

# Redacted Sample Web and API Penetration-Test Report

A fully fictional demonstration of Redline's report standard — not a real client engagement

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FICTIONAL SAMPLE

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## 1. Executive decision view

Northbridge's fictional staging application demonstrated one high-priority cross-tenant authorization weakness that would allow an authenticated user to retrieve another demo tenant's document by changing an object identifier. A second medium-priority administrative export control and one low-priority browser policy weakness were also recorded. The principal decision is to block release until server-side tenant ownership is enforced and independently retested.

| Decision                                       | Owner                    | Due        | Evidence gate                          |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------|
| Block enterprise release pending FND-01 fix    | Fictional product owner  | 2026-09-18 | Negative tenant tests + Redline retest |
| Require step-up authentication for bulk export | Fictional identity owner | 2026-09-25 | Fresh-auth event + audit record        |
| Deploy browser policy baseline                 | Fictional platform owner | 2026-10-02 | Header verification                    |

Risk distribution

| Priority         | Count | State                        |
|------------------|-------|------------------------------|
| Urgent / High    | 1     | Open — release blocking      |
| Planned / Medium | 1     | Remediation planned          |
| Routine / Low    | 1     | Backlog accepted pending fix |

2. Scope, authorization, and limitations

| Field                  | Recorded value                                                                |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Fictional target       | https://staging-api.northbridge.example.invalid and staging portal            |
| Access                 | Grey box; demo Member, Manager, and Administrator roles; fictional tenant A/B |
| Window                 | 2026-09-03 to 2026-09-09 UTC                                                  |
| Source                 | 192.0.2.44/32 documentation address                                           |
| In scope               | 28 REST endpoints, OAuth flow, portal workflows, object authorization         |
| Out of scope           | Production, load/DoS, third-party identity provider, email, social/physical   |
| Blocked / not executed | Mobile clients, source review, dependency audit, production data paths        |
| Point-in-time limit    | Results apply only to the fictional build and access described above          |

3. Method and coverage

Lifecycle: NIST SP 800-115 and PTES. Web/API overlay: OWASP WSTG 4.2, an explicitly scoped ASVS 5.0.0 subset, and API Security Top 10 2023 as a risk taxonomy. Technical severity: CVSS v4.0 score and vector. Contextual priority is separate.

| Coverage ID        | Applicability | Execution / result         | Evidence / limitation                   |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| WSTG-ATHZ-04       | Applicable    | Executed — vulnerable      | FND-01 reproducible across demo tenants |
| ASVS-5.0 V4 subset | Applicable    | Executed — partial failure | Object and function authorization       |

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|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                      |                          |                        | sampled                                   |
| API1:2023 BOLA       | Applicable taxonomy      | Observed               | FND-01; taxonomy is not complete coverage |
| WSTG-SESS-06         | Applicable               | Executed — improvement | FND-02 step-up missing                    |
| Source-only controls | Not applicable to access | Not executed           | No code or architecture evidence supplied |

## 4. Attack-path narrative

1. A fictional Member authenticates to demo tenant A through the ordinary OAuth flow.
2. The portal requests document object 1042; the client-visible identifier is modified to a value observed in a harmless demo reference.
3. The API checks authentication but does not enforce tenant ownership on the object lookup.
4. A sanitized demo tenant B document is returned. No real data, write operation, or further enumeration is attempted.
5. The same missing control exists in the export helper, creating a plausible bulk-access path; the test stops at the minimum proof.

### ROOT CAUSE

Authorization is enforced at route and role level but not at the object-query boundary. Tenant context is accepted from request state instead of derived and enforced in every server-side lookup.

## 5. Detailed findings

### FND-01 — Cross-tenant document authorization bypass

| Signal              | Value                                                                 |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Affected asset      | staging-api.northbridge.example.invalid / GET /v1/documents/{id}      |
| CVSS v4.0           | 8.7 · CVSS:4.0/AV:N/AC:L/AT:N/PR:L/UI:N/VC:H/VI:H/VA:N/SC:N/SI:N/SA:N |
| Contextual priority | Urgent — release blocking; confidential tenant data boundary          |
| State               | Open; independent reviewer reproduced against fictional demo records  |

#### Reproduction and sanitized evidence

6. Authenticate as fictional tenant A Member.
7. Request the Member's own demo object and record the harmless numeric identifier.
8. Change the identifier to the separate seeded demo tenant B object supplied for testing.
9. Observe HTTP 200 and the marker "DEMO-TENANT-B"; stop without enumeration or modification.

