

VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT REPORT

Targated Website:
<http://demo.testfire.net>



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Executive Summary

This report presents the results of a vulnerability assessment conducted on the publicly accessible website demo.testfire.net.

The objective of this assessment was to identify common security misconfigurations and potential risks using ethical and passive analysis techniques.

No exploitation or intrusive testing was performed during the assessment. The findings are focused on improving the overall security posture of the website and reducing potential risks to users and business operations.

Scope & Ethics

Scope of Assessment:

- Public-facing pages only
- Passive scanning and configuration analysis
- Security header and cookie inspection

Out of Scope:

- Authentication bypass
- Brute-force attacks
- Denial-of-Service attacks
- Exploitation of vulnerabilities

This assessment strictly followed ethical security testing guidelines.

Tools Used

Tools & Techniques:

- Nmap – Basic exposure and port analysis
- OWASP ZAP (Zed Attack Proxy) – Passive vulnerability scanning
- Browser Developer Tools – Header and cookie inspection
- Canva – Professional security report design

Risk Classification

Risk Level	Description
Low	Minimal impact, informational issues
Medium	Security misconfigurations requiring attention
High	Critical vulnerabilities (not identified in this assessment)

Findings Summary Table

Sr. No.	Issue	Risk
1	Cookie without SameSite attribute	Low
2	Content security policy (CSP) header not set	Medium
3	Missing anti-clickjacking header	Medium
4	Server leaks version information via “Server” HTTP response header field	Low
5	X-Content-Type-Options Header Missing	Low

Detailed Findings

Finding 1: Cookie Without SameSite Attribute

Risk Level: Low

Confidence: Medium

CWE ID: CWE-1275

Description:

The session cookie (JSESSIONID) is set without the SameSite attribute. This attribute restricts how cookies are sent with cross-site requests and helps protect against CSRF attacks.

Evidence:

- URL Tested: <http://demo.testfire.net/>
- Cookie Name: JSESSIONID
- Set-Cookie Header Observed without SameSite
- Browser Developer Tools confirm missing SameSite flag

Impact”

Cookies may be sent in cross-site requests, increasing the risk of Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) and session-related attacks.

Recommendation:

Set the SameSite attribute for session cookies:

“Set-Cookie: JSESSIONID=VALUE; SameSite=Strict; Secure; HttpOnly”

The screenshot shows the Chrome DevTools Application tab. On the left, there's a sidebar with sections for Application (Manifest, Service workers, Storage), Storage (Local storage, Session storage, Extension storage, IndexedDB, Cookies), and Background services (Back/forward cache, Bounce tracking mitigation, Notifications, Payment handler, Speculative loads, Push messaging). The main area displays a table of cookies. One row is selected for 'JSESSIONID'. The table columns include Name, Value, Domain, Path, Expires, Size, HttpOnly, Secure, SameSite, Partition, CrossSite, and Priority. The 'SameSite' column for JSESSIONID is empty. Below the table, there's a 'Cookie Value' field containing the value 'C5D18840647B8AFBD389B71258C1DCB2' and a 'Show URL-decoded' checkbox.

The screenshot shows the OWASP ZAP tool interface. At the top, there are tabs for History, Search, Alerts, Output, and a plus sign icon. The 'Alerts' tab is active, showing a single alert titled 'Cookie without SameSite Attribute'. The alert details are as follows:
URL: <http://demo.testfire.net/>
Risk: Low
Confidence: Medium
Parameter: JSESSIONID
Attack:
Evidence: Set-Cookie: JSESSIONID
CWE ID: 1275
WASC ID: 13
Source: Passive (10054 - Cookie without SameSite Attribute)
Alert Reference: 10054-1
Input Vector:
Description:
A cookie has been set without the SameSite attribute, which means that the cookie can be sent as a result of a 'cross-site' request. The SameSite attribute is an effective counter measure to cross-site request forgery, cross-site script inclusion, and timing attacks.

Detailed Findings

Finding 2: Content Security Policy (CSP) Header Not Set

Risk Level: Medium

Confidence: High

CWE ID: CWE-693

Description:

The application does not implement a Content Security Policy (CSP). CSP helps mitigate attacks such as Cross-Site Scripting (XSS), data injection, and malicious content loading.

Without CSP, the browser has no restrictions on the sources from which scripts, styles, or other resources can be loaded.

Evidence:

- URL Tested: <http://demo.testfire.net/>
- OWASP ZAP Alert: Content Security Policy (CSP) Header Not Set

Impact:

Increases the risk of client-side attacks such as XSS, which may lead to session hijacking or data theft.

Recommendation:

Implement a strict CSP policy. Example:

“Content-Security-Policy: default-src 'self';”

This can be adjusted based on application requirements.

The screenshot shows the Headers tab of a browser's developer tools. It displays the Request Headers and Response Headers for a GET request to http://demo.testfire.net/. The Request Headers include Accept, Accept-Encoding, Accept-Language, Cache-Control, Connection, Cookie, Host, Sec-Gpc, Upgrade-Insecure-Requests, and User-Agent. The Response Headers include Content-Type, Date, Server, and Transfer-Encoding. The Response status is 200 OK.

