XVWA Technical Run

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About XVWA

◎ Xtreme Vulnerable Web Application (XVWA)

XVWA is a badly coded web application written in PHP/MySQL that helps security enthusiasts to learn application security. It's not advisable to host this application online as it is designed to be "Xtremely Vulnerable".

- Link: https://github.com/s4n7h0/xvwa
- Docker Image: https://github.com/tuxotron/xvwa_lamp_container
#docker search xvwa

Test environment & XVWA Installation

◎ Test environment

- Kali linux (SMP Debian 4.6.4-1kali1) with XVWA docker image.
  IP:192.168.10.12

- Mysql database
  mysql Ver 14.14 Distrib 5.6.30, for debian-linux-gnu (x86_64) using EditLine wrapper

- Apache webserver
  Server version: Apache/2.4.25 (Debian)

- Docker install script: 

  - XVWA docker image: https://github.com/tuxotron/xvwa_lamp_container
  #docker search xvwa
  NAME DESCRIPTION STARS OFFICIAL AUTOMATED
  tuxotron/xvwa

Test environment & XVWA Installation

- Run XVWA docker image
  # docker run --name xvw -d -p 80:80 tuxotron/xvwa

- Setup the database
  Access http://192.168.10.12/xvwa/setup

SQL injection (error based)

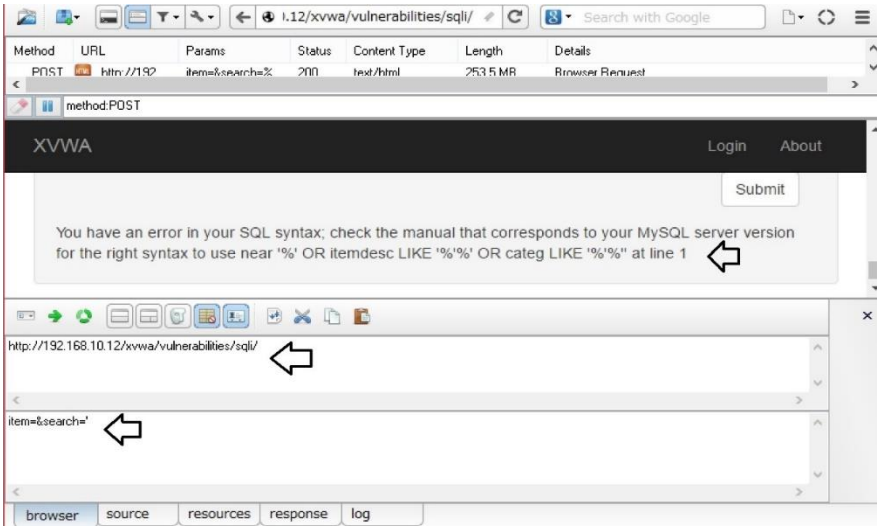
- SQL injection is an attack technique by which a malicious user can run SQL code with the privilege on which the application is configured.

- More about SQL Injection
  https://www.owasp.org/index.php/SQL_Injection

SQL injection (error based)

◎ Checking vulnerability

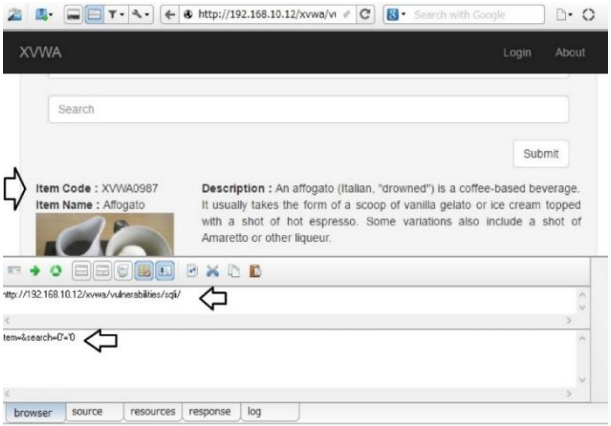
POST Request: item=&search='



