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INTRODUCTION TO WEB APPLICATION SECURITY

➤ Introduction

- During my cybersecurity internship, I explored web application security through hands-on learning.
- My primary objective was to understand vulnerabilities such as SQL Injection and Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) using OWASP ZAP and WebGoat, a deliberately vulnerable web application designed for learning purposes.
- I installed WebGoat on a virtual machine and used OWASP ZAP to scan for vulnerabilities, focusing on SQL Injection and XSS.
- Additionally, I attempted to manually exploit the SQL Injection vulnerabilities identified by OWASP ZAP.

➤ Setting up WebGoat

✓ Objective

- WebGoat was chosen as the primary learning tool because it is designed to teach common vulnerabilities in web applications. It is a deliberately vulnerable web application provided by OWASP, making it a perfect platform for practicing real-world attack scenarios in a controlled environment.

✓ **Steps for Installation**

- ✚ Installed WebGoat on a virtual machine running [insert your OS].
- ✚ Set up the virtual environment and downloaded WebGoat.
- ✚ Configured the WebGoat server and accessed it via `localhost` in the browser.

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✓ **Result**

- ✚ The WebGoat application was successfully installed and accessible through a browser, allowing me to begin vulnerability testing and analysis.

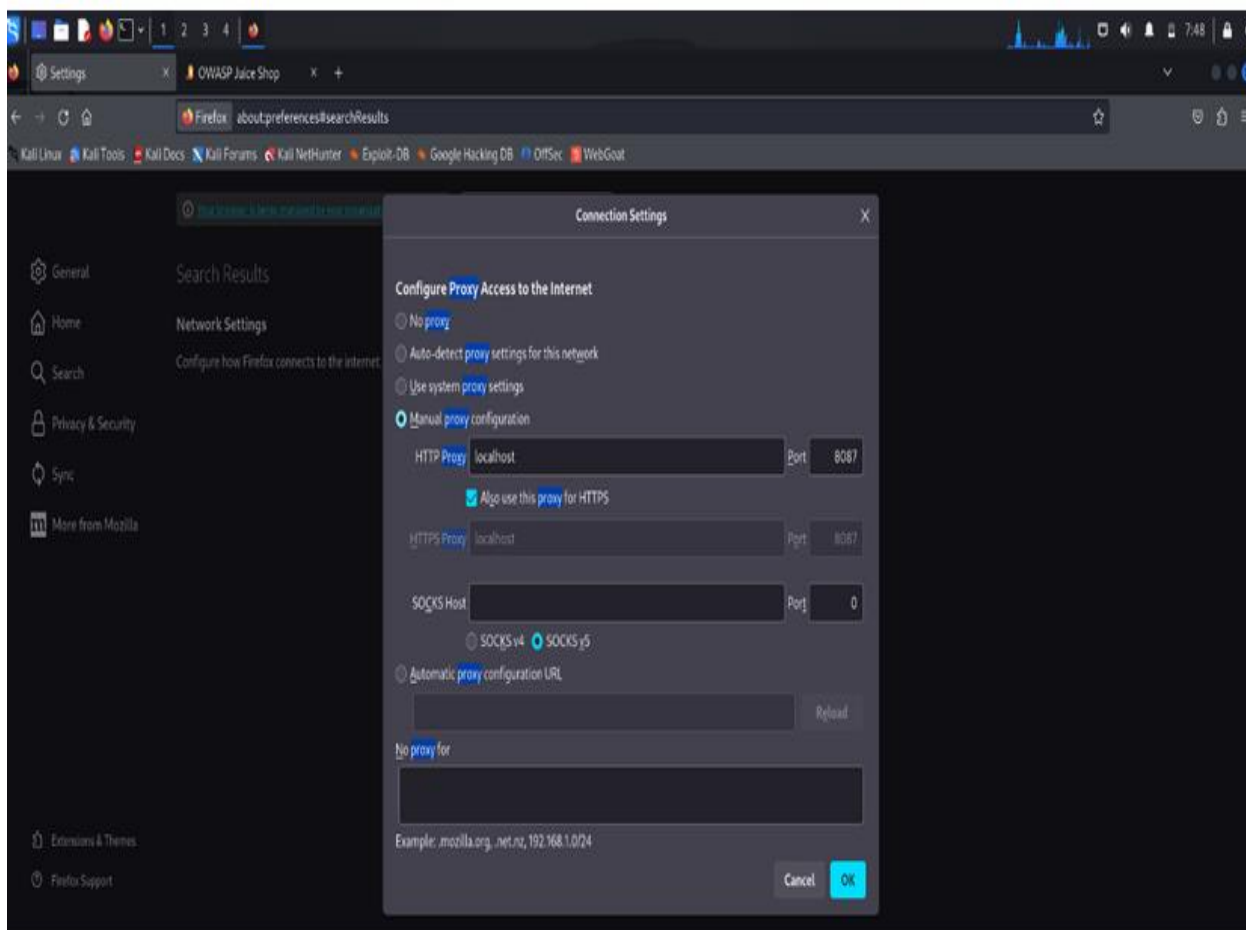
➤ OWASP ZAP Vulnerability Scanning

✓ **Objective, process:**

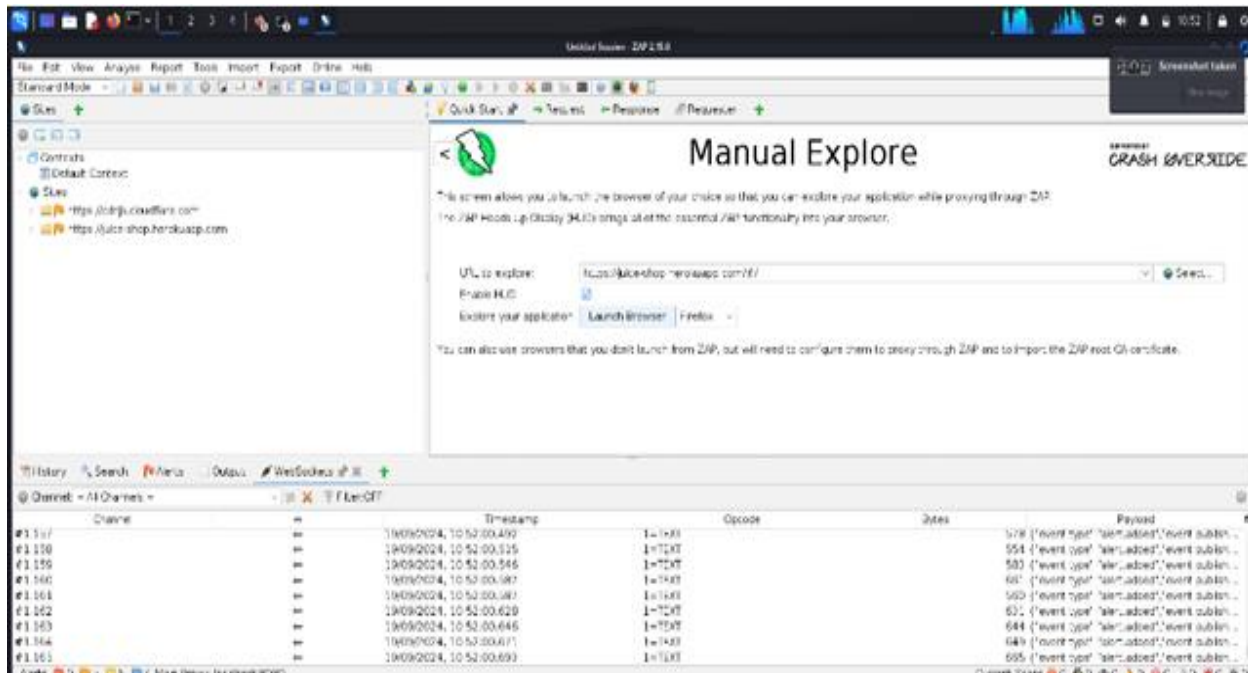
- ✚ The primary objective of using OWASP ZAP was to scan the OWASP JUICE SHOP application for potential vulnerabilities, particularly focusing on SQL Injection and XSS attacks.
- ✚ OWASP ZAP is an open source tool widely used for finding security vulnerabilities in web applications.
- ✚ Loaded OWASP ZAP and pointed it to the OWASP JUICE SHOP web application URL.
- ✚ Performed a full scan, allowing OWASP ZAP to detect vulnerabilities.
- ✚ Focused on vulnerabilities like SQL Injection and Cross-Site Scripting, both common and dangerous in modern web applications.

Let see step by step set up

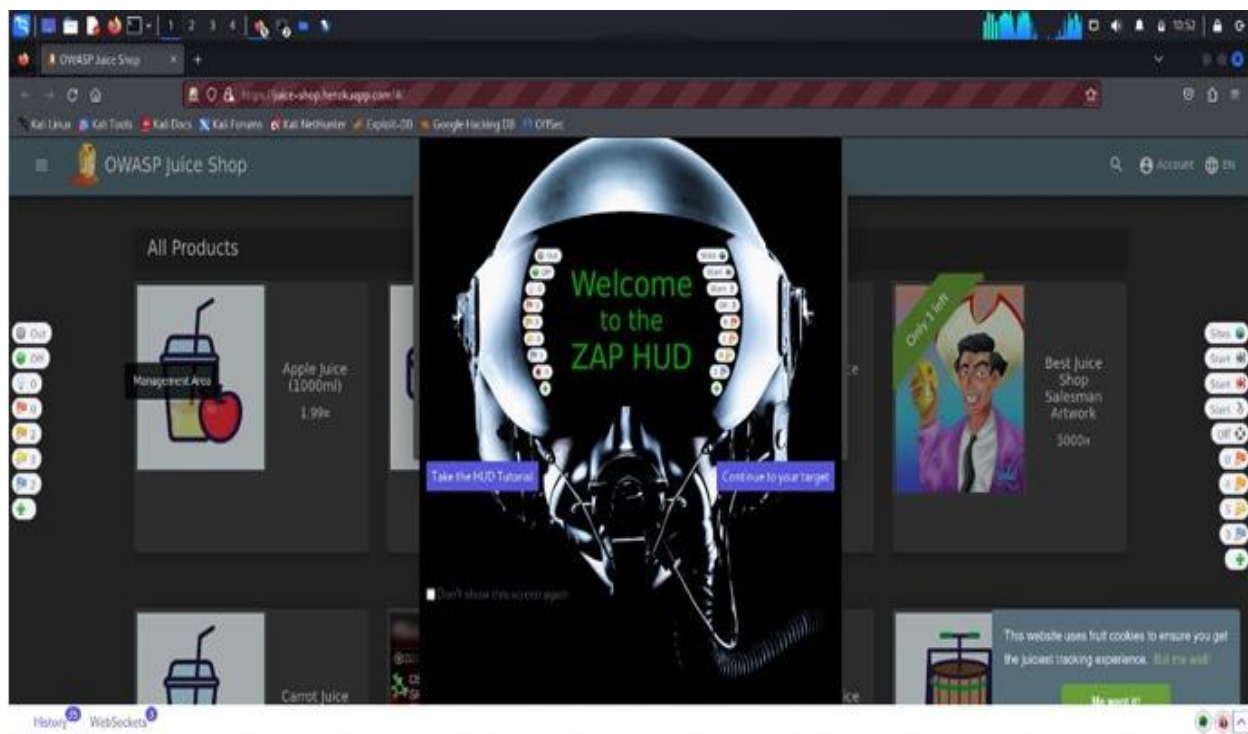
Step 1: Changing browser proxy settings to manual configuration.



