

Module 11

Session Hijacking

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1 . What is session hijacking ?

1 . Meaning: Session hijacking is a cyber-attack where an attacker takes control of a valid user session.

2 . Target: The attacker steals the session ID / session cookie used to identify a logged-in user.

3 . Result: Attacker gains unauthorized access without knowing the username or password.

4 . How it happens:

- Packet sniffing
- Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
- Malware or browser exploits

5 . Types:

- Active session hijacking
- Passive session hijacking

6 . Common protocols affected: HTTP, FTP, Telnet (non-encrypted).

7 . Impact: Data theft, identity misuse, financial loss.

8 . Example: Attacker steals a session cookie and logs in as the victim.

9 . Prevention: Use HTTPS, secure cookies, logout after use, and session timeouts.

2 . Purpose of session hijacking ?

- 1 . Gain unauthorized access to a user's account.**
- 2 . Impersonate a legitimate user without login credentials.**
- 3 . Bypass authentication by using stolen session IDs/cookies.**
- 4 . Access sensitive data (emails, banking, personal info).**
- 5 . Perform actions as the user (transactions, changes, misuse).**
- 6 . Maintain access as long as the session remains active.**

3 . prevention of session hijacking ?

1. Use HTTPS (SSL/TLS):

Encrypts data so session IDs cannot be intercepted during transmission.

2. Secure session management:

Use strong, random session IDs and regenerate them after login/logout.

3. Set secure cookie flags:

Enable HttpOnly and Secure flags to prevent cookie theft via scripts or unsecured connections.

4 . Types of Session Hijacking ?

1 . Active Session Hijacking :

- **Attacker takes control of the victim's active session.**
- **Performs actions like sending messages, changing data, or transferring money.**
- **Victim may get logged out suddenly or see unusual activity.**
- **High risk because data can be modified.**
- **Example: Attacker steals session ID and logs in as the user.**

2 . Passive Session Hijacking :

- **Attacker only monitors/sniffs the session traffic.**
- **No modification of data is done.**
- **Used mainly to collect information (usernames, session IDs).**
- **Victim usually does not notice the attack.**
- **Example: Sniffing HTTP traffic to capture cookies.**

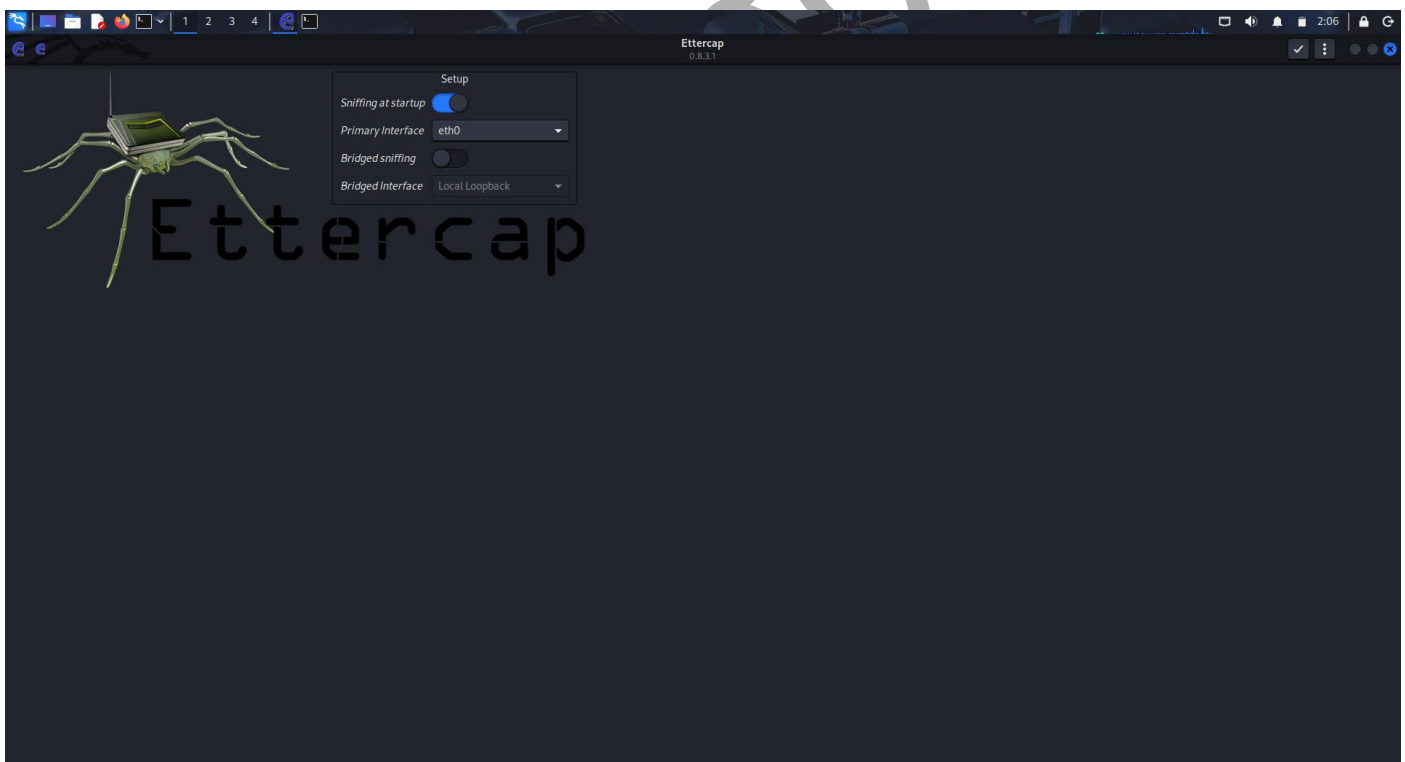
3 . Tools :

1 . Ettercap :

Ettercap is an open-source network security tool that is widely used to perform Man-in-the-Middle (MITM) attacks on local area networks. It is capable of real-time traffic interception, packet filtering, password sniffing, and session hijacking.

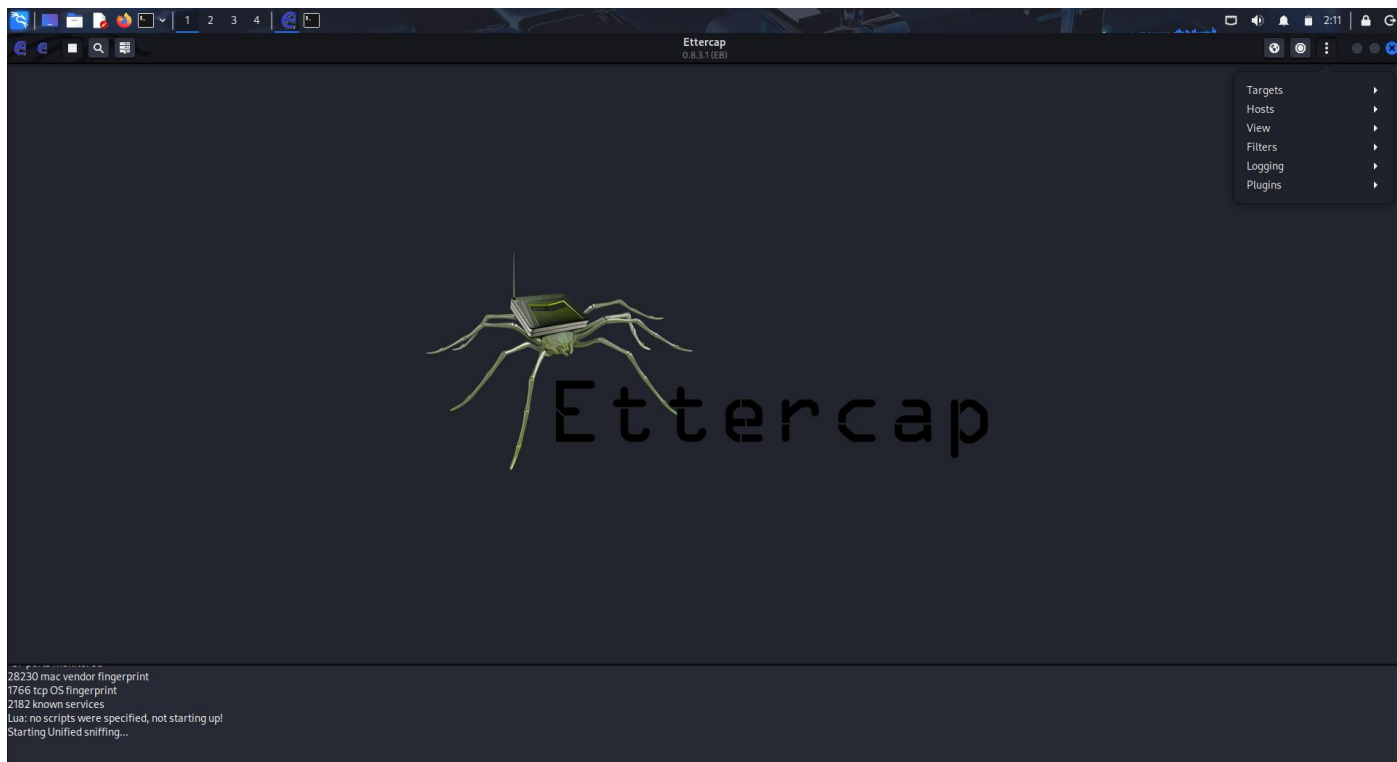
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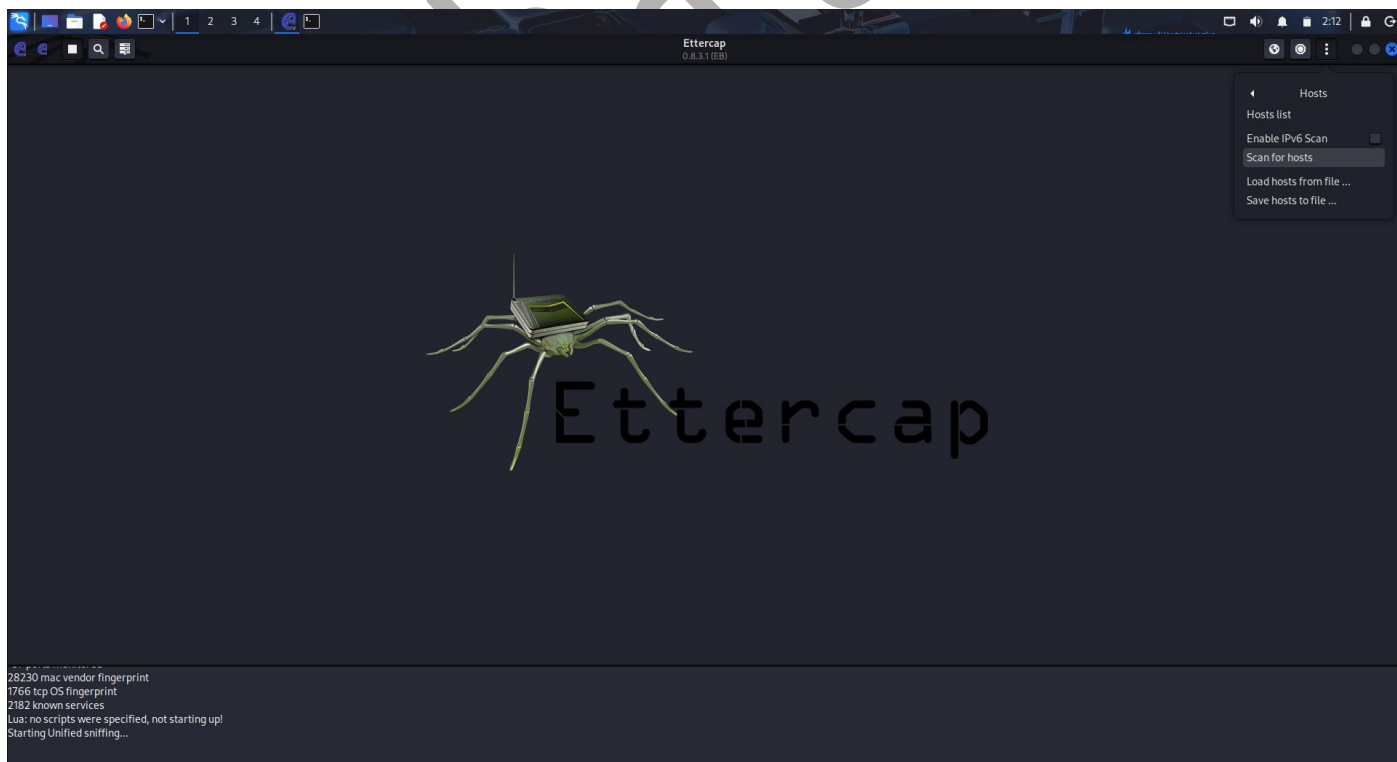
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2 . click on three dot and then click on Hosts

