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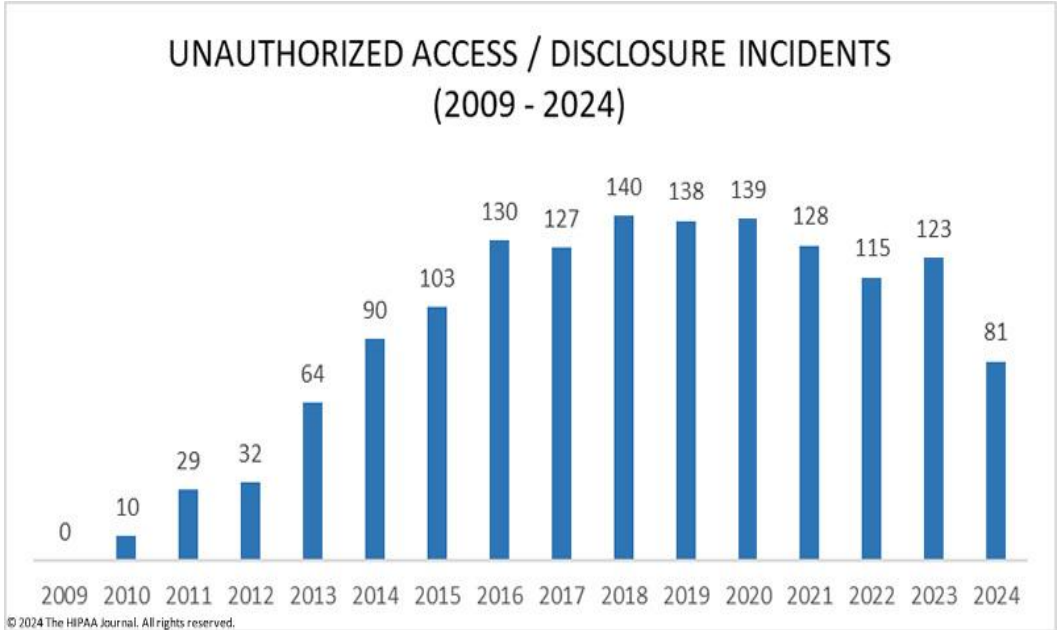
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1. INTRODUCTION

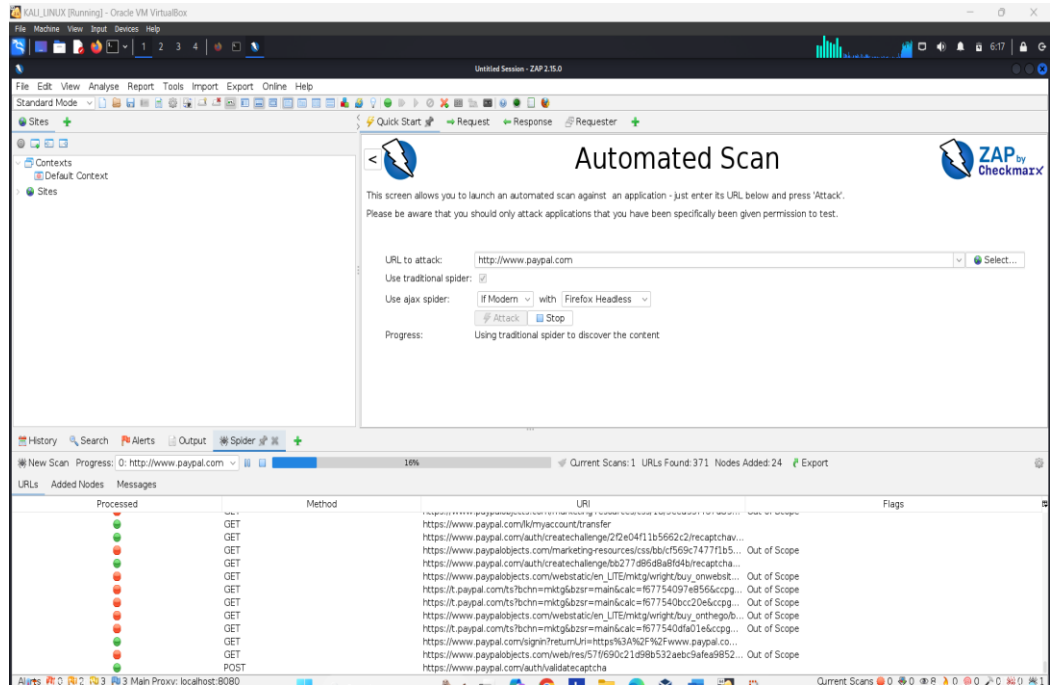
- In the journey of understanding and mastering cybersecurity, particularly in the realms of web security and Bug Bounty Hunting, each day brings forth unique challenges, insights, and learning experiences. This report chronicles my daily experiences, from uncovering vulnerabilities like PII disclosure and cross-domain script inclusion to exploring advanced tools such as OWASP ZAP, Burp Suite, and Nikto. These daily reflections not only highlight the technical aspects of the vulnerabilities discovered but also emphasize the significance of implementing effective mitigation strategies. Through these experiences, I have gained a deeper appreciation of the complexities involved in safeguarding information systems and the critical role of continuous learning in staying ahead of emerging threats.

2. Day 1

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| Summary Of the day's activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Today was a productive day focused on enhancing my skills in cybersecurity and Bug Bounty Hunting day 1. I dedicated time to learning about data privacy and particularly PII disclosure, Vulnerable js Library, Cookie without secure flag vulnerabilities.  <table border="1"> <caption>UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS / DISCLOSURE INCIDENTS (2009 - 2024)</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th> <th>Incidents</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>2009</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>2010</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>2011</td><td>29</td></tr> <tr><td>2012</td><td>32</td></tr> <tr><td>2013</td><td>64</td></tr> <tr><td>2014</td><td>90</td></tr> <tr><td>2015</td><td>103</td></tr> <tr><td>2016</td><td>130</td></tr> <tr><td>2017</td><td>127</td></tr> <tr><td>2018</td><td>140</td></tr> <tr><td>2019</td><td>138</td></tr> <tr><td>2020</td><td>139</td></tr> <tr><td>2021</td><td>128</td></tr> <tr><td>2022</td><td>115</td></tr> <tr><td>2023</td><td>123</td></tr> <tr><td>2024</td><td>81</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p><small>© 2024 The HIPAA Journal. All rights reserved.</small></p> | Year | Incidents | 2009 | 0 | 2010 | 10 | 2011 | 29 | 2012 | 32 | 2013 | 64 | 2014 | 90 | 2015 | 103 | 2016 | 130 | 2017 | 127 | 2018 | 140 | 2019 | 138 | 2020 | 139 | 2021 | 128 | 2022 | 115 | 2023 | 123 | 2024 | 81 |
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| 2024 | 81 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vulnerabilities discovered or explored | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PII Disclosure. Vulnerable JS Library. Cookie with Secure Flag. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Challenges faced and how they were overcome | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time Consuming – Use Automation tools. Access to Resource and tools – Collaboration with Security Vendors. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

New
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■ OWASP ZAP



■ Nslookup

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(kali㉿kali)-[~/Desktop/Sublist3r]
$ nslookup paypal.com
Server:      172.16.10.100
Address:     172.16.10.100#53

Non-authoritative answer:
Name:   paypal.com
Address: 151.101.129.21
Name:   paypal.com
Address: 192.229.210.155
Name:   paypal.com
Address: 151.101.65.21
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■ Nmap

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(kali@kali)~[~/Desktop/Sublist3r]
$ nmap 172.16.10.100
Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2024-09-30 07:00 EDT
Nmap scan report for MADCSTD01.sliitstd.local (172.16.10.100)
Host is up (0.011s latency).
Not shown: 997 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
53/tcp    open  domain
8008/tcp   open  http
8010/tcp   open  xmpp
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 5.00 seconds
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■ Dmitry

KALI LINUX [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox

File Machine View Input Devices Help

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kali@kali:~/Desktop/Sublist3r

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(kali@kali)~[~/Desktop/Sublist3r]
$ dmitry paypal.com
Depanagic Information Gathering Tool
"There be some deep magic going on"

