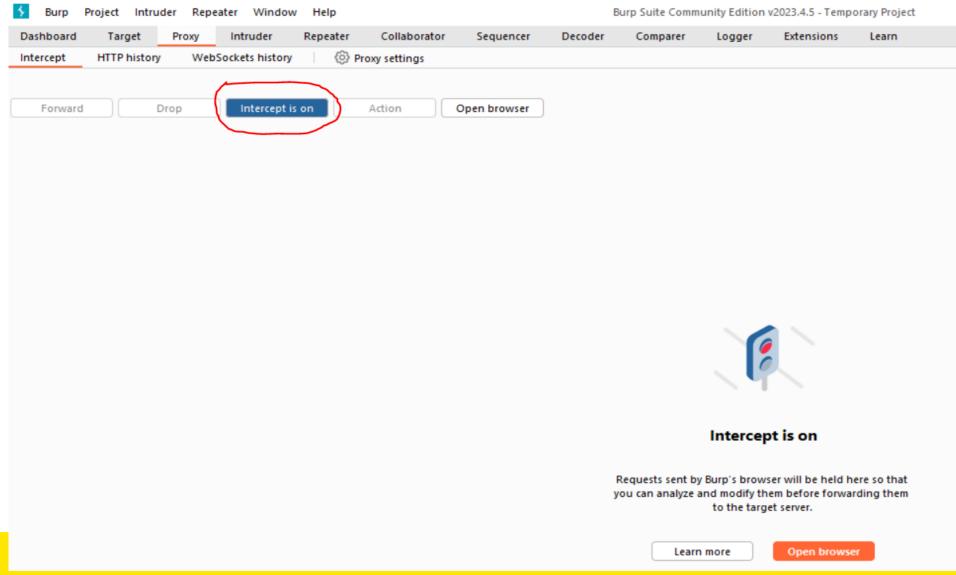




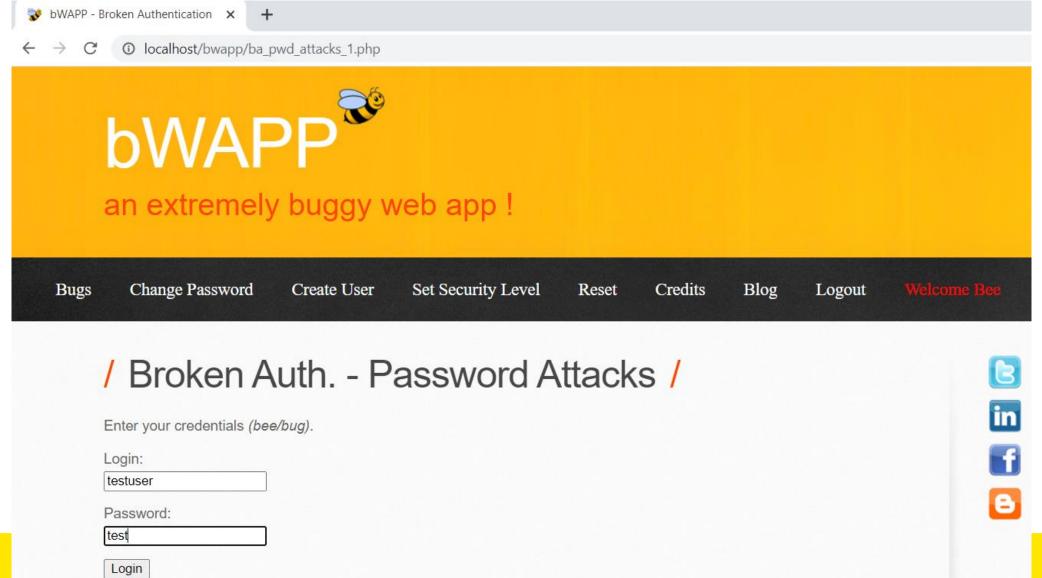




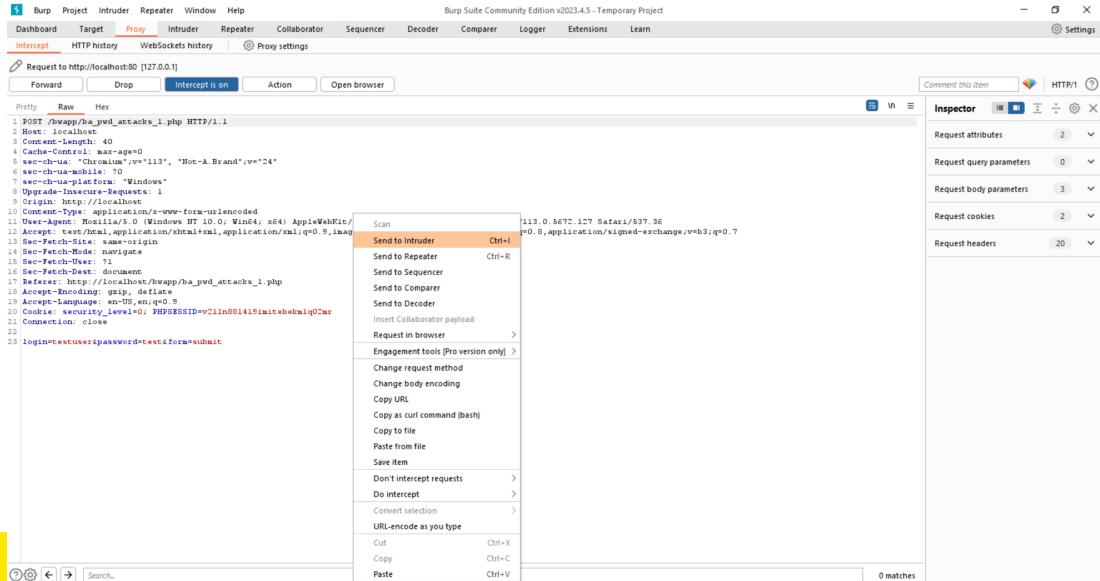




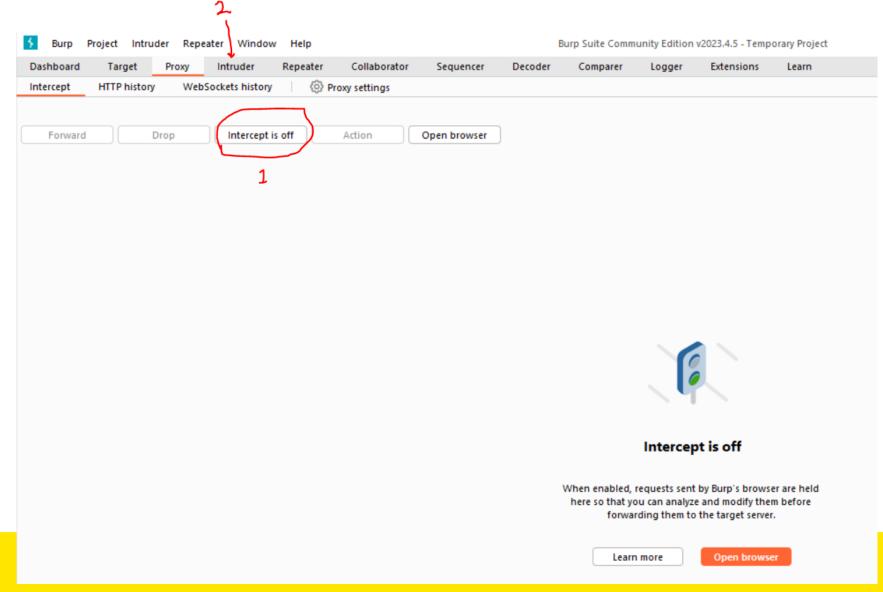




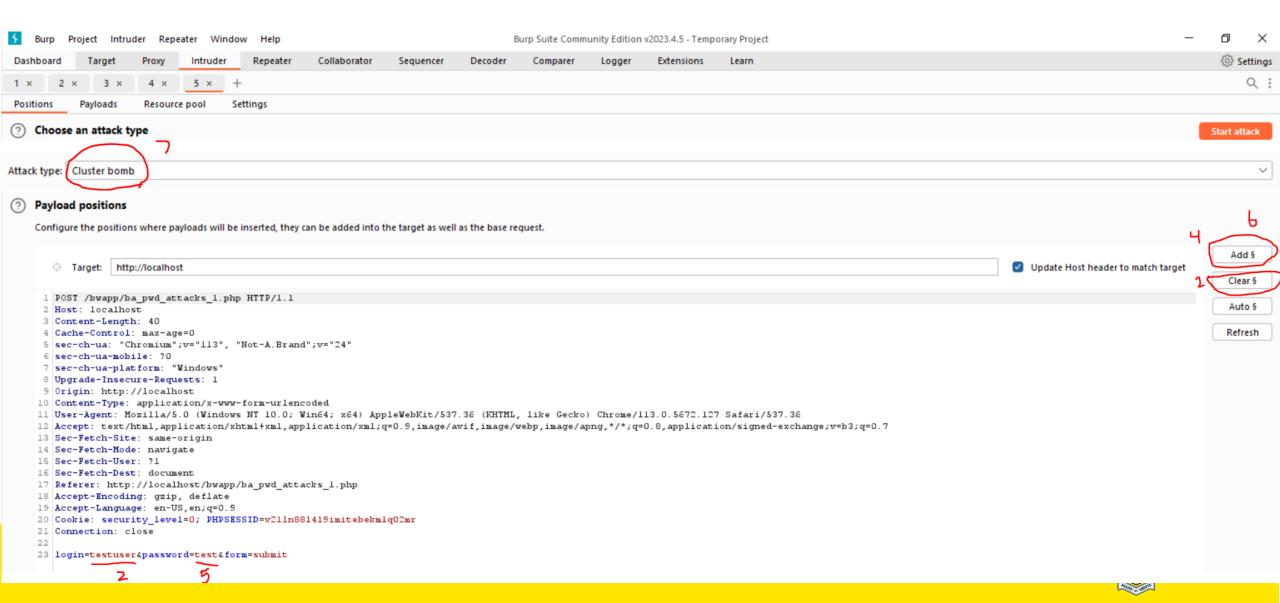




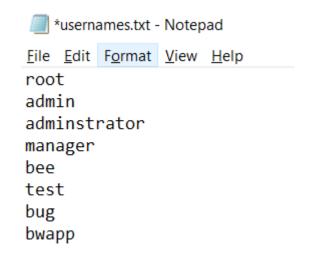


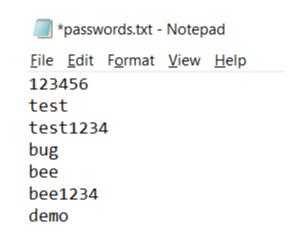




