Software Security Testing Report

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I. Executive Summary

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II. Test Parameters

The Objective of this evaluation is to appraise the implementation of software security in the scoped applications. The Application Scope of this evaluation is **WebGoat.** WebGoat is a web-based application developed in Java. This test evaluated the applications for the following specific vulnerabilities related to Data Validation, Authentication & Authorization, Data Encryption, Error Handling & Logging, and Server Configuration:

Data Validation:

- Buffer Overflow (High Risk)
- Cross Site Scripting (High Risk)
- Cross Site Request Forgery (High Risk)
- HTTP Splitting (High Risk)
- Injection Flaws
    - Command Injection (High Risk)
    - SQL Injection (High Risk)
    - XPATH Injection (High Risk)
- Parameter Tampering (High Risk)

Authentication & Authorization:

- Access Control Flaws
    - Unrestricted File Upload (High Risk)
- Authentication Flaws
    - Application Emails Passwords (High Risk)
    - Basic Authentication Used (High Risk)
    - Insufficient Account Lockout (High Risk)
    - Username Harvesting (Medium Risk)
    - Weak Password Requirements (Medium Risk)
- Malicious Execution
    - Execution with Unnecessary Privileges (High Risk)
- Session Management Flaws
    - Insufficient Entropy (High Risk)
    - Insufficient Session Expiration (High Risk)
    - Session Fixation (Medium Risk)
    - Sensitive Cookie in HTTPS without 'Secure' Attribute (Low Risk)

Data Encryption:

- Insecure Communication
    - Cleartext Transmission of Sensitive Information (High Risk)
    - Weak Cryptographic Protocol Used
    - Weak Ciphers Used (Low Risk)

- Insecure Cryptographic Storage (High Risk)

Error Handling & Logging:

- Improper Error Handling
  - Unhandled Exceptions (Medium Risk)
  - Username Harvesting / Enumeration (Medium Risk)
  - Verbose Error Messages (Low Risk)
- Insufficient Logging (Medium Risk)
- Information Exposure through Server Log Files (Medium Risk)

Server Configuration:

- Cross Site Tracing (Low Risk)
- Web Server Advertises Version Information in Headers (Low Risk)
- Testing Directory Traversal (Medium Risk)
- Security Misconfiguration (Medium Risk)

The Software Security Testing activities conducted includes both Penetration Testing techniques. Manual and Automated Penetration Testing techniques were used in this test. Automated Penetration Testing tools include: ***ZAP,NMAP AND SQLMAP.***

III. Targets

The Scope of the evaluation is as follows:

1. **WebGoat**: **http://192.168.25.129/WebGoat/attack**

IV. Findings

Table 1: WebGOAT

VULNERABILITY	DESCRIPTION	RISK	EVIDENCE	MITIGATION TECHNIQUE
Buffer Overflow	A buffer overflow condition exists when a program attempts to put more data in a buffer than it can hold or when a program attempts to put data in a memory area past a buffer. In this case, a buffer is a sequential section of memory allocated to contain anything from a character string to an array of integers. Writing outside the bounds of a block of allocated memory can corrupt data, crash the program, or cause the execution of malicious code.	**High**	Used WebGoat for this test where I needed to find the VIP Guest name and room number. I accomplished that by tuning on the hidden fields using the web developer tools and before accepting the charges and adding the room number I inputted 4097 characters in the field. On the next page when I enabled the form details it gave me the information for all the VIP Guests staying at that hotel **Appendix A**	Keep up with the latest bug reports for your web and application server products and other products in your internet infrastructure. Also apply latest patched to these products.
Cross Site Scripting	**Cross Site Scripting is INSERT. This vulnerability is present on the INSERT page in**	**High**	**I tested it on WebGoat (Stored XSS) where I had to input some values and when I hit submit the values showed up in the bottom. I used OWASP ZAP to capture the information on the POST** **Appendix B**	Sanitize HTML Markup with a Library Designed for the Job

	the INSERT parameter.			
CSRF	**Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) is an attack that forces an end user to execute unwanted actions on a web application in which they're currently authenticated. CSRF attacks specifically target state-changing requests, not theft of data, since the attacker has no way to see the response to the forged request**	**High**	**I logged into DVWA for this test where I logged in as an Admin, found the page source and changed the code and create a HTML file with the username and password field. In the form action I took the url from DVWA and pasted that. Once I opened the .html file again the password has been changed. I have attached the http response and http request.** **Appendix C**	Using secret cookies, only accepting POST requests, URL rewriting, using HTTPS, and multi-step transactions.
HTTP Splitting	**HTTP** response **s plitting** is a form of web application vulnerability, resulting from the failure of the application or its environment to properly sanitize input values. It can be used to perform cross-site scripting attacks, cross-user defacement, web cache poisoning, and similar exploits	**High**	**I tested this on WebGoat for the HTTP Splitting Lesson. We used : en** **Content-Length: 0** **HTTP/1.1 200 OK** **Content-Type: text/html** **Content-Length: 28** **<html>Testing HTTP Splitting Rahul G</html>** **And converted that to: en%0AContent-Length%3A%200%0A%0AHTTP%2F1.1%20200%20OK%0AContent-Type%3A%20text%2Fhtml%0AContent-Length%3A%2028%0A%3Chtml%3ETesting%20HTTP%20Splitting%20Rahul%20G%3C%2Fhtml%3E using the PHP Charset Encoder and we encoded it to the URI Component.** **Result: We forced the server to give us a result** **Appendix D**	Today frameworks (like .net or J2EE, and probably others) offer programmers an API which can be used to mitigate/eliminate such attacks (in server side code). But as we all know "It's impossible to foresee consequences of being clever", so developers can avoid those

				protections entirely, leaving application vulnerable to such attacks. So there isn't a strict yes/no answer. It depends on developer's imagination.
Injection flaws flaw	Is a class of security vulnerability that allows a user to "break out" of the web application context. If your web application takes user input and inserts that user input into a back-end database, shell command, or operating system calls, your application may be susceptible to this vulnerability.	**High**	**Appendix E No. 1, 2 3 and 4**	The simplest way to protect against injection is to avoid accessing external interpreters wherever possible. For many shell commands and some system calls, there are language specific libraries that perform the same functions. Using such libraries does not involve the operating system shell interpreter, and therefore avoids a large number of problems with shell commands

Command Line Injection	Is an attack in which the goal is execution of arbitrary commands on the host operating system via a vulnerable application .Command injection attacks are possible when an application passes unsafe user supplied data (forms, cookies, HTTP headers etc.) to a system shell	**High**	I used DVWA on Webgoat where I pinged the locahost 127.0.0.1 on low security level, first it didn't result to any output but when I tried 127.0.0.1; ls / it resulted in the output of the folders. **Appendix E No 1**	Use a vetted library or framework that does not allow this weakness to occur or provides constructs that make this weakness easier to avoid. For example, consider using persistence layers such as Hibernate or Enterprise Java Beans, which can provide significant protection against SQL injection if used properly
SQL Injection	Is a code injection technique, used to attack data-driven applications, in which nefarious SQL statements are inserted into an entry field for execution (e.g. to dump the database contents to the attacker).	**High**	Used **OWASP Webgoat (Brick Application),** where we used SQL Map to find the DB tables and dump the user name and passwords after it cracked the password using the dictionary. We found 4 users and tested the usernames and passwords to login to the Brick Application. **Appendix E No 2**	Stop writing dynamic queries; and/or Prevent user supplied input which contains malicious SQL from affecting the logic of the executed query.
XPATH Injection	Is an attack technique used to exploit applications that construct XPath (XML Path Language) queries from	**High**	I used Webgoat for this test; the system provided us with the credentials to log in as Mike to view his salary. My goal is to view other peoples salary as well so I am inputting a user input query "LIm' or 1=1 or 'a'='a" without quotes and any password to view the rest of the employee's salary and account number.	Treat all user input as untrusted and perform appropriate sanitization. When sanitizing user

	user-supplied input to query or navigate XML documents		**Appendix E No 3**	input, verify the correctness of the data type, length, format and content.
Parameter Tampering	The Web Parameter Tampering attack is based on the manipulation of parameters exchanged between client and server in order to modify application data, such as user credentials and permissions, price and quantity of products, etc. Usually, this information is stored in cookies, hidden form fields, or URL Query Strings, and is used to increase application functionality and control.This attack can be performed by a malicious user who wants to exploit the application for their own benefit, or an attacker who wishes to attack a third-person using a Man-in-the-middle	**HIGH**	I used Webgoat for this test. The test was to bypass HTML Field restrictions where we needed to submit the form with each field containing an unallowed value. Firstly I used Web Developer tools to enable the disabled field, secondly I used this tool called Tamper to change the data values and once I changed it through tamper and submitted the form those values were taken by the form and the test was successful. **Appendix E No 4**	Validate the data on the server side and treat all user input as untrusted.

