Practical Computing (UCS311) Evaluation Assignment 2



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Q1. Give technical commentary on each of the underlined text, be precise while you answer. We need crisp replies.

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C:\Users\msing>nslookup
Default Server: UnKnown
Address: 192.168.18.1
> server 8.8.8.8
Default Server: dns.google
Address: 8.8.8.8
> set q=MX
> thapar.edu
Server: dns.google
Address: 8.8.8.8
Non-authoritative answer:
thapar.edu
                MX preference = 1, mail exchanger = aspmx.l.google.com
thapar.edu
                MX preference = 5, mail exchanger = alt1.aspmx.l.google.com
                MX preference = 10, mail exchanger = alt4.aspmx.l.google.com
thapar.edu
thapar.edu
                MX preference = 5, mail exchanger = alt2.aspmx.l.google.com
thapar.edu
                MX preference = 10, mail exchanger = alt3.aspmx.l.google.com
> set q=NS
> thapar.edu
Server: dns.google
Address: 8.8.8.8
Non-authoritative answer:
thapar.edu
                nameserver = dns2.easydns.net
thapar.edu nameserver = dns1.easydns.com
thapar.edu nameserver = dns3.easydns.ca
```

Sol 1:

nslookup

- It stands for **name server lookup.** It's main use is for **troubleshooting DNS** related problems. It is a network administration command-line tool available in many computer operating systems for querying the Domain Name System (DNS) to obtain domain name or IP address mapping or display DNS records such as the IP address of a system or the MX records of the domain.
- It operates in 2 modes: **interactive or non-interactive mode**. In interactive mode, by invoking it **without arguments as in the given question**, the user issues parameter configurations or requests when presented with the **nslookup prompt** (>).
- In non-interactive mode, i.e. when the first argument is a name or Internet address of the host being searched, parameters and the query are specified as command line arguments in the invocation of the program.

4 192.168.18.1

This is the **address of the default server** (UnKnown) since the server name is not mentioned explicitly.

server 8.8.8.8

We can **switch server** by typing server command. This means that instead of the default server, the server with address 8.8.8.8 is used.

dns.google

This means that **this time** the information is coming from the **google server** and not the default server. **dns.google** is the **DNS name** of that server.

4 Address: 8.8.8.8

This is the google server's (dns.google) IP address.

♣ set q=MX

- set q=x specifies the type of records to be displayed, such as A, CNAME, MX, NS, PTR or SOA. This sets a **filter to only collect MX records** and related information from the DNS servers. If the MX record is not displayed, DNS is not configured properly.
- When the internet service providers are failed, then these **mail exchangers** can be used as a backup.

Non-authoritative answer:

This means that the local DNS server was **unable** to **answer the query itself**, and instead had to contact one or more other name server address of the default DNS server and thus, this **DNS server** is **not directly responsible** for this domain name and this name is known to this server because it had previously resolved that name and has taken this information from it's cache record.

MX preference = 1 and MX preference = 5

- The "MX preference" specifies which mail server to use and in which order. The lower the number, the more preferred the mail server is.
- If the preference for each mail server is same, you can use any of the given "mail exchangers".
- The lower the preference, the higher the priority. Thus, the mail exchanger with the least value is going to get all the mails.

mail exchanger = aspmx.1.google.com and mail exchanger = alt1.aspmx.1.google.com

A mail exchange record (MX record) is a resource record or settings within the Domain Name System (DNS) that redirects email to a specified mail server which accepts email on behalf of a domain or users.

Here, when the mail exchanger with the least value i.e. 1 gets failed, the mail exchanger with the second smallest value i.e. 5 is contacted. Thus, if the mail exchanger aspmx.1.google.com gets failed then, alt1.aspmx.1.google.com will be contacted.

♣ set q= NS

set q=x specifies the type of records to be displayed, such as A, CNAME, MX, NS, PTR or SOA. This displays **DNS server responsible** for a **particular domain name.**

dns2.easydns.net

This is the **server name** which will be used instead of the google DNS server, in case it fails.

Q2. Look at the snippet given and answer

- i) How this program would have been compiled, give command syntax?
- ii) Certain portions in the snippet are highlighted, kindly comment on each one of these.

Sol 2:

i)

- A 'C' program can be compiled by using gcc compiler
- Option –g is used to **invoke the debugger** so that we can debug the given program.
- Option –**o** is used to **rename** the name of the executable file.

Syntax (for C program):

```
gcc -g filename.c -o name_of_executable_file
```

To compile the given program, use the command:

