

ETHICAL HACKING

Assignment 1: SQL Injection for Website Hacking

Aim : To demonstrate an SQL Injection attack on a login page and explore ways to prevent SQL Injection vulnerabilities in PHP applications.

Theory

SQL Injection is a code injection technique that exploits security vulnerabilities in a web application's software by manipulating SQL queries in the database layer. This vulnerability occurs when the application's input fields, such as login forms, are not properly sanitized, allowing attackers to input malicious SQL code.

By crafting specially designed input strings, an attacker can manipulate the SQL queries executed by the database, potentially gaining unauthorized access to sensitive information, modifying database entries, or executing administrative operations.

1. PHP Scripts:
 - Create login.php, index.php, and logout.php.

Index.php

```
<?php
session_start();
if (!isset($_SESSION['loggedin'])) {
    header("Location: login.php");
    exit();
}
?>

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
    <meta charset="UTF-8">
    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
    <title>Dashboard</title>
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css">
</head>
<body>
    <div class="container">
        <h2>Welcome to the Dashboard!</h2>
        <form action="logout.php" method="post">
            <button type="submit" class="logout-btn">Logout</button>
        </form>
    </div>
```

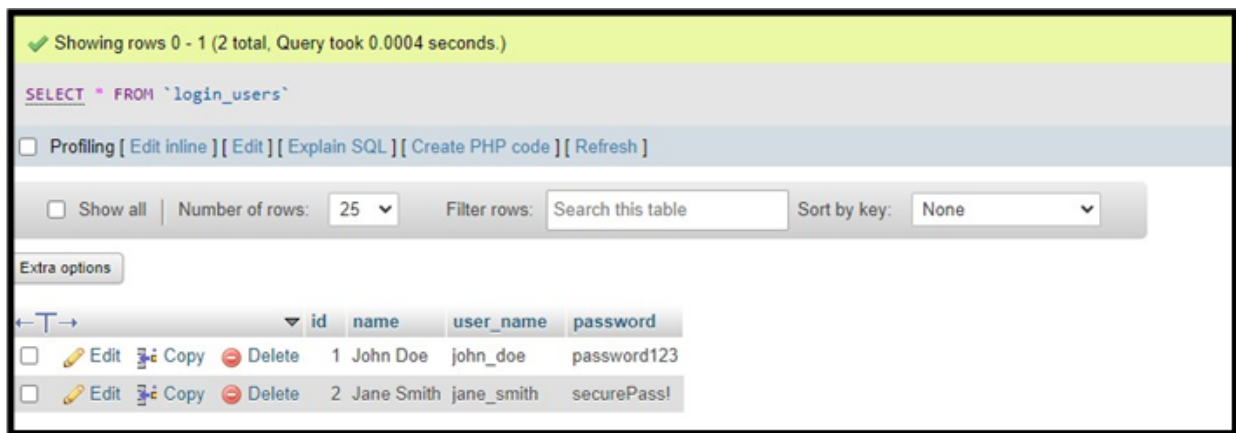
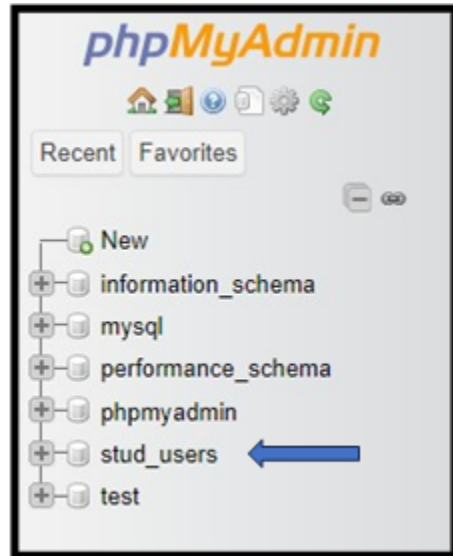
