

Penetration Test

Badstore.net

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1 Summaries and overviews

1.1 Overview

Pentesters were commissioned to perform a penetration test on the web application hosting Badstore.net. The tests were conducted over the course of a month and findings were submitted by 18th of April.

Findings of which have been collated in this report with the aim to effectively convey the results of the testing including remediation techniques both at technical and executive level. The report also aims to outline in depth the procedures used, findings from the testing, remediation for any issues found whilst quantifying impact and risk to the business.

1.2 Key findings

Finding
Out of date software
SQL injection (a, b)
Cross site scripting (XSS)
Source code manipulation
Discoverable hidden directories
HTTP request manipulation
Low encryption
Susceptibility to DoS attacks
Improper password resetting functionality
Lack of input validation and privilege segregation
Susceptibility to dictionary attacks

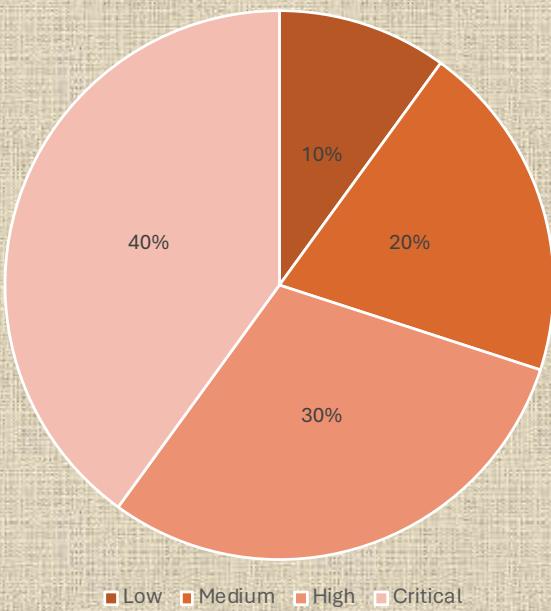
1.3 Executive summary

Vulnerabilities present within the site impact the safety and longevity of Badstore.net.

Vulnerabilities range from having the ability to freeze the website, to stealing all user information at both customer, supplier, and administrator level.

Severity	Number present
Low	1
Medium	2
High	3
Critical	4

VULNERABILITY COUNT



VULNERABILITIES FOUND

All accounts compromised



3 pages vulnerable through user input



It is possible to manipulate the web applications features

1 vulnerability found to freeze site

LOADING

It is possible to stop other users from accessing the site

OWASP
25 Identified vulnerabilities found

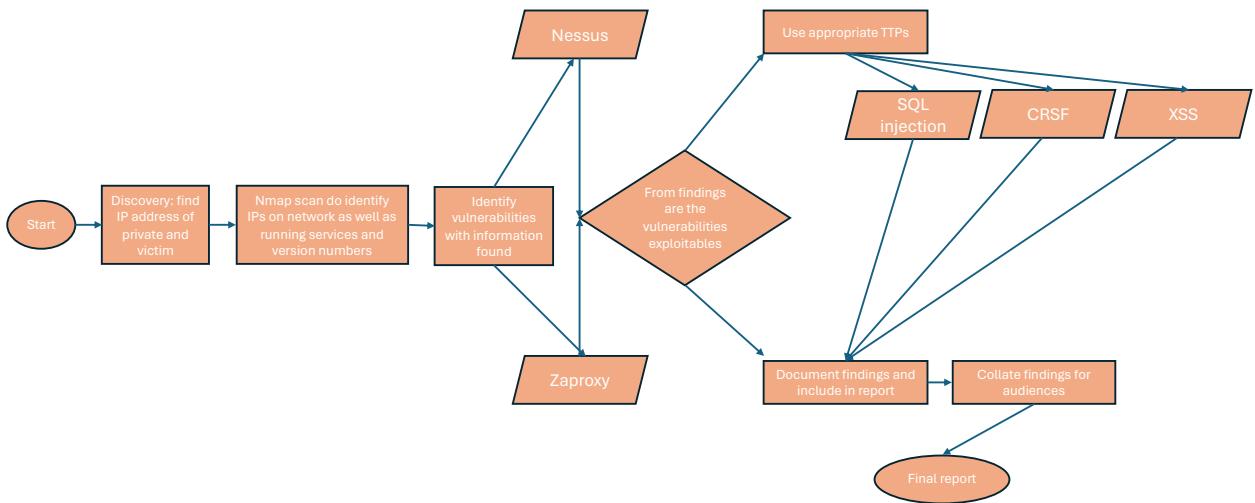


1.4 Technical summary overview

Whilst there are a range of vulnerabilities present within the web application many of the findings that are within scope trace back to a lack of input validation and sanitisation. Implementing these fixes will promote the continued operation of Badstore.net. The tool ‘Nessus’ outlines 23 critical, 26 high, 42 medium, 8 low risks when completing a basic network scan, whilst also making a further remark on informational data. Key findings, with their associated risk ratings, loss to business, likelihood, and general remediation techniques address some of the more prominent issues.



