

BURP SUITE FOR PENTESTER PAYLOAD PROCESSING

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Abstract

Today we are going to discuss the "Payload Processing" option of Burpsuite which is advanced functionality comes under the **Intruder Tab** in order to perform fuzzing or a brute force attack. However, you might be aware about how fuzzing is done with the Intruder tab, so let's explore some of its advanced techniques, such that it could enhance our bug hunting methodologies.





Payload Processing

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Payload Processing can be defined as when payloads are generated using **payload types**, they can be further **manipulated or filtered** using various **processing rules** and **payload encoding**.

Payload Processing Rules

These rules are defined to perform a various processing task on each payload before it is used. These rules are executed in a sequence, and they can be used to help debug any problem with the configuration. Payload processing rules are useful in situations where you need to generate different payloads, or where we want to wrap payloads within a wider structure or encoding scheme.

There are 12 types of payload processing rules available:

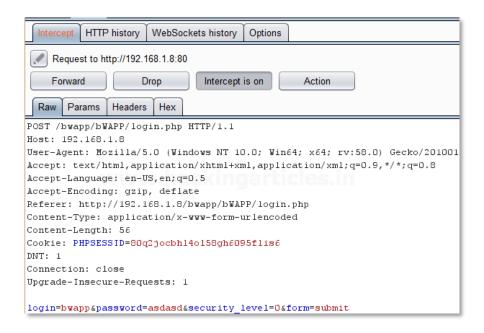
- Add prefix
- Add suffix
- Match / Replace
- Substring
- Reverse substring
- Modify case
- Encode
- Decode
- Hash
- Add raw payload
- Skip if matches regex
- Invoke Burp extension



Add Prefix

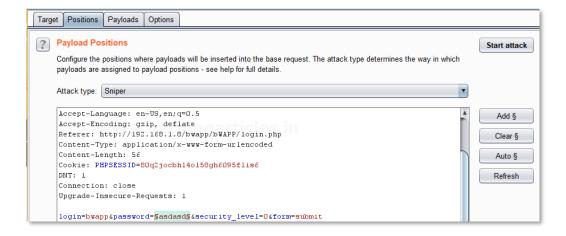
This processing rule adds up a prefix before the payload.

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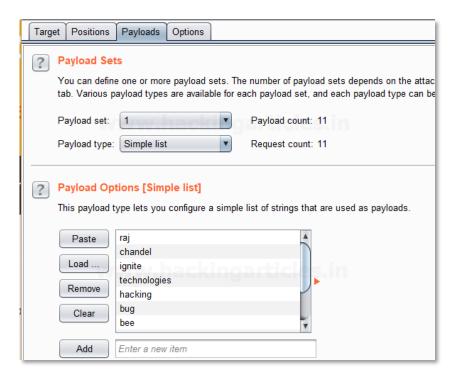
Send the captured request to the **Intruder** by clicking on the Action Tab and follow given below step. Now open the **Intruder tab** then select **Positions tab** and you can observe the highlighted password and follow the given below step for selecting payload position.

- Press on the **Clear button** given at right of the window frame.
- Now we will select the fields where we want to attack and i.e. the password filed and click on Add button.
- Choose the Attack type as a sniper
- In the given below image, we have selected a password that means we will need one dictionary files for a password.



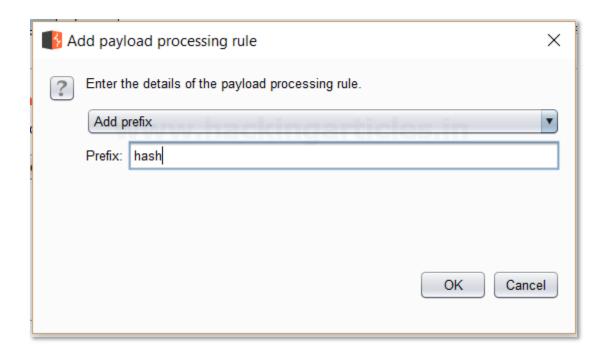


Now click on **payloads option** after selecting payload position. Then select the **Payload type** as **Simple list,** where we have added a dictionary by clicking on **Load** button. We can either load the dictionary or we can manually add input strings using the **Add button** in the **payload options** as shown in the image.

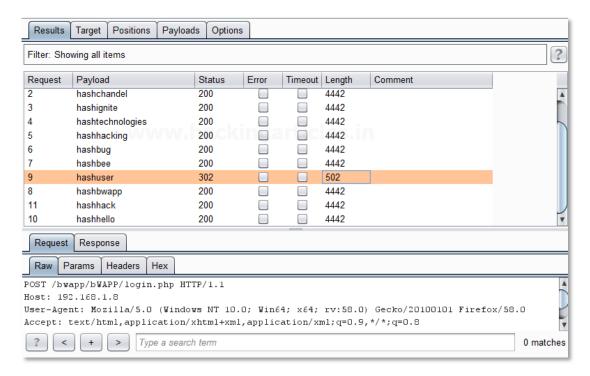


Before executing the attack we have added a **payload processing rule** to the payload type which is **Add Prefix** and we have given an input string "hash" which is added as a **prefix** with every input strings in the dictionary, as shown in the **result window** of the **attack**.