```
gcc -g mst.c -o mst
```

ii)

🝁 b 15

It inserts **breakpoint** at line number **15**. It helps to pause the program during execution when it starts to execute the function and helps to **debug** the program at that point. Multiple breakpoints can be inserted by executing the command wherever necessary. **b 15** command makes **the mst executable file pause** when the debugger starts to execute the main function.

4 0x804845f:

Address of the line number 15.

4 file mst.c, line 15

The name of the file is mst.c and the breakpoint is initiated on line number 15.

\downarrow r

To stop the breakpoint and **run** the program i.e. r command runs the current executable file.

The message that gets prompted on running (\mathbf{gdb}) \mathbf{r} is:

The program being debugged has been started already.

Start it from the beginning? (y or n)

argc=1

argc (argument count) stores the number of the command line arguments passed to the main function.

argv=0xbffff434

argv (**arg**ument **v**ector) is a vector of C strings i.e. it stores one-dimensional array of strings. So, **the passed arguments** will get **stored** in the **array argv** at the **base address 0xbffff434.**

envp=0xbffff43c

envp gives the program's environment. The *argv* mechanism is typically used to **pass command-line arguments** specific to the particular program being invoked. The environment, on the other hand, keeps track of information that is shared by many programs which here is **stored at the base address 0xbffff43c.**

info frame

- It displays **low-level** verbose description of the **selected stack frame including:**
 - The address of the frame
 - The address of the next frame down (called by this frame)
 - The address of the next frame up (caller of this frame)
 - o The language in which the source code corresponding to this frame is written
 - The address of the frame's arguments
 - O The address of the frame's local variables
 - o The program counter saved in it (the address of execution in the caller frame)
 - O Which registers were saved in the frame

+ eip = 0x804845f

eip or instruction pointer register stores address for next instruction to execute (also called **program counter**). So, at this moment, the next to execute is at "0x804845f", which is line **16** of the program **mst.c**.

saved eip 0xb7e384d3

saved eip "0xb7e384d3" is so called "return address", i.e. **the instruction to resume in caller stack frame after returning from this caller stack**. It is pushed into stack upon "CALL" instruction (save it for return).

Locals at 0xbffff398

It displays the address of local variables.

Previous frame's sp is 0xbffff3a0

This is where the **previous frame's stack pointer points to** (the caller frame), at the moment of calling.

ebp at 0xbffff398

ebp at 0xbffff398 that is the **address** where the ebp register of the caller's stack frame is saved. This register is usually considered as **the starting address of the locals of this stack frame**. In another words, the operations of all local variables use ebp.

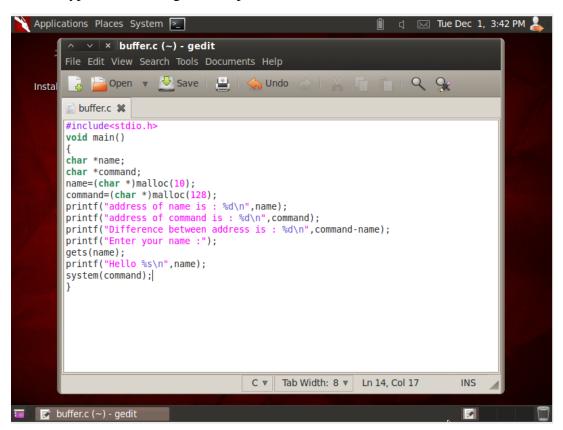
eip at 0xbffff39c

0xbffff39c will **overwrite the value of saved eip (0xb7e384d3)** so that when the function returns execution, it will continue from the value we stored there.

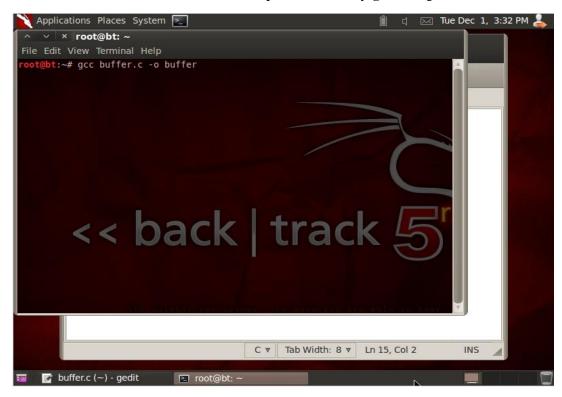
Q3. Write a program to perform buffer overflow attack.

Sol 3:

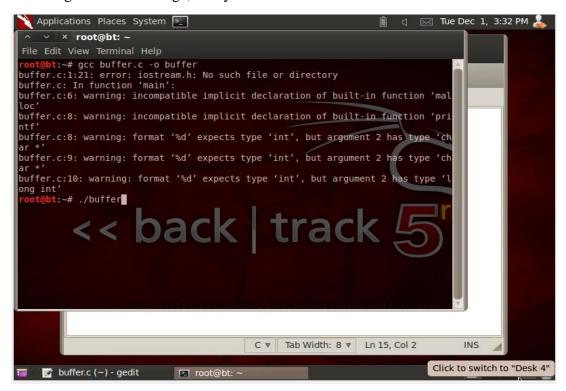
- Open the BackTrack Applications menu and then select Accessories->gedit text editor
- Type the following code to perform buffer overflow attack and then Save the code.



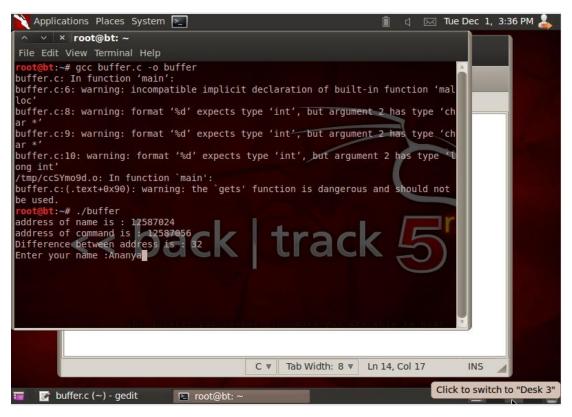
Launch the command terminal and compile the code by gcc compiler.



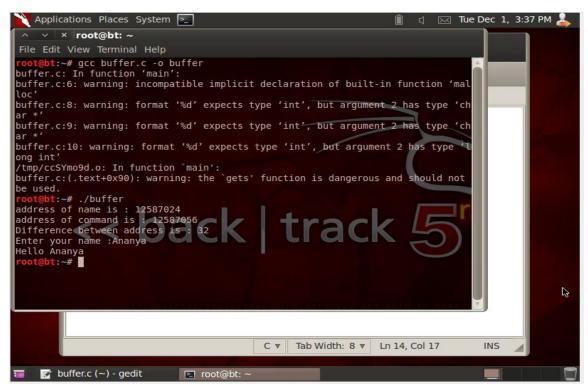
- Execute the program by typing ./buffer.
- Ignore the warnings, if any.



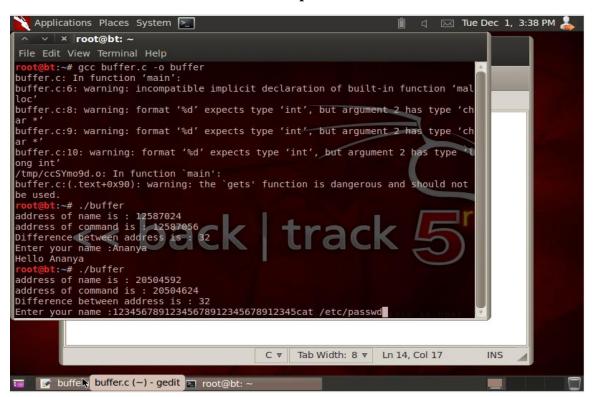
Just to check, before doing the buffer overflow attack, type any name (say Ananya) in the input field and press Enter.



Hello Ananya should be printed.

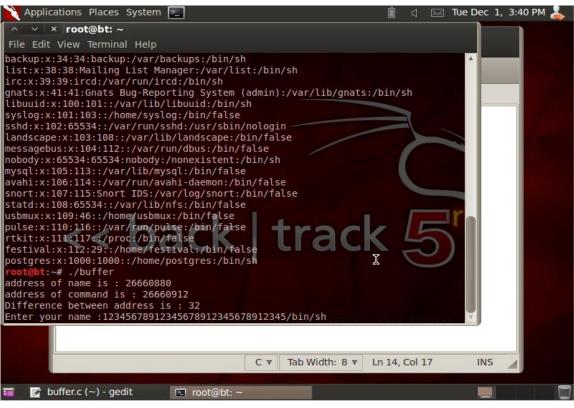


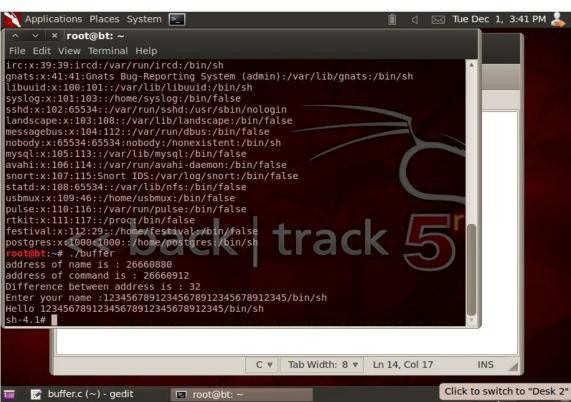