1.5 Attack tree



1.6 Technical summary findings

Description of risk	Threat rating	Corporate loss	Likelihood	Recommendations
SQL injection Bad actors can manipulate the MySQL server beneath the site to gain access to sensitive information. With this the bad actor can also obtain information on the server itself e.g., version, name, databases.		As a result of successful injection all user accounts are compromised, leading to a huge leak of personal information against GDPR guidelines.	Once the version of SQL is identified SQL injection requires little effort and minimal technical skill, meaning it is very likely.	Parametrised queries, ignoring special characters used by SQL. Proper sanitization of user input. i.e., Removing ' or - .
Cross site scripting (XSS) Bad actors can inject malicious script into web pages which allow for the theft of session IDs, sensitive information and control of victim hardware.		With the required security misconfigurations many personal details may be stolen, as well as facilitating for further attacks on user hardware.	Script to carry out such attacks are readily available on the internet; it does not require much skill and is highly probable.	Input sanitisation is a key deterrent, unsafe HTML tags should be removed, and special characters should be escaped before processing.
DoS attack susceptibility An anomalous number of packets can be forward to the server causing the site to freeze, as connections remain open the server has no free resources for new request.		As users will not be able to navigate or even reach the site, trading will come to a halt causing financial loss.	DoS and DDoS attacks can be carried out with one command of the terminal, making them relatively easy to do.	IDS can detect and filter abnormal traffic through the network whilst Web Application Firewalls (WAF) can block traffic before it reaches the server. Both can achieve this by detecting DoS patterns.
Lack of input validation Users and bad actors can both log in to the site without proper credentials, meaning unauthorised entry to privileged pages.		Personal details may be swiped after entry. Bad actors may also pretend to be legitimate users causing confusion and mistrust between Badstore and user.	Ideally a user will enter a username and password, but the bad actors looking for entry points will use this as an easy way to exploit the site, making it likely.	The site must check for valid input, e.g. asking users to meet a certain criteria of password before allowing the user to proceed. i.e. minimum length and special characters.
Source code manipulation and low encryption Information within the source code of the web application can be manipulated for the gain of a bad actor, which includes price alteration and privilege escalations.		With administrator access all accounts are compromised, prices can be changed which will result in a loss of revenue.	A bad actor with the right skill set can take advantage of this, being so easy to do it his very possible but not common.	The source code must check for that the role is set to U before accepting the request to the database server, cookies must be better encrypted.
Discoverable hidden directories and HTTP request manipulation The robots.txt file reveals information which includes weakly encrypted passwords, as well as other hidden directories.		Once discovered a bad actor can gain access to a few different accounts, which will ultimately lead to a loss in revenue and trust.	Being a common vulnerability it is highly likely this can be discovered with little hacking knowledge.	Indexing of the robots.txt and other hidden directories must be removed, making the discovery of these difficult unless directly targeted.
Improper password resetting functionality and susceptibility to brute force attacks The password reset function does not require any valid details and the new password is displayed in plain text, once the default password "Welcome" is discovered it is easier for a bad actor to brute force after attempting login with known email address.		There is little loss to the business with an issue like this unless the bad actor can gain entry to an admin account.	With little to no knowledge of hacking a procedure like this is in multiple parts, therefore it can be assumed that this would be more difficult to achieve.	The source code must check for valid input such as a valid email address and new passwords should be encrypted, with aims to be sent directly to the one requesting the reset as opposed to displaying it publicly.

1.7 Risk key

The metrics used are decided based on the impact to the business and factor in multiple avenues of determent, the score system is inclusive of information gathered from the Common Vulnerability Scoring System

Chance	Impact				
	Ignorable	Low	Medium	High	Catastrophic
Very high chance					
High chance					
Medium chance					
Little chance					
Little to no chance					

Colour	Risk	Description	Example
Critical	Critical	The vulnerability grants total control of the web application to bad actors, this includes crippling functionality and catastrophic repercussions.	SQL injection in the email field on the login page will grant administrator privilege.
High	High	A vulnerability of this nature will have a significant impact on the functionalities of the web application but not cause catastrophic and irreversible damage.	Source code manipulation allows for a bad actor to gain session IDs and steal personable information, including financial details.
Medium	Medium	The vulnerability will grant the bad actor authority over some parts of the web application however it is will not be in administrator capacity.	The password reset function displays the default password in plain text allowing a bad actor to brute force entry of an account.
Low	Low	Vulnerabilities as such cannot cause much damage on their own however, used in conjunction with other techniques they may be challenging to navigate.	When monitoring network traffic, details of network activity are in plain text and provide insight to the web applications inner workings.
Informational	Informational	Although not considered dangerous, it is important to note and monitor such occurrences as they may cause issues.	Software versions may provide insight into present vulnerabilities.

1.8 Tools used

Tool	Description
BurpSuite	Used as a proxy for the purpose of interception traffic and manipulating requests made to the server before being sent.
Wireshark	For the purpose of monitoring network traffic between source and destination IPs in order to gather information.
Zaproxy	To identify vulnerabilities across the web application.
hping	For forwarding packets to the destination IP from various spoof IPs.
Nessus	To identify vulnerabilities across the web application.
Dirbuster	To identify hidden directories within the web application.

2. Introduction

Pentesters performed a penetration test against the Badstore.net web application as per the request of Badstore.net and found that there were many issues, details of which are to be shared.

2.1 Purpose

Badstore.net has experienced issues in the past where the finance and security teams have reported mishaps. The penetration test was conducted to find any reasons for why that has been the case.

2.2 In scope

Testing outlined by Badstore.net was limited to the following areas and vectors:

- Port 80
- Port 443
- Any scripts
- All tools excluding SQLmap (see 2.3)

2.3 Out of scope

Badstore.net requests that the tests conducted are not inclusive of:

- Testing on any other ports
- Testing using SQLmap
- Interaction with the files on the web application
- Offline attacks

3. Findings

3.1a SQL injection (a)

Users can manipulate the MySQL server beneath the web application using common SQL injection techniques.

