# Penetration Testing

### 1) Problem 1

On the Ubuntu VM there is an additional DNS zone for an additional domain besides the one we reviewed in class. The domain is named starwars.enpm809q. Follow the trail and unlock the secrets of the starwars domain and user account. (Hint: Your answer should have a "Star Wars" theme to it and the final secret to provide a screenshot of is an image.)

#### Answer:

Performed nmap scan to check for any open ports and services running.

```
Nmap scan report for 192.168.52.134
Host is up (0.00026s latency).
Not shown: 993 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)
PORT STATE SERVICE VERSION 21/tcp open ftp vsftpd 3.0.3
| ftp-anon: Anonymous FTP login allowed (FTP code 230)
                              4096 Aug 12 2019 backup
21 Aug 12 2019 data
 drwxr-xr-x 20 0
 -rw-r--r--
               1 0
 ftp-syst:
   STAT:
  FTP server status:
      Connected to :: ffff:192.168.52.128
      Logged in as ftp
       TYPE: ASCII
      No session bandwidth limit
      Session timeout in seconds is 300
      Control connection is plain text
       Data connections will be plain text
      At session startup, client count was 2
      vsFTPd 3.0.3 - secure, fast, stable
|_End of status
22/tcp open ssh
                          OpenSSH 7.2p2 Ubuntu 4ubuntu2.8 (Ubuntu Linux; protocol 2.0)
| ssh-hostkey:
   2048 3d21c4f1b3a5807d9a50deaac2c74ed6 (RSA)
   256 9218db55692c8eb45a8f390f5e4b7b7c (ECDSA)
   256 15fee07e873bf0e5afe0376be5f0a8d5 (ED25519)
53/tcp open domain
                        ISC BIND 9.10.3-P4 (Ubuntu Linux)
| dns-nsid:
   bind.version: 9.10.3-P4-Ubuntu
80/tcp open http
                        Apache httpd 2.4.18 ((Ubuntu))
| http-server-header: Apache/2.4.18 (Ubuntu)
|_http-title: ENPM809Q Dojo
| http-robots.txt: 1 disallowed entry
 _/phpmyadmin
139/tcp open netbios-ssn Samba smbd 3.X - 4.X (workgroup: ENPM809Q)
445/tcp open netbios-ssn Samba smbd 4.3.11-Ubuntu (workgroup: ENPM809Q)
3000/tcp open http
                          Node.js Express framework
| http-cors: HEAD GET POST PUT DELETE PATCH
|_http-title: OWASP Juice Shop
| http-robots.txt: 1 disallowed entry
Service Info: Host: ENPM809Q; OSs: Unix, Linux; CPE: cpe:/o:linux:linux_kernel
```

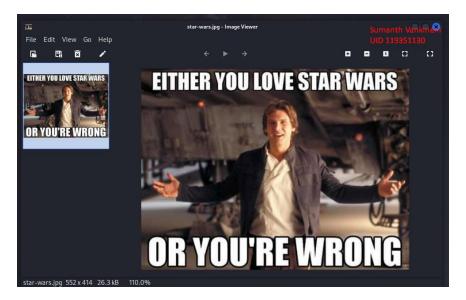
Since there are authoritative name servers, there is a possibility that AXFR is enabled. Let's check if it has any protections from unknown IPs enabled. If not, we should be able to copy the DNS zone as well.

```
Ns: ns2.starwars.enpm809q. ns1.starwars.enpm809q.
SOA: ns1.starwars.enpm809q. (10.10.0.1)
Zone: failure
Wildcard: failure
Found: ns1.starwars.enpm809q. (10.10.0.1)
Found: ns2.starwars.enpm809q. (10.10.0.2)
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UID 119351130
```

The following dig command performs the zone transfer. The output contains a statement providing a hint which could be a password.