Select Start Attack in the Intruder menu as shown in the image.



Sit back and relax because now the burp suite will do its work, match the password which will give you the correct password. The moment it will find the correct value, it will change the value of length as shown in the image.



And to confirm the **password matched**, we will give the password in the **Bwapp LAB login page**, which will successfully log us into the **Bwapp lab**. This shows our success in the attack as shown in the image.



Add Suffix

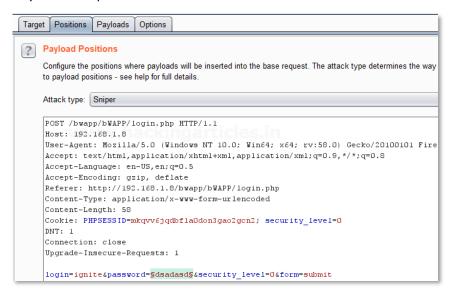
This processing rule adds up a suffix after the payload.

First, we have intercepted the request of the login page in the **Bwapp LAB**, where we have given default username and wrong password. Then click on login, the burp suite will capture the request of the login page in the intercept tab.



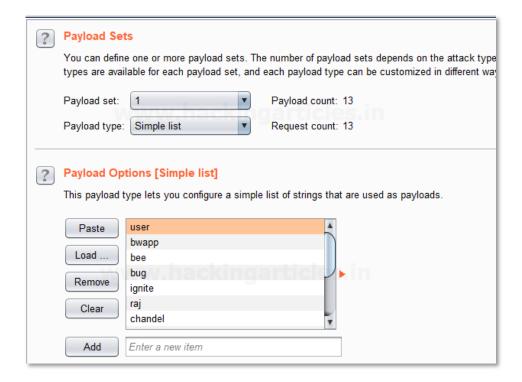
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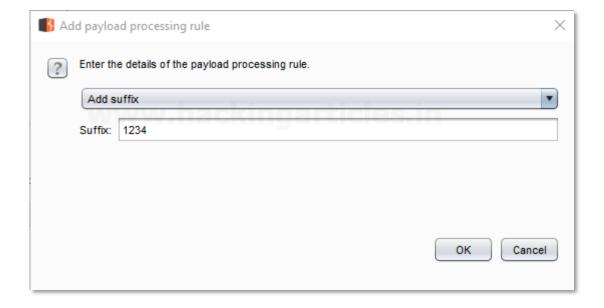


Now click on **payloads option** after selecting payload position. Then select the **Payload type** as **Simple list,** where we have added a dictionary by clicking on **Load** button. We can either load the dictionary or we can manually add input strings using the **Add button** in the **payload options** as shown in the image.



Before executing the attack we have added a **payload processing rule** to the payload type which is **Add Suffix** and we have given an input string "1234" which is added as a **suffix** with every input strings in the dictionary, as shown in the **result window** of the **attack**.

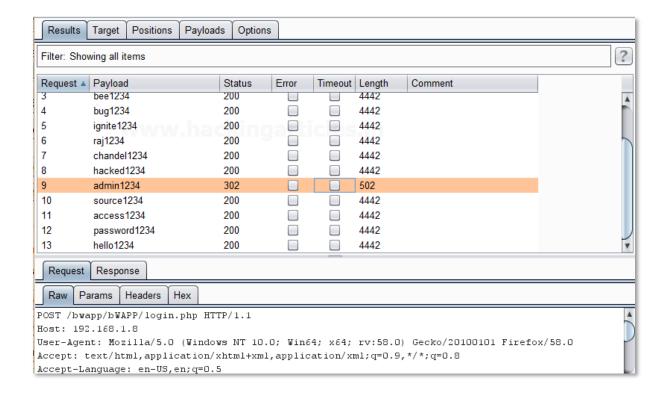
Select Start Attack in the Intruder menu as shown in the image.





Sit back and relax because now the burp suite will do its work, match the password which will give you the correct password. The moment it will find the correct value, it will change the value of length as shown in the image.

Use this combination of username and password for login to verify your brute force attack for the correct password.

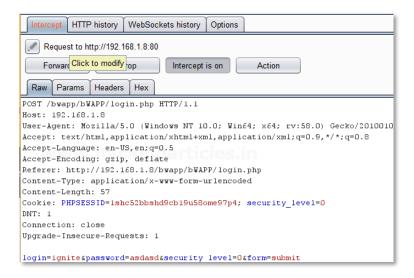




Match / Replace

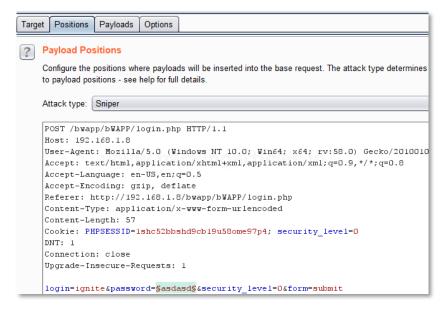
This processing rule is used to replace any part of the payload that match a specific regular expression, with a string.

