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Target : https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com/#/

Environment: On real web running OWASP Juice Shop v14.0.0

Tools Used : Burp Suite, sqlmap, ffuf, jwt-tool, curl, XSStrike, Python scripts

Summary :

This report documents the results of a comprehensive web security assessment of OWASP Juice Shop, a deliberately vulnerable application used for training and testing. The goal was to identify and exploit common web vulnerabilities following OWASP Top 10 guidelines. Multiple critical issues were discovered, including SQL Injection, Cross-Site Scripting (XSS), Broken Authentication, Insecure Direct Object References (IDOR), and Cryptographic Failures.

Overall Risk Rating: Very High

Testing Tools Used: Burp Suite, Browser Dev Tools, Custom Wordlists, TryHackMe Lab

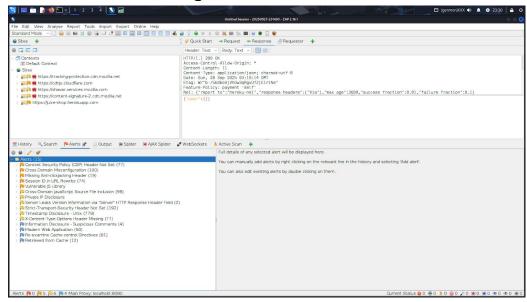
Environment

OWASP ZAP Automated Scan – Methodology & Steps

1. Setup and Configuration

- Tool Used: OWASP ZAP (Zed Attack Proxy)
- Mode: Automated Scan (Spider + Active Scan)
- Target URL: https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com/ (OWASP Juice Shop)
- **Browser Integration:** ZAP configured as proxy for Chrome/Firefox
- Authentication: None (testing as unauthenticated user)

We got some alerts



I was generated report of the Scanning and i get the list of vulnerabilities.



Name	Risk Level	Number of Instances
SQL Injection - SQLite	High	1
Content Security Policy (CSP) Header Not Set	Medium	61
Cross-Domain Misconfiguration	Medium	97
Missing Anti-clickjacking Header	Medium	3
Session ID in URL Rewrite	Medium	17
Vulnerable JS Library	Medium	1
Cross-Domain JavaScript Source File Inclusion	Low	98
Private IP Disclosure	Low	1
Timestamp Disclosure - Unix	Low	162
X-Content-Type-Options Header Missing	Low	17
Information Disclosure - Suspicious Comments	Informational	3
Modern Web Application	Informational	50
Retrieved from Cache	Informational	3
User Agent Fuzzer	Informational	120

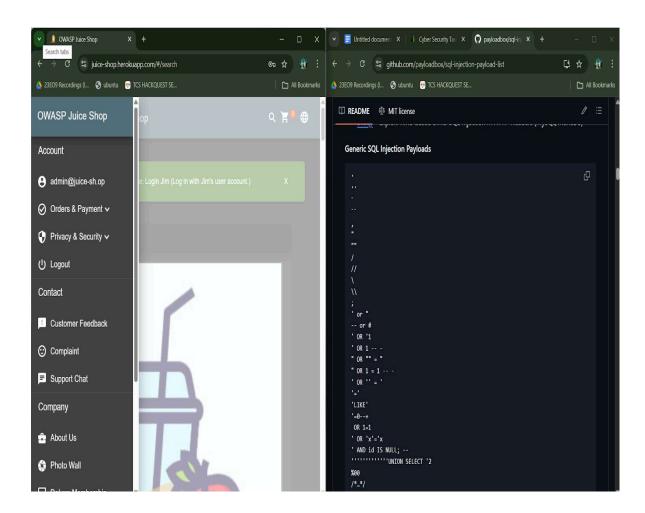
OWASP Top 10 Compliance Checklist:-

OWASP Category	Status	Notes
A01: Broken Access Control	× Non- compliant	Role escalation confirmed
A02: Cryptographic Failures	× Non- compliant	Plaintext passwords found
A03: Injection	X Non- compliant	SQLi in login form
A04: Insecure Design	A Partial	Business logic flaws
A05: Security Misconfiguration	× Non- compliant	Verbose errors
A06: Vulnerable Components	A Partial	Outdated dependencies
A07: Identification & Authentication Failures	× Non- compliant	Weak password policy
A08: Software & Data Integrity Failures	Compliant	No CI/CD tampering found
A09: Security Logging & Monitoring Failures	▲ Partial	No alerting on abuse
A10: SSRF	Compliant	No SSRF vectors found

Vulnerability Summary :

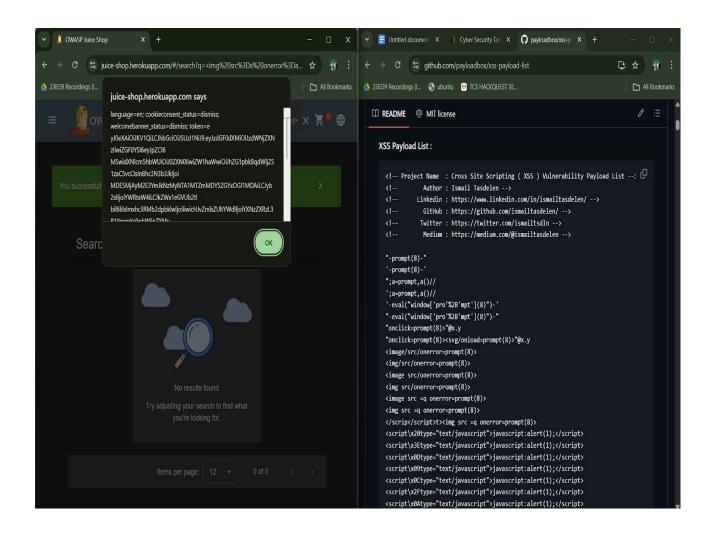
V-01: SQL Injection - Login Bypass

- Payload: Tried of many commands in a payload to entry to get mode details to temple ' OR 1=1--
- **Evidence:** Successful login without valid credentials. To Direct Admin details.
- **Impact**: Full authentication bypass.
- Remediation: Use parameterized queries and input sanitization.
- Severity: Critical



