

# Vulnerability Scan on Chameleon website



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## High Level Summary

Chameleon is a Static web application hosted in GCP on Google app engine (GAE). The below scans were conducted with automated tools and software using Kali Linux. The findings show the web application is secure, with 1 medium and 1 minor suggestion for Improvement.

## Suggested Security Improvement

**Enable HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS).** Enforcing HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS) will ensure communication between the browser and server only allows the HTTPS protocol.

## Review of Medium Findings – Security headers

**Not required;** Content Security Policy (CSP) mainly mitigates against XSS attacks, currently the web application does not have an attack vector as it is a static web application.

**Required;** Anti Clickjacking was tested and confirmed to be vulnerable using Burp Suite professional, sending the X-frame options header will control if a page can be displayed within an iframe on another site, and will mitigate Clickjacking attempts.

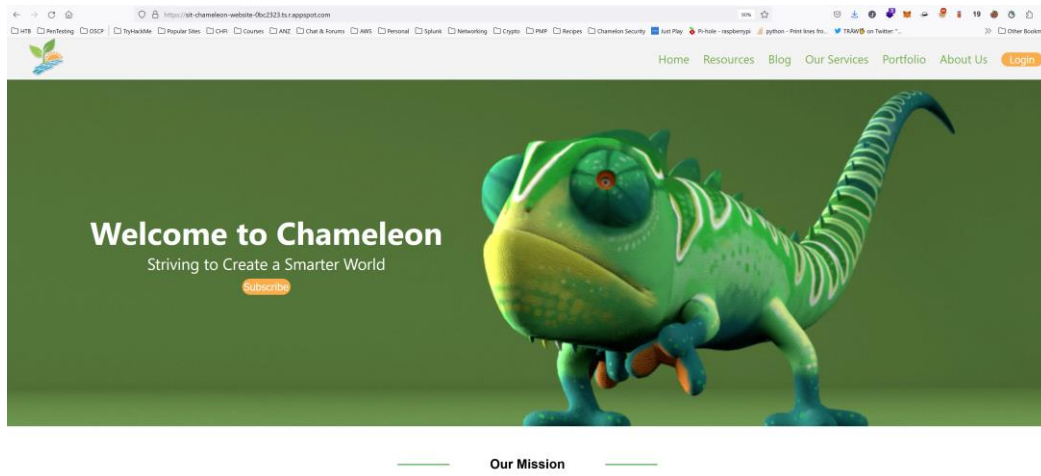
## Other Learnings:

As the application is a static web application, the following attacks should be out of scope: injection attacks - A03\_2021-Injection.

As the web application is hosted in Google Cloud Platform (GCP) future considerations to take into account is testing using the OWASP Cloud-Native Application Security Top 10, which was not in scope for this report.

## Tools Used

Autorecon.py, Nmap, Nessus, Burp Suite Pro, OWASP ZAP, Manual Inspection.



**Target:** sit-chameleon-website-0bc2323.ts.r.appspot.com

Nmap scan report for sit-chameleon-website-0bc2323.ts.r.appspot.com (142.250.70.244)