Source	Destination	Tool
172.16.119.128	http://172.16.119.130/cgi-bin/badstore.cgi?action=loginregister	

3.1b Instructions for Replication:

- Input Single Quote:** Enter a single quote character (') into the email field on the login page.
- Observe Error Message:** Check the response from the web application. Note the syntax error message containing an apparent MySQL query.
- Identify Database Server:** Use the information from the error message to determine that the web application is using a MySQL server.
- Construct Manipulated Request:** Based on the MySQL server information, create a request that exploits the apparent SQL injection vulnerability.
- Submit Manipulated Request:** Send the crafted request to the server.
- Access Test Account:** If the manipulation is successful, you should gain access to a test account within the web application.

3.1c Code used

' OR 1=1#'

1=1 will always equate to true, by inserting the single quotation the SQL query is being manipulated, # will comment the rest of the request out.

3.1d Screenshots:

Login to Your Account

Email Address:

Password:

Software error:

```
DBD::mysql::st execute failed: You have an error in your SQL syntax; check the manual that corresponds to your MySQL server version for the right syntax to use near 'd41d8c98f00b204e9800998ecf8427e' at line 1 at /usr/local/apache/cgi-bin/badstore.cgi line 1144.
```

For help, please send mail to the webmaster (root@bubba.bubba.com), giving this error message and the time and date of the error.

No items matched your search criteria:

```
SELECT itemnum, sdesc, ldesc, price FROM itemdb WHERE " IN  
(itemnum,sdesc,ldesc)
```

Login to Your Account

Email Address:
 Password:



Welcome to BadStore.net!

3.1e Remediation

Prepared statements can prevent the input of unsafe and malicious SQL injection code, as referenced by OWASP parameterised queries can be built into the source code.

3.1f References

https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&rct=j&opi=89978449&url=https://community.microfocus.com/cyberres/b/off-by-on-software-security-blog/posts/how-do-prepared-statements-protect-against-sql-injection&ved=2ahUKEwj1_YPygsyFAxVLWkEAHYIMA7IQhwKegQIUBAC&usg=AOvVaw2NU3NkOwVClz-lehlHrAtp

https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/SQL_Injection_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.html

https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/2017/A1_2017-Injection

3.2a Cross Site Scripting (XSS)

According to OWASP 'cross site scripting attacks are another type of injection where malicious scripts are injected into websites that allow for user input', this type of attack is common and can be demonstrated within the guestbook page of the Badstore.net web application. The script is executed on behalf of users unsuspectingly to them which can cause several issues. Theft of personable information, sensitive data and session cookies are amongst some of the dangers of XSS. If there is no input sanitisation the request is carried out as a regular HTML request.

Source	Destination	Tool
172.16.119.128	http://172.16.119.130/cgi-bin/badstore.cgi?action=guestbook	

3.2b Instructions for Replication:

- Add Malicious XSS Script:** In the guestbook page, under the name field, enter a malicious XSS script.
- Submit the Request:** After entering the script in the name field, submit the request as you normally would.
- Observe Script Execution:** Once the request is submitted, observe the output on the screen.
- Verify Alert Message:** Check for the execution of the malicious script, which should result in a pop-up alert with the message "XSS Attack!".
- Demonstrate Exploitability:** This simple example demonstrates how XSS vulnerabilities can be exploited by allowing a script to be executed immediately after submitting the request.

3.2c Code used

```
<script>alert('XSS Attack!');</script>
```

3.2d Screenshots:

Sign our Guestbook!

Please complete this form to sign our Guestbook. The email field is not required, but helps us contact you to respond to your feedback. Thanks!

Your Name:

Email:

Comments:



3.2e Remediation

OWASP mentions the key to ‘perfect injection resistance’ is sanitising and validating all user input before a request is submitted, by doing so no code can be injected other than what is allowed by the source code. Special characters and other HTML specific words should be escaped. There are tools which automatically clean up HTML text however it is important that it is checked over before implementation.

3.2f References

<https://owasp.org/www-community/attacks/xss/>

https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Cross_Site_Scripting_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.html

<https://snyk.io/advisor/npm-package/sanitize-html/example>

3.3a Source code manipulation

Badstore.net's web application features a critical flaw; privileges can be escalated which then grants users administrator level capabilities. The MITRE ATT&CK framework says, 'Exploitation of a software vulnerability occurs when an adversary takes advantage of a programming error in a program, service, or within the operating system software or kernel itself to execute adversary-controlled code.'

Source	Destination	Tool
172.16.119.128	http://172.16.119.130/cgi-bin/badstore.cgi?action=loginregister	

3.3b Instructions for Replication:

1. **Inspect Registration Page Code:** Open the registration page and inspect the source code behind the interface.
2. **Locate Hidden Role Field:** Within the code, locate the hidden field named **role** that determines user privileges. The field value is set to 'U' for user and 'A' for Administrator.
3. **Expose Hidden Field:** Modify the code to remove the hidden attribute from the **role** field, making it visible on the registration page.
4. **Change User Role:** Once the **role** field is visible, change its value from 'U' (user) to 'A' (Administrator) to grant the new user administrative privileges.
5. **Register New Admin Account:** Complete the registration process with the modified **role** field to create a new administrator account.
6. **Navigate to Secret Admin Menu:** After registering the new account, replace the URL segment **loginregister** with **admin** and navigate to the modified URL.
7. **Access Admin Menu:** Upon navigating to the modified URL, you will be taken to a secret administrator menu.
8. **View Sensitive User Information:** In the admin menu, you can see various details, including other directories and sensitive user information, all of which may be in plain text.
9. **Find Created Accounts:** The accounts created during the penetration test, with administrator access, can be found at the bottom of the user list.
10. **Direct Manipulation of 'U':** By directly manipulating the 'U' value within the source code, you can achieve the same result of granting administrator privileges.