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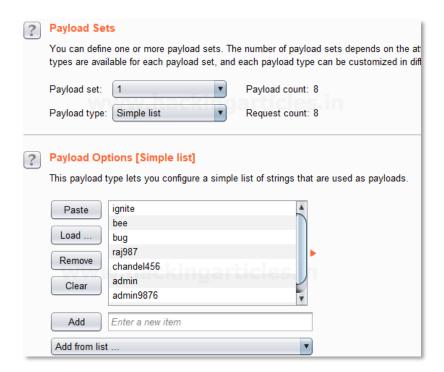
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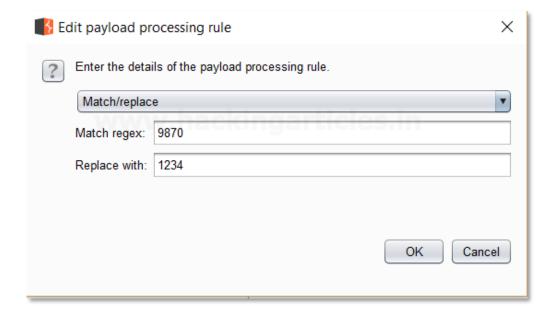




Now click on **payloads option** after selecting payload position. Then select the **Payload type** as **Simple list,** where we have added a dictionary by clicking on **Load** button. We can either load the dictionary or we can manually add input strings using the **Add button** in the **payload options** as shown in the image.



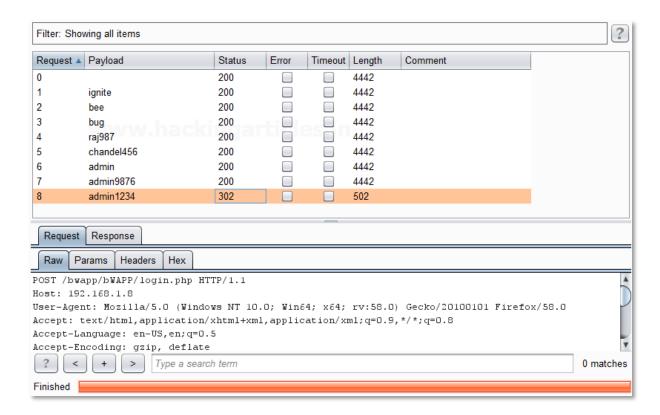
Before executing the attack we have added a **payload processing rule** to the payload type which is **Match / Replace** and we have given an input "9870" in the **Match Regex** which will match the input given with the input strings in the dictionary, if the there is a certain match than it will replace it with the input "1234" given in the **Replace with** as shown in the image. Select **Start Attack** in the **Intruder menu**.





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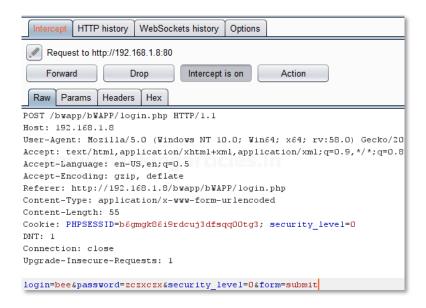
Use this combination of username and password for login to verify your brute force attack for the correct password.



Substring

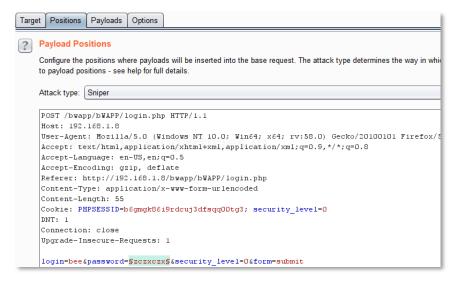
This processing rule is used to extracts a sub-portion of the payload, starting from a specified offset up to a specified length. Here the offset and length are counted from the front.

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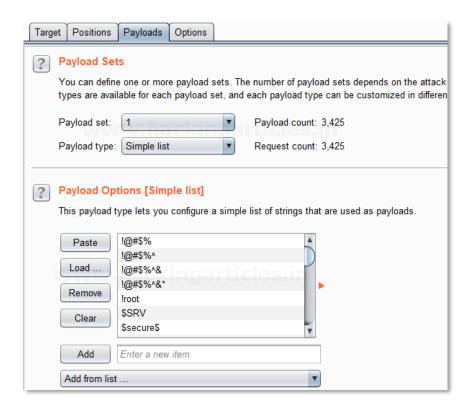
Send the captured request to the **Intruder** by clicking on the Action Tab and follow given below step. Now open the **Intruder tab** then select **Positions tab** and you can observe the highlighted password and follow the given below step for selecting payload position.

- Press on the **Clear button** given at right of the window frame.
- Now we will select the fields where we want to attack and i.e. the password filed and click on Add button.
- Choose the **Attack type** as **a sniper**
- In the given below image, we have selected a password that means we will need one dictionary files for the password.





Now click on **payloads option** after selecting payload position. Then select the **Payload type** as **Simple list,** where we have added a dictionary by clicking on **Load** button. Here we had added dictionary using the option "**Add from list**" as shown below in the given image.

