



Advanced Web Application Pentesting Checklist



1. Advanced Recon & Fingerprinting

- ☐ Use [Wappalyzer](#), [BuiltWith](#), [WhatWeb](#) to identify technologies
- ☐ Identify 3rd party libraries and look for known CVEs
- ☐ Analyze JS files for sensitive data (keys, endpoints)



2. Advanced Injection Attacks

- ☐ Time-based blind SQLi
- ☐ Second-order SQLi
- ☐ NoSQL Injection (MongoDB, etc.)
- ☐ XPath Injection
- ☐ SSRF (Server-Side Request Forgery)
- ☐ XXE (XML External Entity)



3. Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) Advanced

- ☐ DOM-based XSS
- ☐ Bypass WAF and filters using payload obfuscation
- ☐ Use different contexts: `<script>`, attributes, JS event handlers



4. CSRF & Business Logic Testing

- ☐ Check CSRF protections (token validation, same-origin policy)
- ☐ Perform logic abuse (e.g., coupon reuse, price modification)
- ☐ Abuse workflows (e.g., password reset without email verification)



5. Authentication & Token Handling

- ☐ JWT token manipulation (e.g., change algorithm to `none`)

- ☐ Replay attacks with tokens
- ☐ OAuth and OpenID misconfigurations

✓ 6. Privilege Escalation & Access Control

- ☐ Tamper with user roles in cookies or tokens
- ☐ Modify hidden fields to access restricted functions
- ☐ Access internal APIs through a public interface

✓ 7. File Upload & RCE

- ☐ Bypass MIME type/content-type validation
- ☐ Upload web shells and test for RCE
- ☐ Try PHP filters and wrappers to bypass restrictions

✓ 8. Client-Side Security

- ☐ Test for insecure use of `localStorage`, `sessionStorage`
- ☐ Analyze client-side logic in JS files
- ☐ CSP (Content Security Policy) misconfigurations

✓ 9. WebSockets & APIs

- ☐ Test WebSockets for input validation
- ☐ Enumerate and fuzz API endpoints
- ☐ Test for GraphQL introspection, mutations

✓ 10. Tools to Use

- ☐ **Recon:** Amass, Sublist3r, Nmap
- ☐ **Scanning:** Burp Suite Pro, OWASP ZAP, Nikto
- ☐ **Fuzzing:** ffuf, wfuzz
- ☐ **Exploitation:** SQLmap, XSSStrike, JWT Cracker