

Web Application Security Testing – Task 1 Report

Cyber Security Internship – Future Interns

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1. Introduction

The objective of this task was to perform **Web Application Security Testing** on a vulnerable web application to identify potential security risks and weaknesses. The assessment was conducted to understand how attackers exploit web vulnerabilities and how such issues can be mitigated to protect real-world applications. This task aligns with the **OWASP Top 10 Web Application Security Risks**.

2. Tools Used

Tool	Purpose
OWASP ZAP	Automated scanning & manual testing
Burp Suite	Intercepting and modifying HTTP requests
Browser Developer Tools	Inspecting web elements & responses
GitHub	Documentation & version control

3. Target Application

Application Tested: *OWASP Juice Shop*

This application is intentionally vulnerable and used for practicing ethical hacking techniques in a safe environment.

4. Testing Methodology

1. **Reconnaissance:** Understanding application structure and endpoints
2. **Scanning:** Automated scanning using OWASP ZAP
3. **Manual Testing:** Attempting exploitation of discovered vulnerabilities

4. **Documentation:** Recording findings with screenshots and remediation steps

5. Vulnerabilities Identified

5.1 SQL Injection

- **Description:** The application failed to validate user inputs in SQL queries.
- **Impact:** Attackers can extract or modify sensitive database data.
- **Recommendation:** Use parameterized queries and input sanitization.

5.2 Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

- **Description:** The application reflected user input directly to the browser without encoding.
- **Impact:** Allows execution of malicious scripts in victim browser sessions.
- **Recommendation:** Implement output encoding and proper input validation.

