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Cyber Shujaa Program

Week 3: Examining Network Layers 4-7

Assignment 2: HTB Academy- Web Requests

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Introduction

The purpose of this assignment is to provide foundational knowledge of web request mechanisms used in web communication.

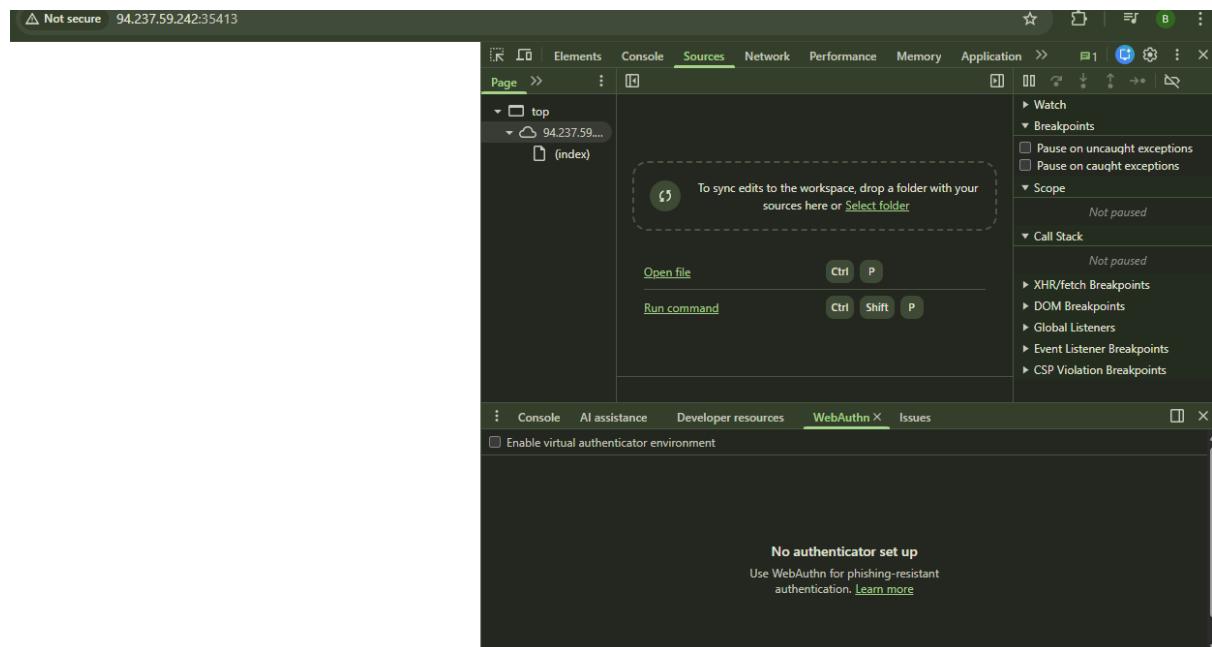
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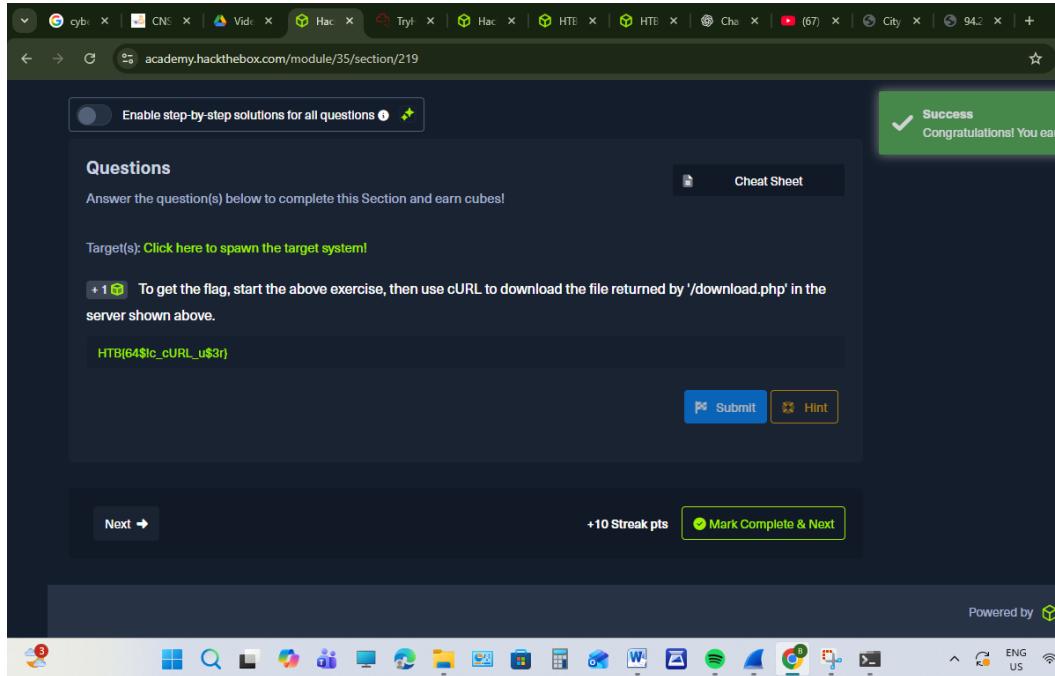
The objectives of the assignment were:

1. To understand the concept of web request and responses
2. To identify common HTTP methods used in web communication
3. To explain the structure of HTTP requests, including headers and parameters
4. To understand the importance of web requests in web application security

HTTP Fundamentals

1. Hyper Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP)





Enable step-by-step solutions for all questions

Questions

Answer the question(s) below to complete this Section and earn cubes!

Target(s): [Click here to spawn the target system!](#)

+ 1  To get the flag, start the above exercise, then use cURL to download the file returned by '/download.php' in the server shown above.

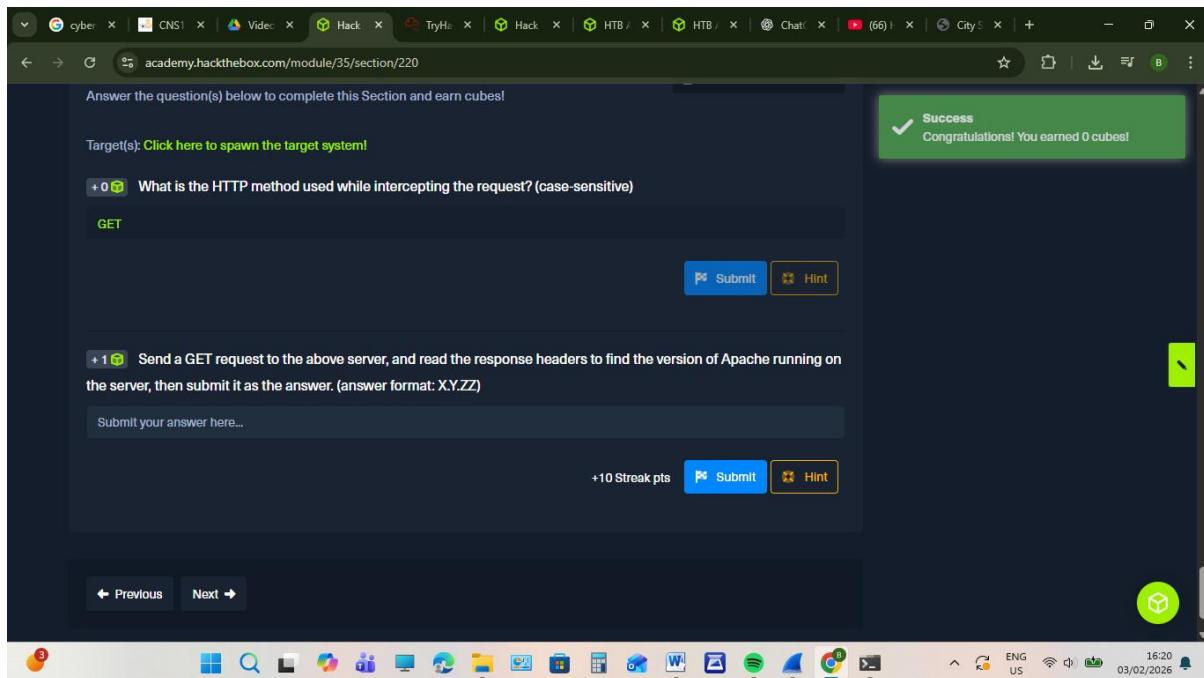
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[Submit](#) [Hint](#)

Next → +10 Streak pts [Mark Complete & Next](#)

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2. HTTP Requests and Responses



Answer the question(s) below to complete this Section and earn cubes!

Target(s): [Click here to spawn the target system!](#)

+ 0  What is the HTTP method used while intercepting the request? (case-sensitive)

GET

[Submit](#) [Hint](#)

+ 1  Send a GET request to the above server, and read the response headers to find the version of Apache running on the server, then submit it as the answer. (answer format: XY.ZZ)

Submit your answer here...

