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Web Application Penetration Testing Report

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Executive Summary

Financial Strides engaged DataArt to perform a penetration testing of the [REDACTED] web application. The primary goal of this web application (Grey box) penetration testing project was to identify any potential areas of concern associated with the application in its current state and determine the extent to which the system may be breached by an attacker possessing a particular skill and motivation. The assessment was performed in accordance with the “best-in-class” practices as defined by ISECOM's Open Source Security Testing Methodology Manual ([OSSTMM](#)), Open Web Application Security Project ([OWASP](#)) and Penetration Test Guidance for [PCI DSS Standard](#).

DataArt conducted the penetration testing during the period of March 12 – 18, 2020. All testing activities were performed on the staging environment provided by the customer and completely isolated from the production data. While performing the testing activities, DataArt emulated an external attacker without prior knowledge of the environment. To test the user-authenticated area and privilege escalation vulnerabilities, the customer supplied DataArt credentials for several registered user and admin accounts.

The scope of the assessment included the following:

- [https://app-staging-\[REDACTED\].com/](https://app-staging-[REDACTED].com/) - (Consumer Facing Web App - public and authenticated areas);
- [https://api-staging-\[REDACTED\].com/](https://api-staging-[REDACTED].com/) - (Django, Admin facing WebApp and [REDACTED] web API);

Notes:

- It should be noted, that the Dashboard - Panel “Account Profile” functionality offered by the Consumer Facing Web App was not available during the penetration test and was excluded from the scope of the current assessment.
- The staging web application environment provided by [REDACTED] for the application penetration testing utilized partner stub & sandbox integrated environments only (Plaid / [REDACTED]).

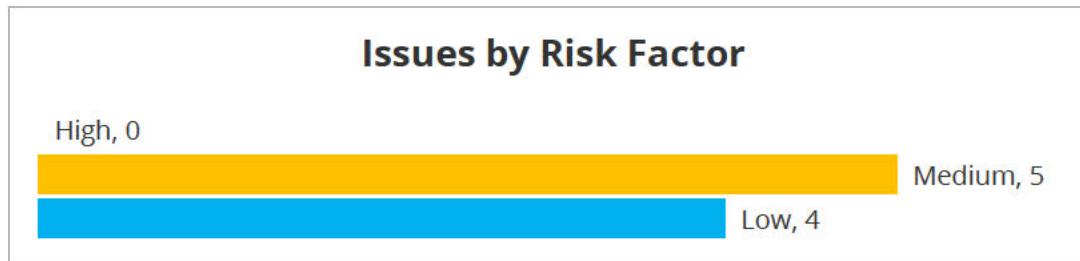
During the course of this assessment, DataArt did not identify any critical vulnerabilities that could lead to full compromise of the system. However, DataArt did find several [medium](#) and [low severity issues](#), which should be addressed by [REDACTED]

As of 03/31/2020, the [REDACTED] development team has fixed all of the discovered medium vulnerabilities.
Further detailed information can be found in the “[Issues Remediation](#)” section of this report.

DataArt strongly recommends [REDACTED] to remediate all medium severity issues detected to mitigate against the possible risk of a sensitive data compromise. The remediation of the low severity findings is not so urgent due to the low probability of their successful exploitation. Nonetheless, it should be noted that the existence of these known issues could decrease the overall security posture of the system.

This report summarizes what DataArt believes are the most important issues to address in the application. The chart below outlines a number of issues identified that are grouped by risk factors. Note the risk ratings

were given to help assist in prioritizing remediation efforts. True risk can only be calculated by an in-depth understanding of business processes and data, as well as the likelihood of exploitation.



The table below summarizes the findings for [OWASP Top 10](#) list for web application vulnerabilities. OWASP Top 10 represents the list of the most critical web application security flaws, which are accompanied by OWASP security experts from around the world. The list provides a powerful awareness document for web application security and is utilized within many security standards:

Category	Discovered
A1: Injection	NO
A2: Broken Authentication	YES
A3: Sensitive Data Exposure	NO
A4: XML External Entities (XXE)	NO
A5: Broken Access Control	NO
A6: Security Misconfiguration	YES
A7: Cross Site Scripting (XSS)	NO
A8: Insecure Deserialization	NO
A9: Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities	NO
A10: Insufficient Logging & Monitoring	NO

DataArt can re-verify the [REDACTED] remediated issues found during this penetration test within 60 days of this report delivery (**until May 16th, 2020**). DataArt can also arrange to include into this re-scan missing functionality ("Account Profile") that was not available at the time of this current assessment.

Issues Remediation

DataArt re-verified all previously found issues on March 26, 2020. The tested application was accessible by the same URLs used during the initial testing.

As of **03/26/2020**, the following issues were successfully remediated:

- **M1. Enumeration of registered emails**
- **M3. Sensitive cookies without the "Secure" flag**
- **M4. The password reset link is reusable**
- **M5. The application is vulnerable to brute-force attacks**
- **L2. Cross-domain policy misconfiguration**

A subsequent re-test was performed on March 31, 2020. As of **03/31/2020** the following issue was successfully remediated:

- **M2. Persistent cookie with sensitive information**

The other issues (**L1, L3, L4**) are still actual.

Assessment Methodology

DataArt based the findings and recommendations, outlined in this report, on application vulnerability scans and manual penetration testing performed against the application.

Automated Application Scan

DataArt used several commercial tools to survey the targeted environment and identify potential vulnerabilities. The automated scanning software identifies application-level vulnerabilities. The scope of testing includes but not limited by the following:

- Parameter Injection
- SQL Injection
- Cross-Site Scripting
- Directory Traversal
- Parameter Overflow
- Buffer Overflow
- Parameter Addition
- Path Manipulation
- Character Encoding
- Site Search
- SSL Strength
- Sensitive Developer Comments
- Web Server/Web Package Identification
- Permissions Assessment
- Brute Force Authentication attacks

Manual Application Testing

Using the information produced by the automated testing software, DataArt also employed manual testing techniques to identify and attempt exploiting additional vulnerabilities in the targeted application, and to eliminate false positives produced by the automated scanning process. The assessment was conducted in accordance with the best-in-class practices as defined by such methodologies as ISECOM's Open Source Security Testing Methodology Manual (OSSTMM) and the Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP).

DataArt performed the following actions as part of this testing:

- Gathered information about the application
- Mapped application content and analyzed it
- Observed types and placement of security controls
- Reviewed web page HTML source code for possible vulnerabilities

- Tested application authentication, session management and access controls
- Tested application for client data validation issues
- Tested application for input-based vulnerabilities
- Tested application for business logic flaws
- Checked for application server vulnerabilities

The test focused on possible vulnerabilities in the application logic, looking for issues including but not limited to:

- SQL and command injection
- Cross-site scripting
- Cross-site request forgery
- Authentication and authorization implementation defects
- Access control issues and privilege elevation
- Session management/hijacking
- File input/output implementation defects
- Parameter overflow and handling
- HTTP/URL manipulation
- Application logic defects
- Improper web server configuration
- Concurrency issues
- Information leakage
- SSL and transport layer weaknesses
- Application-level denial-of-service

Criteria for Risk Ratings

The table below outlines the general rules for assigning risk ratings to identified vulnerabilities:

Risk Rating	Description
HIGH	These issues identify conditions that could directly result in the compromise or unauthorized access of a network, system, application or sensitive information. Examples of High-Risk issues include remote execution of commands, known buffer overflows; unauthorized access and disclosure of sensitive information.

MEDIUM	<p>These issues identify conditions that do not immediately or directly result in the compromise or unauthorized access of a network, system, application or information, but do provide a capability or information that could, in combination with other capabilities or information, result in the compromise or unauthorized access of a network, application or information.</p> <p>Examples of Medium Risk issues include directory browsing, partial access to files on the system; disclosure of security mechanisms and unauthorized use of services.</p>
LOW	<p>These issues identify conditions that do not immediately or directly result in compromise of a network, system, application or information, but do provide information that could be used in combination with other information to gain insight into how to compromise or gain unauthorized access to a network, system, application or information.</p>
REMEDIATED	The issue has been fixed since the previous round of penetration testing

Assessment Findings

Summary

The table below outlines summary of findings identified during the penetration testing:

Finding Description	Status
Medium Risk Findings	
M1. Enumeration of registered emails	MEDIUM REMEDIATED
M2. Persistent cookie with sensitive information	MEDIUM REMEDIATED
M3. Sensitive cookies without the "Secure" flag	MEDIUM REMEDIATED
M4. The password reset link is reusable	MEDIUM REMEDIATED
M5. The application is vulnerable to brute-force attacks	MEDIUM REMEDIATED
Low Risk Findings	
L1. Strict-Transport-Security header is not used	LOW
L2. Cross-domain policy misconfiguration	LOW REMEDIATED
L3. Auto-complete feature is not disabled for password fields	LOW
L4. The application server supports TLS cipher suites without forward security	LOW

High Risk Findings

No **high**-severity issues were found in the application.

Medium Risk Findings

Five **medium**-severity issues were found in the application, as described below.

M1. Enumeration of registered emails

Risk Rating: **MEDIUM REMEDIATED**

Remediation Efforts: **MEDIUM**

Summary

DataArt identified that the application notified the user about the existence of the entered email address. Such behavior provides the ability to a potential malefactor to enumerate all emails registered within the system. The collected information could be used for further attacks (for instance for spreading phishing emails or other social engineering attacks).

