OT Smart Home Security Analyzer (OTSHSA)

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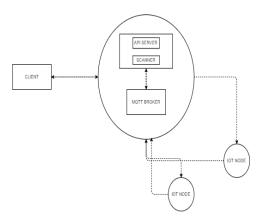
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Introduction - OT Smart Home Security Analyzer (OTSHSA)

OT Smart Home Security Analyzer (OTSHSA) is an IoT security controller/analyzer that detects the presence of new IoT nodes in the home environment and does Automatic Service Fingerprinting and Security Posture assessment with the help of a scanner module. OT Smart Home Security Analyzer acts as the internet gateway and Proxy Firewall for all connected OT devices. The scanner module periodically scans the existing nodes for any new vulnerabilities. As a remediation measure, devices with known high vulnerabilities are blocked and not allowed to connect to the internet. The rogue device detection capability of the OT Smart Home Security Analyzer prevents the node from connecting to the internet and communicating with other nodes with MAC filtering. Replay attacks and device cloning attack prevention are done with OT clients' identity verification. The framework provides real-time analysis of each node's security posture and allows users to restrict each node's communication with the network.

Application Architecture

OTSHSA application is designed with certain distributed architecture concepts and has components like IoT sensors and a server that can be accessed and managed by a web GUI interface. The server hosts a RESTful API interface for the web clients to communicate with it. The web client interface consumes the Restful APIs from the server, which allows users to leverage the features provided by the solution.



The lightweight **publish/subscribe** messaging protocol MQTT (MQ Telemetry Transport) based interface is used for secure bidirectional communication with the OTSHA server and IoT sensors. The use of MQTT offers optional support for encrypting messages using TLS and authentication of clients using modern authentication protocols, such as Oauth.

Technology Stack

Below is a list of various technologies used for different elements of this solution.

Server

- i. Python
- ii. Fastapi
- iii. MongoDB
- iv. MOTT

Client

- v. Typescript
- vi. Angular

Low-Level Design Description and Code Flow

The below section provides details of the low-level design of the solution along with code flow.

1. Server

- The server is written in Python, and it uses the fast API framework to work with a MongoDB instance. FastAPI is a modern, fast (high-performance) web framework for building APIs with Python 3.6+ and is based on standard Python-type hints.
- The whole application runs within a reactor loop, which simulates an
 event loop on a single thread. It means that every operation is being
 executed on a single line, and is never blocked, in case of an idle
 function, subsequent instructions are executed and vice versa.

2. Database

- The database used is MongoDB, which is a NoSQL cross-platform document-oriented database program. MongoDB uses JSON-like documents with optional schemas.
- Multiple interfaces using the **pydantic Base model** class are developed; they are called in for different Read, Write, Update operations.
- The fast API has a class-based ODM (Object Document mapper), making it easier to define Object-Oriented programming concepts and use implemented design patterns.
- Each table has a class inherited from the **beanie**. **Document** which implements all the required attributes and methods for effective communication with MongoDB instance.
- Each **models.py** contains defined interfaces for reading/WRITE/UPDATE operations, providing a validation layer for interacting with the underlying database and requests.
- **Pydantic** and **typing** modules in Python 3.6+ versions are used to take advantage of the current features.

Three main classes describe the data stored by the database

2.1 Device

- Defined in otshsa/discovery/models/device.py
- Stores the data related to a device recognized by the user.
- Stores IP Address, MAC Address of a specific device.

2.2Scan

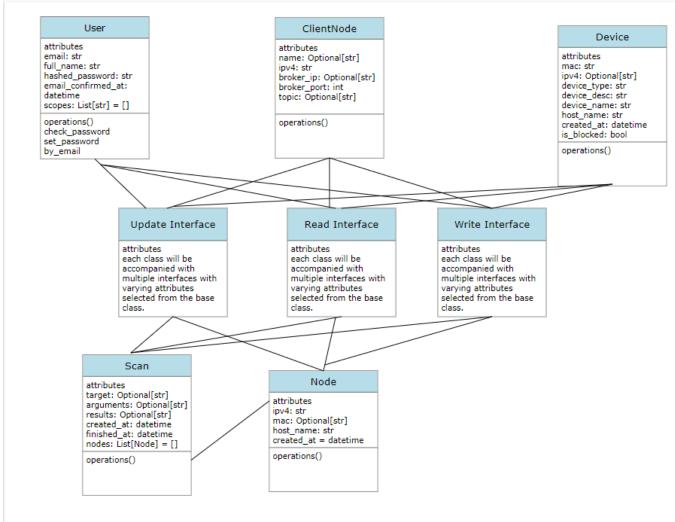
- Defined in otshsa/discovery/models/scan.py
- Stores the data related to a recent network scan.
- Stores IP Address, MAC Address of detected devices.

2.3ClientNode

- Defined in otshsa/discovery/models/client.py
- Stores the data related to a client IOT node.

• Stores IP Address, Broker IP Address to which the node is connected, a topic on which the node is publishing data to the broker.

The below UML diagram enlists database design elements.



3. API Routes

The server exposes APIs written as simple functions in each directory's routers.py. Each method is attached to an everyday object which exposes them as each HTTP method on corresponding endpoints.

- Auth routes
 - o Login Logs in a user with username & password
 - Logout
 - Defined in otshsa/auth/routers.py
- Device routes

- Device CRUD (Create/Read/Update/Delete)
- Defined in otshsa/discovery/routers.py
- ClientNode routes
 - o ClientNode CRUD
 - Defined in otshsa/inventory/routers.py
- Scan
 - o Read Scan operation.
 - Defined in otshsa/discovery/routers.py
- Analysis
 - Device detection
 - The specific details related to the device are captured and used to detect the firmware information regarding the device.
 - Defined in otshsa/discovery/routers.py
 - o Device risk analysis
 - Once the device is detected, with the help of a unique identifier for risk analysis will perform.
 - Defined in otshsa/discovery/routers.py
- Default credentials routes
 - o CRUD operations
 - Defined in otshsa/inventory/routers.py

4. Scan

- The server scans the network using network mapping tools to identify neighboring devices in the network. It captures information regarding each device, like IP Address, MAC address, Hostname.
- The information is passed along to the scanner for practical risk analysis.