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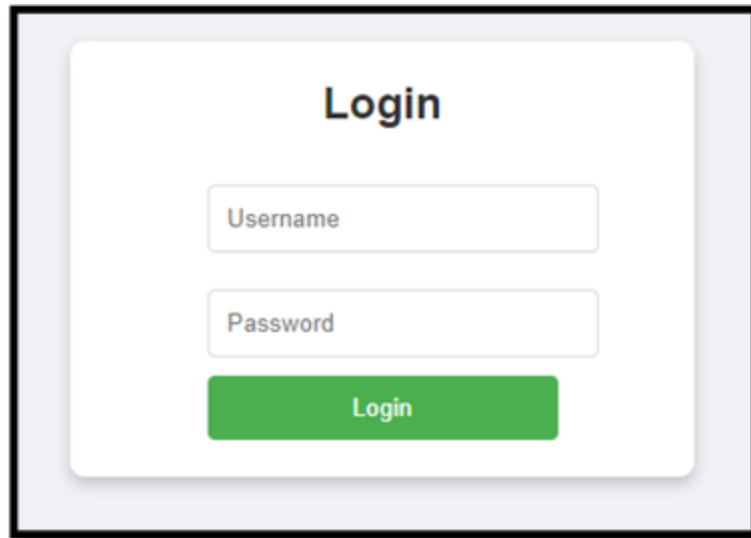
Logout.php

```
<?php  
session_start();  
$conn = mysqli_connect('localhost', 'root', '', 'stud_users');  
  
if ($_SERVER['REQUEST_METHOD'] == 'POST') {  
    $username = $_POST['username'];  
    $password = $_POST['password'];  
  
    // Vulnerable query for SQL Injection demonstration  
    $sql = "SELECT * FROM login_users WHERE user_name = '$username' AND password =  
'$password'";  
    $result = mysqli_query($conn, $sql);  
  
    if (mysqli_num_rows($result) > 0) {  
        $_SESSION['loggedin'] = true;  
        header("Location: index.php");  
    } else {  
        echo "<p class='error-message'>Invalid login credentials.</p>";  
    }  
}  
  
$conn->close();  
?>  
  
<!DOCTYPE html>  
<html lang="en">  
<head>  
    <meta charset="UTF-8">  
    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">  
    <title>Login</title>  
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="styles.css">  
</head>  
<body>  
    <div class="container">  
        <h2>Login</h2>  
        <form method="POST" action="">  
            <input type="text" name="username" placeholder="Username" required><br>  
            <input type="password" name="password" placeholder="Password" required><br>  
            <input type="submit" value="Login">
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</form>
</div>
</body>
</html>
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Output:





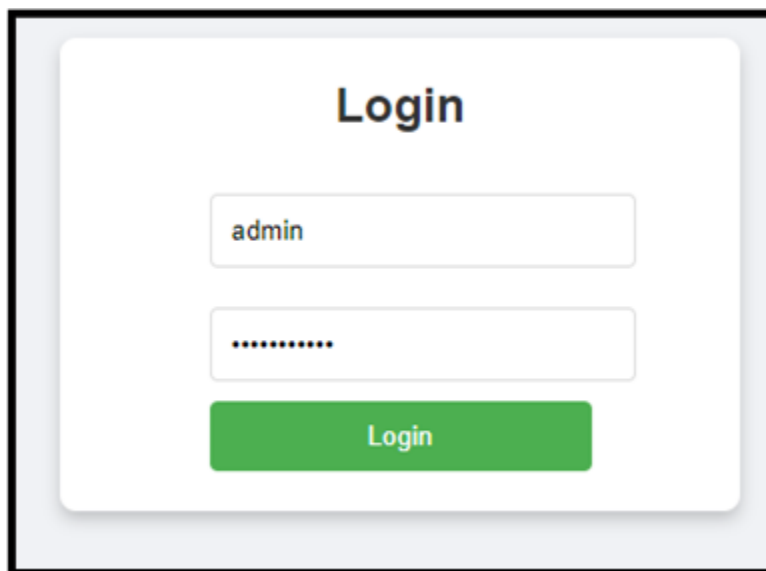
The image shows a login form with a white background and a light gray border. At the top, the word "Login" is centered in a bold, black font. Below it, there are two input fields: the first is labeled "Username" and the second is labeled "Password". Both fields are white with a light gray border. Below the password field is a green button with the word "Login" in white text.

Demonstrating SQL Injection

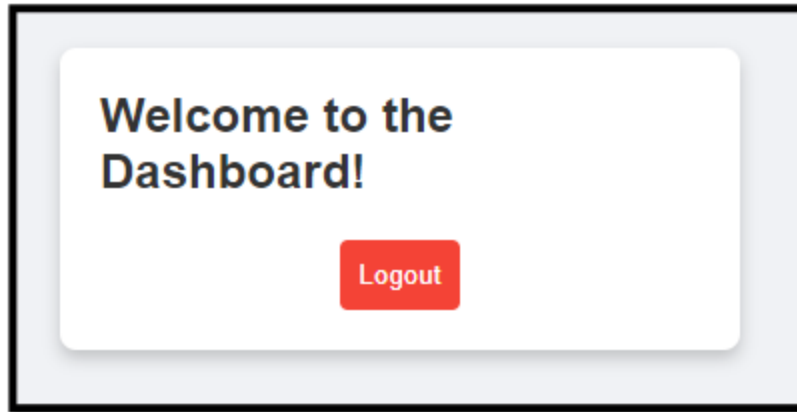
1. SQL Injection Inputs

To demonstrate an SQL Injection attack on your login system, use the following inputs:

- **Username:** `admin`
- **Password:** `' OR '1'='1`



The image shows the same login form as before, but with the "Username" field filled with the text "admin". The "Password" field is now filled with a series of dots, indicating that the password has been entered. The green "Login" button remains at the bottom.



Input Validation and Sanitization:

- Validate and sanitize all user inputs to ensure they conform to expected formats (e.g., correct data types, lengths, and characters). Reject any input that doesn't meet these criteria.

Limit Database User Privileges:

- Use the principle of least privilege by assigning database users only the necessary permissions they need for their tasks. This limits the potential damage from a successful SQL injection attack.

Error Handling:

- Avoid displaying detailed error messages to users. Instead, log errors internally and provide generic error messages. This prevents attackers from gaining insights into the database structure or query mechanics.

