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Question 1

Nine open ports were identified on the server machine using **Nmap** and by executing ***nmap 192.168.56.102***. The various attacks can be performed by the attacker to the health insurance content management system through these open ports. Port 80 (HTTP) is used to transfer the data related to the web pages and services. Cross site scripting, SQL injection can be performed by the attacker. Port 8080 (HTTP-proxy) is used to run web services. A persistent cross site scripting attack and a cross-site request forgery attack can be performed by the attacker. Port 22 (SSH) is used log into the remote machine. Brute force attacks can be performed by the attacker through this port. Hence, the attackers can record all the data heading from and towards on the server and hijack the sensitive data such as username, password and the personal details such as contact details, payment methods of the customer in content management system from the online accounts.

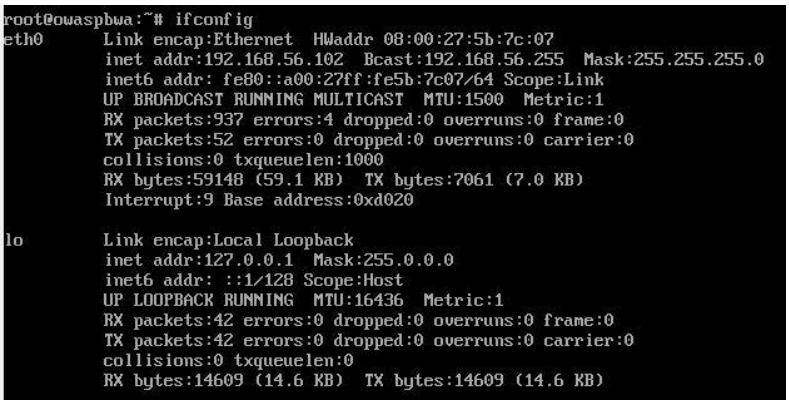

Figure A-1: IP Address of Server Machine

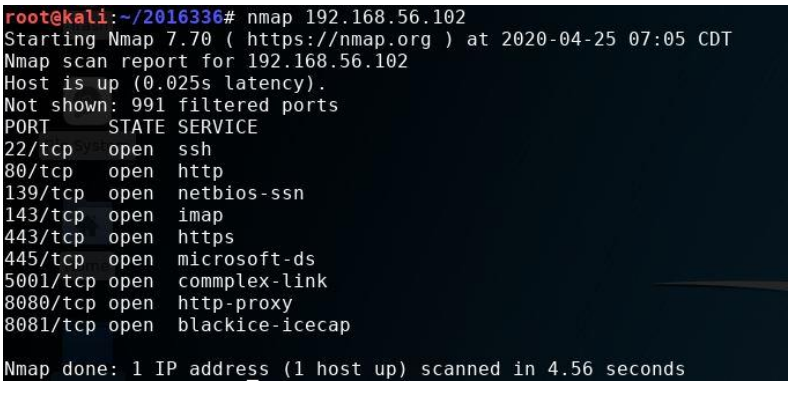

Figure A-2: Getting the Open Ports on Server Machine

Question 2

The security concerns of the selected two services which is running on the server machine of health insurance content management system that should be priority are described in *Table A-1*.

Services	Security Concerns
HTTP	▪ This service is used to transfer the data related to the content management system. SQL injection can be performed by the attacker to access or corrupt the database content. Financial details of the customers are stored in the database. Hence, the attacker can read, create, update and delete the data such as username, password, payment methods, contact details of the user from the content management system database. ▪ HTTP request can include the authentication information and sessions and cookies. the attacker can redirect the user to malicious websites and hijack sessions and cookies using Cross Site Scripting and can perform Cross Site Request Forgery to get that information and change personal information and financial details of the user, create a new user as an admin behalf, etc.
SSH	▪ This service is used to log into the remote servers securely. The passwords should be strong. Otherwise brute force attack can be performed by the attacker to get access for the content management system. ▪ There are number of configuration parameters that can impact to the security of the system. Changing those configurations without considering the security implications, can be a chance for the attacker to get access for the content management system. ▪ The SSH server and client server should be maintained with the security fixes and updates. Otherwise unpatched SSH software can expose the data and make them vulnerable.

Table A-1: Security Concerns of HTTP and SSH

Question 3

The versions of the services which are running on the server machine of the health insurance content management system were identified executing below command.

Nmap -sV 192.168.56.102

The vulnerabilities of those services were searched in the CVE details, other resources, research papers and the summary are documented in the *Table A-2*.

Port	Service	Version	Vulnerabilities
22	SSH	OpenSSH 5.3 P1	The preventing of writing operations in read only mode doesn't work properly. Hence, the attacker can create zero-length files. (Anon., 2019), (R.R., 2018), (Anon., 2018)
80	HTTP	Apache httpd 2.2.14	The timeout mechanism doesn't work properly. Hence, the remote attackers are allowed and this may cause a denial of services. (Team, 2014), (Anon., 2018), (Anon., n.d.)
8080	HTTP-Proxy	Apache Tomcat/Coyote HSP engine 1.1	It doesn't restrict access to the admin context. Hence, this allow the attacker to read files by calling the administrative servlets directly. (Anon., 2017)

Table A-2: Versions of the Services and Vulnerabilities of them

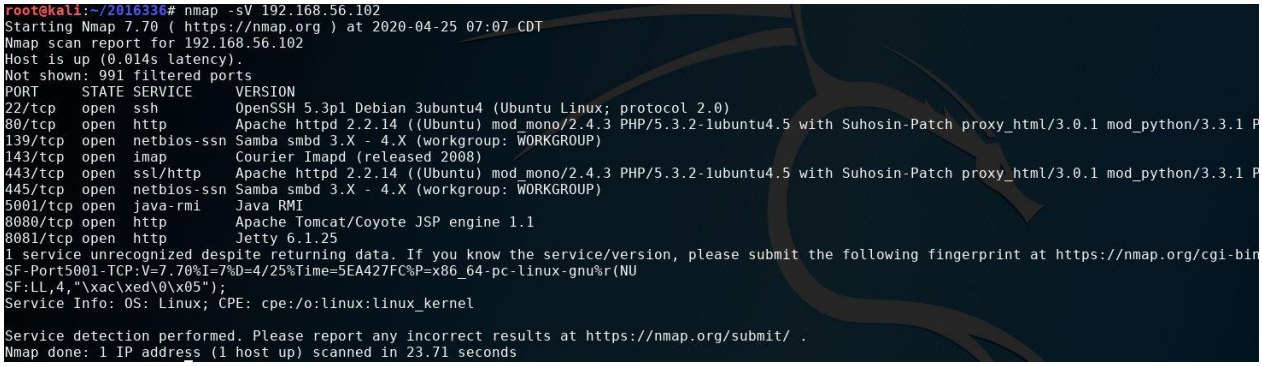

Figure A-3: Versions of the Services

Question 4

The danger posed by the four least secure services that running on the server machine of health insurance content management system are described in *Table A-3*.

