

# Kentico Kontent Security Review

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## I. Session Management Review

### 1. Testing for Bypassing Session Management Schema (OTG-SESS-001)

In order to avoid continuous authentication for each page of a website or service, web applications implement various mechanisms to store and validate credentials for a pre-determined timespan. These mechanisms are known as Session Management and while they are important in order to increase the ease of use and user-friendliness of the application, they can be exploited by a penetration tester to gain access to a user account, without the need to provide correct credentials.

#### Cookies Collection

##### **Are all Set-Cookie directives tagged as Secure?**

The Kentico Kontent clients communicate with a back-end API using Bearer authentication. The server's protected routes check for a valid JWT in the Authorization header, and if it's present, the user is allowed to access protected resources. The third-party authentication (Auth0) cookie is secured using the Secure attribute.

##### **Do any Cookie operations take place over unencrypted transport?**

No, Kentico Kontent uses HTTPS connection.

##### **Can the Cookie be forced over unencrypted transport?**

Kentico Kontent uses Auth0 identity provider which handles secure cookie transportation. Basically, there is a token-based authentication implemented in Kentico Kontent so cookies are not considered as authentication storage.

##### **Are any Cookies persistent?**

Yes, but only third-party cookies are present (inline manual/intercom).

### 2. Testing for Cookies Attributes (OTG-SESS-002)

Cookies are often a key attack vector for malicious users (typically targeting other users) and the application should always take due diligence to protect cookies. This section looks at how an application can take the necessary precautions when assigning cookies and how to test that these attributes have been correctly configured.

#### **HttpOnly Attribute**

Kentico Kontent does not use cookies for authentication. There are only third-party cookies (inline manual/intercom).

#### **Secure Attribute**

Kentico Kontent does not use cookies for authentication. There are only third-party cookies (inline manual/intercom).

### 3. Testing for Session Fixation (OTG-SESS-003)

When an application does not renew its session cookie(s) after a successful user authentication, it could be possible to find a session fixation vulnerability and force a user to utilize a cookie known by the attacker. In that case, an attacker could steal the user session (session hijacking).

#### **Existing SessionID is invalidated when the user is authenticated?**

Kentico Kontent uses Bearer-token authentication. The only one-session cookie is third-party Auth0 identity provider. This cookie is protected against session fixation attacks.

#### 4. Testing for Exposed Session Variables (OTG-SESS-004)

The Session Tokens (Cookie, SessionID, Hidden Field), if exposed, will usually enable an attacker to impersonate a victim and access the application illegitimately. It is important that they are protected from eavesdropping at all times, particularly whilst in transit between the client browser and the application servers.

##### **Sensitive data stored in session**

Kentico Kontent does not store sensitive information like credit card numbers in a session container.

#### 5. Testing for Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) (OTG-SESS-005)

CSRF is an attack which forces an end user to execute unwanted actions on a web application in which he/she is currently authenticated. With a little help of social engineering (such as sending a link via email or chat), an attacker may force the users of a web application to execute actions of the attacker's choosing. A successful CSRF exploit can compromise end-user data and operation when it targets a normal user. If the targeted end user is the administrator account, a CSRF attack can compromise the entire web application.

##### **Not applicable**

All requests in Kentico Kontent have to be authenticated using Bearer authentication. This implies that an attacker is not able to forge requests to the back-end API without knowing the actual authentication token.

#### 6. Testing for Logout Functionality (OTG-SESS-006)

Session termination is an important part of the session lifecycle. Reducing to a minimum the lifetime of the session tokens decreases the likelihood of a successful session hijacking attack. This can be seen as a control against preventing other attacks like Cross-Site Scripting and Cross-Site Request Forgery. Such attacks have been known to rely on a user having an authenticated session present. Not having a secure session termination only increases the attack surface for any of these attacks.

##### **Session termination**

After the user logs out, the current session is terminated by external identity provider Auth0. It removes the authentication token from local storage and single sign-on cookie. Note that access tokens are still usable until expiry (JWTs). However, the JWTs expiration is set to 24 hours.