Assignment 2: Demonstrating Session Hijacking

Aim: To understand the process of session hijacking, identify potential vulnerabilities, and explore secure methods to prevent such attacks, including HTTPS, VPN, and secure coding practices.

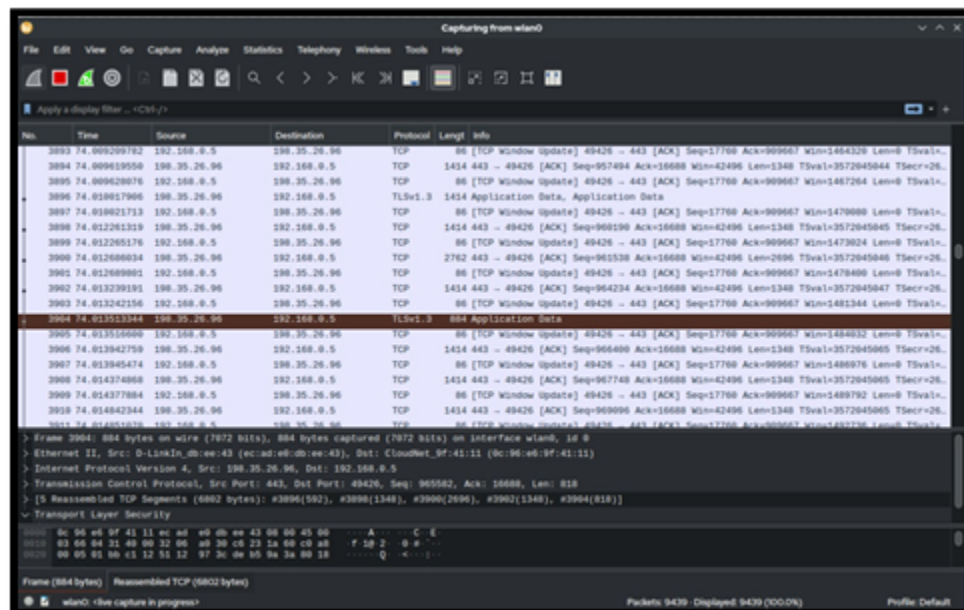
Theory

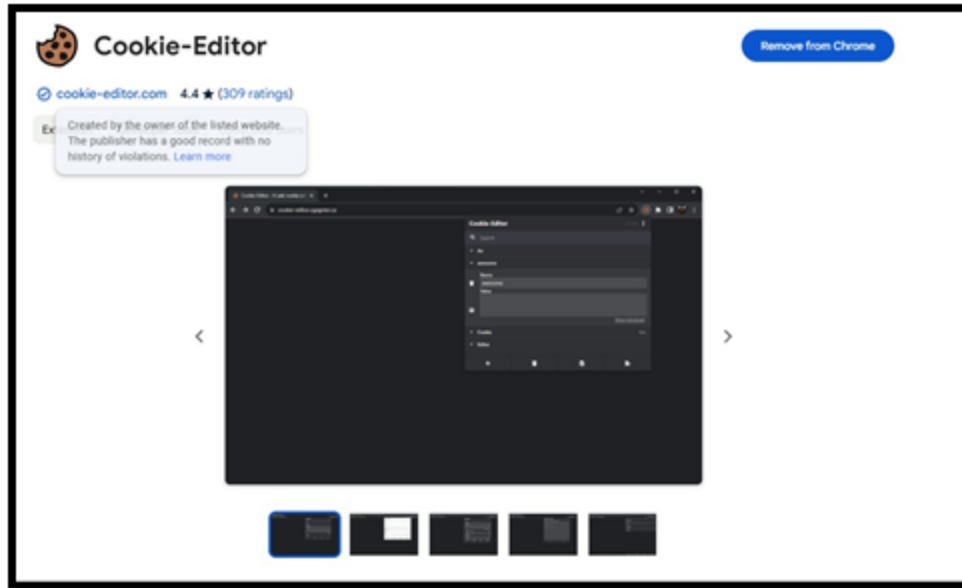
Session Hijacking is a web attack technique where an attacker exploits a valid computer session—often through the use of session IDs—to gain unauthorized access to information or services in a web application. This allows the attacker to impersonate the legitimate user, potentially accessing sensitive data or performing unauthorized actions on their behalf.

Mechanism of Session Hijacking:

1. Session Identification: When a user logs into a web application, a session ID is generated and stored on the client (often in cookies or local storage).
2. Session Theft: An attacker can use various methods (e.g., packet sniffing, cross-site scripting) to obtain this session ID.
3. Impersonation: Once the attacker has the session ID, they can use it to gain access to the victim's account and perform actions as if they were the legitimate user.

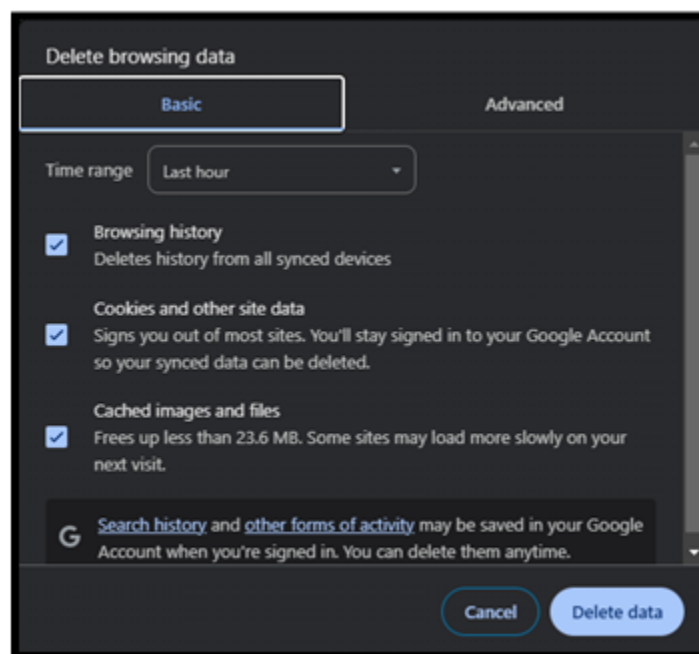
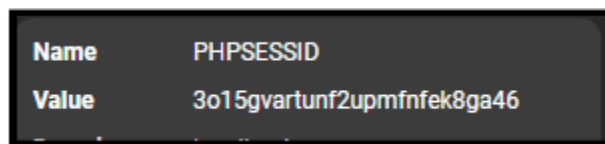
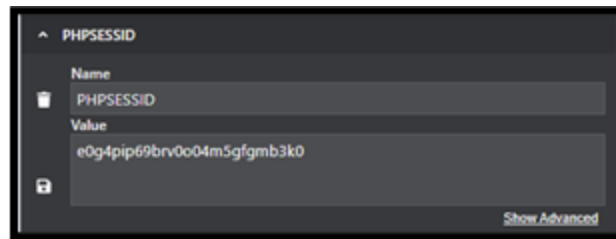
Output:





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After inputting user2 session ID in user 1 browser and refreshing the page

