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Bug Bounty - Journal Book

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Introduction

In the ever-evolving landscape of cybersecurity, hunting for vulnerabilities play a crucial role.it is somewhat essential in the present get updated about the security vulnerabilities and know how they effect the user experience in a website or a web application.

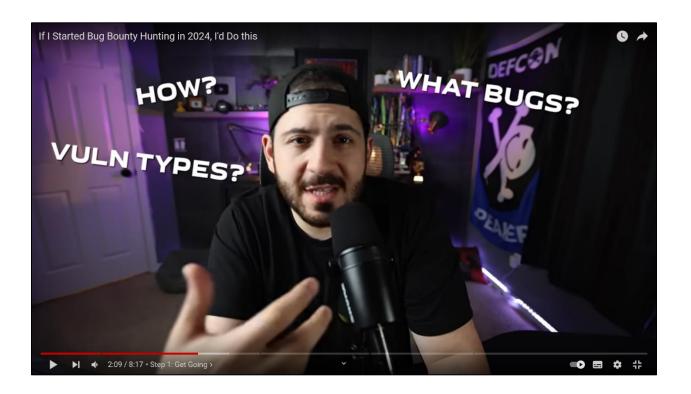
Welcome to this journal of mine which I maintained throughout my bug bounty journey. In this journal I hope to give a insight about my experience, discuss the challenges I faced and how I overcame those challenges. join me through my journey bug bounty with this journal.

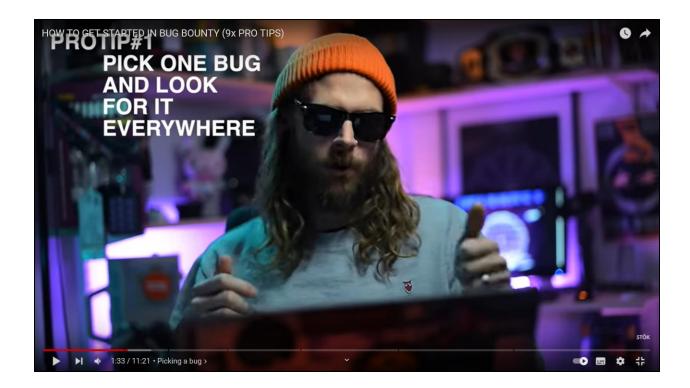
Chapter One – Getting informed

Day 1 and 2

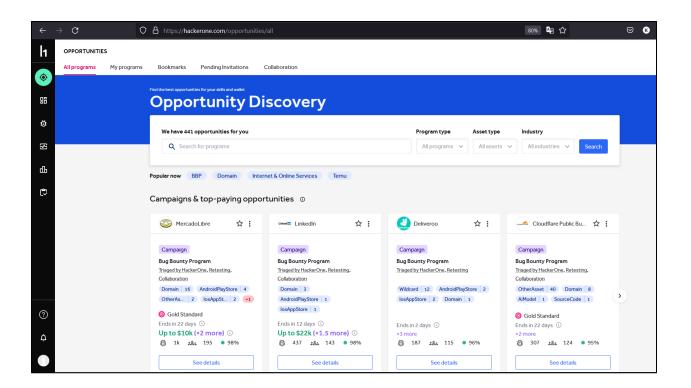
To begin my bug bounty process first of all I started to search what bug bounty is.for that I started to search the internet for educational videos and documents.i went through and watched few videos of famous Youtubers like NahamSec

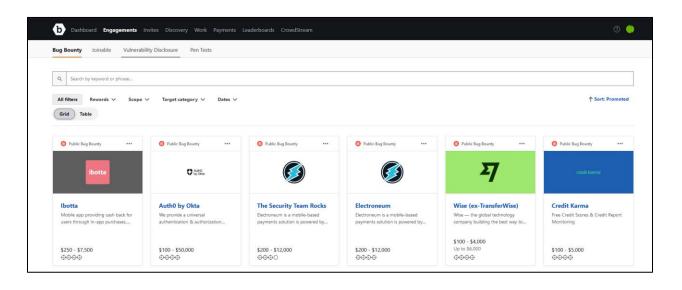
(https://www.youtube.com/@STOKfredrik) and STOK (https://www.youtube.com/@STOKfredrik) About how to get started with bug bounty, what are the basics of bug bounty, how to find my first vulnerability etc





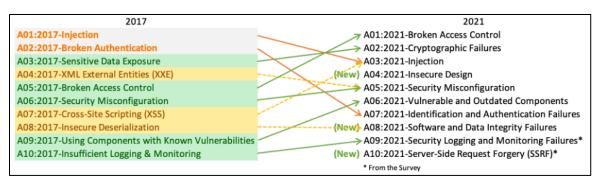
Following that I went to the bug bounty platforms such as hackerone.com and bugcrowd.com.i waned to get a general idea about how these platforms work so I took some time and navigated through both sites and got familiarized with their interface and how they offer bug bounty programs, what are the different types of available programs, how the bug bounty community operates etc.





