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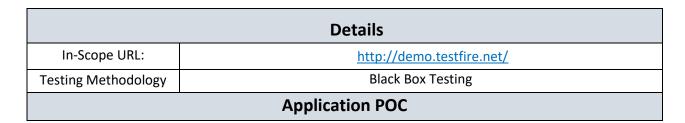
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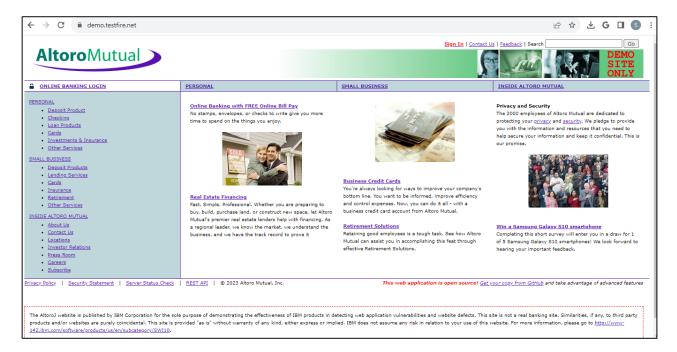
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1. INTRODUCTION

This vulnerability assessment and penetration testing (VA/PT) activity was performed on http://demo.testfire.net/





2. PROJECT OBJECTIVES

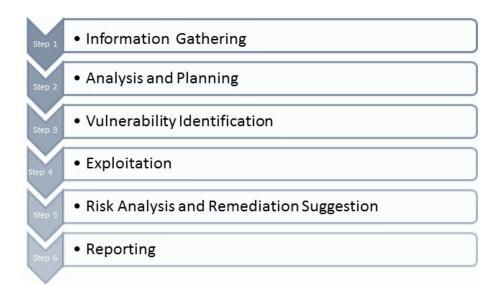
This Report summarizes the results of the Assessment carried out to analyze the risks to the AltoroMutual Web Application. Based on the agreed scope and objective of the engagement as per the request, the following activities were performed:

- Identification of the vulnerabilities related to AltoroMutual Web applications infrastructure.
- Assessing impact arising from any discovered vulnerabilities.
- Prioritization of the vulnerabilities depending upon the risk exposure and Development of recommendations to mitigate the vulnerabilities as SANS-25 and OWASP Top 10 Framework and CVE and CWE database.
- Providing recommendations to mitigate risks arising from the discovered vulnerabilities.

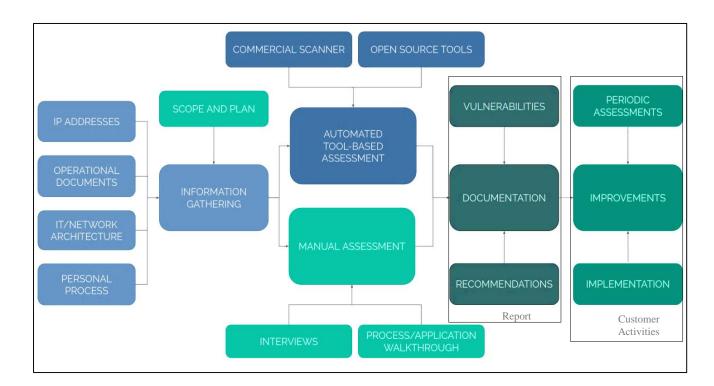
This report presents the results of the engagement and recommendations. For this exercise, we conducted Automated and Manual review, one to one assessment and used some set of tools.

3. APPROACH

We assumed that given hosts are externally hosted and the organization has implemented the security policies available with them and the systems were installed and updated with latest antivirus and antivirus definitions. All the system and software applications are updated or upgraded to latest security updates and patches as suggested by the respective OEM.



