

Scanning and Finding out Vulnerabilities

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DECLARATION

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ABSTRACT

We are more vulnerable to the dangers of cyberspace because we live in an era where most tasks can be digitized. Our presence in the digital domain has exploded, from simple operations like placing a phone call to complicated processes like financial transactions via online banking. We put our information out there before, after, and during these activities, and if it isn't secure, we are vulnerable to cyberattacks. Cyber security is a branch of study that deals with these issues. The protection of our computer network and systems from hostile activity that can harm people, software, and hardware is known as cyber security.

TASK 1

Take some websites (vulnerable websites) Scan using OWASP ZAP Tool (quick/automated)

Set of vulnerabilities - make a report with mitigation

List of Tools used

Kali Linux

Kali Linux is a security Linux distribution based on Debian that was created with computer forensics and advanced penetration testing in mind. It was created by Mati Aharoni and Devon Kearns of Offensive Security, who rewrote BackTrack. Kali Linux comes with a large number of tools that are well-suited to a variety of information security tasks, including penetration testing, security research, computer forensics, and reverse engineering.

Owasp Zap

Owasp ZAP (short for Zed Attack Proxy) is a web application security scanner that is free and open-source. It's meant for beginners as well as experienced penetration testers.

It has been designated as a Flagship project by the Open Web Application Security Project (OWASP).

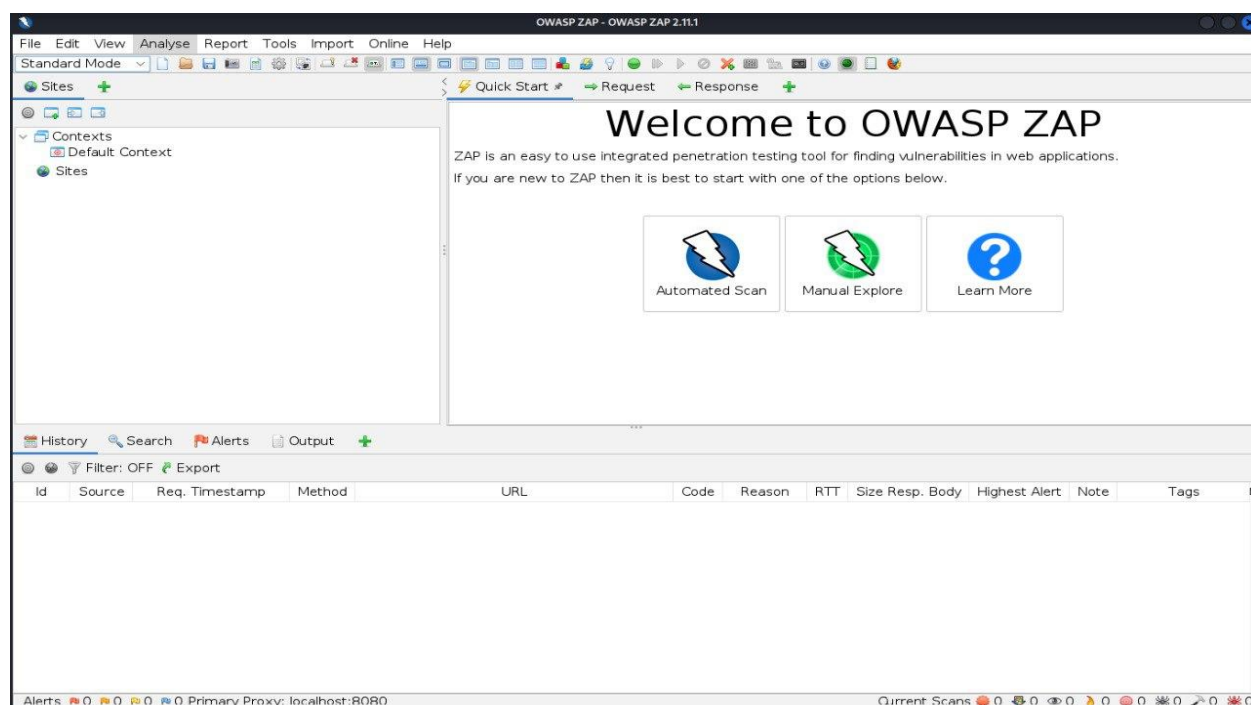
It can be used as a proxy server to modify all traffic that flows through it, including https traffic.

