

Vulnerability: Error Handling

Juice Shop Challenge: None

Date Found: 2025-04-15

Severity/Difficulty (Juice Shop Rating): ★★☆☆☆

Location/URL:

/#/product

Parameter/Input Field: None

Description:

Server fails to return proper error messages on invalid or malformed requests.

Steps to Reproduce (STR):

1. Press on a product to view it
2. Intercept the request in Burp Suite
3. Resend the request with modifications
4. Observe error 500 without a clear error message.

Proof of Concept (PoC):

Payload Used:

Modified GET request to invalid product ID

Impact:

Server exposes internal error messages without clear user guidance.

Root Cause (Conceptual):

Lack of error-handling structure in backend code.

Remediation / How to Fix:

Implement user-friendly error messages with proper HTTP codes.

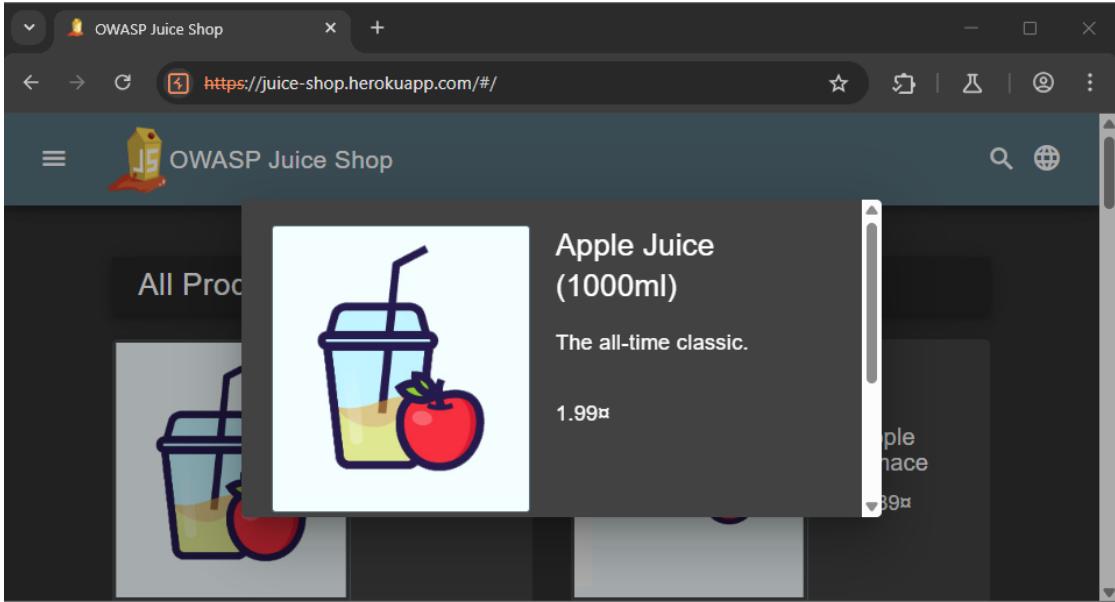
Relevant OWASP Resource: OWASP Error Handling Cheat Sheet

Tools Used:

Burp Suite

Personal Notes/Learnings:

Learned how lack of proper error handling can leak backend issues.



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the OWASP Juice Shop website at <https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com/#/>. The main content area shows a product card for "Apple Juice (1000ml)" with a price of 1.99. Below the card, there is a sidebar with some text and a dropdown menu.