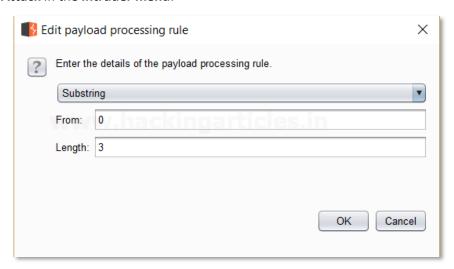


Before executing the attack we have added a **payload processing rule** to the payload type which is**Substring** and we have given an input "0" in **From option** which specifies the offset and an input "3" in the**Length option** which specifies the length of the input strings.

For example, if "password" is a word in a dictionary and we had applied above filter so it will place alphabet p = 0; a = 1; s = 2 and s = 3 hence it will read only pass from whole word "password".

The length specified will select only those inputs having the specific length and other lower or greater length inputs are discarded as shown in the result window of the attack.

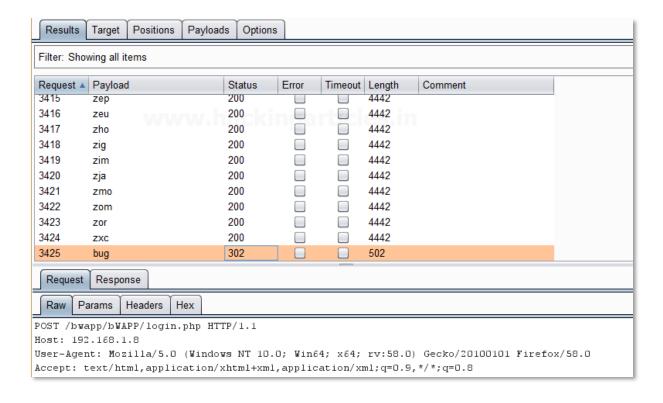
Select Start Attack in the Intruder menu.





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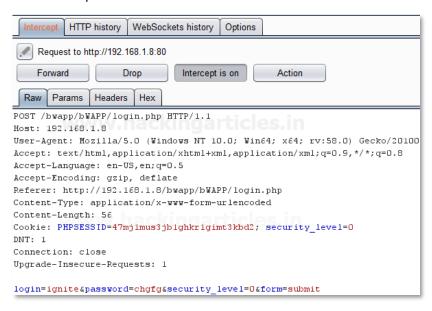




Reverse Substring

This processing rule is used as a substring rule, but the end offset is specified counting backward from the end of the payload, and the length is counted backward from the end offset.

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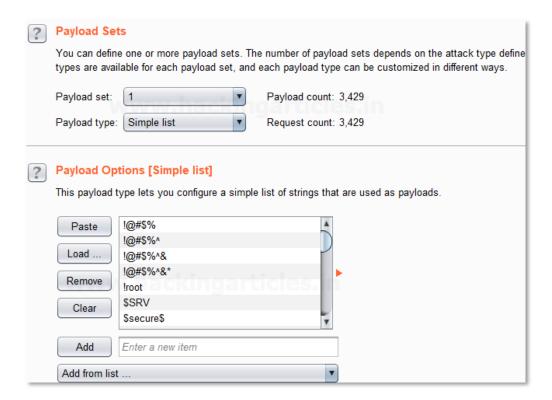
Send the captured request to the **Intruder** by clicking on the Action Tab and follow given below step. Now open the **Intruder tab** then select **Positions tab** and you can observe the highlighted password and follow the given below step for selecting payload position.

- Press on the **Clear button** given at right of the window frame.
- Now we will select the fields where we want to attack and i.e. the password filed and click on **Add button.**
- Choose the Attack type as the sniper
- In the given below image, we have selected a password that means we will need one dictionary files for a password.

