

Honeypot Login Analyzer on AWS – Project Explanation

This project is a **honeypot web application hosted on AWS** designed to collect, process, and visualize unauthorized login attempts. The goal is to simulate a real login page, record attacker activity, and analyze brute-force attempts in a structured and meaningful way.

<http://18.191.248.36/index.html>

<http://18.191.248.36/report.html>

<http://18.191.248.36/dataset.csv>

Project Overview

- **Hosting:** The project runs on an Amazon EC2 instance, which provides the web server environment.
- **Webpage:** Attackers interact with a **fake login page** served at the EC2 public IP (e.g., <http://18.191.248.36/index.html>).
- **Logging:** Any credentials entered are captured and logged without giving access to the system.
- **Analysis:** Logs are converted into structured CSV data, which is then used to generate visualizations.
- **Dashboard:** A web-based report ([report.html](http://18.191.248.36/report.html)) displays attack trends and statistics.

File Breakdown

1. [index.html](#)

- The decoy login page attackers see.
- Collects a username and password when submitted.

2. [login.py](#)

- A CGI script that handles login submissions.
- Captures details such as:
 - Timestamp
 - IP address of the attacker
 - Entered username and password
 - User-Agent (browser/device info)
- Logs each attempt into a text file ([sample_credentials.txt](#)) or directly into [dataset.csv](#).

3. [sample_credentials.txt](#)

- The raw log file storing all captured login attempts.

- Each entry includes timestamp, IP, credentials, and user-agent.
- 4. [parse_logs.py](#)
 - Converts the raw log file into a structured CSV format.
 - The CSV is easier to analyze and contains columns such as:
 - [timestamp](#), [ip](#), [username](#), [password](#), [user_agent](#).
- 5. [visualize.py](#)
 - Reads the CSV dataset and generates charts/graphs.
 - Produces an HTML report ([report.html](#)) that displays:
 - Failed login attempts over time.
 - Most common usernames used.
 - Most common passwords attempted.
 - IP addresses generating suspicious activity.
- 6. [report.html](#)
 - A dashboard that can be accessed directly in the browser (e.g., <http://18.191.248.36/report.html>).
 - Shows real-time attack data and graphs.

Workflow

1. A bot or attacker visits the login page.
2. They enter credentials → [login.py](#) logs the attempt.
3. The attempt is saved into [sample_credentials.txt](#) (raw log).
4. Running [parse_logs.py](#) processes this log into [dataset.csv](#).
5. Running [visualize.py](#) updates [report.html](#) with graphs.
6. The dashboard can then be viewed in a browser for analysis.

Key Concepts Learned

- **AWS EC2:** Hosting a web server in the cloud.
- **Security Concepts:** Understanding brute-force login attempts and how attackers target weak credentials.
- **Python Programming:** Building scripts for logging, parsing, and visualizing data.
- **Data Handling:** Converting logs into structured CSV for analysis.
- **Visualization:** Generating graphs and dashboards to make security data understandable.
- **Web Hosting:** Serving dynamic and static files ([index.html](#) and [report.html](#)) via Apache/Nginx on AWS.

Takeaways

- This honeypot project demonstrates how a simple web page can be used to **attract and monitor attackers**.
- It shows the importance of **logging and analyzing security events**.

Diagram:

[Attacker's Browser]



1. Attacker visits fake login page
(index.html hosted on Apache)



2. index.html -> sends credentials
(username, password, etc.)



login.py (CGI script in /usr/lib/cgi-bin)
- Logs the attempt with timestamp, IP, user-agent
- Saves data into sample_credentials.txt



3. parse_logs.py
- Reads sample_credentials.txt
- Converts log data → structured dataset.csv
- Format: timestamp, IP, username, password, user-agent



4. visualize.py
- Reads dataset.csv
- Creates charts (failed attempts, IP distribution, etc.)
- Exports report.html with graphs