	attack. In both cases, tools likes Webscarab and Paros proxy are mostly used.			
Unrestricted File Upload	The consequences of unrestricted file upload can vary, including complete system takeover, an overloaded file system or database, forwarding attacks to back-end systems, client-side attacks, or simple defacement. It depends on what the application does with the uploaded file and especially where it is stored.	**High**	Used DVWA for File Upload where the security was set to Medium. The file upload will only allow jpeg file extensions. I created a file named cmd.php.jpeg and I used burp to monitor that, as soon as I see the traffic come through I change the file extension from JPEG to .php and change the file size it uploaded successfully. **Appendix F**	Limit the filename length, the file types allowed to be uploaded should be restricted to only those that are ncessary for business functionality,the application should perform filtering and content checking on any files which uploaded to the server.
Application Emails Password	The software contains a mechanism for users to recover or change their passwords without knowing the original password, but the mechanism is weak.	**High**	I used Webgoat for this application where my job was to test the passwords for its strength and the time it takes to parse it. **Appendix G**	Make sure the password has 6 characters or more, including upper case, lower case and a special character so it's hard to crack.
Basic Authenticati on Used	Basic authentication	**High**	Used Webgoat for this test where we needed to supply the authentication header and the decoded value for the authentication header. I	Applications should enforce password

	is not secure and should not be used in applications. The username and password are concatenated and sent in an HTTP header on every subsequent request. Compared with session based authentication, this substantially increases the amount of time the credentials are on the wire in plaintext.		used Live HTTP Header to find the header information and once I got the value I decoded it. The value was **authorization** and the decoded value was **guest:guest** **Appendix H**	complexity rules to discourage easy to guess passwords. Password mechanisms should allow virtually any character the user can type to be part of their password, including the space character. Passwords should, obviously, be case sensitive in order to increase their complexity. Occasionally, we find systems where passwords aren't case sensitive, frequently due to legacy system issues like old mainframes that didn't have case sensitive passwords.
Insufficient Account Lockout	Account lockout mechanisms are used to mitigate brute force password guessing attacks. Accounts are typically locked	**High**	I tested it with WebGoat where I tried to login with the incorrect password 6 times and it generated a 401 error on OWASP Zap and on the 7th time it let me login. **Appendix I**	Time-based lockout and unlock. Self-service unlock sends unlock email to registered email address. Manual administrator

	after 3 to 5 unsuccessful login attempts and can only be unlocked after a predetermined period of time, via a self-service unlocks mechanism, or intervention by an administrator. Account lockout mechanisms require a balance between protecting accounts from unauthorized access and protecting users from being denied authorized access.			unlock. Manual administrator unlock with positive user identification
Username Harvesting	Collecting a set of valid usernames by interacting with the authentication mechanism of the application.	**Medium**	For this vulnerability I used the Twitter website where I went to sign up and I tested at least **10** random email addresses and the Web Server kept telling me if the address exists or not. The verbose message that was used was not by the standards and for that reason I opened a Service Request with Twitter regarding this Flaw in their website. **Appendix J**	Changing the verbage on what message the server returns makes a huge difference if the hacker can continue on to the next step of his action.
Weak Password Requirement	The most prevalent and most easily administered authentication mechanism is a static password. The password represents the	Medium	I tested this on DVWA and the password requirements was not that strict and I was able to change it to admin with no uppercase, lowercase or special character. I successfully authenticated with weak password. Used Firebug to check the Security of the cookie and it was low. **Appendix K**	Enforce usage of strong passwords. A password strength policy should contain the following attributes: Minimum and

	keys to the kingdom, but is often subverted by users in the name of usability. In each of the recent high profile hacks that have revealed user credentials, it is lamented that most common passwords are still: 123456, password and qwerty.			maximum length; Require mixed character sets (alpha, numeric, special, mixed case); Do not contain user name; Expiration; No password reuse.
Execution with Unnecessary Privileges	The software performs an operation at a privilege level that is higher than the minimum level required which creates new weaknesses or amplifies the consequences of other weaknesses.	High	The following code calls chroot() to restrict the application to a subset of the file system below APP_HOME in order to prevent an attacker from using the program to gain unauthorized access to files located elsewhere. The code then opens a file specified by the user and processes the contents of the file. **Appendix L No Image**	Run your code using the lowest privileges that are required to accomplish the necessary tasks [R.250.2]. If possible, create isolated accounts with limited privileges that are only used for a single task. That way, a successful attack will not immediately give the attacker access to the rest of the software or its environment. For example, database applications rarely need to run as the database

				administrator, especially in day-to-day operations
Insufficient Entropy	The software uses an algorithm or scheme that produces insufficient entropy, leaving patterns or clusters of values that are more likely to occur than others.	High	The following code uses a statistical PRNG to create a URL for a receipt that remains active for some period of time after a purchase. This code uses the Random.nextInt() function to generate "unique" identifiers for the receipt pages it generates. Because Random.nextInt() is a statistical PRNG, it is easy for an attacker to guess the strings it generates. Although the underlying design of the receipt system is also faulty, it would be more secure if it used a random number generator that did not produce predictable receipt identifiers, such as a cryptographic PRNG. **Appendix M**	Determine the necessary entropy to adequately provide for randomness and predictability. This can be achieved by increasing the number of bits of objects such as keys and seeds.
Insufficient Session Expiration	Is when a website permits an attacker to reuse old session credentials or session ID's for authorization	High	Taken from a JavaScript code The following snippet was taken from a J2EE web.xml deployment descriptor in which the session-timeout parameter is explicitly defined (the default value depends on the container). In this case the value is set to -1, which means that a session will never expire. Instead of putting -1 we need to use **`<session-timeout>20</session-timeout>`** Also on IIS I went into Session State and changed the Cooke Settings to 20 minutes but before I had a very long time out number. **Appendix N**	Set Sessions/credentials expiration date or time
Session Fixation	Is an attack that permits an attacker to hijack a valid user **session**. The attack explores a limitation in the way the web application manages the **session** ID, more	Medium	**I used Webgoat for this test where I added a piece of code to the email link that I send to the user and once he/she clicked on it I would gain access to their session and I don't even need their username and password.** **Appendix O**	In an enterprise deployment, consider the use of a COM wrapper object that invokes a cryptographically secure random number generator in

	specifically the vulnerable web application			favor of the VBScript Rnd function.
Sensitive Cookie in HTTPS without 'Secure' Attribute	The Secure attribute for sensitive cookies in HTTPS sessions is not set, which could cause the user agent to send those cookies in plaintext over an HTTP session.	Low	On a piece of code snippet I had to add in the system.web file. I tested webgoat on my chrome browser and ran an audit. **<httpCookies requireSSL="true" />** **Appendix P**	Always set the secure attribute when the cookie should send via HTTPS only.
Cleartext Transmission of Sensitive Information	The software transmits sensitive or security-critical data in a clear text communication channel that can be sniffed by unauthorized actors	High	Used Kali Linux with the curl command to test Webgoat and it returned the usage of Basic Authentication over HTTP because with Basic Authentication, after log in, credentials are encoded - and not encrypted - into HTTP Headers. **Appendix Q**	Encrypt the data with a reliable encryption scheme before transmitting. When using web applications with SSL, use SSL for the entire session from login to logout, not just for the initial login page.
Weak Ciphers Used	A weak cipher is defined as an encryption/decryption algorithm that uses a key of insufficient length. ... The second process of cryptography is called decryption which takes the **ciphertext** and recreates the plaintext	Low	I used the terminal in my Kali Linux machine to test for weak ciphers using the TLSSLED command and after pointing it to the WebGoat IP address the results came up with unsupported encryption that are vulnerable Appendix R	User TLC 1.2 Version. Disabling SSL 2.0 and SSL 3.0. Disabling TLS 1.0 compression.
Unhandled Exceptions	If a function in a product does	Medium	Server: Connect to the embedded host in Chrome get the unhandled exception error.	The choice between a

	not generate the correct return/status codes, or if the product does not handle all possible return/status codes that could be generated by a function, then security issues may result.		**Appendix S**	language which has named or unnamed exceptions needs to be done. While unnamed exceptions exacerbate the chance of not properly dealing with an exception, named exceptions suffer from the up call version of the weak base class problem.
Insufficient Logging	When a security-critical event occurs, the software either does not record the event or omits important details about the event when logging it.	Medium	For this vulnerability I used an application that I support for Oracle called Taleo for Recruiting and I was checking my user log for login and failed login. This application log tells me that I successfully logged in but it fails to tell me that I had 5 failed attempts before. **Appendix T**	Use a centralized logging mechanism that supports multiple levels of detail. Ensure that all security-related successes and failures can be logged.
Information Exposure through Server Log Files	A server.log file was found. This can give information on whatever application left the file. Usually this can give full path names and system information, and sometimes usernames and passwords.	Medium	I Logged into our company server and I was going through the log files but I didn't find anything that would be harmful for the company or useful for any hacker to exploit. **Appendix U**	Protect log files against unauthorized read/write. Consider seriously the sensitivity of the information written into log files. Do not write secrets into the log files.
Cross Site Tracing	An attack involves the use	Low	I used Webgoat for this test where Tomcat was configured to support the HTTP Trace command	In Apache versions 1.3.34,