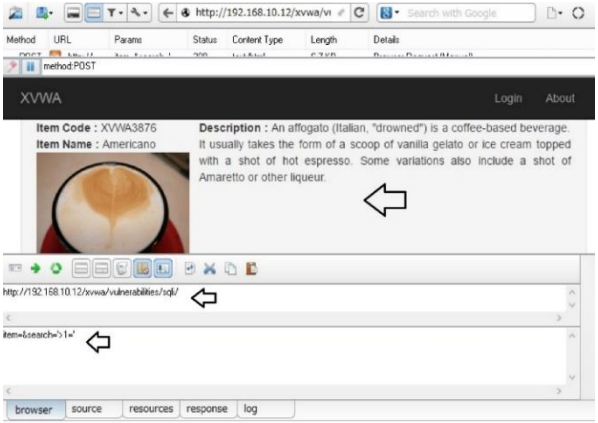
SQL injection (error based)

◎Exploit the vulnerability

【POST Request -> item=&search=0‘=‘0】



【POST Request -> item=&search='>1=‘】



SQL injection (blind)

- Blind SQL (Structured Query Language) injection is a type of SQL Injection attack that asks the database true or false questions and determines the answer based on the applications response. The difference here is that user/attacker will not see any backend error message in this case.

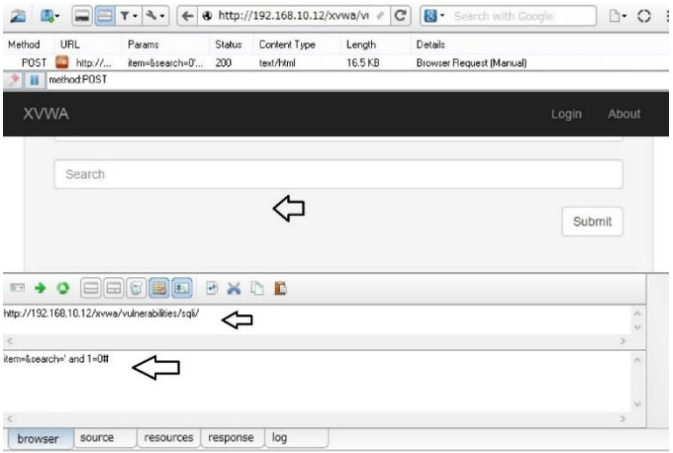
- More about Blind SQL Injection
  https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Blind_SQL_Injection

SQL injection (blind)

- Checking vulnerability

  POST Request that returns ‘false’ -> item=&search=‘ and 1=0#

  If the web application is vulnerable to SQL Injection, then it probably will not return anything.

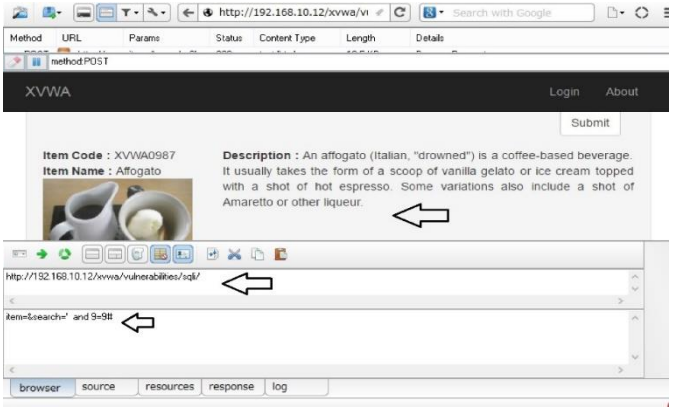


SQL injection (blind)

◎ Vulnerability

If the web application is vulnerable to SQL Injection, then it probably will not return anything.To make sure, the attacker will inject a query that will return 'true‘; If the content of the page that returns 'true' is different than that of the page that returns 'false', then the attacker is able to distinguish when the executed query returns true or false.