Affected Functionality

The following request required a user email as an input:

- Registration functionality:
 - **POST https://api-staging.████████.com/account/v1/users**

```
{"email":"████████", "password":"████████"}
```

Proof of Concept

The image below shows the server response for the signup functionality in the case where the entered email exists in the system:

Request	Response
<pre>Raw Params Headers Hex JSON Beautifier</pre> <pre>1 POST /account/v1/users HTTP/1.1 2 Host: api-staging.████████.com 3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 4 Accept: application/json, text/plain, */* 5 Accept-Language: en-US, en;q=0.5 6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate 7 Content-Type: application/json 8 Content-Length: 59 9 Origin: https://app-staging.████████.com 10 DNT: 1 11 Connection: close 12 13 {"email":"████████", "password":"████████"}</pre>	<pre>Raw Headers Hex JSON Beautifier</pre> <pre>1 HTTP/1.1 409 Conflict 2 Content-Type: application/json 3 Content-Length: 70 4 Connection: close 5 Date: Thu, 12 Mar 2020 14:53:01 GMT 6 Server: Server 7 Vary: Accept, Origin 8 Allow: POST, OPTIONS 9 Content-Security-Policy: font-src https://api-staging.████████.com; https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; data: fonts.gstatic.com; script-src https://api-staging.████████.com; https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; style-src https://api-staging.████████.com; https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; default-src https://api-staging.████████.com; https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; img-src https://api-staging.████████.com; https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com 10 Access-Control-Allow-Origin: * 11 X-Frame-Options: DENY 12 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff 13 X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block 14 X-Cache: Error from cloudfront 15 Via: 1.1 aa98822692c098e27c.████████.cloudfront.net (CloudFront) 16 X-Amz-Cf-Pop: VIEN0-C1 17 X-Amz-Cf-Id: fuRyn181KLct7T1bPZEBrhb13Y1JahZFO-c8HoHr_2ZZwU5-YUUo03A- 18 19 {"detail":"Email already has been taken.", "code":"email-has-been-taken"}</pre>

The image below shows the server response for the signup functionality in the case where the entered email does not exist in the system:

Request	Response
Raw <pre>1 POST /account/v1/users HTTP/1.1 2 Host: api-staging.[REDACTED].com 3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:73.0) 4 Gecko/20100101 Firefox/73.0 5 Accept: application/json, text/plain, */* 6 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5 7 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate 8 Content-Type: application/json 9 Content-Length: 54 10 Origin: https://app-staging.[REDACTED].com 11 DNT: 1 12 Connection: close 13 14 {"email":"test@dataart.com","password":"Im9UW3Neb8r"}</pre>	Raw <pre>1 HTTP/1.1 201 Created 2 Content-Type: application/json 3 Content-Length: 124 4 Connection: close 5 Date: Thu, 12 Mar 2020 14:53:09 GMT 6 Server: Server 7 Vary: Accept, Origin 8 Allow: POST, OPTIONS 9 Content-Security-Policy: style-src https://api-staging.[REDACTED].com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; img-src https://api-staging.[REDACTED].com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; script-src https://api-staging.[REDACTED].com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; default-src https://api-staging.[REDACTED].com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; font-src https://api-staging.[REDACTED].com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; data: fonts.gstatic.com 10 Access-Control-Allow-Origin: * 11 X-Frame-Options: DENY 12 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff 13 X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block 14 X-Cache: Miss from cloudfront 15 Via: 1.1 Sc157874a07effmdelisa4[REDACTED].cloudfront.net (CloudFront) 16 X-Amz-Clf-Pipi: VI150-01 17 X-Amz-Clf-Id: dngB3ANAY618IX5I6z6QTXN-yiX23XJv24mDpt8c7F1T-n28k0ObNw- 18 19 {"id": "ab567fa3-d20a-4001-8878-9fc99380cfcc", "email": "test@dataart.com", "full_name": "", "date_of_birth": null, "employer": null}</pre>

Recommendations

In order to avoid automated enumeration of valid e-mails, DataArt suggests using one of the following techniques:

1. Do not show an error message providing information about the existence or non-existence of the entered email. In both cases, the application should return a generic message that the required information has been sent to the entered email address.
2. Add a CAPTCHA challenge after the series of failed attempts to prevent automated email enumeration.

Remediation

As of **03/26/2020**, the issue was successfully remediated. Currently, a unique random invite code delivered by the application administrator is required for the account creation process:

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The screenshot shows a network traffic capture between a client and a server. The client's request (POST /account/v1/users) includes a JSON payload with email, password, and invitation_id fields. The server's response is an HTTP 412 Unprocessable Entity, indicating the invitation is invalid.

```
Request
Raw Params Headers Hex JSON Beautifier
1 POST /account/v1/users HTTP/1.1
2 Host: api-staging.[REDACTED].com
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:73.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/73.0
4 Accept: application/json, text/plain, */*
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Content-Type: application/json
8 Content-Length: 110
9 Origin: https://app-staging.[REDACTED].com
10 DNT: 1
11 Connection: close
12
13
14 {"email": "test@dataart.com", "password": "Inz8UN3Web8r", "invitation_id": "3451e49f-d817-4d94-9511-b7fe03d8ee08"}
15
16
17
18
19

Response
Raw Headers Hex JSON Beautifier
1 HTTP/1.1 412 Unprocessable Entity
2 Content-Type: application/json
3 Content-Length: 60
4 Connection: close
5 Date: Thu, 26 Mar 2020 12:28:22 GMT
6 Server: Server
7 Vary: Accept, Origin
8 Allow: POST, OPTIONS
9 Content-Security-Policy: font-src https://api-staging.[REDACTED].com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com data: font-gstatic.com; script-src https://api-staging.[REDACTED].com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; style-src https://api-staging.[REDACTED].com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; default-src https://api-staging.[REDACTED].com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com https://api-staging.[REDACTED].com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com
10 X-Frame-Options: DENY
11 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
12 X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block
13 Access-Control-Allow-Origin: https://app-staging.[REDACTED].com
14 X-Cache: Error from cloudfront
15 Via: 1.1 c60880d4980ad913f91185 [REDACTED].cloudfront.net (CloudFront)
16 X-Amz-Cf-Pop: WAN50-CL
17 X-Amz-Cf-Id: KE7qhKDP9h5MP-_eMKPVBB2D4OmioXIZefKZcGS2qg6-BViKSB8vRG==
18
19 {"detail": "Invitation invalid.", "code": "invalid-invitation"}
```

M2. Persistent cookie with sensitive information

Risk Rating: **MEDIUM** REMEDIATED

Remediation Efforts: **LOW**

Summary

DataArt identified that the application used persistent cookies for session tracking in the Django Administration Portal. The cookies were stored to the hard disk and survived a browser restart. As the cookie contained authentication information, this can allow a local attacker to access the application without knowledge of the password.

Moreover, it was noticed that the user's session cookies lifetime was two weeks, this is quite a big time range to allow for potential malicious activities.

Affected Functionality

The following session token of Django Administration portal was persistent:

- sessionid

Proof of Concept

Log in to the application as an administrator user and inspect server responses in a web proxy. The method **“POST /admin/login/?next=/admin/”** sets a cookie named “sessionid” that is used by the Django Administration Portal.

Request	
Raw	Params
Headers	Hex
1 POST /admin/login/?next=/admin HTTP/1.1	
2 Host: api-staging.████████.com	
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:73.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/73.0	
4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,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: 160	
9 Origin: https://api-staging.████████.com	
10 DNT: 1	
11 Connection: close	
12 Referer: https://api-staging.████████.com/admin/login/?next=/admin/	
13 Cookie: csrfmiddlewaretoken=FjgBGZLNNWlpD8EV50s1TQwoKu5SDdKkyfF38MpZUZmVwiliUkqHrA5kXK4m8h; hP2_sees_props.1681301383=7%2B22%22%23AL58451842360%2C22d2d22%3A%22pp_staging.userorigin.com%22%2C%22h%2B3%23A%22%23logIn%2D%2D; _hp2_id.1681301383=7%2B22d2d22%23AA1226101513087534422C2d2pviewid%2d2243N%22358423406se7359%22%2Cviewid%2d2234%221997731934442317%22%2C22identity%22%3Anul1%2C22trackerVersion%22%3A2224.0.922%7D	
14 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1	
15	
16 csrfmiddlewaretoken=u7yv5QD9z3UNRKCDA0ktwdx11ID1AiBQzrVjUeivizvhs5fPEKqC1l0LN7gpMru&username=admin@userorigin.com&password=ef0vWvWvV%3C43ahB&next=%2Fadmin%2F	
Response	
Raw	Headers
Headers	Hex
1 HTTP/1.1 302 Found	
2 Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8	
3 Content-Length: 0	
4 Connection: close	
5 Date: Wed, 18 Mar 2020 08:46:23 GMT	
6 Server: Server	
7 Location: /admin/	
8 Expires: Wed, 18 Mar 2020 08:46:23 GMT	
9 Cache-Control: max-age=0, no-cache, no-store, must-revalidate, private	
10 Vary: Cooki, Origin	
11 Content-Security-Policy: img-src https://api-staging.████████.com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; default-src https://api-staging.████████.com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; script-src https://api-staging.████████.com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; style-src https://api-staging.████████.com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; font-src https://api-staging.████████.com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com data: fonts.getstatic.com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; data: fonts.getstatic.com	
12 Access-Control-Allow-Origin: *	
13 X-Frame-Options: DENY	
14 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff	
15 X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block	
16 Set-Cookie: csrfmiddlewaretoken=IKEj2ODXz1Xi2DgMMAtCe9MoI2ASFusAkwgj2a8wM4vRo3ukS5mcJ8JSRYVE; expires=Wed, 17 Mar 2021 08:46:22 GMT; Max-Age=31449600; Path=/; SameSite=None; Secure	
17 Set-Cookie: sessionid=z03nl88h0t5by62tsoy6wvq18npny; expires=Wed, 01 Apr 2020 08:46:22 GMT; HttpOnly; Max-Age=1209600; Path=/; SameSite=None; Secure	
18 X-Cache: Miss from cloudfront	
19 Via: 1.1 7ed22b9eb2116d2e294d; by=cloudfront.net (CloudFront)	
20 X-Amz-Cf-Port: WAWS0-CL	
21 X-Amz-Cf-Id: VMXKAJV53Evew8IDNok9_c1Ph_R9mC3IbpJWk-m0ylk6F-7jMn4jA--	
22	

Please note that the cookie contains an expiration date that makes it persistent.