Port	Service	Danger
80	HTTP	The platform is accessed by the customers to check the progress of the claim. Packet capturing attacks such as Spoofing and MiTm traffic can done through this service to get the sensitive data and personal details of the customer. Hence, the passwords should be strong and encrypted from the client side.
143	Imap	This service is used for mail services that can send emails from the client to the server. Password-spraying attacks can be performed with this service. Hence, the attacker can get the sensitive data and access to a large number of accounts in the content management system.
5001	Java-rmi	This provides remote communication facility between two objects. There is a vulnerability of this service that allowed the attacker to send a crafted RMI messages to the server of content management system. Hence, the Trend Micro DPI rules should be applied to protect high jacking the personal and payment details.
8080	HTTP-Proxy	SQL injections can be performed through this service. Hence, the code and the stored procedures of SQL database should be developed without any errors. Otherwise, the attacker will be able to create, update, read and delete the credit card numbers, profile details and sensitive data of the customer.

Table A-3: Least Secure Services

B- Finding and exploiting vulnerabilities

Question 1

Figure B-1 shows the login page of health insurance content management application and the application was identified that it's vulnerable for **data tempering**. The tester used Tamper Data tool to test the data tampering.

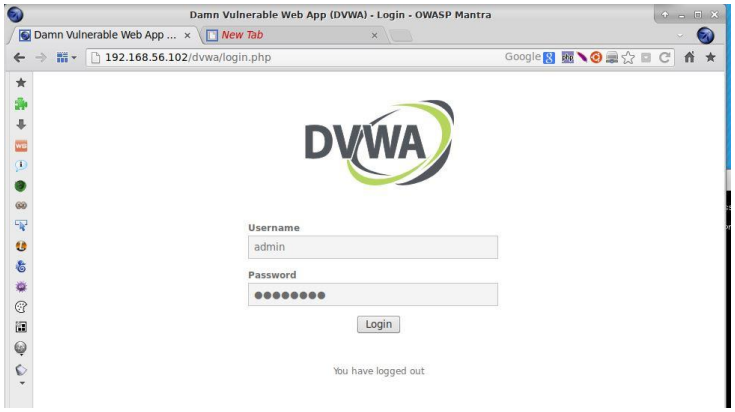

Figure B-1: Login Page of Health Insurance Content Management System

When the tester trying to log into the application with a username and a password, the tamper popup will be opened with the credentials which passed from the frontend. Then the tester was able to login with valid credentials instead of sent one.

Figure B-2: Tamper Popup

The requests which sent to the server machine will be displayed in the *Figure B-3* and the tester was able to change the postdata of the request successfully.

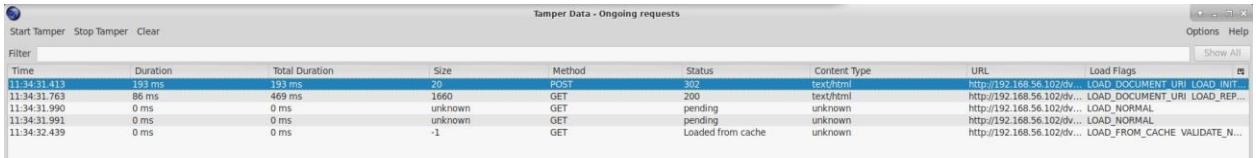

Figure B-3: Tamper Data

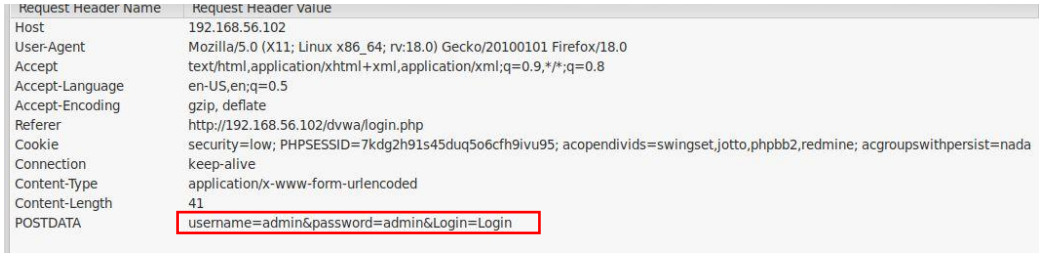

Figure B-4: Request Header and Value

Question 2

The tester used Hack Bar tool to test SQL injection. Tester used 1’ as the input and an error was occurred in the application as showing in *Figure B-5*. To be sure that there is SQLi, the tester used 1’’ as the input. The application wasn’t crashed and the result showed in the page as showing in *Figure B-6*. This shows that the health insurance content management application is vulnerable to **SQL injection**.

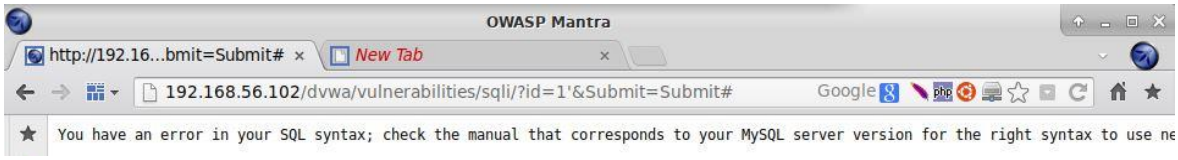

Figure B-5: The Result for the Input 1’

Figure B-6: The Result for the input 1''

The tester was able to retrieve the passwords of all the users in the application successfully using the SQL query showing in *Figure B-7*. The result of the query is displayed in the *Figure B-8*.

