

Lab Manual — July 2025



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MINTRODUCTION

The **CloudWAF** lab is comprised of several activity flows that you will be asked to perform in the CloudWAF service while reviewing the online course. It covers basic configurations and reporting in CloudWAF installations.

The features and functions of Radware CloudWAF discussed in this document are based on SW version from June 202. In case you use a newer version of the CloudWAF service, the information provided can be different from the elements we discuss in this document.

Use an online lab and the CloudWAF portal, together with this manual to perform lab activities.

For technical assistance, please contact Radware lab support at radware.irtuallab@radware.com or training@radware.com .

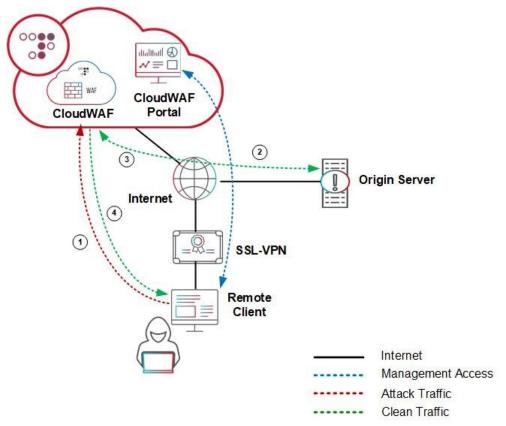
→ LAB ENVIRONMENT

This lab kit consists of:

- Radware Training CloudWAF account
- Attacker Machine
- Protected Server

Local Marketetion or Lenton	Canable of rupping a web browser with internet access
Local Workstation or Laptop	Capable of running a web browser with internet access

All machines are preconfigured. You will receive as assignment access information for you to use.



GET YOUR CLOUD ACCESS

Before you can start the lab you need to send an email to Radware-VirtualLAB@Radware.com to get lab assigned, in case you didn't got it assigned by your trainer already.

Our labs are reserved, in advance, for a week (Monday – Friday) per availability. Please provide us with three different weeks that you are available to complete your labs (for example the week of May 3-7). We will add your reservation on one of your selected dates or earliest available.

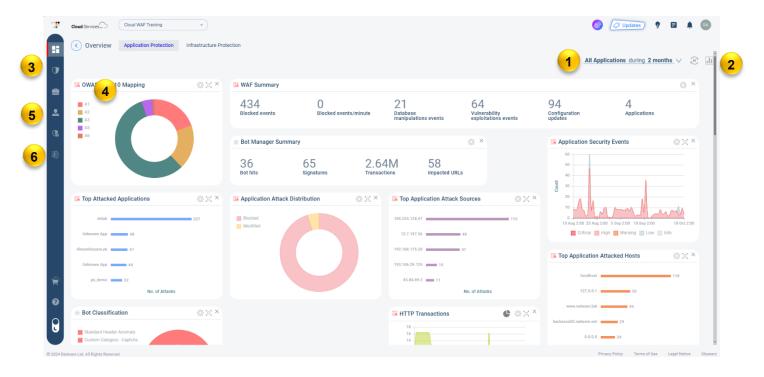
Your reservation confirmation and further instructions will be emailed separately.

MITIAL CLOUD WAF LOGIN

You can login to the CloudWAF portal only from within the remote lab! Open the browser on the remote machine and connect to https://console.radwarecloud.com

The landing page of the portal is the **Dashboard**, that displays details on the currently selected application. You can always return to this screen by clicking the dashboard Icon \boxplus .

You did not yet create an application in this lab, but you may see applications that others created from the virtual company called "Cloud WAF Training".



CloudWAF Dashboard

Use the to expand the sidebar menu to see the menu labels and use to collapse the sidebar menu.

You can use the dropdown menu (1) to change the time range and the application on which you want to see data. To see data from all applications, leave this field empty...



Using the Widgets Repository icon (2), you can add /remove additional widgets.



Under the **Monitor** menu (3) you can select the following sections:

Security Events

Operational Events

- Analytics

- Notifications

- Reports

showing the details about the recorded security events

showing the details about operational events for the Cloud DDoS protection

showing corelated security events

add/remove/change notifications (alerts)

add/remove/change/run reports

In the **Assets** menu (4) you have the following options:

Security Policies a new way of managing multiple applications security settings
 Assets add/delete/change applications and the relevant settings

- **DNS** configures the DNS as a service add-on settings

- **Integrations** configuration of BOT manager software integrations (server & client)

- Sites part of Infrastructure protection (CloudDDoS)

- **Certificates** import/export/delete SSL certificates

- Templates & Policies allows to configure Security Templates, IP Groups and Geo Blocking

Policies

The **Account** menu (5) contains the following options

Accounts see the Service Overview of the bought services and select SSL settings

- **Users** you can see the users of your organization

and if you have permissions - add/delete/change users

- API Keys you can configure access keys for the API access

- **Audit Logs** show you activities on the account

The **Threat Intelligence Center** [3] (5) allows you to get more insight information on an IP address.

