What Goes Wrong?

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Common Security Problems in Web Applications

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OWASP Top Ten Web App Risks

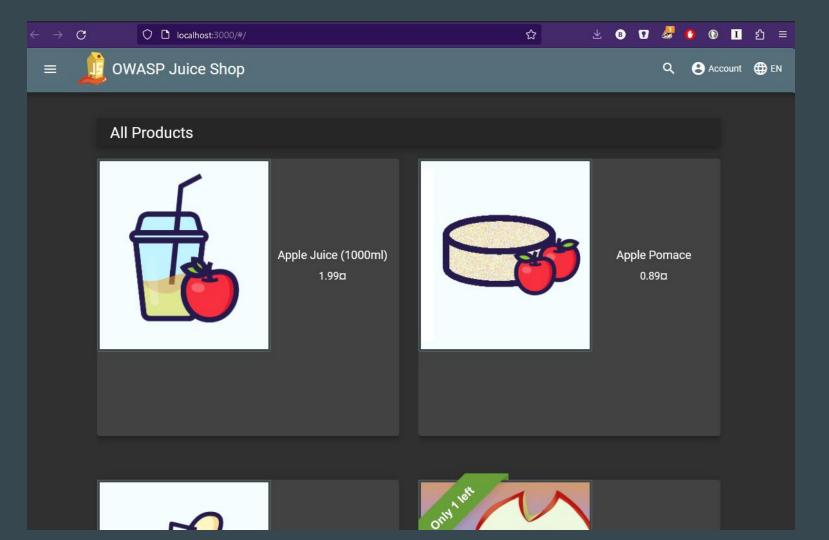
A02 – Cryptographic Failures A07 – Identification & Authentication Failures

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.

5000¤



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...



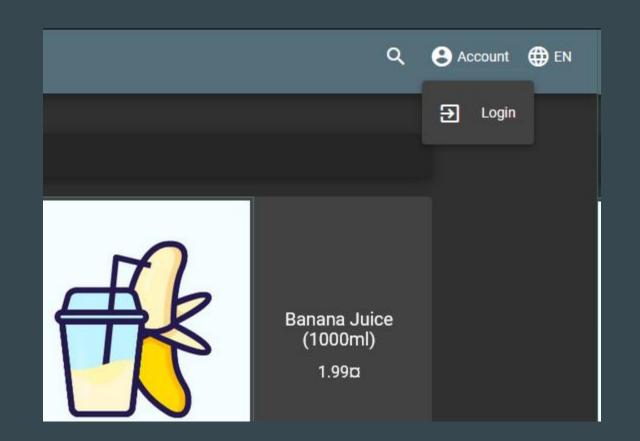
Carrot Juice (1000ml)



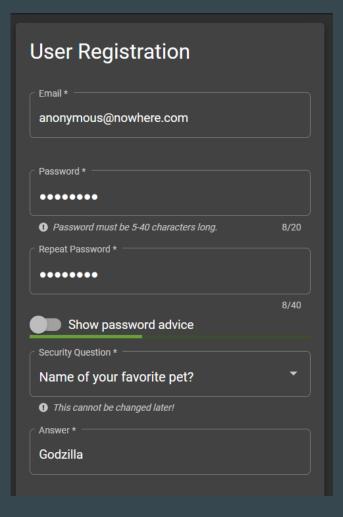
Best Juice

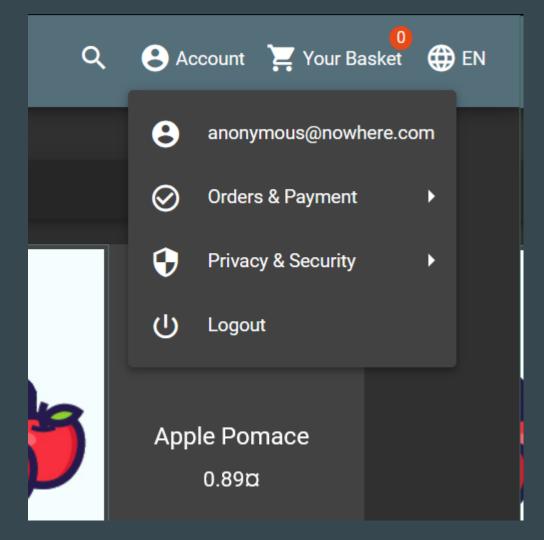
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Salesman /



