

UNIX VS WEB PENTESTING

COMBINING SMALL BUILDING BLOCKS WITH PIPES



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Why Burp Suite



- ▶ <https://portswigger.net/>
- ▶ gold standard for web pentesting
- ▶ closed source (but extensible, see later)
- ▶ community edition is free
- ▶ pro is reasonably priced
- ▶ all-in-one: proxy, scanner, repeater ...

Alternatives to Burp



- ▶ OWASP ZAP (<https://www.owasp.org/index.php/ZAP>)
- ▶ mitmproxy (<https://mitmproxy.org/>)
- ▶ free in both senses
- ▶ also extensible (see later)
- ▶ nice ideas
- ▶ less polish

Extensibility



	Burp Extender	mitmproxy	Piper
Programming language(s)	JVM: Java, Kotlin, Jython, JRuby ...	Python 3	∇
Development cycle	slow	fast	fast
Composability	low	low	high

This matters, since **pentesting is all about improvization and one-off solutions.**

Language of choice



- ▶ Jython: worst of both worlds
- ▶ JRuby: same as Jython
- ▶ Java: I still don't like it
- ▶ Kotlin: better syntax at least
- ▶ <https://kotlinlang.org/docs/reference/comparison-to-java.html>

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Why not Burp Comparer



- ▶ Comparer has both text (“words”) and binary (“bytes”) diff support
- ▶ go find the differing parts yourself
- ▶ *Sync views* checkbox helps, but not much: no word-wrap, 2D scrollbar
- ▶ no option for c14n (see later)

Better text diff: git diff



- ▶ can be used outside Git repositories
- ▶ can do everything GNU diff does
- ▶ `--color=always`
- ▶ `-w, --ignore-all-space`
- ▶ `--color-words`

Better bin diff: vbindiff



- ▶ <https://www.cjmweb.net/vbindiff/>
- ▶ `apt install vbindiff`
- ▶ behave as expected
- ▶ jumps to the next difference
- ▶ behaves as a hex viewer upon loading a single file

Better bin diff: radiff2



- ▶ <https://r2wiki.readthedocs.io/en/latest/tools/radiff2/>
- ▶ apt install radare2
- ▶ nice ANSI colors
- ▶ it can do everything

Better bin diff: flowdiff



- ▶ <https://github.com/dnet/flowtools/blob/master/bindiff.py>
- ▶ my own little diff (although originally made for a different purpose)
- ▶ useful for diffing more $n > 2$ files
- ▶ nice ANSI colors

A series of pipes



- ▶ pipes in Unix are great for combining small blocks
- ▶ what if we used c14n transformations before diffing?
- ▶ it has its own challenges
 - ▶ What combinations should be offered?
 - ▶ What's the ideal GUI for presenting this?
 - ▶ Where's the optimum between automation and manual config?

Comparison: Python + git diff



```
diff --git a/tmp/piper-8350675374160785262.bin b/tmp/piper-613289896204064887.bin
index a2def11..667609c 100644
--- a/tmp/piper-8350675374160785262.bin
+++ b/tmp/piper-613289896204064887.bin
@@ -2047,7 +2047,7 @@
     "disabled": false,
     "downloads_url": "https://api.github.com/repos/dnet/chrl/downloads",
     "events_url": "https://api.github.com/repos/dnet/chrl/events",
-    "fork": false,
+    "fork": true,
     "forks": 0,
     "forks_count": 0,
     "forks_url": "https://api.github.com/repos/dnet/chrl/forks",
@@ -2268,7 +2268,7 @@
     "node_id": "MDEwOlJlcG9zaXRvcnk00TE2MDA0",
     "notifications_url": "https://api.github.com/repos/dnet/cmp/notifications?since=all,participating",
     "open_issues": 0,
-    "open_issues_count": 0,
+    "open_issues_count": 1,
     "owner": {
       "avatar_url": "https://avatars1.githubusercontent.com/u/163115?v=4",
       "events_url": "https://api.github.com/users/dnet/events{/privacy}",
```

