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# COMP3134 Introduction to Cyber Security

Week: 10

Objective(s):

Attacking the web applications and applying mitigation techniques

**Learning Outcome(s):** 

Implement various tactics to attack a network or application Critique and execute mitigation techniques

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# **Summary**

Goal: Attacking the web applications and applying mitigation techniques

In Effort To: Implement various tactics to attack a network or application, as well as to critique and execute mitigation techniques

## A. Clone GitHub Repo

Clone course GitHub repo to any location on your local machine Navigate to the location above and create a folder named **wk10** Use this local folder created above to create all the files necessary for this Lab Exercise

# **B.** Connect to Droplet Server

Using (	GitBash (on Windows) or the '	Γerminal (on Mac),	connect to your dro	plet server by
execut	ing the following command			

ssh droplet\_username@droplet\_ip\_address

When prompted, user your droplet password

Navigate to your web root of your droplet

cd /var/www/html

You will create scripts in the steps below in the web root

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#### C. HPING3

Install	is a free packet generator and analyzer for the TCP/IP protocol.	
	apt install hping3	
Navigate to the help manual of hping3 by typing the command		
	hping3 -h or hping3 –help	

#### Usage

Using the help as a guide, send the following packets to the prof IP Address

- 1) 10,000 TCP packets all at once from random source IP Addresses
- 2) 9,000 UDP packets in a span of 90 seconds from a spoofed source address
- 3) 11,000 ICMP packets with a data size of 1KB at an interval of 75 packets per second

Create a file named **hping.txt** that shows the commands needed for the tasks above.

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# D. Directory Traversal Page Version 1

#### Script Creation

<?php

Create PHP page named **directory\_traversal\_part1.php** in your <u>droplet web root</u> This PHP page will display all files and folders of path that will be given to it via a query string parameter without any validation checking

Insert the following content for the php page

```
ini_set('display_errors', 1);
ini set('display startup errors', 1);
error_reporting(E_ALL);
$path=isset($_GET['q']) ? $_GET['q'] : '.';
print "";
print r(scandir($path));
print "";
?>
```

#### Running Script

Open any browser.

Open the URL: {Your droplet IP}/ directory\_traversal\_part1.php Take a screenshot of your browser. Name the screenshot step\_d-1.png

#### Using the Query String

Open the URL: {Your droplet IP}/ directory\_traversal\_part1.php?q=./ Take a screenshot of your browser. Name the screenshot **step d-2.png** 

#### Mystery Task 1

Open the URL

{Your droplet IP}/ directory\_traversal\_part1.php?q=hello Take a screenshot of your browser. Name the screenshot step\_d-3.png Create a text file named **step\_d.txt** and describe

- What you see on the browser (the issue)
- What sensitive information is given by this page

#### Directory Traversal 1

Open the URL: {Your droplet IP}/ directory\_traversal\_part1.php?q=../../ Take a screenshot of your browser. Name the screenshot **step\_d-4.png** Create a text file named **step\_d-4.txt** and describe

- What you see on the browser (the issue)
- What sensitive information is given by this page

#### Directory Traversal 2

Open the URL: {Your droplet IP}/ directory\_traversal\_part1.php?q=%2e%2e%2f Take a screenshot of your browser. Name the screenshot **step\_d-5.png** Create a text file named **step\_d-5.txt** and describe

- What you see on the browser (the issue)
- What sensitive information is given by this page

# E. Directory Traversal Page Version 2

Create a PHP script named **directory\_traversal\_part2.php**. Copy the contents of **directory\_traversal\_part1.php** as your starting point.

Apply the necessary changes to mitigate the issues stated in Step D Hint: There are two issues to mitigate

- Should not be able to view files and folders before html directory
  - o *HINT*, Use basename()
- Should not attempt to look at folders that do not exists
  - HINT, File exists()
- BONUS, do not allow user to pass a filename
  - Look for dot in parameter

Create a text file named **step\_e.txt** and state how you will mitigate these two problems. Take a screenshot of your source code, demonstrating the updated changes of the **directory\_traversal\_part1.php** script. Name the screenshot **step\_e.png** 

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#### F. Login Page Version 1

# Create a PHP script named login\_part1.php

This page will display a login form with a password field and a submit button

```
<h1>Weak Password</h1>
<form method="post">
    <label>Password</label>
    <input type="password" name="password">
        <br/>
        <input type="submit">
        </form>
```

Using the following url:

https://www.cnn.com/2019/04/22/uk/most-common-passwords-scli-gbr-intl/index.html

Make the modifications to the script so that:

- if the user types in any of the ten passwords
  - o Display a success message instead of the form
    - "Successfully authenticated"

Take a screenshot of your source code, demonstrating the updated changes of the script. Name the screenshot **step\_f.png** 

#### G. Comments in Source Code Version 1

Create an HTML script named **comments\_in\_source\_code\_part1.html**Create an html page that will display h1-h6 tags and a descriptive comment tag
Below is a sample for h1

```
<h1>This is an example of an H1 header tag</h1>
<!--Created by John Smith with employee id: 123456-->
```

Create 5 more examples (h2-h6)

Take a screenshot of your html source code. Name the screenshot step\_g.png

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#### H. Comments in Source Code Version 2

Create a PHP script named **comments\_in\_source\_code\_part2.php.** Copy the contents of **comments\_in\_source\_code\_part1.html** as your starting point.

Apply the necessary changes to mitigate the issues stated in Step G

Create a text file named **step\_g.txt** and state how you will mitigate the problem.

Take a screenshot of your source code, demonstrating the changes.

Name the screenshot step\_g.png

*Hint*: Convert all HTML comments to PHP comments, which are not seen by browser

## I. Login Page Version 2

Create a PHP script named **login\_part2.php**. Copy the contents of **login\_part1.php** as your starting point.

Make the following alterations:

- Add a hidden field with a username (be creative)
- Once user correctly guesses password
  - o Display a welcome message instead of the form
    - "Welcome {username} to Your Portal"

Take a screenshot of your source code, demonstrating the changes. Name the screenshot **step\_i.png** 

# J. Commit and Upload Changes to GitHub repo

Commit the changes to your repo by:

- 1. Opening a GitBash window and ensure that it is connected to your local machine
- 2. Navigate to local repository directory location
- 3. Add all the files completed in this Lab Exercise
- 4. Commit the changes
- 5. Push the changes to your GitHub course repo

Please refer to the instructions in the last section of Lab Exercise 1

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