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## 1. Introduction:

SecIQ was given the assignment to perform Penetration Testing on the XYZ Consulting Mobile (Android, iOS) and Web (Internal Dashboard) application. This assessment was performed for around 3 weeks (XX-XX, 2020). The details about each task and our findings have been consolidated in this report under the executive summary section and additional information is contained within the detailed vulnerability section of this report.

## 1.1 Objective

The objective of this assignment was to perform controlled attack and penetration testing activities to assess the overall level of security of the XYZ Consulting Web application – with the intent to:

- Uncover any security issues in the given application,
- Identify the impact and risks associated with the issues, and
- provide guidance to XYZ Consulting team in the prioritization and remediation steps.

## 1.2 Scope:

The Scope of this penetration testing was limited to the below application/ Domains:

- Android Application : api.XYZ Consultingapp.in
- iOS Application : api.XYZ Consultingapp.in
- Internal Dashboard : https://internal-api.XYZ Consultingapp.in/dashboard

**Note:** All the testing was done on the given staging environment and NO testing was done on Production application.

**Out of Scope:** The following modules could not be covered during this assessment due to unavailability of functionalities in the given staging environment:

- Contact form
- LinkedIn SDK integration
- offer inside
- Chat functionality

## 1.3 Approach

This assessment was performed through a grey-box approach from the perspective of an authenticated end user. The Tests were carries out assuming the identify of an attacker or a user with malicious intent, however care was taken not the harm the server. Assessment involved manual testing combined with the open-source automated tools. Following phases were covered during this assessment:

- 1. Application Profiling\ Reconnaissance
- 2. Application Mapping and test-case generation
- 3. Vulnerability assessment & Business logic testing
- 4. Exploitation
- 5. Reporting



# 2. Executive Summary:

#### 2.1 Business-Critical Risks:

The XYZ Consulting Web application was identified to have several critical security vulnerabilities. Some of the business-critical security risks are listed below.

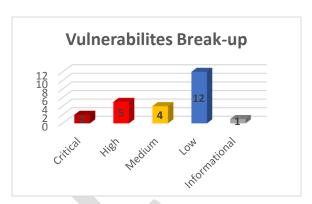
It is possible for an attacker to:

- Access millions of Financial transaction details of XYZ consulting. Transaction number, date, amount, transaction type, client details etc.
- Access all the order details including the order ID, amount, product, Client name, Receiver's name, consignee address etc.
- Obtain complete details of the clients Client name, address, phone number, email ID etc.
- Enumerate the personal details of 1.5 M users including their Name, email-id, Address (office and Home location), Mobile Numbers, past transaction details & personal account details etc.
- Escalate the privilege and take complete control of any other User by just knowing their mobile number.
- Bypass the OAuth implementation and login as any user using their Facebook public information.
- Execute Malicious script on the dashboard and completely compromise end user's browser.
- Perform Remote Code Execution (RCE) on the server.
- Perform flooding attacks
- Compromise (admin@XYZonsulting.in) email credentials and access.
- Add himself into any private group and remove any user from the private group.
- By-pass the payment gateway and forge a financial transaction with max amount.
- Transfer Money/amount from any user's wallet to attacker's wallet.
- By-pass the authentication verification via JWT.

## 2.2 Recommendations Summary:

Based on our assessment, it was observed that the major concerns with regard to XYZ Web application pertains to improper implementation of input validation. This issue affects across most of the business functionalities\ APIs\ endpoints.

- Remove default credential from workflow management console.
- Validate user input at client-side and server-side both.
- Implement output encoding.
- Implement CSRF token for all operation.
- Do not send user password (even encrypted password) to end user.
- Enforce proper authentication for end users and validate the user tokens (via JWT & OAuth)
- Validate the Access privilege of end users prior to every action.
- Ensure the sensitive data is stored and transmitted securely. Avoid exposing to end user.