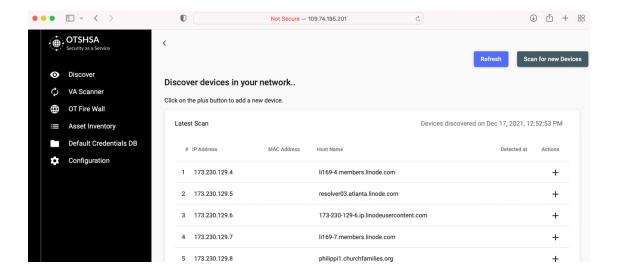
5. Client

The client is written in Typescript, using the Angular framework. Angular is a TypeScript-based free and open-source web application framework led by the Angular Team at Google and by a community of individuals and corporations.

6.Screens

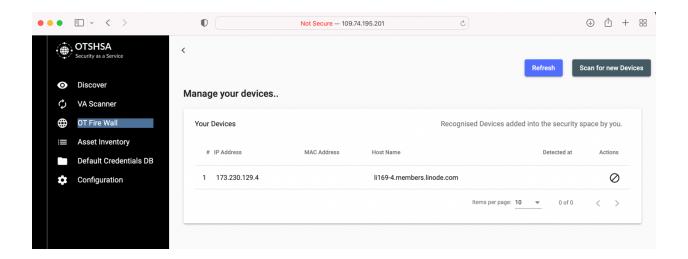
There are mainly 7 screens. Each screen is written as a **Component** in the application. Each components makes use of several sub-components and work together to comprise the application UI.

Screen 1 - Discover



- Lists out the devices connected to the local network.
- Allows user to add a device into our security environment by creating a new device on clicking '+' button.
- Defined in web-ui/src/app/pages/discover/discover.component.ts

Screen 2 - VA Scanner

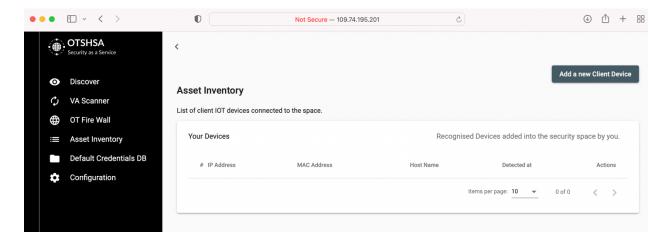


- Lists out the devices add to the security network.
- Allows user to navigate to **Device Details** screen, where specific details are displayed.
- Defined in web-ui/src/app/pages/scanner/scanner.component.ts

Screen 3 - Device Details

- Displays out the devices added to the security network.
- Allows user to detect firmware information of each device.
- Allows user to analyse risk information of each device.
- Defined in web-ui/src/app/pages/device-details/device-details.component.ts

Screen 4 - Asset Inventory

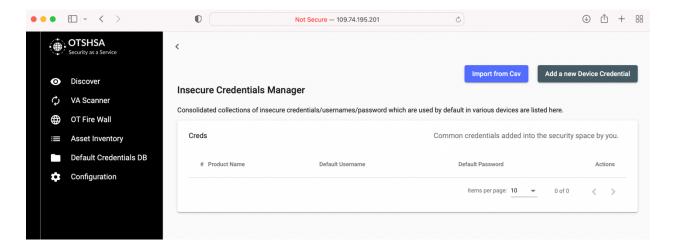


- Displays out the client IOT devices added to the security network.
- Allows user to navigate to Analytics tab.
- Defined in web-ui/src/app/pages/inventory/inventory.component.ts

Screen 5 - Analytics

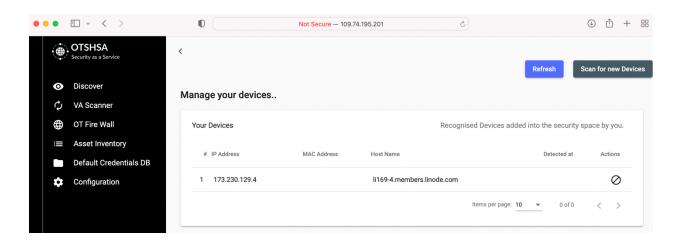
- Displays out the client IOT device added to the security network.
- Real time communication with the device.
- Displays messages published by the device to the broker.
- MQTT client library for angular is initialised with the broker info for subscribing to published topics real time.
- Defined in web-ui/src/app/pages/analytics/analytics.component.ts

Screen 6 - Default Credentials DB



- Stores default credentials of several products.
- Scanner uses this information for risk analysis.
- Can Import data from CSV file.
- Defined in webui/src/app/pages/credentials/credentials.component.ts

Screen 7 - OT Firewall



- Lists out the devices added from the network.
- Provides capability to block and unblock devices using iptables.
- Defined in web-ui/src/app/pages/firewall/firewall.component.ts

7.Access Control

The access control is implemented using Token authentication for users and by Firewall module for IOT devices. The firewall module provides capability for users to block/unblock devices from the internet communication.

8.MQTT Overview

The MQTT (1) protocol is used for communication between devices, client and broker. MQTT is an OASIS standard messaging protocol for the Internet of Things (IoT). It is designed as an extremely lightweight publish/subscribe messaging transport that is ideal for connecting remote devices with a small code footprint and minimal network bandwidth.

