

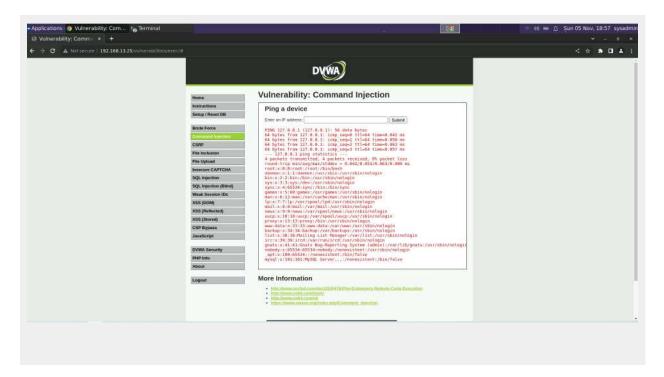
Module 15 Challenge Submission File

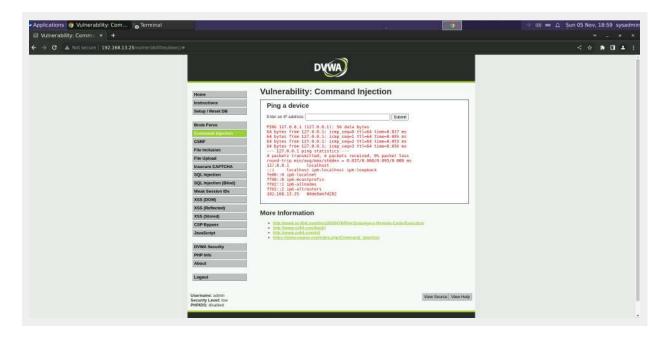
Testing Web Applications for Vulnerabilities

Make a copy of this document to work in, and then respond to each question below the prompt. Save and submit this completed file as your Challenge deliverable.

Web Application 1: Your Wish is My Command Injection

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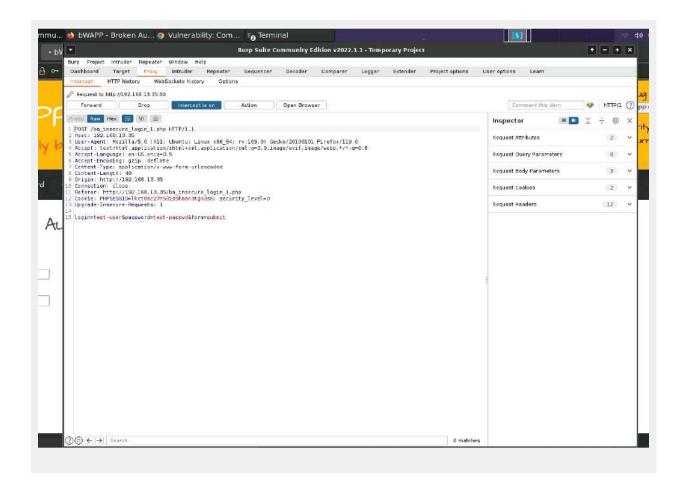


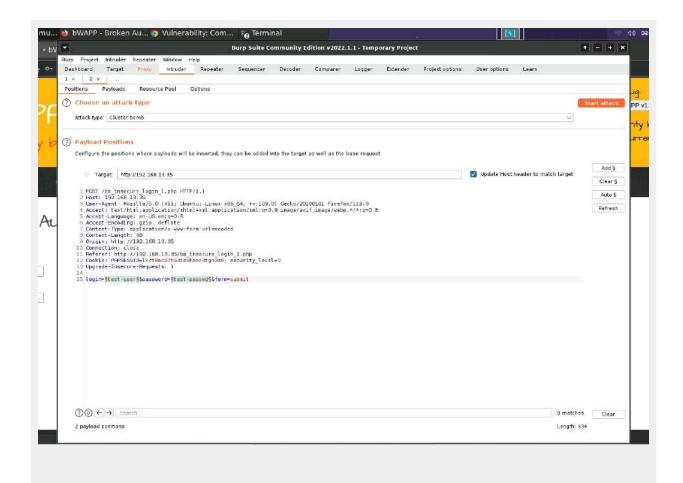
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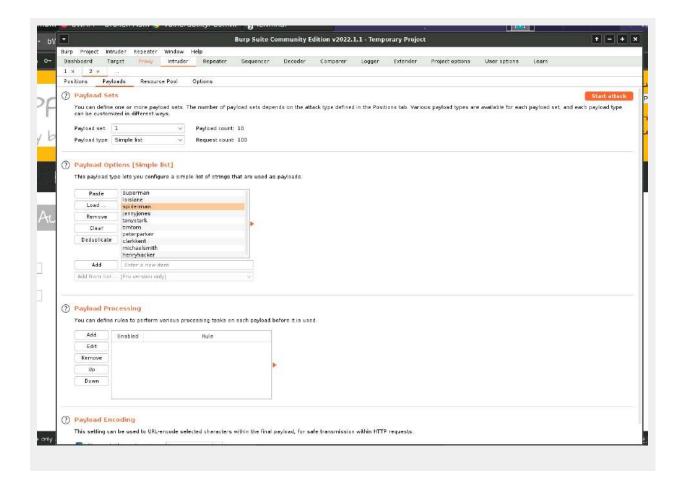
To mitigate command injection vulnerabilities, avoid running system commands directly with user-supplied input. Instead, use built-in library functions. Employ strong input validation by implementing whitelists for allowed characters or commands like 'ls' and 'pwd.' Adopt the Principle of Least Privilege to limit application and process privileges, reducing the risk of successful attacks. Regularly update and patch applications, staying vigilant for potential vulnerabilities, and consider using a web application firewall (WAF) to block suspicious traffic. For Replicant's new application, implement input validation, parameterized queries, access controls, security libraries, and conduct routine security testing to enhance overall security (Dizdar, 2022).

