

# How to Work with gitlab and commands :

## Overview

If you're using [GitLab CI/CD](#), you can analyze your running web applications for known vulnerabilities using Dynamic Application Security Testing (DAST). You can take advantage of DAST by either [including the CI job](#) in your existing `.gitlab-ci.yml`

GitLab checks the DAST report, compares the found vulnerabilities between the source and target branches, and shows the information on the merge request.



By clicking on one of the detected linked vulnerabilities, you can see the details and the URL(s) affected.



Dynamic Application Security Testing (DAST) uses the popular open source tool **OWASP Zed Attack Proxy** to perform an analysis on your running web application.

By default, DAST executes **ZAP Baseline Scan** and performs passive scanning only. It doesn't actively attack your application. However, DAST can be **configured** to also perform an **active scan**: attack your application and produce a more extensive security report.

## Requirements

To run a DAST job, you need GitLab Runner with the **docker executor**.

## Configuration

**include** the **DAST.gitlab-ci.yml template** that's provided as a part of your GitLab installation.

```
include:
  - template: DAST.gitlab-ci.yml

variables:
  DAST_WEBSITE: https://example.com
```

Add the following to your `.gitlab-ci.yml` file:

There are two ways to define the URL to be scanned by DAST:

1. Set the `DAST_WEBSITE` [variable](#).
2. Add it in an `environment_url.txt` file at the root of your project. This is useful for testing in dynamic environments. To run DAST against an application dynamically created during a GitLab CI/CD pipeline, a job that runs prior to the DAST scan must persist the application's domain in an `environment_url.txt` file. DAST automatically parses the `environment_url.txt` file to find its scan target.

For example, in a job that runs prior to DAST, you could include code that looks similar to:

```
script:
  - echo http://${CI_PROJECT_ID}-${CI_ENVIRONMENT_SLUG}.dc
artifacts:
  paths: [environment_url.txt]
  when: always
```

1. You can see an example of this in our [Auto DevOps CI YAML](#) file.

If both values are set, the `DAST_WEBSITE` value takes precedence.

The included template creates a `dast` job in your CI/CD pipeline and scans your project's source code for possible vulnerabilities.

The results are saved as a [DAST report artifact](#) that you can later download and analyze. Due to implementation limitations we always take the latest DAST artifact available. Behind the scenes, the [GitLab DAST Docker image](#) is used to run the tests on the specified URL and scan it for possible vulnerabilities.

By default, the DAST template uses the latest major version of the DAST Docker image. Using the `DAST_VERSION` variable, you can choose how DAST updates:

- Automatically update DAST with new features and fixes by pinning to a major version (such as `1`).
- Only update fixes by pinning to a minor version (such as `1.6`).
- Prevent all updates by pinning to a specific version (such as `1.6.4`).

Find the latest DAST versions on the [Releases](#) page.

## When DAST scans run

When using `DAST.gitlab-ci.yml` template, the `dast` job is run last as shown in the ex. Below:

```
stages:
  - build
  - test
  - deploy
  - dast
```

Be aware that if your pipeline is configured to deploy to the same webserver in each run, running a pipeline while another is still running could cause a race condition where one pipeline overwrites the code from another pipeline. The site to be scanned should be excluded from changes for the duration of a DAST scan. The only changes to the site should be from the DAST scanner. Be aware that any changes that users, scheduled tasks, database changes, code changes, other pipelines, or other scanners make to the site during a scan could lead to inaccurate results.

## Authentication

It's also possible to authenticate the user before performing the DAST checks

```
include:
  - template: DAST.gitlab-ci.yml

variables:
  DAST_WEBSITE: https://example.com
  DAST_AUTH_URL: https://example.com/sign-in
  DAST_USERNAME_FIELD: session[user] # the name of username field
  DAST_PASSWORD_FIELD: session[password] # the name of password field
  DAST_SUBMIT_FIELD: login # the `id` or `name` of the element
  DAST_FIRST_SUBMIT_FIELD: next # the `id` or `name` of the element
  DAST_AUTH_EXCLUDE_URLS: http://example.com/sign-out,http://example.com/sign-in
```

The results are saved as a [DAST report artifact](#) that you can later download and analyze. Due to implementation limitations, we always take the latest DAST artifact available.

