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#### ABSTRACT

With the growing reliance on web applications for various functionalities, ensuring the security of these applications has become a paramount concern. This paper aims to explore and discuss the methodologies and practices involved in conducting a comprehensive security assessment of web applications using Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing (VAPT) methods.

Furthermore, the paper highlights the critical role of tools and frameworks employed in VAPT assessments, including popular tools such as Burp Suite, OWASP ZAP, Nmap, and others. It discusses their functionalities in detecting vulnerabilities like SQL injection, Cross-Site Scripting (XSS), authentication flaws, and more.

Moreover, the research examines the challenges and limitations associated with VAPT methodologies, emphasizing the importance of ethical considerations, legal compliance, and the need for continuous testing and remediation.

In conclusion, this paper emphasizes the significance of VAPT as an indispensable approach for evaluating and fortifying the security posture of web applications, offering insights into best practices and recommendations for organizations aiming to secure their web-based assets effectively.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

In an era dominated by digital technology, the security of web applications is of paramount importance. With cyber threats constantly evolving, businesses and organizations must adopt proactive measures to protect their applications and sensitive data. This is where Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing (VAPT) come into play. VAPT is a structured and comprehensive approach to evaluating and enhancing the security of fullstack web applications. VAPT methodology combines two distinct yet complementary processes: Vulnerability Assessment, which identifies and prioritizes potential weaknesses, and Penetration Testing, which assesses the application's resilience to real-world attacks. This dynamic methodology is a vital component of any organization's cybersecurity strategy. In this exploration of Web Application Security Assessment using VAPT, we will delve into the intricacies of this methodology, from the initial preparations to the final reporting stage. We will examine how to identify and address vulnerabilities, simulate attacks, and ultimately fortify web applications against a multitude of threats. The aim of this methodology is not only to discover and remediate security flaws but also to enhance the overall robustness of web applications. Through this comprehensive guide, we will equip you with the knowledge and tools to safeguard your web applications effectively, ensuring the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of critical data. As the digital landscape continues to evolve, understanding and implementing VAPT methodology becomes an indispensable part of securing your web applications in an ever-changing and potentially hazardous online environment.

#### 1.2 OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

The objectives of a Full-stack Web Application Security Assessment using Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing (VAPT) methodology project are as follows:

#### **Identify Vulnerabilities:**

The primary goal is to identify vulnerabilities in the web application, including but not limited to common issues such as SQL injection, cross-site scripting (XSS), and insecure authentication mechanisms.

#### **Prioritize Risks:**

Assess the severity and impact of identified vulnerabilities to prioritize them. This ensures that high-risk issues are addressed promptly, reducing potential security threats.

#### **Simulate Real Attacks:**

Through penetration testing, simulate real-world attacks on the application to understand its resilience and response to threats. This helps in identifying weaknesses in the application's security defenses.

#### **Enhance Security:**

Provide actionable recommendations and solutions to mitigate vulnerabilities and strengthen the application's security posture. This includes code fixes, configuration changes, and best practices.

#### **Compliance and Regulations:**

Ensure that the web application complies with relevant industry standards and regulations, such as GDPR, HIPAA, or PCI DSS, depending on the application's domain.

#### **Protect Sensitive Data:**

Protect sensitive user data and ensure data confidentiality, integrity, and availability by identifying data leakage vulnerabilities and implementing encryption where necessary.

#### **Prevent Unauthorized Access:**

Verify that the application has robust access control mechanisms in place to prevent unauthorized access to sensitive functionality and data.

#### **Evaluate Business Logic Flaws:**

Identify and address business logic flaws that may not be apparent through automated scanning but can pose significant security risks.

#### **Test Security Controls:**

Evaluate the effectiveness of security controls, including firewalls, intrusion detection systems, and other security measures in place.

#### **Build Security Awareness:**

Raise awareness among development and operational teams regarding security best practices, thereby fostering a culture of security within the organization.

#### **Documentation and Reporting:**

Create comprehensive reports that detail the assessment findings, recommendations, and any remediation actions taken. These reports serve as a valuable reference for stakeholders.

#### **Continuous Improvement:**

Establish a framework for ongoing monitoring and periodic assessments to adapt to emerging threats and changes in the web application. This ensures that security remains robust over time.

These objectives collectively contribute to the overarching goal of fortifying the web application against potential security threats and providing assurance to both the organization and its users that their data is protected in an increasingly digital and interconnected world.

#### 1.3 PROBLEM STATEMENT

In today's digital landscape, the proliferation of full-stack web applications has become ubiquitous, serving as the backbone for businesses, governments, and individuals. While these applications bring convenience and efficiency, they are also prime targets for malicious actors seeking to exploit vulnerabilities for financial gain, data breaches, or other nefarious purposes. The problem at hand is the growing need to address the critical issue of web application security,

continues to pose a significant and evolving challenge. The following issues and concerns underscore the problem:

#### **Rapidly Evolving Threat Landscape:**

The threat landscape for web applications is constantly evolving, with new attack vectors and vulnerabilities emerging regularly. This poses a constant challenge for organizations to keep their applications secure.

#### **Inadequate Security Posture:**

Many organizations lack a comprehensive approach to secure their web applications. This often leads to suboptimal security controls, vulnerabilities, and the risk of data breaches.

#### Lack of Awareness:

Both development and operational teams may lack the awareness and expertise required to effectively secure web applications, resulting in coding errors and misconfigurations that create security holes.

#### **Compliance and Regulatory Pressure:**

Organizations must adhere to industry-specific regulations and compliance standards. Non-compliance can lead to legal consequences, fines, and damage to reputation.

#### **Data Breach Consequences:**

Data breaches can have severe consequences, including financial losses, loss of customer trust, legal action, and reputational damage.

#### **Complexity and Scale:**

As web applications become more complex and interconnected, assessing and mitigating security risks across multiple layers of the stack becomes a formidable challenge.

