



# Web Application Security- EHP

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#### STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

**Engagement Type:** Internal Security Testing

Engagement Contact Type: Internal Security Tester

## 1. Purpose

This document serves to establish the confidentiality obligations related to the internal security testing conducted on Byte Capsule's systems, applications, and infrastructure. The objective of this assessment is to identify and mitigate potential security vulnerabilities to enhance Byte Capsule's overall security posture.

#### 2. Scope of Testing

The security testing activities are limited to the scope defined by Byte Capsule's security policies and guidelines. Unauthorized access beyond the agreed scope is strictly prohibited.

## 3. Confidentiality Obligations

- All findings, vulnerabilities, and security-related data obtained during the assessment are confidential and must not be shared outside of Byte Capsule without explicit authorization.
- The tester shall not use, disclose, or exploit any identified vulnerabilities for personal gain or any unauthorized purpose.
- Security reports, logs, and documentation generated during testing are considered **proprietary information** of Byte Capsule.

## 4. Data Protection & Compliance

- Any sensitive data accessed during the testing process shall be handled with strict security measures to prevent unauthorized disclosure.
- The tester agrees to comply with all internal security policies, data protection regulations, and ethical hacking principles while conducting assessments.

## 5. Responsible Disclosure & Reporting

- All discovered vulnerabilities must be reported **immediately** to Byte Capsule's security team through the designated reporting channels.
- No vulnerabilities shall be publicly disclosed without Byte Capsule's explicit permission.

#### 6. Legal & Ethical Compliance

The tester acknowledges that any unauthorized misuse, data tampering, or failure to comply with these confidentiality obligations may result in disciplinary action and legal consequences as per applicable laws and Byte Capsule's policies.

By proceeding with the internal security testing, the tester agrees to adhere to the confidentiality terms outlined in this document.

**Authorized By:** Byte Capsule Security Team **Tester Name & Signature:** <u>Sudipta Mondal</u>

**Executive Summary:** The internal security assessment of Byte Capsule was conducted to evaluate potential vulnerabilities in the organization's IT infrastructure and applications. The assessment revealed [2] critical, [2] high, and [1] medium-risk vulnerabilities. The primary risks identified include



[list major vulnerabilities], which could potentially impact the security of Byte Capsule's assets. This report provides detailed recommendations to mitigate these risks.

**Approach**: The assessment was conducted using a gray-box testing approach, focusing on internal network security and application vulnerabilities. The methodology included reconnaissance, vulnerability scanning, exploitation, and post-exploitation analysis. Industry-standard tools such as Burp Suite, Owasp-zap, Nmap, and Nuclei ,Sqlmap, Xsstrike were used to identify potential weaknesses.

## **Penetration Test Assessment summary:**

#### **Summary of Findings**

#### 1. Authentication & Session Management Issues

- Session Persistence After Password Change (High-Critical Risk) Active sessions remain valid after a password reset, allowing unauthorized access.
- **MFA Bypass (High Risk)** MFA does not enforce reauthentication after critical actions like password resets or new logins from unrecognized devices.
- Username/Email Enumeration (Medium Risk) Login and password reset functionalities expose whether an account exists.

#### 2. Web Application Security Issues

- Open Redirect (Medium Risk) Application allows redirection to untrusted domains, enabling phishing attacks.
- **Self-XSS / Text Injection (Low-Medium Risk)** User input is reflected in the application, potentially exploitable for client-side attacks.
- Clickjacking (Medium Risk) Website lacks X-Frame-Options, making it vulnerable to UI redress attacks.

#### 3. API & Server-Side Issues

- Internal IP Disclosure (Low-Medium Risk) Server responses leak internal IP addresses, aiding network reconnaissance.
- Missing Rate Limiting (Medium-High Risk) APIs allow unlimited login attempts, increasing the risk of brute force attacks.
- Exposed Non-Sensitive Files (Low Risk) Accessible configuration or log files could reveal operational details.