POST Request that returns ‘false’ -> item=&search=‘ and 9=9#



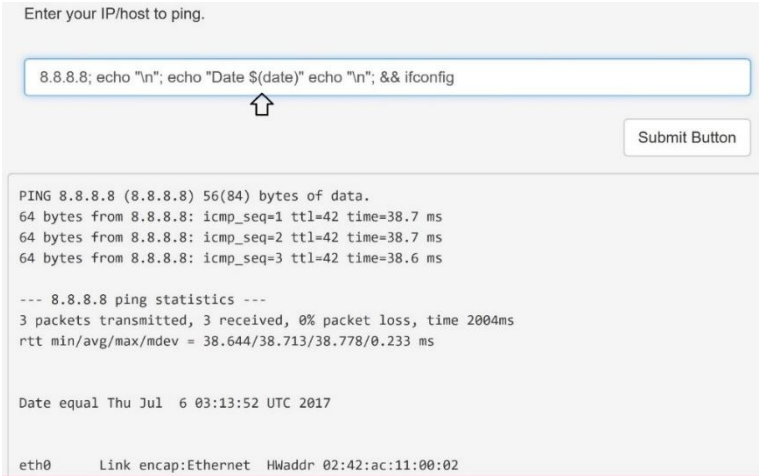
OS Command Injection

Some applications use operating system commands to execute certain functionalities by using bad coding practices, say for instance, usage of functions such as system(),shell_exec(), etc. This allows a user to inject arbitrary commands that will execute on the remote host with the privilege of web server user. An attacker can trick the interpreter to execute his desired commands on the system.

- More about OS Command Injection
  https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Command_Injection

OS Command Injection

◎Example: 8.8.8.8; echo "¥n"; echo "Date $(date)" echo "¥n"; && ifconfig



XSS Reflected

Cross Site Scripting attacks abuse the browser's functionality to send malicious scripts to the client machine. In other words, this is client side attack. Cross Site Scripting attacks are generally be categorized into two categories: stored and reflected. In reflected attacks, the application reflects the malicious script back on the browser.

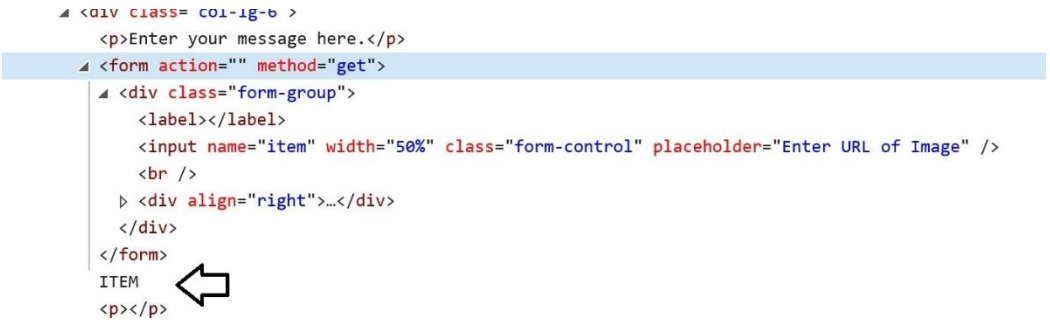
- More about XSS Reflected
  https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Types_of_Cross-Site_Scripting#Reflected_XSS_.28AKA_Non-Persistent_or_Type_II.29

XSS Reflected

- Input

  http://192.168.10.12/xvwa/vulnerabilities/reflected_xss/?item=ITEM

- Output



XSS Reflected

◎ The browser reflects injected JavaScript

- Input

  JavaScript: %3cscript%3evar a =11; alert(a === 11);%3c/script%3e

  192.168.10.12/xvwa/vulnerabilities/reflected_xss/?item=%3cscript%3evar a =11; alert(a === 11);%3c/script%3e