#### **Resource Constraints:**

Limited resources, including time, budget, and skilled security professionals, can hinder an organization's ability to conduct thorough security assessments.

#### Need for Proactive Measures:

Traditional reactive security measures are no longer sufficient. To address the problem effectively, organizations must adopt proactive security practices and integrate them into the software development lifecycle. The problem statement, therefore, centers on the imperative need for a systematic and robust Full-stack Web Application Security Assessment methodology using VAPT. This methodology aims to provide organizations with the tools and guidance needed to identify and remediate vulnerabilities, strengthen their security posture, and ultimately safeguard their web applications against an everadvancing array of threats.

#### 2. LITERATURE REVIEW

A literature review on the topic of Full-stack Web Application Security Assessment using Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing (VAPT) Methodology reveals several key findings and existing research in the field of cybersecurity. Many studies provide indepth analyses of these vulnerabilities. Frameworks and Tools: Research papers often discuss various frameworks, methodologies, and tools used in VAPT, including OWASP (Open Web Application Security Project) guidelines, NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) standards, and popular security scanning tools like Nessus and Burp Suite.VAPT in Specific Domains:Studies have examined the application of VAPT in specific domains, such as healthcare, e-commerce, and finance, addressing industry-specific challenges and regulatory compliance. Automation and Artificial Intelligence: Recent literature highlights the use of automation and AI in VAPT, discussing the role of machine learning and AI algorithms in vulnerability detection and security testing. Evolving Threat Landscape: Ongoing research discusses the ever-evolving threat landscape and the need for VAPT to adapt to emerging security risks, including IoT (Internet of Things) vulnerabilities and cloud-based threats. Business Impact and Risk Assessment: Some studies focus on the business impact of web application vulnerabilities, including financial losses, reputational damage, and legal consequences. They emphasize the importance of risk assessment in VAPT.Ethical Hacking and Responsible Disclosure:Research explores the ethical considerations in penetration testing and vulnerability disclosure, emphasizing responsible and legal practices. Regulations and Compliance: Papers discuss the relevance of VAPT in complying with data protection and cybersecurity regulations, such as GDPR, HIPAA, and PCI DSS.Best Practices and Case Studies: Various publications present best practices for VAPT and real-world case studies that illustrate successful security assessments and remediation.Continuous Monitoring and Improvement:Literature underlines the need for continuous monitoring and improvement in VAPT methodologies to address emerging threats and maintain security over time. Overall, the literature review provides valuable insights into the methodologies, best practices, challenges, and evolving trends in Full-stack Web Application Security Assessment using Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing. This body of knowledge forms the foundation for organizations to develop and implement effective security strategies for their web applications.

#### 3. PROPOSED METHOD

#### 3.1 METHODOLOGY

A comprehensive Full-stack Web Application Security Assessment using Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing (VAPT) typically follows a structured methodology. Here's a high-level overview of the process:

#### **Planning and Scope Definition:**

Determine the scope of the assessment, including the web application, its components, and any specific testing objectives. Identify legal and compliance requirements that must be adhered to.

#### **Information Gathering:**

Gather information about the web application, its architecture, technologies used, and potential entry points. Identify the application's functionalities, APIs, and dependencies.

#### **Vulnerability Assessment:**

Use automated scanning tools to identify common vulnerabilities such as SQL injection, Cross-Site Scripting (XSS), and more. Perform source code review if applicable. Analyze the results and prioritize vulnerabilities based on their severity.

#### **Penetration Testing:**

Conduct manual testing to identify more complex and critical vulnerabilities. Attempt to exploit vulnerabilities to assess their impact. Test for issues like authentication bypass, privilege escalation, and data exposure.

#### **Reporting:**

Document all identified vulnerabilities, their severity, and potential impact. Provide clear and actionable recommendations for remediation. Categorize findings based on their criticality.

#### Validation and Retesting:

Confirm that reported vulnerabilities have been fixed. Retest to ensure that the fixes did not introduce new issues.

#### **Client Communication:**

Regularly update the client on the assessment progress and findings. Discuss potential risks and mitigation strategies.

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**Documentation and Compliance:** 

Ensure that the assessment process adheres to legal and compliance requirements.

Document all testing procedures and results for auditing purposes.

**Post-Assessment Actions:** 

Provide guidance on ongoing security practices and measures to maintain the application's

security. Schedule periodic re-assessments to stay proactive against evolving threats.

**Final Report and Sign-off:** 

Present a detailed report to the client, including an executive summary and technical details.

Obtain client sign-off indicating the completion of the assessment.

**Follow-Up and Support:** 

Offer post-assessment support to assist with the implementation of recommended security

measures. Stay available for questions or clarifications. It's important to tailor the

methodology to the specific context of the web application, and the VAPT team should

have the necessary expertise to perform the assessment effectively. Additionally, it's crucial

to approach the assessment ethically and responsibly, respecting the confidentiality of the

client's data and systems.

3.2 **IMPLEMENTATION** 

We have implemented the VAPT methods on Altoro Manual site. During the testing of

Altoro Mutual, we focused on identifying vulnerabilities related to SQL injection, Cross-

Site Scripting, and HTML injection. Our approach involved using both automated tools and

manual techniques to identify potential vulnerabilities.