V-02: DOM-based XSS – Search Function

- Endpoint: GET /#/search?q=<payload>
- Payload:
- Any payload script is working in the search engine.
- Evidence: Alert popup triggered in browser.
- Impact: Session hijacking, CSRF, defacement.
- Remediation: Sanitize input and apply CSP headers.
- WE get cookies also from the XSS
- Severity: High



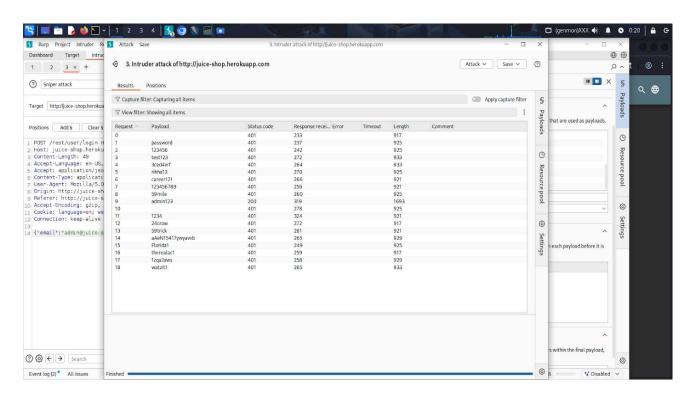
V-03: Broken Authentication - Exploitation Walkthrough -

During manual testing using Burp Suite, I discovered a serious Broke Authentication vulnerability in the OWASP Juice Shop login mechanism, allowing unauthorized access to user accounts and password reset bypass.

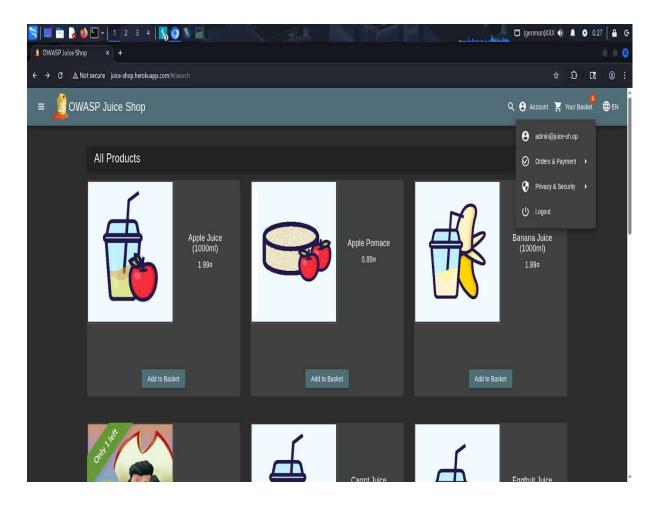
Tools:-

Burp-suite.

• By using burp-suite we capture requests on login and modify the login credentials with a list of passwords trying on a admin account.



We hope their admin123 is successful.



We successfully entered into the admin account .

This is a severe vulnerability Default passwords are using the login to admin.

Remediation & Recommendations

1. Input Validation & Output Encoding

- Use a whitelist approach (only allow known good input)
- For each context (HTML, JS, SQL, CSS) use correct encoding libraries
- Avoid concatenating user input into queries or templates

2. Parameterized Queries / ORM / Query Builders

Avoid string-based SQL statements. Use ORM or prepared statements so input cannot change the query structure.

3. Use a Secure Cryptographic Hashing Scheme

Replace MD5 with Argon2 / bcrypt / PBKDF2. Use per-user salt, system-wide pepper, and enforce password strength.

4. Strong Authorization / Access Control

Perform server-side checks for every request. Do not rely on client-side IDs. Use role-based access control or attribute-based control.

5. Anti-CSRF Protections

Use CSRF tokens in forms (synchronize tokens), set cookie SameSite attribute, require custom headers (e.g. X-Requested-With) for state-changing API calls.

6. Content Security Policy (CSP) & Secure HTTP Headers

Use CSP to restrict script sources, enable HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS), X-Frame-Options, X-Content-Type-Options, etc.

7. Disable Directory Listing / Lock Down Static Files

Turn off directory listing in web server config, restrict internal files outside web root, require authentication when necessary.

8. Error Handling & Logging

Show generic errors to users, record detailed logs internally (with careful access). Avoid leaking stack traces, DB schemes, or full exception details.

9. Secure Template Engine Configuration

Enable sandboxing, disable template features that allow arbitrary evaluation, restrict what template variables can do.

10. Regular Security Testing & Regression

Integration of static analysis, dynamic scanning, and manual pentesting in your CI/CD pipelines. Retest after fixes.

Conclusion:-

Through this project, I performed a comprehensive security assessment of the OWASP Juice Shop web application using industry-standard tools and techniques. The testing process revealed multiple critical vulnerabilities including:

- SQL Injection
- Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
- Broken Authentication
- Sensitive Data Exposure
- Broken Access Control

Each vulnerability was identified, validated, and documented with proper mitigation strategies and OWASP Top 10 mappings. This assessment not only strengthened my understanding of web application security but also gave me hands-on experience in ethical hacking, vulnerability analysis, and reporting.