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## 1. Domain: <https://www.mlcam.com.au/>

The screenshot shows the Insignia Financial Vulnerability Disclosure Program (VDP) interface. The header includes the program name, a 'Vulnerability Disclosure' badge with an 'Updated' status, and the Insignia Financial logo. Below the header, there are navigation links for 'Finance' and 'Safe harbor'. The main content area is titled 'In Scope Targets' and features a table of targets. Each target row includes a globe icon, the domain name, a list of technologies (e.g., Java, jQuery, RequireJS, ReactJS, Moment.js, Backbone, ASP.NET), a 'Website Testing' button, a count of '0', and an eye icon. A green 'In scope' button is located at the top right of the table. On the right side, there is a sidebar titled 'On this page' with links to 'Overview', 'Description', 'Scope', 'Known issues', 'What's new', 'Recent activity', and 'Things to know'.

In Scope Targets				✓ In scope
www.insigniafinancial.com.au		Website Testing	0	👁
www.mlc.com.au		Website Testing	0	👁
www.bridges.com.au	Java jQuery	Website Testing	0	👁
www.sfg.com.au		Website Testing	0	👁
www.mlcam.com.au		Website Testing	0	👁
www.antarescapital.com.au		Website Testing	0	👁
hub.anzsmartchoice.com.au		Website Testing	0	👁
dataservices.ioof.com.au		Website Testing	0	👁
ddo.ioof.com.au	RequireJS ReactJS	Website Testing	0	👁
www.ioof.com.au	Moment.js Backbone ASP.NET +3		0	👁

- Link: <https://www.mlcam.com.au/>
- Category: Vulnerability Disclosure Program (VDP)
- Type: Finance

## 2. Scanning

### 2.1. Wafw00f

This tool is used to look for the web application firewall used by the web site. By knowing the version, the attacker can try to bypass by exploiting known vulnerabilities of that website. The scan revealed that the web application is using a web application firewall, but it is hidden.



## 2.2. Retire.js

Retire.js is popular browser extension which finds for vulnerabilities in web sites. It can detect vulnerabilities of java script libraries used and will give details about the vulnerability along with the CVE and links to popular websites like nist or git to see full details and mitigation methods. Running the scan found the following vulnerabilities.

### Retire.js

☒ Enabled ☐ Show unknown

jquery-ui-dialog	1.10.1	Found in https://www.mlcam.com.au/etc.clientlibs/bootstrap/clientlibs/bootstrap/bootstrap-base-design/bootstrap-base/clientlibs-jqueryui.lc-3734498ee27a0d8c6769041f3d1407b5-lc.js - Vulnerability info:  Medium XSS Vulnerability on closeText option <a href="#">[1]</a> <a href="#">[2]</a> CVE-2016-7103 281 GHSA-hpcf-8vf9-q4gj <a href="#">[3]</a>	jquery	1.12.4-aem	Found in https://www.mlcam.com.au/etc.clientlibs/clientlibs/granite/jquery.lc-ca3533f7cc006ecc710731f12fa9a3e1-lc.js - Vulnerability info:  Low jQuery 1.x and 2.x are End-of-Life and no longer receiving security updates 73 162 <a href="#">[1]</a>  Medium 3rd party CORS request may execute 2432 <a href="#">[1]</a> CVE-2015-9251 GHSA-rmxg-73gg-4p98 <a href="#">[2]</a> <a href="#">[3]</a> <a href="#">[4]</a> <a href="#">[5]</a> <a href="#">[6]</a>  Medium jQuery before 3.4.0, as used in Drupal, Backdrop CMS, and other products, mishandles jQuery.extend(true, {}, ...) because of Object.prototype pollution CVE-2019-11358 4333 GHSA-6c3j-c64m-qhgq <a href="#">[1]</a>  Medium passing HTML containing <option> elements from untrusted sources - even after sanitizing it - to one of jQuery's DOM manipulation methods (i.e. .html(), .append(), and others) may execute untrusted code. CVE-2020-11023 4647 GHSA-jpcq-cgw6-v4j6 <a href="#">[1]</a>  Medium Regex in its jQuery.htmlPrefilter sometimes may introduce XSS CVE-2020-11022 4642 GHSA-gxr4-xj5-5px2 <a href="#">[1]</a>
jquery-ui	1.10.1	Found in https://www.mlcam.com.au/etc.clientlibs/bootstrap/clientlibs/bootstrap/bootstrap-base-design/bootstrap-base/clientlibs-jqueryui.lc-3734498ee27a0d8c6769041f3d1407b5-lc.js - Vulnerability info:  Medium XSS in the `altField` option of the Datepicker widget CVE-2021-41182 GHSA-9gj3-hwp5-pmwc <a href="#">[1]</a> <a href="#">[2]</a>  Medium XSS in the `of` option of the `.position()` util CVE-2021-41184 GHSA-gpqq-952q-5327 <a href="#">[1]</a> <a href="#">[2]</a>  Medium XSS Vulnerability on text options of jQuery UI datepicker CVE-2021-41183 15284 GHSA-j7qv-pgf6-hvh4 <a href="#">[1]</a> <a href="#">[2]</a>  Medium XSS when refreshing a checkboxradio with an HTML-like initial text label CVE-2022-31160 2101 GHSA-h6gj-6jjq-h8g9 <a href="#">[1]</a> <a href="#">[2]</a> <a href="#">[3]</a> <a href="#">[4]</a>			
jquery	1.12.4-aem	Found in https://www.mlcam.com.au/etc.clientlibs/clientlibs/granite/jquery.lc-ca3533f7cc006ecc710731f12fa9a3e1-lc.js - Vulnerability info:			