Close the browser, restart and open URL [https://api-staging-\[REDACTED\].com/admin/](https://api-staging-[REDACTED].com/admin/). Notice that the user is still authorized in the application:

The screenshot shows a Django administration interface with the following sections:

- Recent actions**: A list of recent administrative actions, including:
 - pentest, pentest-pentest
 - Blacklisted token for jodog@[REDACTED].com
 - pentest: {test: 'test1'}
 - pentest: {test: 'test'}
 - sectest02@dataart.com - Home: less
 - sectest01@dataart.com - Renters: mid
 - sectest01@dataart.com - Renters: mid
 - pentest: @tag
- My actions**: A list of recent user actions.
- AUTHENTICATION AND AUTHORIZATION**: A section for managing Groups, with a table showing 10 entries, each with Add and Change buttons.
- INSURANCE**: A section for managing Insurance, with a table showing 10 entries, each with Add and Change buttons.
- QUESTIONNAIRE**: A section for managing Questionnaire, with a table showing 10 entries, each with Add and Change buttons.

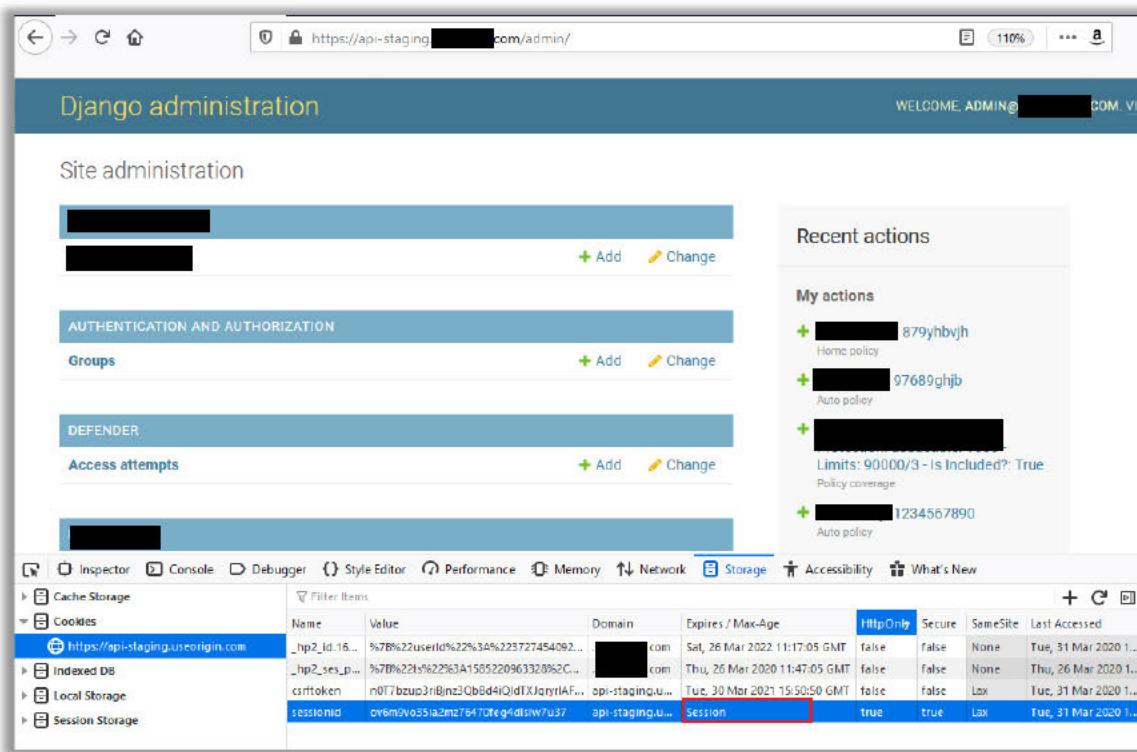
At the bottom, there is a navigation bar with links for Inspector, Console, Debugger, Style Editor, Performance, Memory, Network, Storage, Accessibility, and What's New. The Storage link is highlighted in blue.

Recommendations

DataArt recommends to avoid using persistent cookies for storing authorization tokens or other sensitive information. Session cookies should be used instead, which are never saved to disk and are automatically cleared when a user closes the browser.

Remediation

As of **03/31/2020**, the issue was successfully remediated. The Django Admin application uses session cookies with sensitive information:



Name	Value	Domain	Expires / Max-Age	HttpOnly	Secure	SameSite	Last Accessed
_hp2_id_16...	%7B%22userId%22%3A%223727454092...	[REDACTED].com	Sat, 26 Mar 2022 11:17:05 GMT	false	false	None	Tue, 31 Mar 2020 1...
_hp2_ses_p...	%7B%22ts%22%3A15852209633208%2C...	[REDACTED].com	Thu, 26 Mar 2020 11:47:05 GMT	false	false	None	Thu, 26 Mar 2020 1...
csrfToken	n0T7bzup0Jr8n2Qb8d4QdIXJanytAF...	api-staging.u...	Tue, 30 Mar 2021 15:50:50 GMT	false	false	Lax	Tue, 31 Mar 2020 1...
sessionid	ov6mva053ia2mz6470feq4dtsiw7u37	api-staging.u...	Session	true	true	Lax	Tue, 31 Mar 2020 1...

M3. Sensitive cookies without the "Secure" flag

Risk Rating: **MEDIUM** REMEDIATED

Remediation Efforts: **LOW**

Summary

DataArt has determined that the Django Administration portal issued an authentication cookie without the "Secure" flag. The purpose of the "Secure" flag is to prevent cookies from being observed by unauthorized parties due to the transmission of the cookie in cleartext. To accomplish this goal, browsers that support the secure flag will only send cookies with the Secure flag when the request is going to an HTTPS page.

Affected Functionality

The following cookie was not marked by the "Secure" flag:

Version: 1.7

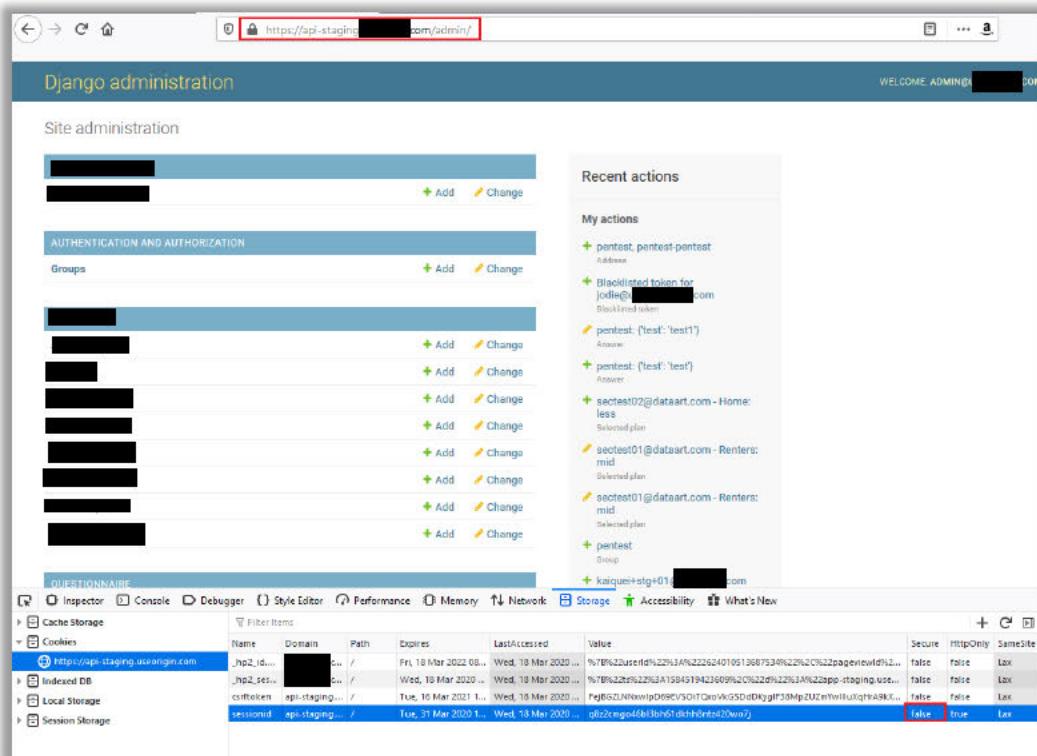
Date: 03/31/2020

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- sessionid

Proof of Concept

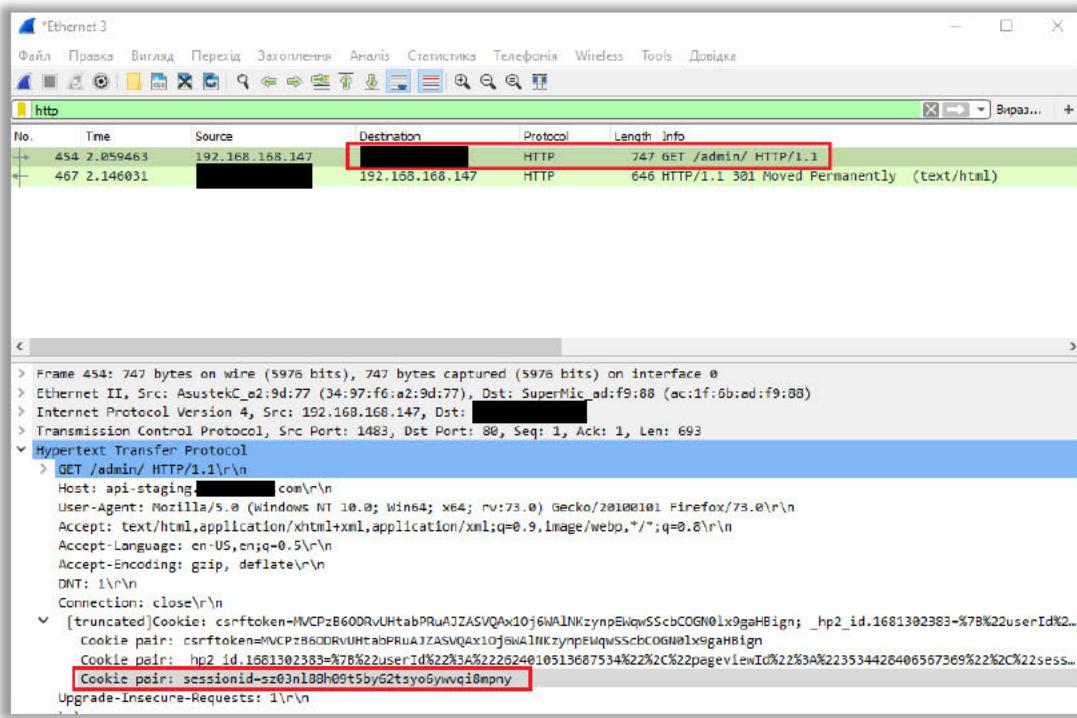
The following screenshot demonstrates the authentication cookie without the "Secure" flag:



The screenshot shows a browser window with the Django administration interface. The URL is https://api-staging-[REDACTED].com/admin/. The page displays various administrative models like Groups and Authentication and Authorization. On the right, there's a 'Recent actions' sidebar and a 'My actions' list. Below the main content, the browser's developer tools Network tab is open, showing a list of cookies. One cookie, 'sessionid', is highlighted. Its details are shown in a table:

Name	Domain	Path	Expires	LastAccessed	Value	Secure	HttpOnly	SameSite
sessionid	api-staging-[REDACTED].com	/	Tue, 31 Mar 2020 1...	Wed, 18 Mar 2020 ...	[REDACTED]	false	true	Lax

Launch the Wireshark network analyzer and start capturing the traffic to and from TCP port 80. In the browser open the following URL [http://api-staging-\[REDACTED\].com/admin/](http://api-staging-[REDACTED].com/admin/) with the insecure "http://" schema and inspect the captured traffic in Wireshark to find unencrypted cookies. That demonstrates that the cookie can be intercepted by sniffing the network traffic.

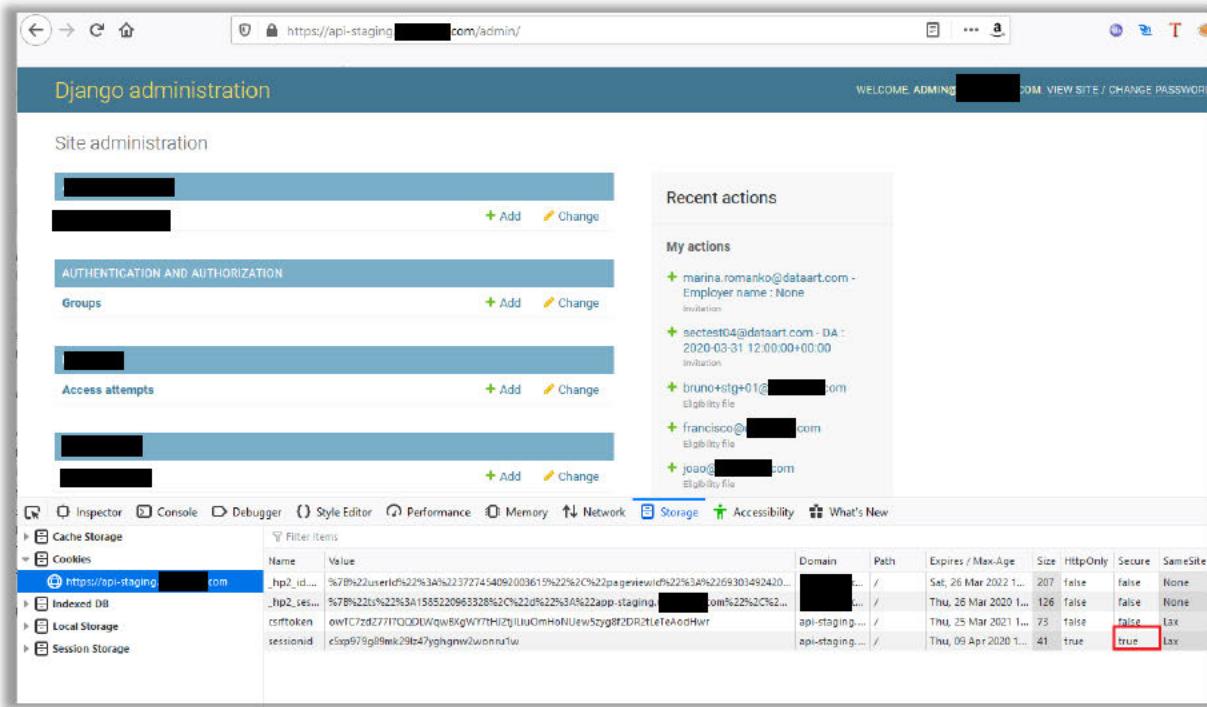


Recommendations

It's recommended to set on the "Secure" flag for any authentication and session cookies. Using such an approach, the browser will not send a cookie with the secure flag set over an unencrypted HTTP request.

Remediation

As of **26/03/2020**, the issue was successfully remediated. DataArt confirms that the "Secure" flag was set for the session cookie:



The screenshot shows the Django administration interface. On the left, there's a sidebar with 'Site administration' and 'AUTHENTICATION AND AUTHORIZATION' sections. Under 'Groups', there are two entries with '+ Add' and 'Change' buttons. In the main area, there's a list of users with their names and recent actions:

- marina.romanko@dataart.com - Employer name : None invitation
- sectest04@dataart.com - DA : 2020-03-31 12:00:00+00:00 invitation
- bruno+stg+01@[REDACTED].com Elgibitry file
- francisco@[REDACTED].com Elgibitry file
- joso@[REDACTED].com Elgibitry file

Below this is a screenshot of the browser's developer tools Network tab, specifically the Storage section. It shows a table of cookies:

Name	Value	Domain	Path	Expires / Max-Age	Size	HttpOnly	Secure	SameSite
_hp2_id...	%7B%22userId%22%34%223727454092003615%22%2C%22pageviewId%22%32%226930149240...	[REDACTED]...	/	Sat, 26 Mar 2022 1...	207	false	false	None
_hp2_ses...	%7B%22ts%22%3A1585220963328%2C%22d%22%3A%22app-staging...	[REDACTED]...	/	Thu, 26 Mar 2020 1...	126	false	false	None
csrfToken	owNTCTzd277ITQODUVqw8KgW77HlZtjIuUOmHoNUew5zyg8ZDR2tLeAcHvr...	api-staging...	/	Thu, 25 Mar 2021 1...	75	false	false	Lax
sessionid	c59g97g9l9mk29ls47yghgnw2wonna1w	api-staging...	/	Thu, 09 Apr 2020 1...	41	true	true	Lax

M4. The password reset link is reusable

Risk Rating: **MEDIUM** REMEDIATED

Remediation Efforts: **MEDIUM**

Summary

DataArt found that a password reset link could be used multiple times. If a user's email account is compromised, the token used to reset the password would be valid even if the user already reset their password.

Affected Functionality

The issue affected the forgot password functionality.

Proof of Concept

The screenshots below demonstrate that a reset password link can be used several times:

Request

```

1 PATCH /account/v1/password_recovery/reset HTTP/1.1
2 Host: api-staging.[REDACTED].com
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:73.0)
   Gecko/20100101 Firefox/73.0
4 Accept: application/json, text/plain, */*
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Content-Type: application/json
8 Content-Length: 193
9 Origin: https://app-staging.[REDACTED].com
10 DNT: 1
11 Connection: close
12
13 {"password": "qqqq", "token": "AAAAAAAAeas8E2qgQfz1aWxKw5IXjP5Mf3KvpMs189k8F4_LNb8xEI5TVxBypyay7Hd2M
   RtkwzKTVolwK8EUhreGp7v-WEIV6K1lGvrclXyB0IKwq5v7FOBmde5FnLhgqfz0nxxt0Fx9
   u6e53ph1QLib3UPTFry=="}]

```

Response

```

1 HTTP/1.1 204 No Content
2 Content-Length: 0
3 Connection: close
4 Date: Fri, 13 Mar 2020 08:08:17 GMT
5 Server: Server
6 Vary: Accept, Origin
7 Allow: PATCH, OPTIONS
8 Content-Security-Policy: style-src https://api-staging.[REDACTED].com
   https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; img-src
   https://api-staging.[REDACTED].com
   https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; script-src
   https://api-staging.[REDACTED].com
   https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; default-src
   https://api-staging.[REDACTED].com
   https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; font-src
   https://api-staging.[REDACTED].com
   https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com data: fonts.gstatic.com
9 Access-Control-Allow-Origin: *
10 X-Frame-Options: DENY
11 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
12 X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block
13 X-Cache: Miss from cloudfront
14 Via: 1.1 f8895de44f638d120a0f[REDACTED].cloudfront.net (CloudFront)
15 X-Amz-Cf-Id: kudK8QwJRhhs5sRApq8xQzOKwMxi-7AtPhvtGLK1krexWFgYtq==
16 X-Amz-Cf-Id: 1RnvF3vBvn_ediIpEaG841gdEn087usFIWKj7Elw-6CdTzOeu8RBsg==
17
18