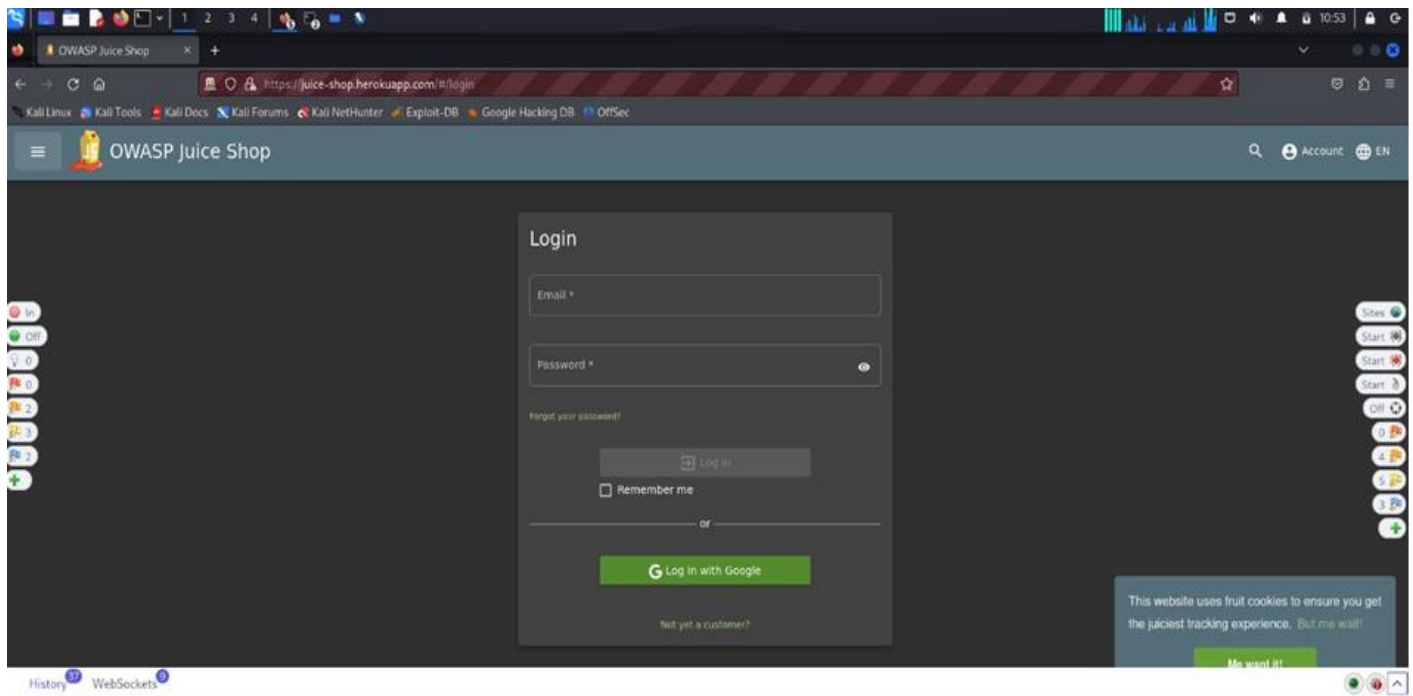
Step 2: Opening Zap



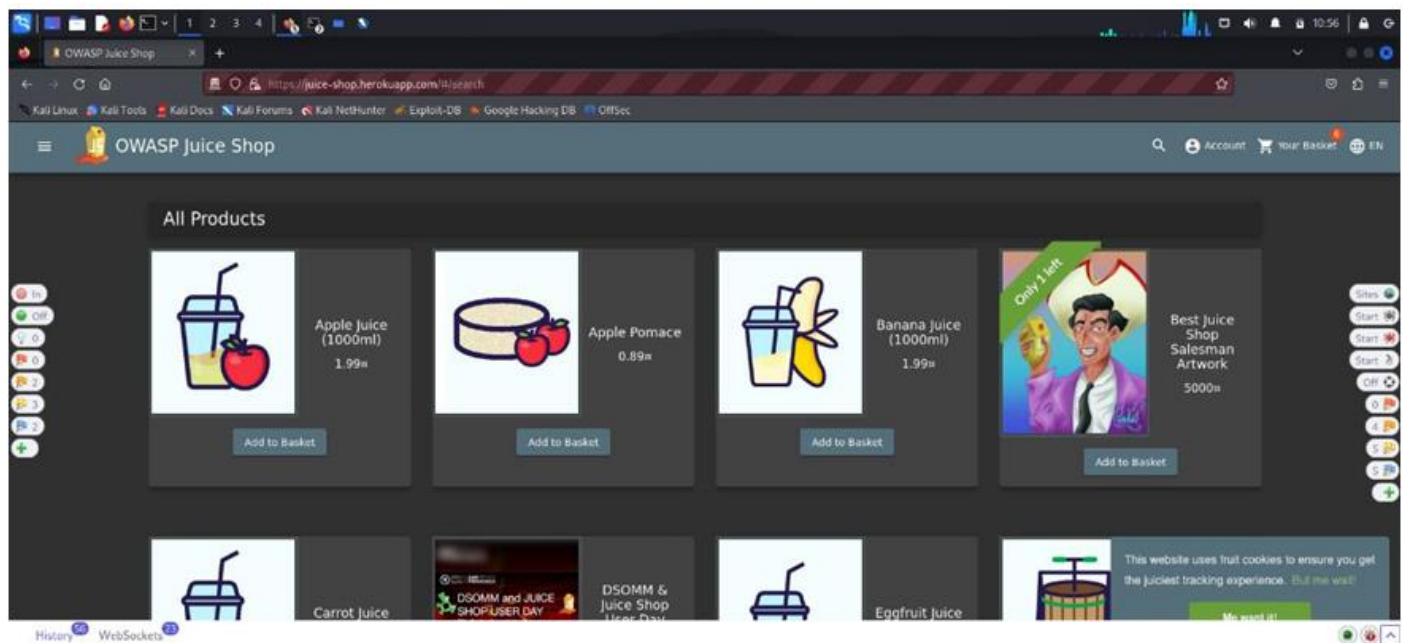
Step 3: pasting Owasp Juice shop URL



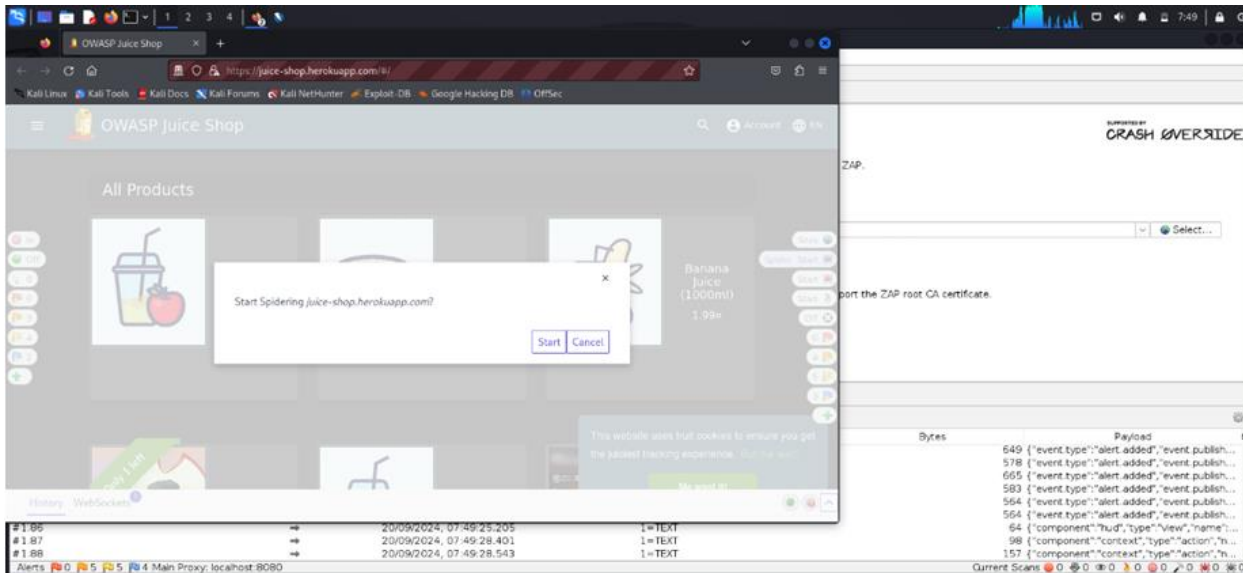
Step 4: Logging in and starting spidering the website.



step 5: After logging you will see the below page



Step 6: Start spidering juice shop which is showed below



Step 7: after spidering you will look for scanning alerts in ZAP

The screenshot shows the ZAP (Zed Attack Proxy) interface. The "Alerts" tab is selected, displaying a list of scanned requests and responses. The table below contains the data from the "Alerts" tab.

ID	Req. Timestamp	Resp. Timestamp	Method	URL	Code	Reason	RTT	Size Resp. Header	Size Resp. Body
1.717	9/20/2024, 7:54:31 AM	9/20/24, 7:54:31 AM	GET	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com/socket.io/?EIO=3&...	200	OK	593 ms	740 bytes	32 bytes
1.718	9/20/2024, 7:54:31 AM	9/20/24, 7:54:31 AM	GET	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com/rest/products/search...	200	OK	168 ms	894 bytes	30 bytes
1.719	9/20/2024, 7:54:31 AM	9/20/24, 7:54:31 AM	POST	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com/socket.io/?EIO=3&...	400	Bad Request	172 ms	740 bytes	40 bytes
1.720	9/20/2024, 7:54:31 AM	9/20/24, 7:54:31 AM	GET	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com/socket.io/?EIO=3&...	200	OK	144 ms	740 bytes	96 bytes
1.721	9/20/2024, 7:54:31 AM	9/20/24, 7:54:31 AM	GET	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com/socket.io/?EIO=3&...	400	Bad Request	143 ms	667 bytes	18 bytes
1.722	9/20/2024, 7:54:31 AM	9/20/24, 7:54:32 AM	GET	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com/socket.io/?EIO=3&...	200	OK	142 ms	740 bytes	65 bytes
1.723	9/20/2024, 7:54:31 AM	9/20/24, 7:54:32 AM	GET	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com/rest/products/search...	200	OK	150 ms	894 bytes	30 bytes
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1.727	9/20/2024, 7:54:32 AM	9/20/24, 7:54:32 AM	GET	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com/socket.io/?EIO=3&...	200	OK	152 ms	740 bytes	96 bytes
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1.730	9/20/2024, 7:54:31 AM	9/20/24, 7:54:32 AM	POST	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com/socket.io/?EIO=3&...	200	OK	589 ms	723 bytes	2 bytes