## 2.3 Findings Summary < Indicative >

Vulnerability Name	Status	Severity
Potential data breach of Financial transaction details	Open	Critical
User Account Take-Over	Open	Critical
OTP Verification Bypass	Open	Critical
Admin Email Account Hijack	Open	Critical
Account Compromise Using Response Modification	Open	Critical
Stored Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)	Open	Critical
Unauthorized Access to User Head (Private) Picture	Open	High
Formula Injection	Open	High
Reflected Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)	Open	High
Encryption Not Enforced	Open	High
SMS Flooding	Open	High
Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)	Open	Medium
Insufficient Session Expiry after Logout	Open	Medium
Excessive Session Token Time out Duration	Open	Medium
Verbose Error Message	Open	Medium
Insecure Local Storage (Android/iOS)	Open	Low
Clickjacking	Open	Low
TLSv1.0 Supported	Open	Low
PhpMyAdmin is Accessible to Public User	Open	Low
Authentication Missing	Open	Low
Data Not Validated for Semantic Correctness	Open	Low
Multiple Registration	Open	Low
Vulnerable PHP Version	Open	Low
Information Disclosure	Open	Informational



# 3. Detailed Vulnerability Report

Given Below is the detailed description of all the identified vulnerabilities, their impact from attackers point of view, steps to reproduce and the fix recommendations.

pre-requisite: It is required to have the basic configuration setup for the mobile application to reproduce these issues. We used proxy tool called **Burp Suite** to capture the all communication (API calls) from mobile application to the remote server. Help guide can be accessed from this link - <a href="https://support.portswigger.net/customer/portal/articles/1841101-configuring-an-android-device-to-work-with-burp">https://support.portswigger.net/customer/portal/articles/1841101-configuring-an-android-device-to-work-with-burp</a>. This burp proxy tool is used to view/ modify all the HTTP request/response between mobile application and server.



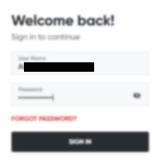


## 3.1 Potential data breach of Financial transaction details:

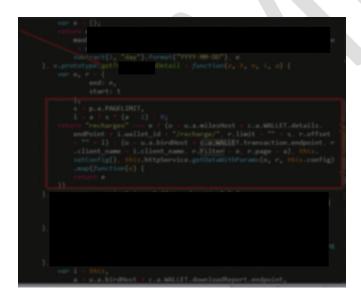
XYZ consulting being India's leading XXX services company has delivered more than XXXM orders. During this assessment it was identified that it is possible to compromise millions of Financial transaction details. It is identified that there could be potentially **1,XX,XXX** transaction records over the last one year alone.

## **Step-by-step exploitation:**

• **Step 1:** Logged in to az.XYZ.com as a normal privileged user.

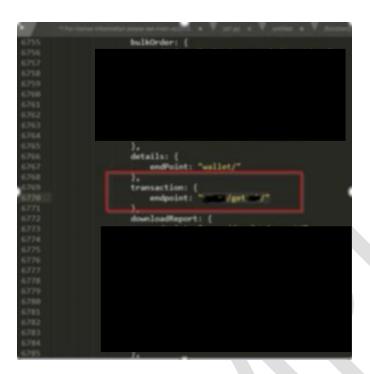


• **Step 2:** Analyzed the calls and reviewed the Javascript code to Identified the function getXXXDetail with the required parameters – **Note** that it calls 'XYZt'.





• Step 2: Scanned through and identified the 'XYZHost' – which contains transaction web endpoint.

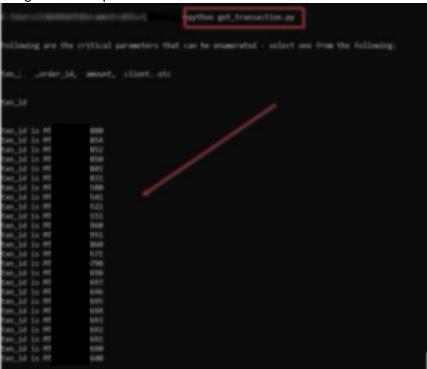


• **Step 3:** Once we identified the API for obtaining transaction details, triggered the request to abc.XYZ.com/asdasdfp/getdata.





• **Step 4:** Manipulated the 'XXX\_name' parameters and Enumerated the critical transaction details using custom scripts.