I tried connecting using FTP with the previously found password and used the username 'starwars,' as by default, the FTP server name is the system's name. There is a secret file which can be extracted.

```
-(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop]
  $ ftp 192.168.52.134
Connected to 192.168.52.134.
220 (vsFTPd 3.0.3)
Name (192.168.52.134:kali): starwars
331 Please specify the password.
Password:
230 Login successful.
Using binary mode to transfer files.
229 Entering Extended Passive Mode (|||5321|)
229 Entering Extended Passic
150 Here comes the directory listing.
1 1004 1004 26042 Aug 24 2019 mysecret.zip
226 Directory send OK.
ftp> get mysecret.zip
229 Entering Extended Passive Mode (|||32524|)
150 Opening BINARY mode data connection for mysecret.zip (26042 bytes).
26042 bytes received in 00:00 (258.34 KiB/s)
ftp> quit
221 Goodbye.
  -(kali®kali)-[~/Desktop]
s unzip mysecret.zip
Archive: mysecret.zip
[mysecret.zip] star-wars.jpg password:
  inflating: star-wars.jpg
```



The above is the star wars themed image.

## 2) Problem 2

On the Metasploitable VM there is a "flag" for the queen of hearts which will be an image file on the Metasploitable VM. Find it and provide a screenshot of the result as well as a write up of a "walkthrough" on how you found it. (Hint: There are multiple ways to find this, one recommendation is to follow the steps in the mysql exercise in class and review what other information is available inside the database. You may find the image for the queen of hearts is corrupted, there is a way you can fix this, but you do not need to, you can submit a screenshot of the corrupted image and still get full credit for this section.)

### Answer:

Just performed a quick nmap scan to check for open ports.

```
(kali⊚kali)-[~/Desktop]

$ mmap 192.168.52.133

Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-10-05 02:20 EDT

Nmap scan report for 192.168.52.133

Host is up (0.00044s latency).

Not shown: 978 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)

PORT STATE SERVICE
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 -scv 192.168.52.133
Nmap 7-93 (thtps://mmap.org ) at 2023-10-05 01:51 EDT
101:45 elapsed; 0 hosts completed (1 up), 1 undergoing Service Scan
Scan Timing: About 95.45% done; ETC: 01:53 (0:00:05 remaining)
In report for 192.168.52.133
Up (0.000825, latency).
In: 978 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)
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VERSION
OneSSW 2.1 (neglecs) 2.0)
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open ssh
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1 2763/2016/e37be53843e2617ac224913545 (RSA)
1 2763/2016/e37be53843e2617ac224913545 (RSA)
1 2763/2016/e37be53843e261626267ac2491365 (RSA)
1 2763/2016/e37be537be53843e26167ac249

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open http:
Wiserick Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 Standard 7601 Service Pack 1 microsoft-ds
Wiserick Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 Standard 7601 Service Pack 1 microsoft-ds
Wiserick Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 Standard 7601 Service Pack 1 microsoft-ds
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      22/tcp open ssh
135/tcp open msrpc
139/tcp open netbios-ssn
445/tcp open microsoft-ds
      3000/tcp open ppp
3306/tcp open mysql
      3389/tcp open ms-wbt-server
4848/tcp open appserv-http
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      7676/tcp open imqbrokerd
                                                        open ajp13
     8022/tcp open oa-system
     8031/tcp open unknown
8080/tcp open http-proxy
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Autocommit
4$T^X#@[]W[C}n0A6-z
ugin Name: mysql_native_password
ugin Name: mysql_native_password
    8181/tcp open intermapper
8383/tcp open m2mservices
    8443/tcp open https-alt
9200/tcp open wap-wsp
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             p open ssl/ms-wbt-server?
late: 2023-10-05T05:54:28+00:00; 0s from scanner time.
ert: Subject: commonName=vagrant-2008R2
     49152/tcp open
      49154/tcp open
  Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1.79 seconds
```