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











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User-agent: *

Disallow: /ftp









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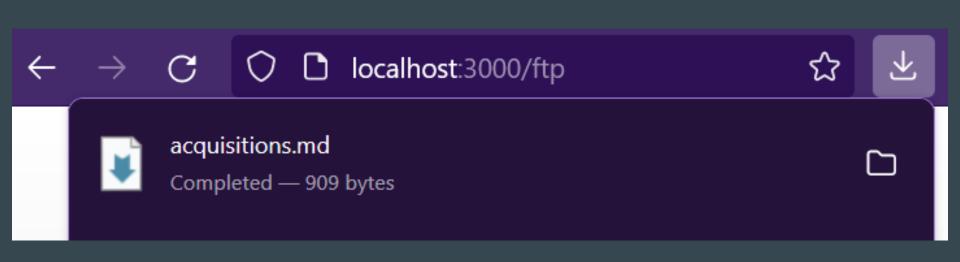
- quarantine
- coupons_2013.md.bak

localhost:3000/ftp

- incident-support.kdbx
- suspicious_errors.yml

- acquisitions.md
- eastere.gg
- legal.md

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



```
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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       ipsum dolor sit amet.
 17
      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

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Björn Kimminich (@bkimminich) / ...



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

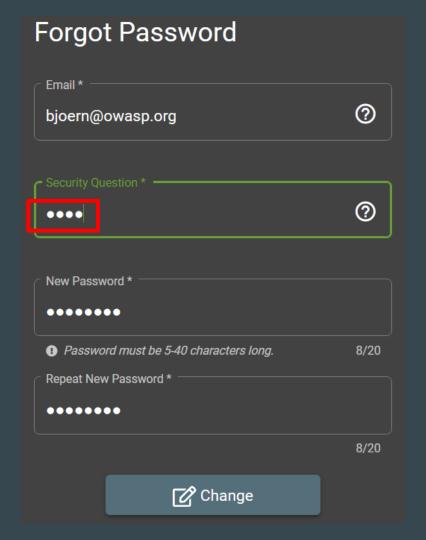
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Email *

Password *



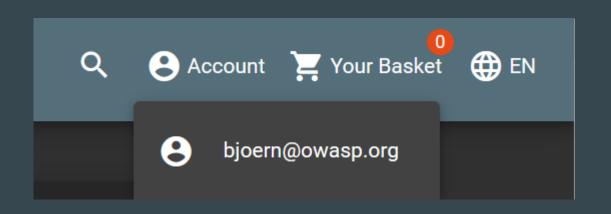
Forgot your password?



Forgot Password

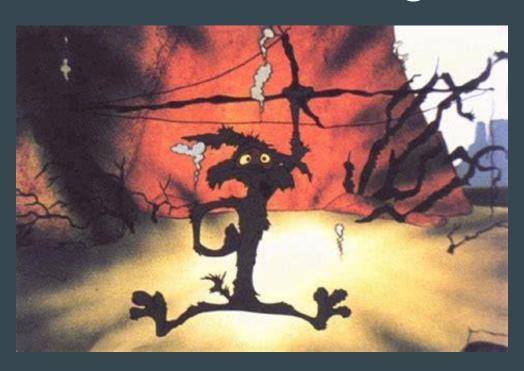
Your password was successfully changed.

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





A04 Insecure Design



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.



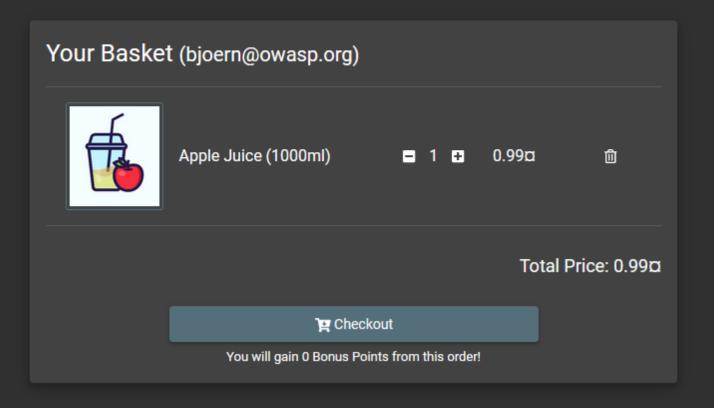
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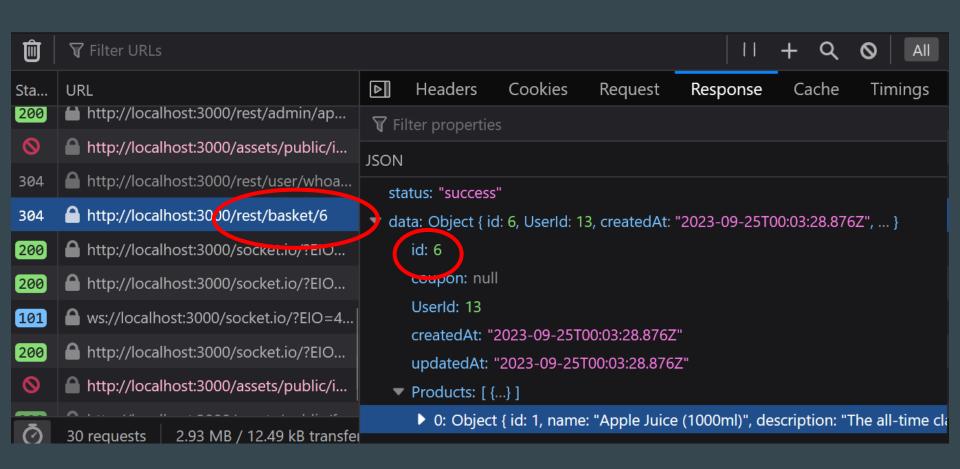
- Frameworks; design patterns; threat modeling; security testing; segregation & isolation
- Establish an SDLC using qualified professionals to help evaluate design security



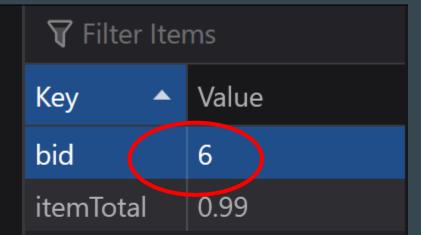




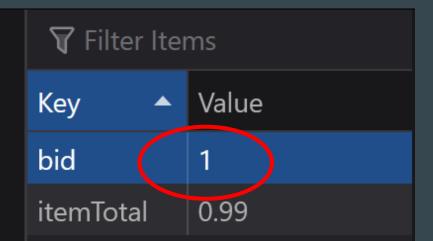


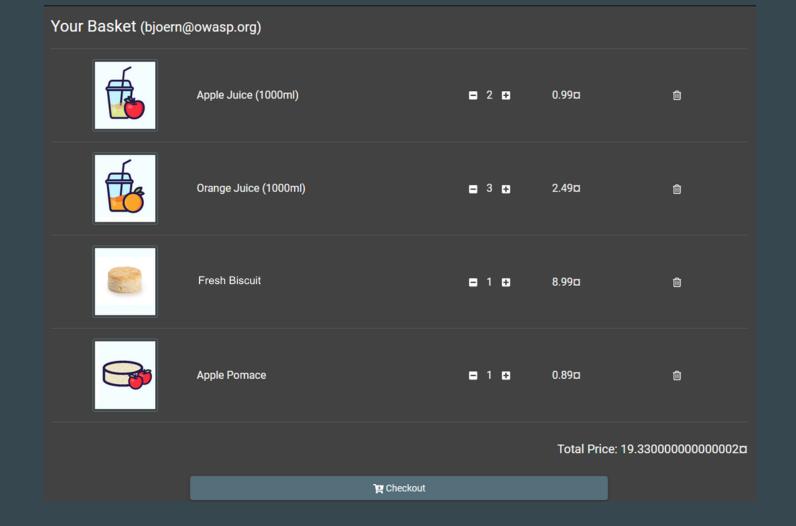


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- ▶ 🗐 Cookies
- ▶ 🗐 Indexed DB
- ▶ 😑 Local Storage
- - ttp://localhost:3000



- ▶ 🗐 Cookies
- ▶ 🗐 Indexed DB
- ▶ ∃ Local Storage
- - http://localhost:3000







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!



Login

