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Severity for vulnerability:

Low Medium High Critical

	Severity	Vulnerability definition	Identificati on method
1	Low	Title: B104 - Hardcoded Bind All Interfaces Description: Possible binding to all interfaces (host='0.0.0.0'). Affected Locations: ./finsec-api/app/app.py:28:17 ./finsec-api/finsec_api/run.py:6:17 Impact: Binding to all interfaces (0.0.0.0) exposes the application	Bandit Scan (bandit -r .)
		Binding to all interfaces (0.0.0.0) exposes the application to external networks, which can be a security risk if not properly secured. This is acceptable in development but should be avoided in production unless necessary. Fix Use an Environment Variable for the Host: Modify the code to use an environment variable for the host. Default to 127.0.0.1 (localhost) for development. Update the app.run() call in app.py: # filepath: /workspaces/finsec-application/finsec-api/ap ifname == 'main': app.run() host=os.getenv('FLASK_RUN_HOST', '127.0.0.1'), port=int(os.getenv('FLASK_RUN_PORT', 5000)) Set Environment Variables: For development, you can	
		set the environment variables in a .env file or directly in the terminal	

		FLASK_RUN_HOST=0.0.0.0 FLASK_RUN_PORT=5000	
2	Medium	Title: B608 - Hard Coded SQL Expressions	Bandit Scan (bandit -r .)
		Description: Possible SQL injection vector through string-based query construction.	
		Affected locations: ./finsec-api/finsec_api/add_test_data.py:28:25	
		Impact: Using string interpolation to construct SQL queries can lead to SQL injection vulnerabilities if user input is not properly sanitized. This is a critical security risk.	
		Fix Use parameterized queries to safely pass variables into SQL statements. This prevents SQL injection by ensuring that user input is treated as data, not executable code.	
		Update the Code: Replace the string interpolation with a parameterized query:	
		<pre>cursor.execute(f"SELECT id FROM cards WHERE user_id = {user_id}") cursor.execute("SELECT id FROM cards WHERE user_id = %s", (user_id,))</pre>	
		%s is a placeholder for the parameter. (user_id,) is a tuple containing the value to be substituted into the query.	
3	Medium	Title: B113 - Requests Without Timeout (TOTAL 15 issues and 15 fixes)	Bandit Scan (bandit -r .)
		Description : Calls to requests without a timeout.	
		All Affected Files:	
		test_analytics.py	
		test_api.py test_notif.py	
		Test_notifications.py	
		Affected Lines:	

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./finsec-api/finsec_api/test_analytics.py:11:15
./finsec-api/finsec_api/test_analytics.py:42:19
./finsec-api/finsec api/test analytics.py:62:19
./finsec-api/finsec api/test api.py:16:15
./finsec-api/finsec api/test api.py:38:15
./finsec-api/finsec api/test api.py:61:15
./finsec-api/finsec api/test notif.py:15:15
./finsec-api/finsec api/test notif.py:32:15
./finsec-api/finsec_api/test_notif.py:48:15
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./finsec-api/test_notif.py:15:15
./finsec-api/test_notif.py:32:15
./finsec-api/test_notif.py:48:15
./finsec-api/test_notif.py:71:15
./finsec-api/test_notif.py:90:23
./finsec-api/test_notifications.py:16:21
./finsec-api/test notifications.py:35:29
./finsec-api/test_notifications.py:52:24
./finsec-api/test notifications.py:79:31
./finsec-api/test notifications.py:102:33
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Impact:

When making HTTP requests without specifying a timeout, the program can hang indefinitely if the server does not respond. This can lead to denial-of-service vulnerabilities or unresponsive applications.

Fix:

Add a timeout parameter to all requests calls. The timeout value should be appropriate for your use case (e.g., 5 seconds).