3.3c Screenshots:

Register for a New Account

Full Name:

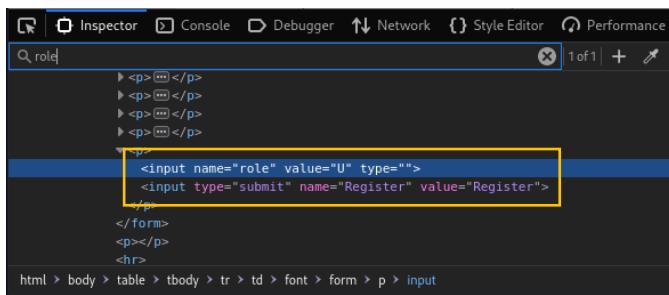
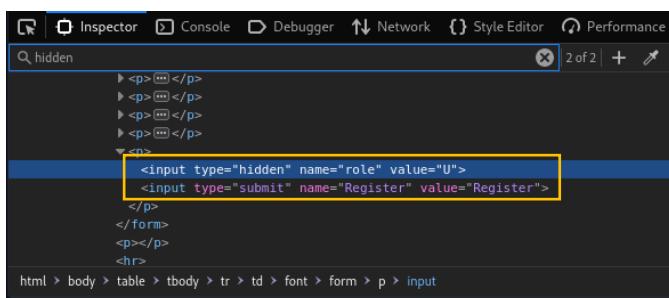
Email Address:

Password:

Password Hint - What's Your Favorite Color?: green

(The Password Hint is used as a security measure to help recover a forgotten password. You will need both your email address and this hint to access your account if you forget your current password.)

- [Save Page As...](#)
- [Save Page to Pocket](#)
- [Select All](#)
- [Take Screenshot](#)
- [View Page Source](#)
- [Inspect Accessibility Properties](#)
- [Inspect \(Q\)](#)



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PENETRATION TEST BY PENTESTERS

Register for a New Account

Full Name:

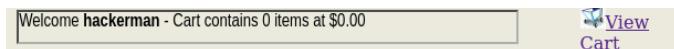
Email Address:

Password:

Password Hint - What's Your Favorite Color?:

(The Password Hint is used as a security measure to help recover a forgotten password. You will need both your email address and this hint to access your account if you forget your current password.)

Welcome **hackerman** - Cart contains 0 items at \$0.00



Secret Administration Menu

Where do you want to be taken today?

AAA_Test_User	098F6BCD4621D373CADE4E832627B4F6	black	Test User	U		
admin	5EBE2294ECD0E0F08EAB7690D2A6EE69	black	Master System Administrator	A		
joe@supplier.com	62072d95acbb588c7ee9d6fa0c6c85155	green	Joe Supplier	S		
big@spender.com	9726259ecc083aa56dc0449a21b33190	blue	Big Spender	U		
ray@supplier.com	99b0e8da24e29e4ccb5d7d76e677c2ac	red	Ray Supplier	S		
robert@spender.net	e40034e3380d6d2b238762b0330bd84	orange	Robert Spender	U		
bill@gander.org	5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99	purple	Bill Gander	U		
steve@badstore.net	8cb554127837a4002338c10a299289fb	red	Steve Owner	U		
fred@whole.biz	356c9ee60e9da05301adc3bd96f6b383	yellow	Fred Wholesaler	U		
debbie@supplier.com	2fb386c6c64a64ef43fac3fbe7860e	green	Debby Supplier	S		
mary@spender.com	7f43c1e438dc11a93319616549d4b701	blue	Mary Spender	U		
sue@spender.com	ea0520bf4d3bd7b9d6ac40c3d63dd500	orange	Sue Spender	U		
curl@customer.com	0DF3DBF0EF9BF1D49E88194D26AE243	green	Curt Wilson	U		
paul@supplier.com	EB7D34C06CD6B561557D7EF389CDDA3C	red	Paul Rice	S		
kevin@spender.com			Kevin Richards	U		
ryan@badstore.net	40C0BBDC4AEAA39166825F8B477EDB4	purple	Ryan Shorter	A		
stefan@supplier.com	8E0FAA8363D8EE4D377574AE88D992E	yellow	Stefan Drege	S		
landon@whole.biz	29A4FBFA56D3F970952AFC893355ABC	purple	Landon Scott	U		
sam@customer.net	5EBE2294ECD0E0F08EAB7690D2A6EE69	red	Sam Rahman	U		
david@customer.org	356779A9A1696714480F57FA3FB66D4C	blue	David Myers	U		
john@customer.org	E8E8E9B0FE29B2D63C714B51CE54980	green	John Stiber	U		
heinrich@supplier.org	5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99	red	Heinrich Hǟsäber	S		
tommy@customer.net	7f43c1e438dc11a93d19616549d4b701	orange	Tom O'Kelle	U		
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	d41d8cd98f00b204e9800998ecf8427e	green	viQdVJqK	U		
	d41d8cd98f00b204e9800998ecf8427e	green	viQdVJqK	U		
	d41d8cd98f00b204e9800998ecf8427e	green	viQdVJqK	A		
hackerman@botnet.com	4d4098d64e163d272695945d046fd7c	green	hackerman	A		
hackerman@botnet.com	4d4098d64e163d272695945d046fd7c	green	hackerman	A		

3.3d Remediation

When a request is made for a new registration, the role should be set to 'U' before it can be submitted, input validation will prevent the escalation of privileges. It must be written as a rule within the source code for this to be effective against such an attack.

3.3e References

<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1499/>

3.4a DoS attack susceptibility

A denial-of-service attack renders the site completely redundant, by flooding the server with TCP requests from spoof IPs through port 80, all the server's resources are used to respond to the requests, because of this it is unable to do anything else. An attack like this without the right mitigation techniques will cause the site to become inaccessible, driving down traffic and potential sales in turn.