• Given below is the screenshot of just few sample transactions records that we extracted for POC. As you can see, we got the XYZ # and other sensitive details, which we will use in further exploitation





## 3.2 User Account Take-Over

**Severity: Critical** 

## **Description:**

The application uses refresh token API to get valid JWT token for a user. As an attacker, it is possible to abuse the refresh token functionality and generate a new valid token of any user by only supplying target user mobile number. This can allow an attacker to hijack any user account by manipulating a mobile number.

## **Steps to Re-produce:**

#### Scenario 1:

**Step 1**: Fired "XXX SSS" request from attacker device and replaced the XXX-ID with Victim's ID but manipulated the contactNo to Attacker's mobile number. This successfully generates and sends OTP to attacker's mobile number.



**Step 2**: Using the received OTP, attacker can now update the victim's account with attacker mobile number.





**Step 3**: Since the mobile number is updated. Victim will no longer receive any messages. Attacker can now trigger the forgot password functionality for which the OTP will be send to attacker mobile number, allowing the attacker to completely hijack the victim's account.

#### Affected URIs\ APIs:

S.no	Affected URL	Parameter
1	XXXX/change/Contactno	contactNo
2	XXXX/refreshToken/contactNo	contactNo

**Current Status: Fixed** 

#### **Fix Recommendation:**

Implement Proper authentication and Authorization Controls for each user.



## 3.3 User Account Takeover - OTP Verification Bypass

## **Severity: Critical**

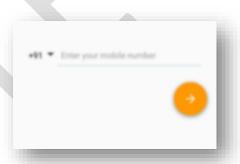
## **Issue Description:**

XYZ Consulting application has implemented OTP to validate/ authenticate end user to the application. It is possible for an attacker to brute force this 4-digit pin using automated tool and succeed this pin verification. Due to this flaw, attacker can completely take-over the identity of any individual user account by just knowing their mobile number.

## **Steps to Re-produce:**

**Step 1:** Users enters the mobile number to login.

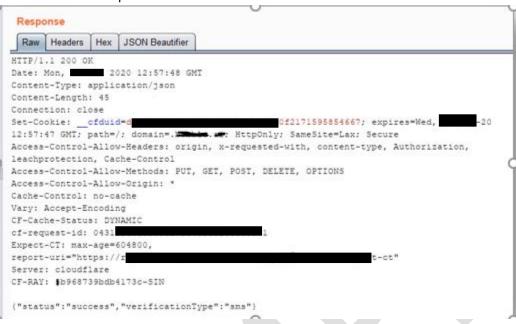
**Step 2:** GenerateCode request is triggered to the server which in the backend generates and sends OTP to end customer and the success response can be seen.







Success Response:

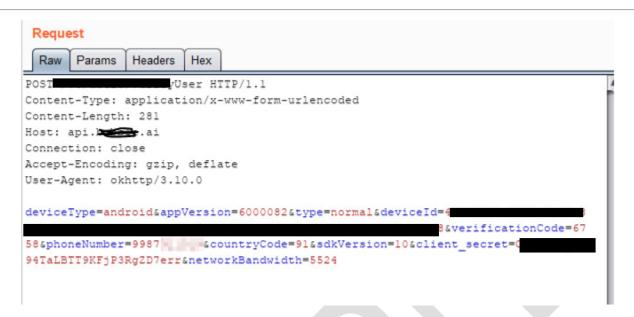


**Step 3:** As a next step, end user is requested to verify using the OTP sent via SMS.

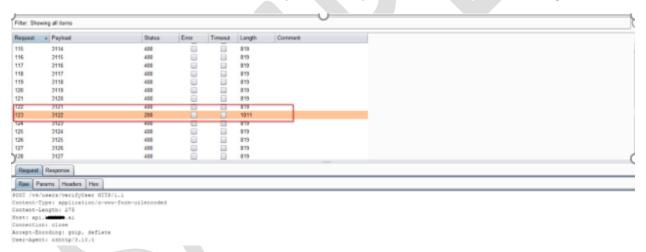


**Step 4:** When User enters the OTP, the verify user request is intercepted, OTP parameter is found to be 4 digit value that can be easily brute-forced.





**Step 5:** Performed brute force to identify the valid 4 digit OTP. The valid OTP is identified as shown in the below screenshot with 200 OK success response. (Also please note the difference in length).



Hence this allows us to brute force OTP and authenticate into any user's account using their mobile number.