For a requests.get or requests.post call: response = requests.get(url, timeout=5) # Add a timeout of 5 seconds

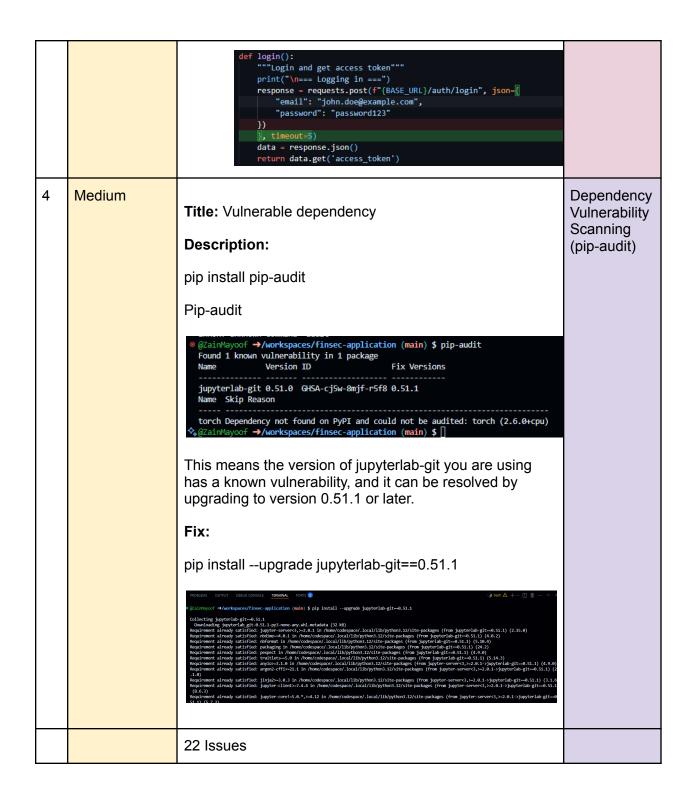
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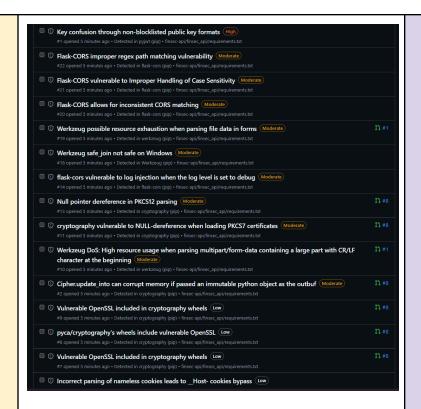
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response = requests.get(notif_url, headers=header

After:

response = requests.get(notif_url, headers=headers, timed

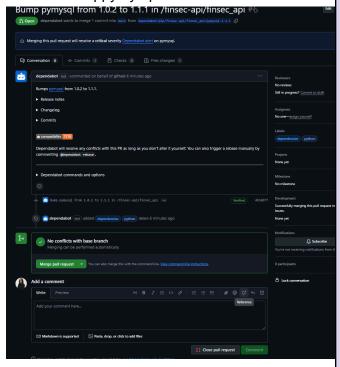
response = requests.get(settings_url, headers=headers)
response = requests.get(settings_url, headers=headers, timedut=5)
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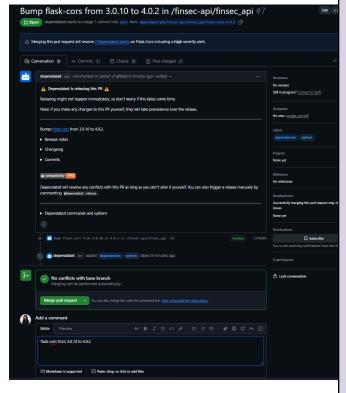


1. PyMySQL through 1.1.0 allows SQL injection if used with untrusted JSON input because keys are not escaped by escape_dict.