Upon further performing the Nmap scan with the tags -sCV, it was discovered that the Windows Server 2008 R2 Standard is running. Additionally, the MySQL database server is open, as evident from the Nmap scan output. Another interesting finding is the target system's name, which is 'VAGRANT-2008R2'.

```
(kali@kali)-[~/Desktop]
nmap -p 3306 192.168.52.133
Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-10-05 02:19 EDT Nmap scan report for 192.168.52.133 Host is up (0.00047s latency).
             STATE SERVICE
3306/tcp open mysql
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.04 seconds
 (kali@kali)-[~/Desktop]
mmap -p 3306 -- script mysql-enum 192.168.52.133
Starting Nmap 7.93 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-10-05 02:19 EDT
Nmap scan report for 192.168.52.133
Host is up (0.00049s latency).
PORT STATE SERVICE
3306/tcp open mysql
 3300/ttp open myset
| mysqt-enum:
| Valid usernames:
| root:cempty> - Valid credentials
| Statistics: Performed 10 guesses in 1 seconds, average tps: 10.0
 Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.22 seconds
 (kali@ kali)-[~/Desktop]

$ mysql -h 192.168.52.133 -u root -p
Enter password:
Welcome to the MariaDB monitor. Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 1572
Server version: 5.5.20-log MySQL Community Server (GPL)
Copyright (c) 2000, 2018, Oracle, MariaDB Corporation Ab and others.
Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.
MySQL [(none)]> show databases;
   information_schema
   mysql
performance_schema
test
 6 rows in set (0.116 sec)
MySQL [(none)]>
```

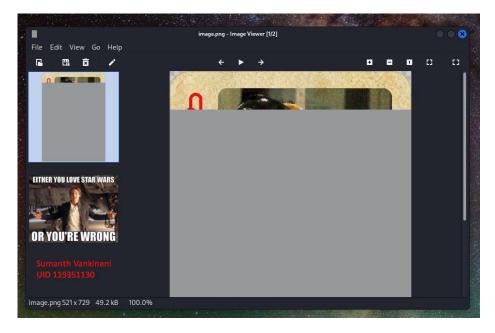
When running the command 'nmap -p 3306 --script mysql-enum 192.168.52.133,' the output shows that the user 'root' can connect to the SQL database without providing any password. As a result, I connected to the database using this 'root' user, as shown below.

As suggested in the question I looked for tables containing cards, and the table queen of hearts looks corrupted.

I downloaded the table to my local machine, copied the value into a text editor, decoded it using Base64, and saved the output as an image.

mysgldump -u root -h 192.168.52.133 cards gueen of hearts > Queen.sgl

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| Sumanth Vankinen | Sumanth Van
```



The above is the restored image, It can be seen that is it's a queen card.

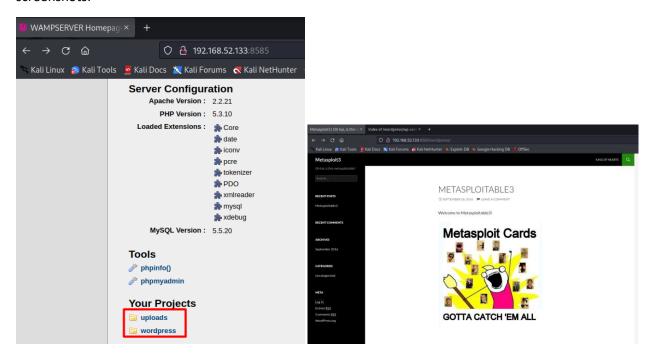
# 3) Problem 3

There is a WordPress install on the Metasploitable 3 VM. Review it and any plugins that are installed. Are there any vulnerabilities you could exploit? Provide a walkthrough of how you determined if anything was exploitable. (The tool wpscan can be useful here, as are the enumeration tools – nmap, mysql, etc - we discussed in class.)

### Answer:

The 8585 port is open which can be found out from the nmap scan, and a WampServer is running on that port.

On accessing the URL with 8585 port we can see a WordPress project as shown in the following screenshots.



Since a WordPress website is running, WPScan can be used for scanning and enumerating vulnerabilities on the website.