The screenshot shows the OWASP ZAP tool's Alerts tab. An alert for "Content Security Policy (CSP) Header Not Set" is listed. The alert details are as follows:

- URL: http://demo.testfire.net/
- Risk: Medium
- Confidence: High
- Parameter:
- Attack:
- Evidence:
- CWE ID: 693
- WASC ID: 15
- Source: Passive (10038 - Content Security Policy (CSP) Header Not Set)
- Alert Reference: 10038-1
- Input Vector:
- Description:

The Description field contains a detailed explanation of Content Security Policy (CSP) and its purpose in mitigating attacks like XSS and data injection.

Detailed Findings

Finding 3: Missing Anti-Clickjacking Header

Risk Level: Medium

Confidence: Medium

CWE ID: CWE-1021

Description:

The application does not include an anti-clickjacking protection mechanism such as the X-Frame-Options header or a proper Content-Security-Policy (CSP) frame-ancestors directive. This makes the application vulnerable to clickjacking attacks, where a malicious site tricks users into interacting with hidden elements.

Evidence:

- URL Tested: <http://demo.testfire.net/>
- Missing Header: X-Frame-Options
- OWASP ZAP Alert: Missing Anti-clickjacking Header

Impact:

Attackers may embed the website within an invisible iframe to trick users into performing unintended actions, potentially leading to account compromise.

Recommendation:

Add one of the following headers:

“X-Frame-Options: DENY”

OR

“Content-Security-Policy: frame-ancestors 'none';”

The screenshot shows the OWASP ZAP tool's findings panel. A single alert is listed under 'Alerts (6)'. The alert details are as follows:

- Missing Anti-clickjacking Header**
- URL:** <http://demo.testfire.net/>
- Risk:** Medium
- Confidence:** Medium
- Parameter:** x-frame-options
- Attack:** Clickjacking
- Evidence:** Passive (10020 - Anti-clickjacking Header)
- CWE ID:** 1021
- WASC ID:** 15
- Source:** Passive
- Alert Reference:** 10020-1
- Input Vector:** Clickjacking
- Description:** The response does not protect against 'Clickjacking' attacks. It should include either Content-Security-Policy with 'frame-ancestors' directive or X-Frame-Options.

Detailed Findings

Finding 4: Server Leaks Version Information via "Server" HTTP Response Header

Risk Level: Low

Confidence: High

CWE ID: CWE-497

Description:

The application discloses server version information in the HTTP Server response header. In this case, the server identifies itself as Apache-Coyote/1.1.

Exposing server version details can help attackers tailor attacks based on known vulnerabilities of the disclosed server software.

Evidence:

- URL Tested: http://demo.testfire.net/
- Response Header: Server: Apache-Coyote/1.1
- OWASP ZAP Alert: Server Leaks Version Information

Impact:

Information disclosure increases the risk of targeted attacks, such as exploiting known vulnerabilities specific to the server version.

Recommendation:

Configure the web server to suppress or generalize the Server header. For example:

- Remove version numbers
- Use a generic server name

Server Leaks Version Information via "Server" HTTP Response Header Field

URL: http://demo.testfire.net/

Risk: Low

Confidence: High

Parameter: Server

Attack:

Evidence: Apache-Coyote/1.1

CWE ID: 497

WASC ID: 13

Source: Passive (10036 - HTTP Server Response Header)

Alert Reference: 10036-2

Input Vector:

Description:
The web/application server is leaking version information via the "Server" HTTP response header. Access to such information may facilitate attackers identifying other vulnerabilities your web/application server is subject to.

Detailed Findings

Finding 5: X-Content-Type-Options Header Missing

Risk Level: Low

Confidence: Medium

CWE ID: CWE-693

OWASP WASC ID: 15

Description:

The HTTP response from the application does not include the X-Content-Type-Options security header. This header is used to prevent MIME-type sniffing by browsers. Without this header, browsers may interpret files as a different content type than intended.

This behavior may allow attackers to inject malicious scripts that could be executed by the browser if content is incorrectly interpreted.

Evidence:

- URL Tested: <http://demo.testfire.net/>
- OWASP ZAP Alert: X-Content-Type-Options Header Missing
- Parameter: x-content-type-options

Impact:

An attacker may exploit MIME-sniffing behavior to execute malicious content in the victim's browser, potentially leading to Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) attacks.

Recommendation:

Configure the web server to include the following HTTP response header: "X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff"

This ensures browsers strictly follow the declared Content-Type.

The screenshot shows the OWASP ZAP tool interface with the following details for the finding:

- X-Content-Type-Options Header Missing**
- URL:** http://demo.testfire.net/
- Risk:** Low
- Confidence:** Medium
- Parameter:** x-content-type-options
- Attack:** None
- Evidence:** None
- CWE ID:** 693
- WASC ID:** 15
- Source:** Passive (10021 - X-Content-Type-Options Header Missing)
- Input Vector:** None
- Description:** The Anti-MIME-Sniffing header X-Content-Type-Options was not set to 'nosniff'. This allows older versions of Internet Explorer and Chrome to perform MIME-sniffing on the response body, potentially causing the response body to be interpreted and displayed as a content type other than the declared content type. Current (early 2014) and legacy versions of Firefox will use the declared content type (if one is set), rather than performing MIME-sniffing.

Conclusion

The vulnerability assessment identified several medium and low-risk security issues primarily related to configuration weaknesses.

Addressing these issues will improve the website's security posture, reduce potential attack surfaces, and enhance user trust.

Regular security reviews and secure configuration practices are recommended.