

# 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)

| X                 | 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-<br>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.