#### 7. Test Session Timeout (OTG-SESS-007)

In this phase, testers check that the application automatically logs out a user when that user has been idle for a certain amount of time, ensuring that it is not possible to "reuse" the same session and that no sensitive data remains stored in the browser cache.

##### **Reusable token after timeout**

Kentico Kontent uses Auth0 provider which does not allow a token to be reused after timeout.

##### **Server-side session expiration**

Kentico Kontent uses Auth0 provider which specifies the number of minutes after which the single sign-on cookie expires to three days. Access token expiration is set to 24 hours.

## 8. Session Management Verification Requirements

<b>Task</b>	<b>Result</b>
Verify that the framework's default session management control implementation is used by the application.	OK
Verify that sessions are invalidated when the user logs out.	OK
Verify session timeout after a specified period of inactivity.	OK
Verify session timeout after an administratively-configurable maximum time period regardless of activity (an absolute timeout).	OK
Verify that all pages that require authentication to access them have log out links.	OK
Verify that the session ID is never disclosed other than in cookie headers; particularly in URLs, error messages, or logs. This includes verifying that the application does not support URL rewriting of session cookies.	OK
Verify that the session ID is changed on login to prevent session fixation.	OK
Verify that the session ID is changed upon re-authentication.	OK
Verify that only session IDs generated by the application framework are recognized as valid by the application.	OK
Verify that authenticated session tokens are sufficiently long and random to withstand session guessing attacks.	OK
Verify that authenticated session tokens using cookies have their path set to an appropriately restrictive value for that site. The domain cookie attribute restriction should not be set unless for a business requirement, such as single sign-on.	OK
Verify that authenticated session tokens using cookies sent via HTTP are protected by the use of "HttpOnly".	OK
Verify that authenticated session tokens using cookies are protected with the "secure" attribute and a strict transport security header (such as Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=60000; includeSubDomains) is present.	OK

## II. Authentication Testing

### 1. Testing for Credentials Transported over an Encrypted Channel (OTG-AUTHN-001)

Testing for credentials transport means verifying that the user's authentication data is transferred via an encrypted channel to avoid being intercepted by malicious users. The analysis focuses simply on trying to understand if the data travels unencrypted from the web browser to the server, or if the web application takes the appropriate security measures using a protocol like HTTPS. The HTTPS protocol is built on TLS/SSL to encrypt the data that is transmitted and to ensure that the user is being sent toward the desired site.

#### **SSL/TLS functionality**

All credentials data in Kentico Kontent are transmitted over HTTPS.

### 2. Testing for Default Credentials (OTG-AUTHN-002)

Many web applications often make use of popular open-source or commercial software that can be installed on servers with minimal configuration or customization by the server administrator. Moreover, a lot of hardware appliances (i.e., network routers and database servers) offer web-based configuration or administrative interfaces.

#### **Default credentials**

Kentico Kontent does not consist of any default credentials. The only one is a strong system-generated password for an invited user. The password is temporary and the user is forced to change it on the first log on.

### 3. Testing for Weak Lockout Mechanism (OTG-AUTHN-003)

Account lockout mechanisms are used to mitigate brute force password guessing attacks. Accounts are typically locked after three to five unsuccessful login attempts and can only be unlocked after predetermined periods of time via a self-service unlock mechanism or intervention by an administrator. Account lockout mechanisms require a balance between protecting accounts from unauthorized access and protecting users from being denied authorized access.

#### **Lockout mechanism**

Auth0 identity provider has implemented lockout policy. If a user enters their password incorrectly more than 10 times from a single IP address they will be blocked from logging into that account from that IP address. More information can be found here - <https://auth0.com/docs/connections/database/rate-limits>

#### **How will accounts be unlocked?**

When the account is locked the user receives an email with an unlock link.

#### **Has the administrator a recovery method in case his/her account gets locked?**

Yes. He/she can use the unlock link sent by e-mail in case of account lockout.