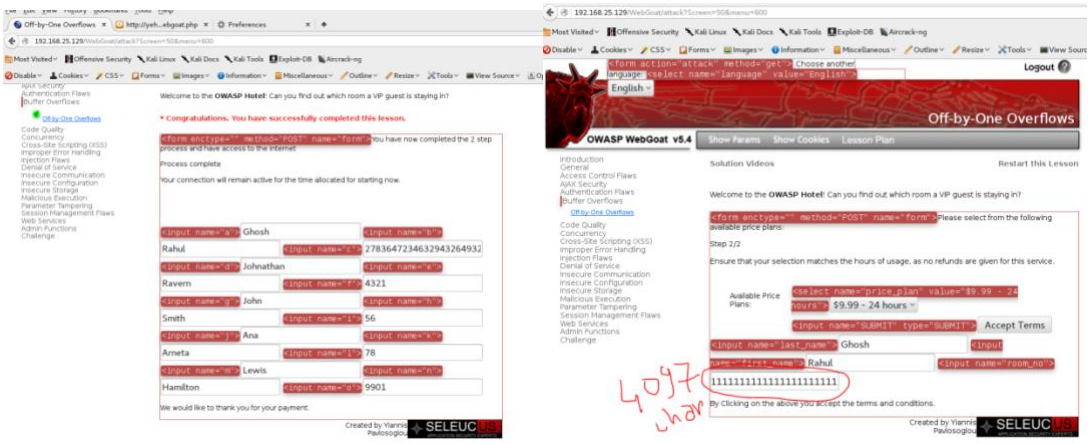
	of Cross-site Scripting (XSS) and the TRACE or TRACK HTTP methods. According to RFC 2616, "TRACE allows the client to see what is being received at the other end of the request chain and use that data for testing or diagnostic information.", the TRACK method works in the same way but is specific to Microsoft's IIS web server. XST could be used as a method to steal user's cookies via Cross-site Scripting (XSS) even if the cookie has the "HttpOnly" flag set and/or exposes the user's Authorization header.		and my goal was to perform the XST Attack. In the input field for 3 digit access code I put a code snippet: **<script type="text/javascript"> if (navigator.appName.indexOf("Microsoft") !=-1) {var xmlHttp = new ActiveXObject("Microsoft.XMLHTTP"); xmlHttp.open("TRACE", "/", false); xmlHttp.send(); str1=xmlHttp.responseText; while (str1.indexOf("\n") > -1) str1 = str1.replace("\n"," "); document.write(str1); } </script>** **Test was successful using this snippet.** **Appendix V**	2.0.55 and later, set the Trace Enable directive to "off" in the main configuration file and then restart Apache. See Trace Enable for further information.
Web Server Advertises Version Information in Headers	If you are running a web server, that web server is probably showing the world what type of server it is, and possibly its version number. This information	Low	I used fiddler for this task where I ran the tool and put in the IP address of WebGoat and **Fiddler** started capturing the Version Information in Headers and the Apache Version used which is not important for normal people but it's very important for the Hacker. **Appendix W**	An **Acunetix Online Vulnerability scanner (OVS)** network scan would highlight and report that the web server is providing such information

	is ignored by most people, with the exception of hackers, who use this information to launch targeted attacks against your web server and version. In addition, if the version of your web server is known to be vulnerable to a specific exploit, the hacker would just need to use the exploit as part of his attack on your server.			and would recommend limiting the information provided by the web server
Testing Directory Traversal	When an HTTP client (generally a web browser) requests a URL that points to a directory structure instead of an actual web page within the directory, the web server will generally serve a default page, which is often referred to as a main or "index" page.	Medium	I ran this test on my own domain where by mistake I changed the permissions to 755 and for that reason when I went to the website I could index my parent directory. I changed the permissions on my **.htaccess files** **Appendix X**	Disable directory browsing, add Options – Indexes in your .htaccess files so when people try to view your Directory they get a 403 forbidden error
Security Misconfiguration	Applications missing the proper security hardening across any part of the application stack	Medium	Used NMAP for this test and when I ran a couple commands it gave us the information about the ports that are open. **Appendix Y**	A repeatable hardening process that makes it fast and easy to deploy another environment

				that is properly locked down. Development, QA, and production environments should all be configured identically (with different passwords used in each environment). This process should be automated to minimize the effort required to setup a new secure environment.

I. Appendix – Evidence of Findings

APPENDIX A – BUFFER OVERFLOW



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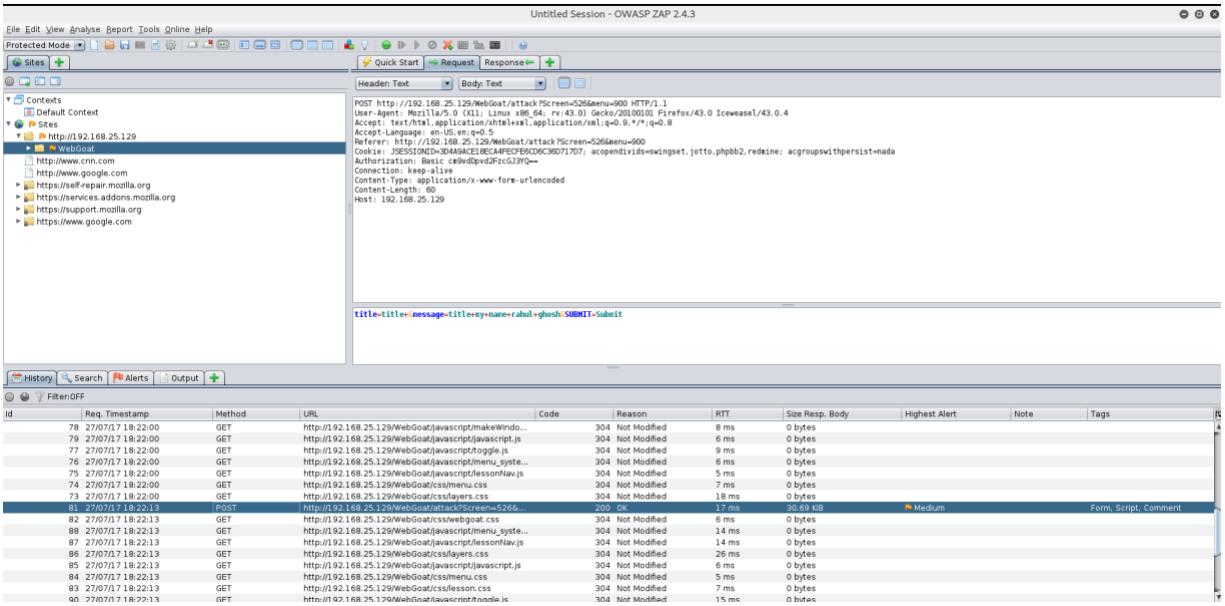

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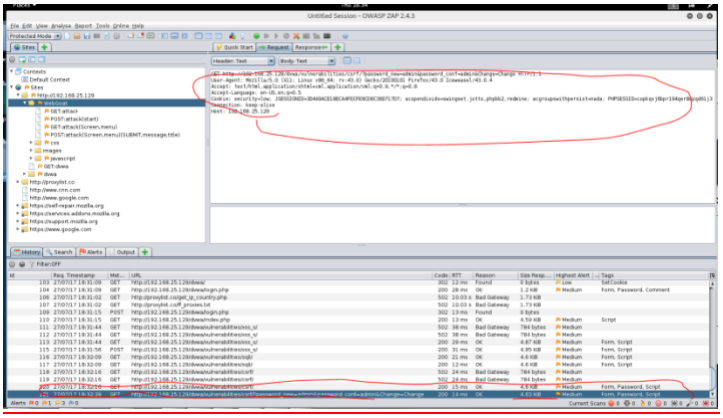