HostIP:151.101.65.21
HostName:paypal.com

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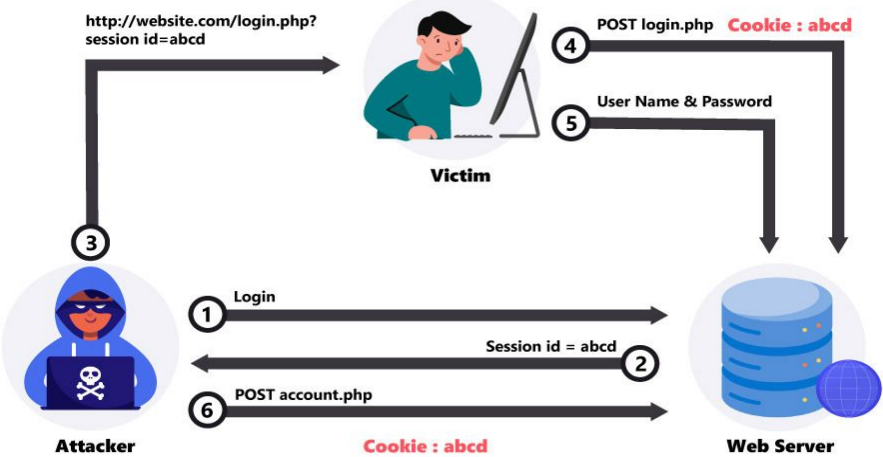
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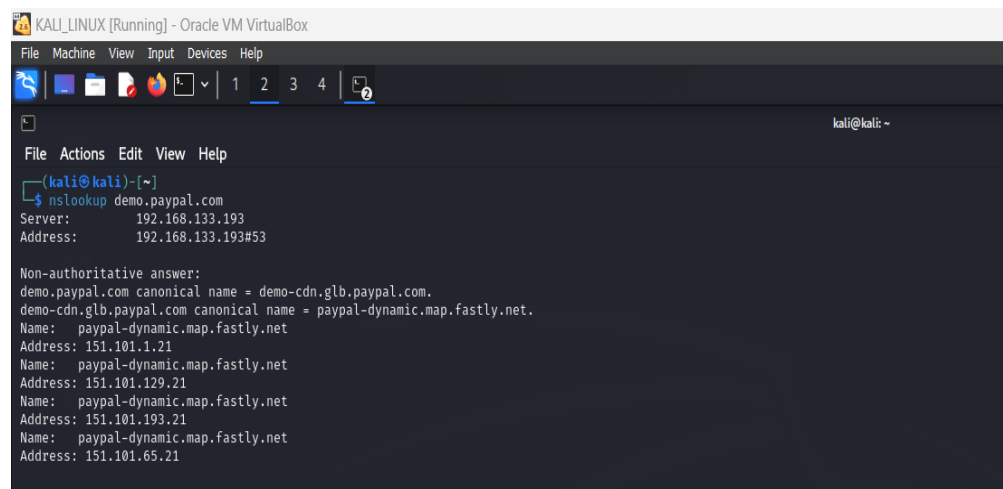
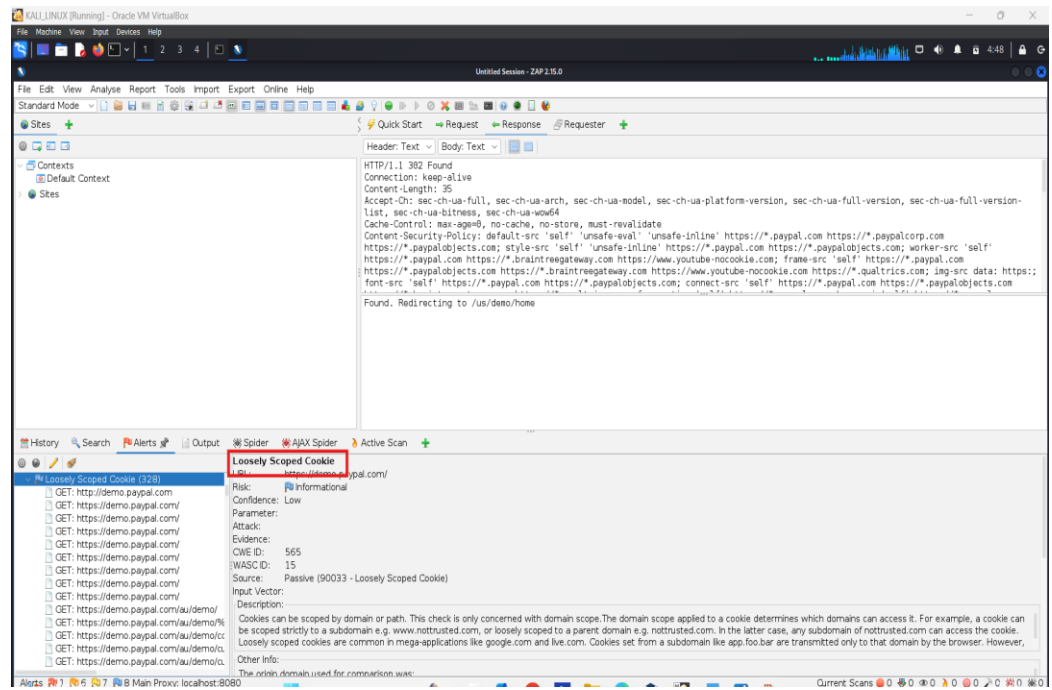
Reflections and takeaways

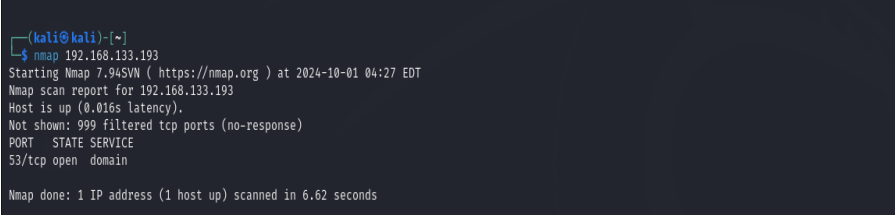
- The sharing of info that traces a person's identity with the government or any institution (PII) creates a lot of threats leading to for instance stealing a person's identity among other risks. In order to protect PII when embedded within documents, organizations must adopt strong policies such use as encryption and regular audits whilst user sensation regarding the protection of the information must also be encouraged. On top of that, using 3rd party JavaScript libraries that are outdated or poorly written may open an application to a wide range of threats including, x cross-site forging (CSF) which can also be referred to as cross-site scripting. However, it is important because tonics to treat XSS do not work on some of the libraries and changes to the libraries have proven rather elusive. In addition, cookies that are not secure flagged tend to be dropped during activities and that exposes information they held to external parties. To mitigate this threat, every organization should implement secure flag, HttpOnly and SameSite attributes out of the cookies. In a nutshell, this means that there should be no complacency in dealing with these weaknesses, the combination of proper data handling, software engineering and education of the end users should be employed in dealing with the situation.

3. Day 2

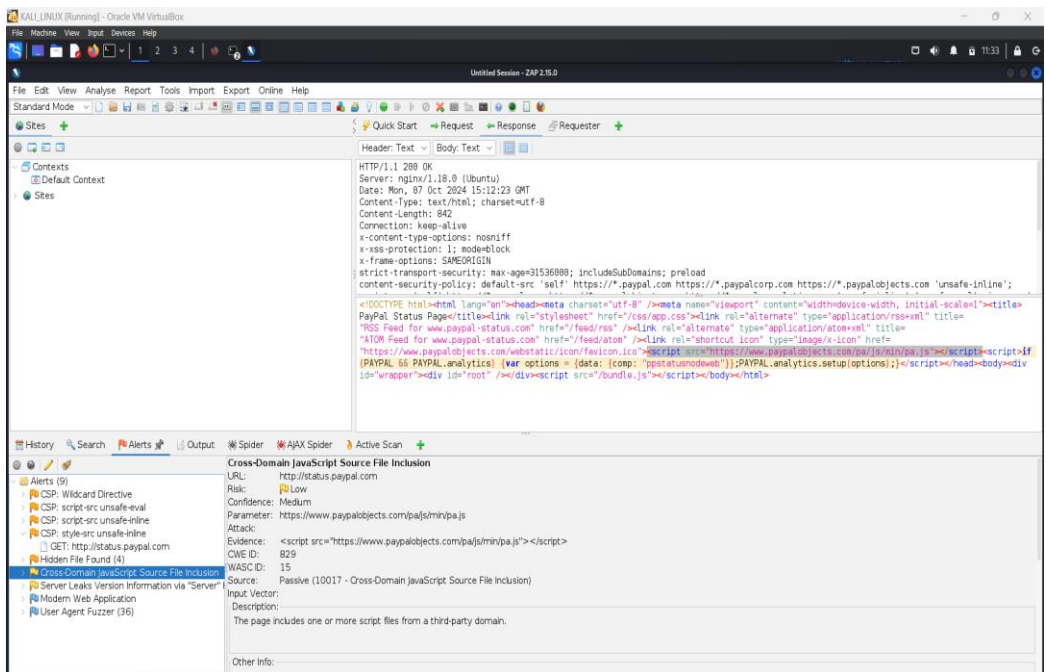
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| <p>Date</p> <p>Summary Of the day's activities</p> | <p>2024/10/07</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Today was a another productive day focused on enhancing my skills in cybersecurity and Bug Bounty Hunting day 2. I dedicated time to learning about data privacy and Cookie poisoning, Loosely Scooped Cookie vulnerabilities.  <p>The diagram illustrates a Cookie Poisoning attack. It shows three main entities: an Attacker (represented by a blue hooded figure), a Victim (represented by a person at a computer), and a Web Server (represented by a blue database icon). The attack sequence is as follows: 1. The Attacker sends a request (3) to the Victim's browser: <code>http://website.com/login.php?session id=abcd</code>. 2. The Victim logs in (4) and receives a Cookie: <code>abcd</code>. 3. The Attacker then sends a request (6) to the Web Server: <code>POST account.php</code>, which includes the stolen Cookie: <code>Cookie : abcd</code>. 4. The Web Server responds (2) to the Attacker with <code>Session id = abcd</code>. 5. The Attacker also sends a request (5) to the Web Server: <code>User Name & Password</code>. 6. The Web Server responds (1) to the Attacker with <code>Login</code>. The diagram is credited to keepnet.</p> |
| <p>Vulnerabilities discovered or explored</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cookie poisoning Loosely Scooped Cookie |
| <p>Challenges faced and how they were overcome</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Error and oversights - Establish clear procedures and checklists for critical tasks to minimize errors. |

