Infosecotb.com with vMeNext Threat Model

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Executive Summary

High level system description

Infosecotb.com is a professional cybersecurity blog hosted on WordPress through BlueHost. The blog serves as a platform for sharing insights, articles, and resources related to information security, targeting cybersecurity professionals and enthusiasts.

Website Structure:
- Content Management System (CMS): Built on WordPress, allowing for easy content creation, management, and publishing.
- User Interaction: Features such as chatbot, comments, contact forms, and newsletter subscriptions that facilitate user engagement.
- Categorized Content: Articles are organized into categories based on topics

Functionality:
- Article Publishing: Regularly updated with new blog posts that include technical guides, best practices, and industry insights.
- Search Functionality: Allows users to search for specific topics or articles.
- Social Media Integration: Links to social media platforms for sharing and promoting content.
- vMeNext AI powered chatbot

User Types:
- Visitors: General users seeking information on cybersecurity topics.
- Administrators: Individuals with backend access for managing content, settings, and website security.

Technical Environment:
- Hosting: Utilizes BlueHost for hosting, which provides shared or dedicated server resources.
- Plugins and Themes: Employs various WordPress plugins for enhanced functionality (e.g., SEO, analytics, security).
- Database: Relies on a MySQL database for storing content, user information, and site settings.
- vMeNext chatbot published using iFrames

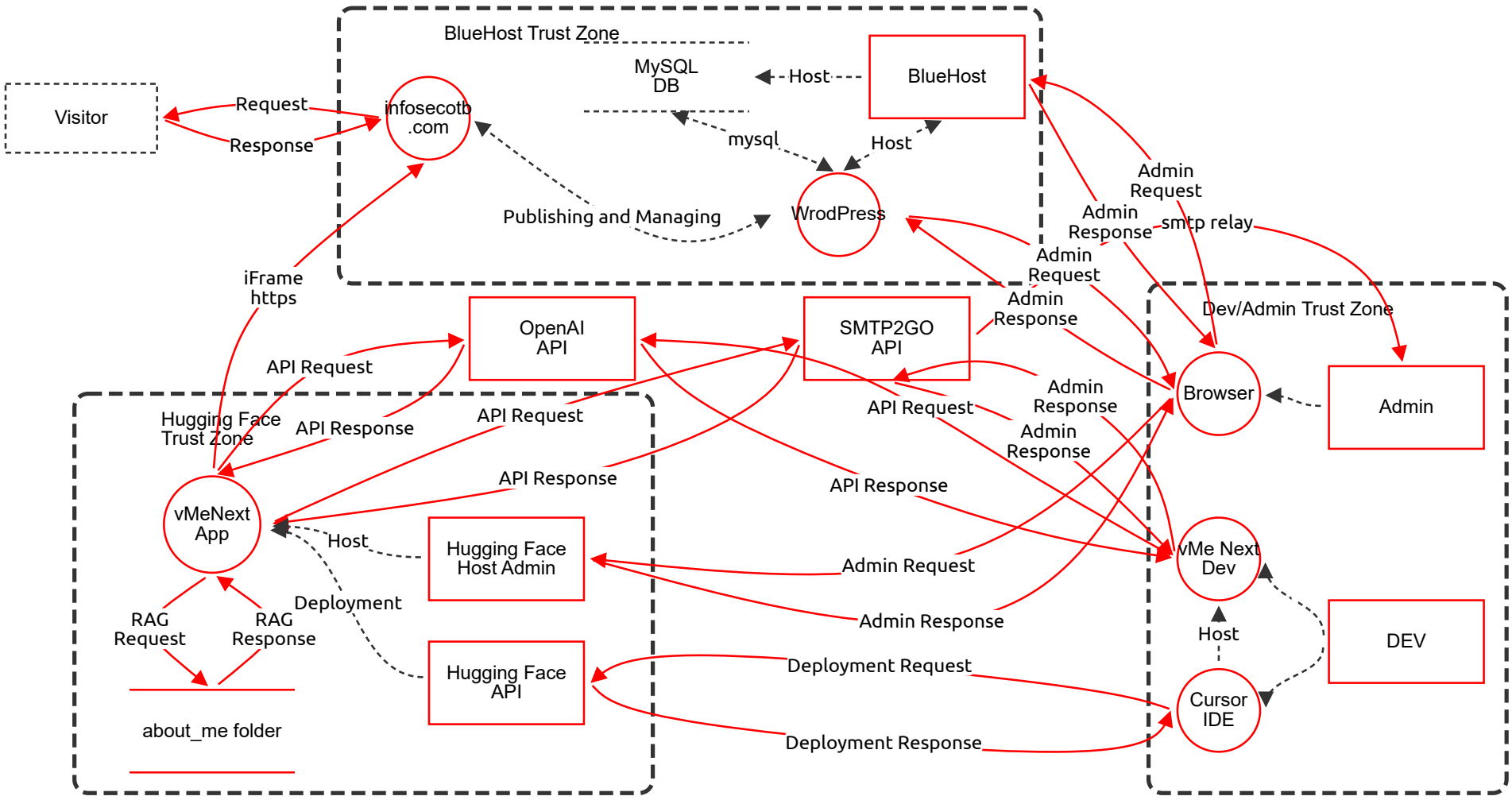
vMeNext is a comprehensive AI-powered chatbot system designed to serve as an intelligent interface for blog content and website management. Built with modern Python technologies, it combines the power of OpenAI's GPT models with automated web scraping, monitoring, and user engagement features.