rDNS record for **142.250.70.244**: mel05s02-in-f20.1e100.net

SSL-cert: Subject: commonName=\*.appspot.com

### Nmap Scans:

```
nmap -vv --reason -Pn -T4 -sV -sC --version-all -A --osscan-guess
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nmap -vv --reason -Pn -T4 -sU -A --top-ports 100
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IP Address	Ports Open
142.250.70.244	TCP: 80, 443   UDP 443

## Vulnerability Scanning using Nessus (tenable)

The automated Nessus scan identifies **1 medium security vulnerability**.

### 142960 - HSTS Missing From HTTPS Server (RFC 6797)

#### Synopsis

The remote web server is not enforcing HSTS, as defined by RFC 6797.

#### Description

The remote web server is not enforcing HSTS, as defined by RFC 6797. HSTS is an optional response header that can be configured on the server to instruct the browser to only communicate via HTTPS. The lack of HSTS allows downgrade attacks, SSL-stripping man-in-the-middle attacks, and weakens cookie-hijacking protections.

The automated Nessus scan also provided the following as information.

#### 84502 - HSTS Missing From HTTPS Server

##### Synopsis

The remote web server is not enforcing HSTS.

##### Description

The remote HTTPS server is not enforcing HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS). HSTS is an optional response header that can be configured on the server to instruct the browser to only communicate via HTTPS. The lack of HSTS allows downgrade attacks, SSL-stripping man-in-the-middle attacks, and weakens cookie-hijacking protections.

#### 43111 - HTTP Methods Allowed (per directory)

##### Synopsis

This plugin determines which HTTP methods are allowed on various CGI directories.

##### Description

By calling the OPTIONS method, it is possible to determine which HTTP methods are allowed on each directory.

The following HTTP methods are considered insecure:

PUT, DELETE, CONNECT, TRACE, HEAD

#### 10107 - HTTP Server Type and Version

##### Synopsis

A web server is running on the remote host.

The remote web server type is : Google Frontend

#### 24260 - HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP) Information

##### Synopsis

Some information about the remote HTTP configuration can be extracted.

Response Code : HTTP/1.1 200 OK  
Protocol version : HTTP/1.1  
HTTP/2 TLS Support: No  
HTTP/2 Cleartext Support: No

#### 24260 - HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP) Information

##### Synopsis

Some information about the remote HTTP configuration can be extracted.

##### Description

This test gives some information about the remote HTTP protocol - the version used, whether HTTP Keep-Alive is enabled, etc...

## Vulnerability Scanning using OWASP ZAP

The automated scan identifies **2 medium & 1 low security vulnerability**.

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ZAP Version: 2.14.0

### Summary of Alerts

Risk Level	Number of Alerts