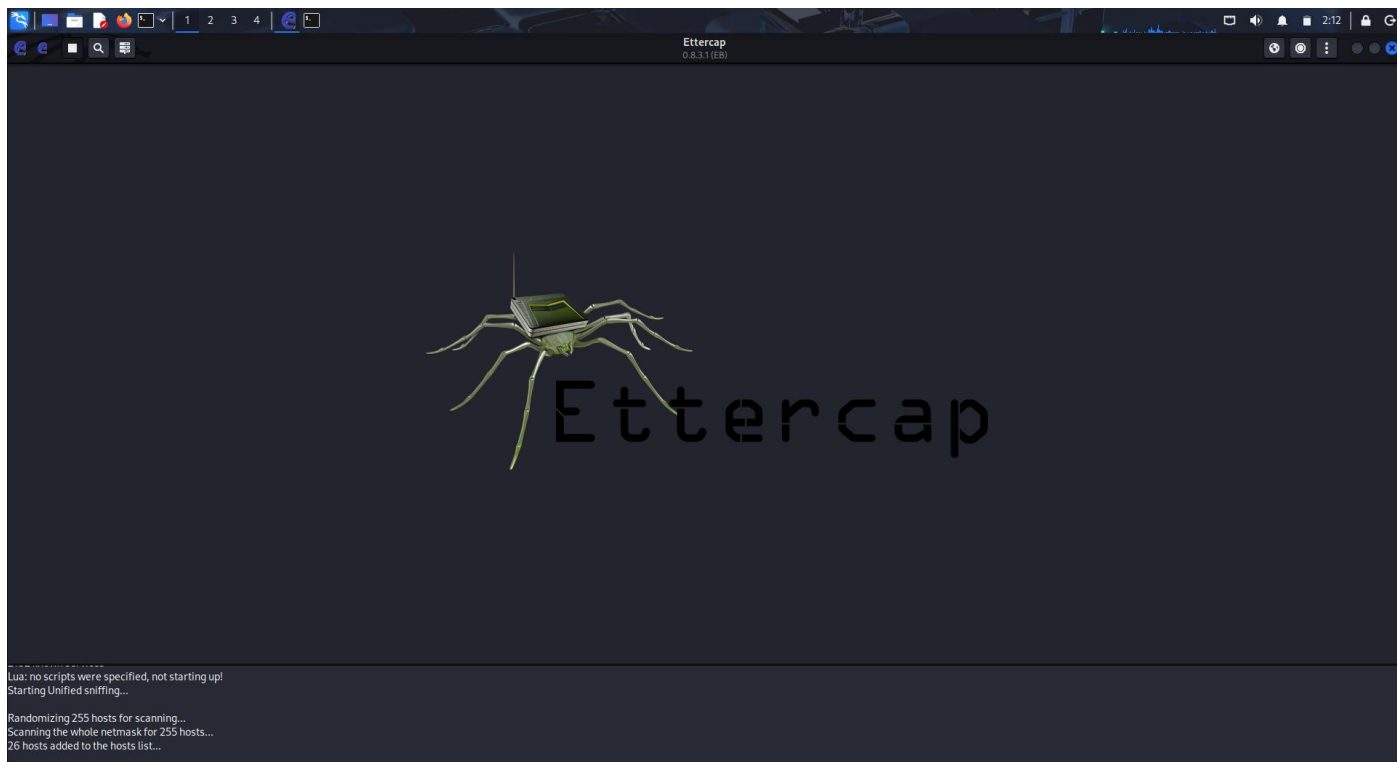


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3 . Click on Scan For Hosts

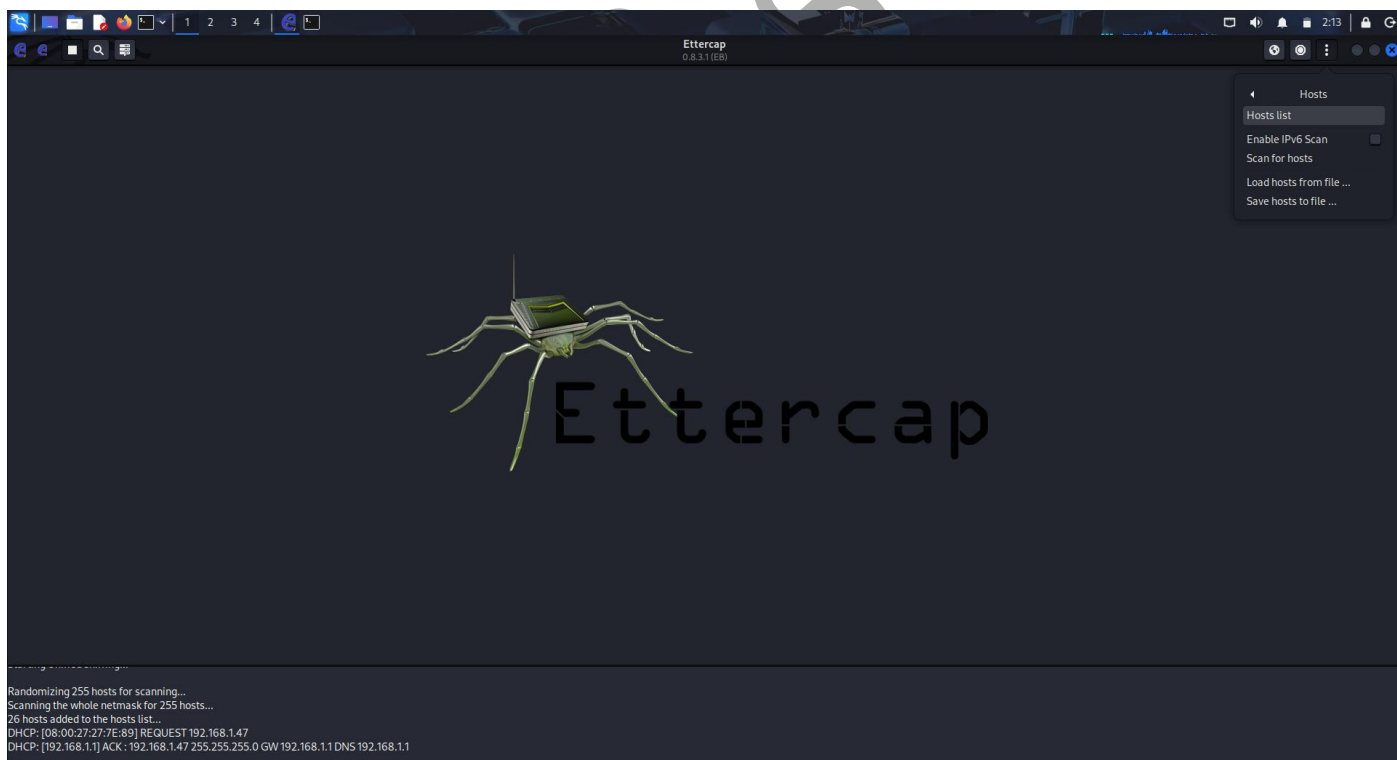


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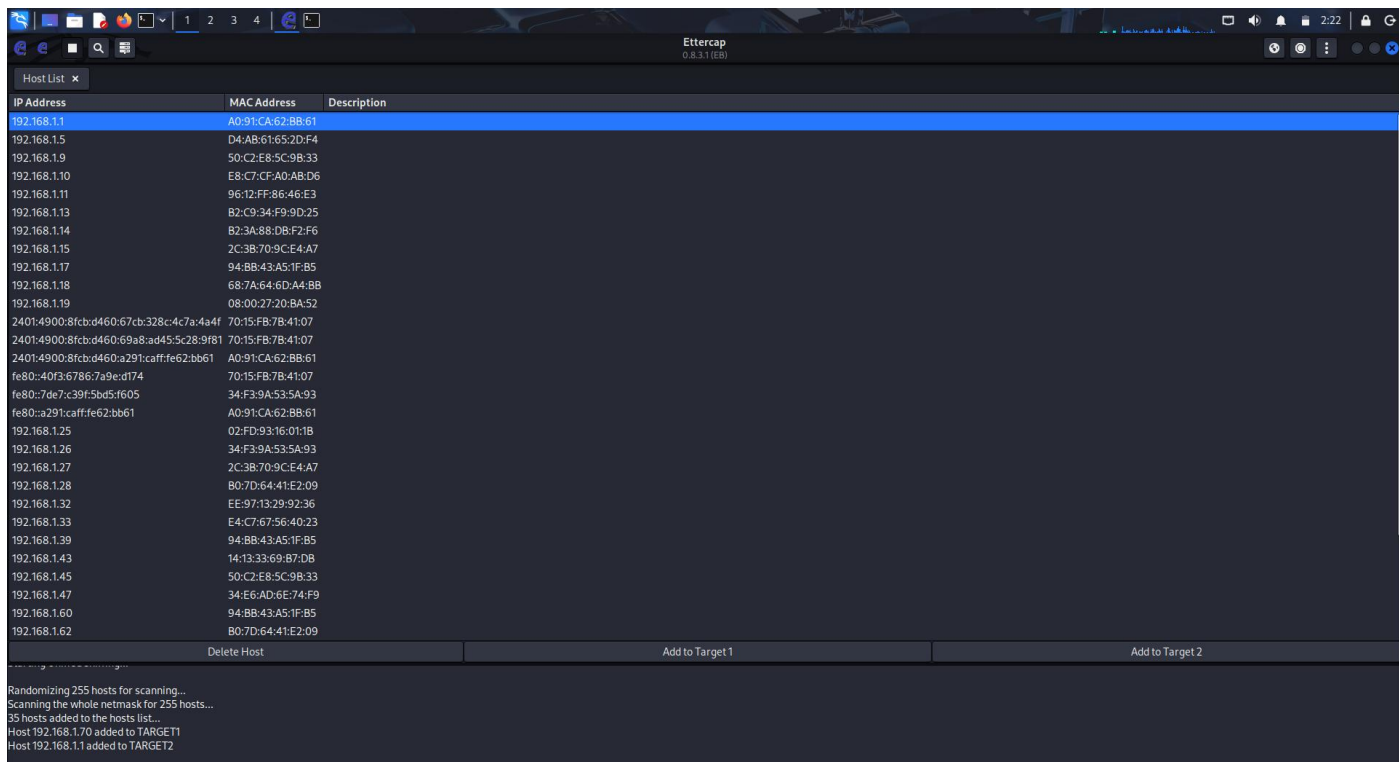


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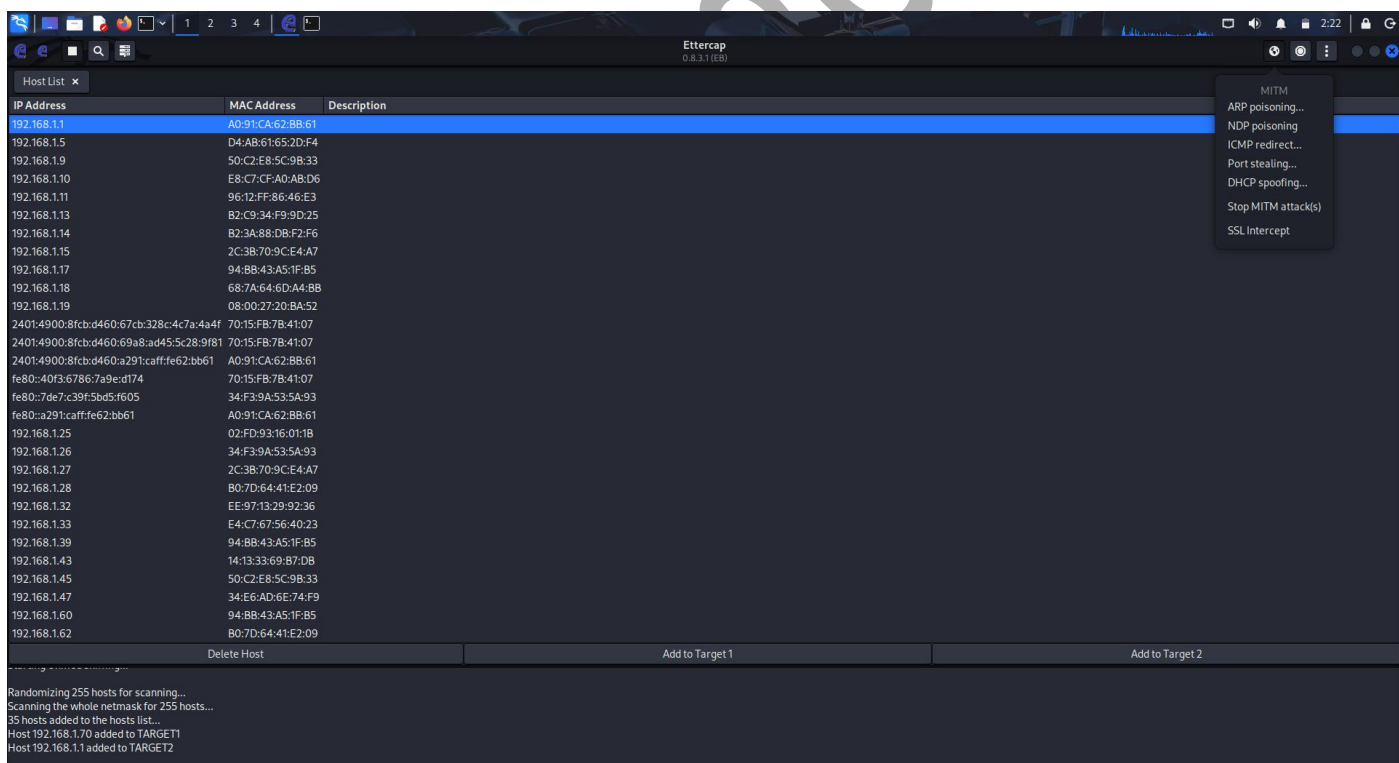
