

WEB APPLICATION Vulnerability Assessment Report

Target Website: <http://testphp.vulnweb.com>

Assessment Type:

Legal and public Web Security
Testing

Tools Used:

Nmap, OWASP ZAP, Browser Developer Tools

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Task 1 – Vulnerability Assessment

OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE

Objective

The objective of this assessment is to identify common web security misconfigurations using ethical, legal, and non-intrusive testing methods and to provide appropriate remediation recommendations.

Scope

- The assessment was limited to a publicly accessible demo website.
- Only passive and non-intrusive testing techniques were used.
- No authentication, login, or private areas were tested.
- No exploitation or data modification was performed.

METHODOLOGY

Methodology Used

- Network scanning using Nmap
- Automated vulnerability scanning using OWASP ZAP
- Manual HTTP header verification using Browser Developer Tools

NMAP SCAN RESULT

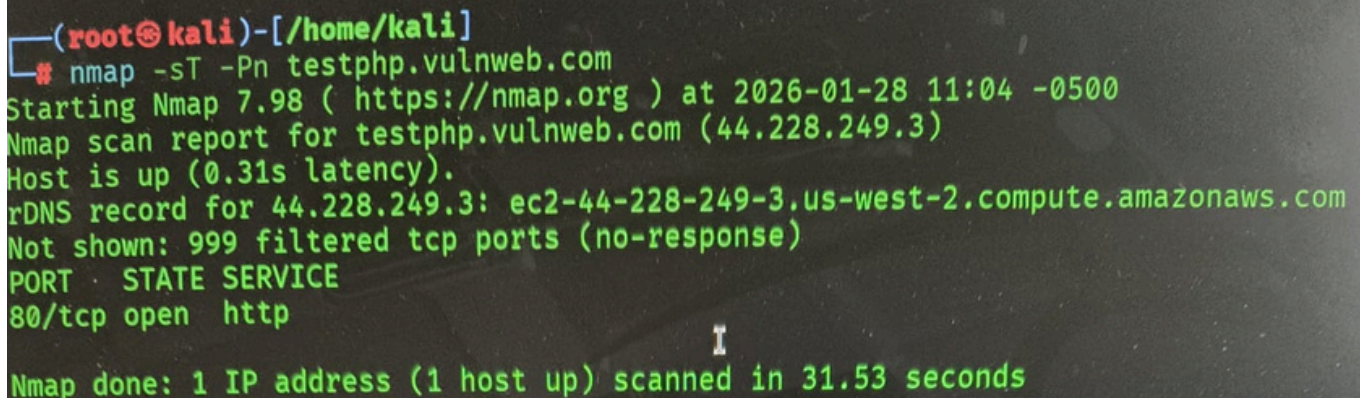
Tool Used: Nmap

Command Executed:

nmap -sT -Pn testphp.vulnweb.com

Result:

- Host is active
- Port 80/tcp (HTTP) is open
- The scan was limited to basic connectivity and port discovery only.
- **Impact:**
- The web application is publicly accessible and should be secured against web-based attacks.



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(root@kali)-[/home/kali]
# nmap -sT -Pn testphp.vulnweb.com
Starting Nmap 7.98 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2026-01-28 11:04 -0500
Nmap scan report for testphp.vulnweb.com (44.228.249.3)
Host is up (0.31s latency).
rDNS record for 44.228.249.3: ec2-44-228-249-3.us-west-2.compute.amazonaws.com
Not shown: 999 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT      STATE SERVICE
80/tcp    open  http

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 31.53 seconds
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HIGH RISK VULNERABILITY

Vulnerability:

Content Security Policy (CSP) Header Not Set

Risk: High

Confidence: High

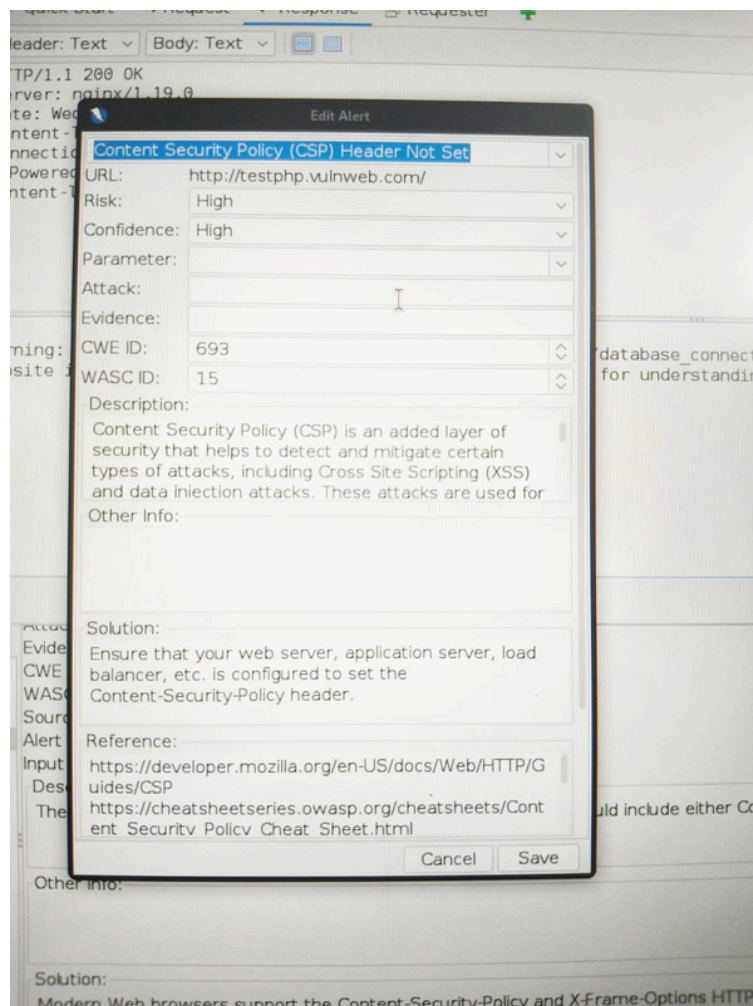
CWE ID: 693

Description

The application does not implement a Content Security Policy (CSP) header, which increases the risk of Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) and data injection attacks.

Recommendation

Configure the web server to include a strict Content-Security-Policy header.



MEDIUM RISK VULNERABILITY

Vulnerability:

Missing Anti-Clickjacking Header

Risk: Medium

Confidence: Medium

Parameter: X-Frame-Options

CWE ID: 1021

Description

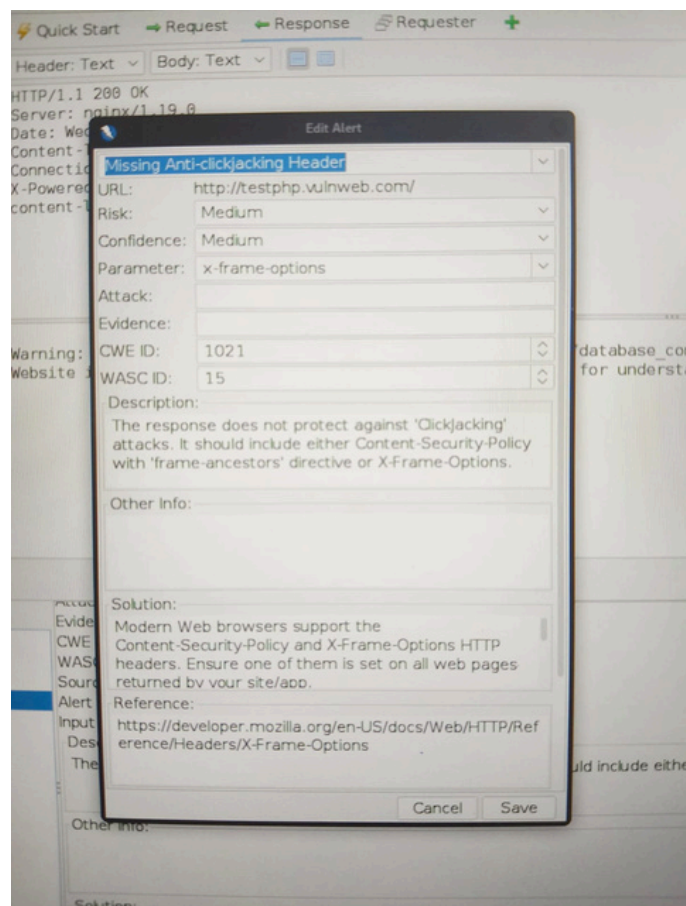
The application does not protect against clickjacking attacks

Impact

This may affect user trust and application integrity.

Recommendation

Implement X-Frame-Options or frame-ancestors directive.



LOW RISK VULNERABILITY

Vulnerability:

X-Powered-By Header Information Disclosure

Risk: Low

Confidence: Medium

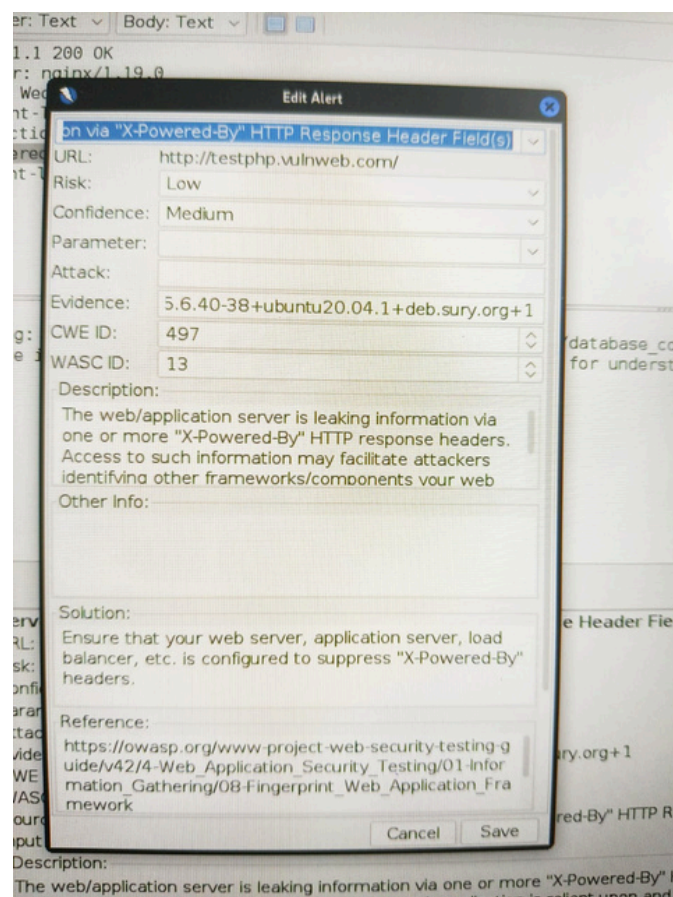
CWE ID: 497

Description

The server reveals backend technology information through HTTP headers.

Recommendation

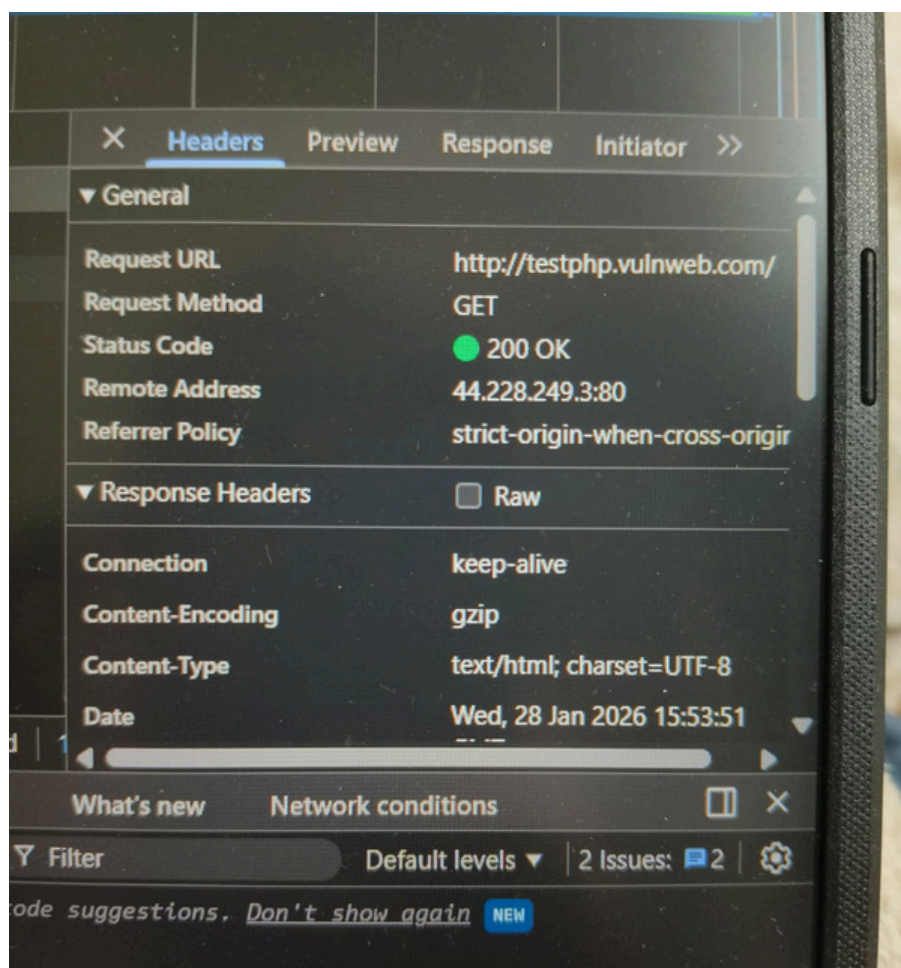
Suppress the X-Powered-By header at the server level.



BROWSER DEV TOOLS VERIFICATION

Description

Browser Developer Tools were used to manually verify the absence of security headers.



CONCLUSION

The security assessment identified multiple vulnerabilities related to missing HTTP security headers and information disclosure. Although no exploitation was performed, these issues may increase the attack surface of the application.

All findings were identified using passive and non-intrusive testing techniques on a publicly accessible demo website.

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