

Using Burp to Capture REST API Endpoints for WAS Scanning

Qualys Web Application Scanning (WAS) supports REST API security testing using Burp, plus new support for Swagger.

Did you know we've added Swagger support?

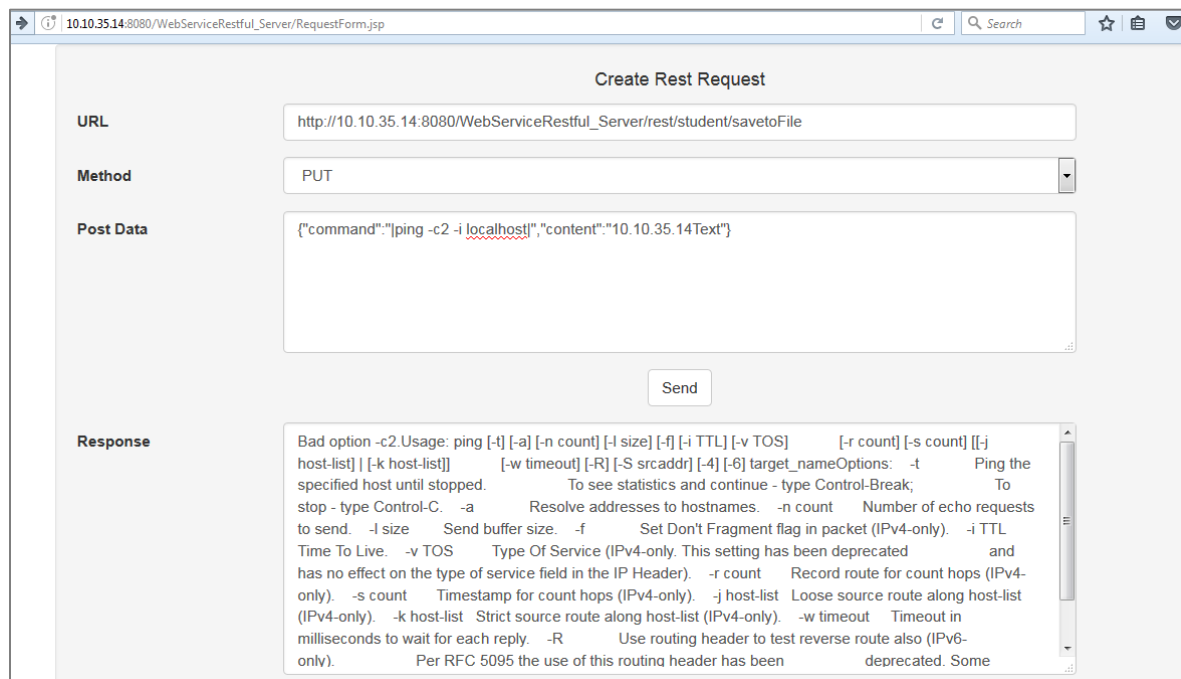
If you have a Swagger file then we recommend that you use Swagger instead of Burp for your REST API security testing. [Learn more on the Qualys Blog](#)

Get Started using Burp

Scanning a REST service is a multi-step process which involves capturing requests using burp and configuring your web application to scan. We'll help you with these steps.

Record requests to the REST service using BURP proxy tool

The first thing you'll need to do is enable proxy on your browser. Then, on the browser where you enabled proxy, make a request to the RESTful API service, as shown below.



Make all the required requests to the REST service. They'll be listed in the burp tool like this:

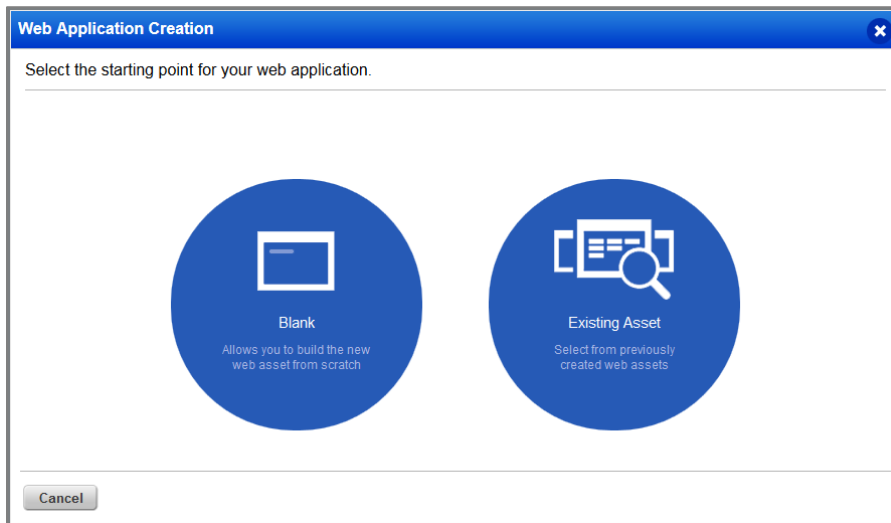
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Select the items you want to scan. Right click and save all of the items.

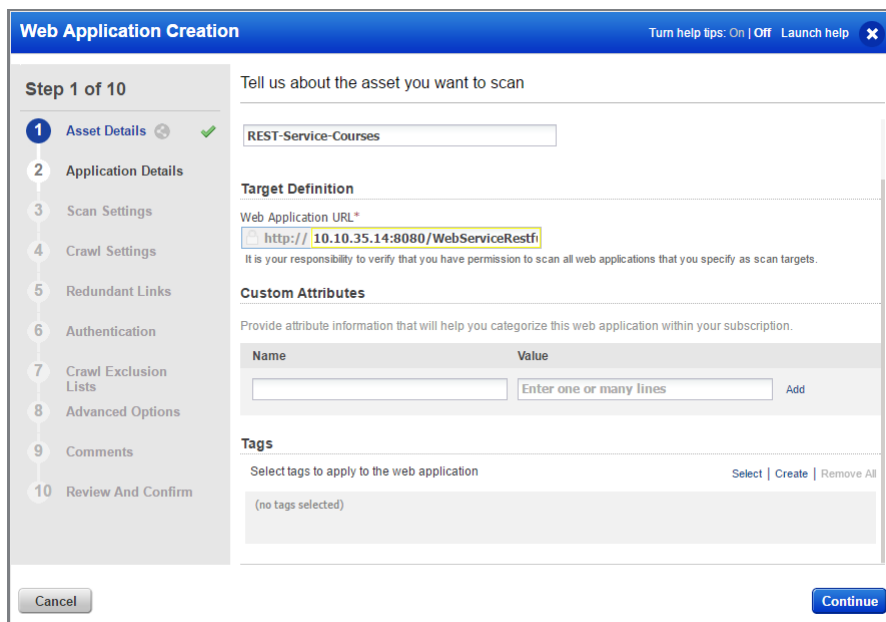
Configure your web application to launch WAS scan

Log in to Qualys and choose Web Application Scanning (WAS) from the module picker.

Click the Add Web Application button on your Dashboard or go to Web Applications > New > Web Application. Then choose your starting point. Select Blank and you'll be able to build your new web asset from scratch.



Give your web application a name and enter the URL to the RESTful API service.



Select the crawl scope and enter explicit URIs, if required. Then click Upload Burp Log File.