Tools used are Kali Linux, Burp Suite, Firefox Browser, DNS Enum, DNS Recon, Who Is

1. **Vulnerability Name**: Cross-Site Scripting (Reflected)

**CWE**: CWE-79

**OWASP Category**: A03:2021 – Injection

**Description**: Untrusted data enters a web application, typically from a web request.

**Vulnerability Path**: http://testfire.net/search.jsp?query=

**Vulnerability** 

**Parameter**:http://testfire.net/search.jsp?query=%3Cscript%3Ealert%28%22XSS+attack

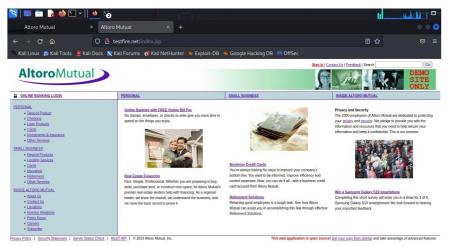
%22%29%3C%2Fscript%3E

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#### **Steps to Reproduce:**

Step 1: Access the URL testfire.net



Step 2: Go to the Search and enter a xss payload

<script>alert('XSS Attack')</script>



#### 2. Vulnerability Name :- SQL Injection

**CWE: - CWE-89** 

**OWASP Category:** - A03:2021 – Injection

**Description :-** Consider the following SQL query:

SELECT \* FROM Users WHERE Username='\$username' AND Password='\$password'

A similar query is generally used from the web application in order to authenticate a user. If the query returns a value it means that inside the database a user with that set of credentials exists, then the user is allowed to login to the system, otherwise access is denied. The values of the input fields are generally obtained from the user through a web form. Suppose we insert the following Username and Password values:

susername = 1' or '1' = '1

password = 1' or '1' = '1

#### The query will be:

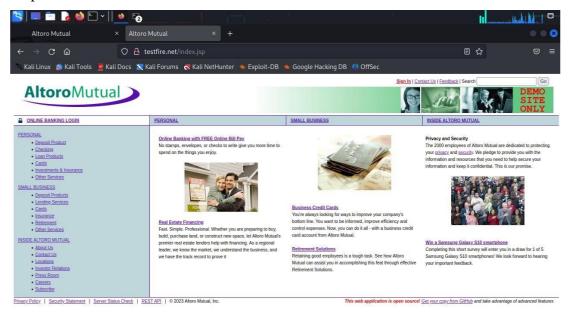
SELECT \* FROM Users WHERE Username='1' OR '1' = '1' AND Password='1' OR '1' = '1'

Vulnerability Path: <a href="http://testfire.net/login.jsp">http://testfire.net/login.jsp</a>

Vulnerability Parameter: <a href="http://testfire.net/bank/main.jsp">http://testfire.net/bank/main.jsp</a>

#### **Steps to Reproduce:-**

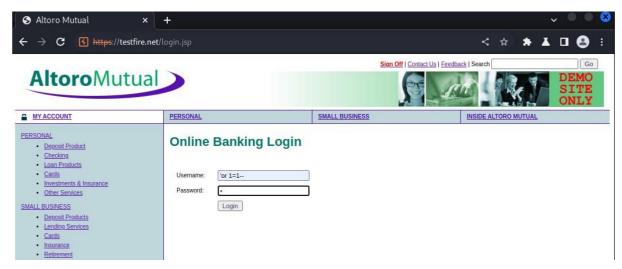
Step-1: Access the Url



Step-2: Now give an sql payload as input

Username: 'or 1=1--

Password: 1



3. Vulnerability Name:- HTML Injection-Reflected (POST)

**CWE :-** CWE-79

**OWASP Category:** - A03:2021 – Injection

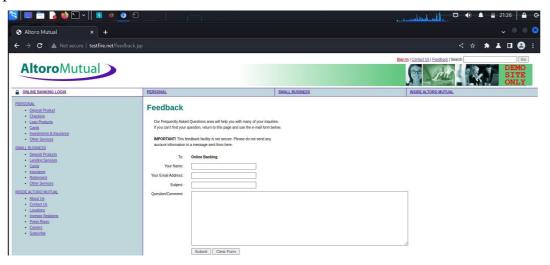
**Description :-** HTML Injection also known as Cross Site Scripting. It is a security vulnerability that allows an attacker to inject HTML code into web pages that are viewed by other users.

**Vulnerability Path**: http://testfire.net/feedback.jsp

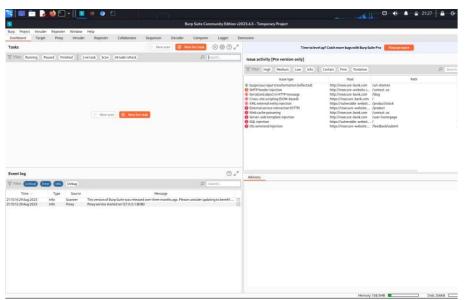
**Vulnerability Parameter:**- http://testfire.net/sendFeedback

**Steps to Reproduce:-**

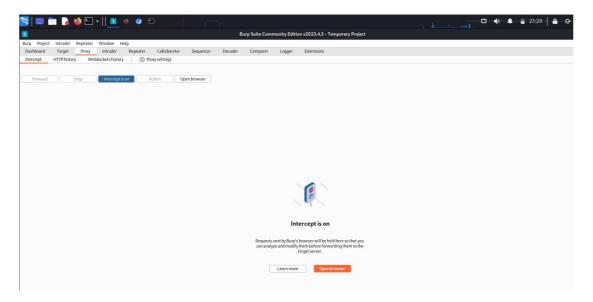
Step-1: Access the url:



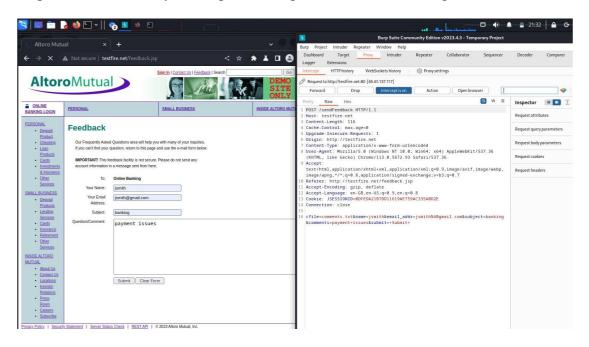
Step-2: Now give some dummy data and open burp suite and wait for the request while making the proxy on.