- Run ./buffer again and execute the listed system commands for example: 12345678912345678912345678912345cat /etc/passwd in the input field.
- Writing data to the buffer (name), overruns the name boundary and overwrites the adjacent memory (command).
- We can view the **contents** of the /etc/passwd file.



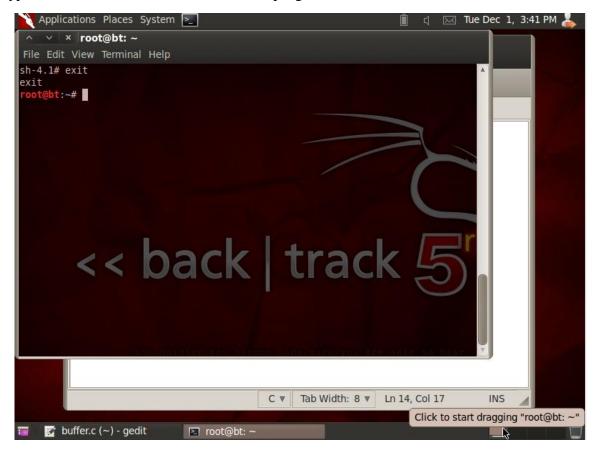


- Now, obtain the **command shell** : **sh-4.1** (here)
- Run the program again by ./buffer.c by typing
 12345678912345678912345/bin/sh in the input field.



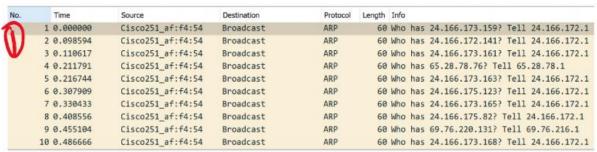


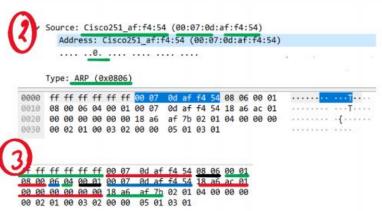
Type exit in the shell Konsole or close the program.

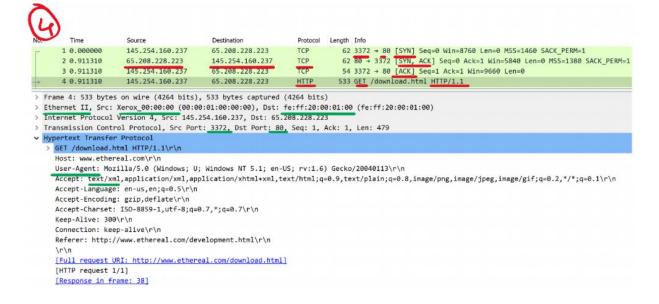


Hence, we performed Buffer Overflow Attack by using a C program.

Q4. Give technical commentary about the 1 segment as highlighted in the captured frames, certain fields are highlighted in the segment 2, 3 and 4, give comments about each of the underlined fields.







Sol 4:

1)

- ❖ No: It displays the packet number.
- ❖ **Time**: It displays the **time the packet has spent** and not the arrival time of the packet. Thus, the starting rows have value of the time as 0.0+ and then keeps on increasing.
- **❖** Cisco251_af:f4:54
 - o It displays the name of the **Ethernet company**, which here is **Cisco**.
 - The rest is the MAC address of the source (sender).
- ❖ **Destination:** ARP (Address Resolution Protocol) tells Ethernet to send a **broadcast** destined for the ARP protocols on all other machines on the network.
- ❖ Protocol: ARP (Address Resolution Protocol) is a communication protocol used for discovering the link layer address, such as a MAC address, associated with a given internet layer address, typically an IPv4 address.
- **Length:** It gives the information of how big that packet is.
- ❖ Info: The router broadcasts the ARP message "The machine with IP address 24.166.173.159, tell your Ethernet address to the machine with the IP address 24.166.172.1".

2)

Source: Cisco251_af:f4:54 (00:07:0d:af:f4:54)

If we click on any single packet, it's information will be given such as:

- The name of the **Ethernet company**, which in this case is **Cisco**.
- The rest is the MAC address of the source (sender).
- The address of the Ethernet provider will be in 48 bits wherein starting 24 bits will be the manufacturer's code and the next 24 bits are the address (MAC) of the Hardware device.
- *****0.
 - The LG bit (UL bit) is the second least significant bit.
 - The U/L bit indicates whether the MAC address has been assigned by a local or universal administrator.
 - Universal addresses have the U/L bit set to 0 i.e. the MAC address must be globally unique.
 - If the U/L bit is set to 1, the bits are locally administered i.e. the MAC address
 must be LOCALLY unique and the uniqueness does not need to extend beyond a
 router.
- ❖ The Ethernet Type Field is 0806, which means go to ARP instead of the default IP.

- ❖ When we send the data which is in form of packets, **data is not received** at the receiver's end in the same sequence as it was send by the sender.
- ❖ Thus, we keep the information of the headers in hexadecimal form so that the packets can be arranged sequentially on the destination end.

4)

- **Source**: It is the **IP address of the source** (from where the packet came).
- **Destination**: It is the **IP address of the Destination** (where the packet is going).
- **❖ TCP**: Here the Protocol or the set of rules that are followed by system for transmission of packets from source to destination is TCP i.e. **Transmission Control Protocol**. It **facilitates the exchange of messages between computing devices in a network.**
- ❖ HTTP: It is a protocol which allows the fetching of resources, such as HTML documents. It is the foundation of any data exchange on the Web and it is a client-server protocol, which means requests are initiated by the recipient, usually the Web browser.
- **Length:** It gives the information of **how big that packet is**.
- ❖ Info: It give all the information about that particular packet i.e.
 - 3372-> 80 [SYN]