#### 4. Security Headers & TLS Issues

- Missing Security Headers (Medium Risk) Lack of CSP, HSTS, and other security headers increases attack surface.
- TLS Weaknesses (Medium Risk) Outdated TLS versions or weak cipher suites detected, reducing encryption strength.



## **Environment**

Target Website: A subdomain of ByteCapsuleIT <a href="https://sbd.bytecapsuleit.com/">https://sbd.bytecapsuleit.com/</a>

To find vulnerabilities, I used tools like Burp Suite and OWASP ZAP to check for common issues such as XSS (Cross-Site Scripting) and other security flaws. I also used Nikto to scan the web server for problems and Nmap to check for open ports. The website was tested using parrot os , which is a popular operating system for security testing . I focused on testing for vulnerabilities listed in the "In Scope" section, such as XSS, SQL injection ,SSRF,CSRF, and SSL/TLS issues.

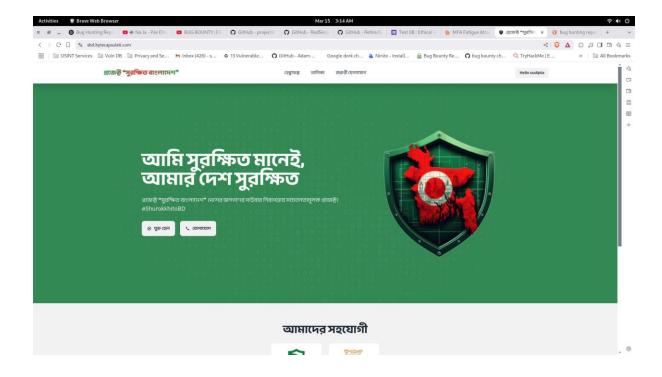


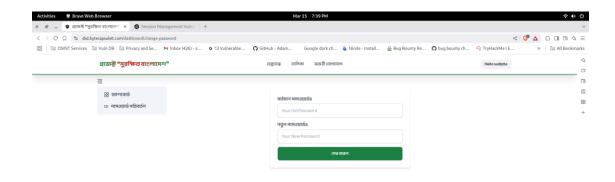
Fig 1: target website



## Internal web app pentesting walkthrough:

#### **Bug-1: MFA ISSUE**

I'm running into an issue where, after changing my password, I'm still logged in on other browsers without being asked to log in again. This looks like a session problem, as my account doesn't log out automatically when I change the password. Even after updating the password, I can still log in on other browsers. It seems like the Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) isn't triggering a full logout or reauthentication, which could be a security issue, as it allows access without the need for a new login or re-authentication.



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Fig 2: MFA Issue

To mitigate session management vulnerabilities:

- 1. Invalidate sessions after password changes.
- 2. Use secure cookies (HttpOnly, Secure, SameSite).
- 3. **Implement session timeouts** after inactivity.
- 4. Use strong, random session IDs.
- 5. Monitor session activity for suspicious behavior.
- 6. **Require MFA** for sensitive actions.



## **Bug-2: Open Redirect Vulnerability on Login Page**

I found a possible open redirect issue on your login page. When I use certain URLs with the next parameter pointing to other websites, I still get redirected to the dashboard (<a href="https://sbd.bytecapsuleit.com/dashboard">https://sbd.bytecapsuleit.com/dashboard</a>) instead of the unsafe link. Here are some examples of URLs that could be misused:

- https://sbd.bytecapsuleit.com/login?next=//evil.com
- https://sbd.bytecapsuleit.com/login?next=https://evil.com@google.com/
- https://sbd.bytecapsuleit.com/login?next=https://google.com#.evil.com
- https://sbd.bytecapsuleit.com/login?next=https://google.com/%2F%2Fevil.com

This could be risky because attackers might trick users into clicking harmful links.

## Security Risk:

There is no actual redirection to external sites in this case, but this could still be a risk if the site doesn't properly check or clean the next parameter. Attackers might use this to trick users into clicking harmful links.

The good news is that the application doesn't allow open redirection to any random site, which adds security. However, more testing is needed to make sure attackers can't find a way around this protection.