OREATE YOUR APPLICATION

You will now create an application that you are going to protect.

- In the cloud portal go to >Assets (Applications). You should see applications that were already created.
- 2. Click to add a new application.
- 3. In the **New Application** windows fill in the following information:

Application Type	Standard
Display Name	hackazon## (like hackazon03 if you are team 3)
Application Domain	hackazon##.radware.net
Keep	HTTP/HTTPS application supporting up to 2 ports
Application Protocol	only HTTPS
Certificate	*.radware.net
Origin Server IPv4	12.7.197.40
Region	Europe (Frankfurt (Amsterdam))
Security Hardening	Standard

3. Click **Save** to complete the application creation dialog. Your application will go into *Provisioning*.



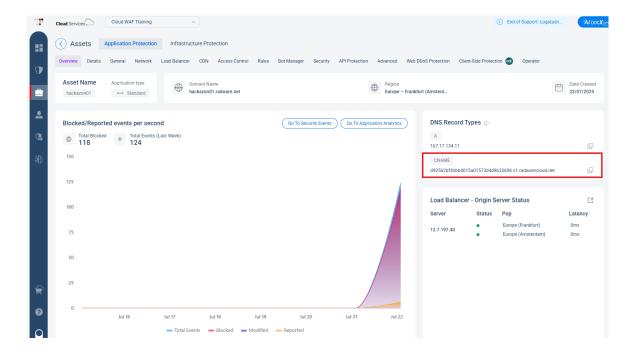
When *Provisioning* is completed, the application is ready to protect.



This process typically takes a few minutes to complete.

After the application is successfully created an email with the application details will be send to the account created it. In the lab the email will be send to radwarevirtuallab@radware.com, ask your instructor to receive it or directly the lab administration.

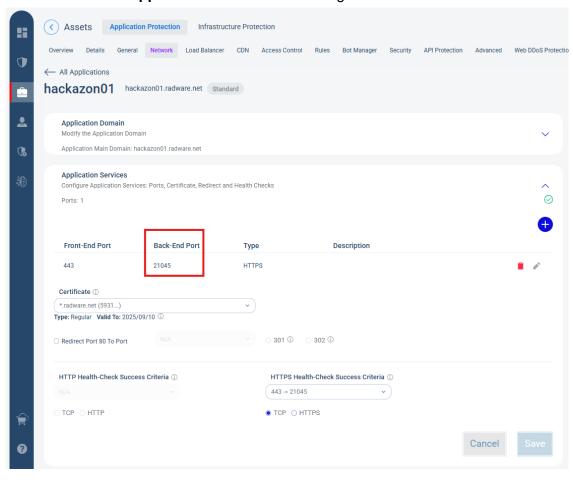
But you don't need to wait to receive the email, the application details like the CNAME can be found on the application itself.



4. Change the TCP port used for the origin server to 21045, since the application is using this port for the web service.

In the CloudWAF Portal go to **Assets** and click on your application to change its settings. Some settings are in *read only* while the application is in *Learning* mode.

Select Network > Application Services and change the Back-End Port to 21045.

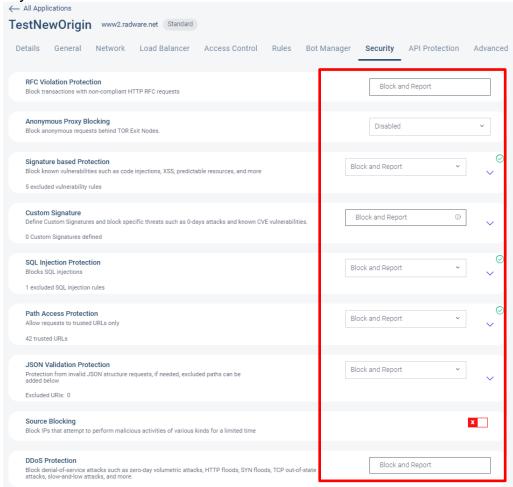


Click **Save** to store the change.

ENABLE BLOCKING ON THE APPLICATION

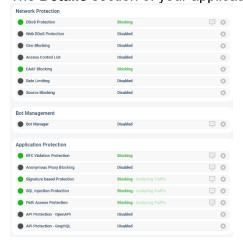
To make sure the CloudWAF is blocking all critical requests to the application, you will enable blocking.

- In a production environment you should start with a *report-only* period to learn potential issues!
- 1. In the CloudWAF Portal go to **Assets** and click on your application to change its settings.
- Select Security and change all the security options to Block and Report instead of Report only.



