

Common Vulnerabilities & Recommended Solutions

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Shift left refers to moving security sooner in the development process.

Your application is first line of defence



Most Common Vulnerabilities



MOST COMMON VULNERABILITIES WITH RECOMMENDED SOLUTIONS

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- Server-Side Request Forgery
- Insecure Data Transport



OPEN REDIRECTION ISSUE / URL Redirection





A link which can be manipulated to redirect to another website

Built In IsLocalURL() Method For MVC and latest versions of Dot Net.

Returns a value that indicates whether the URL is local. A URL is considered local if it does not have a host / authority part and it has an absolute path. URLs using virtual paths ('~/') are also local

Example: The following code instructs the user's browser to open a URL parsed from the dest request parameter when a user clicks the link.

String redirect = Request["dest"];
Response.Redirect(redirect);

Implementation:

```
if(Url.IsLocalUrl(returnurl))
{
  return Redirect(returnurl);
}
else
{
  return redirectToAction("Index","Home");
}
```

Extension Methods For ASP .NET Webforms and technologies that does not support Built In Methods

```
public class RequestExtensions
    System.Web.HttpRequest request = HttpContext.Current.Request;
    public bool IsLocalUrl(string url)
      if (string.IsNullOrEmpty(url))
       { return false; }
        Uri absoluteUri;
      if (Uri.TryCreate(url, UriKind.Absolute, out absoluteUri))
      { return String.Equals(request.Url.Host, absoluteUri.Host,
StringComparison.OrdinalIgnoreCase);}
      else
        bool isLocal = !url.StartsWith("http:",
StringComparison.OrdinalIgnoreCase) &&!url.StartsWith("https:",
StringComparison.OrdinalIgnoreCase) && Uri.IsWellFormedUriString(url,
UriKind.Relative);
        return isLocal;
```

CROSS SIDE SCRIPTING XSS (DOM)





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Example 1:	Recommendation:
The following jQuery code segment reads data object from an api and displays it to the user. function loadPartialToDOM(DOM, obj, api) {	Using variables in this case causes the issue, since fortify expected unsafe value in variables. Make div name fixed , and the object definition inline will do the work. var obj = []; obj.push({ LogKey: \$('#hdnlogkey').val()});



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The method sends unvalidated data to a web browser, which can result in the browser executing malicious code window.open(window.location.origin + getRootFolderPath() + '/ShutdownPlanning/NewShutDownPlan', "_self"); Recommendation: Use JavaScript URL Builder as appending URL Directly in Windows.Open is an insecure way Const params = new URL(window.location.origin + getRootFolderPath() + '/ShutdownPlanning/NewShutDownPlan'); window.open(myUrlWithParams);	<pre>var initial_nav = window.location.hash; var scrollto = \$(initial_nav).offset().top - scrolltoOffset; \$('html, body').animate({ scrollTop: scrollto }, 1500, 'easeInOutExpo'); Recommendation: Implemented hash value encoding has resolved the issue var encodedItem = encodeURIComponent(window.location.hash); if (encodedItem && encodedItem.length > 0) { var scrollto = \$(encodedItem).offset().top - scrolltoOffset; \$('html, body').animate({ scrollTop: scrollto }, 1500, 'easeInOutExpo'); }</pre>



CROSS SIDE SCRIPTING XSS (Persistent)





In the case of persisted (also known as stored) XSS it is typically a database or other back-end data store.

Example:	Recommendation:
DataTable dts = dt; List <dataitem> studentList = new List<dataitem>(); studentList = (from DataRow dr in dt.Rows</dataitem></dataitem>	Encode data source using AntiXssEncoder.HtmlEncode Method (System.Web.Security.AntiXss) DataTable dts = dt; List <dataitem> studentList = new List<dataitem>(); studentList = (from DataRow dr in dt.Rows select new DataItem() { Id = Html.Encode(Convert.ToInt32(dr["Id"])), Name = Html.Encode(dr["Name"].ToString()) }).ToList();</dataitem></dataitem>



CROSS SIDE SCRIPTING XSS (Reflected)





