

1st Week Task

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Strengthening Security Measures for a Web Application

Report Document

System Setup and Compilation:

The first two images show the technical behind the scenes process of getting the website ready to run on a local computer.

1. Building the Application: Run command `npm start`. This process gathers all the necessary code files and prepares them for the browser.

2. Vulnerability Alerts: Even during setup, the system warns that there are vulnerabilities in the underlying software packages. One image shows 17 vulnerabilities, while another shows 43, including some labelled as critical.

3. Successful Launch: The system confirms the server is active and listening on Port 3000. This means the website is now live and can be accessed at `http://localhost:3000`.

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npm start
npm warn @ctrl/ngx-codemirror@6.1.0: Package no longer supported. Contact Support at https://www.npmjs.com/support for more info.
added 1420 packages, and audited 1421 packages in 3s
284 packages are looking for funding
  run `npm fund` for details

  17 vulnerabilities (14 moderate, 3 high)

To address issues that do not require attention, run:
  npm audit fix

To address all issues (including breaking changes), run:
  npm audit fix --force

Run 'npm audit' for details.

> juice-shop@0.1.1 build:frontend
> cd frontend && npm run build

> frontend@0.1.1 build
> ng build --configuration production

  Browser application bundle generation complete.
  Copying assets complete.
  Index.html generation complete.

Initial chunk files | Names | Raw size | Estimated transfer size
+---+---+---+
| vendor | vendor | 640.31 kB | 64.45 kB
| styles.css | styles | 640.27 kB | 64.45 kB
| main.js | main | 450.24 kB | 76.42 kB
| polyfills.js | polyfills | 34.04 kB | 11.33 kB
| runtime.js | runtime | 5.39 kB | 1.53 kB
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| Initial total | 2.82 MB | 480.65 kB

Lazy chunk files | Names | Raw size | Estimated transfer size
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| faucet-module | faucet-module | 40.46 kB | 4.04 kB
| web3-sandbox-web3-sandbox-module | web3-sandbox-web3-sandbox-module | 420.46 kB | 47.99 kB
| tutorial.js | tutorial | 36.24 kB | 9.13 kB
| highlight.js-lib-core | highlight.js-lib-core | 20.72 kB | 7.53 kB
| faucet-faucet-module | faucet-faucet-module | 11.00 kB | 3.61 kB
| confetti | confetti | 11.00 kB | 4.04 kB
| connect | connect | 9.26 kB | 856 bytes
| highlight.js-lib-languages-typescript | highlight.js-lib-languages-typescript | 7.77 kB | 2.77 kB
| wallet-web3-wallet-web3-module | wallet-web3-wallet-web3-module | 6.91 kB | 2.50 kB
| 13n.js | 13n | 6.52 kB | 2.36 kB
| highlight.js-lib-languages-javascript | highlight.js-lib-languages-javascript | 6.40 kB | 1.88 kB
| highlight.js-line-numbers.js | highlight.js-line-numbers.js | 1.93 kB | 772 bytes
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Build at: 2026-01-06T16:13:01.009Z - Hash: fcd4568a32691907 - Time: 7636ms

node modules/material-icons/iconfont/material-icons.scss - Warning: Module Warning (from ./node_modules/sass-loader/dist/cjs.js):
Deprecation Warning on line 0, column 8 of file:///C:/Windows/System32/juice-shop/frontend/node_modules/material-icons/iconfont/material-icons.scss:0:8;

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npm start
added 2121 packages, and audited 2122 packages in 11s
238 packages are looking for funding
  run `npm fund` for details

  48 vulnerabilities (1 low, 10 moderate, 17 high, 7 critical)

To address all issues possible (including breaking changes), run:
  npm audit fix --force

Some issues need review, and may require choosing
a different dependency.