Comparison: Burp binary diff



51	74 73 65 6e 63 72 79 70	74 2e 6f 72 67 30 82 01	tsencrypt.or...
52	05 06 0a 2b 06 01 04 01	d6 79 02 04 02 04 81 f6	..+&<0y...
53	04 81 f3 00 f1 00 77 00	6f 53 76 ac 31 f0 31 19	06fwoSv-1...
54	d8 99 00 a4 51 15 ff 77	15 1c 11 d9 02 c1 00 29	0αQ6ywo>D...
55	06 8d b2 08 9a 37 d9 13	00 00 01 6b db 38 0c c5	α?/7Uj<kU...
56	00 00 04 03 00 48 30 46	02 21 00 91 c9 84 48 b0	>-H0F!ÉH°
57	c5 1f b4 cd 48 ca af b4	0e 48 cd 9d 27 b7 8a 6c	Åp'ihÉ'..Hí'
58	44 6c 9b cc 70 30 09 6c	68 7a a4 02 21 00 b5 78	Dlip0lhza!µx
59	83 ea 4b c4 32 21 ab 85	51 be 9b 59 bc 5d df 3f	éKÄ2!«Q%Y...
5a	8f b6 ca 3c d6 ba 4b 8e	45 5c fb 7d ca 22 00 76	¶É<0&KEV0}...
5b	00 63 f2 db cd e8 3b cc	2c cf 0b 72 84 27 57 6b	còÜfè;!,l,rWk
5c	33 a4 8d 61 77 8f bd 75	a6 38 b1 c7 68 54 4b d8	3αaw½u;8±...
5d	8d 00 00 01 6b db 38 0c	c3 00 00 04 03 00 47 30	«kÜ8-Åz>G0
5e	45 02 21 00 fc 1d f4 ee	16 60 d0 2b 24 ad 52 af	EÜ 0f&'D+...
5f	fc 0c 43 7d 67 29 08 ac	ed 40 00 47 de 08 77 e3	ü C}g}~-(@...
60	6a 6a ae 6d 02 20 32 9a	53 62 0e 7a 17 55 93 bd	jj@m 2Sb.z'...
61	ab c7 07 e7 3a 97 7c 24	96 77 76 b1 38 d1 80 1c	«Çéç; \$wv±...
62	07 9c 6c 19 39 7d 30 0d	06 09 2a 86 48 86 f7 0d	α;9}0α*H+
63	01 01 0b 05 00 03 82 01	01 00 6e ee bb 29 65 e8	<<<>><<ñ!>...
64	c9 3f 60 0e 6a 3c 00 19	21 47 f4 28 72 8f f6 c2	É? '}_< Gô(r...
65	33 cf ce 39 3a 11 0f e1	b0 61 81 7d c0 31 97 56	3l!9;~>á°a}...

Key: Modified Deleted Added

Sync views

Comparison: OpenSSL + git diff



```
diff --git a/tmp/piper-4143288618703797045.bin b/tmp/piper-2900910360535094730.bin
index bb8f3f7..e30b492 100644
--- a/tmp/piper-4143288618703797045.bin
+++ b/tmp/piper-2900910360535094730.bin
@@ -2,7 +2,7 @@
   4:d=1 hl=4 l=1364 cons: SEQUENCE
   8:d=2 hl=2 l= 3 cons: cont [ 0 ]
  10:d=3 hl=2 l= 1 prim: INTEGER :02
- 13:d=2 hl=2 l= 18 prim: INTEGER :0373C93BC585F979FF76E44641B36FB3E715
+ 13:d=2 hl=2 l= 18 prim: INTEGER :03326FAB4A09C01D141A7ED1331A8EFC826
  33:d=2 hl=2 l= 13 cons: SEQUENCE
  35:d=3 hl=2 l= 9 prim: OBJECT :sha256WithRSAEncryption
  46:d=3 hl=2 l= 0 prim: NULL
@@ -20,13 +20,13 @@
  91:d=5 hl=2 l= 3 prim: OBJECT :commonName
  96:d=5 hl=2 l= 26 prim: PRINTABLESTRING :Let's Encrypt Authority X3
 124:d=2 hl=2 l= 30 cons: SEQUENCE
- 126:d=3 hl=2 l= 13 prim: UTCTIME :190710083011Z
- 141:d=3 hl=2 l= 13 prim: UTCTIME :191008083011Z
+ 126:d=3 hl=2 l= 13 prim: UTCTIME :190710083040Z
+ 141:d=3 hl=2 l= 13 prim: UTCTIME :191008083040Z
 156:d=2 hl=2 l= 28 cons: SEQUENCE
 158:d=3 hl=2 l= 26 cons: SET
 160:d=4 hl=2 l= 24 cons: SEQUENCE
 162:d=5 hl=2 l= 3 prim: OBJECT :commonName
- 167:d=5 hl=2 l= 17 prim: UTF8STRING :*.silentsignal.eu
+ 167:d=5 hl=2 l= 17 prim: UTF8STRING :*.silentsignal.hu
 186:d=2 hl=4 l= 546 cons: SEQUENCE
 190:d=3 hl=2 l= 13 cons: SEQUENCE
 192:d=4 hl=2 l= 9 prim: OBJECT :rsaEncryption
@@ -56,13 +56,13 @@
 881:d=5 hl=2 l= 99 prim: OCTET STRING [HEX DUMP]:3061302E06082B06010506073001B622687474703A2F2F6F6373702E696E742078332E6C6574
 982:d=4 hl=2 l= 45 cons: SEQUENCE
 984:d=5 hl=2 l= 3 prim: OBJECT :x509v3 Subject Alternative Name
- 989:d=5 hl=2 l= 38 prim: OCTET STRING [HEX DUMP]:302462112A2E73696C656E747369676E616C2E65756820F73696C656E747369676E616C2E6575
+ 989:d=5 hl=2 l= 38 prim: OCTET STRING [HEX DUMP]:302462112A2E73696C656E747369676E616C2E68756820F73696C656E747369676E616C2E6875
 1029:d=4 hl=2 l= 76 cons: SEQUENCE
```