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1.734	9/20/2024, 7:54:32 AM	9/20/24, 7:54:32 AM	GET	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com/socket.io/?EIO=3&...	200	OK	152 ms	740 bytes	96 bytes
1.735	9/20/2024, 7:54:32 AM	9/20/24, 7:54:32 AM	POST	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com/socket.io/?EIO=3&...	200	OK	146 ms	723 bytes	2 bytes
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1.742	9/20/2024, 7:54:32 AM	9/20/24, 7:54:33 AM	GET	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com/socket.io/?EIO=3&...	200	OK	637 ms	740 bytes	96 bytes
1.743	9/20/2024, 7:54:32 AM	9/20/24, 7:54:33 AM	POST	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com/socket.io/?EIO=3&...	400	Bad Request	841 ms	740 bytes	40 bytes
1.745	9/20/2024, 7:54:32 AM	9/20/24, 7:54:33 AM	POST	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com/socket.io/?EIO=3&...	200	OK	558 ms	723 bytes	2 bytes
1.746	9/20/2024, 7:54:32 AM	9/20/24, 7:54:33 AM	POST	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com/socket.io/?EIO=3&...	400	Bad Request	898 ms	740 bytes	40 bytes
1.744	9/20/2024, 7:54:32 AM	9/20/24, 7:54:33 AM	GET	https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com/socket.io/?EIO=3&...	400	Bad Request	654 ms	667 bytes	17 bytes

Step 8: after that u have to click SQL injection

The screenshot shows the Burp Suite interface with the 'Alerts' tab selected. The main panel displays details for an 'SQL Injection - SQLite' alert. The URL is 'https://juice-shop.herokuapp.com/test/user/login'. The risk is 'High', confidence is 'Medium', and the parameter is 'email'. The attack is 'SQLITE_ERROR'. The evidence shows 'SQLITE_ERROR' and 'WASID: 19'. The source is 'Active (40018 - SQL Injection)'. The input vector is 'JSON'. The description states 'SQL injection may be possible'. The solution advises not to trust client-side input and to check all data on the server side. The reference is 'https://cheatsheetseries.owasp.org/cheatsheets/SQL_injection_Prevention_Cheat_Sheet.html'. The alert tags are 'OWASP_2017_A01', 'OWASP_2021_A03', 'CWE-89', and 'WSTG-V42-BPV-05'.

