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## Securitatea în WordPress

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# Obiectiv

să testăm cât de sigură este o implementare de WordPress, în varianta standard (implicită).



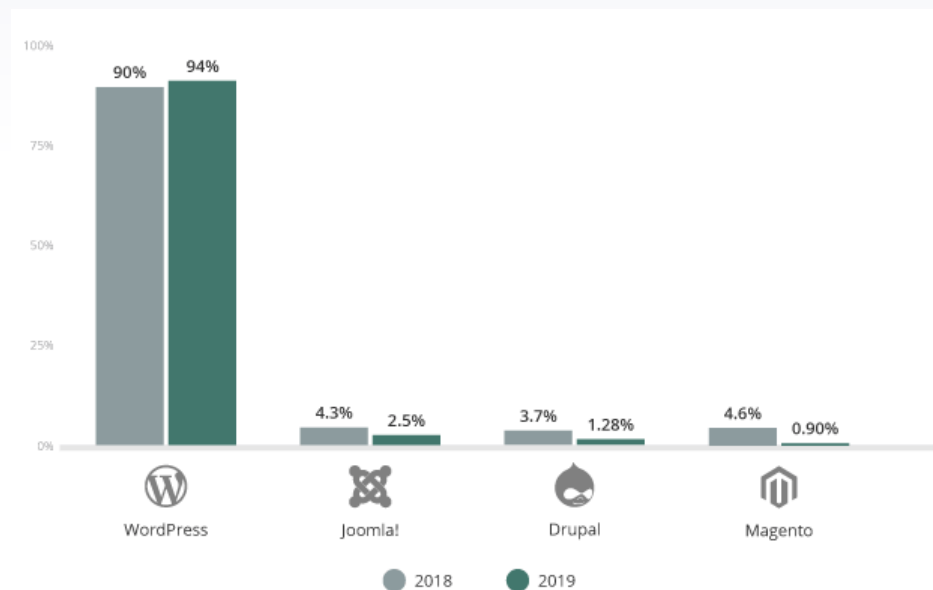
# Motivație

#1 Mai mult de unul din 3 site-uri de pe Internet (36,1%) folosesc WordPress drept CMS.

W3techs.com. 2020. Usage Statistics And Market Share Of Wordpress, mai 2020. [online] Disponibil la: <<https://w3techs.com/technologies/details/cm-wordpress>> [Accesat 12 mai 2020].

#2 Tendință de creștere a infecțiilor pe WordPress: de la 90% la 94% în intervalul 2018-2019.

Sucuri. fără dată. Sucuri - Website Threat Report 2019. [online] Disponibil la: <<https://sucuri.net/reports/2019-hacked-website-report/>> [Accesat 13 mai 2020].



# Anexe Capitolul 2. - Testare WordPress la nivel de server

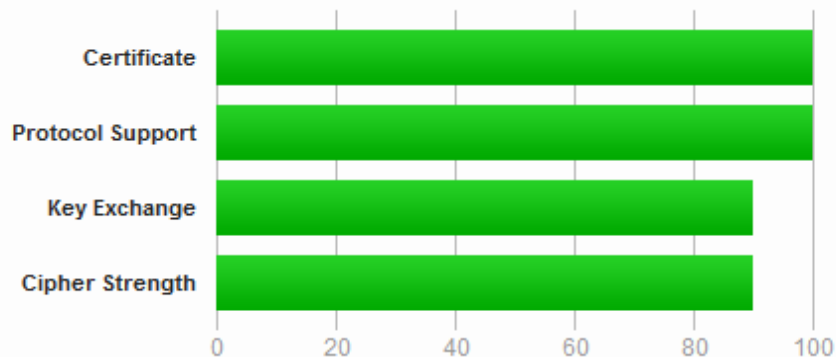
Observatory.mozilla.org, 2020. Mozilla Observatory :: Scan Results For Olivian.Ro. [online] Disponibil la: <<https://observatory.mozilla.org/analyze/olivian.ro>> [Accesat 8 mai 2020].

Test Scores				
Test	Pass	Score	Reason	Info
<a href="#">Content Security Policy</a>	✗	-25	Content Security Policy (CSP) header not implemented	ⓘ
<a href="#">Cookies</a>	–	0	No cookies detected	ⓘ
<a href="#">Cross-origin Resource Sharing</a>	✓	0	Content is not visible via cross-origin resource sharing (CORS) files or headers	ⓘ
<a href="#">HTTP Public Key Pinning</a>	–	0	HTTP Public Key Pinning (HPKP) header not implemented (optional)	ⓘ
<a href="#">HTTP Strict Transport Security</a>	✗	-20	HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS) header not implemented	ⓘ
<a href="#">Redirection</a>	✓	0	Initial redirection is to HTTPS on same host, final destination is HTTPS	ⓘ
<a href="#">Referrer Policy</a>	–	0	Referrer-Policy header not implemented (optional)	ⓘ
<a href="#">Subresource Integrity</a>	–	0	Subresource Integrity (SRI) not implemented, but all scripts are loaded from a similar origin	ⓘ
<a href="#">X-Content-Type-Options</a>	✗	-5	X-Content-Type-Options header not implemented	ⓘ
<a href="#">X-Frame-Options</a>	✗	-20	X-Frame-Options (XFO) header not implemented	ⓘ
<a href="#">X-XSS-Protection</a>	✗	-10	X-XSS-Protection header not implemented	ⓘ