 - SYN (synchronize) is the first process THREE-WAY HANDSHAKE or a **TCP** 3-way handshake establishing in communication between two systems over the TCP/IP protocol to make a connection between the server and client where client wants to establish a connection with server, so it sends a segment with SYN (Synchronize Sequence Number) which informs server that client is likely to start **communication** and with what sequence number it start the segment with receiver.
 - The **Destination port number** is 80.
 - The **source port number** is 3372.
 - [SYN, ACK]
 - o It is the **intermediary process** of TCP 3-way handshake.
 - Server responds to the client request with SYN-ACK signal bits set. Acknowledgement(ACK) signifies the response of segment it received and SYN signifies with what sequence number it is likely to start the segments with receiver i.e. when a server receives a SYN request, it responds with a SYN-ACK (synchronize acknowledge) message.

• [ACK]

- o ACK(acknowledge) is the final process of TCP 3-way handshake where client acknowledges the response of server and they both establish a reliable connection with which they will start the actual data transfer.
- o It helps us to **confirm** to the other side that it has **received the SYN**.

• HTTP/1.1

It is the latest version of Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) and the World Wide Web application protocol that runs on top of the Internet's TCP/IP suite of protocols. It provides faster delivery of Web pages than the original HTTP and reduces Web traffic.

Instead of opening and closing a connection for each application request, HTTP 1.1 provides a persistent connection that allows multiple requests to be batched or pipelined to an output buffer.

GET

The underlying Transmission Control Protocol layer can put multiple requests (and responses to requests) into one TCP segment that gets forwarded to the Internet Protocol layer for packet transmission. Because the number of connection and disconnection requests for a **sequence of "get a file" requests is reduced, fewer packets need to flow across the Internet**. Since requests are pipelined, TCP segments are more efficient. The overall result is less Internet traffic and faster performance for the user.

Ethernet II:

Ethernet II framing, where Intel and Xerox are the major participants in its design, defines the two-octet Ether Type field in an **Ethernet frame**, preceded by destination and source MAC addresses, that identifies an upper layer protocol encapsulated by the frame data.

- **Xerox 00:00:00** (00:00:01:00:00:00)
 - o The name of the **Ethernet company**, which in this case is **Xerox**.
 - The rest is the MAC address of the source (sender).
 - The address of the Ethernet provider will be in 48 bits wherein starting 24 bits will be the manufacturer's code and the next 24 bits are the address (MAC) of the Hardware device.
- **bst: fe:ff:20:00:01:00** (fe:ff:20:00:01:00)
 - The MAC address of the Destination's machine will be in 48 bits wherein starting 24 bits will be the manufacturer's code and the next 24 bits are the address (MAC) of the Hardware device.
- **❖** 3372: It is the TCP port number of the Source.
- ❖ 80: It is the TCP port number of the Destination.

User-Agent:

- It helps user in finding user agent string in packets using wireshark like whether which web browser or script is used for connecting to internet services.
- o The User-Agent here is Microsoft's Windows XP (NT 5.1).
- o **Rv:1.6 represents a model number** for this Window's device.

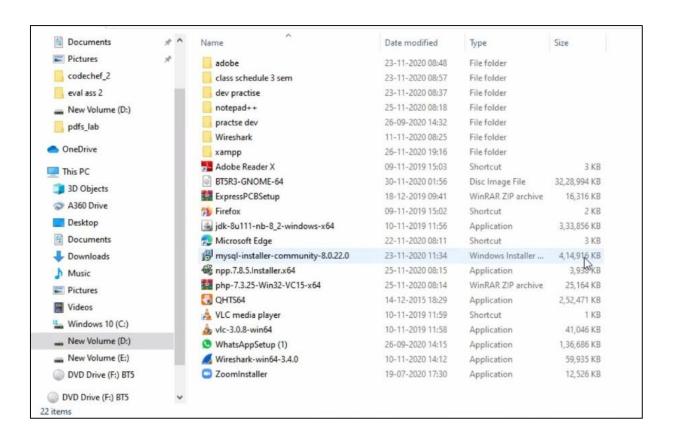
***** text/xml:

- This means that the media type is text that we are using in the **http** request.
- eXtensible Markup Language (XML) is specified so as to get the http request in **XML format.**

Q5. Let us assume that Charles is not satisfied with the salary she gets. She would like to increase her own salary using the SQL injection vulnerability. Please explain each and every step with screenshot.

Sol 5

➤ Install MYSQL on the system.



➤ MYSQL will be visible in the start menu. Click on the MYSQL 8.0 Command Line Client.



Enter the root password which was used during the installation.

MySQL 8.0 Command Line Client

