

Local File Intrusion has other names like

Path traversal, Directory Traversal, Dot-Dot-Slash, Directory Climbing, Back Tracking

There are two directories like root directory and web document root directory. Root directory is the first one in file systems "/" and other is web documentary, like when ever we started a webserver there'll be a default directory for linux we have /var/www/html(explain this terms in terms of working)

Consider we have a link while accessing it first it reaches /var/www/html and then the actual path in the url like in url, we have domain,path,variable...

example: [www.example.com/index.php?file=green](http://www.example.com/index.php?file=green)

As we are talking about web document directory it goes to /var/www/html and there'll be a page available named as index.php.

Lets understand another example  its an image tag

in the src its saying that there'll be an images directory in web documentary root go access them

->127.0.0.1/dvwa/vulnerabilities/file?page=file.php(in variable place malicious activity can happen)

Vulnerable Code:

```
<?php
```

```
    $file = $_GET['Page']
```

//in above line we are not checking anything like blindly trusting that it'll be secure here's the problem...

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How can we test that vulnerability exists

Backtracking

BruteForce

Go Forward Explore

Climbing

Files in CWD

Traverse

Most important one is Backtracking/Climbing/Traverse by this at the we must reach a file directly from OS. If we found permissions like reading then we can explore.

Lets understand the file structure

/

var		etc		bin
www	-	passwd	shadow	-
html	-			

DVWA(In this folder it may have multiple files/folders we can brute force)

I have a doubt like where we should type like unless you are in that system you cant type commands what if we are not in the system like we have to type in url as webserver is running??? Like go back to / from /var/www/html/dvwa and then go to /etc/passwd like how we can do if we dont have command line access but we know that webserver is running on directly web?

The answer is as we are intercepting using burpsuite we can send it to repeater and we can see the request and response right

in the request we can change it as

→GET /dvwa/vulnerabilities/fi/?page=../../../../etc/passwd HTTP/1.1

Okay lets find where to look for

cat folder content dir include document action page mod deatil filename conf  
file show download doc path view.

Lets understand how to perform LFI in post method

We have to take a look on request header and in body the name of the file like name , id like find out the extensions.

Lets understand how we can find in cookies

consider a web code like below

Get /vuln.php HTTP/1.0

Host:\_\_\_\_\_

Cookie:Design=new.php

```
<?php
$file = old.php
if(is_set($_cookie['DECISION'])
    $file = $_cookie['DECISION']
    include($file)
?>
```

If we open above website we can see through get request and then a cookie is

assigned 'new.php' and in code we can see that there's a file named old.php like we are checking if `is_set` cookie is set/assigned or not if yes then store it in a file. As here we are not checking the cookie valid or not blindly trusting and storing what if malicious.

## Bypass Mechanisms

Whenever we are requesting a file from the server to read then it'll perform checks for permission or not we can bypass them by null character, dot truncation, encoding

### Null Character:

For example high level languages like python, php can't talk directly with hardware to identify where the username has ended so it passes to OS to hardware so here in OS it uses some API's OS\_API like translates it to hardware languages and they use languages like C as it is a procedural language.

consider an example [www.example.com/pages?page=1](http://www.example.com/pages?page=1)

(we'll add like)

[www.example.com/pages?page=/etc/passwd%00](http://www.example.com/pages?page=/etc/passwd%00)

when it reaches C language it looks for null character like `-%00` and it stops and executes command `/etc/passwd`

### Dot Truncation

In PHP files when the size limit exceeds 4096 bytes the all the data after it will be truncated

### Encoding

As we perform using `...` and `///` it'll get identified and gets removed as if we encode them as for example `.` as `%2e` and `/` as `%2f` and `\` as `%2c` and we can double encode it and also we can encode it as 16 bit Unicode so all this will help in bypassing.

can u please explain how these types and other types of this will help in bypass `../..//` and `...../...../` and `..,/,.,/,.,/` like this combinations