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Ristic, I., 2020. CAA Mandated By CA/Browser Forum | Qualys Blog. [online] Qualys Blog. Disponibil la: <<https://blog.qualys.com/ssllabs/2017/03/13/caa-mandated-by-cabrowser-forum>> [Accesat 8 mai 2020]

## Overall Rating



Visit our [documentation page](#) for more information, configuration guides, and books. Known issues are documented [here](#).

This site works only in browsers with SNI support.






This server supports TLS 1.3.

# Anexe Capitolul 3. - Testare WordPress la nivel de versiune diferită (5.0 vs. 5.4, testat comparativ)

Pentest-Tools.com. fără dată. Website Vulnerability Scanner - Online Scan For Web Vulnerabilities | Pentest-Tools.Com. [online] Disponibil la: <<https://pentest-tools.com/website-vulnerability-scanning/website-scanner>> [Accesat 26 April 2020].

## Findings

### Vulnerabilities found for server-side software

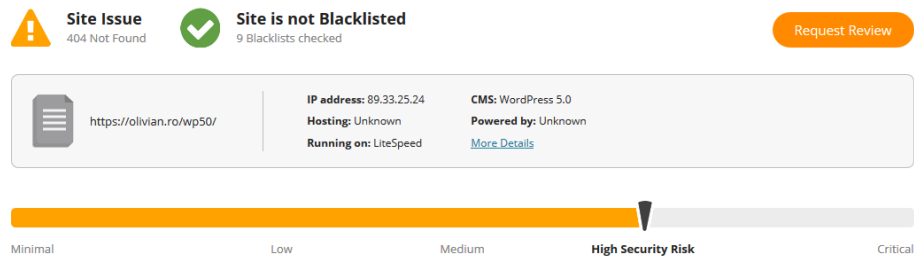
Risk Level	CVSS	CVE	Summary	Exploit	Affected software
	7.5	<a href="#">CVE-2018-20148</a>	In WordPress before 4.9.9 and 5.x before 5.0.1, contributors could conduct PHP object injection attacks via crafted metadata in a wp.getMediaItem XMLRPC call. This is caused by mishandling of serialized data at phar:// URLs in the wp_get_attachment_thumb_file function in wp-includes/post.php.	N/A	WordPress 5.0
	6.8	<a href="#">CVE-2019-9787</a>	WordPress before 5.1.1 does not properly filter comment content, leading to Remote Code Execution by unauthenticated users in a default configuration. This occurs because CSRF protection is mishandled, and because Search Engine Optimization of A elements is performed incorrectly, leading to XSS. The XSS results in administrative access, which allows arbitrary changes to .php files. This is related to wp-admin/includes/ajax-actions.php and wp-includes/comment.php.	N/A	WordPress 5.0
	6.5	<a href="#">CVE-2019-8942</a>	WordPress before 4.9.9 and 5.x before 5.0.1 allows remote code execution because an _wp_attached_file Post Meta entry can be changed to an arbitrary string, such as one ending with a .jpg?file.php substring. An attacker with author privileges can execute arbitrary code by uploading a crafted image containing PHP code in the Exif metadata. Exploitation can leverage CVE-2019-8943.	N/A	WordPress 5.0
	5.8	<a href="#">CVE-2019-16220</a>	In WordPress before 5.2.3, validation and sanitization of a URL in wp_validate_redirect in wp-includes/pluggable.php could lead to an open redirect.	N/A	WordPress 5.0
	5.5	<a href="#">CVE-2018-20147</a>	In WordPress before 4.9.9 and 5.x before 5.0.1, authors could modify metadata to bypass intended restrictions on deleting files.	N/A	WordPress 5.0

> Details

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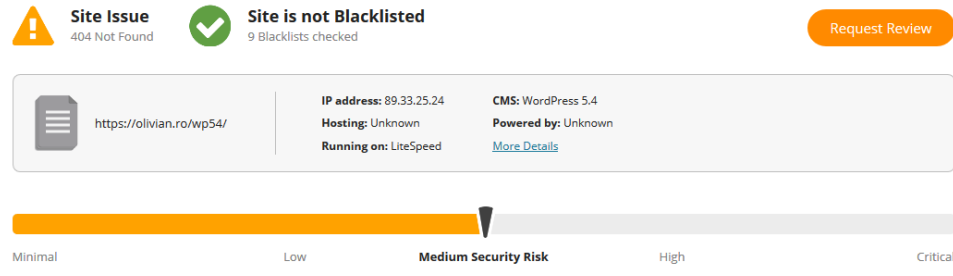
Sucuri Security, fără dată. <https://Olivian.Ro/Wp50/>. [online] Disponibil la: <<https://sitecheck.sucuri.net/results/https/olivian.ro/wp50/>> [Accesat 17 mai 2020].