```
Enter password: *******

Welcome to the MySQL monitor. Commands end with ; or \g.

Your MySQL connection id is 30

Server version: 8.0.22 MySQL Community Server - GPL

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Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the current input statement.

mysql>
```

> Create a database, with the name **sql_inj**(say).

```
mysql> create database sql_inj;
Query OK, 1 row affected (1.14 sec)
mysql> use sql_inj;
Database changed
```

Now, create a table empl (say) with 5 attributes (i.e. columns) for the database "sql inj".

mysql> create table empl(ID int(6) NOT NULL auto_increment, NAME varchar(30) NOT NULL, PASSWORD varchar(30) NOT NULL, SALARY int(6) NOT NULL, Primary Key(ID));
Query OK, 0 rows affected, 2 warnings (8.58 sec)

After a table is created, we can use "describe" to display the structure of the table.

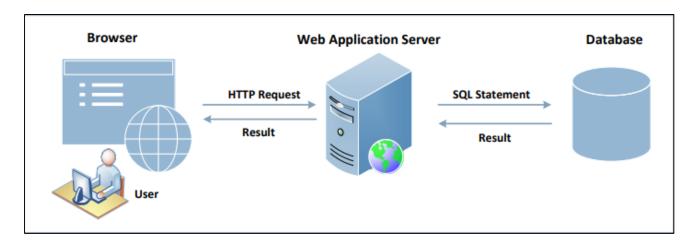
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nvsql> describe empl:
                                         Default
 Field
                            Null | Key |
             Type
 ID
             int
                           NO
                                   PRI
                                         NULL
                                                    auto increment
 NAME
             varchar(30)
                            NO
                                         NULL
 PASSWORD
             varchar(30)
                            NO
                                         NULL
 SALARY
             int
                            NO
                                         NULL
 rows in set (0.86 sec)
```

- > We can use the **INSERT INTO** statement to insert a new record into a table.
- ➤ Here, we insert a record with the required fields such as **ID**, **NAME**, **PASSWORD** and **SALARY** into the "empl" table.
- > We do not specify a value of the ID column, as it will be automatically set by the database.
- ➤ If the condition is always True, then all the rows are affected by the SQL statement.

