



You have invented a new attack against Authentication

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James can undertake authentication functions (e.g. attempt to log in, log in with stolen credentials, reset the password) without the real user ever being aware this has occurred

OWASP SCP
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OWASP ASVS
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OWASP AppSensor
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CAPEC

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Muhammad can obtain a user's password or other secrets such as security questions, by observation during entry, or from a local cache, or in transit, or by reading it from some unprotected location, or because it is widely known, or because it never expires, or because the user cannot change her own password

OWASP SCP 36-7, 40, 43, 48, 51, 119, 139-40, 146 OWASP ASVS 2.2, 2.8, 2.10, 8.10, 9.1

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Sebastien can easily identify user names or can enumerate them

OWASP SCP 33, 53

OWASP ASVS

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Javier can use default, test or easily guessable credentials to authenticate, or can use an old account or an account not necessary for the application

OWASP SCP 54, 175, 178 OWASP ASVS

OWASP AppSensor AE12, HT3

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Sven can reuse a temporary password because the user does not have to change it on first use, or it has too long or no expiry

OWASP SCP 37, 45, 46, 178

OWASP ASVS

OWASP AppSensor

CAPEC 50

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Cecilia can use brute force and dictionary attacks against one or many accounts without limit, or these attacks are simplified due to insufficient complexity, length, expiration and re-use requirements for passwords

OWASP SCP 33, 38, 39, 41, 50, 53 OWASP ASVS

DWASP ASVS

OWASP AppSensor AE2, AE3

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Kate can by bypass authentication because it does not fail secure (i.e. it defaults to allowing access)

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Claudia can undertake more critical functions because authentication requirements are too weak, or there is no requirement to re-authenticate for these

OWASP SCP 55, 56

OWASP ASVS 2.6, 2.9

OWASP AppSensor

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Pravin can bypass authentication controls because a centralized standard, tested and approved authentication module/framework/service, separate to the resource being requested, is not being used

OWASP SCP 25, 26,27

OWASP ASVS

OWASP AppSensor

CAPEC 90, 115

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Mark can access resources or services because there is no authentication requirement, or it was assumed authentication would be undertaken by some other system, or was performed in some previous action

OWASP SCP 23, 32, 34

OWASP ASVS

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SAFECODE 14, 28

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Jaime can bypass authentication because it is not enforced comprehensively across all entry points, modules, functions, content and other data, or is not applied with equal rigor for all types of authentication functionality (e.g. register, password change, password change, log out, administration)

OWASP SCP 23, 29, 42, 49

OWASP ASVS

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Olga can influence or alter authentication code/routines so they can be bypassed

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OWASP ASVS

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OWASP AppSensor

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