

Module - 13

Hacking Web Application

- Presentation (Browser)
- Logic (Web Server)
- Data (database)

Query String :

```
http://website.com/widgets?id=27
```

Resource type Resource ID

```
http://website.com/widgets?order-by=name
```

Routing :

Action

```
http://website.com/widgets/27
```

Resource type Resource ID

```
http://website.com/widgets/27/delete
```

Action

HTTP Verbs :

```
GET http://website.com/widgets/27
```

```
POST http://website.com/widgets
```

```
PUT http://website.com/widgets/27
```

```
DELETE http://website.com/widgets/27
```

Protections Offered. By the Browsers :

- Phishing sites
- Invalid SSL certificate
- Weak Cryptography
- Mixed Content
- Reflected Cross Site Scripting
- Security Headers

What the Browser can't Defend Against :

- Parameter Tempering (cookies, forms, headers, query Strings)
- Persistence Cross Site Scripting
- Attackers making direct HTTP requests

Reconnaissance / Footprinting :

1. Spidering : Crawling through the website following all the links that exists in that site and creating a map
Netsparker
2. Forced Browsing : Tools : Burpsuite :
Discover the resource which may not be accessible just by following the links
3. Directory Traversal :
4. Banner Grabbing with Wget :
comand : wget --server-response [Website]
5. Server Fingerprinting with Nmap :
nmap -T4 -O -A -v [Website]

6. Development Artifact with Acunetix : Similar tool as netsparker , Takes the URL and goes to find as many risks as possible.
7. Automatically Generated Processes : API are being used, Resources are requested over HTTP that process input and return result., WSDL (Web Service Definition Language) It explains the method that a service implements
8. Discovering of Framework Risks : Like Jenkins , Drupal
9. Identifying Vulnerable Target : use Shodan

Tampering of Untrusted Data :

Understanding Untrusted Data :

Something that comes from an externality, Something that is outside the control of the system

- Request Body
- Request Header
- Query String
- URL (Route)
- HTTP Verbs
- External Services

Parameter Tampering :

Hidden Field Tampering :

Mass Assignment Attack :

Mass assignment vulnerabilities occur when a user is able to initialize or overwrite server-side variables for which are not intended by the application

Add the "isAdmin=true" after your name and password field

Cookie Poisoning :

Change the data in cookies

Insecure Direct Object Reference

<http://xyz.com/shoes/name/1>

now you change the ending parameter 1 to 2 and you get the details of the number 2 then this is IDOR

Defending Against Tampering :

1. Assume Malicious Intent
2. Verify on the server
3. Client Persistence is Dangerous
4. Whitelisting Allowable Behaviour

Attack Involving the Client :

1. Reflected Cross Site Scripting :

2. Stored Cross Site Scripting (Persistence)

3. DOM Based XSS

Defending Against XSS

- Always Validate Untrusted Data
- Encoded for the right context
- Flag cookies as HTTPOnly

Insufficient Transport Layer Security :

Insufficient Transport Layer Protection is a security weakness caused by applications not taking any measures to **protect** network traffic. ... Exposed data and session IDs can be intercepted, which means the application is vulnerable to exploit

Cross Site Request Forgery (CSRF) :

Forces an end user to execute unwanted actions on an app they're already authenticated on

Attacks against Identity Management and Access Controls :

1. Bad Identity Management : (this password belong to this username :))
2. Identity Enumeration : Invalid account : Bad way , We have sent the mail to XYZ@ABC.com this the correct way
3. "Remember me" Feature : when you click on the remember me the vulnerable website will store the username and password in session cookie.
4. Missing Functional Level Access Controls :
5. Insufficient Access Controls : Accessing other account
6. Privilege Escalation : can be done by parameter tampering

Denial of Service Attacks :

A malicious attempt to make a network resource unavailable

Types of Denial of Service :

1. Targeted at an Individual

- Attempts to disrupt a single user
- Specially targeted based on the individual Profile
- Exploit feature such as password reset and login
- May also include DDoS

2. Targeted at an entire Service

- Attempt to disrupt the entire service
- Results in an impact to all users
- frequently executed via DDoS
- May leverage a service to do so

Exploiting Password Reset : repeating the password reset feature to hang the user

Countermeasure : Never Lock Out Immediately
Always email a reset link

Exploiting Account Lockout : "you have entered the wrong password for 5times and your account has been locked for 1 hr"

Less Invasive Defense :

Slow the rate at which login attempts can occur
Allow the user to "log in" via email
Verify the Identity via an independent Channel

- SMS
- Phone

DDoS Attacks :

1. Crowd Sourcing a DDoS Attacks :

LOIC : Low Orbit Ion Cannon

2. DDoS as a Service :

3. Features at Risk of a DDoS Attacks :

- Login, registration or change password facilities where a slow hashing algorithm is used
- Any Process that directly send email via SMTP (i.e. password Reset)
- Resources with database connection (potential connection pool DDoS)
- Other high-load feature
 - Running a report
 - Searching a large data set

Other DDoS Attacks :

- Amplification Attack
- DNS reflection attack
- NTP Attack
- SNMP Attack
- SYN Flood Attack

Defending against DDoS Attacks :

- Dedicated infrastructure perimeter defenses
- DDoS mitigation as a service
- Blocking incoming sources of traffic
- “Beat it with bandwidth”
- DDoS Diversion technique

Other Attacks on the Server :

Security Misconfiguration :

- Improper Handling of errors / Exceptions
- from this we can get the information about the website, version, framework

Conversion failed when converting the nvarchar value 'passw0rd' to data type int.

Understanding Salted Hashes :

Registration

User enter the password in clear text

Now the server generated a salt of random bits

now the password is combined with salt and then hash it ... now this hash is stored in database

Rainbow tables are used to crack salted hashes

Insecure cryptographic Storage

Invalidate Redirects and Forwards :

It exploiting the trust that individual have in the domain of website in order to serve malicious content

Defence :

It should only be able to redirect to local resources , You should not be able to redirect to the external Website
create a whitelist on order to redirect to the external sites.

Exposed Exceptions logs :

Vulnerability in Web Servers :

- Usually XML or JSON response instead of HTML
- Usually Bearer tokens and / or auth headers instead of cookies
- Increasingly semantic use of HTTP Verb

They are Also Slightly difference Risks

- They are less visible so often less well tested
- They Often depend on custom clients for certification validation
- They are frequently dangerous assumptions made when the developer also build the client...