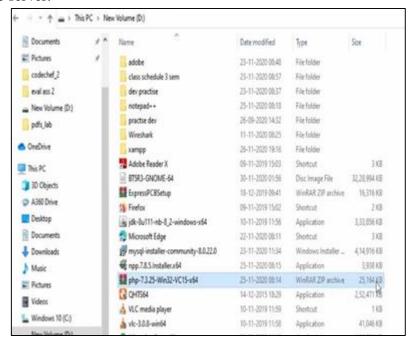
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mysql> insert into empl(NAME, PASSWORD, SALARY) values ('Charles', 'ch34p', '35000');
Query OK, 1 row affected (1.19 sec)
mysql> insert into empl(NAME, PASSWORD, SALARY) values ('Ananya', 'anu87', '600000');
Query OK, 1 row affected (0.67 sec)
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- > **SELECT** retrieves information from a database.
- * asks the database for all its records, including all the columns.

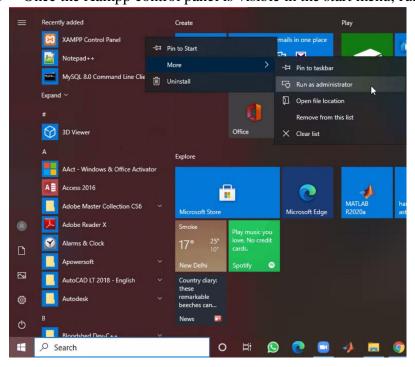
> SQL Injection attacks :cause damage to the database



- As we notice in the figure, the users do not directly interact with the database but through a web server. If this channel is not implemented properly, malicious users can attack the database.
- ➤ **Install PHP** so as to create 2 PHP files and then we will be able to communicate with the server.

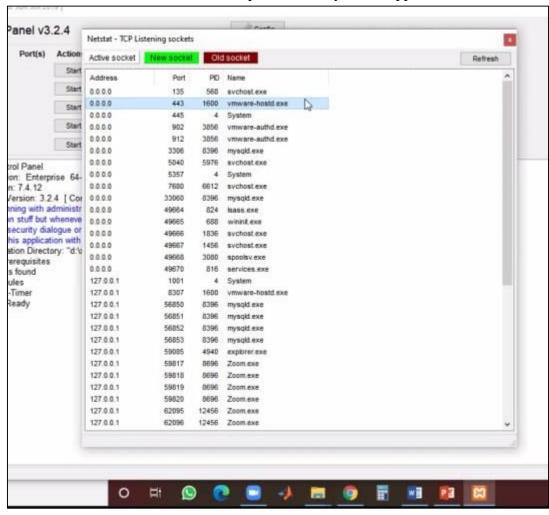


- The server here is **XAMPP**.
- ➤ Once the Xampp control panel is visible in the start menu, run it as an administrator.

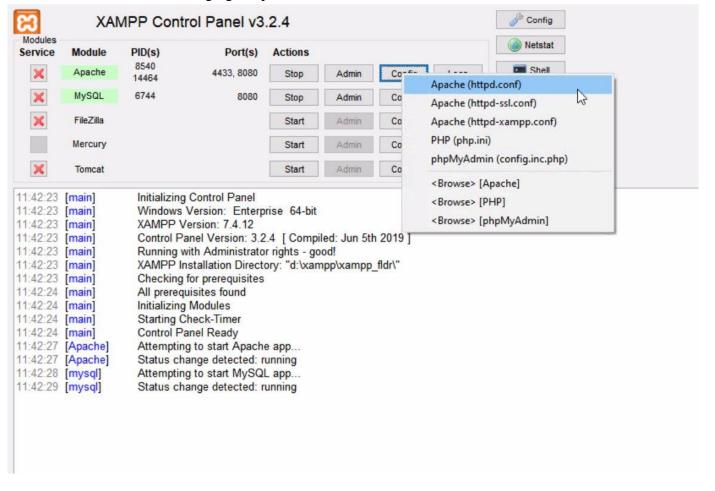


➤ It is possible that the by default port i.e. 80 and 443 given by Xampp are already in use by some other application. So, we have to change the port settings.