```
-(kali© kali)-[~/Desktop]
i wpscan --url http://192.168.52.133:8585/wordpress/. -e u.vp --api-token 3F04qluSJH1NrLGmc1UtJ21t57rwpNmsDi1r5mag7WU
           WordPress Security Scanner by the WPScan Team
Version 3.8.22
        Sponsored by Automattic - https://automattic.com/
@_WPScan_, @ethicalhack3r, @erwan_lr, @firefart
[+] URL: http://192.168.52.133:8585/wordpress/ [192.168.52.133]
[+] Started: Thu Oct 5 03:04:53 2023
Interesting Finding(s):
 +] Headers
| Interesting Entries:
    - Server: Apache/2.2.21 (Win64) PHP/5.3.10 DAV/2
- X-Powered-By: PHP/5.3.10
   Found By: Headers (Passive Detection)
  | Confidence: 100%
 +] XML-RPC seems to be enabled: http://192.168.52.133:8585/wordpress/xmlrpc.php
    Found By: Link Tag (Passive Detection)
   Confidence: 100%
    Confirmed By: Direct Access (Aggressive Detection), 100% confidence
   References:
     http://codex.wordpress.org/XML-RPC_Pingback_API
    - https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/scanner/http/wordpress_ghost_scanner/
- https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/dos/http/wordpress_xmlrpc_dos/
       https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/scanner/http/wordpress_xmlrpc_login/
       https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/auxiliary/scanner/http/wordpress_pingback_access/
[+] WordPress readme found: http://192.168.52.133:8585/wordpress/readme.html
    Found By: Direct Access (Aggressive Detection)
| Confidence: 100%
[+] Full Path Disclosure found: http://192.168.52.133:8585/wordpress/wp-includes/rss-functions.php
 | Interesting Entry: C:\wamp\www\wordpress\wp-includes\rss-functions.php
| Found By: Direct Access (Aggressive Detection)
   Confidence: 100%
 | Reference: https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Full_Path_Disclosure
[+] Upload directory has listing enabled: http://192.168.52.133:8585/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/
| Found By: Direct Access (Aggressive Detection)
| Confidence: 100%
[+] The external WP-Cron seems to be enabled: http://192.168.52.133:8585/wordpress/wp-cron.php
                           ccess (Aggressi
 | Confidence: 60%
   References:
- https://www.iplocation.net/defend-wordpress-from-ddos
- https://github.com/wpscanteam/wpscan/issues/1299
[+] WordPress version 4.6.1 identified (Insecure, released on 2016-09-07).
    Found By: Kss Generator (Passive Detection)
- http://192.168.52.133:8585/wordpress/index.php/feed/, <generator>https://wordpress.org/?v=4.6.1</generator>
- http://192.168.52.133:8585/wordpress/index.php/comments/feed/, <generator>https://wordpress.org/?v=4.6.1</generator>
```

Many vulnerabilities were discovered from the WPScan, as shown in the above and following outputs. The version of WordPress, which is 4.6.1, itself is vulnerable and insecure to use. It is susceptible to many attacks such as remote code execution, cross-site scripting, CSRF, and more, as shown in the outputs in the following screenshots.