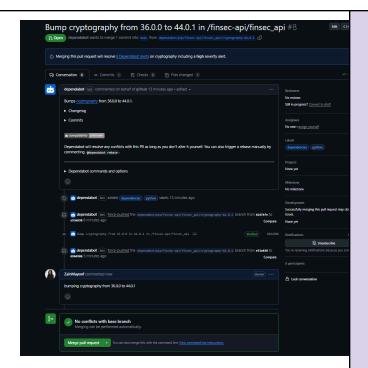
Solution: bumppymysql from 1.0.2 to 1.1.1.



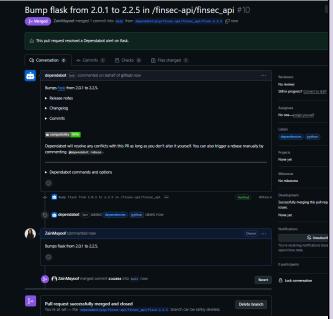
2. Bump flask-cors from 3.0.10 to 4.0.2 in /finsec-api/finsec_api #7



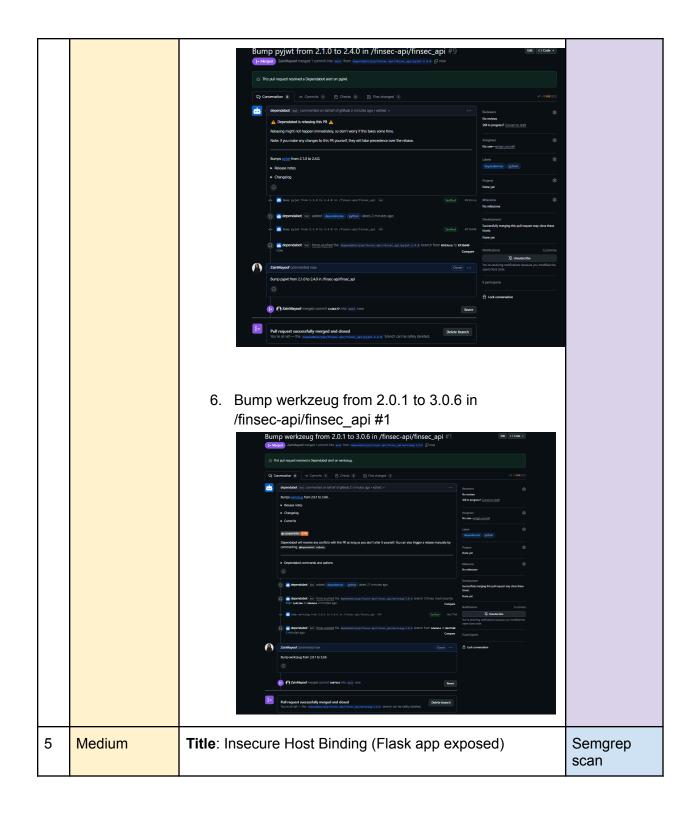
3. Python Cryptography package vulnerable to Bleichenbacher timing oracle attack #12