The workflow is represented below:



4. KEY OBSERVATION

Observed the following weaknesses in the application during the assessment:

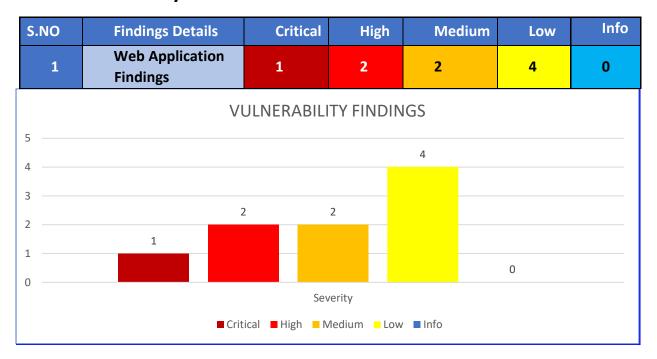
- SQL Injection
- Reflected XSS
- Cleartext Submission of Username & Password
- Missing HTTP Headers
- Multiple Session Login
- Clickjacking
- Server Name Disclosed
- Secure Flag is not set
- HTTP method is enabled

5. VULNERABILITY SEVERITY DEFINITIONS

Vulnerability Severity	Description
Critical	The impacts of Critical severity vulnerabilities are as follows:
	These vulnerabilities can allow attackers to take complete control of your Web applications and servers. In exploiting this type of vulnerability, attackers could carry out a range of malicious acts including (but not limited to):
	 Stealing information (for example, user data) Tricking your users into supplying them with sensitive information (for example, credit card details) Defacing your Web Application By exploiting a critical severity vulnerability, attackers can access your Web application's database. This allows them to acquire user and administrator information that might allow them to make changes such as delete or modify other user accounts. On exploiting such vulnerabilities, attackers can access and control loggedin user or administrator accounts, enabling them to hijack accounts and make changes that typically only those users can.
	Suggested Action for Critical Severity Vulnerabilities:
	A Critical severity vulnerability means that your Web Application can be hacked any time. You should make it your highest priority to fix these vulnerabilities immediately. Once you fix them, rescan the Web Application to make sure they have been eliminated.
High	Impacts of High Severity Vulnerabilities:
	 Attackers can find other vulnerabilities, and potentially your database passwords, by viewing your application's source code. On exploiting such vulnerabilities, attackers can view information about your system that helps them find or exploit other vulnerabilities that enable them to take control of your Web Application and access sensitive user and administrator information.
	Suggested Action for High Severity Vulnerabilities:
	A High severity vulnerability means that your Web Application can be hacked and hackers can find other vulnerabilities which have a bigger impact. Fix these types of vulnerabilities immediately. Once you fix them, rescan your Web Application to make sure they have been eliminated
Medium	This level of vulnerability represents a moderate level of weakness in the current control environment and requires management action attention in the near term.
Low	This severity level provides for an opportunity to improve effectiveness and efficiency of the current control environment.
Informational	Serves as an informational purpose.

6. MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

6.1 Vulnerability Dashboard



6.2 Vulnerability Analysis and Risk

Identified 1 Critical, 2 High, 2 Medium, 4 low & 0 Info severity level vulnerabilities within the Application, https://demo.testfire.net/

S. No	Vulnerability Name	Severity	OWASP Top 10/SANS Top 25
1.	SQL Injection	Critical	Configuration Error
2.	Reflected XSS	High	Configuration Error
3.	Cleartext Submission of Username & Password	High	Deployment error
4.	Multiple Session Login	Medium	Configuration Error
5.	Missing HTTP Headers	Medium	Design error
6.	Clickjacking	Low	Configuration Error
7.	Server name disclosed	Low	Configuration Error
8.	Secure Flag is not set	Low	Configuration Error
9.	HTTP method is enabled	Low	Configuration Error

7. DETAILED VULNERABILITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

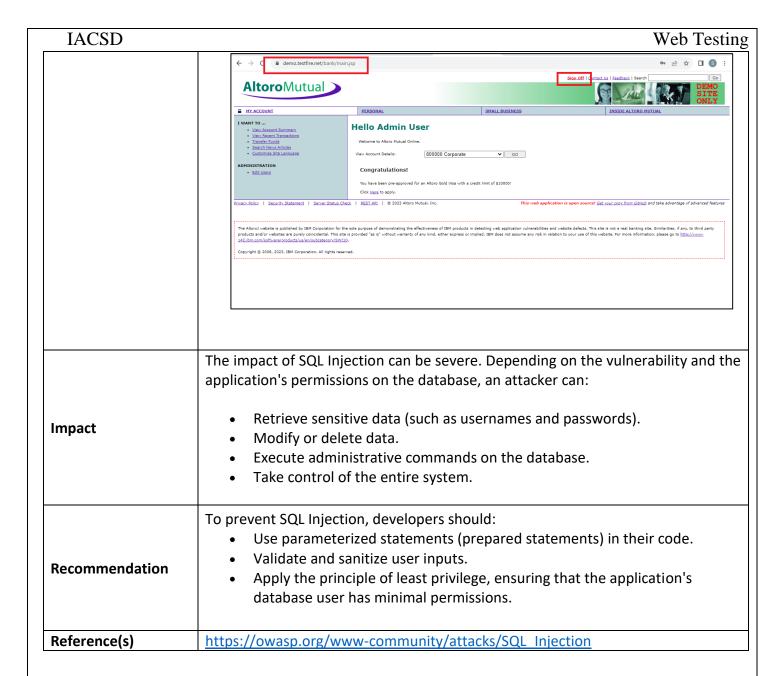
This section of the report provides detailed list of observed vulnerabilities with the following information:

- Vulnerability Name
- CVE/CWE ID
- Attributing Factor
- Severity Level
- Description
- Observation
- Proof of Concept (POC)
- Impact
- Recommendation
- References

8. OUTPUTS:

8.1 SQL Injection

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Vulnerability Name	SQL Injection		
CWE/CVE	CWE-89		
Attributing Factor	Configuration Error		
Severity Level	Critical		
Description	SQL Injection is a type of cyberattack where an attacker injects malicious SQL code into an application's input fields. This code is then executed by the application's database, allowing the attacker to perform unauthorized actions on the database. These actions can include extracting, modifying, or deleting data, or even taking control of the entire database.		
Observation	1. Go to the browser (i.e., Chrome, Firefox) 2. Enter the URL - https://demo.testfire.net/ 3. Go to login page 4. Enter payload: 'OR 1 = 1 - in username and give any password 5. It is observed that the application is vulnerable to SQL Injection		
Proof Of Concept (POC)	AltoroMutual General Production Continue Amenina Continue Ameni		



8.2Reflected XSS

Vulnerability Name	Reflected XSS
CWE/CVE	CWE-79
Attributing Factor	Configuration Error
Severity Level	High
Description	Reflected XSS is a type of web security vulnerability where an attacker injects malicious scripts into web pages viewed by other users. These scripts are then executed by the users' web browsers, allowing the attacker to steal information, impersonate users, or perform actions on behalf of users without their consent.

IACSD Web Testing Steps to reproduce the issue: 1. Go to the browser (i.e., Chrome, Firefox) 2. Enter the URL - https://demo.testfire.net/ 3. Go to search bar Observation 4. Enter payload: <script>alert(1)</script> or (Iframe Injection)- <iframe src=https://demo.testfire.net/ <</pre> 5. It display a pop-up 6. It is observed that the application is vulnerable to Reflected XSS £ ☆ □ S : demo.testfire.net says **Proof Of Concept** (POC) **Altoro**Mutual ■ ONLINE BANKING LOGIN Search Results **Altoro**Mutual The impact of XSS can be significant. Depending on the vulnerability and the attacker's goals, they can: Steal cookies or session tokens, allowing unauthorized access to user accounts. **Impact** Deface websites. Redirect users to malicious websites. Impersonate users and perform actions on their behalf. Perform actions on a user's behalf without their consent.

IACSD	Web Testing
Recommendation	 To prevent Cross-Site Scripting, developers should: Validate and sanitize user inputs. Use security libraries and frameworks that offer built-in protection against XSS (e.g., Content Security Policy or CSP headers). Educate users about the risks of XSS and encourage them to keep their browsers and plugins up to date.
Reference(s)	https://owasp.org/www-community/attacks/xss/

8.3 Cleartext submission of username and password

Vulnerability Name	Cleartext submission of username and password
CWE/CVE	CWE-319
Attributing Factor	Deployment error
Severity Level	High
Description	User credentials are transmitted over an unencrypted channel. This information should always be transferred via an encrypted channel (HTTPS) to avoid being intercepted by malicious users
Observation	Steps to reproduce the issue: 1. Go to the Wireshark tool 2. Enter the URL - https://demo.testfire.net/ 3. Enter valid user credentials and Capture the HTTP traffic in Wireshark, the sensitive like username and password is disclosed.
Proof Of Concept (POC)	Content-Type: application/x-mau-form-urlencodes/lv/n 150 / 150
Impact	A third party will be able to read the user credentials by intercepting an unencrypted HTTP connection.