Key Capabilities:
- Intelligent Conversations: Powered by OpenAI's latest GPT models for natural, context-aware responses
- Blog Content Integration: Automatic scraping, processing, and summarization of blog posts
- Website Monitoring: Continuous availability checking with real-time alerts
- Document Processing: Support for multiple file formats (PDF, DOCX, TXT, MD)
- User Engagement: Automated email notifications and contact management
- Analytics Dashboard: Website uptime statistics with visualizations

Summary

Total Threats	50
Total Mitigated	0
Total Open	50
Open / Critical Severity	0
Open / High Severity	31
Open / Medium Severity	19
Open / Low Severity	0

Infosecotb.com with vMeNext Diagram



Infosecotb.com with vMeNext Diagram

Visitor (Actor) - *Out of Scope*

Reason for out of scope:

Description: Visitor connecting to infosecotb.com using a browser

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations

vMeNext App (Process)

Description: Gradio ChatBot Python Application with RAG Running on Hugging Face Space

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Unauthorized API key use / Spoofed API client	Spoofing	High	Open		vMeNext App process is running inside the Hugging Face Trust Zone and issues API requests to external services (OpenAI API). Flows from the vMeNext App traverse public networks (API Request/Response flows are marked isPublicNetwork=true). If API keys or tokens stored/used by vMeNext App are compromised or inadequately rotated, an attacker can spoof the application/client to external APIs, causing data exfiltration or abuse billed to the project.	Protect secrets with a secure secrets manager (do not hard-code keys in app code or repo); use short-lived credentials and rotate keys regularly; require mutual authentication (mTLS) or IP allowlisting for API access; enforce least privilege on API keys and monitor usage anomalies.
	Information disclosure via external API prompts	Information Disclosure	High	Open		vMeNext App sends RAG requests and other prompt context (including files from the about_me folder) over public networks to external AI services. The layout shows vMeNext App inside the Hugging Face Trust Zone making public API calls (isPublicNetwork=true). This risks leaking sensitive or private content from the about_me folder or other context to third-party models.	Sanitize and redact sensitive content before including in prompts; minimize sent context (only include necessary excerpts); use client-side anonymization; document and enforce a data classification policy; where possible use provider contractual controls and data residency options.

about_me folder (Store)

Description: Folder with documents read by Python application and provided to AI ChatBot as a prompt context.

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Local document tampering (integrity compromise)	Tampering	Medium	Open		about_me folder store contains documents read by the Python application and provided as prompt context to the vMeNext App. The store is not marked as encrypted (isEncrypted=false) and is colocated inside the Hugging Face Trust Zone with the vMeNext App. An attacker with access to the host or deployment pipeline could modify or replace documents, causing the chatbot to serve incorrect or malicious prompts.	Enforce host filesystem protections and access controls; enable at-rest encryption; validate file integrity with signatures or checksums; restrict write access to a minimal set of service accounts; monitor file changes and alert on suspicious modifications.

