

Scanning, Encryption and SQL Injection Optional Lab

This activity will give you an opportunity to explore a number of methods:

- Packet capturing
- Network scanning
- SQL Injection

This activity:

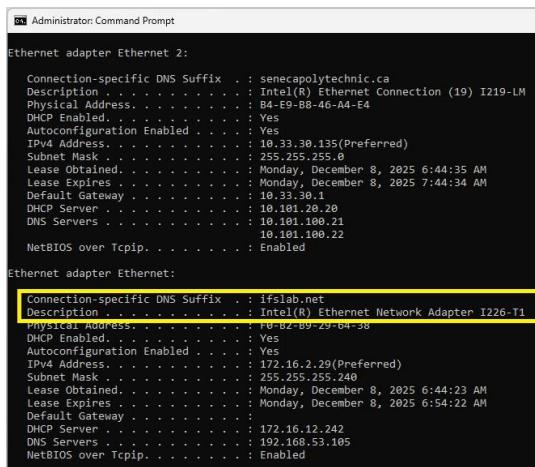
- Should be done on the Lab Workstation.
- Requires access to the Security Lab network: 172.16.11.0/26
- Best done using the Windows VM available on “\\mydrive\\courses\\SPR100\\Win10”

Setup

Your Lab Workstation is already connected to the Security Lab network. Below are the steps to set up (a) a Security Network connection between VMware and, (b) the Lab Workstation, and VMware and your VM.

Steps:

Step 1: *On the Lab Workstation (host) do "ipconfig /all" to identify the network card that has the Security Lab network. It will likely start with “Intel (R)..” (see Figure 1)*



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Administrator: Command Prompt
Ethernet adapter Ethernet 2:
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : senecapolytechnic.ca
  Description . . . . . : Intel(R) Ethernet Connection (19) I219-LM
  Physical Address . . . . . : B4-E9-B8-46-A4-E4
  DHCP Enabled. . . . . : Yes
  Autoconfiguration Enabled . . . . . : Yes
  IPv4 Address. . . . . : 10.33.30.135(Preferred)
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.0
    Lease Obtained. . . . . : Monday, December 8, 2025 6:44:35 AM
    Lease Expires . . . . . : Monday, December 8, 2025 7:44:34 AM
    Default Gateway . . . . . : 10.33.30.1
    DHCP Server . . . . . : 10.101.28.28
    DNS Servers . . . . . : 10.101.100.21
                                10.101.100.22
  NetBIOS over Tcpip. . . . . : Enabled

Ethernet adapter Ethernet:
  Connection-specific DNS Suffix . : ifslab.net
  Description . . . . . : Intel(R) Ethernet Network Adapter I226-T1
  Physical Address . . . . . : 00-02-B9-49-04-38
  DHCP Enabled. . . . . : Yes
  Autoconfiguration Enabled . . . . . : Yes
  IPv4 Address. . . . . : 172.16.12.29(Preferred)
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.255.248
    Lease Obtained. . . . . : Monday, December 8, 2025 6:44:23 AM
    Lease Expires . . . . . : Monday, December 8, 2025 6:54:22 AM
    Default Gateway . . . . . :
    DHCP Server . . . . . : 172.16.12.242
    DNS Servers . . . . . : 192.168.53.105
  NetBIOS over Tcpip. . . . . : Enabled
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Figure 1: "ipconfig /all" shows the interfaces. Identify the interface card for “ifslab.net”

Step 2: On VMware Workstation Pro, start the *Virtual Network Editor* (In the Edit menu – see Figure 2), select a current network, select *Bridged*, then select the network card you identified in Step 1. (see Figure 3)