Email *

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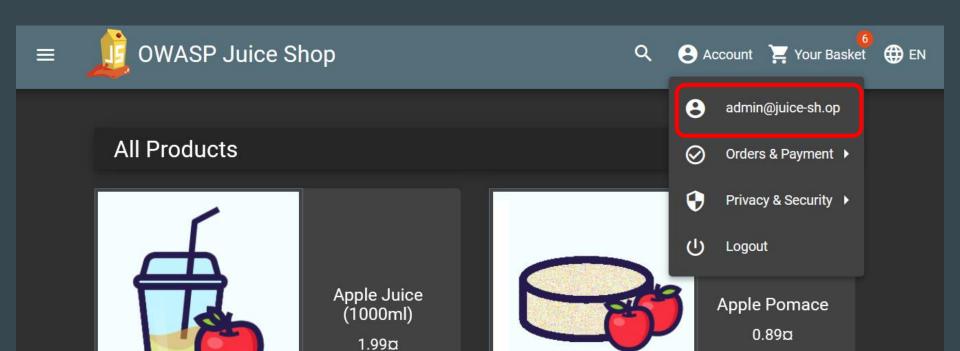
Forgot

Login

Email *

' OR 1==1 --

Not yet a customer?



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

http://localhost:3000/rest/products/search?q=
qwert')) UNION SELECT sql, '2', '3', '4', '5', '6', '7', '8', '9' FROM sqlite_master--

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      "id": "CREATE TABLE `Addresses` (`UserId` INTEGER REFERENCES `Users` (`id`) ON
DELETE NO ACTION ON UPDATE CASCADE, `id` INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT, `fullName`
VARCHAR(255), `mobileNum` INTEGER, `zipCode` VARCHAR(255), `streetAddress`
VARCHAR(255), `city` VARCHAR(255), `state` VARCHAR(255), `country` VARCHAR(255),
 createdAt` DATETIME NOT NULL, `updatedAt` DATETIME NOT NULL)",
      "name": "2",
      "description": "3",
      "price": "4",
      "deluxePrice": "5",
      "image": "6",
      "createdAt": "7"
      "updatedAt": "8",
      "deletedAt": "9"
    },
      "id": "CREATE TABLE `BasketItems` (`ProductId` INTEGER REFERENCES `Products`
(`id`) ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE, `BasketId` INTEGER REFERENCES `Baskets`
(`id`) ON DELETE CASCADE ON UPDATE CASCADE, `id` INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT,
 'quantity` INTEGER, `createdAt` DATETIME NOT NULL, `updatedAt` DATETIME NOT NULL,
UNIQUE (`ProductId`, `BasketId`))",
      "name": "2",
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      "image": "6",
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      "deletedAt": "9"
    },
      "id": "CREATE TABLE `Baskets` (`id` INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT, `coupon`
VARCHAR(255), `UserId` INTEGER REFERENCES `Users` (`id`) ON DELETE NO ACTION ON UPDATE
CASCADE, `createdAt` DATETIME NOT NULL, `updatedAt` DATETIME NOT NULL)",
      "name": "2",
      "description": "3",
      "price": "4",
      "deluxePrice": "5",
```

