



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:  `dockerinstall.sh`
- 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 xvwa -d -p 80:80 tuxotron/xvwa
- Setup the database
Access <http://192.168.10.12/xvwa/setup>

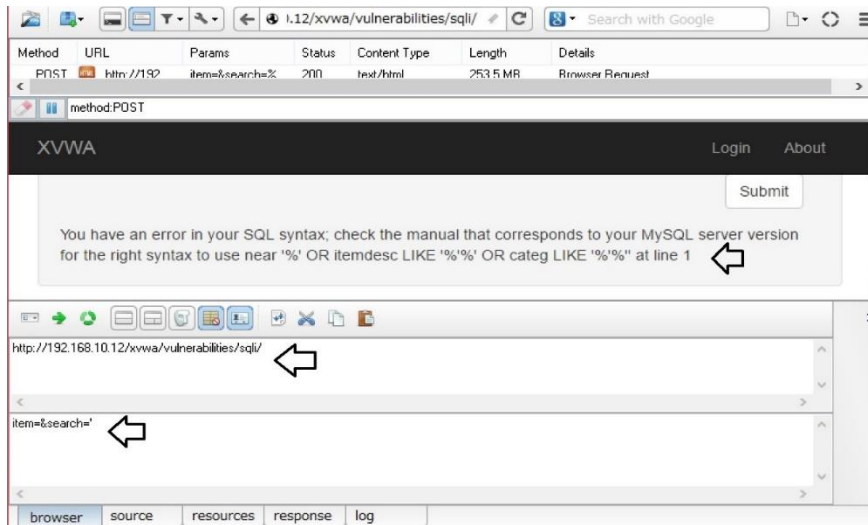
SQL injection (error based)

- 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='



The screenshot displays a web browser window with the URL `http://192.168.10.12/xvwa/vulnerabilities/sqli/`. The page content shows an error message: "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 '% OR itemdesc LIKE '%%' OR categ LIKE '%%' at line 1". A "Submit" button is visible above the error message. The browser's developer tools are open, showing the "method:POST" request with the following parameters:

Method	URL	Params	Status	Content Type	Length	Details
POST	http://192.168.10.12/xvwa/vulnerabilities/sqli/	item=&search=%	200	text/html	253.5 MB	Browser Request

The "Params" section of the developer tools shows the request body: `item=&search='`. Three white arrows point to the error message, the URL in the address bar, and the request body in the developer tools.

SQL injection (error based)

© Exploit the vulnerability

【POST Request -> item=&search=0'='0】

Search

Submit

Item Code : XVWA0967
Item Name : Affogato

Description : An affogato (Italian, "drowned") is a coffee-based beverage. It usually takes the form of a scoop of vanilla gelato or ice cream topped with a shot of hot espresso. Some variations also include a shot of Amaretto or other liqueur.

http://192.168.10.12/xvwa/vulnerabilities/sql/

item=&search=0''='0

【POST Request -> item=&search='>1='】

Search

Submit

Item Code : XVWA3876
Item Name : Americano

Description : An affogato (Italian, "drowned") is a coffee-based beverage. It usually takes the form of a scoop of vanilla gelato or ice cream topped with a shot of hot espresso. Some variations also include a shot of Amaretto or other liqueur.

http://192.168.10.12/xvwa/vulnerabilities/sql/

item=&search='>1='

SQL injection (blind)

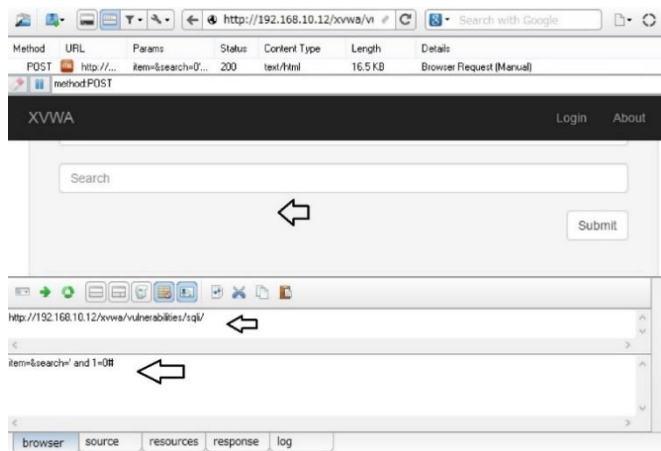
- Blind SQL (Structured Query Language) injection is a type of SQL Injection attack that asks the database true or false questions and determines the answer based on the applications response. The difference here is that user/attacker will not see any backend error message in this case.
- More about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