- Output

DOM Based XSS

◎Vulnerability discovery

- Access
  http://192.168.10.12/xvwa/vulnerabilities/dom_xss/

- Input
  http://192.168.10.12/xvwa/vulnerabilities/dom_xss/?search=adi

- Output

```
        <br>
      ▶ <div align="right">…</div>
        </div>
      </form>
      <p></p>
      <p id="srch">You've searched for adi</p>
    </div>
```

DOM Based XSS in XVWA

◎Vulnerability discovery

- Output

  Output is not showing in source code. But show in Inspect Element because input is not maded by PHP or backend code. Its occur from JavaScript Code. So its not show in source code directly and just only work in browser.
  Function search() explained: When ?search found in URL , the input after ?search= will show in the element that is defined by id=srch. Can use html tag for XSS purpose.

```
<script type="text/javascript">
    function search()
    {
        var myurl = document.URL;
        if(myurl.indexOf("?search=")>0)
        {
            document.getElementById('srch').innerHTML = "You've searched for "+unescape(myurl.substr(myurl.indexOf("?search=")+8));
        }
    }
</script>
```

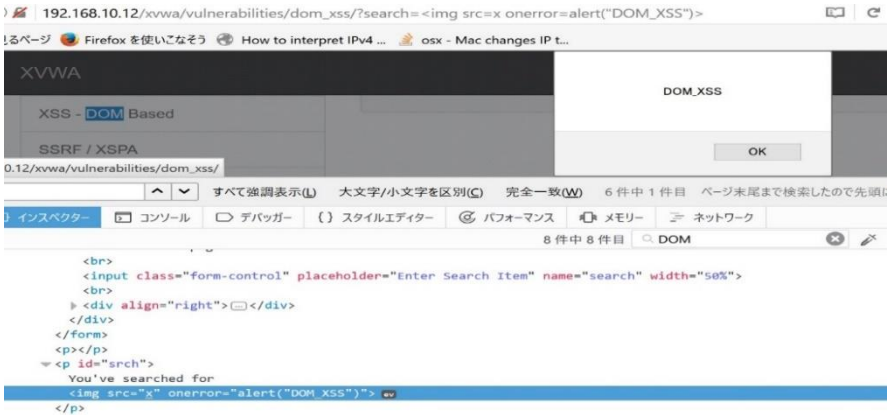
DOM Based XSS

◎Vulnerability discovery

- Input

192.168.10.12/xvwa/vulnerabilities/dom_xss/?search=<img src=x onerror=alert("DOM_XSS")>

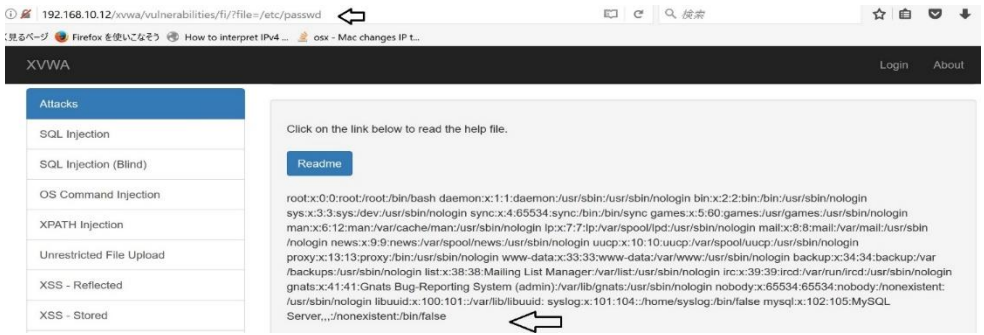
- Output



File inclusion

File inclusion is an attack that would allow an attacker to access unintended files on the server.

- More about File inclusion
  https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Testing_for_Local_File_Inclusion
  https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Testing_for_Remote_File_Inclusion



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