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## **1.0 Project Definition**

## 1.1 Definition

In line with PayNet's security enhancement initiative, the **IT Security Engineer (ITSE)** has been tasked to perform a detailed web security posture assessment of Paynet's **BO Portal**. To perform the test, the ITSE was provided access to a UAT system.

It is important to note that this report represents a snapshot of the security of the environment assessed at a point in time. Conditions may have improved, deteriorated, or remained the same since this assessment was completed.

This testing effort took place on **2 August 2021** and concluded on **5 August 2021**. This report is being presented to show the full results of the testing efforts and to make recommendations where appropriate.

## 1.2 Objective

The ITSE performed a Web Application Penetration Test to:

- Identify the surface of the attack of the systems undergoing the Penetration Testing exercise.
- Identify the vulnerabilities of the systems undergoing the Penetration Testing exercise.
- Determine the feasibility of a set of attack vectors.
- Provide evidence of the real status of the systems to the management of the company.



## 2.0 Executive Summary

## 2.1 Background

This report presents the results of the "Grey Box" penetration testing for PayNet's BO Portal. The recommendations provided in this report are structured to facilitate remediation of the identified security risks.

Evaluation ratings compare information gathered during the engagement to "best in class" criteria for security standards. The IT Security Engineer (ITSE) believes that the statements made in this document provide an accurate assessment of PayNet current security as it relates to infrastructure and network perimeter.

The ITSE highly recommends reviewing the section of the summary of business risks and High-Level Recommendations for a better understanding of risks and discovered security issues.

Scope	Security Level	Grade
PAYNET BO Portal	Good	В

The IT Security Engineer (ITSE) Grading Criteria:

Grade	Security	Criteria Description				
Α	Excellent	The security exceeds "Industry Best Practice" standards. The				
		overall posture was found to be excellent with only a few low-				
		risk findings identified.				
В	Good	The security meets with accepted standards for "Industry Best				
		Practice". The overall posture was found to be strong with only				
		a handful of medium and low-risk shortcomings identified.				
С	Fair	Current solutions protect some areas of the enterprise from				
		security issues. Moderate changes are required to elevate the				
		discussed areas to "Industry Best Practice" standards				
D	Poor	Significant security deficiencies exist. Immediate attention				
		should be given to the discussed issues to address the exposures				
		identified. Major changes are required to elevate to "Industry				
		Best Practice" standards.				
F	Inadequate	Serious security deficiencies exist. Shortcomings were identified				
		throughout most or even all of the security controls examined.				
		Improving security will require a major allocation of resources.				



## 2.2 Scope of Security Assessment

The scope of this assessment was limited to a TSP UAT web application portal. This is a BO Portal and the specific instantiation of the portal ITSE was asked to test was for the PayNet Network.

The landing page to the application under review was at the following addresses:

BO Application	URL
External Portal	https://rppportalp2uat.paynet.com.my/common/Login.do
Internal Portal	http://172.16.100.71:8080/common/Login.do

\*\* Internal and External portal was running the same version but different DB

The testing included both unauthenticated as well as authenticated testing. For this testing, the ITSE was provided with 5 unique accounts for the BO Portal. These accounts were used to test the applications of internal and external security controls. These accounts are listed in the table below.

Account Name	Role	Category
Paynet Admin	adminmaker1@paynet.my	External Portal
Merchant Maker	husna.aqeela2010@gmail.com	
Merchant Checker	qaleefhakimi@gmail.com	Internal Dortal
Bank Maker	mbbbankmaker@mbb.com	internal Portai
Bank Checker	mbbbankchecker@mbb.com	



## 2.3 Assessment Methodology

The Penetration Testing Methodology is grounded on the following guides and standards:

- 1. Penetration Testing Execution Standard
- 2. OWASP Top 10 Application Security Risks 2017
- 3. OWASP Testing Guide

The ITSE strongly avoids exploiting the vulnerabilities related to the Denial of Service (DOS) attack, as it may cause service disruption to critical services. Among the checks performed over the Web Application, the following checks related to the most common vulnerabilities (OWASP Top 10) were included:

A1 - Injection	<ul> <li>Injection flaws, such as SQL, NoSQL, OS, and LDAP injection</li> <li>Occur when untrusted data is sent to an interpreter as part of a command or query.</li> </ul>
A2 - Broken Authentication	<ul> <li>Application functions related to authentication and session management are often implemented incorrectly.</li> </ul>
A3 - Sensitive Data Exposure	<ul> <li>Many web applications and APIs do not properly protect sensitive data, such as financial, healthcare, and PII.</li> <li>Attackers may steal or modify such weakly protected data to conduct credit card fraud, identity theft, or other crimes.</li> </ul>
A4 - XML External Entities (XXE)	<ul> <li>Many older or poorly configured XML processors evaluate external entity references within XML documents.</li> </ul>
A5 - Broken Access Control	<ul> <li>Restrictions on what authenticated users are allowed to do are often not properly enforced.</li> </ul>
A6 - Security Misconfiguration	<ul> <li>This is commonly a result of insecure default configurations, incomplete or ad hoc configurations, open cloud storage, misconfigured HTTP headers, and verbose error messages containing sensitive information.</li> </ul>
A7 - Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)	• XSS flaws occur whenever an application includes untrusted data in a new web page without proper validation or escaping, or updates an existing web page with user-supplied data using a browser API that can create HTML or JavaScript.
A8 - Insecure Deserialization	Insecure deserialization often leads to remote code execution.
A9 - Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities	<ul> <li>If a vulnerable previleged component is exploited, such an attack can facilitate serious data loss or server takeover.</li> </ul>
A10 - Insufficient Logging & Monitoring	<ul> <li>Insufficient logging and monitoring, coupled with missing or ineffective integration with incident response, allows attackers to further attack systems, maintain persistence, pivot to more systems, and tamper, extract, or destroy data.</li> </ul>



## 2.4 Severity Scoring

The ITSE follows the Common Vulnerability Scoring System Version 3.0 (CVSS v3.0) scoring system to rate vulnerabilities. The CVSS assessment measures three areas of concern:

- Base Metrics for qualities intrinsic to a vulnerability
- Temporal Metrics for characteristics that evolve over the lifetime of vulnerability
- Environmental Metrics for vulnerabilities that depend on an implementation or environment

For more information on what the Base, Temporal, and Environment Metrics in the CVSS scoring system are, please visit:

#### https://www.first.org/cvss/calculator/3.0

Unless otherwise stated, the findings in the report are scored on the base-metric rating of the vulnerability. The ITSE may consider Environmental and Temporal Metrics depending on the information provided at project initiation and if this is a mandatory reporting requirement.

<b>X</b>	Critical ( 9.0 - 10.0 ) •Immediate threat to key business processes.
<b>⊗</b> ×	High ( 7.0 - 8.9 ) •Direct threat to key business processes
Â	Medium ( 4.0 - 6.9 ) •Indirect threat to key business processes or partial threat to business processes
Â	<ul> <li>Low (0.1 - 3.9)</li> <li>No direct threat exists. Vulnerability may be exploited using other vulnerabilities.</li> </ul>
í	<ul> <li>None (0.0)</li> <li>This finding does not indicate vulnerability, but states a comment that notifies about design flaws and improper implementation that might cause a problem in the long run</li> </ul>





## 2.5 Performed Tests

Application penetration test includes all the items in the OWASP API Security Top 10 and more. The penetration tester remotely tries to compromise the OWASP API Top 10 flaws. The flaws listed by OWASP in its most recent Top 10 and the status of the application against those are depicted in the table below.

Criteria Label	Status		
A1 – Injection	😳 PASS		
A2 - Broken Authentication	😳 PASS		
A3 - Sensitive Data Exposure	😳 PASS		
A4 - XML External Entities (XXE)	😳 PASS		
A5 - Broken Access Control	😨 FAIL		
A6 - Security Misconfiguration	😳 PASS		
A7 - Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)	• PASS		
A8 - Insecure Deserialization	😳 PASS		
A9 - Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities	😨 FAIL		
A10 - Insufficient Logging & Monitoring	PASS		

\*\*\*\* OWASP for Web Application does not specifically include rate-limiting vulnerability in the Top 10 chart.