In the case of reflected XSS, the untrusted source is typically a web request

Recommendation: Example: protected void ddlAsset_SelectedIndexChanged(object Encode data source using AntiXssEncoder.HtmlEncode Method (using sender, EventArgs e) System.Web.Security.AntiXss) lblAssetID.Text = Html.Encode(ddlAsset.SelectedValue); try BindAreas(selectedIndex: -1, pageIndex: 0); lblAssetID.Text = ddlAsset.SelectedValue; BindAreas(selectedIndex: -1, pageIndex: 0); OR Use the code behind to make a validation, this is what we did, this way will be efficient to catch (Exception ex) get rid of the Vulnerability of the HTML input. If (user.length > 0 && rg.IsMatch(txtIWUserId.Text)) new LogException().MailException(ex); messageBox.AddMessage(ConstantVariables.ErrorMessage, uscMsgBox.enmMessageType.Error); lblAssetID.Text = (ddlAsset.SelectedValue); BindAreas(selectedIndex: -1, pageIndex: 0);



SQL Injection



A SQL injection attack involves the injection/insertion of untrusted data into a SQL query, causing a transition from the data context into the query context.

Example:	
string searchTerm = "AW00011010";	The SQL that is generated by the code will look as follows.
<pre>// BAD CODE. DO NOT USE!! string sql = \$@"SELECT EmailAddress</pre>	SELECT EmailAddress FROM dbo.DimCustomer WHERE CustomerAlternateKey = 'AW00011010' The dangers The bad code works, but why is it bad? It is easy to demonstrate the dangers of the code by changing the searchTerm variable as follows. String searchTerm = "' OR 1=1" The SQL that is generated will now look as follows. SELECT EmailAddress FROM dbo.DimCustomer WHERE CustomerAlternateKey = " OR 1=1 This query is returning over 18,000 records, a potential data leakage! By adding OR 1=1 we have specified a condition that will always evaluate to true, thus essentially removing any filtering and returning all results. The text indicates a comment. If the SQL query string in the code contained additional conditions, the double-dash would 'comment out' the rest of the SQL code so that it would have no effect on the preceding injection SQL.



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PATH MANIPULATION



Path manipulation errors occur when the following two conditions are met when An attacker can specify a path used in an operation on the file system or by specifying the resource, the attacker gains a capability that would not otherwise be permitted.

Example:

Example 1: The following code uses input from an HTTP request to create a file name. The programmer has not considered the possibility that an attacker may provide a file name like "..\\..\\Windows\\System32\\krnl386.exe", which will cause the application to delete an important Windows system file.

String rName = Request.Item("reportName");
File.delete("C:\\users\\reports\\" + rName);

Recommendations:

- Validate File path against Invalid Characters like below invlaidCharList.AddRange(new List<Char>() { '<', '>', ':', '''', '/', '|', '?', '*' });
- Restrict user to list of accepted directories string dirname = new FileInfo(path).Directory.FullName; string filename = Path.GetFileName(path); var diInfo = new DirectoryInfo(dirname); foreach (var fi in di.GetFiles("*", SearchOption.AllDirectories)) { fi.Delete(); }
- Use FileInfo to create or read file
 using (FileStream fs = files[0].OpenRead())
 {
 }
- if(!fullpath.StartsWith(Application Path)) {throw Exception();}
- Use IsPathRooted



Mass Assignment: Insecure Binder Configuration





The Issue arises when the framework binder used for binding the HTTP request parameters to the model class has not been explicitly configured to allow, or disallow, certain attributes.

Recommendations: Example: Depending on the framework used there will be different ways to control the model binding Example 1: With no additional configuration, the following ASP.NET MVC controller method will bind the HTTP request process: parameters to any attribute in the RegisterModel or Details Example 5: It is possible to control the ASP.NET MVC model binding process using opt-in classes: public ActionResult Register(RegisterModel model) approach, decorate the class with the [DataContract] attribute. If this attribute is present, members are ignored unless they have the [DataMember] attribute: return View(model); [DataContract] public class Details public Details() public class RegisterModel IsAdmin = false: public string UserName { get; set; } public string Password { get; set; } public Details Details { get; set; } [DataMember public int Id { get; set; } public class Details public bool IsAdmin { get; set; } public bool IsAdmin { get; set; }



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Header Manipulation: Cookies



Cookie Manipulation vulnerabilities occur when Data enters a web application through an untrusted source, most frequently an HTTP request and the data is included in an HTTP cookie sent to a web user without being validated.