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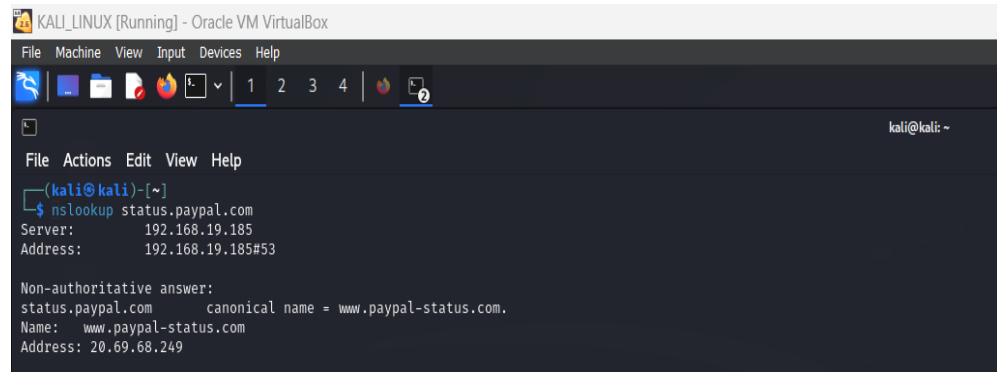


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| |  <pre> kali@kali:~\$ nmap 192.168.133.193 Starting Nmap 7.94SVN (https://nmap.org) at 2024-10-01 04:27 EDT Nmap scan report for 192.168.133.193 Host is up (0.016s latency). Not shown: 999 filtered tcp ports (no-response) PORT STATE SERVICE 53/tcp open domain Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 6.62 seconds </pre> |
| <p>Reflections and takeaways</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> poisoning and poorly scoped cookies are two web security issues that pose serious threats resulting into access and information compromise. In other words cookie poisoning is manipulation of the cookie data by a malicious user in an attempt to obtain unwarranted access and usurp another user's authority in order to breach the user's sensitive information and the application as a whole. Loosely scoped cookies are referred to as cookies that do not have strict domain or path limitation; making them available for cross application or across different subdomains usage, hence increasing risks of csrf and other attacks. In order to protect from such threats, it is very important for developers to make sure that cookie data is correctly validated and sanitized and only safe data is allowed to be used. Application of such secure attributes for cookies such as Secure, HttpOnly, SameSite and others is also effective in improving the security of the cookies. On the whole, vigilance and preventive actions are key in preventing exploitation of cookies and ensuring that user information remains secure. |

4. Day 3

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| Date | 2024/10/08 |
| Summary Of the day's activities | Today was a another productive day focused on enhancing my skills in Bug Bounty Hunting day 2. I dedicated time to learning about data privacy and Cross domain java script source file inclusion vulnerabilities. |
| Vulnerabilities discovered or explored | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross domain java script source file inclusion |
| Challenges faced and how they were overcome | |
| New tools, techniques or concepts learned | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OWASP ZAP  |

- Nslookup

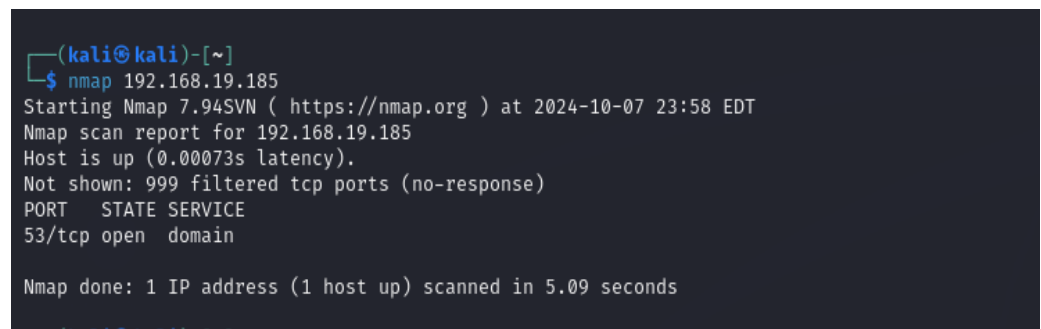


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KALI_LINUX [Running] - Oracle VM VirtualBox
File Machine View Input Devices Help
(kali@kali)-[~]
$ nslookup status.paypal.com
Server:      192.168.19.185
Address:     192.168.19.185#53

Non-authoritative answer:
status.paypal.com      canonical name = www.paypal-status.com.
Name:   www.paypal-status.com
Address: 20.69.68.249
  
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- Nmap



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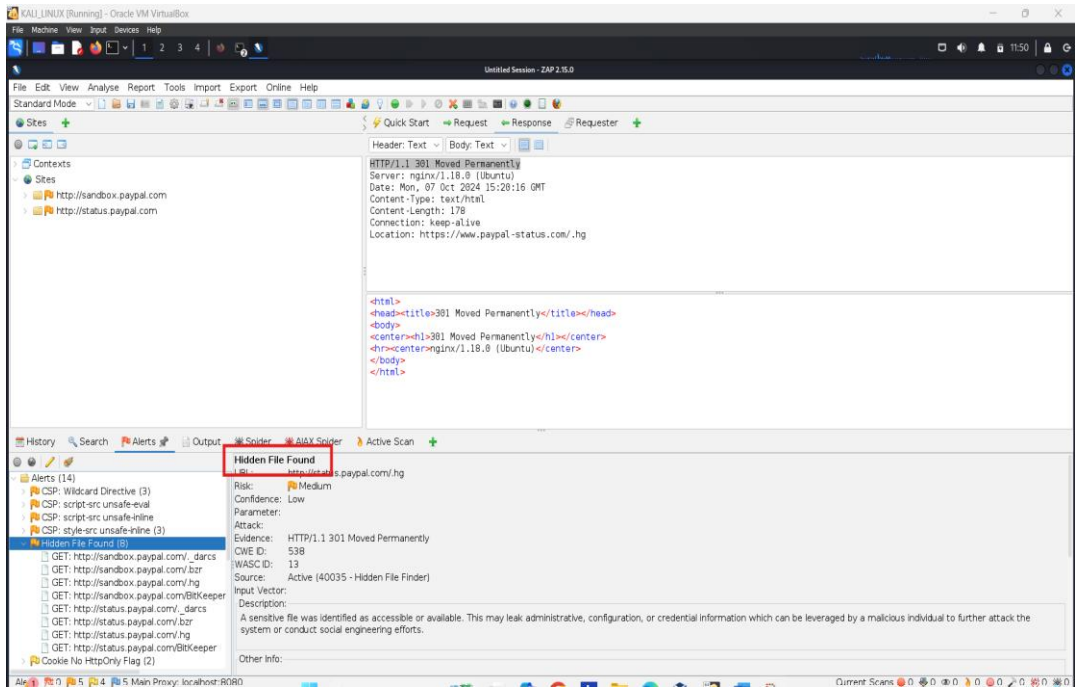
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Nmap scan report for 192.168.19.185
Host is up (0.00073s latency).
Not shown: 999 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
53/tcp    open  domain

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 5.09 seconds
  
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Reflections and takeaways

- Cross-domain JavaScript source file incorporation poses grave security risks when a web application is built to incorporate and run scripts from different domains. Such vulnerabilities can result in several forms of attacks, including but not limited to, Cross-Site Scripting (XSS), and information theft whereby an attack uses included scripts to run a code against a victim session. The central scope that is to be emphasized is the fact that very strict measures ought to be put in place regarding the use of external scripts; applications should allow the use of external scripts only from trusted sources and even that, it is best if a Content Security Policy (CSP) is put in place to define the permitted sources. Moreover, the application of risk reduction principles, such as, checking and cleaning any data engaged in incorporating a script can be of assistance. In addition, it is necessary for the developers to conduct audits on the external sources and the dependencies on a regular basis in order to maintain them patched and risk-free. In conclusion, ensuring regards development as an activity that must expose no risks and safe coding measures are employed while being aware of cross domain risks, would help curb the misuse of applications.