After the initial phase of getting know about bug bounty my next agenda was to get familiar with the bug bounty programs and their guidelines.i went through both hackerone and bugcrowd to see what are the available information about these programs.in there I found a thing called scope in each program.then I took a look at what the scope is, there are two parts. In scope and out of scope.as I found out scope basically gives us an idea about what are the assests we have to hack on In order to find bugs. bounties can only be applicable for the in scope assests. futheremore I found out there are mainly two types of bug bounty program types available. Bug bounty program (BBP) and Vulnerability Disclosure Program (VDP). As I went through the programs t instead of the scope they have listed types of vulnerabilities they want us to find, what are the assests that are available for us to hack on, Bounties we can obtail according to each category, things we have permission to do and things we don't have permissions to do to the relevant target. With some other information.

Next I went online and searched for what OWASP Top 10 is?As I found out, Owasp top 10 is the most critical 10 vulnerabilities that can be found in a web application.OWASP stands for Open Web Application Security Project.it is a non-profit organization focused on improving software security.



As of late, owasp top 10 can be listed as follows:

- 1. Injection
- 2. Broken Authentication
- 3. Sensitive Data Exposure
- XML External Entities (XXE)
- 5. Broken Access Control
- 6. Security Misconfigurations
- 7. Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
- 8. Insecure Deserialization
- 9. Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities
- 10. Insufficient Logging & Monitoring

These top 10 will be the main target when participating in the bug bounty programs

Chapter 2 – Starting With Bug Bounty

Day 3 and 4

Selecting 10 Domains to make the report.

As the assignment, I was asked to do bug bounty scans for 10 Domains.selecting the final 10 domains was kind of tricky process.after I went through so many domains/subdomains I had to finalize it to 10 domains.

I tested the following domains in the early stages of vulnerability scanning.

- 1. wise.com
- 2. linkedin.com
- 3. vendasta.com
- 4. soundcloud.com
- 5. opera.com
- 6. koho.ca
- 7. Krisha.kz
- 8. Flogast.com
- 9. grammerly.com
- 10. redoxengine.com
- 11. alshaya.com
- 12. picsart.com
- 13. rockstargames.com
- 14. payoneer.com
- 15. trello.com
- 16. indrive.com
- 17. exoscale.com
- 18. arkoselabs.com

After hours and hours of scans I selected the following as my final 10 domains

- 1. blog.vendasta.com (a subdomain of vendasta.com)
- 2. wise.com
- 3. devimages.alshaya.com (subdomain of alshaya.com)
- 4. opera.com
- 5. flogast.com
- 6. krisha.kz
- 7. soundcloud.com
- 8. picsart.com
- 9. trello.com
- 10. rockstargames.com

Chapter 3 - Reconnaissance

Day 5 and 6

In this chapter my main focus is to give a idea about my reconnaissance journey. Reconnaissance is the initial phase of bug bounty.it can simply be described as information gathering.this phase is the foundation of a successful bug bounty.and this phase unveils some hidden details about the target and their potential vulnerabilities.

To start reconnaissance I did some sub domain enumeration with Subfinder and sublist3r.both being very popular tools among thousands of kali Linux users.subdomains could be a crutial factor when it comes to bug bounty.this can revel many hidden information in a website.

