

# Developer Report

**Acunetix Security Audit** 

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# Scan of https://thesiswebsite12.000webhostapp.com/

# Scan details

Scan information	
Start time	18/02/2020, 01:45:45
Start url	https://thesiswebsite12.000webhostapp.com/
Host	https://thesiswebsite12.000webhostapp.com/
Scan time	2 minutes, 57 seconds
Profile	Full Scan

# Threat level

# **Acunetix Threat Level 3**

One or more high-severity type vulnerabilities have been discovered by the scanner. A malicious user can exploit these vulnerabilities and compromise the backend database and/or deface your website.

# Alerts distribution

Total alerts found	10
High	1
Medium	3
① Low	4
1 Informational	2

# **Alerts summary**

# Weak password

Classification		
CVSS2	Base Score: 7.5 Access Vector: Network_accessible Access Complexity: Low Authentication: None Confidentiality Impact: Partial Integrity Impact: Partial Availability Impact: Partial Exploitability: Not_defined Remediation Level: Not_defined Report Confidence: Not_defined Availability Requirement: Not_defined Collateral Damage Potential: Not_defined Confidentiality Requirement: Not_defined Integrity Requirement: Not_defined Target Distribution: Not_defined	
CVSS3	Base Score: 7.5 Attack Vector: Network Attack Complexity: Low Privileges Required: None User Interaction: None Scope: Unchanged Confidentiality Impact: High Integrity Impact: None Availability Impact: None	
CWE	CWE-200	
Affected items		Variation
Web Server		1

# Application error message

Classification	
CVSS2	Base Score: 5.0 Access Vector: Network_accessible Access Complexity: Low Authentication: None Confidentiality Impact: Partial Integrity Impact: None Availability Impact: None Exploitability: Not_defined Remediation Level: Not_defined Report Confidence: Not_defined Availability Requirement: Not_defined Collateral Damage Potential: Not_defined Confidentiality Requirement: Not_defined Integrity Requirement: Not_defined Target Distribution: Not_defined
CVSS3	Base Score: 5.3 Attack Vector: Network Attack Complexity: Low Privileges Required: None User Interaction: None Scope: Unchanged Confidentiality Impact: Low Integrity Impact: None Availability Impact: None
CWE	CWE-200
Affected items	Variation
Web Server	2

# HTML form without CSRF protection

Classification	
CVSS2	Base Score: 2.6 Access Vector: Network_accessible Access Complexity: High Authentication: None Confidentiality Impact: None Integrity Impact: Partial Availability Impact: None Exploitability: Not_defined Remediation Level: Not_defined Report Confidence: Not_defined Availability Requirement: Not_defined Collateral Damage Potential: Not_defined Confidentiality Requirement: Not_defined Integrity Requirement: Not_defined Target Distribution: Not_defined
CVSS3	Base Score: 4.3 Attack Vector: Network Attack Complexity: Low Privileges Required: None User Interaction: Required Scope: Unchanged Confidentiality Impact: None Integrity Impact: Low Availability Impact: None
CWE	CWE-352
Affected items	Variation
Web Server	1

# ① Clickjacking: X-Frame-Options header missing

Classification	
CVSS2	Base Score: 6.8 Access Vector: Network_accessible Access Complexity: Medium Authentication: None Confidentiality Impact: Partial Integrity Impact: Partial Availability Impact: Partial Exploitability: Not_defined Remediation Level: Not_defined Report Confidence: Not_defined Availability Requirement: Not_defined Collateral Damage Potential: Not_defined Confidentiality Requirement: Not_defined Integrity Requirement: Not_defined Target Distribution: Not_defined
CWE	CWE-693
Affected items	Variation
Web Server	1

# ① Cookie(s) without HttpOnly flag set

Classification			
	Base Score: 0.0 Access Vector: Network_accessible Access Complexity: Low Authentication: None Confidentiality Impact: None Integrity Impact: None Availability Impact: None		