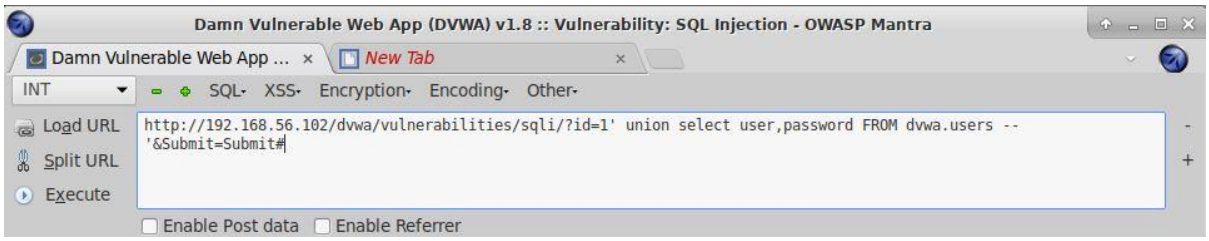

Figure B-7: The query to retrieve the passwords of all the users

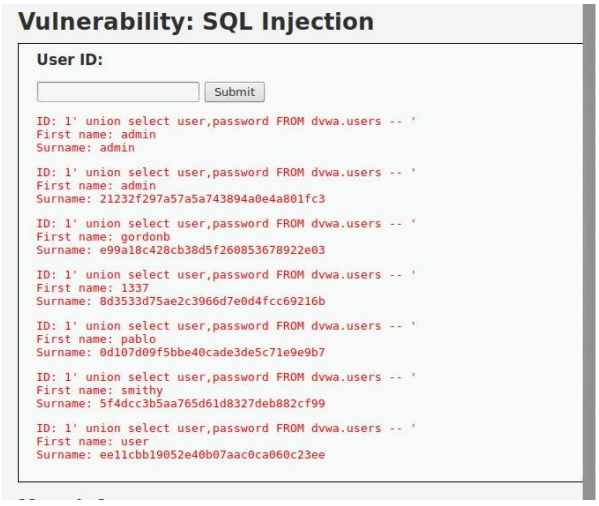

Figure B-8: Displaying the passwords of all the users

Question 3

The tester inputs his name and the result was displayed. Then the tester inputs a html code to the application and the result was displayed as in the *Figure B-9*. It shows that anything the tester input will be reflected in the response. Then tester inputs script code *alert("test")* and the application was able to execute the script and display the alert as showing in the *Figure B-10*. This shows that the health insurance content management application is vulnerable to **cross-site scripting**.

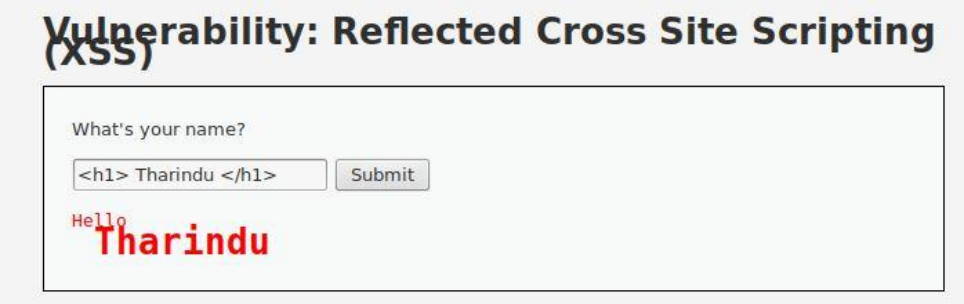

Figure B-9: Testing a html code

Figure B-10: Result of the script

The script which the tester was executed can be seen in the source code of the web page.

```
<div class="body_padded">
    <h1>Vulnerability: Reflected Cross Site Scripting (XSS)</h1>

    <div class="vulnerable_code_area">

        <form name="XSS" action="#" method="GET">
            <p>What's your name?</p>
            <input type="text" name="name">
            <input type="submit" value="Submit">
        </form>

        <pre>Hello <script>  alert('test') </script></pre>

    </div>

    <h2>More info</h2>
```

Figure B-11: Source Code of web page

Question 4

The tester inputs a string and a huge number to repeat as showing in *Figure B-12*. After submitting inputs, the application was crashed as showing in the *Figure B-13*. This shows that the health insurance content management application is vulnerable to **buffer overflaw**.