### 4. Testing for Bypassing Authentication Schema (OTG-AUTHN-004)

While most applications require authentication to gain access to private information or to execute tasks, not every authentication method is able to provide adequate security. Negligence, ignorance,

or simple understatement of security threats often result in authentication schemes that can be bypassed by simply skipping the login page and directly calling an internal page that is supposed to be accessed only after authentication has been performed.

#### **Direct page request (forced browsing).**

When accessing protected areas directly (unauthenticated), login is forced. This means that no page was accessible for a non-authorized user. Bearer tokens are checked on every request to the back-end API (ensured globally for every request using Auth0 middleware).

#### **Parameter modification.**

In Kentico Kontent, there are no parameters used to authenticate users. Kentico Kontent does not use a pattern such as “authenticated=yes” in any URL, hidden fields, and cookies.

#### **Session ID prediction**

The answer can be found in the Testing for Bypassing Session Management Schema (OTG-SESS-001) section. Tokens are unforgeable without the adequate private key (protected by Auth0).

### **5. Test Remember Password Functionality (OTG-AUTHN-005)**

Browsers will sometimes ask a user if they wish to remember the password that they just entered. The browser will then store the password and automatically enter it whenever the same authentication form is visited. This is a convenience for the user. Additionally, some websites will offer custom “remember me” functionality to allow users to persist logins on a specific client system.

**Look for passwords being stored in a cookie. Examine the cookies stored by the application. Verify that the credentials are not stored in clear text, but are hashed.**

Passwords and persistent session are handled solely by the Auth0 identity provider.

**Examine the hashing mechanism: if it is a common, well-known algorithm, check for its strength; in homegrown hash functions, attempt several usernames to check whether the hash function is easily guessable.**

Passwords are handled solely by the Auth0 identity provider. The default hash algorithm used to secure passwords is bcrypt.

**Verify that the credentials are only sent during the login phase, and not sent together with every request to the application.**

Credentials are only sent on login and handled by the Auth0 identity provider.

### **6. Testing for Browser cache weakness (OTG-AUTHN-006)**

Browsers can store information for purposes of caching and history. Caching is used to improve performance. If sensitive information is displayed to the user, then this information could be stored for purposes of caching or history, and therefore retrievable through examining the browser’s cache or by simply pressing the browser’s “Back” button.

#### **Browser history**

Kentico Kontent delivers the pages over HTTPS which stops Back button from showing sensitive data.



## 7. Testing for Weak Password Policy (OTG-AUTHN-007)

The most prevalent and most easily administered authentication mechanism is a static password. The password represents the keys to the kingdom but is often subverted by users in the name of usability.

**What characters are permitted and forbidden for use within a password? Is the user required to use characters from different character sets such as lower and uppercase letters, digits, and special symbols?**

No forbidden characters. Password must contain at least eight characters. Password has to contain at least 3 of the following 4 types of characters:

- Lower case letters (a - z)
- Upper case letters (A - Z)
- Numbers (0-9)
- Special characters (e.g. !@&#%\*^\*)

and cannot be listed in the top 10 000 most common password list.

**When must a user change their password? After 90 days? After account lockout due to excessive login attempts?**

It is not required to change the password due to account lockout, excessive login attempts, or after a specific period of time.

**Is the user prevented from using his username or other account information (such as first or last name) in the password?**

No.

## 8. Testing for Weak security question/answer (OTG-AUTHN-008)

Often called “secret” questions and answers, security questions and answers are often used to recover forgotten passwords (see Testing for weak password change or reset functionalities (OTG-AUTHN-009)), or as extra security on top of the password.

**Result**

Not applicable. Kentico Kontent does not use security question/answer.

## 9. Testing for Weak Password change or Reset Functionalities (OTG-AUTHN-009)

The password change and reset function of an application is a self-service password change or reset mechanism for users. This self-service mechanism allows users to quickly change or reset their password without an administrator intervening. When passwords are changed, they are typically changed within the application. When passwords are reset, they are either rendered within the application or emailed to the user. This may indicate that the passwords are stored in plain text or in a decryptable format.

**Can users, other than administrators, change or reset passwords for accounts other than their own?**

No. A user is able to reset only his/her own password.

