

Lab Report – SQL Injection on Juice Shop

Introduction

In this lab I used **OWASP Juice Shop**, which is a purposely vulnerable lab application. The aim was to perform a SQL Injection attack on the login page and then try to apply mitigation using Nginx with ModSecurity (lab Application Firewall). I was able to complete the attack part successfully, but the WAF setup did not work properly. So this report covers the attack stage only.

Threat Scenario

The target of our attack was the login page of Juice Shop running on `http://localhost:3000/#/login`. The attacker's goal was to bypass login authentication without knowing the correct password. The type of attack chosen was SQL Injection, which is one of the most common and dangerous lab application vulnerabilities.

Attack Execution

The attack was done step by step. First, I opened the Juice Shop application in the browser and went to the login page. In the email field I entered the payload '`' OR 1=1--`'. In the password field I typed anything, even a blank value. After clicking the login button, the application allowed us to log in successfully without valid credentials. This proved that the backend query was vulnerable because it directly concatenated user input into the SQL statement.

Evidence Collected

I collected evidence of this attack. Screenshots were taken showing the login page with the payload entered and another screenshot showing the successful login into the application. The observation was clear: the query logic was broken by our input. Normally, the login checks if the email and password are correct. But our input changed the query to always return true (`OR 1=1`), and the `--` symbol commented out the rest of the query. Because of this, the application gave access without verifying the password.