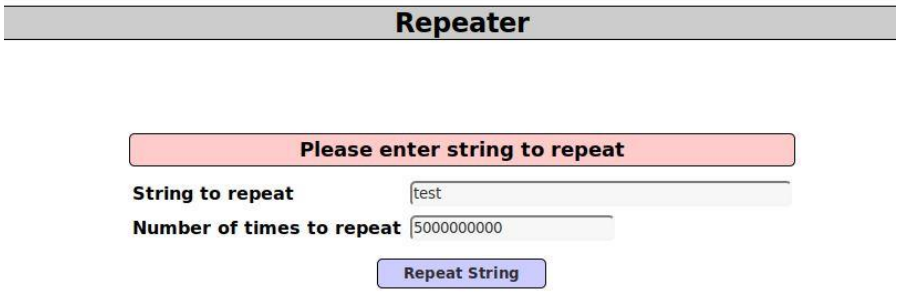

Figure B-12: Input a String and a Number to Repeat

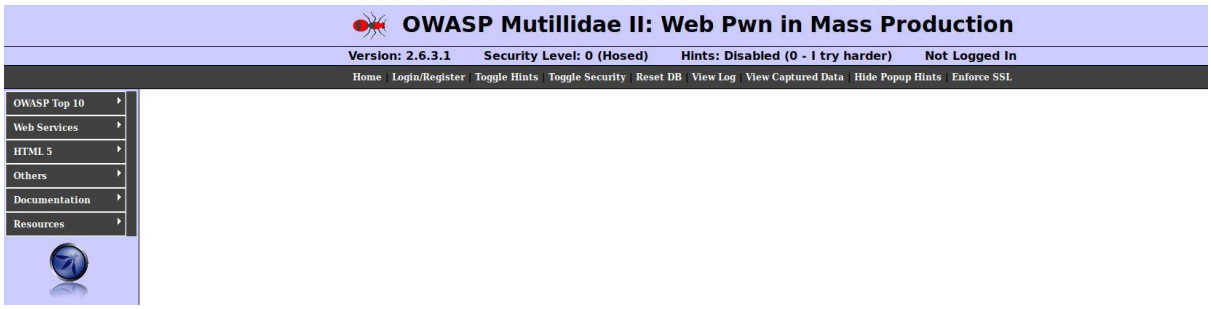

Figure B-13: Crashed Application Because of Buffer Overflow

The tester was able to ping directly to 192.168.56.101 (Kali Linux machine) and the output was displayed in the screen. This shows that the server is using OS command to execute. Then the tester input the command *192.168.56.101;uname* which showing in *Figure B-14*. Their output also can be seen in the screen. Hence, it shows that the health insurance content management application is vulnerable to **OS command injections**.

Figure B-14: Input a Command

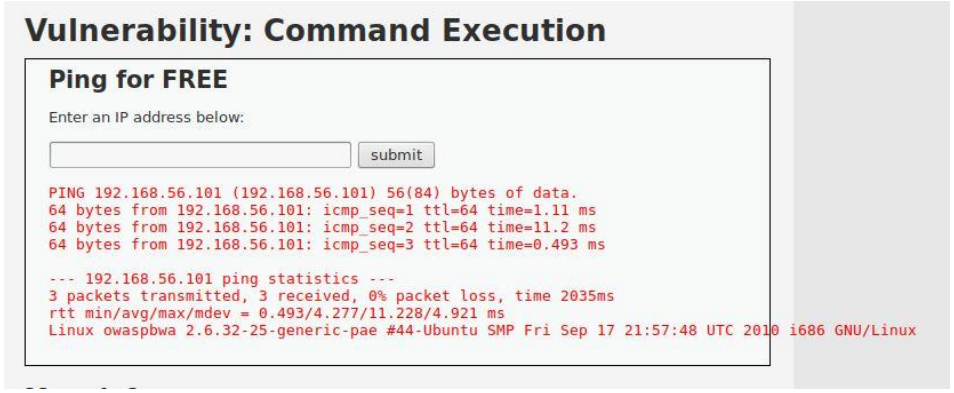

Figure B-15: Output of the command

C- Man in the middle attacks and social engineering

Question 1

When a customer (client) of the health insurance content management system is connected to the server, several information can be obtained by **packet capturing**. This can be done using Ettercap and Wireshark.

Spoofing attack with Ettercap – ARP Spoofing

Address Resolution Protocol (ARP) translates the IP address to the MAC address. The tester uses ARP poisoning tool in **Ettercap** for MITM attacks such as ARP spoofing. The two IP addresses can be identified in the Ettercap application as showing in the *Figure C-1*. Then the server machine (OWAPS_IP-192.168.56.102) was selected as the first target and the client machine (Windows_IP-192.168.56.103) was selected as the second target.

