

Assignment: Build and Analyze a Vulnerable Web Application

Objective

Design and implement a **simple, minimal web application** that contains **at least two vulnerabilities** covered in lab sessions (e.g., SQL Injection, XSS, Command Injection, File Inclusion). The focus is on the **backend logic**. The frontend can be basic (e.g., raw HTML). The app must be **containerized using Docker** to allow consistent building and testing across different systems.

Requirements

Web Application

- Create a basic web app (PHP, Flask, Node.js, etc.).
- Include **at least two vulnerabilities**.
- Use **Docker** for deployment.

Report Contents

Prepare a report that includes the following:

1. Web Application Features

Describe the purpose of your app. What features does it offer?

2. Identifying Vulnerabilities

Which vulnerabilities are present? Where are they located in the code?

3. Black-Box Testing

If you do **not have access to the source code**, how would you identify potential vulnerabilities?

- What tools or techniques would you use?
- What signs or responses from the application help reveal vulnerabilities?

4. How to Exploit

Provide step-by-step exploitation instructions for each vulnerability. Include:

- Payloads

- Screenshots or video proofs

5. Root Cause

Why does each vulnerability exist? What is the technical mistake behind it?

6. Proposed Mitigations

What steps can be taken to fix or prevent each vulnerability?

Deliverables

- **Your GitHub repository link**, which must contain:
 - Source code of the web application.
 - Dockerfile for building and running the application.
 - Report in PDF format, including screenshots.
 - (Optional) A video demonstrating proof-of-concept (PoC) exploitation.

Rubric (Total: 100 points)

Criteria	Description	Points
Web Application (40 pts)		
–	At least 2 vulnerabilities implemented	20
–	Functional and working app	10
–	Proper use of Docker	10
Report Quality (60 pts)		
–	Clear feature explanation	10
–	Vulnerabilities explained	10
–	Black-box testing insights	5
–	Exploitation payloads and procedure	10
–	Screenshots or video included	10
–	Root cause analysis	10
–	Proposed mitigations	10
Bonus (Optional)		
–	One extra vulnerability	+5
–	Mitigation implemented in code	+5