Implementation



Request(s) / Response(s) \gg $n \in limits$ \gg filter (optional) \gg ./command --param ... \gg window (optional)

- ▶ number of inputs can be limited min/max (both can be omitted)
 - ▶ viewer: $n = 1$
 - ▶ diff: $n = 2$ or even $n \geq 2$
- ▶ filter: if present and doesn't match, hide command
- ▶ window can be
 - ▶ no window for commands with their own GUI
 - ▶ simple text window
 - ▶ limited terminal emulator that can handle ANSI color sequences

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Why not Burp Proxy et al



- ▶ Built-in raw, params (URL encoded), headers, hex, HTML, XML, AMF, .NET
- ▶ What about
 - ▶ JSON (weird relationship)
 - ▶ ASN.1 / DER
 - ▶ Protocol Buffers
- ▶ there are purpose-build message editors for some, while not for others

ASN.1 / DER



- ▶ used in more and more APIs
- ▶ certificates, public and private keys, CSRs, CRLs
- ▶ easy to spot based on the first two octets being $\{0x30, 0x82\}$ or $\{0x30, 0x80\}$
- ▶ OpenSSL FTW: `man asn1parse`
- ▶ `dumpasn1` is also nice (Debian/Ubuntu package has the same name)

Example: DumpASN1 in Piper



```
Raw Headers Hex OpenSSL ASN.1 decoder DumpASN1 hd
156 28: SEQUENCE {
158 26:   SET {
160 24:     SEQUENCE {
162 3:       OBJECT IDENTIFIER commonName (2 5 4 3)
167 17:       UTF8String '*.silentsignal.eu'
:
:     }
:   }
:
186 546: SEQUENCE {
190 13:   SEQUENCE {
192 9:     OBJECT IDENTIFIER rsaEncryption (1 2 840 113549 1 1 1)
203 0:     NULL
:   }
205 527: BIT STRING, encapsulates {
210 522:   SEQUENCE {
214 513:     INTEGER
:     00 B5 34 A2 52 21 BB 15 F8 1E 1D 54 64 4E 4F BE
:     3F 11 19 04 89 0D 75 77 32 EF BF A3 8F 34 0A 2D
:     63 BA 08 F1 AB F3 A7 C5 B6 31 3F 07 8E EC 9B 9E
:     76 64 E7 FE 98 F0 F5 78 BF 38 6A 5E 6D 25 48 EA
:     27 46 18 E4 C5 41 BF A6 48 E5 D8 A2 68 18 6C 53
:     9E 2B D8 A2 81 8C E0 B7 DF 1D 1C E2 4F 42 25 C1
:     1A 91 5D 57 2A D2 3B 95 B2 0A BF C2 AF 82 DF 7C
:     78 CB EA 6F F1 18 AA 99 11 EE 8E 62 80 78 33 75
:     [ Another 385 bytes skipped ]
271 3:   INTEGER 65537
: }
```

Implementation



Request / Response » filter (*optional*) » ./command --param ... » window (*text or ANSI*)

- ▶ single input
- ▶ read only for now
- ▶ filter: if present and doesn't match, hide message editor
- ▶ window can be either
 - ▶ simple text window or
 - ▶ limited terminal emulator that can handle ANSI color sequences