High	0
Medium	2
Low	1
Informational	2

### Alerts

Name	Risk Level	Number of Instances
<a href="#">Content Security Policy (CSP) Header Not Set</a>	Medium	5
<a href="#">Missing Anti-clickjacking Header</a>	Medium	1
<a href="#">X-Content-Type-Options Header Missing</a>	Low	3
<a href="#">Information Disclosure - Suspicious Comments</a>	Informational	1
<a href="#">Modern Web Application</a>	Informational	1

Medium	Content Security Policy (CSP) Header Not Set
Description	Content Security Policy (CSP) is an added layer of security that helps to detect and mitigate certain types of attacks, including Cross Site Scripting (XSS) and data injection attacks. These attacks are used for everything from data theft to site defacement or distribution of malware. CSP provides a set of standard HTTP headers that allow website owners to declare approved sources of content that browsers should be allowed to load on that page — covered types are JavaScript, CSS, HTML frames, fonts, images and embeddable objects such as Java applets, ActiveX, audio and video files.

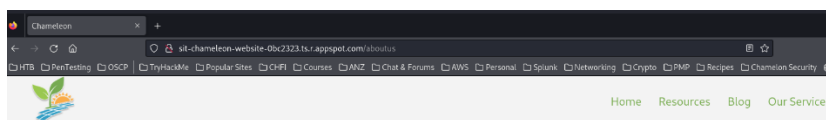
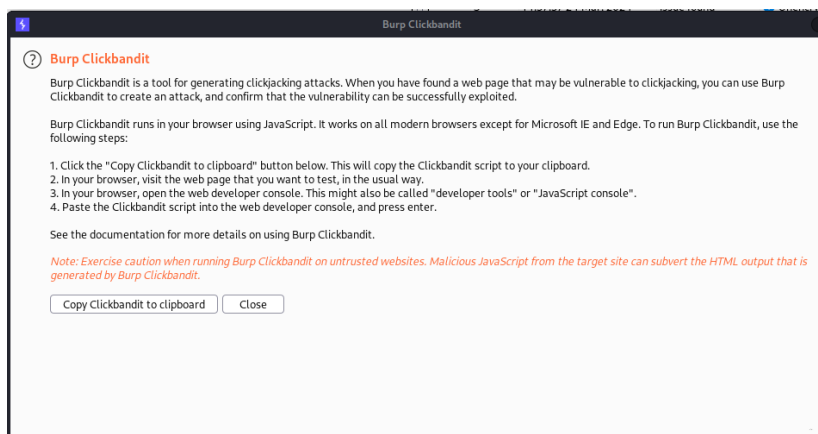
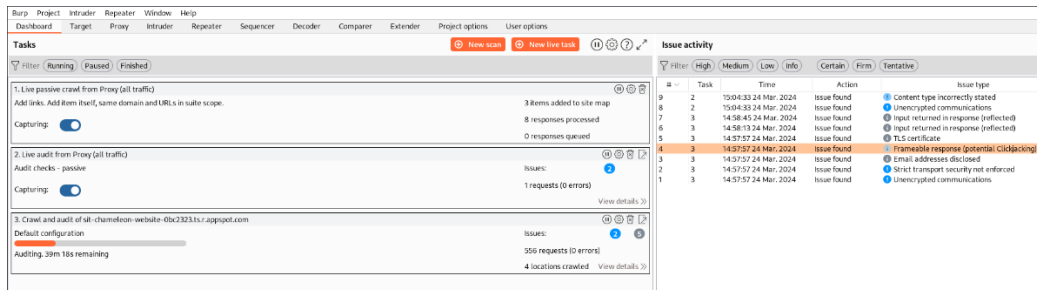
Medium	Missing Anti-clickjacking Header
Description	The response does not include either Content-Security-Policy with 'frame-ancestors' directive or X-Frame-Options to protect against 'ClickJacking' attacks.

Low	X-Content-Type-Options Header Missing
Description	The Anti-MIME-Sniffing header X-Content-Type-Options was not set to 'nosniff'. This allows older versions of Internet Explorer and Chrome to perform MIME-sniffing on the response body, potentially causing the response body to be interpreted and displayed as a content type other than the declared content type. Current (early 2014) and legacy versions of Firefox will use the declared content type (if one is set), rather than performing MIME-sniffing.

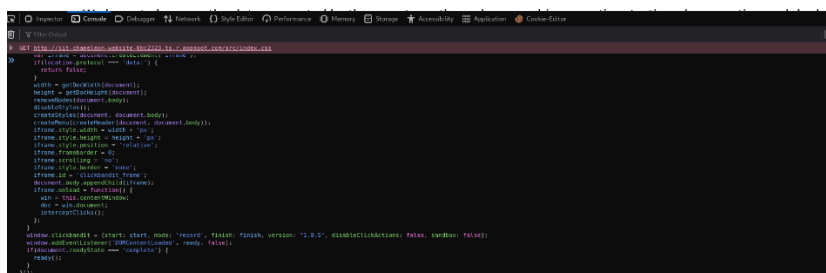
## Clickjacking Testing using Burp suite Pro.

Burp suite professional has a tool to confirm if a web application is vulnerable to clickjacking.

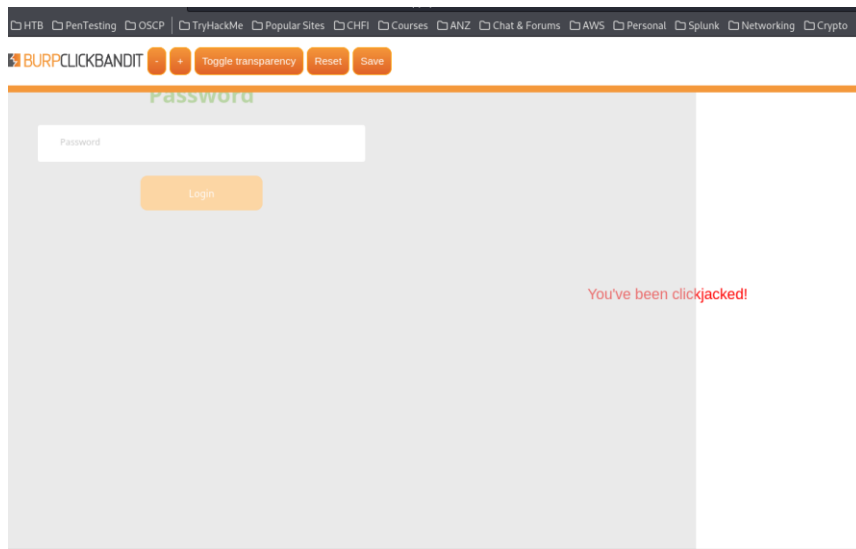
Following the steps in the screenshot below a user can attempt to attack UI buttons to simulate a real-world clickjacking attack.



Chameleon aims to utilise the Internet of Things (IoT), which is an ecosystem consisting of web-enabled smart devices such as suburban traffic systems and domestic appliances, that all use embedded systems, such as processors, sensors, and communication hardware, to collect, send and act on data they acquire from their environments.



By adding the script to the webpage console using Mozilla developer tools this enabled burp suite click bandit simulation to start, I used the login button and was successfully able to overlay a frame from a decoy web application to confirm this vulnerability can be exploited.



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