1. Broken Access Control

Severity Example Issues

Critical Privilege Escalation (e.g., user accessing admin panel)

High Horizontal Privilege Escalation (e.g., user accessing other users' data)

Medium IDOR (Insecure Direct Object Reference) without sensitive data exposure

Low Lack of Role-Based Access Control Enforcement

Informational Unused roles or permissions present

2. Cryptographic Failures

Severity Example Issues

Critical No encryption on sensitive data (Passwords, Credit Cards)

High Use of weak/hardcoded encryption keys

Medium Outdated TLS/SSL versions in use (SSLv2, SSLv3, TLS 1.0)

Low Missing HSTS header

Informational Lack of encryption for non-sensitive data (like public images)

3. Injection (SQL, OS, LDAP, etc.)

Severity Example Issues

Critical SQL Injection leading to RCE or DB Dump

High Command Injection allowing OS-level control

Medium Reflected XSS or Blind SQL Injection without critical impact

Low Email Header Injection without exploitation potential

Informational Input fields accepting unsanitized input without impact

4. Insecure Design

Severity Example Issues

Critical Absence of security controls by design

High No input validation or threat modeling

Medium Lack of secure password policies

Low Inadequate error handling revealing stack traces

Informational No documentation of security requirements

5. Security Misconfiguration

Severity Example Issues

Critical Admin interfaces exposed publicly without authentication

High Default credentials still enabled

Medium Directory Listing enabled

Low Verbose error messages

Informational Commented sensitive information in source code

6. Vulnerable and Outdated Components

Severity Example Issues

Critical Use of components with known RCE vulnerabilities

High Critical CVEs in use without patch

Medium Medium-severity CVEs without mitigation

Low Components nearing End-of-Life (EOL)

Severity Example Issues

Informational Outdated components with no known vulnerabilities

7. Identification and Authentication Failures

Severity Example Issues

Critical Authentication bypass (logic flaws)

High Brute-force attack possible due to no rate-limiting

Medium Weak password policy

Low Username enumeration possible via error messages

Informational Missing MFA recommendations

8. Software and Data Integrity Failures

Severity Example Issues

Critical Unsigned/Unverified software updates leading to RCE

High Integrity check missing for important config/data files

Medium Weak or predictable hash algorithms (MD5, SHA1)

Low Lack of Subresource Integrity (SRI) in scripts

Informational No code signing in non-critical components

9. Security Logging and Monitoring Failures

Severity Example Issues

Critical No logging of security-relevant events (logins, privilege changes)

High Logs not protected, allowing tampering

Severity Example Issues

Medium Lack of monitoring on critical assets

Low Generic error messages without context

Informational No centralized logging implemented

10. Server-Side Request Forgery (SSRF)

Severity Example Issues

Critical SSRF allowing internal network pivot or metadata access

High SSRF leading to sensitive data leakage

Medium SSRF exploitable only on specific endpoints

Low SSRF with restricted outbound requests

Informational URL parsing logic vulnerable but with no practical exploit