## 2.6 Overall Findings

Throughout the assessment, the ITSE discovered **1 Medium**, and **2 Low** Severity security findings. The brief descriptions of each covered all possible tests, initiated from the automated tools, and finished with manual testing and exploitation attempts. The overall assessment summary is as below:

Domain	Critical	High	Medium	Low
Internal Portal	-	-	1	2
External Portal	-	-	-	-
Total Vulnerability	-	-	1	2

## 2.7 Overall Vulnerability Distribution

The following table shows the overall risk assessment result summary.

#### Internal User Portal

Chapter	Findings	Severity	Page	Current Status
3.1.1	Authenticated IDOR: Merchant User Maintenance	Medium	13	OPEN
3.1.2	Authenticated IDOR: Merchant Audit Trail	Low	15	OPEN
3.1.3	Usage of Vulnerable Components	Low	17	OPEN

The following charts group discovered vulnerabilities by OWASP vulnerability type, and by overall estimated severity.





#### **3.0 Web Application Penetration Test Findings**

#### 3.1 Internal User Portal

#### 3.1.1 Authenticated IDOR: Merchant User Maintenance

OWASP Category	A5-Broken Access Control	Severity Score	/1 Medium (4.4)
CVSS V3 Vector String	CVSS:3.0/AV:N/AC:H/PR:L/UI:R/S:C/C:L/I:N/A:L		
Affected URL	<ul> <li>http://172.16.100.71:8080/ss112/merchantUserDeleteConfirm.do?m erchantUserId=1454&amp;SECONDARY_TOKEN={random token}</li> <li>http://172.16.100.71:8080/ss112/merchantUserDetails.do?merchant UserId=1454&amp;SECONDARY_TOKEN={random token}</li> <li>http://172.16.100.71:8080/ss112/merchantUserDetailsEdit.do?merc hantUserId=1454&amp;SECONDARY_TOKEN={random token}</li> </ul>		

#### **Description**

An insecure direct object reference occurs when an attacker gains direct access by using user-supplied input to an object that has no authorization to access. Attackers can bypass the authorization mechanism to access resources in the system directly by exploiting this vulnerability.

The ITSE discovered that the tested application was vulnerable to this vulnerability and the detail of it were discussed in the PoC section.

#### **Proof of Concept (POC)**

#### **Credential**

#### Merchant: Aressa Education || User: Aqila Husna || Role: Merchant Maker

#### View another user information

- 1. Go to the Merchant User Maintenance module and Click Search.
- 2. On Result output, choose 💌 icon and intercept the request.
- 3. Change the **merchantUserId** value to any other valid number and we now can view any user from any company information. This number can be guessed or brute-forced.



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Forward	Drop	Intercept is on	Action	Open Browse	r
Pretty Raw Hex	\n ≡				
GET /ssll2/me	rchantUserDeta	uls.do?merchantUse	rId=1674kSECOND	ARY TOKEN	d8a2b1c97785e32e238b064
2 Host: 172.16.	100.71:8080			_	
3 Upgrade-Insec	ure-Requests:	1			
4 User-Agent: 1	ozilla/5.0 (Wi	ndows NT 10.0; Win	64; x64) App. 4	ebKit/537.34	(KHTML, like Gecko) Ch
5 Accept: text/	html, applicati	on/xhtml+xml, appli-	cation/xml;q=0.	image/avi:	f,image/webp,image/apng,
	. //122 16 100	71:8080/ssll2/merc	hantUserMain.do		
6 Referer: http	.//1/2.10.100.				
6 Referer: http 7 Accept-Encodi	ng: gzip, defl	ate			
6 Referer: http 7 Accept-Encodi 8 Accept-Langua	ng: gzip, defl ge: en-US,en;q	ate =0.9			Changestalus
6 Referer: http 7 Accept-Encodi	ng: gzip, defl	ate			
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6 Referer: http 7 Accept-Encodi 8 Accept-Langua 9 Cookie: JSESS 0 Connection: 0 1	ng: gzip, defl ge: en-US,en;q IONID=fl0I274s lose	ate =0.9 JT74ef51Xxq1Rr_Kp2	qoICwWD0S9rQ9r.)	EAP-7a	Change value