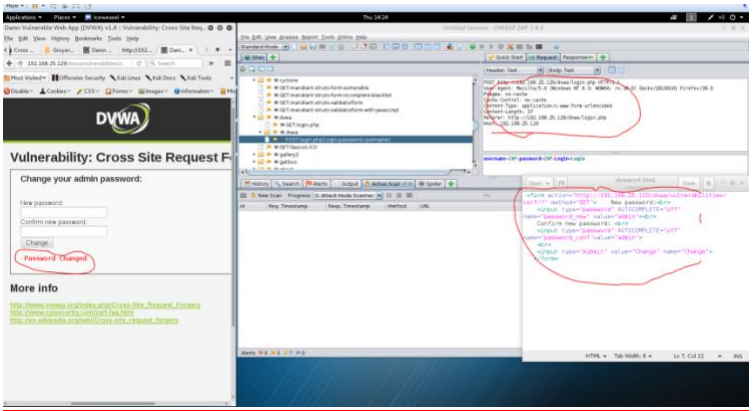

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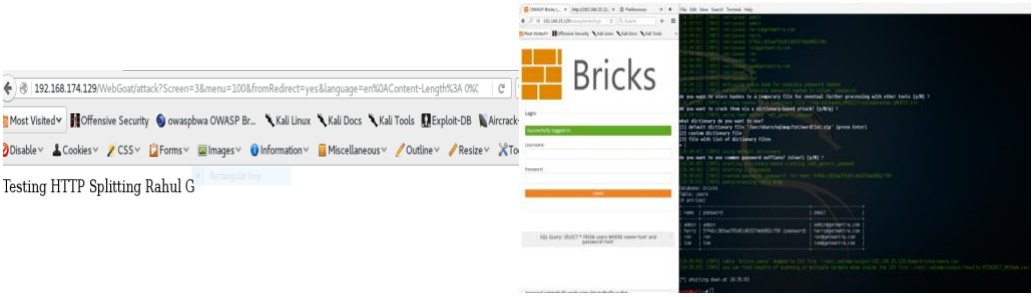

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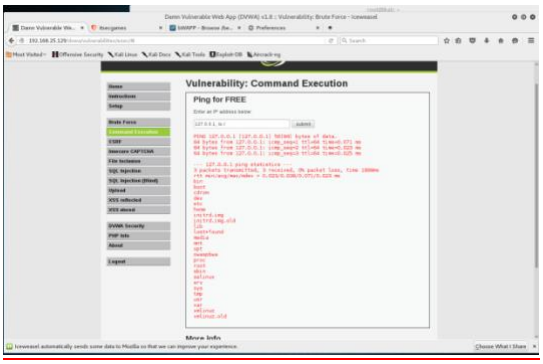

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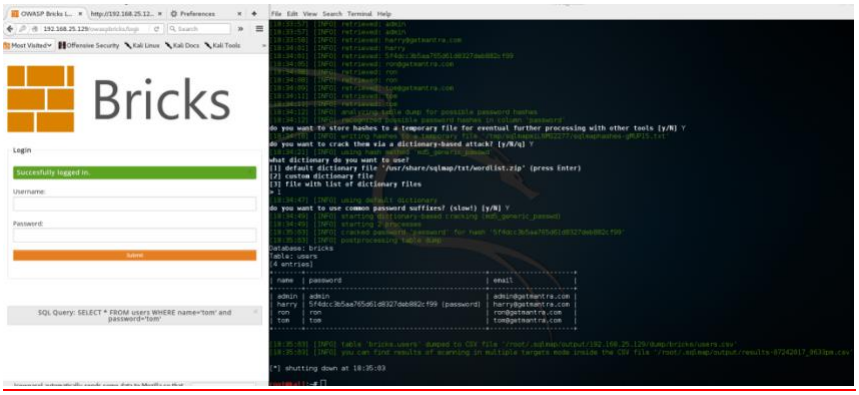

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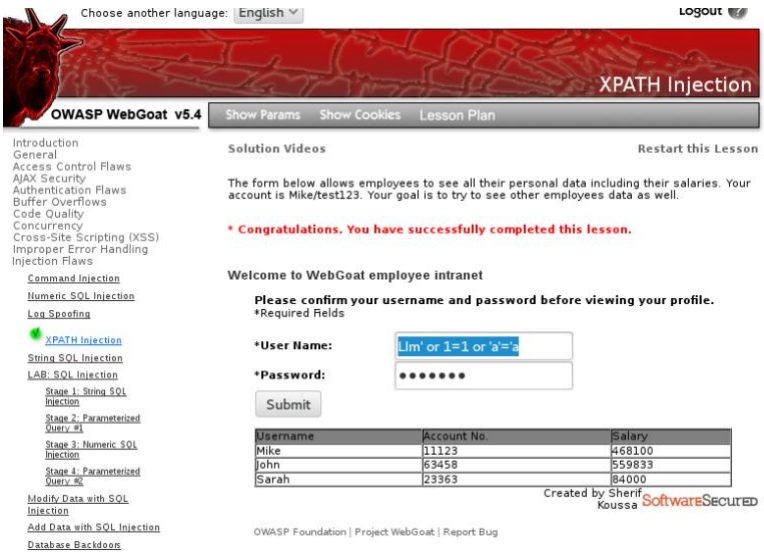

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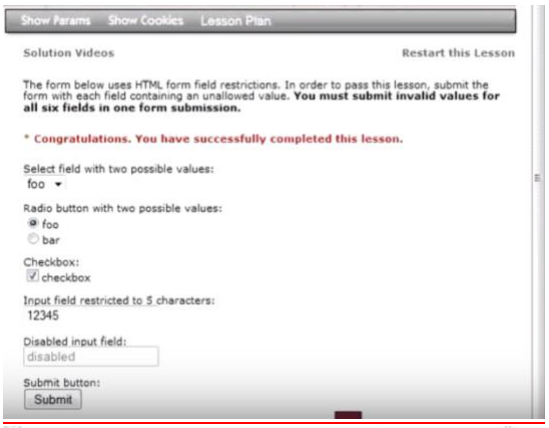

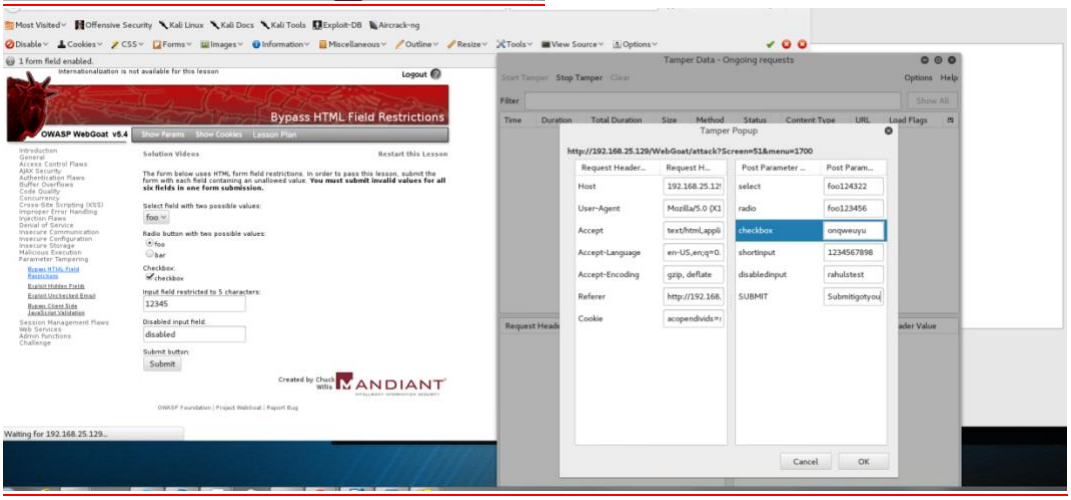

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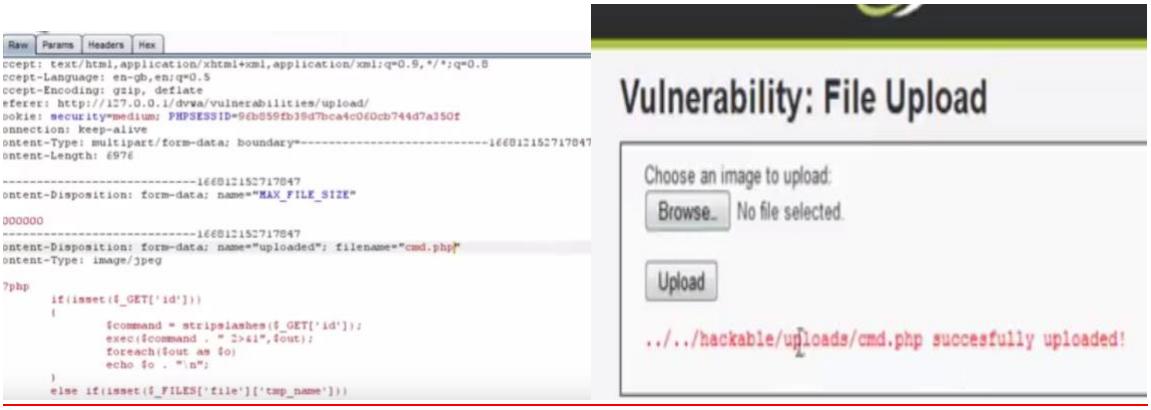