4 . Once Again click on Three Dot and click on Host List



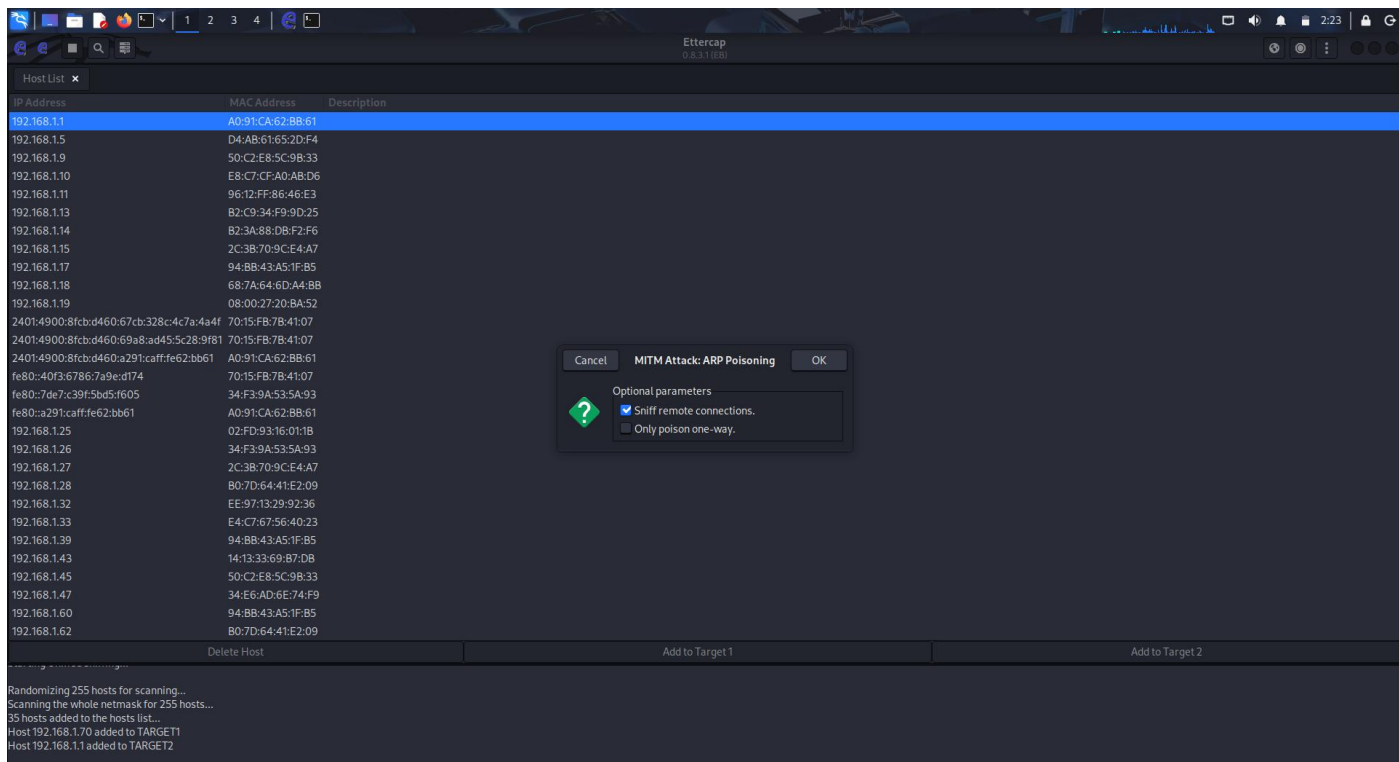
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5 . Now , Assume That Your Target will sign in some website and you want to hijack their session and cookies .