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Sensitive data disclosure from stored documents	Information Disclosure	High	Open		about_me folder stores prompt documents used by vMeNext App and is not encrypted (isEncrypted=false). Because vMeNext App transmits document content over public API flows to third-party models, sensitive information in these documents could be exposed externally.	Classify and redact sensitive information before storage; encrypt the storage at rest; restrict who can upload documents; implement DLP checks that scan for secrets/PII before they become part of the prompt context.

DEV (Actor)

Description: vMeNext Application Developer

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Developer credential compromise and impersonation	Spoofing	High	Open		DEV (vMeNext Application Developer) has access to development and deployment flows (Cursor IDE, vMe Next Dev). The diagram shows developer actors interacting with deployment and admin interfaces (Deployment Request/Response flows). If developer credentials are compromised or reused, an attacker can impersonate the developer and deploy malicious code or change configuration.	Enforce MFA for all developer and admin accounts; use unique enterprise SSO accounts with strong auth policies; do not use shared accounts; apply role-based access control (RBAC) limiting deployment privileges; require code review and signed deployments.
	Repudiation of deployment actions	Repudiation	Medium	Open		DEV performs deployment and administrative actions via Cursor IDE and Hugging Face APIs. Without strong audit trails tied to individual identities, malicious or accidental changes may be repudiated (no reliable non-repudiation evidence). Layout shows deployment flows crossing to Hugging Face APIs.	Enable audit logging on deployment and admin APIs; retain logs centrally and protect them from tampering; require signed commits and CI/CD provenance; correlate deployment events with user identity via SSO.

Cursor IDE (Process)

Description: Cursor IDE used for developing and running vMe Next Dev application and deploying on Hugging Face Space

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Supply-chain / deployment tampering	Tampering	High	Open		Cursor IDE is used for developing and running the vMe Next Dev application and deploying to the Hugging Face Space. Deployment Request/Response flows from Cursor IDE cross public networks to Hugging Face APIs (Deployment Request marked isPublicNetwork=true, isEncrypted=true). If the deployment channel or CI artifacts are tampered with (e.g., via compromised developer workstation or compromised build artifacts), malicious code can be deployed to production.	Harden developer workstations; require reproducible builds, signed artifacts, and verified CI/CD pipelines; restrict deployment permissions and use ephemeral build credentials; validate deployment artifacts after transfer.
	Credential leakage in deployment requests	Information Disclosure	High	Open		Cursor IDE issues Deployment Request flows to Hugging Face API over public networks. If credentials or tokens used by Cursor IDE are stored insecurely (in code or local config), they can be leaked during transit or via compromised development hosts.	Use short-lived deployment tokens from a secure vault; do not store secrets in local files or repositories; require mTLS where supported; monitor for suspicious token use.

infosecotb .com (Process)

Description: InfoSec Outside The Box Cybersecurity Blog created and managed with WordPress CMS with vMeNext AI powered chatbot added using iFrame

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	WordPress compromise and content tampering	Tampering	High	Open		infosecotb .com process is the WordPress site hosting the vMeNext chatbot iFrame. It receives HTTPS Requests from the public internet (Request/Response flows are isPublicNetwork=true, isEncrypted=true). WordPress and its plugins/themes are common targets — a compromise could allow content tampering, malicious script injection into the site or iFrame embedding.	Keep WordPress core, plugins and themes up-to-date; remove unused plugins; enforce principle of least privilege for admin accounts; use a Web Application Firewall (WAF); enable automated integrity monitoring for site files; enable secure headers (CSP, X-Frame-Options where appropriate).
	Cross-site content leakage via iFrame embedding	Information Disclosure	Medium	Open		infosecotb .com embeds the vMeNext chatbot via an iFrame. The iFrame flow shown (iFrame https) indicates the vMeNext App content is included in the site. If page or iFrame configuration is insecure (e.g., improper sandboxing or lacking X-Frame-Options/CSP), sensitive data in chatbot responses may be exposed to the host page or other frames.	Apply iframe sandbox attributes to restrict capabilities; set appropriate CSP and X-Frame-Options; isolate sensitive UI interactions; avoid exposing auth tokens or secrets via parent page context.

iFrame https (Data Flow)