Problem:	Recommendations:
Example: The following code segment reads the name of the author of a weblog entry, author, from an HTTP request and sets it in a cookie header of an HTTP response.	 Sanitize the input AntiXssEncoder.HtmlEncode Method (System.Web.Security.AntiXss) Microsoft Docs
string author = Author.Text;	(System: Web. Security: AntiAss) Which Osoft Docs
Cookie cookie = new Cookie("author", author);	Change mode to httponly
Assuming a string consisting of standard alphanumeric characters, such as "Jane Smith", is submitted in the request the HTTP response including this cookie might take the following form:	myHttpOnlyCookie.HttpOnly = true;
HTTP/1.1 200 OK	
Set-Cookie: author=Jane Smith	
If an attacker submits a malicious string, such as "Wiley Hacker\r\nHTTP/1.1 200 OK\r\n", then the HTTP response would be split into two responses of the following	
form:	
From Hacker:	
HTTP/1.1 200 OK	
Set-Cookie: author=Wiley Hacker	
HTTP/1.1 200 OK	



Shoulder Surfing





Some APIs that gather sensitive information can mishandle it by echoing it back to the user as he or she enters it at the input prompt.

Problem:	Recommendations:
Example 1: The following code demonstrates a model in ASP.NET that has a password property, but does not specify the DataType as a password, meaning that by default it will be shown when displayed: public class User { [Required] public int ID { get; set; [Required] public string Username { get; set; } [Required] public string Password { get; set; } } Since the property Password in Example 1 did not specify the attribute [DataType(DataType.Password)], it will not be hidden by default when displayed in the UI.	Always ensure that the appropriate flags and attributes are set correctly for any APIs that gather sensitive information, such that the sensitive information is not echoed back to the user as he or she enters it at the input prompt. Example 2: The following shows the corrected version of Example 1, such that the Password property will be hidden in the UI: public class User { [Required] public int ID { get; set; } [Required] public string Username { get; set; } [Required] [DataType(DataType.Password)] public string Password { get; set; } }



XML External Entity Injection





XML external entity injection (also known as XXE) is a web security vulnerability that allows an attacker to interfere with an application's processing of XML data.

Problem:	Recommendations:
XML parser configured does not prevent nor limit external entities resolution XmlDocument xDoc = new XmlDocument(); xDoc.LoadXml(samldata);	The XmlDocument object has an XmlResolver object within it that needs to be set to null in versions prior to 4.5.2. In versions 4.5.2 and up, this XmlResolver is set to null by default. XmlDocument xDoc = new XmlDocument(); xDoc.XmlResolver = null; xDoc.LoadXml(samldata);



Server-Side Request Forgery



A Server-Side Request Forgery (SSRF) attack involves an attacker abusing server functionality to access or modify resources

Problem:	Recommendations:
Example: In the following example, an attacker can control the URL to which the server is connecting. string url = Request.Form["url"]; HttpClient client = new HttpClient(); HttpResponseMessage response = await client.GetAsync(url); The attacker's ability to hijack the network connection depends on the specific part of the URI that can be controlled, and on the libraries used to establish the connection. For example, controlling the URI scheme lets the attacker use protocols different from http or https like: - up:// - ldap:// - jar:// - gopher:// - mailto:// - ssh2:// - telnet:// - expect://	Limit the user to specific resources by using whitelists Example: private readonly st ring[] whiteList = { "www.example.com", "example.com" }; URI remoteUrl = new Uri(url); string remoteHost = remoteUrl.Host; // Match the incoming URL against a whitelist if (!whiteList.Contains(remoteHost)) { return BadRequest(); }



