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Step 1 - Setup Environment (Use Internet Initially)

connect your Kali Linux laptop to the internet (only for setup).

Step 2 - Install Dependencies

sudo apt update

sudo apt install python3 python3-venv

Step 3 - Create Virtual Environment

python3 -m venv mitm-env

source mitm-env/bin/activate

Step 4 - Install mitmproxy and Fix bcrypt Issue

pip install mitmproxy bcrypt==4.0.1

Step 5 - Turn OFF Internet

Ensure everything works fully offline.

Step 6 - Create server.py (Simple HTTP Server)

Open a text editor (like nano) and create server.py:

nano server.py

Paste this code inside server.py:

from http.server import BaseHTTPRequestHandler, HTTPServer

import urllib.parse

 $class\ Simple HTTPR equest Handler (Base HTTPR equest Handler):$

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</form>
       </body>
     </html>
  def do_POST(self):
   content_length = int(self.headers['Content-Length'])
   post_data = self.rfile.read(content_length)
   form_data = urllib.parse.parse_qs(post_data.decode('utf-8'))
   username = form_data.get('username')[0]
   password = form_data.get('password')[0]
   print(f"[+] Intercepted Credentials -> Username: {username}, Password: {password}")
   self.send_response(200)
   self.end_headers()
   self.wfile.write(b"<html><body><h2>Login Successful</h2></body></html>")
server_address = ('0.0.0.0', 8080)
httpd = HTTPServer(server_address, SimpleHTTPRequestHandler)
print("[*] HTTP Server running on http://<local-IP>:8080")
httpd.serve_forever()
Save & exit (Ctrl + O, Enter, Ctrl + X).
Step 7 - Create intercept.py (mitmproxy Script)
Create the script file:
nano intercept.py
Paste this code:
from mitmproxy import http
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def request(flow: http.HTTPFlow) -> None:

if flow.request.method == "POST":

print("\n[+] Intercepted POST Data:")

print(flow.request.content.decode())

Save & exit (Ctrl + O, Enter, Ctrl + X).

Step 8 - Terminal Setup and Commands

Terminal Action

Terminal 1 Run HTTP Server: python3 server.py

Run mitmproxy with intercept script:

Terminal 2 mitmproxy --mode regular -p 8081 --listen-host 0.0.0.0 -s intercept.py

Configure proxy:

HTTP Proxy → 127.0.0.1, Port → 8081 Browser

Then visit: http://192.168.X.X:8080 and submit the form

Step 9 - Finding Local IP Address

In any terminal:

ip a

Example result:

inet 192.168.43.10/24

Use this IP when opening the browser:

http://192.168.43.10:8080

Step 10 - Run the Demo

- 1. Open browser → Visit http://192.168.43.10:8080
- 2. Submit dummy username & password (e.g., testuser / mypassword).
- 3. Observe:
 - mitmproxy terminal prints intercepted POST data.
 - HTTP server terminal prints credentials.

Step 11 - Cleanup After Demo

- Stop HTTP Server:
- Ctrl + C
- Stop mitmproxy:
- Ctrl + C

- Deactivate virtual environment:
- deactivate

Full Command Summary

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# Install Dependencies (once)
sudo apt update
sudo apt install python3 python3-venv
# Create Virtual Env
python3 -m venv mitm-env
source mitm-env/bin/activate
# Install mitmproxy
pip install mitmproxy bcrypt==4.0.1
# (Turn OFF Internet)
# Find Local IP
ip a
# Run HTTP Server (Terminal 1)
python3 server.py
# Run mitmproxy with script (Terminal 2)
mitmproxy --mode regular -p 8081 --listen-host 0.0.0.0 -s intercept.py
# Configure Browser Proxy: 127.0.0.1:8081
# Visit in Browser: http://<local-IP>:8080
# Submit dummy credentials
# Stop everything when done:
Ctrl + C
deactivate
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