The Burp Suite interface is overlaid on the browser window. The title bar reads "Burp Suite Community Edition v2025.1.4 - Temporary Project". The navigation bar includes "Burp", "Project", "Intruder", "Repeater", "View", and "Help". The "Proxy" tab is selected, showing the "HTTP history" tab is active. The history table lists 43 network requests:

#	Host	Method	URL	Params	Edited	Status code	Length	MIME type	Extension	Title
20	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com	GET	/rest/admin/application-configura...			200	22554	JSON		
21	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com	GET	/api/Challenges/?name=Score%2...	✓		200	1545	JSON		
22	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com	POST	/socket.io/?EIO=4&transport=poll...	✓		200	727	text	io/	
23	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com	GET	/socket.io/?EIO=4&transport=poll...	✓		200	774	JSON	io/	
26	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com	GET	/rest/admin/application-configura...			200	22558	JSON		
27	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com	GET	/socket.io/?EIO=4&transport=poll...	✓		200	742	text	io/	
28	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com	GET	/socket.io/?EIO=4&transport=web...	✓		101	725		io/	
40	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com	GET	/rest/user/whoami			200	898	JSON		
41	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com	GET	/rest/products/1/reviews			200	1347	JSON		
42	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com	GET	/rest/products/1/reviews			200	1347	JSON		
43	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com	GET	/rest/products/1/reviews			200	1355	JSON		

At the bottom of the Burp interface, there are tabs for "Event log" and "All issues", and a status bar indicating "Memory: 129.5MB".

Request

Pretty Raw ... ⚙️ 🔍

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1 GET /rest/products/1/reviews
  HTTP/1.1
2 Host: juice-shop.herokuapp.com
3 Cookie: language=en;
  welcomebanner_status=dismiss
4 Sec-Ch-Ua-Platform: "Windows"
5 Accept-Language:
  en-US,en;q=0.9
6 Accept: application/json,
  text/plain, */*
7 Sec-Ch-Ua: "Chromium";v="133",
  "Not(A:Brand";v="99"
8 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0
  (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64)
  AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML,
  like Gecko) Chrome/133.0.0.0
  Safari/537.36
9 Sec-Ch-Ua-Mobile: ?
10 Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin
11 Sec-Fetch-Mode: cors
12 Sec-Fetch-Dest: empty
13 Referer:
  https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com/
14 Accept-Encoding: gzip,
  deflate, br
15 Priority: u=1, i
16 Connection: keep-alive
17
18

```

Burp Project Intruder Repeater View Help

Dashboard Target Proxy **Intruder**

Organizer Extensions Learn

Intercept **HTTP history** WebSockets history

Filter settings: Hiding CSS, image and general binary data

#	Host	Method	URL
20	https://juice-shop.herokuapp...	GET	/rest/admin
21	https://juice-shop.herokuapp...	GET	/api/Chal
22	https://juice-shop.herokuapp...	POST	/socket.io
23	https://juice-shop.herokuapp...	GET	/socket.io
26	https://juice-shop.herokuapp...	GET	/rest/admin
27	https://juice-shop.herokuapp...	GET	/socket.io
28	https://juice-shop.herokuapp...	GET	/socket.io
40	https://juice-shop.herokuapp...	GET	/rest/use
41	https://juice-shop.herokuapp...	GET	/rest/pro
42	https://juice-shop.herokuapp...	GET	/rest/pro
43	https://juice-shop.herokuapp...	GET	/rest/pro

Add to scope

Scan

Send to Intruder Ctrl+I

Send to Repeater Ctrl+R

Send to Sequencer Ctrl+O

Send to Organizer Ctrl+O

MIME type Extension Title

JSON

Text io/

> JSON io/

Request in browser

Engagement tools (Pro version only)

Show new history window

Add notes

Highlight

Delete item

Clear history

Copy URL

Copy as curl command (bash)

Copy links

Save item

Proxy history documentation

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Request

Pretty Raw Hex

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2 Host: juice-shop.herokuapp.com
3 Cookie: language=en; welcomebanner_status=dismiss
4 Sec-Ch-Ua-Platform: "Windows"
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9
6 Accept: application/json, text/plain, */*
7 Sec-Ch-Ua: "Chromium";v="133", "Not(A:Brand";v="99"
8 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64;
x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko)
Chrome/133.0.0.0 Safari/537.36
9 Sec-Ch-Ua-Mobile: ?
10 Sec-Fetch-Site: same-origin
11 Sec-Fetch-Mode: cors
12 Sec-Fetch-Dest: empty
13 Referer: https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com/
14 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br
15 Priority: u=1, i
16 Connection: keep-alive
17
18

