

Week 2: Security Enhancements -

1. Input Validation:

Implemented validation using express-validator and manual checks in all user input routes including login, register, and profile.

2. Password Hashing:

Passwords are securely hashed using bcrypt before saving to the database to prevent credential theft in case of a data breach.

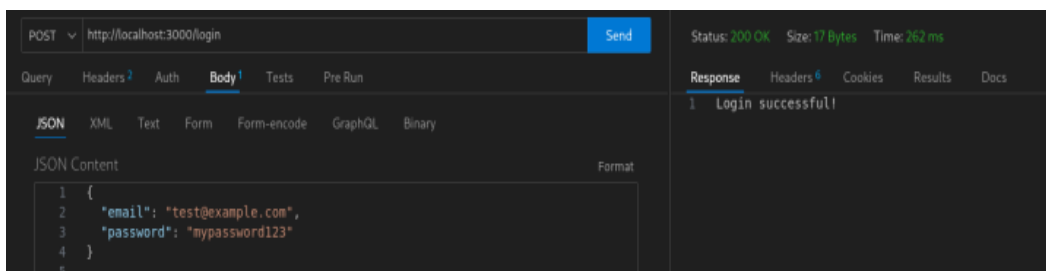
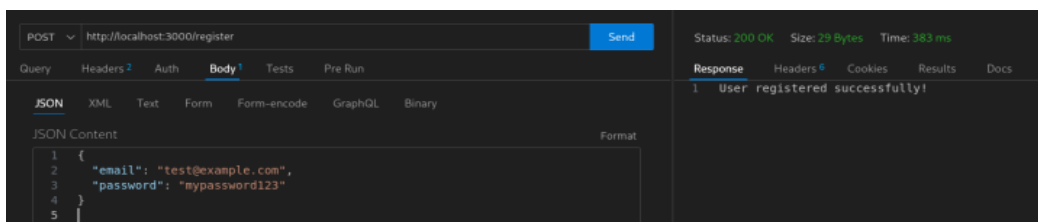
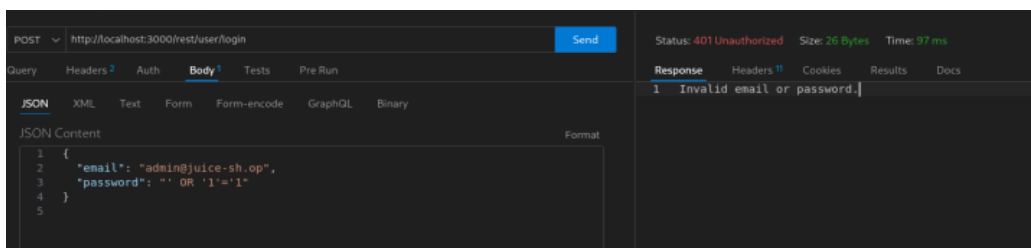
3. JWT Authentication:

Implemented JSON Web Token (JWT) authentication for secure session management and authorization.

4. Security Headers with Helmet.js:

Added Helmet middleware to the Express app to set security-related HTTP headers and mitigate common vulnerabilities.

Attached Evidences:



POST http://localhost:3000/login Send

Query Headers Auth Body Tests Pre Run

JSON XML Text Form Form-encode GraphQL Binary

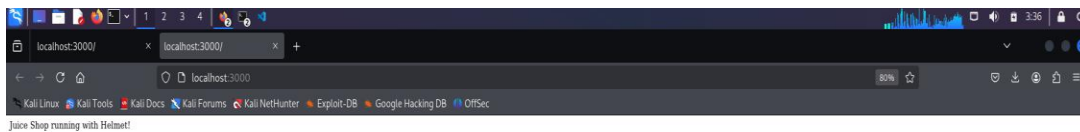
JSON Content Format

```
1 {
2   "email": "test@example.com",
3   "password": "mypassword123"
4 }
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```

Status: 200 OK Size: 183 Bytes Time: 808 ms

Response Headers Cookies Results Docs

```
1 {
2   "message": "Login successful",
3   "token": "eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJlbWFnbnRlc3RAZXhhbXBsZSI6ImE3NTQ0bG9uZSIsImV4cCI6MTY5Njg3MjE5fQ.78Rb6KV1vySA8m0GzMPPr9U7Rc3rW-2SLnSd-0bhLQ"
4 }
```



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Filter URLs

Status	Method	Domain	File	Initiator	Type	Transformed	Size
304	GET	localhost:3000	/	document	HTML	cached	31 B
200	GET	localhost:3000	/favicon.ico	favicon.ico	HTML	cached	8010 KiB

Filter Headers

GET http://localhost:3000/

Status: 304 Not Modified

Version: HTTP/1.1

Transformed: 766 B (31 B total)

Request Priority: Highest

DNS Resolution: System

Response Headers (735 B)

- Connection: keep-alive
- Content-Security-Policy: default-src 'self'; base-uri 'self'; block-all-mixed-content; font-src 'self'; https: data:frame-ancestors 'self'; img-src 'self'; data:subject-src 'none'; script-src 'self'; script-src-attr 'none'; style-src 'self'; https: v-src: none; upgrade-insecure-requests
- Date: Thu, 07 Aug 2025 07:25:29 GMT
- ETag: W/"f1-mw0XUjNP4bJggr7AgZxvSPw"
- Expect-CT: max-age=0
- Keep-Alive: timeout=5
- Referer-Policy: no-referrer
- Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=3052000; includeSubDomains
- X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
- X-DNS-Prefetch-Control: off
- X-Download-Options: noopen
- X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
- X-Permitted-Cross-Domain-Policies: none
- X-XSS-Protection: 0

Request Headers (631 B)

- Accept: text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,*/*;q=0.8
- Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate, br, zstd
- Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
- Connection: keep-alive
- Cookie: [redacted]

2 requests · 80.15 KB / 0 B transferred · Finish: 631 ms · DOMContentLoaded: 147 ms · load: 192 ms