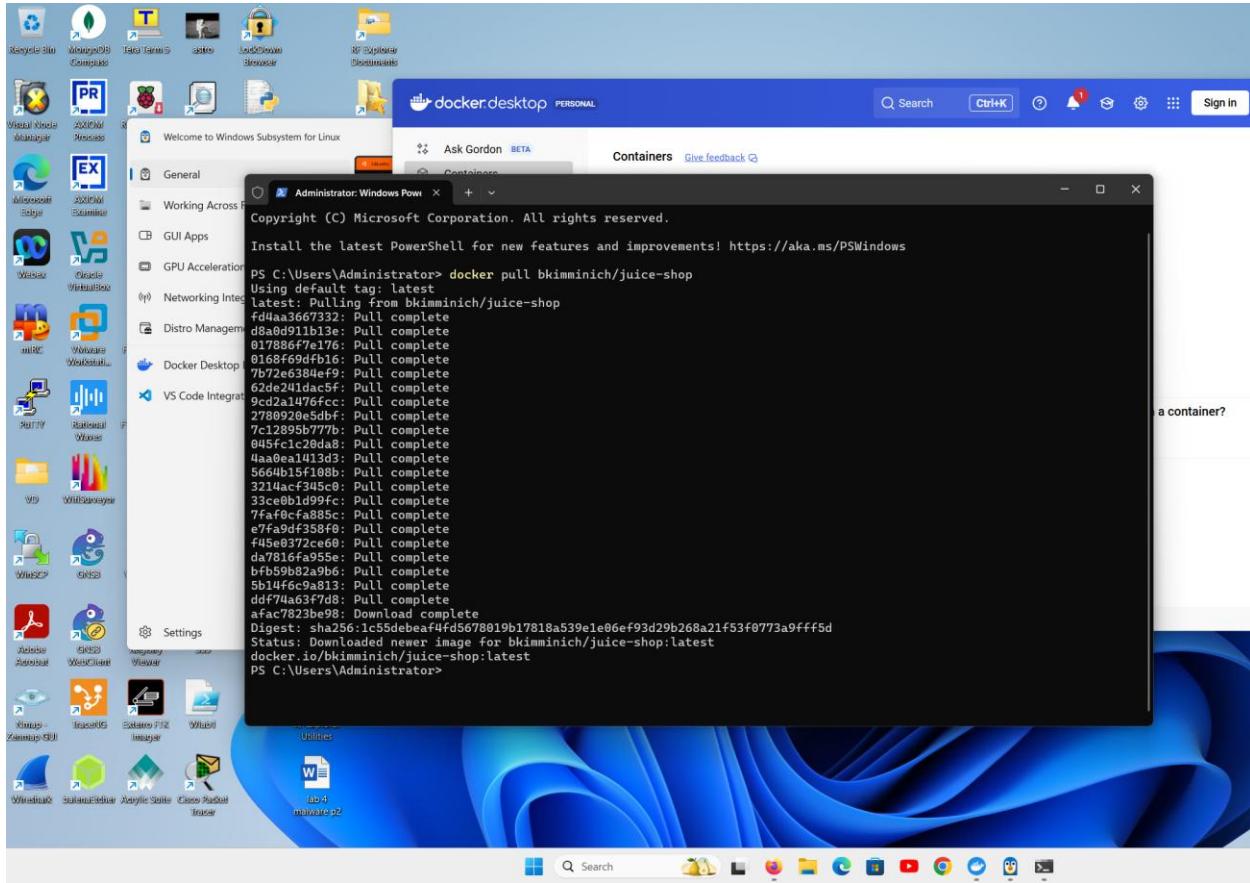
Mitigation Attempt

After the attack, I tried to set up Nginx with ModSecurity WAF using Docker Compose. Juice Shop started correctly on port 3000, and the Nginx WAF container started on port 8080. However, when I tried to access Juice Shop through the WAF, I received error pages from Nginx. This showed that the proxy was not connecting properly to the backend Juice Shop service. Therefore, the mitigation part is not successful yet.

Conclusion

The SQL Injection attack on Juice Shop was successful and clearly demonstrated how dangerous this vulnerability can be. I was able to bypass login authentication with a simple payload. The mitigation attempt using Nginx and ModSecurity is pending because of configuration issues. The next step will be to fix the Nginx proxy setup and then test again with the same payload to confirm that the WAF blocks the attack.

INSTALLATION



Running Docker

```
afac7823be98: Download complete
Digest: sha256:1c55debeaf4fd5678019b17818a539e1e06ef93d29b268a21f53f0773a9fff5d
Status: Downloaded newer image for bkimminich/juice-shop:latest
docker.io/bkimminich/juice-shop:latest
PS C:\Users\Administrator> docker run --rm -p 3000:3000 bkimminich/juice-shop
info: Detected Node.js version v22.21.1 (OK)
info: Detected OS linux (OK)
info: Detected CPU x64 (OK)
info: Configuration default validated (OK)
info: Entity models 20 of 20 are initialized (OK)
info: Required file server.js is present (OK)
info: Required file index.html is present (OK)
info: Required file main.js is present (OK)
info: Required file styles.css is present (OK)
info: Required file runtime.js is present (OK)
info: Required file tutorial.js is present (OK)
info: Required file vendor.js is present (OK)
info: Port 3000 is available (OK)
info: Chatbot training data botDefaultTrainingData.json validated (OK)
info: Domain https://www.alchemy.com/ is reachable (OK)
info: Server listening on port 3000
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Screenshot of Docker Desktop interface showing the Containers tab.

Containers (Give feedback)

Container CPU usage: 0.39% / 2400% (24 CPUs available)

Container memory usage: 102.8MB / 30.46GB

Search: Only show running containers

Name	Container ID	Image	Port(s)	CPU (%)	Last started	Actions
goofy_banach	d736d7120e24	b3kimmunich/juice-shop	3000:3000	0.41%	26 seconds ago	

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Showing 1 item

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Engine running | RAM 3.40 GB CPU 0.04% Disk: 2.01 GB used (limit 1006.85 GB) Terminal v4.54.0

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Accessing the Juice shop

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the OWASP Juice Shop application at <http://localhost:3000/>. The page has a dark theme with a central modal dialog.

Welcome to OWASP Juice Shop!

Being a web application with a vast number of intended security vulnerabilities, the **OWASP Juice Shop** is supposed to be the opposite of a best practice or template application for web developers: It is an awareness, training, demonstration and exercise tool for security risks in modern web applications. The **OWASP Juice Shop** is an open-source project hosted by the non-profit Open Worldwide Application Security Project (OWASP) and is developed and maintained by volunteers. Check out the link below for more information and documentation on the project.

<https://owasp-juice.shop>

Dismiss

All Products

Image	Product Name	Description	Price
	Apple Pomace		0.89¤
	Banana Juice (1000ml)	1.99¤	
	Best Juice Shop Salesman Artwork	5000¤	
	Carrot Juice (1000ml)	2.99¤	
	Eggfruit Juice (500ml)	8.99¤	
	Fruit Press	89.99¤	
	Green Smoothie	1.99¤	

This website uses fruit cookies to ensure you get the juiciest tracking experience.
But me wait!

Me want it!

Attacking

The screenshot shows a browser window with the URL `http://localhost:3000/#/login`. The page is titled "OWASP Juice Shop" and features a "Login" form. The "Email*" field contains the value "' OR 1=1--". The "Password*" field contains the value "hahaha". Below the form, there is a link "Forgot your password?" and a "Log in" button. There is also a "Remember me" checkbox and a "Log in with Google" button. At the bottom, there is a link "Not yet a customer?". The browser's address bar shows the URL `http://localhost:3000/#/login`.

Successful attack execution

The screenshot shows a web browser window for the OWASP Juice Shop application. The URL in the address bar is `http://localhost:3000/#/search`. The page displays a green success message: "You successfully solved a challenge: Login Admin (Log in with the administrator's user account.)". Below this, there is a section titled "All Products" showing two items:

- Apple Juice (1000ml)** - Price: 1.99€. Image: A plastic cup with a straw and a red apple.
- Apple Pomace** - Price: 0.89€. Image: A bowl of pulp with three red apples.

Each product has a blue "Add to Basket" button at the bottom. The top right corner of the page shows a notification badge with the number 6, indicating multiple items in the basket.

Failed Debugging