The tool has found the following vulnerabilities. Below is a summary of the CVE's and the vulnerabilities they poses.

CVE Number	Vulnerability Name
CVE-2016-7103	Medium XSS Vulnerability on closeText option
CVE-2021-41182	Medium XSS in the altField option of the Datepicker widget
CVE-2021-41184	Medium XSS in the of option of the .position() util
CVE-2021-41183	Medium XSS Vulnerability on text options of jQuery UI datepicker
CVE-2022-31160	Medium XSS when refreshing a checkboxradio with an HTML-like initial text label
CVE-2015-9251	Medium 3rd party CORS request may execute
CVE-2019-11358	Medium jQuery mishandles jQuery.extend(true, {}, ...) due to Object.prototype pollution
CVE-2020-11023	Medium passing HTML containing <option> elements from untrusted sources may execute untrusted code
CVE-2020-11022	Medium Regex in its jQuery.htmlPrefilter may introduce XSS

### 2.3. Rapid Scanner

Rapid scanner is a power full tool which utilizes 82 tools to look for vulnerabilities which could be exploited by threat agents. After performing rapid scan the following were discovered.

**First vulnerability** – Nmap has found that ftp service is open which could potentially be exploited to perform eavesdropping to possibly run shell scripts.

```
Vulnerability Threat Level
critical FTP Service Detected.
Vulnerability Definition
This protocol does not support secure communication and there are likely high chances for the attacker to eavesdrop the communication. Also, many FTP programs have exploits available in the web such that an attacker can directly crash the application or either get a shell access to that target.
Vulnerability Remediation
Proper suggested fix is use an SSH protocol instead of FTP. It supports secure communication and chances for MitM attacks are quite rare.
```

You can use nmap to see if the ftp port is open.

```
└─$ nmap -sV -p 21,80,443,22,554,1723 --version-intensity 7 mlcam.com.au

Starting Nmap 7.94SVN ( https://nmap.org ) at 2025-04-29 19:13 +0530
Nmap scan report for mlcam.com.au (203.1.107.106)
Host is up (0.056s latency).
rDNS record for 203.1.107.106: pdctpsdata.ioof.com.au

PORT      STATE SERVICE VERSION
21/tcp    open  ftp?
22/tcp    filtered ssh
80/tcp    open  http
443/tcp   open  ssl/https
554/tcp   open  rtsp?
1723/tcp  open  pptp?
```

If port 21 is open, it doesn't necessarily mean it is vulnerable. Further testing should be done. But you can remove any unnecessary risks by using a more secure protocol like ssh.