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Merch	ant User Maintenance	
1		
	<ul> <li>Merchant User Maintenance - Details</li> </ul>	
	Merchant User ID  Iilimove.test@gmail.com Merchant User Name	User Access
	Lii May Fmail	Change Own Password
	Illimove.test@gmail.com	Merchants Enquiry
	Merchant LALAMOVE SDN BHD	Edit Merchant Profile
2	Department Staff ID	Suspend Merchant Profile     Terminate Merchant Profile
	Official Contact No 045672344	Activate Merchant Profile     Edit Merchant Enquiry
	Role Merchant Admin Checker	Merchant Details
	Group	Create Merchant Product

Successfully view users from other company personal information and their role details



This vulnerability when chained enables us to Reset Passwords, Terminate, Suspend, and even Edit the data for the target user. However, checker approval was mandatory to realize these changes.

Recommendation Perform user authorization properly and consistently. The user should not have access to the data to which they were not supposed to have access. In additithe developer also can hash (with salt) the value to make it harder to guess
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Review by	Name: Position:
Status	OPEN



#### 3.1.2 Authenticated IDOR: Merchant Audit Trail

OWASP Category	A5-Broken Access Control	Severity Score	<b>Low (2.6)</b>
CVSS V3 Vector String	CVSS:3.0/AV:N/AC:H/PR:L/UI:R/S:U/C:L/I:N/A:N		
Affected URL	<ul> <li>http://172.16.100.71:8080/ss129/rppMerchantAuditLogDetail wActivityId=4197&amp;SECONDARY_TOKEN={random _roken}</li> </ul>		nantAuditLogDetail.do?vie ndom _roken}

## **Description**

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The ITSE discovered that the tested application was vulnerable to this vulnerability and the detail of it were discussed in the PoC section.

#### Proof of Concept (POC)

#### **Credential**

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#### View another user information

- 1. Go to the Merchant Audit Trail module and Click Search.
- 2. On any result, choose 🔎 icon and intercept the request.
- 3. Change the **viewActivityID** value to any other valid number and we now can view any Audit Trail information. This number can be guessed, or brute-forced.

<b>=</b>					
Advar	Advanced Search				
	/				
Actions	Activity ID 💠	User ID			
۲	3048	favepayrpp@gmail.com			
Showing 1 to 1 of 1 entries					



Pretry Raw Hex in E 1 GET /ssl5/rppHerchantAuditLogDetail.doTviewAct 2 Most: 172.16.100.71:000 3 Opgrade-Inscure=Requests: 1 4 User-Agenc: Hosilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Windó 6 Rafeget: hercy://172.16.100.71:0000/ssl5/rppHer 7 Accegot-Inscular; gmip, deflate 8 Accegot-Language: en-US,en.ev0.5 6 Coche: JSES 00110-06/ThFUILSA-Tyo72eT0FTDF222; 0 Connection: close	uvicy1d=3017kBECONDARY_TOKEN=a7dBb5706f74aBate3fdec5b7ad4b25f HTTP/1.1 ; x64) AppleVabu/537.36 (PHTHL, like Gecko) Chrome/91.0.4472.114 Safari/537.36 tion/sal;q=0.9, kab/avit, image/whp, image/apng,*/*;q=0.8, application/signed=exchange;v=b3;q=0.9 chankAudicLogHain.do 3glarC032m2g.EAP-7a
Merchants Audit Trail	
<ul> <li>Details</li> </ul>	- 7
Activity ID: 3047	Status: Unsuccessful
Transaction Date: 2021/02/17 10:54:38 PM	Reason: Account is locked
User ID: payerbanktest@gmail.com	Authorization Rejection / Approve Reason: -
Activity: Login	IP Address: 172.16.10.1
Description: Login	
Before State: NIL	After State: NIL
	Back

Successfully view the Audit Trail

Recommendation	Perform user authorization properly and consistently. The user should not have access to the data to which they were not supposed to have access. In addition, the developer also can hash (with salt) the value to make it harder to guess.
Review by	Name: Position:
Status	OPEN