Source	Destination	Tool
172.16.119.128	http://172.16.119.130	hping3, wireshark

3.4b Instructions for Replication:

- Open terminal:** Use terminal to use the hping command against the badstore server
- Set flags:** use appropriate flags to construct the DoS attack
- Observe effects:** Using a network monitoring tool observe all outbound packets to the server
- Test web application:** Attempt navigation of the web application

3.4c Code used

```
sudo hping3 --count 15000 --data 120 --syn --win 64 -p 80 --flood --rand-source 172.16.119.130
```

In summary, this command uses hping3 to flood the target IP address 172.16.119.130 with 15,000 SYN packets, each containing 120 bytes of data, with a window size of 64 and destination port 80. The source IP addresses are randomized to make the attack harder to trace.

3.4d Screenshots:

```
kali@kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help
RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
TX packets 782 bytes 94879 (92.6 KiB)
TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
s 0 items at $0.00
lo: flags=73<UP,LOOPBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
    inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
    inet6 ::1 prefixlen 128 scopeid 0x10<host>
        loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
        RX packets 7652 bytes 2642995 (2.5 MiB)
        RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
        TX packets 7652 bytes 2642995 (2.5 MiB)
        TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0

└──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ sudo hping3 --count 15000 --data 120 --syn --win 64 -p 80 --flood --rand-source
172.16.119.130
[sudo] password for kali:
HPING 172.16.119.130 (eth0 172.16.119.130): S set, 40 headers + 120 data bytes
hping in flood mode, no replies will be shown
^C
— 172.16.119.130 hping statistic —
299874 packets transmitted, 0 packets received, 100% packet loss
round-trip min/avg/max = 0.0/0.0/0.0 ms

└──(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$
```

No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
15971	99.75852757	106.17.191.53	172.16.119.130	TCP	174	18138 -> 42000 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64 Len=120
15972	99.758885452	93.26.211.143	172.16.119.130	TCP	174	18139 -> 42000 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64 Len=120
15973	99.758937629	111.37.105.214	172.16.119.130	TCP	174	18140 -> 42000 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64 Len=120
15974	99.758972944	131.201.157.162	172.16.119.130	TCP	174	18141 -> 42000 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64 Len=120
15975	99.759028025	169.44.50.201	172.16.119.130	TCP	174	18142 -> 42000 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64 Len=120
15976	99.759063555	210.147.48.40	172.16.119.130	TCP	174	18143 -> 42000 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64 Len=120
15977	99.759118761	15.181.22.42	172.16.119.130	TCP	174	18144 -> 42000 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64 Len=120
15978	99.759158077	44.15.83.160	172.16.119.130	TCP	174	18145 -> 42000 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64 Len=120
15979	99.759218199	155.131.47.91	172.16.119.130	TCP	174	18146 -> 42000 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64 Len=120
15980	99.759252913	185.48.192.240	172.16.119.130	TCP	174	18147 -> 42000 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64 Len=120
15981	99.759307421	53.54.51.219	172.16.119.130	TCP	174	18148 -> 42000 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64 Len=120
15982	99.759348616	173.39.250.54	172.16.119.130	TCP	174	18149 -> 42000 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64 Len=120
15983	99.759410119	53.152.53.44	172.16.119.130	TCP	174	18150 -> 42000 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64 Len=120
15984	99.759443877	27.225.162.243	172.16.119.130	TCP	174	18151 -> 42000 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64 Len=120
15985	99.759496778	136.48.106.224	172.16.119.130	TCP	174	18152 -> 42000 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64 Len=120
15986	99.759534667	33.152.104.83	172.16.119.130	TCP	174	18153 -> 42000 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64 Len=120
15987	99.759591881	58.209.118.5	172.16.119.130	TCP	174	18154 -> 42000 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64 Len=120
15988	99.759627111	44.69.71.94	172.16.119.130	TCP	174	18155 -> 42000 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64 Len=120
15989	99.759679412	150.91.211.113	172.16.119.130	TCP	174	18156 -> 42000 [SYN] Seq=0 Win=64 Len=120

3.4e Remediation

MITRE ATT&CK frameworks suggest that ‘Content Delivery Networks and services providers who specialise in DoS mitigation should filter traffic upstream and block source addresses from where the attacks may be originating. Also to enable SYN cookies to defend against SYN floods.’

3.4f References

https://owasp.org/www-community/attacks/Denial_of_Service

https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Denial_of_Service_Cheat_Sheet.html

<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T1499/>

3.5a Discoverable hidden directories

A robots.txt file directory is widely known to provide crucial information, specifically on what directories can be indexed, but more importantly exposes those that shouldn't be. If the robots.txt file is made available, it can provide intel and expose potential sensitive data which may be used against the victim when launching an attack. Badstore.net's robots.txt can be accessed and contains much sensitive data including weakly encrypted passwords of users.