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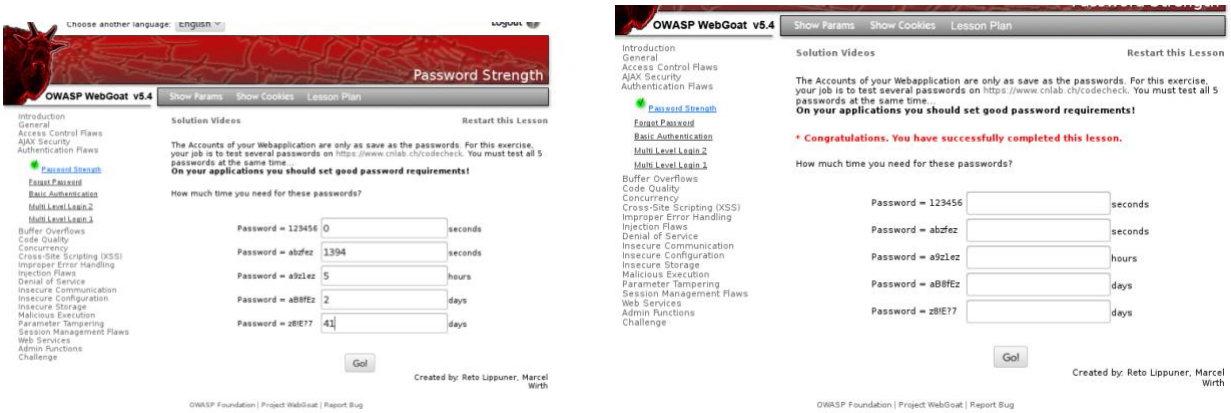

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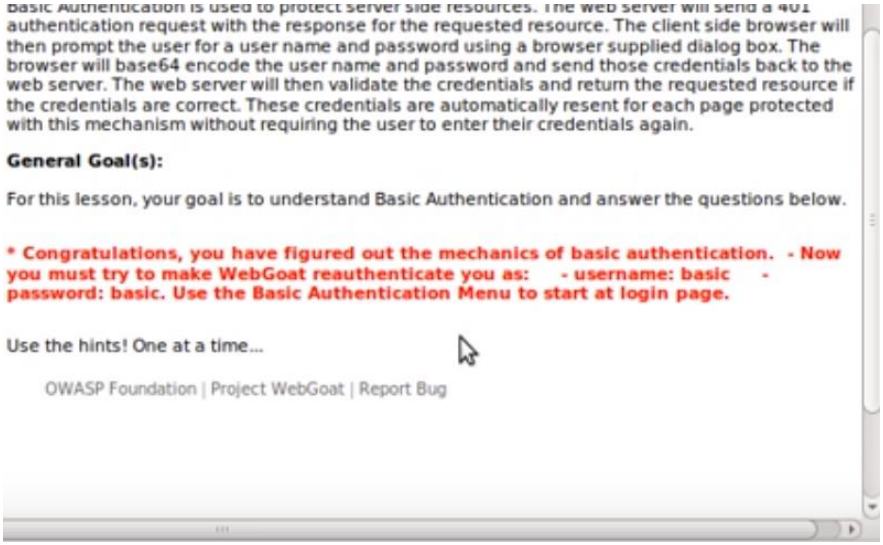

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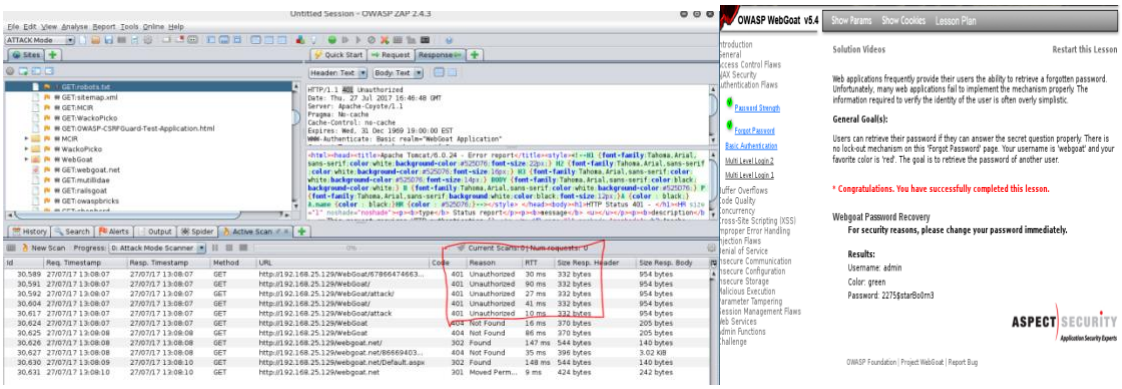

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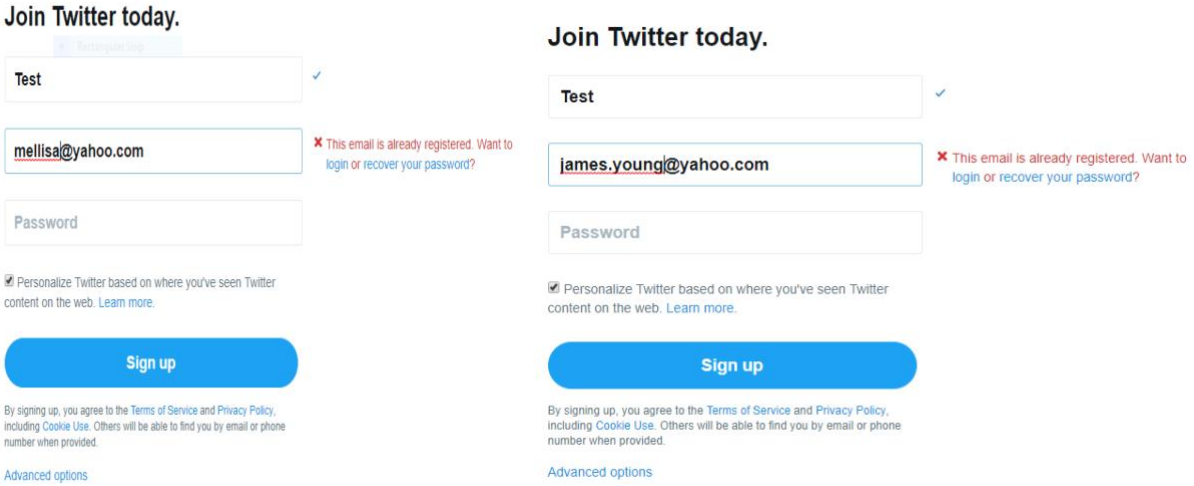

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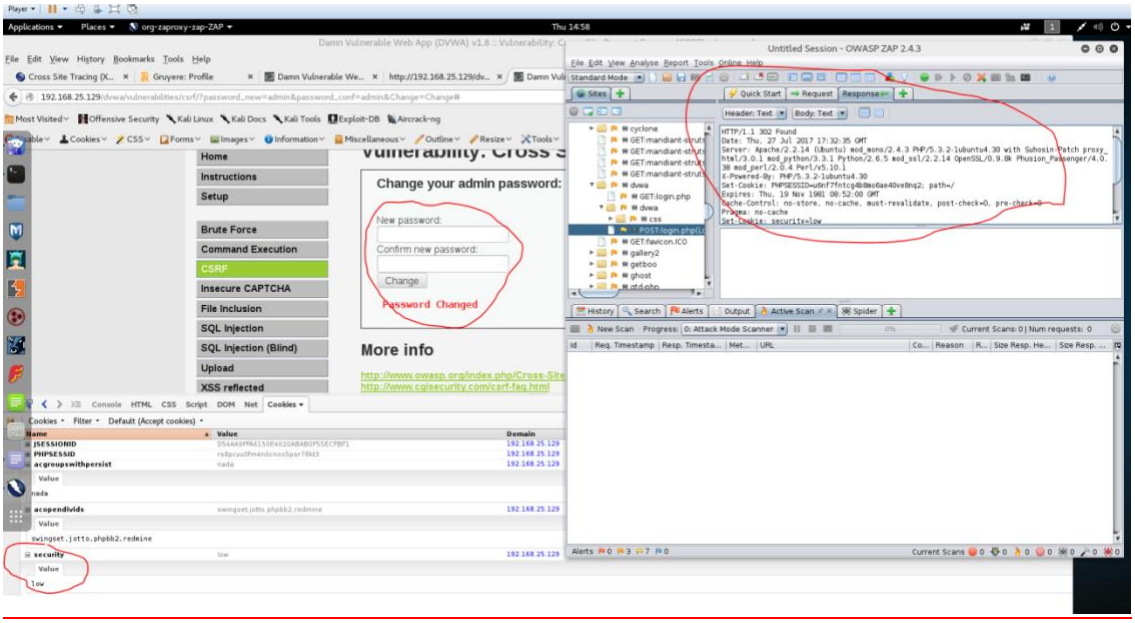

