



SECURITY ASSESSMENT REPORT

# External Attack Surface Analysis

example.com

March 15, 2026 · 12 modules · 890s scan time · 8 findings

● **CRITICAL** | 1 Critical 2 High 4 Medium 1 Low

SUBDOMAINS  
**16**  
discovered

LIVE HOSTS  
**6**  
responding

OPEN PORTS  
**6**  
detected

SSL GRADE  
**B**  
needs work

## 01 Executive Summary

This report presents the results of a security assessment of **example.com**, conducted on March 15, 2026. The assessment utilized 12 scanning modules across 890 seconds of active testing.

A total of **8 findings** were identified: **1 critical**, **2 high**, **4 medium**, and **1 low** severity issues. The overall risk level is assessed as **CRITICAL**.

## 02 Attack Surface

### LIVE HOSTS

URL	STATUS	TITLE	TECHNOLOGY
https://example.com	200	Example Domain	Cloudflare, Nginx
https://www.example.com	200	Example Domain	Cloudflare, Nginx
https://api.example.com	200	API Gateway	Express, Node.js
https://admin.example.com	403	Forbidden	Nginx
https://staging.example.com	200	Staging Environment	React, Next.js, Vercel
https://blog.example.com	200	Company Blog	WordPress, PHP, MySQL

### OPEN PORTS

HOST	PORT	SERVICE	VERSION
example.com	80	http	nginx 1.24.0
example.com	443	https	nginx 1.24.0
example.com	22	ssh	OpenSSH 8.9p1
example.com	8080	http-proxy	—
api.example.com	443	https	Express
api.example.com	3000	http	Node.js

## 03 Vulnerability Findings

### MEDIUM Missing HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS)

https://example.com

The server does not set the Strict-Transport-Security header. This allows attackers to perform protocol downgrade attacks and intercept traffic via man-in-the-middle.

#### REMIEDIATION

Add the header: Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains; preload

Module: headers

### MEDIUM Missing Content-Security-Policy Header

https://example.com

No Content-Security-Policy header is set, leaving the application vulnerable to XSS attacks and data injection.

#### REMIEDIATION

Implement a strict CSP. Start with: Content-Security-Policy: default-src 'self'; script-src 'self'

Module: headers

### LOW SPF Record Uses Softfail (~all)

example.com

The SPF record uses ~all (softfail) instead of -all (hardfail). Spoofed emails may still be delivered to inboxes.

#### REMIEDIATION

Change the SPF record from ~all to -all after confirming all legitimate sending sources are included.

Module: dns

### CRITICAL WordPress Core RCE — CVE-2024-12345

https://blog.example.com

WordPress version 6.2.1 is vulnerable to an unauthenticated Remote Code Execution via the REST API. An attacker can execute arbitrary PHP code on the server.

```
POST /wp-json/wp/v2/posts HTTP/1.1
Host: blog.example.com

{"content":"<?php system('id'); ?>","status":"publish"}

Response: uid=33(www-data) gid=33(www-data)
```

#### REMIEDIATION

Immediately update WordPress to version 6.4+ and review all existing posts for injected content. Consider WAF rules to block exploit attempts.

CVSS: 9.8 CWE-94 OWASP: A03:2021 — Injection Module: nuclei

### HIGH Staging Environment Publicly Accessible

https://staging.example.com

The staging environment is accessible from the public internet without authentication. It may contain test data, debug information, or unreleased features that could be exploited.

#### REMIEDIATION

Restrict access to staging via IP whitelist, VPN, or HTTP Basic Auth. Never expose staging environments to the public internet.

Module: httpx

**HIGH** API CORS Misconfiguration — Wildcard Origin

https://api.example.com

The API returns Access-Control-Allow-Origin: \* with Access-Control-Allow-Credentials: true. This allows any website to make authenticated requests to the API on behalf of the user.

```
curl -H "Origin: https://evil.com" https://api.example.com/user

Access-Control-Allow-Origin: https://evil.com
Access-Control-Allow-Credentials: true
```

**REMIEDIATION**

Configure CORS to only allow trusted origins. Never use wildcard (\*) with credentials.

CVSS: 7.5    CWE-346    OWASP: A05:2021 — Security Misconfiguration    Module: nuclei

**MEDIUM** TLS 1.0 Protocol Still Enabled

example.com

The server still accepts TLS 1.0 connections, which has known vulnerabilities (BEAST, POODLE) and is deprecated by all major browsers.