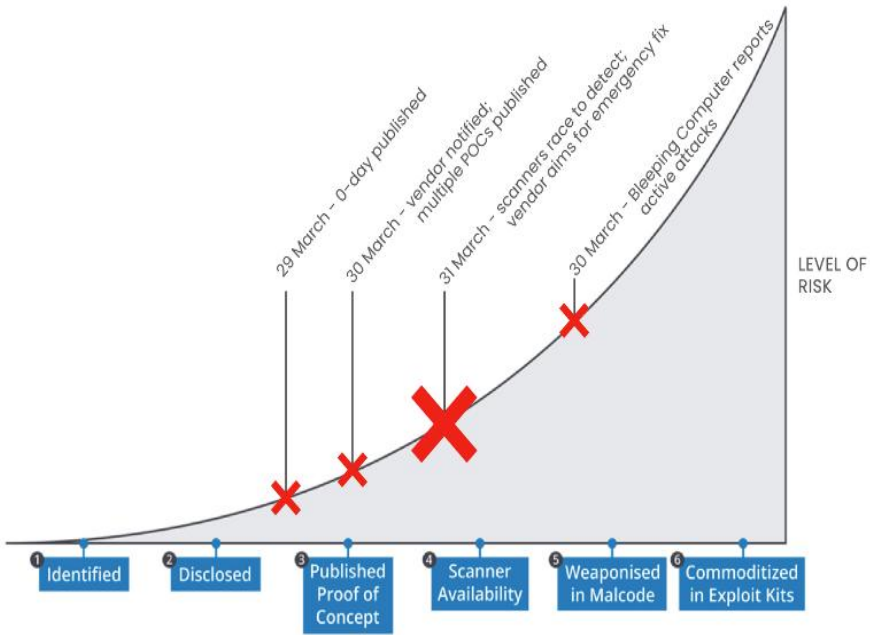
5. Day 4

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| Date | 2024/10/09 |
| Summary Of the day's activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Today was a another productive day focused on enhancing my skills in cybersecurity and Bug Bounty Hunting day 4. I dedicated time to learning about data privacy and Hidden file found vulnerability. |
| Vulnerabilities discovered or explored | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hidden file found. |
| Challenges faced and how they were overcome | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical understanding – Documentation and Resources |
| New tools, techniques or concepts learned | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OWASP ZAP  |

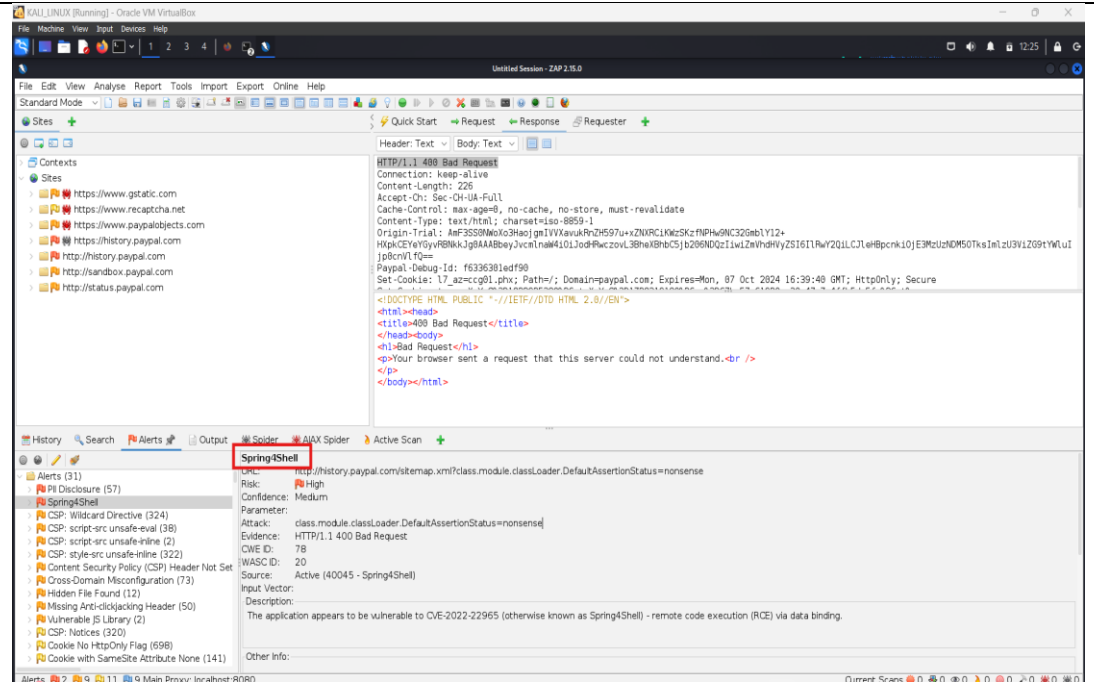
Reflections and takeaways

- Finding any concealed files in a web application or a server is very serious in terms of security. Such files may include sensitive data or even configuration settings that can be exploited by attackers. One of the critical issues that come to mind is whether there should be security audits carried out after a certain amount of time. Also, regular scans should be done in order to find such files that would not be available to anyone unelevated. As hidden files may be a way through which an attacker can access secured areas, other measures, such as access control, and ensuring that the elevations are done correctly, are also necessary. It is also worth reminding any reader that maintaining security in such cases entails certain measures, such as updating the system's server software from time to time or installing a reliable firewall. Most importantly, it should be emphasized that the so-called least privileged access policy must be followed, as it is very important that a user is able to access only those files that are needed in their work. In general, it is commendable to educate programmers and network administrators about the dangers posed by hidden files in order to promote a culture of protecting information from possible leaks.

6. Day 5

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| Date | 2024/10/10 |
| Summary Of the day's activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Today was a another productive day focused on enhancing my skills in cybersecurity and Bug Bounty Hunting day 5. I dedicated time to learning about data privacy and Hidden file found vulnerabilitiy |
| Vulnerabilities discovered or explored | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spring 4 shell. <p style="text-align: center;">Spring4Shell Exploit Weaponization Timeline*</p>  <p>The diagram illustrates the weaponization timeline of the Spring4Shell vulnerability. It features a curve representing the 'LEVEL OF RISK' that rises exponentially as the vulnerability moves through six stages: 1. Identified, 2. Disclosed, 3. Published Proof of Concept, 4. Scanner Availability, 5. Weaponised in Malcode, and 6. Commoditized in Exploit Kits. Red 'X' marks indicate key events: 29 March - 0-day published (between stages 2 and 3), 30 March - vendor notified; multiple POCs published (between stages 3 and 4), 31 March - scanners race to detect; vendor aims for emergency fix (between stages 4 and 5), and 30 March - Bleeping Computer reports active attacks (between stages 5 and 6).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>* Figure based on model from the Recorded Future Threat Intelligence Handbook</small></p> |
| Challenges faced and how they were overcome | |
| New tools, techniques | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OWASP ZAP |