**Second vulnerability** – Xsser tool has found a vulnerability regarding a xss attack. It will allow the user's cookies to be stolen, and users could be redirected to other web sites which could be malicious. This was also confirmed by the retie.js scan as well. It had multiple vulnerabilities regarding xss.

```
[● < 4m] Deploying 6/80 | XSSer - Checks for Cross-Site Scripting [XSS] Attacks.
Scan Completed in 1s

Vulnerability Threat Level
critical XSSer found XSS vulnerabilities.
Vulnerability Definition
An attacker will be able to steal cookies, deface web application or redirect to any third party address that can serve malware.
Vulnerability Remediation
Input validation and Output Sanitization can completely prevent Cross Site Scripting (XSS) attacks. XSS attacks can be mitigated in future by properly following a secure coding methodology. The following comprehensive resource provides detailed information on fixing this vulnerability. https://www.owasp.org/index.php/XSS_(Cross_Site_Scripting)_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet
```

Let's confirm the XSS vulnerability using **XSSStrike tool**. A parameter 'test' will be used to test for XSS.

```

XSSStrike v3.1.5
Important notice:
Due to recent heightened market volatility, MLG Investments Limited continues to monitor and review the hybrid spreads across our funds. We
are doing this to ensure that we are able to provide the best possible returns to our investors. To view the latest spreads please click here.
[-] Crawling the target
[+] Vulnerable component: jquery v1.12.4-aem
[+] Component location: http://www.mlc.com.au/etc.clientlibs/clientlibs/granite/jquery.lc-ca3533f7cc006ecc710731f12fa9a3e1-lc.js
[+] Total vulnerabilities: 3
[+] Summary: parseHTML() executes scripts in event handlers
[+] Severity: medium
[+] CVE: CVE-2015-9251
[+] Summary: jQuery before 3.4.0, as used in Drupal, Backdrop CMS, and other products, mishandles jQuery.extend(true, {}, ...) because of Object.prototype pollution
[+] Severity: Low
[+] CVE: CVE-2019-11358
[+] Summary: 3rd party CORS request may execute
[+] Severity: medium
[+] CVE: CVE-2015-9251
[+] Vulnerable component: jquery-ui-dialog v1.10.1
[+] Component location: http://www.mlc.com.au/etc.clientlibs/bootstrap/clientlibs/bootstrap/bootstrap-base-design/bootstrap-base/clientlibs-jqueryui.lc-3734498ee27a0d8c67
69041f3d1407b5-lc.js
[+] Total vulnerabilities: 1
[+] Summary: XSS Vulnerability on closeText option
[+] Severity: high
[+] CVE: CVE-2016-7103
[+] Potentially vulnerable objects found at http://www.mlc.com.au/institutional-clients/antares-capital
20 "referrerUrl": document.referrer,
21 "hash": location.hash,
2 bs_modal_bModal_MDWCEBCB.conInitShowModal = eval("var CASF = {}; CASF.setCookie = function(name, value, days) { var expires = ''; if (days) { var date = new Date(); dat
e.setTime(date.getTime() + days * 24 * 60 * 60 * 1000); expires = 'expires=' + date.toGMTString(); } document.cookie = name + '=' + value + expires + '; path=/'; }; CASF.
getCookie = function(nameOfCookie) { if (document.cookie.length > 0) { var begin = document.cookie.indexOf(nameOfCookie + '='); if (begin != -1) { begin += nameOfCookie.len
gth + 1; var end = document.cookie.indexOf(';', begin); if (end == -1) { end = document.cookie.length; } return unescape(document.cookie.substring(begin, end)); } } return
null; }; function userSeenModel() { return CASF.getCookie('mlcit_client_notice_seen') == 'yes'; } function isTestingSurvey() { return window.location.search.indexOf('testsu
rvey') != -1; } function timeoutNull() { return CASF.getCookie('timeout') == null; } function userRedirected() { return CASF.getCookie('mlc-mlcit-redirect') == 'yes'; } fun
ction shouldDisplayNotice() { return ( isTestingSurvey() || (userSeenModel() && timeoutNull()) ); } shouldDisplayNotice();");
5 var CASF = {}; CASF.setCookie = function(name, value, days) { var expires = ''; if (days) { var date = new Date(); date.setTime(date.getTime() + days * 24 * 60 * 60 * 1
000); expires = 'expires=' + date.toGMTString(); } document.cookie = name + '=' + value + expires + '; path=/'; }; CASF.setCookie('mlcit_client_notice_seen', 'yes', 1); v
ar tabbableElements = $('a[href], area[href], input:not([disabled]), select:not([disabled]), textarea:not([disabled]), iframe, object, embed, *[tab
index], *[contenteditable]'); function disableTabbingOnPage(tabbableElements) { $.each(tabbableElements, function(index, element) { $(element).attr('tabindex', '-1'); });
} function enableTabbingOnModal(tabbableElements) { $.each(tabbableElements, function(index, element) { if ($(element).parents('.modal').length) { $(element).attr('tabindex
', '0'); } }); } disableTabbingOnPage(tabbableElements); enableTabbingOnModal(tabbableElements);exitModal(function(){$('.modal-body h2').attr('tabindex', '0');$('.modal-bo
dy h2').focus();},400);

