Security Assessment Report

Target: <u>www.itsecgames.com</u>

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Objective

This assessment encompasses both passive and active reconnaissance of the target site, aiming to identify potential vulnerabilities, misconfigurations, and sensitive information exposures that an attacker could exploit. No critical vulnerabilities were found, but some improvements are recommended to harden security.

Scope

What was tested:

- Passive Information Gathering
- Port Scanning
- Directory Enumeration
- Subdomain Enumeration
- SSL/TLS certification assessment
- Manual Info Leakage Analysis
- JavaScript Inspection

Methodology

List tools & techniques used:

- WhatWeb
- WafW00f
- Subfinder / Amass
- Dirb
- Nmap
- SSL Labs
- curl
- Manual Browsing

Finding

1. Check for robots.txt file

Tool Used: Manual

During the analysis, no robots.txt or sitemap file was found.

Mitigation Recommendations

It is recommended to create a robots.txt file to restrict crawlers from accessing sensitive pages. Note that this is primarily for search engine guidance and not a security control. Example directives include restricting access to administrative or private sections of the website.

2. Subdomain Discovery

Tool Used:subfinder

During testing, no subdomains related to the target website were identified.

Mitigation Recommendations

Regularly monitor DNS records to detect any unauthorized or new subdomains. Remove or disable unused subdomains to prevent potential takeover risks. Consider implementing security measures such as wildcard prevention to avoid subdomain exploitation.

3. Firewall Discovery

Tool Used: wafw00f

During testing, no firewall or Web Application Firewall (WAF) was detected protecting the website.

Mitigation Recommendations

Deploy a WAF to filter and block malicious traffic.

Implement rate limiting, bot protection, and IP blacklisting to prevent automated attacks.

Regularly review firewall logs to identify suspicious activity and potential threats.