IACSD	Web Testing
Recommendation	 Applications should use transport-level encryption (SSL or TLS) to protect all sensitive communications passing between the client and the server. Communications should be protected include the login mechanism and related functionality, and any functions where sensitive data can be accessed or privileged actions can be performed.
Reference(s)	https://www.cvedetails.com/cwe-details/319/Cleartext-Transmission-of- Sensitive-Information.html

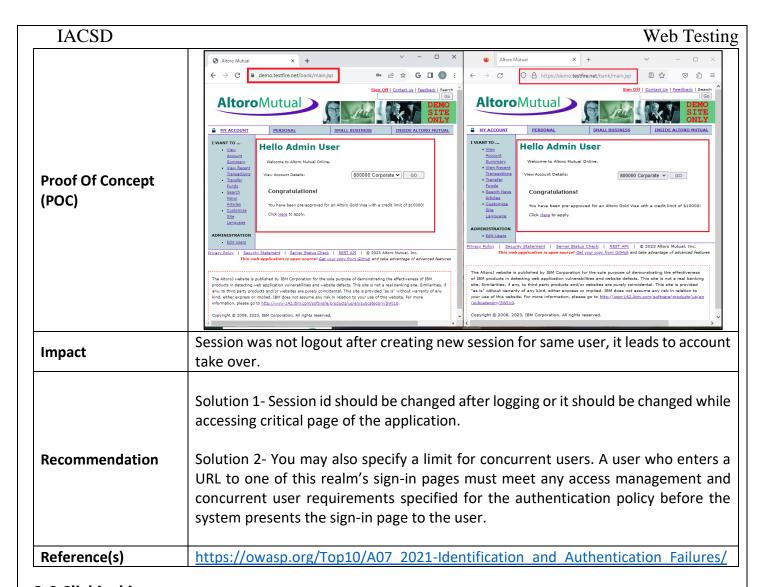
8.4 Missing HTTP Headers

Vulnerability Name	Missing HTTP Headers		
CWE/CVE	CWE-644		
Attributing Factor	Configuration Error		
Severity Level	Medium		
Description	HTTP security headers are a subset of HTTP headers that are related specifically to security. They are exchanged between a client (usually a web browser) and a server to specify the security details of HTTP communication. There are also other HTTP headers that, although not directly related to privacy and security, can also be considered HTTP security headers.		
Observation	 Steps to reproduce the issue: Go to the browser (i.e., Chrome, Firefox) Enter the URL - https://demo.testfire.net/ Intercept the request in the burp suite and send it to the repeater. In Response it is observed that standard necessary headers are not set. 		
Proof Of Concept (POC)	Bury Project Introder Repeater Worker Integrated Sequencer Discoder Comparer Lagger Extensions Learn Sequencer Discoder Comparer Lagger Extensions Learn Sequencer Discoder Comparer Lagger Extensions Learn Sequencer Discoder Comparer Lagger Extensions Learn Sequencer Discoder Comparer Lagger Extensions Learn Sequencer Discoder Comparer Lagger Extensions Learn Sequencer Discoder Comparer Lagger Extensions Learn Sequencer Discoder Comparer Lagger Extensions Learn Sequencer Discoder Discod		
Impact	An attacker able to modify a legitimate user's network traffic could bypass the application's use of SSL/TLS encryption, and use the application as a platform for		

IACSD	Web Testing
	attacks against its users when HSTS header is missing. This attack is performed by rewriting HTTPS links as HTTP, so that if a targeted user follows a link to the site from an HTTP page, their browser never attempts to use an encrypted connection. Content Security Policy (CSP) is an added layer of security that helps to detect and mitigate certain types of attacks, including Cross Site Scripting (XSS) and data injection attacks. The server did not return an X-Frame-Options header with the value DENY or SAMEORIGIN, which means that this website could be at risk of a clickjacking attack.
Recommendation	Implement below HTTP security headers on the webserver for the overall application: HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS) Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=31536000; include Subdomains X-XSS-Protection X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block Content-Security-Policy (CSP) Content-Security-Policy: script-src 'self' X-Frame-Options X-Frame-Options: deny (and other as per business requirement) X-Content-Type-Options X-Content-Type-Options: no sniff Cache-Control
Reference(s)	https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/HTTP Headers Cheat Sheet.ht ml