Subfinder

```
└$ subfinder -d vendasta.com
                projectdiscovery.io
[INF] Current subfinder version v2.6.6 (latest)
      Loading provider config from /home/kali/.config/subfinder/provider-config.yaml
[INF] Enumerating subdomains for vendasta.com
pub.vendasta.com
api.vendasta.com
vhs.vendasta.com
sales-test.vendasta.com
techdemos.vendasta.com
dev.vendasta.com
galaxy.vendasta.com
signup.vendasta.com
roadmap.vendasta.com
internal.vendasta.com
academy.vendasta.com
new-blog.vendasta.com
vcafe.vendasta.com
support.vendasta.com
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ideas.vendasta.com
gateway.vendasta.com
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affiliates.vendasta.com
blog.vendasta.com
vendors-demo.vendasta.com
vendasta.com
pcsdemo.vendasta.com
salestraining-dev.vendasta.com
email.vendasta.com
dhopkins.ngrok.vendasta.com
www.vendasta.com
staging.vendasta.com
video.vendasta.com
www.lp.vendasta.com
[INF] Found 38 subdomains for vendasta.com in 9 seconds 175 milliseconds
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After scanning vendasta.com with subfinder I found out 38 subdamins of vendasta.com

Sublist3r

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# Coded By Ahmed Aboul-Ela - @aboul3la

[-] Enumerating subdomains now for wise.com
[-] Searching now in Baidu..
[-] Searching now in Google..
[-] Searching now in Bing..
[-] Searching now in Bing..
[-] Searching now in Netcraft..
[-] Searching now in Netcraft..
[-] Searching now in Netcraft..
[-] Searching now in Virustotal..
[-] Searching now in SSL Certificates..
[-] Searching now in SSL Certificates..
[-] Searching now in PassiveDNS..
[1] Fror: Virustotal probably now is blocking our requests
[-] Total Unique Subdomains Found: 34
bank--wise.com
www.bank--wise.com
mww.bank--wise.com
myw.bank--wise.com
myw.bank--wise.com
au-cdrbanking-pub.wise.com
brand.wise.com
allink.feedback.wise.com
gtm.wise.com
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After scanning wise.com with sublist3r I fount there are 34 subdomains associated with the wise.com

After subdomain hunting next step was to identify open ports of a given website with Nmap.Nmap is a powerful and also a popular tool among kali linux users.