Run 'npm audit' for details.
npm notice New minor version of npm available! 11.6.2 => 11.7.0
npm notice Changelog: https://github.com/npm/cli/releases/tag/v11.7.0
npm notice To update run: npm install -g npm@11.7.0
npm notice
PS C:\WINDOWS\system32\juice-shop> npm start

> juice-shop@0.1.1 start
> node build/app

info: Detected Node.js version v24.12.0 (v)
info: Detected OS windows (w)
info: Detected CPU x64 (x)
info: Configuration default validated (v)
info: Entity models 20 of 20 are initialized (v)
info: Required file server.js is present (v)
info: Required file entities.js is present (v)
info: Required file fileIconName.js is present (v)
info: Required file runtime.js is present (v)
info: Required file tutorial.js is present (v)
info: Required file vendor.js is present (v)
info: Required file config.js is present (v)
info: Port 3000 is available (v)
info: Chatbot training data botDefaultTrainingData.json validated (v)
info: Domain https://www.alchemy.com/ is reachable (v)
info: Server listening on port 3000
error: Database<anonymous> (C:\WINDOWS\system32\juice-shop\node_modules)\sequelize\lib\dialects\sqlite\query.js:185:27
at C:\WINDOWS\system32\juice-shop\node_modules\sequelize\lib\dialects\sqlite\query.js:183:50
at new Promise (<anonymous>)
at Query.run (C:\WINDOWS\system32\juice-shop\node_modules\sequelize\lib\dialects\sqlite\query.js:183:12)
at C:\WINDOWS\system32\juice-shop\node_modules\sequelize\lib\sequelize.js:315:28
at processTicksAndRejections (node:internal/process/task_queues:183:5)
info: 1-star challenge (Error Handling)
info: Cheat score for trivial errorHandlingChallenge solved in 7min (expected ~0min) with hints allowed: v

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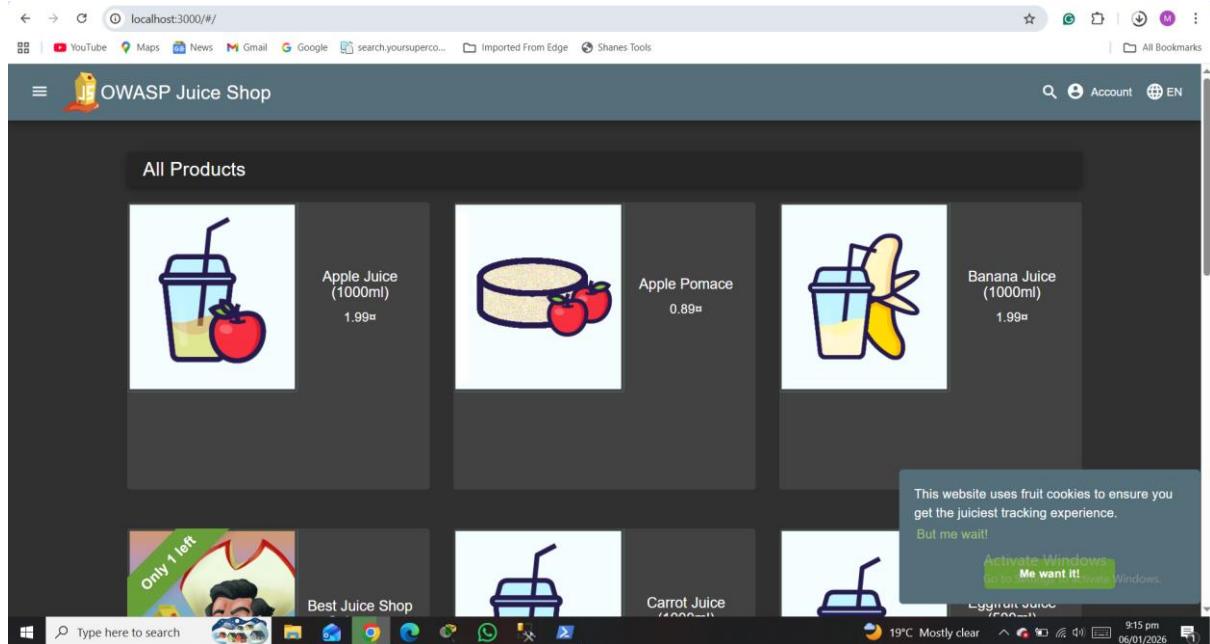
Exploring the Web Interface:

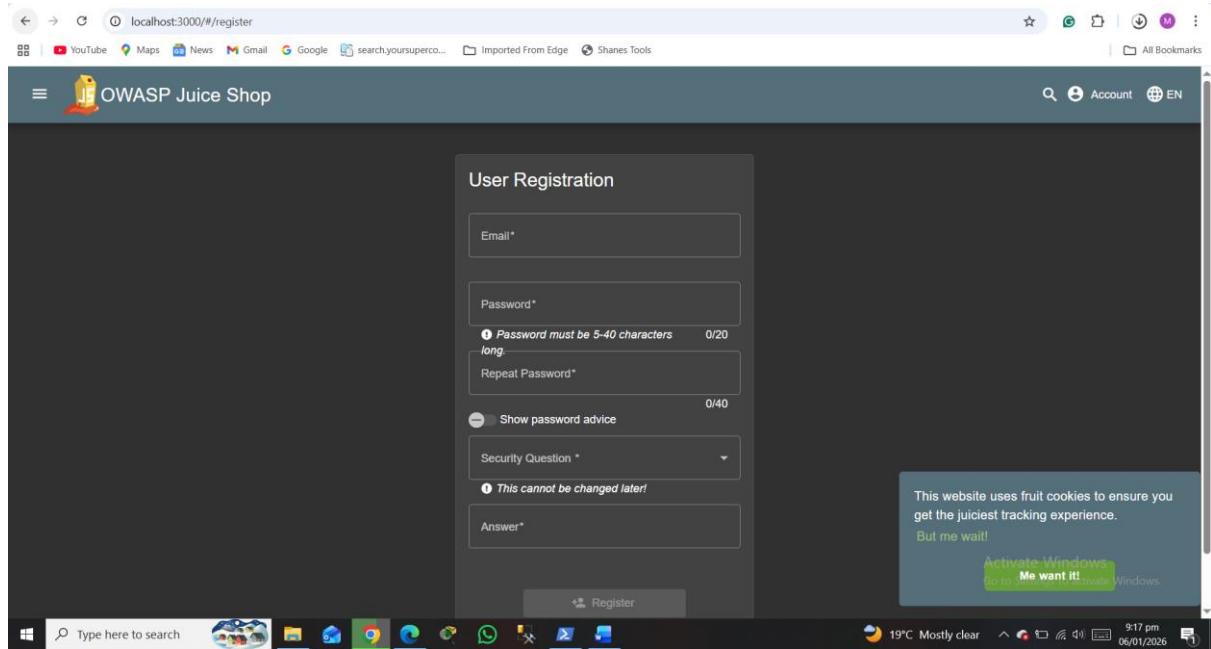
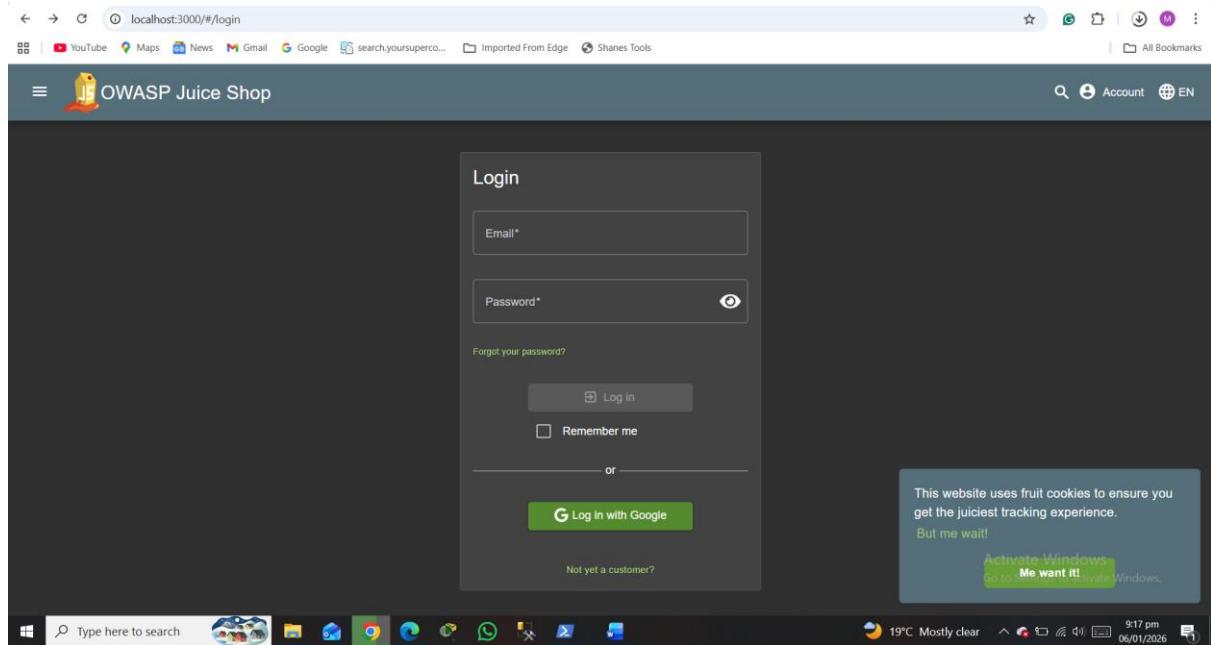
The next few images show the actual OWASP Juice Shop website as seen by a regular user.