Sucuri Security, fără dată. <https://Olivian.Ro/Wp54/>. [online] Disponibil la: <<https://sitecheck.sucuri.net/results/https/olivian.ro/wp50/>> [Accesat 17 mai 2020].



**Site Issue Detected**  
<https://olivian.ro/wp50/index.php/category/fara-categorie/> Unable to scan the page. 404 Not Found

**Outdated Software Detected**  
WordPress under 5.3.1/5.2.5/5.1.4/5.0.8/4/9.13 | [Security Updates](#)



**Site Issue Detected**  
<https://olivian.ro/wp54/index.php/category/fara-categorie/> Unable to scan the page. 404 Not Found

**Site Issue Detected**  
<https://olivian.ro/wp54/index.php/paginã-exemplu/> Unable to scan the page. 404 Not Found



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fără dată. Probely. [online] Disponibil la:

<<https://app.probely.com/portal/2NgZ7NHvQq3e/findings/1/filter?state=notfixed>> [Accesat 17 mai 2020].

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WordPress 5.0

DASHBOARD  
SCAN  
FINDINGS  
SETTINGS

FINDINGS

SHOWING FILTERED VULNERABILITIES (4 entries)

SEARCH: Search vulnerabilities Q FILTER: SEVERITY STATE NOT FIXED ASSIGNED LABEL CLEAR ALL FILTERS

<input type="checkbox"/>	#	Severity	Title	Last Found	State	Label	Action
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	LOW	Referrer policy not defined <a href="https://dribbble.com/wp50/">https://dribbble.com/wp50/</a>	Today at 3:36 PM	NOT FIXED		CHOOSE
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	LOW	Missing clickjacking protection <a href="https://driblan.ro/wp50/">https://driblan.ro/wp50/</a>	Today at 3:36 PM	NOT FIXED		CHOOSE
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	LOW	HSTS header not enforced <a href="https://dribbble.com/wp50/">https://dribbble.com/wp50/</a>	Today at 3:36 PM	NOT FIXED		CHOOSE
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	LOW	Browser content sniffing allowed <a href="https://dribbble.com/wp50/">https://dribbble.com/wp50/</a>	Today at 3:36 PM	NOT FIXED		CHOOSE

WordPress 5.4

DASHBOARD  
SCAN  
FINDINGS  
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FINDINGS

SHOWING FILTERED VULNERABILITIES (3 entries)

SEARCH: Search vulnerabilities Q FILTER: SEVERITY STATE NOT FIXED ASSIGNED LABEL CLEAR ALL FILTERS

<input type="checkbox"/>	#	Severity	Title	Last Found	State	Label	Action
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	HIGH	WordPress version with known vulnerabilities <a href="https://driblan.ro/wp54/">https://driblan.ro/wp54/</a>	Today at 7:09 PM	NOT FIXED		CHOOSE
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	LOW	Referrer policy not defined <a href="https://driblan.ro/wp54/">https://driblan.ro/wp54/</a>	Today at 7:08 PM	NOT FIXED		CHOOSE
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	LOW	Browser content sniffing allowed <a href="https://driblan.ro/wp54/">https://driblan.ro/wp54/</a>	Today at 7:08 PM	NOT FIXED		CHOOSE

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Qualysguard.qg2.apps.qualys.eu. fără dată. Qualys Security And Compliance Suite Login.  
[online] Disponibil la: <<https://qualysguard.qg2.apps.qualys.eu/>> [Accesat 17 mai 2020].

Vulnerabilities of all selected scans are consolidated into one report so that you can view their evolution.