```
[+] WordPress version 4.6.1 identified (Insecure, released on 2016-09-07).
| Found By: Rss Generator (Passive Detection)
      - http://192.168.52.133:8585/wordpress/index.php/teed/, <generator>https://wordpress.org/?v=4.6.1</generator>
- http://192.168.52.133:8585/wordpress/index.php/comments/feed/, <generator>https://wordpress.org/?v=4.6.1</generator>
              96 vulnerabilities identified:
   [1] Title: WordPress 4.3-4.7 - Remote Code Execution (RCE) in PHPMailer
             Fixed in: 4.6.2
References:
               References:
- https://wpscan.com/vulnerability/146d60de-b03c-48c6-9b8b-344100f5c3d6
- https://www.wordfence.com/blog/2016/12/phpmailer-vulnerability/
- https://github.com/PHPMailer/PHPMailer/wiki/About-the-CVE-2016-10033-and-CVE-2016-10045-vulnerabilities
- https://wordpress.org/news/2017/01/wordpress-4-7-1-security-and-maintenance-release/
- https://github.com/WordPress/WordPress/commit/24767c76d359231642b0ab48437b64e8c6c7f491
- http://legalhackers.com/advisories/PHPMailer-Exploit-Remote-Code-Exec-CVE-2016-10033-Vuln.html
- https://www.rapid7.com/db/modules/exploit/unix/webapp/wp_phpmailer_host_header/
             Title: WordPress 2.9-4.7 - Authenticated Cross-Site scripting (XSS) in update-core.php
              Fixed in: 4.6.2
References:
               - https://wpscan.com/vulnerability/8b098363-1efb-4831-9b53-bb5d9770e8b4
- https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2017-5488
- https://github.com/WordPress/WordPress/blb/c/9eaide1441b3bda133bf72d513ca9de66566c2/wp-admin/update-core.php
- https://wordpress.org/news/2017/01/wordpress-4-7-1-security-and-maintenance-release/
             Title: WordPress 3.4-4.7 - Stored Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) via Theme Name fallback
              References:
               references:
    https://wpscan.com/vulnerability/6737b4a2-080c-454a-a16e-7fc59824c659
    https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2017-5490
    https://www.mehmetince.net/low-severity-wordpress/
    https://wordpress.org/news/2017/01/wordpress-4-7-1-security-and-maintenance-release/
    https://github.com/WordPress/WordPress/commit/ce7fb2934dd111e6353784852de8aea2a938b359
              Title: WordPress ≤ 4.7 - Post via Email Checks mail.example.com by Default
              Fixed in: 4.6.2
References:
                ceferences:
   https://wpscan.com/vulnerability/0a666ddd-a13d-48c2-85c2-bfdc9cd2a5fb
   https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2017-5491
   https://github.com/wordpress/wordpress/commit/06168788814ac87706d8b95688df276fe3c8596a
   https://wordpress.org/news/2017/01/wordpress-4-7-1-security-and-maintenance-release/
              Title: WordPress 2.8-4.7 - Accessibility Mode Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)
             Fixed in: 4-0.2
References:
- https://wps.can.com/vulnerability/e080c934-6a98-4726-8e7a-43a718d05e79
- https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name-CVE-2017-5492
- https://github.com/WordPress/WordPress/commit/03e5c0314aeffe6b27f4b98fef842bf0fb00c733
- https://wordpress.org/news/2017/01/wordpress-4-7-1-security-and-maintenance-release/
        Title: WordPress 3.0-4.7 - Cryptographically Weak Pseudo-Random Number Generator (PRNG)
```

It is also found that there are multiple users as shown in the following screenshot.

```
[+] Enumerating Users (via Passive and Aggressive Methods)
Brute Forcing Author IDs - Time: 00:00:04 ←
[i] User(s) Identified:
[+] admin
 | Found By: Author Posts - Author Pattern (Passive Detection)
 | Confirmed By:
   Rss Generator (Passive Detection)
   Author Id Brute Forcing - Author Pattern (Aggressive Detection)
 | Login Error Messages (Aggressive Detection)
[+] vagrant
 | Found By: Author Id Brute Forcing - Author Pattern (Aggressive Detection)
 | Confirmed By: Login Error Messages (Aggressive Detection)
[+] user
  Found By: Author Id Brute Forcing - Author Pattern (Aggressive Detection)
 | Confirmed By: Login Error Messages (Aggressive Detection)
[+] manager
 | Found By: Author Id Brute Forcing - Author Pattern (Aggressive Detection)
  Confirmed By: Login Error Messages (Aggressive Detection)
```

I've looked up into the table WordPress in the SQL database and found interesting details consisting of the user details such as their login ids and passwords.



Also found some active plugins in the database which can further scan for vulnerabilities.