Source	Destination	Tool
172.16.119.128	http://172.16.119.130/robots.txt	Hashcat, John

3.5b Instructions for Replication:

Instructions for Replication:

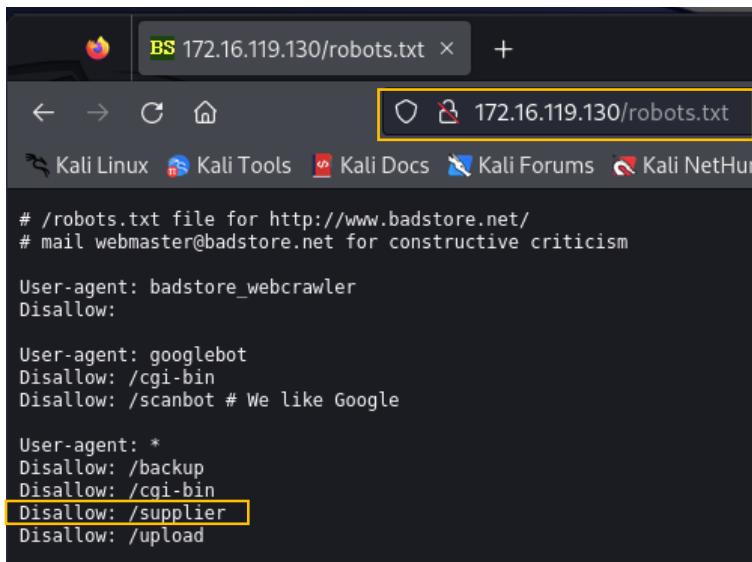
- 1. Navigate to robots.txt:** In your web browser, enter the server IP address followed by /robots.txt. In this case enter http://172.16.119.130/robots.txt.
- 2. Observe Disallowed Directories:** Upon arrival at the robots.txt file, review the contents for a list of disallowed directories that are not indexed by search engines.
- 3. Append Hidden Directory:** Identify a hidden directory from the list in robots.txt and append it to the server IP address in the browser's URL bar. In this case enter http://172.16.119.130/supplier.
- 4. Locate Accounts Directory:** Navigate to the supplier directory and look for an accounts directory within it.
- 5. Examine Encrypted Data:** In the accounts directory, locate files containing text that appears to be weakly encrypted using base64 encoding.
- 6. Decrypt Base64 Text:** You can decrypt base64 encoded text directly in the terminal
- 7. Use Decryption Programs:** Alternatively, you can use specialized programs to identify the encryption type and carry out the decryption. Look for tools that support base64 decoding.

3.5c Code used

```
echo [encoded_text] | base64 -d
```

Replace [encoded_text] with the base64 encoded text you want to decrypt.

3.5d Screenshots:

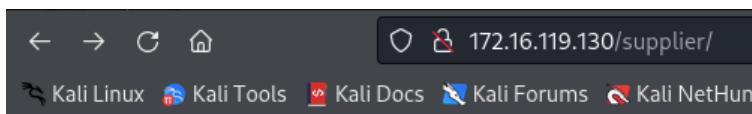


```
# /robots.txt file for http://www.badstore.net/
# mail webmaster@badstore.net for constructive criticism

User-agent: badstore_webcrawler
Disallow:

User-agent: googlebot
Disallow: /cgi-bin
Disallow: /scanbot # We like Google

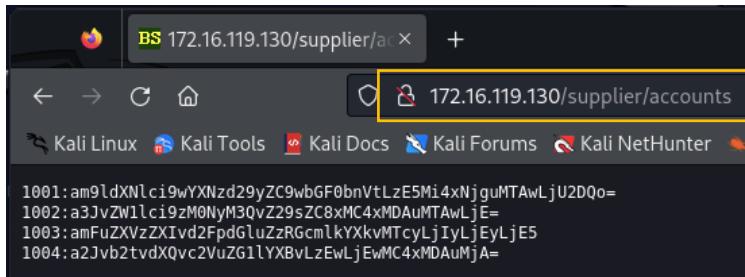
User-agent: *
Disallow: /backup
Disallow: /cgi-bin
Disallow: /supplier
Disallow: /upload
```



Index of /supplier

Name	Last modified	Size	Description
[Parent Directory] accounts	15-Apr-2024 10:49	-	29-Nov-2004 20:51 1k

Apache/1.3.28 Server at 172.16.119.130 Port 80



```
1001:am9ldXNlc19wYXNzd29yZC9wbGF0bnVtLzE5Mi4xNjguMTAwLjU2DQo=
1002:a3JvZWlci9zM0NyM3QvZ29sZC8xMC4xMDAuMTAwLjE=
1003:amFuZXVzZXIvd2FpdGluzzRgcmIkyXkvMTcyLjIyLjEyLjE=
1004:a2Jvb2tvdXQvc2VuZG1lYXBvLzEwLjEwMC4xMDAuMjA=
```



```
kali㉿kali:~
```

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ echo 'hello world'
hello world