1. Homepage: A shop interface displaying products like Apple Juice, Banana Juice, etc.

2. User Accounts: There are standard forms for User Registration and Login, where people would normally enter an email and password to create an account.

3. Cookie Notice: A pop-up at the bottom of the screen mentions fruit cookies, a play on words regarding web cookies used for tracking.





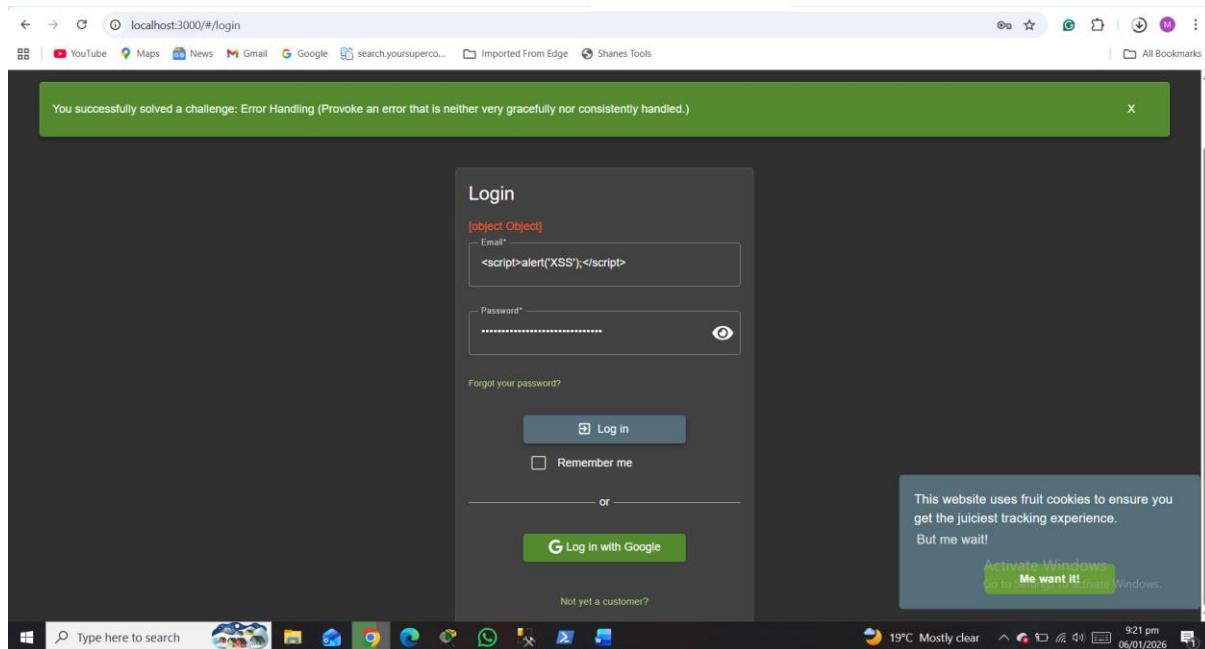
Security Testing:

