

ATTACK

DEFENSE

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Name	Crass: Hunting Sensitive Information
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Important Note: This document illustrates all the important steps required to complete this lab. This is by no means a comprehensive step-by-step solution for this exercise. This is only provided as a reference to various commands needed to complete this exercise and for your further research on this topic. Also, note that the IP addresses and domain names might be different in your lab.

Challenge Description

The [CRASS](#) tool is used to find sensitive information from the source code of the application. It uses basic Unix commands to filter and search information.

A Kali CLI machine (kali-cli) is provided to the user with CRASS installed on it. The source code for three sample applications is provided in the home directory of the root user.

Objective: Use the CRASS utility to find sensitive information in the applications!

Instructions:

- The source code of applications is provided at /root/github-repos

Solution

Step 1: Check the provided applications.

Command: ls -l github-repos/

```
root@attackdefense:~# ls -l github-repos/
total 12
drwxrwxr-x 2 root root 4096 Nov 12 10:29 crunch
drwxrwxr-x 6 root root 4096 Nov 12 10:30 django-todolist
drwxrwxr-x 2 root root 4096 Nov 12 10:30 mejiro
root@attackdefense:~#
```

Step 2: Navigate to the crass directory and check the files available.

Commands:

```
cd crass/
ls
```

```
root@attackdefense:~# cd crass/
root@attackdefense:~/crass#
root@attackdefense:~/crass# ls
bloat-it.sh          diff-it.sh          find-output-modified  main.sh             visualize-it.sh
clean-it.sh          extract-it.sh        grep-it.sh            README.md
decompiler-alternatives  find-it.sh          java-decompile.sh     testing
root@attackdefense:~/crass#
```

The main.sh will run while passing the target directory as an argument.

We will take one example at a time and run the tool on that.

Example 1: Django Todolist

Step 1: Run the crass tool on the django-todolist directory.

Commands:

```
./main.sh ~/github-repos/django-todolist/
```

```
root@attackdefense:~/crass# ./main.sh ~/github-repos/django-todolist/
[+] Starting analysis of /root/github-repos/django-todolist/
[+] Copying /root/github-repos/django-todolist to /root/github-repos/django-todolist-modified
[+] Invoking ./bloat-it.sh "/root/github-repos/django-todolist-modified"
#Bloating /root/github-repos/django-todolist-modified
#Round 1
#unzip all files and delete the zip file afterwards
#untar all tar files and delete afterwards
#ungzip all gz files and delete afterwards
#decompiling all jar files
#unpacking all war files and delete afterwards
#unpacking all jar files and delete afterwards
#converting all apk files to jar and delete afterwards
```

```
Done grep. Results in ./grep-output-modified.
It's optimised to be viewed with 'less -R ./grep-output-modified/*' and then you can hop from one file to the
next with :n
and :p. Maybe you want to add the -S option of less for very long lines. The cat command works fine too.
If you want another editor you should probably remove --color=always from the options
```

```
Have a grepy day.
[+] Invoking ./extract-it.sh "/root/github-repos/django-todolist-modified"
[+] Might be better if you do this manually:
rm -r "/root/github-repos/django-todolist-modified"
[+] Ended analysis of /root/github-repos/django-todolist/
root@attackdefense:~/crass#
```

Crass has completed the scan and result is stored inside the 'grep-output-modified' directory

Step 2: Check the grep-output-modified directory.

Commands:

```
cd grep-output-modified
ls
```

```
root@attackdefense:~/crass# cd grep-output-modified
root@attackdefense:~/crass/grep-output-modified#
root@attackdefense:~/crass/grep-output-modified# ls
2_cryptocred_secret_narrow.txt          4_general_sql_cursor.txt
2_general_hacking_techniques_clickjacking.txt  4_general_sql_sqlite.txt
2_general_hacking_techniques_csrf.txt      4_ios_string_format_format_narrow.txt
2_general_superuser.txt                  4_js_console.txt
3_cryptocred_password.txt                4_js_dom_xss_appendChild.txt
3_general_backticks.txt                  4_js_dom_xss_innerHTML.txt
3_general_eval_narrow.txt                4_js_dom_xss_location-hash.txt
```



```

3_general_serialize.txt
3_python_float_equality_general.txt
3_python_input_function.txt
4_cryptocred_authentication.txt
4_cryptocred_secret_wide.txt
4_general_base64_content.txt
4_general_base64_urlsafe.txt
4_general_eval_wide.txt
4_general_exec_wide.txt
4_general_hidden.txt
4_general_https_urls.txt
4_general_http_urls.txt
4_general_relative_paths.txt
4_general_session_timeout.txt
4_js_dom_xss_window-location.txt
4_modsecurity_append.txt
4_php_include.txt
4_python_is_object_identity_operator_general.txt
5_cryptocred_hash.txt
5_general_email.txt
5_general_todo_capital_and_lower.txt
5_general_update.txt
5_ios_string_format_format_wide.txt
5_java_sql_execute.txt
5_modsecurity_block.txt
6_php_type_unsafe_comparison.txt
8_java_string_comparison3.txt
9_java_strings.txt
root@attackdefense:~/crass/grep-output-modified#

```

Step 3: Check the content of one of the files to get the information.