"image": "6"



A03 Injection (SQL)



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

```
<?php
$query = "UPDATE usertable SET pwd='$pwd' WHERE uid='$uid';";</pre>
```

?>

In Yii most database querying happens via <u>Active Record</u> which properly uses PDO prepared statements internally. In case of prepared statements it's not possible to manipulate query as was demonstrated above.

Guide

Still, sometimes you need <u>raw queries</u> or <u>query builder</u>. In this case you should use safe ways of passing data. If data is used for column values it's preferred to use prepared statements:

```
// query builder
$userIDs = (new Query())
    ->select('id')
    ->from('user')
    ->where('status=:status', [':status' => $status])
    ->all();
// DAO
$userIDs = $connection
    ->createCommand('SELECT id FROM user where status=:status')
    ->bindValues([':status' => $status])
    ->queryColumn();
```

History of Injection in OWASP top 10

2004	A6 Injection Flaws
2007	A2 Injection Flaws
2010	Al Injection
2013	Al Injection
2017	Al Injection
2021	A3 Injection





Secure by Design Alert

Eliminating SQL Injection Vulnerabilities in Software



Malicious Cyber Actors Use SQL Injection Vulnerabilities to Compromise Systems

<u>SQL injection—or SQLi—vulnerabilities</u> remain a persistent class of defect in commercial software products.¹ Despite widespread knowledge and documentation of SQLi vulnerabilities over the past two decades, along with the availability of effective mitigations, software manufacturers have continued to develop products with this defect, which puts many customers at risk.²