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Unencrypted iFrame transport or mismatched configuration	Information Disclosure	High	Open		iFrame https flow connects vMeNext App to the infosecotb .com site. The flow data shows isEncrypted=false although the label suggests HTTPS. This mismatch indicates a configuration risk: if the iFrame is delivered without TLS or the embedding page downgrades transport, chat content and session data could be exposed in transit between the host page and the embedded app.	Ensure end-to-end TLS for iframe content; configure the site to load embedded content only over HTTPS; set HSTS on the host; verify that iframe src uses https and that intermediate proxies do not strip TLS.
	Clickjacking / DOM-based tampering via iframe	Tampering	Medium	Open		The iFrame connection allows the host page to control or overlay UI around the chatbot. Without iframe sandboxing and proper headers, the parent page could tamper with UI or inject scripts/overlays that alter user input shown to vMeNext App.	Use iframe sandbox attributes; set X-Frame-Options and CSP to restrict framing; validate postMessage communication and origin checks; minimize sensitive actions within framed contexts.

(Data Flow) *- Out of Scope*

Reason for out of scope:

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Host (Data Flow) - *Out of Scope*

Reason for out of scope:

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations

RAG Request (Data Flow)

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Duplicate: (already listed) RAG request includes sensitive context	Information Disclosure	High	Open		This flow (RAG Request) is already assessed for sensitive context leakage from vMeNext App to about_me folder; see associated mitigations to redact/sanitize content before use and restrict document indexing.	See associated mitigations: sanitize/redact, store encryption, DLP scanning, least privilege.

RAG Response (Data Flow)

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Duplicate: (already listed) RAG response disclosure	Information Disclosure	High	Open		This flow (RAG Response) is already assessed for potential disclosure of sensitive content from about_me folder to vMeNext App and onward. Ensure response filtering and redaction controls are in place.	See associated mitigations: output filters, redact PII, logging controls.

mysql (Data Flow) - *Out of Scope*

Reason for out of scope: Managed by BlueHost

Description: Managed and secured by BlueHost

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations

smtp relay (Data Flow)

Description: E-mail sent to administrator

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Email content disclosure and spoofing	Information Disclosure	High	Open		smtp relay flow (SMTP) is used to send e-mail to administrator via SMTP2GO API and is marked isPublicNetwork=true, isEncrypted=true (but SMTP flows may traverse multiple relays). Email bodies (Admin notifications) may contain sensitive links or tokens; if relay config or headers are insecure, messages can be intercepted or spoofed.	Ensure TLS is enforced for SMTP (STARTTLS or SMTPS) and verify SMTP server configs; use DKIM, SPF and DMARC to prevent spoofing; avoid sending secrets in email; require tokenized links with short lifetimes and use out-of-band confirmation for critical actions.
	Email relay abuse causing denial of service	Denial of Service	Medium	Open		smtp relay is exposed to the public network (isPublicNetwork=true). If the SMTP2GO API or admin notification functionality is abused (spamming or mass notifications), it can lead to service degradation or blocking by email providers.	Rate-limit email generation; implement abuse detection and throttling; require authentication and use quotas for API calls; monitor bounce/complaint rates and apply backoff.

API Response (Data Flow)

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	API response tampering / MITM risk if TLS misconfigured	Tampering	Medium	Open		API Response flow to vMeNext App is marked isEncrypted=true and isPublicNetwork=true, but if TLS is misconfigured, an attacker could tamper with API responses (SMTP2GO or other APIs) returned to the app. The layout shows external actors returning API responses across public networks.	Enforce strong TLS configurations (TLS1.2+/1.3), validate certificates, enable certificate pinning where feasible, and verify response signatures where provided by APIs.
	Information disclosure in API response payloads	Information Disclosure	Medium	Open		API Response payloads delivered to vMeNext App may include user data or operational details. Because these responses cross public networks and are consumed by the app, sensitive fields could be exposed if logging or error handling leaks them.	Apply minimal data principles on responses (only return required fields); redact or encrypt sensitive fields; avoid logging full response bodies; secure logging storage.