Command: cat 2_cryptocred_secret_narrow.txt

```

root@attackdefense:~/crass/grep-output-modified# cat 2_cryptocred_secret_narrow.txt
# Info: Secret and variants of it
# Filename 2_cryptocred_secret_narrow.txt
# Example: secret = "123"
# False positive example: FALSE_POSITIVES_EXAMPLE_PLACEHOLDER
# Grep args: -i
# Search regex: se?3?cre?3?t.{0,20}=.{?["'\d]
/root/github-repos/django-todolist-modified/todolist/settings.py-18-# See https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/1.7/howto/deployment/checklist/
/root/github-repos/django-todolist-modified/todolist/settings.py-19-
/root/github-repos/django-todolist-modified/todolist/settings.py-20-# SECURITY WARNING: keep the secret key used in production secret!
/root/github-repos/django-todolist-modified/todolist/settings.py:21:SECRET_KEY = "@e2(yx)v&tgh3_s=0yja-i!dpebxsx^dg47x)-k&kq_3zf*9e*"
/root/github-repos/django-todolist-modified/todolist/settings.py-22-
--
/root/github-repos/django-todolist-modified/django-todolist/todolist/settings.py-18-# See https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/1.7/howto/deployment/checklist/
/root/github-repos/django-todolist-modified/django-todolist/todolist/settings.py-19-
/root/github-repos/django-todolist-modified/django-todolist/todolist/settings.py-20-# SECURITY WARNING: keep the secret key used in production secret!
/root/github-repos/django-todolist-modified/django-todolist/todolist/settings.py:21:SECRET_KEY = "@e2(yx)v&tgh3_s=0yja-i!dpebxsx^dg47x)-k&kq_3zf*9e*"
/root/github-repos/django-todolist-modified/django-todolist/todolist/settings.py-22-
root@attackdefense:~/crass/grep-output-modified#

```

Note: There are multiple files which could show more information but, in this manual, only one file is being checked. You can check the other files and know more.

Issues Detected

- Secret key exposed in the source code.

Example 2: Mejiro

Step 1: Change to the crass directory and run the tool on the mejiro project directory.

Commands:

```
cd ..  
./main.sh ~/github-repos/mejiro/
```

```
root@attackdefense:~/crass/grep-output-modified# cd ..  
root@attackdefense:~/crass#  
root@attackdefense:~/crass# ./main.sh ~/github-repos/mejiro/  
[+] Starting analysis of /root/github-repos/mejiro/  
[+] Copying /root/github-repos/mejiro to /root/github-repos/mejiro-modified  
[+] Invoking ./bloat-it.sh "/root/github-repos/mejiro-modified"  
#Bloating /root/github-repos/mejiro-modified  
#Round 1  
#unzip all files and delete the zip file afterwards  
#untar all tar files and delete afterwards  
#ungzip all gz files and delete afterwards  
#decompiling all jar files  
#unpacking all war files and delete afterwards
```

```
Done grep. Results in ./grep-output-modified.  
It's optimised to be viewed with 'less -R ./grep-output-modified/*' and then you can hop from one file to the  
next with :n  
and :p. Maybe you want to add the -S option of less for very long lines. The cat command works fine too.  
If you want another editor you should probably remove --color=always from the options  
  
Have a grepy day.  
[+] Invoking ./extract-it.sh "/root/github-repos/mejiro-modified"  
[+] Might be better if you do this manually:  
rm -r "/root/github-repos/mejiro-modified"  
[+] Ended analysis of /root/github-repos/mejiro/  
root@attackdefense:~/crass#
```

Step 2: Check the grep-output-modified directory.