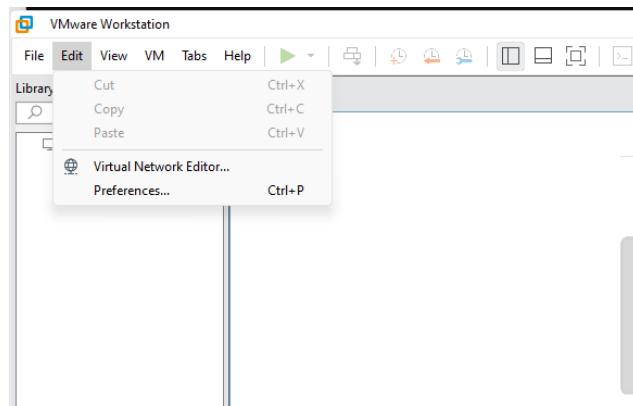


Figure 2: Virtual Network Editor in Edit Menu

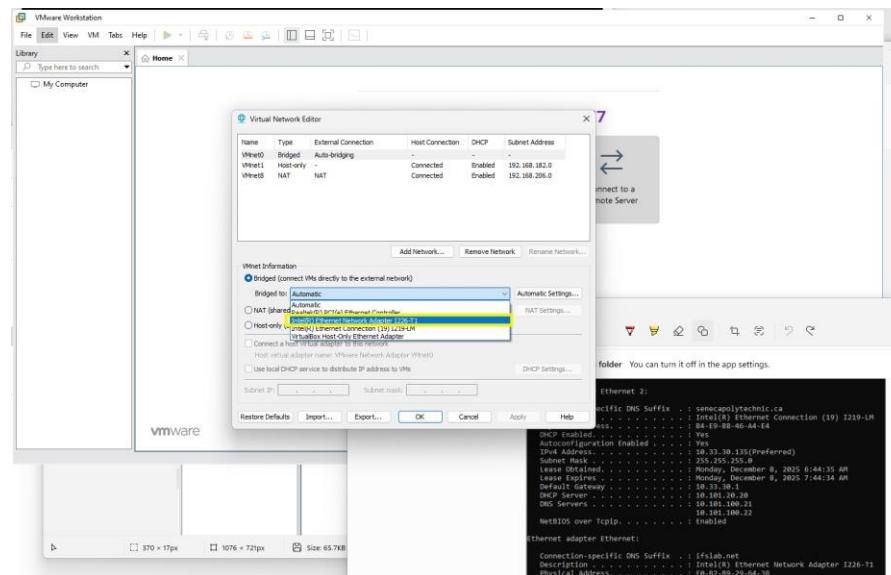


Figure 3: Select the interface you identified in Step 1.

Step 3: In your VM's configuration, select the virtual network that you modified in Step 2.

Verification:

1. Start your VM and login.
2. From the *Command Prompt* do “ipconfig /all” and check that you have an IP starting with “172.16.X.X”
3. Check connectivity by doing: ‘ping 172.16.11.65’.

Network Scanning

Single Host

1. Start Zen-map – nmap's GUI
2. Enter the IP “172.16.11.65” and use the *Ping scan* setting, and look at the results you get back.
3. Now try different scan setting: “Quick” scan and “Intense” setting, in each case reviewing the results you get back and the different types of details they return.

Network Enumeration

If we are to learn about what is happening on our network, rather than just one computer, we should be familiar with the basic protocols, and service identification.

Using Zen-map, scan the **Security Lab network: 172.16.11.0/26** and discover hosts that are listening. This will scan a range of IPs. The number of IPs is determined by the /N. Note, while we give it a range of IPs, this does not necessarily mean there is a host at each IP. In fact, that is part of the purpose of the scan, to determine this.

Cryptography (Web)

Here we are going to do some packet capturing of two types of web traffic, unencrypted and encrypted. For both we will do the following steps:

1. Using a web-browser, going to one of the sites listed in Figure 4.
2. Start *Wireshark* on our VM.
3. Logging into the appropriate account on the website using the credentials given in Figure 4.
4. Logging out.
5. Stopping Wireshark and reviewing the results.