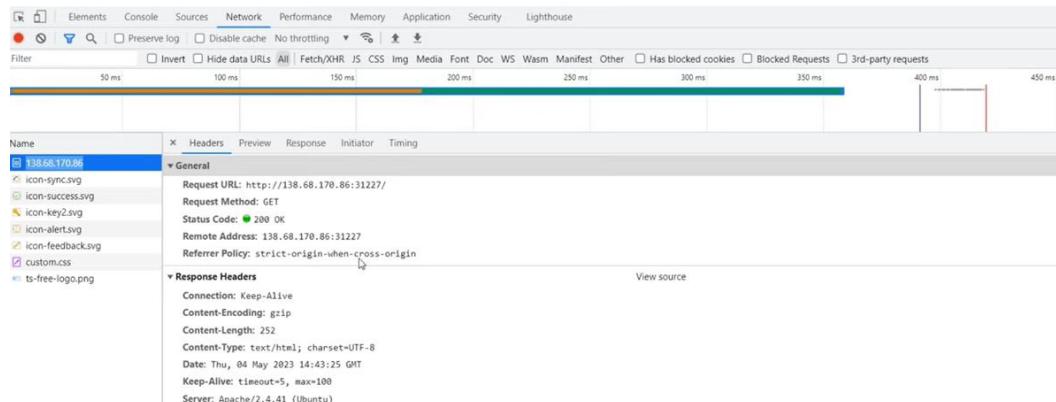
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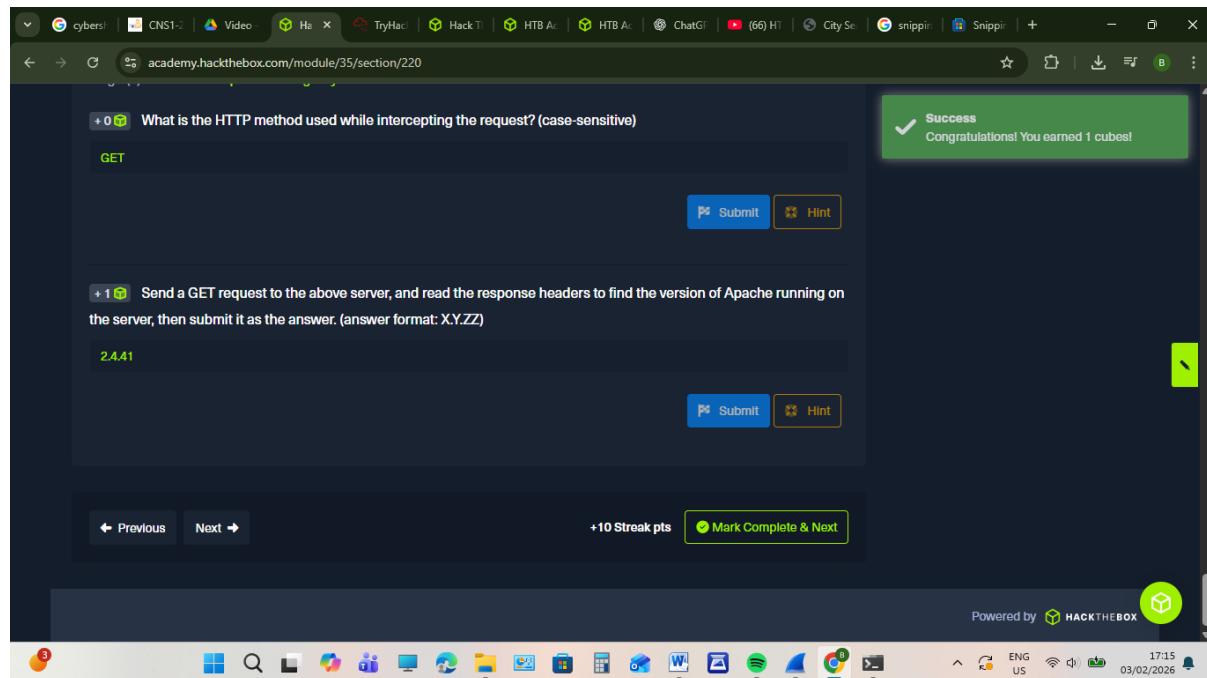
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2. Send a GET request to the above server and read the response headers to find the version of Apache running on the server then to submit