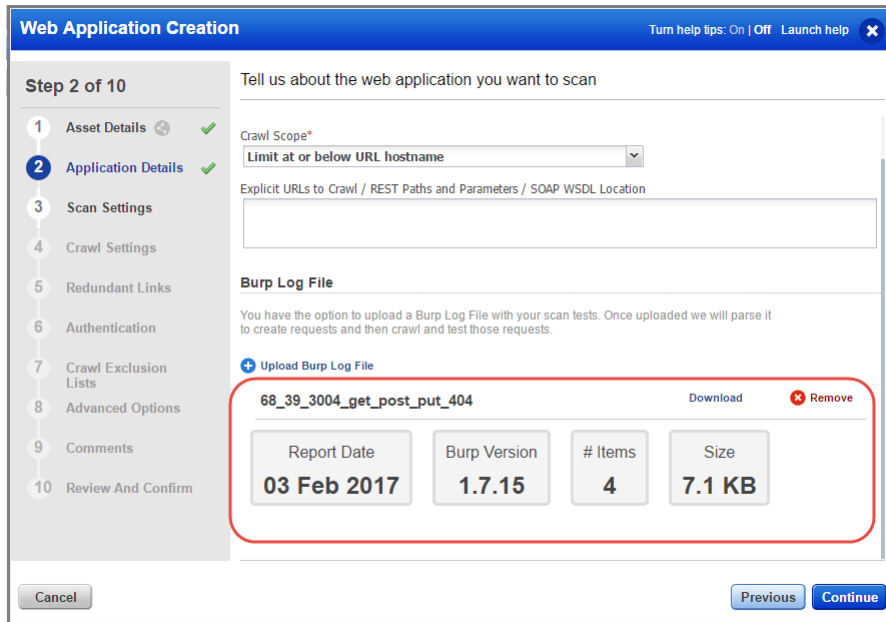
The screenshot shows the 'Web Application Creation' wizard at Step 2 of 10. The left sidebar lists steps from 1 to 10, with 'Application Details' (Step 2) selected. The main content area is titled 'Tell us about the web application you want to scan' and includes a 'Target Definition' section with a 'Web Application URL' field. Below this is a 'Crawl Scope*' dropdown menu currently set to 'Limit at or below URL hostname'. Underneath is a text area for 'Explicit URLs to Crawl / REST Paths and Parameters / SOAP WSDL Location'. The 'Burp Log File' section contains a paragraph of text and a blue button with a plus icon labeled 'Upload Burp Log File', which is circled in red. At the bottom are 'Cancel', 'Previous', and 'Continue' buttons.

Click Choose File and browse to the burp file captured to upload it.

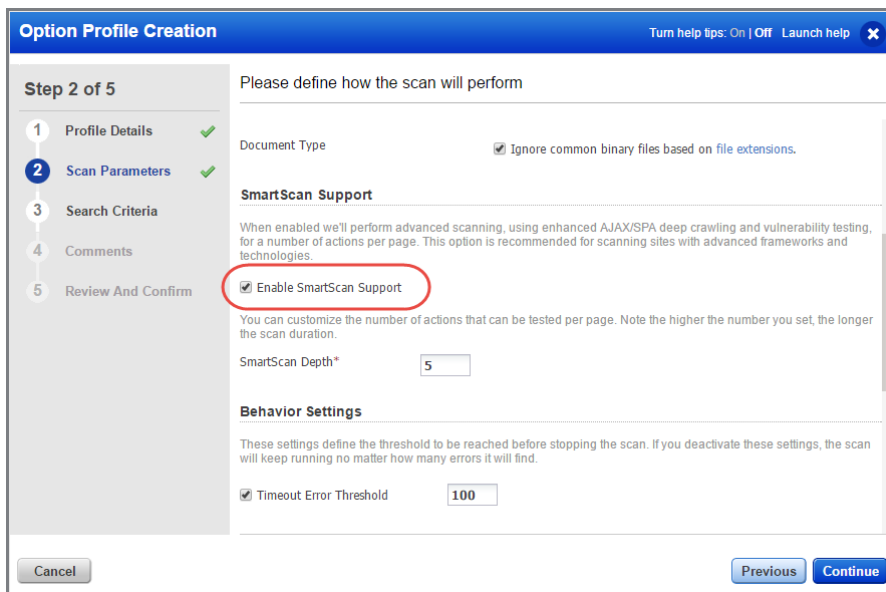
This screenshot shows the same 'Web Application Creation' wizard, but with an 'Import File' dialog box overlaid. The dialog has a blue header and contains the text 'Import a file from your computer'. Below this is a 'Select a file from your computer:' label and a 'Choose File' button. A message 'No file chosen.' is displayed. There is a large grey area with a cursor icon and the text 'Drop file here'. A 'Cancel' button is at the bottom right of the dialog. The background wizard is dimmed.

When the Burp log file is successfully uploaded, you'll see file details on the screen, including the report date, version, number of items captured and the size. We will parse the file to create requests and then crawl the web application.

Note that you can upload only one Burp file with a maximum size of 5MB at a time. If you upload a second file, the new file will replace the old file.



Click Continue and walk through the remaining steps to save your new web application. You'll be prompted to choose an option profile (under Scan Settings), crawl settings, authentication options, etc. Note - The option profile you choose must have SmartScan enabled (see below).



That's it! Your web application is configured and ready to scan.

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