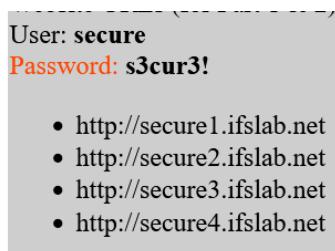


Figure 4: Website URLs

Unsecured Web Traffic: HTTP Communication

1. Navigate to website Figure 4.
2. On your Win 10 VM start the application *Wireshark*.
3. Click the **Start** button on *Wireshark* to begin capturing packets.
 - Work as quickly as you can to minimize the number of packets captured.
 - If you see a message saying: **Save capture file before starting a new capture?** Click **Continue Without Saving**.
4. Login to the website (use the ‘login’ link, not the ‘secure login’ link) using the credentials *provided Figure 4*.
5. Click the **Stop** button on *Wireshark*.
6. Analyze the packets and look for the following line in the capture window.
 - Click on the **HTTP** protocol with the **POST** line, as in Figure 5, and the decoded message should appear in the lower window.

- You should see your credentials in plain text.

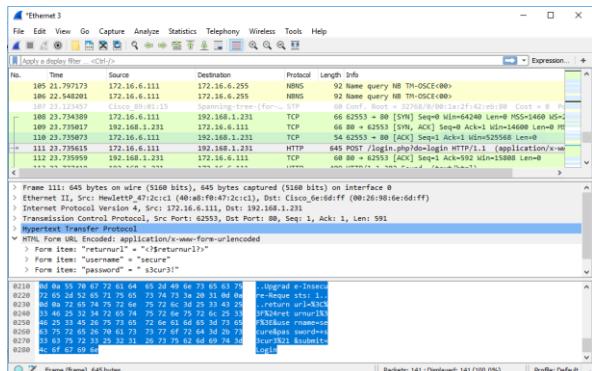


Figure 5: Captured HTTP session

Encrypted Web Traffic: TLS/SSL Communication

- Open Wireshark and begin a packet capture session (you did this above).
- Login to the website using the secure login link using the credentials *Figure 4*.
- Stop the capture and examine the captured packets.
 - Look at the packets that appear below "Client Hello" and "Server Hello".
 - Find a packet labeled "TLSx.x Application Data", like packet 138 in Figure 6 below, and click on it in the top pane to select it. Details about the packet will appear in the middle pane.
 - Click the > sign to expand **Transport Security Layer**.
 - Expand the layer inside (labeled "TLSvx.x Record Layer" so that the **Encrypted Application Data** is visible, as shown at the bottom of the image below on this page. Your user name and password are concealed in that encrypted data.
 - Even though the packet sniffer can see the data go by, it cannot be read. This is how TLS/SSL protects you--all web logins should use TLS/SSL.