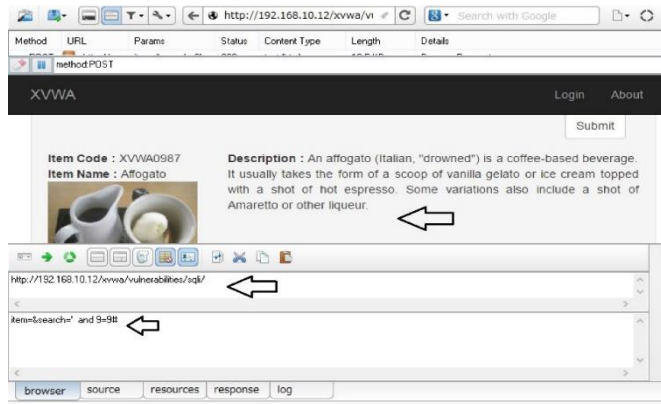


SQL injection (blind)

© 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

Enter your IP/host to ping.

Submit Button

```
PING 8.8.8.8 (8.8.8.8) 56(84) bytes of data.  
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=1 ttl=42 time=38.7 ms  
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=2 ttl=42 time=38.7 ms  
64 bytes from 8.8.8.8: icmp_seq=3 ttl=42 time=38.6 ms  
  
--- 8.8.8.8 ping statistics ---  
3 packets transmitted, 3 received, 0% packet loss, time 2004ms  
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 38.644/38.713/38.778/0.233 ms  
  
Date equal Thu Jul 6 03:13:52 UTC 2017  
  
eth0      Link encap:Ethernet  HWaddr 02:42:ac:11:00:02
```

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


```
▲ <div class= col-ig-b >
  <p>Enter your message here.</p>
  ▲ <form action="" method="get">
    ▲ <div class="form-group">
      <label></label>
      <input name="item" width="50%" class="form-control" placeholder="Enter URL of Image" />
      <br />
      ▸ <div align="right">...</div>
    </div>
  </form>
  ITEM ←
  <p></p>
```

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 made 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>
```

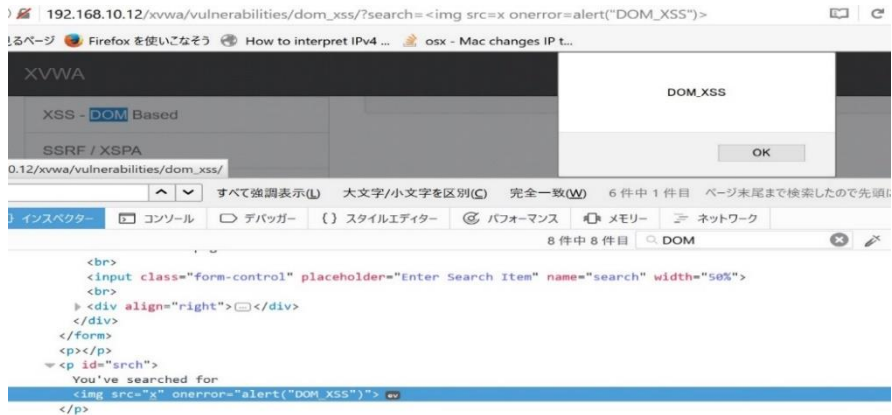
DOM Based XSS

◎ Vulnerability discovery

- Input

192.168.10.12/xvwa/vulnerabilities/dom_xss/?search=

- Output



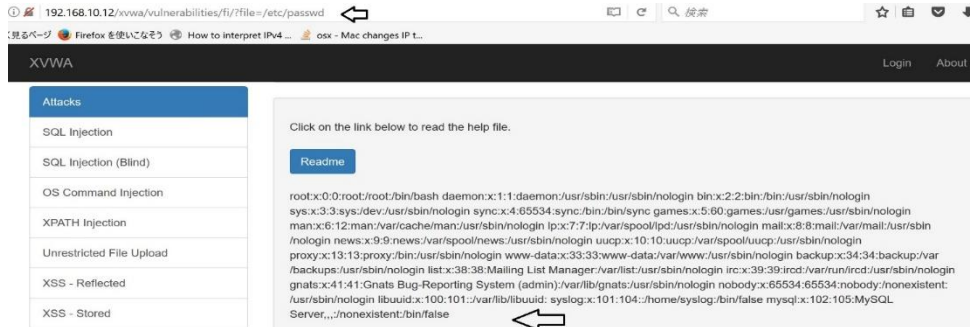
File inclusion

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



References

- OWASP

<https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Category:Attack>

- Github

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