- MQTT clients are very small, require minimal resources so can be used on small microcontrollers. MQTT message(!) headers are small to optimise network bandwidth.
- The MQTT protocol provides username and password fields in the CONNECT message for authentication. The client has the option to send a username and password when it connects to an MQTT broker(1).
- MQTT allows for messaging between device to cloud and cloud to device.
 This makes for easy broadcasting messages to groups of things.
- MQTT (1)can scale to connect with millions of IoT devices.
- Reliability of message delivery is important for many IoT use cases. This is why MQTT (1)has 3 defined quality of service levels: 0 - at most once, 1- at least once, 2 - exactly once
- Many IoT devices connect over unreliable cellular networks. MQTT's support for persistent sessions reduces the time to reconnect the client with the broker.
- MQTT (1)makes it easy to encrypt messages using TLS and authenticate clients using modern authentication protocols, such as OAuth.

MQTT Publish / Subscribe Architecture



9.Simulating Clients

- Mock clients can be found in otshsa/clients directory.
- To run a mock client script, run it using python like, **#python clients/mock_temp_sensor.py**
- Then, go to **Asset Inventory** in **WebUI** to create a new client device by clicking on the button **Create New Client Device**.
- Enter details such as **broker IP** (it should be server IP), **Publishing topic** (topic to which client subscribe to), **Name** (Optional).
- Proceed to Analytics tab using the arrow icon in the right, to analyse/monitor real time communication with the client.

10.Docker Based Installation Steps(2):

Step 1: Update the apt package index and install packages to allow apt to use a repository over HTTPS:

#sudo apt update

#sudo apt install apt-transport-https ca-certificates curl software-propertiescommon curl gnupg lsb-release

Step 2:Add Docker's official GPG key:

#curl -fsSL https://download.docker.com/linux/ubuntu/gpg | sudo gpg --dearmor -o /usr/share/keyrings/docker-archive-keyring.gpg

Step 3: Use the following command to set up the stable repository. To add the nightly or test repository, add the word nightly or test (or both) after the word stable in the commands below. #echo\

"deb [arch=\$(dpkg --print-architecture) signed-by=/usr/share/keyrings/docker-archive-keyring.gpg]

https://download.docker.com/linux/ubuntu\

\$(Isb_release -cs) stable" | sudo tee /etc/apt/sources.list.d/docker.list > /dev/null

Step 4: Update the apt package index, and install the latest version of Docker Engine and containerd, or go to the next step to install a specific version:

#sudo apt-get update #sudo apt-get install docker-ce docker-ce-cli containerd.io

Step 5: Run this command to download the current stable release of Docker Compose:

#sudo curl -L

"https://github.com/docker/compose/releases/download/1.29.2/docker-compose-\$(uname -s)-\$(uname -m)" -o /usr/local/bin/docker-compose

Step 6: Apply executable permissions to the binary:

#sudo chmod +x /usr/local/bin/docker-compose

Step7: Finally unzip the OTSHA package directory shared and from the otsha directory build and run the container:

#unzip OTSHA.zip #cd OTSHA #docker-compose build ##docker-compose up

Access the web UI using the url http://l27.0.0.1:4200 and simulate the client using previously mentioned steps.

Demo: A hosted demo of OTSHA instance can be accessed here

http://109.74.195.201:4200/auth/login

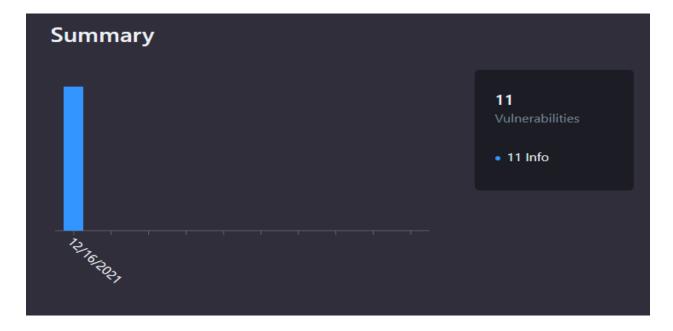
Username: admin@email.com

Password: abcd1234

Note: For detailed installation steps please refee the README file in OTSHA.zip file.

11.Secure Code Review (SAST):

An in depth offline secure code review was conducted against the code base. Below are the list of vulnerabilities and necessary remediation steps are taken to improve the quality of the code. The vulnerabilities found as part of the security assessment is listed as follows,



Observation-1: Consider using FastAPI security middleware TrustedHostMiddleware to improve overall security. at line 1.

```
VULNERABILITY DETECTED:
Security Misconfiguration

CODE SNIPPET
from fastapi import FastAPI

from auth.routers import user_router, auth_router
from inventory.routers import inventory_router

DETECTED IN:
otshsa/routers.py - Line number 1
```

Observation-2: Use of allowed credentials with CORS would decrease the overall API security. at line 24.

Observation-3: Consider using FastAPI security middleware TrustedHostMiddleware to improve overall security. at line 1.

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VULNERABILITY DETECTED:

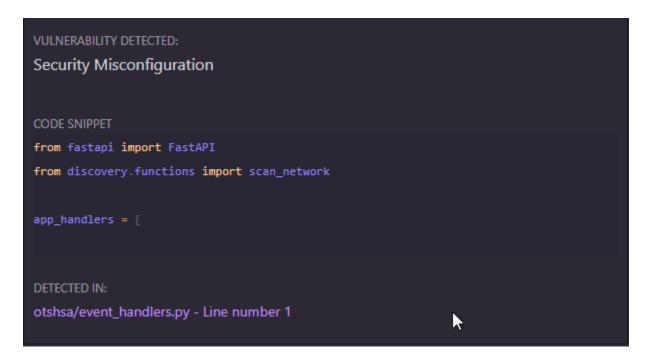
Security Misconfiguration

CODE SNIPPET
import uvicorn

from fastapi import FastAPI
from fastapi.middleware.cors import CORSMiddleware

DETECTED IN:
otshsa/main.py - Line number 1
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Observation-4: Consider using FastAPI security middleware TrustedHostMiddleware to improve overall security. at line 1.



Observation-5: Consider using FastAPI security middleware TrustedHostMiddleware to improve overall security. at line 1.