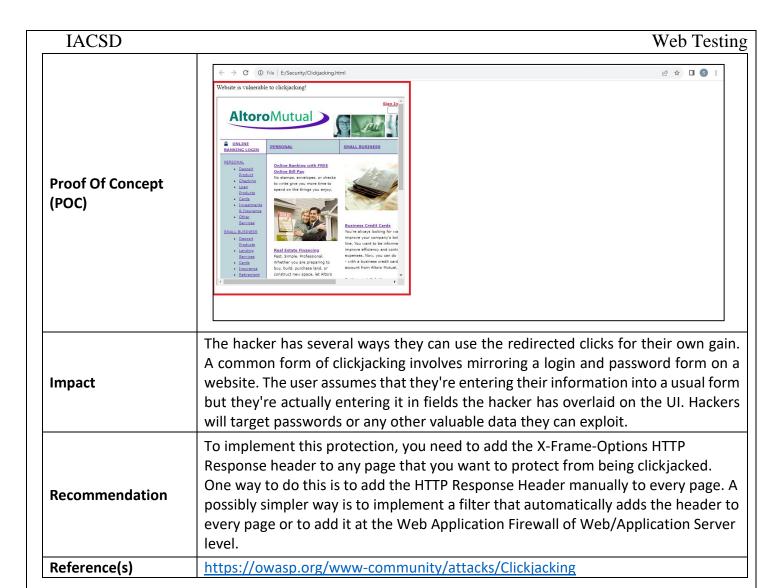
8.5Multiple Session Login

Vulnerability Name	Multiple Session Login	
CWE/CVE	CWE-1018	
Attributing Factor	Design error	
Severity Level	Medium	
Description	Weaknesses in this category are related to the design and architecture of session management. Frequently these deal with the information or status about each user and their access rights for the duration of multiple requests. The weaknesses in this category could lead to a degradation of the quality of session management if they are not addressed when designing or implementing a secure architecture	
Observation	Steps to reproduce the issue: 1. Go to the browser (i.e., Chrome, Firefox) 2. Enter the URL - https://demo.testfire.net/ 3. Login one user in chrome. 4. Login same user in different browser like Firefox.	



8.6 Clickjacking

Vulnerability Name	Clickjacking		
CWE/CVE	CWE-1021		
Attributing Factor	Configuration Error		
Severity Level	Low		
Description	Clickjacking is a malicious technique of tricking a user into clicking on something different from what the user perceives, thus potentially revealing confidential information or allowing others to take control of their computer while clicking on seemingly innocuous objects, including web pages.		
Observation	Steps to reproduce the issue: 1. Go to the browser (i.e., Chrome, Firefox) 2. In clickjacking payload, insert the website URL and test it in browser 3. It is observed that the application is vulnerable to clickjacking autoClickjacking.ht ml		



8.7 Server name disclosed

Vulnerability Name	Server name disclosed
CWE/CVE	CWE-205
Attributing Factor	Configuration Error
Severity Level	Low
Description	Server name and version disclosure occur when a web server or application server inadvertently reveals information about its identity and version in the HTTP response headers or error messages sent to clients. This information can include details like the server software's name (e.g., Apache, Nginx, Microsoft IIS) and the specific version number.

IACSD	Web Testing
	Steps to reproduce the issue:
	1. Go to the browser (i.e., Chrome, Firefox)
	2. Enter the URL - https://demo.testfire.net/
Observation	3. Intercept the request in the burp suite and send it to the repeater.
	4. In Response it is observed that the server name and version is being
	disclosed.
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Proof Of Concept	6 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1 7 User-Agent: Morilla's, Ø(kindos NT 18.0; Nin64; x64) AppleNebKi1/577.36 (OHTMR, like Section) Curose/113.0.5672.95 Safarz/537.36 8 Eect/Mind, application/mindral=an, application/mail-q=0 9,image/april, mage/webp,image/april, mage/webp,image/april, mage/april, m
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	While server name and version disclosure, by itself, doesn't pose a direct threat, it
	can have the following indirect impacts:
	Information leakage: Attackers can use this information as part of their
Impact	reconnaissance efforts to identify potential vulnerabilities or
Impact	misconfigurations associated with a specific server version.
	Increased attack surface: It can contribute to targeted attacks, as attackers may tailer their explaits based on known yulperabilities in a particular.
	may tailor their exploits based on known vulnerabilities in a particular server version.
	To mitigate server name and version disclosure:
Recommendation	Disable or modify server headers: Configure your web server to suppress or modify the "Server" header in its responses to provide minimal
	information about the server.
	Custom error pages: Customize error pages to provide minimal
	information and avoid disclosing server details.
	Regular updates: Keep your server software up to date with security
	patches to address any known vulnerabilities.
	https://owasp.org/www-project-web-security-testing-guide/latest/4-
Reference(s)	Web Application Security Testing/01-Information Gathering/02-
	<u>Fingerprint Web Server</u>