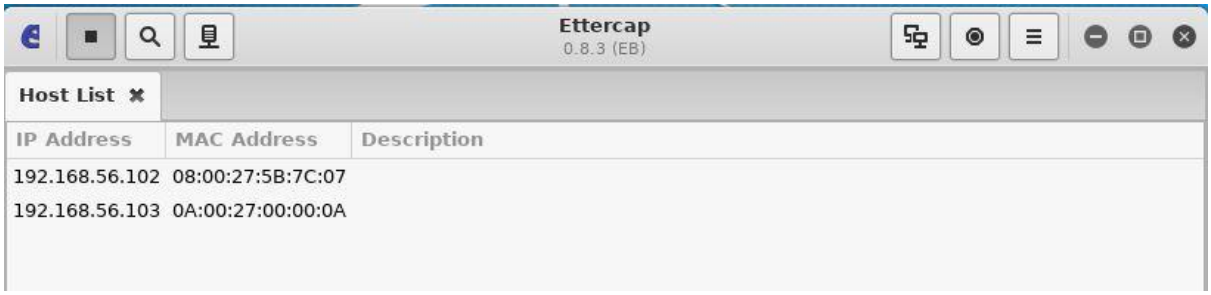

Figure C-1: Identifying the IP address from Ettercap

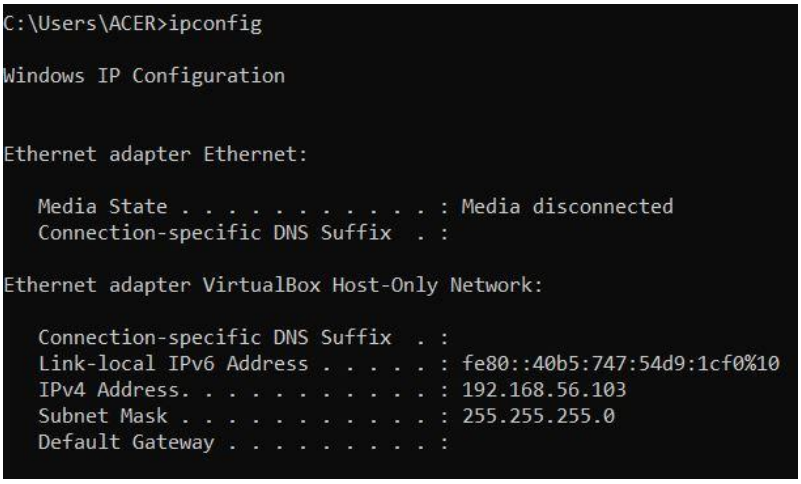

Figure C-2: IP address of Windows Machine

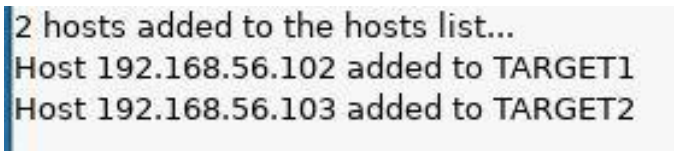

Figure C-3: Selecting 1st and 2nd target

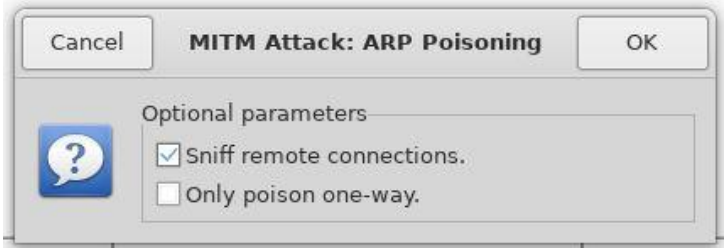

Figure C-4: ARP Poisoning Tool

Packets can be captured with user credentials when the victim trying to log into the application as showing in the *Figure C-6*.

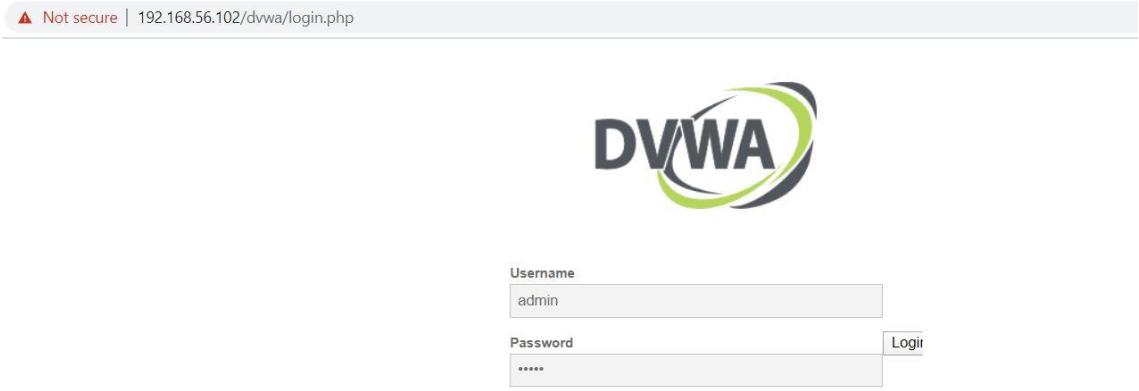

Figure C-5: Application Login Page

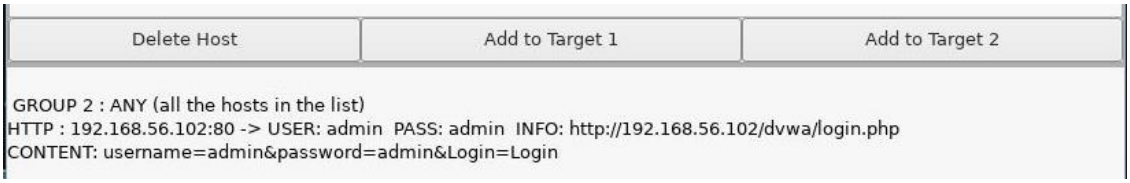

Figure C-6: Capturing Data packet

Wireshark and MiTm traffic

For the penetration test, the other information such as the contact numbers, personal details, credit card numbers also have to be checked. The tool named **Wireshark** can be used to listen all the traffic in the network and “eth0” interface was selected. When the victim log into the system from the login page as showing in *Figure C-5*, tester was able to identify the credentials by capturing HTTP requests as showing in *Figure C-8* and other information of the victim by capturing all the packets as showing in *Figure C-7*.