5. Apache Server
- Serves both index.html (login page)
- AND report.html (real-time dashboard)



[You / Viewer]

- Can access `http://<EC2-IP>/index.html`
(fake login page)
- Can access `http://<EC2-IP>/report.html`
(dashboard with charts)



UBS Systems Employee Login

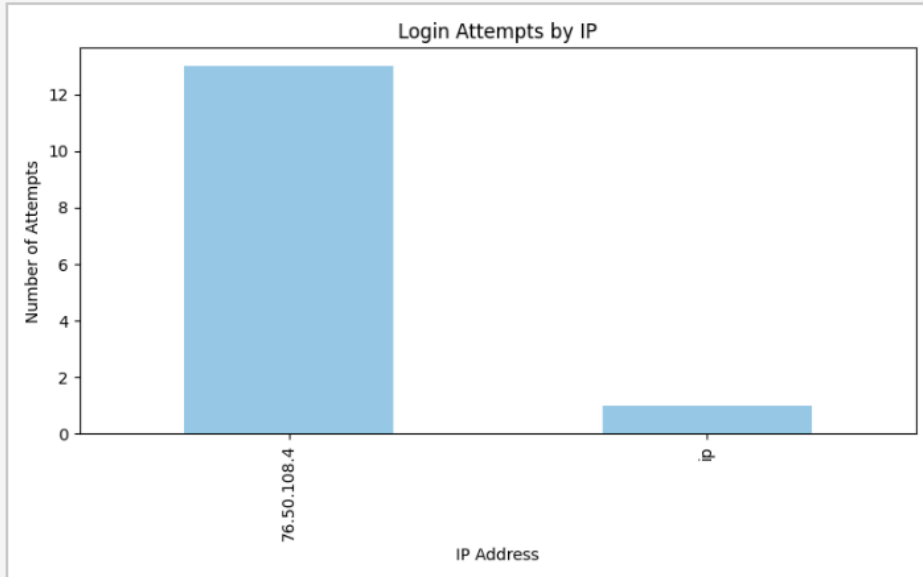
Login

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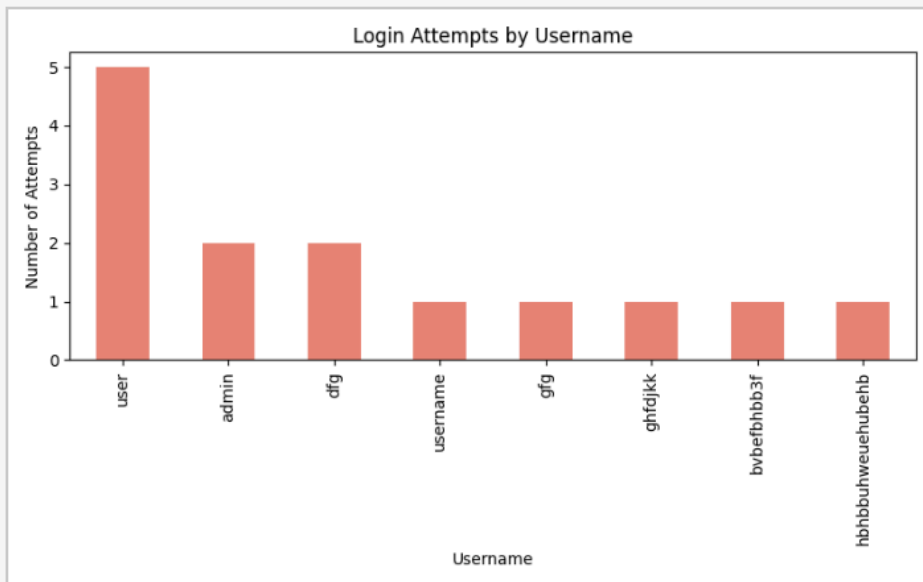
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Honeypot Report

Attempts by IP



Attempts by Username



Example Dataset:

Timestamp, IP, Username, Password, User_Agent

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