

# Foundations of computer security

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# First steps

- Start Parrot linux
- Open Terminal
- Checking the nessus application:  
service nessusd status
- Open the web browser and go to  
<https://parrot:8834/>
- Log in to Nessus  
UN: nessus PW: nessus

# Create your advanced scan 1

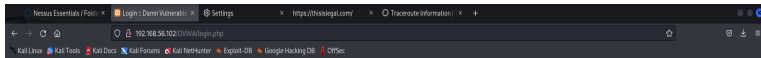
Create and execute an arbitrarily advanced scanner on the target below:

- 172.22.204.195

# Labour issue

- Visit the DVWA website  
<http://172.22.204.188/login.php>  
Username: admin  
PW: password

# DVWA



Username

Password

## DVWA

192.168.56.102/DVWA/security.php

Docs Kali Forums Kali NetHunter Exploit-DB Google Hacking DB OffSec

**DVWA**

**DVWA Security**

**Security Level**

Security level is currently: **low**.

You can set the security level to low, medium, high or impossible. The security level changes the vulnerability level of DVWA:

1. Low - This security level is completely vulnerable and **has no security measures at all**. It's use is to be as an example of how web application vulnerabilities manifest through bad coding practices and to serve as a platform to teach or learn basic exploitation techniques.
2. Medium - This setting is mainly to give an example to the user of **bad security practices**, where the developer has tried but failed to secure an application. It also acts as a challenge to users to refine their exploitation techniques.
3. High - This option is an extension to the medium difficulty, with a mixture of **harder or alternative bad practices** to attempt to secure the code. The vulnerability may not allow the same extent of the exploitation, similar in various Capture The Flags (CTFs) competitions.
4. Impossible - This level should be **secure against all vulnerabilities**. It is used to compare the vulnerable source code to the secure source code.

Prior to DVWA v1.9, this level was known as 'high'.

Low Submit

**PHPIDS**

**PHPIDS** v0.6 (PHP-Intrusion Detection System) is a security layer for PHP based web applications.

PHPIDS works by filtering any user supplied input against a blacklist of potentially malicious code. It is used in DVWA to serve as a live example of how Web Application Firewalls (WAFs) can help improve security and in some cases how WAFs can be circumvented.

You can enable PHPIDS across this site for the duration of your session.

PHPIDS is currently: **disabled**. [\[Enable PHPIDS\]](#)

[\[Simulate attack\]](#) - [\[View IDS log\]](#)

Security level set to low

# Create your advanced scan

Create an Advanced scanner with the following settings:

- Assessment/Web application/ Web Crawler  
/DVWA/
- Assessment/Brute Force Create a username and password file.
- Set the login details in the Credentials tab using the Plaintext Authentication / Automatic authentication.



# Create your advanced scan

## New Scan / Advanced Scan

[← Back to Scan Templates](#)**Settings**

## Credentials

## Plugins

**BASIC**

## General

[Schedule](#)[Notifications](#)

## DISCOVERY

## ASSESSMENT

## REPORT

## ADVANCED

Name

DVWA

Description

Folder

My Scans

Targets

172.22.204.188

Upload Targets

[Add File](#)

Save



Cancel

# Create your advanced scan

BASIC &gt;

DISCOVERY &gt;

ASSESSMENT ▾

General

Brute Force

● Web Applications

Windows

Malware

Databases

REPORT &gt;

ADVANCED &gt;

## Web Application Settings

Scan web applications



### General Settings

Use a custom User-Agent

### Web Crawler

Start crawling from

Excluded pages (regex)

Maximum pages to crawl

Maximum depth to crawl

☐ Follow dynamically generated pages

# Create your advanced scan

**Settings** Credentials Plugins

BASIC >

DISCOVERY >

ASSESSMENT ▾

General

Brute Force

Web Applications

Windows

Malware

ⓘ Databases

REPORT >

ADVANCED >

**Oracle Database**

☒ Use detected SIDs

If host and database credentials are specified, Nessus will attempt to authenticate to the database with SIDs detected locally.

# Create your advanced scan

BASIC &gt;

DISCOVERY &gt;

ASSESSMENT ▾

General

• Brute Force

Web Applications

Windows

Malware

Databases

REPORT &gt;

ADVANCED &gt;

## General Settings

☒ Only use credentials provided by the user

Used to prevent account lockouts if your password policy is set to lock out accounts after several invalid attempts.

## Oracle Database

☒ Test default accounts (slow)

## Hydra

☒ Always enable Hydra (slow)

Nessus uses Hydra to attempt brute force attacks when either this setting or the "Perform thorough tests" setting in the "Assessment / General" section is enabled.

Logins file

[Add File](#)

Passwords file

[Add File](#)

# Create your advanced scan

## New Scan / Web Application Tests

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Settings

Credentials

Plugins 

CATEGORIES

Plaintext Authentication ▼

Filter Credentials



▼ HTTP

Authentication method

Automatic authentication ▼

Username

admin

password

Password

password

Global Credential Settings

Login method

POST ▼

Re-authenticate delay  
(seconds)

0

The time delay between authentication attempts. This is useful to avoid triggering brute force lockout mechanisms.

Follow 30x redirections (# of  
levels)

0

Invert authenticated regex

Use authenticated regex on  
HTTP headers

# Create your web application scanner

Create a Web application scanner with the following settings:

- Name: DVWA, Targets: 172.22.204.188
- Assessment/Web application/ Web Crawler  
/DVWA/
- Set the login details in the Credentials tab using the the  
Plaintext Authentication / Automatic authentication.

# Create your web application scanner

## New Scan / Web Application Tests

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## Készíts el a webalkalmazás szkenned 2

Create a Web application scanner with the following settings:

- Name: OWASP, Targets: 172.22.204.195
- Select any application from OLD (VULNERABLE) VERSIONS OF REAL APPLICATIONS on the page then on the Assessment tab, run first custom and then the complex scan type using this ip address.



# Create your web application scanner

## New Scan / Web Application Tests

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Settings

Credentials

Plugins

BASIC >

DISCOVERY >

ASSESSMENT ▾

REPORT >

ADVANCED >

Scan Type

Scan for all web vulnerabilities (quick) ▾

**General Settings:**  
Avoid potential false alarms  
Enable CGI scanning

**Web Applications:**  
Start crawling from "/"  
Crawl 1000 pages (max)  
Traverse 6 directories (max)  
Test for known vulnerabilities in commonly used web applications  
Perform each generic web app test for 5 minutes (max)

Save ▾

Cancel

# Final practical test - example

Describe how you would test [www.hackthissite.org](http://www.hackthissite.org). Perform the task using Basic scanning. Answer the following questions:

- Target IP Address
- Target ports
- Choose a vulnerability on the list and gather as much information as possible about it (Include a description of the problem, possible solutions, and additional resources about the exposure). If there is no vulnerability select an info type vulnerability and detail the point.

Generate a pdf of the scan results, including all vulnerabilities and related information. Create a separate document to answer the questions. Use the Snipping tool and take screenshots showing the results from your Nessus account.

Thank you for your attention!