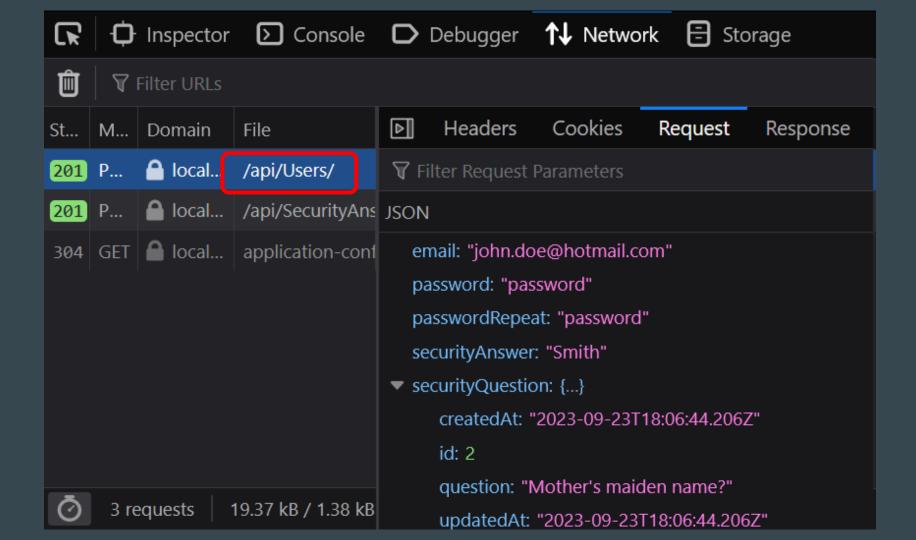
The software industry has known how to eliminate these defects at scale for decades. MySQL introduced prepared statements, which can eliminate SQL injection vulnerabilities, in 2004.2

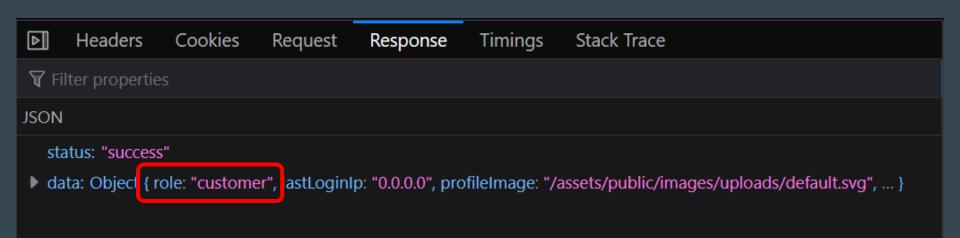
User Registration

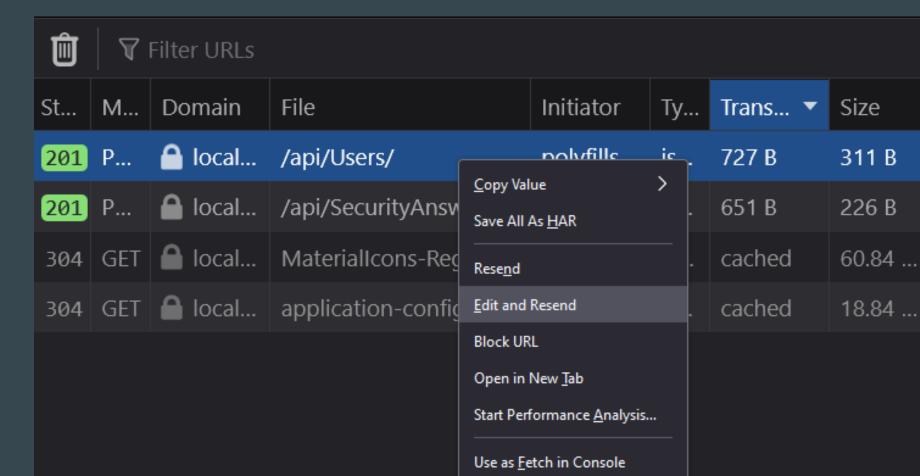
Email * john.doe@hotmail.com Password * ******* Password must be 5-40 characters long. 8/20 Repeat Password * *******

8/40













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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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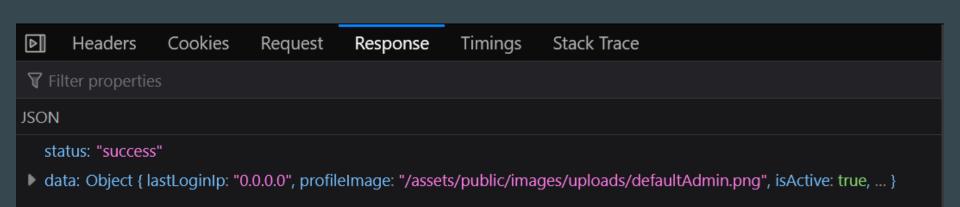