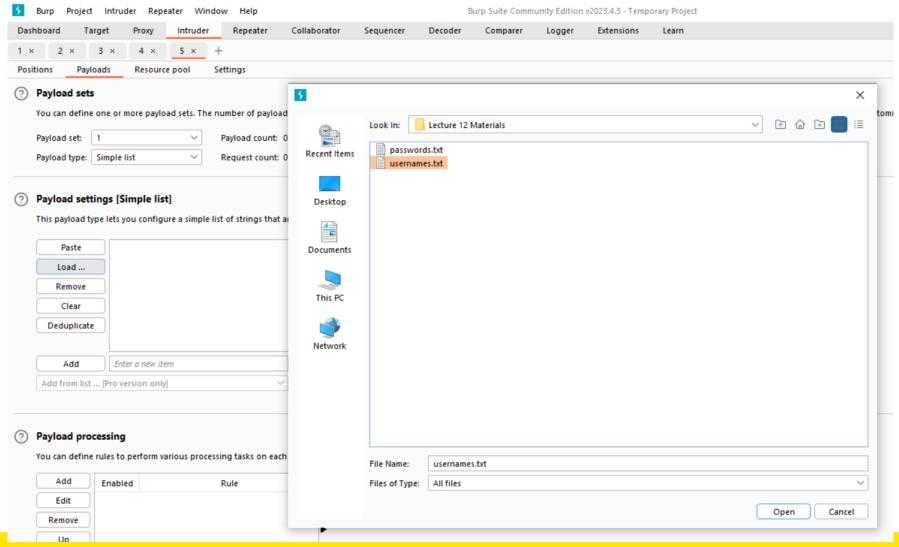


Prepare two files for default username and password to use in payloads

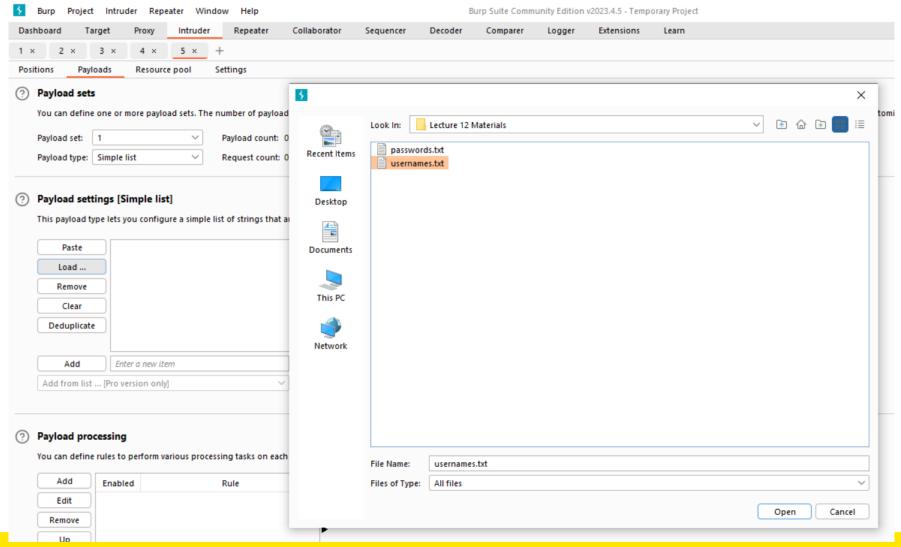




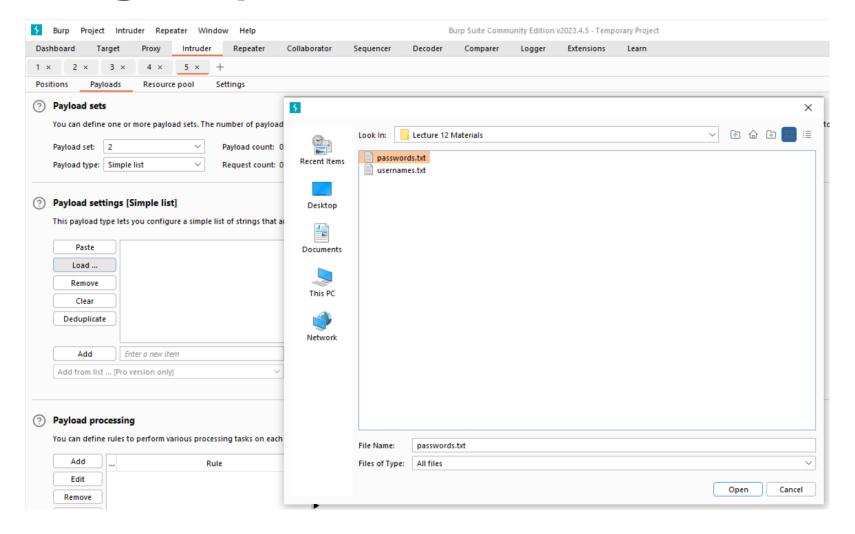




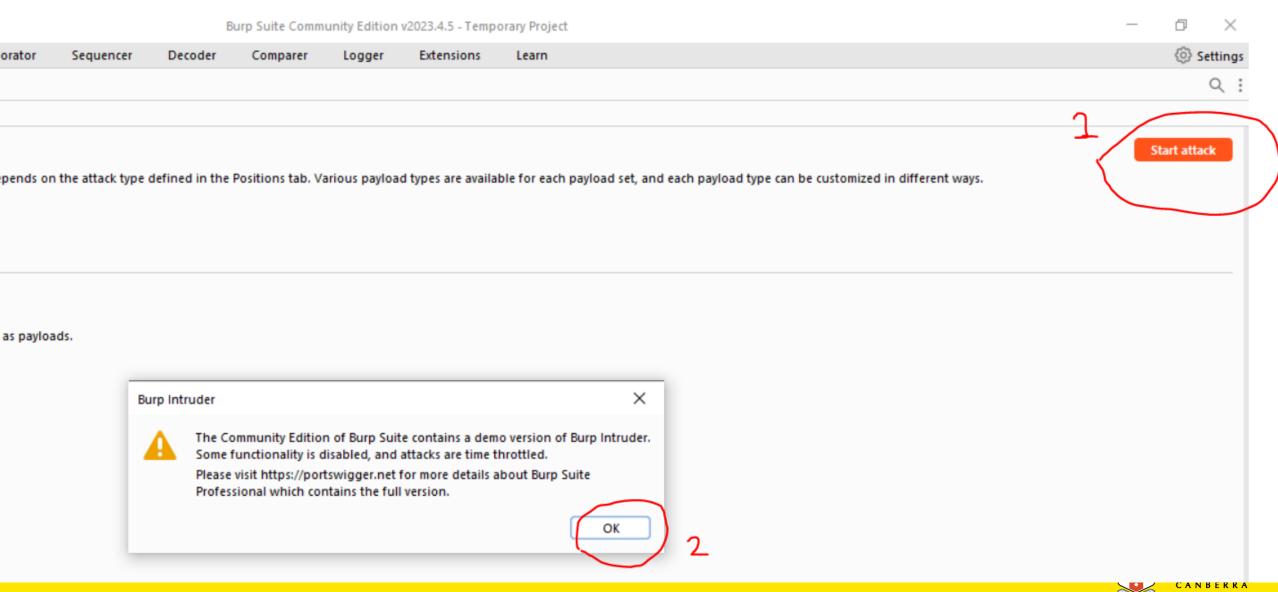


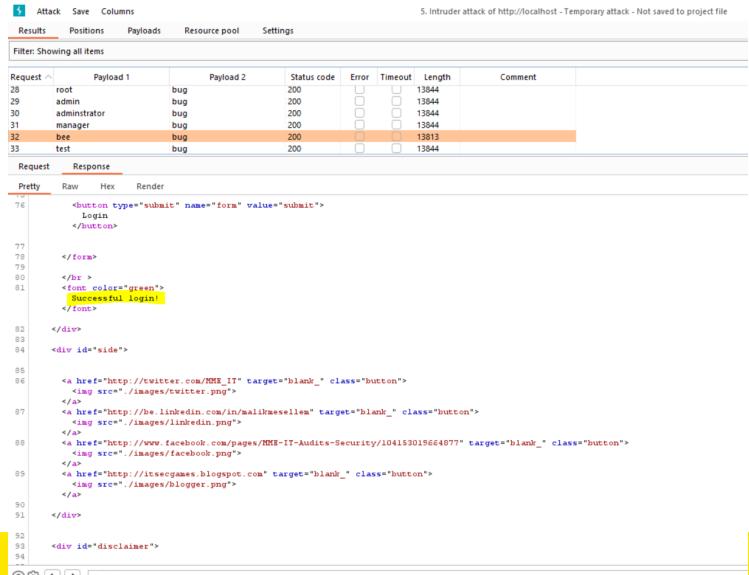




