

Pentesting your Django apps

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Slides: github.com/red-and-black/conferences



We care about security.

Some caveats.

We are **not** security professionals.

We can't make **you** a security professional either.
(Sorry.)

Use security professionals if you can.

The next 20 minutes

1. What is pentesting?
2. Why should you learn?
3. How do you pentest a Django app?
4. How do you learn?



What is pentesting?

A scan for vulnerabilities

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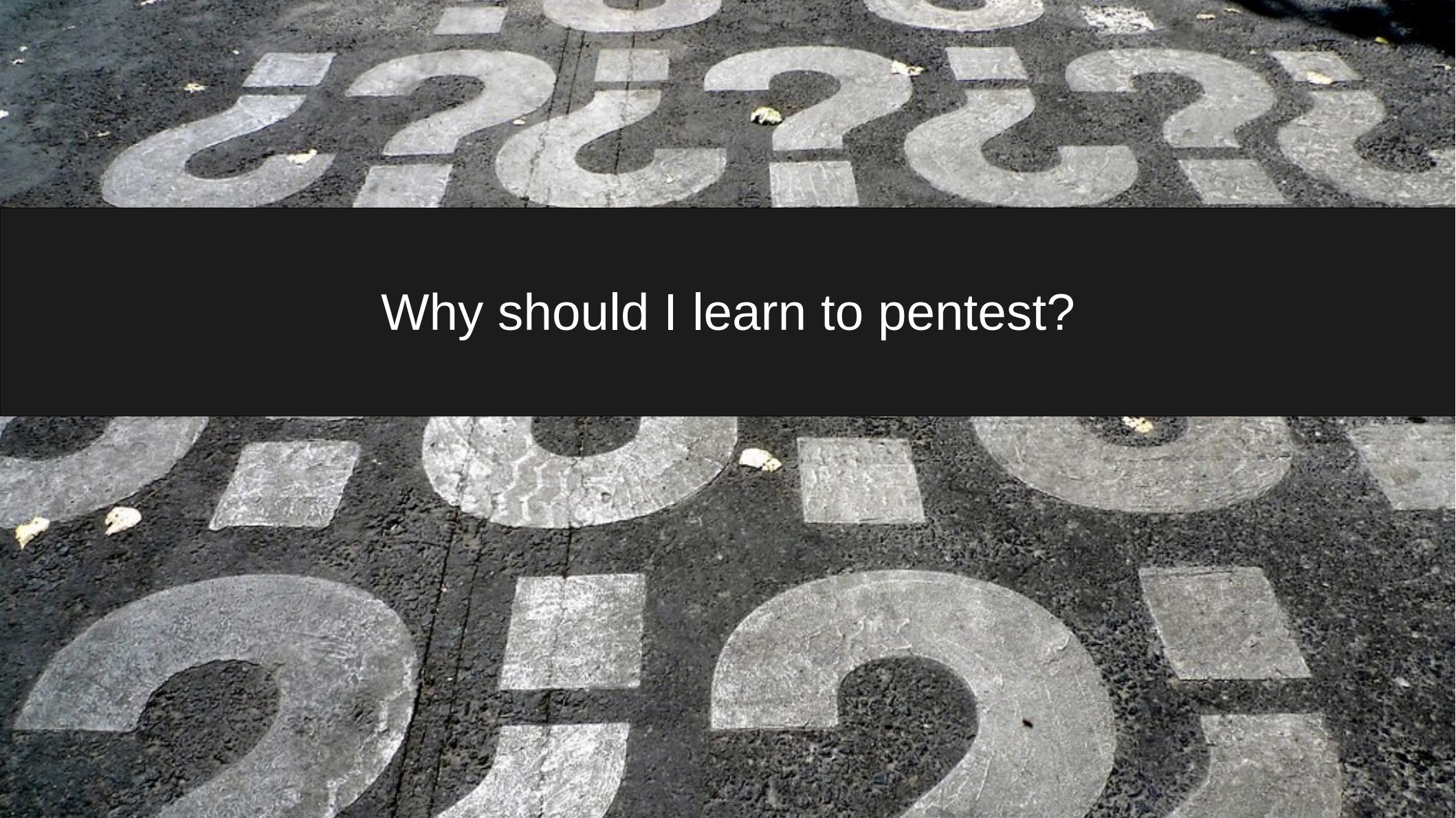
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*If you fail a penetration test you know
you have a very bad problem indeed.*

*If you pass a penetration test you do
not know that you don't have a very
bad problem.*

”

Gary McGraw



Why should I learn to pentest?