CVSS2	Exploitability: Not_defined Remediation Level: Not_defined Report Confidence: Not_defined Availability Requirement: Not_defined Collateral Damage Potential: Not_defined Confidentiality Requirement: Not_defined Integrity Requirement: Not_defined Target Distribution: Not_defined	
CWE	CWE-16	
Affected items		Variation
Web Server		1

# ① Cookie(s) without Secure flag set

Classification	
CVSS2	Base Score: 0.0 Access Vector: Network_accessible Access Complexity: Low Authentication: None Confidentiality Impact: None Integrity Impact: None Availability Impact: None Exploitability: Not_defined Remediation Level: Not_defined Report Confidence: Not_defined Availability Requirement: Not_defined Collateral Damage Potential: Not_defined Confidentiality Requirement: Not_defined Integrity Requirement: Not_defined Target Distribution: Not_defined
CWE	CWE-16
Affected items	Variation
Web Server	1

# ① Login page password-guessing attack

Classification		
CVSS2	Base Score: 5.0 Access Vector: Network_accessible Access Complexity: Low Authentication: None Confidentiality Impact: Partial Integrity Impact: None Availability Impact: None Exploitability: Not_defined Remediation Level: Not_defined Report Confidence: Not_defined Availability Requirement: Not_defined Collateral Damage Potential: Not_defined Confidentiality Requirement: Not_defined Integrity Requirement: Not_defined Target Distribution: Not_defined	
CVSS3	Base Score: 5.3 Attack Vector: Network Attack Complexity: Low Privileges Required: None User Interaction: None Scope: Unchanged Confidentiality Impact: None Integrity Impact: None Availability Impact: Low	
CWE	CWE-307	
Affected items	Variation	

Web Server	1

# ① Email address found

Classification		
CVSS2	Base Score: 0.0 Access Vector: Network_accessible Access Complexity: Low Authentication: None Confidentiality Impact: None Integrity Impact: None Availability Impact: None Exploitability: Not_defined Remediation Level: Not_defined Report Confidence: Not_defined Availability Requirement: Not_defined Collateral Damage Potential: Not_defined Confidentiality Requirement: Not_defined Integrity Requirement: Not_defined Target Distribution: Not_defined	
CVSS3	Base Score: 0.0 Attack Vector: Network Attack Complexity: Low Privileges Required: None User Interaction: None Scope: Unchanged Confidentiality Impact: None Integrity Impact: None Availability Impact: None	
CWE	CWE-200	
Affected items		Variation
Web Server		1

# ① Password type input with auto-complete enabled

Classification	
CVSS2	Base Score: 0.0 Access Vector: Network_accessible Access Complexity: Low Authentication: None Confidentiality Impact: None Integrity Impact: None Availability Impact: None Exploitability: Not_defined Remediation Level: Not_defined Report Confidence: Not_defined Availability Requirement: Not_defined Collateral Damage Potential: Not_defined Confidentiality Requirement: Not_defined Integrity Requirement: Not_defined Target Distribution: Not_defined
CVSS3	Base Score: 7.5 Attack Vector: Network Attack Complexity: Low Privileges Required: None User Interaction: None Scope: Unchanged Confidentiality Impact: High Integrity Impact: None Availability Impact: None
CWE	CWE-200
Affected items	Variation
Web Server	1



# Weak password

Severity	High
Reported by module	/Scripts/PerScheme/Html_Authentication_Audit.script

# **Description**

This page is using a weak password. Acunetix was able to guess the credentials required to access this page. A weak password is short, common, a system default, or something that could be rapidly guessed by executing a brute force attack using a subset of all possible passwords, such as words in the dictionary, proper names, words based on the user name or common variations on these themes.

# **Impact**

An attacker may access the contents of the password-protected page.

#### Recommendation

Enforce a strong password policy. Don't permit weak passwords or passwords based on dictionary words.

#### References

Wikipedia - Password strength (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Password\_strength)
Authentication Hacking Attacks (http://www.acunetix.com/websitesecurity/authentication/)

#### Affected items

Web Server
Details
Not available in the free trial
Request headers
Not available in the free trial

# Application error message

Severity	Medium
Reported by module	/Scripts/PerScheme/Error_Message.script

# **Description**

This alert requires manual confirmation

Application error or warning messages may expose sensitive information about an application's internal workings to an attacker.