(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ echo 'am9ldXNlc19wYXNzd29yZC9wbGF0bnVtLzE5Mi4xNjguMTAwLjU2DQo=' | base64 -d
joeuser/password/platnum/192.168.100.56
```

3.5e Remediation

Indexing can be disabled so that the robots.txt file is non discoverable. This can be achieved by finding the .htaccess file and adding the command ‘Options – Indexes’.

3.5f References

https://owasp.org/Top10/A05_2021-Security_Misconfiguration/

3.6a SQL injection (b)

Similarly to the previous instance, it is possible to log in to an administrator account by simple SQL injection in the email field on the login page of the site. Here instead of being logged into any account the administrator account can be targeted with the insertion of 'admin' when malforming the SQL query.

Source	Destination	Tool
172.16.119.128	http://172.16.119.130/cgi-bin/badstore.cgi?action=loginregister	

3.6b Instructions for Replication:

- Input Single Quote:** Enter manipulated SQL query into the email field on the login page.
- Submit Manipulated Request:** Send the crafted request to the server.
- Access Test Account:** If the manipulation is successful, you should gain access to an admin account within the web application.

3.6c Code used

admin' OR 'hacked' = 'hacked'

hacked=hacked will always equate to true, by inserting the single quotations the SQL query is being manipulated, admin gives us access to the master account since there is no input sanitisation or validation.

3.6d Screenshots:

Login to Your Account

Email Address:

Password:

Welcome Master System Administrator - Cart contains 0 items at \$0.00

Welcome, Master System Administrator

Update your account information:

Current Full Name: Master System Administrator

New Full Name =

Current Email Address: admin' OR 'hacked' = 'hacked admin' OR 'hacked' = 'hacked

New Email Address =

Change Password: Verify:

Change Account

3.6e Remediation

OWASP makes mention of implementing two factor authentication under authentication. By doing so an additional layer of security is added to user accounts if login is not enough of a deterrent. 2FA would ensure only authorised logins are made into the accounts. Another way in which this can be prevented is to implement the function ‘`mysqli_real_escape_string()`’ within the code which sanitise user input, removing special characters specific to MySQL.

3.6f References

<https://attack.mitre.org/mitigations/M0932/>

3.7a Improper password resetting functionality

Badstore.net has minimal input validation to the extent that fields can be left and still produce a result, in this case when resetting a password, no valid account or details are required to acquire a new password, of which it is pasted in plain text to the screen. Issues which arise from this include no encryption of new password which can be used against the login page in conjunction with an SQL injection since a password is now known. It also makes the use of a security question redundant as it is not required.

Source	Destination	Tool
172.16.119.128	http://172.16.119.130/cgi-bin/badstore.cgi?action=myaccount, http://172.16.119.130/cgi-bin/badstore.cgi?action=loginregister	

3.7b Instructions for Replication:

1. **Navigate to 'myaccount':** When on homepage of the site navigate to 'myaccount' as an unregistered user.
2. **Press enter:** Without entering any details press enter.
3. **Observe result:** The site will take you to another page containing the new password 'password'.
4. **Navigate to the login page:** From the current page move to the login page
5. **Manipulate the email field:** Using an SQL query style exploit, enter an injection into the email field.
6. **Use known password:** In the password field use 'Welcome' that was provided
7. **Observe result:** Log in to the user account.

3.7c Code used

' OR 1=1#'

1=1 will always equate to true, by inserting the single quotation the SQL query is being manipulated, # will comment the rest of the request out. Use 'Welcome' in password field

3.7d Screenshots:

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Badstore.net homepage. At the top, there is a header bar with the text "Welcome {Unregistered User} - Cart contains 0 items at \$0.00". Below the header, there is a navigation menu with links for "View Cart" and "Logout". The main content area is titled "Welcome, as an {Unregistered User} you can:". Below this title, there are two links: "Login To Your Account / Register for A New Account - Click Here" and "Reset A Forgotten Password". A note below the links says "Please enter the email address and password hint you chose when the account was created:". There is a text input field labeled "Email Address:" followed by a yellow-outlined input field. Another note below the email field says "Password Hint - What's Your Favorite Color?: green". A small note at the bottom states "(The Password Hint was chosen when you registered for a new account as a security measure to help recover a forgotten password...)" and a final yellow-outlined button labeled "Reset User Password".

Welcome {Unregistered User} - Cart contains 0 items at \$0.00

The password for user:

...has been reset to: Welcome

Login to Your Account

Email Address: Unregistered User

Password: ••••••

Login

Login to Your Account

Email Address: ' OR 'hacked' = 'hacked

Password: ••••••

Login

Welcome fMOIowZY - Cart contains 0 items at \$0.00

3.7e Remediation

Input validation, the site should validate the email address and security question before resetting a password. The password should then be sent via a secure channel to the user associated with that email.

3.7f References

<https://attack.mitre.org/mitigations/M0932/>

<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T0822/>

<https://attack.mitre.org/techniques/T0859/>

3.8a Cookie manipulation

When cookies are created and stored in plain text the web application becomes vulnerable to exploits like cross site request forgery and session hijacking. The cookies on Badstore.net are stored without encryption and can be identified at many different points, if a user is able to identify their own cookies by inspecting the page, then a bad actor sniffing traffic can do the same. When looking at the 'CartID' cookie it is possible to infer where the price information is by cross referencing the item in cart, allowing for the manipulation of the price before checkout.

Source	Destination	Tool
172.16.119.128	http://172.16.119.130/cgi-bin/badstore.cgi?action=whatsnew	Wireshark, Burpsuite

3.8b Instructions for Replication:

- Add item to cart:** Navigate to 'what's new' and add an item to basket.
- Inspect page:** Using inspect element find the cookie containing 'CartID'.
- Manipulate price:** Change the price where the number corresponds with the item price.
- Analyse packet information:** Use a network sniffer to analyse the packets being sent to the server, find the session ID and CartID.

3.8c Screenshots:

The screenshot shows a browser window with the URL `http://172.16.119.130/cgi-bin/badstore.cgi?action=cartview`. The page displays a shopping cart with one item: "Snake Oil" at \$11.50. The "CartID" cookie is highlighted in yellow in the browser's developer tools Network tab.

ItemNum	Item	Description	Price	Image	Order
1000	Snake Oil	Useless but expensive	11.50		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The screenshot shows a browser window with the URL `http://172.16.119.130`. The page displays a shopping cart with one item: "Snake Oil" at \$11.50. The "CartID" cookie is highlighted in yellow in the browser's developer tools Network tab.

Name	Value	Domain	Path	Expires / Max-Age	Size	HttpOnly	Secure	SameSite	Last Accessed
CartID	1713209610%3A1%3A11.5%3A1000	172.16.119.130	/	Session	34	false	false	None	Wed, 17 Apr 2024 14:21:25 GMT

Quick Item Search

Welcome {Unregistered User} - Cart contains 1 items at \$1.00

[View Cart](#)

[Home](#)

[What's New](#)

[Sign Our Guestbook](#)

[View Previous Orders](#)

[About Us](#)

[My Account](#)

[Login / Register](#)

Thanks for ordering from BadStore.net!

Email Address:

Credit Card Number: Expiration Date:

BadStore.net Accepts the following Payment Methods

[Place Order](#)

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Request to http://172.16.119.130:80

Intercept is on

