## **REPORT**

# <u>Insecure Communications and HTTP Website Trafficusing WireShark</u>

#### What is Insecure Communications?

It refers to the transmission of information between two or more entities in a manner that lacks adequate security measures. This lack of security exposes the communication to potential risks such as eavesdropping, interception, or manipulation by unauthorized parties. Insecure communications can occur in various contexts, including telecommunications, computer networks, and the internet.

Common examples of insecure communications include:

- Unencrypted Data Transmission: If data is sent over a network without encryption, it can be intercepted and read by unauthorized individuals or systems. This is a significant risk, especially when sensitive information like passwords, financial details, or personal data is transmitted.
- Plain Text Protocols: Some communication protocols send data in plain text, making it easy for attackers to capture and understand the information. Examples include protocols like HTTP (without TLS/SSL) for web traffic or FTP for file transfers.
- Weak Encryption: If encryption is used but with weak algorithms or insufficient key lengths, it becomes vulnerable to cryptographic attacks. Strong encryption is crucial for protecting sensitive communications.
- Man-in-the-Middle Attacks: In these attacks, an adversary intercepts and potentially alters the
  communication between two parties without their knowledge. This can be achieved by exploiting
  vulnerabilities in the communication channel or through techniques like DNS spoofing or session
  hijacking.
- Unauthenticated Connections: Lack of proper authentication mechanisms allows unauthorized entities to participate in or manipulate the communication. This can lead to identity theft, unauthorized access, or other security breaches.
- **Open Wi-Fi Networks:** Public Wi-Fi networks that lack proper security measures can expose users to various risks. Attackers can intercept data transmitted over these networks, potentially compromising sensitive information.

To mitigate the risks associated with insecure communications, it is crucial to implement strong encryption, use secure communication protocols (such as HTTPS, SSH, or VPNs), and enforce authentication mechanisms. Regularly updating software, employing firewalls, and being cautious about the use of unsecured networks are additional measures to enhance communication security.

### **Capturing Website Traffic using WireShark:**

- Open Wireshark
- Settings -> Preferences -> ARP -> enable the first option
- Select wifi and start attack

### Commands on kali-

• netdiscover -i wlan0 -r 192.168.0.1./24 (Scan all the addresses in this range)

### Run man in the middle attack

• mitmf -- arp -- spoof -- gateway 192.168.0.1 -- target 192.168.0.101 -i wlan0





