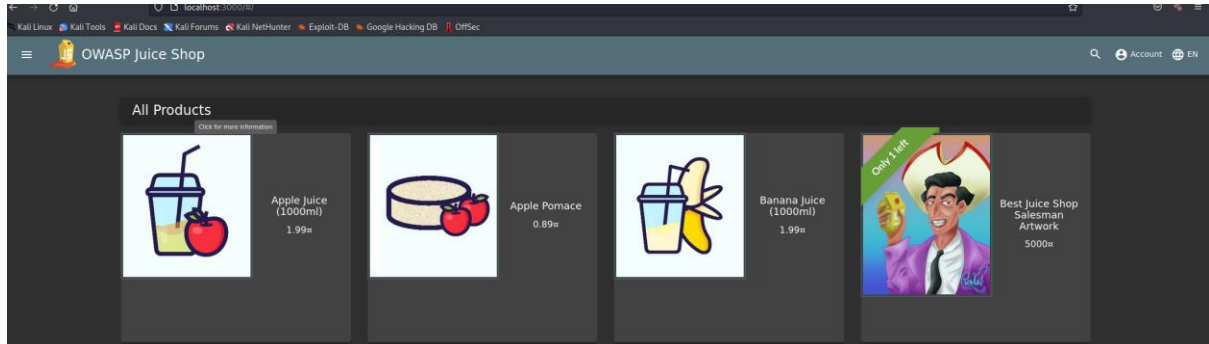
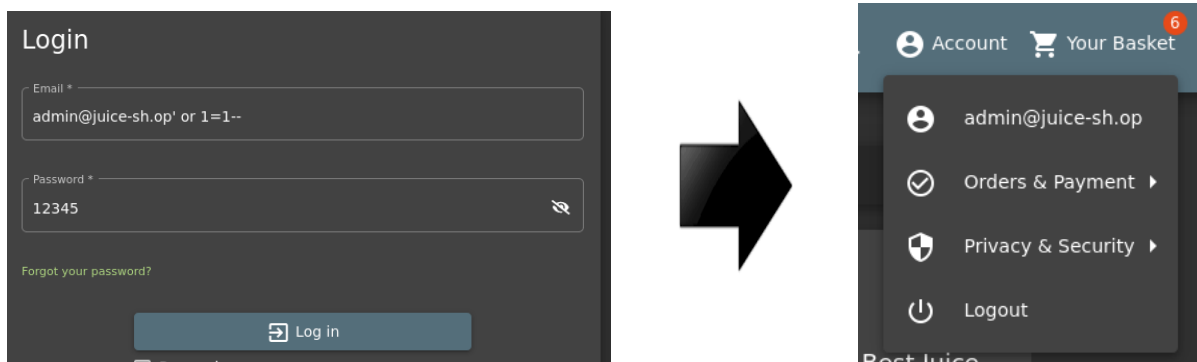


# Penetration Testing (OWASP Juice Shop)

Target Site:



## 1.SQL Injection



**Vulnerability:** Unauthorized access/compromised the admin account by inserting SQL injection payload in the email field.

**Impact:** Ability to change, delete, or add data this means an attacker could manipulate sensitive information within the database, potentially leading to data corruption, fraud, or other malicious activities by accessing admin account.

**Solution:** SQL injection attacks can be prevented by validating user input, using parameterized queries, and using a web application firewall.

Input validation

- Verify user input: Ensure that user-submitted data is properly inspected and formatted
- Sanitize user input: Remove invalid or unsafe characters and reformat it
- Use an allowlist: Define valid user inputs and reject incoming queries that appear abnormal

- Escape user-supplied input: Treat user-supplied input as input, rather than commands or conditionals.