```
| 33 | active_plugins | a:2:{i:0;s:19:"akismet/akismet.php";i:1;s:27:"ninja-forms/ninja-forms.php";}
```

No plugins were found using the Passive scan.

```
[+] WordPress theme in use: twentyfourteen
| Location: http://192.168.52.133:8585/wordpress/wp-content/themes/twentyfourteen/
| Last Updated: 2023-08-08T00:00:00.000Z
| Readme: http://192.168.52.133:8585/wordpress/wp-content/themes/twentyfourteen/readme.txt
| [!] The version is out of date, the latest version is 3.7
| Style URL: http://192.168.52.133:8585/wordpress/wp-content/themes/twentyfourteen/style.css?ver=4.6.1
| Style URL: https://wordpress.org/themes/twentyfourteen/
| Description: In 2014, our default theme lets you create a responsive magazine website with a sleek, modern design...
| Author: the WordPress team
| Author URI: https://wordpress.org/
| Found By: Css Style In Homepage (Passive Detection)
| Version: 1.8 (80% confidence)
| Found By: Style (Passive Detection)
| - http://192.168.52.133:8585/wordpress/wp-content/themes/twentyfourteen/style.css?ver=4.6.1, Match: 'Version: 1.8'

[+] Enumerating Vulnerable Plugins (via Passive Methods)
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```

So, to look for the plugins I've used the aggressive tag as shown in the following command.

wpscan --url http://192.168.52.133:8585/wordpress/ --enumerate p --plugins-detection aggressive

```
] Enumerating Most Popular Plugins (via Aggressive Methods)
Checking Known Locations - Time: 00:00:02 ←
+] Checking Plugin Versions (via Passive and Aggressive Methods)
  Plugin(s) Identified:
 Location: http://192.168.52.133:8585/wordpress/wp-content/plugins/akismet/
 Latest Version: 5.3
 Last Updated: 2023-09-13T20:24:00.000Z
  Found By: Known Locations (Aggressive Detection)
   - http://192.168.52.133:8585/wordpress/wp-content/plugins/akismet/, status: 403
      1 vulnerability identified:
     Title: Akismet 2.5.0-3.1.4 - Unauthenticated Stored Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
      Fixed in: 3.1.5
      References:
       - https://wpscan.com/vulnerability/1a2f3094-5970-4251-9ed0-ec595a0cd26c
       - https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2015-9357
- http://blog.akismet.com/2015/10/13/akismet-3-1-5-wordpress/
       - https://blog.sucuri.net/2015/10/security-advisory-stored-xss-in-akismet-wordpress-plugin.html
  The version could not be determined.
```