## Full scan

DAST can be configured to perform [ZAP Full Scan](#), which includes both passive and active scanning against the same target website:

```
include:
  - template: DAST.gitlab-ci.yml

variables:
  DAST_FULL_SCAN_ENABLED: "true"
```

## Domain validation

The DAST job can be run anywhere, which means you can accidentally hit live web servers and potentially damage them. You could even take down your production environment. For that reason, you should use domain validation.

```
include:
  - template: DAST.gitlab-ci.yml

variables:
  DAST_FULL_SCAN_ENABLED: "true"
  DAST_FULL_SCAN_DOMAIN_VALIDATION_REQUIRED: "true"
```

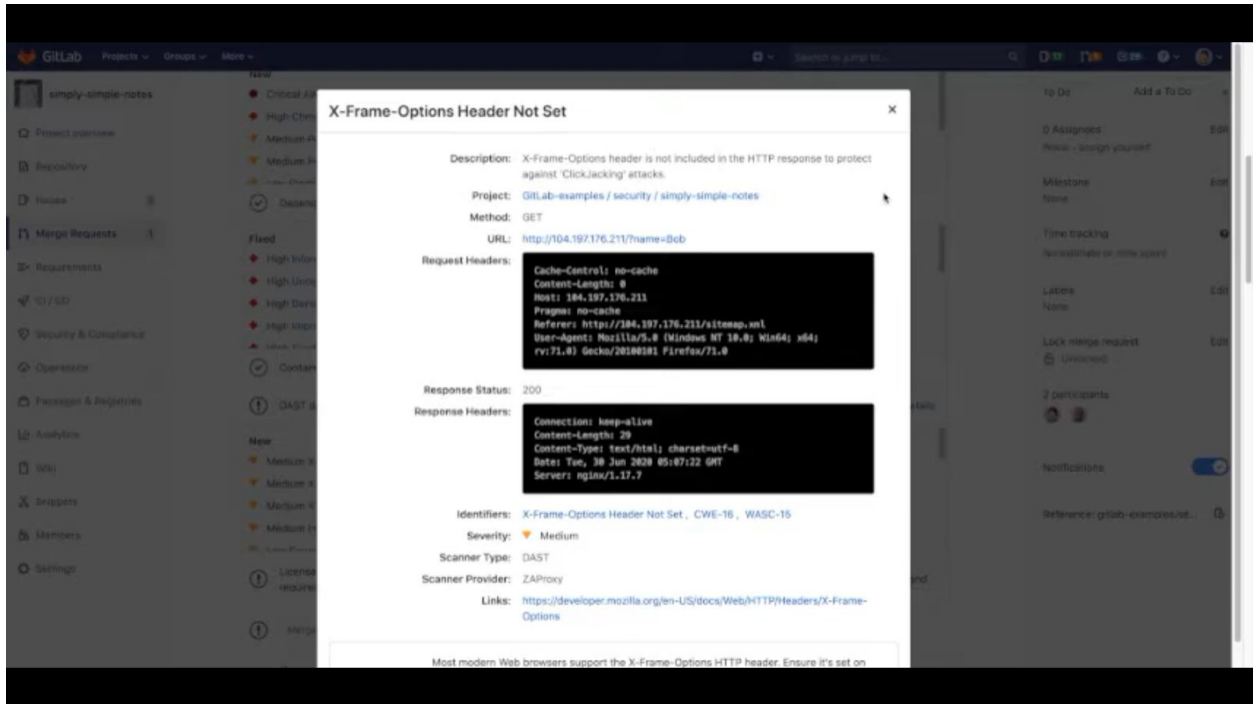
Execution of this :

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The screenshot shows a GitLab Merge Request (MR) page for the project 'simply-simple-notes'. The MR is titled 'Add View Notes Feature' and is in the 'Open' state, opened 1 month ago by user 'Fern'. The source branch is 'add-notes' and the target branch is 'master'. The MR is 9 commits behind the target branch. The page shows the 'Overview' tab with a summary of the MR, including a pipeline status (Pipeline #161416189 passed for 11ead397 on add-notes) and a deployment status (Deployed to staging 23 hours ago). The 'Approvals' section shows that the MR requires 2 more approvals from 'License-Check' and 'Vulnerability-Check'. The 'Security scanning' section indicates that 1 critical and 1 high severity vulnerability were detected out of 22. The 'License Compliance' section shows that 3 new licenses and policy violations were detected. The right sidebar contains a 'To Do' list, 'Assignees', 'Milestone', 'Time tracking', 'Labels', 'Lock merge request', 'Participants', 'Notifications', and a 'Reference' link.

Approvals	Approvals	Approved by
Any eligible user	Optional	None
License-Check	0 of 1	None
Vulnerability-Check	0 of 1	None

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