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? Payload Positions
    Configure the positions where payloads will be inserted into the base request. The attack type determines the way in which
    to payload positions - see help for full details.
    Attack type: Sniper
    POST /bwapp/bWAPP/login.php HTTP/1.1
    Host: 192,168,1.8
    User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:58.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/58
     Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
     Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
     Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
    Referer: http://192.168.1.8/bwapp/bWAPP/login.php
     Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
     Content-Length: 56
     Cookie: PHPSESSID=47mj1mus3jb1ghkr1gimt3kbd2; security level=0
     DNT: 1
     Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
     login=ignite&password=SchgfgS&security_level=O&form=submit
```



Now click on **payloads option** after selecting payload position. Then select the **Payload type** as **Simple list,** where we have added a dictionary by clicking on **Load** button. Here we had added dictionary using the option "**Add from list**" as shown below in the given image.



Before executing the attack we have added a **payload processing rule** to the payload type which is **Reverse Substring** and we have given an input "2" in **From option** which specifies the offset and an input "9" in the **Length option** which specifies the length of the input strings and they are similar to the Substring rule but it works from backward of an offset and the length is counted backward where the offset ends.

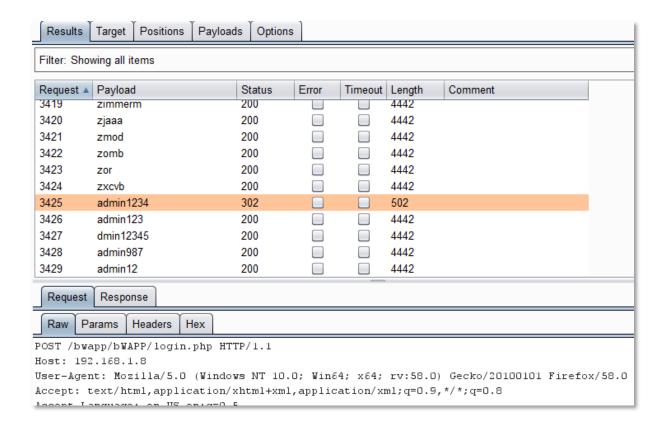
For example if "admin123456" is word in dictionary and we had applied above filter so it will place alphabet 4 = 0; 3 = 1; 2 = 2; 1 = 3; n = 4; i = 5; m = 6; d = 7; d = 8; a = 9 hence it will read only 'admin1234' from whole word "admin123456".

The length specified will select only those inputs having the specific length and other lower or greater length inputs are discarded as shown in the result window of the attack.

Select Start Attack in the Intruder menu.

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Modify Case

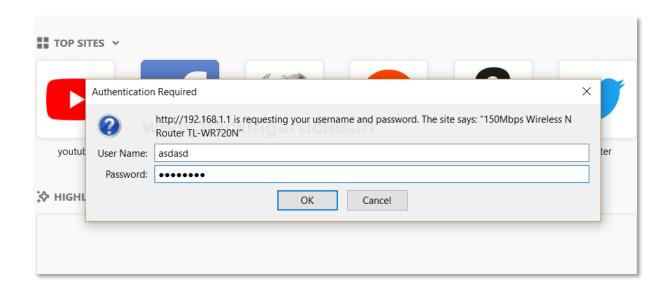
This processing rule can be used to modify the case of the payload if needed. This rule has the same options available for the **Case Modification** payload type.

Payload Encode

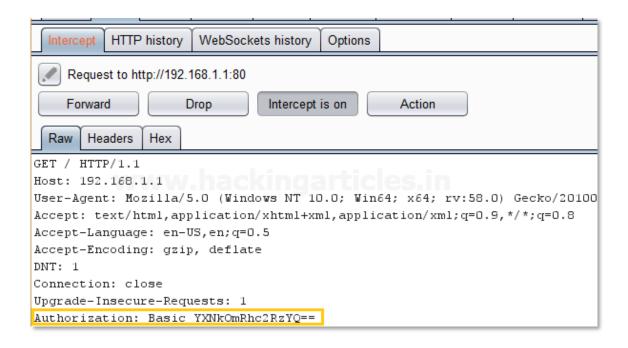
The processing rule can be used to encode the payload using various schemes such as URL, HTML, Base64, ASCII hex or constructed strings.

Let's start!!

First, we have intercepted the request of the login page of the router by giving its default IP which is **192.168.1.1**, where we have given an invalid username and password. Then click on login, the burp suite will capture the request of the login page in the intercept tab.



Thus the sent request will be captured by burp suite which you can see in the given below image. In the screenshot, I had highlighted some value in the last line. Here it tells the type of authentication provided by the router is **basic** and if you have read above theory of basic authentication I had described that it is **encoded** in **base 64**



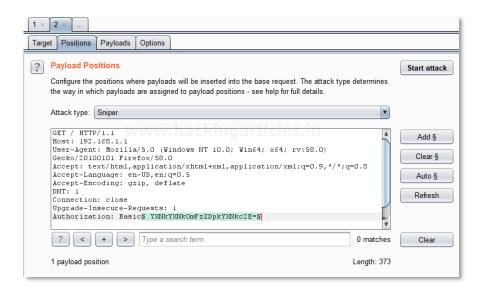