Commands:

```
cd grep-output-modified  
ls
```



```

root@attackdefense:~/crass# cd grep-output-modified
root@attackdefense:~/crass/grep-output-modified# ls
2_general_sudo.txt                4_general_trick.txt
2_general_uris_auth_info_wide.txt 4_html_upload_form_tag.txt
2_general_xss_lowercase.txt       4_html_upload_input_tag.txt
3_cryptocred_ciphers_rc2.txt      4_js_dom_xss_location-href.txt
3_cryptocred_password.txt         4_js_dom_xss_window-location.txt
3_general_backticks.txt           4_php_cookie.txt
3_general_ip-addresses.txt        4_php_get.txt
3_general_setcookie.txt           4_php_include.txt
3_php_file_get_contents.txt       4_php_post.txt
3_python_assert_statement.txt     4_python_is_object_identity_operator_general.txt
3_python_float_equality_general.txt 5_general_email.txt
4_cryptocred_authorization.txt     5_general_gpl1.txt
4_general_base64_content.txt       5_general_gpl3.txt
4_general_base64_urlsafe.txt       5_general_gpl5.txt
4_general_chown.txt               5_general_update.txt
4_general_deny.txt                5_ios_string_format.txt
4_general_exec_wide.txt           5_modsecurity_block.txt
4_general_hack.txt                5_php_echo_high_volume.txt
4_general_https_urls.txt          5_php_mkdir.txt
4_general_http_urls.txt           6_php_type_unsafe_comparison.txt
4_general_kernel.txt              7_php_file.txt
4_general_relative_paths.txt       8_java_string_comparison3.txt
4_general_system_wide.txt          9_java_strings.txt
root@attackdefense:~/crass/grep-output-modified#

```

Step 3: Check the content of one of the files to get the information.

Command: cat 4_php_cookie.txt

```

root@attackdefense:~/crass/grep-output-modified# cat 4_php_cookie.txt
# Info: Tainted input, cookie parameter
# Filename 4_php_cookie.txt
# Example: $_COOKIE
# False positive example: FALSE_POSITIVES_EXAMPLE_PLACEHOLDER
# Grep args:
# Search regex: \$_COOKIE
/root/github-repos/mejiro-modified/mejiro/protect.php-2-// Password
/root/github-repos/mejiro-modified/mejiro/protect.php-3-$PASSWORD = "monkey";
/root/github-repos/mejiro-modified/mejiro/protect.php-4-
/root/github-repos/mejiro-modified/mejiro/protect.php:5:if (empty($_COOKIE['password']) || $_COOKIE['password'] !== $PASSWORD) {
/root/github-repos/mejiro-modified/mejiro/protect.php-6- // Password not set or incorrect. Send to login.php.

```

Note: There are multiple files which could show more information but, in this manual, only one file is being checked. You can check the other files and know more.

Issues Detected

- Hardcoded credentials found

Example 3: Crunch

Step 1: Change to the crass directory and run the tool on crunch project directory.

Commands:

```
cd ..
```

```
./main.sh ~/github-repos/crunch/
```

```
root@attackdefense:~/crass/grep-output-modified# cd ..
root@attackdefense:~/crass# ./main.sh ~/github-repos/crunch/
[+] Starting analysis of /root/github-repos/crunch/
[+] Copying /root/github-repos/crunch to /root/github-repos/crunch-modified
[+] Invoking ./bloat-it.sh "/root/github-repos/crunch-modified"
#Bloating /root/github-repos/crunch-modified
#Round 1
#unzip all files and delete the zip file afterwards
#untar all tar files and delete afterwards
#ungzip all gz files and delete afterwards
#decompiling all jar files
#unpacking all war files and delete afterwards
#unpacking all jar files and delete afterwards
#converting all apk files to jar and delete afterwards
```

```
Done grep. Results in ./grep-output-modified.
It's optimised to be viewed with 'less -R ./grep-output-modified/*' and then you can hop from one file to the next with :n
and :p. Maybe you want to add the -S option of less for very long lines. The cat command works fine too.
If you want another editor you should probably remove --color=always from the options
```

```
Have a grepy day.
[+] Invoking ./extract-it.sh "/root/github-repos/crunch-modified"
[+] Might be better if you do this manually:
rm -r "/root/github-repos/crunch-modified"
[+] Ended analysis of /root/github-repos/crunch/
root@attackdefense:~/crass#
```

Step 2: Check the grep-output-modified directory.