## **Fix Recommendation:**

Limit the OTP failure attempts to max 3 or 5 user attempts (as per business requirements) without affecting the user experience. Invalidate the old OTP and issue a new OTP after user is locked out. If possible, mandate the mobile application to implement 6 digit OTP validation.



## 3.4 Admin Email Account Hijack

**Severity: Critical** 

## **Description:**

The application uses the API - "XYZapiserver/rest/QSUser/Profile/multivehicle" to get the complete user account details and configuration to be stored on the client side/mobile for any future communications. It was observed that, the response carries several critical sensitive information about backend admin details and most concerning is gmail user name and password of backend admin and user account for handling expetion logs. Using this credentials, as an attacker it is possible to login to the Admin gmail account and access the sensitive mails.

## **Steps to Re-produce:**

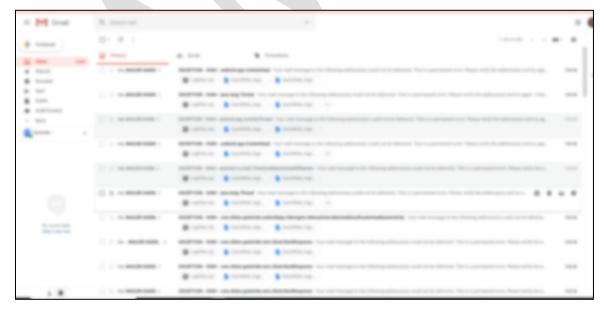
**Step 1**: Attacker fires the XYZ API request to the server which renders complete user information including Admin Gmail Account Credentials.





```
"clientConfiguartionVersion": 38,
"googleApiKey": "
                                             SSWpTsU",
"vehiclMaxFare": 5.0,
"maxTimeEmergency": 900000,
"timeDelayEmergency": 300000,
"noOfAdvano
"groupMatchingThreshold":
"emailForSupport":
                  "support
          faultPercentageR
           aultPercentage
                                   ": 70.
           PercentageRater": 5,
         PercentagePassenger": 5,
           PercentageRider": 100,
           PercentForFindingMatches": 70,
"dontDisturbFromTime": "2200",
"dontDisturbToTime": "0600",
"transferMaximumNu
"maxTransferTransactionsPerDay": 5,
"freeBideValidityPeriod": 30,
"banner&dId": "ca-a
                                                534".
"interstitial&dId": "ca-app-pub-67
                                           65/2810930336",
"exeptionEmail&ccountUserName": "@
                                                    πυθυππί1.com",
"exeptionEmail&ccountPassword": "Qui
"exeptionEmail&ccountToSend": "defect@@
                                             .in",
"bonusPointsFor
"adminAccountUserName": "
"adminAccountPassword": "_____,
"verificationSupportMail": "verificationsupport
"paytmServiceFee": 0,
"offersUrl": "http://
"ola_xAppToken":
"gstNo": "GSTIN # :
                             Private Limited",
"companyName": ":
```

**Step 2**: The attacker can successfully login to the Gmail account and access all admin sensitive emails and data using this captured credentials. It will also be possible to reset the password and takeover the account – but it was not attempted in this test to ensure it does not affect operations. Admin Gmail Access:





## Affected URIs\ APIs:

S.no	Affected URL	Parameter
1	XYZapiserver/rest/QSUser/Profile/mxsy	NA

**Current Status: Open** 

## **Fix Recommendation:**

Do not expose Sensitive credentials in the client Request/ Responses. This will allow any attacker to completely compromise the data.





## 3.5 Account Compromise Using Response Modification

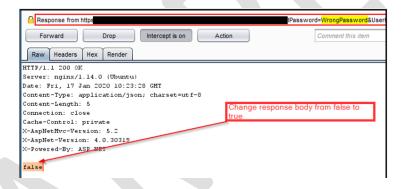
**Severity: Critical** 

#### **Description:**

During the security testing it was observe that the application is having critical logical issues in password change functionality. User can reset password of any user without knowing the current password of victim user. Password change request validation is handled at the clien- side, Which can be bypassed as shown in below steps