Step-3: Go to proxy and turn the intercept on

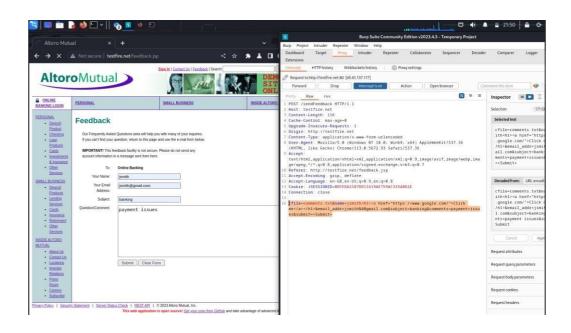


Step-4: We successfully intercepted the request and can see the request data in raw form.



Step-5: Now you can see the given first name and email clearly and we inserted a anchor tag in between the first name value.

<h1><a href="https://www.google.com/>Click me</a></h1>



#### 4. **Vulnerability Name :-** IDOR Vulnerability

**CWE :-** CWE-639

**OWASP Category:** - A04:2007 – Insecure Direct Object Reference

#### **Description:**-

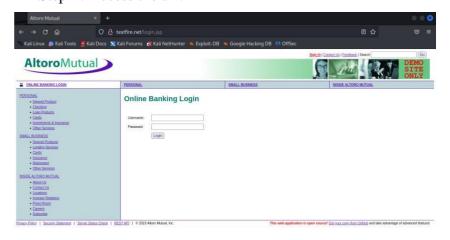
Insecure Direct Object Reference (IDOR) is a critical web application security vulnerability that arises from improper authorization and access control. It is essential for developers and security professionals to be aware of this vulnerability and take proactive measures to prevent and mitigate it in their applications.

Vulnerability Path: http://testfire.net/login.jsp

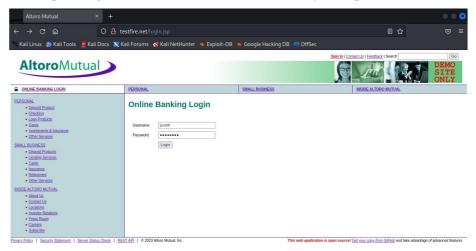
**Vulnerability Parameter:**- http://testfire.net/sendFeedback

#### **Steps to Reproduce:-**

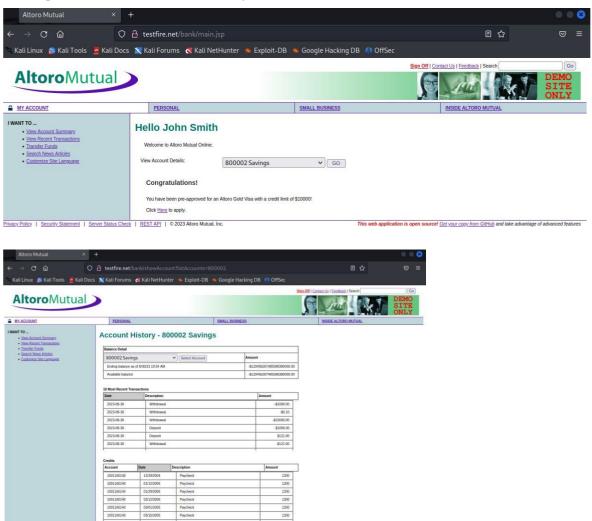
Step-1: Access the url:



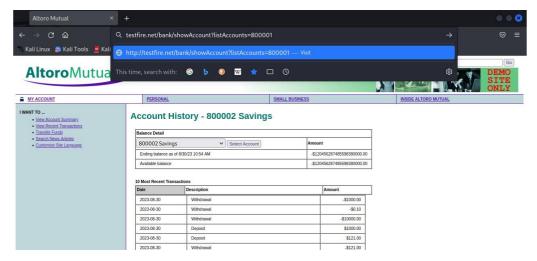
Step-2: Login into the bank account Username: jsmith password: demo1234



Step-3: Check the account details of jsmith



Step-4: In URL <a href="http://testfire.net/bank/showAccount?listAccounts=800002">http://testfire.net/bank/showAccount?listAccounts=800002</a> change the account to 800001



#### 5. Vulnerability Name: - Brute Force

**CWE:-** CWE-307

**OWASP Category :-** A2:2017-Broken Authentication

#### **Description:**-

Brute force is a straightforward and systematic method of attempting to discover a password, encryption key, or access code by trying all possible combinations until the correct one is found. It is a common and often time-consuming technique used in cybersecurity attacks and password cracking.

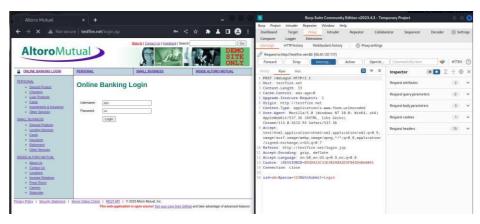
**Vulnerability Path**: http://testfire.net/login.jsp

**Vulnerability Parameter:**- http://testfire.net/sendFeedback

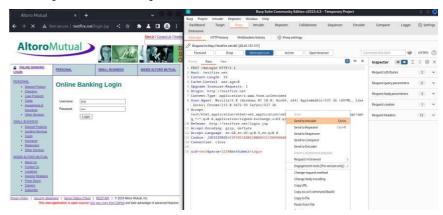
#### **Steps to reproduce:**

Step-1: Access the url

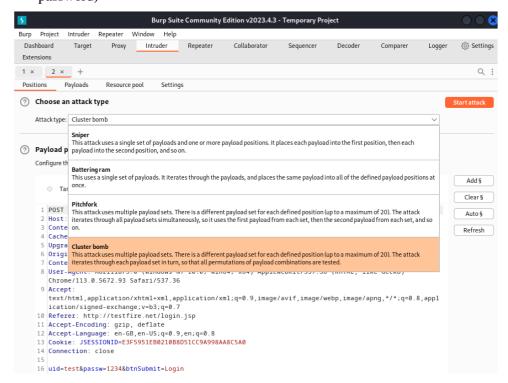
Step-2: Try to login with a random credentials. Using Burp suite Intercept the login request