4. Directories Present

Tool Used: Dirb

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—(direction⊛kali)-[~]
state dirb http://www.itsecgames.com/
DIRB v2.22
By The Dark Raver
START_TIME: Tue Sep 16 20:46:17 2025
URL_BASE: http://www.itsecgames.com/
WORDLIST_FILES: /usr/share/dirb/wordlists/common.txt
GENERATED WORDS: 4612
  — Scanning URL: http://www.itsecgames.com/ ——
⇒ DIRECTORY: http://www.itsecgames.com/downloads/
⇒ DIRECTORY: http://www.itsecgames.com/images/
+ http://www.itsecgames.com/index.htm (CODE:200|SIZE:3651)
⇒ DIRECTORY: http://www.itsecgames.com/javascript/
⇒ DIRECTORY: http://www.itsecgames.com/js/
(!) FATAL: Too many errors connecting to host
    (Possible cause: COULDNT CONNECT)
END_TIME: Tue Sep 16 20:56:43 2025
DOWNLOADED: 2881 - FOUND: 1
  -(direction⊛kali)-[~]
```

During directory brute-forcing with **dirb**, the following interesting result was found:

- URL: http://www.itsecgames.com/index.htm
- HTTP Response Code: 200 (OK)
- Content Size: [Include size 3651]

An index.htm file returning 200 means the file is publicly accessible and serves content to visitors.

Depending on its content, this could expose:

- Old or forgotten website versions
- Debug information
- Sensitive comments in source code
- Hardcoded credentials or API endpoints
- Unused functionality or vulnerable scripts

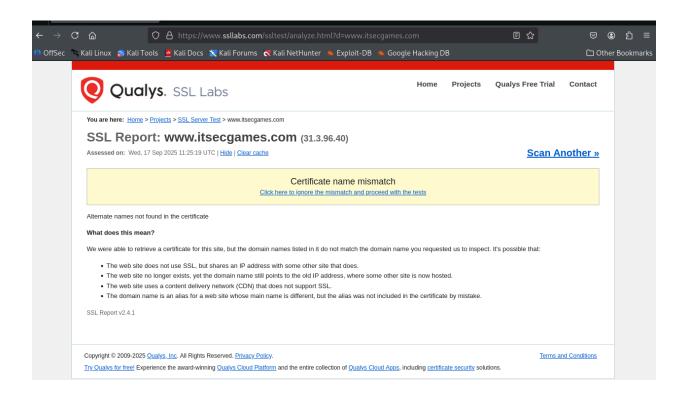
Even if it looks like a normal page, attackers often check these files carefully for hidden info or old scripts that can be exploited.

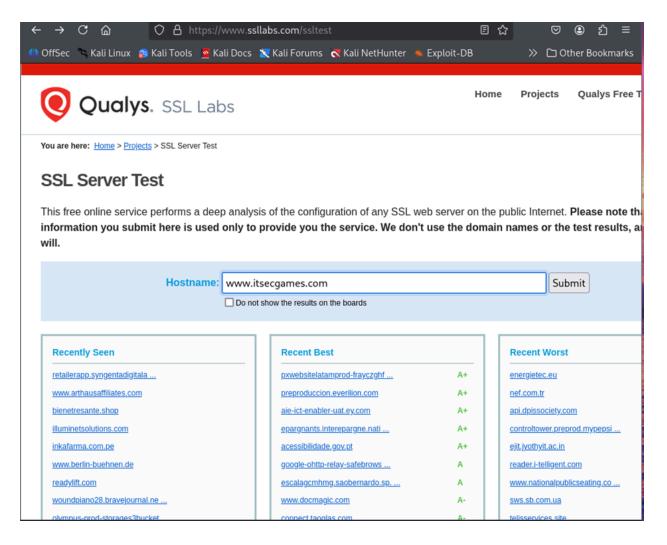
- 1. Manually review the contents of index.htm to ensure there is no sensitive data, comments, hardcoded credentials, or debug information left in the code.
- 2. If the file is outdated, unused, or serves no functional purpose, it should be removed from the public web directory immediately to reduce the attack surface.
- 3. If the file is needed for specific purposes (e.g., internal documentation), restrict access using proper web server rules (.htaccess for Apache):

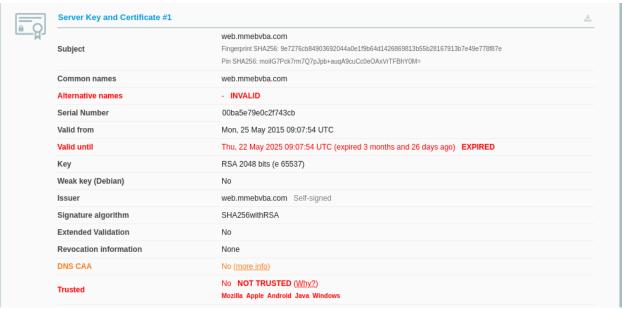
5. SSL/TLS Certification assesment

During the assessment, the website was found accessible over plain HTTP without HTTPS enforcement. This means no SSL/TLS encryption is present, which exposes data in transit to interception or tampering by attackers.

Additionally, server headers such as Server: Apache and old Last-Modified timestamps were visible(in homepage check), indicating potential information leakage about the web server version and configuration.







- Enforce HTTPS across the entire site by configuring HTTP → HTTPS redirects.
- Install a valid SSL/TLS certificate from a trusted certificate authority
- Disable weak or outdated TLS versions
- Implement strong cipher suites.
- Enable HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS) to force browsers to use HTTPS.
- Hide unnecessary server headers to prevent information leakage.
- Regularly test the SSL configuration using tools like SSL Labs to ensure no vulnerabilities are present.

6. Code Review

Command →curl -IL http://www.itsecgames.com/ >homepage.txt

--Server responds with HTTP 200 OK, serving the homepage. However, no security-related HTTP headers were found in the response.

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ffuf.json

• homepage.txt

1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK

2 Date: Tue, 16 Sep 2025 11:55:30 GMT

3 Server: Apache

4 Last-Modified: Wed, 09 Feb 2022 13:14:08 GMT

5 ETag: "e43-5d7959bd3c800"

6 Accept-Ranges: bytes

7 Content-Length: 3651

8 Vary: Accept-Encoding

9 Content-Type: text/html

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Here's the analysis:

Status 200 \rightarrow Page is up & serving fine.

Server Header Exposed:

Server: Apache \rightarrow No version info (good, but ideally should hide "Apache" completely for better security).

Missing Security Headers:

- X-Frame-Options → Prevent clickjacking
- X-XSS-Protection → Helps stop some basic XSS attacks
- Content-Security-Policy (CSP) → Limits what content can be loaded/executed

Mitigation Recommendations

Add security headers in Apache config like:

Header always set X-Frame-Options "DENY"

Header always set X-XSS-Protection "1; mode=block"

Header always set Content-Security-Policy "default-src 'self':"

• Hide Server header completely to avoid giving attackers info.

7. Nmap Findings

Open Ports:

- 22/tcp → tcpwrapped (no service version info)
- 80/tcp → tcpwrapped (likely Apache HTTP)
- 443/tcp → tcpwrapped (possibly HTTPS fallback)

Closed Ports: 1117, 1862, etc.