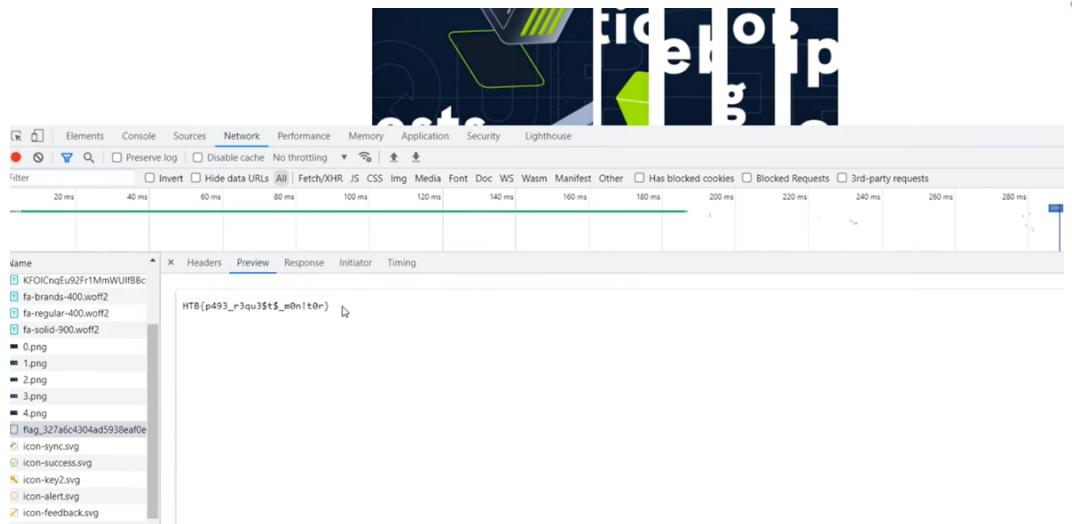
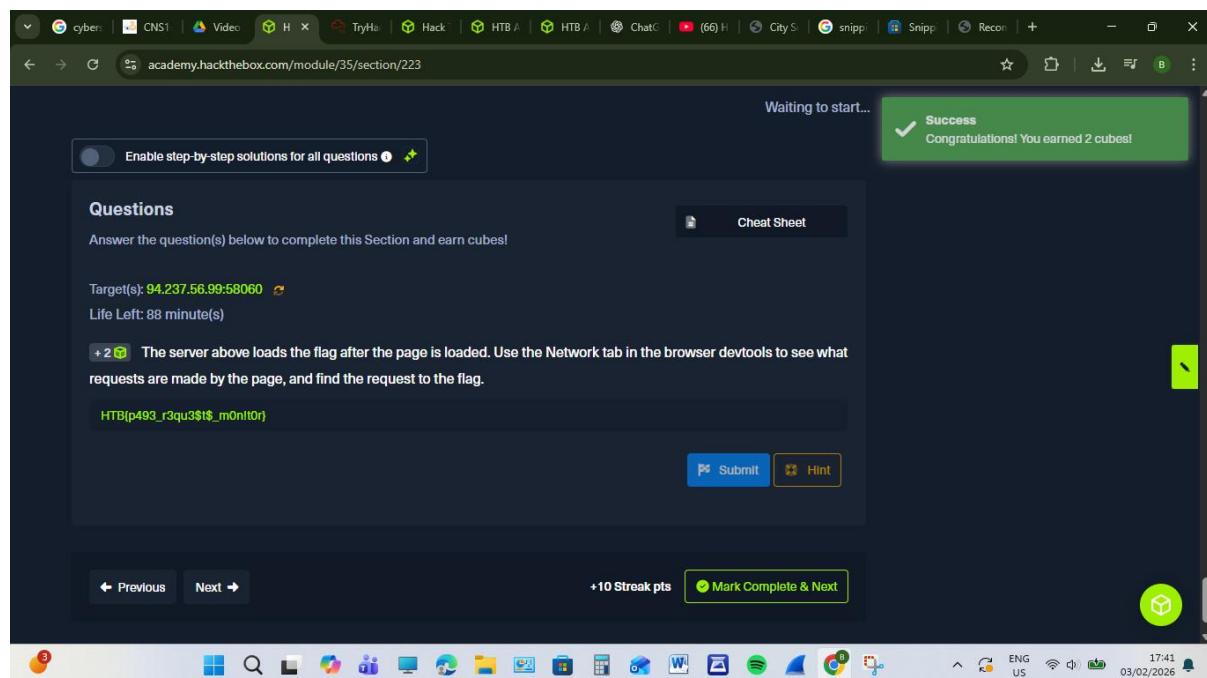
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Using cURL should be enough.