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VULNERABILITY DETECTED:

Security Misconfiguration

CODE SNIPPET

from fastapi import APIRouter, Request, Depends, HTTPException

from config import settings

from fastapi.security import OAuth2PasswordBearer

from datetime import timedelta

DETECTED IN:

otshsa/auth/routers.py - Line number 1
```

Observation-7: Consider using FastAPI security middleware TrustedHostMiddleware to improve overall security. at line 1.

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VULNERABILITY DETECTED:

Security Misconfiguration

CODE SNIPPET

from fastapi import APIRouter

def include_routers(router: APIRouter, sub_routers: list):

DETECTED IN:
otshsa/core/utils.py - Line number 1
```

Observation-8: Consider using FastAPI security middleware TrustedHostMiddleware to improve overall security. at line 1.

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VULNERABILITY DETECTED:

Security Misconfiguration

CODE SNIPPET

from fastapi import APIRouter

from core.utils import include_routers

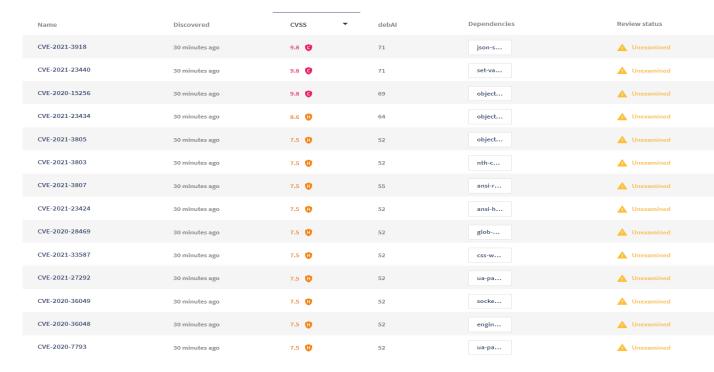
from discovery.routes.scan import scan_router

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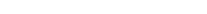
12. Software Composition Analysis (SCA):

Detailed Software Analysis of the developed code base was conducted, and possible remediation steps needed are taken as needed.



CVE-2021-3918 - json-schema (npm)

Vulnerabilities > d3v53c/otshsa > CVE-2021-3918 Details



CVE-2021-3918

Vulnerability 1 Manual fix

Discovered 6 minutes ago

json-schema (npm)

Improperly Controlled Modificat...

The software receives input from an upstream component that specifies multiple attributes, properties, or fields that are to be initialized or updated in an object, but it does not properly control which attributes can be modified.

NVD 🗵

json-schema is vulnerable to Improperly Controlled Modification of Object Prototype Attributes ('Prototype

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json-schema is vulnerable to Improperly Controlled Modification of Object Prototype Attributes ('Prototype Pollution')

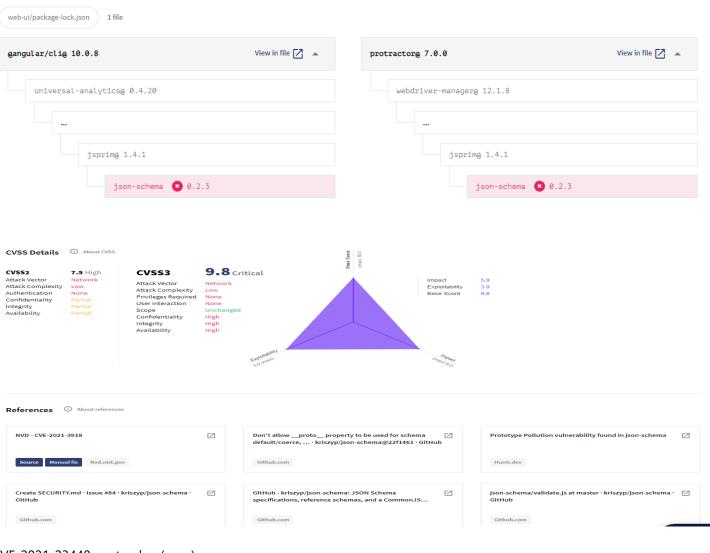
json-schema is vulnerable to Prototype Pollution

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CVE-2021-23440 - set-value (npm)

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Access of Resource Using Incom...

The program allocates or initializes a resource such as a pointer, object, or variable using one type, but it later accesses that resource using a type that is incompatible with the original type.

NVD 🛮

This affects the package set-value before <2.0.1, >=3.0.0 <4.0.1. A type confusion vulnerability can lead to a bypass of CVE-2019-10747 when the user-provided keys used in the path parameter are arrays.

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Prototype Pollution in set-value

This affects the package set-value before 4.0.1. A type confusion vulnerability can lead to a bypass of CVE-2019-10747 when the user-provided keys used in the path parameter are arrays.