```

1 POST /cgi-bin/badstore.cgi?action=login HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 172.16.119.130
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/115.0
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, br
7 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
8 Content-Length: 42
9 Origin: http://172.16.119.130
10 Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
11 Referer: http://172.16.119.130/cgi-bin/badstore.cgi?action=loginregister
12 Cookie: CartId=17132096103A13A1_0093A1900; SSoid=yMrtw4nTf9StCdoYMNrZWOnID0gJ2hY2t1ZDpkNDFkOGNkOThaMDBiMjA0ZTk4MDA50THLY2Y4%ANDI3ZTpNYXN0ZXIgU3IzdGVTIEFkbWUsXN0caF0b3I600%30%0A
13 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
14
15 email=admin&passwd=password123&Login=Login

```

Inspector

Request attributes: 2

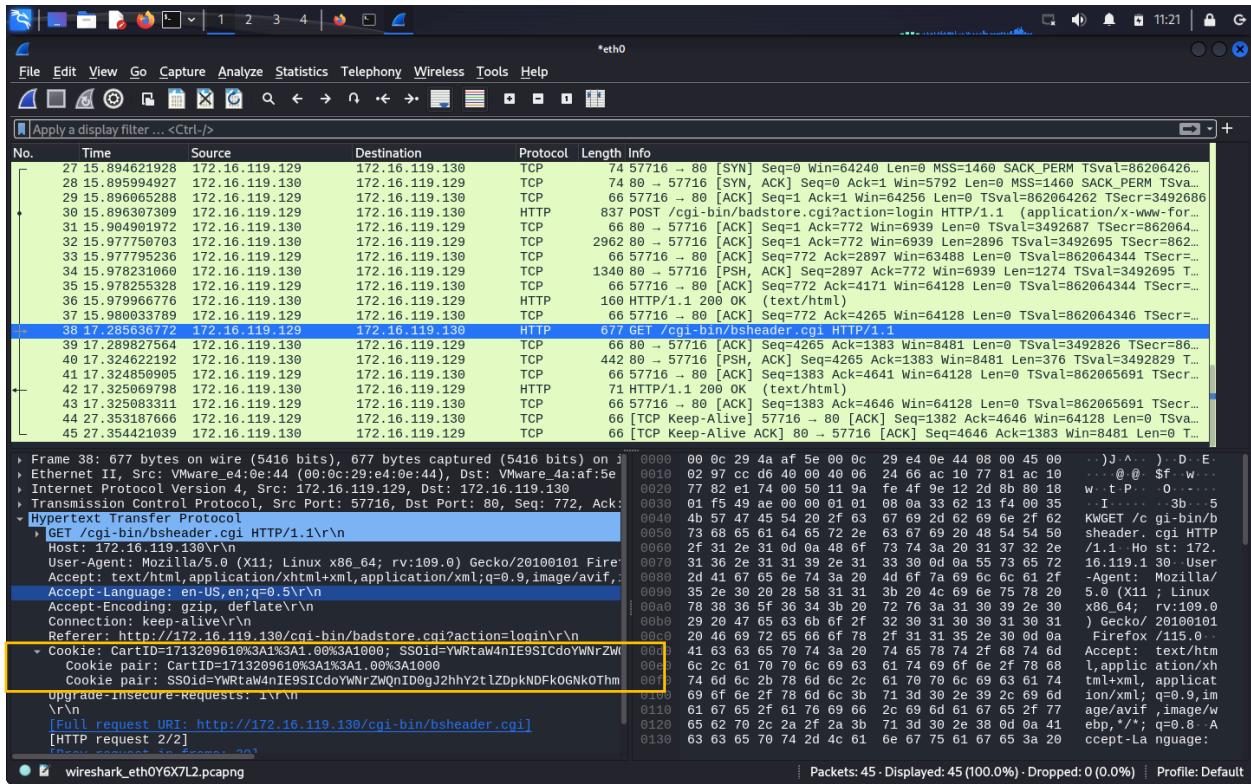
Request query parameters: 1

Request body parameters: 3

Request cookies: 2

Request headers: 12

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3.8d Remediation

Setting the ‘HttpOnly’ flag will prevent cross origin cookie sharing and CSRF attacks, encrypting and signing cookies can also ensure the integrity as well as the confidentiality of cookie data, making it less accessible to bad actors. Another fix would be to use a vetted library or framework that does not allow this weakness to occur or provides constructs that make this weakness easier to avoid, for example, use anti-CSRF packages such as the OWASP CSRFGuard.

3.8e References

<http://projects.webappsec.org/Cross-Site-Request-Forgery>

<https://cwe.mitre.org/data/definitions/352.html>

4. Appendix

4.1 Other in scope vulnerabilities

Vulnerability	Description	Risk
Supplier portal user validation	Supplier portal does not check for privileges when allowing log in to users. Could allow for malicious file upload.	
Brute force attack	Login is susceptible to brute forcing to gain access to accounts.	
Content Security Policy (CSP) header not set	When set, a CSP will help detect and mitigate issues like cross site scripting and data injection attacks.	
Private IP disclosure	When using network sniffers, private IPs can be identified, and potential used for further attacks.	

4.2 Out of scope vulnerabilities

Vulnerability	Description	Risk
MySQL database does not require authentication	Users can directly access the MySQL database server, by direct interaction information can be gathered, deleted, and skewed.	