Acunetix found an error or warning message that may disclose sensitive information. The message may also contain the location of the file that produced an unhandled exception. Consult the 'Attack details' section for more information about the affected page.

# **Impact**

Error messages may disclose sensitive information which can be used to escalate attacks.

# Recommendation

Verify that this page is disclosing error or warning messages and properly configure the application to log errors to a file instead of displaying the error to the user.

# References

PHP Runtime Configuration (http://www.php.net/manual/en/errorfunc.configuration.php#ini.display-errors)
Improper Error Handling (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Improper Error Handling)

#### Affected items

Web Server
Details
Not available in the free trial

Request headers

Not available in the free trial

Web Server

Details

Not available in the free trial

Request headers

Not available in the free trial

# HTML form without CSRF protection

Severity	Medium
Reported by module	/Crawler/12-Crawler_Form_NO_CSRF.js

# Description

This alert requires manual confirmation

Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF, or XSRF) is a vulnerability wherein an attacker tricks a victim into making a request the victim did not intend to make. Therefore, with CSRF, an attacker abuses the trust a web application has with a victim's browser.

Acunetix found an HTML form with no apparent anti-CSRF protection implemented. Consult the 'Attack details' section for more information about the affected HTML form.

# **Impact**

An attacker could use CSRF to trick a victim into accessing a website hosted by the attacker, or clicking a URL containing malicious or unauthorized requests.

CSRF is a type of 'confused deputy' attack which leverages the authentication and authorization of the victim when the forged request is being sent to the web server. Therefore, if a CSRF vulnerability could affect highly privileged users such as administrators full application compromise may be possible.

# Recommendation

Verify if this form requires anti-CSRF protection and implement CSRF countermeasures if necessary.

The recommended and the most widely used technique for preventing CSRF attacks is know as an anti-CSRF token, also sometimes referred to as a synchronizer token. The characteristics of a well designed anti-CSRF system involve the following attributes.

- The anti-CSRF token should be unique for each user session
- The session should automatically expire after a suitable amount of time
- The anti-CSRF token should be a cryptographically random value of significant length
- The anti-CSRF token should be cryptographically secure, that is, generated by a strong Pseudo-Random Number Generator (PRNG) algorithm
- The anti-CSRF token is added as a hidden field for forms, or within URLs (only necessary if GET requests cause state changes, that is, GET requests are not idempotent)
- The server should reject the requested action if the anti-CSRF token fails validation

When a user submits a form or makes some other authenticated request that requires a Cookie, the anti-CSRF token should be included in the request. Then, the web application will then verify the existence and correctness of this token before processing

the request. If the token is missing or incorrect, the request can be rejected.

#### References

What is Cross Site Reference Forgery (CSRF)? (https://www.acunetix.com/websitesecurity/csrf-attacks/)

Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) Prevention Cheatsheet (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Cross-

Site Request Forgery (CSRF) Prevention Cheat Sheet)

The Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF/XSRF) FAQ (http://www.cgisecurity.com/csrf-faq.html)

Cross-site Request Forgery (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cross-site\_request\_forgery)

#### Affected items

Web Server	
Details	
Not available in the free trial	
Request headers	
Not available in the free trial	

# Clickjacking: X-Frame-Options header missing

Severity	Low
Reported by module	/Scripts/PerServer/Clickjacking_X_Frame_Options.script

# **Description**

Clickjacking (User Interface redress attack, UI redress attack, UI redressing) is a malicious technique of tricking a Web user into clicking on something different from what the user perceives they are clicking on, thus potentially revealing confidential information or taking control of their computer while clicking on seemingly innocuous web pages.

The server didn't return an **X-Frame-Options** header which means that this website could be at risk of a clickjacking attack. The X-Frame-Options HTTP response header can be used to indicate whether or not a browser should be allowed to render a page inside a frame or iframe. Sites can use this to avoid clickjacking attacks, by ensuring that their content is not embedded into other sites.

# **Impact**

The impact depends on the affected web application.