```

Request

```

1 PATCH /account/v1/password_recovery/reset HTTP/1.1
2 Host: api-staging.[REDACTED].com
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:73.0)
   Gecko/20100101 Firefox/73.0
4 Accept: application/json, text/plain, */*
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Content-Type: application/json
8 Content-Length: 194
9 Origin: https://app-staging.[REDACTED].com
10 DNT: 1
11 Connection: close
12
13 {"password": "qqqq", "token": "AAAAAAAAeas8E2qgQfz1aWxKw5IXjP5Mf3KvpMs189k8F4_LNb8xEI5TVxBypyay7Hd2M
   RtkwzKTVolwK8EUhreGp7v-WEIV6K1lGvrclXyB0IKwq5v7FOBmde5FnLhgqfz0nxxt0Fx9
   u6e53ph1QLib3UPTFry=="}]

```

Response

```

1 HTTP/1.1 204 No Content
2 Content-Length: 0
3 Connection: close
4 Date: Fri, 13 Mar 2020 08:08:17 GMT
5 Server: Server
6 Vary: Accept, Origin
7 Allow: PATCH, OPTIONS
8 Content-Security-Policy: style-src https://api-staging.[REDACTED].com
   https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; img-src
   https://api-staging.[REDACTED].com
   https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; script-src
   https://api-staging.[REDACTED].com
   https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; default-src
   https://api-staging.[REDACTED].com
   https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; font-src
   https://api-staging.[REDACTED].com
   https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com data: fonts.gstatic.com
9 Access-Control-Allow-Origin: *
10 X-Frame-Options: DENY
11 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
12 X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block
13 X-Cache: Miss from cloudfront
14 Via: 1.1 81c8b8cte803efca02[REDACTED].cloudfront.net (CloudFront)
15 X-Amz-Cf-Id: FRAS3-Cl
16 X-Amz-Cf-Id: 1RnvF3vBvn_ediIpEaG841gdEn087usFIWKj7Elw-6CdTzOeu8RBsg==
17
18

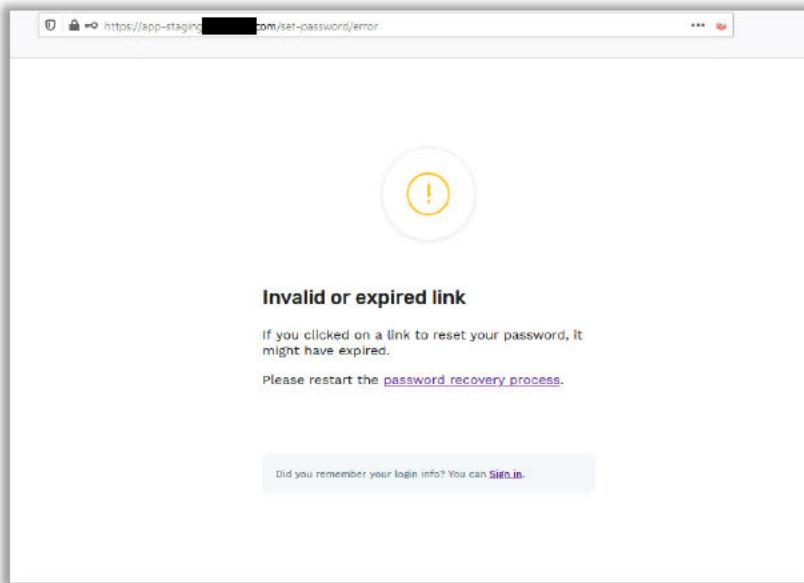
```

Recommendations

The reset password link should be single-used. Once a user's password has been reset, the randomly generated token should no longer be valid.

Remediation

As of **03/26/2020**, the issue was successfully remediated. It is not possible to use a reset password link several times:



M5. The application is vulnerable to brute-force attacks

Risk Rating: **MEDIUM** **REMEDIATED**

Remediation Efforts: **MEDIUM**

Summary

While testing authentication functionality, DataArt observed that the Django Administration portal did not utilize any account lockout policy upon failed login attempts. DataArt performed more than 20 failed login attempts for one of the test accounts without receiving any lock messages. As far as DataArt could determine, no account lockout mechanism was in place.

The absence of an account lockout ability could give an attacker an infinite number of attempts to enter guesses of the current password to achieve a valid variant (known as “brute-force” attack). There are many scripts and tools that automate this type of attack available on the Internet that can be used against a web-based application.

Affected Functionality

The issue affected the login functionality of the Django Administration portal:

- **POST** [https://api-staging\[REDACTED\].com/admin/login/?next=/admin/](https://api-staging[REDACTED].com/admin/login/?next=/admin/)
- **POST** [https://api-staging\[REDACTED\].com/account/v1/auth/token](https://api-staging[REDACTED].com/account/v1/auth/token)

Proof of Concept

1. A user successfully logs in to the application:

Request		Response	
		Raw	Headers
1	POST /account/v1/auth/token HTTP/1.1	1	HTTP/1.1 201 Created
2	Host: api-staging.████████.com	2	Content-Type: application/json
3	User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:73.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/73.0	3	Content-Length: 588
4	Accept: application/json, text/plain, */*	4	Connection: close
5	Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5	5	Date: Fri, 13 Mar 2020 08:11:51 GMT
6	Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate	6	Server: Server
7	Content-Type: application/json	7	Vary: Accept, Origin
8	Content-Length: 51	8	Allow: POST, DELETE, OPTIONS
9	Origin: https://app-staging.████████.com	9	Content-Security-Policy: style-src https://api-staging.████████.com
10	Connection: close	10	https://api-staging.████████.com; img-src
11	12 {"email":"sectest01@dataart.com","password":"qqqq")	11	https://staging-hackend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; script-src
		12	https://api-staging.████████.com
		13	https://staging-hackend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; default-src
		14	https://api-staging.████████.com
		15	https://staging-hackend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; font-src
		16	https://api-staging.████████.com
		17	https://staging-hackend-files.s3.amazonaws.com data: fonts.gstatic.com
		18	Access-Control-Allow-Origin: *
		19	X-Frame-Options: DENY
		20	X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
		21	X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block
		22	X-Cache: Miss from cloudfront
		23	Via: 1.1 7dd262b9bb5f11d4e2e7████████.cloudfront.net (CloudFront)
		24	X-Amz-Cf-Pep: IWAWS0-C1
		25	X-Amz-Cf-Id: IWW476Q9HSeer9W2ltaJGIGDXW9CUD16oy-jqtK_ZXMSUINLs0==
		26	19 {"user_id": "669ae490-ac33-4ff9-bf3b-8d1badfe1d57", "refresh": "eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJ0j3-1h19qX8B1TjolcmVmcm7sACTsImFscC1NTU4ND5MTkud3vianpJj1o1OC3MGTjyS0QyNWyvME81KfpwMfH0lq2gRMQ2WMM2TLLC1tLc1-2pJZLKTjci1T740SM0CMWtTR3tlycoozvssMMmhdh1chNGwqYwRkdGhMzD03In-2STM8A_J8et-M4Wd477MDw4ACmecdziau7mapFNUCEUEIi."xAccess": "eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJ0j3-1h19qX8B1TjolcmVmcm7sACTsImFscC1NTU4ND5MTkud3vianpJj1o1OC3MGTjyS0QyNWyvME81KfpwMfH0lq2gRMQ2WMM2TLLC1tLc1-2pJZLKTjci1T740SM0CMWtTR3tlycoozvssMMmhdh1chNGwqYwRkdGhMzD03In-2STM8A_J8et-M4Wd477MDw4ACmecdziau7mapFNUCEUEIi."yAccess": "eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJ0j3-1h19qX8B1TjolcmVmcm7sACTsImFscC1NTU4ND5MTkud3vianpJj1o1OC3MGTjyS0QyNWyvME81KfpwMfH0lq2gRMQ2WMM2TLLC1tLc1-2pJZLKTjci1T740SM0CMWtTR3tlycoozvssMMmhdh1chNGwqYwRkdGhMzD03In-2STM8A_J8et-M4Wd477MDw4ACmecdziau7mapFNUCEUEIi."zAccess": "eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJ0j3-1h19qX8B1TjolcmVmcm7sACTsImFscC1NTU4ND5MTkud3vianpJj1o1OC3MGTjyS0QyNWyvME81KfpwMfH0lq2gRMQ2WMM2TLLC1tLc1-2pJZLKTjci1T740SM0CMWtTR3tlycoozvssMMmhdh1chNGwqYwRkdGhMzD03In-2STM8A_J8et-M4Wd477MDw4ACmecdziau7mapFNUCEUEIi."}

2. Logout the user and then try to login with the same login but wrong password multiple times:

Request	Payload	Status	Error	Timeout	Length	Comment
0		201			1614	
1	!root	403			1111	Contains a JWT
2	SSRV	403			1111	
3	\$secure\$	403			1111	
4	*3nguru	403			1111	
5	@45%^&	403			1111	
6	A.M.I	403			1111	
7	ABC123	403			1111	
8	ACCESS	403			1111	
9	ADLDEMO	403			1111	
10	ADMIN	403			1111	
11	ALLIN1	403			1111	
12	ALLIN1MAIL	403			1111	
13	ALLNONE	403			1111	

Request	Response
	Raw
	<pre>1 POST /account/v1/auth/token HTTP/1.1 2 Host: api-staging.████████.com 3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:73.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/73.0 4 Accept: application/json, text/plain, */* 5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5 6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate 7 Content-Type: application/json 8 Content-Length: 52 9 Origin: https://app-staging.████████.com 10 Connection: close 11 12 {"email":"sectest01@dataart.com","password":"!root"}</pre>

3. After that, the user can still successfully log in to the application:

Recommendations

DataArt recommends employing a password lockout mechanism that temporarily locks an account if more than a preset number of unsuccessful login attempts are made. This approach significantly slows down attackers, while allowing the accounts to be open for legitimate users.

The most secure approach for the implementation of an account locking function assumes notifying the blocked user about the blocking only via a third-party channel (for instance via email or mobile phone). In this way, the malicious user trying to guess the valid password will not be able to know that the account is locked and all his further attempts will be unsuccessful.

Another approach is utilizing CAPTCHA services, which should force the user to input additional information provided in a human only understandable format.