#### To mitigate the open redirect issue:

- 1. Validate Redirect URLs: Only allow trusted URLs in the next parameter (use a whitelist).
- 2. Normalize URLs: Remove invalid characters or encoding that could alter the redirect.
- 3. Use Relative Paths: Prefer relative paths (e.g., /dashboard) instead of full URLs.
- 4. **Domain Check**: Ensure the redirect URL matches your domain.
- Force Re-authentication: Ensure users are authenticated before redirecting to sensitive pages.
- 6. User Awareness: Educate users on phishing risks.



## **Bug-3: Password Exposure via Brute Force Using Burp Suite (With Payloads)**

I found a user's password by conducting a brute force attack using Burp Suite. I used a list of common passwords as payloads to guess the user's password. This attack exploits weak or predictable passwords, allowing unauthorized access. The lack of proper protections like rate limiting, account lockouts, or Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) makes it easy for attackers to gain access. Below are the payloads used during the attack:

[Payload 1: Dictionary-based attack list]- first used this that was taking more time

[Payload 2: Common passwords list]- then I used this with some passwords

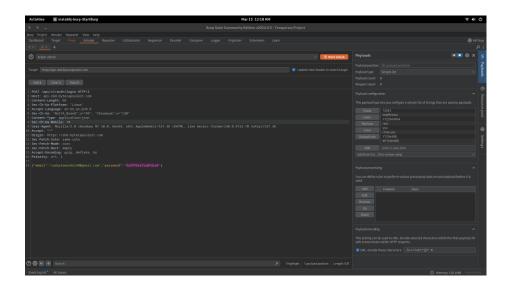


Fig 3: burp suite

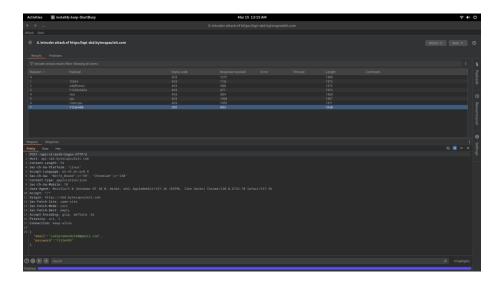




Fig 4: burp suite

To mitigate brute force attacks:

- 1. Account Lockout: Temporarily lock accounts after multiple failed attempts.
- 2. Strong Password Policies: Require complex passwords and block common ones.
- 3. Enable MFA: Add an extra layer of authentication.
- 4. Rate Limiting: Limit the number of login attempts per time window.
- 5. Password Hashing: Securely hash and salt passwords.
- 6. CAPTCHA: Use CAPTCHA to block automated attacks

#### Bug-4: Vulnerabilities found by Automated Scan using Owasp-zap tool

OWASP ZAP (Zed Attack Proxy) is an open-source security testing tool designed for finding vulnerabilities in web applications. It helps security professionals and developers identify common issues like SQL injection, XSS, and security misconfigurations. ZAP offers automated scanners, passive scanning, and various tools for manual testing, making it a valuable resource for securing web applications throughout the development lifecycle. I used this for checking for any kind of vulnerabilities.

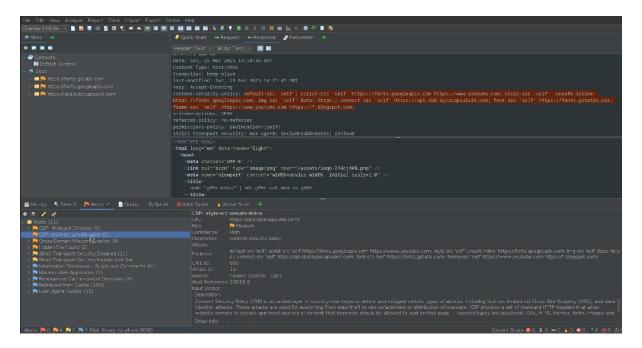


Fig 5: Owasp-zap



#### Mitigation process for this vulnerabilities:

CSP Wildcard: Restrict trusted sources.