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4. HTTP Headers

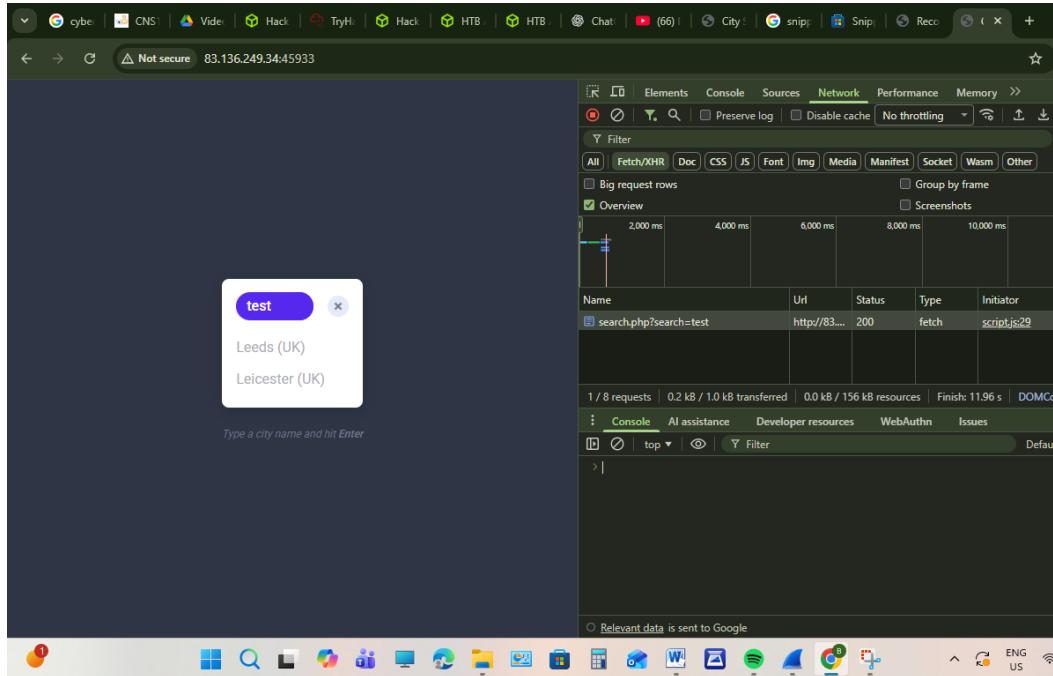



The screenshot shows a challenge page from academy.hackthebox.com. The target IP is 94.237.56.99:58060. The user has entered the flag 'HTB{p493_r3qu3\$t\$_m0n!t0r}' into the text input field. A green success message indicates that the user has earned 2 cubes.

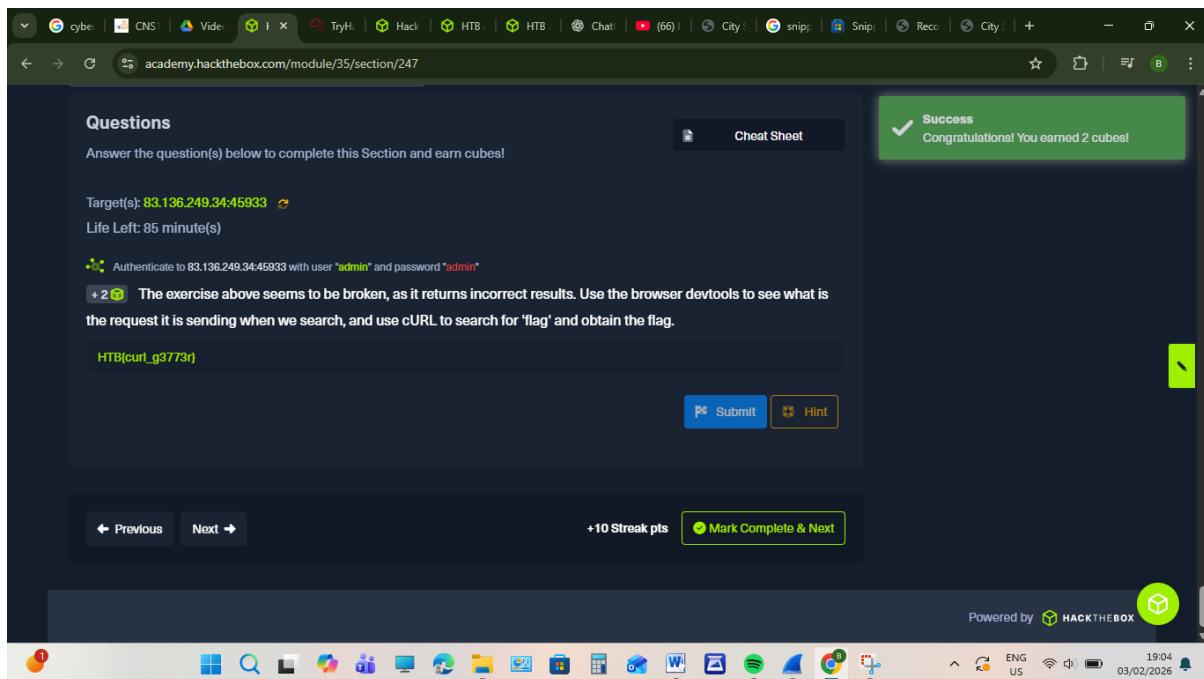
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HTTP Methods