It can also be set up to run as a daemon, which can be controlled using a REST API.

Intercepting proxy server, Traditional and AJAX Web crawlers, Automated scanner, Passive scanner, Forced browsing, Fuzzer, WebSocket support, Scripting languages, and Plug-n-Hack support are just a few of the built-in capabilities. It offers a plugin-based design and an online "marketplace" where users can contribute new or updated functionality. The graphical user interface (GUI) control panel is simple to use.

Step 1: Opening OWASP ZAP

When OWASP ZAP eventually launches, it should look something like this.

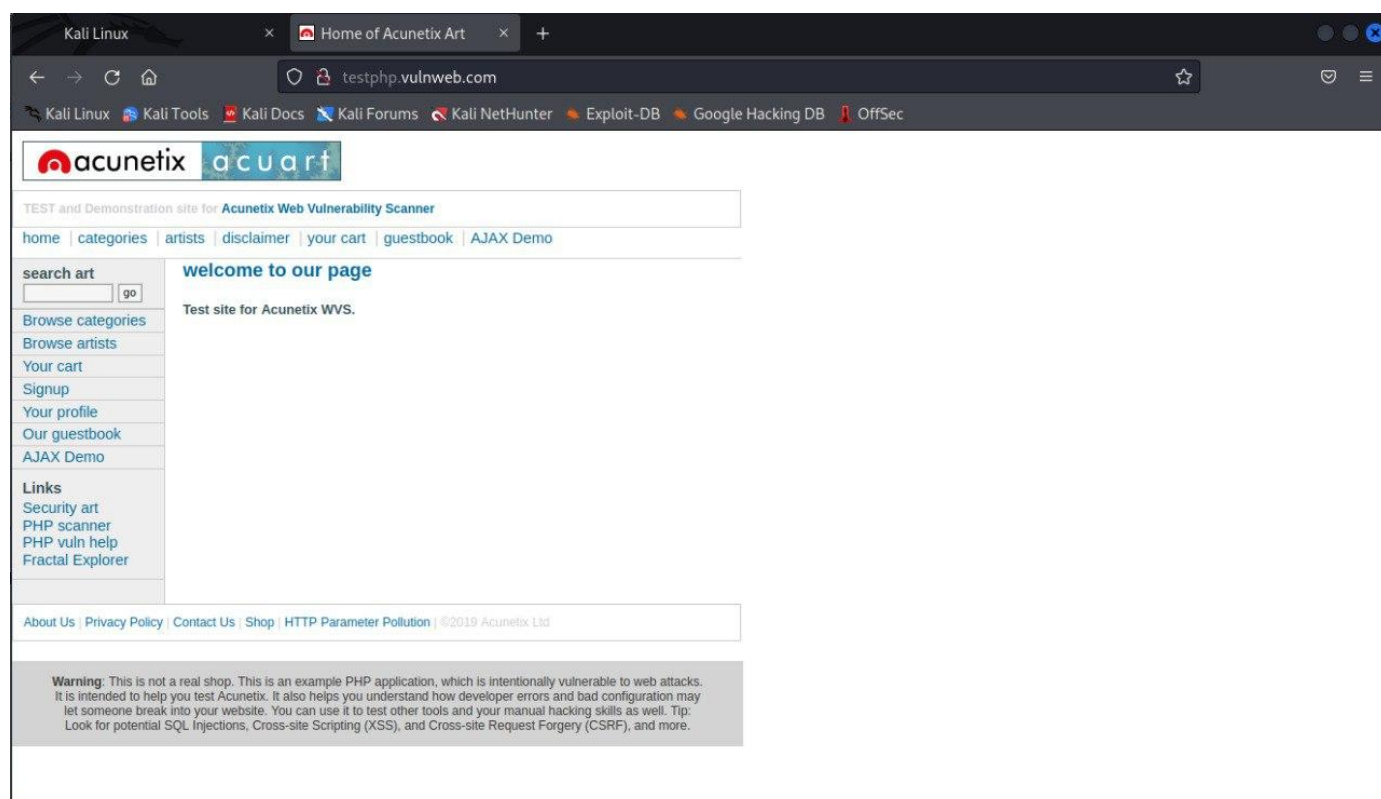


This tool has a lot of useful functions, but we'll focus on the "Automated Scan" function in the wide right-hand window for now. In this mode, OWASP ZAP goes to the website we specify and starts scanning for vulnerabilities.

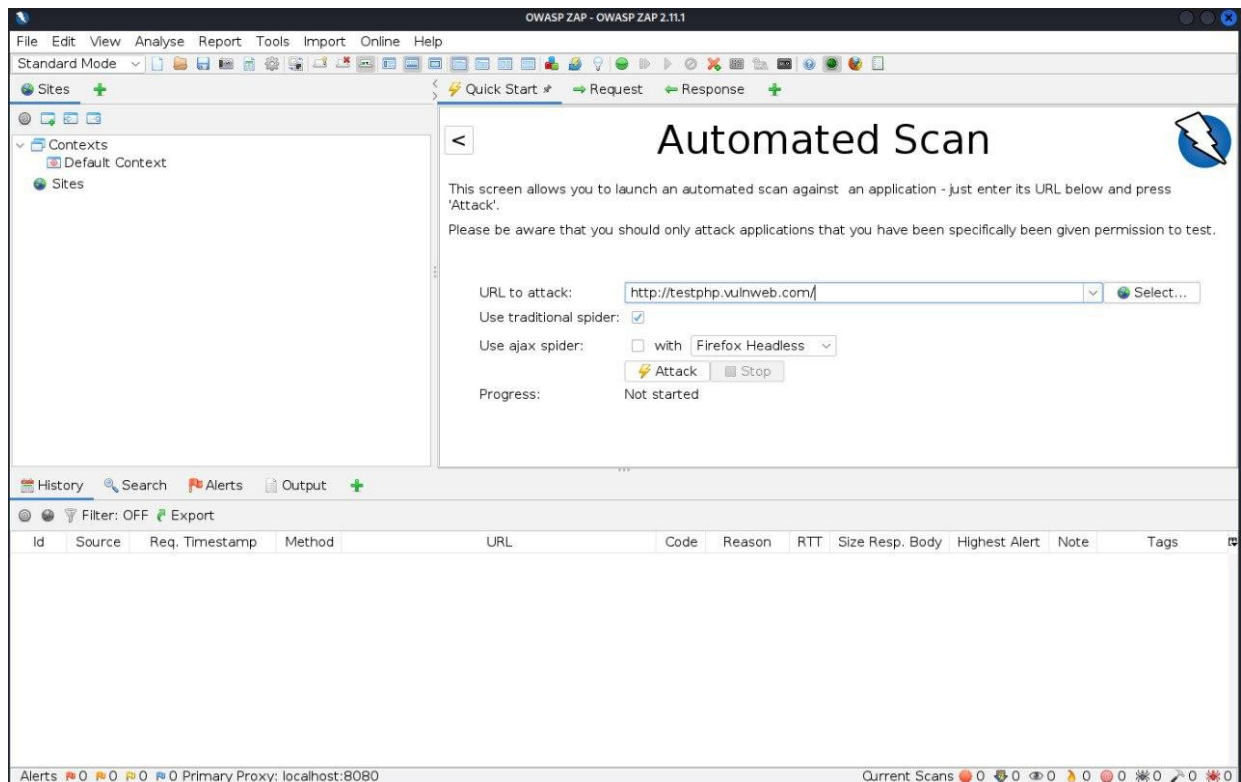
After clicking on the automated scan, it asks for the URL to attack or scan.

