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# Usability of Penetration Testing Reports

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- 🔥 **Vulnerability Still Open!**
- ❌ **Risk Level Increasing**

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Affected Endpoint: /login.php,  
Payload Used: admin' --

**Attack Scenario:** Hacker can inject admin' -- to log in as admin.

Remediation

Implement proper security controls.

**Fix:** Use prepared statements.  
**Example Code:** SELECT \* FROM users WHERE username = ? AND password = ?

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 No clear urgency or timeline.

 Fix within **24 hours**, assigned to **Development Team**.



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# Now and Next

## From Reports to Actions: Bridging the Customer Usability Gap in Penetration Testing

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