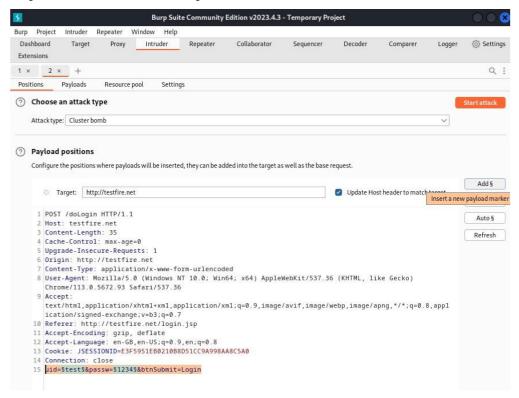


Step-3: Send the request to the intruder



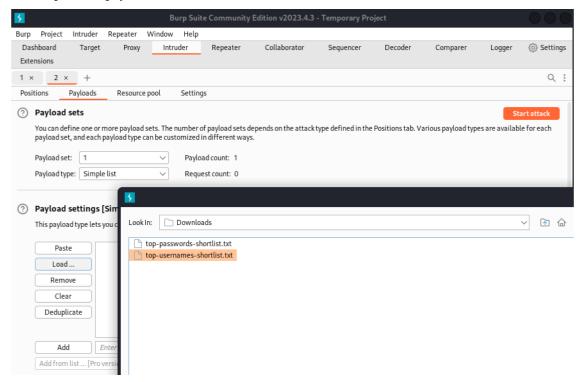
Step-4: Select the attack type as Cluster Bomb as we have to payload two values(username & password)

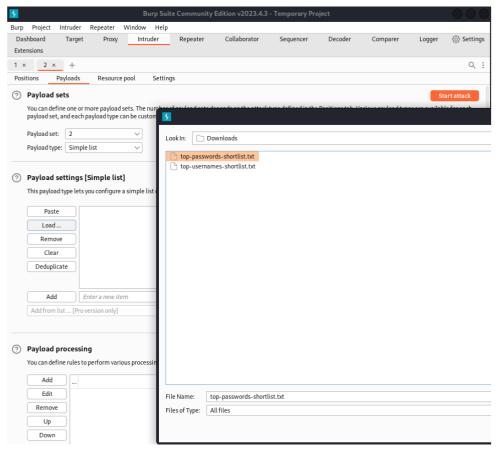




Step-5: Select the Username & password values and click 'add \$' to brute force

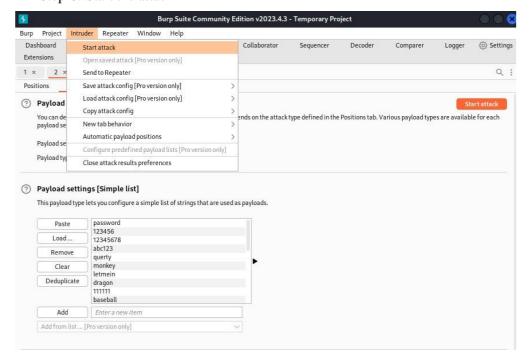
Step-6: For payload set 1 add username word list





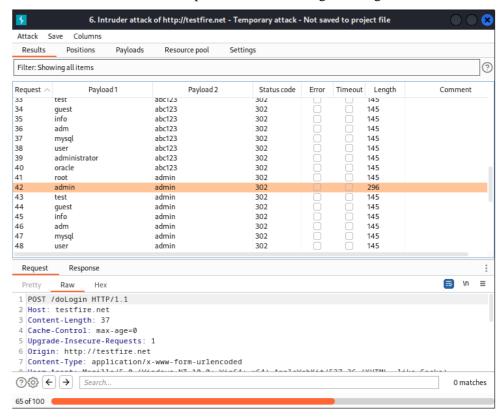
Step-7: For payload set 2 add password word list

Step-8: Start the attack

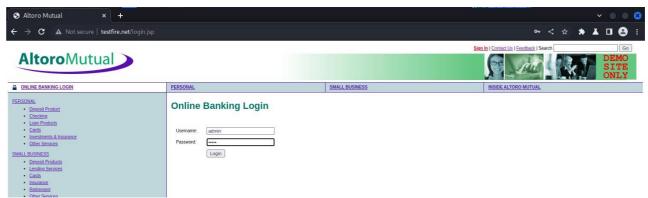


Step-9: Check the Length for a difference in value

Here for username: admin and password: admin we got a Length value: 296



Step- 10: Now Check the username and password

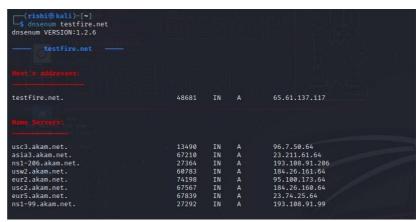


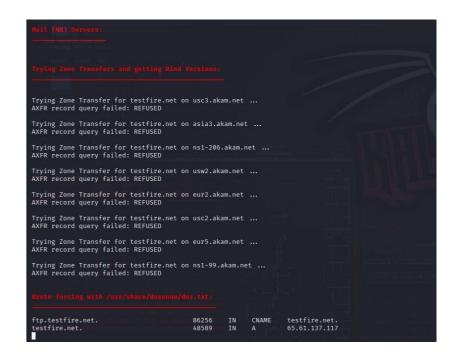
#### 3.3 DATA PREPARATION

**Altoro Manual**: Altoro Mutual was a fictional banking website created by IBM for the purpose of demonstrating security vulnerabilities and showcasing how IBM security products could address these issues. The website was used as a training tool in cybersecurity courses, workshops, and demonstrations. It was designed intentionally with

various security vulnerabilities to simulate real-world scenarios and demonstrate how hackers might exploit weaknesses in a web application.

