

PEN20230001: XXE in Test Shop

Asset	CWE	Severity (CVSS v3.1 Base Score)	CVSS v3.1 Vektor
Test Shop	CWE-611	Critical (9.1)	CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:H/A:N

Description

This type of vulnerability arises, if an application processes XML and is configured to support external entities.

Exemplary Payload:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE abcd [ <!ENTITY xxe SYSTEM "file:///etc/passwd"> ]>
<example>
  <item>&xxe;</item>
</example>
```

Recommendation

It is recommended to completely disable external entities (DTDs). Further guidance can be found in OWASP's [XML External Entity Prevention Cheat Sheet](#).

References

- [OWASP: XML External Entity \(XXE\) Processing](#)