API Request (Data Flow)

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	API request forgery / credential theft	Spoofing	High	Open		API Request flows from vMeNext App to external APIs traverse public networks (isPublicNetwork=true). If an attacker obtains API credentials or forges requests, they can cause unauthorized actions or data exfiltration. The diagram shows multiple API Request flows crossing trust zones to external actors.	Use short-lived API tokens and vault-backed secrets; restrict tokens to specific APIs and scopes; employ mutual TLS or other strong client authentication; monitor and alert on anomalous API usage.

Admin Response (Data Flow)

Description: SMTP2GO Administration

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Admin response replay or injection	Repudiation	High	Open		Admin Response flows (WordPress/SMTP/Hugging Face administration) return data across public networks (isPublicNetwork=true, isEncrypted=true). Without strong request/response authenticity and auditing, administrative actions or responses can be replayed or disputed, enabling attackers to hide or deny changes.	Implement request signing for critical admin actions; enable immutable audit logs with tamper-evident storage; require MFA for admin operations; use anti-replay tokens.

Admin Response (Data Flow)

Description: SMTP2GO Administration

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Admin interface impersonation	Spoofing	High	Open		Admin Response flows between management consoles (e.g., SMTP2GO and BlueHost) traverse public networks. If attackers spoof admin interfaces or intercept admin communications, they can trick admins into revealing credentials or approving unsafe changes.	Use SSO with enforced MFA for all admin consoles; enforce strict domain/URL validation; educate admins on phishing; use browser isolation for admin tasks.

API Request (Data Flow)

Description: OpenAI API Request

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Sensitive prompt leakage to third-party AI	Information Disclosure	High	Open		API Request labeled OpenAI API Request originates from vMe Next Dev (and/or vMeNext App) and crosses public networks (isPublicNetwork=true, isEncrypted=true). Prompts and context sent to OpenAI may include confidential information from local stores (about_me folder) and developer environment, risking leakage to third-party systems.	Limit and redact data included in OpenAI prompts; use classification to block sending PII or secrets; consider self-hosted or private models if sensitive; use provider agreements that limit data retention and enable opt-out where applicable.
	API key compromise enabling external impersonation	Spoofing	High	Open		OpenAI API Request flows are over public networks and rely on API keys. If keys from vMe Next Dev are compromised (in source, CI, or dev environment), attackers can impersonate the application and call the OpenAI API causing data exposure or unexpected charges.	Do not store API keys in repos; use vaults and short-lived keys; monitor for anomalous consumption; enforce per-key quotas and IP restrictions where possible.

API Request (Data Flow)

Description: OpenAI API Request

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Insecure API request from app to AI service	Tampering	Medium	Open		API Request from vMeNext App to OpenAI is marked isEncrypted=true, isPublicNetwork=true. If TLS/endpoint validation is weak or proxying occurs, requests could be modified in transit or leaked via intermediate proxies.	Validate certificates and enforce strict TLS settings; perform endpoint hostname verification; use mTLS where supported; avoid sending secrets in query params.

API Response (Data Flow)

Description: OpenAI API Response

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Malicious or manipulated AI responses	Tampering	Medium	Open		API Response from OpenAI to vMeNext App arrives across public networks (isPublicNetwork=true). The app consumes generated content; if the model or its provider is compromised or returned outputs are manipulated, the app could surface incorrect or malicious content to users.	Validate AI outputs with safety filters; apply content moderation and output sanitization; present AI responses with disclaimers for critical operations; implement rate-limits and output anomaly detection.

Deployment (Data Flow) *- Out of Scope*

Reason for out of scope:

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations

Host (Data Flow) *- Out of Scope*

Reason for out of scope:

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations

Response (Data Flow)

Description: Response from infosecotb.com website including vMeNext chatbot

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Admin console exposure across trust boundary	Elevation of Privilege	High	Open		Response flows cross from trust boundaries (Hugging Face Trust Zone to Dev/Admin Trust Zone). The Response element indicates admin traffic arriving into the Dev/Admin Trust Zone. If administrative APIs or consoles are exposed without strict controls, attackers can escalate privileges when admin responses contain tokens or session data.	Isolate admin consoles behind VPN or bastion hosts; enforce MFA and least privilege for admin accounts; restrict admin console IP ranges; obfuscate or limit sensitive data in admin responses; enforce strict session management.