The right panel shows a list of vulnerabilities with columns for Host, Strength, Progress, Elapsed, Reqs, and Alerts. The vulnerabilities listed include Path Traversal, Remote File Inclusion, Source Code Disclosure, Heartbleed OpenSSL Vulnerability, Remote Code Execution, External Redirect, Server Side Include, Cross Site Scripting (Reflected), Cross Site Scripting (Persistent) - Prime, Cross Site Scripting (Persistent) - Spider, Cross Site Scripting (Persistent), SQL Injection - MySQL, SQL Injection - Hypersonic SQL, SQL Injection - Oracle, SQL Injection - PostgreSQL, SQL Injection - SQLite, Cross Site Scripting (DOM Based), SQL Injection - MsSQL, Log4Shell, Spring4Shell, Server Side Code Injection, Remote OS Command Injection, XPath Injection, XML External Entity Attack, Generic Padding Oracle, Cloud Metadata Potentially Exposed, Server Side Template Injection, Server Side Template Injection (Blind), Directory Browsing, and Buffer Overflow.

Step9: you will see successfully solved challenges

The screenshot shows the 'Administration' page of the OWASP Juice Shop. The page has a dark theme and a sidebar with navigation icons. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'Registered Users' and 'Customer Feedback'.

The 'Registered Users' section lists the following users:

- admin@juice-shop
- john@juice-shop
- ben@juice-shop
- spencer@juice-shop.com
- chris@juice-shop
- bob@juice-shop
- matt@juice-shop
- mcclintock@juice-shop

The 'Customer Feedback' section shows the following feedback items:

- I love this shop! Best products in town! Highly recommended! (***@juice-shop) ★★★★★
- Great shop! Awesome service! (***@juice-shop) ★★★★★
- Nothing useful available here! (***@juice-shop) ★
- Please send me the juicy chatbot NFT in my wallet at (juy@rt) - "purpose berry mmmmm"
- Incompetent customer support! Can't even upload photo of broken purchase...
- This is the store for awesome stuff at all kinds (anonymous) ★★★★★
- Never gonna buy anywhere else from now on! Thanks for the great service! (anonymous) ★★★★★
- Keep up the good work! (anonymous) ★★★★★

A notification at the bottom right states: 'This website uses fruit cookies to ensure you get the juiciest tracking experience. But one wait!'

From the above process ,I identified 2 vulnerabilities

✓ SQL injection

✓ **Cross site scripting**

SQL Injection Vulnerability Analysis

I focused on SQL Injection vulnerabilities, identified as a critical issue by OWASP ZAP.

This vulnerability allows attackers to send malicious SQL commands through input fields to manipulate the database.

Exploitation Attempt

After identifying the SQL Injection vulnerability, I manually attempted to exploit it using SQL commands like:

sql ' OR 1=1 -- I

used this command in the WebGoat login page to bypass authentication, which resulted in successful exploitation, demonstrating the vulnerability.

And entering user name password

PERSONAL	SMALL BUSINESS
<h2>Online Banking Login</h2> <p>Username: <input type="text"/></p> <p>Password: <input type="password"/></p> <p>Login</p>	

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<h2>Online Banking Login</h2> <p>Username: <input type="text" value="cyberawareness"/></p> <p>Password: <input type="password" value="*****"/></p> <p>Login</p>		

After logging we will be able to see below page

AltoroMutual		Sign Off Contact Us Feedback Search	Go
<div><div><p>MY ACCOUNT</p><p>I WANT TO ...</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">View Account SummaryView Recent TransactionsTransfer FundsSearch News ArticlesCustomize Site Language<p>ADMINISTRATION</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">Edit Users</div><div><h3>Hello Admin User</h3><p>Welcome to Altoro Mutual Online.</p><p>View Account Details: <input type="text" value="800000 Corporate"/> <input type="button" value="GO"/></p><p>Congratulations!</p><p>You have been pre-approved for an Altoro Gold Visa with a credit limit of \$10000!</p><p>Click here to apply.</p></div></div>			

The SQL Injection attack successfully bypassed Altoro Mutual's authentication system, proving the presence of a vulnerability that could allow an attacker to gain unauthorized access.

Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) Vulnerability Analysis

Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) vulnerabilities were also identified during the OWASP ZAP scan.

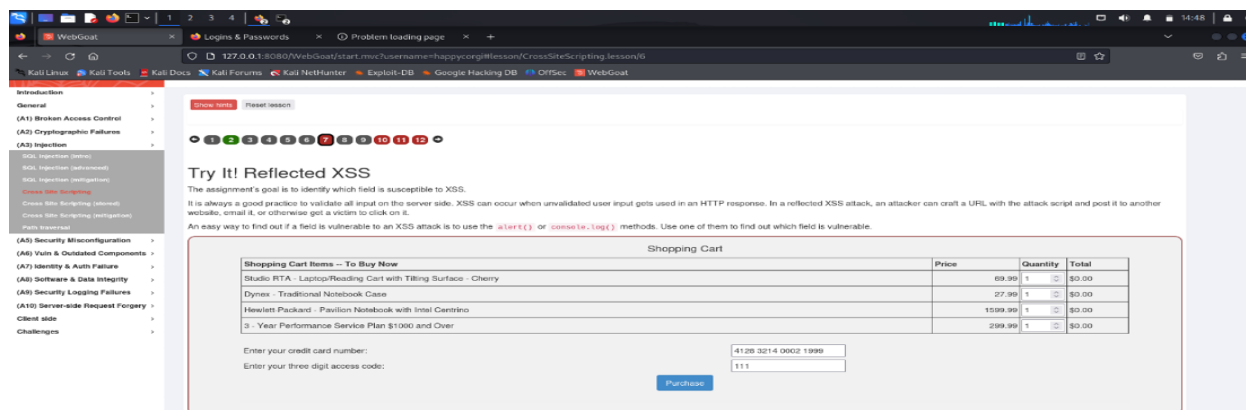
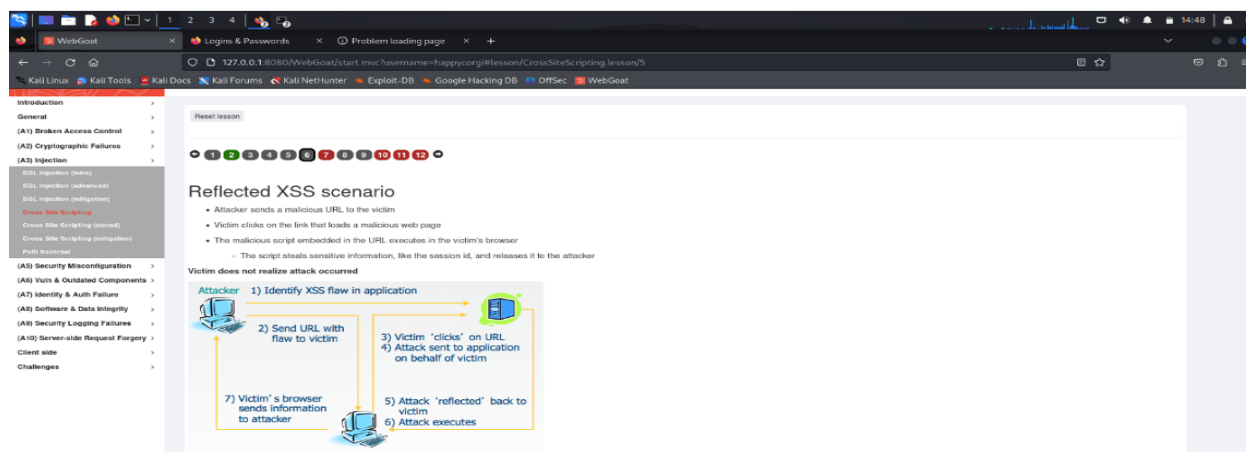
XSS allows attackers to inject malicious scripts into web pages viewed by other users, potentially leading to session hijacking, defacement, or data theft.