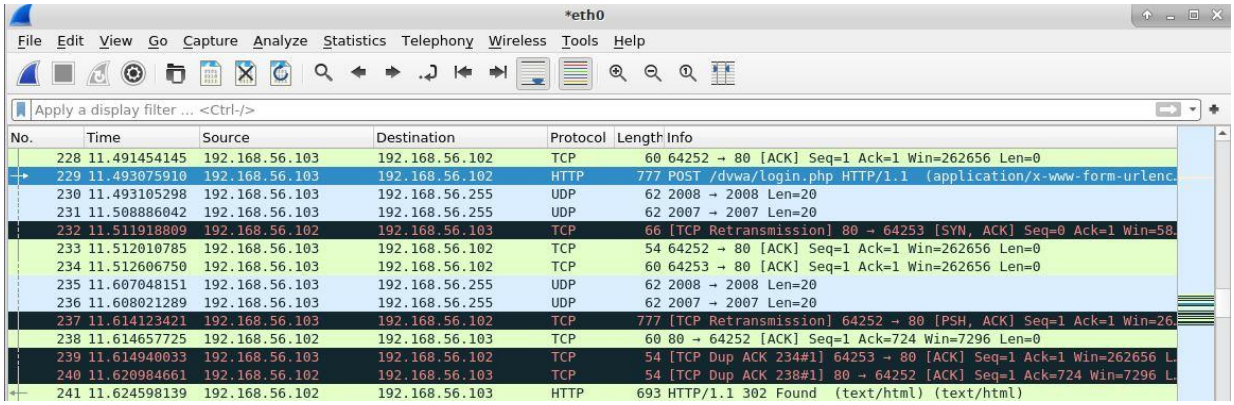

Figure C-7: Capturing Data Packets

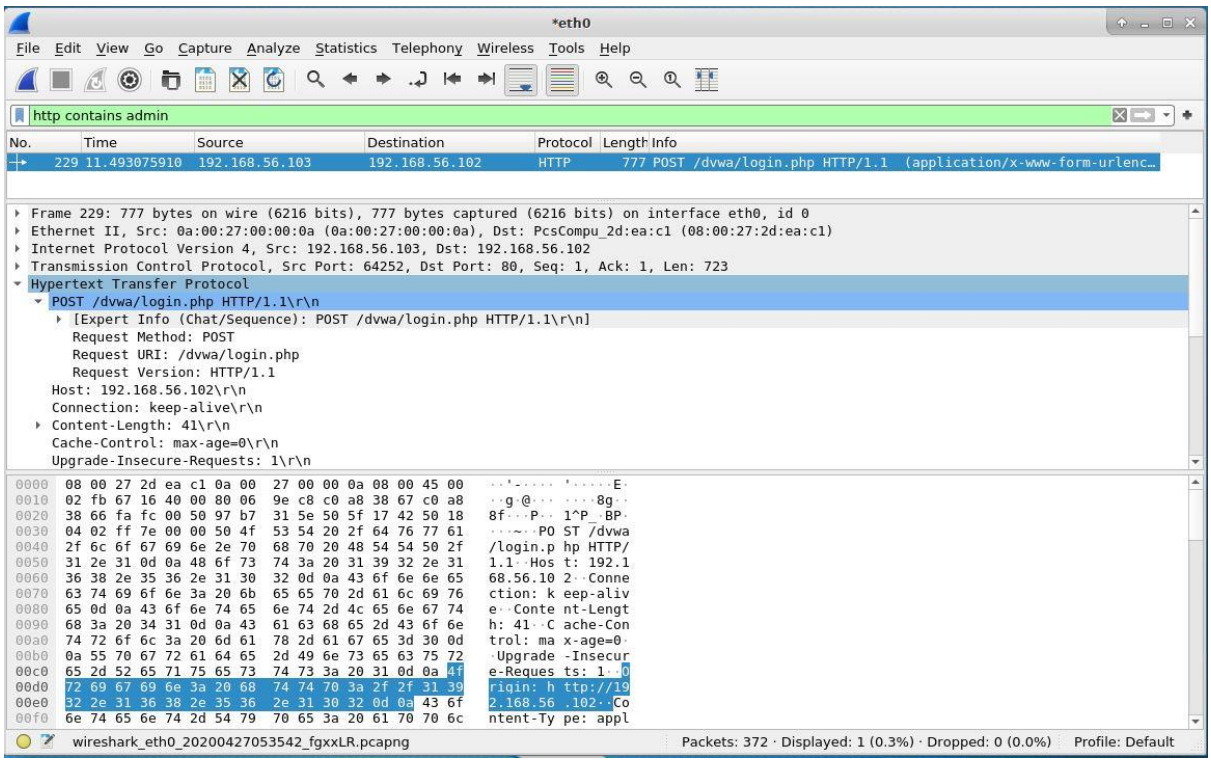

Figure C-8: Capturing HTTP Request

Question 2

Client-side attacks such as creating a **password harvester** can be performed instead of server-side attacks. This attack is trustworthy counterpart and the information from the user can be received. The tools named Social-Engineer Toolkit and SET were used to perform this attack. The Ip address of the server machine (OWASP) is 192.168.56.102 and the IP address of the attacker (Kali machine) is 192.168.56.101. The attacker created a **phishing site** and hosted it on apache server showing as *Figure C-9*. The victim can see the phishing site instead of the original site. After submitting the credentials, the user will be redirected to the original website as showing in *Figure C-10*.

Figure C-9: Phishing Site Login Page

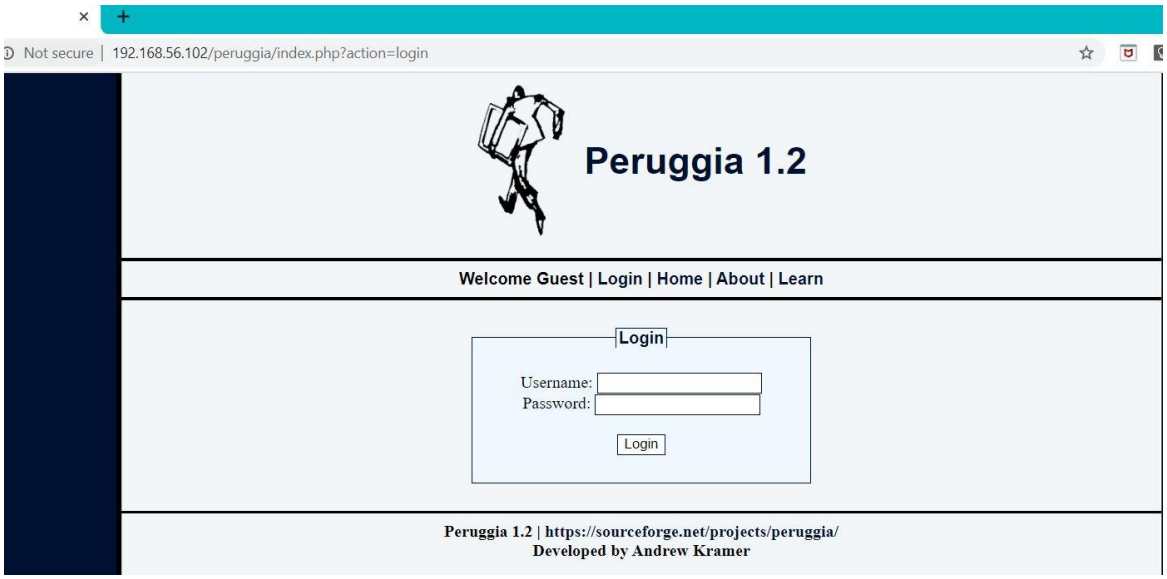

Figure C-10: Login Page of Original Site

The attacker was able to get credentials of the user as showing in *Figure C-11*. Like that, the sensitive data, personal information, payment details such as credit card numbers of the users in health insurance content management system can be hijacked by the attacker.