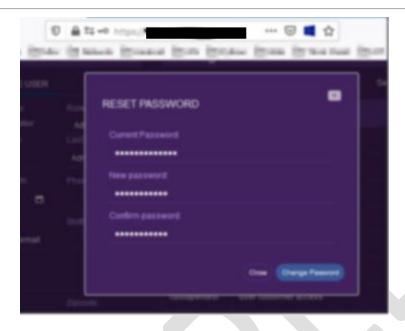
## **Steps to Re-produce:**

**Step 1**: Login to the application using "Customer Access" user. Navigate to "Preferences" -> "User Preferences" -> "Manage Users". Select any user and click on edit icon. Click on reset password. Enter any random value (eg. WrongPassword) in current password input field. Intercept the response. Change the response from 'False' to 'true' and forward the request.



Step 3: Enter password in new and confirm password and click on "change password" button.





**Step 4:** Note that application respond with "True" message, hence password has been set. Try to login with new password and note that user account has been compromise.



## Affected URIs\ APIs:

S.no	Affected URL	Parameter
1.	https://test.XYZdemo.com/Users/ManagePsw	Password



## **Current Status: Open**

Note: Architecture of password reset functionality has been changed, Now any user who has right to manage user can reset the password without knowing the current password.

## **Fix Recommendation:**

Application should validate user's password at the server side at the time of changing password of user. Do not rely on the data that is sent to the end users via response to perform validations.





## 3.6 Stored Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

**Severity: Critical** 

#### **Description:**

A Stored Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) vulnerability occurs when a web application sends stored strings that were provided by an attacker to a victim's browser in such a way that the browser executes part of the string as code. The string contains malicious data and is initially stored server-side, often in the application's database. The application later retrieves the malicious data and inserts it into a web page. This results in the victim's browser executing the attacker's code within a legitimate user's session.

Stored Cross-Site Scripting vulnerabilities give the attacker control of HTML and JavaScript running the user's browser. The attack can alter page content with malicious HTML or JavaScript code. The attacker can arbitrarily alter page content displayed to the victim and can execute application functions using the victim's application identity if the victim is authenticated to the application. An often cited example use of a Stored Cross-Site is where the attacker sends himself/herself the victim's session identifier. With this session identifier, the attacker can then perform application functions using that user's identity for the duration of that session.

## **Steps to Re-produce:**

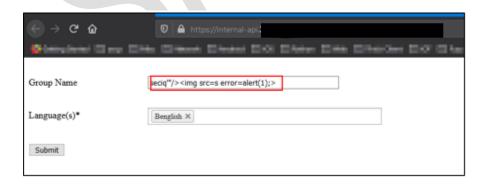
#### Instance 1:

Step 1: (Attacker)

Login to the the dashboard application.

Navigate to Manage Language Group. Enter the following payload in "XXX Name" input field. Click on "Submit" button.

Payload: "/><img src=s error=alert(1);>



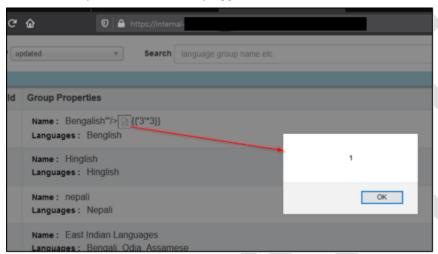


Step 2: Note that Javascript payload has been saved.

Step 3: (Victim)

Login to the the dashboard application. Navigate to Manage Group and note that javascript has been excuted.

Note: Instead of just message, An attacker can retrieve session cookie, redirect user or execute any malicious script such as install keylogger.



## Affected URIs\ APIs:

S. No.	Affected URL / Payload	Parameters
1	https://internal-api.XYZConsultingapp.in/v4/XYZ ConsultingGroups/9	XXX_XXX_name
	Payload: <img onerror='alert("Pawned");' src="s"/>	
2	https://internal-	XXX[],
	api.XYZConsultingapp.in/v4/XYZConsultingAnimationPacks/storeAnimatio	XXX[0][XXXTags][
	<u>nPackInformation</u>	],
	Payload: "/> <img onerror='alert("xss");' src="s"/>	
3	https://internal-	XXX[0][XXXrTags]
	api.XYZConsultingapp.in/v4/Categories/storePackMetaInformation	
	Payload: "/> <img onerror='alert("xss");' src="s"/>	

Note: This flaws is vulnerable throughout the dashboard application. It is recommended to implement input validation and output encoding in all user input field.