**The password change or reset process is vulnerable to CSRF.**

No. Auth0 handles CSRF protection to avoid this attack.

**What information is required to reset the password?**

The user needs to specify his/her email address and has to have access to his/her email box.

**How are reset passwords communicated to the user?**

A confirmation email is sent to the user email address.

**Are reset passwords generated randomly?**

Yes. It is handled by the Auth0 identity provider.

**Is the reset password functionality requesting confirmation before changing the password?**

Yes. A confirmation email is sent to the user.

**Is the old password requested to complete a password change?**

Password change invokes reset password flow which does not request the old password to be specified.

**10. Authentication Verification Requirements**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Result</b>
Verify all pages and resources require authentication except those specifically intended to be public (Principle of complete mediation).	OK
Verify all password fields do not echo the user's password when it is entered.	OK
Verify all authentication controls are enforced on the server side.	OK
Verify all authentication controls (including libraries that call external authentication services) have a centralized implementation.	OK
Verify all authentication controls fail securely to ensure attackers cannot log in.	OK
Verify password entry fields allow or encourage the use of passphrases, do not prevent long passphrases or highly complex passwords being entered, and provide a sufficient minimum strength to protect against the use of commonly chosen passwords.	OK
Verify all account identity authentication functions (such as registration, update profile, forgot username, forgot password, disabled/lost token, helpdesk, or IVR) that might regain access to the account are, at least, as resistant to attack as the primary authentication mechanism.	OK
Verify users can safely change their credentials using a mechanism that is, at least, as resistant to attack as the primary authentication mechanism.	OK
Verify that all authentication decisions are logged. This should include requests with missing required information, needed for security investigations.	OK
Verify that account passwords are salted using a salt that is unique to that account (e.g., internal user ID, account creation) and use bcrypt, scrypt, or PBKDF2 before storing the password.	OK
Verify that credentials and all other identity information handled by the application(s), do not traverse unencrypted or weakly encrypted links.	OK
Verify that the forgotten password function and other recovery paths do not reveal the current password and that the new password is not sent in clear text to the user.	OK
Verify that username enumeration is not possible via login, password reset, or forgot account functionality.	OK

Verify there are no default passwords in use for the application framework or any components used by the application (such as “admin/password”).	OK
Verify that a resource governor is in place to protect against vertical (a single account tested against all possible passwords) and horizontal brute forcing all accounts, tested with the same password e.g., “Password1”).	OK
Verify that all authentication credentials for accessing services external to the application are encrypted and stored in a protected location (not in source code).	OK
Verify that ‘forgot password’ and other recovery paths send a link including a time-limited activation token rather than the password itself. Additional authentication based on soft-tokens (e.g., SMS token, native mobile applications, etc.) can be required as well before the link is sent over.	OK
Verify that ‘forgot password’ functionality does not lock or otherwise disable the account until after the user has successfully changed their password. This is to prevent valid users from being locked out.	OK
Verify that the system can be configured to disallow the use of a configurable number of previous passwords.	OK
Verify re-authentication, step-up or adaptive authentication, SMS or other two-factor authentication, or transaction signing is required before any application-specific sensitive operations are permitted as per the risk profile of the application.	OK

### III. Input validation

#### 1. Testing for Reflected Cross-Site Scripting (OTG-INPVAL-001)

Reflected Cross-site Scripting (XSS) occurs when an attacker injects browser executable code within a single HTTP response. The injected attack is not stored within the application itself; it is non-persistent and only impacts users who open a maliciously crafted link or third-party web page. The attack string is included as part of the crafted URI or HTTP parameters, improperly processed by the application, and returned to the victim.

##### Review process

Reflected XSS vulnerability has been tested on all parts of the Kentico Kontent product which renders some HTML code. Penetration testing followed these rules:

- Front-end review
  - React.JS framework
- Back-end review
  - All APIs return responses in JSON format with a correctly specified Content-Type header.