Step 2: Attacking a Website

Let's take a look at www.testphp.vulnweb.com/login.php, which was previously left insecure and safe to test.



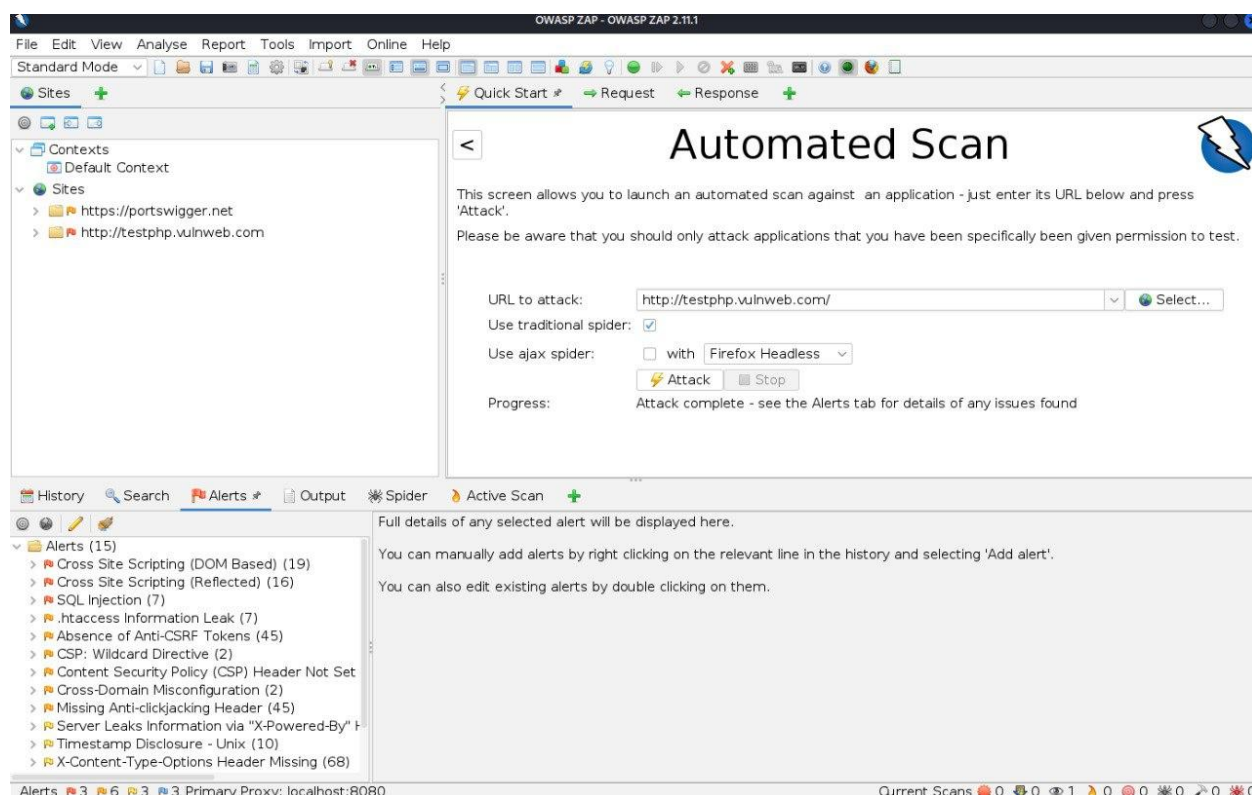
Simply type the URL into the box next to "URL to attack," then click the "Attack" button underneath it.



OWASP ZAP will now begin spidering and testing the web application for a variety of flaws.

