

DEPI Penetration Testing Report

This report details the findings of a penetration test conducted on the Trickster machine from Hack The Box. The assessment, completed on October 21, 2024, uncovered multiple critical vulnerabilities that pose significant risks to system security. These issues range from exposed sensitive data to remote code execution possibilities, highlighting the urgent need for remediation to prevent potential breaches and unauthorized access.





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Executive Summary

1 Multiple Vulnerabilities Identified

The penetration test revealed several critical security flaws in the Trickster machine, including exposed .git directories, insecure configurations, and remote code execution vulnerabilities.

2 Potential for Unauthorized Access

Exploiting these vulnerabilities could lead to unauthorized system access, data breaches, and compromise of system integrity.

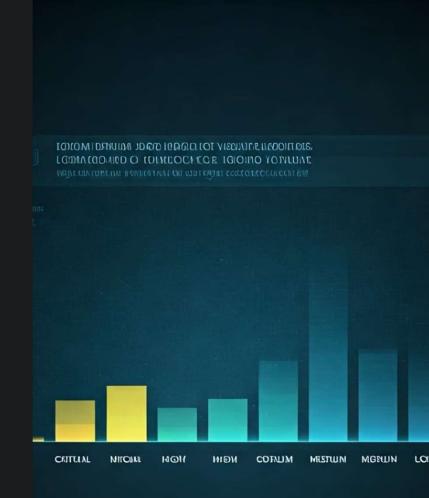
3 Urgent Remediation Required

The identified issues pose significant threats to system security and require immediate attention to prevent potential exploitation.

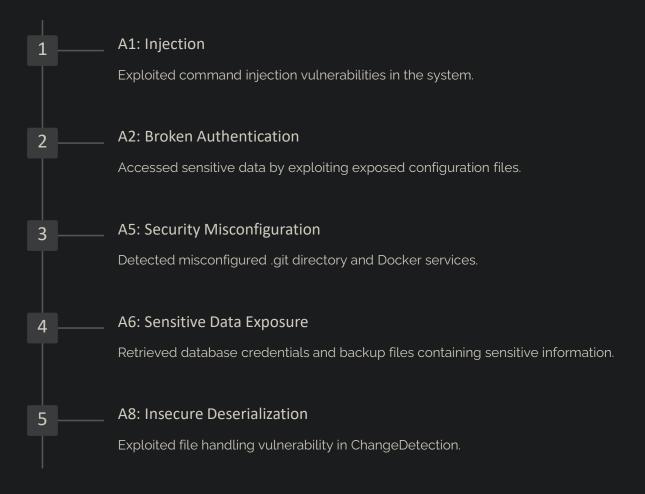


Vulnerability Overview

| ID | Vulnerability Name | Severity |
|----|---|------------|
| 1 | Accessing .git Directory | (Medium) |
| 2 | PrestaShop XSS (CVE-2024- 34716) | (High) |
| 3 | Database Credentials in PHP Configuration File | (High) |
| 4 | Access to Docker Services | (Medium) |
| 5 | ChangeDetection Arbitrary File Write SSTI (CVE-2024- 32651) | (High) |
| 6 | Exposed Backup Files | (High) |
| 7 | PrusaSlicer Command Injection (CVE-2023-47268) | (Critical) |
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Methodology



Critical Vulnerabilities: Part 1

Accessing .git Directory

Exposed source code and sensitive configuration files, potentially revealing system architecture and security measures.

PrestaShop XSS (CVE-2024-34716)

Allowed remote command execution as the www-data user, posing a significant threat to system integrity.

Database Credentials in PHP Configuration File

Enabled unauthorized access to database contents, potentially exposing sensitive user data.





Critical Vulnerabilities: Part 2

Access to Docker Services

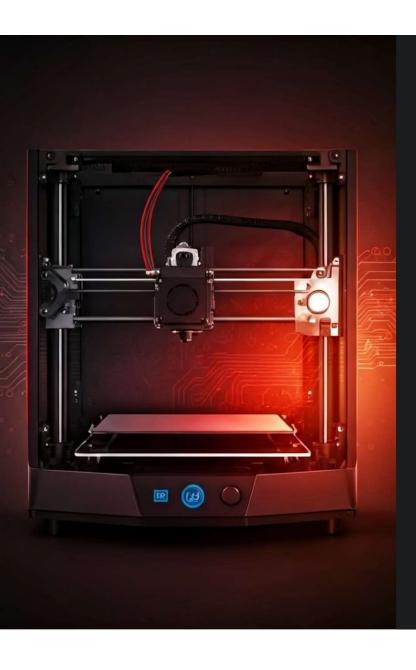
Allowed lateral movement within the system, potentially compromising multiple containers.