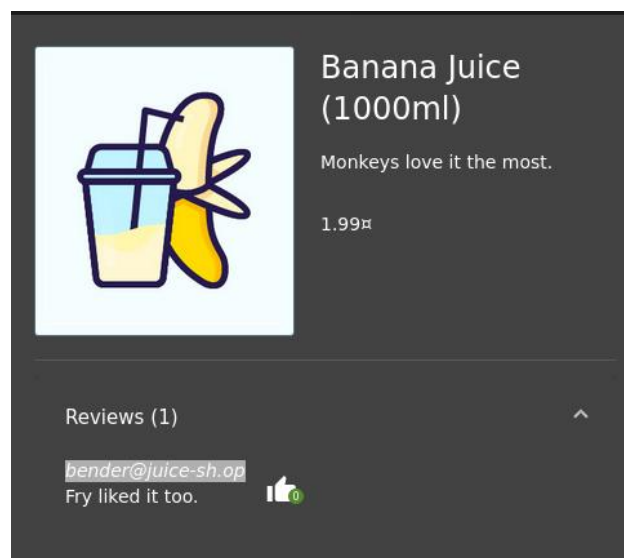
#### Parameterized queries

- Use prepared statements: Write the SQL command and the user-provided data separately
- Use parameterized stored procedures: Encapsulate SQL logic and use parameterized queries

#### Web application firewall

- Monitor network traffic at the application level
- Inspect and block incoming requests for potentially malicious signatures
- Filter out malware and suspicious traffic between the internet and a web application.

## 2. Sensitive Data Exposure



**Vulnerability:** This is a product page and its clearly showing email address to everyone.

**Impact:** Exposed email addresses can lead to a surge in spam, phishing attempts, and potential identity theft, as cybercriminals and spammers can use this information to target individuals and organizations.

Here's a more detailed explanation of the potential impacts:

#### 1. Increased Spam and Unsolicited Emails:

- Exposed email addresses become attractive targets for spammers, who use software programs to gather information from websites, newsgroups, and other online services.
- This can lead to a cluttered inbox and wasted time trying to filter out unwanted emails.

## 2. Phishing and Identity Theft:

- Cybercriminals can use exposed email addresses to launch phishing attacks, attempting to trick individuals into revealing sensitive information like passwords, credit card details, or social security numbers.
- Phishing emails often mimic legitimate sources, creating a sense of urgency or authority to prompt users to act quickly and forget their usual caution.
- In severe cases, attackers might use your leaked email address to access your accounts, potentially taking control of them.

## 3. Malware and Cyberattacks:

- Spammers and cybercriminals can use email to spread malware, which can damage systems, steal data, or disrupt network security.
- Email viruses can infiltrate systems by embedding harmful code directly within messages or through deceptive links.