Remediation

As of **03/26/2020**, the issue was successfully remediated. A user account was blocked after 5 incorrect login attempts to the application:

Request	
	Raw
	Params
	Headers
	Hex
	JSON Beautifier
1	POST /account/v1/auth/token HTTP/1.1
2	Host: api-staging.[REDACTED].com
3	User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:74.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/74.0
4	Accept: application/json, text/plain, */*
5	Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6	Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7	Content-Type: application/json
8	Content-Length: 53
9	Origin: https://app-staging.[REDACTED].com
10	Connection: close
11	
12	{"email": "sectest02@dataact.com", "password": "Inz8UN3Web8z"}

Response	
	Raw
	Headers
	Hex
	JSON Beautifier
1	HTTP/1.1 403 Forbidden
2	Content-Type: application/json
3	Content-Length: 78
4	Connection: close
5	Date: Thu, 26 Mar 2020 11:14:30 GMT
6	Server: Server
7	Vary: Accept, Origin
8	Allow: POST, DELETE, OPTIONS
9	Content-Security-Policy: font-src https://api-staging.[REDACTED].com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com data: fonts.gstatic.com; script-src https://api-staging.[REDACTED].com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; style-src https://api-staging.[REDACTED].com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; default-src https://api-staging.[REDACTED].com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; img-src https://api-staging.[REDACTED].com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com
10	X-Frame-Options: DENY
11	X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
12	X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block
13	Access-Control-Allow-Origin: https://app-staging.[REDACTED].com
14	X-Cache: Error from cloudfront
15	Via: 1.1 50f2fcfb915e6471490 [REDACTED].cloudfront.net (CloudFront)
16	X-Amz-Cf-Pop: WAB0-G1
17	X-Amr-Cf-Id: 3ACBz-BaFAVkeezTp7ekDdASNdq1vXh8VnqVwN41t22XWNK4opGQ==
18	
19	{"detail": "Account login attempts exceeded the limit.", "code": "locked-account"}

Also, in the Django Admin as well:

Request	
Raw	Params
Headers	Hex
1 POST /admin/login/?next=/admin/ HTTP/1.1	
2 Host: api-staging.████████.com	
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:74.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/74.0	
4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,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: 163	
9 Origin: https://api-staging.████████.com	
10 Connection: close	
11 Referer: https://api-staging.████████.com/admin/login/?next=/admin/	
12 Cookie: csrf_token=htsQQ9pV1gnsVaeGwHpwN2hKyyGisBzNiJ2dRhF0U8DqRvT8@eThN2WtDyJwUo; _hp_id_1661302383=47B#2UserI#42243A#223727454092003615422%2C#12pageviewId#42243A#22693034924201033%22423A#2230778380339226612%2C%22identity%22%3Anull%2C#2trackerVersion#223A#224.0%22#D	
13 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1	
14	
15 csrfmiddlewaretoken=23L92w96L15Q2bChnDCWhoGMFBMD8MnkvhEl3BS0xCKOnUTah4rj29rJJaMgM6M4username=invitation_only&opentest.com&password=F19GN2Rpsh51&next=%2Fadminln%2F	

Response	
Raw	Headers
Hex	Render
1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK	
2 Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8	
3 Content-Length: 65	
4 Connection: close	
5 Date: Thu, 26 Mar 2020 12:55:23 GMT	
6 Server: Server	
7 Expires: Thu, 26 Mar 2020 12:55:23 GMT	
8 Cache-Control: max-age=0, no-cache, no-store, must-revalidate, private	
9 Content-Security-Policy: font-src https://api-staging.████████.com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com data: fonts.googleapis.com script-src https://api-staging.████████.com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; style-src https://api-staging.████████.com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; default-src https://api-staging.████████.com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; img-src https://api-staging.████████.com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com	
10 X-Frame-Options: DENY	
11 Vary: Cookie, Origin	
12 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff	
13 X-SSO-Protection: 1; mode:block	
14 X-Cache: Miss from cloudfront	
15 Via: 1.1 f44bd62d25539f6 ██████████.cloudfront.net (CloudFront)	
16 X-Amz-Cf-Pop: WAN50-CL	
17 X-Amz-Cf-Id: ButxyNc2ldLoGCRkTS-xTINMq2IMzveyHQesIVJF211H1X1Y0Bg-	
18	
19 Account locked: too many login attempts. Please try again later.	

Low Risk Findings

Four **low**-severity issues were found in the application, as described below.

L1. Strict-Transport-Security header is not used

Risk Rating: **LOW**

Remediation Efforts: **LOW**

Summary

DataArt noticed that all applications did not utilize the "*Strict-Transport-Security*" header for encrypted communication. The aforementioned header forces browsers to use only an encrypted channel for communication with the server even in case the potential malefactor tries to downgrade the communication to an unsafe HTTP connection.

Without a Strict Transport Security policy, the application may be vulnerable against several attacks:

- If the web application mixes the usage of HTTP and HTTPS, an attacker can manipulate pages in the unsecured area of the application or change redirection targets in a manner that the switch to the secured page is not performed or done in a manner, that the attacker remains between client and server.
- If there is no HTTP server, an attacker in the same network could simulate a HTTP server and trick the user to click on a prepared URL by using a social engineering attack

Affected Functionality

The issue affected all responses from the following applications:

- [https://app-staging-\[REDACTED\].com](https://app-staging-[REDACTED].com)
- [https://api-staging-\[REDACTED\].com](https://api-staging-[REDACTED].com)

Proof of Concept

The example of the server response is shown below:

Request	Response
<pre>Raw Headers Hex JSON Beautifier 1 POST /questionnaire/v1/answers/50e86fda-cfa6-4ede-b63e-2f7a44obe223 HTTP/1.1 2 Host: api-staging-[REDACTED].com 3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:73.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/73.0 4 Accept: application/json, text/plain, */* 5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5 6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate 7 Content-Type: application/json 8 Authorization: Bearer eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9eyJ0b2tlbl90eXBLIjoiYmNNiZWNzTiwLXNwIjoxNgQkMgNTUzLCJqdGkiOiIjYXW4OTQzMjB0IgoMGCKyj3hzaONQ2NDY2MDMySIaInVaxZkrqMqLmLmQ0uNmKxSljHx2lTR12GUYjQzsScyjdhNRjyMuYjMlfQ.djAG 9D2C9A83519-29B9-4e6c-87p1Gdr#IP9icrsTE 9 Content-Length: 62 10 Origin: https://app-staging-[REDACTED].com 11 Connection: close 12 13 {"data_type": "json", "tag": "protective_devices", "value": [""]}</pre>	<pre>Raw Headers Hex JSON Beautifier 1 HTTP/1.1 201 Created 2 Content-Type: application/json 3 Content-Length: 140 4 Connection: close 5 Date: Mon, 16 Mar 2020 09:01:06 GMT 6 Server: Server 7 Via: Apache/2.4.33 (Ubuntu) 8 Upgrade-Insecure-Content-Type: HEAD, OPTIONS 9 Content-Security-Policy: style-src https://api-staging-[REDACTED].com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; img-src https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; script-src https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; font-src https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; default-src https://api-staging-[REDACTED].com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; font-arc https://api-staging-[REDACTED].com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; data: fonts.googleapis.com Access-Control-Allow-Origin: * 10 X-Frame-Options: DENY 11 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff 12 X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block 13 X-Cache: Miss from cloudfront 14 X-Cache-By: CloudFront 15 Via: 1.1 doc4687b8577785-[REDACTED] cloudfront.net (CloudFront) 16 X-Amz-Cf-Id: WAM50-Cl 17 X-Amz-Cf-Id: Av_an2NzTHNFFV7FB1LzAB0hOkPVuMF8XQ8sFxc7go1sRQOBm2Qw- 18 [{"id": 200, "user": "spackfda-cfa6-4ede-b63e-2f7a44obe223", "value": "", "tag": "protective_devices", "data_type": "json", "created_at": "2020-03-16T09:01:06.926105Z"}]</pre>

Recommendations

The application should instruct web browsers to only access the application using encrypted HTTPS channel. For that, HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS) should be enabled by adding a response header with the name 'Strict-Transport-Security' and the value 'max-age=expireTime', where expireTime is the time in seconds that browsers should remember that the site should only be accessed using HTTPS.

To apply the policy to all subdomains, the 'includeSubDomains' flag could be also utilized. As an additional security measure the domain should be submitted to an HSTS preload service.