The plugins discovered are Akismet and Ninja Forms. The Akismet plugin has a vulnerability of unauthenticated stored cross-site scripting (XSS). The Ninja Forms plugin contains over 37 vulnerabilities, as shown in the following output. Some of them are XSS, authenticated SQL injection, CSV injection, etc.

```
+1 ninia-forms
| Location: http://192.168.52.133:8585/wordpress/wp-content/plugins/ninja-forms/
  [!] The version is out of date, the latest version is 3.6.33
  Found By: Known Locations (Aggressive Detection)
  - http://192.168.52.133:8585/wordpress/wp-content/plugins/ninja-forms/, status: 200
     37 vulnerabilities identified:
     Title: Ninja Forms 2.9.36 to 2.9.42 - Multiple Vulnerabilities
      Fixed in: 2.9.43
     References:
      https://wpscan.com/vulnerability/513fab31-d0e5-4d22-a7e3-63707e6e8aaa
      - https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2016-1209
      se https://www.pritect.net/blog/ninja-forms-2-9-42-critical-security-vulnerabiliti
      - https://github.com/wpninjas/ninja-forms/pull/1319
     Title: Ninja Forms ≤ 2.9.51 - Multiple Authenticated Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
     Fixed in: 2.9.52
      References:
      - https://wpscan.com/vulnerability/a495b360-a81f-4d42-a8d4-a74e2c2a7cee
      https://sumofpwn.nl/advisory/2016/multiple_cross_site_scripting_vulnerabilities
- https://seclists.org/bugtraq/2016/Jul/83
      - https://plugins.trac.wordpress.org/changeset/1456452/ninja-forms
     Title: Ninja Forms ≤ 2.9.55.1 - Authenticated SQL Injection
     Fixed in: 2.9.55.2
     References:
       - https://wpscan.com/vulnerability/a494753c-187e-4de9-9564-dc8a36df048b
      - https://blog.sucuri.net/2016/08/sql-injection-vulnerability-ninja-forms.html
     Title: Ninja Forms ≤ 3.2.13 - Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
      Fixed in: 3.2.14
      References:
      - https://wpscan.com/vulnerability/48011651-4317-40c3-8d12-3a589a49129d
      - https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2018-7280
      - https://plugins.trac.wordpress.org/changeset/1825532/ninja-forms
      Title: Ninja Forms ≤ 3.3.13 - CSV Injection
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# Security Advisory: Stored XSS in Akismet WordPress Plugin



During a routine audit for our WAF, we <u>discovered a critical stored XSS vulnerability affecting Akismet</u>, a popular WordPress plugin deployed by millions of installs.

#### **Vulnerability Disclosure Timeline:**

- October 2nd, 2015 Bug discovered, initial report to Automattic security team
- October 5th, 2015 Automattic security team acks receipt of report, sets patch date for October 13th
- October 13th, 2015 Patch made public with the release of Akismet 3.1.5
- October 14th, 2015 Sucuri Public Disclosure of Vulnerability (After auto-updates from Automattic team)

# SQL Injection Vulnerability in Ninja Forms



As part of our regular research audits for our <u>Sucuri Firewall</u>, we discovered an SQL Injection vulnerability affecting the Ninja Forms plugin for WordPress, <u>currently installed on 600,000+ websites</u>.

### **Vulnerability Disclosure Timeline:**

- August 11th 9:35 am, 2016 Initial report to the Ninja Forms team
- August 11th 2:49 pm, 2016 Public release of version 2.9.55.2, fixing the vulnerability

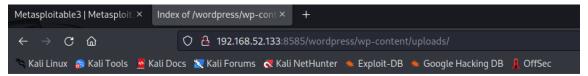
### Are You at Risk?

The attack vector used to exploit this vulnerability requires the attacker to have an account on the victim's site. It doesn't matter what the account privileges are – for example, a subscriber could exploit this issue. The issue occurs because the plugin doesn't escape parameters provided by its shortcodes before concatenating it to an SQL query.

A malicious individual using this bug could (among other things) **leak the site's usernames and hashed passwords**. In certain configurations, it can also leak WordPress secret keys.

Security weaknesses in the "uploads" directory can allow attackers to upload malicious files, execute code, overwrite existing files, serve harmful content, access sensitive data, and disrupt operations. These actions can lead to data breaches, compromised user privacy, and damage to the web application's integrity.

To prevent exploitation, web applications should implement robust file validation, access controls, and security measures to safeguard user-uploaded content, maintain data integrity, and protect against potential security vulnerabilities.



# Index of /wordpress/wp-content/uploads

[ICO]	<u>Name</u>	Last modified	Size Description
[DIR] Pa	arent Director	<u>y</u>	-
[DIR] <u>20</u>	<u>)16/</u>	27-Sep-2016 09:26	-

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