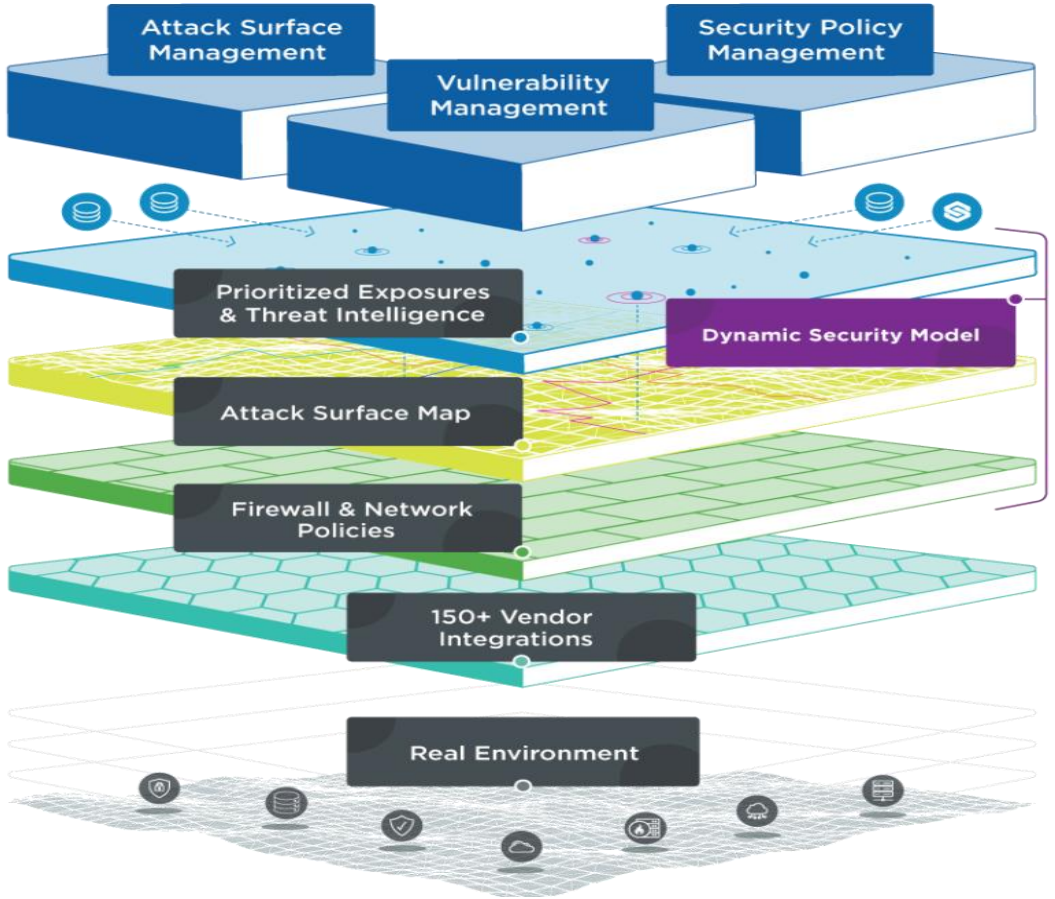
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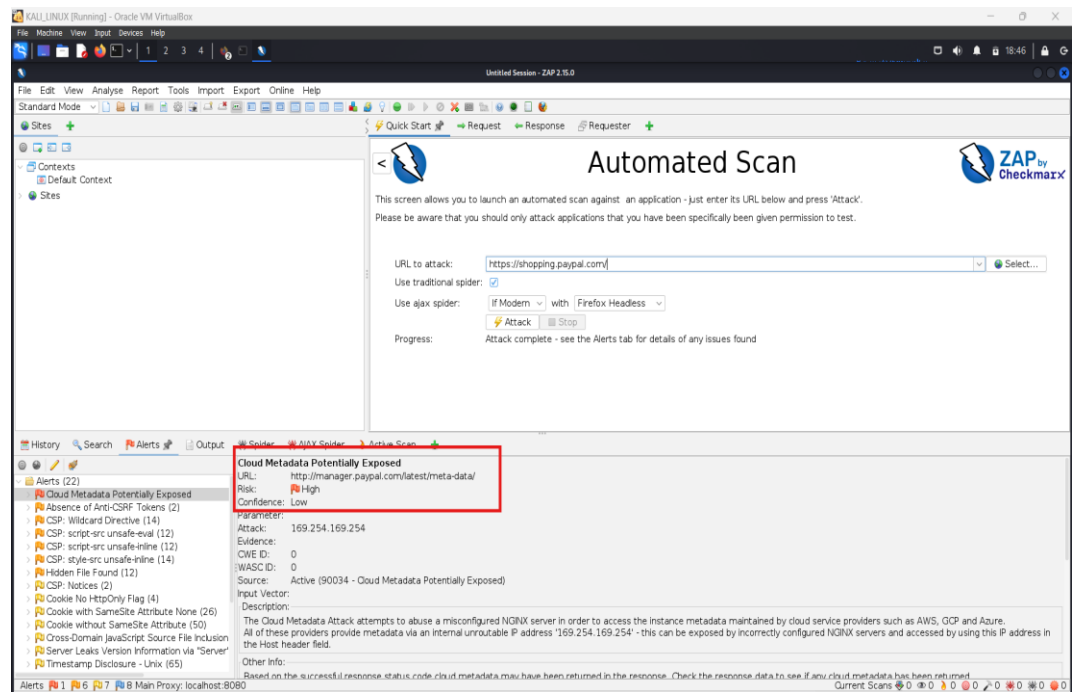
- Spring 4 Shell is an interactive command line application creation framework for Spring based applications that allows for quick iteration and efficient management of Spring based applications. One thing to note about it is that it eases testing and debugging of applications without having to employ an entire user interface. One can interactively probe the application context and manipulate it, making it easier to understand how the application works and help in troubleshooting. One critical assumption is that introducing Spring Shell will not be enough without knowing what Spring can do. This includes learning about Spring's beans and dependency injection which makes development easier and enables more advanced command implementations. In addition, Spring Shell fosters good software engineering practices as it advocates for writing easily maintainable and testable command with high level of clarity and succinctness.

7. Day 6

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| Date | 2024/10/11 |
| Summary Of the day's activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Today was a another productive day focused on enhancing my skills in cybersecurity and Bug Bounty Hunting day 6 . I dedicated time to learning about data privacy and Cloud meta data potentially Exposed vulnerability. |
| Vulnerabilities discovered or explored | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cloud meta data potentially Exposed.  |
| Challenges faced and how they were overcome | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited time Resource - Prioritization of tasks. Access to resources and tools – Coloboration with Security Vendors. |

New tools, techniques or concepts learned

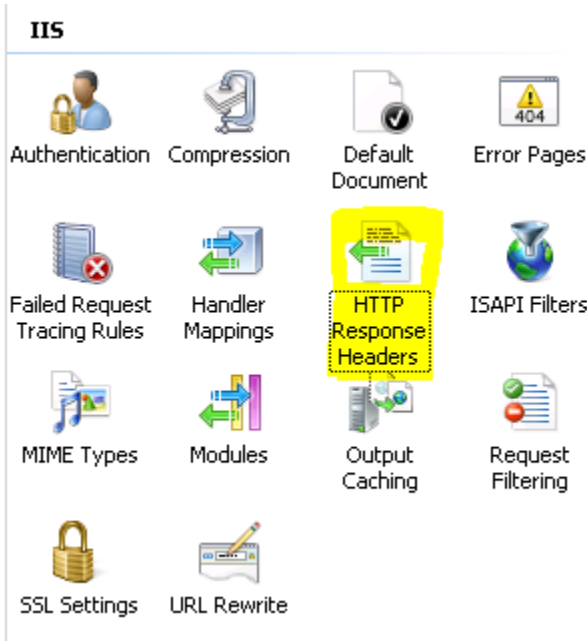
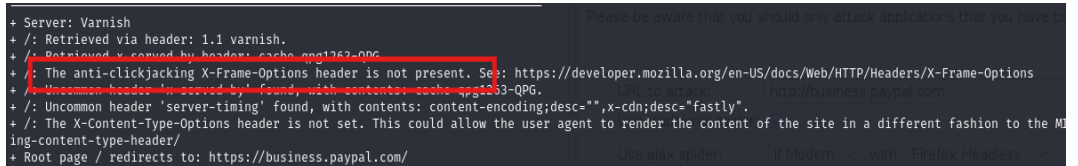
OWASP ZAP



Reflections and takeaways

- The risk of security breaches increases dramatically with the unintentional exposure of cloud metadata, which often includes details on cloud resources, configurations, and user identities. One of the main critiques associated with the task is the understanding that a number of businesses do not pay considerable attention to whether any endpoints are secured or not and this is a weakness that can be easily exploited. This in turn could lead to the exposure of critical internal services to unauthorized parties, breaches resulting into loss of data as well as complete takeover of accounts and thus obsolete the rather limited oriented policies.
- The main point is that these services shall be well protected from every potential user except those that have been authorized to access the services of the cloud metadata management. It is advisable for the enterprises to put in place identity and access management (IAM) restrictions that limit access to their services as much as possible. So, effective monitoring and logging of the use of metadata endpoints will allow for detecting the signs of the occurrence of any breach and its trespassers' real time tendencies.