ChangeDetection Arbitrary File Write SSTI (CVE-2024-32651) 32651)

Permitted file manipulation within a Docker container, potentially leading to further system compromise.

Exposed Backup Files

Provided access to higher privileged user credentials, enabling escalation of privileges.



PrusaSlicer Command Injection (CVE-2023-(CVE-2023-47268)

Vulnerability Discovery

Identified command injection flaw in PrusaSlicer application.

Exploitation

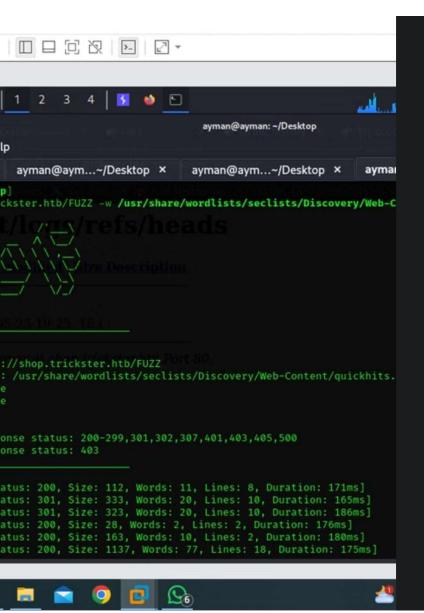
Successfully executed arbitrary commands through the vulnerable input.

Privilege Escalation

Gained root-level access to system files via the injected commands.

Impact

Complete system compromise possible due to elevated privileges.



Exposed .git Directory

A medium severity vulnerability was discovered where the .git directory was publicly accessible. This exposure allows attackers to download source code and configuration files, potentially revealing sensitive data and system structure. The impact could lead to attackers gaining insights into the system's architecture and possibly uncovering hardcoded credentials or configuration flaws.

Severity

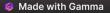
Medium

Impact

Exposure of system structure and potential sensitive data

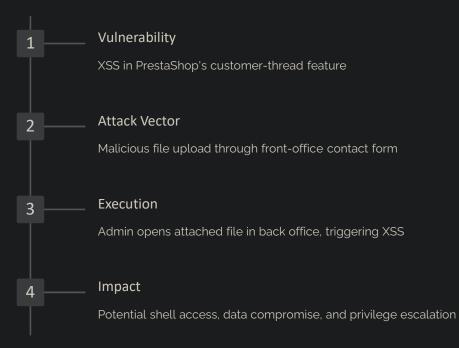
Recommendation

Configure web server to deny access to .git directory and implement proper ACLs

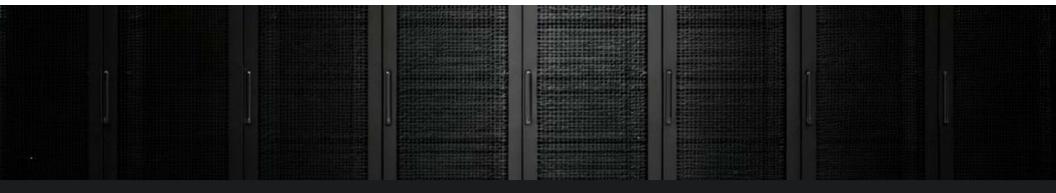


PrestaShop Remote Code Execution (CVE-2024-34716)

A high severity cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerability was identified in PrestaShop versions 8.1.0 to 8.1.5 with the customer-thread feature flag enabled. This vulnerability allows attackers to upload malicious files containing XSS payloads, which can be executed when an admin opens the attached file in the back office. The exploit can access session data and security tokens, potentially leading to remote code execution.







Database Credentials in PHP Configuration File

A high severity vulnerability was discovered where database credentials were hardcoded in the PHP configuration file (config.php). This exposure allows attackers to directly access the database using these credentials, potentially leading to unauthorized access, modification, or deletion of sensitive data stored in the database.