Publishing and Managing (Data Flow) *- Out of Scope*

Reason for out of scope: Managed and secured by BlueHost

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations

Request (Data Flow)

Description: Request to infosecotb.com website including vMeNext chatbot

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Replay or tampering of public requests	Tampering	Medium	Open		Request from infosecotb .com originates at the public boundary (isPublicNetwork=true). Attackers may replay or tamper with HTTP requests (e.g., modify parameters) to exploit application logic if anti-replay and input validation are insufficient.	Use CSRF protection for forms and APIs, include nonces/timestamps for sensitive operations, validate server-side inputs, and use rate-limiting.

Host (Data Flow) *- Out of Scope*

Reason for out of scope:

Description: Managed by BlueHost

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations

Host (Data Flow) *- Out of Scope*

Reason for out of scope: Managed and secured by BlueHost

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations

Admin Response (Data Flow)

Description: WordPress Administration

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Admin response disclosure from WordPress admin	Information Disclosure	High	Open		Admin Response flows from WordPress Administration to BlueHost or other management actors are over public networks (isPublicNetwork=true). Administrative responses may contain sensitive metadata or tokens; if intercepted or logged improperly, this can reveal privileged information.	Ensure admin endpoints use TLS with strict validation; avoid including secrets in admin responses; protect logs and limit access; rotate admin tokens regularly.

Admin Request (Data Flow)

Description: WordPress Administration

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Admin request brute-force or credential stuffing	Denial of Service	High	Open		Admin Request flows (WordPress Administration) are exposed on public networks (isPublicNetwork=true). Attackers may perform credential stuffing or brute-force attempts against admin login endpoints, leading to account compromise or temporary lockouts (denial of admin access).	Enforce strong authentication (MFA), rate limiting, account lockout policies, IP-based throttling, and use CAPTCHA or adaptive authentication on admin endpoints; monitor for anomalous login attempts.

Admin Request (Data Flow)

Description: BlueHost Administration

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	BlueHost admin interface impersonation / phishing	Spoofing	High	Open		Admin Request to BlueHost travels over public networks to BlueHost administration endpoints (isPublicNetwork=true, isEncrypted=true). If BlueHost admin sessions or URLs are spoofed or phishing pages are used, administrators may reveal credentials or approval actions leading to compromise.	Use SSO with strong MFA for hosting provider consoles; validate host certificates and bookmarks; educate admins about phishing; use provider-specific security features (SCIM, permission boundaries) and monitor provider console activity.

Admin Response (Data Flow)

Description: BlueHost Administration

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Compromised hosting response metadata	Information Disclosure	Medium	Open		Admin Response flows from BlueHost to the Admin actor cross public networks (isPublicNetwork=true). Hosting responses may include debugging information or metadata that, if leaked, could facilitate attacks against the hosted WordPress site or database.	Harden hosting control panel responses to omit debug info; use tenant isolation features provided by the host; restrict who can view hosting metadata; monitor for suspicious config changes.

Admin Response (Data Flow)

Description: Hugging Face Administration

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Hugging Face admin session compromise	Elevation of Privilege	High	Open		Admin Response and Admin Request flows involve Hugging Face administration endpoints (isPublicNetwork=true, isEncrypted=true). If Hugging Face host admin sessions are compromised, attackers can alter deployments or configuration of vMeNext App inside the Hugging Face Trust Zone, providing elevated privileges to attackers.	Enforce MFA and strong authentication for Hugging Face host admin accounts; limit admin privileges; enable audit logs and IP allowlisting for admin actions; use least privilege service accounts for deployment API calls.

Admin Request (Data Flow)

Description: Hugging Face Administration

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Manipulation of Hugging Face admin requests	Tampering	Medium	Open		Admin Request flows to Hugging Face are sent over public networks (isPublicNetwork=true). If requests are manipulated or replayed (e.g., via a compromised admin machine), configuration or deployment changes could be executed without authorization.	Use request signing and timestamping; require authenticated API tokens with scoped permissions; verify request origin and integrity; use audit trails to detect unauthorized changes.

Deployment Request (Data Flow)

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Compromise of deployment channel	Elevation of Privilege	High	Open		Deployment Request from Cursor IDE to Hugging Face API crosses public networks (isPublicNetwork=true, isEncrypted=true). If an attacker compromises this channel or the deploying identity, they can elevate privileges by introducing code that grants broader access or backdoors in the deployed application.	Use least-privilege service accounts for deployment; require multi-party approvals for production deployments; sign deployment artifacts and validate signatures in the target environment; log and alert on unexpected deployments.