8.8 Secure Flag is not set

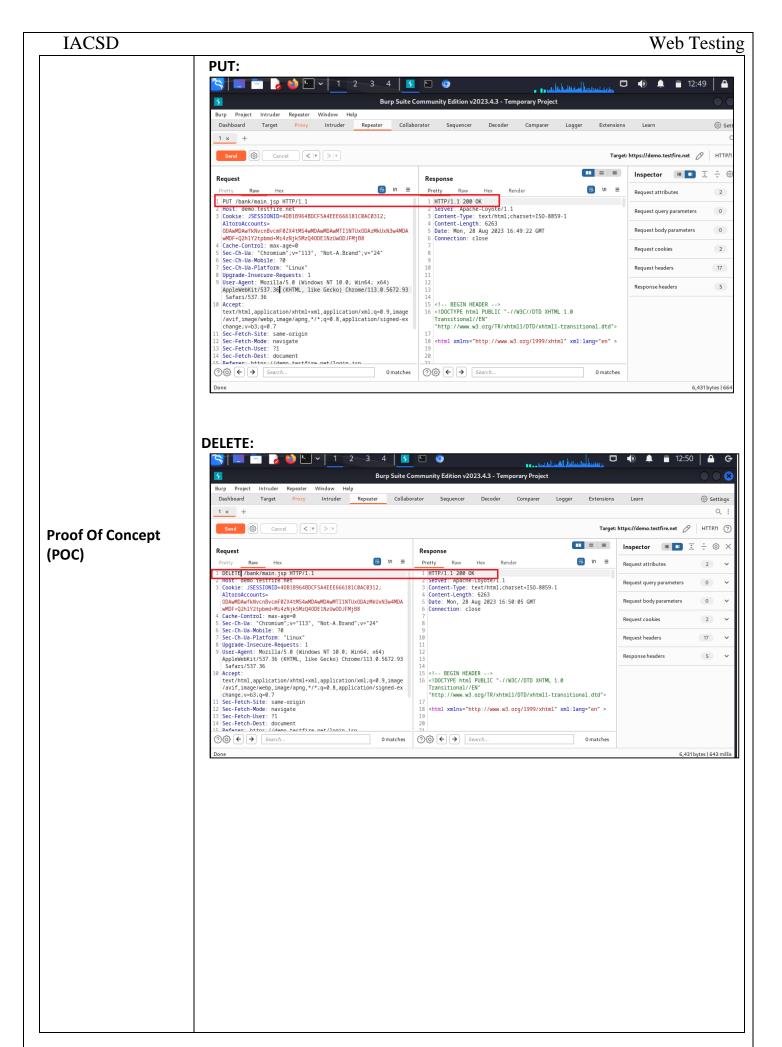
Vulnerability Name	Secure Flag is not set
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IACSD	Web Testing
CWE/CVE	CWE-614, CWE-1004
Attributing Factor	Configuration Error
Severity Level	Low
Description	A cookie has been set without the secure flag, which means that the cookie can be accessed via unencrypted connections. If the secure flag is not set, then the cookie will be transmitted in clear-text if the user visits any HTTP URLs within the cookie's scope. An attacker may be able to induce this event by feeding a user suitable links, either directly or via another web site
	Steps to reproduce the issue:
Observation	 Open a browser (i.e., Firefox, Chrome) Enter the URL – http://demo.testfire.net/ Login with default credentials and go to inspect element. It is observed that HTTP Only and Secure flag are not set.
Proof Of Concept (POC)	AltoroMutual Color Color
Impact	 Failing to set the "Secure Flag" for cookies can have various impacts, including: Session hijacking: Attackers can intercept session cookies and impersonate legitimate users. Data exposure: Sensitive information stored in cookies, such as user credentials or authentication tokens, can be exposed. Reduced confidentiality and integrity: Without encryption over HTTPS, data transmitted via cookies can be tampered with or eavesdropped on. An attacker can intercept the traffic and hijack a victim's session by stealing the cookie. The attacker can carry out a man-in-the-middle attack and can force the victim to make an HTTP request to steal the cookie.