3. Now you are set to block attacks towards the application via the CloudWAF service.

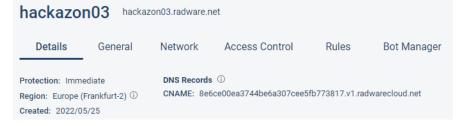
The **Details** section of your application should show something like this:



ONFIGURE KALI TO ACCESS APPLICATION VIA CLOUDWAF

To access the application you created, let's update the DNS zone file of radware.net to add the CNAME entry of hackazon##.radware.net to point to the CloudWAF.

- Use the SSLVPN connection received by your trainer or <u>RadareVirtualLab@radware.com</u>
 If the machine gets locked or you need to provide authentication for sudo commands, use *kali* as username and password.
- 2. Open the browser and connect to https://console.radwarecloud.com/login.
- 3. Go to your application and copy the CNAME under the details for the next step



4. On the desktop of the remote Kali client you will see an icon called "DNS zone file".



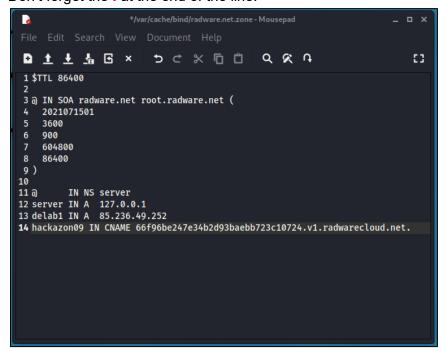
- 5. Change the value in line 4 to the current date and add 01 at the end like 2024071501
- 6. Add a line after 13 like the following:

<application name> IN CNAME <cname string from CloudWAF>.

for example:

Hackazon09. IN CNAME 66f96be247e34b2d93baebb723c10724.v1.radwarecloud.net.

Don't forget the . at the end of the line!



Click on File > Save

Close the Mousepad

7. Open a command prompt and run the following command:

sudo systemctl reload bind9

- The password for the user kali is kali!
- 8. If you continue with step 9 and it is not working and you get "connection refused" message, wait a few more minutes and retry. The bind service need time to restart.
- 9. On the same command prompt check if the config was done successfully using the following command:

dig hackazon##.radware.net

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dig hackazon09.radware.net
 <>> DiG 9.16.15-Debian <<>> hackazon09.radware.net
;; global options: +cmd
  Got answer:
  flags: qr aa rd ra; QUERY: 1, ANSWER: 2, AUTHORITY: 0, ADDITIONAL: 1
  OPT PSEUDOSECTION:
; EDNS: version: 0, flags:; udp: 1232
; COOKIE: 522550eec0cb26760100000060f0578090682c43523f9ff1 (good)
;; QUESTION SECTION:
;hackazon09.radware.net.
;; ANSWER SECTION:
hackazon09.radware.net. 86400 IN
                                       CNAME 66f96be247e34b2d93baebb723c10
724.v1.radwarecloud.net.
66f96be247e34b2d93baebb723c10724.v1.radwarecloud.net. 30 IN A 20.80.57.231
  Query time: 44 msec
  SERVER: 127.0.0.1#53(127.0.0.1)
  WHEN: Thu Jul 15 11:42:56 EDT 2021
MSG SIZE rcvd: 161
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10. click on the firefox browser and try to surf to the host you just added to the DNS configuration.

Like https://hackazon09.radware.net



For your convenience you can create a bookmark which is called **Hackazon** to point to your application using the star symbol.



ORDINATTACKS

Now you will run some attacks to see security events in the CloudWAF portal.

You'll start with some SQL Injections.

1. In the remote client, type the following string in the **Search** products text box of the Hackazon web site, and click on **Search**:

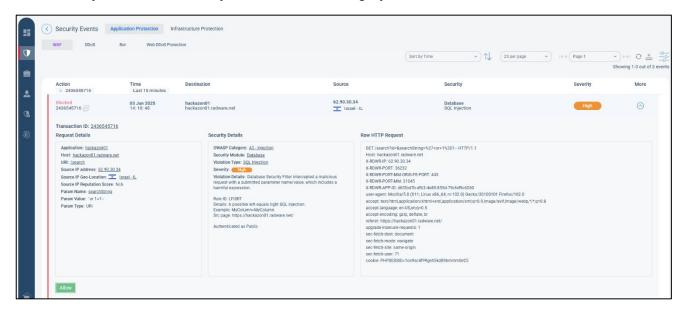
' or 1=1--

Since the CloudWAF is in *block* mode, you will see the following message:

Unauthorized Activity Detected You are seeing this page because we have detected unauthorized activity. Case Number: 527542770

- Open the CloudWAF portal and go to Monitor > Security Events
- 3. You should see an *SQL Injection Database* security event. Click on the event or the ⊙ icon to see the details. You should see the string you typed in the search field in the **Param Value** part of the event details.