Exploitation Attempt

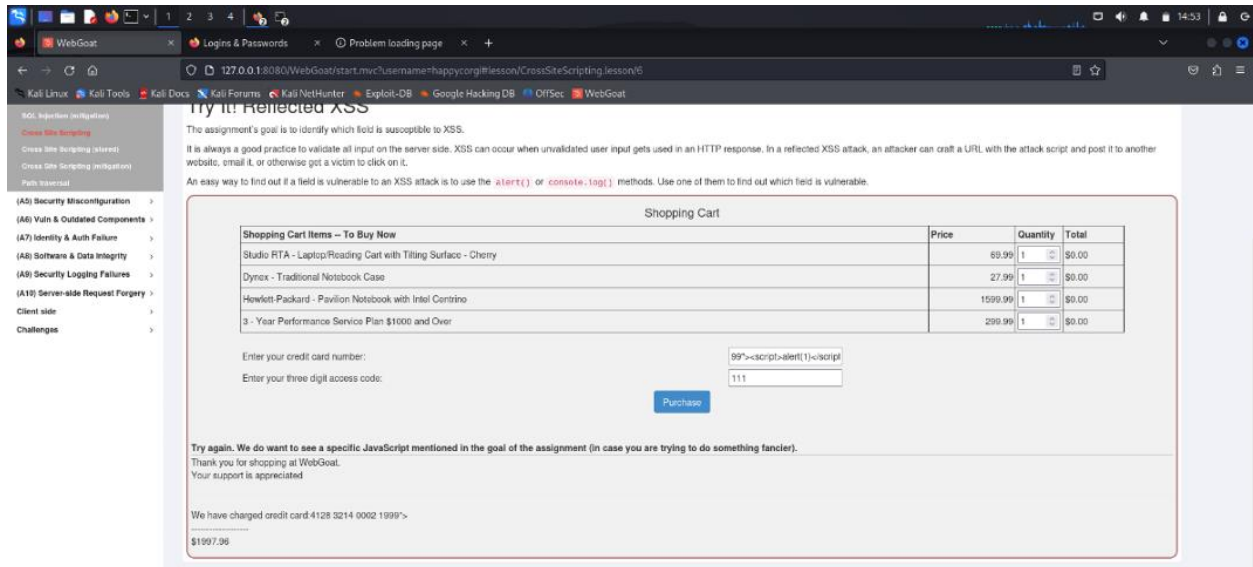
I attempted to inject a simple script such as

“<script>alert(1)</script>

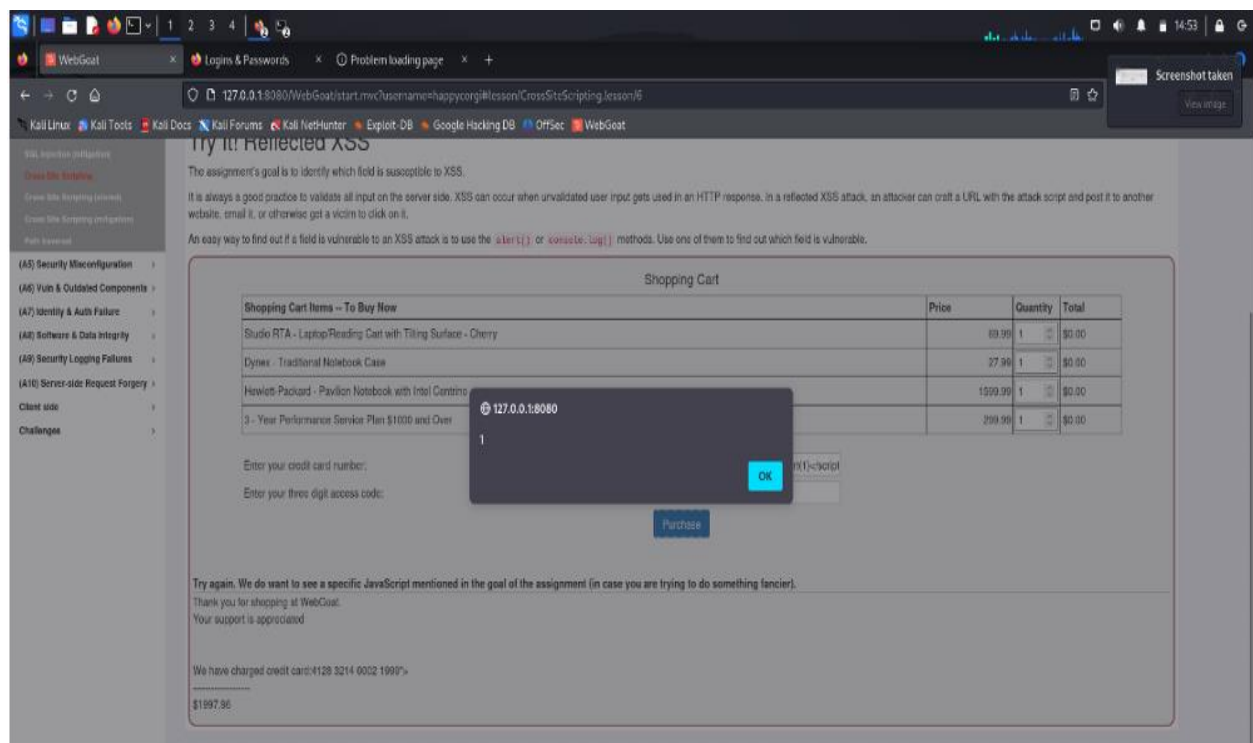
into a WebGoat form field. The injected script was successfully executed in the victim's browser, confirming the presence of an XSS vulnerability.



