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Penetration Test 2019

Dear Reader,

We conducted our yearly penetration test in December 2019 with very convincing results. No major leaks were detected, and all other findings have been corrected.



Our penetration test partner for the test was CODE WHITE, one of the leading PEN-test companies in Germany for thorough testing of applications and IT environments.

They provided the following short statement regarding the test:

itdesign GmbH contracted an offensive cybersecurity company specialized in providing realistic attacker simulations to perform a holistic but non-exhaustive application penetration test against the Meisterplan web application. The main goal was to identify vulnerabilities that could harm the company, customers or even allow an anonymous attacker to breach perimeter into internal networks ranges of itdesign GmbH via the Internet.

The test has been carried out from a black-box perspective, that is, neither source code nor other detailed information was given beforehand. At a later stage of the engagement, itdesign GmbH provided a set of API endpoints in order to facilitate the process of API endpoint enumeration.

Ultimately it was not possible to compromise the overall security of the application under test or gain access to sensitive data within the time frame of 5 days allocated to the assessment.

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Nevertheless, some minor issues have been identified:

** the logon mechanism did not successfully prevent so called 'password-spraying' attacks which try to leverage the usage of weak passwords.*

** under certain circumstances the reporting functionality, which provided read access to a PostgreSQL database, might lead to a privilege escalation giving an attacker administrative rights to the affected Meisterplan instance.*

After reporting these findings, both issues have been successfully mitigated by itdesign GmbH in close cooperation with the testing provider.

The response time of technical as well as management staff was typically short. itdesign GmbH were friendly and open minded throughout the whole assessment including feedback sessions. Security related topics have been well understood and subsequently acted upon with a mature mindset.

The detailed report may be shared under a confidentiality agreement and upon request.

Sincerely,

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