```
-(kali⊛kali)-[~]
 —$ <u>sudo</u> nmap -sS krisha.kz
[sudo] password for kali:
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-04-27 14:46 +0530
Nmap scan report for krisha.kz (185.143.129.89)
Host is up (0.020s latency).
Other addresses for krisha.kz (not scanned): 185.143.129.90
Not shown: 995 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT
        STATE SERVICE
80/tcp
        open
                http
113/tcp closed ident
443/tcp open https
8008/tcp open
8010/tcp open xmpp
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 26.42 seconds
```

By scanning Krisha.kz with Nmap I found out these information.

Port	State	Service
80/tcp	open	http
113/tcp	closed	ident
443/tcp	open	https
8008/tcp	open	http
8010/tcp	open	хтрр

Furthermore, I targeted the specific ports like port 80,113 and 443 and scanned with using the command

sudo nmap -A -p 80,113,443 www.krisha.kz

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-(kali⊛kali)-[~]
 └$ <u>sudo</u>hnmap -A -p 80,113,443 www.krisha.kz
[sudo] password for kali:
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-05-10 12:07 +0530
Nmap scan report for www.krisha.kz (185.143.129.89)
Host is up (0.049s latency).
Other addresses for www.krisha.kz (not scanned): 185.143.129.90
PORT
        STATE
                 SERVICE VERSION
80/tcp open
                 http
                          nginx
|_http-title: Did not follow redirect to https://krisha.kz/
113/tcp filtered ident
443/tcp open
                 ssl/http nginx
| ssl-cert: Subject: commonName=*.krisha.kz
  Subject Alternative Name: DNS:*.krisha.kz, DNS:krisha.kz
 Not valid before: 2024-03-20T00:00:00
 _Not valid after: 2025-04-17T23:59:59
 _ssl-date: TLS randomness does not represent time
  tls-alpn:
    h2
    http/1.1
    http/1.0
   http/0.9
|_http-title: Did not follow redirect to https://krisha.kz/
Warning: OSScan results may be unreliable because we could not find at least 1 open and 1 closed port
Device type: bridge|general purpose
Running (JUST GUESSING): Oracle Virtualbox (96%), QEMU (90%)
OS CPE: cpe:/o:oracle:virtualbox cpe:/a:gemu:gemu
Aggressive OS guesses: Oracle Virtualbox (96%), QEMU user mode network gateway (90%)
No exact OS matches for host (test conditions non-ideal).
Network Distance: 2 hops
TRACEROUTE (using port 80/tcp)
HOP RTT
           ADDRESS
    0.45 ms 10.0.2.2
    0.49 ms 185.143.129.89
OS and Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 64.62 seconds
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With that I found out the following

1. Host Information:

Host: www.krisha.kz (185.143.129.89)

Status: Up (Latency: 0.049s)

2. Open Ports:

- Port 80/tcp: HTTP service with Nginx (Not redirecting to HTTPS).
- Port 443/tcp: SSL/HTTP service with Nginx (Wildcard SSL certificate for *.krisha.kz).

3. SSL Certificate Details:

- Validity: March 20, 2024, to April 17, 2025.
- TLS Randomness: Issue detected.

- 4. Device Type:
 - Bridge or general-purpose.
- 5. Possible Operating Systems:
 - Oracle Virtualbox (96%)
 - QEMU (90%)
- 6. Traceroute:
 - Network Distance: 2 hops.
- 7. OS and Service Detection:
 - OS Guesses: Oracle Virtualbox or QEMU.
 - Web Server: Nginx.
- 8. Warning:
 - OSScan results may be unreliable.

Chapter 4 – Searching for vulnerabilities.

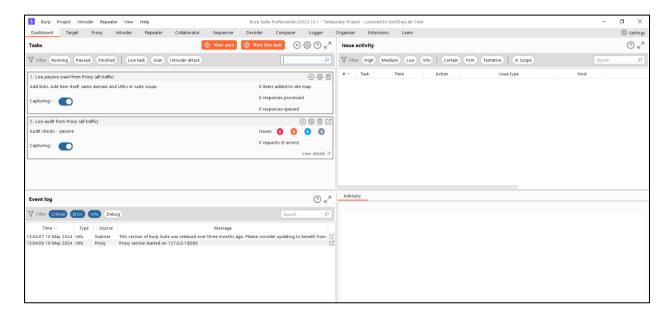
Day 7-8-9 and 10

This chapter is dedicated to vulnerability scanning phase of my bug bounty journey.for this first of all i had to decide what are the tools that I can use with this phase.as I do my research I found out there are bunch of tools available for this task.few tools caught my attention.they are

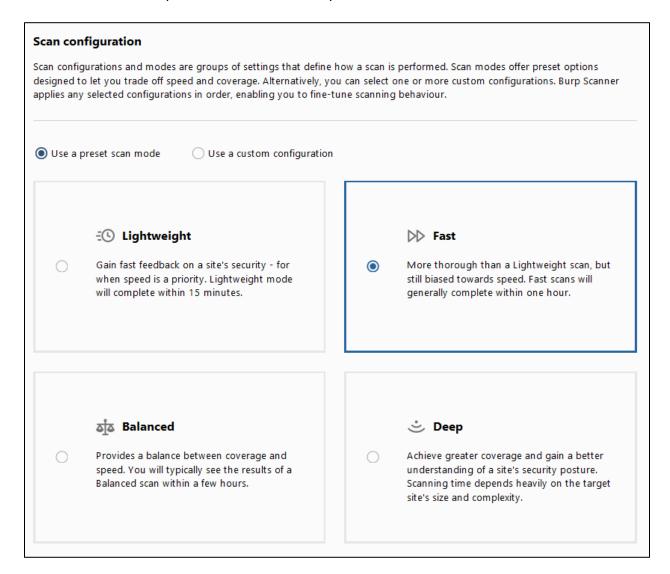
- 1) Burp Suite
- 2) Zap (previously known as OWASP Zap)
- 3) Nikto

Burp Suite

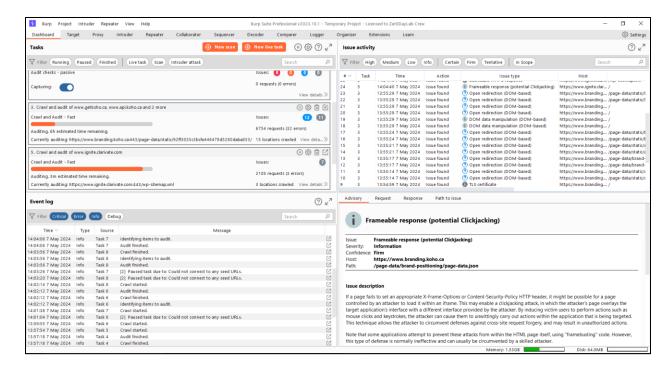
Burp Suite is a software that developed by the company PortSwigger.it is a security application used for penetration testing of web applications. Both a free and a paid version of the software are available. Burp Suite is a powerful tool when it comes to scanning for vulnerabilities.

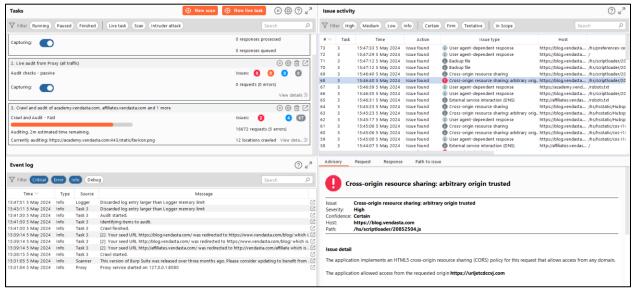


There are 4 available preset scan modes in burp suite.



We can select one of those 4 options and just add a url and Burp will do the rest..i preferred the fast mode.





With the help of burp suite I could find some of the critical vulnerabilities like

- Cross-origin resource sharing (CORS)
- Cross site request forgery (CSRF)
- Ajax request header manipulation etc.

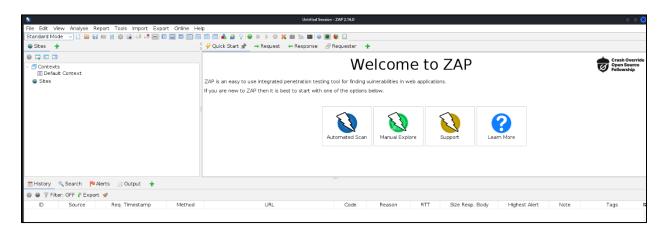
Zap

Zap(Zed Attack Proxy), previously known as OWASP Zap is a widely used free and open source powerful automated tool for vulnerability scanning

Since zap was not available in my kali Linux environment, I had to install it first.