```

XSSStrike has successfully located the vulnerabilities and their affected components along with the CVE codes of the vulnerabilities.

## Components affected:

Component	CVE	Details
jquery v1.12.4-aem	CVE-2015-9251	<i>parseHTML() executes scripts in event handlers (Severity: Medium)</i>
	CVE-2019-11358	<i>Object.prototype pollution via jQuery.extend(true, {}, ...) (Severity: Low)</i>
	CVE-2015-9251	<i>3rd party CORS request may execute (Severity: Medium)</i>
jquery-ui-dialog v1.10.1	CVE-2016-7103	<i>XSS Vulnerability on closeText option (Severity: High)</i>

**Third vulnerability** – A high severity vulnerability regarding an outdated server version.

More information regarding the vulnerability will be discussed later in this report.

```

[• < 35s] Deploying 9/80 | Nikto - Checks if Server is Outdated.
Any outdated web server may contain multiple vulnerabilities as their support would've been ended. An attacker may make use of such an opportunity to leverage attacks.
Scan Completed in 44m 47s
Vulnerability Threat Level
high Webserver is Outdated.
Vulnerability Definition
Any outdated web server may contain multiple vulnerabilities as their support would've been ended. An attacker may make use of such an opportunity to leverage attacks.
Vulnerability Remediation
It is highly recommended to upgrade the web server to the available latest version.
[• < 35s] Deploying 10/80 | DirB - Brutes the target for Open Directories

```

Attempting to get the version information of the web server did not work since its hidden. After trying to get the version information of the web server from popular tools like nmap and whatweb, it did not provide with results hence further testing is needed.

```
(sheron@kali) - [~/Desktop/Tools/rapidscan]
$ whatweb https://www.mlcam.com.au/
https://www.mlcam.com.au/ [403 Forbidden] Country[UNITED STATES][US], IP[96.17.180.45], Strict-Transport-Security[max-age=31536000], Title[Access Denied], UncommonHeaders[content-security-policy,x-content-type-options], X-Frame-Options[SAMEORIGIN], X-XSS-Protection[1; mode=block]
```

**Forth vulnerability** – This vulnerability has discovered details regarding sub domain. The attacker may find information on the parent domain using the subdomains. Also, it possible to find other details regarding the architecture or service running in the domain.

```
[ < 30m] Deploying 15/80 | DNSMap - Brutes Subdomains.
Scan Completed in 8m 35s

Vulnerability Threat Level
medium Found Subdomains with DNSMap.
Vulnerability Definition
Attackers may gather more information from subdomains relating to the parent domain. Attackers may even find other services from the subdomains and try to learn the architecture of the target. There are even chances for the attacker to find vulnerabilities as the attack surface gets larger with more subdomains discovered.
Vulnerability Remediation
It is sometimes wise to block sub domains like development, staging to the outside world, as it gives more information to the attacker about the tech stack. Complex naming practices also help in reducing the attack surface as attackers find hard to perform subdomain bruteforcing through dictionaries and wordlists.
[ < 20s] Deploying 16/80 | DNSRecon - Attempts Multiple Zone Transfers on Nameservers.
Scan Completed in 12s
```