Target Website

Login Process

Login Successful

Altoro Mutual

testfire.net/login.jsp

Altoro Mutual

Sign In

Contact Us

Feedback

Search

Go

DEMO SITE ONLY

ONLINE BANKING LOGIN

PERSONAL

SMALL BUSINESS

INSIDE ALTORO MUTUAL

PERSONAL

Deposit Product

Checking

Loan Products

Cards

Investments & Insurance

Other Services

SMALL BUSINESS

Deposit Products

Lending Services

Cards

Insurance

Retirement

Other Services

INSIDE ALTORO MUTUAL

About Us

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Locations

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Subscribe

Online Banking Login

Username: admin

Password: *****

Login

Privacy Policy

Security Statement

Server Status Check

REST API

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Ettercap

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Host List

| IP Address | MAC Address | Description |
|---|-------------------|-------------|
| 192.168.1.1 | A0:91:CA:62:BB:61 | |
| 192.168.1.5 | D4:AB:61:65:2D:F4 | |
| 192.168.1.9 | 50:C2:E8:5C:9B:33 | |
| 192.168.1.10 | E8:C7:CF:A0:AB:D6 | |
| 192.168.1.11 | 96:12:FF:86:46:E3 | |
| 192.168.1.13 | B2:C9:34:F9:9D:25 | |
| 192.168.1.14 | B2:3A:88:DB:F2:F6 | |
| 192.168.1.15 | 2C:3B:70:9C:E4:A7 | |
| 192.168.1.17 | 94:BB:43:A5:1F:B5 | |
| 192.168.1.18 | 68:7A:64:6D:A4:B8 | |
| 192.168.1.19 | 08:00:27:20:8A:52 | |
| 2401:4900:8fcb:d460:67cb:328c:4c7a:4a4f | 70:15:FB:7B:41:07 | |
| 2401:4900:8fcb:d460:69a8:ad45:5c28:9f81 | 70:15:FB:7B:41:07 | |
| 2401:4900:8fcb:d460:a291:caff:fe62:bb61 | A0:91:CA:62:BB:61 | |
| fe80::40f3:6786:7a9e:d174 | 70:15:FB:7B:41:07 | |
| fe80::7de7:c39f:5bd5:f605 | 34:F3:9A:53:5A:93 | |
| fe80::a291:caff:fe62:bb61 | A0:91:CA:62:BB:61 | |
| 192.168.1.25 | 02:FD:93:16:01:1B | |
| 192.168.1.26 | 34:F3:9A:53:5A:93 | |
| 192.168.1.27 | 2C:3B:70:9C:E4:A7 | |
| 192.168.1.28 | B0:7D:64:41:E2:09 | |
| 192.168.1.32 | EE:97:13:29:92:36 | |
| 192.168.1.33 | E4:C7:67:56:40:23 | |
| 192.168.1.39 | 94:BB:43:A5:1F:B5 | |
| 192.168.1.43 | 14:13:33:69:B7:D8 | |
| 192.168.1.45 | 50:C2:E8:5C:9B:33 | |
| 192.168.1.47 | 34:E6:AD:6E:74:F9 | |
| 192.168.1.60 | 94:BB:43:A5:1F:B5 | |
| 192.168.1.62 | B0:7D:64:41:E2:09 | |

Delete Host

Add to Target 1

Add to Target 2

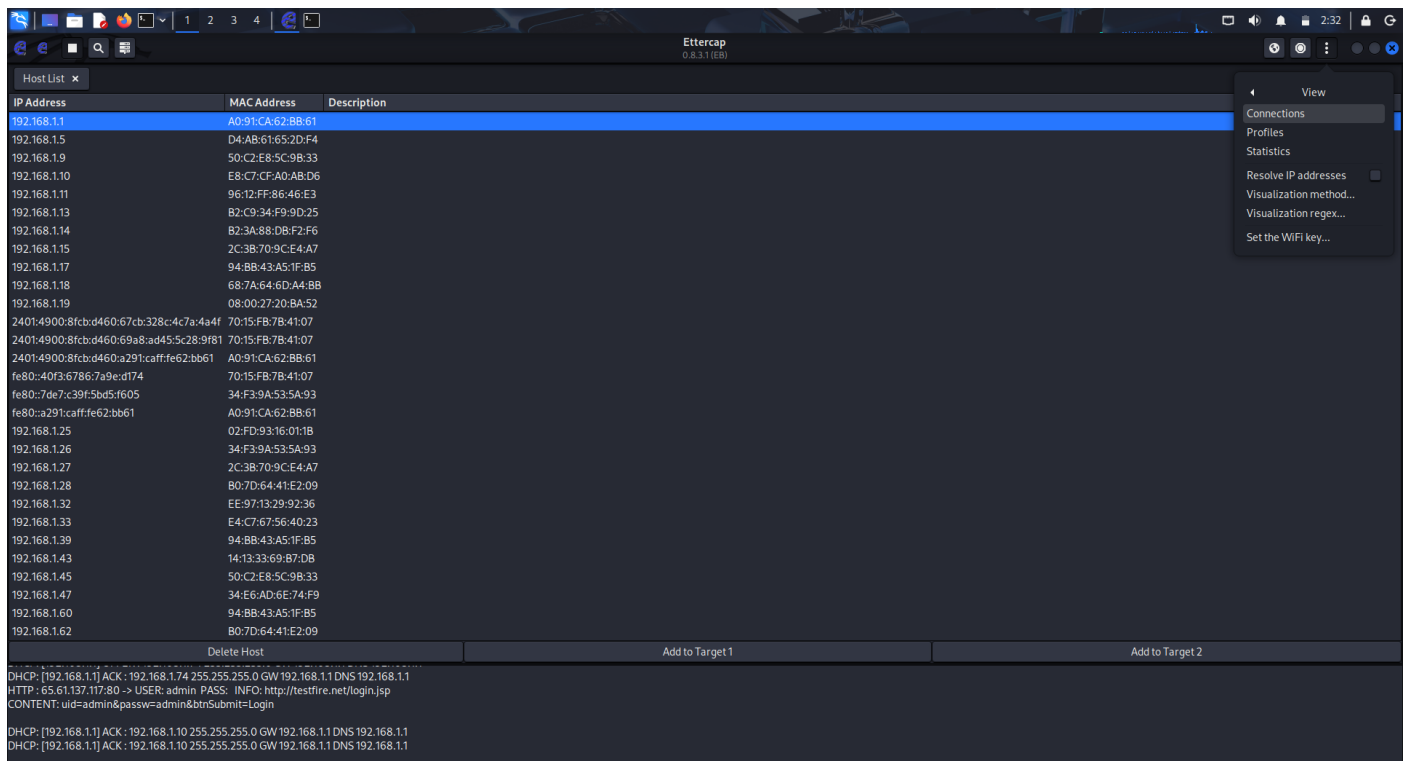
DHCP: [192.168.1.1] ACK: 192.168.1.74 255.255.255.0 GW 192.168.1.1 DNS 192.168.1.1
HTTP: 65.61.137.117:80 -> USER: admin PASS: INFO: http://testfire.net/login.jsp
CONTENT: uid=admin&passw=admin&btSubmit=Login
DHCP: [192.168.1.1] ACK: 192.168.1.10 255.255.255.0 GW 192.168.1.1 DNS 192.168.1.1
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6 . it capture Many packets .

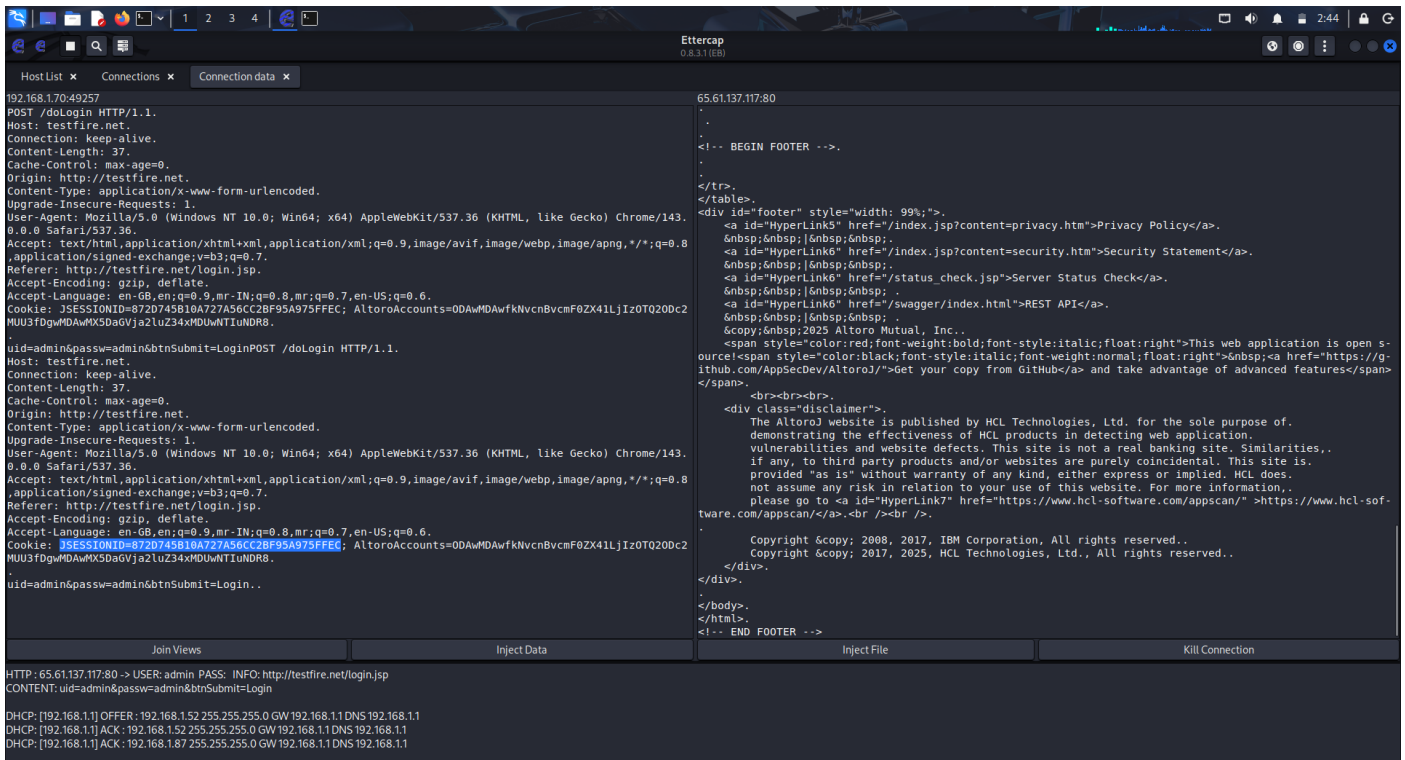
7 . Search Using Target Ip address .