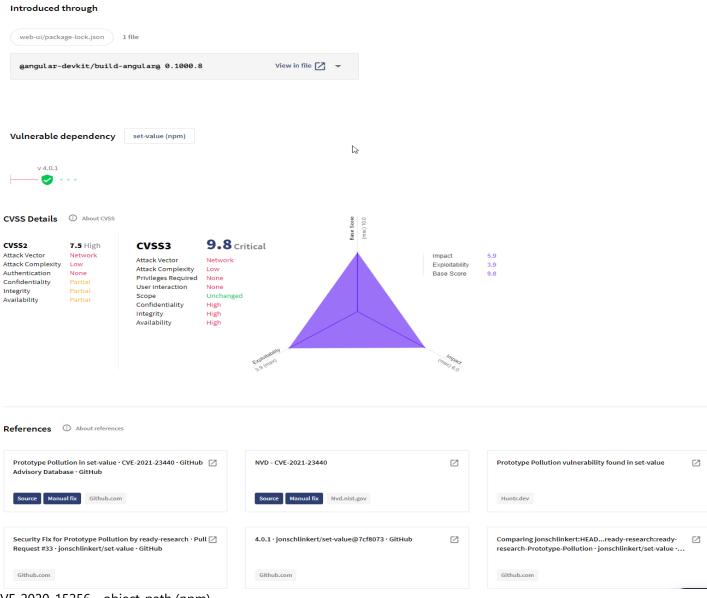
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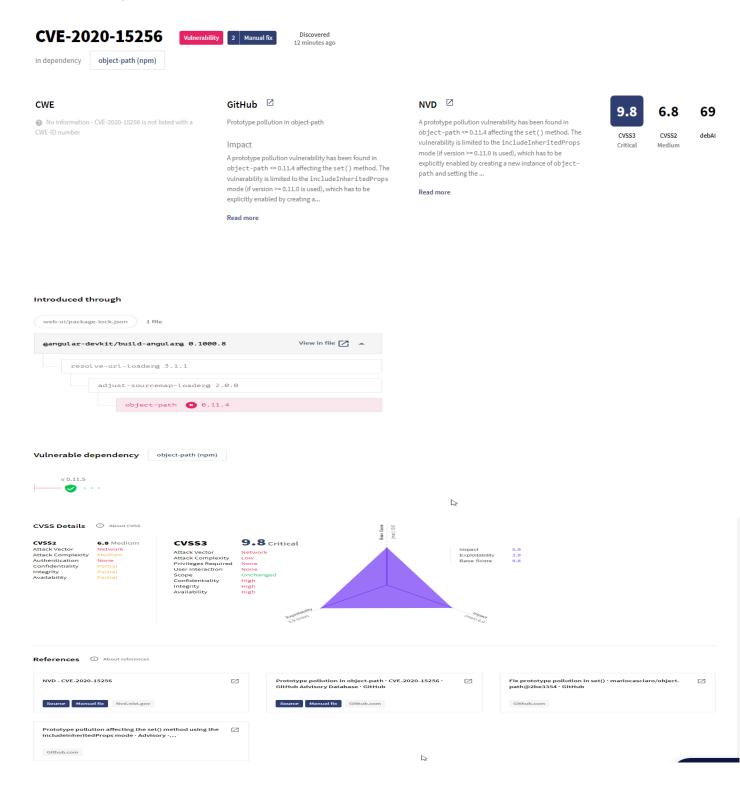
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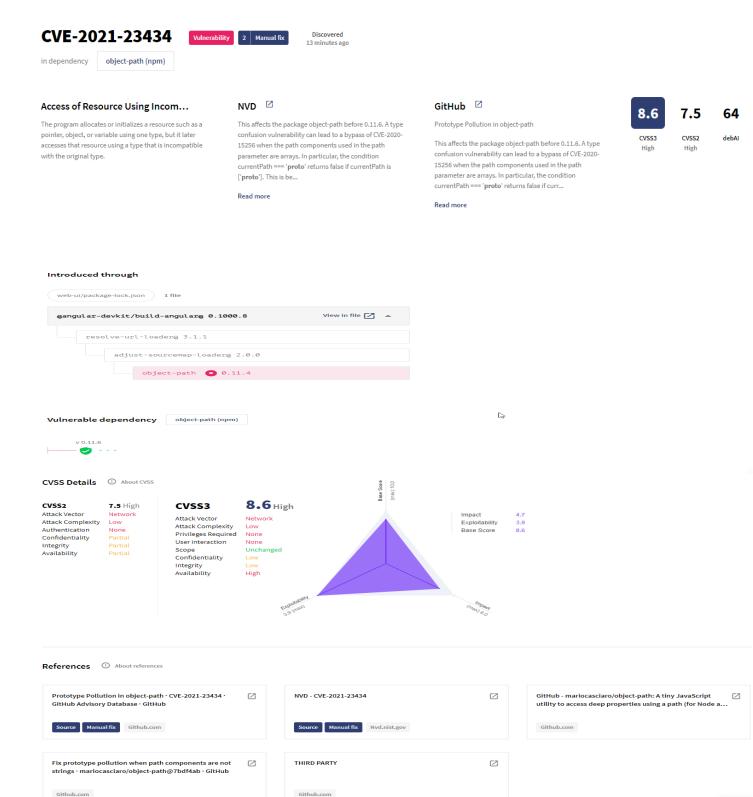
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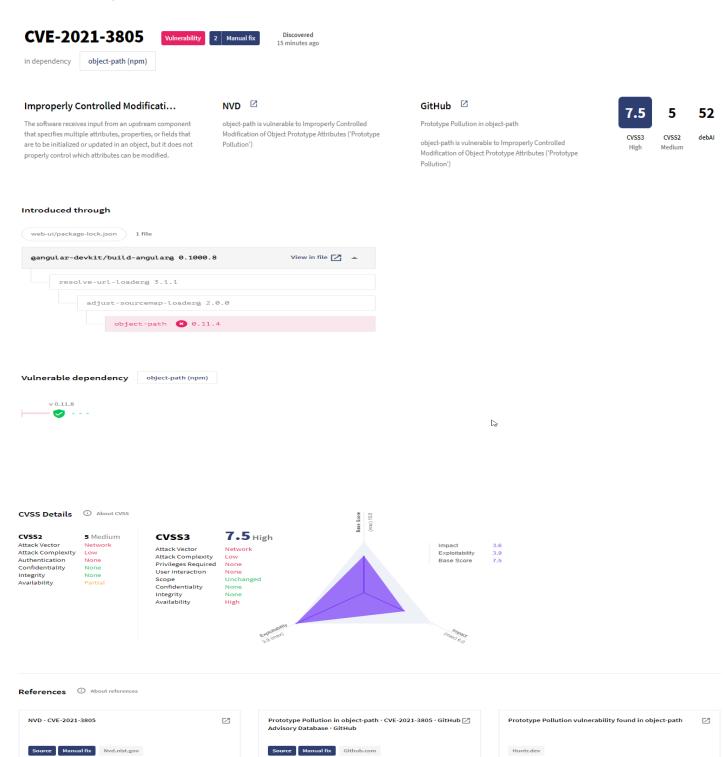