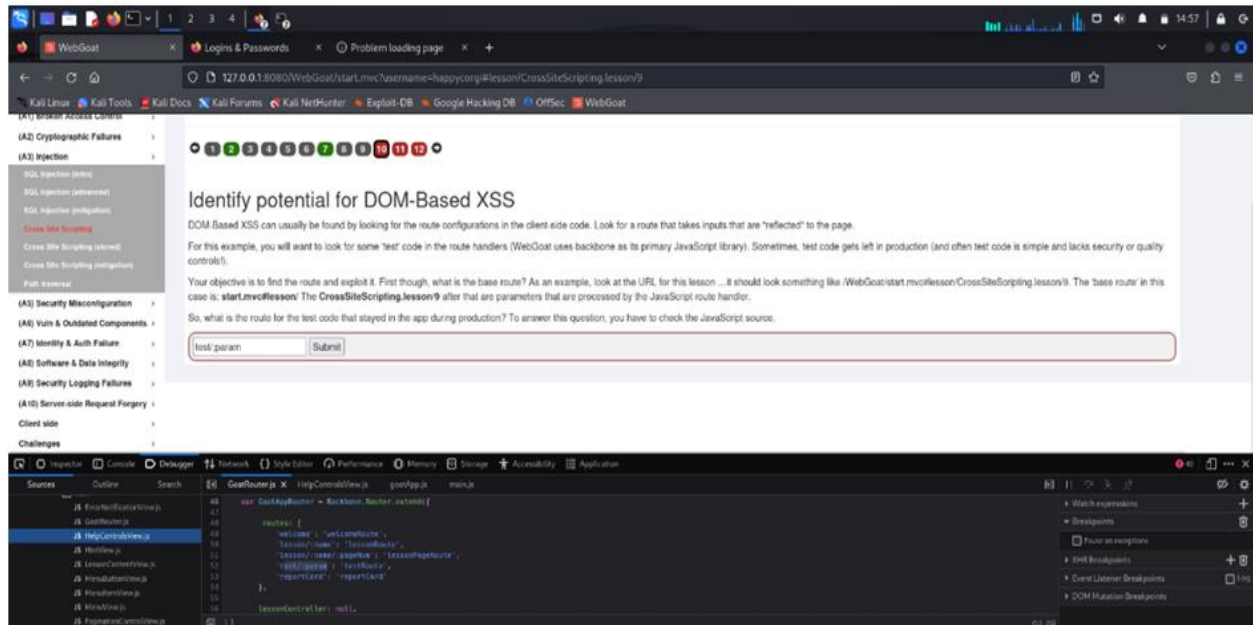
After that we will be able to see the purchase page, shown below



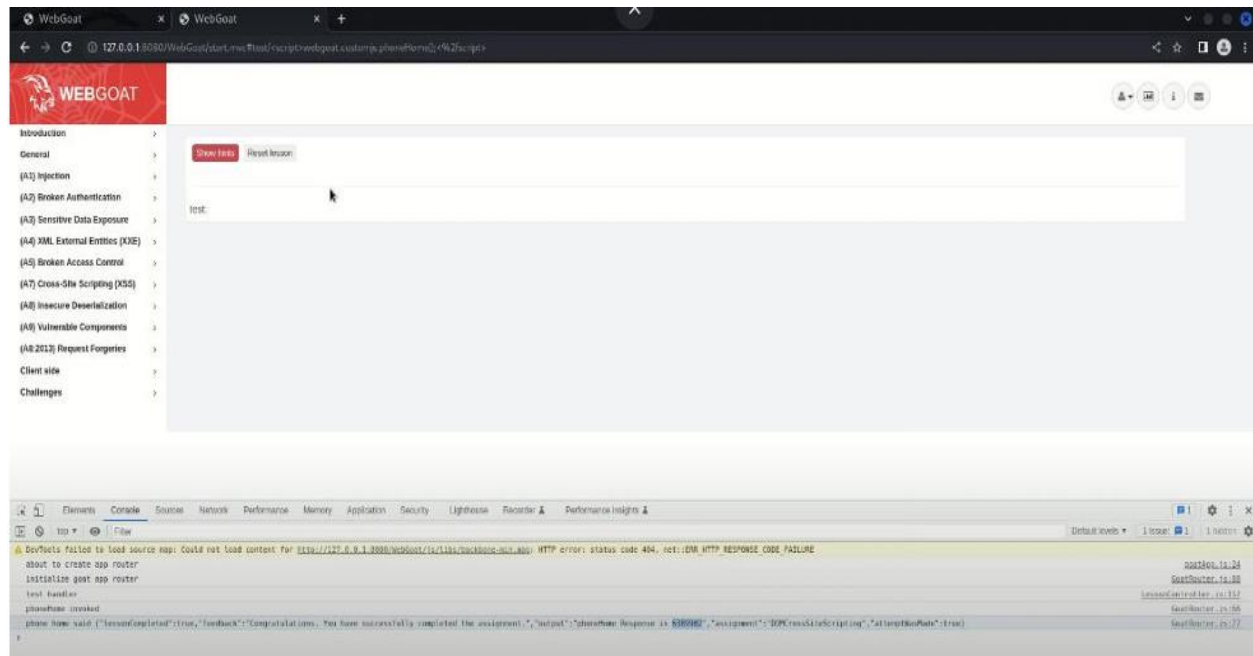
After entering card no and 3 digit code we will be able to see some IP address like 198.32.32 like something