The security event also shows you the OWASP category, here A3 and other attack details.



If a security event is a false positive, you can click on **Allow** so Cloud WAF will allow it in the future.

4. Click on **Allow** for this event. This question will appear.

Modify the policy to allow this file extension to be requested for your Application (applies in all URIs)?

5. Click on **Allow** again. The status of your request will be *in progress*.



When the processing of your request is completed, the request status changes to Succeeded.



If you run the same attack again, CloudWAF will not trigger a security event.

As a second event, we are going to force a **Server Information Leakage** event.

1. Try to access the admin area of php installations on your web server by using a similar URL with you application's name:

https://hackazon09.radware.net/phpmyadmin/scripts/setup.php

You will see again the unauthorized activity detected page.

- 2. Copy the **Case Number** from within the error message so you can search for this event.
- 3. In the CloudWAF portal, go to **Monitor > Security Events** and click on Filter ²⁰ button.



4. Paste the Case Number you copied in the Transaction ID field and click Apply.



You should see only this security event:



As the third attack you will misuse the application behavior and try to view files from the file system of the server via the application.

1. Login to the application. Click on **Sign-In** and use the following credentials:

User Name	test_user
Password	123456

2. Open this page like:

https://hackazon09.radware.net/account/help_articles?page=/etc/passwd

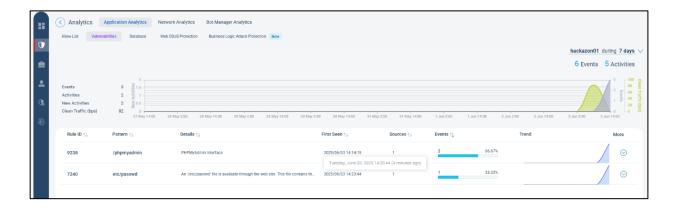
You should see the security page again.

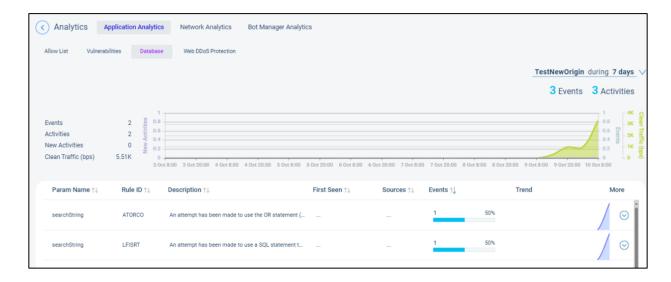
- 3. Copy the case number from the security page and search for this event.
- 4. Review the security event in the CloudWAF portal.

It is showing A5 – Security Misconfiguration and a message about the /etc/passwd.



5. Go to **Monitor > Analytics**. Make sure your application is selected (like hackazon03 in the screen capture) and look for the attacks you just performed under *Vulnerabilities* and *Database*.





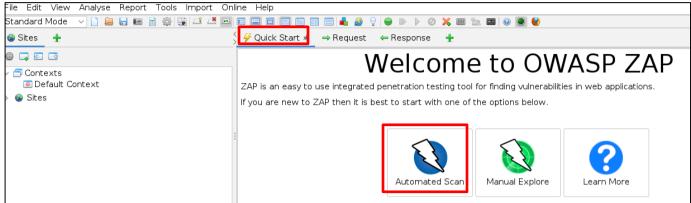
MONITORING AND REPORTING WITH OWASP-ZAP

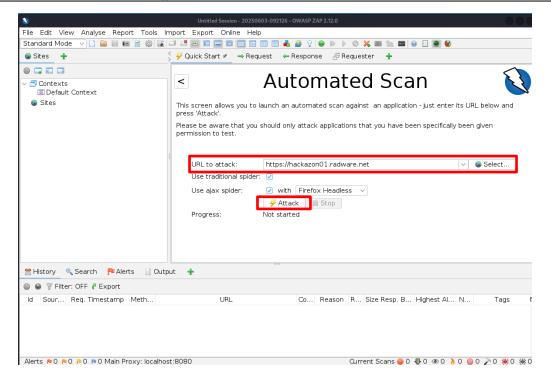
To generate some more traffic and events, we use the OWASP-ZAP tool which is installed on the Kali machine.

1. Click the **OWASP-ZAP** tool icon on the top menu bar and wait a few moments until it starts.



2. In the ZAP tool select the Quick Start window, click on Automated Scan.





- In the URL to Attack field, type the URL of your CloudWAF application, like in this example: https://hackazon01.radware.net
- 4. Click the Attack button.