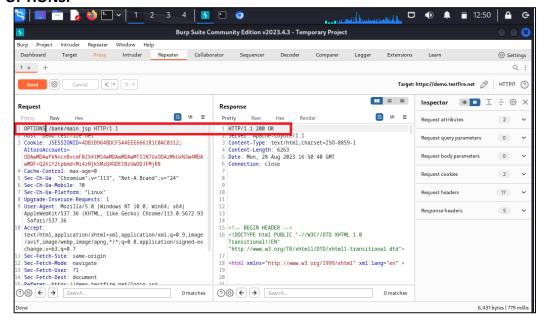
IACSD	Web Testing
Recommendation	Set the Secure flag as true.
Reference(s)	https://owasp.org/www-community/HttpOnly

8.9 HTTP Method is Enabled

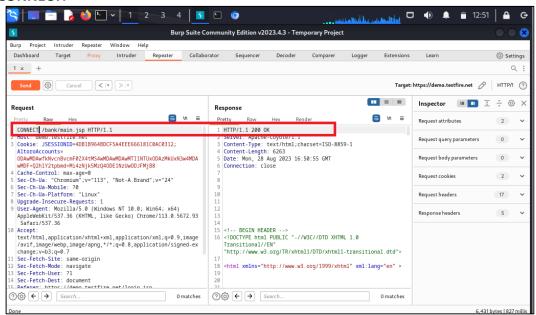
Vulnerability Name	HTTP Method is Enabled
CWE/CVE	CWE-319
Attributing Factor	Configuration Error
Severity Level	Low
Description	PUT: HTTP method used for updating or replacing a resource on the server. DELETE: HTTP method used to request the removal of a resource on the server. OPTIONS: HTTP method used to request information about the communication options available for a resource. CONNECT: HTTP method used to establish a network connection to a resource. HEAD: HTTP method used to request headers and metadata about a resource, without the actual content. DEBUG: Not a standard HTTP method; often used for debugging purposes in some development environments. PATCH: HTTP method used for applying partial modifications to a resource on the server.
Observation	Steps to reproduce the issue: 1. Go to the browser (i.e., Chrome, Firefox) 2. Enter the URL: https://demo.testfire.net/ 3. Capture the request in the Proxy tool. 4. Send the request to Repeater and change the HTTP method to OPTIONS and TRACE. 5. In response it shows PUT, DELETE, OPTIONS, CONNECT, HEAD, DEBUG & PATCH methods is enabled.