1. HTTP methods and Codes



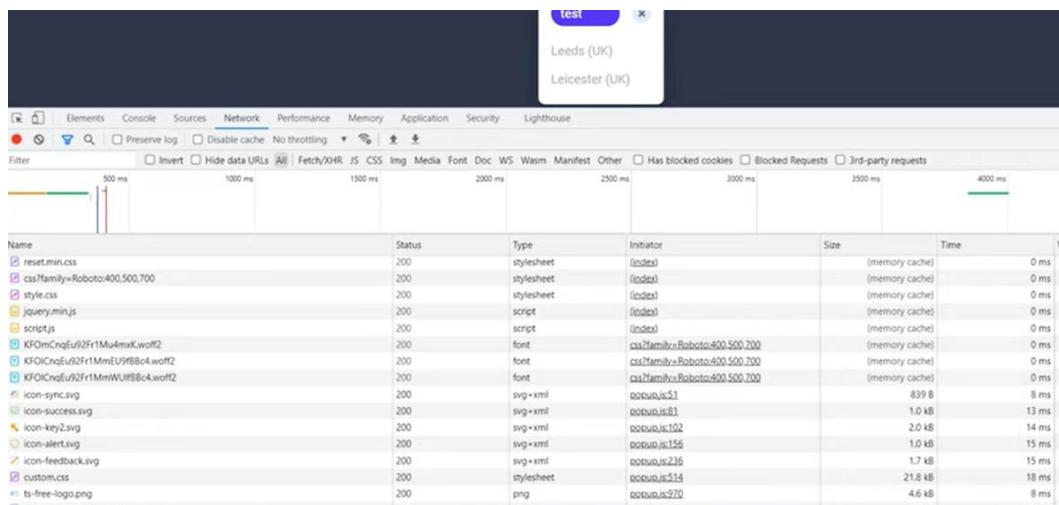
The screenshot shows a browser window with the URL `83.136.249.34:45933`. The Network tab of the developer tools is active, displaying a single request: `search.php?search=test` from `http://83.136.249.34:45933` with a status of 200. The initiator is `script.js:29`. The request took 2,000 ms. Below the Network tab, there's a search input field containing `test`, and a dropdown menu showing suggestions: `Leeds (UK)` and `Leicester (UK)`. A message at the bottom says `Type a city name and hit Enter`.



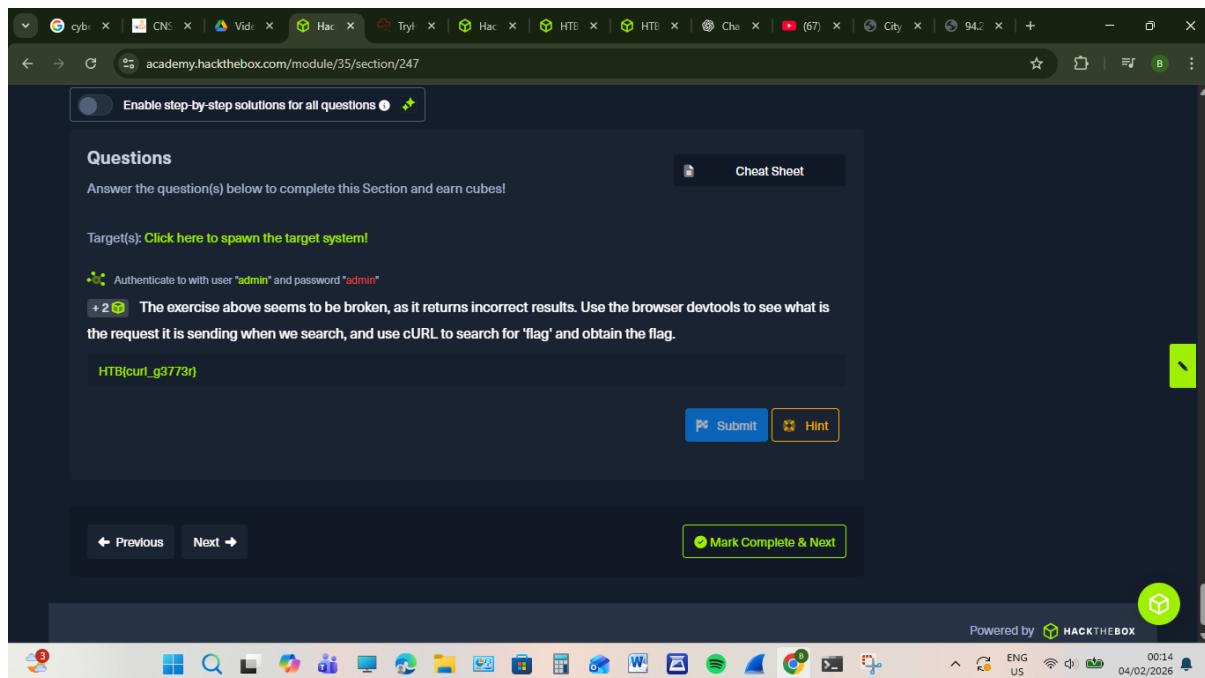
The screenshot shows a browser window on the `academy.hackthebox.com/module/35/section/247` page. The title is **Questions**. It instructs the user to answer questions to earn cubes. The target is listed as `83.136.249.34:45933`. The challenge details mention that the exercise seems to be broken because it returns incorrect results. A note states: `+ 2 🏆 The exercise above seems to be broken, as it returns incorrect results. Use the browser devtools to see what is the request it is sending when we search, and use curl to search for 'flag' and obtain the flag.`. The user has completed the challenge and earned 2 cubes, as indicated by the green success message: `✓ Success Congratulations! You earned 2 cubes!`. At the bottom, there are buttons for `Submit` and `Hint`. Navigation buttons include `← Previous`, `Next →`, and `+10 Streak pts`. A green button says `Mark Complete & Next`. The page is powered by `HACKTHEBOX`.