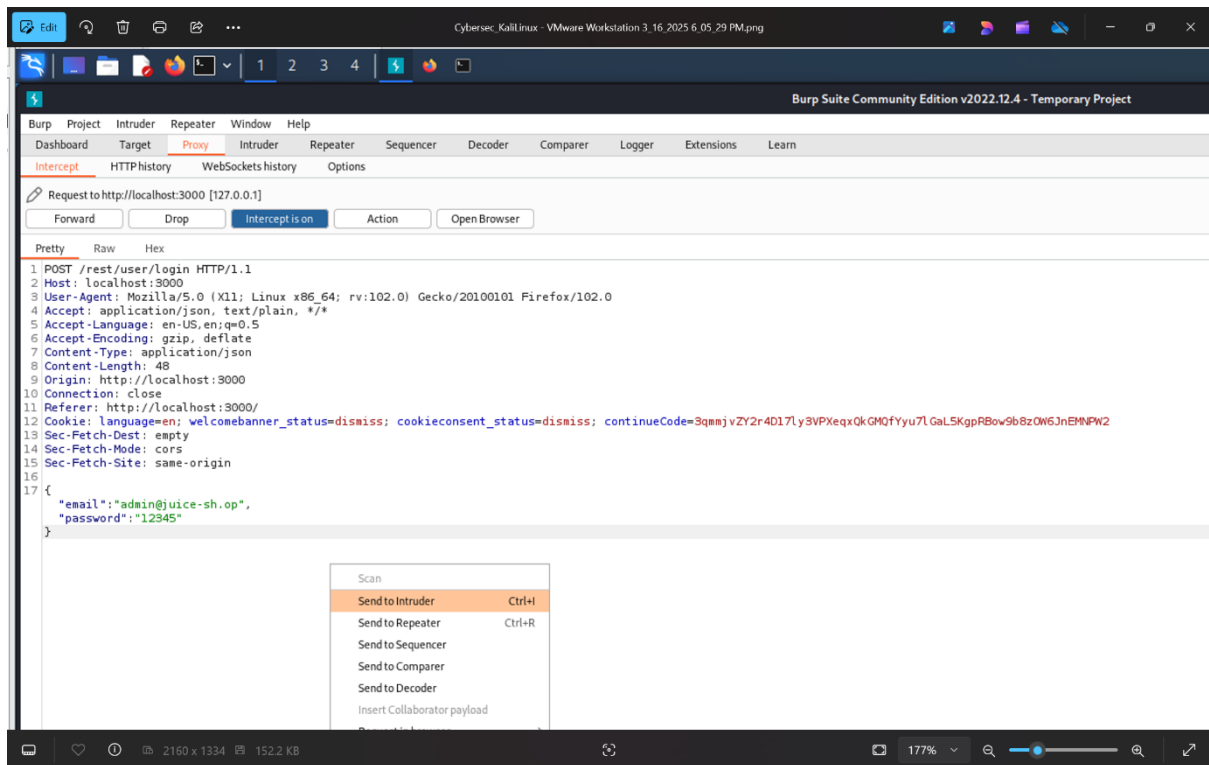
**Solution:** Show email address to only verified users with certain permissions. Instead of showing email address directly, apply encryption or hide contact information.

## 3. Brute Force Attack

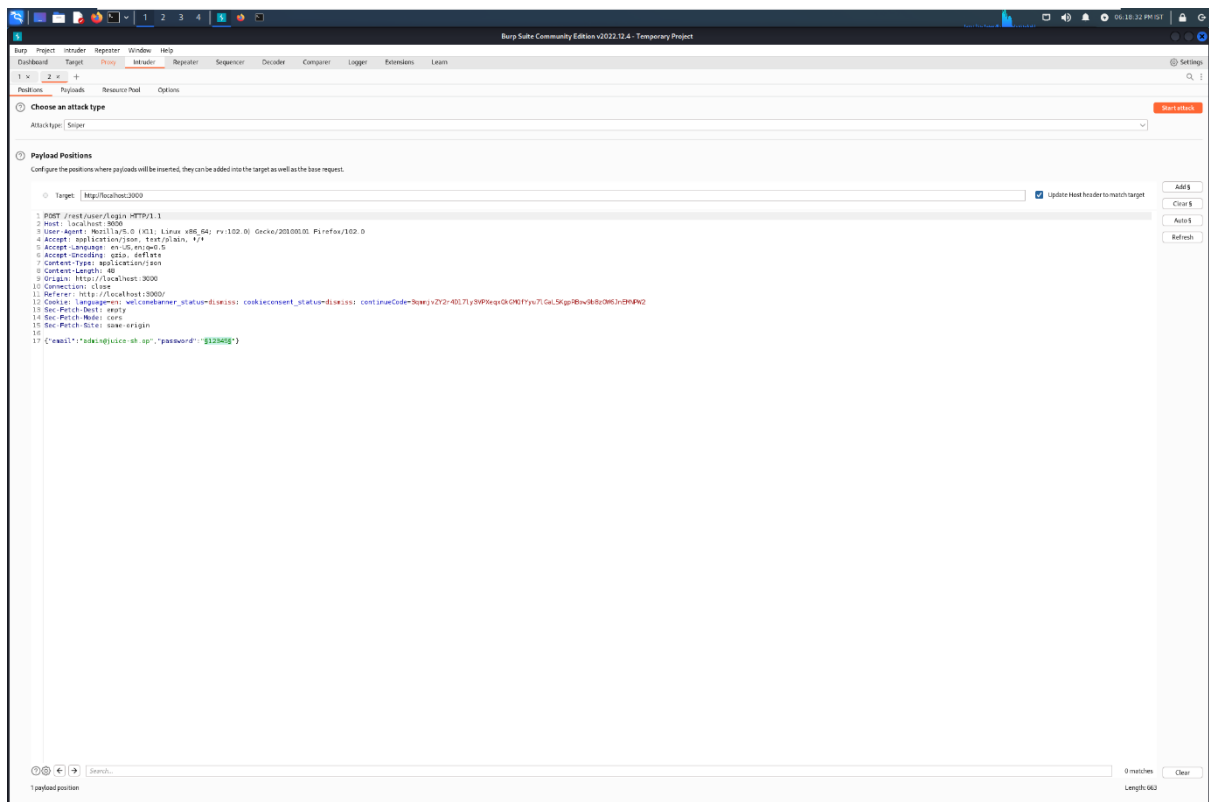
In this section **Brute Force Attack** is used to access Administration account with passwords list using **Burpsuite**.