The detailed information can be found via the following links below:

- [https://github.com/OWASP/CheatSheetSeries/blob/master/cheatsheets/HTTP Strict Transport Security Cheat Sheet.md](https://github.com/OWASP/CheatSheetSeries/blob/master/cheatsheets/HTTP%20Strict%20Transport%20Security%20Cheat%20Sheet.md)
- [https://hstspreload.org/?domain=api-staging\[REDACTED\].com](https://hstspreload.org/?domain=api-staging[REDACTED].com)
- [https://hstspreload.org/?domain=app-staging\[REDACTED\].com](https://hstspreload.org/?domain=app-staging[REDACTED].com)

Due to the fact that the affected applications utilize Amazon CloudFront as the CDN system for delivering static content, there is no direct way to set the required server header. However, as a workaround solution, it is possible to introduce an intermediate Edge Lambda function which puts the appropriate headers onto CloudFront HTTP responses before they're sent to the clients, see reference links below. (**Note:** however, such a configuration introduces an extra point of failure and could affect performance and availability of the site):

- <https://medium.com/@netscylla/adding-security-headers-to-s3-websites-2002f243aa8f>
- <https://johnlouros.com/blog/setup-security-headers-s3-host-website>
- <https://adamj.eu/tech/2019/04/15/scoring-a-plus-for-security-headers-on-my-cloudfront-hosted-static-website/>

As a possible way of remediation for the Django CMS used by one of the applications ([https://api-staging\[REDACTED\].com/admin](https://api-staging[REDACTED].com/admin)), it is recommended to set appropriate security parameters within Django's middleware as it is described in the article below:

- <https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/ref/middleware/#http-strict-transport-security>

Remediation

As of 03/26/2020, the issue **was not remediated**. Applications still do not utilize the "Strict-Transport-Security" header for encrypted communication:

Request		Response	
Raw	Params	Headers	Hex
1 POST /admin/login?next=/admin/ HTTP/1.1			
2 Host: api-staging[REDACTED].com			
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:74.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/74.0			
4 Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,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: 185			
9 Origin: https://api-staging[REDACTED].com			
10 Connection: close			
11 Referer: https://api-staging[REDACTED].com/admin/login/?next=/admin/			
12 Cookie: csrfToken="htat009pVlgnaiVaeGeRpW2h2MMyGiaBfWlj2dRhrWUGDqKvT88eIHmN107yJMu0; hbp_id_1681303383=25BA2z2user1d22%3A223727954092003615%22%2Cw21pageviewId22%3A4226930349252011033%282%22session1d%22%3A%2230787850389228%22%2C%22identity%22%3Anull%2C%22trackerVersion%22%3A%224.0%22%7D			
13 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1			
14			
15 csrfmiddlewaretoken="m33L82wv18Jc5KChnDCWh0GMFEMD8MnkvhE13B50nCXOnUTAN4rj19rJJaMGm6M; username_in_invitation_only40pentest.com&password=F19GWLRpyshSl&next=%2Fadmin%2F"			
16			
17			
18			
19			Account locked: too many login attempts. Please try again later.

L2. Cross-domain policy misconfiguration

Risk Rating: **LOW** REMEDIATED

Remediation Efforts: **LOW**

Summary

DataArt found that the application servers provided the ability to execute cross-domain requests from any domain to all the server's resources using HTML5 cross-[REDACTED] resource sharing (CORS). Trusting arbitrary [REDACTED] effectively disables the same-[REDACTED] policy, allowing two-way interaction by third-party web sites. Unless the response consists only of unprotected public content, this policy is likely to present a security risk.

If another domain is allowed by the policy, then that domain can potentially attack users of the application. If a user is logged in to the application and visits a domain allowed by the policy, then any malicious content running on that domain can potentially retrieve content from the application, and sometimes carry out actions within the security context of the logged-in user.

Even if an allowed domain is not overtly malicious in itself, security vulnerabilities within that domain could potentially be leveraged by an attacker to exploit the trust relationship and attack the application that allows access.

Affected Functionality

The issue affected all responses from the following applications:

- [https://app-staging\[REDACTED\].com](https://app-staging[REDACTED].com)
- [https://api-staging\[REDACTED\].com](https://api-staging[REDACTED].com)

Proof of Concept

The images below show the examples of the server's responses allowing cross-domain requests from any domain ("Access-Control-Allow-Origin": "*"):

Request	Response
Raw	Raw
Params	Headers
Headers	Headers
Hex	Hex
JSON Beautifier	JSON Beautifier
JSON Web Tokens	
<pre>1 POST /questionnaire/v1/answers-e68ee49b-a231-4ff9-bf2b-5d1bdd8e1057 2 Host: api-staging-[REDACTED].com 3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:74.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/74.0 4 Accept: application/json, text/plain, */* 5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5 6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate 7 Content-Type: application/json 8 Authorization: Bearer eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiLCJyJnBhY2tlbmNvZGUiOiJ1LDEyOGRKYTFmYzA0LTlhYTAtInM4NgJnNDpnFnMCIL iVz2JxFeWQoLjMNgj2T05VlhbMLTrzC2kYmVj012DF12G04VzFknTeifQ_SIGH OmealcBtLwLws8SsSw9tHxKQhjF4lqgSVDFiQ 9 Content-Length: 62 10 Origin: https://benecast.com 11 Connection: close 12 13 [{"data_type": "string", "tag": "property_type", "value": "condo"}]</pre>	<pre>1 HTTP/1.1 201 Created 2 Content-Type: application/json 3 Content-Length: 160 4 Connection: close 5 Date: Wed, 18 Mar 2020 13:22:37 GMT 6 Server: Server 7 Vary: Accept, Origin 8 Allow: GET, POST, HEAD, OPTIONS 9 Content-Security-Policy: img-src https://api-staging-[REDACTED].com https://[REDACTED]-back-end-files.s3.amazonaws.com/default-src https://api-staging-[REDACTED].com https://[REDACTED]-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com/script-arc https://[REDACTED]-script-arc.s3.amazonaws.com https://[REDACTED]-back-end-files.s3.amazonaws.com/style-arc https://api-staging-[REDACTED].com https://[REDACTED]-back-end-files.s3.amazonaws.com/font-arc https://[REDACTED]-font-arc.s3.amazonaws.com https://[REDACTED]-static-kend-files.s3.amazonaws.com/data/fonts.gstatic.co 10 Access-Control-Allow-Origin: * 11 X-Frame-Options: DENY 12 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff 13 X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block 14 X-Cache: Miss from cloudfront 15 Via: 1.1 a05b3d6d626582e4fd [REDACTED].cloudfront.net [CloudFront] 16 X-Amz-CF-Pop: MAN5-01 17 X-Amz-CF-Id: RMD-yTULERATWY1p1j5524dc8qer0YEmZP2ZYRfgGqlVWUxK25GR0A- 18 19 [{"id": "208", "user": "e68ee49b-a231-4ff9-bf2b-5d1bdd8e1057", "value": "condo", "tag": "property_type", "data_type": "string", "created_at": "2021-03-18T13:22:37.663586Z"}]</pre>

Recommendations

DataArt strongly recommends setting the scope of allowed domains and permissions to be as restrictive as possible. In the case CORS functionality is not used at all, the server must prohibit it.

It has to be noted that the Gunicorn web server does not provide the ability to setup cross-[REDACTED] access to the resources. It is recommended to implement appropriate settings at the proxy server level located in front of the Gunicorn server as outlined in the official documentation referenced below:

- <https://docs.gunicorn.org/en/stable/deploy.html>

In the case of the Gunicorn server utilized by the Django CMS it is possible to remediate the issue by setting the appropriate Django security middleware:

- <https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/3.0/ref/middleware/#referrer-policy>

Remediation

As of **03/26/2020**, the issue was successfully remediated. DataArt confirms, that now the application prohibits cross-domain interaction at all:

Request	
	Raw Headers Hex JSON Web Tokens
1	GET /financial-services/savings/v1/recommendations/e688e49b-a233-4ff9-bf2b-5d1b0d8cd5d5 HTTP/1.1
2	Host: api-staging.████████.com
3	User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:74.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/74.0
4	Accept: application/json, text/plain, */*
5	Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6	Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7	Authorization: Bearer eyJ0eAioL0RjVqIQLCmRgG101JUzI1NlJ9eyJ0B2t1b190eXB1jo1YWNzZXNzIiWzXnHwjoenNTy1m1jwNHD3LcJgdGk1oIJyVgzyODVYzE3NNU0NTc5YMN4TWE2NDY4ODAy1k5ySIaIwv2KJfaQnQ1o1JnkgjzTQ5VilhjmzLTrMnjktVmYyYy012DFi2GQ4vFkNtcfQ.r?lhfo-pzoQwNeav1LFHnS18ZPO_sQ_h=6BsvgVk
8	Origin: https://pentest.com
9	Connection: close
10	
11	

Response	
	Raw Headers Hex JSON Beautifier
1	HTTP/1.1 200 OK
2	Content-Type: application/json
3	Content-Length: 1838
4	Connection: close
5	Date: Thu, 26 Mar 2020 10:53:26 GMT
6	Server: Server
7	Vary: Accept, Origin
8	Allow: GET, HEAD, OPTIONS
9	Content-Security-Policy: font-src https://api-staging.████████.com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com data: font-src static.com; script-src https://api-staging.████████.com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; style-src https://api-staging.████████.com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; default-src https://api-staging.████████.com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com; img-src https://api-staging.████████.com https://staging-backend-files.s3.amazonaws.com
10	X-Frame-Options: DENY
11	X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
12	X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block
13	X-Cache: Miss from cloudfront
14	Via: 1.1 dc4ec8fb7baf77858b-████████.cloudfront.net (CloudFront)
15	X-Amz-Cf-Pop: NM05-C1
16	X-Amz-Cf-Id: QjWeol3ndRp698IqAlMy97iTUrFO4oQ2sM1Qa_MQc0Hw0c6BHMz15CA==
17	

L3. Auto-complete feature is not disabled for password fields

Risk Rating: LOW

Remediation Efforts: LOW

Summary

Modern browsers offer users the ability to manage their multitude of credentials by storing them insecurely on their computers. This client-side feature could potentially compromise a user's account on the application in the event of the compromise of a client's workstation.

It was possible to remediate this issue previously by appending this additional parameter "`autocomplete='off'`" to the opening form tag or an individual form element of the password field to indicate to the browser that it should not offer to store that information. However, nowadays, almost all modern browsers ignore this attribute. The best approach for blocking passwords saving on the browser side is using the "`autocomplete='new-password'`" attribute, however, the attribute is not handled by old versions of some browsers (Firefox below version 38, Google Chrome below 34, and Internet Explorer below version 11).

As an alternative way of preventing password autofilling, could be the utilization of a 3rd party client-side library like [the "jquery.disableAutoFill" plugin](#).

