

Vulnerability Assessment Report

- Future Interns – Cyber Security Task 1
- Read-Only Website Security Review
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- Tools: Nmap | OWASP ZAP | Browser DevTools

Executive Summary

- A passive vulnerability assessment was conducted on a public website.
- No exploitation or harmful testing was performed.
- Several configuration weaknesses and exposed services were identified.
- Findings include missing security headers and publicly accessible services.

Scope & Ethics

- Allowed: Passive scanning, public pages, header checks, configuration review
- Not Allowed: Exploitation, brute force, login bypass, DoS
- Assessment performed strictly within read-only boundaries

Methodology

- 1. Nmap – Discover open ports and services
- 2. OWASP ZAP – Passive vulnerability scan
- 3. Browser DevTools – Manual header inspection
- 4. Findings documented and risk classified

Tools Used

- • Nmap – Port & service exposure analysis
- • OWASP ZAP – Passive vulnerability detection
- • Browser DevTools – HTTP header inspection
- • Canva – Professional report design

Service Exposure Findings (Nmap)

- • Port 80 – HTTP service publicly accessible
- • Port 587 – SMTP mail submission service publicly accessible
- • Multiple exposed services increase attack surface
- Risk Level: Low
- Recommendation: Restrict unnecessary ports and apply firewall rules

Medium Risk Findings (OWASP ZAP)

- • Absence of Anti-CSRF Tokens
- • Content Security Policy (CSP) header not set
- • Missing Anti-Clickjacking protection (X-Frame-Options)
- Impact: Higher likelihood of session hijacking or clickjacking attacks

Low Risk Findings (OWASP ZAP)

- • X-Powered-By header exposes technology stack
- • Server version disclosure via Server header
- • Missing X-Content-Type-Options header
- Impact: Information disclosure useful for reconnaissance

Browser DevTools Header Analysis

- Observed headers:
 - Server: nginx/1.19.0
 - X-Powered-By: PHP/5.6.40
- Missing security headers:
 - Content-Security-Policy
 - X-Frame-Options
 - X-Content-Type-Options
- Risk Level: Medium–Low

Risk Summary

- Medium Risks: 3
- Low Risks: 3+
- Informational/Exposure: Open services (80, 587)
- Overall Risk: Moderate
- Security hardening recommended

Evidence Collected

- • zap_report.html (full scan report)
- • nmap_scan(port scan output screenshot)

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(jeremiah@ DESKTOP-JAHJL6H)-[~]  
$ nmap -sV testphp.vulnweb.com  
Starting Nmap 7.95 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2026-01-26 14:48 WAT  
Nmap scan report for testphp.vulnweb.com (44.228.249.3)  
Host is up (0.27s latency).  
DNS record for 44.228.249.3: ec2-44-228-249-3.us-west-2.compute.amazonaws.com  
Not shown: 998 filtered tcp ports (no-response)  
PORT      STATE SERVICE      VERSION  
80/tcp    open  http         nginx 1.19.0  
87/tcp    open  submission?  
  
Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .  
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 120.21 seconds
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- • browser_headers.png (DevTools screenshot)

| × | Headers | Preview | Response | Initiator | Timing |
|---|-------------------|---------|--|-----------|--------|
| | Content-Encoding | | gzip | | |
| | Content-Type | | text/html; charset=UTF-8 | | |
| | Date | | Tue, 27 Jan 2026 01:12:30 GMT | | |
| | Server | | nginx/1.19.0 | | |
| | Transfer-Encoding | | chunked | | |
| | X-Powered-By | | PHP/5.6.40- 38+ubuntu20.04.1+deb.sury.org+1 | | |

All evidence stored in GitHub repository

Remediation

Recommendations

- • Implement Content Security Policy (CSP)
- • Add CSRF protection to forms
- • Enable X-Frame-Options and X-Content-Type-Options
- • Remove or hide server/version headers
- • Restrict unnecessary open ports using firewall rules

Conclusion

- The website is functional but lacks basic security hardening.
- Addressing identified issues will reduce attack surface and improve resilience.
- Passive testing confirms several quick-fix improvements are possible.