```

Response

Pretty Raw Hex Render

```

1 HTTP/1.1 200 OK
2 Access-Control-Allow-Origin: *
3 Content-Length: 457
4 Content-Type: application/json; charset=utf-8
5 Date: Sun, 16 Mar 2025 20:08:10 GMT
6 Etag: W/"1c9-z17jHQLxjTyEb1Twa+ug7UzBnQU"
7 Feature-Policy: payment 'self'
8 Nel:
  {"report_to":"heroku-nel","response_headers":["Via"],
  "max_age":3600,"success_fraction":0.01,"failure_fraction":0.1}
9 Report-To:
  {"group":"heroku-nel","endpoints":[{"url":"https://ne
1.herokuapp.com/reports?s=sNeJnvOz2BNrHXDSmlG3p4HC62US9Y
uI87n4Cnf10Ix4M43D\u0026sid=812dcc77-0bd0-43b1-a5f1-b
25750382959\u0026ts=1742155690"}],"max_age":3600}
10 Reporting-Endpoints:
  heroku-nel="https://nel.herokuapp.com/reports?s=sNeJnvOz
2BNrHXDSmlG3p4HC62US9YuI87n4Cnf10Ix4M43D&sid=812dcc77
-0bd0-43b1-a5f1-b25750382959&ts=1742155690"
11 Server: Heroku
12 Vary: Accept-Encoding
13 Via: 1.1 heroku-router
14 X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
15 X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
16 X-Recruiting: /#/jobs
17
18 {
  "status": "success",
  "data": [
    {
      "message": "One of my favorites!",
      "author": "admin@juice-sh.op",
      "product": 1,
      "likesCount": 0,
      "likedBy": [],
      "_id": "sNoGtAhubSEMs77HK",
      "liked": true
    },
    {
      "product": "1",
      "message": "Beautiful\n\n",
      "author": "admin@juice-sh.op",
      "likesCount": 0,
      "liked": false
    }
  ]
}
```

Request

Pretty Raw Hex

```

1 GET /rest/products/1/reviews HTTP/1.1

```

Request

Pretty Raw Hex

```

1 GET /rest/AZIZ/1/reviews HTTP/1.1

```

Response

Pretty Raw Hex Render

```

1 HTTP/1.1 500 Internal Server Error

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```
17 | {
18 |   "error": {
19 |     "message": "Unexpected path: /rest/AZIZ/1/reviews",
20 |     "stack":
"Error: Unexpected path: /rest/AZIZ/1/reviews\n      at /app
/build/routes/angular.js:38:18\n      at Layer.handle [as ha
ndle_request] (/app/node_modules/express/lib/router/layer.
js:95:5)\n      at trim_prefix (/app/node_modules/express/li
b/router/index.js:328:13)\n      at /app/node_modules/expres
s/lib/router/index.js:286:9\n      at Function.process_params
(/app/node_modules/express/lib/router/index.js:346:12)\n
      at next (/app/node_modules/express/lib/router/index.js
:280:10)\n      at /app/build/routes/verify.js:171:5\n      at
Layer.handle [as handle_request] (/app/node_modules/expres
s/lib/router/layer.js:95:5)\n      at trim_prefix (/app/nod
e_modules/express/lib/router/index.js:328:13)\n      at /app
/node_modules/express/lib/router/index.js:286:9\n      at Fu
nction.process_params (/app/node_modules/express/lib/route
r/index.js:346:12)\n      at next (/app/node_modules/express
/lib/router/index.js:280:10)\n      at /app/build/routes/ver
ify.js:105:5\n      at Layer.handle [as handle_request] (/ap
```