



# Web hacking

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## Information gathering

- [Search engine hacking](#)
  - 🔍 [Search engine investigation](#)
    - We work exclusively, not inclusively. This means we start at the base site:target.com and exclude results we viewed. This ensures we don't miss things. We ALSO work inclusively, but it's only after working exclusively
- [Webserver fingerprint + Source code investigations](#)
  - 👉 [Fingerprinting a webserver + finding new web applications](#)
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## User emulation

- Endpoint discovery
- Enumerate any admin interfaces
  - gobuster
  - ffuf
  - discover content from burp suite pro
  - Google dorks
  - Alternative server ports
  - Look for admin interface references in the source code
- Testing HTTP methods

### Testing HTTP methods

- Testing HTTP methods
  - If PUT is supported, try to PUT a file on the server (send OPTIONS call to find out)
    - try to GET that file
- Enumeration of errors and stack traces
- Repository recon
  - github dorking
- Fingerprint the application
- Map the application architecture
- Map out integration points
- Find
  - Data flows
  - Paths
  - Race's

# Whitebox techniques

- Check in the console if anything is being logged that should not be
- Check internal logging to see if it complies to policy
  - Pay special attention to security logging
- If there is a WAF or firewall or ACL (access control list), review the ruleset
- Review the system configuration
  - Preferably a mix of automated and manual testing
- Check if a file integrity check is enabled

**Table 3-1. Review Techniques**

Technique	Capabilities
Documentation Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Evaluates policies and procedures for technical accuracy and completeness</li></ul>
Log Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provides historical information on system use, configuration, and modification</li><li>• Could reveal potential problems and policy deviations</li></ul>
Ruleset Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reveals holes in ruleset-based security controls</li></ul>
System Configuration Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Evaluates the strength of system configuration</li><li>• Validates that systems are configured in accordance with hardening policy</li></ul>
Network Sniffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monitors network traffic on the local segment to capture information such as active systems, operating systems, communication protocols, services, and applications</li><li>• Verifies encryption of communications</li></ul>
File Integrity Checking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identifies changes to important files; can also identify certain forms of unwanted files, such as well-known attacker tools</li></ul>

# Exploits

## Login system

- Test the JWT token
  - Signature Verification
    - The none signing algorithm sometimes is accepted
    - Weak HMAC Keys
    - HMAC vs Public Key Confusion

- [https://owasp.org/www-project-web-security-testing-guide/latest/4-Web\\_Application\\_Security\\_Testing/06-Session\\_Management\\_Testing/10-Testing\\_JSON\\_Web\\_Tokens](https://owasp.org/www-project-web-security-testing-guide/latest/4-Web_Application_Security_Testing/06-Session_Management_Testing/10-Testing_JSON_Web_Tokens)
- Login bypass
  - Directory brute force
  - SQLi
  - Session ID prediction
  - Remember me functionality might be able to abuse
  - XPath Injection authentication bypass
  - LDAP Injection authentication bypass
  - <https://book.hacktricks.xyz/pentesting-web/login-bypass/sql-login-bypass>
- Username enumeration
  - Does system return different response if username exists?
  - Does the system take longer to process if username is correct?
- Credentials transported over HTTP
- Default credentials
- Issues in the registration process
  - Tokens sent over plaintext?
  - DoS by entering too many characters
  - Register a user with XSS attack vector in every input field, use for further testing
- Weak password systems
- Test password reset systems
  - Add second email parameter with email of attacker
  - Any tokens sent over HTTP
  - Weak predictable tokens

- Is the user forced to reauthenticate
- SessionID in URL
- Logout should invalidate session tokens
- Validate that a hard session timeout exists.
- Weak lockout
- Is there any alternative login system
  - Oauth
  - Mobile login
  - Token login with weak tokens
- Testing for session puzzling
  - [https://owasp.org/www-project-web-security-testing-guide/latest/4-Web\\_Application\\_Security\\_Testing/06-Session\\_Management\\_Testing/08-Testing\\_for\\_Session\\_Puzzling](https://owasp.org/www-project-web-security-testing-guide/latest/4-Web_Application_Security_Testing/06-Session_Management_Testing/08-Testing_for_Session_Puzzling)
- Session hijacking
  - Request from attackers website to victims bank for example to login. The bank will possibly return session vars if bad config. This leads to attackers owning session vars now.
  - [https://owasp.org/www-project-web-security-testing-guide/latest/4-Web\\_Application\\_Security\\_Testing/06-Session\\_Management\\_Testing/09-Testing\\_for\\_Session\\_Hijacking](https://owasp.org/www-project-web-security-testing-guide/latest/4-Web_Application_Security_Testing/06-Session_Management_Testing/09-Testing_for_Session_Hijacking)

