# **OWASP Top 10 Report**



#### OWASP Top 10-2021 report

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#### **Task 1 OWASP Introduction**

- i. So OWAPS full form is open web application security protocol that every 3 year publish vulnerabilities list API vulnerabilities
  - · Broken Access Control
  - · Cryptographic Failures
  - Injection
  - · Insecure Design
  - · Security Misconfiguration
- Vulnerable and Outdated Components
  - · Identification and Authentication Failures
  - · Software and Data Integrity Failures
  - Security Logging & Monitoring Failures
  - Server-Side Request Forgery (SSRF)

#### **Task 2 Accessing Machines**

- a. In this module, we deploy our lab for practice.
- b. We have two methods for this: we can use the TryHackMe virtual box on the website, or use our Kali Linux to establish a connection.
- c. When we successfully deploy the labs, we get a flag to verify the connection.

#### Task 3 1. Broken Access Control

1. Website pages are protected from visitors; only an admin user can manage the website and modify access credential files. This ensures proper management and protection. However, a website may have broken access control.

#### 2. Types of Visitors:

- 1. Regular Visitor
  - · Able to view sensitive information from other users
  - · Accessing unauthorized functionality
- 2. Website Visitor
- 3. Can only access their own information
- 4. These types of vulnerabilities allow attackers to bypass authorization, enabling them to view sensitive data and perform malicious activities.

## Task 4 Broken Access Control (IDOR Challenge)

- 1. Insecure Direct Object Reference (IDOR)
- 2. This refers to access control vulnerabilities where users can access resources that do not belong to them.
- 3. One example is when a user logs into a banking application and successfully authenticates themselves. The application then redirects the user to a different page where they can perform various actions.
- 4. If the user leaves the session without logging out, they may assume everything is perfectly secure. However, there is a significant problem: an attacker could use the same URL left behind, modify certain parameters, and gain unauthorized access to other users' details.
- 5. By changing some parameters of the URL, attackers can potentially access other people's credential information.

## Task 5: Cryptographic Failures

- 1. Cryptographic Failure
- Messages are encrypted using cryptographic algorithms to protect them, ensuring only the authorized recipient can access them. If someone without permission misuses cryptographic algorithms to access messages, files, or data, it is called a cryptographic failure.
  - Encrypting data in transit: This refers to data transmitted over the internet using cryptographic algorithms. Even if someone captures the packets, they cannot read the data because it is encrypted.
  - Encrypting data at rest: This refers to data stored on a server. Even the server owner cannot access your data, as it is protected by encryption. This is known as encrypting data at rest.

# Task 6: Cryptographic Failures (Supporting Material 1)

In this section, I will provide practical examples of how to access a database using the terminal.

1. To find out information about any file, we use the command:

file file\_name

For example, if our file is `example.db` (SQLite), we use:

file example.db

This will display information about the file.

2. To learn more about the `.db` file, we first enter the SQLite terminal using the command:

sqlite3 example.db

3. To find out information about a table, we use:

PRAGMA table\_info(table\_name);

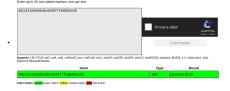
4. To see the contents of a table, we use:

SELECT \* FROM table name;



#### Task 7 Cryptographic Failures (Supporting Material 2)

- In this part, we decode some hashes using CrackStation
- For example, if we have the hash 482c811da5d5b4bc6d497ffa98491e38, we can go to CrackStation, input this hash, and after a few seconds, the website will crack the password



## Task 8 Cryptographic Failures (Challenge)

• In this part I do some more challenge and solve them\_



# Task 9 3. Injection

- 1. Injection
- 2. In today's world, we interact with servers using client browsers where we pass some inputs through URLs. By modifying these input parameters and making requests, the server may process them as valid and return sophisticated results. This is called injection, and it has two types:
- 3. **SQL Injection** This injection targets database servers. It involves user-controlled

input in SQL queries (typically malformed SQL queries). When the error message is returned by the database server, the attacker analyzes it and gathers information about the database structure.

- 4. Command Injection This injection occurs in the system command layer, where an attacker executes arbitrary system commands on the application server. This type of attack allows them to gain access to the user's system.
- 5. **Prevention** Several techniques to prevent injection attacks:
  - Using an Allow List The input coming from users is first checked against a
    predefined list (safe list). If the input matches correctly, it is considered safe;
    otherwise, it is rejected, and an error may be thrown.
  - **Stripping Input** If the input contains dangerous characters, they are removed before processing.

## Task 10 3.1. Command Injection

- · I carefully read this part and understand how bash code run inside
- Then using this knowledge I solve some practice question



#### Task 11 4. Insecure Design

- This vulnerability arises from poorly configured and implemented architecture.
   Sometimes, during testing, the tester disables certain security methods for convenience. When the application moves to the deployment phase, they forget to reenable these security measures, which results in an insecure vulnerability.
- For example, suppose your application authenticates users using OTP (One-Time Password). During the testing phase, the tester or developer may disable this functionality for ease of testing. However, if this OTP function is not re-enabled before the application is published, it creates an insecure vulnerability.



# Task 12 5. Security Misconfiguration

Security Misconfiguration

Security misconfigurations are distinct from other top 10 vulnerabilities because they occur when security could have been appropriately configured but was not. Even if you download the latest updates, misconfigurations can still leave your application vulnerable.

#### **Examples of Security Misconfiguration include:**

- Poorly configured permissions on services
- · Having unnecessary features enabled, such as unused services
- Default accounts with unchanged passwords

#### **Interactive Console Challenge**

I went to the provided link, and for the interactive console, I simply changed the URL by adding an extra /console. This gave me a Python prompt, where I solved each question.