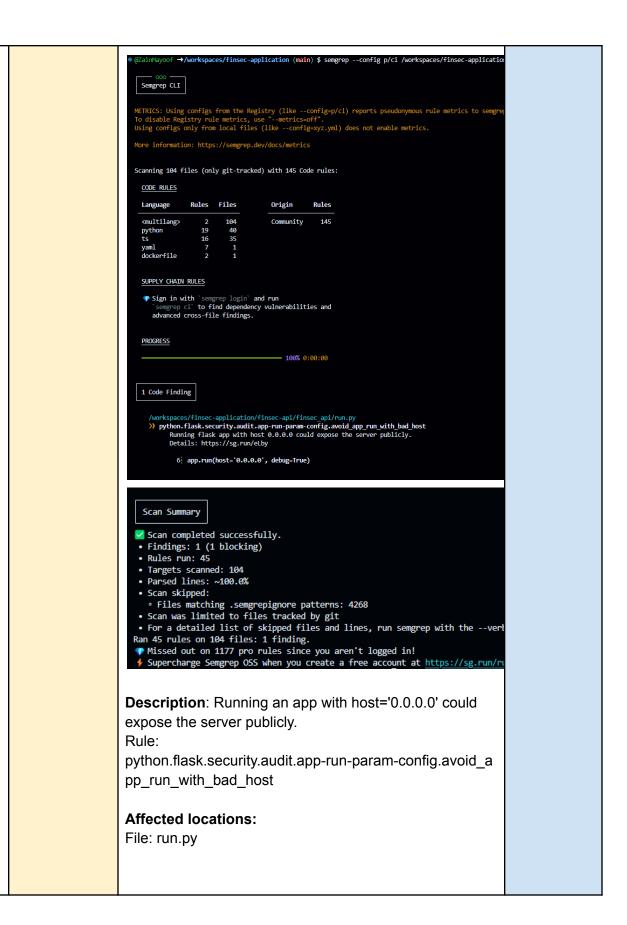


4. Flask vulnerable to possible disclosure of permanent session cookie due to missing Vary: Cookie header #6



5. Bump pyjwt from 2.1.0 to 2.4.0 in /finsec-api/finsec_api #9





app.run(host='0.0.0.0', debug=Tr

Impact:

Binding the Flask app Sem0.0.0.0 exposes it to all network interfaces, making it accessible from external networks. This is acceptable in development but should be avoided in production unless properly secured.

Fix:

Use Environment Variables for the Host:

Update the app.run() call to use environment variables for the host and port.

Default to 127.0.0.1 for development

Set Environment Variables:

Add the following to your .env file (already present from the last bandit scan fixes

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from dotenv import load_dotenv
load_dotenv()

JWT_SECRET_KEY=your-production-secret-key

FLASK_RUN_HOST=0.0.0.0
FLASK_RUN_PORT=5000
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Before:

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6	High	Title: CWE-732 Overly Permissive File Permissions via chmod -R 755 Description: chmod -R 755 // recursively sets read, write, and execute permissions for the owner and read and execute permissions for the owner and read and execute permissions for everyone else on all files and directories in the project. Impact: May expose sensitive files to unauthorized users in shared or multi-user environments. Fix: Remove others' access: chmod -R o-rwx // **Existing permission of '/filesc-gul/quitis/ pycate_ 's operation or permitted chmod: changing permission of '/filesc-gul/quitis/ pycate_ // inter-cytleno-39.pyc: operation not permitted chmod: changing permission of '/filesc-gul/quitis/ pycate/ _/ inter-cytleno-39.pyc: operation not permitted chmod: changing permission of '/filesc-gul/quitis/ pycate/ _/ inter-cytleno-39.pyc: operation not permitted chmod: changing permission of '/filesc-gul/quitis/ pycate/ _/ inter-cytleno-39.pyc: operation not permitted chmod: changing permission of '/filesc-gul/quitis/ pycate/ _/ inter-cytleno-39.pyc: operation not permitted chmod: changing permission of '/filesc-gul/quitis/ pycate/ _/ pycate/ _/ operation not permitted chmod: changing permission of '/filesc-gul/quitis/ pycate/ _/ pycate/ _/ operation not permitted chmod: changing permission of '/filesc-gul/quitis/ pycate/ _/ pycate/ _/ operation not permitted chmod: changing permission of '/filesc-gul/quitis-gul/quitis-quitis-gython-39.pyc: operation not permitted chmod: changing permission of '/filesc-gul/quitis-gul/quitis-quitis-gython-39.pyc: operation not permitted chmod: changing permission of '/filesc-gul/quitis-gul/quitis-gython-39.pyc: operation not permitted chmod: changing permission of '/filesc-gul/quitis-gul/quitis-gul/quitis-gython-39.pyc: operation not permitted chmod: changing permission of '/filesc-gul/quitis-gul/quitis-gul/quitis-gython-39.pyc: operation not permitted chmod: changing permission of '/filesc-gul/quitis-gul/quitis-gul/quitis-gython-39.pyc: operation not permitted chmod: changing permission of '/file	Set up
7	High	Title: CWE-200 - Exposure of Sensitive Information to an Unauthorized Actor Description: Exposed Database to All Interfaces	Set up

