

# **Experiment No. 8**

Title: Password Cracking - Burp suite

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Aim: To implement password cracking using Burp suite

**Resources needed:** Burp suite Professional or open source tool, XAMPP

## **Theory**

#### 1. Password-Based Authentication Systems:

Password-based authentication systems rely on something the user knows, which is typically a secret password. Here are some key points about these systems:

- User Credentials: Users have a combination of a username or email and a password. The username is often public, while the password is kept secret.
- Authentication Process: The system checks the entered password against the stored password associated with the given username/email. If they match, the user gains access.
  - Strengths: Simplicity, ease of use, and familiarity for users.
- Weaknesses: Vulnerable to various attacks, especially if users choose weak passwords, reuse passwords, or fall victim to social engineering.

#### 2. Attacks on Password-Based Authentication Systems:

Password-based authentication systems are vulnerable to several types of attacks, including:

- a. Brute Force Attack: An attacker systematically tries every possible password until the correct one is found. This can be mitigated by account lockouts or rate limiting.
- b. Dictionary Attack: Attackers use a list of common words or phrases as potential passwords. This is often more efficient than brute force.
- c. Phishing: Attackers trick users into revealing their passwords by posing as a legitimate entity via email, websites, or other means.
  - d. Keylogging: Malware records the keystrokes of users, capturing passwords as they are typed.
- e. Rainbow Tables: Precomputed tables of password hashes are used to quickly look up corresponding plaintext passwords.
- f. Password Spraying: Attackers try a few common passwords against many accounts to avoid detection from account lockout mechanisms.
- g. Credential Stuffing: Attackers use known username/password combinations from breaches on multiple websites to gain unauthorized access.
- h. Man-in-the-Middle (MitM): An attacker intercepts communication between the user and the server, potentially capturing the password during login.

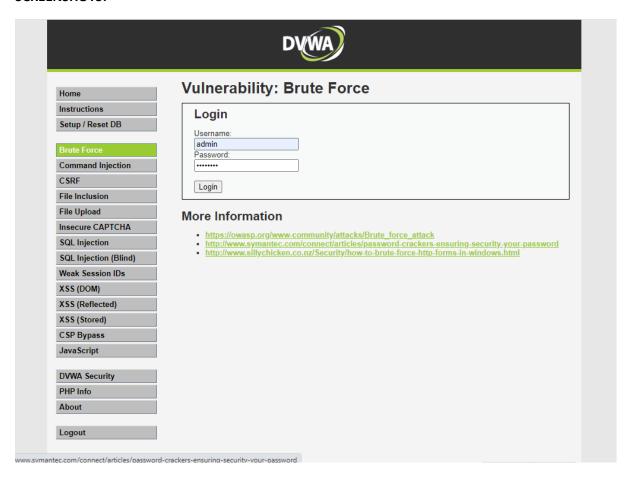
- i. Online and Offline Attacks: In online attacks, the attacker interacts with the authentication system in realtime. In offline attacks, the attacker has obtained a password hash and can attempt to crack it without being connected to the target system.
- j. Social Engineering: Attackers manipulate individuals into revealing their passwords through deception or psychological manipulation.

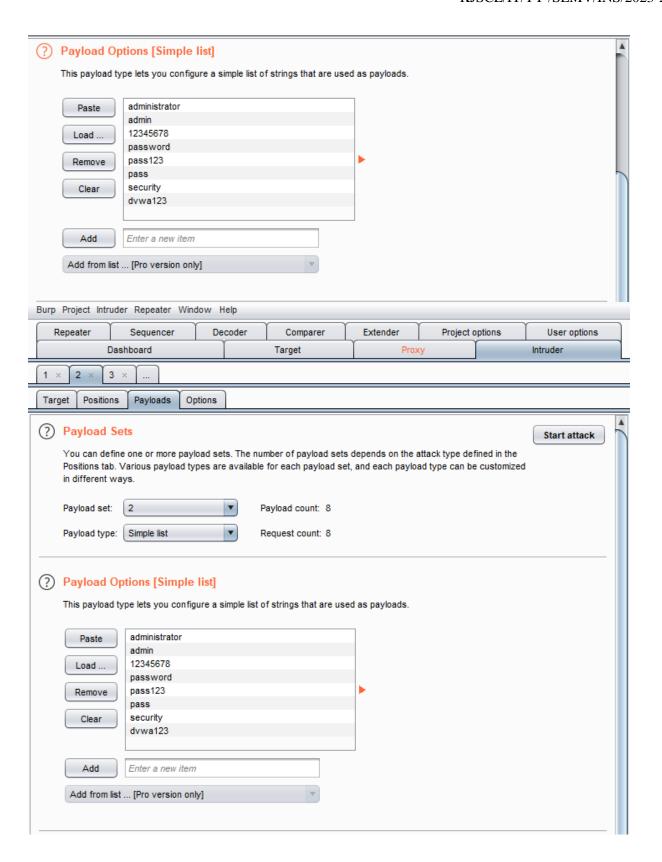
To enhance the security of password-based authentication systems, best practices include using strong, unique passwords, implementing multi-factor authentication (MFA), and following security guidelines for secure password storage (e.g., using salted and hashed passwords). Additionally, educating users about the risks of password-based attacks and how to recognize phishing attempts is essential for overall security.