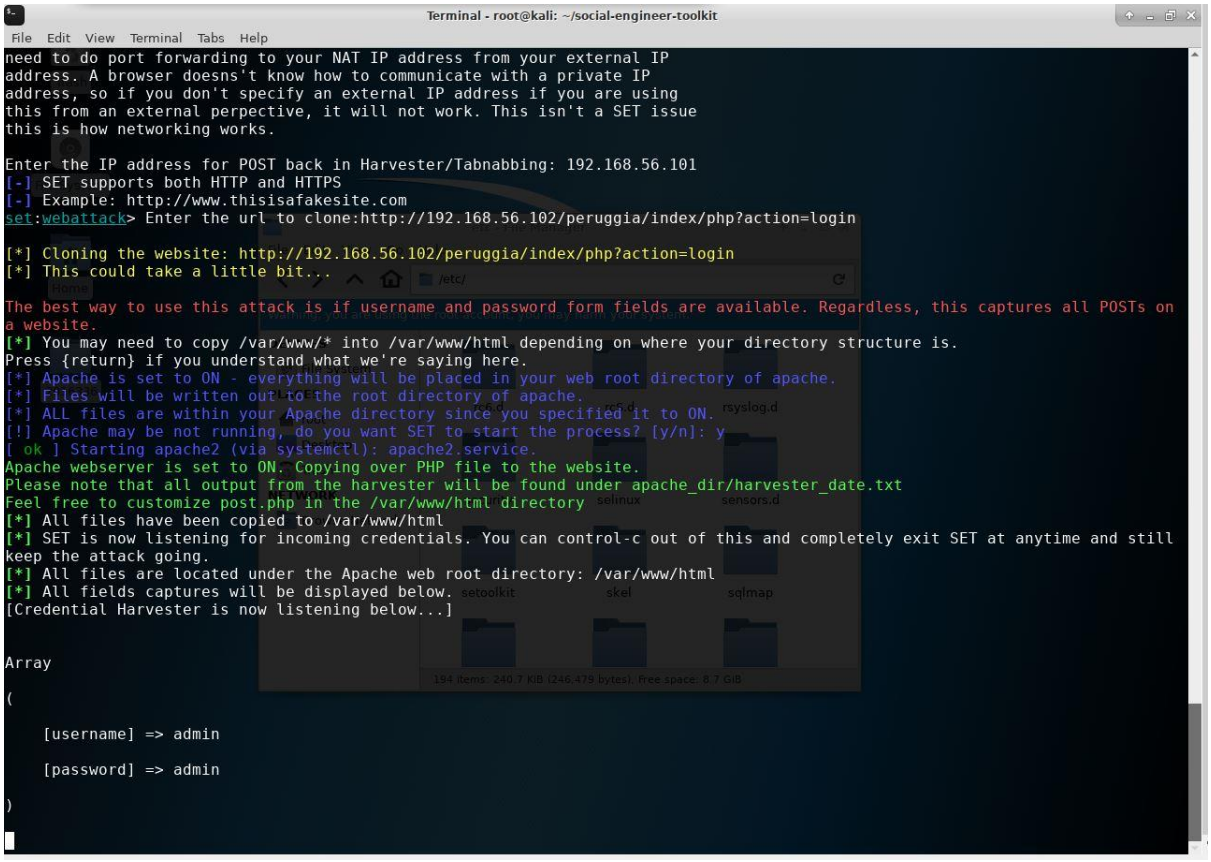

Figure C-11: Getting username and password using Phishing site

The tester created a filter to save the users credentials into the log file. When the user log into the application, the user credentials will be saved in the log file as showing *Appendix - A*.

Question 3

When the server machine is protected, a client-side attack like a **reverse shell can be created** and **its connections can be captured using Metasploit tool** for the penetration testing. A file was created which is meterpreter shell named cute_dolphin.exe. Then a listener was setup as showing in *Figure C-13* and hosted on the apache server.

Figure C-12: cute_dolphin.exe file

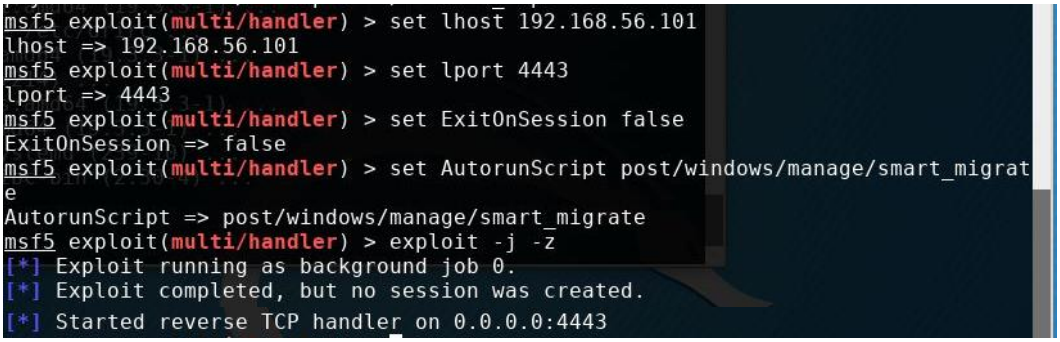

Figure C-13: Setup the Listner

When the victim downloads file from the browser and runs it, the attacker can get the sessions with the details of IP address as showing in *Figure C-14* and the system information about the client machine (Windows machine) as showing in *Figure C-15*.