#### SANITIZED REQUEST/RESPONSE

GET /v1/documents/2048 HTTP/1.1  
Authorization: Bearer [REDACTED-DEMO-TOKEN]

HTTP/1.1 200 OK  
{ "tenant": "DEMO-TENANT-B", "record": "FICTIONAL-SAMPLE" }

#### Impact, cause, and remediation

An authenticated user could cross a tenant confidentiality boundary. The evidence proves one controlled read, not the size of a possible dataset. Enforce tenant ownership in the data-access layer; derive tenant context from the verified session; deny by default; prevent identifier-only authorization; add negative cross-tenant integration tests; review analogous read/write/export paths.

#### Validation criteria

- Tenant A cannot read, change, export, or infer existence of tenant B objects across all named roles.
- Server logs record denied cross-tenant attempts without sensitive data.

- Automated negative tests cover object, list, export, and asynchronous paths.
- Independent retest executes the original proof against the fixed build.

## FND-02 — Bulk export lacks step-up authentication

| Signal              | Value                                                                 |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CVSS v4.0           | 5.3 · CVSS:4.0/AV:N/AC:L/AT:N/PR:H/UI:N/VC:L/VI:L/VA:N/SC:N/SI:N/SA:N |
| Contextual priority | Planned — privileged workflow with high data volume                   |
| State               | Remediation planned                                                   |

A long-lived fictional Administrator session can initiate a bulk export without recent authentication. Require phishing-resistant step-up or fresh authentication, bind it to the export action, expire it quickly, and record actor, purpose, tenant, query, approval, and download events.

## FND-03 — Browser policy baseline incomplete

| Signal              | Value                                                                 |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CVSS v4.0           | 2.3 · CVSS:4.0/AV:N/AC:H/AT:P/PR:N/UI:A/VC:L/VI:N/VA:N/SC:N/SI:N/SA:N |
| Contextual priority | Routine — defense in depth                                            |
| State               | Accepted for scheduled remediation                                    |

The fictional staging portal omits a restrictive Content-Security-Policy on two legacy routes. Deploy a measured policy with nonce/hash controls, remove unsafe inline dependencies, monitor reports, and verify every route. This finding is not presented as a complete browser-security review.

## 6. Positive observations

- Fictional test accounts and tenant markers made cross-boundary validation safe and reproducible.
- OAuth tokens were short-lived and audience-restricted.
- Rate limiting prevented broad identifier enumeration during the controlled proof.
- The fictional client risk owner acknowledged the live escalation within the sample SLA.

## 7. Remediation and retest ledger

| Finding | Owner / due           | Validation                                   | Current status       |
|---------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| FND-01  | Product / 2026-09-18  | Cross-tenant negative suite + original proof | Open                 |
| FND-02  | Identity / 2026-09-25 | Fresh-auth and audit evidence                | Planned              |
| FND-03  | Platform / 2026-10-02 | All-route header scan + manual check         | Accepted / scheduled |

### RETEST STATEMENT — SAMPLE

No retest has been performed in this fictional sample. A closure letter would identify the exact findings, fixed build, environment, date, evidence, remaining limitations, and residual risk. It would not state that the environment is secure.

## 8. Sign-off and appendix

| Role                 | Fictional identity       | Responsibility                                                             |
|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Engagement lead      | Jordan Lee (fictional)   | Execution, evidence, technical accuracy                                    |
| Independent reviewer | Maya Chen (fictional)    | Scope, reproduction, severity, impact, remediation, completeness statement |
| Client risk owner    | Avery Morgan (fictional) | Business priority, acceptance, remediation ownership                       |

### Completeness statement

The team completed the recorded applicable tests within the named boundary and access. The unexecuted and blocked areas listed in sections 2 and 3 remain limitations. No claim of exhaustive coverage or absence of vulnerabilities is made.