Insecure Data Transport





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The application communicates with its database server over unencrypted channels and may pose a significant security risk to the company and users of that application. In this case, an attacker can modify the user entered data or even execute arbitrary SQL commands against the database server.	Most database servers offer encrypted alternatives on different ports that use SSL/TLS to encrypt all the data being sent over the wire. Always use these alternatives when possible. Most database servers offer encrypted alternatives on different ports that use SSL/TLS to encrypt all the data being sent over the wire. Always use these alternatives when possible.
Example 1: The following configuration causes the application to communicate with its database server over unencrypted channels: <connectionstrings></connectionstrings>	alternatives when possible. <connectionstrings> <add <="" connectionstring="Data Source=210.10.20.10,1433; Initial Catalog=myDataBase;User ID=myUsername;Password=myPassword; Encrypt=yes;" name="Test" td=""></add></connectionstrings>
<pre><add connectionstring="Data Source=210.10.20.10,1433; Initial Catalog=myDataBase;User ID=myUsername;Password=myPassword;" name="Test" providername="System.Data.SqlClient"></add></pre>	providerName="System.Data.SqlClient" />
	Encrypt the Connection string using command prompt







Libraries

Jquery

jquery is a package that makes things like HTML document traversal and manipulation, event handling, animation, and Ajax much simpler with an easy-to-use API that works across a multitude of browsers.

Affected versions of this package are vulnerable to Cross-site Scripting (XSS), Prototype Pollution and Denial of Service (DoS) due to removing a logic that lowercased attribute names.

Recommendation: Upgrade to version 3.5.1 or higher

· jquery-form

jquery-form is a jQuery plugin that allows you to upgrade HTML forms to use AJAX.

Affected versions of this package are vulnerable to Cross-site Scripting (XSS). The package does not sanitise AJAX responses before rendering them. Therefore, an attacker could potentially inject malicious HTML into the page.

Recommendation: Use Customer Jquery Forms instead of using jQuery-form plugin

Adminite

admin-lte is a Responsive open source admin dashboard and control panel.

Affected versions of this package are vulnerable to Cross-site Scripting (XSS) via the IFrame and Sidebar Search classes, which do not sanitize input data.

Recommendation: Upgrade admin-lte to version 3.1.0 or higher

dat.gui

dat.gui is an A lightweight graphical user interface for changing variables in JavaScript.

Affected versions of this package are vulnerable to Regular Expression Denial of Service (ReDoS) via specifically crafted rgb and rgba values.

Recommendation: Upgrade dat.gui to version 0.7.8 or higher







Libraries

Bootbox

bootbox is a JavaScript library which allows you to create programmatic dialog boxes using Bootstrap modals, without having to worry about creating, managing, or removing any of the required DOM elements or JavaScript event handlers.

Affected versions of this package are vulnerable to Cross-site Scripting (XSS). The package does not sanitize user input in the provided dialog boxes, allowing attackers to inject HTML code and execute arbitrary JavaScript.

JQuery Validation Plugin

jquery-validation is a Client-side form validation made easy

This Library is vulnerable to ReDoS

Recommendation: Upgrade to version 1.19.5

qunit 1.23.1

qunit is a JavaScript unit testing framework

Affected versions of this package are vulnerable to Cross-site Scripting (XSS).

Recommendation: Upgrade 2.9.0 or higher

date.js

This package is no longer supported and has been deprecated. To avoid malicious use Change Library, Library is deprecated since 2017

CkEditor

ckeditor is a A highly configurable WYSIWYG HTML editor.

Recommendation: Upgrade ckeditor4 to version 4.18.0 or higher.







Libraries

JSPDF

jspdf is a PDF Document creation from JavaScript

Known Issues:

Affected versions of this package are vulnerable to Regular Expression Denial of Service (ReDoS) and Cross Site Scripting (XSS)

- ReDoS: version < 2.3.1
- Cross Site Scripting (XSS): version < 2.0.0

Recommendation: Upgrade to version 2.3.1 (released on 9 Mar, 2021) or higher

bootstrap-daterangepicker

bootstrap-datepicker is vulnerable to a cross-site scripting (XSS) attack. The library does not properly handle the jQuery for the date container, allowing a malicious user to inject arbitrary Javascript.