		Database user finsec_user is allowed access from %, exposing it to all network interfaces. Affected Location: /workspaces/finsec-application/finsec-api/init.sql /workspaces/finsec-application/finsec-api/init-root. sql Fix: Restrict access to specific IPs or localhost: BEFORE: CREATE USER IF NOT EXISTS 'finsec_user'@'%' IDENTIFIED BY '\${FINSEC_PASSWORD}'; After remove %: CREATE USER IF NOT EXISTS 'finsec_user'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY 'finsec_password';	
8	Critical	Title: CWE-489 - Debug Mode Enabled in Production Description: The Flask application is running with debug=True, which enables the interactive debugger and detailed error pages. This can expose sensitive environment variables, stack traces, and code, making it a serious risk if left enabled in a production environment. Affected Location: /workspaces/finsec-application/finsec-api/app/app.py /workspaces/finsec-application/finsec-api/finsec_api/run. py Fix: Disable debug mode in production:	Misconfiguration
		<pre>debug = os.getenv('FLASK_DEBUG', 'False').lower() == 'true' app.run(debug=debug)</pre>	
9	Critical	Title: CWE-303 - Authentication Bypass or Logic Flaw After Failed Login Description:	Misconfigura tion

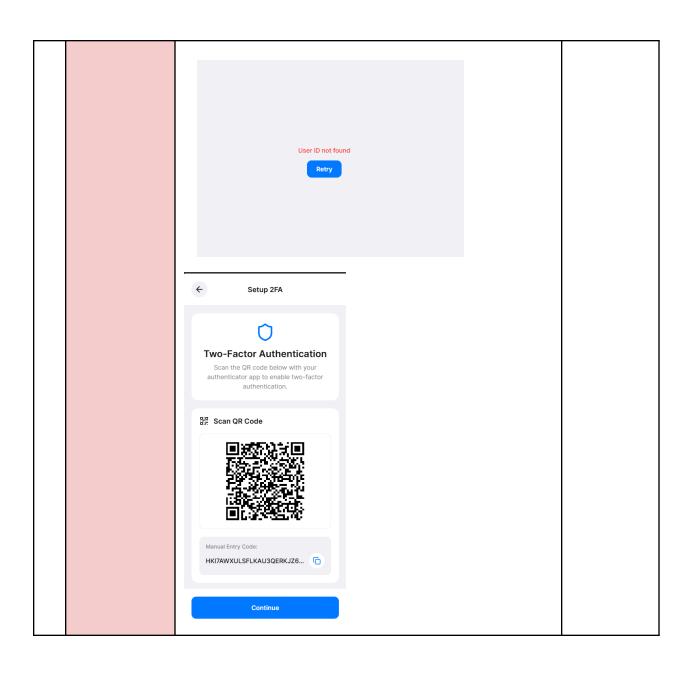
		When logging in with invalid credentials, the application correctly displays an error ("no user ID found"), but still navigates the user to the authentication-protected area. This implies that access control is not properly enforced after login validation fails. Impact: Authentication bypass — users may access sensitive or protected resources without valid credentials Could lead to privilege escalation or data exposure if protected endpoints/pages are accessed Undermines the entire authentication system, making the app trivially exploitable	
10	Medium	Title: CWE-693 - No Security Headers Impact: No security headers to protect against common attacks. Affected Location: /workspaces/finsec-application/finsec-api/app/app.py Fix: Use Flask-Talisman to set security headers from flask_talisman import Talisman Talisman(app)	Misconfigura tion
11	High	Title: CWE-1004, CEW-1004 Missing Secure Attributes on Session Cookies Description: The application does not explicitly configure cookies to be secure. Flask's JWTManager may set cookies for JWTs, but without explicitly setting the secure and httponly flags, the cookies could be vulnerable. Why not having http is bad: javascript can access the cookie, and with utilizing xss an attacker can steal cookies Why not having same site is bad: Your cookies are sent with cross-site requests — like if your site receives a	Cookies