`HTB{curl_g3773r}`

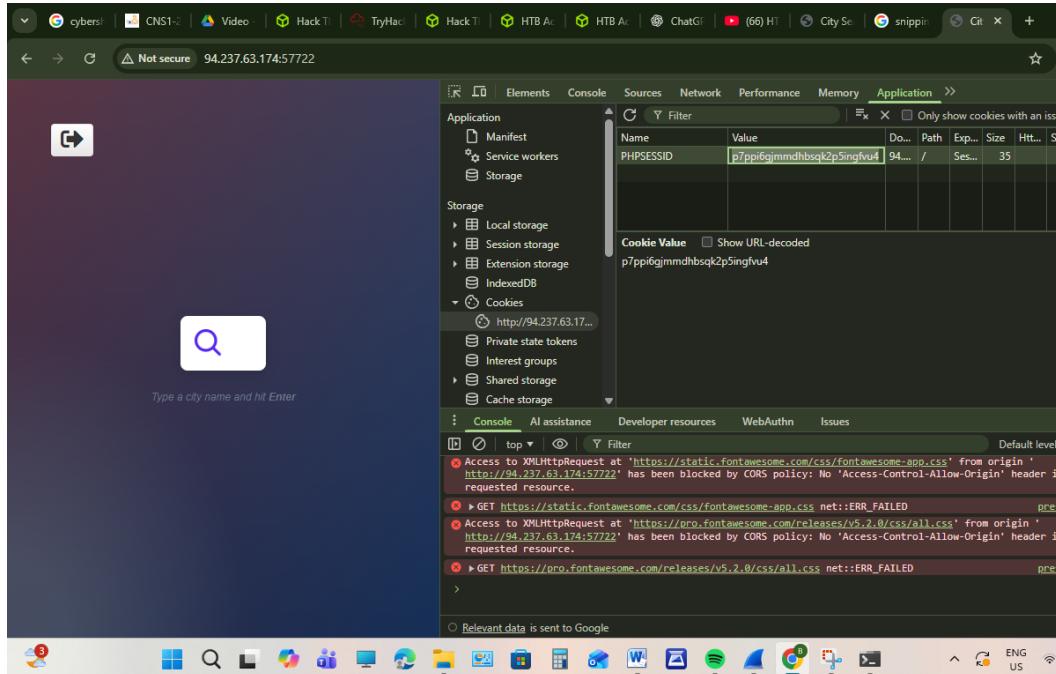
2. GET



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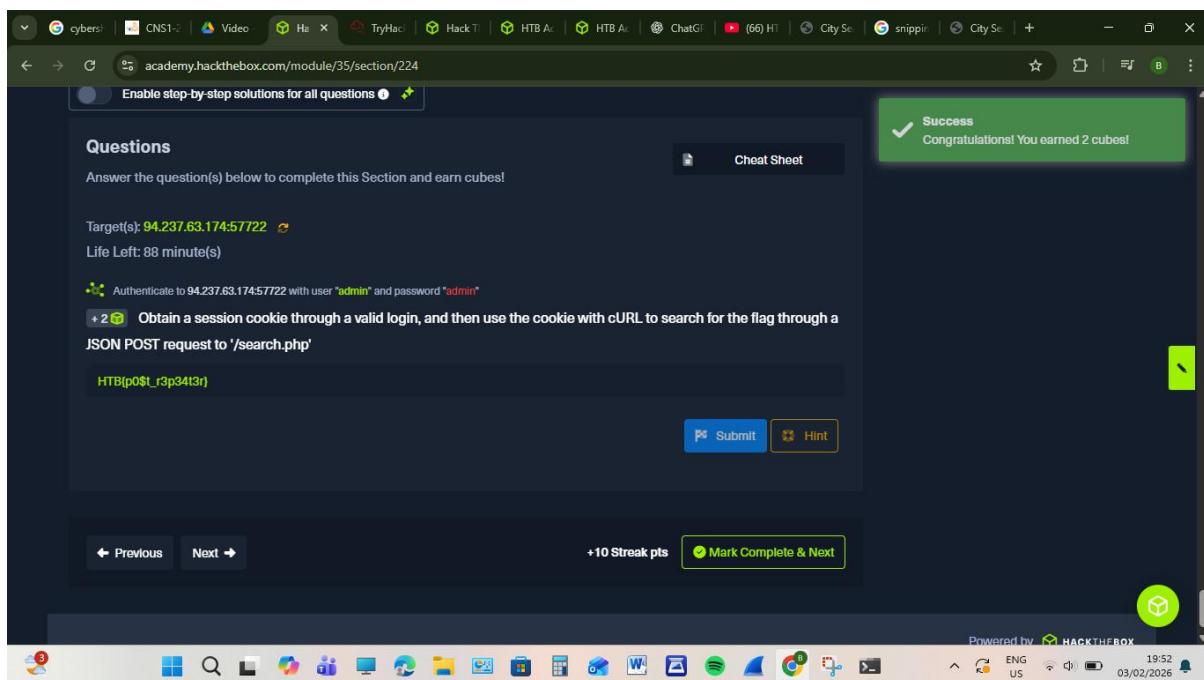


3. POST



The screenshot shows the Network tab of the browser developer tools. It lists several failed requests to 'static-fontawesome.com' and 'pro-fontawesome.com'. The errors indicate that the requests were blocked by CORS policy due to a missing 'Access-Control-Allow-Origin' header.