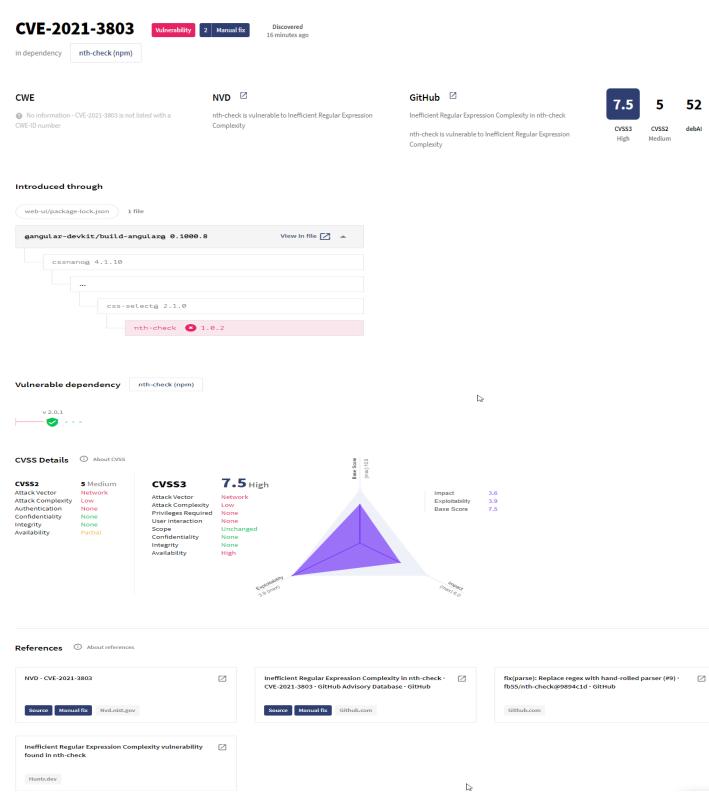
CVE-2020-15256 - object-path (npm)