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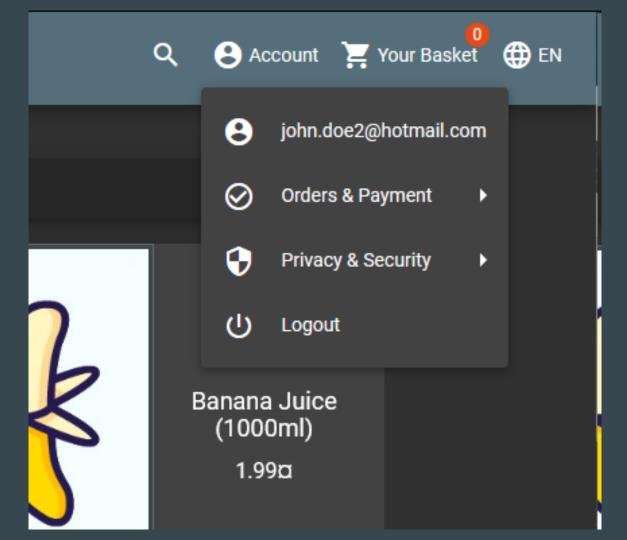
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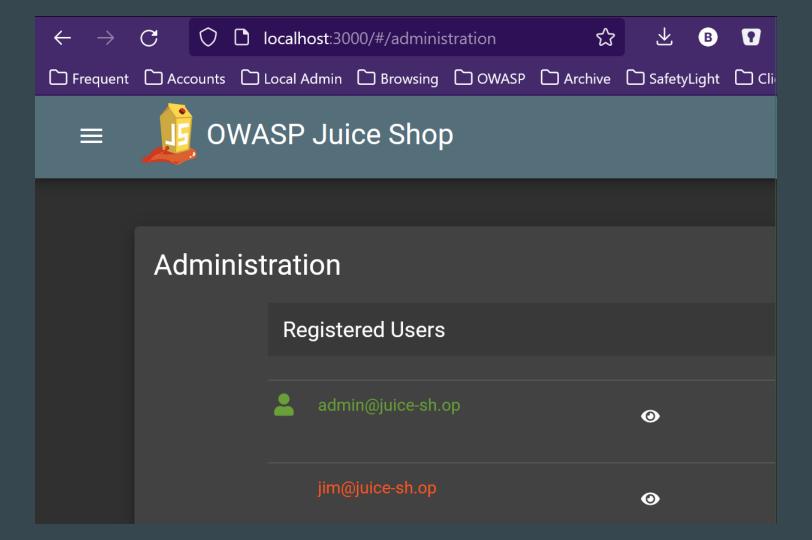
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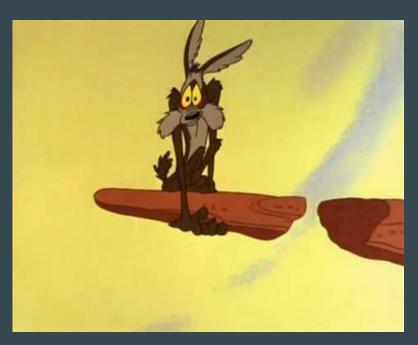
Login Email * john.doe2@hotmail.com Password * Ø password Forgot your password? **→** Log in Remember me







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!