Send the captured request to the **Intruder** by clicking on the Action Tab and follow given below step. Now open the **Intruder tab** then select **Positions tab** and you can observe the highlighted password and follow the given below step for selecting payload position.

Press on the **Clear button** given at right of the window frame.

Now **select** the **encoded value of authentication** for payload position and **click** to **ADD button** on the left side of the frame.

Choose the Attack type as



Now click on **payloads option** after selecting payload position. Then select the **Payload type** as **Simple list,** where we have added a dictionary by clicking on **Load** button. We can either load the dictionary or we can manually add input strings using the **Add button** in the **payload options** as shown in the image.

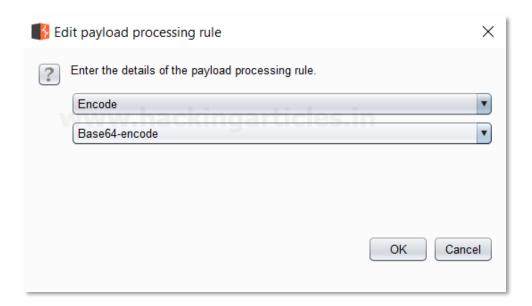
The base64 encoded value of Authentication is a combination of username and password now the scenario is to generate the same encoded value of authentication with help of user password dictionary, therefore I have made a **dictionary**.





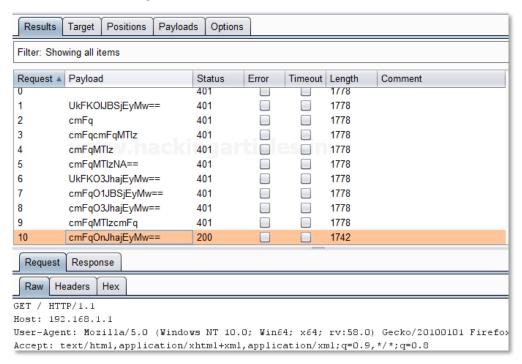
Before executing the attack we have added a **payload processing rule** to the payload type which is **Encode**and we have selected **"Base64 encode"** scheme because we know router takes the value in **Base64**.

Select **Start Attack** in the **Intruder menu** as shown in the image.



Sit back and relax because this will start brute force attack and try to match string for user authentication. In the screenshot, you can the **status** and **length** of the **highlighted value** is **different** from the rest of the values. This means we can use this encoded value to bypass the user authentication which occurs from request number 10. Now check the username and password of 10th line in the dictionary.

And to confirm the **username** and **password matched**, we will give the password in the **Router's Login Page**, which will successfully log us into the **Router's Configuration Page**. This shows our success in the attack as shown in the image.



Decode

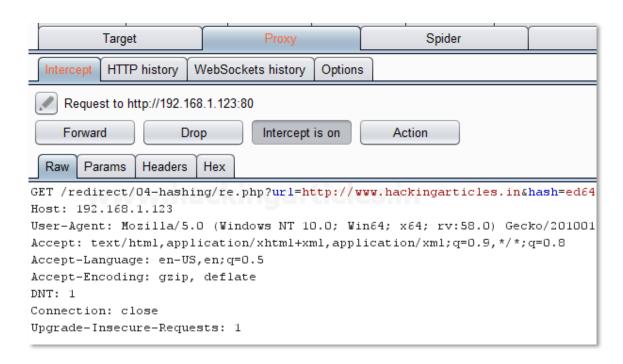
This processing rule can be used to decode the payload using various schemes: URL, HTML, Base64 or ASCII hex. As we know decoding is nothing but reversing the encoding. It can be used in the opposite way in which encoding is carried out.

Hash

This processing rule can be used to carry out a hashing operation on the payload. There are 7 types of hashing algorithms are available in this payload processing rule which is as follows:

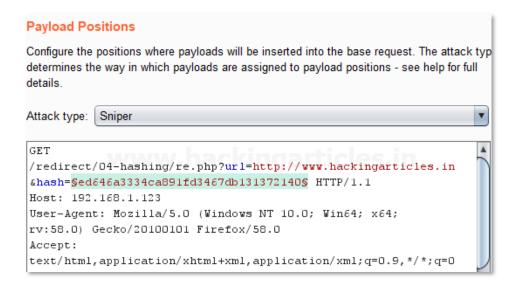
- SHA-384
- SHA-224
- SHA-256
- MD5
- MD2
- SHA
- SHA-512

First, we have intercepted the request of the **Redirection Link** designed to find **redirection vulnerabilities** in the **LAB** created by us and in the hash value of the URL we have given a wrong hash value of **HTTP://www.google.com** in place of the **actual hash value** of the **HTTP://www.hackingarticles.in** in the **URL** of the redirecting page. We have simply clicked on the Redirection link as shown in the image; the burp suite will capture the request of the redirecting page in the intercept tab.

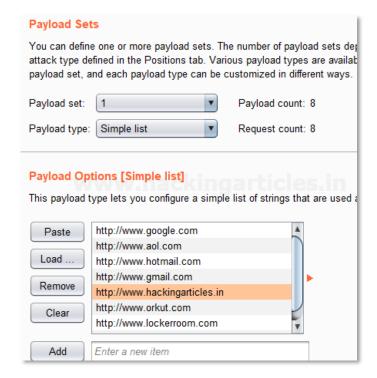


Send the captured request to the **Intruder** by clicking on the Action Tab and follow given below step. Now open the **Intruder tab** then select **Positions tab** and you can observe the highlighted password and follow the given below step for selecting payload position.