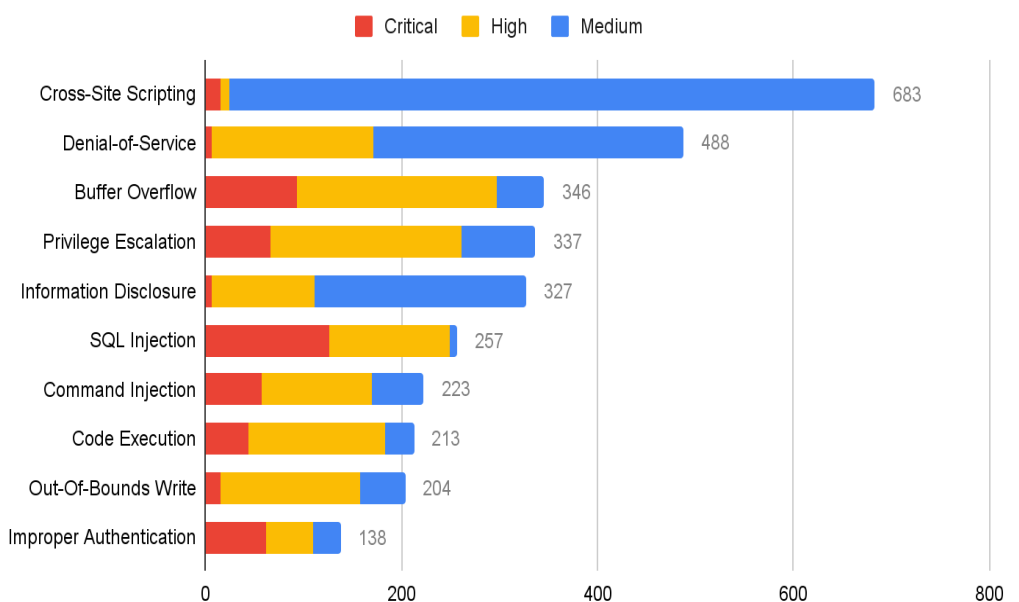
8. Day 7

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| Date | 2024/10/12 |
| Summary Of the day's activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Today was a another productive day focused on enhancing my skills in cybersecurity and Bug Bounty Hunting day 7. I dedicated time to learning about data privacy and Anti clickjacking x – frame-option header not found vulnerability. |
| Vulnerabilities discovered or explored | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anti clickjacking x – frame-option header not found.  <p>The screenshot shows the IIS configuration console with various settings like Authentication, Compression, Default Document, Error Pages, Failed Request Tracing Rules, Handler Mappings, HTTP Response Headers (highlighted), ISAPI Filters, MIME Types, Modules, Output Caching, Request Filtering, SSL Settings, and URL Rewrite.</p> |
| Challenges faced and how they were overcome | |
| New tools, techniques or concepts learned | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIKTO  <p>The screenshot shows the output of a Nikto scan. A red box highlights the message: "The anti-clickjacking X-Frame-Options header is not present. See: https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/X-Frame-Options". Other scan details include the server being Varnish and the root page redirecting to https://business.paypal.com/.</p> |

Reflections and takeaways

- The risk of clickjacking attacks is high in systems or applications where the X-Frame-Options security feature is not made available. Clickjacking refers to social engineering attacks where web users are tricked into clicking on objects on a webpage without their knowledge and effecting some action without their permission. One of the reflections is the realization that appropriate use of this security header is crucial such that web applications are not exposed to such threats. The X-Frame-Options header covers the scope of the clickjacking the ability to click on an embedded window that, although appears to be the top-level window, is not.
- There is an essential reminder that developers and security teams should always be in the contingency planning mode by making sure the X-Frame-Options header is provided for in the application security policies. Companies must require that all web applications feature this argument, along with suitable directives, such as DENY or SAMEORIGIN where applicable. Security audits and vulnerability scans overtime can assist in addressing security headers that are missing and the compliance to all best practices.

9. Day 8

| Date | 2024/10/13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Summary Of the day's activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Today was a another productive day focused on enhancing my skills in cybersecurity and Bug Bounty Hunting day 8. I dedicated time to learning about data privacy and Input returned in response (Reflected Cross-Site Scripting (XSS))vulnerability. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vulnerabilities discovered or explored | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Input returned in response (Reflected Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)) <div><div><div>Critical</div><div>High</div><div>Medium</div></div><table><thead><tr><th>Vulnerability Type</th><th>Critical</th><th>High</th><th>Medium</th><th>Total</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Cross-Site Scripting</td><td>10</td><td>10</td><td>663</td><td>683</td></tr><tr><td>Denial-of-Service</td><td>0</td><td>180</td><td>308</td><td>488</td></tr><tr><td>Buffer Overflow</td><td>100</td><td>200</td><td>46</td><td>346</td></tr><tr><td>Privilege Escalation</td><td>80</td><td>190</td><td>67</td><td>337</td></tr><tr><td>Information Disclosure</td><td>0</td><td>110</td><td>217</td><td>327</td></tr><tr><td>SQL Injection</td><td>120</td><td>130</td><td>7</td><td>257</td></tr><tr><td>Command Injection</td><td>60</td><td>130</td><td>33</td><td>223</td></tr><tr><td>Code Execution</td><td>50</td><td>140</td><td>23</td><td>213</td></tr><tr><td>Out-Of-Bounds Write</td><td>20</td><td>150</td><td>34</td><td>204</td></tr><tr><td>Improper Authentication</td><td>70</td><td>50</td><td>18</td><td>138</td></tr></tbody></table></div> | Vulnerability Type | Critical | High | Medium | Total | Cross-Site Scripting | 10 | 10 | 663 | 683 | Denial-of-Service | 0 | 180 | 308 | 488 | Buffer Overflow | 100 | 200 | 46 | 346 | Privilege Escalation | 80 | 190 | 67 | 337 | Information Disclosure | 0 | 110 | 217 | 327 | SQL Injection | 120 | 130 | 7 | 257 | Command Injection | 60 | 130 | 33 | 223 | Code Execution | 50 | 140 | 23 | 213 | Out-Of-Bounds Write | 20 | 150 | 34 | 204 | Improper Authentication | 70 | 50 | 18 | 138 |
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| Cross-Site Scripting | 10 | 10 | 663 | 683 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Denial-of-Service | 0 | 180 | 308 | 488 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Buffer Overflow | 100 | 200 | 46 | 346 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Privilege Escalation | 80 | 190 | 67 | 337 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Information Disclosure | 0 | 110 | 217 | 327 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SQL Injection | 120 | 130 | 7 | 257 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Command Injection | 60 | 130 | 33 | 223 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Out-Of-Bounds Write | 20 | 150 | 34 | 204 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Improper Authentication | 70 | 50 | 18 | 138 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Challenges faced and how they were overcome | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Time Consuming – Use Automation tools. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

New tools, techniques or concepts learned

Burpsuite

The screenshot displays the Burp Suite Professional v2024.5.5 interface. The top navigation bar includes tabs for Dashboard, Target, Proxy, Intruder, Repeater, Collaborator, Sequencer, Decoder, Comparer, Logger, Organizer, Extensions, and Learn. The main workspace is divided into several panels.

Tasks Panel (Left): Shows a list of tasks. The task '4. Crawl and audit of transfer.paypal.com' is highlighted with a red box. It has a status of 'Auditing' and a progress bar.

Task Configuration Panel (Right): Displays the configuration for the selected task. The task type is 'Crawl & audit', the scope is 'transfer.paypal.com', and the configuration is 'Crawl and Audit - balanced'.

Task Log Panel (Bottom Right): Shows a list of audit items. The log includes details such as the issue type, host, time, insertion point, severity, confidence, and comment.

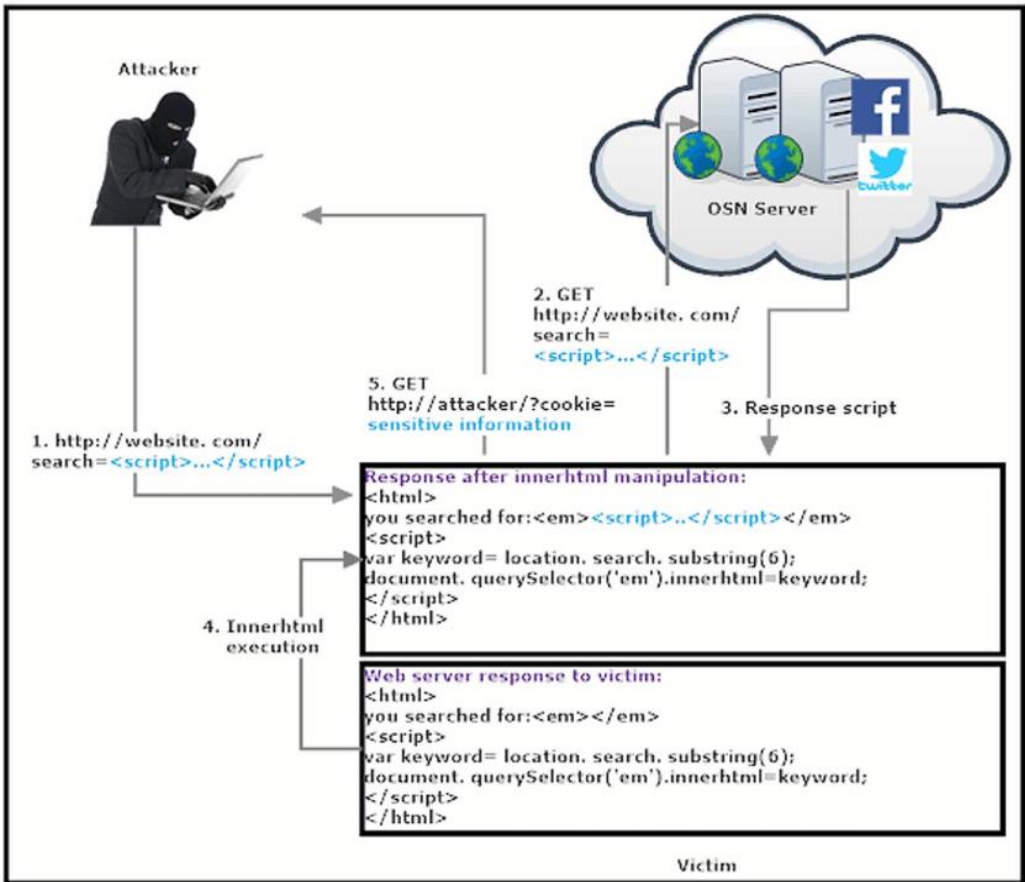
Issues Panel (Bottom): Displays a list of issues found during the audit. The issues are categorized by severity (High, Medium, Low) and confidence (Certain, Firm, Tentative). The issue 'Input returned in response (reflected)' is highlighted.