The review was strongly focused on all user input placed in:

- GET URL parameters (query string values)
- POST URL parameters
- Cookies
- HTTP request headers
- React.JS properties performing unsafe operations, e.g., *dangerouslySetInnerHTML*

We ensured that all user inputs have been properly encoded in appropriate context:

- HTML context
- JavaScript context
- URL context

Tools used during XSS review:

- Burp Suite
- Netsparker

#### 2. Testing for Stored Cross-Site Scripting (OTG-INPVAL-002)

Stored Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) is the most dangerous type of Cross Site Scripting. Web applications that allow users to store data are potentially exposed to this type of attack. This chapter illustrates examples of stored cross-site scripting injection and related exploitation scenarios.

##### Review process

The same as Testing for Reflected Cross-Site Scripting (OTG-INPVAL-001).

### 3. Testing for HTTP Verb Tampering (OTG-INPVAL-003)

The HTTP specification includes request methods other than the standard GET and POST requests. A standards-compliant web server may respond to these alternative methods in ways not anticipated by developers. Although the common description is ‘verb’ tampering, the HTTP 1.1 standard refers to these request types as different HTTP ‘methods.’

#### Results

Kentico Kontent app responds to GET, POST, PUT, and DELETE requests, providing user data in the URL query string or appended to the request respectively.

HTTP Verb	Used in Kentico Kontent app
GET	YES
POST	YES
PUT	YES
DELETE	YES
HEAD	NO
OPTIONS	NO
TRACE	NO
CONNECT	NO

### 4. Testing for HTTP Parameter Pollution (OTG-INPVAL-004)

Supplying multiple HTTP parameters with the same name may cause an application to interpret values in unanticipated ways. By exploiting these effects, an attacker may be able to bypass input validation, trigger application errors, or modify internal variables values. As HTTP Parameter Pollution (in short HPP) affects a building block of all web technologies, server- and client-side attacks exist.

#### Results

Kentico Kontent back end is based on the Asp.Net Core. The *FromQuery* attribute instructs the framework to look for a name that matches that in the query-string and accepts only the first value.

Query string value	Assigned value
id=1	1
id=1&id=123	1
missing id parameter	null

### 5. Testing for SQL Injection (OTG-INPVAL-005)

An SQL injection attack consists of insertion or “injection” of either a partial or complete SQL query via the data input or transmitted from the client (browser) to the web application. A successful SQL injection attack can read sensitive data from the database, modify database data (insert/update/delete), execute administration operations on the database (such as shutdown the DBMS), recover the content of a given file existing on the DBMS file system, or write files into the file system, and, in some cases, issue commands to the operating system. SQL injection attacks are a type of injection attack, in which SQL commands are injected into the data-plane input in order to affect the execution of predefined SQL commands.

## Results

Kentico Kontent avoids SQL injection by using LINQ expressions in Entity framework. When you run a LINQ query to fetch the data, any LINQ "Where" statement will be packaged as a parameter query and sent to SQL server. If there is a need to create a direct SQL query then all user inputs are parametrized using parametrized query pattern.

### 6. Testing for LDAP Injection (OTG-INPVAL-006)

The Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) is used to store information about users, hosts, and many other objects. LDAP injection is a server-side attack, which could allow sensitive information about users and hosts represented in an LDAP structure to be disclosed, modified, or inserted. This is done by manipulating input parameters that are afterwards passed to internal search, add, and modify functions.

## Results

Not Applicable.

### 7. Testing for ORM Injection (OTG-INPVAL-007)

ORM Injection is an attack using SQL Injection against an ORM-generated data access object model. From the point of view of a tester, this attack is virtually identical to a SQL Injection attack. However, the injection vulnerability exists in code generated by the ORM tool.

## Results

Not Applicable.

### 8. Testing for XML Injection (OTG-INPVAL-008)

XML Injection testing is when a tester tries to inject an XML doc into the application. If the XML parser fails to contextually validate data, then the test will yield a positive result.

## Results

Not applicable.

- There is no handling of XML input and the system is not working with XML files on the back end.
- It wasn't possible to trick the server into processing XML input where JSON is normally expected.