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8 . here , it capture session id and all like website and other things

Session Id • Now , copy this Session Id



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9 . Open target Website

10 . Go to Extensions and open Cookies Editor • Replace this session id

To this , that you copy from Ettercap

Login

Kali Linux | Altoro Mutual | Add-ons Manager

Not Secure http://testfire.net/bank/main.jsp

Cookie-Editor v1.13.0

AltoroMutual

MY ACCOUNT PERSONAL SMALL BUSINESS

I WANT TO ...

- View Account Summary
- View Recent Transactions
- Transfer Funds
- Search News Articles
- Customize Site Language

ADMINISTRATION

- Edit Users

Hello Admin User

Welcome to Altoro Mutual Online.

View Account Details: 800000 Corporate GO

Congratulations!

You have been pre-approved for an Altoro Gold Visa with a credit limit of \$100000. Click [here](#) to apply.

Cookie-Editor

Ad Enjoying Cookie-Editor? Buy me a coffee!

Not interested Later

Q Search

JSESSIONID

Name INSIDE ALTORO MUTUAL

JSESSIONID

Value 872D745B10A727A56CC2BF95A975FFEC

Show Advanced

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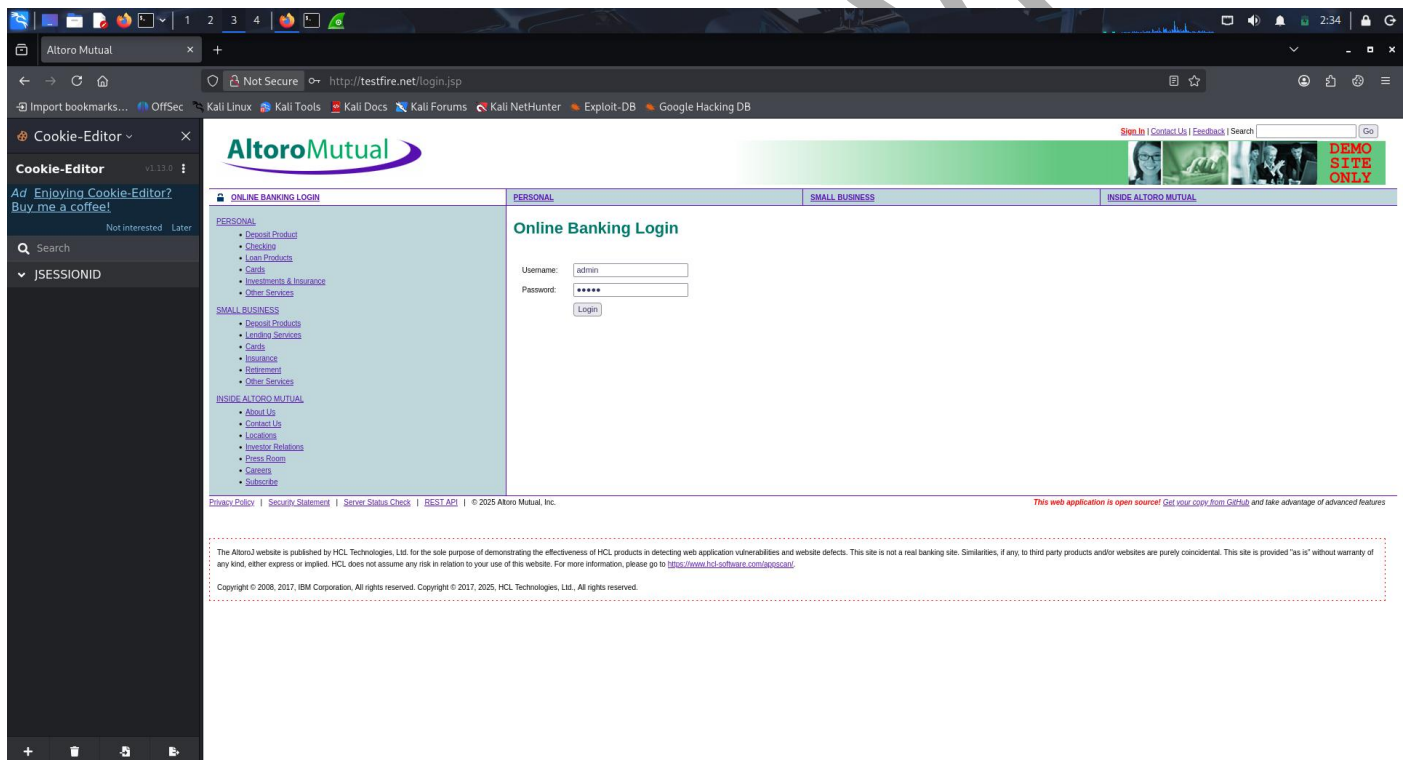
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2 . wireshark :

Wireshark is a packet analyzer. It does not hijack sessions by itself, but it can be used to observe network traffic. If traffic is not encrypted, sensitive session data may be visible.

Steps :

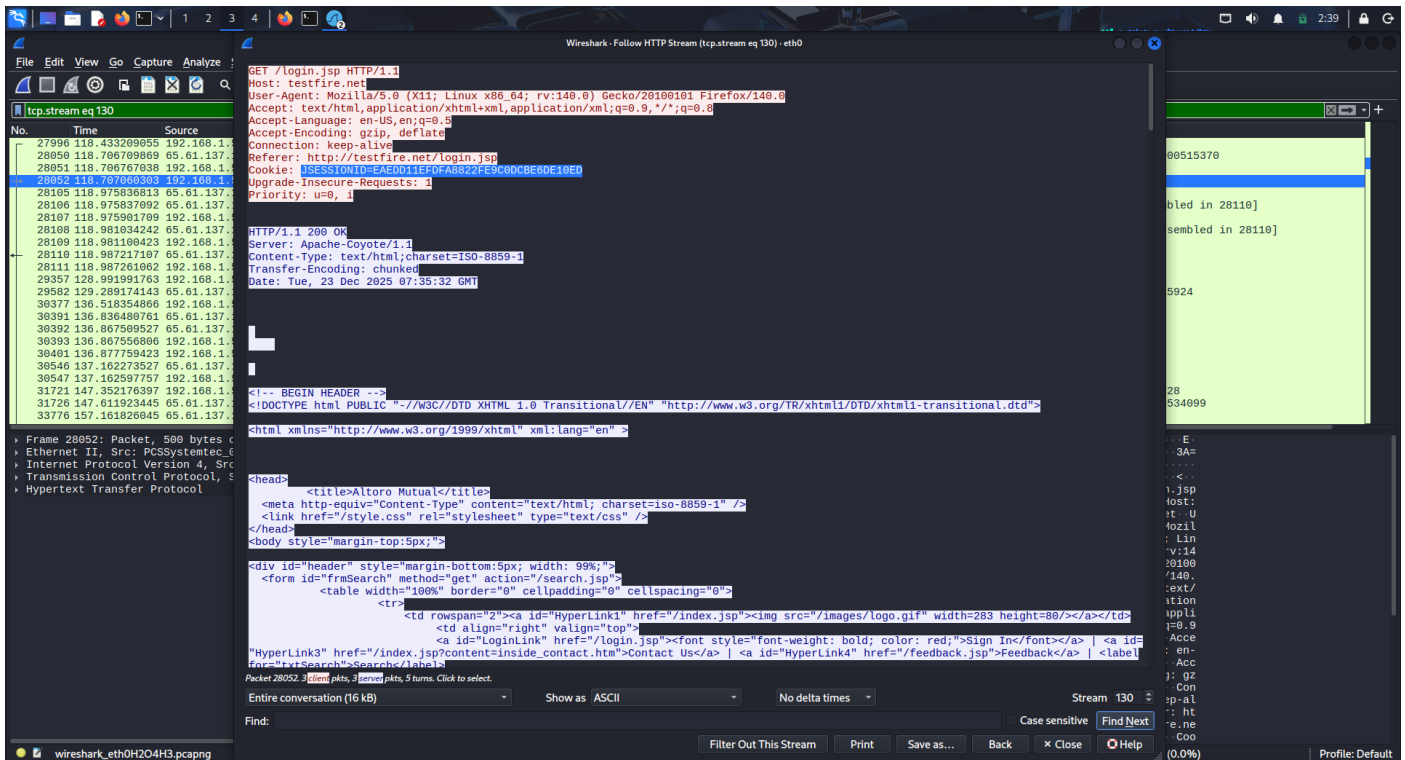
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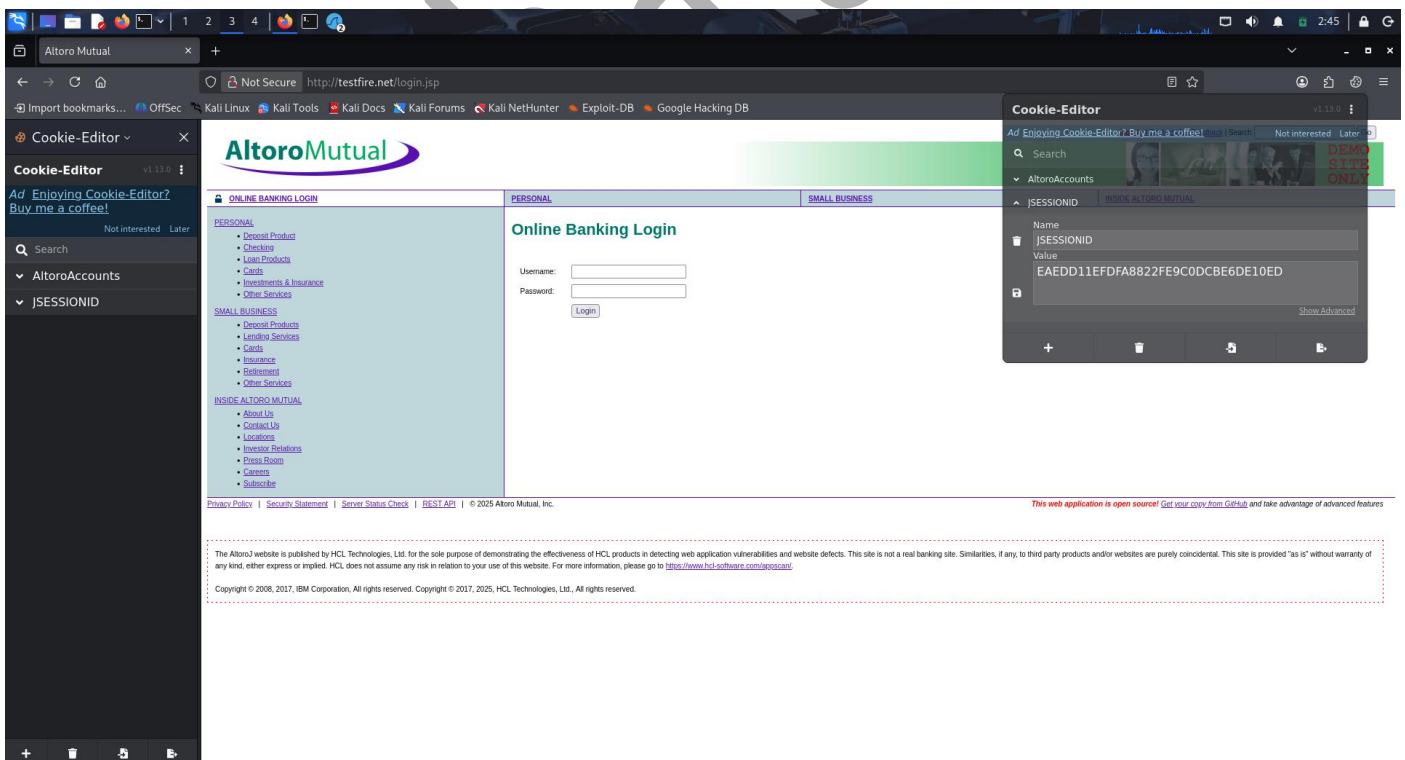
2 . Open wireshark and find http Post Request