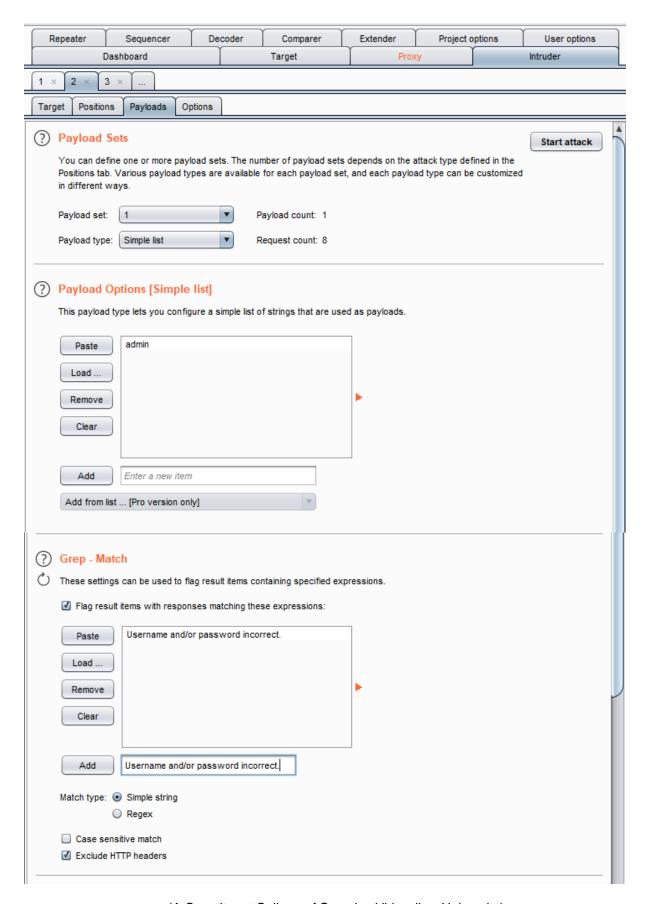
#### Procedure / Approach / Algorithm / Activity Diagram:

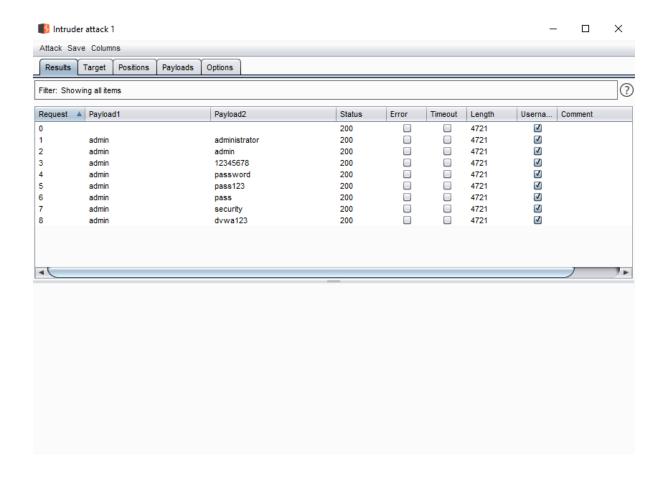
- 1) Installation of Burp suite and other utilities (open source/ freeware/ trial versions)
- 2) Perform password cracking using Burp suite (refer to sample video uploaded)