Deployment Response (Data Flow)

Description: Hugging Face Space Application Deployment

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Tampered deployment responses	Tampering	Medium	Open		Deployment Response from Hugging Face to Cursor IDE is delivered over public networks (isPublicNetwork=true). If deployment responses or status callbacks are manipulated, the developer may assume a successful safe deployment while a malicious artifact was deployed.	Use signed deployment receipts and verify artifact integrity post-deploy; require deployment verification checks and health probes that are cryptographically tied to the artifact identity.

API Response (Data Flow)

Description: OpenAI API Response

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Third-party API response leakage	Information Disclosure	Medium	Open		API Response from OpenAI to vMe Next Dev crosses public networks (isPublicNetwork=true). Responses returned to the development environment may include snippets of sensitive prompts or data which, if logged or stored insecurely, could leak.	Avoid logging full API responses in development; sanitize logs; restrict access to dev environment logs and ensure secure storage; consider separate non-production keys and datasets.

MySQL DB (Store) - *Out of Scope*

Reason for out of scope: Managed by BlueHost

Description: MySQL Database used for WordPress website

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations

Admin (Actor)

Description: System Administrator

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Administrator account compromise	Spoofing	High	Open		Admin (System Administrator) actor interacts with WordPress and other admin interfaces over the public network. The layout shows Admin issuing admin requests (Admin Request flows are isPublicNetwork=true). If the admin account is phished or credentials stolen, attackers can take control of site and hosting resources.	Require enterprise SSO with MFA for all admins; enforce least-privilege roles; separate admin tasks to dedicated hardened machines or bastion hosts; monitor admin activities and enforce just-in-time access controls.
	Lack of non-repudiable admin audit trails	Repudiation	Medium	Open		Admin actions performed by the Admin actor may not be sufficiently logged or tamper-evident. The diagram shows many admin request/response flows across hosting and API services — without robust logs, malicious activities may be repudiated.	Enable centralized immutable audit logging for admin operations; restrict log access and protect logs from tampering; link logs to identity provider events.

vMe Next Dev (Process)

Description: Gradio ChatBot Python Application Development

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Developer environment data leakage	Information Disclosure	High	Open		vMe Next Dev process performs development and may call external APIs (diagram shows API Request to OpenAI). Development environments often contain keys, credentials and sensitive test data. If these are sent to public APIs or left in logs, sensitive data can leak.	Segregate development from production data; use separate non-production API keys; avoid using real PII in dev; store dev secrets in a vault and rotate them frequently; restrict network egress from dev environment where feasible.
	Privilege escalation via development tooling	Elevation of Privilege	Medium	Open		vMe Next Dev is used for building and may interact with deployment APIs. If developer tooling or CI has excessive privileges, a compromise can allow escalation into production resources (deployment to Hugging Face). The layout shows dev tools crossing trust boundaries to deploy code.	Apply least-privilege to CI/CD and dev tools; separate build credentials from deployment credentials; require approvals for production deploys and enforce role separation.

Browser (Process)

Description: Browser used by System Administrator

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Browser-based session hijacking / XSS exposure	Tampering	Medium	Open		Browser process is used by System Administrator to access admin consoles. Admin Request/Response flows occur over public networks. If admin pages or the embedded chatbot contain XSS vulnerabilities or insecure cookies, attackers can hijack sessions in the admin browser.	Harden admin browser environment (use dedicated profile or isolated VM); enable secure cookie flags (HttpOnly, Secure, SameSite); implement CSP and input sanitization; keep browser up-to-date and limit extensions on admin machines.