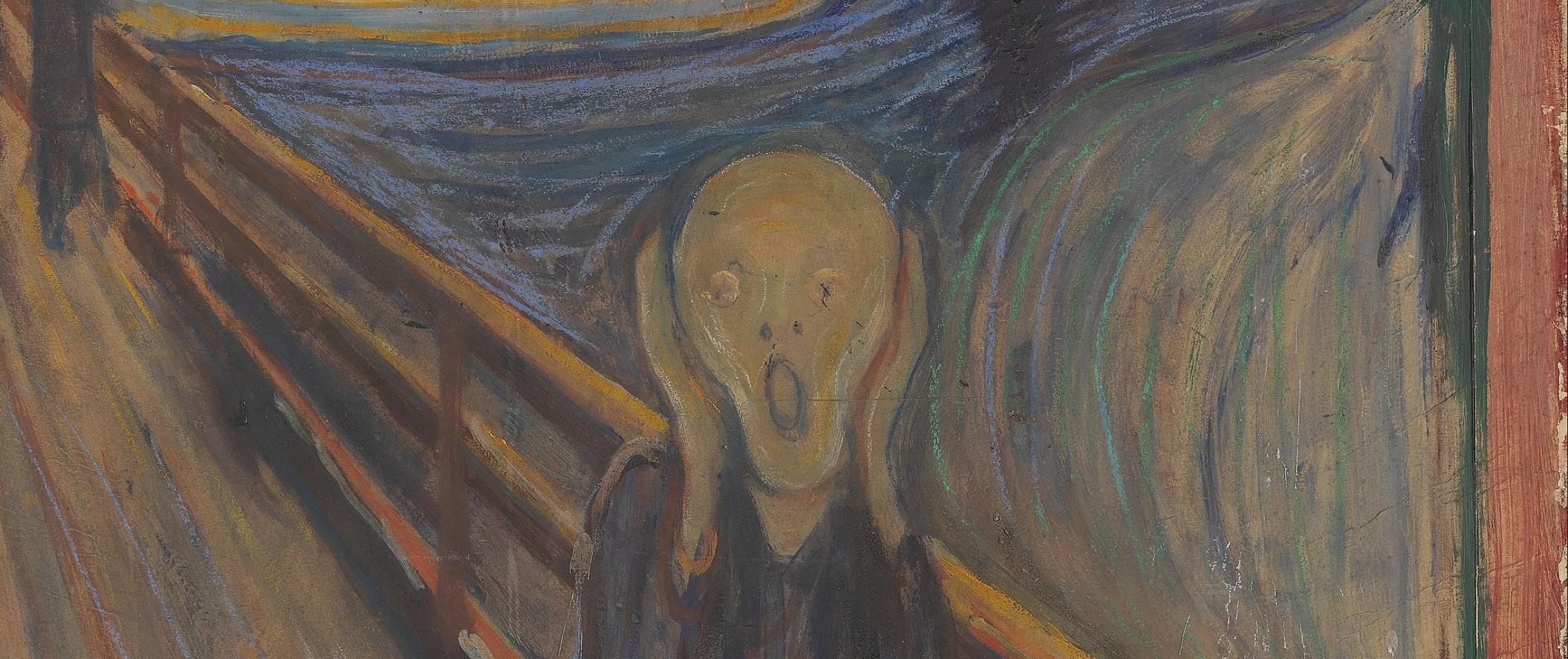
KNOWLEDGE



BUDGETS



FUN



FEAR



QUALITY



EMPATHY



RESPONSIBILITY

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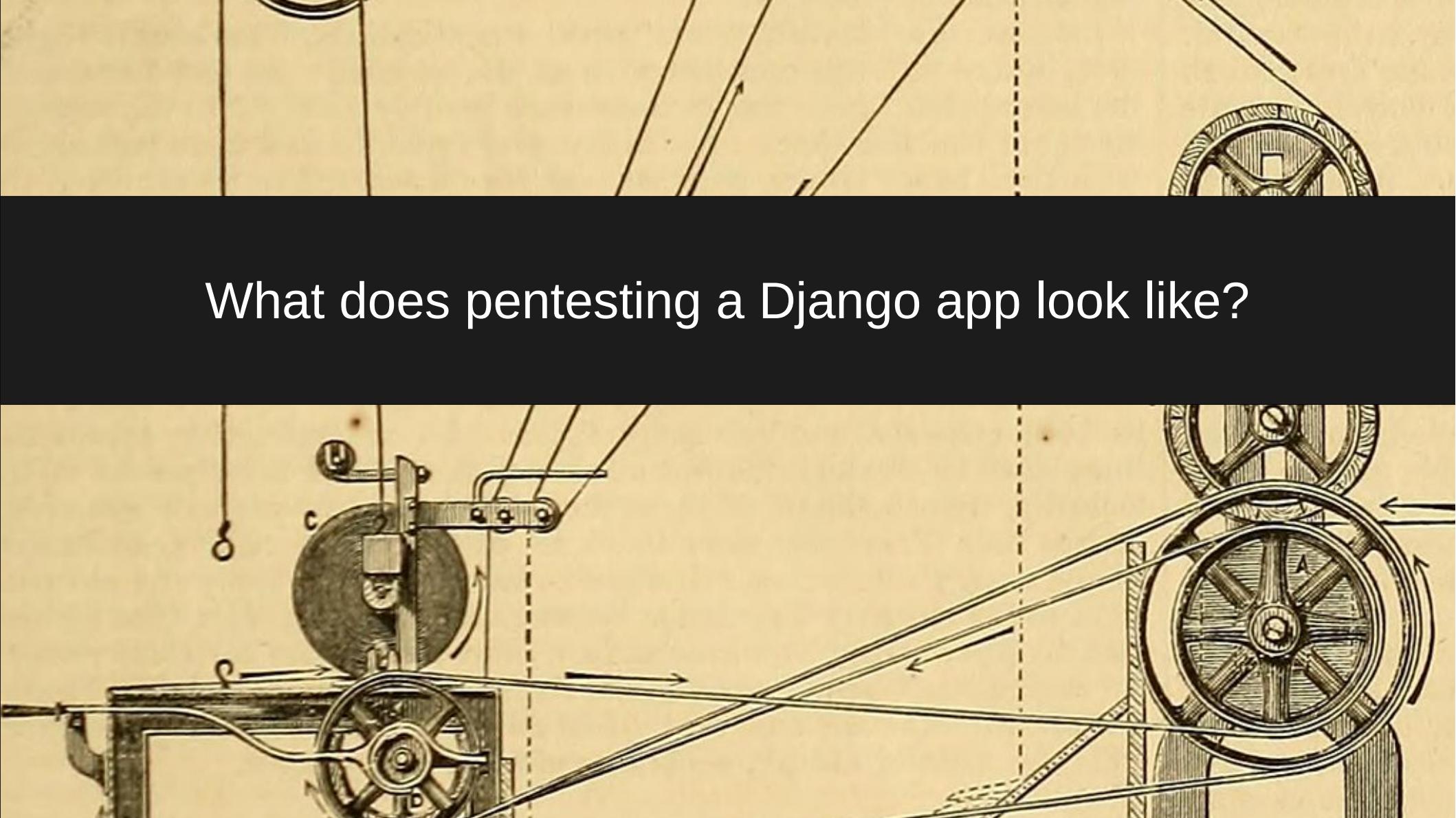
This is bigger than computer security.

Technology now permeates society in a way it didn't just a couple of decades ago...

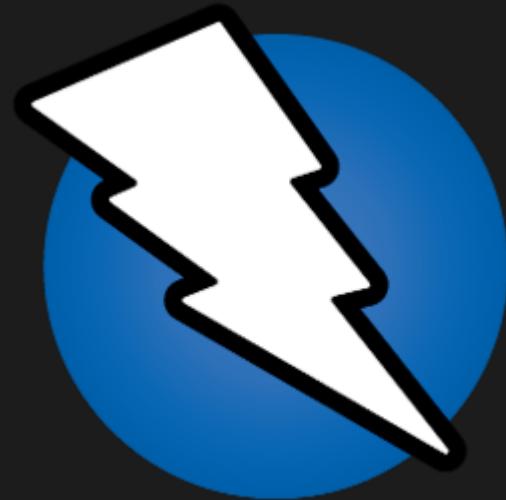
That means technologists now are relevant to all sorts of areas that they had no traditional connection to: climate change, food safety, future of work, public health, bioengineering.