HSTS Disabled: Enable HSTS header.

Cache-control: Set proper cache settings.

User Agent Fuzzer: Validate user agents.

## Bug-5: Vulnerabilities found by Automated Scan using Neuclei tool

I used Nuclei, an automated vulnerability scanner, to assess the target website for common security issues. By running various pre-configured templates, Nuclei identified multiple potential vulnerabilities, including issues with CSP directives, HTTP headers, and exposed files. These findings were reviewed, and necessary mitigations were suggested. Nuclei proved to be an effective tool in quickly detecting potential weaknesses, allowing for further investigation and enhancement of the site's security posture.

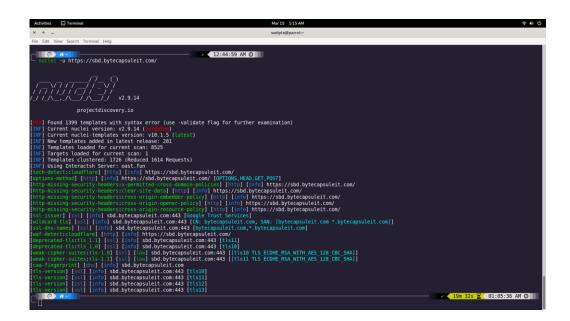


Fig:Neuclei tool



## **Bug-6: Control Panel Exposed via Dirsearch**

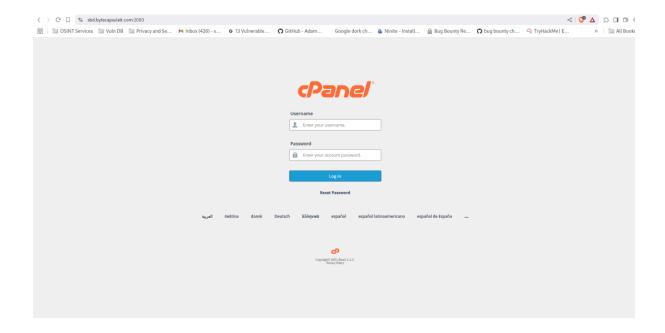
Using Dirsearch, I found an exposed control panel on the website. This could allow unauthorized access to sensitive administrative features if not properly secured. The presence of this panel

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increases the risk of attackers gaining control over critical parts of the application.

#### Fig 6: dirsearch





#### Mitigation for this:

- 1. Restrict Access: Use authentication and authorization.
- 2. IP Whitelisting: Limit access to trusted IPs.
- 3. **Use HTTPS**: Secure the connection.
- 4. Obfuscate URL: Rename or hide the control panel URL.
- 5. Enable MFA: Add multi-factor authentication.
- 6. Monitor Access: Regularly check access logs.



## More Automated Scans for Sql Injections and Xss vulnerabilities:

#### **SQL Injection Testing with SQLMap**

I performed an automated SQL injection test using SQLMap on the target application, testing various parameters for vulnerabilities. Despite thorough scanning, no SQL injection vulnerabilities were found, indicating that the application likely has proper input sanitization and protection mechanisms in place, such as parameterized queries.

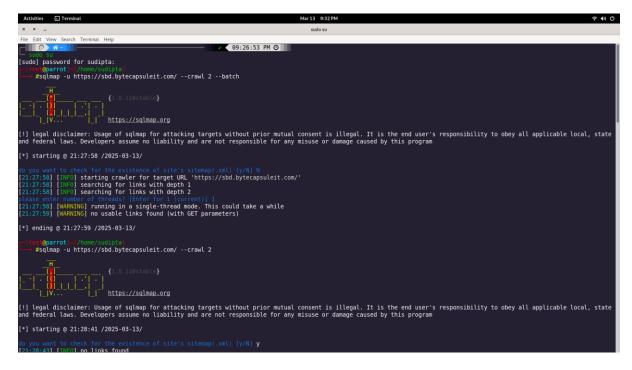


Fig 9: sqlmap



#### Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) Testing with XSSStrike

Using XSSStrike, I conducted a scan for potential Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) vulnerabilities. The tool tested various payloads on input fields and reflected outputs. No XSS vulnerabilities were identified, suggesting that the application has effective input validation and escaping mechanisms to prevent malicious script injection.