**DNS Enum**: DNS enumeration, or DNS (Domain Name System) enumeration, is the process of gathering information about a domain or network by querying DNS servers. This method involves extracting different types of DNS records to gather information about hosts, subdomains, mail servers, and other resources associated with a particular domain. DNS enumeration can be used for legitimate purposes, such as network administration, troubleshooting, or understanding the structure of a network. However, it's also a technique commonly utilized by hackers and penetration testers to gather valuable information about a target network, which can be exploited for various purposes.





**DNS Recon:** DNS reconnaissance, also known as DNS recon, refers to the process of gathering information about a target's network infrastructure, domain names, subdomains, and associated IP addresses using DNS-related techniques. This reconnaissance is crucial for understanding a network's structure and identifying potential vulnerabilities or entry points.

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| Grishi@ kali) - [~]
| S disrecon - d testfire.net |
| std: Performing General Enumeration against: testfire.net |
| S DA asia3.akam.net 23.211.61.64 |
| S DA asia3.akam.net 23.211.61.64 |
| S DA asia3.akam.net 184.26.161.64 |
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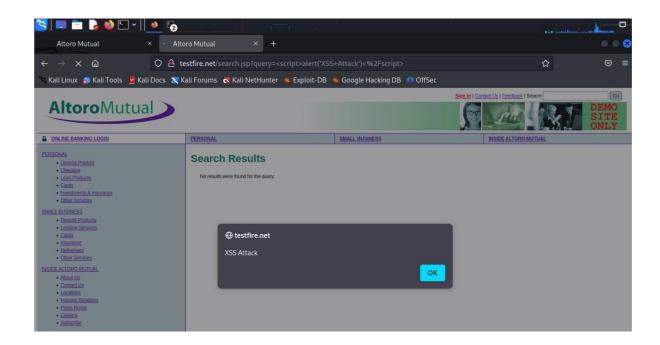
Whois: A WHOIS tool is an internet utility used to retrieve information about domain names, IP addresses, and their registrants or owners. It provides publicly available registration data maintained by domain name registrars and registries. This information can include details about the domain's owner, registration and expiration dates, contact informationname servers, and more. Using WHOIS information responsibly is essential, and accessing it should align with the terms of service provided by the registrar or registry.

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hi@kali)-[~]
 $ whois testfire.net
  Domain Name: TESTFIRE.NET
  Registry Domain ID: 8363973_DOMAIN_NET-VRSN
  Registrar WHOIS Server: whois.corporatedomains.com
  Registrar URL: http://cscdbs.com
  Updated Date: 2023-07-19T05:05:02Z
  Creation Date: 1999-07-23T13:52:32Z
  Registry Expiry Date: 2024-07-23T13:52:32Z
  Registrar: CSC Corporate Domains, Inc.
Registrar IANA ID: 299
  Registrar Abuse Contact Email: domainabuse@cscglobal.com
  Registrar Abuse Contact Phone: 8887802723
  Domain Status: clientTransferProhibited https://icann.org/epp#clientTransferProhibited
  Name Server: ASIA3.AKAM.NET
  Name Server: EUR2.AKAM.NET
  Name Server: EUR5.AKAM.NET
  Name Server: NS1-206.AKAM.NET
  Name Server: NS1-99.AKAM.NET
  Name Server: USC2.AKAM.NET
  Name Server: USC3.AKAM.NET
  Name Server: USW2.AKAM.NET
  DNSSEC: unsigned
  URL of the ICANN Whois Inaccuracy Complaint Form: https://www.icann.org/wicf/
>>> Last update of whois database: 2023-08-14T16:25:55Z <<<
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domain names or modify existing registrations. VeriSign reserves the right
 to restrict your access to the Whois database in its sole discretion to ensure
operational stability. VeriSign may restrict or terminate your access to the Whois database for failure to abide by these terms of use. VeriSign
 reserves the right to modify these terms at any time.
 The Registry database contains ONLY .COM, .NET, .EDU domains and
 Registrars.
 Domain Name: testfire.net
 Registry Domain ID: 8363973_DOMAIN_NET-VRSN
 Registrar WHOIS Server: whois.corporatedomains.com
 Registrar URL: www.cscprotectsbrands.com
 Updated Date: 2023-07-19T01:05:02Z
 Creation Date: 1999-07-23T09:52:32Z
 Registrar Registration Expiration Date: 2024-07-23T13:52:32Z
 Registrar: CSC CORPORATE DOMAINS, INC.
 Sponsoring Registrar IANA ID: 299
 Registrar Abuse Contact Email: domainabuse@cscglobal.com
 Registrar Abuse Contact Phone: +1.8887802723
 Domain Status: clientTransferProhibited http://www.icann.org/epp#clientTransferProhibited
 Registry Registrant ID:
 Registrant Name: Not Disclosed
 Registrant Organization: Not Disclosed
Registrant Street: Not Disclosed
Registrant City: Sunnyvale
 Registrant State/Province: CA
 Registrant Postal Code: 94085
Registrant Country: US
Registrant Phone: +Not Disclosed
 Registrant Phone Ext:
 Registrant Fax: +Not Disclosed
 Registrant Fax Ext:
 Registrant Email: Not Disclosed
 Registry Admin ID:
 Admin Name: Not Disclosed
 Admin Organization: Not Disclosed
 Admin Street: Not Disclosed
Admin City: Sunnyvale
Admin State/Province: CA
 Admin Postal Code: 94085
 Admin Country: US
 Admin Phone: +Not Disclosed
 Admin Phone Ext:
 Admin Fax: +Not Disclosed
 Admin Fax Ext:
 Admin Email: Not Disclosed
 Registry Tech ID:
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 Tech Organization: Not Disclosed
 Tech Street: Not Disclosed
 Tech City: Sunnyvale
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Tech Phone: +Not Disclosed
Tech Phone Ext:
Tech Fax: +Not Disclosed
Tech Fax: +Not Disclosed
Tech Fax: Ext:
Tech Email: Not Disclosed
Name Server: ns1-99.akam.net
Name Server: eur5.akam.net
Name Server: eur2.akam.net
Name Server: ns1-206.akam.net
Name Server: usw2.akam.net
Name Server: usc3.akam.net
Name Server: asia3.akam.net
Name Server: usc2.akam.net
DNSSEC: unsigned
URL of the ICANN WHOIS Data Problem Reporting System: http://wdprs.internic.net/
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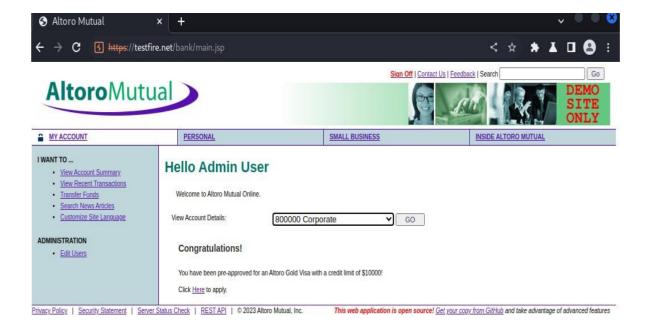
#### 4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSSION

Cross-Site Scripting: The application stores dangerous data in a database, message forum, visitor log, or other trusted data store. At a later time, the dangerous data is subsequently read back into the application and included in dynamic content. From an attacker's perspective, the optimal place to inject malicious content is in an area that is displayed to either many users or particularly interesting users. Interesting users typically have elevated privileges in the application or interact with sensitive data that is valuable to the attacker. If one of these users executes malicious content, the attacker may be able to perform privileged operations on behalf of the user or gain access to sensitive data belonging to the user. After implementing the XSS attack, there will be a pop up which is given in our xss payload.



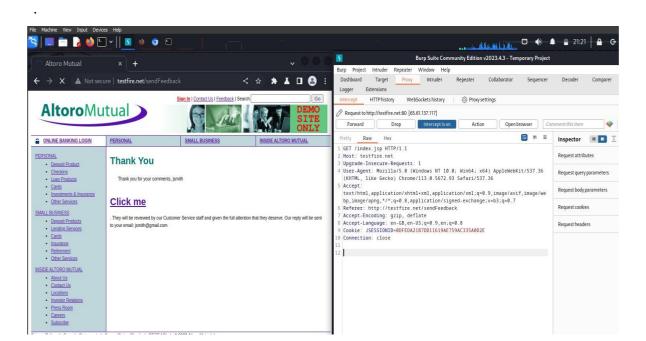
**SQL Injection:** A SQL injection attack consists of insertion or "injection" of a SQL query via the input data from the client to the application. A successful SQL injection exploit can read sensitive data from the database, modify database data (Insert/Update/Delete), execute administration operations on the database (such as shutdown the DBMS), recover the content of a given file present on the DBMS file

system and in some cases issue commands to the operating system. SQL injection attacks allow attackers to spoof identity, tamper with existing data, cause repudiation issues such as voiding transactions or changing balances, allow the complete disclosure of all data on the system, destroy the data or make it otherwise unavailable, and become administrators of the database server. SQL Injection is very common with PHP and ASP applications due to the prevalence of older functional interfaces. After we implemented the SQL injection, we have logged in as admin user.



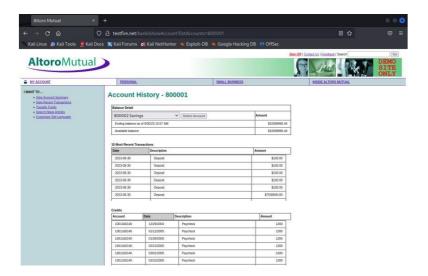
HTML-Injection Reflected: A phony form might be used by the attacker to steal password information saved in the browser or to fool a user into entering their login information. Malicious actors may be granted administrative access to the online application if the targeted user has those rights. By carrying out an assault that is visible to the public, the attacker might seriously damage the image of the business, organization, or even nation. Users or clients may make poor judgments and lose faith in your cybersecurity procedures if a high-value page is vandalized or exploited to propagate misinformation. HTML injection might be used as a technique by the attacker to progress to more severe assaults like CSRF. The attacker creates malicious links with his HTML content inserted into them, then emails the URLs to the victim.

Because the page is hosted on a reputable domain, the user views it, which causes his identity to be stolen. After the performing the attack we successfully proved that there is no input validation, as our input reflected on the site



**IDOR Vulnerability:** In the business context, an Insecure Direct Object Reference (IDOR) vulnerability can have serious and wide-ranging consequences. IDOR vulnerabilities can lead to unauthorized access to sensitive data, which may include customer records, financial information, intellectual property, and confidential documents. Such unauthorized access can result in data breaches, causing significant reputational damage and undermining customer trust, leading to a potential loss of customers. Furthermore, these vulnerabilities can have financial implications. They can be exploited to manipulate financial records or transactions, potentially leading to financial losses, such as unauthorized fund transfers or fraudulent activities. In cases involving personal data, organizations may face legal and regulatory consequences, including fines and legal actions, for non-compliance with data protection regulations. The impact extends to the organization's reputation, which is a critical asset in business. News of a data breach or security incident can harm an organization's reputation, making it difficult to attract new customers and potentially causing customer churn. competitive edge.