**Current Status: Open** 



#### **Fix Recommendation:**

Stored Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) is prevented by encoding data before inserting it into the generated web page. Each character of the data is encoded and the result string is then inserted onto the generated web page. This technique of encoding values before inserting them on the web page is called "Output Encoding". Output Encoding libraries exist for most popular programming languages and frameworks.

A web page has seven different output contexts and each output context requires a different encoding scheme. Data must be encoded using the proper scheme. The seven different encoding schemes are:

- HTML Text Element
- HTML Attribute
- URL Parameter
- JavaScript Literal
- HTML Comment
- HTTP Header
- CSS Property

For example, the characters: <, >, ", ' are encoded as &#60;, &#62;, &#34;, &#39; for when those characters are inserted into an HTML Text Element. When those characters are inserted as a URL Parameter, the same characters are encoded as %3C, %3E, %22, %27.

Libraries for implementing the encoding schemes exist for most popular programming languages.

- OWASP Java Encoder: Java only
- Microsoft Web Protection Library: .NET languages
- Ruby escapeHTML() only supports HTML Text Encoding
- Jgencoder in JQuery: for preventing DOM-based XSS

Green field projects can consider the use of other technologies:

- Google Capabilities based JavaScript CAJA
- OWASP JXT— automatically encodes string data with the proper encoding Input validation is often recommended as a way to mitigate stored cross-site scripting. It is insufficient, however, because two separate applications are often involved: the first stores the malicious string and a second application generates the web page. The application generating the page cannot assume that the application storing the value has filtered out malicious data. In cases where a single application retrieves, stores, and redisplays data to the user, input validation can be used to prevent cross-site scripting only when the data has a strict syntactic format, such as numeric values and dates. Any application inputs which must accept arbitrary data would remain vulnerable.

Note: It is recommeded to implement input validation in all input field



## 3.7 Unauthorized Access to User Private data & files

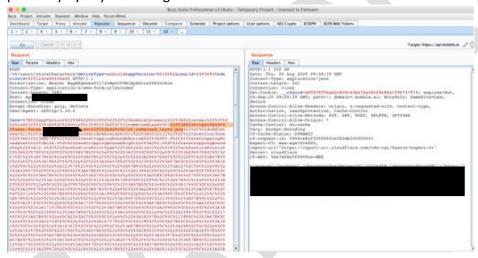
**Severity: High** 

#### **Description:**

During the security testing it was observed that XYZ Consulting Mobile application has functionality to upload user's prfile picture. This user profile picture can be marked as private. However, we found that it is possible to bypass the authorization and accessible sticker head of another user without any authentication.

#### **Steps to Re-produce:**

**Step 1:** Captured the API request storeCharacters and notice the url referncing to your head image <a href="https://xxxs.XYZConsultingapp.int/5f2bd2fc0as272f\_usr\_layer.png">https://xxxs.XYZConsultingapp.int/5f2bd2fc0as272f\_usr\_layer.png</a>. Note this image can be accessed publically by any user using this link.



**Step 2**: Modified the Image Id value with another user's valid profile image ID and it is possible to retrieve different user's image.

## Affected URIs\ APIs:

S.no	Affected URL	Parameter
1	https://internal-api.XYZConsultingapp.in/v4/users/storeImage	profilexxx

#### **Current Status: Open**

#### **Fix Recommendation:**

Implement proper authorization check in all functionality at the server side to restrict access of private images.



# 1. Appendix:

- **OWASP**: The Open Web Application Security Project is an online community that produces freely-available articles, methodologies, documentation, tools, and technologies in the field of web & Mobile application security.
- **Burp-Suite**: Burp or Burp Suite is a graphical tool for testing Web and mobile application security. The tool is written in Java and developed by PortSwigger Web Security. It works as a web proxy and helps in performing manual exploitations.
- Mobile Security Guide: The OWASP Mobile Security Project is a centralized resource intended to give developers and security teams the resources they need to build and maintain secure mobile applications.

https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Mobile Top 10 2016-Top 10