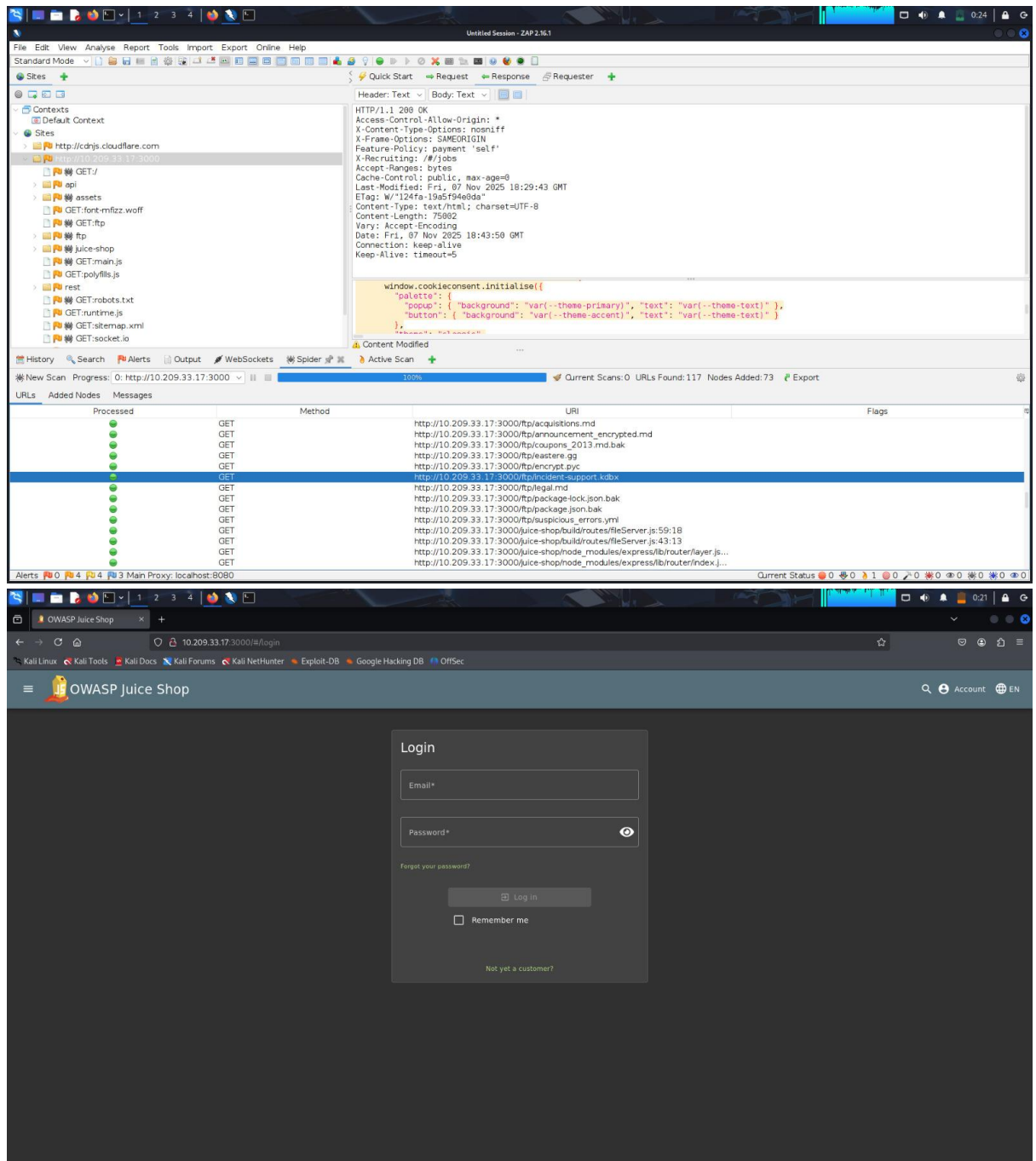
5.3 Broken Authentication

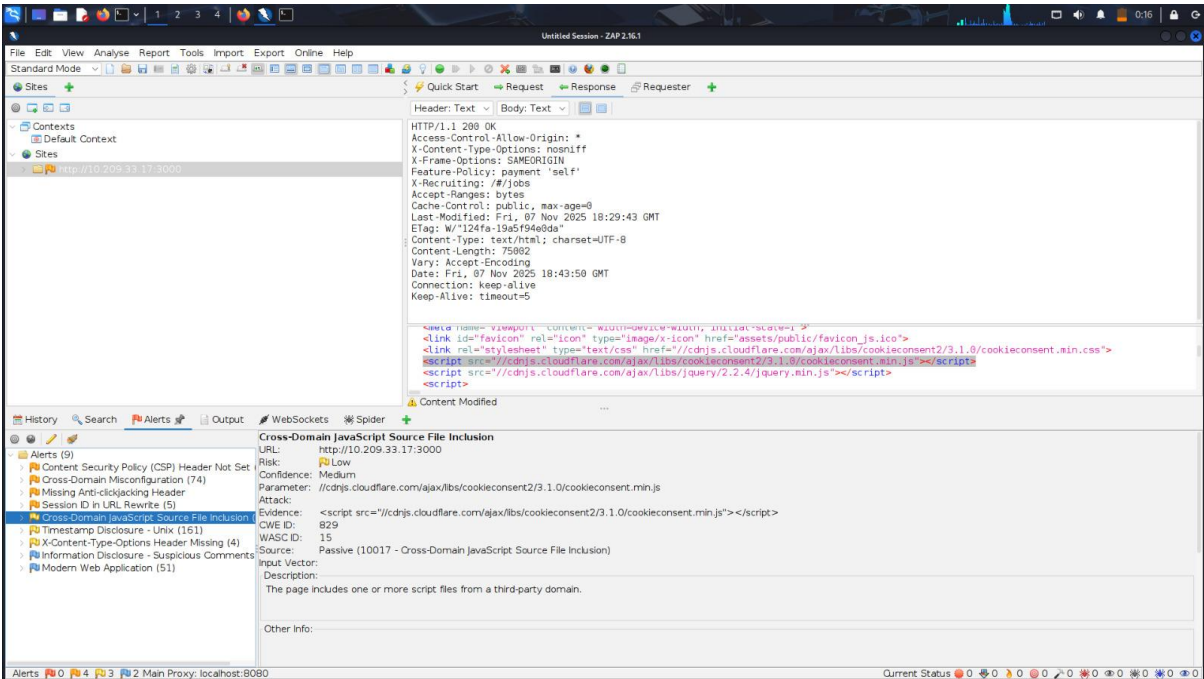
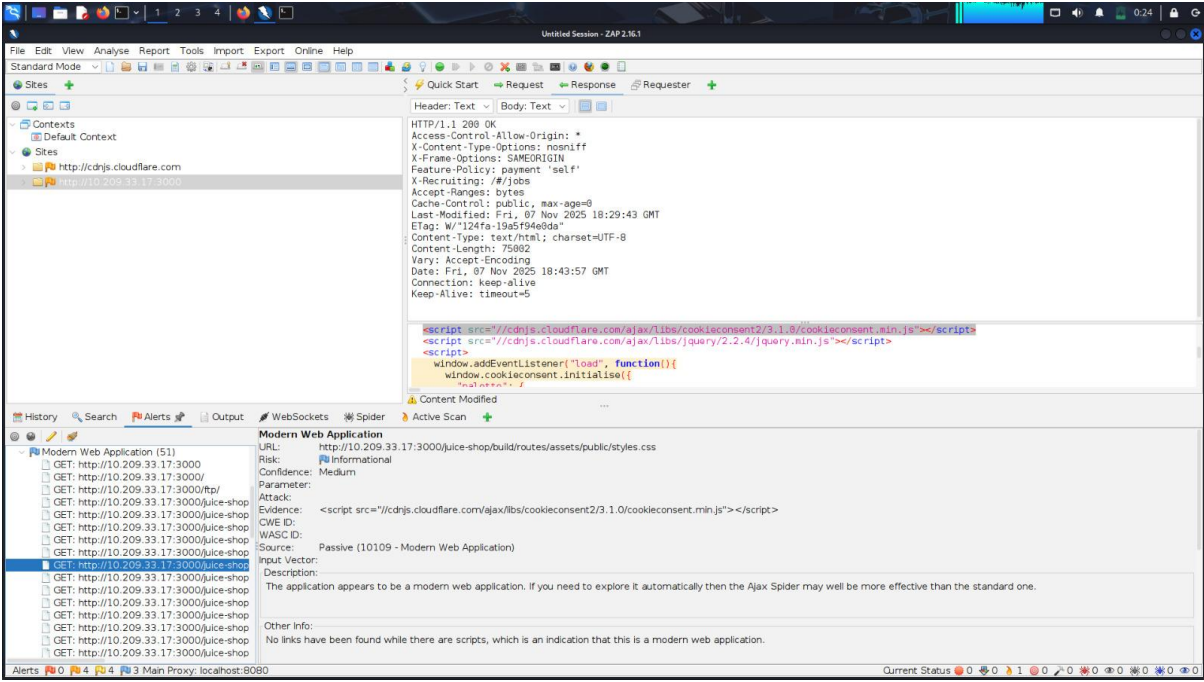
- **Description:** Weak login/session handling made user accounts vulnerable.
- **Impact:** Unauthorized access to user accounts.
- **Recommendation:** Enforce strong password policies and secure session tokens.

