

# Penetration Test Report for ddark.ru

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Testing was conducted under an agreement with the site owner for external security analysis.

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## General Information

- Target IP: **185.26.122.21** (serv21-26.hostland.ru)
  - Domain: [ddark.ru](https://ddark.ru)
  - Hosting Type: Shared hosting (JustHost)
  - Open Ports:
    - FTP (ProFTPD) — 21
    - HTTP (nginx) — 80
    - HTTPS (nginx) — 443
    - SSH (OpenSSH 8.0) — 1024
    - MySQL 5.7.44 — 3306
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## 1. Critical Vulnerabilities (OpenSSH 8.0)

CVE-2023-38408 — Remote Code Execution (RCE) via the Forwarded-agent mechanism. An attacker can exploit a compromised server to execute arbitrary code on the client machine.

➡ Solution: Update OpenSSH to the latest version. Restrict SSH access by IP and disable agent forwarding.

CVE-2020-15778 — Path traversal vulnerability via **scp** commands. Allows attackers to write files to arbitrary directories.

➡ Solution: Update OpenSSH and use secure flags when executing **scp**.

CVE-2019-16905 – Local privilege escalation in the Linux kernel. Exploiting improper capability handling can lead to root access.

➡ Solution: Update the Linux kernel and restrict local access.

CVE-2021-41617 – Denial of Service (DoS) vulnerability in OpenSSH due to improper handling of the **AuthorizedKeysCommand** configuration.

➡ Solution: Update OpenSSH and validate configuration files.

Additional Exploits (GitHub / ExploitDB): Confirmed proof-of-concept exploits are available for OpenSSH 8.0, increasing the likelihood of real-world exploitation.

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## 2. Medium Severity Vulnerabilities

CVE-2023-51385 – Session validation bypass in some web authentication systems. Could allow session hijacking without re-authentication.

➡ Solution: Update backend software and enforce secure session logic.

CVE-2023-48795 – Buffer overflow vulnerability when parsing specific data. May lead to crashes or arbitrary code execution.

➡ Solution: Update the server or affected parsing libraries.

CVE-2020-14145 – Denial of Service in SMBv3 due to improper packet processing.

➡ Solution: Apply Microsoft security patches. Limit open ports.

CVE-2016-20012 – Privilege escalation through vulnerable kernel components.

➡ Solution: Update the kernel and implement user access restrictions.

CVE-2025-26465 – Newly published vulnerability, details currently unavailable. Potential risk.

➡ Solution: Monitor updates and CVE advisories. Implement IDS/monitoring.

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## 3. Configuration Issues

Missing HSTS (Strict-Transport-Security) – Browser does not enforce HTTPS, leaving the site vulnerable to SSL stripping.

➡ Solution: Add HSTS header and configure 301 redirect from HTTP to HTTPS.

Missing X-Frame-Options – Site can be embedded in an iframe, enabling clickjacking attacks.

➡ Solution: Set **X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN** or **DENY**.

Missing X-Content-Type-Options – Browsers may guess content type, increasing the risk of XSS.

➡ Solution: Add header **X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff**.

ETag includes inode and meta-info (CVE-2003-1418) – Metadata leakage may be used for user tracking or cache-related attacks.

➡ Solution: Remove or reconfigure ETag headers.

Content-Encoding: deflate – Combined with sensitive data, this can lead to BREACH attacks via compression analysis.

➡ Solution: Disable compression on sensitive pages (e.g., login forms).

Exposed system files and directories (.git, .svn, .htaccess) – Even if returning 403, presence indicates misconfiguration and possible exploitation.

➡ Solution: Remove or restrict access to these paths at the server level.

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## 4. Recommendations and Conclusions

### Server Security

- Update OpenSSH and the Linux kernel.
- Restrict SSH access by IP.
- Hide software version information.
- Remove unused directories like /phpmyadmin and /webmail if not in use.

### Web Server Configuration (LiteSpeed/nginx)

Add to **.htaccess** or server config:

Header always set Strict-Transport-Security "max-age=63072000;  
includeSubDomains; preload"

Header set X-Frame-Options "SAMEORIGIN"

Header set X-Content-Type-Options "nosniff"

Header unset ETag

FileETag None

## General Measures

- Deploy WAF and restrict access to admin panels via IP or VPN.
- Set up IDS/IPS systems.
- Perform regular audits and updates.

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This report was prepared to improve site security and protect user data.