Additionally, competitors may take advantage of IDOR vulnerabilities to access sensitive business information, gaining a IDOR vulnerabilities can disrupt business operations, damage reputation, result in financial losses, IDOR vulnerabilities can disrupt business operations, damage reputation, result in financial losses, and lead to legal and regulatory challenges. After the attack can access the details of the account 800001



**Brute Force:** Brute force attacks can have significant business impacts, primarily due to the potential compromise of sensitive information and the resources to mitigate and recover from such attacks. First and foremost, the unauthorized access to sensitive data can lead to data breaches, which may expose customer records, financial information, intellectual property, and confidential documents. This can have severe reputational consequences, eroding trust and confidence among customers and business partners. Loss of customer trust can result in customer churn, decreased business, and a negative impact on an organization's brand and market position. After the attack we have successfully logged in as an Admin.



#### 5. CONCLUSION

As we came across different vulnerabilities within the given website we have come to the following conclusions. Note that proper output encoding, escaping, and quoting is the most effective solution for preventing XSS, although input validation may provide some defense-in-depth. Do not rely on client-side input validation. It is better to use a database user with restricted privileges. Use prepared statements and query parameterization. Scan your code for SQL injection vulnerabilities.

It is therefore essential to have appropriate data validation in place to prevent such attacks. Every input should be checked if it contains any script code or any HTML code. One should check, if the code contains any special script or HTML brackets. The most common way of detecting HTML injection is by looking for HTML elements in the incoming HTTP stream that contains the user input. A naive validation of user input simply removes any HTML-syntax substrings (like tags and links) from any user-supplied text. Implement Proper Access Controls. Avoid Direct Object References in URLs or Parameters. Apply Input Validation and Sanitization. Use Unique and Randomized Identifiers

With the number of data breaches on the rise, companies urgently look for new ways to protect their data. The internet is overflowing with information on how companies can protect their data. The truth is that businesses of all sizes need to utilize an excellent VAPT solution to safeguard the data. In this blog post, we've discussed the importance of a VAPT solution and how it can help protect your business from malicious attacks. The best part is that it's affordable for all businesses.

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## SESHADRI RAO GUDLAVALLERU ENGINEERING COLLEGE

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#### **Department of Computer Science and Engineering**

#### **Program Outcomes (POs)**

#### **Engineering Graduates will be able to:**

- **1. Engineering knowledge**: Apply the knowledge of mathematics, science, engineering fundamentals, and an engineering specialization to the solution of complex engineering problems.
- 2. **Problem analysis**: Identify, formulate, review research literature, and analyze complex engineering problems reaching substantiated conclusions using first principles of mathematics, natural sciences, and engineering sciences.
- **3. Design/development of solutions**: Design solutions for complex engineering problems and design system components or processes that meet the specified needs with appropriate consideration for the public health and safety, and the cultural, societal, and environmental considerations.
- **4. Conduct investigations of complex problems**: Use research-based knowledge and research methods including design of experiments, analysis and interpretation of data, and synthesis of the information to provide valid conclusions., component, or software to meet the desired needs.
- **5. Modern tool usage**: Create, select, and apply appropriate techniques, resources, and modern engineering and IT tools including prediction and modeling to complex engineering activities with an understanding of the limitations.
- **6.** The engineer and society: Apply reasoning informed by the contextual knowledge to assess societal, health, safety, legal and cultural issues and the consequent responsibilities relevant to the professional engineering practice.
- **7. Environment and sustainability**: Understand the impact of the professional engineering solutions in societal and environmental contexts, and demonstrate the knowledge of, and need for sustainable development.
- **8. Ethics**: Apply ethical principles and commit to professional ethics and responsibilities and norms of the engineering practice.

- **9. Individual and team work**: Function effectively as an individual, and as a member or leader in diverse teams, and in multidisciplinary settings.
- **10. Communication**: Communicate effectively on complex engineering activities with the engineering community and with society at large, such as, being able to comprehend and write effective reports and design documentation, make effective presentations, and give and receive clear instructions.
- **11. Project management and finance**: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the engineering and management principles and apply these to one's own work, as a member and leader in a team, to manage projects and in multidisciplinary environments.
- **12. Life-long learning**: Recognize the need for, and have the preparation and ability to engage in independent and life-long learning in the broadest context of technological change.

#### **Program Specific Outcomes (PSOs)**

PSO1 : Design, develop, test and maintain reliable software systems and intelligent systems.

PSO2 : Design and develop web sites, web apps and mobile apps.

#### PROJECT PROFORMA

Classification	Application	Product	Research	Review
of Project	$\sqrt{}$			

**Note: Tick Appropriate category** 

Project Outcomes							
Course Outcome (CO1)	Acquire technical competence in the specific domain during the training.						
Course Outcome (CO2)	Identify the problem statement based on the requirements of the industry						
Course Outcome (CO3)	Adapt project management skills on par with industrial standards.						
Course Outcome (CO4)	Develop a system model to obtain a solution and generate a report.						

### **Mapping Table**

CS3523: INTERNSHIP/ INDUSTRIAL TRAINING/ PRACTICAL TRAINING																		
Course			Prog	gram	Outc	omes	and	Prog	Program Specific Outcome									
outcomes	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	P07	PO8	PO9	PO1 0	PO1 1	PO1 2		PSO 1	PSO 2			
CO1	3	2	2	2	2			2	2	2	1	2		2				
CO2	3	3	2	2	1			2	2	2	1	2		2	2			
CO3	1		1		1	1	1	2	2	2	3	2		2				
CO4	3	2	3	3	3	2	1	2	2	2	3	2		2	2			
INTERNSHIP/ INDUSTRIAL TRAINING/ PRACTICAL TRAINING	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2		2	1			

Note: Map each project outcomes with POs and PSOs with either 1 or 2 or 3 based on level of mapping as follows:

1-Slightly (Low) mapped

2-Moderately (Medium) mapped 3-Substantially (High) mapped

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