Using **amass** subdomain enumeration tool, details of sub domains can be extracted. The below is a sample

```
(sunblist3r-env)-(sheron@kali) - [~/Desktop/Tools]
$ amass enum -active -d mlcam.com.au
mlcam.com.au (FQDN) → mx_record → au-smtp-inbound-2.mimecast.com (FQDN)
mlcam.com.au (FQDN) → mx_record → au-smtp-inbound-1.mimecast.com (FQDN)
www.mlcam.com.au (FQDN) → cname_record → mlc.oprd.com.au.edgekey.net (FQDN)
staging-www.mlcam.com.au (FQDN) → cname_record → mlc.oprd.com.au.edgekey-staging.net (FQDN)
mlcam.com.au (FQDN) → ns_record → 27.122.112.1 (FQDN)
mlcam.com.au (FQDN) → ns_record → 27.122.121.1 (FQDN)
mlc.oprd.com.au.edgekey-staging.net (FQDN) → cname_record → e215081.dsca.akamaiedge-staging.net (FQDN)
nextrel-www.mlcam.com.au (FQDN) → cname_record → mlc.oprd.com.au.edgekey.net (FQDN)
image.mlc.mlcam.com.au (FQDN) → cname_record → akamai-san210.exacttarget.com.edgekey.net (FQDN)
pages.mlc.mlcam.com.au (FQDN) → cname_record → pages.virt.s6.exacttarget.com (FQDN)
mta.mlc.mlcam.com.au (FQDN) → a_record → 13.111.122.113 (IPAddress)
13.111.0.0/16 (Netblock) → contains → 13.111.122.113 (IPAddress)
22606 (ASN) → managed_by → EXACT-7 (RIROrganization)
22606 (ASN) → announces → 13.111.0.0/16 (Netblock)
au-smtp-inbound-2.mimecast.com (FQDN) → a_record → 103.96.20.26 (IPAddress)
au-smtp-inbound-2.mimecast.com (FQDN) → a_record → 103.96.22.26 (IPAddress)
mlc.mlcam.com.au (FQDN) → mx_record → inbound-reply.s6.exacttarget.com (FQDN)
mlc.mlcam.com.au (FQDN) → ns_record → ns1.exacttarget.com (FQDN)
mlc.mlcam.com.au (FQDN) → ns_record → ns2.exacttarget.com (FQDN)
mlc.mlcam.com.au (FQDN) → ns_record → ns3.exacttarget.com (FQDN)
mlc.mlcam.com.au (FQDN) → ns_record → ns4.exacttarget.com (FQDN)
comms.mlcam.com.au (FQDN) → cname_record → app3.au.v6send.net (FQDN)
103.96.20.0/22 (Netblock) → contains → 103.96.20.26 (IPAddress)
103.96.20.0/22 (Netblock) → contains → 103.96.22.26 (IPAddress)
```

**Fifth vulnerability** – This is a critical level vulnerability. It was detected by a tool called Slowloris and the vulnerability is a denial of service. Which can be destructive in some occasions.



```
[● < 45m] Deploying 43/80 | Nmap [Slowloris DoS] - Checks for Slowloris Denial of Service Vulnerability.
Scan Completed in 30m 20s
Vulnerability Threat Level
critical Vulnerable to Slowloris Denial of Service.
Vulnerability Definition
This attack works by opening multiple simultaneous connections to the web server and it keeps them alive as long as possible by continuously sending partial HTTP requests, which never gets completed. They easily slip through IDS by sending partial requests.
Vulnerability Remediation
If you are using Apache Module, 'mod_antiloris' would help. For other setup you can find more detailed remediation on this resource. https://www.acunetix.com/blog/articles/slow-http-dos-attacks-mitigate-apache-http-server/
```

According to the scope performing DOS attack testing is out of the scope.