Recommendation: Upgrade to bootstrap-daterangepicker@2.1.18







Upgrade libraries to latest version

- Storing encryption keys in plain text anywhere on the system allows anyone with sufficient permissions to read and potentially misuse the encryption key.
- processName.StartInfo.Arguments = " -user " + input + " -role user";
- AntiXssEncoder.HtmlEncode Method (System.Web.Security.AntiXss) | Microsoft Docs
- Restrict user
- Sanitize input
- Encode before sending data to browser
- Dynamic Code Evaluation

Recommendations



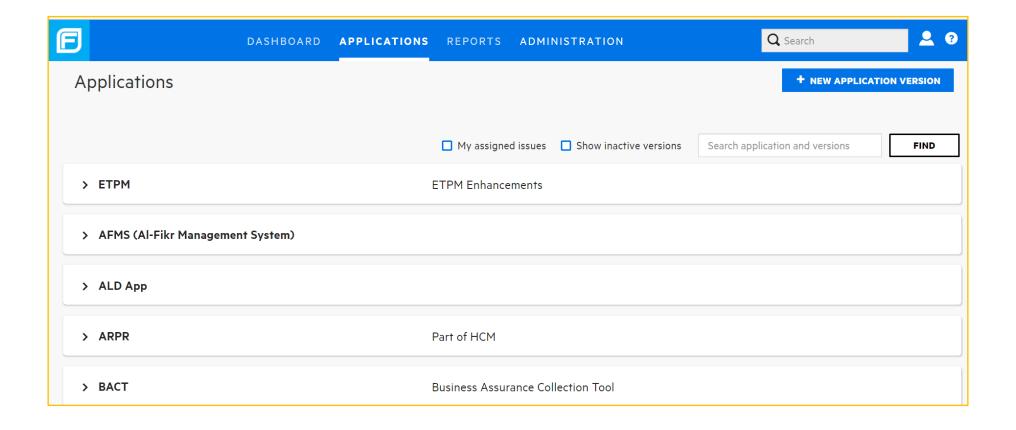
Logging in to Fortify Software Security Center

CENTER

1- In a web browser, type the URL (https://mus-as-531/ssc/) and enter your windows account credentials:



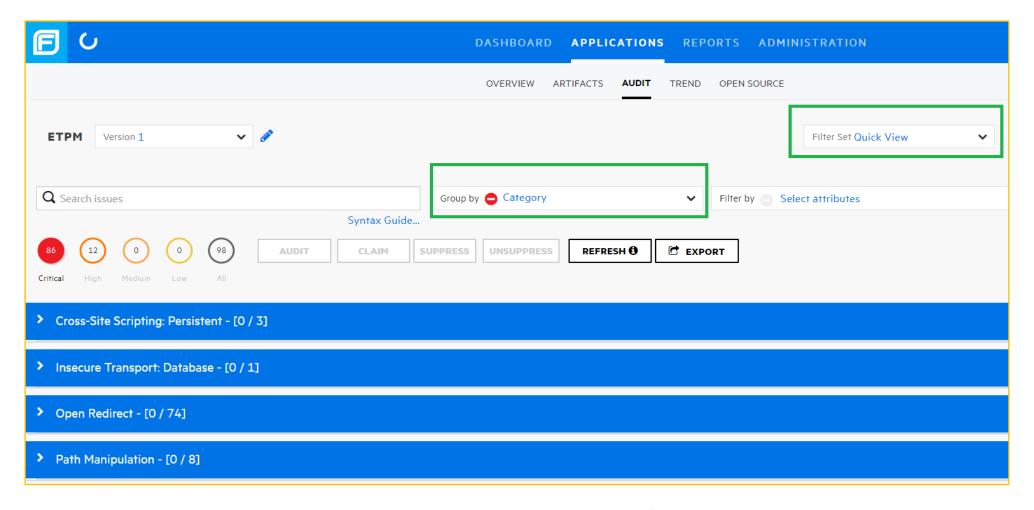
Accessing Scanned Applications in SSC Portal