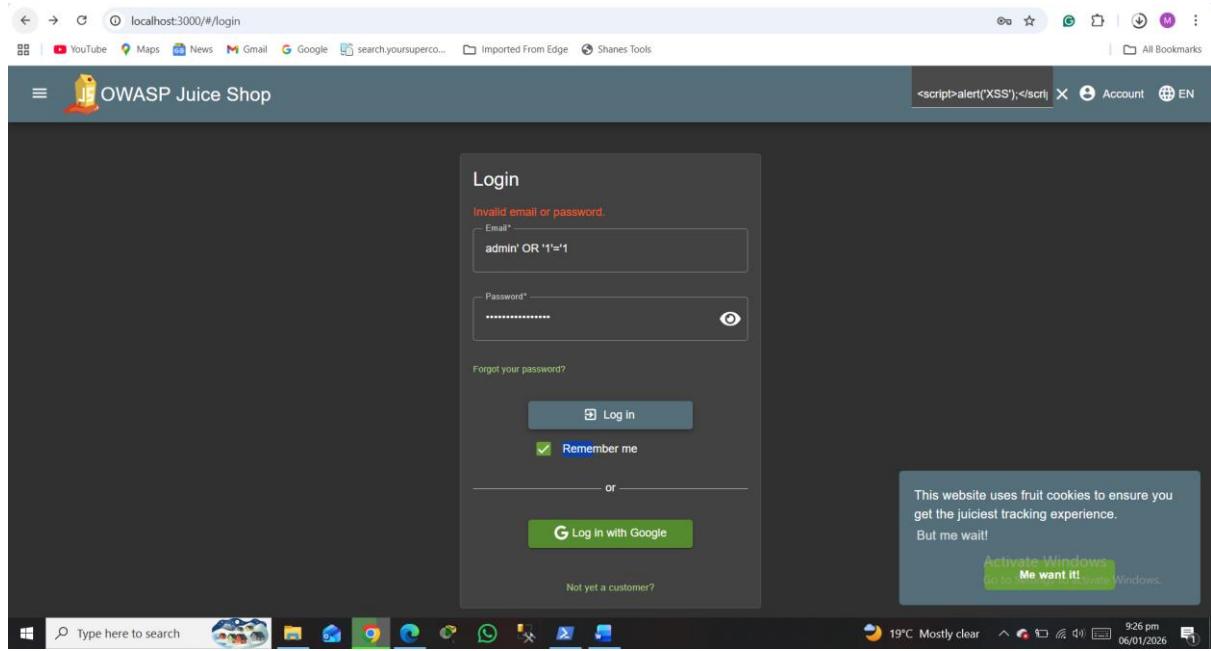
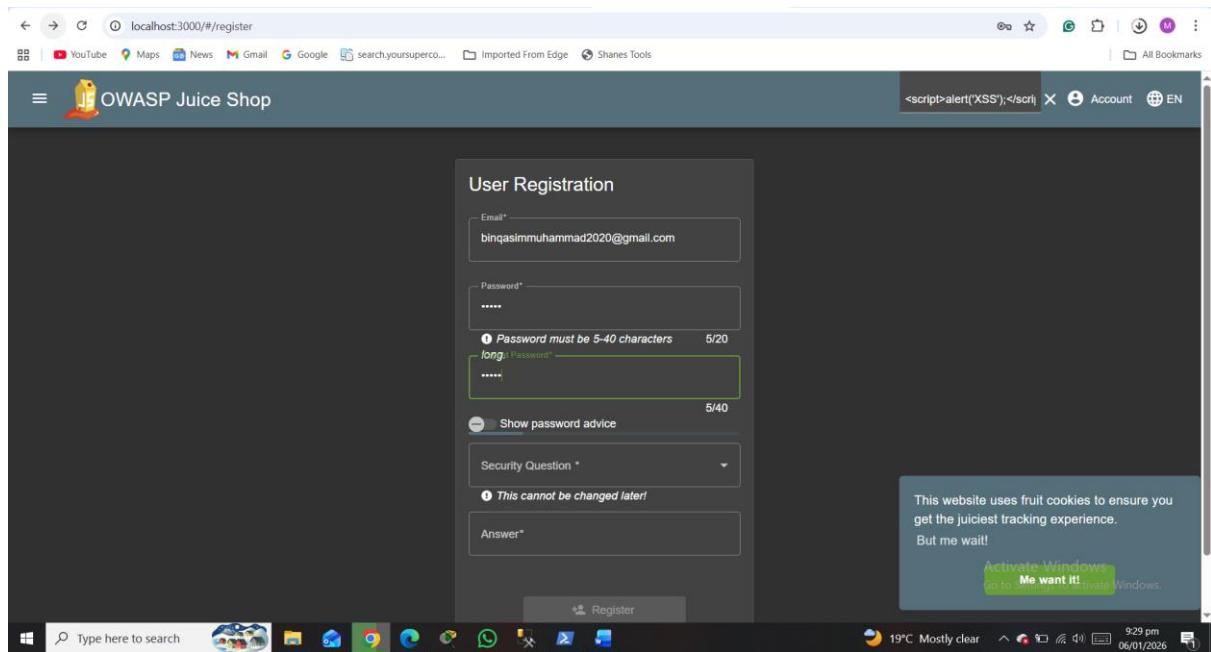
The image shows that I attempted to break the website using common hacking techniques.