Name	Value	Do...	Path	Exp...	Size	Htt...	Se...
PHPSESSID	p7ppi6ojmmdhbsqk2p5ngfvu4	94...	/	Ses...	35		



The screenshot shows a challenge page from the HackTheBox platform. The target is set to 94.237.63.174:57722. A success message indicates that 2 cubes were earned. The challenge details require authenticating as 'admin' and password 'admin', and then performing a JSON POST request to '/search.php'.

Questions
 Answer the question(s) below to complete this Section and earn cubes!

Target(s): 94.237.63.174:57722

Life Left: 88 minute(s)

Authentic to 94.237.63.174:57722 with user "admin" and password "admin"

+ 2 Obtain a session cookie through a valid login, and then use the cookie with cURL to search for the flag through a JSON POST request to '/search.php'

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Cheat Sheet

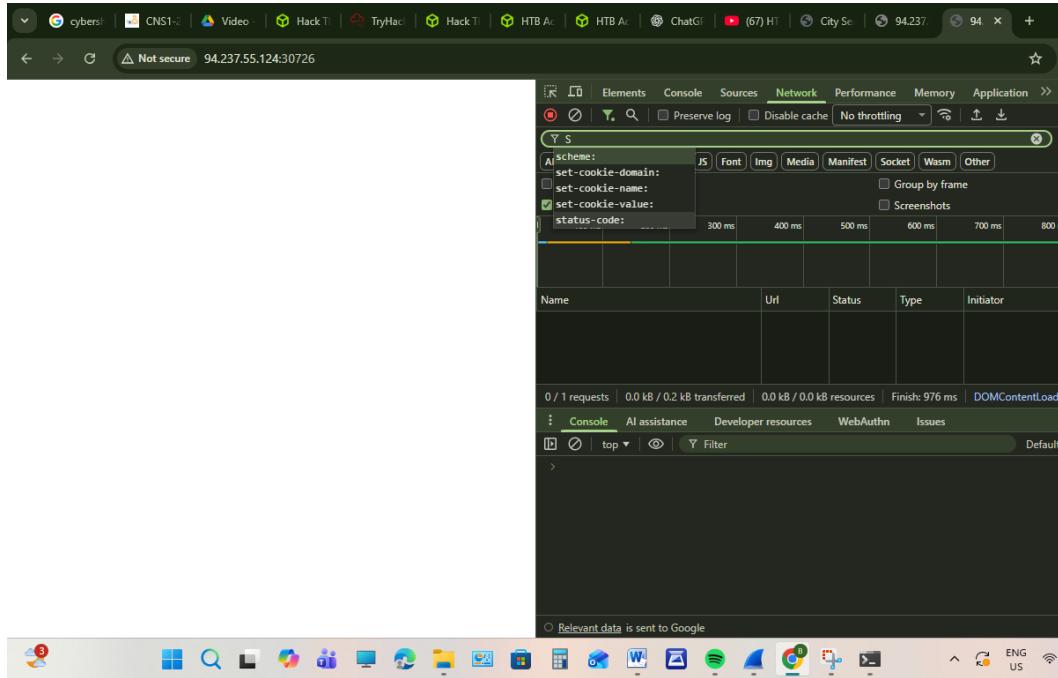
Success
 Congratulations! You earned 2 cubes!

Submit **Hint**

Previous **Next** +10 Streak pts **Mark Complete & Next**

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4. CRUD API



The screenshot shows a web page from academy.hackthebox.com/module/35/section/227. The title bar says "academy.hackthebox.com/module/35/section/227".

Questions
Answer the question(s) below to complete this Section and earn cubes!

Target(s): 94.237.55.124:30726

Life Left: 71 minute(s)

+ 2 🏆 First, try to update any city's name to be 'flag'. Then, delete any city. Once done, search for a city named 'flag' to get the flag.

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+10 Streak pts Submit Hint

← Previous

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It did not go quite well since I end up got the wrong answer

The link to vie the assignment

➤ <https://academy.hackthebox.com/module/35/section/224>

Conclusion

In conclusion this assignment provided valuable insight into web requests and their role in web communication and security. Although I experienced challenges completing the assignment due to it being my first time using HTB Academy, the exercise enhanced my understanding and built a strong foundation for further learning in web application security.