OpenAI API (Actor)

Description: Artificial Intelligence API secured with a key

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	API consumer impersonation (OpenAI)	Spoofing	High	Open		OpenAI API actor provides AI services to vMeNext components across public networks. If API authentication is weak or keys are leaked, attackers can impersonate legitimate clients or replay requests to the OpenAI API causing data exposure or resource misuse. The model indicates OpenAI provides authentication but traffic is public.	Use provider best practices (rotate keys, restrict usage, use provider-provided IAM where available); monitor API key usage and anomalies; use VPC endpoints or enterprise agreements that limit data retention when possible.
	Information retention by third-party AI provider	Information Disclosure	High	Open		OpenAI API may retain prompts or outputs depending on provider settings. The diagram shows sensitive RAG requests flowing to the OpenAI API from vMeNext and dev environments over public networks, risking long-term retention of confidential prompt content.	Review and configure data retention and opt-out options with the AI provider; avoid sending sensitive content; anonymize or redact data before sending; negotiate contractual protections for sensitive data.

SMTP2GO API (Actor)

Description: E-mail relay hosted system API secured with key

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	API key abuse at email relay	Spoofing	High	Open		SMTP2GO API actor is used to send admin emails and is accessed over public networks. If SMTP2GO API credentials are stolen or leaked (from vMeNext App or other components), attackers can send spoofed emails or use the relay for spam phishing campaigns.	Store SMTP credentials in a vault; use per-environment API keys with limited scope; monitor and alert on unusual send patterns; enforce SPF/DKIM/DMARC for outgoing mail to reduce spoofing impact.
	Email content exposure in transit or downstream	Information Disclosure	Medium	Open		SMTP2GO API transmits emails over the public internet (isPublicNetwork=true). Even if TLS is used, downstream relays or recipients may store sensitive email content; admin notifications containing tokens or PII can be exposed.	Avoid including secrets in email; use encrypted notifications or secure admin dashboards for sensitive alerts; implement end-to-end encrypted notifications where needed.

Hugging Face Host Admin (Actor)

Description: Hugging Face Hosting Administrator Control Panel

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Hosting control plane compromise	Elevation of Privilege	High	Open		Hugging Face Host Admin actor can control deployed spaces. The vMeNext App is inside the Hugging Face Trust Zone. If the host admin account or control plane is compromised, attackers can alter deployed code, environment variables, or escalate privileges within the trust zone.	Limit Host Admin privileges, use RBAC, enable MFA and strong authentication for host admin accounts, restrict admin console access to limited IP ranges, and enable deployment signing and artifact verification.

Hugging Face API (Actor)

Description: Hugging Face Deployment API

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	API abuse or misconfiguration in deployment API	Tampering	Medium	Open		Hugging Face API actor accepts deployment requests (Deployment Request/Response flows are isPublicNetwork=true). Misconfiguration of API endpoints or insufficient authentication can allow attackers to tamper with deployment parameters or replace artifacts.	Enforce strict authentication on deployment APIs (mTLS/strong API tokens); restrict deployment endpoints to authorized accounts; validate and sign deployment artifacts; audit API calls.

BlueHost (Actor)

Description: Administrator access to BlueHost

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Hosting provider account compromise	Spoofing	High	Open		BlueHost actor controls hosting for the WordPress site and MySQL DB. Admin Request/Response flows to BlueHost are over public networks. If BlueHost credentials are compromised, attackers can modify website content, databases, backups, or DNS.	Use enterprise-grade hosting account protections (MFA, SSO), restrict access using ACLs, separate hosting billing accounts from application admin accounts, and enable provider-side security features like two-person controls for critical operations.

WrodPress (Process)

Description: WordPress Content Management System

Number	Title	Type	Severity	Status	Score	Description	Mitigations
	Plugin/theme vulnerability leading to site compromise	Tampering	High	Open		WrodPress (WordPress) process exposes public admin and content endpoints (Admin Request/Response flows). Vulnerable plugins or themes can be exploited to gain code execution or escalate privileges and then tamper with site content or embedded iframe configurations.	Harden WordPress installations: remove unused plugins, apply timely updates, run vulnerability scanning on plugins/themes, use a WAF, and restrict admin access to known IPs or via VPN.
	Information disclosure through misconfigured backups or DB access	Information Disclosure	High	Open		WordPress interacts with managed MySQL DB (marked outOfScope but still part of threat surface). If backups, debug endpoints, or DB admin panels are misconfigured or accessible, content and user data can be leaked from the WordPress process.	Ensure database and backups are encrypted and access-controlled; disable debug endpoints in production; restrict database admin consoles to private networks or VPN; enforce least-privilege database accounts.