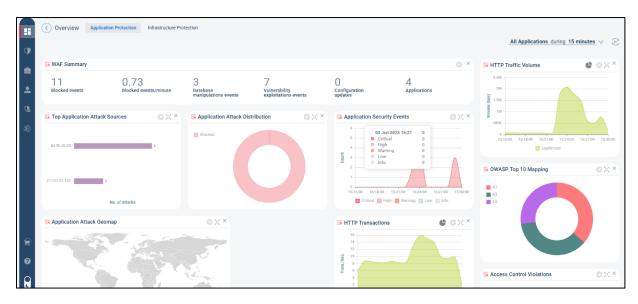
The tool will systematically browse the application to learn its structure; you can track its progress in the window below the quick start.

Let the tool run and return to the CloudWAF portal; remember, you need to wait several minutes until the portal displays the events.

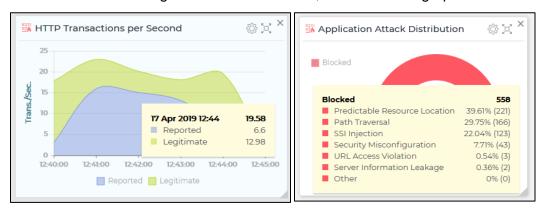
5. On the Cloud portal go to the **Dashboard** and set the time frame to the last 15 minutes; make sure your application is selected.



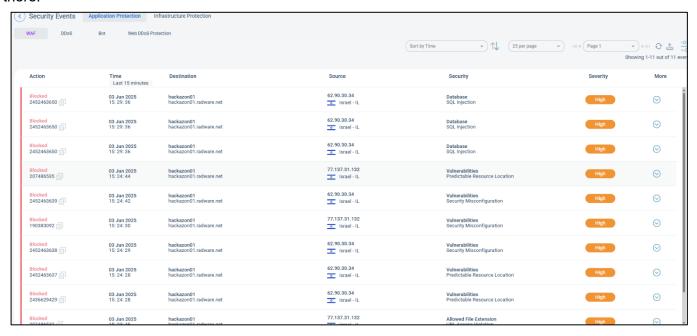
6. Wait a few minutes until you see some activity generated by the ZAP *.



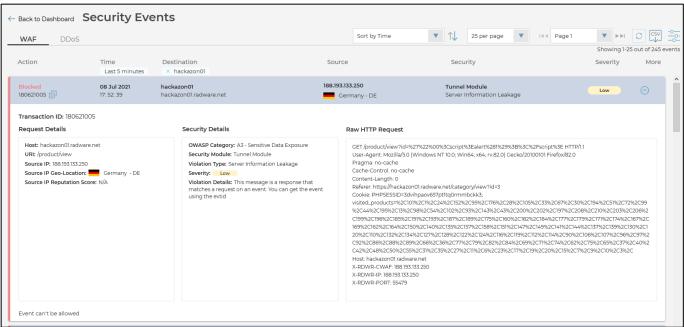
7. Review each of the widgets to see more details; hover over the graphs.



8. Go to **Monitoring** > **Security Events** and review the numerous events that accumulated there.



9. To see what the tool is testing, you can click on an event and view its details, like in this example:



Now you'll review the **Application Analytics**, which aggregates security events to make the management easier.

- 1. Go to Monitor > Analytics.
- 2. Select your application, as time frame the last hour (1H) and click Apply.

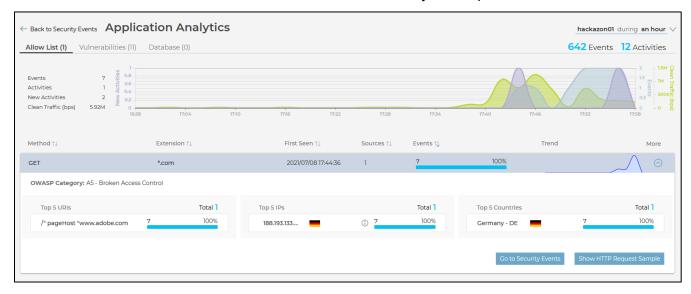


3. Review the items in the *Allow List*, *Vulnerabilities* and *Database* section.

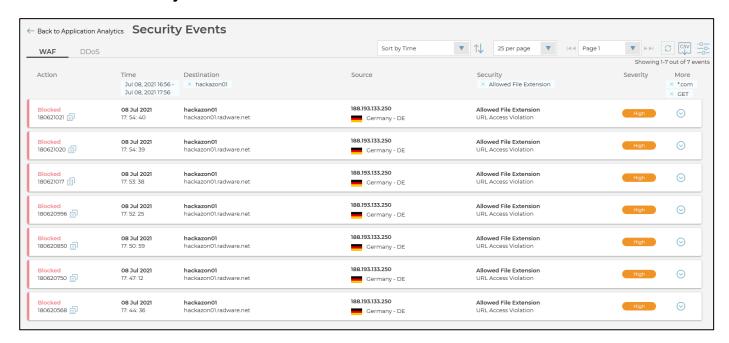
Click on each to see the relevant information.



