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The ip address of the attacker is 192.168.0.106 as it was given in the access.log file.

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Which vulnerabilities do you think are being exploited, and what evidence do you have to support your findings?

Sql injection and Path Traversal.

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Gecko/20100101 Firefox/102.0 , as we can see from the access.log file.

The attacker used sqlmap for sql injection, and exposed some confidential data.

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Which file was the attacker trying to access but couldn't due to limited server access?

The attacker was trying to access the etc/shadows file but could not due to less Access to the server.

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kali@kali: ~/Desktop/apache2
$ cat error.log | grep denied
[Thu Feb 16 01:35:30.820208 2023] [php:warn] [pid 273] [client 192.168.0.106:60308] PHP Warning:  file_get_contents(images/../../../../etc/shadow): Failed to open stream: Permission denied in /var/www/html/view.php on line 10
cat: /etc/shadow: Permission denied

kali@kali: ~/Desktop/apache2
$
```

Did the attacker gain access to any confidential data? If yes, how much data was compromised?

Yes he got important.txt and 501 bytes of data was requested.

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kali@kali:~/Desktop/apache2$ cat access.log | grep txt  
192.168.0.106 - - [16/Feb/2023:01:37:49 +0500] "GET /images.php?file=../../../../../../../../../../../../../../../../important_note.txt HTTP/1.1" 302 2456 "http://192.168.0.101:9090/images.php" Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:102.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/102.0  
192.168.0.106 - - [16/Feb/2023:01:37:49 +0500] "GET /view.php?image=../../../../../../../../../../../../../../../../important_note.txt HTTP/1.1" 200 501 "http://192.168.0.101:9090/images.php" Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:102.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/102.0
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An important secret was compromised. Can you figure it out? Hint: The secret you're looking for is not in a .sql or a .php file.

The password of root was 'sup3r_s3cr3t_4nd_1mp0rt4nt_p4ssw0rd'

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kali@kali:~$ cd /Desktop/apache2/
$ cat modsec_audit.log | grep secret

  They check there! Just a heads up - if we don't add security checks to our web app, our top-secret files might as well be written on a billboard. And trust me, we don't want that kind of attention. So let's get those checks in place, okay? We wouldn't want the world to know that our password is 'sup3r_s3cr3t_4nd_!mP0rt4nt_p@ssw0rd', now would we? ;)

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The attacker left a message for the server administrator. Find out what the message said, and also mention how you were able to find it.

First i was going through the modsec_audit.log file, there i saw this sql squery of search and select, i went to cyber chef there it gave me some characters, and i gpt the characters to get the flag the attacker left for server administrator.

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Input

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search=%27+union+select+%27Gentlemen%2C+it+is+with+great+pleasure+I+inform+you+that%3A%27%2C+concat%28char%2890%29%2C+char%28109%29%2C+char%28120%29%2C+char%28104%29%2C+char%2890%29%2C+char%2851%29%2C+char%28116%29%2C+char%28111%29%2C+char%2877%29%2C+char%2888%29%2C+char%2866%29%2C+char%28119%29%2C+char%2877%29%2C+char%2888%29%2C+char%2882%29%2C+char%2853%29%2C+char%2888%29%2C+char%2850%29%2C+char%28103%29%2C+char%28119%29%2C+char%2899%29%2C+char%2872%29%2C+char%2865%29%2C+char%28120%29%2C+char%28100%29%2C+char%2872%29%2C+char%28108%29%2C+char%28102%29%2C+char%2884%29%2C+char%2866%29%2C+char%2849%29%2C+char%2899%29%2C+char%28108%29%2C+char%2857%29%2C+char%2851%29%2C+char%2877%29%2C+char%2850%29%2C+char%2874%29%2C+char%28122%29%2C+char%2877%29%2C+char%2888%29%2C+char%2881%29%2C+char%28122%29%2C+char%2888%29%2C+char%28122%29%2C+char%2870%29%2C+char%28122%29%2C+char%2888%29%2C+char%2850%29%2C+char%2852%29%2C+char%28119%29%2C+char%28106%29%2C+char%2849%29%2C+char%28116%29%2C+char%2857%29%2C+char%28119%29%2C+char%2899%29%2C+char%28106%29%2C+char%2866%29%2C+char%28119%29%2C+char%2877%29%2C+char%2851%29%2C+char%2874%29%2C+char%2848%29%2C+char%28101%29%2C+char%2883%29%2C+char%2870%29%2C+char%2857%29%2C+%27%3AD%27+%23
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ABC 1297

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Raw Bytes

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Output

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search=' union select 'Gentlemen, it is with great pleasure I inform you that:', concat(char(90), char(109), char(120), char(104), char(90), char(51), char(116), char(111), char(77), char(88), char(66), char(119), char(77), char(88), char(82), char(53), char(88), char(50), char(103), char(119), char(99), char(72), char(65), char(120), char(100), char(72), char(108), char(102), char(101), char(84), char(66), char(49), char(99), char(108), char(57), char(51), char(77), char(50), char(74), char(122), char(77), char(88), char(81), char(122), char(88), char(122), char(70), char(122), char(88), char(50), char(52), char(119), char(100), char(49), char(57), char(116), char(101), char(86), char(57), char(119), char(99), char(106), char(66), char(119), char(77), char(51), char(74), char(48), char(101), char(83), char(70), char(57)), ':D' #
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1ms

Raw Bytes

LF

Earlier, we decoded this sequence, which resulted in the secret message:

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flag{h1pp1ty_h0pp1ty_y0ur_w3bs1t3_1s_n0w_my_pr0p3rty!}
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So, this payload would return:

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"Gentlemen, it is with great pleasure I inform you that:
flag{h1pp1ty_h0pp1ty_y0ur_w3bs1t3_1s_n0w_my_pr0p3rty!}
"
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This type of payload is commonly used to test for SQL injection vulnerabilities by embedding a message or flag if successful.

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Gentlemen, it is with great pleasure I inform you that:

flag{h1pp1ty_h0pp1ty_y0ur_w3bs1t3_1s_n0w_my_pr0p3rty!}

:D

What were some indicators that confirmed that an attack had taken place? What were your key takeaways from this attack?

The etc/passwd file and important.txt file were extracted, Sql injection was done to see the passwords of the users and The attacker left the flag for the server administrator as well. To mitigate it there should be more critical checks, and there should be mitigations against sql injection.

Based on this attack, what indicators of compromise can be used to detect future attacks?

We can detect Sql injection, and path traversal, also the key words like etc, passwd,shadow , so by that we can monitor logs, and can tell if an attack has been performed or not.