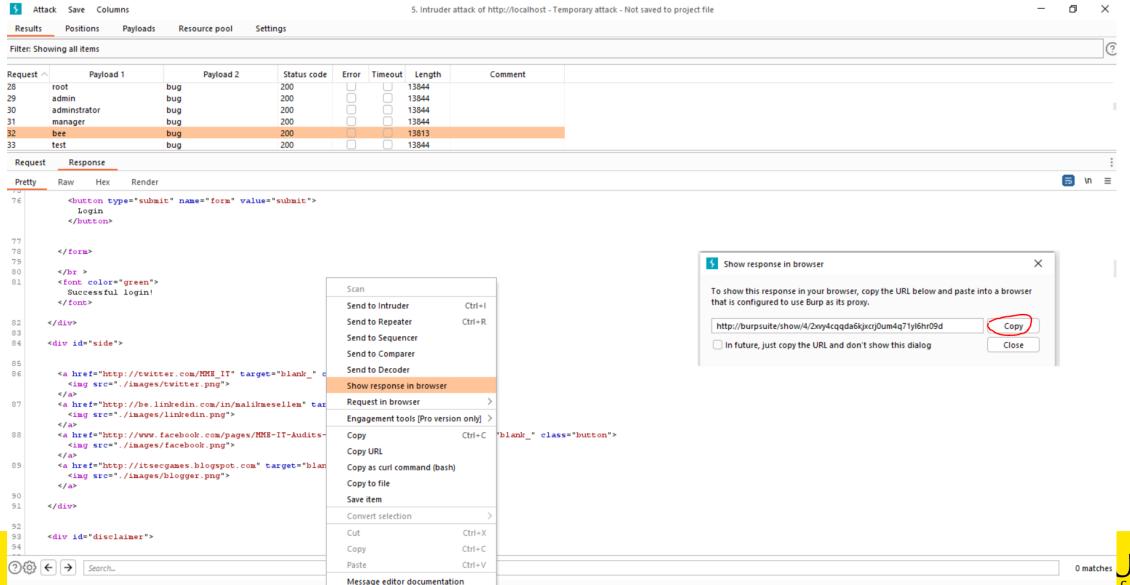






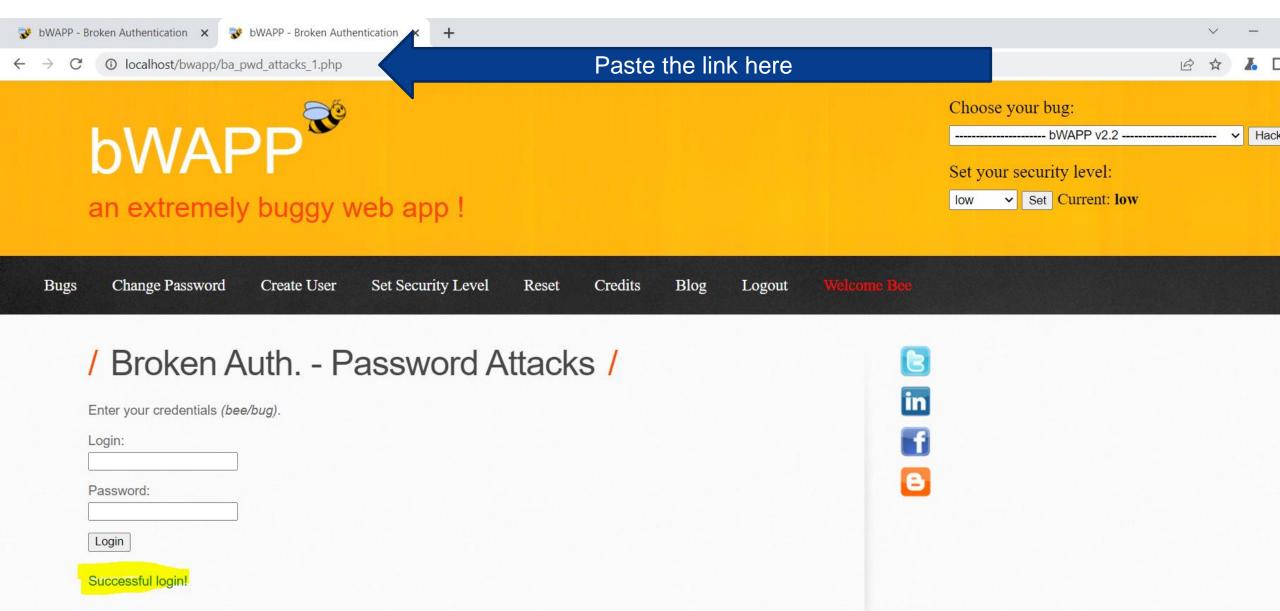






Intruder results documentation

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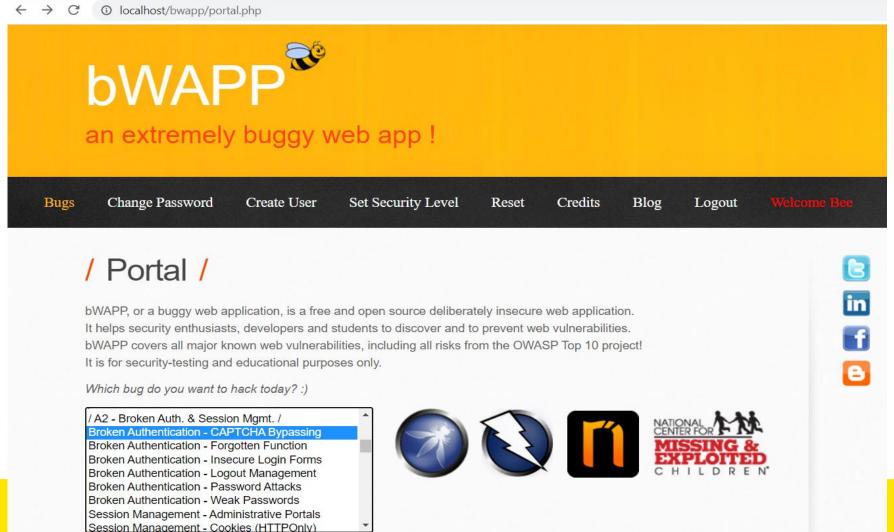


Captcha



- CAPTCHA was first invented in 1997
- > It is used to prevent the bot, malware and attacks such as brute force.
- > Application of Captcha:
 - Form Authentication: For login and sign up it can be used to ensure that the end user is human.
 - Preventing Fake Registrations: With the captcha we can prevent bots from creating an account on a system.
 - Preventing Fake comments: This way bot would not be able to do Comment on a system.
 - NetBanking and financial institutes: To ensure that Authentication is only done by humans and this way manipulation of transactions can be prevented.
- > CAPTCHA bypass Is too easy with modern bots
- > Alternatives:
 - Using biometrics
 - Multi-Factor Authentication
 - Ad Fraud Solutions