APPENDIX L – EXECUTION WITH UNNECESSARY PRIVILEGES --------no image

APPENDIX M – INSUFFICIENT ENTROPY - **This code generates a unique random identifier for a user's session.**

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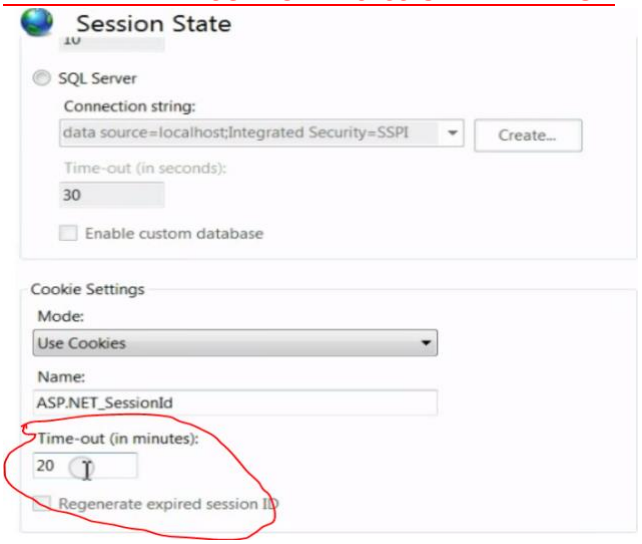
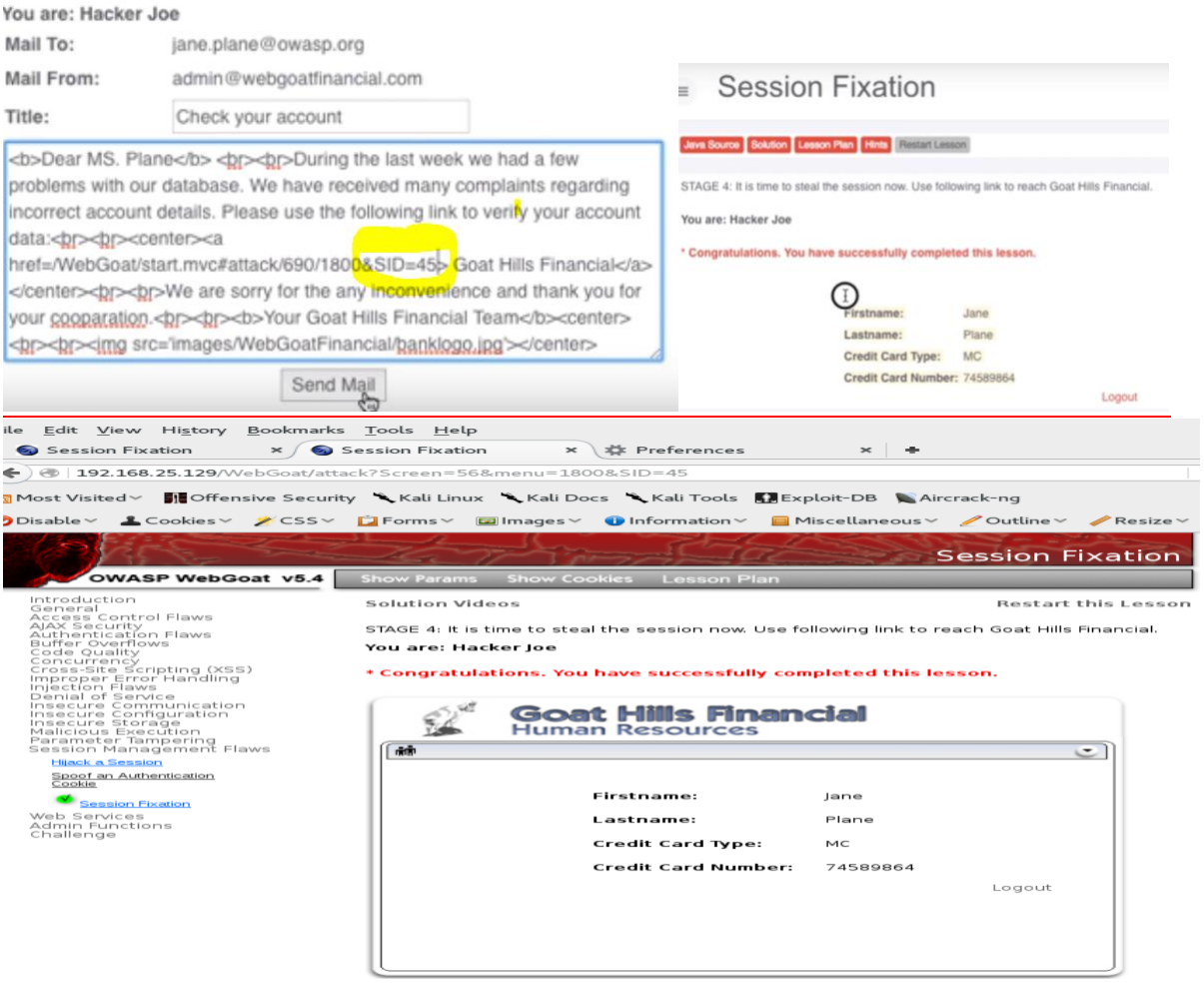
function generateSessionID($userID){
srand($userID);
return rand();
}
```

APPENDIX N – INSUFFICIENT SESSION EXPIRATION

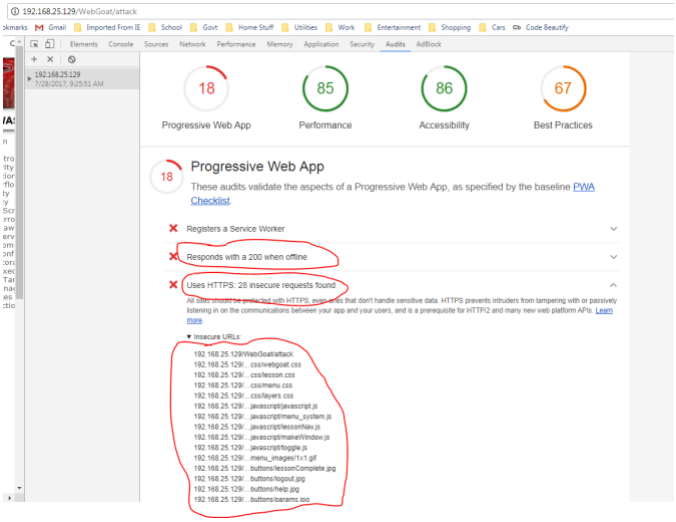