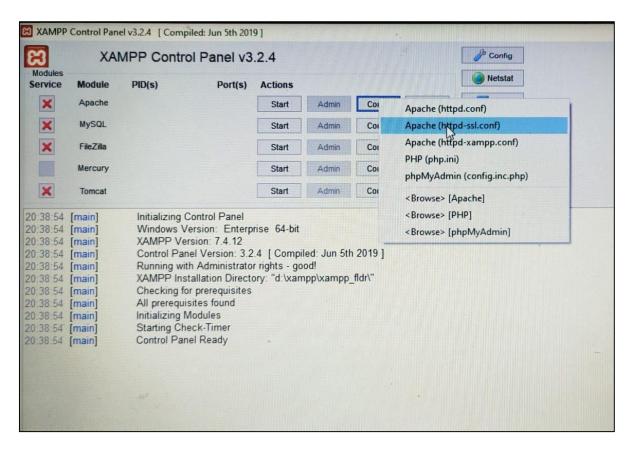


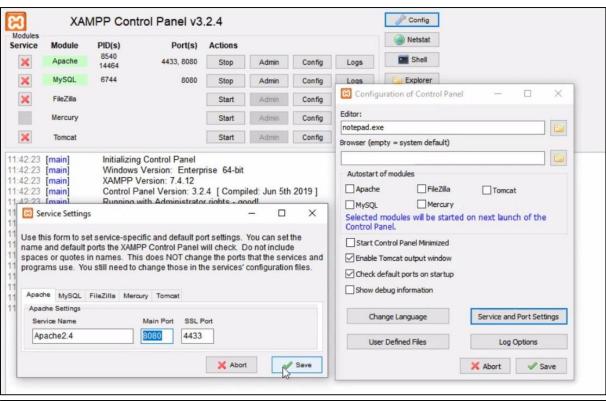
➤ These can be changed for both **Apache and MYSQL** by accessing their Config files and then changing the port number.

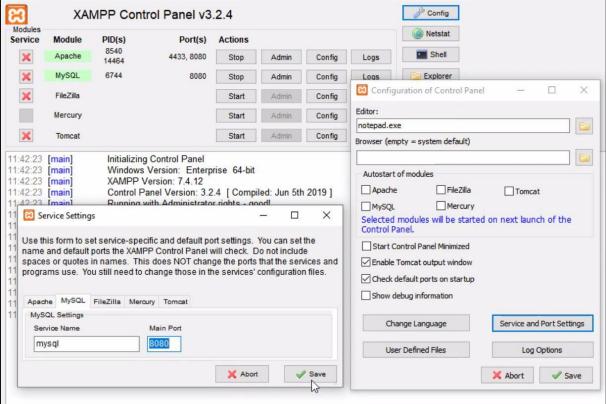


> The file httpd.config.

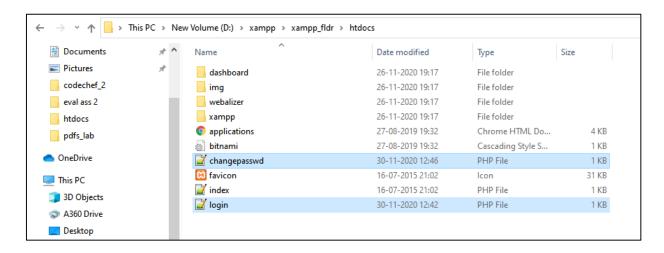
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# mutex file directory is not on a local disk or is not appropriate
# other reason.
# Mutex default:logs
# Listen: Allows you to bind Apache to specific IP addresses and/or
# ports, instead of the default. See also the <VirtualHost>
# directive.
#
# Change this to Listen on specific IP addresses as shown below to
# prevent Apache from glomming onto all bound IP addresses.
#
#Listen 12.34.56.78:8080
Listen 8080 ]
#
# Dynamic Shared Object (DSO) Support
```







➤ Make 2 files: login.php and changepasswd.php in the D:\xampp\xampp_fldr\htdocs.



- ➤ The file login.php opened with Notepad++ text editor.
- > Explanation of login.php:
 - The user will be asked to enter his\her credentials i.e. Name, Password and New Password.
 - When the user will press Submit button, the action is to make a HTTP GET request, because the method field in the HTML code specified the get type.

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      <form action="changepasswd.php" method="get">
  1
        NAME: <input type="text" NAME="NAME"><br>
  2
        PASSWORD: <input type="text" NAME="PASSWORD"><br>
  3
  4
        NEW PASSWORD: <input type="text" NAME="NEWPASSWORD"><br>
  5
        <input type="submit" value="Submit">
       L</form>
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File changepasswd.php.

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      <?php</p>
  2
       $NAME = $ GET['NAME'];
  3
       $PASSWORD = $ GET['PASSWORD'];
       $NEWPASSWORD = $ GET['NEWPASSWORD'];
  4
  5
       $conn = new mysqli("localhost", "root", "@Poojal2", "sql inj");
  6
       $sql = "UPDATE empl
                SET PASSWORD='$NEWPASSWORD'
  8
                WHERE NAME='$NAME' and PASSWORD='$PASSWORD'";
  9
       $result = $conn->query($sql);
 10
       $conn->close();
      L?>
 11
```

- Once this request reached the target PHP script, the parameters inside the HTTP request will be saved to an array \$_GET. The following example shows a PHP script getting data from a GET request.
- PHP program connects to the database server before conducting query on database.
- The code shown below uses new mysqli(...) along with its 4 arguments to connect to MySQL Database.
- These 4 arguments includes:
 - We have logged in by name local host as a database host.
 - Database user is root.
 - The database password i.e. @Pooja12.
 - The database name of the MYSQL Database i.e. sql_inj.
- Then, the connection is closed.

