

# Moving Security up the Stack Web Application and API Security

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# Agenda

Recent trends in Application Security

Web Application Scanning (WAS)

Qualys Periscope

**Building Securing APIs** 



# Trends in Application Security

Web app breaches continue

E-commerce sites targeted

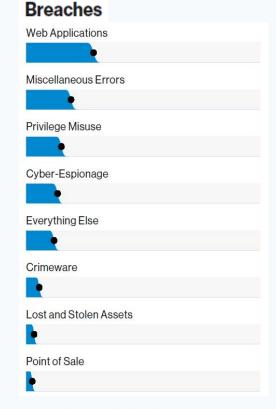
**API** attacks

Trends in AppSec testing

Shifting left

Coverage

Automation



Source: 2019 Verizon DBIR



# Web Application Scanning

#### **WAS Overview**

Detects application-layer vulnerabilities in web apps & APIs

Browser engine

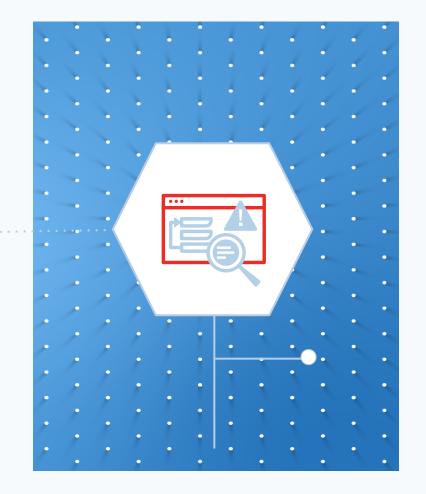
Automated crawling

Play back of Selenium scripts

API to integrate with other systems

Unique integration with Qualys WAF

Mature product





## 2019 Highlights

WAS Jenkins plugin v2

Updated Qualys Browser Recorder

TLS 1.3

Full HTTP requests

**Enhanced crawling** 

Postman Collections

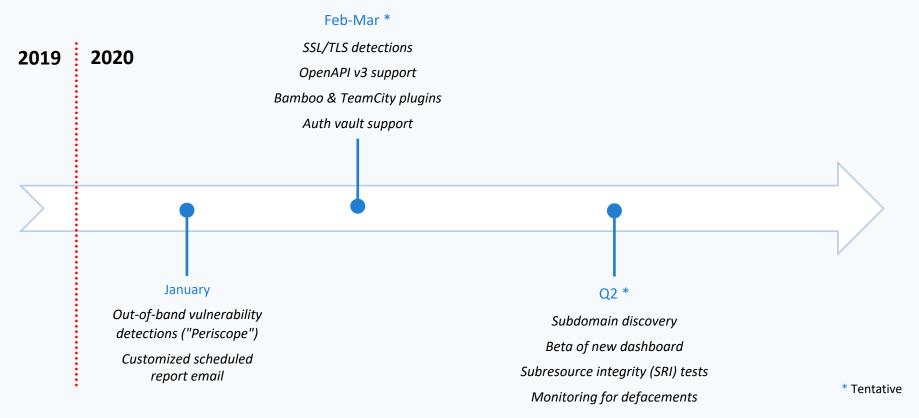
WAS Burp extension v2

Editable QID severity





### **WAS Roadmap**





#### **Out-of-Band Vulnerabilities**

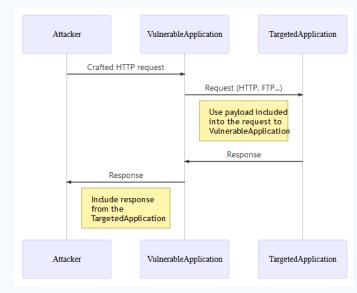
Some issues can't be detected by traditional request-response

SSRF

SMTP header injection

Blind XXE injection

Detecting these vulnerabilities requires a different approach



Source: OWASP



## Introducing Periscope

Detection mechanism for out-of-band web app vulnerabilities

#### Scanner sends a test; POST request body is:

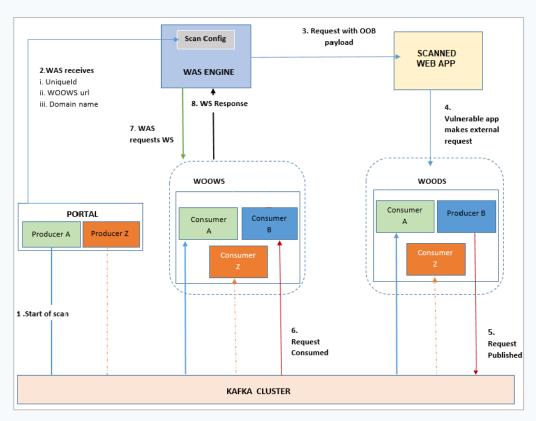
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#### The web app tries to resolve this FQDN:

e528efddaa51766cb86afb19f22de54b6da1093c.1454156\_35626.2086421852.ssrf01.ssrf.qualysperiscope.com



# **Qualys Periscope**





# Building Secure APIs

# OWASP API Security Top 10



1	Broken Object Level Authorization (BOLA)
2	Broken User Authentication
3	Excessive Data Exposure
4	Lack of Resources & Rate Limiting
5	Broken Function Level Authorization
6	Mass Assignment
7	Security Misconfiguration
8	Injection
9	Improper Assets Management
10	Insufficient Logging & Monitoring

## Example API – Pet Store





# Relevant portion of the Swagger File

```
"swagger": "2.0",
"info": {
  "version": "1.0",
 "title": "Petstore",
"host": "api.petstore.com",
"basePath": "/v1",
"schemes": [
  "http", "https"
"paths": {
  "''/pet/{petId}': {
    "get": {
      "summary": "Get info for a specific pet",
      "operationId": "showPetById",
      "parameters": [
          "name": "petId",
          "in": "path",
          "required": true,
          "description": "The ID of the pet to retrieve",
          "type": "integer"
      "responses": {
        "200": {
          "description": "Expected successful response",
          "schema":
            "$ref": "#/definitions/Pet"
 ...snip...
```



## How Does this Help with Security?

We can leverage the Swagger spec to harden the API endpoints in a declarative way





# Capabilities Coming to Qualys API Security

Static Assessment of Swagger/OpenAPI file
Get recommended changes to harden your API

Conformance Scan to check the API's actual behavior

Test the API endpoints for behavior that violates the Swagger file

Vulnerability Scan to check the API for security flaws

Current feature in Qualys Web Application Scanning (WAS)