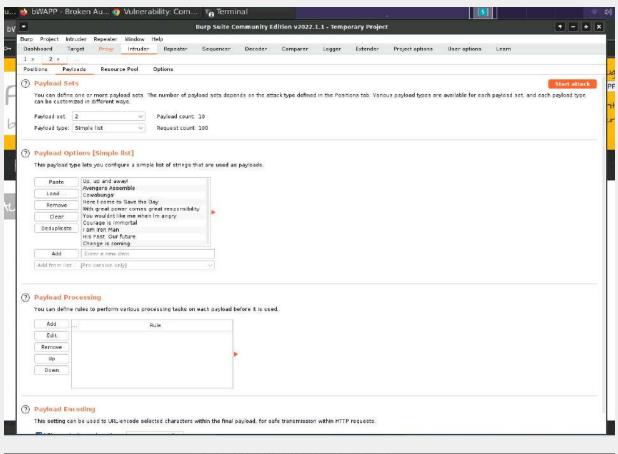
Web Application 2: A Brute Force to Be Reckoned With

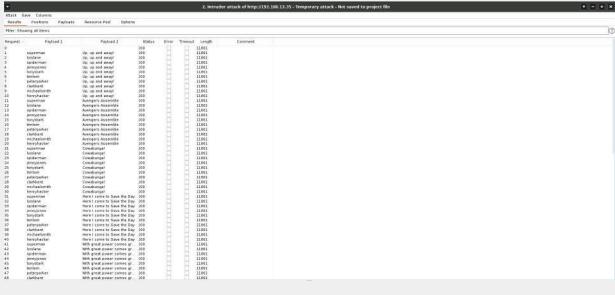
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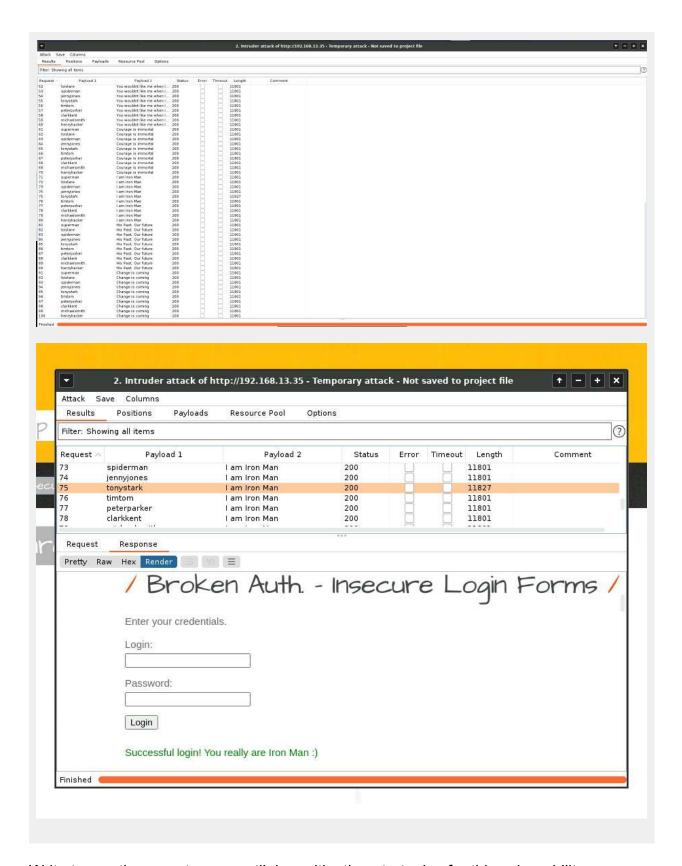