```
—(direction⊛kali)-[~]
-$ nmap -sS -sV -Pn www.itsecgames.com
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-09-16 20:54 IST
Nmap scan report for www.itsecgames.com (31.3.96.40)
Host is up (0.29s latency).
rDNS record for 31.3.96.40: web.mmebvba.com
Not shown: 991 filtered tcp ports (no-response)
PORT
         STATE SERVICE
                              VERSION
22/tcp open tcpwrapped
80/tcp open tcpwrapped
443/tcp open tcpwrapped
1117/tcp closed ardus-mtrns
1862/tcp closed mysql-cm-agent
2869/tcp closed icslap
6510/tcp closed mcer-port
7019/tcp closed doceri-ctl
49161/tcp closed unknown
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://n
nap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 179.79 seconds
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Mitigation Recommendations

Only expose necessary ports to the public (block SSH on 22 if not needed externally, use VPN or jump server).

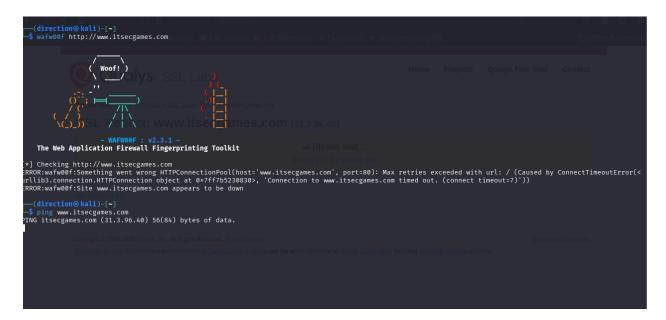
8. Denial of Service

Observation:

During testing, the website was not consistently accessible. It seems multiple requests or a high traffic volume caused temporary unavailability. This prevented further investigation and indicates that the server may not handle concurrent or high-volume requests efficiently.

Risk:

- The website is vulnerable to Denial-of-Service attacks, which could make it unavailable to legitimate users.
- High request rates could overload web and application servers, leading to downtime.



- 1. Limit the number of requests per IP per time interval.
- 2. Deploy a WAF to block suspicious or automated request patterns.
- 3. Distribute traffic across multiple servers to handle spikes.
- 4. Use caching layers (e.g., reverse proxy like Nginx, Cloudflare cache) to reduce load on origin servers.

- 5. Implement traffic monitoring to detect unusual spikes early.
- 6. Consider services like Cloudflare, AWS Shield, or Akamai to mitigate large-scale DoS attacks.

9. JavaScript and API findings

During the assessment, references to JavaScript files and a js/ directory were discovered on the target website. These files could expose API endpoints, sensitive information, or implementation details if not properly secured.

Due to the website being temporarily unavailable (likely due to high request volume or a DoS-like condition), further inspection of the JavaScript files and discovery of API endpoints was not possible at the time of testing.

- Once the site is accessible, inspect JavaScript files and the js/ directory for hardcoded URLs, credentials, or API endpoints.
- Use browser Developer Tools and proxy tools like Burp Suite or OWASP ZAP to capture and analyze API calls during site interaction.
- Ensure all API endpoints are properly authenticated and validated, and avoid exposing sensitive logic in frontend JS files.

Summary Table

	Area / Test	Observation	Risk Level
1	Passive Info Gathering	Website reveals server info, no subdomains found	Low
2	Firewall / WAF	No WAF detected	Medium
3	Directory Bruteforce	6 directories found	Medium
4	Port Scan / Services	Open ports: 22, 80, 443 (tcpwrapped); closed ports: 1117,1862,2869,6510,7019,49161	Medium
5	Subdomain Enumeration	No subdomains found	Low
6	SSL/TLS	HTTP accessible, Apache headers exposed, old Last-Modified date	High
7	Robots.txt	Not found	Low
8	Denial-of-Ser vice	Website temporarily unavailable due to multiple requests	High

9	API/	These could potentially contain hardcoded API endpoints or sensitive information	Medium
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Conclusion

The assessment focused on passive and active reconnaissance of the target website, aiming to identify potential vulnerabilities, misconfigurations, and information exposures. No critical vulnerabilities were found during the testing. However, several areas of improvement were identified, including a lack of SSL/TLS encryption, a missing WAF, exposed JavaScript files, and the absence of robots.txt.

Additionally, availability issues (likely due to high request volume) prevented further in-depth testing of API endpoints and JavaScript files.

Implementing the recommended mitigations—such as enforcing HTTPS, deploying a Web Application Firewall, restricting sensitive directories, and securing API endpoints—will significantly improve the security posture of the website and reduce the risk of potential attacks.