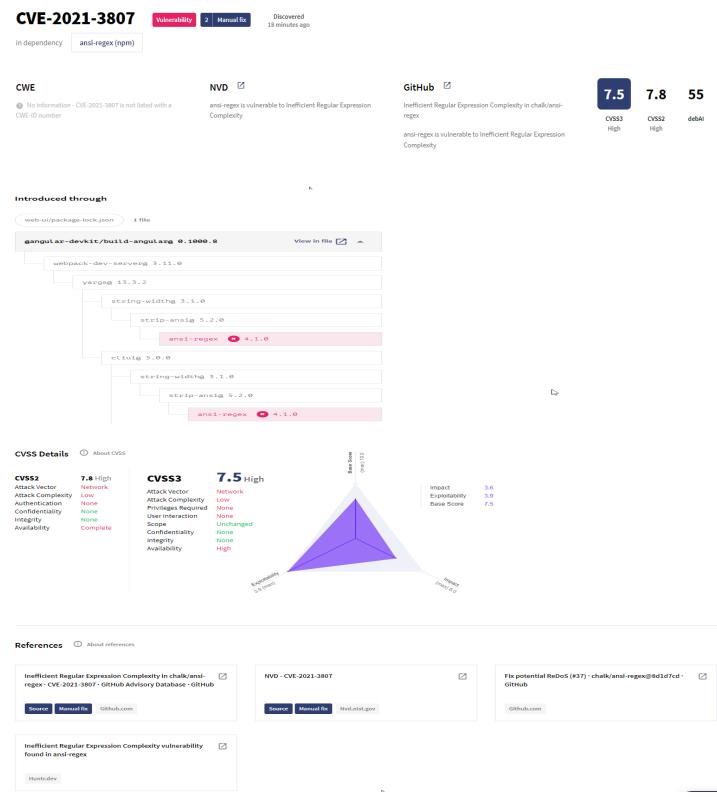


Security Misconfiguration

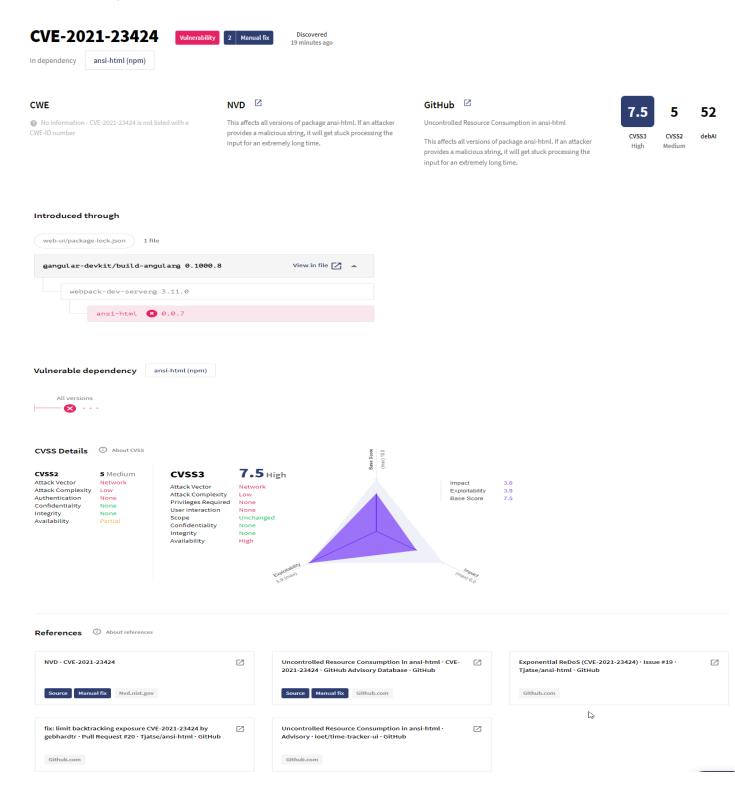


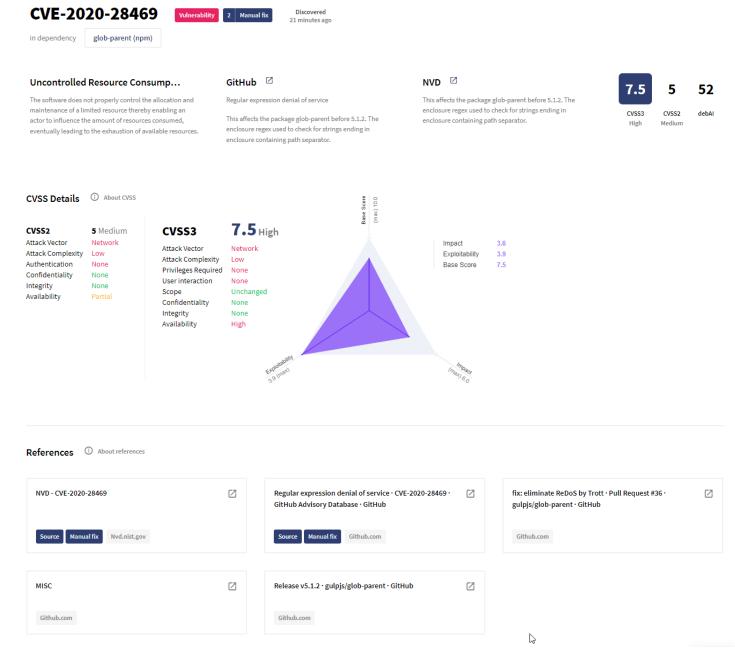


CVE-2021-3807 - ansi-regex (npm)

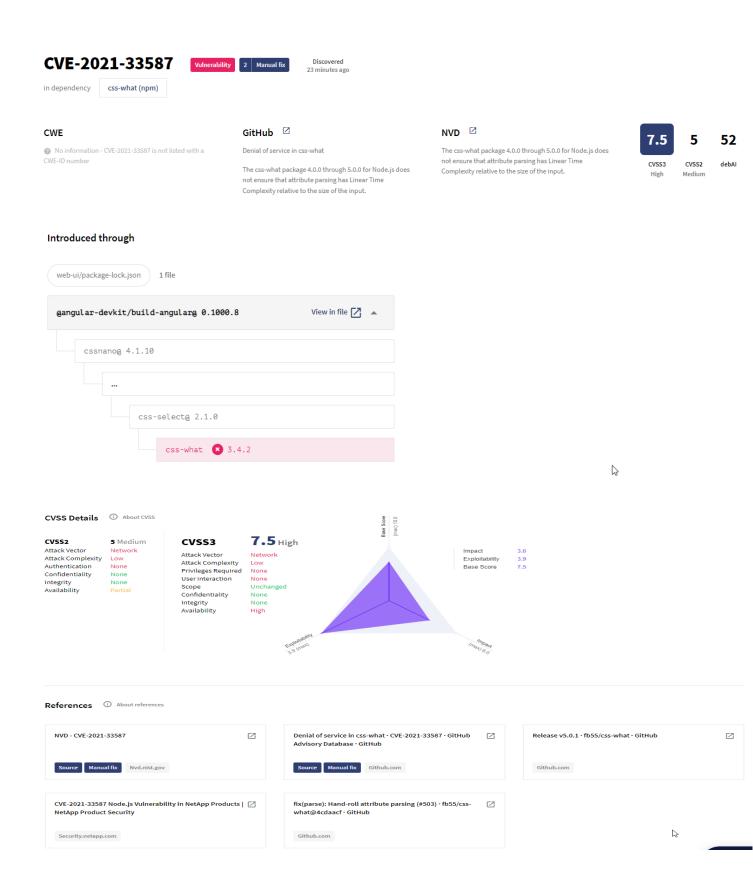


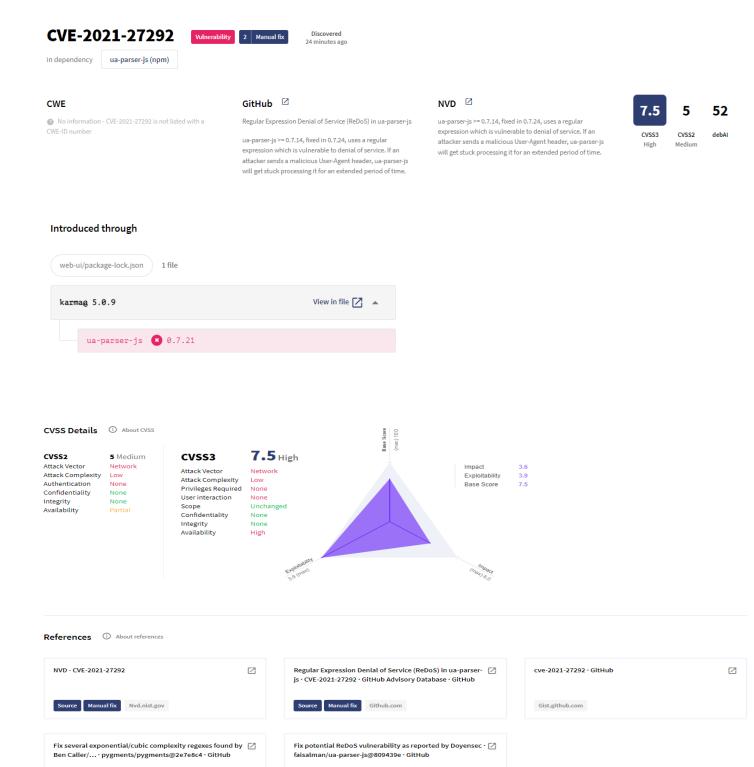
CVE-2021-23424 - ansi-html (npm)





CVE-2020-28469 - glob-parent (npm)