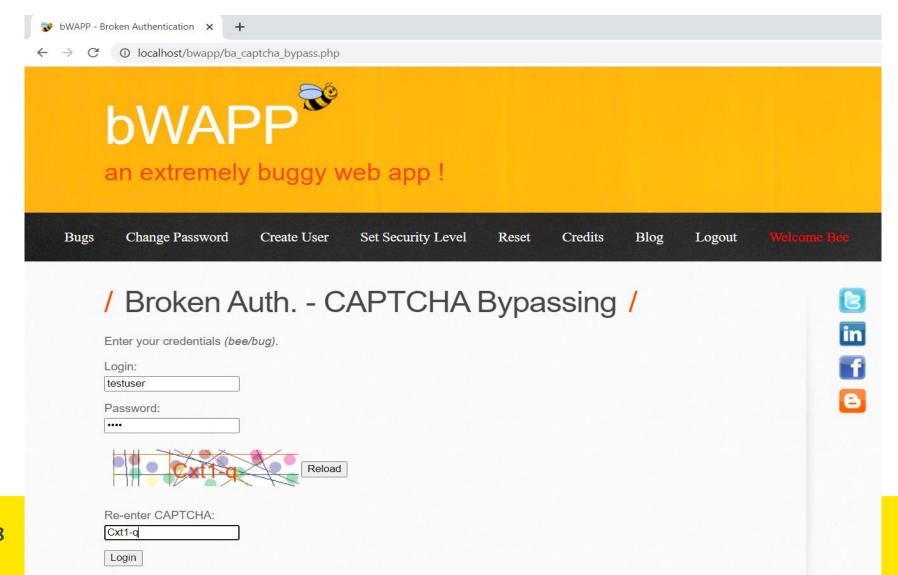




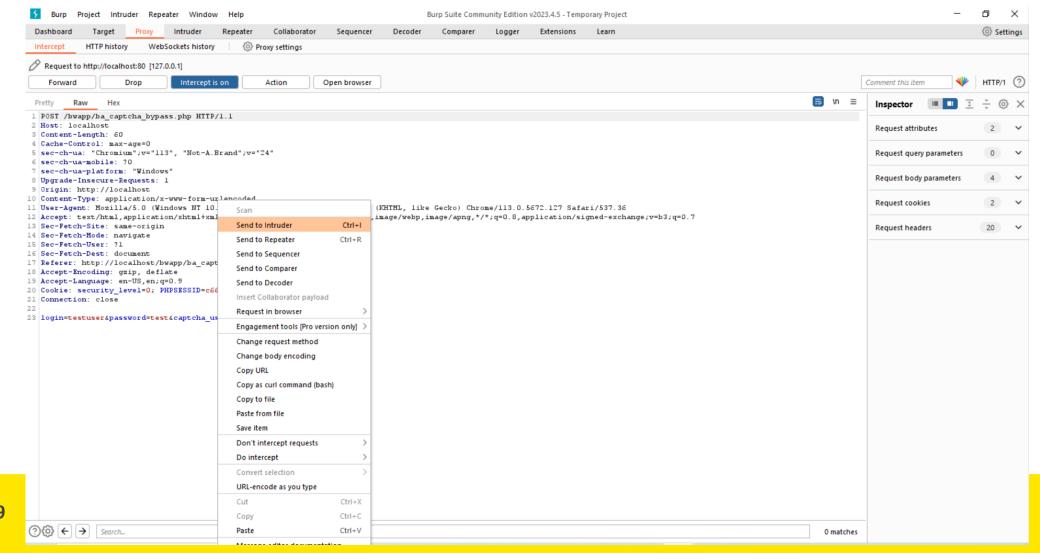


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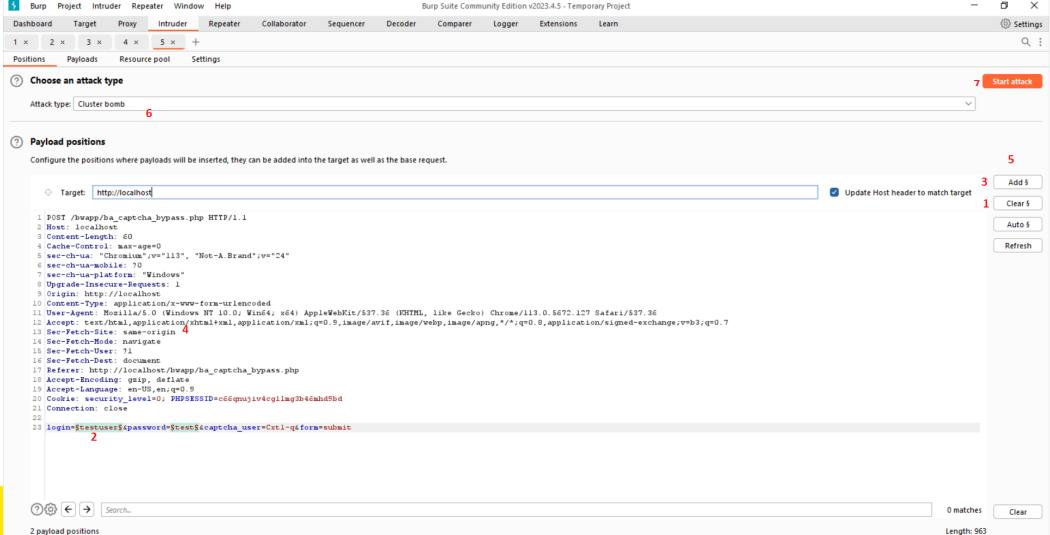
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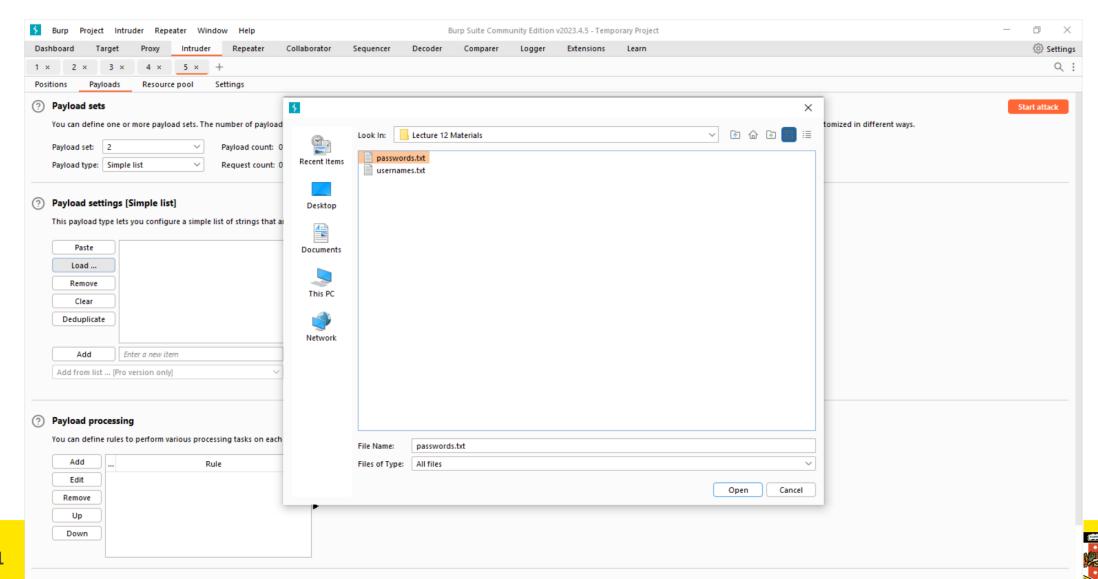


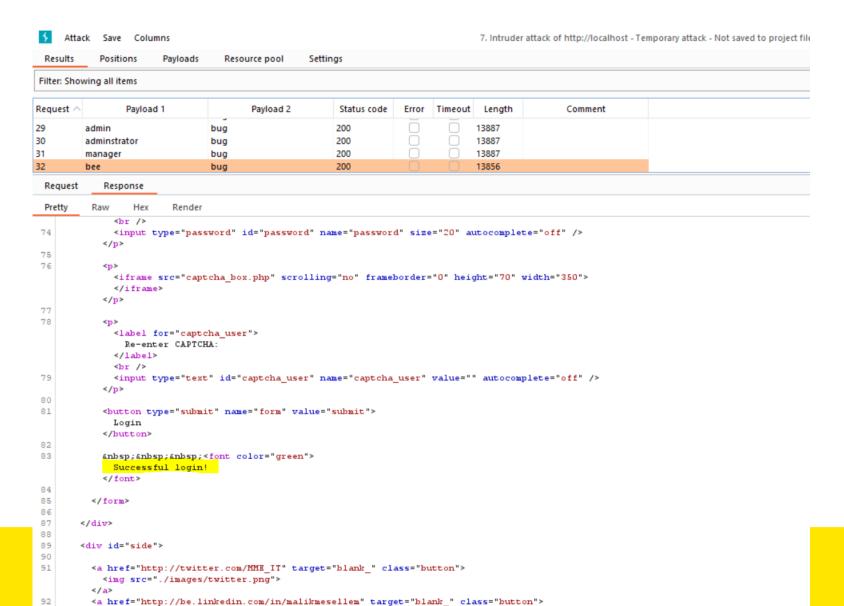














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4. Testing for Bypassing Authentication Schema

- Bypass by simply skipping the log in page
- Directly calling an internal page
- Parameter modification
- Session ID prediction

5. Testing for Vulnerable Remember Password

- The "remember my password" mechanism can be implemented with one of the following methods:
- Set autocomplete="off" for the username and password field including captcha field
- > The password must be hashed/encrypted and not sent in the clear.

6. Testing for Browser cache weakness

- Browse History
 - Entering sensitive information into the application and logging out. Then the tester clicks the "Back" button of the browser to check whether previously displayed sensitive information can be accessed whilst unauthenticated.



OWASP Testing Guide: Authentication

7. Testing for Weak password policy

- Password complexity
- Password history + password changing period
- Password expires
- Different between last password and next password
- Prevent user to use username or other account in formation as a password

8. Weak password change or reset functionalities

if users, other than administrators, can change or reset passwords for accounts other than their own.



Broken Session Management

Session Management:

- > It is a process by which server maintains the state of an entity interacting with it
- This is required for a server to remember how to react to subsequent requests throughout a transaction.