Issue Detail Panel (Bottom): Provides a detailed view of the selected issue. It includes the severity (Information), confidence (Certain), and URL (https://transfer.paypal.com/sign-up). The issue detail section explains that the value of the Referer HTTP header is copied into the application's response. The issue background section describes the reflection of input and its potential for exploitation.

Reflections and takeaways

- Reflected Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) is a general web application security vulnerability that is caused when a web application returns any untrusted data in the response without validating or escaping it. One important reflection on this issue is to consider the fact that any user input no matter how trivial it is; provided that it is incorporated in the application, such as query parameters or form submissions, could be used to run a script in context of the user's session. This makes it imperative to implement proper input validation and output encoding techniques in order to prevent such attacks.

10. Day 9

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| Date | 2024/10/14 |
| Summary Of the day's activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Today was a another productive day focused on enhancing my skills in cybersecurity and Bug Bounty Hunting day 9. I dedicated time to learning about data privacy and vulnerability. |
| Vulnerabilities discovered or explored | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HTML 5 Storage Manipulation (DOM-based).  <p>The diagram illustrates a DOM-based XSS attack. It shows an Attacker sending a request to a website (1. http://website.com/search=<script>...</script>). The website's OSN Server responds with a script (2. GET http://website.com/search=<script>...</script>). The script is then executed on the victim's browser (3. Response script). The script manipulates the innerHTML of an element (4. Innerhtml execution). The diagram shows the flow from the attacker to the website, then to the server, and finally to the victim's browser where the script is executed and the innerHTML is manipulated.</p> <p>Response after innerhtml manipulation:</p> <pre><html> you searched for:<script>...</script> <script> var keyword= location. search. substring(6); document. querySelector('em').innerHTML=keyword; </script> </html></pre> <p>Web server response to victim:</p> <pre><html> you searched for: <script> var keyword= location. search. substring(6); document. querySelector('em').innerHTML=keyword; </script> </html></pre> <p>Victim</p> |
| Challenges faced and how they were overcome | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It takes a long time to scan. |

New tools, techniques or concepts learned

■ Burpsuite

6. Crawl and audit of ...

Crawl and Audit - Balanced

Crawling

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6. Crawl and audit of safetyhub.paypal.com

Summary Audit items Issues Event log Logger Audit log Live crawl view

Most serious vulnerabilities found (live)

| Issue type | Host | Time |
|------------|------|------|
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No issues to show

Scanner is crawling, issues will populate here during the audit phase.

Task configuration

Task type: Crawl & audit

Scope: safetyhub.paypal.com

Configuration: Crawl and Audit - Balanced

Task progress

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|--------------------------|---|---------------------|----|
| Total audit items: | 0 | Unique locations: | 11 |
| Audit items pending: | 0 | Pending actions: | 39 |
| Audit items in progress: | 0 | Current link depth: | 1 |
| Audit items completed: | 0 | Requests: | 95 |
| | | Network errors: | 0 |

Task log

- > Crawling path: Request http://safetyhub.paypal.com/ -> Click "Italy"
- > Adding 11 pending actions from page: https://safetyhub.paypal.com/safetyhub/home
- > Crawling path: Request http://safetyhub.paypal.com/ -> Click "Russia"
- > Adding 9 pending actions from page: https://safetyhub.paypal.com/safetyhub/de/home
- > Crawling path: Request http://safetyhub.paypal.com/ -> Click "Germany"
- > Adding 11 pending actions from page: https://safetyhub.paypal.com/safetyhub/fr/home
- > Crawling path: Request http://safetyhub.paypal.com/ -> Click "France"
- > Crawling path: Request http://safetyhub.paypal.com/ -> Click "Australia"
- > Crawling path: Request http://safetyhub.paypal.com/ -> Click "Australi"
- > Crawling path: Request http://safetyhub.paypal.com/ -> Click "United Kingdom"
- > Crawling path: Request http://safetyhub.paypal.com/ -> Click "United Kingdom"
- > Crawling path: Request http://safetyhub.paypal.com/ -> Click "United States"
- > Crawling path: Request http://safetyhub.paypal.com/ -> Click "United States"

6. Crawl and audit of safetyhub.paypal.com

Summary Audit items Issues Event log Logger Audit log Live crawl view

Filter High Medium Low Info Certain Firm Tentative BCheck generated Scan checks Extensions

| Time | Source | Issue type | Host | Path | Insertion point | Severity | Confidence | Comment |
|----------------------|--------|--|---------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------|------------|---------|
| 14:35:50 12 Oct 2024 | Task 6 | User agent-dependent response | https://safetyhub.payp... | /platform/tealeaftarget | | Information | Firm | |
| 13:42:56 12 Oct 2024 | Task 6 | HTML5 storage manipulation (DOM-based) | https://safetyhub.payp... | /robots.txt | | Information | Firm | |
| 13:42:54 12 Oct 2024 | Task 6 | HTML5 storage manipulation (DOM-based) | https://safetyhub.payp... | /safetyhub/es/home | | Information | Firm | |
| 13:37:35 12 Oct 2024 | Task 6 | HTML5 storage manipulation (DOM-based) | https://safetyhub.payp... | /safetyhub/row/home | | Information | Firm | |
| 13:37:04 12 Oct 2024 | Task 6 | HTML5 storage manipulation (DOM-based) | https://safetyhub.payp... | /safetyhub/au/home | | Information | Firm | |
| 13:33:16 12 Oct 2024 | Task 6 | HTML5 storage manipulation (DOM-based) | https://safetyhub.payp... | /safetyhub/ru/home | | Information | Firm | |
| 13:33:14 12 Oct 2024 | Task 6 | HTML5 storage manipulation (DOM-based) | https://safetyhub.payp... | /safetyhub/fr/home | | Information | Firm | |
| 13:31:32 12 Oct 2024 | Task 6 | HTML5 storage manipulation (DOM-based) | https://safetyhub.payp... | /safetyhub/de/home | | Information | Firm | |
| 13:31:31 12 Oct 2024 | Task 6 | HTML5 storage manipulation (DOM-based) | https://safetyhub.payp... | /safetyhub/it/home | | Information | Firm | |
| 13:31:22 12 Oct 2024 | Task 6 | HTML5 storage manipulation (DOM-based) | https://safetyhub.payp... | /safetyhub/gb/home | | Information | Firm | |
| 13:31:08 12 Oct 2024 | Task 6 | HTML5 storage manipulation (DOM-based) | https://safetyhub.payp... | / | | Information | Firm | |
| 13:31:08 12 Oct 2024 | Task 6 | HTML5 storage manipulation (DOM-based) | https://safetyhub.payp... | /safetyhub/us/home | | Information | Firm | |
| 13:30:52 12 Oct 2024 | Task 6 | Cookie scoped to parent domain | https://safetyhub.payp... | / | | Information | Certain | |
| 13:30:52 12 Oct 2024 | Task 6 | Cookie scoped to parent domain | https://safetyhub.payp... | /robots.txt | | Information | Certain | |
| 13:30:52 12 Oct 2024 | Task 6 | Email addresses disclosed | https://safetyhub.payp... | /safetyhub/js/vendors.df66d2b471fa1f2c0b6.js | | Information | Certain | |

HTML5 storage manipulation (DOM-based)

Severity: Information

Confidence: Firm

URL: https://safetyhub.paypal.com/safetyhub/row/home

Issue detail

The application may be vulnerable to DOM-based HTML5 storage manipulation. Data is read from `location.href` and passed to `sessionStorage.setItem.value`.