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Why not Scanner (in itself)



- ▶ OAuth 1: signature in HTTP header based on all parameters **and** a *nonce*
- ▶ WS-Security: XML signature based on body, which can include a *nonce*
- ▶ End-to-end encryption is getting deployed in more and more places
- ▶ Nice idea: Brida
 - ▶ Source code: <https://github.com/federicodotta/Brida>
 - ▶ <https://techblog.mediaservice.net/2018/04/brida-a-step-by-step-user-guide/>



E2E a'la Piper



- ▶ modify client to use our public key
- ▶ now we can decrypt with a custom message viewer
- ▶ (re)encrypt with server public key
 - ▶ proxy: decrypt with our own, encrypt with server's
 - ▶ scanner et al: just encrypt with server key
- ▶ Burp offers HTTP listeners for this purpose

Implementation



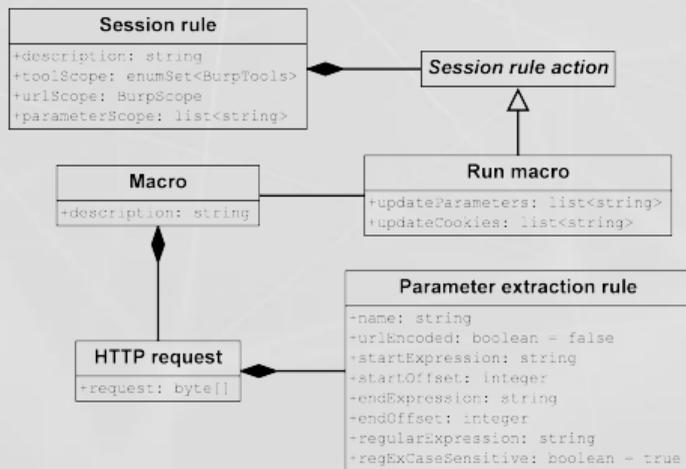
Request / Response > filter (optional) > tool \in tools > ./command --param ... > network / Burp

- ▶ single input (can be request or response but not both)
- ▶ filter: if present and doesn't match, ignore item
- ▶ tool: can be narrowed to e.g. {*scanner*, *intruder*}
- ▶ requests go towards the network with modifications applied
- ▶ responses go towards Burp with modifications applied

What about Macros



- ▶ similar to HTTP listener for requests
- ▶ difference: modifications are “backported” to request in *repeater*
- ▶ difference: can be integrated into Burp’s session handling rules



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Prior art: commentator



The screenshot shows the Burp Suite Commentator interface. At the top, a table lists items with columns for Status, Length, MIME type, Extension, Title, and Comment. One item is highlighted with a yellow background, showing a status of 200, length of 4592, MIME type of HTML, and a comment of 'submit'. Below the table, a configuration dialog box is open. The dialog has a 'Data source' dropdown set to 'request' and a 'Regular expression' field containing 'button=[^&:;]+'. Several checkboxes are visible, with 'case insensitive' checked. Below the dialog, a snippet of HTML code is shown: 'Password&IDButton=submit', with 'IDButton=submit' highlighted in blue. Two black arrows point from the highlighted text in the table to the 'submit' comment in the dialog, and from the highlighted text in the code to the 'case insensitive' checkbox.

Status	Length	MIME type	Extension	Title	Comment
200	4592	HTML			submit

Data source: request
Regular expression: button=[^&:;]+
 overwrite comments on items that already have one
Regular expression flags: (see JDK documentation)
 case insensitive multiline
 dotall unicode case
 canon eq unix lines
 literal unicode character class
 comments
By clicking on **Apply** below, the selected items will have their comments set to the first group of the above regular expression applied to the selected data source.
Apply Cancel