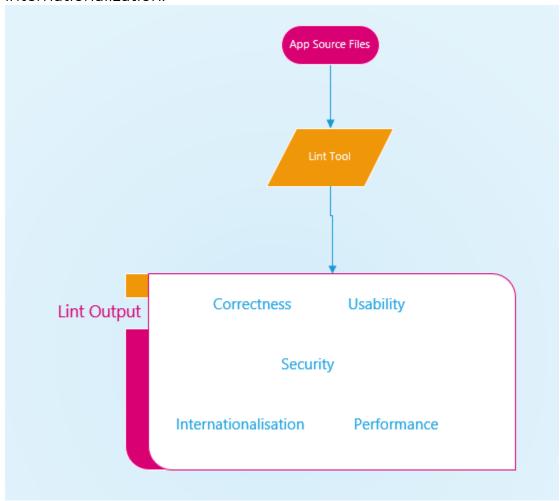


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12. Code improvement with lint checks

In addition to ensuring the application meets functional requirements by building tests, it was essential to ensure that the code has no structural problems by running it through lints. Lints were used for identifying and correcting issues with the structural quality of the code. Critical improvements were made for correctness, security, performance, usability, and internationalization.



13.1. Main (main.py)13.1.1 Lint Output before rectification.

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Code	Line	Column	Text
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```
import uvicorn
from fastapi import FastAPI
from\ fastapi.middleware.cors\ import\ CORSMiddleware
from fastapi.security import OAuth2PasswordBearer
from beanie import init_beanie
from fastapi_utils.tasks import repeat_every
from \ core. exception \ import \ Exception Handler \textit{Middleware}
from db import client
from config import settings
from routers import include_routers
from event_handlers import register_handlers
from core.store import Store
oauth2_scheme = OAuth2PasswordBearer(tokenUrl="token")
app = FastAPI()
origins = [
app.add_middleware(
    CORSMiddleware,
    allow_origins=origins,
    allow_credentials=True,
allow_methods=["*"],
allow_headers=["*"],
app.add_middleware(ExceptionHandlerMiddleware)
@app.get("/")
async def root():
   return dict(message="Hello World")
@app.on_event("startup")
async def configure_db_and_routes():
    app.mongodb_client = client
    app.db = client.get_default_database()
    app.store = Store()
    await init_beanie(database=app.db, document_models=settings.BEANIE_MODELS)
    include_routers(app)
    register_handlers(app)
@app.on_event("shutdown")
async def shutdown_db_client():
    app.mongodb_client.close()
if __name__ == "__main__":
    uvicorn.run(
        "main:app",
         host=settings.HOST,
         reload=settings.DEBUG_MODE,
         port=settings.PORT,
```

13.1.2 Lint output post rectification.

PEP8 online

Check your code for PEP8 requirements

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Your code

```
import uvicorn

from fastapi import FastAPI

from fastapi.middleware.cors import CORSMiddleware

from fastapi.security import OAuth2PasswordBearer

from beanie import init_beanie

from fastapi_utils.tasks import repeat_every

from core.exception import ExceptionHandlerMiddleware

from db import client

from config import settings

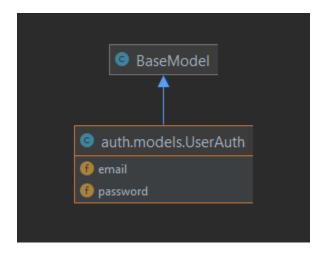
from routers import include_routers

from event_handlers import register_handlers

from core.store import Store

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13.2. Models (models.py)



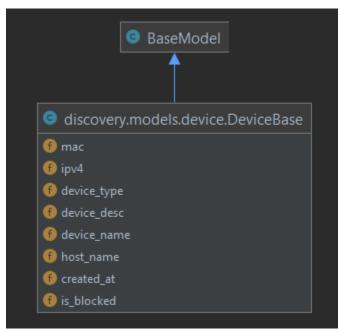
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13.2.2 Lint output post rectification.

No rectification was performed on the code.

13.3. Device(device.py)

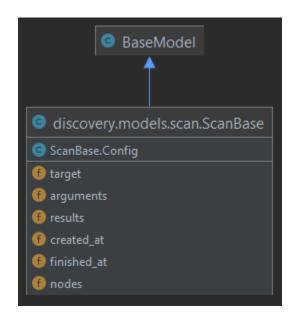


13.3.1 Lint Output before rectifications.

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E701	48	9	multiple statements on one line (colon)
E701	49	8	multiple statements on one line (colon)
E701	50	9	multiple statements on one line (colon)
E701	57	7	multiple statements on one line (colon)
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E701	78	9	multiple statements on one line (colon)
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3.2 Lint output post rectifications. No rectification was performed on the code.



13.4.1 Lint Output before rectifications.

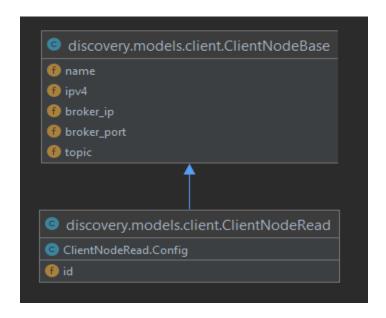
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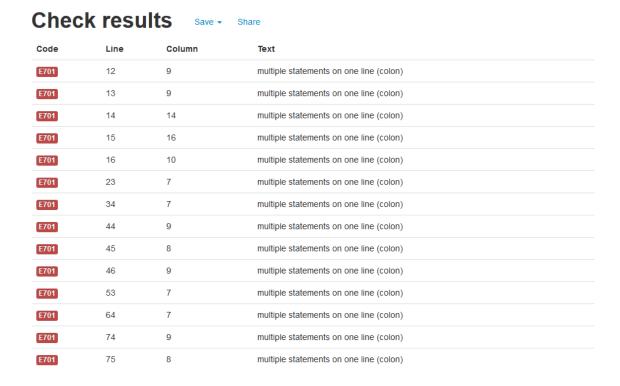
13.4.2 Lint output post rectifications.

No rectification was performed on the code.

13.5. Client Node(client.py)



13.5.1 Lint Output before rectifications.



13.5.2 Lint output post rectifications.

Necessary rectification was performed on the code.

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