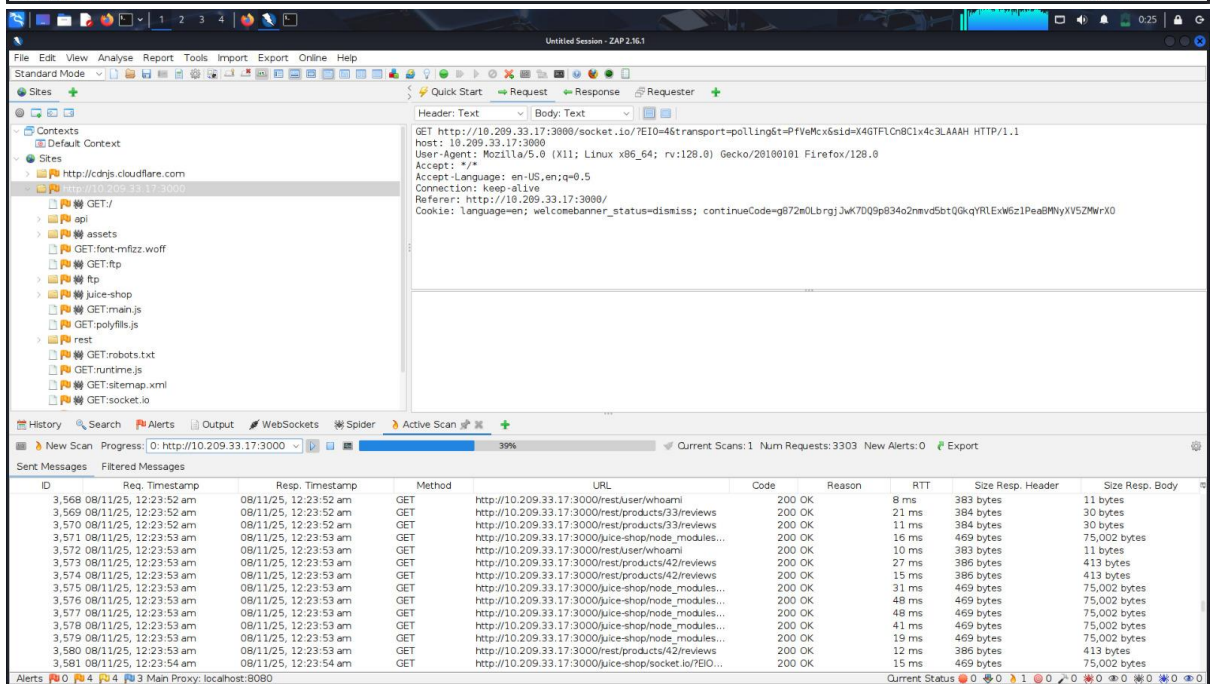
5.4 Security Misconfiguration

- **Description:** Application revealed debug/error messages exposing internal details.
 - **Impact:** Attackers can use these details to perform targeted attacks.
 - **Recommendation:** Disable debugging mode and configure secure error handling.
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5.Screenshots







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7. Conclusion

This task provided hands-on experience in identifying and analyzing common web application vulnerabilities. It also helped in understanding secure coding practices and mitigation strategies. Completing this task strengthened my skills in **Web Application Penetration Testing, OWASP Awareness, and Security Documentation.**

8. GitHub Repository Link

https://github.com/ANKI0310/FUTURE_CS_01/tree/main/Task1_WebAppSecurity/Screenshots