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## Target and Filters

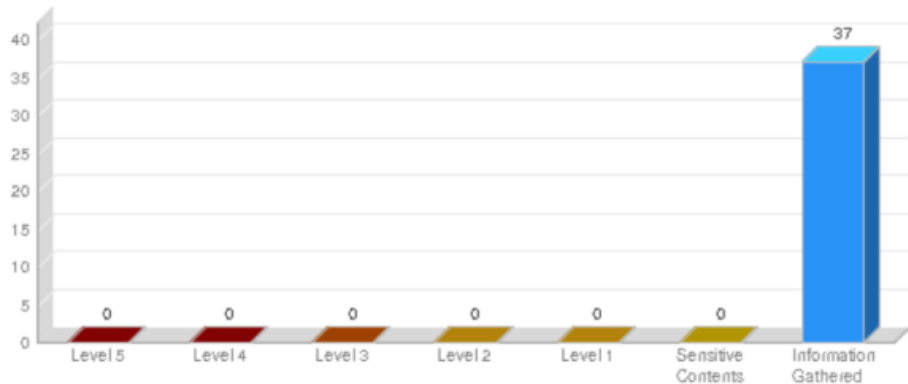
Scans (1)  
Web Applications (1)

Web Application Discovery Scan - 2020-05-10  
WP 5.0

## Summary

Security Risk	Vulnerabilities	Sensitive Contents	Information Gathered
-	0	0	37

## Findings by Severity



## Scan Report

Vulnerabilities of all selected scans are consolidated into one report so that you can view their evolution.

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## Target and Filters

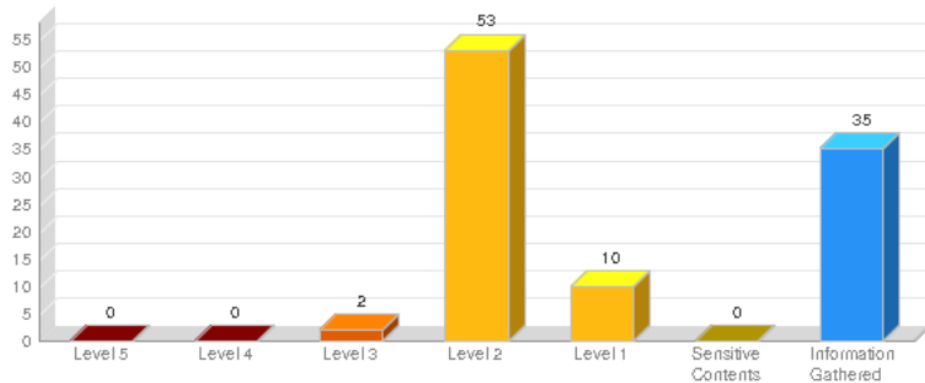
Scans (1)  
Web Applications (1)

Web Application Vulnerability Scan - 2020-05-11  
WP 5.4

## Summary

Security Risk	Vulnerabilities	Sensitive Contents	Information Gathered
MED	65	0	35

## Findings by Severity



# Capitolul 4. Potențiale soluții - cum se poate securiza WordPress?

Pluginuri dedicate:

- ▶ Adăugarea de pluginuri care pot preveni atacuri de tip DoS (denial-of-service attack);
- ▶ Alegerea unui plugin de backup corespunzător;
- ▶ Akismet Anti-Spam;
- ▶ Conditional CAPTCHA;
- ▶ Cookie Notice for GDPR & CCPA;
- ▶ Really Simple SSL;
- ▶ Protect Your Admin;
- ▶ Limit Login Attempts Reloaded;
- ▶ Simple Trackback Validation;
- ▶ Advanced noCaptcha & invisible Captcha (v2 & v3).

# Capitolul 4. Potențiale soluții - cum se poate securiza WordPress?

Actualizarea completă - WordPress, pluginuri și teme - Conform statisticilor oficiale ale WordPress, 42,6% dintre utilizatori utilizează în continuare diverse versiuni mai vechi de WordPress.

Rehman, I., 2020. Top 6 Most Common Wordpress Vulnerabilities (With Fixes). [online] Website Hosting Rating. Disponibil la: <https://www.websitehostingrating.com/most-common-wordpress-vulnerabilities/> [Accesat 14 mai 2020].

# Capitolul 4. Potențiale soluții - cum se poate securiza WordPress?

Cu autentificarea în doi pași / cu doi factori, în afară de parolă, se va introduce, pentru logare, în mod obligatoriu un cod suplimentar într-un timp dedicat.

Chahal, P., 2020. Hardening Wordpress Security: For Beginners To Advanced. [online] TemplateToaster Blog. Disponibil la: <https://blog.templatetoaster.com/hardening-wordpress-security/> [Accesat 14 mai 2020].

# Concluzii



#1 Serverul olivian.ro nu este suficient de bine securizat.

#2 Notele generale în urma analizelor sunt undeva în gama "note medii".

#3 Hostingul (găzduirea) site-ului are soluții de blocare atacuri automate.

#4 Am găsit observații de securitate în plus la instanța de WordPress 5.4.

#5 Sunt numeroase lucruri teoretice utile pentru securitatea WordPress.

#6 Literatura în domeniul securității WordPress este foarte bogată.

#7 WordPress nu își propune securitate ridicată în mod implicit.

#8 De-a lungul anilor, WordPress a făcut periodic îmbunătățiri constante.

#9 WordPress, în mod implicit asigură o securitate de bază.

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