Now , copy JSESSIONID



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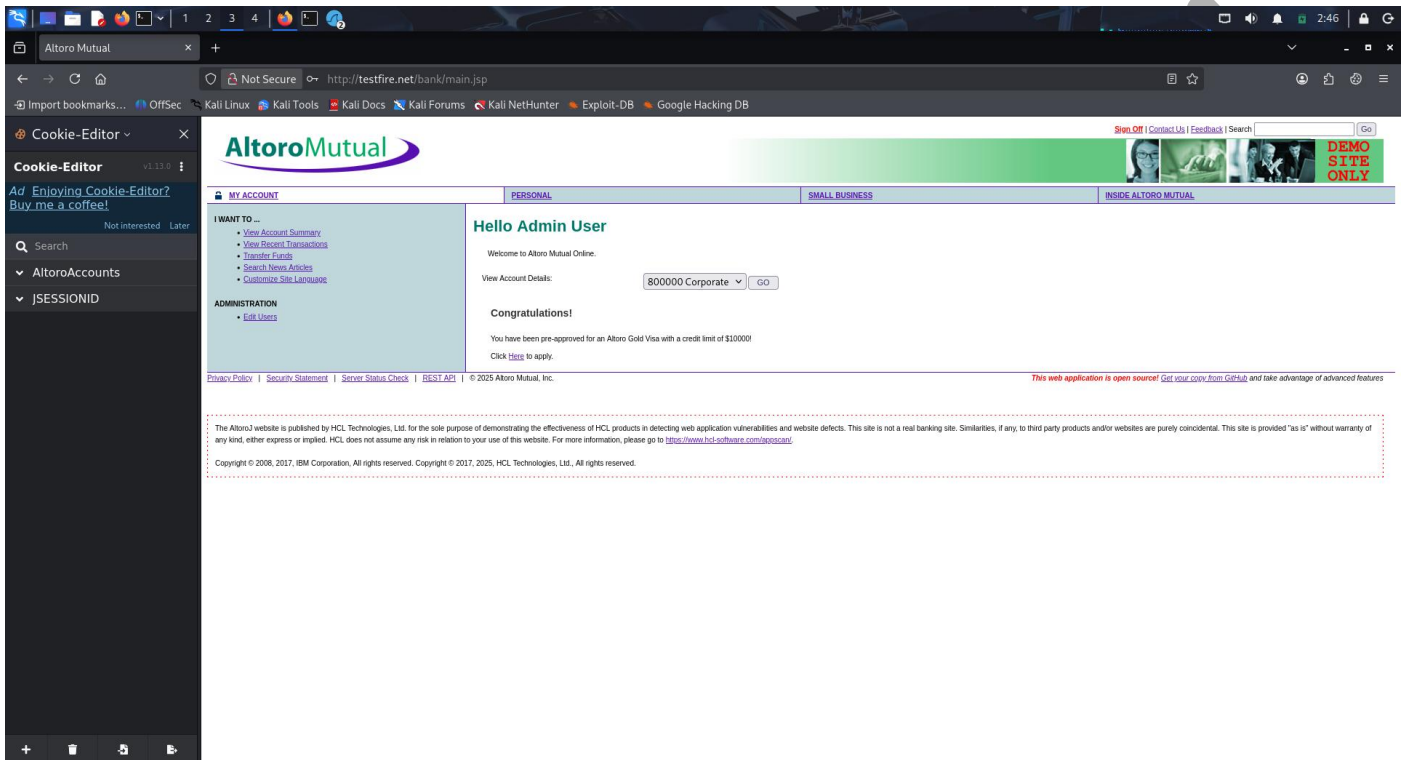
3. Now , go to another browser and open target website , sign in Option
Now open cookies editor extention and replace this JSESSIONID



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4 . And then refresh browser , if cookies replace successfully , sign in option change to sign off option • Sign in to sign off without username and password

Login Successfully



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3 . Burp suite :

The Burp Suite Sequencer tool is used to assess the strength and unpredictability of session tokens generated by web applications. By capturing multiple session IDs, Sequencer analyzes the randomness and entropy to determine if the tokens can be predicted by an attacker. In this test, session cookies were collected and analyzed to check whether the application is using sufficiently strong, random, and unique tokens. Weak or predictable session IDs can lead to session hijacking and unauthorized access. This analysis helps ensure that the session management mechanism is secure and resistant to token prediction attacks.

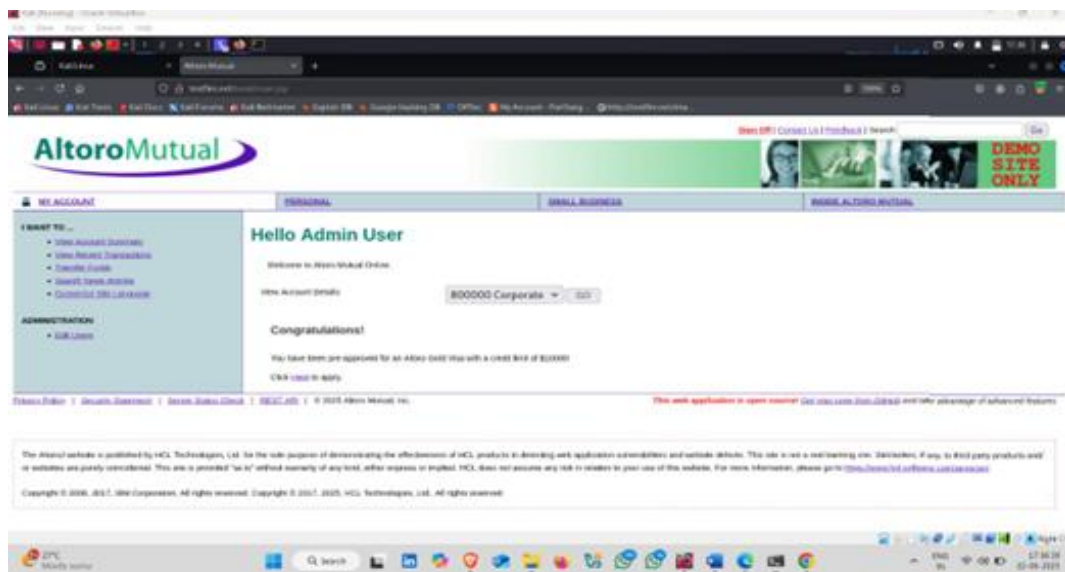
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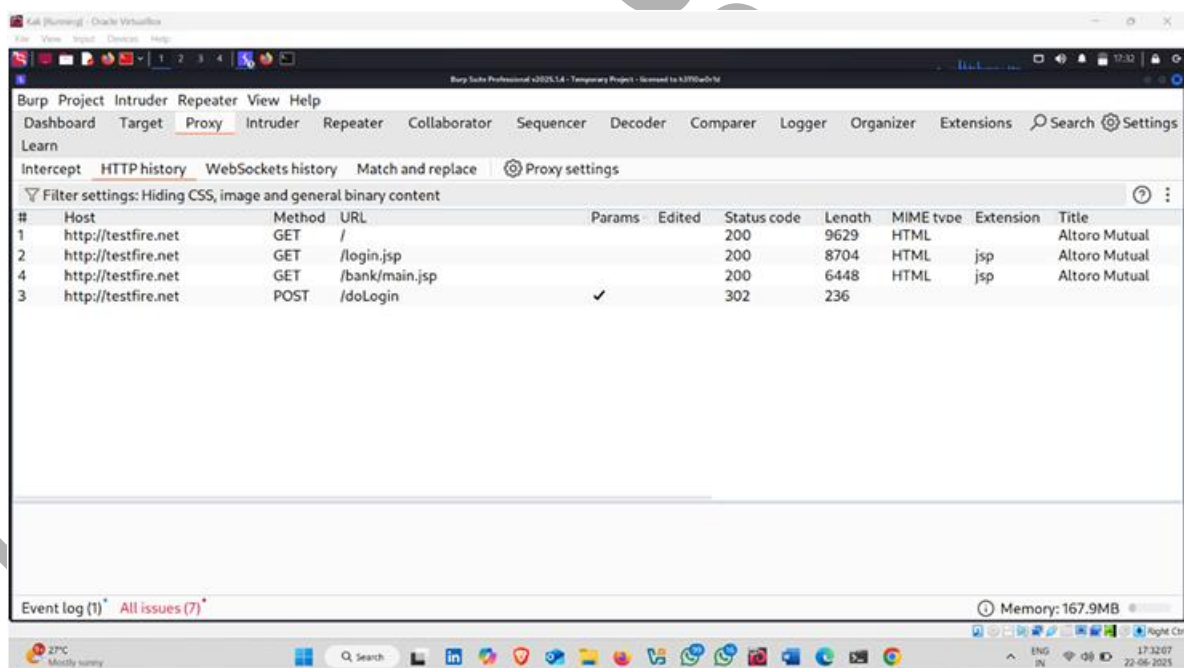