#### 3.1.3 Usage of Vulnerable Components

OWASP Category	A9 - Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities	Severity Score	N/A
CVSS V3 Vector String	N/A		
Affected URL	<ul> <li>http://172.16.100.71:8080/js/bootstrap/bootstrap.min.js</li> <li>http://172.16.100.71:8080/js/libs/jquery-2.1.1.min.js</li> </ul>		

#### **Description**

#### Description

Based on the enumeration activity, the ITSE discovered that the web application was using the following technology:

Component	Version	Known CVE
Bootstrap	3.3.6	CVE-2019-8331, CVE-2018-14041, CVE-2018-14040 and CVE-2018-14042
JQuery	2.1.1	CVE-2015-9251, CVE-2015-9251, CVE-2019-11358, CVE-2020-11022 and
		CVE-2020-11023

A cross-check with a vulnerability database discovered that both components running the said version were vulnerable to Cross-Site Scripting (XSS).

#### **Proof of Concept (POC)**







Recommendation	<ul> <li>For Bootstrap, it is advisable to upgrade the library to version 3.4.1.</li> <li>For jQuery, it is advisable to upgrade the library to version 3.5.0.</li> </ul>
Review by	Name: Position:
Status	OPEN



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## 4.0 Conclusion

The assessment concluded with **1 Medium**, and **2 Low** severity security finding while we found the application to be built around a solid security model. The IDOR vulnerability is a major common vulnerability discovered which in the future requires a developer to focus on. Therefore, the overall web application security posture of the BO Portal is considered **Good**.



### 5.0 Appendix

The application has been tested using various common web application testing techniques. Web crawling and directory/file brute force failed to discover any juicy information which may lead to vulnerability discovery. Some of the test screen captures were as follows:

#### 5.1 Screen Captures

5.1.1 Cloudflare DDoS Protection

Pretty Kaw Hex (n)				
1 GET /ss105/pendingMerchantSearch.do?selected=NIRCHANT&selected2=MERPIND_SECONDARY_TOKEN=168c00f8934632fic489684b2cee8d96 HTTP/1.1				
2 Most: rppportalplust.paynet.com.my				
3 Cookie: JSESSIONID=XDoUhA klasr7k8tRrHtzDt-uMMuNlh8mJc XUJ8.EAP-7a				
4 Sec-Ch-Ua: "Chronium":v="51", " Not;A Brand":v="59"				
5 Sec-Ch-Ua-Mobile: 70				
6 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1				
7 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows HT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (MHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/51.0.4472.114 Safari/537.36				
0 Accept: text/htal, application/xhtal+xal, application/xal,q=0.9, image/avif, image/avebp, image/appl,*/*;q=0.0, application/signed-exchange;v=b3;q=0.9				
9 Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin				
10 Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate				
11 Sec-Fetch-User: 21				
12 Sec-Fetch-Dest: frame				
13 Referer: https://rppportalpluat.paynet.com.my/ssl09/pendingMerchantSearch.do?selected=MERCHANT&selected2=MERPEHD&SECONDARY_TOKEN=08c3dc1f0cb17fab5a96b0671f8df57e				
14 Accept-Kncoding: gzip, deflate				
15 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9				
16 Connection: close				
17				
10				

Each request was protected by a one-time random token, thus reducing the capability of a fuzzing attack



The user was automatically logout if the system traces the usage of the same token

#### 5.1.2 Failed Injection Test



Common injection payload failed to be executed indicating a strong filter mechanism in place.



RPP Back Office					
Logout You have logged out from the system Proceed to Login					
The Program you are about to enter is strictly confidential and solely owned by RPP Back Office Malaysia. Only authorized personnel of RPP Back Office Malaysia for authorized purposes shall have and is entitled to access to this Program. Any unauthorized User shall be subject to legal and disciplinary proceedings by RPP Back Office Malaysia.					
+ Merchant Group	Maintenance - Crea	ite	- 2		
Details	2				
Group Name canno	ot include special cha	racters except space, and	-/&*().		
🖋 Participant Liquidity Status 🛛 🗕 🖍					
		3			
Details Threshold Level R	ed is not in proper cu	rrency format.			

Usage of illegal character will lead to forced lockout or warning.