- Press on the **Clear button** given at right of the window frame.
- Now we will select the fields where we want to attack which is the **hash value** of the redirecting page and then click on **the Add button.**
- Choose the **Attack type** as a sniper.



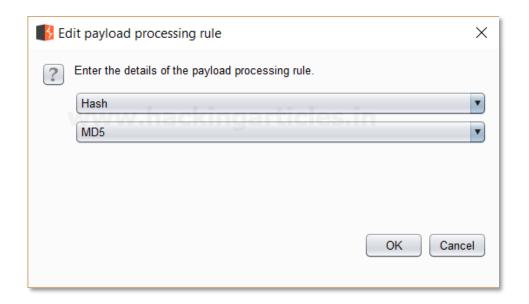
Then select the **Payload type** as **Simple list,** where we have added a dictionary by clicking on **Load** button. We can either load the dictionary or we can manually add input strings using the **Add button** in the **payload options** as shown in the image.



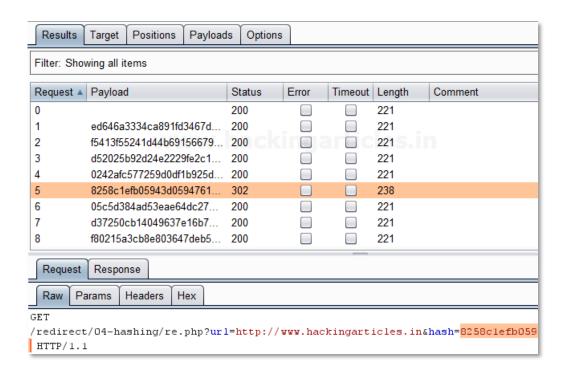


Before executing the attack we have added a **payload processing rule** to the payload type which is **Hash**and then we have selected **MD5** which is a commonly used algorithm for converting URL of the websites into a Hash MD5 value. As you can see the **input strings** of the dictionary are in a simple text form, but this processing rule converts it into Hash MD5 values which can be seen in **result window** of the **attack**.

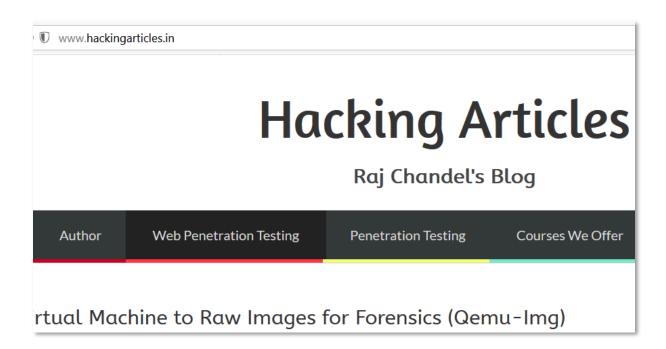
Select Start Attack in the Intruder menu as shown in the image.



Sit back and relax because now the burp suite will do its work, match the Hash MD5 of the Redirecting Page which will give you the correct MD5 value. The moment it will find the correct value, it will change the value of length as shown in the image.



The Hash MD5 value, we will give the Hash value in the URL of the redirecting page which is HTTP://www.hackingarticles.in, which will successfully redirect us to HTTP://www.hackingarticles.in. This shows our success in the attack as shown in the image.

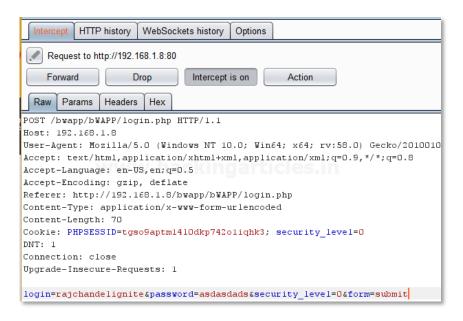




Add Raw Payload

This processing rule can be used to add raw payload value before or after the current processed value. For example, it can come in handy whenever we want to submit the same payload in both raw and hashed form.

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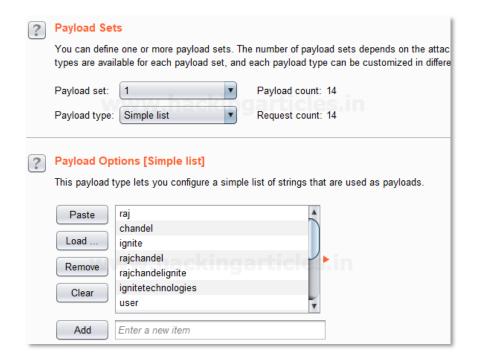


Send the captured request to the **Intruder** by right-clicking on the space and selecting **Send to Intruder**option or simply press **Ctrl + i**. Now open the **Intruder tab** then select **Positions tab** and the following will be visible. Choose the **Attack type** as **Sniper.** Press on the **Clear button** as shown in the image. Now we will select the fields where we want to attack which is the password and click on **Add button.**

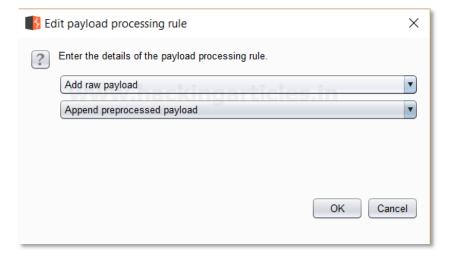
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Attack type: | Sniper
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Host: 192.168.1.8
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:58.0) Gecko/20100101
Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
Accept-Language: en-US, en; q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Referer: http://192.168.1.8/bwapp/bWAPP/login.php
 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Content-Length: 70
Cookie: PHPSESSID=tgso9aptm1410dkp742o1iqhk3; security level=0
DNT: 1
Connection: close
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
 login=rajchandelignite&password=§asdasdads§&security level=0&form=submit
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Send the captured request to the **Intruder** by clicking on the Action Tab and follow given below step. Now open the **Intruder tab** then select **Positions tab** and you can observe the highlighted password and follow the given below step for selecting payload position.