### 9. Testing for SSI Injection (OTG-INPVAL-009)

Web servers usually give developers the ability to add small pieces of dynamic code inside static HTML pages, without having to deal with full-fledged server-side or client-side languages. This feature is incarnated by the Server-Side Includes (SSI). In SSI injection testing, we test if it is possible to inject into the application data that will be interpreted by SSI mechanisms. A successful exploitation of this vulnerability allows an attacker to inject code into HTML pages or even perform remote code execution.

## Results

Not applicable.

## 10. Testing for XPath Injection (OTG-INPVAL-010)

XPath is a language that has been designed and developed primarily to address parts of an XML document. In XPath injection testing, we test if it is possible to inject XPath syntax into a request interpreted by the application, allowing an attacker to execute user-controlled XPath queries. When successfully exploited, this vulnerability may allow an attacker to bypass authentication mechanisms or access information without proper authorization.

### Results

Not applicable.

## 11. Testing for IMAP/SMTP Injection (OTG-INPVAL-011)

This threat affects all applications that communicate with mail servers (IMAP/SMTP), generally webmail applications. The aim of this test is to verify the capacity to inject arbitrary IMAP/SMTP commands into the mail servers, due to input data not being properly sanitized.

### Results

Not applicable.

- Third-party mail provider SendGrid is used to send emails.

## 12. Testing for Code Injection (OTG-INPVAL-012)

This section describes how a tester can check if it is possible to enter code as input on a web page and have it executed by the web server.

### Results

Not Applicable.

## 13. Testing for Command Injection (OTG-INPVAL-013)

This article describes how to test an application for OS command injection. The tester will try to inject an OS command through an HTTP request to the application.

### Results

Not Applicable.

## 14. Testing for Buffer Overflow (OTG-INPVAL-014)

To find out more about buffer overflow vulnerabilities, please go to Buffer Overflow pages.

### Results

Not Applicable.

## 15. Testing for Incubated Vulnerability (OTG-INPVAL-015)

Also often referred to as persistent attacks, incubated testing is a complex testing method that needs more than one data validation vulnerability to work. Incubated vulnerabilities are typically used to conduct “watering hole” attacks against users of legitimate web applications.

### Result

Not applicable.

## 16. Testing for HTTP Splitting/Smuggling (OTG-INPVAL-016)

This section illustrates examples of attacks that leverage specific features of the HTTP protocol, either by exploiting weaknesses of the web application or peculiarities in the way different agents interpret HTTP messages.

### Results

Not Applicable.

## 17. Malicious Input Handling Verification Requirements

Task	Result
Verify that the runtime environment is not susceptible to buffer overflows, or that security controls prevent buffer overflows.	OK
Verify that all input validation failures result in input rejection.	OK
Verify that a character set, such as UTF-8, is specified for all sources of input.	OK
Verify that all input validation or encoding routines are performed and enforced on the server side.	OK
Verify that a single input validation control is used by the application for each type of data that is accepted.	OK
Verify that all input data is canonicalized for all downstream decoders or interpreters prior to validation.	OK
Verify that the runtime environment is not susceptible to SQL Injection, or that security controls prevent SQL Injection.	OK
Verify that the runtime environment is not susceptible to LDAP Injection, or that security controls prevent LDAP Injection.	OK
Verify that the runtime environment is not susceptible to OS Command Injection, or that security controls prevent OS Command Injection.	OK
Verify that the runtime environment is not susceptible to XML External Entity attacks, or that security controls prevent XML External Entity attacks.	OK
Verify that the runtime environment is not susceptible to XML Injections, or that security controls prevent XML Injections.	OK
Verify that all untrusted data that is output to HTML (including HTML elements, HTML attributes, JavaScript data values, CSS blocks, and URI attributes) is properly escaped for the applicable context.	OK
If the application framework allows automatic mass parameter assignment (also called automatic variable binding) from the inbound request to a model, verify that security-sensitive fields such as "accountBalance", "role" or "password" are protected from malicious automatic binding.	OK
Verify that the application has defenses against HTTP parameter pollution attacks, particularly if the application framework makes no distinction about the source of request parameters (GET, POST, cookies, headers, environment, etc.)	OK
Verify that for each type of output encoding/escaping performed by the application, there is a single security control for that type of output for the intended destination.	OK



## IV. Authorization Testing

### 1. Testing Directory Traversal/File Include (OTG-AUTHZ-001)

Many web applications use and manage files as part of their daily operation. Using input validation methods that have not been well designed or deployed, an aggressor could exploit the system in order to read or write files that are not intended to be accessible. In particular situations, it could be possible to execute arbitrary code or system commands.