APPENDIX O – INSUFFICIENT SESSION FIXATION

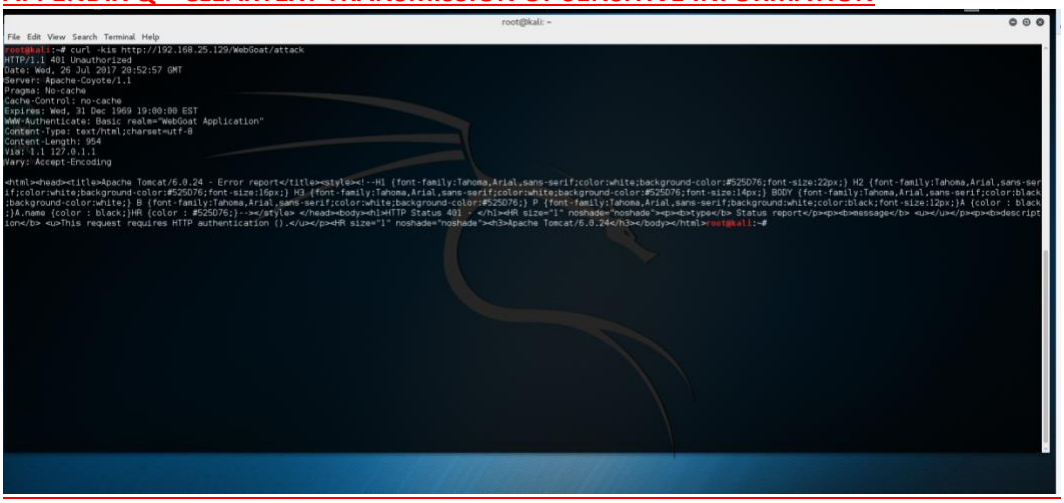


APPENDIX P – SENSTIVE COOKIE IN HTTPS WITHOUT SECURE ATTRIBUTE

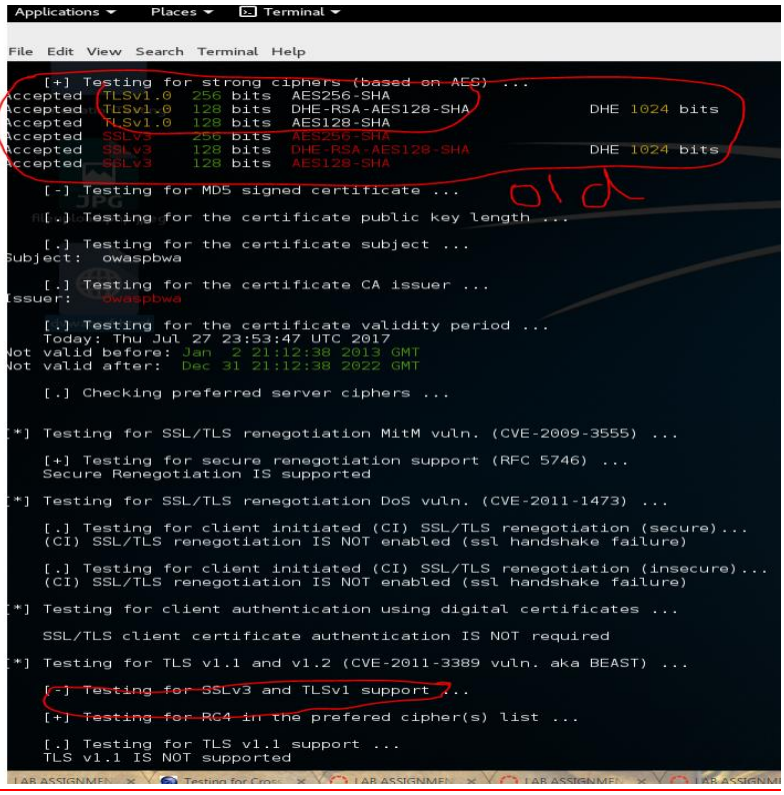
Use this code snippet <httpCookies requireSSL="true" />



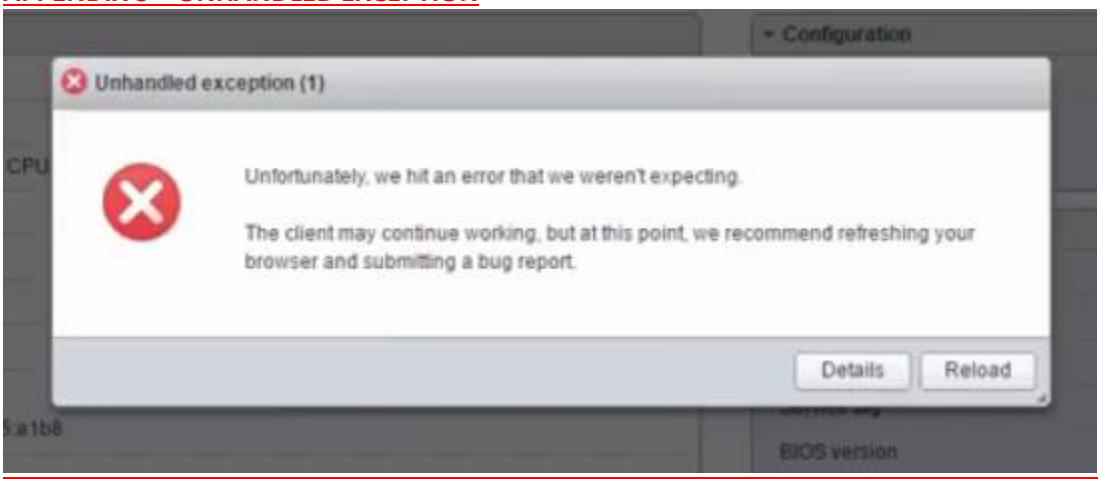
APPENDIX Q – CLEARTEXT TRANSMISSION OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION



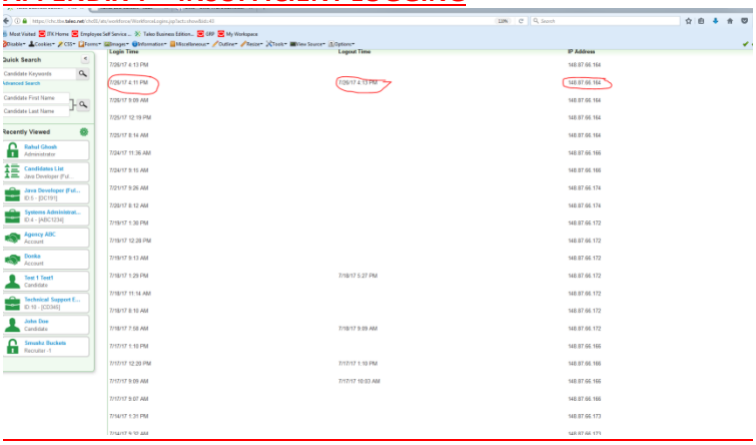
APPENDIX R – WEAK CIPHERS



APPENDIX S – UNHANDLED EXCEPTION