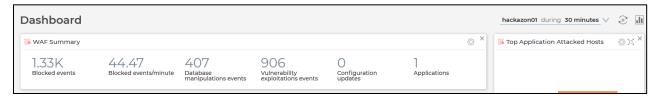
To see an event's details, click on the event line and a summary will be presented:



4. Click on **Go to Security Events** button to see the related events.



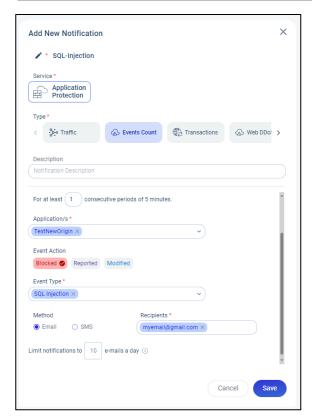
5. Change the timeframe to a longer period to see more events generated by the ZAP tool that is still running.



ONFIGURE NOTIFICATIONS (ALERTS)

- 1. Go to **Security Events > Notifications** in the CloudWAF portal and click on the plus (+) sign to create a new notification.
- 2. Fill in the **New Alert** screen with the following parameters.

Parameter	Value
Name	SQL-Injections
Туре	Select "Events Count"
Description	
When	Event count
Is	> 5
For at least	1
Applications	Choose your application
Event Action	Select Blocked
Event Type	SQL-Injection
Send alerts by email to	Type your email address
Limit notifications to	10

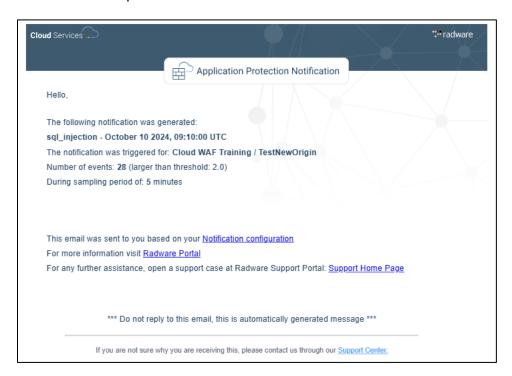


3. Click **Save** to save your Alert.

Since ZAP is still running, you should get emails soon, but remember the silent period of 1 hour.

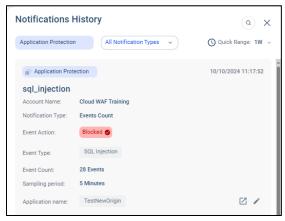
4. If you don't receive an email, check if ZAP is running and if it is, consider lowering the threshold.

Here is an example for an alert email:



If an alert is being triggered, the Bell symbol will turn yellow.

Click on the bell symbol to see the Notifications history.



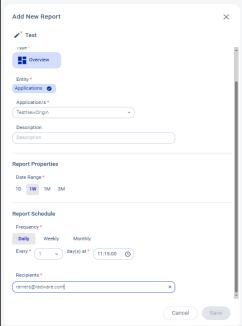
Use the symbol to see the security event details or use the symbol to see the notification settings.

5. After you receive the email and you view the notification, remove the alert to make sure you are not flooded with emails!

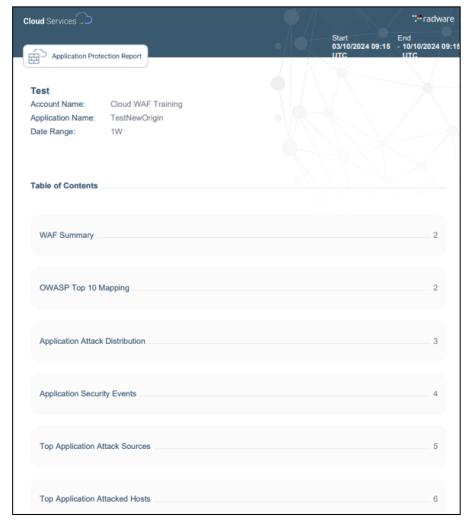
ONFIGURE REPORTS

 Go to Monitor > Reports in the CloudWAF portal and click on the plus (+) sign to create a new alert.

- 2. Type your application name in the Name field
- 3. Select Service: Application Protection
- 4. Select your application
- 5. Add your email address to the Recipients.
- 6. Set the report to retrieve the report via email periodically
- 7. Select the **Report Period** to be Week.
- 8. Click Save to save your report
- 9. To force the report to be send now, open the report and click on "Send", or you can download the pdf.



10. You should receive an email with the report you generated (only partial visible below).

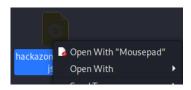


API PROTECTION

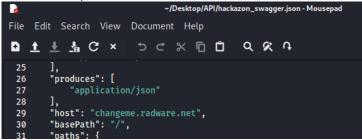
Application development and delivery environments are more amorphic and elastic than ever before, bringing together independent components that interoperate and facilitate secure application delivery. The cement of these emerging architectures are APIs that allow data exchange, integration and automation. APIs are in use for back-end systems, microservices, mobile apps, serverless architectures and event-driven processes. As a result, it's critical to safeguard exposed APIs from an array of cyberthreats, such as data theft, data manipulation, account takeover attacks, and more.