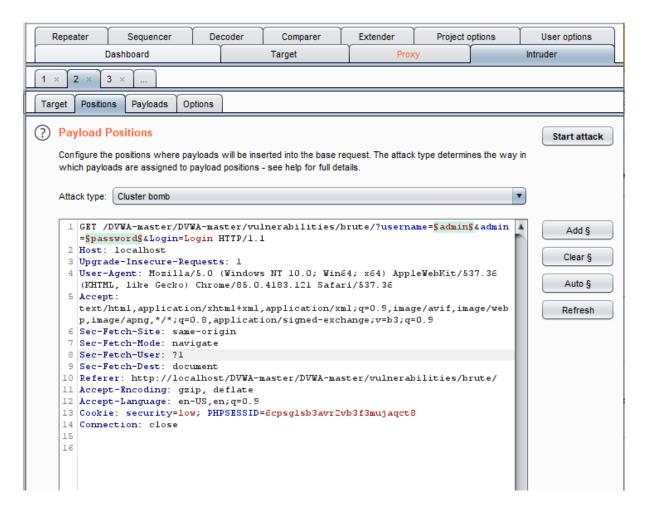
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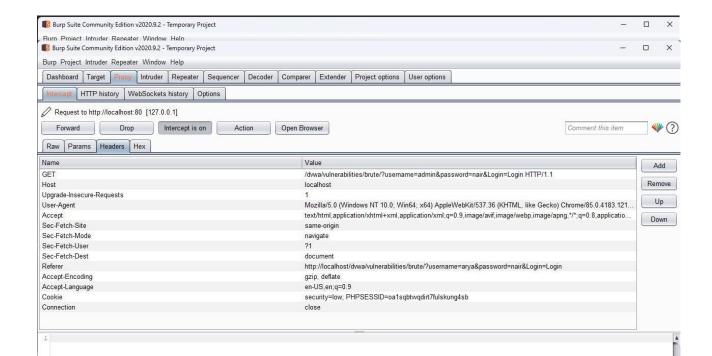




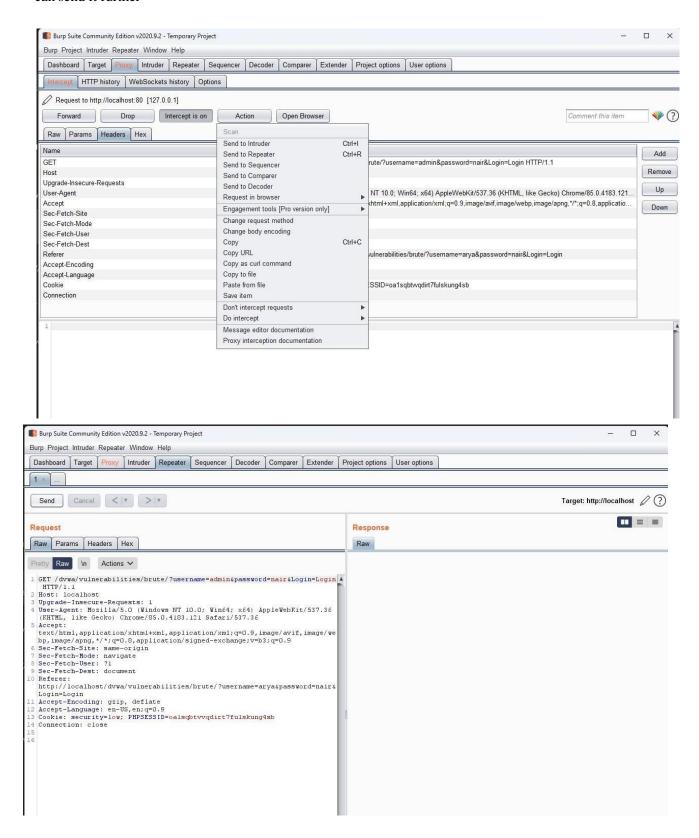
Implementation: Audio-Video recording of the mentioned activities performed with your own voice.(upload .mp4 file along with final writeup)

#### **Questions:**

1) Explore any other use of Burp suite. Perform it using burp suit and add the screen shots of the same.



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#### **Outcomes:**

**CO 4:** Understand Security issues related to Software, Web and Networks.

**Conclusion:** (Conclusion to be based on the objectives and outcomes achieved)

Implemented password cracking using Burp suite successfully in lab.

Grade: AA / AB / BB / BC / CC / CD /DD

Signature of faculty in-charge with date

**References:** 

## **Books/ Journals/ Websites:**

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