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Bruce Schneier



What does pentesting a Django app look like?



The screenshot shows a software interface for managing security alerts. At the top, there is a menu bar with several tabs: History, Search, Alerts (highlighted with a red icon), Active Scan, Spider, Output, and a New button. Below the menu is a toolbar with icons for zooming, search, and other functions. The main content area is a list of alerts categorized under 'Alerts (8)'. The list includes:

- ▶ **Cross Site Scripting (Persistent)** (4)
- ▶ **Cross Site Scripting (Reflected)** (33)
- ▶ **SQL Injection** (5)
- ▶ **Cookie No HttpOnly Flag** (49)
- ▶ **Cookie Without Secure Flag** (49)
- ▶ **Incomplete or No Cache-control and Pragma HTTP Header Set**
- ▶ **Web Browser XSS Protection Not Enabled** (428)
- ▶ **X-Content-Type-Options Header Missing** (385)



ZAP Scanning Report

Summary of Alerts

Risk Level	Number of Alerts
High	3
Medium	0
Low	5
Informational	0

Alert Detail

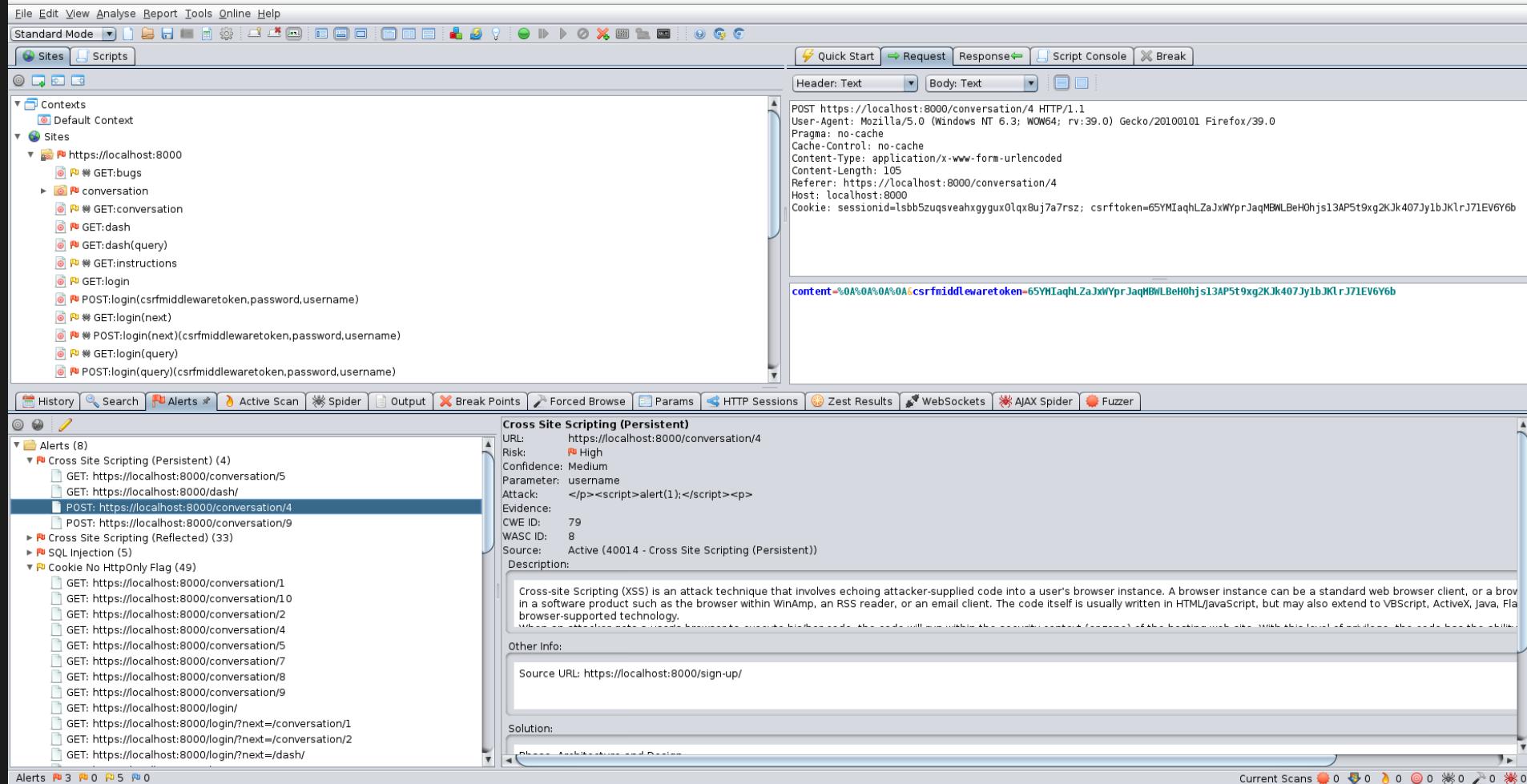
High (Medium)	Cross Site Scripting (Reflected)
	<p>Cross-site Scripting (XSS) is an attack technique that involves echoing attacker-supplied code into a user's browser instance. A browser instance can be a standard web browser client, or a browser object embedded in a software product such as the browser within WinAmp, an RSS reader, or an email client. The code itself is usually written in HTML/JavaScript, but may also extend to VBScript, ActiveX, Java, Flash, or any other browser-supported technology.</p>