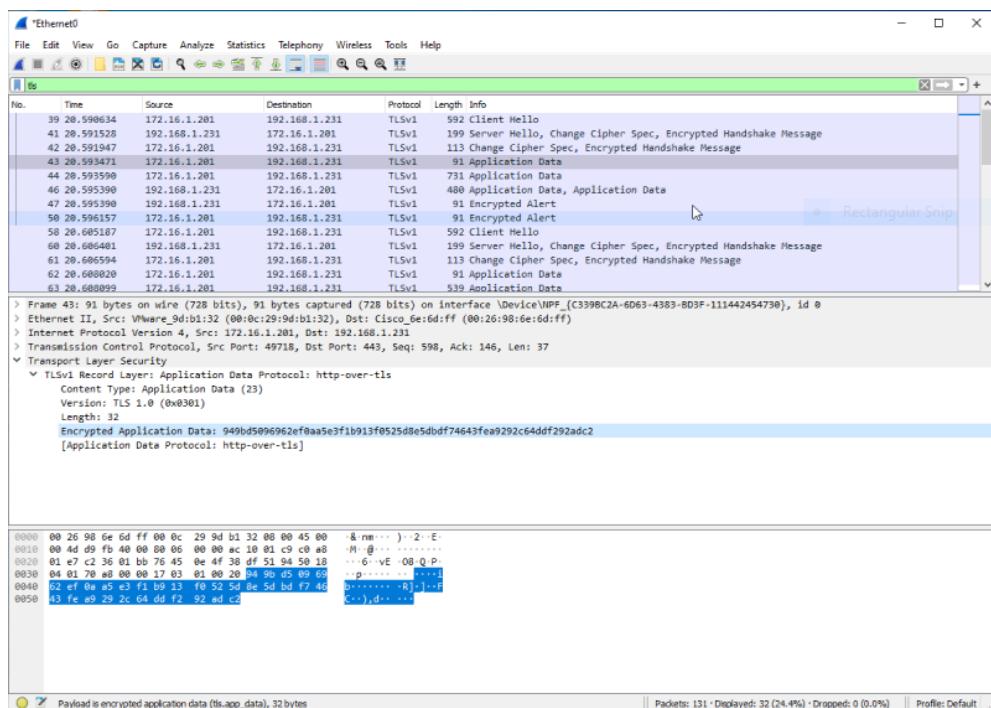


Figure 6: Captured TLS session

Cryptography (SSH)

Here we will be doing something similar to the previous exercise, though in this case we will be looking at SSH traffic.

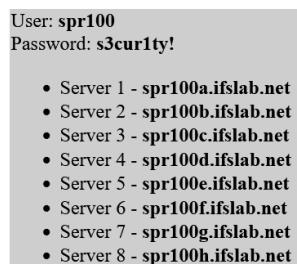


Figure 7: SSH Servers

1. Begin another screen capture in *Wireshark*.
 - You may want to set the **Filter Options** to ‘not arp and not dns’ to reduce the amount of data generated.
2. Click the ‘Start’ button in *Wireshark*.
3. Start *PUTTY* – this is installed on the Win10 VM.
4. Enter one of the server names given in *Figure 7*.
5. Click the ‘Open’ button on Putty Configuration.
 - You get a Security Alert window. Click ‘Yes’ to add the server’s public key to the registry.
6. Login using the credentials provided in class.
7. At the command prompt type the **ls** command.
8. Logout of the server.
9. Click ‘Stop’ capture in *Wireshark*.
10. Scroll to the beginning of the capture window and review the communication between the client and server (see *Figure 8*).
 - Notice that SSHvx uses the Diffie-Hellman protocol to exchange keys.
 - Notice that a key and handshake are agreed to by the client and server before the exchange of data.
 - Notice that each packet is encrypted within an encrypted tunnel which protects the login information from replay attacks.

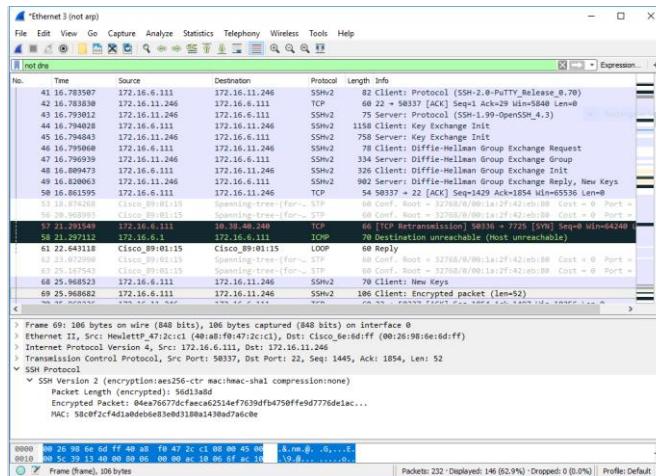


Figure 8: Captured SSH Session

SQL Injection

Here you will be looking at SQL injection attacks. OWASP lists Injection attacks in their Top 10 for 2021 (<https://owasp.org/Top10/>). This includes SQL Injection. This was true for 2010, 2013 and 2021. Here are some references for SQL injection:

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SQL_injection
- https://www.owasp.org/index.php/SQL_Injection

We will be doing manual SQL injection attacks using the DVWA. DVWA stands for (Damn Vulnerable Web Application):

- It's a PHP/MySQL web application that is damn vulnerable.
- Its main goals are to be an aid for security professionals to test their skills and tools in a legal environment, help web developers better understand the processes of securing web applications and aid teachers/students to teach/learn web application security in a classroom environment.