#### Results

No Directory traversal of file inclusion was found.

### 2. Testing for Bypassing Authorization Schema (OTG-AUTHZ-002)

This kind of test focuses on verifying how the authorization schema has been implemented for each role or privilege to get access to reserved functions and resources.

#### Results

Is it possible to access that resource even if the user is not authenticated?

- No.

Is it possible to access that resource after the log-out?

- No.

Is it possible to access functions and resources that should be accessible to a user that holds a different role or privilege?

- No.

Is it possible to access administrative functions also if the tester is logged as a user with standard privileges?

- No.

Is it possible to use these administrative functions as a user with a different role and for whom that action should be denied?

- No

### 3. Testing for Privilege Escalation (OTG-AUTHZ-003)

This section describes the issue of escalating privileges from one stage to another. During this phase, the tester should verify that it is not possible for a user to modify his or her privileges or roles inside the application in ways that could allow privilege escalation attacks.

#### Results

No privilege escalation has been found in these tested scenarios:

#### *I. Invitations*

Can a lower privilege level invite a user with higher privilege level to the project?

- No. Only project managers and subscription administrators can invite users to projects.

#### *II. Assigning the role*

Can a user assign a higher privilege level role to himself/herself?

- No.

Can a lower privilege level user assign a user to the higher privilege level role?

- No. Only project managers and subscription administrators can invite users to projects.

### III. Admin promotion

Can unauthorized users assign themselves to the admin role?

- No.

Can a lower privilege level user assign other users to the admin role?

- No. Only subscription administrators can assign users to the admin role.

## 4. Testing for Insecure Direct Object References (OTG-AUTHZ-004)

Insecure Direct Object References occur when an application provides direct access to objects based on user-supplied input. As a result of this vulnerability, attackers can bypass authorization and access resources in the system directly, for example, database records or files.

### Results

No Insecure Direct Object Reference has been found.

## 5. Access Control Verification Requirements

Task	Result
Verify that users can only access secured functions or services for which they possess specific authorization.	OK
Verify that users can only access secured URLs for which they possess specific authorization.	OK
Verify that users can only access secured data files for which they possess specific authorization.	OK
Verify that direct object references are protected, such that only authorized objects or data are accessible to each user (for example, protect against direct object reference tampering).	OK
Verify that directory browsing is disabled unless deliberately desired.	OK
Verify that access controls fail securely.	OK
Verify that the same access control rules implied by the presentation layer are enforced on the server side for that user role, such that controls and parameters cannot be re-enabled or re-added from higher privilege users.	OK
Verify that all user and data attributes and policy information used by access controls cannot be manipulated by end users unless specifically authorized.	OK
Verify that all access controls are enforced on the server side.	OK

## V. Client-Side Testing

### 1. Testing for DOM-Based Cross-Site Scripting (OTG-CLIENT-001)

DOM-based Cross-Site Scripting is the de-facto name for XSS bugs which are the result of active browser-side content on a page, typically JavaScript, obtaining user input and then doing something unsafe with it which leads to execution of injected code. This document only discusses JavaScript bugs which lead to XSS.

#### Results

See **OTG-INPVAL-002**.

### 2. Testing for JavaScript Execution (OTG-CLIENT-002)

A JavaScript Injection vulnerability is a subtype of Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) that involves the ability to inject arbitrary JavaScript code that is executed by the application inside the victim's browser. This vulnerability can have many consequences, such as disclosure of a user's session cookies that could be used to impersonate the victim, or, more generally, it can allow the attacker to modify the page content seen by the victims or the application behavior.