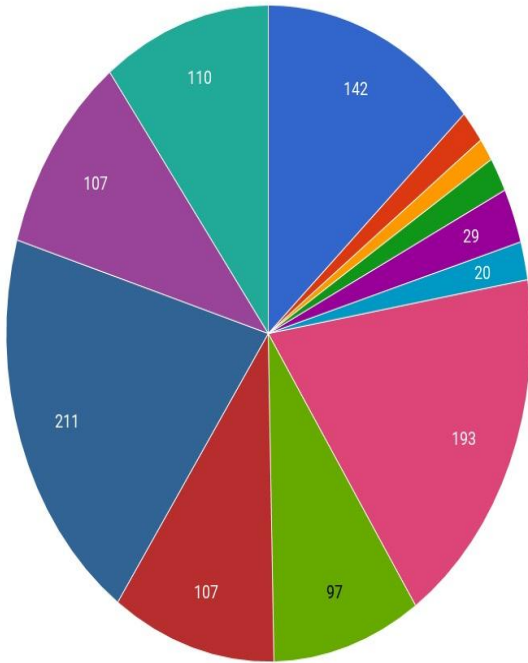
Issue background

DOM-based vulnerabilities arise when a client-side script reads data from a controllable part of the DOM (for example, the URL) and processes this data in an unsafe way. HTML5 storage manipulation arises when a script stores controllable data in the HTML5 storage of the web browser (either `localStorage` or `sessionStorage`). An attacker may be able to use this behavior to construct a URL that, if visited by another application user, will cause the user's browser to store attacker-controllable data. This behavior does not in itself constitute a security vulnerability. However, if the application later reads the data back from storage and processes it in an unsafe way, then an attacker may be able to leverage the storage mechanism to deliver other DOM-based attacks, such as cross-site scripting and JavaScript injection.

Reflections and takeaways

- HTML5 Storage Manipulation (DOM-based) vulnerabilities happen due to lack of adequate security measures in web applications that make use of web storage APIs like localStorage and sessionStorage to store user data. One prominent insight concerning the relayed concern is the perception that although HTML5 storage helps in storing, managing, and retrieving data efficiently on the client side, it can prove to be more harmful than beneficial when used without proper precautions. Users may be able to exploit such a flaw and change other data that is stored in the application that may lead to some undesired consequences such as retrieval of previously protected data.

11. Day 10

| Date | 2024/10/15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Summary Of the day's activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Today was a another productive day focused on enhancing my skills in cybersecurity and Bug Bounty Hunting day 10. I dedicated time to learning about data privacy and vulnerability. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vulnerabilities discovered or explored | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> User Agent Fuzzer.  <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Vulnerability Type</th> <th>Count</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>heap buffer overflows</td> <td>142</td> </tr> <tr> <td>global buffer overflows</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>stack buffer overflows</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>use after frees</td> <td>29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>uninitialized memory</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>stack overflows</td> <td>193</td> </tr> <tr> <td>timeouts</td> <td>211</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ooms</td> <td>107</td> </tr> <tr> <td>leaks</td> <td>97</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ubsan</td> <td>107</td> </tr> <tr> <td>unknown crashes</td> <td>110</td> </tr> <tr> <td>other (e.g. assertions)</td> <td>107</td> </tr> <tr> <td>other</td> <td>20</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Vulnerability Type | Count | heap buffer overflows | 142 | global buffer overflows | 10 | stack buffer overflows | 10 | use after frees | 29 | uninitialized memory | 20 | stack overflows | 193 | timeouts | 211 | ooms | 107 | leaks | 97 | ubsan | 107 | unknown crashes | 110 | other (e.g. assertions) | 107 | other | 20 |
| Vulnerability Type | Count | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| heap buffer overflows | 142 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| global buffer overflows | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| stack buffer overflows | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| use after frees | 29 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| uninitialized memory | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| stack overflows | 193 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| timeouts | 211 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ooms | 107 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| leaks | 97 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ubsan | 107 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| unknown crashes | 110 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| other (e.g. assertions) | 107 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| other | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Challenges faced and how they were overcome | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New tools, techniques | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OWASP ZAP | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

or concepts
learned

Automated Scan

This screen allows you to launch an automated scan against an application - just enter its URL below and press 'Attack'. Please be aware that you should only attack applications that you have been specifically given permission to test.

URL to attack:

Use traditional spider: ☒

Use ajax spider: ☐ If Modern ☐ with Firefox Headless ☐

Progress: Using ajax spider to discover the content

Attack Stop

| ID | Req. Timestamp | Resp. Timestamp | Method | URL | Code | Reason | RTT | Size Resp. Header | Size Resp. Body |
|-----|----------------------|----------------------|--------|---|------|--------|--------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 415 | 10/12/24, 3:52:53 AM | 10/12/24, 3:52:53 AM | GET | http://safetyhub.paypal.com | 200 | OK | 420 ms | 3,129 bytes | 3,650,547 bytes |
| 418 | 10/12/24, 3:52:52 AM | 10/12/24, 3:52:52 AM | GET | http://safetyhub.paypal.com/vsternmap.xml | 200 | OK | 406 ms | 3,129 bytes | 4,560,826 bytes |
| 420 | 10/12/24, 3:53:06 AM | 10/12/24, 3:53:07 AM | GET | http://safetyhub.paypal.com | 200 | OK | 398 ms | 3,131 bytes | 3,650,547 bytes |
| 422 | 10/12/24, 3:53:09 AM | 10/12/24, 3:53:09 AM | GET | http://safetyhub.paypal.com/vsternmap.xml | 200 | OK | 418 ms | 3,131 bytes | 4,560,475 bytes |
| 424 | 10/12/24, 3:53:19 AM | 10/12/24, 3:53:19 AM | GET | http://safetyhub.paypal.com | 200 | OK | 385 ms | 3,133 bytes | 3,650,547 bytes |
| 426 | 10/12/24, 3:53:21 AM | 10/12/24, 3:53:21 AM | GET | http://safetyhub.paypal.com/vsternmap.xml | 200 | OK | 392 ms | 3,129 bytes | 4,563,906 bytes |
| 428 | 10/12/24, 3:53:06 AM | 10/12/24, 3:53:07 AM | GET | http://safetyhub.paypal.com/robots.txt | 200 | OK | 898 ms | 3,135 bytes | 4,561,751 bytes |
| 430 | 10/12/24, 3:53:29 AM | 10/12/24, 3:53:30 AM | GET | http://safetyhub.paypal.com | 200 | OK | 401 ms | 3,202 bytes | 3,650,547 bytes |
| 432 | 10/12/24, 3:53:33 AM | 10/12/24, 3:53:33 AM | GET | http://safetyhub.paypal.com/vsternmap.xml | 200 | OK | 420 ms | 3,129 bytes | 4,560,834 bytes |
| 434 | 10/12/24, 3:53:51 AM | 10/12/24, 3:53:52 AM | GET | http://safetyhub.paypal.com/vsternmap.xml | 200 | OK | 399 ms | 3,206 bytes | 4,564,327 bytes |
| 436 | 10/12/24, 3:53:35 AM | 10/12/24, 3:53:36 AM | GET | http://safetyhub.paypal.com/robots.txt | 200 | OK | 392 ms | 3,131 bytes | 4,561,187 bytes |
| 438 | 10/12/24, 3:54:20 AM | 10/12/24, 3:54:20 AM | GET | http://safetyhub.paypal.com/robots.txt | 200 | OK | 422 ms | 3,204 bytes | 4,563,040 bytes |

Alerts: 1 9 7 8 Main Proxy: localhost:8080

Automated Scan

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URL to attack:

Use traditional spider: ☒

Use ajax spider: ☐ If Modern ☐ with Firefox Headless ☐

Progress: Attack complete - see the Alerts tab for details of any issues found

Attack Stop

User Agent Fuzzer

URL: http://safetyhub.paypal.com/

Risk: Informational

Confidence: Medium

Parameter: Header User-Agent

Attack: Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSE 8.0; Windows NT 6.1)

Evidence:

CWE ID: 0

WASC ID: 0

Source: Active (10104 - User Agent Fuzzer)

Input Vector:

Description: Check for differences in response based on fuzzed User Agent (eg. mobile sites, access as a Search Engine Crawler). Compares the response statuscode and the hashcode of the response body with the original response.

Other Info:

Reflections and takeaways

- The User Agent Fuzzer refers to a software testing tool for web applications' security, which allows for changing the user agent string of a browser. Implicit in the use of the User Agent Fuzzer, however, is that applications are capable of handling all sorts of user agents, as well as validating the input of users. Security testers doing this can detect issues like mishandling of requests, both of which are security concerns and may even cause the application to behave improperly.
- The important lesson here, is that user agent strings are useful tools not just in testing but can be employed for the security of the application. In this sense, there are ways in which the user agents can be used against the application and thus, the input validation mechanisms can be improved and application controls can be tightened. Furthermore, it highlights the need to understand user agent strings as a vector of attack for purposes that include but are not limited to impersonation and getting around security measures.

12. CONCLUSION

- The ten days of intensive learning and vulnerability exploration have significantly enhanced my understanding of web security. This journey underscored the importance of a proactive approach in identifying, analyzing, and mitigating security threats. By utilizing a combination of automated tools, collaboration, and strategic planning, I developed a comprehensive perspective on securing web applications. The insights gained have reinforced the need for a thorough, multifaceted approach to cybersecurity, one that blends technical expertise with a commitment to vigilance and adaptability. As I continue this path, I am equipped with a stronger foundation and a renewed resolve to tackle the challenges in the ever-evolving landscape of cybersecurity.