

Pentesting Web checklist

Recon phase

Small scope

Identify web server, technologies and database (whatweb, webanalyze)
Try to locate /robots.txt /crossdomain.xml /clientaccesspolicy.xml /sitemap.xml and
/.well-known/
Review comments on source code (Burp Engagement Tools)
Directory enumeration
Find leaked ids, emails (pwndb)
Identify WAF (whatwaf, wafw00f)
Google dorking
GitHub dorking/Github tools (githound, git-search)
Get urls (gau , waybackurls, hakrawler)
Check potential vulnerable urls (gf-patterns)
Find hidden parameters (paramspider)
Automatic XSS finder (dalfox)
Check for backup files (bfac)
Locate admin and login panel
Broken link hijacking (blc)
Get all JS files (subjs, linkfinder)
JS hardcoded APIs and secrets (secretfinder)
JS analysis (JSParser, JSFScan, JSScanner, jshole)
Run automated scanner (nuclei)
Test CORS (CORScanner, corsy)

Medium scope

Enumerate subdomains (subfinder, assetfinder, amass, sudomy, crobat, SubDomainizer)
 Permute subdomains (dnsgen)
 Subdomain bruteforce (shuffledns, subbrute)
 Identify alive subdomains (httpx)

 Subdomain takeovers (SubOver) Check for cloud assets (cloudenum, cloudscrapper, cloudlist) Shodan Transfer zone Subdomains from subdomains (altdns, flydns, goaltdns) Take screenshots (gowitness, webscreenshot, aquatone) 		
Large scope		
 Get ASN for IP ranges (amass, asnlookup, metabigor, bgp) Review latest acquisitions 		
Network		
 Check ICMP packets allowed Check DMARC/SPF policies (spoofcheck) Open ports with Shodan Port scan to all ports Check UDP ports (udp-proto-scanner or nmap) Test SSL (testssl) If got creds, try password spraying for all the services discovered 		
Preparation		
 Study site structure Make a list with all possible test cases Understand the business area and what their customer needs Get a list of every asset (all_subdomains.txt, live_subdomains.txt, waybackurls.txt, hidden_directories.txt, nmap_results.txt, GitHub_search.txt, altdns_subdomain.txt, vulnerable_links.txt, js_files.txt) 		

User management

Registration

	Duplicate registration
	Overwrite existing user (existing user takeover)
	Username uniqueness
	Weak password policy (user=password, password=123456,111111,abcabc,qwerty12)
	Insufficient email verification process (also my%00email@mail.com for account tko)
	Weak registration implementation or allows disposable email addresses
	Fuzz after user creation to check if any folder have been overwritten or created with
	your profile name
	Add only spaces in password
	Long password (>200) leads to DoS
	Corrupt authentication and session defects: Sign up, don't verify, request change
	password, change, check if account is active.
	Try to re-register repeating same request with same password and different password
	too
	If JSON request, add comma
	{"email":"victim@mail.com","hacker@mail.com","token":"xxxxxxxxxx"}
	Lack of confirmation -> try to register with company email.
	Check OAuth with social media registration
	Check state parameter on social media registration
	Try to capture integration url leading integration takeover
	Check redirections in register page after login
Aut	thentication
	Username enumeration
	Resilience to password guessing
	Account recovery function
	"Remember me" function
	Impersonation function
	Unsafe distribution of credentials
	Fail-open conditions
	Multi-stage mechanisms
	SQL Injections
	Auto-complete testing

Lack of password confirmation on change email, password or 2FA (try change

	response)
	Weak login function over HTTP and HTTPS if both are available
	User account lockout mechanism on brute force attack
	Check for password wordlist (cewl and burp-goldenNuggets)
	Test 0auth login functionality for Open Redirection
	Test response tampering in SAML authentication
	In OTP check guessable codes and race conditions
	OTP, check response manipulation for bypass
	OTP, try bruteforce
	If JWT, check common flaws
	Browser cache weakness (eg Pragma, Expires, Max-age)
	After register, logout, clean cache, go to home page and paste your profile url in
	browser, check for "login?next=accounts/profile" for open redirect or XSS with "/login?
	next=javascript:alert(1);//"
	Try login with common credentials
Ses	ssion
	Session handling
	Test tokens for meaning
	Test tokens for predictability
	Insecure transmission of tokens
	Disclosure of tokens in logs
	Mapping of tokens to sessions
	Session termination
	Session fixation
	Cross-site request forgery
	Cookie scope
	Decode Cookie (Base64, hex, URL etc.)
	Cookie expiration time
	Check HTTPOnly and Secure flags
	Use same cookie from a different effective IP address or system
	Access controls
	Effectiveness of controls using multiple accounts
	Insecure access control methods (request parameters, Referer header, etc)
	Check for concurrent login through different machine/IP
	Bypass AntiCSRF tokens