Let's now see how we can protect APIs with the CloudWAF

1. On the remote Client open the API folder located on the desktop and right-click on the "hackazoon swagger.json" file and select "Open With Mousepad".

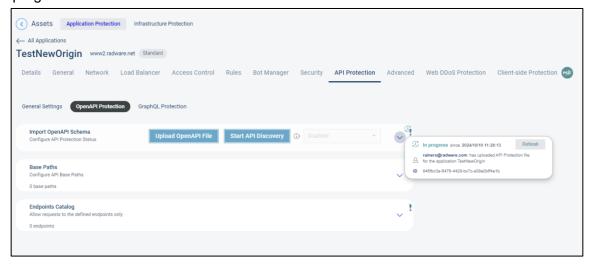


2. At line 29 change the "host" value from "changeme.radware.net" to your domain you entered in the DNS file, like "hackzaon01.radware.net".



NOTE: Make sure it is the same name used on the CloudWAF portal for the application, otherwise the upload will fail!

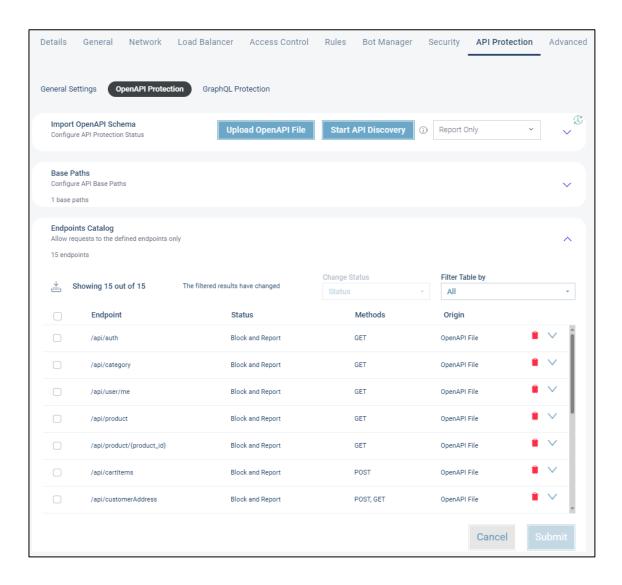
- 3. Save the file.
- 4. On the CloudWAF portal go to **Assets > Applications** click on your application and go to **API Protection > OpenAPI Protection.**
- 5. Click on Upload OpenAPI File and upload the changed swagger file.
- 6. After the upload you should see a successful message and as sign that the file handling is in progress



7. After a short while you should see a new message at the "Activity Logs". It should indicate that the file was successfully uploaded and handled



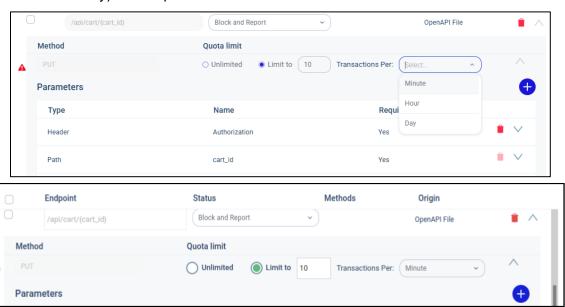
8. After it is uploaded and processed you should see one base path (/) at **Base Paths** and 15 endpoints at **Endpoints Catalog**



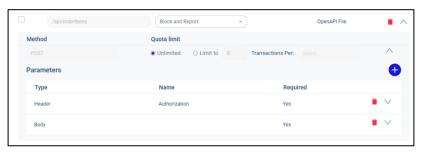
9. For each endpoint you can see the details like the path, status and allowed methods. For example view the /api/cart/{cart id} endpoint.



10. For each endpoint you can also configure a quota on how many transactions per timeframe (Minute/Hour/Day) can be performed.



11. Parameter are also visible, which needs to be present for an API request.





- 12. You can also add new parameters in case the application has changed after the OpenAPI file was created.
- 13. Since we want to block all requests violating the OpenAPI file definition, make sure that you change the API Protection form "**Report Only**" to "**Block and Report**".