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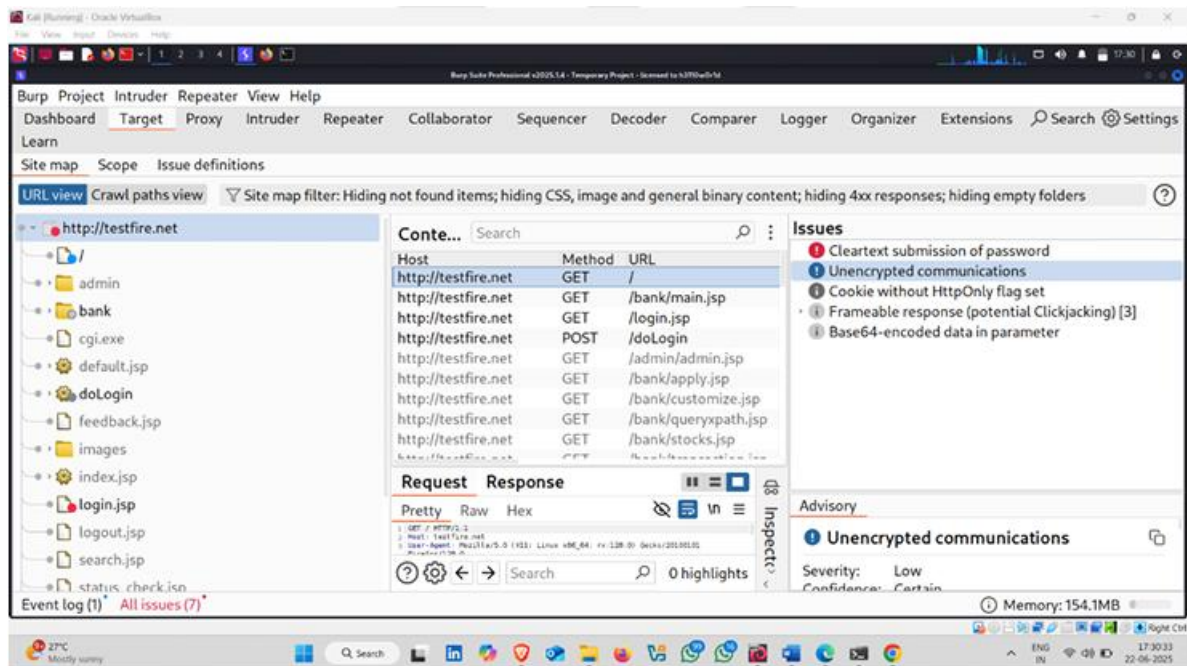
2 . Enter username and password and click on login



3 . Open burp suite and click on target option

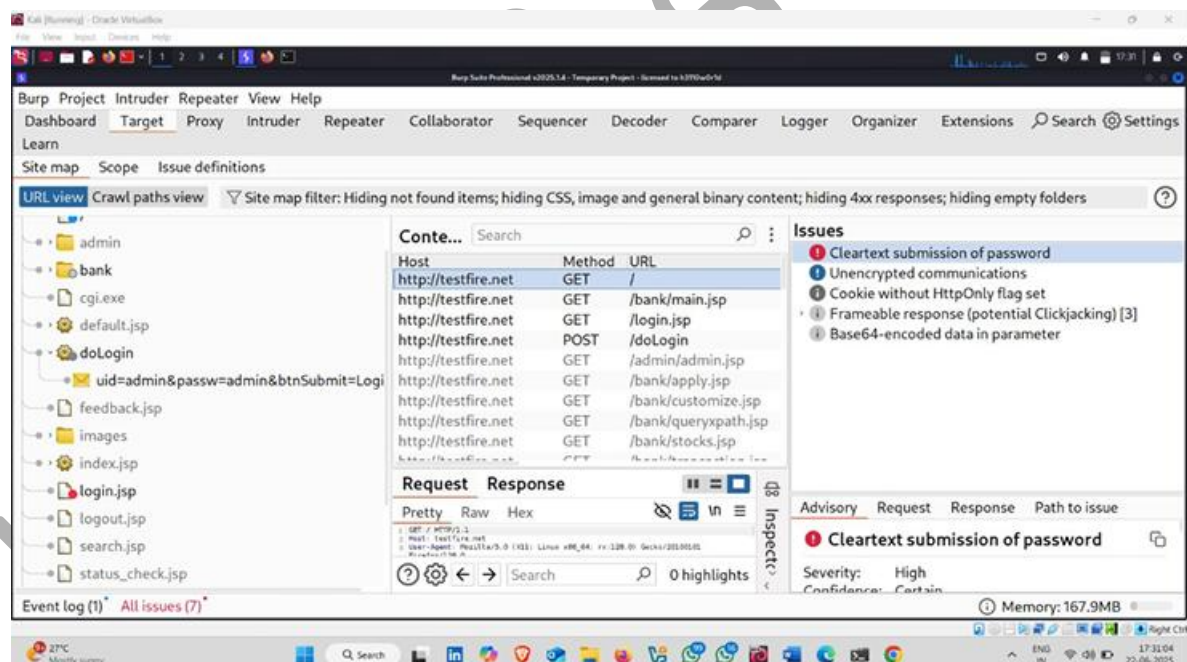


4 . Now click on doLogin Option



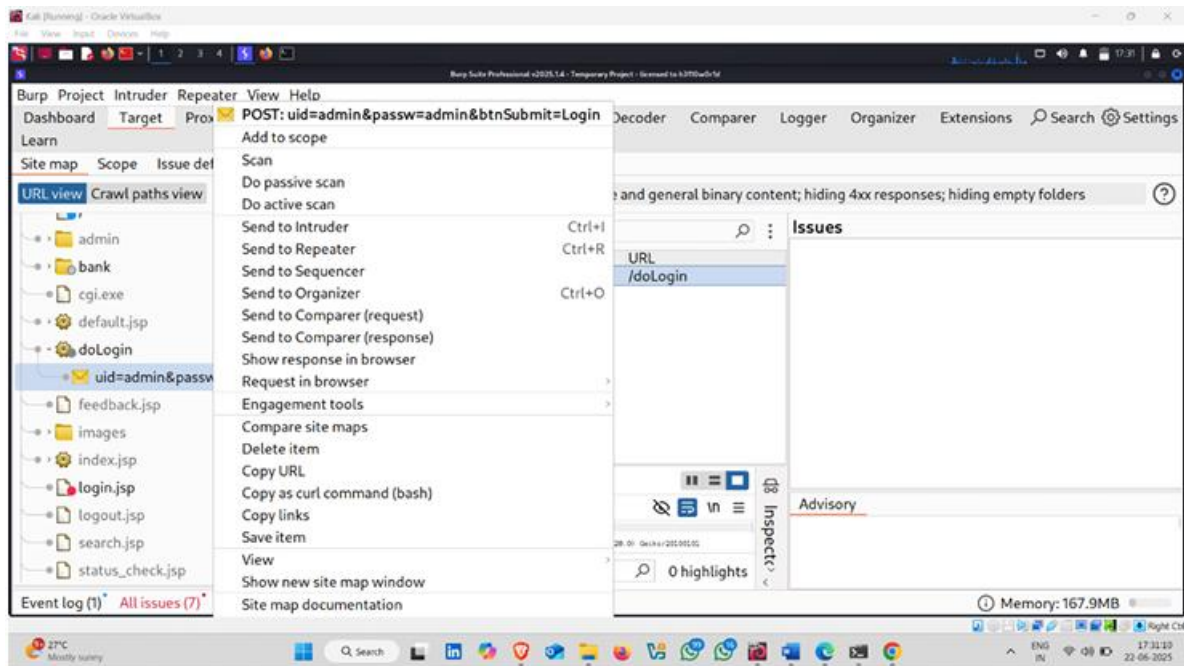
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5 . Now , right click on uid and passw section



