

DevOps, Software Evolution and Software Maintenance

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1 Security Assessment

1.1 Risk Identification

Our assets:

- Codebase
- Database
- Logs

Threat Sources:

- SQL Injection
- Exposed ports (Prometheus)
- Vulnerable password hashing
- No requirements for user password (length, symbols, etc.)
- Vulnerable libraries
- No password on Dozzle (logging)

Risk Scenarios:

- A - Attacker performs SQL injection to download sensitive user data
- B - Attacker performs SQL injection to delete information from database
- C - Attacker performs SQL injection to log in on a legitimate user's account
- D - Attacker brute-forces the hash of a password, letting them log in on a legitimate user's account
- E - Attacker uses the open ports to overload our Prometheus with queries
- F - Attacker intercepts messages sent over the network, as they are not encrypted
- G - Attacker exploits vulnerable library, which lets them perform some malicious attack
- H - Attacker accesses our logs on Dozzle, which lets them see all outputs, like usernames

1.2 Risk Analysis

Here are the scenarios presented on the risk matrix

	Rare	Unlikely	Likely	Certain
Catastrophic	B			G
Critical	A			G
Marginal			F	E,G
Negligible	C		D	G,H

Scenario A, B and C have a 'Rare' probability, as we already utilize the ORM-library GORM. GORM uses prepared statements and automatically escapes arguments to avoid SQL injection. Without GORM the probability would be much higher.

Scenario F was dealt with using the TLS protocol. Our Minitwit application using TLS is hosted at <https://lukv.dk>.

For scenario E, we would have to perform a workaround, as the exposed ports are caused by Docker and UFW being incompatible, an issue which has not yet been patched. However, Prometheus is the only service which is exposed, and the only threat is Prometheus crashing due to an overload of queries. Therefore, it is not considered a high-priority threat.

We could reduce the chance of scenario G happening, by keeping our libraries updated. We could also use tools that detect vulnerabilities in dependencies, and keep the dependencies updated automatically. Scenario H can be prevented by locking our Dozzle interface with a password. However, no sensitive data is logged in Dozzle, and thus it is considered low priority.

2 Scaling and Upgrades

2.1 Scaling

To scale our Minitwit application, we performed horizontal scaling using Docker Swarm. We created three manager nodes and four worker nodes.

We have replicas of the following services:

Service	Replicated/Global	Nr. of replicas
Minitwit App	Replicated	3
Minitwit API	Replicated	4
Prometheus	Global	N/A
Dozzle	Global	N/A

Prometheus and Dozzle are set to be global services, as they are responsible for monitoring and logging, respectively. In order not to miss critical information, we do monitoring and logging on all nodes.

2.2 Upgrades

To update the services in our swarm, we use the 'Blue-Green' update strategy for our Minitwit App and API. When there is an update, a new environment will be created with said update. When it is up and running, traffic will be redirected from the original environment to the newly created one. This leads to minimal downtime for our Minitwit.

In case something goes wrong, we do a rollback, to revert the changes made by the update. ****why is rollback stop-first? does it matter?****

2.3 CI/CD Chain

We are using GitHub Actions to automate the testing and deployment of Minitwit. There are 5 GitHub Actions workflows:

1. Deploy services to DigitalOcean
2. Use Hadolint on dockerfiles
3. Run golanci-lint tool
4. Run static tools for staging
5. Release MiniTwit (automatically)

Use Hadolint on dockerfiles

This workflow only runs when it get called by other workflows, and analyse if the dockerfiles `docker/Dockerfile` and `docker/Dockerfile.api` contains any linting issues.

The steps for this workflow is:

1. Checkout

(a) Purpose

- i. The workflow uses `actions/checkout@v2` to fetch the code from the repository.

(b) Steps

- i. Checkouts the code.

2. Hadolint Action app

(a) Purpose

- i. Checks for any linting errors using `hadolint/hadolint-action@v3.1.0` in `docker/Dockerfile`.

(b) Steps

- i. Runs `hadolint-action` on `docker/Dockerfile`.

3. Hadolint Action api

(a) Purpose

- i. Checks for any linting errors using `hadolint/hadolint-action@v3.1.0` in `docker/Dockerfile.api`.

(b) Steps

- i. Runs `hadolint-action` on `docker/Dockerfile.api`.

Run golangci-lint tool

This workflow also only runs when it get called by other workflows, and analyses the go source code any linting issues.

1. Environment setup

(a) Purpose

- i. Defines some environment variables that are used in the workflow.

(b) Steps

- i. `GO_VERSION = stable`
- ii. `GOLANGCI_LINT_VERSION = v1.64`

2. Detect Modules

(a) Purpose

- i. To output all the Go modules in `./minitwit`.

(b) **Steps**

- i. Checkout the repository.
- ii. Runs `go list -m` to list all Go modules and outputs in JSON format.

3. Format Go Files

(a) **Purpose**

- i. To format all the `.go` files, done by using `Jerome1337/gofmt-action@v1.0.5`.

(b) **Steps**

- i. Checkout the repository.
- ii. Runs `gofmt-action` to verify formatting in `./minitwit`.

4. Golangci Lint

(a) **Dependency**

- i. Needs *Detect Modules* to run.

(b) **Steps**

- i. Checkouts the repository and setups a go environment.
- ii. Runs `golangci-lint` in each GO module.

Deploy services to DigitalOcean

This workflow runs every time the main branch gets a push.

1. call-hadolint and call-golangci

(a) **Dependency**

- i. *Hadolint on dockerfiles* and *golangci-lint*.

(b) **Purpose**

- i. to ensure code quality before deployment.

(c) **Steps**

- i. Checkout the repository.
- ii. Run `Hadolint on dockerfiles`.
- iii. Run `golangci-lint`.

2. Run tests

(a) **Dependency**

- i. `call-hadolint` and `call-golangci`.

(b) **Purpose**

- i. To test the code to ensure code quality before deployment.

(c) **Steps**

- i. Checkout the repository.
- ii. Setup a Go environment with v1.22 of Go.
- iii. Setup docker Compose.
- iv. Find the test script (`run_tests.sh`).
- v. Run the test script.

3. **Build And Deploy**

(a) **Dependency**

- i. *Run tests*

(b) **Purpose**

- i. Build a Docker image, push it to Docker Hub and Deploy it on Digital Ocean Droplet.

(c) **Steps**

- i. Checkout the repository.
- ii. Verify secrets.
- iii. Login to Docker Hub.
- iv. Set up Docker Buildx.
- v. Build and push minitwit-app.
- vi. Build and push minitwit-api.
- vii. Configure SSH.
- viii. Sync files with rsync.
- ix. Deploy to server.

Release MiniTwit (automatically)

This workflow creates a release on Github every thursday at 23:30 UTC.

- **Automatic Release**

- **Purpose**

- * Creates a release on Github.

– Steps

- * Checkout the repository.
- * Fetch latest version tag.
- * Determine next version.
- * Validate against SemVar pattern.
- * Generate release notes.
- * Create GitHub Release.