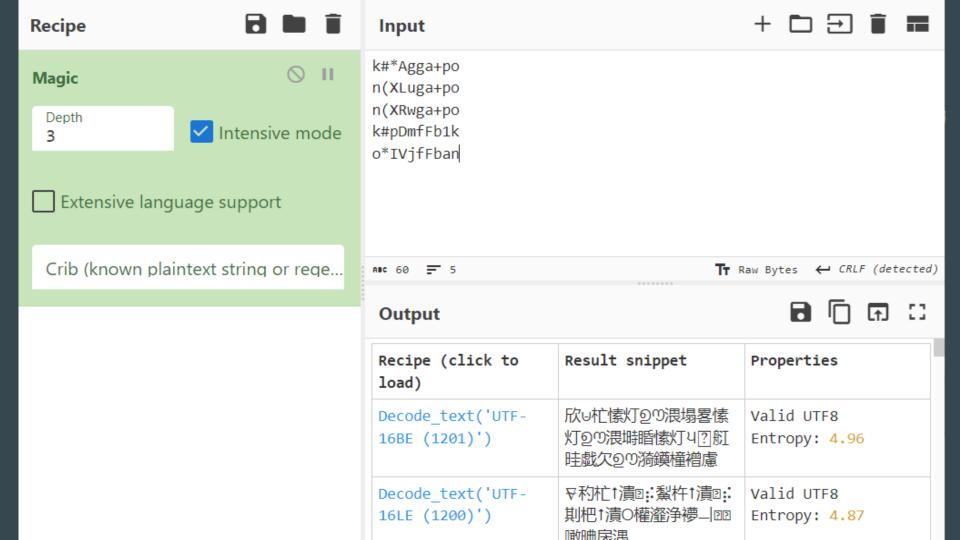
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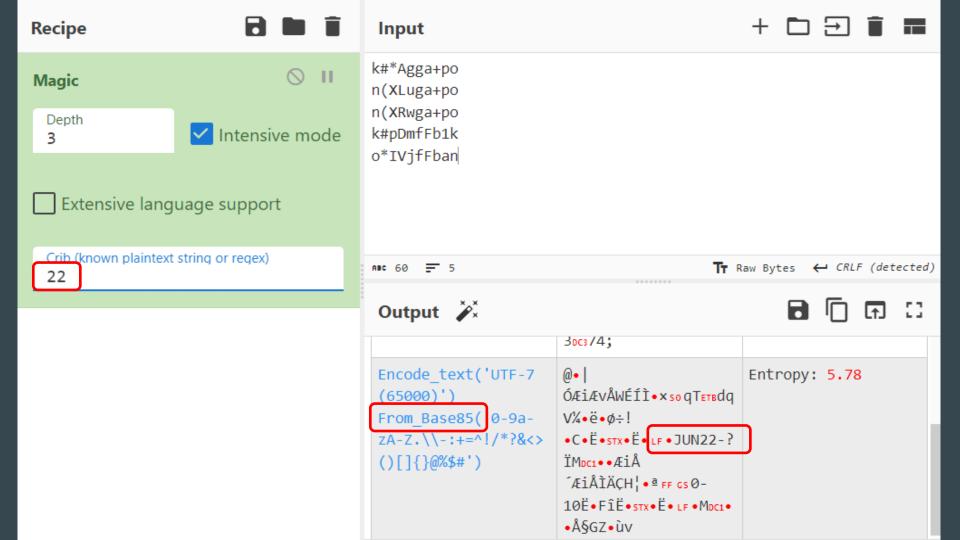




Some Old Coupons

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



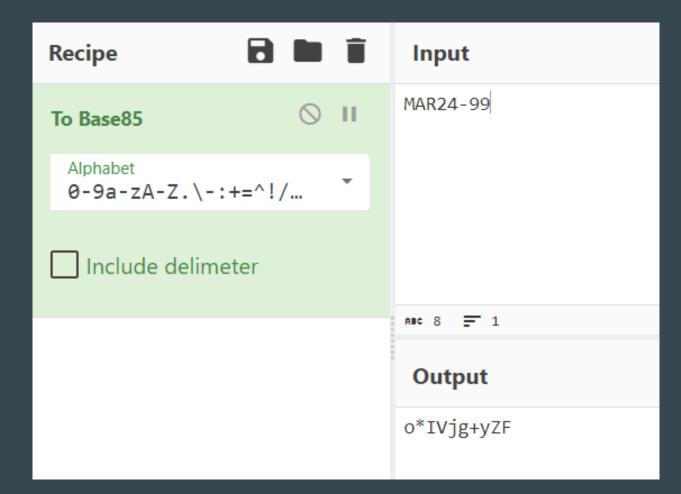


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Input k#*Agga+po n(XLuga+po n(XRwga+po k#pDmfFb1k o*IVjfFban ADC 56 = 5

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



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)



其CVE-2015-5467 Detail

Description

web\ViewAction in Yii (aka Yii2) 2.x before 2.0.5 allows attackers to execute any local .php file via a relative path in the view parameter.

Severity

CVSS Version 3.x

CVSS Version 2.0

CVSS 3.x Severity and Metrics:

NVD

NIST: NVD

Base Score:

9.8 CRITICAL

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

What Could You Do With This?