STEP3 :Attack Result and Alerts

When it has completed its work (this can be considerable time for large websites), you should see a screen like that below.

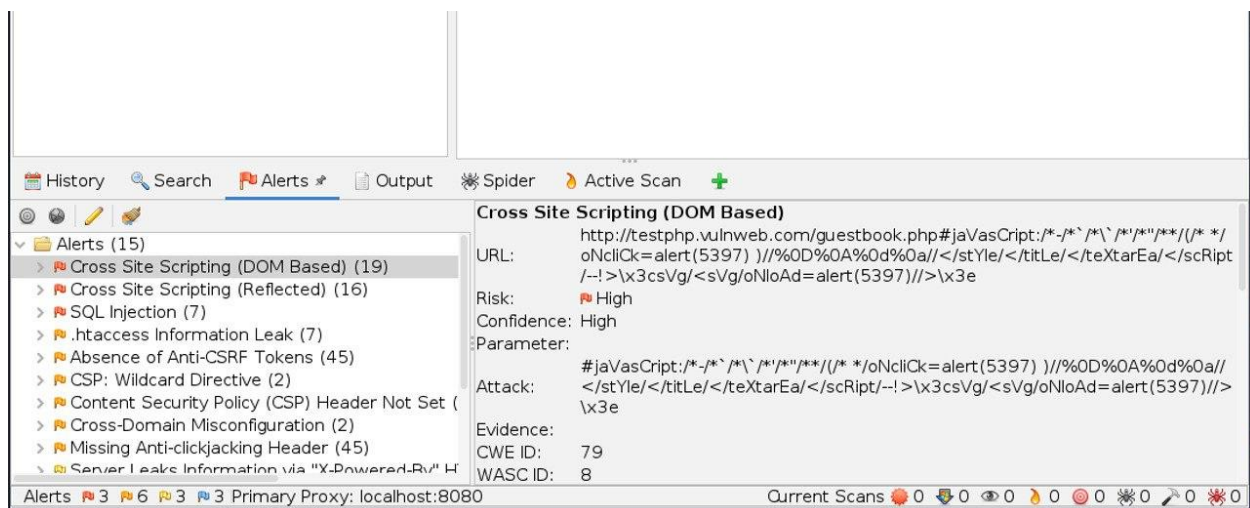


OWASP ZAP has provided us with 15 alerts, as you can see in the lower left window. The type of vulnerability is used to categorize these notifications. These are the ones in this case:

- Cross Site Scripting (DOM Based)
- Cross Site Scripting (Reflected)
- SQL Injection
- htaccess Information Leak
- Absence of Anti-CSRF Tokens
- CSP: Wildcard Directive
- Content Security Policy (CSP) Header Not Set
- Cross-Domain Misconfiguration
- Missing Anti-clickjacking Header
- Server Leaks Information via "X-Powered-By" HTTP Response Header Field(s)
- Timestamp Disclosure - Unix

- X-Content-Type-Options Header Missing
- Charset Mismatch (Header Versus Meta Content-Type Charset)
- Information Disclosure - Suspicious Comments
- Re-examine Cache-control Directives