Affected Functionality

The issue affected the following functionality:

- `https://app-staging[REDACTED].com/login` (autocomplete='off')
 - `https://api-staging[REDACTED].com/admin/login/?next=/admin/` (autocomplete='current-password')

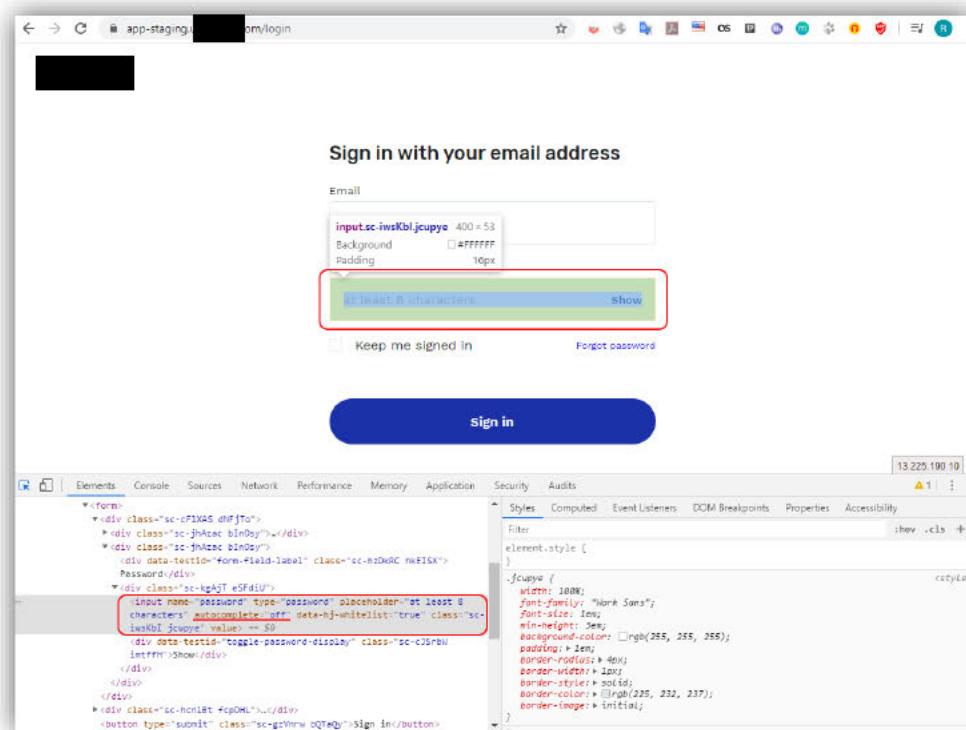
Proof of Concept

The image below shows an example of enabled autocomplete for the application login forms:

Version: 1.7

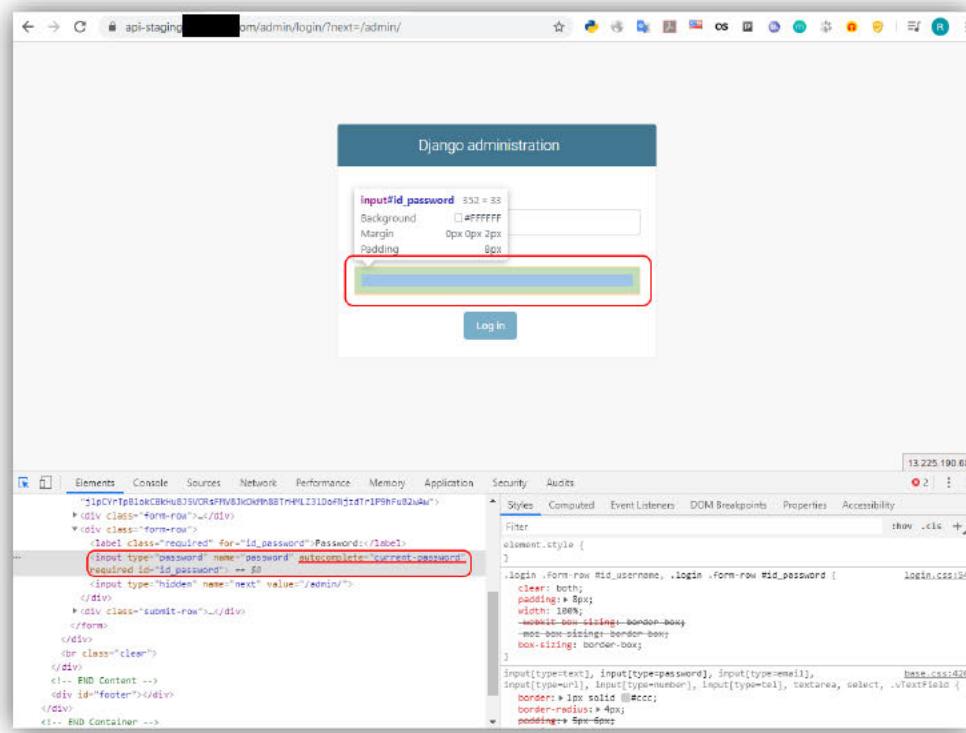
Date: 03/31/2020

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The screenshot shows a sign-in page with a 'Sign in with your email address' heading. Below it is a form with an 'Email' input field and a 'Password' input field. The 'Password' field is highlighted with a red box. The browser's developer tools are open, showing the HTML structure and CSS styles for the password field. The CSS for the password input is as follows:

```
.jcupye {  
    width: 180px;  
    font-family: "Work Sans";  
    font-size: 1em;  
    min-height: 3em;  
    background-color: #fff;  
    padding: 0px;  
    border-radius: 4px;  
    border-width: 1px;  
    border-style: solid;  
    border-color: #ccc;  
    border-image: initial;  
}
```



The screenshot shows the Django administration login page. It features a 'Django administration' header and a 'Log In' button. Below the button is a password input field, which is highlighted with a red box. The browser's developer tools are open, showing the HTML structure and CSS styles for the password field. The CSS for the password input is as follows:

```
.login .form-row #id_password, .login .form-row #id_username {  
    width: 100%;  
    -webkit-box-sizing: border-box;  
    -moz-box-sizing: border-box;  
    box-sizing: border-box;  
}  
  
input[type="text"], input[type="password"], input[type="email"],  
input[type="url"], input[type="color"], input[type="tel"], textarea, select, .visually-hidden {  
    border: 1px solid #ccc;  
    border-radius: 4px;  
    padding: 5px 6px;  
}
```

Recommendations

The password autocomplete should always be disabled, especially in sensitive applications, since an attacker, if able to access the browser cache, could easily obtain the password in clear-text.

The detailed information about autocomplete implementation in all modern browsers can be found in these articles below:

- https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/Security/Securing_your_site/Turning_off_form_autocompletion
- https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/Security/Securing_your_site/Turning_off_form_autocompletion#Tools_for_disabling_autocompletion
- https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTML/Attributes/autocomplete#Browser_compatibility

Remediation

As of 03/26/2020, the issue **was not remediated**. The password autocomplete is still enabled for the password fields.

L4. The application server supports TLS cipher suites without forward security

Risk Rating: **LOW**

Remediation Efforts: **LOW**

Summary

DataArt noticed that the application servers supported TLS cipher modes that used RSA encryption for key exchange. Though the encryption algorithm was considered secure, it did not provide Forward Secrecy (FS). It also could potentially lead to a private key compromise in the presence of such vulnerabilities as Bleichenbacher's Oracle or ROBOT or other yet unknown vulnerabilities.

Affected Functionality

The issue affected all cipher suites except the ECDHE ones allowed by the application servers:

- app-staging [REDACTED].com (443/TCP);
• api-staging [REDACTED].com (443/TCP);
 AES128-GCM-SHA256
 AES256-GCM-SHA384
 AES128-SHA256

Proof of Concept

The images below show all cipher suites allowed by the application servers. The weak ones are marked red:

```
Server supports TLS Fallback SCSV

  TLS renegotiation:
Session renegotiation not supported

  TLS Compression:
Compression disabled

  Heartbleed:
TLS 1.2 not vulnerable to heartbleed
TLS 1.1 not vulnerable to heartbleed
TLS 1.0 not vulnerable to heartbleed

  Supported Server Cipher(s):
Preferred TLSv1.2 128 bits ECDHE-RSA-AES128-GCM-SHA256      Curve P-256 DHE 256
Accepted  TLSv1.2 128 bits ECDHE-RSA-AES128-SHA256           Curve P-256 DHE 256
Accepted  TLSv1.2 256 bits ECDHE-RSA-AES256-GCM-SHA384       Curve P-256 DHE 256
Accepted  TLSv1.2 256 bits ECDHE-RSA-AES256-SHA384         Curve P-256 DHE 256
Accepted  TLSv1.2 128 bits AES128-GCM-SHA256
Accepted  TLSv1.2 256 bits AES256-GCM-SHA384
Accepted  TLSv1.2 128 bits AES128-SHA256

  SSL Certificate:
Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
RSA Key Strength:    2048
```

Recommendations

It is strongly recommended to utilize only cipher suites allowing perfect forward secrecy features. Such an approach should minimize possible security risks connected with decryption of previously sniffed encrypted traffic in case the private key has been compromised.

Detailed information about perfect forward secrecy could be found in the article below:

- <https://www.keycdn.com/blog/perfect-forward-secrecy>

Since the affected application utilizes Amazon CloudFront, the issue could be fixed by applying up-to-date TLS security policies for the corresponding AWS resources:

- CloudFront - [TLSv1.2 2018 is recommended in AWS documentation](#). The [Cloud Conformity page](#) explains where the corresponding TLS policy settings can be found. Please note that there's no way to deselect particular TLS cipher suites for CloudFront, as these sets of cipher suites are predefined by AWS-supplied policies;
- AWS S3 - it's necessary to verify that [Secure Transfer is enforced](#) for all buckets (including those which serve as storage for CloudFront distributions).

Remediation

As of 03/26/2020, the issue [was not remediated](#). The application servers still accept the mentioned cipher suites.

Conclusion

DataArt completed the penetration testing of the [REDACTED] web application. This testing was based on the technologies and known threats as of the date of this document. All the security issues discovered during that exercise were analyzed and described in this report.

Please note that as technologies and risks change over time, the vulnerabilities associated with the operation of systems described in this report, as well as the actions necessary to reduce the exposure to such vulnerabilities, will also change.