1 Severity

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High

Recommendation

Use environment variables or secure secret management systems to store credentials securely

2 Impact

Unauthorized database access, potential data integrity loss, and exposure of user information

△ Best Practice

Avoid hardcoding sensitive information in configuration files



Access to Docker Services

A medium severity vulnerability was identified where Docker container services were accessible via IP 172.17.0.2 and port 5000. This exposure potentially allows attackers to exploit internal services running inside the Docker container, facilitating lateral movement and further system compromise.

Vulnerability DetailsPotential ImpactRecommendationsDocker container accessible via IPLateral movement and exploitationImplement network segmentation172.17.0.2 and port 5000of internal servicesand apply firewall rules to controltraffic between containers



Change Detection Arbitrary File Write (CVE-2024-32651)

A high severity vulnerability was discovered in changedetection.io, an open-source web page change detection and notification service. The vulnerability involves a Server Side Template Injection (SSTI) in Jinja2, allowing for Remote Command Execution on the server host. Successful exploitation provided root access within the Docker environment, leading to potential system compromise.



Update Software

Update ChangeDetection to the latest secure version



Implement Security

Use input validation and sandboxing techniques



Strengthen Authentication

Enable two-factor authentication (2FA)



Access Control

Ensure sensitive data is only accessible to authorized users





Exposed Backup Files Containing User Credentials

A high severity vulnerability was identified where backup files located in /datastore/Backups/ contained sensitive information, including credentials for the high-privileged user Adam. This exposure allows attackers to potentially log in as a high-privileged user, facilitating privilege escalation and broader system compromise.

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Discovery

Exposed backup files in /datastore/Backups/

Content

Sensitive information including high-privileged user credentials

Risk

Unauthorized access and privilege escalation

Mitigation

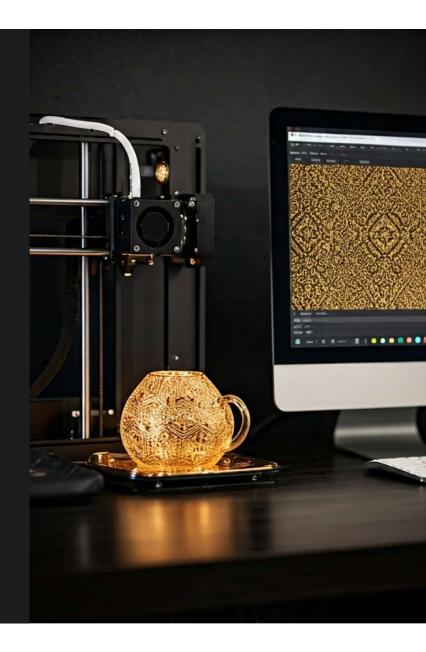
Implement secure storage and restrict access to backup directories



PrusaSlicer Arbitrary Code Execution (CVE-2023-47268)

A critical vulnerability was discovered where PrusaSlicer was configured to run with sudo privileges without a password requirement. This configuration allows attackers to execute arbitrary commands as the root user, granting full control over the system. The impact of this vulnerability is severe, potentially leading to complete system takeover and access to all sensitive files.

| Severity | Critical |
|------------------|---|
| Impact | Full system control and access to sensitive files |
| Recommendation 1 | Limit sudo access to trusted users |
| Recommendation 2 | Restrict use of sudo without passwords |
| Recommendation 3 | Remove unnecessary sudo configurations for applications |



Conclusion and Tools Used

The assessment of the Trickster machine revealed several critical vulnerabilities that pose significant risks to system security. These issues range from exposed configurations and insecure services to critical vulnerabilities allowing remote code execution and privilege escalation. Prompt patching, secure system configuration, and regular security audits are strongly recommended to mitigate these risks.

The assessment utilized various tools including NMAP, FUFF, Git-dumper, Hashcat, Netstat, Arp, Brotli, Python server, and AI assistants like ChatGPT and GitHub Copilot for efficient vulnerability discovery and analysis.



Security Tools

Various tools used for vulnerability assessment and penetration testing



Vulnerability Map

Visual representation of identified vulnerabilities in the system



Secure Infrastructure

Ideal secure setup contrasting with the vulnerabilities found