**REMIEDIATION**

Disable TLS 1.0 and 1.1 in your web server configuration. Only allow TLS 1.2 and 1.3.

CVSS: 5.3    CWE-326    Module: testssl

**MEDIUM** Admin Panel Accessible (403 Forbidden)

https://admin.example.com

An admin panel was discovered at admin.example.com. While it returns 403, the server confirms its existence. Attackers may attempt bypass techniques or brute-force authentication.

**REMIEDIATION**

Return 404 instead of 403 to avoid confirming the existence of admin interfaces. Better: remove from public DNS entirely.

Module: ffuf

**04** SSL/TLS Configuration

example.com

**B**

Protocols: TLSv1.2, TLSv1.3

Issuer: Let's Encrypt Authority X3

Valid until: Jun 15 23:59:59 2026 GMT

⚠ TLSv1.0 still enabled — should be disabled

⚠ HSTS header not set — susceptible to protocol downgrade

**05** Security Headers

https://example.com

**Score: 45/100**

HEADER	STATUS	VALUE
Strict-Transport-Security	X Missing	-

HEADER	STATUS	VALUE
Content-Security-Policy	X Missing	-
X-Frame-Options	✓ Present	SAMEORIGIN
X-Content-Type-Options	✓ Present	nosniff
X-XSS-Protection	✓ Present	1; mode=block
Permissions-Policy	X Missing	-
Referrer-Policy	X Missing	-
Cross-Origin-Opener-Policy	X Missing	-

### Risk Assessment

The external attack surface of example.com presents **significant security concerns** that require immediate attention.

### Critical Findings

The WordPress installation at blog.example.com is running a critically vulnerable version (6.2.1) with a known RCE exploit. This is the highest priority remediation item — an attacker could compromise the server within minutes using publicly available exploit code.

### Attack Chains

#### Chain 1: Blog Compromise → Lateral Movement

1. Exploit WordPress RCE on blog.example.com
2. Access internal network from compromised server
3. Pivot to API servers or database

#### Chain 2: CORS + Staging → Data Theft

1. Exploit CORS misconfiguration on api.example.com
2. Craft phishing page that makes authenticated API requests
3. Exfiltrate user data from victim's session

### Recommendations (Priority Order)

1. **IMMEDIATE** — Patch WordPress to latest version
2. **IMMEDIATE** — Restrict staging.example.com access
3. **URGENT** — Fix CORS configuration on API
4. **SOON** — Implement HSTS and CSP headers
5. **PLANNED** — Disable TLS 1.0, harden SPF/DMARC

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### OWASP Top 10

2 violation(s)

- X A03:2021 — Injection
- X A05:2021 — Security Misconfiguration

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### PCI DSS 4.0

5 violation(s)

- X Req 2.2.4: TLS 1.0/1.1 enabled (must use TLS 1.2+)
- X Req 6.5.7: Cross-site scripting (XSS) risk — missing CSP
- X Req 6.5.10: Missing security headers weaken client protections
- X Req 4.1: Unencrypted credentials exposed in configuration files
- X Req 5.4.1: Anti-phishing controls insufficient (missing SPF/DMARC)

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### GDPR

4 violation(s)

- X Art. 32: Missing HSTS/security headers — data in transit not adequately protected
- X Art. 25: No CSP header — privacy by design violation
- X Art. 5(1)(f): Configuration files with credentials publicly accessible
- X Art. 32: Missing email authentication enables domain spoofing for social engineering

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### ISO 27001

5 violation(s)

- X A.12.6.1 — Technical vulnerability management: critical/high findings unresolved
- X A.14.1.2 — Securing application services: missing HTTP security headers
- X A.13.1.1 — Network controls: DNS security misconfiguration
- X A.9.4.1 — Information access restriction: sensitive files publicly accessible
- X A.13.1.3 — Segregation in networks: excessive exposed services

## 07 Methodology

This assessment was performed using VulnScan Pro's automated scanning pipeline, consisting of 12 specialized security modules.

MODULE	STATUS	DURATION
subfinder	✓ OK	31.7s
certTransparency	✓ OK	2.1s
httpx	✓ OK	50.5s
nmap	✓ OK	14.8s
testssl	✓ OK	12.5s
headers	✓ OK	23.8s
dns	✓ OK	30.7s
wafw00f	✓ OK	52.1s
whatweb	✓ OK	39.4s
nuclei	✓ OK	3.3s
nikto	✓ OK	58.0s
ffuf	✓ OK	38.9s

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