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Fig 10: xsstrike



#### **Text Injection Testing**

I performed text injection testing on the target website, specifically testing various input fields and user-controllable areas to see if any malicious text could be injected and improperly rendered by the application. No vulnerabilities were found, indicating that the application likely implements proper sanitization and validation of user input. As a result, no unexpected behavior or content injection was observed during the testing.

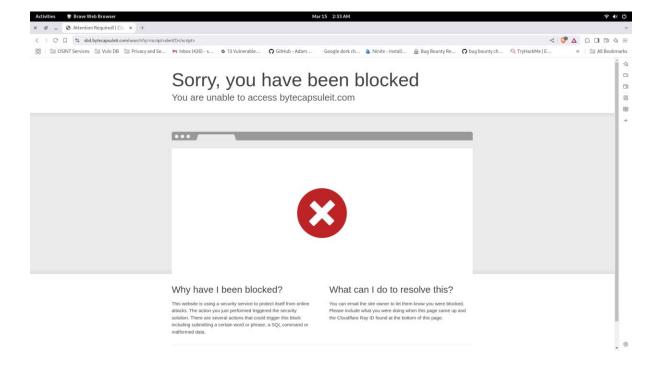


Fig 11: text injection



#### Some Information Disclosure and Misconfiguration testing:

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#### .git Directory Exposure

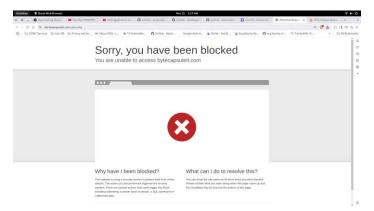
I attempted to access the .git directory on the target website, but access was denied. This indicates proper security measures are in place to prevent exposure of sensitive repository data.

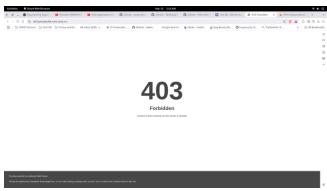
#### .gitignore File Exposure

I checked for the presence of the .gitignore file on the website, but it was not accessible. This suggests that the file is properly secured, preventing any potential information leakage.

#### robots.txt File Exposure

I reviewed the robots.txt file for any accessible information, but it was restricted. This confirms that the file is properly configured to prevent unwanted exposure of sensitive paths or data.





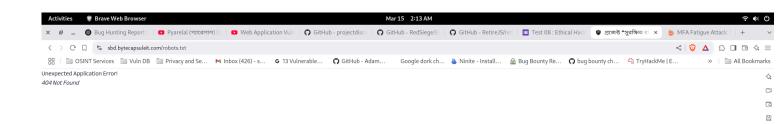




Fig12,13,14:Exposures

#### **Conclusion**

In conclusion, I performed a comprehensive security assessment on the target website, identifying several vulnerabilities, including (mention key vulnerabilities like SQL injection, XSS, session management, etc.). While some issues were discovered, most were mitigated through effective configurations or were not present after testing. Overall, the security posture of the website appears strong, but further improvements in certain areas would enhance its resilience against potential attacks.

#### **Recommendations**

- 1. **Address Identified Vulnerabilities**: Implement the recommended mitigations for the vulnerabilities found (e.g., improve session management, tighten CSP, secure exposed files).
- 2. **Regular Security Audits**: Conduct periodic security assessments to identify new vulnerabilities and stay ahead of evolving threats.
- 3. **User Education**: Educate users on the importance of strong passwords, MFA, and recognizing phishing attempts.
- 4. **Implement Best Practices**: Follow industry best practices for web security, including using secure headers, proper input validation, and encryption.
- 5. **Monitor & Log**: Set up logging and continuous monitoring for unusual activities to detect potential attacks in real-time.