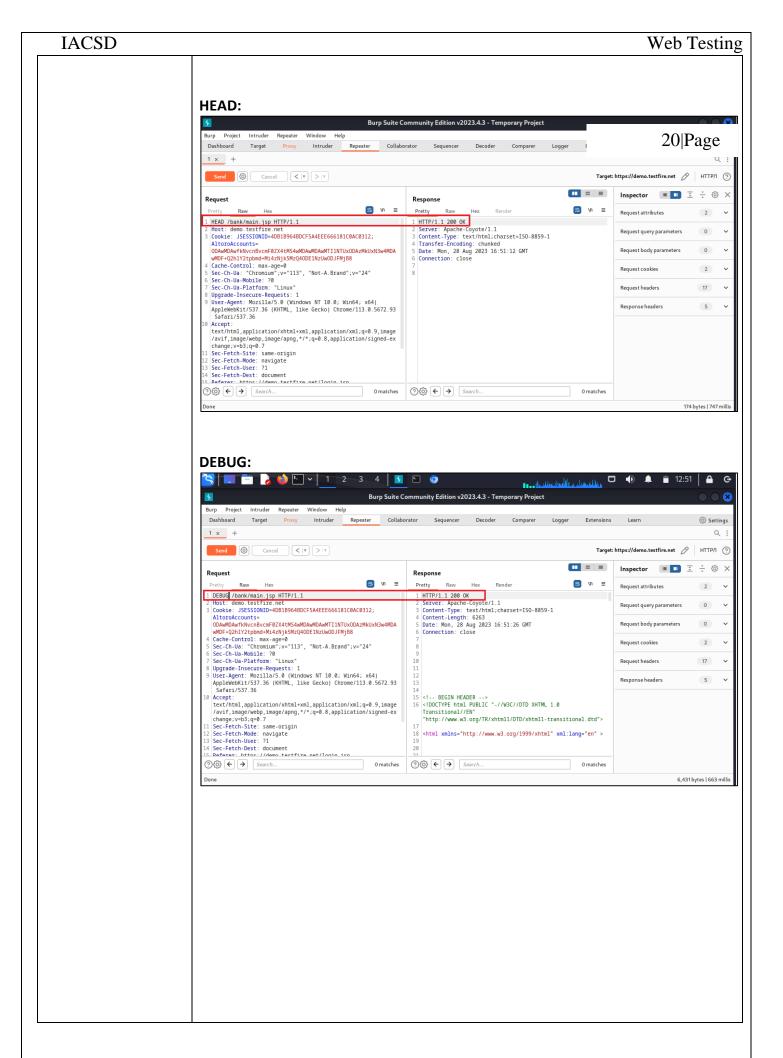


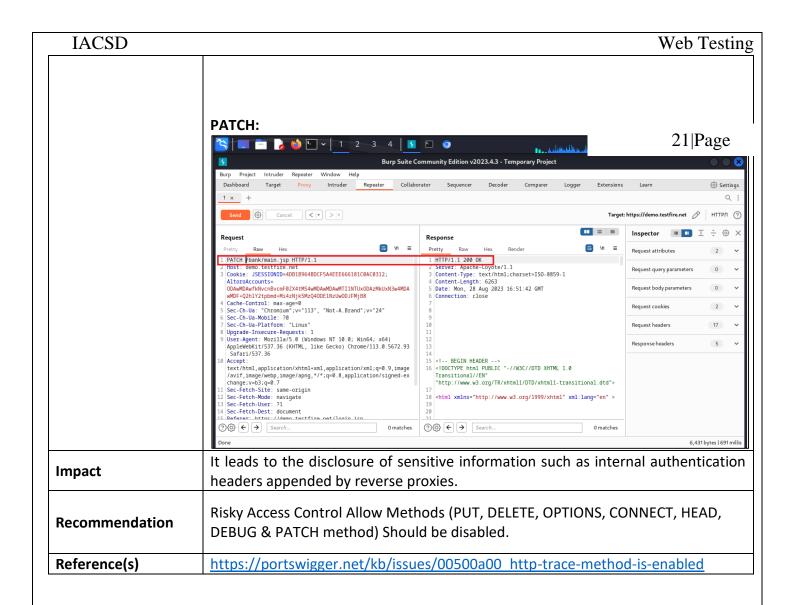
OPTIONS:



CONNECT:







9. FUTURE SCOPE

The Web Application Penetration Testing performed was focused on AltoroMutual Web Application.
This result is intended to be an overall assessment of AltoroMutual Web application that fall within the
scope of this project.

Furthermore, the findings in this report reflect the conditions found during the testing, and do not necessarily reflect current conditions.

10. CONCLUSION

In this project we explained how Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing can be used as an effective cyber defence technology. We described why VAPT should be made a compulsory activity for cyber defence. We explained complete life cycle of VAPT, prevalent VAPT techniques. This project provide complete overview of Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Testing, and its use as a cyber-defence technology. This project clearly explain necessity to increase use of VAPT for complete system security. This project would be very helpful for future researchers to get complete knowledge of VAPT process, tools, techniques and its use as a cyber-defence technology. It would be helpful to develop new VAPT techniques and tools. Security testing was performed on the subject application. Report submitted and Management attention was sought to take up mitigation of the reported vulnerabilities, in preference of its Risk ranking / Severity. Recommendations were given in the report for closure of the reported observations as a guidance. We note that there are still open vulnerabilities and advice to take up suitable measures of closure of the same. You may refer the detailed section of this report, which includes the updated comments and testing status.

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