Commands:

```
cd grep-output-modified
```

```
ls
```



```

root@attackdefense:~/crass# cd grep-output-modified
root@attackdefense:~/crass/grep-output-modified# ls
2_c_insecure_c_functions_fprintf_fprintf.txt  4_general_hack.txt
2_c_insecure_c_functions_gets.txt             4_general_hidden.txt
2_c_insecure_c_functions_memcpy.txt           4_general_http_urls.txt
2_c_insecure_c_functions_memset.txt           4_general_kernel.txt
2_c_insecure_c_functions_strcat_strncat.txt    4_general_relative_paths.txt
2_c_insecure_c_functions_strcpy_strncpy.txt    4_general_system_wide.txt
2_general_sudo.txt                            4_python_is_object_identity_operator_general.txt
2_php_fopen.txt                              4_python_is_object_identity_operator_left.txt
3_cryptocred_ciphers_des.txt                  4_python_is_object_identity_operator_right.txt
3_cryptocred_password.txt                     5_general_email.txt
3_general_backticks.txt                       5_general_gpl5.txt
3_general_sleep_generic.txt                   5_general_todo_uppercase.txt
3_python_float_equality_general.txt            5_general_update.txt
3_python_shutil_move.txt                     5_modsecurity_block.txt
4_c_malloc.txt                               5_php_echo_high_volume.txt
4_general_base64_content.txt                  5_php_print_high_volume.txt
4_general_base64_urlsafe.txt                  6_java_confidential_data_in_strings_user.txt
4_general_crack.txt                           6_php_type_unsafe_comparison.txt
4_general_deny.txt                            7_php_file.txt
4_general_exec_wide.txt                       9_java_strings.txt
root@attackdefense:~/crass/grep-output-modified#

```

Step 3: Check the content of one of the files to get the information.

Command: cat 2_c_insecure_c_functions_gets.txt

```

root@attackdefense:~/crass/grep-output-modified# cat 2_c_insecure_c_functions_gets.txt
# Info: Buffer overflows and format string vulnerable methods: memcpy, memset, strcat --> strlcat, strcpy --> strlcpy, strn
cat --> strlcat, strncpy --> strlcpy, sprintf --> snprintf, vsprintf --> vsnprintf, gets --> fgets
# Filename 2_c_insecure_c_functions_gets.txt
# Example: gets(
# False positive example: FALSE_POSITIVES_EXAMPLE_PLACEHOLDER
# Grep args:
# Search regex: gets\((
/root/github-repos/crunch-modified/crunch.c:1473-      exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
/root/github-repos/crunch-modified/crunch.c:1474-    }
/root/github-repos/crunch-modified/crunch.c:1475-    else { /* file opened above now read first line */
/root/github-repos/crunch-modified/crunch.c:1476-        (void)fgets(buff, (int)sizeof(buff), optr);
/root/github-repos/crunch-modified/crunch.c:1477-        strncat(newfile, buff, strlen(buff)-1); /* get rid of CR */
/root/github-repos/crunch-modified/crunch.c:1478-        while (feof(optr) == 0) {
/root/github-repos/crunch-modified/crunch.c:1479-            (void)fgets(buff, (int)sizeof(buff), optr);
/root/github-repos/crunch-modified/crunch.c:1480-        } /* all of this just to get last line */
--
/root/github-repos/crunch-modified/crunch.c:2196-    }
/root/github-repos/crunch-modified/crunch.c:2197-    else { /* file opened above now read first line */
/root/github-repos/crunch-modified/crunch.c:2198-        while (feof(optr) == 0) {
/root/github-repos/crunch-modified/crunch.c:2199-            (void)fgets(buff, (int)sizeof(buff), optr);

```

```
/root/github-repos/crunch-modified/crunch.c-2299-      exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
/root/github-repos/crunch-modified/crunch.c-2300-    }
/root/github-repos/crunch-modified/crunch.c:2301-    while (fgets(buff, (int)sizeof(buff), optr) != NULL) {
/root/github-repos/crunch-modified/crunch.c-2302-        if (buff[0] != '\n' && buff[0]!='\0') {
--
/root/github-repos/crunch-modified/crunch.c-2996-
/root/github-repos/crunch-modified/crunch.c-2997-    fprintf(stderr,"Do you want to continue? [Y/n] ");
/root/github-repos/crunch-modified/crunch.c-2998-
/root/github-repos/crunch-modified/crunch.c:2999-    fgets(response,8,stdin);
/root/github-repos/crunch-modified/crunch.c-3000-    if (toupper(response[0])=='N') {
root@attackdefense:~/crass/grep-output-modified#
```

Note: There are multiple files which could show more information but, in this manual, only one file is being checked. You can check the other files and know more.

Issues Detected

- Insecure function 'gets' has been used in the application.

Learnings

Perform Sensitive Information Scan using the CRASS tool.

References:

- Django-todolist (<https://github.com/rtzll/django-todolist.git>)
- Mejiro (<https://github.com/dmpop/mejiro.git>)
- Crunch (<https://github.com/crunchsec/crunch.git>)