> Broken Session Management

- Inadequate Session Management policies
- Sending session cookie over an insecure channel
- Insecure session generation
- Session fixation vulnerability
- No protection of session cookie



Broken Session Management

Result of Broken Session Management

- By-pass authentication
- Complete control of accounts
- > Account theft, sensitive end-user (customer) data could be stolen
- Reputational damage and revenue loss.



OWASP Testing Guide: Session Management

1. Testing for Bypassing Session Management Schema

Cookie Analysis

- How many cookies are used in the application
- Which parts of the application generate and/or modify the cookie?
- Which parts of the application require this cookie in order to be accessed and utilized?

> Session ID Predictability and Randomness

- Session Time-out
- What elements of the Session IDs are time-linked?



OWASP Testing Guide: Session Management

2. Testing for cookies attributes

Secure Attribute

";secure" (Cookie will only be sent over SSL/TLS)

HttpOnly

";HttpOnly" (JS cannot access cookie. Prevent client side script attack)

Domain Attribute

"; domain=app.mysite.com" and NOT "; domain=.mysite.com"

Path Attribute

"; path=/myapp/" and NOT "; path=/".

Expires Attribute

"; expires=Sun, 31-Jul-2016 13:45:29 GMT"



OWASP Testing Guide: Session Management

3. Testing for Session Fixation

4. Testing for Exposed Session Variables

- How are Session IDs transferred? e.g., GET, POST, Form Field (including hidden fields)
- Are GET requests incorporating the Session ID used?
- ➤ If POST is used, can it be interchanged with GET?

5. Testing for logout functionality

- A secure session termination requires at least the following components:
 - Availability of user interface controls that allow the user to manually log out.
 - Session termination after a given amount of time without activity (session timeout).

6. Test Session Timeout

- The log out function effectively destroys all session token
- The server performs proper checks on the session state, disallowing an attacker to replay previously destroyed session identifiers



Example

- Gibson Security detailed vulnerabilities in the snapchat service, which was dismissed as a purely theoretical attack. A week later, brute force enumeration had revealed 4.6 million usernames and phone numbers.
- Laxman Muthiyah found that it was possible for a malicious user to use a request to assign admin permissions to himself for a particular Facebook page. A sample request can be found here:

https://www.horangi.com/blog/real-life-examples-of-web-vulnerabilities

- In 2012, a <u>foreign hacker was reported to have stolen 387,000 credit card numbers</u> and 3.6 million Social Security numbers from the South Carolina Department of Revenue.
- In 2013 over 34 million Americans reported some form of identity theft.
- Three quarters through 2014 there is already a reported 568 data breaches with over 75 million records compromised and hundreds of millions of users affected. This is up from the 439 breaches in 2013.
- Identity theft isn't a possibility, it's a reality that is happening all the time and identity theft is at the core of the 2nd of <u>OWASP's top 10 most critical web security risks of 2013</u>; Broken Authentication and Session Management.



Final Exam: Conditions

- **Exam Duration:** 180 minutes
- **Exam Condition:** Open book, invigilated, not allowed to use ChatGPT or any communication software (like email, WhatsApp, Teams, etc).
- Bring your own Laptop
- > Ensure the following software packages are installed on your device:
 - PHP
 - MySQL
 - Node.js
 - Express.js
 - Laravel
 - Postman Desktop
 - Laragon or XAMPP
- Make sure that port TCP 3000, TCP 3306 and TCP 8000 are open on your firewall.
 - Check with your lab demonstrator during the lab if your laptop is ready for the exam. You should be able to run the codes for Lab 8 and Lab 9.



Final Exam: Format

- **Exam will be on Moodle:** The exam will consist of four tasks that involve coding as well as answering questions.
- Delivery:
 - For each finished task in the exam, you must:
 - Create a folder in which you store the task related code and documents (code, data files, images, readme, or any other files that are needed to run the codes).
 - Assign the folder the name of the task. For instance, for Task1 (no space), you name the folder Task 1.
 - At the end of the exam, compress all tasks folders into a zip file
 - Name the file Exam-StudentID-StudentName.zip.
 - Submit the zip file to the exam submission box.
 - More instructions will be provided on the day of the exam.



Final Exam: Preparation

- > The best source for preparation would be labs and lectures material.
- > Review all techniques and sample codes covered in lectures and labs solutions.
- All exam tasks are practical.
- Use the techniques, coding languages, and tools specified in the task description.
 - For example, if you are asked to create a front end code using HTML, CSS, or JS, you should not use PHP.
 - If it is mentioned to use CSS (or Bootstrap) you are allowed to use Bootstrap, otherwise, you need to stick with CSS for styling.
- If you are not able to finish one task, try to complete some of its subtasks to achieve partial marks. The marker should be able to verify the subtask is complete.



Final Note

- Deadline for Project 2 is Sunday 4th of June, 23h59.
 - Submission boxes are now open.
 - One submission box for submission of the group part(one submission per group suffice).
 - One submission for individual part.
- Due to compensation day, Quiz 3 will take place during week 13's labs
 - Quiz will cover material discussed in weeks 7 12
- ➤ Lab 12 would be a help session for Project 2. If you need an informal feedback, please come to the lab and talk to your lab demonstrator.





QUESTIONS?