		POST request from another site. Makes your app vulnerable to CSRF (Cross-Site Request Forgery), where an attacker tricks a logged-in user's browser into making a malicious request on another site. Cookie Name	
12	High	Title: CWE-384 - Session Fixation Description: The application does not generate a new session ID upon successful login. This allows an attacker to set a known session ID (like via a phishing link), and if the user logs in without the session ID being regenerated, the attacker can hijack that session. Impact: The attacker sends a link to the victim with a predefined session ID. The victim logs in. Because the session ID remains unchanged, the attacker can now use the same ID to impersonate the victim. This undermines the integrity of session-based authentication and can lead to full account takeover.	Cookies
13	High	Title: CWE-613 - Session Not Invalidated on Logout Description: The application does not destroy or regenerate the	Cookies

		 The same session ID remains valid after logout. If an attacker had previously captured or predicted the session ID (via XSS, MITM, or session fixation), they can reuse it to re-authenticate without credentials — even after the legitimate user logs out. Impact: Persistent session IDs = persistent access. This leaves logged-out users vulnerable to session hijacking. If session IDs aren't tied to state or expiration, an attacker could log in indefinitely using the same token. 	
14	Medium	Title: CWE-251 Inadequate Password Complexity Requirements Description: The application currently allows users to create passwords that are too basic and easily guessable. A strong password policy is not enforced, allowing passwords that may: Lack uppercase/lowercase diversity Have no special characters Contain whitespace Be short or dictionary-based Impact: Brute-force and dictionary attacks become significantly more effective. Increases risk of account takeover, especially if combined with reused credentials or data from breaches. Weak passwords undermine other layers of security (like MFA or rate-limiting) if not properly enforced.	

15	Critical	Title: CWE-319 Exposure of Full Credit Card Number and Expiration Date Description: The application displays full credit card numbers and expiration dates within the user interface or API responses. This behavior violates PCI DSS (Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard) and poses a major risk of financial fraud and identity theft. Impact: Impact: Impact: Steal cardholder data Conduct fraudulent transactions Violates compliance standards (e.g., PCI DSS) leading to potential fines or legal action Exposing such data unnecessarily increases the attack surface and makes your system a target	
16	High	Title: CWE-532 Exposure of MFA Secrets and OTPs via Console Logging Description: The init_db.py script prints MFA secrets and one-time passwords (OTPs) to stdout, which can be unintentionally captured by:	

17 Title: CWE-303: Incorrect Implementation of Issue: Faulty Authentication Logic — Redirect on Failed Login Description When loggin in with the credentials given, the system displays 'no user ID found' however the user is then navigated to the authentication page Impact: Potential unauthorized access if session or access tokens are still being issued or not cleared **Welcome Back** Sign in to access your account amina.zahran@example.com



High

Title: CWE-789 - use of hard-coded credentials

In the test_api.sh script, sensitive login credentials are hardcoded directly into the request payload, for example: -d '{"email": "john.doe@example.com", "password": "password123"}'

This practice exposes secrets in plaintext, making them vulnerable to:

- Accidental exposure via version control (e.g., GitHub)
- Log file leaks from CI/CD pipelines or terminal history
- Insider threats or unauthorized access from team members or attackers with repo access

Impact:

- If leaked, hardcoded credentials can grant unauthorized access to user accounts or APIs
- Can lead to account takeover, privilege escalation, or data breaches
- Violates best practices for secure secret management

Fix

-d "{\"email\": \"\${LOGIN_EMAIL}\", \"password\": \"\${LOGIN_PASSWORD}\"}"