6 Types of Exploits Every Intermediate Hacker Should Know About!

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Introduction

So, you’ve learned the basics of hacking, and now you’re ready to take it up a notch! Here’s a guide on six essential exploits every intermediate hacker should know, along with tips on how and where you might use each one… ethically, of course.

1. Buffer Overflow

How It Works:
A buffer overflow happens when a program writes more data to a memory location than it’s meant to handle. Think of it like pouring too much water into a glass… it overflows and spills. By overflowing a program’s memory, hackers can inject their code into this “spill,” which the program may end up running.

Where to Use It:
Buffer overflows are common in older software and apps that don’t have built-in protections against this overflow of data. If you’re working with C or C++ programs, these are especially vulnerable.

Example:

c
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```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
  char buffer[8];
  gets(buffer);
  return 0;
}
```

- **Try This:** Overflow the buffer and inject your shellcode (a small piece of code used as the payload), allowing you to take control of the program!

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2. SQL Injection

How It Works:
SQL Injection, or SQLi, tricks databases by injecting malicious code into SQL queries. It's like adding a secret code to a note that changes the message completely. This allows hackers to retrieve, alter, or even delete sensitive data.

Where to Use It:
SQL Injection works on any database-backed application with poorly validated user input... especially login forms, search fields, and forms that pull data directly from the database.

Example to Try:

sql

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```
' OR '1'='1
```

- **What It Does:** By adding `OR '1'='1`,` you bypass the login by making the SQL query always return true.

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3. Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

How It Works:
Cross-Site Scripting allows you to embed a script on a website, which then runs on other users' browsers. This is especially effective on social media platforms or comment sections where inputs aren't properly sanitized.

Where to Use It:
Anywhere users can input and display data on a website... forms, comments, search bars. For example, you might inject JavaScript that displays an alert to demonstrate the vulnerability.

Try This Code:

javascript
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```
<script>alert('XSS');</script>
```

- **How It Works:** The alert function runs as soon as a user loads the page, showing the XSS vulnerability.

For a Full Guide: XSS has several different forms, and each requires a unique approach. Our One-on-One Mentorship can help you learn how to safely and ethically test for XSS, along with techniques to prevent it in your own projects.

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4. Remote Code Execution (RCE)

How It Works:
Remote Code Execution allows you to run commands on another computer. With RCE, an attacker can control the system, install malware, or extract data without needing physical access.

Where to Use It:
RCE can often be executed through vulnerable web applications, especially those that don't sanitize user inputs. It's commonly tested on login forms, upload forms, and any field where commands can slip through.

Example Command:

```
bash
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; cat /etc/passwd;
```

- **Explanation:** Injecting this command into a vulnerable field could reveal sensitive data, like system passwords.

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5. Local File Inclusion (LFI)

How It Works:
Local File Inclusion exploits involve injecting file paths to force an application to load files from the server. This can give hackers access to sensitive files or configurations they shouldn't see.

Where to Use It:
LFI is common in file-sharing apps, content management systems, and any system that accepts paths or filenames as input. It's a simple but powerful way to explore and exploit a server's file structure.

Example Payload:

```
bash
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?page=../../../../etc/passwd
```

- **How It Works:** Manipulating the URL path lets you load files not meant for public view.

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6. Privilege Escalation

How It Works:
Privilege Escalation lets hackers gain higher-level access to a system than they were initially granted. It often targets systems with weak permissions or misconfigured services, giving hackers "root" or "administrator" access.

Where to Use It:
This technique is useful on any multi-user system... think company networks, shared servers, or even systems running multiple virtual environments.

Example Command to Find Vulnerable Files on Linux:

javascript
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```
find / -perm -4000 2>/dev/null
```

- **Explanation:** This command lists files with special permissions, which could allow you to execute processes with higher privileges.

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Final Thoughts

Mastering these exploits is a big step in your hacking journey! As you work with these techniques, remember to practice responsibly, respect privacy, and always operate within legal boundaries.

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