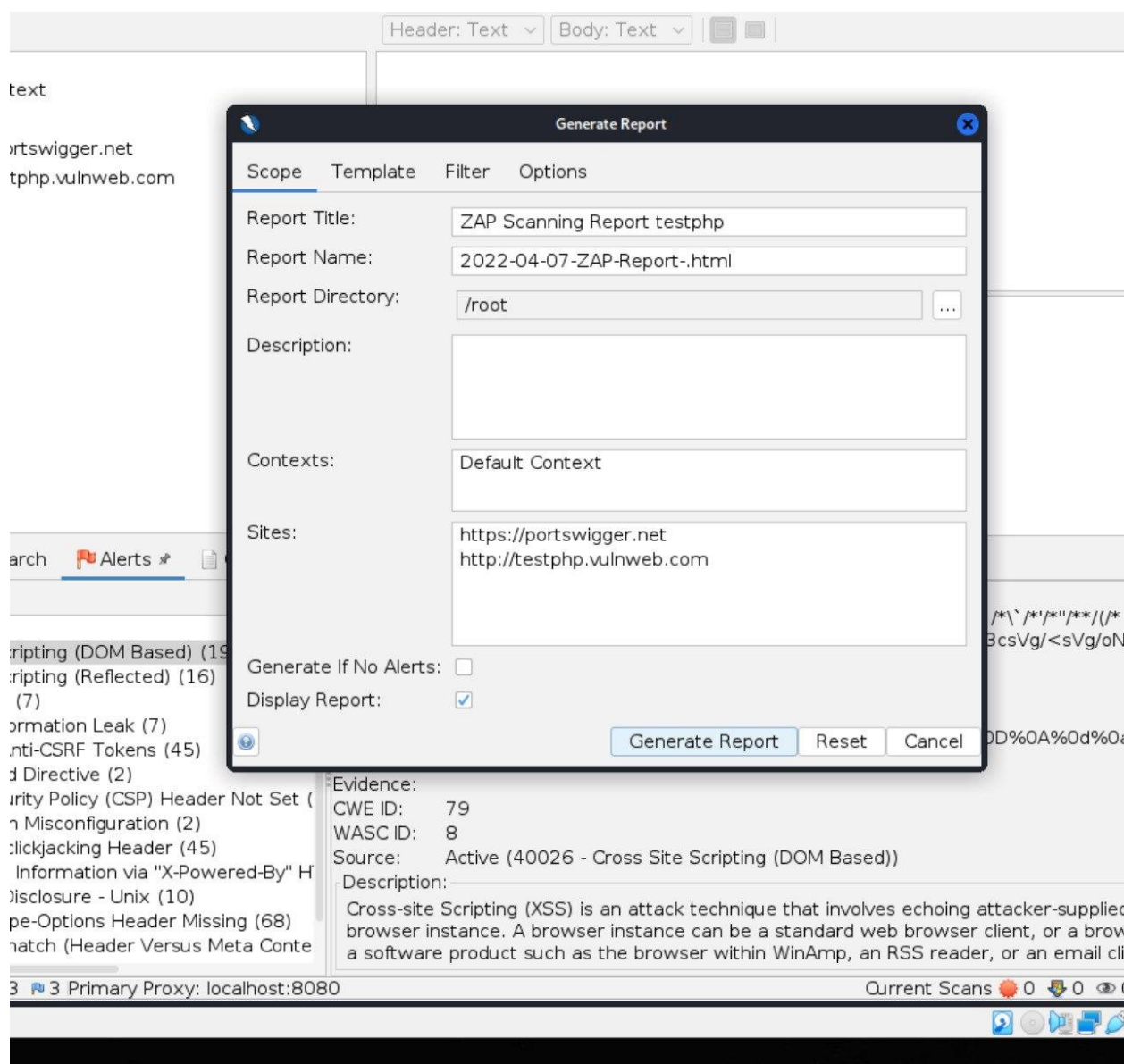
A number appears next to each kind of warning, indicating the number of occurrences of that type of vulnerability. When you click the arrow next to the alert, it expands to show you every instance of the vulnerability.



In the snapshot above, I initially clicked on the "Cross Site Scripting(DOM Based)" alert, which opened a window to the right with information representing the application's risk (High) and confidence level (High). The notice was then expanded to show each of the XSS flaws in this web app.

Of course, the next step is to test each of the reported vulnerabilities to see if they are valid.

STEP3 : Now generating report



Then it generates a full report of all the vulnerabilities found on the website, as well as an explanation of each vulnerability and the risk level connected with it. It also includes connections to resources and explanations for all of the flaws. The report also includes recommendations for how to address the vulnerabilities and make the website more secure. The report can be produced in a variety of formats. It is generated in pdf format, which is given below.