#### Results

See **OTG-CLIENT-001, OTG-INPVAL-001/2**.

### 3. Testing for HTML Injection (OTG-CLIENT-003)

HTML injection is a type of injection issue that occurs when a user is able to control an input point and is able to inject arbitrary HTML code into a vulnerable web page. This vulnerability can have many consequences, such as disclosure of a user's session cookies that could be used to impersonate the victim, or, more generally, it can allow the attacker to modify the page content seen by the victims.

#### Results

See **OTG-CLIENT-001, OTG-INPVAL-001/2**.

### 4. Testing for Client-Side URL Redirect (OTG-CLIENT-004)

This section describes how to check for Client-Side URL Redirection, also known as Open Redirection. It is an input validation flaw that exists when an application accepts a user-controlled input which specifies a link that leads to an external URL that could be malicious. This kind of vulnerability could be used to accomplish a phishing attack or redirect a victim to an infection page.

#### Results

Static code analysis has been performed on the whole KC solution. No Client-Side Redirection issues have been found.

### 5. Testing for CSS Injection (OTG-CLIENT-005)

A CSS Injection vulnerability involves the ability to inject arbitrary CSS code in the context of a trusted web site, and this will be rendered inside the victim's browser. The impact of such a vulnerability may vary on the basis of the supplied CSS payload: it could lead to Cross-Site Scripting in particular circumstances, to data exfiltration in the sense of extracting sensitive data or to UI modifications.

#### Results

No CSS injection issues have been found.

## 6. Testing for Client-Side Resource Manipulation (OTG-CLIENT-006)

A Client-Side Resource Manipulation vulnerability is an input validation flaw that occurs when an application accepts a user-controlled input that specifies the path of a resource (for example, the source of an iframe, JS, applet or the handler of an XMLHttpRequest). Specifically, such a vulnerability consists in the ability to control the URLs that link to some resources present in a web page. The impact may vary on the basis of the type of the element whose URL is controlled by the attacker, and it is usually adopted to conduct Cross-Site Scripting attacks.

### Results

Static code analysis has been performed on the whole KC solution. No Client-Side Resource Manipulation issues have been found.

## 7. Test Cross-Origin Resource Sharing (OTG-CLIENT-007)

Cross-Origin Resource Sharing or CORS is a mechanism that enables a web browser to perform “cross-domain” requests using the XMLHttpRequest. In the past, the XMLHttpRequest L1 API only allowed requests to be sent within the same origin as it was restricted by the same origin policy.

### Results

CORS is generally enabled on all endpoints for all origins. However, since every request has to be authenticated using an unforgeable token supplied in a request header, the current state is believed to be secure.

## 8. Testing for Cross-Site Flashing (OTG-CLIENT-008)

ActionScript is the language, based on ECMAScript, used by Flash applications when dealing with interactive needs. There are three versions of the ActionScript language. ActionScript 1.0 and ActionScript 2.0 are very similar with ActionScript 2.0 being an extension of ActionScript 1.0. ActionScript 3.0, introduced with Flash Player 9, is a rewrite of the language to support object orientated design.

### Results

Not Applicable.

## 9. Testing for Clickjacking (OTG-CLIENT-009)

“Clickjacking” (which is a subset of the “UI redressing”) is a malicious technique that consists of deceiving a web user into interacting (in most cases by clicking) with something different to what the user believes they are interacting with. This type of attack, that can be used alone or in combination with other attacks, could potentially send unauthorized commands or reveal confidential information while the victim is interacting on seemingly harmless web pages.

### Results

All HTTP responses in Kentico Kontent app define the X-Frame-Options header with the value "DENY". This configuration prevents the site page from being included in an iFrame.

## 10. Testing WebSockets (OTG-CLIENT-010)

Traditionally, the HTTP protocol only allows one request/response per TCP connection. Asynchronous JavaScript and XML (AJAX) allow clients to send and receive data asynchronously (in the background without a page refresh) to the server. However, AJAX requires the client to initiate the requests and wait for the server responses (half-duplex).

### Results

Not applicable.