- The attack used **Burp suite's Intruder** module.
  - A password list(passwords.txt) using the **SecLists** library was loaded as payload.
- Different passwords must be tried to access the administrator account. An intruder can quickly test a large number of possible passwords(payload)

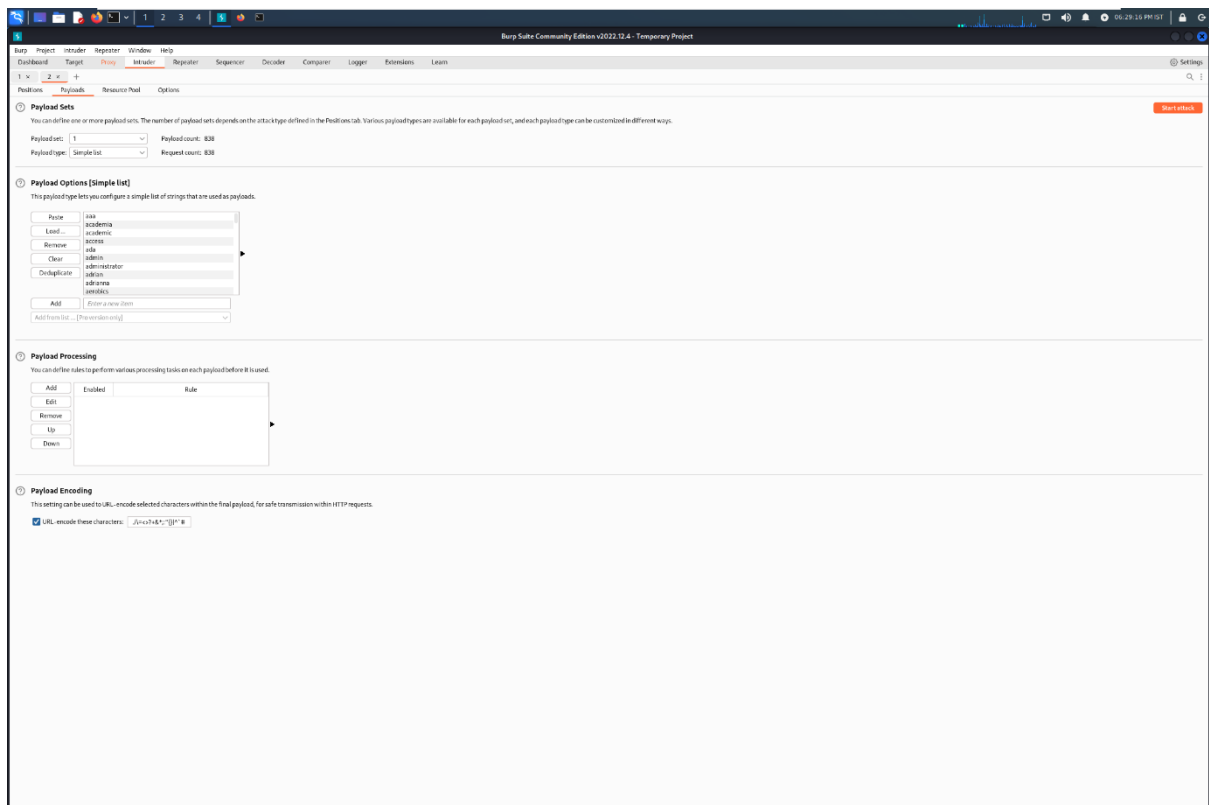
First, I intercepted the login request using Burp Suite. Instead of forwarding the request directly to the server. I sent it to Intruder to execute a brute-force attack.