```
Administrator:PowerShell x + 
PS C:\Projects\Juice-shop-waf> notepad modsecurity.conf
PS C:\Projects\Juice-shop-waf> notepad crs-setup.conf
PS C:\Projects\Juice-shop-waf> docker compose up -d
time="2025-10-06T09:38:29+05:00" level=warning msg="C:\\\\Projets\\\\Juice-shop-waf\\\\docker-compose.yml: the attribute 'version' is obsolete, it will be ignored, please remove it to avoid potential confusion"
[+] Running 2/3
  ✓ Container nginx-waf Pulled
  ✓ Container juice-shop Pulled
  ✓ Container juice-shop-waf Pulled
  ✓ Network juice-shop-waf_default Created
  ✓ Container juice-shop Started
  ✓ Container nginx-waf Started
PS C:\Projects\Juice-shop-waf> |
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Administrator:PowerShell x + 
PS C:\Projects\Juice-shop-waf> docker compose ps
  ✓ Container nginx-waf      Started          0.3s
NAME           IMAGE            COMMAND
juice-shop     bkmininch/juice-shop   "/nodejs/bin/node /j_"
juice-shop-waf nginx-waf           "nginx"
PS C:\Projects\Juice-shop-waf> notepad docker-compose.yml
PS C:\Projects\Juice-shop-waf> docker compose down
[+] Running 3/3
  ✓ Container nginx-waf      Removed         0.0s
  ✓ Container juice-shop     Removed         0.3s
  ✓ Network juice-shop-waf_default Removed        0.2s
PS C:\Projects\Juice-shop-waf> docker compose up -d
[+] Running 3/3
  ✓ Network juice-shop-waf_default Created        0.0s
  ✓ Container juice-shop-waf-juice-shop-1 Started       0.2s
  ✓ Container juice-shop-waf-nginx-waf-1 Started       0.3s
PS C:\Projects\Juice-shop-waf> notepad docker-compose.yml
PS C:\Projects\Juice-shop-waf> docker compose down
[+] Running 3/3
  ✓ Container juice-shop-waf-nginx-waf-1 Removed        0.3s
  ✓ Container juice-shop-waf-juice-shop-1 Removed        0.3s
  ✓ Network juice-shop-waf_default Removed        0.2s
PS C:\Projects\Juice-shop-waf> notepad default.conf
PS C:\Projects\Juice-shop-waf> notepad docker-compose.yml
PS C:\Projects\Juice-shop-waf> docker compose down
validating C:\\\\Projets\\\\Juice-shop-waf\\\\docker-compose.yml: volumes must be a mapping
PS C:\Projects\Juice-shop-waf> docker compose up -d
validating C:\\\\Projets\\\\Juice-shop-waf\\\\docker-compose.yml: volumes must be a mapping
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[+] Running 3/3
  ✓ Container juice-shop-waf-nginx-waf-1 Removed        0.3s
  ✓ Container juice-shop-waf-juice-shop-1 Removed        0.3s
  ✓ Network juice-shop-waf_default Removed        0.2s
PS C:\Projects\Juice-shop-waf> notepad docker-compose.yml
PS C:\Projects\Juice-shop-waf> docker compose up -d
[+] Running 3/3
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  ✓ Container juice-shop-waf-juice-shop-1 Started       0.3s
  ✓ Container juice-shop-waf-nginx-waf-1 Started       0.4s
PS C:\Projects\Juice-shop-waf> notepad default.conf
NAME           IMAGE            COMMAND
juice-shop     bkmininch/juice-shop   "/nodejs/bin/node /j_"
juice-shop-waf nginx-waf           "nginx"
PS C:\Projects\Juice-shop-waf> |
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