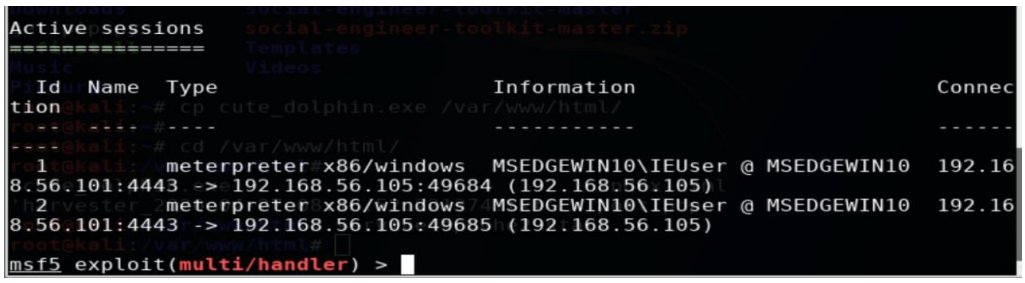

Figure C-14: Sessions of the Clients

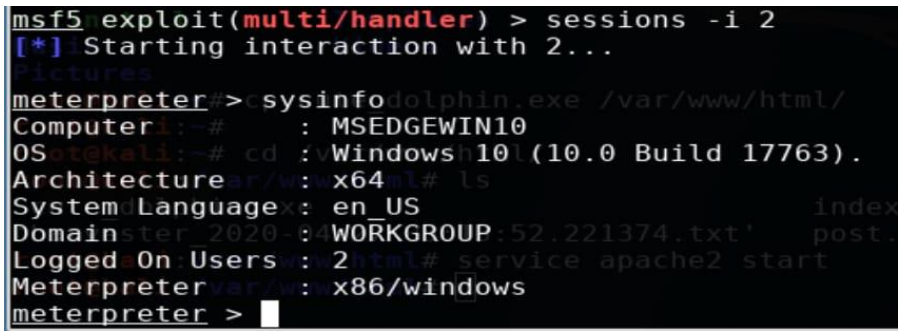

Figure C-15: System Information

D- Protecting your server

Question 1

Port knocking is used to prevent port scans to a specific server machine by monitoring the firewall log and looking for connections to the closed ports. It is platform, service and application independent. This is similar to handshake. The services running on the server machine of the content management application such as SSH are protected from attacks on vulnerabilities. Packet sniffing can be prevented using this technique. Hence, the sensitive data such as username and password, personal information such as contact numbers and name, payment details such as credit card details of the customers of health insurance content management system cannot be highjacked and they will be protected.

Question 2

The situation of triggering an alarm in an attack or a malicious activity by network intrusion device is called as **false positives**. This can be divided to several categories such as reactionary traffic alarms, protocol violations, equipment related alarms, non-malicious alarms and true false positives.

The inability of a network intrusion device to identify security events for certain circumstances is called as **false negatives**.

Question 3

The differences between **Intrusion Detection System (IDS)** and Intrusion **Prevention System (IPS)** are mentioned in the table.

Intrusion Detection System (IDS)	Intrusion Prevention System (IPS)
The actions are not taken on their own by the system.	The attacking traffic packets can be accepted or rejected by the system.
This is a monitoring and detection system that can identify the possible attacks.	This is a control system that responds to the possible attacks.
A human or another system are required to check the results of the system.	Regular updates with new threat data to the database are required.

Table D-1: Difference between IDS & IPS

There are some automated features with IPS. Hence, this can help to raise the alarm during the attack. Also, this can detect and block the attacks in real time. Therefore, **Intrusion Prevention System (IPS)** is recommended for the health insurance content management

system. This will help to protect the sensitive data, personal details and payment details of the customer.

Question 4

Firewall

Incoming and outgoing network traffics can be monitored and data packets can be blocked by this security device based on the security rules.

Snort

Real time traffic analysis and packet logging of the Ip networks can be done this intrusion preventing system.

iptable

Incoming and outgoing can be controlled by this basic firewall system based on some security rules.

Firewalls help to monitor the traffics and block some data packets, block trojans. Variety of attacks such as stealth port scans, CGI attacks OS fingerprinting attempts and buffer overflows can be detected by Snort. Firewall and Snort provide the security functions like IPS and IDS. The sensitive data such as username and password, personal details such as contact number and age, contact details such as credit card numbers are going through the health insurance content management system. Hence, firewall and snort will be used to protect the system from hackers.

Question 5

The financial details, sensitive data, personal details and payment details of the customers in health insurance content management system are stored in the database. If there is a vulnerable in the system, a hacker can perform a SQL Injection through the HTTP services. Implementation with a standard coding, SQL server firewalling, minimizing the privileges (Nanhay Singh, 2016), filtering the sending and receiving mechanism (Krit Kamtuo, 2016)to prevent this attack (Mohd Amin Mohd Yunus, 2018).

The platform is accessed by the customers to check the progress of their claims and to change their payment details. Spoofing attacks such as IP address, ARP and DNS server spoofing attacks can be performed by the attacker to steal sensitive data, personal details and payment

methods of the customers. Transport Layer Security (TLS) and HTTP Secure (HTTPS) can be used to prevent these attacks by encrypting data before it sending and authenticating data when receiving (Anon., n.d.).

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Appendix - A

Figure 01: Login page of Phishing Site

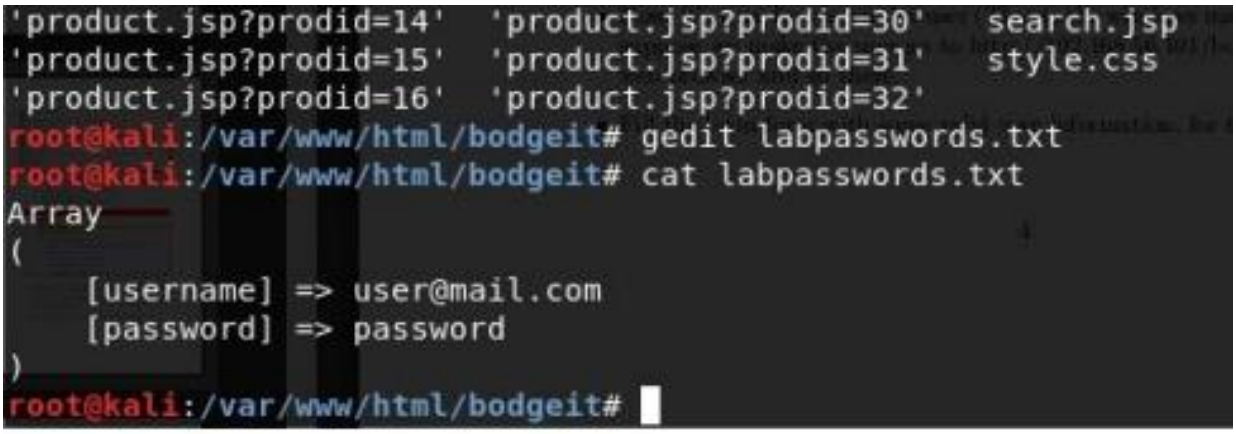

Figure 02: User Credentials on Log File