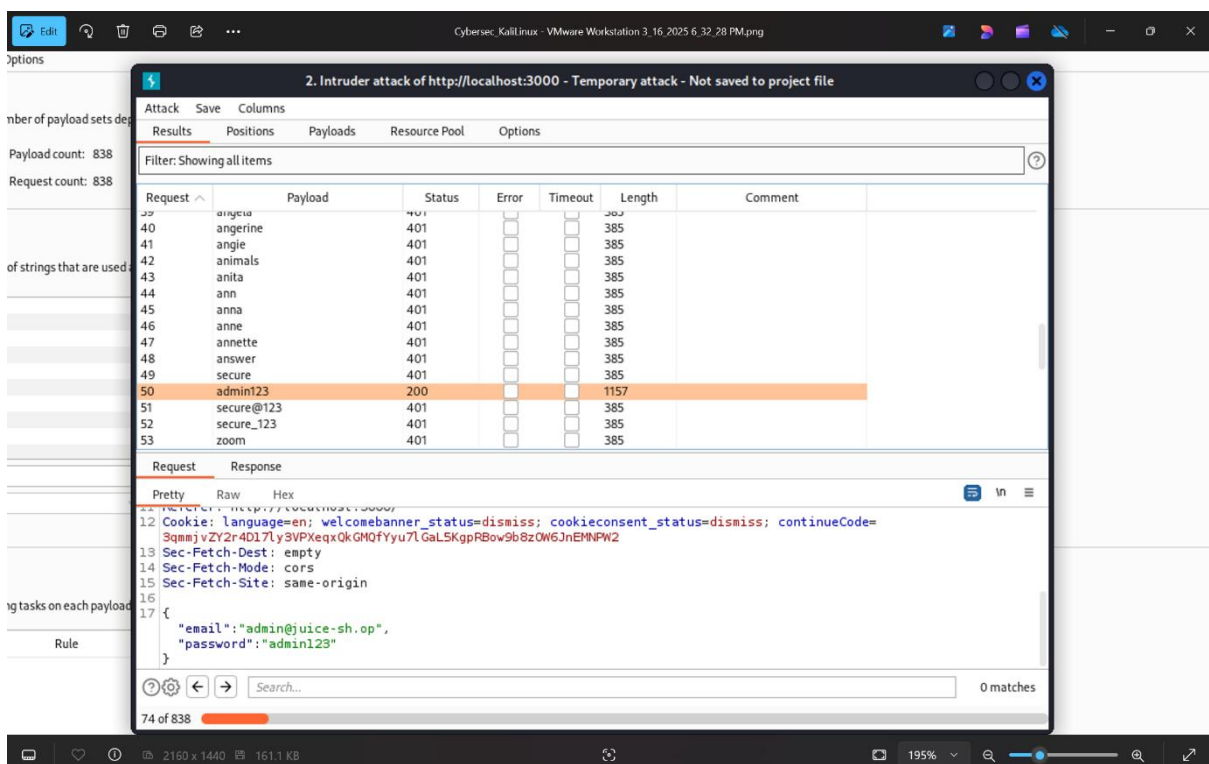
Now, I navigated this to the Positions tab in Intruder and clicked the Clear § button to remove all predefined attack positions. Then, I placed two § symbols around the password field, marking it as the insertion point for passwords from the passwordslist. This setup guided Burp Suite to replace the marked area with each password during the brute-force attempt.