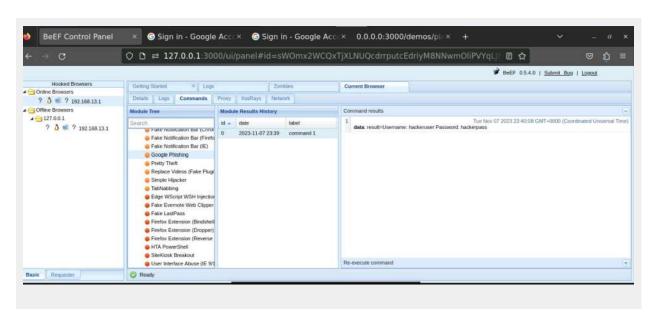


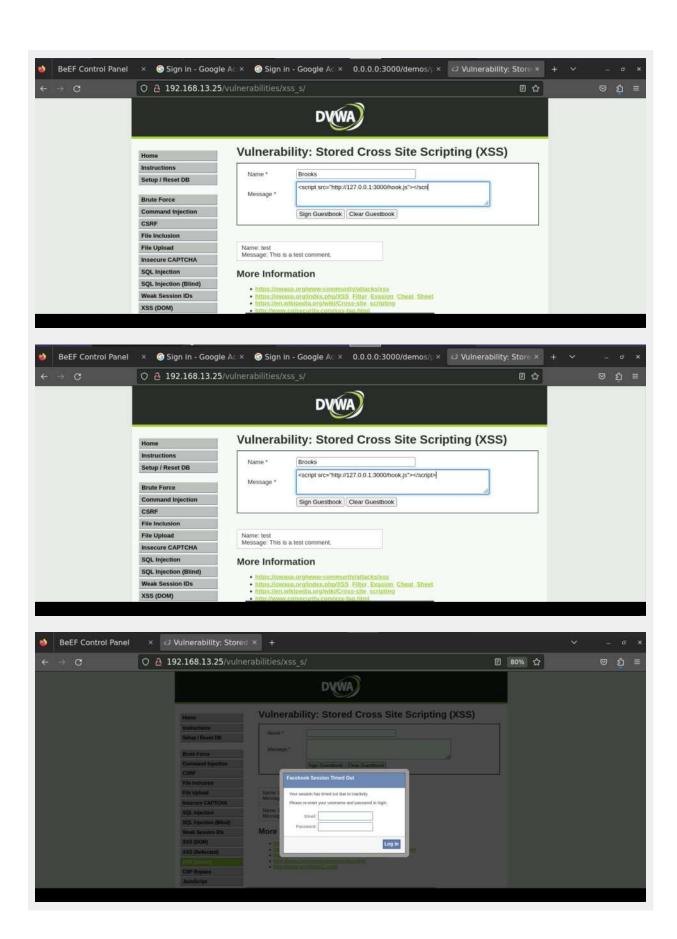
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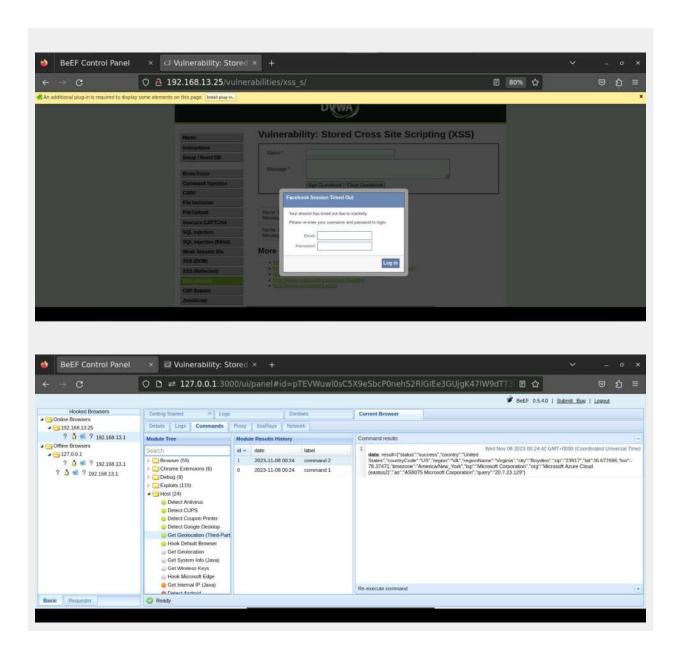
According to Paulino (2020), some mitigation strategies for this vulnerability include IP blocking and user blocking, which restrict access based on IP addresses or repeated incorrect login attempts but may have limitations. CAPTCHA provides an extra layer of security by challenging users to prove they are human. Multi-factor authentication (MFA) enhances security but should be carefully implemented to avoid inconvenience and costs. Proof of Work prevents email spam and denial of service attacks through computationally costly challenges. Additionally, strategies like strong password policies, MFA, account lockouts, monitoring and alerting, password rotation, password hashing and salting, education and training, central directory integration, incident response plans, and security audits can be adopted to fortify administrator account security.

Web Application 3: Where's the BeEF?

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To mitigate vulnerabilities, Replicants should educate users to recognize social engineering attempts, sanitize user input before it is displayed on the webpage and implement email filtering. The company should also ensure users are trained to spot phishing attempts, use multi-factor authentication to bolster login security, control access to geolocation data, implement privacy settings, and encrypt geolocation data in transit. Prevent script injections with rigorous input validation, Content Security Policy (CSP), web application firewalls, regular security testing, patch management, and monitoring systems for intrusion detection, all while keeping software up to date to address known vulnerabilities (Nduka, 2023).

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