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Steel Security groups findings into categories to make them easier to understand and act on.

Each category represents a different type of security concern.

This structure helps you quickly identify where issues exist within your site.

Main Categories

Findings are organized into the following core categories:

File Exposure

Issues related to files that should not be publicly accessible.

Examples include:

- configuration files
- backup files
- directory listings

Execution Risks

Issues that allow code to run in unintended ways.

Examples include:

- PHP execution in upload directories
- direct access to internal scripts

System & Information Exposure

Issues where your site reveals internal details.

Examples include:

- debug mode enabled
- version information exposed
- system metadata leakage

Endpoint & Access Risks

Issues related to exposed entry points or access controls.

Examples include:

- XML-RPC enabled
- unrestricted access to sensitive endpoints

Security Headers

Issues related to missing or weak browser-level protections.

Examples include:

- missing security headers
- incomplete header configuration

How to Use Categories

Categories help you:

- focus on specific types of risk
- address related issues together
- understand how findings connect to hardening controls

You may choose to resolve findings category by category, or prioritize based on severity.

How Categories Connect to Hardening

Each category aligns with a set of hardening controls.

For example:

- file exposure findings → file protection controls
- execution risks → execution controls
- headers → security header configuration

This alignment makes it easier to move from detection to resolution.

What to Do Next

- review findings within each category
- prioritize based on severity and relevance
- apply corresponding hardening controls

Related

- Understanding Scan Findings
- Severity Levels Explained
- Hardening Reference

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