m-urlencoded
Password&IDButton=submit

<https://github.com/silentsignal/burp-commentator>

Why not regex



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You can't parse [X]HTML with regex. Because HTML can't be parsed by regex. Regex is not a tool that can be used to correctly parse HTML. As I have answered in HTML-and-regex questions here so many times before, the use of regex will not allow you to consume HTML. Regular expressions are a tool that is insufficiently sophisticated to understand the constructs employed by HTML. HTML is not a regular language and hence cannot be parsed by regular expressions. Regex queries are not equipped to break down HTML into its meaningful parts. so many times but it is not getting to me. Even enhanced irregular regular expressions as used by Perl are not up to the task of parsing HTML. You will never make me crack. HTML is a language of sufficient complexity that it cannot be parsed by regular expressions. Even Jon Skeet cannot parse HTML using regular expressions. Every time you attempt to parse HTML with regular expressions, the unholy child weeps the blood of virgins, and Russian hackers pwn your webapp. Parsing HTML with regex summons tainted souls into the realm of the living. HTML and regex go together like love, marriage, and ritual infanticide. The <center> cannot hold it is too late. The force of regex and HTML together in the same conceptual space will destroy your mind like so much watery putty. If you parse HTML with regex you are giving in to Them and their blasphemous ways which doom us all to inhuman toil for the One whose Name cannot be expressed in the Basic Multilingual Plane, he comes. HTML-plus-regex will liquify the nerves of the sentient whilst you observe, your psyche withering in the onslaught of horror. Regex-based HTML parsers are the cancer that is killing StackOverflow *it is too late it is too late we cannot be saved* the transgression of a child ensures regex will consume all living tissue (except for HTML which it cannot, as previously prophesied) *dear lord help us how can anyone survive this scourge* using regex to parse HTML has doomed humanity to an eternity of dread torture and security holes *using regex* as a tool to process HTML establishes a breach *between this world* and the dread realm of corrupt entities (like SGML entities, but *more corrupt*) *a mere glimpse* of the world of **regex parsers for HTML will instantly transport a programmer's consciousness into a world of ceaseless screaming, he comes, the pestilent slithy regex-infection will devour your HTML parser, application and existence for all time like Visual Basic only worse he comes he comes do not fight he comes, his unholy radiance destroying all enlightenment, HTML tags leaking from your eyes like liquid pain, the song of regular expression parsing will extinguish the voices of mortal man from the sphere I can see it can you see it is beautiful the final snuffing of the lies of Man ALL IS LOST ALL IS LOST the pony he comes he comes he comes the ichor permeates all MY FACE MY FACE** *oh god no NO NOOOO N* stop the an-gles are not real ZALGO IS TONY THE PONY, HE COMES

Have you tried using an XML parser instead?

Implementation



Request / Response >> filter (*optional*) >> ./command --param ... >> *comment field*

- ▶ single input
- ▶ filter: if present and doesn't match, ignore item
- ▶ overwriting previous comments can be disabled

Status	Length	MIME type	Extension	Title	Comment
200	250028	flash	swf		9411646e4ee7291bd2fd88f7c9fce...
200	250028	flash	swf		9411646e4ee7291bd2fd88f7c9fce...
200	250028	flash	swf		9411646e4ee7291bd2fd88f7c9fce...
200	575	HTML			3381b0bcd0a6b5cd43f40c4fd2707...
200	575	HTML			0914dacf911440ad96c42093e921...

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Protocol Buffers



- ▶ developed by Google, released under BSD license
- ▶ generates nice code from IDL: immutable objects with builders
- ▶ compact and reasonably fast (de)serialization
- ▶ backward and forward compatible
- ▶ binary format is used to store config locally
 - ▶ `void saveExtensionSetting(String name, String value);`
 - ▶ `String loadExtensionSetting(String name);`
 - ▶ Configuration >> ProtoBuf binary wire format >> gzip >> Base85
 - ▶ `$HOME ▶ .java ▶ .userPrefs ▶ burp ▶ extensions ▶ <garbage> ▶ prefs.xml`

YAML Ain't Markup Language



- ▶ “human friendly data serialization standard” (<https://yaml.org/>)
- ▶ for sharing config snippets
- ▶ import/export skips certain attributes present in ProtoBuf
 - ▶ enabled/disabled
 - ▶ local config flags, such as developer mode

```
prefix: [python, -m, json.tool]
inputMethod: stdin
name: Python JSON formatter
filter:
  orElse:
    - {prefix: '{', postfix: '}'}
```

- ▶ simple static prefix/postfix
- ▶ regular expression
- ▶ header match
 - ▶ for HTTP requests only
 - ▶ header name (case insensitive) + regex for value
- ▶ command match
 - ▶ exit code match
 - ▶ recursion: filter on stdout and/or stderr
- ▶ recursion: $0 \dots \infty$ filters
 - ▶ \vee (“or”) – at least one must match
 - ▶ \wedge (“and”) – all must match
- ▶ negation for all of the above

- ▶ source code and binaries under GPL: <https://github.com/silentsignal/burp-piper>
- ▶ config GUI is kind of complete
- ▶ core functionality WORKSFORME
- ▶ pull requests welcome

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