**Rules:**

The following types of research are strictly prohibited:

- Accessing or attempting to access accounts or data that does not belong to you
- Any attempt to modify or destroy any data that does not belong to you
- Executing or attempting to execute an Application denial of service (DoS) attack
- Login / Forgot Password page brute force and credential stuffing/password spraying attacks
- Sending or attempting to send unsolicited or unauthorized email, spam, or any other form of

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**Sixth vulnerability** – It has found that there is no firewall in the web application. Which is essential to have. Fire walls can block various types of attacks like XSS attacks, SQL injection attacks and many more.

```
[● < 45s] Deploying 48/80 | Wafw00f - Checks for Application Firewalls.
Scan Completed in 10s
Vulnerability Threat Level
medium No Web Application Firewall Detected
Vulnerability Definition
Without a Web Application Firewall, An attacker may try to inject various attack patterns either manually or using automa
ers. An automated scanner may send hordes of attack vectors and patterns to validate an attack, there are also chances for the ap
to get DoS ed (Denial of Service)
Vulnerability Remediation
Web Application Firewalls offer great protection against common web attacks like XSS, SQLi, etc. They also provide an add
ine of defense to your security infrastructure. This resource contains information on web application firewalls that could suit y
cation. https://www.gartner.com/reviews/market/web-application-firewall
[● < 35s] Deploying 49/80 | Nikto - Checks the Domain Headers.
```

Let us run **wafw00f** and see if it finds anything

```
(sheron@kali)-[~/Desktop/Tools/rapidscan]
$ wafw00f -a -v https://www.gartner.com/reviews/market/web-application-firewall

    W00f!

    404 Hack Not Found
    405 Not Allowed
    403 Forbidden
    502 Bad Gateway
    500 Internal Error



















    ~ WAFW00F : v2.3.1 ~
    The Web Application Firewall Fingerprinting Toolkit

[*] Checking https://www.gartner.com/reviews/market/web-application-firewall
[+] The site https://www.gartner.com/reviews/market/web-application-firewall is behind Cloudflare (Cloudflare Inc.) WAF.
[+] Generic Detection results:
[-] No WAF detected by the generic detection
[~] Number of requests: 7
```

This sub domain is not protected by a fire wall. This confirms the result by rapid.

## 2.4. Wappalyzer

This is a tool that can help us to see all the technologies used in one place. It shows us the versions used. This would help us to find vulnerabilities in the outdated versions used.

<b>CMS</b>  <a href="#">Adobe Experience Manager</a>	<b>CDN</b>  <a href="#">Akamai</a>
<b>Analytics</b>  <a href="#">Google Analytics</a>  <a href="#">LinkedIn Insight Tag</a>	<b>Advertising</b>  <a href="#">DoubleClick Floodlight</a>
<b>Security</b>  <a href="#">HSTS</a>  <a href="#">Akamai Bot Manager</a>	<b>Tag managers</b>  <a href="#">Enlighten</a>  <a href="#">Adobe Experience Platform Launch</a>  <a href="#">Google Tag Manager</a>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>  <a href="#">HTTP/2</a>  <a href="#">Popper</a>  <a href="#">Open Graph</a>  <a href="#">Java</a>	<b>JavaScript libraries</b>  <a href="#">jQuery</a> 1.12.4  <a href="#">jQuery UI</a> 1.10.1  <a href="#">Modernizr</a> 2.8.3  <a href="#">Bootstrap</a> 4.1.3

After inspecting the versions that were used the following vulnerabilities regarding the version used were discovered.

Library	Version	Known Vulnerabilities
<b>jQuery</b>	1.12.4	- CVE-2019-11358: Mishandles jQuery.extend(true, {}, ...) due to Object.prototype pollution.
<b>jQuery UI</b>	1.10.1	- CVE-2021-41182: XSS in the altField option of the Datepicker widget.
<b>Modernizr</b>	2.8.3	- CVE-2014-4671: Prototype pollution vulnerability.
<b>Bootstrap</b>	4.1.3	- CVE-2018-14041: XSS vulnerability in tooltip and popover components.

The above vulnerabilities were discovered in the versions used. Most of them co relate with the other vulnerabilities that were found during the retire.js scan. This confirms the vulnerabilities found within the website.