User – Browser – Server – App

User – Browser – ZAP – Server – App

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Untitled Session - OWASP ZAP 2.7.0



 Quick Start  Request  Response  Script Console 

Welcome to the OWASP Zed Attack Proxy (ZAP)



ZAP is an easy to use integrated penetration testing tool for finding vulnerabilities in web applications.

Please be aware that you should only attack applications that you have been specifically been given permission to test.

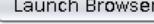
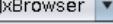
To quickly test an application, enter its URL below and press 'Attack'.

URL to attack: 

 Attack  Stop

Progress: Not started

For a more in depth test you should explore your application using your browser or automated regression tests while proxying through ZAP.

Explore your application:  Launch Browser  JxBrowser ▾

Behave – Selenium – Firefox – Gunicorn

Behave – Selenium – Firefox

Gunicorn

Behave – Selenium – Firefox – ZAP – Gunicorn



String and duct tape



```
# environment.py

def before_all(context):
    start_zap()
    use_fixture(start_firefox, context)
```

Behave – Selenium – Firefox – ZAP – Gunicorn



```
# environment.py

def start_zap():
    subprocess.Popen( [ 'zaproxy', '-deamon', '-config', 'api.disablekey=true' ] )
    sleep(10)
```

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```
# environment.py

def start_firefox(context):
    options = Options()
    options.headless = True
    desired_capabilities = webdriver.DesiredCapabilities.FIREFOX
    desired_capabilities['proxy'] = {
        # Set proxy config here...
    }
    context.browser = webdriver.Firefox(
        executable_path='geckodriver',
        options=options,
        capabilities=desired_capabilities,
    )
```

Behave – Selenium – Firefox – ZAP – Gunicorn



```
# environment.py

def after_all(context):
    # Set up.
    zap = ZAPv2(apikey=None)
    base_url = 'https://localhost:8000'
    # Spider.
    zap.spider.scan(base_url)
    # Active scan.
    zap.ascan.scan(base_url)
    # Report.
    with open('report.html', 'w') as f:
        f.write(zap.core.htmlreport())
```

Behave – Selenium – Firefox – ZAP – Gunicorn



```
openssl req -x509 -nodes -newkey rsa:2048 -keyout server.key -out server.crt  
gunicorn --certfile=server.crt --keyfile=server.key djangogoat.wsgi
```

Behave – Selenium – Firefox – ZAP – **Gunicorn**

Custom scripts

DjangoAuthentication.js

CSRFInterceptor.js

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Don't reinvent the wheel.

Where do I start to learn this?



OWASP resources

Top 10

OWASP resources

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ZAP + video tutorials

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Testing Guide v.4

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DjangoGoat

IS NOT A REAL APP

DjangoGoat is an intentionally vulnerable django app, to help django developers learn how to pentest and secure their apps. If you are seeing it online, please don't put any real data in it.

This is a voluntary, not-for-profit effort and we welcome help! If you would like to contribute code, content or documentation to this project, send us a pull request at GitHub

This app uses Django 2.1.7. There are other vulnerable testing apps for earlier versions of django, run by other teams. See [DianGoat](#) and [django nV](#)

Come to our workshop!

You are good enough.

You can do it!

Pentesting. You can do it!

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