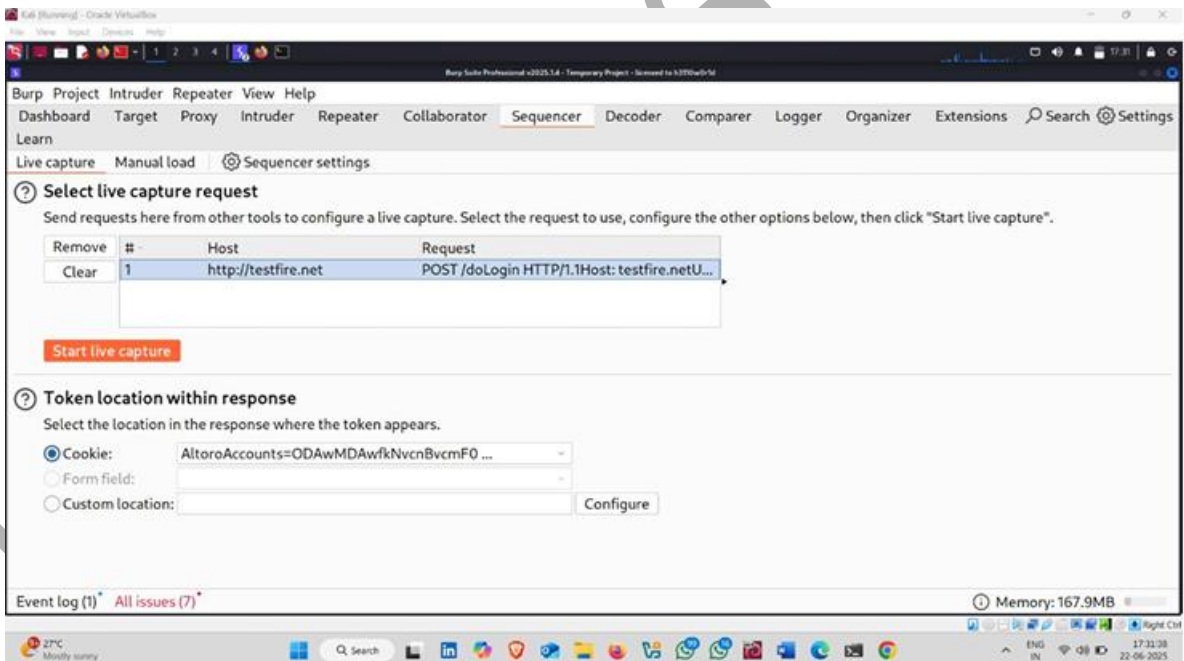
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6 . Send to Sequencer



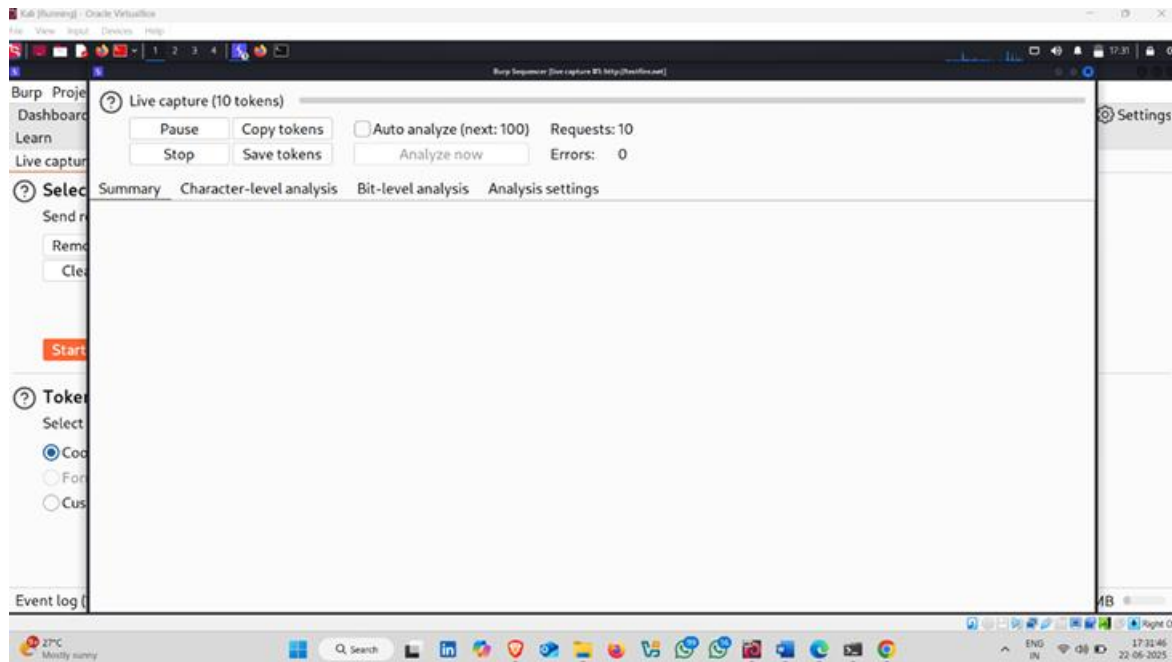
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7 . Click on Start live capture



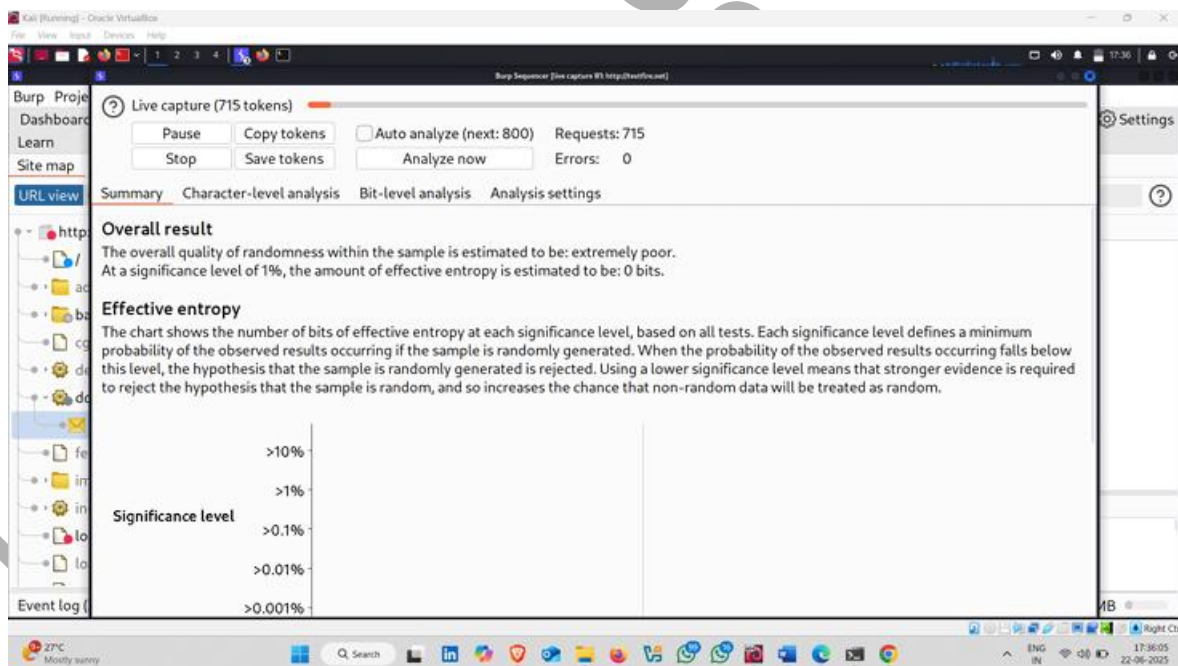
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8 . Started



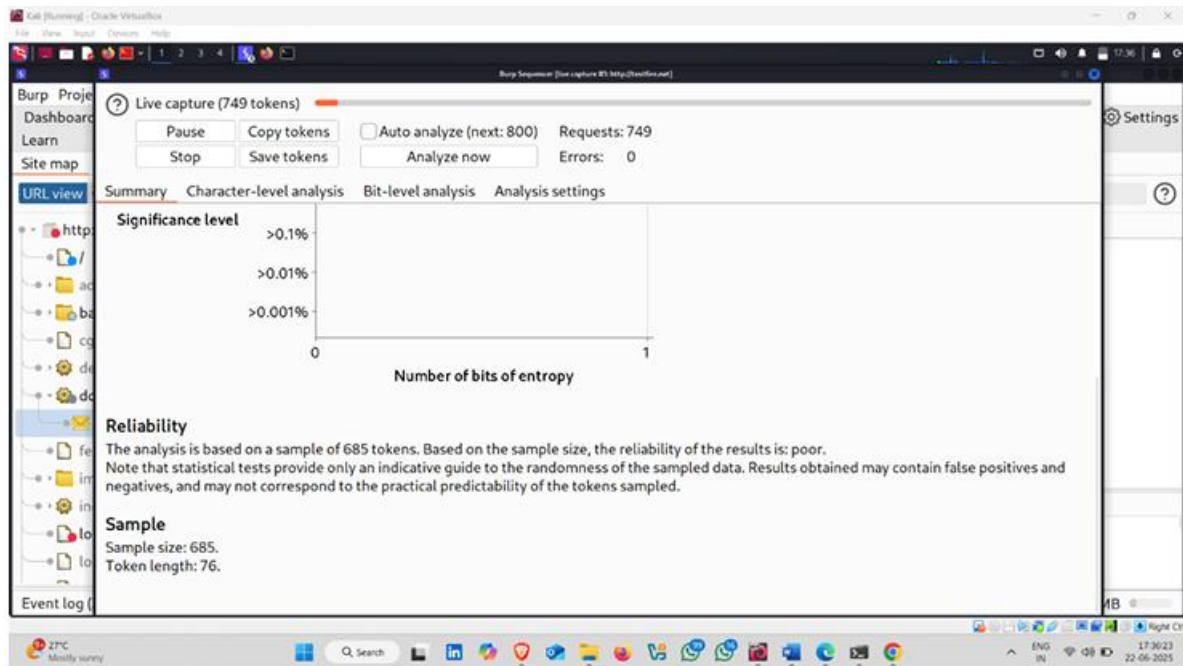
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9 . Now click on Analyze now • Here , result



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10 . Reliability is poor



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