Answer the questions below

Navigate to http://10.10.139.181.86/console to access the Werkzeug console.

No answer needed

Variety of the Werkzeug console to run the following Python code to execute the server:

import os: print(os.popen("\s -\").read())

What is the database file name (the one with the .db extension) in the current directory?



#### Task 13 6. Vulnerable and Outdated Components

- In this type of vulnerability, what happens is that we provide update patches, but for some reason, we forget to apply them. As a result, the vulnerability remains in the application, and attackers can take advantage of these vulnerabilities.
- This is called Vulnerable and Outdated Components.

#### Task 15 Vulnerable and Outdated Components - Lab

• I carefully read the chapter and solve this challenge

Answer the questions below		
What is the content of the /opt/flag.txt file?		
THM(But_1ts_n0t_my_f4ult!)	✓ Correct Answer	♀ Hint

#### Task 16 7. Identification and Authentication Failures

- Authentication and session management are core components of modern web applications.
- Authentication allows users to gain access to web applications by verifying their identities. The most common method to identify a user is through a username and password.
- 3. The server verifies the user, and if the credentials are correct, the server creates session cookies that store the user's behavior and activities.
- 4. If an attacker is able to find flaws in an authentication mechanism, they might successfully gain access to other users' accounts and sensitive information.

#### 5. Common Flaws in Authentication:

- Brute Force Attack If the web application uses a username and password, an attacker can attempt a brute force attack by trying multiple username and password combinations.
- 2. **Use of Weak Credentials** If the web application allows weak passwords like "password123" or "password1", attackers can easily guess them.
- Weak Session Cookies Session cookies are used to store temporary user data and track activity. Attackers can create their own cookies by guessing predefined values and exploit the vulnerabilities.

### 6 Mitigation Strategies to Avoid These Attacks:

- To avoid password guessing, the application should provide a strong password policy.
- 2. To prevent brute force attacks, set a mechanism to limit password attempts.
- Implement multi-factor authentication (MFA) to enhance the security of credential data.

#### Task 17 Identification and Authentication Failures Practical

 In this chapter I carefully study the content usingthoes information I solve the practice challenge



# 18. Software and Data Integrity Failures

- 1. Data Integrity
- The data we have should not be modified or changed. If the data looks modified, then it lacks integrity.
- 3. In cybersecurity, we often download many applications, so we need to ensure that the file we download is original and has not been modified. To verify this, when we download a file, we also get a hash, such as MD5, SHA-1, or SHA-256. We then recalculate the hash of the downloaded file and compare it to the original hash. If both hashes are equal, it means we have downloaded the original file.
- 4. Types of Data Integrity:

- **Software Integrity** Ensures that the software has not been altered or tampered with.
- **Data Integrity** Ensures that the data has not been modified, corrupted, or lost during transmission or storage.

# **Task 19 Software Integrity Failures**

I read chapter carefully and solve the challenges



#### Task 20 Data Integrity Failures

- 1. Session Management
- 2. When a user logs into a website, they are assigned a token, and this token maintains the session until it ends.
- 3. Sessions come in many forms, but they are usually handled via cookies.
- 4. Cookies are key-value pairs stored in the user's browser and are automatically sent with each request to the website that issued them.
- 5. For example, when you log into a web application, a cookie is assigned to you. This cookie contains your information, like your username. With each request, the web application understands that the request is coming from you by using these cookies.
- 6. Cookies are stored on the user's browser, and if the user modifies that cookie and sends a request, they could access another user's information, thereby breaking data integrity.
- 7. One solution to ensure data integrity is using JSON Web Tokens (JWT). JWT is a token that allows you to store key-value pairs and provides integrity as part of the token. This token is given to the user, and the user cannot change or alter it. The structure of the token is as follows:



- **Header**: Contains metadata indicating that it is a JWT and specifies the signing algorithm in use (e.g., HS256).
- Payload: Contains the key-value pairs with the data that the web application wants the client to store.
- **Signature**: Similar to a hash, it is used to verify the authenticity of the signature. If the hash doesn't match the payload, it indicates that the JWT has been tampered with.
- 8. Each of the three parts of the token is base64-encoded in plain text. The signature contains binary data, so even if you decode it, you won't be able to make much sense of it.

# Task 21 9. Security Logging and Monitoring Failures

- 1. When an application is set up, every action performed by the user is logged. This helps to track the user's activity.
- 2. Once their actions are traced, the impact and risks can be determined. Without logging:
- 3. If an attacker gains access to a particular web application, the significant impacts include:
  - Regulatory Damage: If an attacker gains access to personally identifiable user information and there is no record of this, it can negatively affect the organization's regulatory standing and compliance.
  - Risk of Further Attacks: If an attacker's presence remains undetected due to the lack of logging, it could allow them to launch further attacks against the web application owners. This could involve stealing credentials, attacking infrastructure, and more.
- 4. Information Stored in Logs:
  - HTTP status codes
  - Time stamps
  - Usernames
  - API endpoints/page locations
  - IP addresses
- 5. These pieces of information are sensitive, so they should be stored in a secure place with multiple copies in different locations.
- 6. Using this information and task files, I was able to solve the challenges.



# Task 22 10. Server-Side Request Forgery (SSRF)

- When the attacker demands access to files and directories that they do not have permission to access, but the server is not properly configured and allows unauthorized access, this is called **Server Side Request Forgery (SSRF)**.
- Using this information, I was able to solve the challenges.