```
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ sudo apt install zaproxy
Reading package lists ... Done
Building dependency tree ... Done
Reading state information ... Done
The following NEW packages will be installed:
    zaproxy
0 upgraded, 1 newly installed, 0 to remove and 579 not upgraded.
Need to get 197 MB of archives.
After this operation, 248 MB of additional disk space will be used.
Get:1 http://kali.cs.nycu.edu.tw/kali kali-rolling/main amd64 zaproxy all 2.14.0-0kali1 [197 MB]
Fetched 197 MB in 1min 47s (1841 kB/s)
Selecting previously unselected package zaproxy.
(Reading database ... 403883 files and directories currently installed.)
Preparing to unpack .../zaproxy_2.14.0-0kali1_all.deb ...
Unpacking zaproxy (2.14.0-0kali1) ...
Setting up zaproxy (2.14.0-0kali1) ...
Processing triggers for kali-menu (2023.4.7) ...
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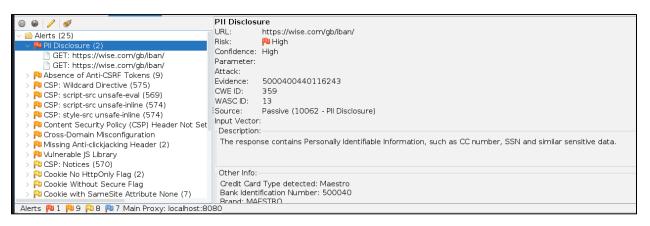
This is how zap looks like



For me the preferred scan mode is Automated scan.there we have to just enter a url and scan for it.

<	Welcome to ZAP		
This screen allows you to launch an automated scan against an application - just enter its URL below and press 'Attack'. Please be aware that you should only attack applications that you have been specifically been given permission to test.			
URL to attack:	http://		
Use traditional spider:			
Use ajax spider:	If Modern ✓ with Firefox Headless ✓		
Progress:	Not started		

Throughout my scanning with zap I discovered many vulnerabilities.





I was able to find the following vulnerabilities with Zap

- PII Disclosure
- Hash Disclosure
- Cloud Metadata potentially exposed
- Absence of Anti CSRF tokens
- Content Security Policy (CSP) Header not set
- CSP: wildcard directive
- CSP: script-src unsafe-eval
- CSP: style-src unsafe-eval
- Cross- Domain Misconfiguration
- Missing anti Clickjacking Header
- Vulnerable JS library
- HTTP to HTTPS insecure Transition in the for post Etc.