- Press on the Clear button given at right of the window frame.
- Now we will select the fields where we want to attack and i.e. the password filed and click on Add button.
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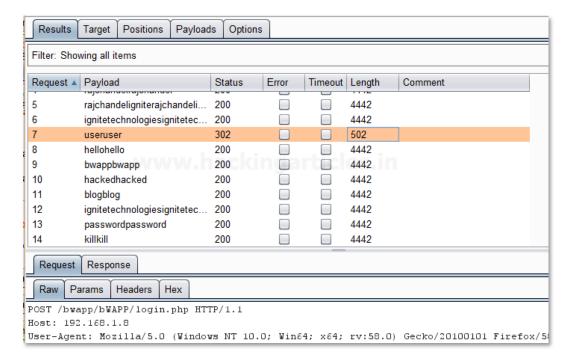


Before executing the attack we have added a payload processing rule to the payload type which is **Add Raw Payload** and then we have selected **Append Pre-processed Payload**. This adds a **raw payload value**before and after the **current processed value**. As you can see the **input strings** of the dictionary as a single input string is **repeated twice** which can be seen in **result window** of the **attack**. Select **Start Attack** in the **Intruder menu** as shown in the image.

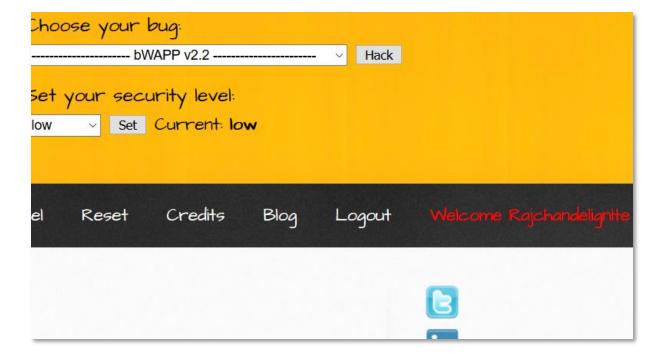




Sit back and relax because now the burp suite will do its work, match the password which will give you the correct password. The moment it will find the correct value, it will change the value of length as shown in the image.



And to confirm the **password matched**, we will give the password in the **Bwapp LAB login page**, which will successfully log us into the **Bwapp lab**. This shows our success in the attack as shown in the image.



Skip if Matches Regex

This processing rule can be used to check the current processed value matches a specified regular expression, and if it matches it will skip the payload and will move onto the next one. For example, Suppose we have a parameter value that has a minimum length and want to skip values in the list that are shorter than the minimum length defined.

First, we have intercepted the request of the login page in the **Bwapp LAB**, where we have given default username and wrong password. Then click on login, the burp suite will capture the request of the login page in the intercept tab.



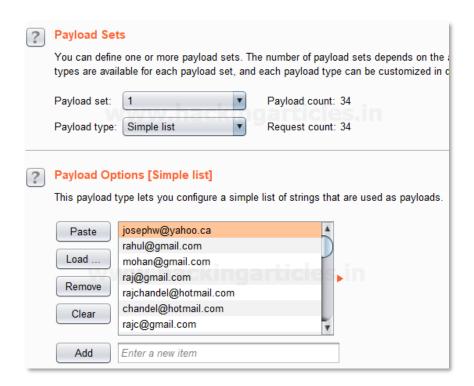
Send the captured request to the **Intruder** by clicking on the Action Tab and follow given below step. Now open the **Intruder tab** then select **Positions tab** and you can observe the highlighted password and follow the given below step for selecting payload position.

- Press on the **Clear button** given at right of the window frame.
- Now we will select the fields where we want to attack and i.e. the password filed and click on **Add button.**
- Choose the **Attack type** as
- In the given below image, we have selected a password that means we will need one dictionary files for a password.



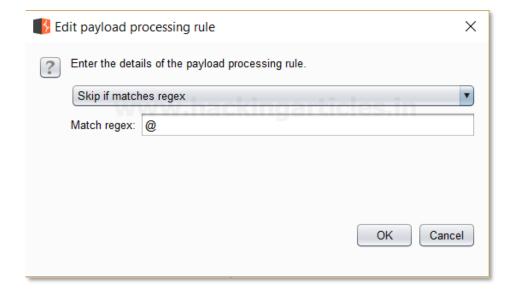


Then select the **Payload type** as **Simple list,** where we have added a dictionary by clicking on **Load** button. We can either load the dictionary or we can manually add input strings using the **Add button** in the **payload options** as shown in the image.

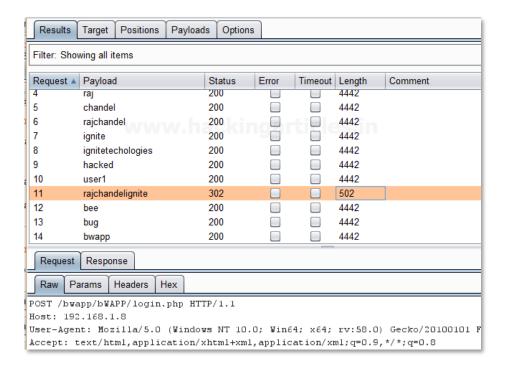


Before executing the attack we have added a payload processing rule to the payload type which is **Skip if Matches Regex** where we have given an input of **{@}** in the **match regex** field. Here we see that as per this rule if the input is given matches with any of the input strings in the dictionary it simply skip that value and move on to next.

Now Select Start Attack in the Intruder menu as shown in the image.



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