### 3. Components Affected

The following table represents the summary of the affected components. It contains details such as the component name, version, CVE and the impact.

Component	Type	Vulnerability	CVE Code	Severity	Impact
<b>jQuery v1.12.4-aem</b>	JavaScript Library	Object.prototype pollution via jQuery.extend(true, {}, ...)	CVE-2019-11358	Medium	Can allow unintended prototype modifications, leading to unpredictable behavior
<b>jQuery UI Dialog v1.10.1</b>	JavaScript Library	XSS vulnerability on closeText option	CVE-2016-7103	High	Allows attackers to inject malicious scripts via user input
<b>Modernizr v2.8.3</b>	JavaScript Library	Prototype pollution vulnerability	CVE-2014-4671	Medium	Can enable attackers to modify global JavaScript objects
<b>Bootstrap v4.1.3</b>	JavaScript Library	XSS vulnerability in tooltip and popover components	CVE-2018-14041	Medium	Allows malicious script execution within tooltips
<b>FTP Service</b>	Network Service	Potential unauthorized access risk	-	High	May allow attackers to intercept file transfers or escalate privileges
<b>Web Server (Outdated Version)</b>	Server Infrastructure	Remote Code Execution (RCE) & Authentication Bypass	-	High	Older versions may allow attackers to execute arbitrary commands
<b>Subdomain Enumeration</b>	Security Misconfiguration	Exposure of underlying architecture	-	Medium	Attackers can gain insight into services running on subdomains
<b>Lack of Web Application Firewall</b>	Security Misconfiguration	No protection against XSS, SQL injection	-	High	Increases susceptibility to web-based attacks
<b>Denial-of-Service (DoS) Risk</b>	Network Vulnerability	Slowloris DoS attack	-	Critical	Can lead to server exhaustion, making the service unavailable

## 4. Vulnerabilities

### 4.1. XSS – cross site scripting

XSS attacks are done by running malicious code or scripts in the victim's browser. This payload may have different levels of destructive power depending on the situation. Many fire walls and security headers in browsers protect against these types of attacks. Mainly there are three types of XSS vulnerabilities,

- Stored XSS
- Reflective XSS
- DOM XSS

During the scanning of this web application, many errors were discovered regarding the XSS attacks by different tools. This is possibly because of usage of vulnerable version or not using firewalls.

## **4.2. FTP service**

FTP service also file transfer protocol is used to transfer files between networks. FTP could be vulnerable if,

- It uses plaintext transmission
- Anonymous Access
- Default or weak credentials
- Outdated FTP software
- No encryption

But after some testing, it didn't use plain text nor let anonymous access. And default or weak credentials. Nmap was used to test the above. Hence it will need more testing to determine if its vulnerable or not.

## **4.3. Outdated server**

When an outdated component is present in a web application it needs to be upgraded to the latest versions. Outdated components such as web servers can cause,

- Remote code execution
- Privilege Escalation
- Authentication Bypass
- Buffer overflows

## **4.4. Subdomain Enumeration**

Subdomain enumeration can be done by an attacker to gain information about the website. If the architecture of the website is compromised it is easy for attacker to launch sophisticated attacks.

## **5. Mitigation Methods**

### **5.1. XSS – mitigation**

The main cause for the XSS vulnerability is due to outdated components. To fix this, simply update the affected libraries to the latest versions. And also in some sub directories the web application firewall has been turned off. Make sure to turn on the firewall to prevent XSS and other vulnerabilities.

### **5.2. FTP services**

FTP services vulnerabilities can be fixed through adapting to SSH protocol. It is a more secure method to transfer files between networks.

### **5.3. Outdated webserver**

Even though didn't find the exact version of the web server. It is recommended to upgrade to the latest server or if not, find another web server without such vulnerabilities.

### **5.4. Subdomain enumeration**

Attacker can gain information about the architecture of the website. This may help them to find technologies used, protocols used or any other important pieces of information.

## **6. Conclusion**

The web application seems to need some polishing as it contains many vulnerabilities regarding the versions used. Most of the versions are outdated and must be updated to prevent vulnerabilities. To gain customer trust and protect their information mitigation of the vulnerabilities is a must.