# Recommendation

Configure your web server to include an X-Frame-Options header. Consult Web references for more information about the possible values for this header.

# References

The X-Frame-Options response header (https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/HTTP/X-Frame-Options)

Clickjacking (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clickjacking)

OWASP Clickjacking (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Clickjacking)

Defending with Content Security Policy frame-ancestors directive

(https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Clickjacking\_Defense\_Cheat\_Sheet#Defending\_with\_Content\_Security\_Policy\_frameancestors directive)

Frame Buster Buster (http://stackoverflow.com/questions/958997/frame-buster-buster-buster-code-needed)

## Affected items

# **Web Server**

Details

Not available in the free trial

# Request headers

Not available in the free trial

# ① Cookie(s) without HttpOnly flag set

Severity	Low
Reported by module	/RPA/Cookie_Without_HttpOnly.js

# Description

This cookie does not have the HTTPOnly flag set. When a cookie is set with the HTTPOnly flag, it instructs the browser that the cookie can only be accessed by the server and not by client-side scripts. This is an important security protection for session cookies.

# **Impact**

None

#### Recommendation

If possible, you should set the HTTPOnly flag for this cookie.

#### Affected items

# Web Server Details Not available in the free trial Request headers Not available in the free trial

# Cookie(s) without Secure flag set

Severity	Low
Reported by module	/RPA/Cookie_Without_Secure.js

# **Description**

This cookie does not have the Secure flag set. When a cookie is set with the Secure flag, it instructs the browser that the cookie can only be accessed over secure SSL channels. This is an important security protection for session cookies.

# **Impact**

None

### Recommendation

If possible, you should set the Secure flag for this cookie.

# Affected items

# Web Server Details Not available in the free trial Request headers Not available in the free trial

# Login page password-guessing attack

Severity	Low

# **Description**

A common threat web developers face is a password-guessing attack known as a brute force attack. A brute-force attack is an attempt to discover a password by systematically trying every possible combination of letters, numbers, and symbols until you discover the one correct combination that works.

This login page doesn't have any protection against password-guessing attacks (brute force attacks). It's recommended to implement some type of account lockout after a defined number of incorrect password attempts. Consult Web references for more information about fixing this problem.

# **Impact**

An attacker may attempt to discover a weak password by systematically trying every possible combination of letters, numbers, and symbols until it discovers the one correct combination that works.

#### Recommendation

It's recommended to implement some type of account lockout after a defined number of incorrect password attempts.

#### References

Blocking Brute Force Attacks (http://www.owasp.org/index.php/Blocking\_Brute\_Force\_Attacks)

### Affected items

## Web Server

Details

Not available in the free trial

Request headers

Not available in the free trial

# Email address found

Severity	Informational
Reported by module	/Scripts/PerFolder/Text_Search_Dir.script

# **Description**

One or more email addresses have been found on this page. The majority of spam comes from email addresses harvested off the internet. The spam-bots (also known as email harvesters and email extractors) are programs that scour the internet looking for email addresses on any website they come across. Spambot programs look for strings like myname@mydomain.com and then record any addresses found.

# **Impact**

Email addresses posted on Web sites may attract spam.

# Recommendation

Check references for details on how to solve this problem.

### References

Anti-spam techniques (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anti-spam techniques)

# Affected items

## Web Server

**Details** 

### Not available in the free trial

# Request headers

Not available in the free trial

# Password type input with auto-complete enabled

Severity	Informational
Reported by module	/Crawler/12-Crawler_Password_Input_Autocomplete.js

# **Description**

When a new name and password is entered in a form and the form is submitted, the browser asks if the password should be saved. Thereafter when the form is displayed, the name and password are filled in automatically or are completed as the name is entered. An attacker with local access could obtain the cleartext password from the browser cache.

# **Impact**

Possible sensitive information disclosure.

# Recommendation

The password auto-complete should be disabled in sensitive applications.

To disable auto-complete, you may use a code similar to:

<INPUT TYPE="password" AUTOCOMPLETE="off">

# Affected items

# **Web Server**

Details

Not available in the free trial

# Request headers

Not available in the free trial

# Scanned items (coverage report)

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