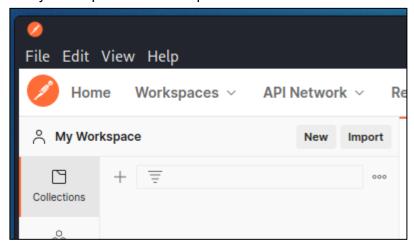
14. To create an API based attack, open on the remote client the Postman application from the desktop. In case Postman complains about the login, click on logout and login using the following credentials:



username: radwarevirtuallab@radware.com

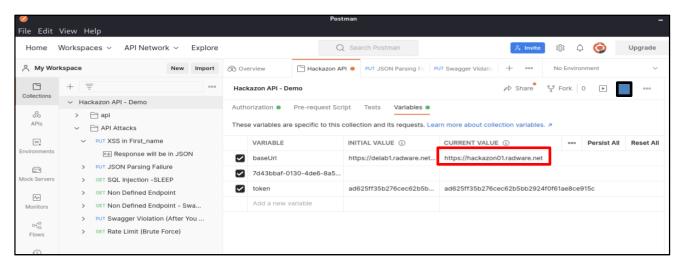
password: radware24!

15. At My Workspace click on Import

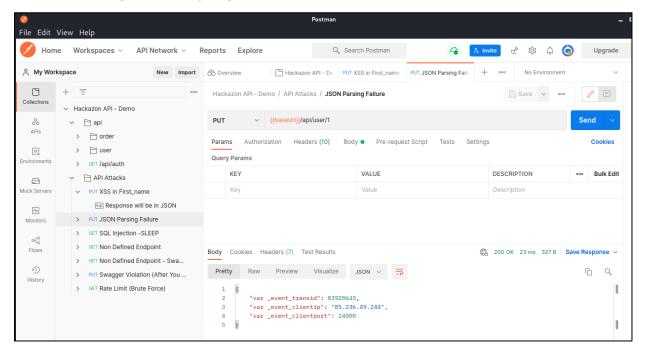


16. Click on "Uploaded Files" and navigate to the desktop/API folder and select "Hackazon API – postman collection.json" and click on import

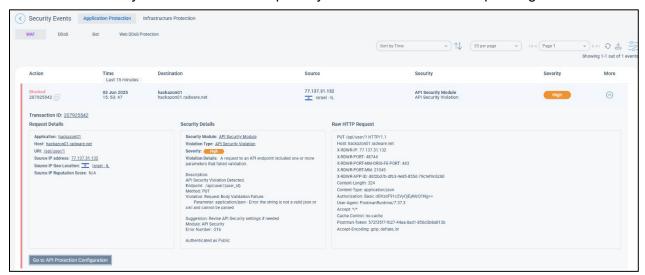
17. After the collection is imported select "Hackazon API – Demo" and select on the right side the "Variables". Change the baseUrl > Current Value from https://delab1.radware.net:1234/ to the URL you use like https://hackazon01.radware.net and click Save (disk icon).



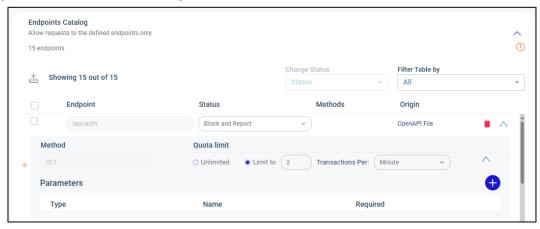
18. In the collection expand the "API Attacks" section and select "Json Parsing Failure". On the right side click on send. In the Response you should see that it was blocked, since the _event_transid and is visible. As you can see for API protections, the response is in JSON format not the regular security page.



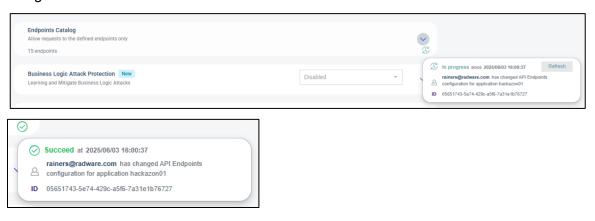
19. Check the Security Events on the cloud portal you should see the corresponding event.



- 20. Try also the other attacks: XSS in First_name, SQL Injection, Swagger Violation and you should see the corresponding events.
- 21. Let us configure a Quota limit how often the authentication via the API can be performed. On the Application go to API Protection and at Endpoints Catalog select the path /api/auth. Add a quota limit of 2 transactions per Minute. Scroll down and click Submit.



22. Make sure that the change was processed. After it was successful processed you should see the green tick instead of the clock



- 23. Now use the "Rate Limit (Brute Force) attack in the Postman and run it a couple of times, after a few requests (>2 per minute) the Quota limit should be triggered, and you should see the blocking information.
- 24. See the corresponding security event on the Cloud portal



- 25. This is the end of the inline lab manual.
- 26. Before you close the lab you can delete your application if you don't want to continue practicing.

At **Assets > Applications** use the trash can icon at your application. You should see an icon showing that your application is pending delete:



27. If you finished with the lab, please send an email to radwarevirtuallab@radware.com, so your account can be deleted.

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