Attack was activated after mentioned list(passwords.txt) was loaded, then click start attack.



When “200” or noticeable differences are found between the responses, this is an indication of a successful attack. The “400” status code means invalid password. The final successful result was achieved.



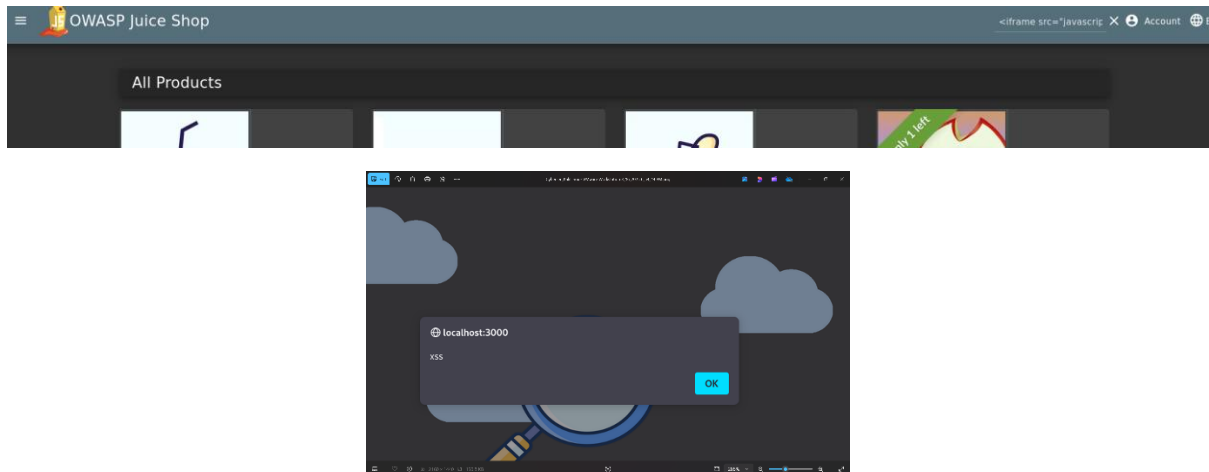
**Vulnerability:** It allows attackers to gain access to user accounts due to the system's weak login authentication mechanisms. The attacker can test hundreds or thousands of possible passwords.

**Impact:** Attackers can gain access to the admin or other user account, which can lead to the theft of sensitive information and the seizure of system administration rights.

**Solution:** Limit the number of login attempts. Allow only a limited number of login attempts from the same IP address or user account within a certain time frame. Temporarily lock the account after 3-5 failed attempts. Use strong encryption algorithms, such as **Bcrypt**, **PBKDF2**, or **Argon2**.

## 4. XSS

The attacker injects malicious JavaScript code ( `<iframe src="javascript:alert('xss')">` ) can steal user data or modify the logic of the application by executing. In this task, the "Search Bar" field is vulnerable to a DOM XSS vulnerability. The attacker was able to trigger a JavaScript "alert" message by inserting the following malicious code.



**Vulnerability:** The search bar inserts user input directly into the DOM, which allows malicious JavaScript code to be executed.

**Impact:** The attacker can steal the user's session information, cookies, or sensitive data. The attacker can redirect the user to fake pages.

**Solution:** Validate all user input and only accept data that is in a secure format. Do not, accept special characters. Ensure that characters such as `<`, `>`, `"`, `'`, and `&` are converted to HTML entities.