	Weak generated security questions Path traversal on cookies Reuse cookie after session closed Logout and click browser "go back" function (Alt + Left arrow) 2 instances open, 1st change or reset password, refresh 2nd instance With privileged user perform privileged actions, try to repeat with unprivileged user cookie.	
Profile/Account details		
	Find parameter with user id and try to tamper in order to get the details of other users Create a list of features that are pertaining to a user account only and try CSRF Change email id and update with any existing email id. Check if its getting validated on server or not. Check any new email confirmation link and what if user doesn't confirm. File upload: eicar, No Size Limit, File extension, Filter Bypass, burp extension, RCE CSV import/export: Command Injection, XSS, macro injection Check profile picture URL and find email id/user info or EXIF Geolocation Data Imagetragick in picture profile upload Metadata of all downloadable files (Geolocation, usernames) Account deletion option and try to reactivate with "Forgot password" feature Try bruteforce enumeration when change any user unique parameter. Check application request re-authentication for sensitive operations Try parameter pollution to add two values of same field Check different roles policy	
Forgot/reset password		
	Invalidate session on Logout and Password reset Uniqueness of forget password reset link/code Reset links expiration time Find user id or other sensitive fields in reset link and tamper them Request 2 reset passwords links and use the older Check if many requests have sequential tokens Use username@burp_collab.net and analyze the callback Host header injection for token leakage	

	Add X-Forwarded-Host: evil.com to receive the reset link with evil.com Email crafting like victim@gmail.com@target.com IDOR in reset link Capture reset token and use with other email/userID No TLD in email parameter User carbon copy email=victim@mail.com%0a%0dcc:hacker@mail.com Long password (>200) leads to DoS No rate limit, capture request and send over 1000 times Check encryption in reset password token
Inp	out handling
	Fuzz all request parameters (if got user, add headers to fuzzer)
	Identify all reflected data
	Reflected XSS
	HTTP header injection in GET & POST (X Forwarded Host)
	RCE via Referer Header
	SQL injection via User-Agent Header
	Arbitrary redirection
	Stored attacks
	OS command injection
	Path traversal, LFI and RFI
	Script injection
	File inclusion
	SMTP injection
	Native software flaws (buffer overflow, integer bugs, format strings)
	SOAP injection
	LDAP injection
	SSI Injection
	XPath injection
	XXE in any request, change content-type to text/xml
	Stored XSS
	SQL injection with ' and '-+-
	NoSOL injection

☐ HTTP Request Smuggling

 Open redirect Code Injection (<h1>six2dez</h1> on stored param) SSRF in previously discovered open ports xmlrpc.php DOS and user enumeration HTTP dangerous methods OPTIONS PUT DELETE Try to discover hidden parameters (arjun or parameth) 		
Error handling		
 Access custom pages like /whatever_fake.php (.aspx,.html,.etc) Add multiple parameters in GET and POST request using different values Add "[]", "]]", and "[[" in cookie values and parameter values to create errors Generate error by giving input as "/~randomthing/%s" at the end of URL Use Burp Intruder "Fuzzing Full" List in input to generate error codes Try different HTTP Verbs like PATCH, DEBUG or wrong like FAKE 		
Application Logic		
 Identify the logic attack surface Test transmission of data via the client Test for reliance on client-side input validation Thick-client components (Java, ActiveX, Flash) Multi-stage processes for logic flaws Handling of incomplete input Trust boundaries Transaction logic Implemented CAPTCHA in email forms to avoid flooding Tamper product id, price or quantity value in any action (add, modify, delete, place, pay) Tamper gift or discount codes Reuse gift codes Try parameter pollution to use gift code two times in same request 		
 Try stored XSS in non-limited fields like address Check in payment form if CVV and card number is in clear text or masked Check if is processed by the app itself or sent to 3rd parts 		

	IDOR from other users details ticket/cart/shipment Check for test credit card number allowed like 4111 1111 1111 1111 (sample1 sample2) Check PRINT or PDF creation for IDOR Check unsubscribe button with user enumeration Parameter pollution on social media sharing links Change POST sensitive requests to GET	
Other checks		
Infi	rastructure	
CA	Segregation in shared infrastructures Segregation between ASP-hosted applications Web server vulnerabilities Dangerous HTTP methods Proxy functionality Virtual hosting misconfiguration (VHostScan) Check for internal numeric IP's in request Check for external numeric IP's and resolve it Test cloud storage Check the existence of alternative channels (www.web.com vs m.web.com)	
	Send old captcha value.	
	Send old captcha value with old session ID.	
	Request captcha absolute path like www.url.com/captcha/1.png	
	Remove captcha with any adblocker and request again	
	Bypass with OCR tool (easy one)	
	Change from POST to GET	
	Remove captcha parameter Convert JSON request to normal	
	Convert Coord request to normal	

☐ Try header injections

Security Headers

- X-XSS-Protection
- Strict-Transport-Security
- ☐ Content-Security-Policy
- Public-Key-Pins
- X-Frame-Options
- X-Content-Type-Options
- Referer-Policy
- Cache-Control
- Expires