We will be injecting 'always true' SQL statements into the *User ID* field of the database. Our ultimate goal is to obtain username and raw-MD5 password contents from the users table of DVWA.

Setup

- Using the results of the network scan in the Enumeration section, identify the machine (and its IP) that is running DVWA.
- Once you have identify the machine, connect to the machine using the browser and the machines IP address and enter 'the store'.
- You are now prompted to login. Login with username: admin, password: password and you should see DVWA home page.
- Set *DVWA Security Level (left-hand column)*, by clicking on DVWA security on the left hand menu, selecting 'low' and submitting the selection.
- Go to the SQL Injection option by selecting 'SQL Injection' from the left-hand menu.

1. Basic Injection

Input: in the *User ID* text box input "1" and click Submit.

- The webpage/code is supposed to print ID, First name, and Surname to the screen.

The PHP *select* statement that we will be exploiting, specifically \$id is:

- \$getid = "SELECT first_name, last_name FROM users WHERE user_id = '\$id'" ;

Always True Scenario

Input: the text "% or '0'='0'" into the *User ID* text box and click Submit – don't enter the double quotes.

In this scenario, we are saying to display all records that are **false** and all records that are **true**.

- '%' - Will probably not be equal to anything, and will be false.
- '0'='0' - Is equal to true, because 0 will always equal 0.

Database Statement:

- mysql> SELECT first_name, last_name FROM users WHERE user_id = '%' or '0'='0';

2. Display Database Version, Database User and Database Name

Input: the text "%' or 0=0 union select null, version() #" into the *User ID* Textbox and click Submit.

Notice in the last displayed line the version number is displayed in the surname. This is the version of the MySQL database used to store the data for the application.

Display Database User and Database Name

You can get the *Database User* by entering a string similar to the above, substituting *user()* for *version()*, and for *Database Name* you'd substitute *database()*

3. Database Schema and Table Names

To really make progress in hacking the database, what you want to know is the schema, that is, the tables that are in the database.

To display all the tables in the *information_schema* you need to do the following:

Input: "%' and 1=0 union select null, table_name from information_schema.tables #" into the *User ID* text box and click Submit

Now we are displaying all the tables in the *information_schema* of database.

- The *INFORMATION_SCHEMA* is the information database, the place that stores information about all the other databases that the MySQL server maintains.
- There are a lot of tables.

4. Users Tables

We now have the table names. What we really want is the table with the usernames and passwords. Let's reduce the number of table names we need to look, so we'll just display all the 'user' tables in *information_schema*

Input: "%' and 1=0 union select null, table_name from information_schema.tables where table_name like 'user%#' into the *User ID* Textbox and click Submit.

We are displaying all the tables that start with the prefix "user" in the *information_schema* database.

5. Columns with Critical Data

We want to know what columns of data are stored in the *User* table.

Input: "%' and 1=0 union select null, concat(table_name,0x0a,column_name) from information_schema.columns where table_name = 'users' #" into the *User ID* text box and click Submit.

- Take a screenshot and insert it into your report under the heading '**User Table Columns**'.

Now we are displaying all the columns in the **users** table. Notice there are **user_id**, **first_name**, **last_name**, **user** and **Password** columns.

6. Username and Passwords

Now for the gold... we want all the column field contents in the *information_schema User* table

- Input "%' and 1=0 union select null, concat(first_name,0x0a,last_name,0x0a,user,0x0a,password) from users #" into the *User ID* text box and click Submit.

Now we have successfully displayed all the necessary authentication information in this database, you can just use your favourite cracking tool to decrypt the passwords.