2- After log in, all the current user's applications will be available



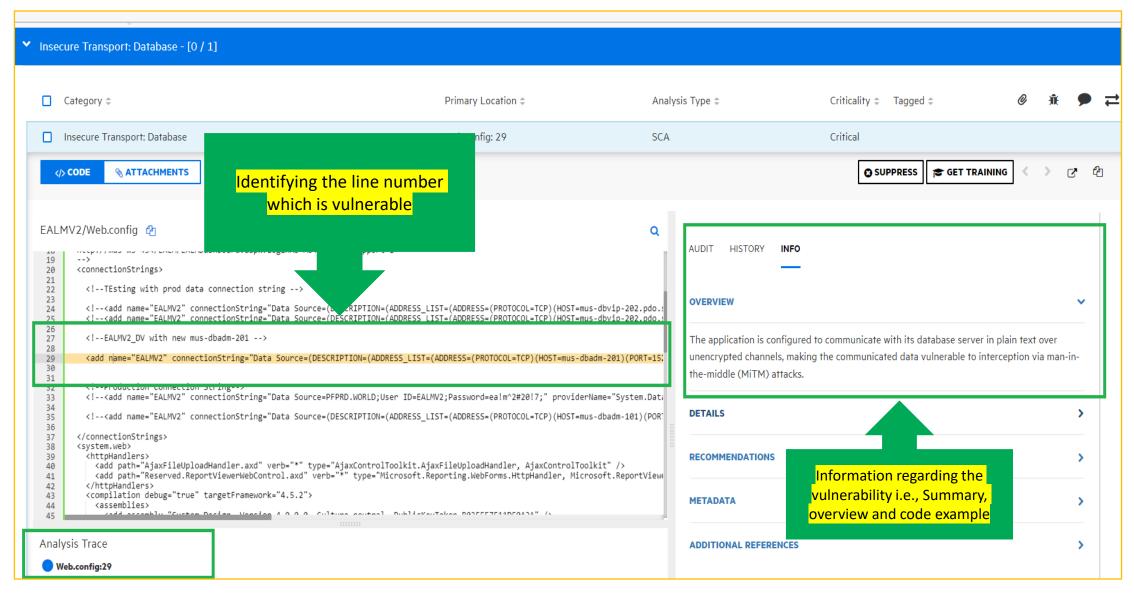
Vulnerabilities in Application



3- Expand the latest version of application

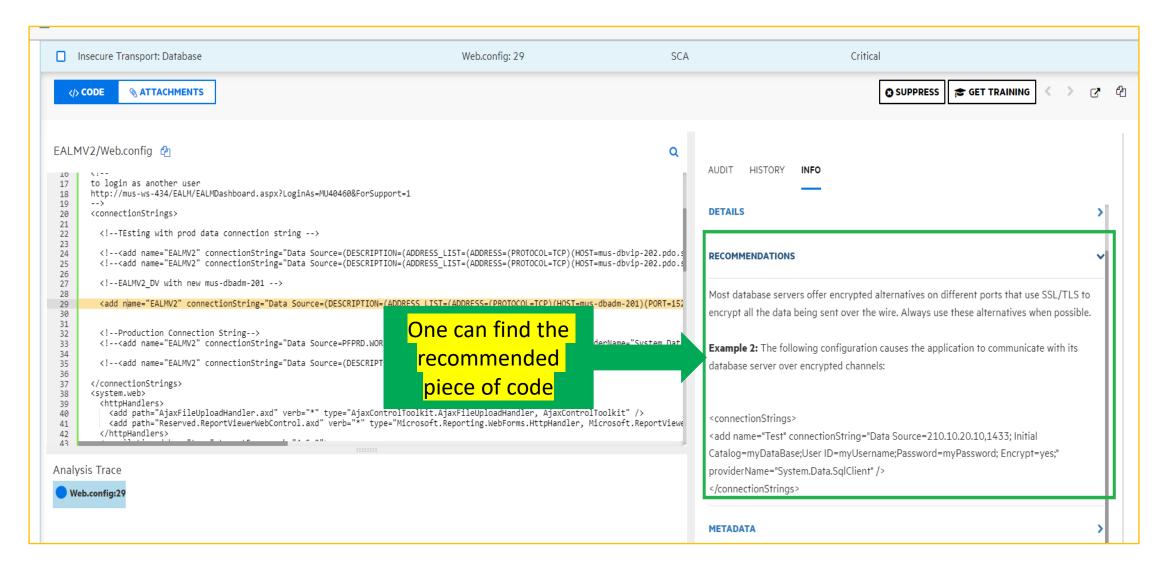


Vulnerability Details





Vulnerability Recommendations





Thank you

