Zaproxy



OWASP Zap is a security testing framework much like Burp Suite. It acts as a very robust enumeration tool. It's used to test web applications.

Why wouldn't I use Burp Suite?

That's a GOOD question! Most people in the Info-sec community DO just use Burp Suite. But OWASP ZAP has a few benefits and features that the Burp Suite does not and it's my preferred program of the two.

What are the benefits to OWASP ZAP?

It's completely open source and free. There is no premium version, no features are locked behind a paywall, and there is no proprietary code.

There's a couple of feature benefits too with using OWASP ZAP over Burp Suite:

- Automated Web Application Scan: This will automatically passively and actively scan a web application, build a sitemap, and discover vulnerabilities. This is a paid feature in Burp.
- · Web Spidering: You can passively build a website map with Spidering. This is a paid feature in Burp.
- Unthrottled Intruder: You can bruteforce login pages within OWASP as fast as your machine and the web-server can handle. This is a paid feature in Burp.
- No need to forward individual requests through Burp: When doing manual attacks, having to change windows to send a request
 through the browser, and then forward in burp, can be tedious. OWASP handles both and you can just browse the site and OWASP
 will intercept automatically. This is NOT a feature in Burp.

This guide will teach you how to do the following in ZAP:

- Automated Scan
- Directory Bruteforce
- Authenticated Scan
- Login Page Bruteforce
- Install ZAP Extensions

The automated scan performs both passive and automated scans to build a sitemap and detect vulnerabilities.

On the next page you may see the options to select either to use "traditional spider" or "Ajax spider".

A traditional spider scan is a passive scan that enumerates links and directories of the website. It builds a website index without brute-forcing. This is much quieter than a brute-force attack and can still net a login page or other juicy details, but is not as comprehensive as a bruteforce.

The Ajax Spider is an add-on that integrates in ZAP a crawler of AJAX rich sites called Crawljax. You can use it in conjunction with the traditional spider for better results. It uses your web browser and proxy.