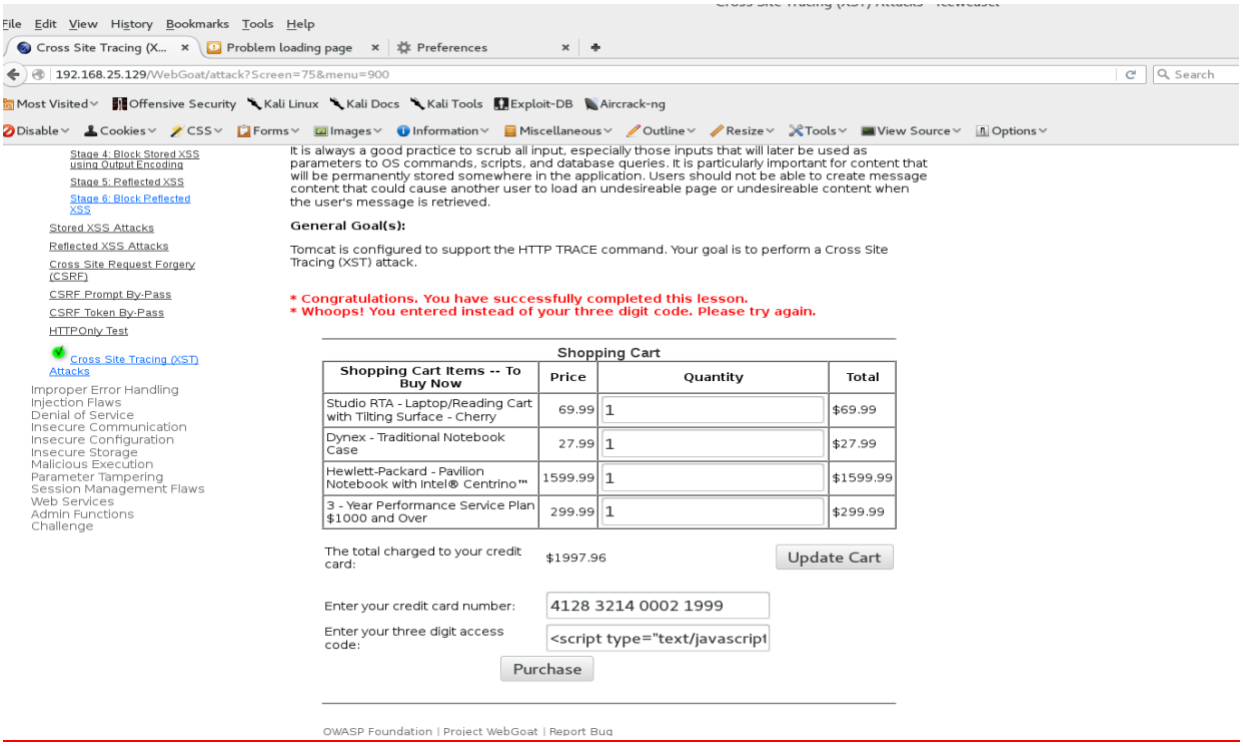


APPENDIX T – INSUFFICIENT LOGGING

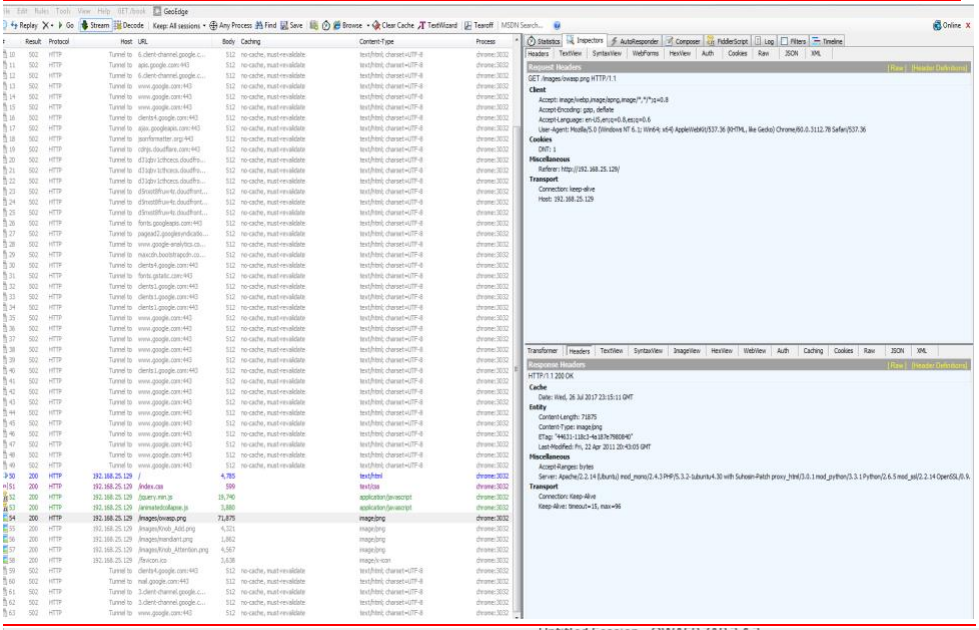


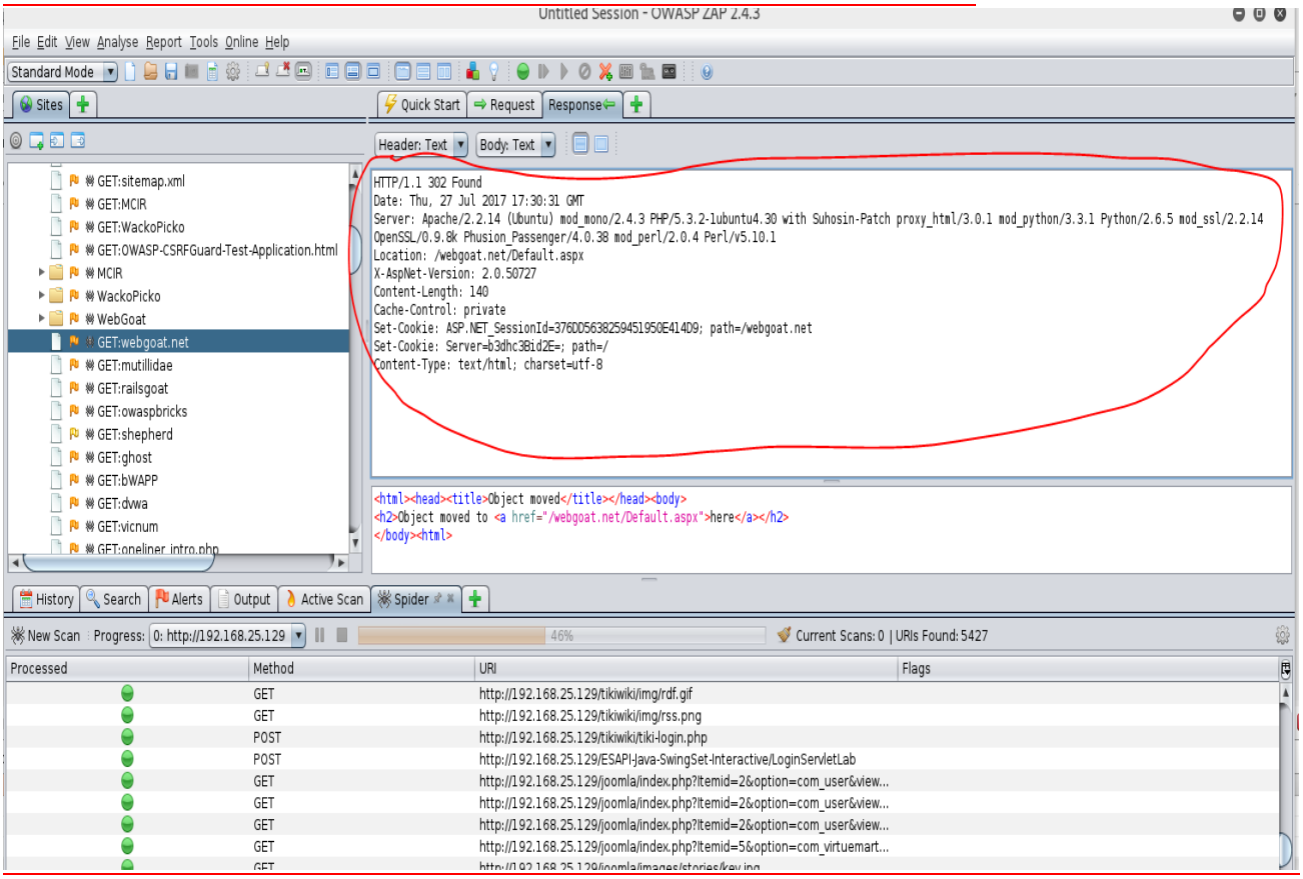
APPENDIX U– INFORMATION EXPOSURE THROUGH SERVER LOG FILE --- NO IMAGE

APPENDIX V – CROSS SITE TRACING



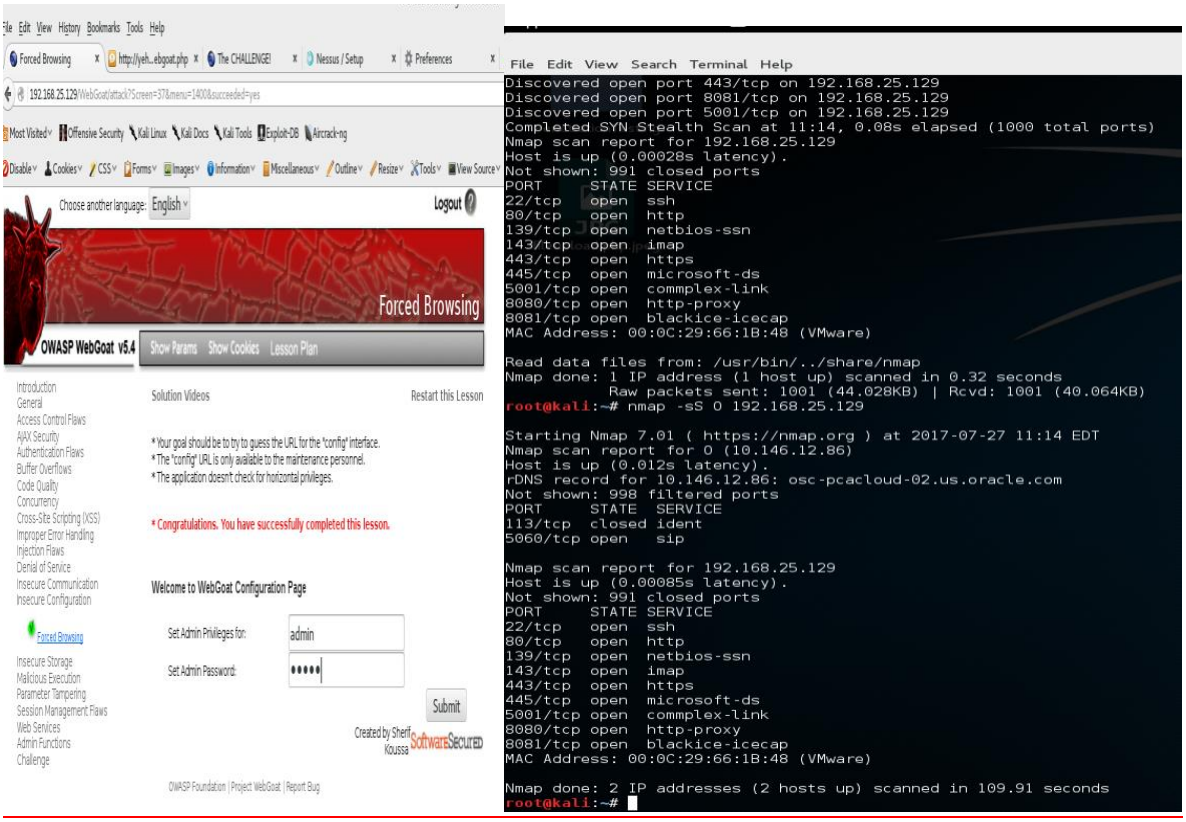
APPENDIX W – WEB SERVER ADVERTISES VERSION INFORMATION IN HEADERS





APPENDIX – X TESTING DIRECTORY TRAVERSAL

APPENDIX – Y SECURITY MISCONFIGURATION



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