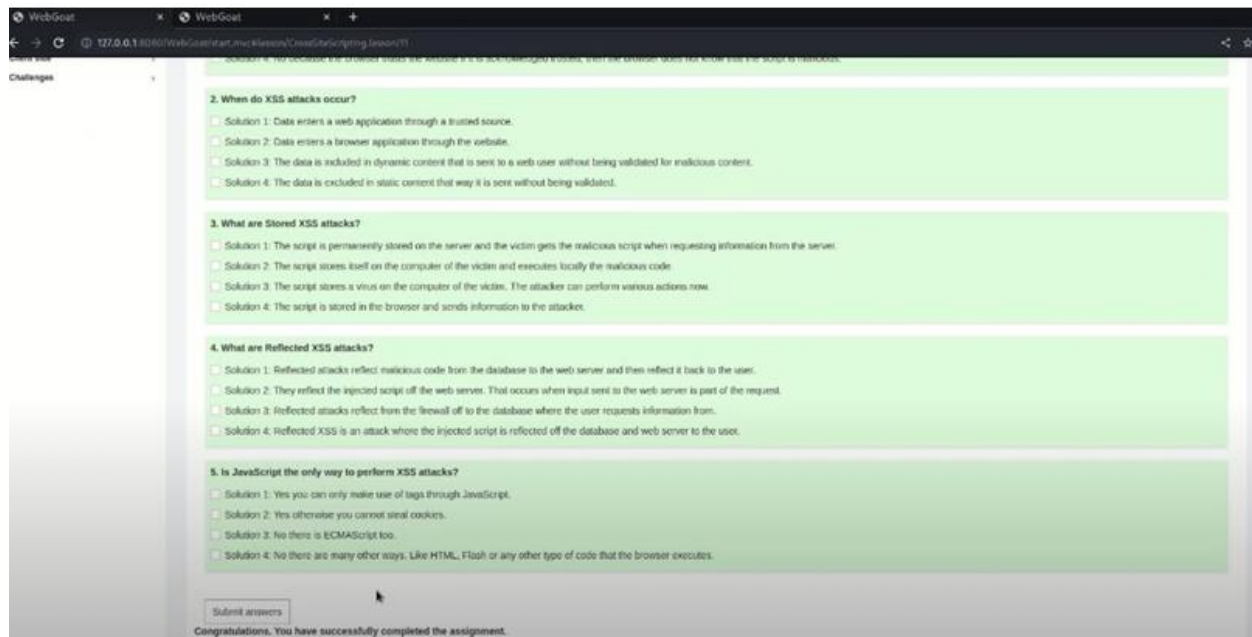
After clicking okay go to web goat page



After clicking the button submit u will see the below page ,if u got any error ,fix it and u will see the output



After that assignment session ,if you complete the answer ,you will be get as “congradulation, you have completed the assignment “



The XSS vulnerability allowed the injection and execution of malicious scripts, demonstrating how attackers could exploit this flaw to compromise user sessions or execute other malicious actions.

Let see about mitigation /prevention

SQL Injection Prevention and Mitigation

1) Parameterized Queries/Prepared Statements

- Use parameterized queries or prepared statements to prevent SQL Injection. This ensures that user inputs are treated as data, not executable code.
- For example, in Java:

```
String query = "SELECT * FROM users WHERE username = ? AND password = ?";
```

```
PreparedStatement pstmt = connection.prepareStatement(query);
```

```
pstmt.setString(1, username);
```

```
pstmt.setString(2, password);
```

```
...
```


ORMs (Object-Relational Mappers)

- ✚ Use an ORM (like Hibernate for Java, Django ORM for Python) as it abstracts away SQL queries and reduces the likelihood of SQL injection vulnerabilities.

Input Validation and Escaping

- ✚ Validate all user inputs on the server side. For instance, only accept expected data formats (like digits for a user ID).
- ✚ Use escaping libraries (e.g., `htmlspecialchars` in PHP or `SqlParameter` in C#) when dynamic input is necessary.

Least Privilege for Database Accounts

- ✚ Ensure the database account has the minimum privileges necessary to perform its functions. This limits the damage in case of an injection attack.

Use Web Application Firewalls (WAFs)

- ✚ A WAF can help detect and block SQL Injection attempts. Configure it with specific rules for SQL injection patterns.

Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) Prevention and Mitigation

Input Sanitization and Encoding

- ✚ Sanitize all user inputs to remove or escape any potential HTML/JavaScript code. Use libraries like `ESAPI` for Java or `OWASP HTML Sanitizer`.
- ✚ Encode output based on the context (HTML, JavaScript, URL) to prevent untrusted data from being executed. For example, use HTML escaping for text in HTML content and JavaScript escaping for text in JavaScript.

Content Security Policy (CSP)

- ✚ Implement a strong CSP header in your application to restrict where JavaScript, CSS, and other resources can be loaded from. This can prevent many XSS attacks.

```
```http
```

```
Content-Security-Policy: default-src 'self';
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```

HttpOnly and Secure Flags for Cookies

- ✚ Set the `HttpOnly` and `Secure` flags for cookies containing sensitive information, such as session tokens, to prevent access by client-side JavaScript.

Use of Security Libraries and Frameworks

- ✚ Use frameworks and libraries with built-in XSS protections. For instance, Angular and React have built-in sanitization for XSS vulnerabilities.

Regular Code Audits and Penetration Testing

- ✚ Conduct regular code audits and use automated tools to scan for XSS vulnerabilities. Additionally, WebGoat exercises can help test for potential issues and validate security measures.

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Summary

- ✚ The OWASP ZAP scan identified multiple vulnerabilities within the OWASP JUICE SHOP application, with a particular focus on SQL Injection and Cross-Site Scripting.
- ✚ Both of these vulnerabilities present serious security risks if left unpatched in a real-world web application.
- ✚ SQL Injection could allow attackers to access sensitive database information or bypass authentication.
- ✚ XSS could lead to user session hijacking, data theft or defacement of website .

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