Nikto

Nikto is a free web server scanner used for detecting vulnerabilities in web servers and applications. Nikto checks for potentially dangerous files, outdated server versions, and configuration issues. As of my understanding nikto is not as powerful as both Burp Suite and Zap. but it is a comprehensive tool when it comes to vulnerability scanning.

```
(sudo) password for kali:
- Nikto v.S.-0

- Farget IP:
- Signo mikto - h payoneer.com
[sudo) password for kali:
- Nikto v.S.-0

- Farget IP:
- Target Hostname:
- payoneer.com
- Farget Port:
- Payoneer.com
- Farget Port:
- Server: No banner retrieved
- /: The anti-clickjacking X-Frame-Options header is not present. See: https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/X-Frame-Options
- Y: The X-Content-Type-Options header is not set. This could allow the user agent to render the content of the site in a different fashion to the MIME type. See: https://www.netsparker.com
//web-vulnerability-scanner/vulnerabilities/missing-content-type-header/
- Root page / redirects to: https://payoneer.com:43/3
- No GGI Directories found (use '-C all' to force check all possible dirs)
- C all
- STATUS: Completed 3030 requests: 0.13689 sec, 10 requests: 0.1285 sec.
- 7962 requests: 0 error(s) and 2 item(s) reported on remote host
- End Time:
- 2024-04-23 22:31:11 (GMIS.5) (841 seconds)
- 1 host(s) tested
```

With Nikto scans I was able to identify some of the vulnerabilities as following.

- The anti-clickjacking X-Frame-Options header is not present
- The X-Content-Type-Options header is not set
- Uncommon header 'accept-ch' found
- Uncommon header 'akamai-grn' found

Throughout this phase I referred so many resources like Blogs, Youtube videos etc and this was the most time consuming stage of this assignment.

Chapter 5 – Documenting

Day 11-12-13 and 14

Documenting

After days and days of searching for vulnerabilities, next step of this bug bounty journey is to Start documenting the whole report.before that I planned the way I wanted to make my report. for that I made a sketch.as of the sketch I started to make the report.first part of the report was dedicated to what bug bounty is,what are the tools I used, and the reconnaissance phase.then the vulnerability hunting phase.there in each domain I attached screenshots of the scans I did,scope of the target and the vulnerabilities I found.in the report I only included about 2 (3 max) descriptions about the vulnerabilities because I found some of them in many domains.i did that to keep the report simple and clean.but each vulnerability is described at least one time.ie the vulnerability "Absence of Anti CSRF Tokens" was present in many domains.but I didn't describe it everywhere.but I mentioned that I found it. Documentation process took me 3-4 days to get completed.

Chapter 6 : Challenges

My bug bounty journey was full of challenges and obstacles.

In the first few days I had to overcome things like how to select the tools I want to use, what are the domains I can check for vulnerabilities.as I doing some search online it was clear to me what tools I could use to do the process.and with some more search I was able to identify the 10 domains I wanted to test for my bug bounty assignment.

Furthermore, I had to face to a problem where the targets have limited scope in the eligible criteria. With the limited scope there was not much to test on some websites.in addition of that some of the findings was a bit unclear to me at first. I had to do some research to find out what some things were.

Regarding Burp Suite, Burp has two edition.Free and Professional.we can not do vulnerability scans with the Free version.So I had to find a cracked version of the Burp Suite Professional and install it in my pc.Since a one copy of Burp suite professional version costs \$449 per year.And another problem I had to face was some of the tools I used didn't work properly sometimes.once when in a middle of a scan Zap just frozed.sometimes subfinder didn't work properly.and also nikto had some issues.to resolve these issues I had to do things like restarts, reinstall the tools and update them.

Another challenge I had to overcome was the limited time frame. Especially when searching for the targets, I had to do find subdomains of each site. And I had to go through those one by one carefully. That was time consuming and also I had to manage time between this assignment and other academic work which was kind of a challenge in some situations.

Chapter 7: Conclusion

In a span of two weeks, I gain so much knowledge about the realm of bug bounty and ran into many obstacles in the process.starting with a little knowledge I am certain that I got a considerable amount of knowledge with this assignment.

In the beginning I started with searching for what OWASP Top 10 is.step by step the process evolved.with the tools like subfinder, sublist3r I was able to gain some crucial information about the targets.and with Nmap scans I was able to gain much more info.

Then from the automated tools like Burp Suite, Zap I was able to find some crucial vulnerabilities such as CSRF, CORS, PII Disclorsure, Cloud Metadata potentially exposed, Absence of Anti-CSRF tokens, CSP Header not set and much more.

Documentation process came next.i had to go through so many different resources and make sure to include most relevant things including what are those vulnerabilities, how impactful they can be, and how to prevent them from harming the organizations.

To conclude this I should mention that this journey was not a easy one.but I gain so much knowledge with this.it was full of discovering new things.and learning many new things.for all of those I am very grateful.

As this journey comes to a end I am certain that the knowledge I got for this will affect my future in cyber security in a very healthy manner.

End.