## Input validation

- XSS (See XSS topic)
- SQLi
- XXE
- Command injection
- SSTI/CSTI

- Insert `{7*7}` into every field you see, if it resolves, investigate further
- SSRF
  - Add burp collaborator URL in everywhere that URL resolves
- HTTP parameter pollution
  - [https://owasp.org/www-project-web-security-testing-guide/latest/4-Web\\_Application\\_Security\\_Testing/07-Input\\_Validation\\_Testing/04-Testing\\_for\\_HTTP\\_Parameter\\_Pollution](https://owasp.org/www-project-web-security-testing-guide/latest/4-Web_Application_Security_Testing/07-Input_Validation_Testing/04-Testing_for_HTTP_Parameter_Pollution)
- LDAP injection
- SSI (server side includes injection)
- XPath injection
- Clickjacking
- GraphQL testing

## General exploits

- RFI/LFI
- BAC
- Insecure session management
- Subdomain takeover
- Check if user role is user controllable (Can you make yourself admin)
- Authentication bypass
- Default accounts
- Password quality checks
  - No blank passwords allowed
  - Ensure strong passwords are required
- Test the cookies attributes
  - Sensitive cookies should have secure and httponly flag
  - Domain and path need to be set right

- Expires in timely manner
- SameSite Attribute
- CSRF testing
  - Only on sensitive functions, not on login/logout
- File upload testing
  - Uploading of malicious content
  - File upload restrictions
    - Changing mimetype
    - Using nullbytes
- Test integration points for overextended privileges
- Test if the browser caches sensitive information
  - Use the back button after logout timer
  - Click around after login timer
  - Check cache headers on sensitive pages
- There should not be any weak encryption used anywhere
  - Search for the following keywords to identify use of weak algorithms: MD4, MD5, RC4, RC2, DES, Blowfish, SHA-1, ECB

## Business logic flaws

- Data validation
  - example may be if I use my credit card at multiple locations very quickly it may be possible to exceed my limit if the systems are basing decisions on last night's data.
  - Identify data injection points.
  - Validate that all checks are occurring on the back end and can't be bypassed.
  - Attempt to break the format of the expected data and analyze how the application is handling it.

- Test for hidden parameters that you can change with impact.
  - For example changing account type from consumer to business
- Check for things that are only hidden in the front-end
- Check for disabled fields that are only front-end disabled
- Integrity checks
  - Review the project documentation for components of the system that move, store, or handle data.
  - Determine what type of data is logically acceptable by the component and what types the system should guard against.
  - Determine who should be allowed to modify or read that data in each component.
  - Attempt to insert, update, or delete data values used by each component that should not be allowed per the business logic workflow.
- Test functions that can only be used a limited amount of times
  - For example a coupon code that you should only be applying one time but that's just a front-end check
- If something gets added to account and should be withdrawn again, check if it is.
  - For example if you order an item but cancel the order, your loyatee points should go down as well.

## XSS

### General

- All XSS must also be viewed via an admin interface if that is available
- ""><img src=x> into every field or your own attack vector as soon as you register to passively test a little bit for HTMLi, HTML tag injection and JS injection
- Blind XSS is just stored XSS that the user can not view the result of
- Cheat sheet available

## Reflected XSS

- Design step
  - Find a foothold
    - Identify ALL the user controllable parameters
      - HTTP parameters
      - POST parameters
      - POST data
      - Hidden fields
      - Predefined radio or selection value
    - Identify where a value is reflected on the page
      - Pay attention to the context
        - JS context
          - \n (new line)
          - \r (carriage return)
          - ' (apostrophe or single quote)
          - " (double quote)
          - \ (backslash)
          - \uXXXX (unicode values)
        - HTML injection
          - > (greater than)
          - < (less than)
          - & (ampersand)
          - ' (apostrophe or single quote)
          - " (double quote)
        - HTML tag attribute
          - > (greater than)

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    - ` (backtick)
  - ...
    - Craft an attack vector for the specific context
- Attacker creates and tests an offending URI
  - Sometimes filters are in place
  - Figure out what filters exist
  - See if we can get around them
  - **Sometimes <script> might be filtered**
    - **But %3cscript%3e not where**  
 %3c = <  
 %3e = >
- Social engineering step
  - Attacker gets victim to click link and execute XSS
- Execution step
  - Make sure the XSS has impact and be realistic
  - Specific exploit gets executed
    - I.E. cookie stealing
    - I.E. executing JS function
    - I.E. Stealing data on a page

## Stored XSS

- Design step
  - Find a foothold
    - Identify the stored input and where it is reflected in the client side

- Hidden fields
- POST parameters
- headers
- cookies
- ...
- Tester must define all user controller variables and parameters
- Identify where a value is reflected on the page
  - Pay attention to the context
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## DOM XSS

See [DOM XSS](#)

## Extras

- Contact form
  - Rate limiting (spammer prevention)
  - CAPTCHA bypass (spammer prevention)

- Application level DoS
  - Enter big input one time
  - Enter decent size input many times
  - Application lockout should apply on sensitive areas such as login
  - Application lockout may not be triggered by users for others

● Enumeration of errors and stack traces