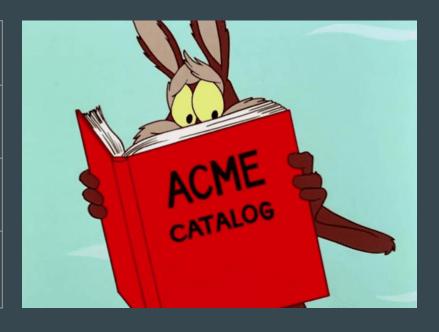
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http://example.com/index.php?
r=site/page&view=../../private.php
```

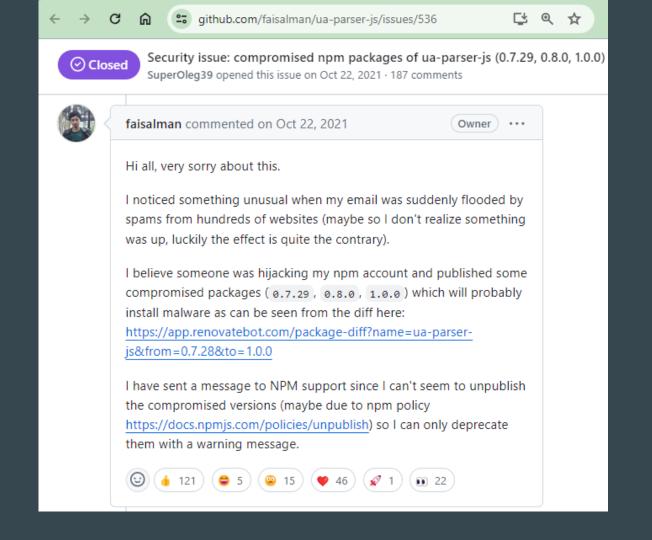
What Was the Fix?



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







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

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;

- Local logs not forwarded to the SIEM
- Inaccurate field mapping
- Application updates sometimes affected SIEM ingestion and parsing
- Time zone misconfigured
- Log retention time too short
- Source IP addresses of users masked by a load balancer
- No documentation of log fields or sources
- No playbooks for investigating issues consistently and reliably
- Application logs designed for troubleshooting, not investigating

Recommendation

Run mock forensic incidents to confirm:

- You are logging the right things.
- Your logs are configured correctly.
- You know how to find the info you need reliably.



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

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

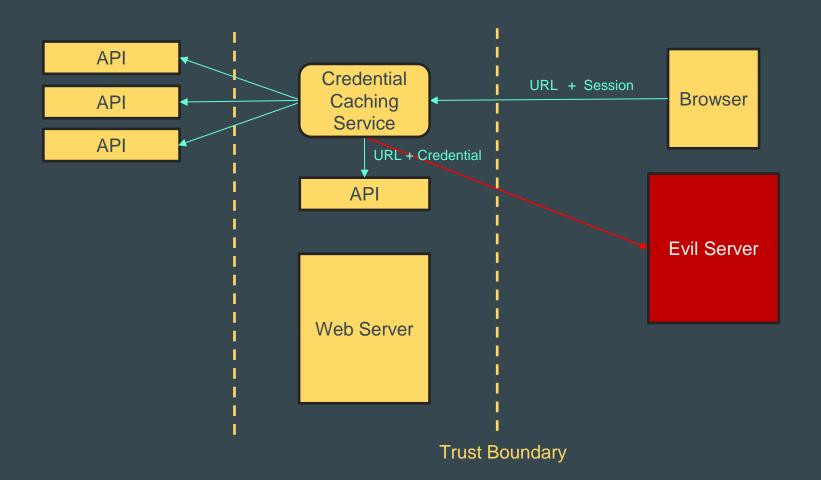
nuxt-api-party (npm)

Affected versions

Patched versions

< 0.22.0

0.22.0



☐ johannschopplich / nuxt-api-party Public

```
@@ -28,7 +28,7 @@ export default defineEventHandler(async (event): Promise
28
       28
               } = body
29
       29
30
       30
               // Check if the path is an absolute URL
31
           if (/^https?:\/\//.test(path)) {
       31
           + if (new URL(path, 'http://localhost').origin !== 'http://localhost') {
32
       32
                throw createError({
33
       33
                  statusCode: 400,
       34
                  statusMessage: 'Absolute URLs are not allowed',
 34
```

What We Saw

Security Misconfiguration	Exposed ftp directory
Insecure Design	Use of security questions
Broken Access Control	Unauthorized access to cart via IDOR
Injection (SQL)	Logged in as admin; fetched schema
Identity & Authorization Failures	Created an unauthorized admin user
Cryptographic Failures	Forged a discount coupon
Vulnerable & Outdated Components	Directory traversal in Yii
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 nux-api-party

Resources

From OWASP

Cheat Sheets

Testing Guide

OWASP Juice Shop

Vulnerable Web Applications

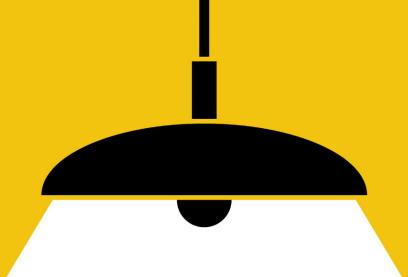
Other Favorites

FireFox

Developer Tools

PortSwigger

Web Security Academy (free online training)



SafetyLight LLC

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