XAMPP Control Panel v3.2.4 Config Modules Netstat Service Module PID(s) Port(s) Actions 8540 Shell Shell Apache 4433, 8080 Stop Admin Config Logs 14464 6744 MySQL 8080 Stop Admin Config Logs Explorer FileZilla Start Admin Config Logs Services Mercury Start Admin Config Logs Help Config Tomcat Start Admin Logs Quit 11:42:23 [main] Initializing Control Panel Windows Version: Enterprise 64-bit 11:42:23 [main] 11:42:23 [main] XAMPP Version: 7.4.12 Control Panel Version: 3.2.4 [Compiled: Jun 5th 2019] 11:42:23 [main] 11:42:23 [main] Running with Administrator rights - good! 11:42:23 [main] XAMPP Installation Directory: "d:\xampp\xampp fldr\" 11:42:23 [main] Checking for prerequisites All prerequisites found 11:42:24 [main] Initializing Modules 11:42:24 [main] Starting Check-Timer 11:42:24 [main]

Control Panel Ready

Attempting to start Apache app...

Status change detected: running

Attempting to start MySQL app...

Status change detected: running

11:42:24 [main] 11:42:27 [Apache]

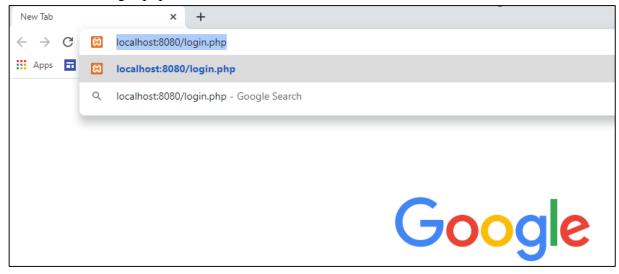
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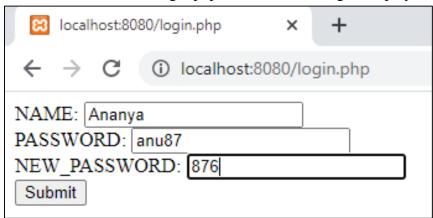
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> Start Apache and MYSQL in the Xampp server and then minimize it.

➤ Go to the browser and type localhost:8080/login.php where 8080 is the port number and login.php is the file name.



Once the entries are done in this page, as soon as the Submit button is clicked, an HTTP request will be sent out with the data attached i.e. new page getdata1.php is opened and if the credentials on the login.php match, SALARY gets displayed.



Request generated is:

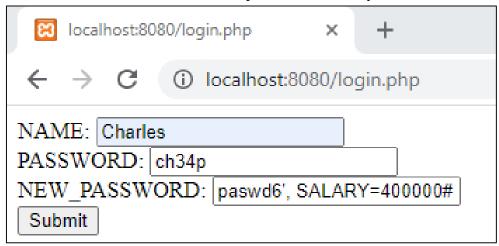


> SQL INJECTION ATTACK:

- If the statement **is UPDATE or INSERT INTO**, we will have chance to change the database.
- The form created for changing passwords asks users to fill in three pieces of information, Name, Password and New Password.
- When Submit button is clicked, an HTTP POST request will be sent to the serverside script changepasswd.php, which uses an UPDATE statement to change the user's password.
- If Charles is not happy with her Salary she could manipulate the salary in the following way:
- She would type her own Name and old Password by keeping the fact in mind that: The text from the # character to the end of line is treated as a comment.
- The following will be typed into the "NewPassword" box:
- NEW PASSWORD: paswd6', SALARY =400000#
- The SQL will now look as follows:

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"UPDATE empl
SET PASSWORD='paswd6', SALARY=400000#'
WHERE NAME='Charles' and PASSWORD='ch34p'";
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• By typing the above string in "New Password" box, we get the UPDATE statement to set one more attribute for us. For example, here the salary attribute is set automatically.

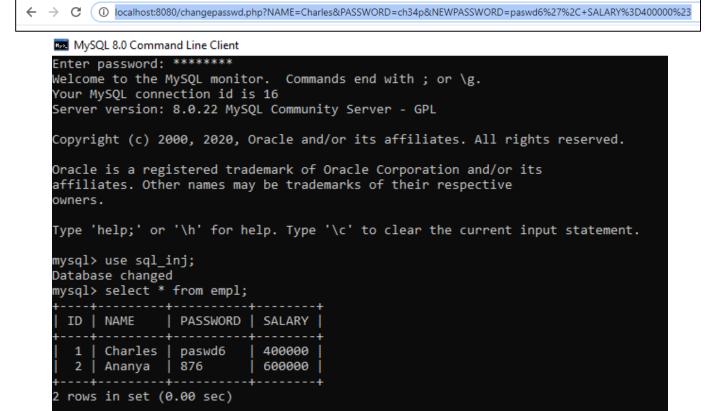


Request generated is:

⋈ localhost:8080/changepasswd.ph

x

mysql>



• The above statement will thus update Charles' Salary as per her desire. This is security breach.