1. Error Handling Challenge: I successfully triggered an error that isn't handled properly by the website. A green banner appears at the top saying: You successfully solved a challenge: Error Handling.

2. Cross-Site Scripting (XSS): I type `<script>alert('XSS');</script>` into the email field. This is a test to see if the website will accidentally run malicious code entered by me.

3. SQL Injection: In the login box, I enter `admin' OR '1'='1`. This is a famous trick used to bypass password requirements by confusing the website's database into thinking the login is always valid.





Automated Security Scanning:

The final image shows a professional security tool called ZAP (Zed Attack Proxy).

1. Automated Scan: I programmed this tool to automatically attack <http://localhost:3000>.

2. Scanning Progress: The tool is shown at 27% completion. It is rapidly sending hundreds of requests to the website to find every possible security weakness.

3. Results: The bottom of the screen lists various Bad Requests. Code 400, indicating the tool is finding ways the website reacts poorly to unusual data.

The screenshot shows the ZAP interface with the following details:

- Top Bar:** Standard Mode, Untitled Session - 20260106-215335 - ZAP 2.17.0, File, Edit, View, Analyse, Report, Tools, Import, Export, Online, Help.
- Left Sidebar:** Contexts (Default Context), Sites.
- Middle Panel:** Title: Automated Scan. Subtitle: "This screen allows you to launch an automated scan against an application - just enter its URL below and press 'Attack'." A note: "Please be aware that you should only attack applications that you have been specifically given permission to test." Input fields: URL to attack: http://localhost:3000, Use traditional spider: checked, Use ajax spider: dropdown set to If Modern with Firefox, Attack and Stop buttons. Progress: "Actively scanning (attacking) the URLs discovered by the spider(s)" at 27% completion.
- Bottom Panel:** History, Search, Alerts, Output, Spider, AJAX Spider, WebSockets, Active Scan, New Scan, Progress: 0 http://localhost:3000, Current Scans: 1, Num Requests: 1616, New Alerts: 1, Export, Sent Messages, Filtered Messages, a table of request logs, and a status bar at the bottom.

At Last:

I have completed my first week of tasks and gained a lot of new knowledge. Even though I could not finish the ZAP scanning process due to some web bad request errors, but still understand the basic concept of the tool. I learned that ZAP is used for automated security testing to find weaknesses in a website quickly. I am happy with what I have learned about setup and manual hacking so far.
