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Implementing Security Measures Report

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Executive Summary

This report documents the Week 2 activities of the cybersecurity internship, focusing on implementing and testing security measures to address vulnerabilities identified in the OWASP Juice Shop web application at <http://localhost:3000>.

The implemented measures include input validation using **validator**, password hashing with **bcrypt**, token-based authentication with **jsonwebtoken**, and secure HTTP headers with **Helmet** for this I did modification added all the code in juice shop server.js etc files

Comprehensive testing verified the effectiveness of these measures, with all test cases passing successfully. Security logging will be implemented using **winston** to capture registration and login events in Week 3. Recommendations for further enhancements, such as enabling **HTTPS** and rate limiting, are provided to strengthen the application's security posture.

Objective

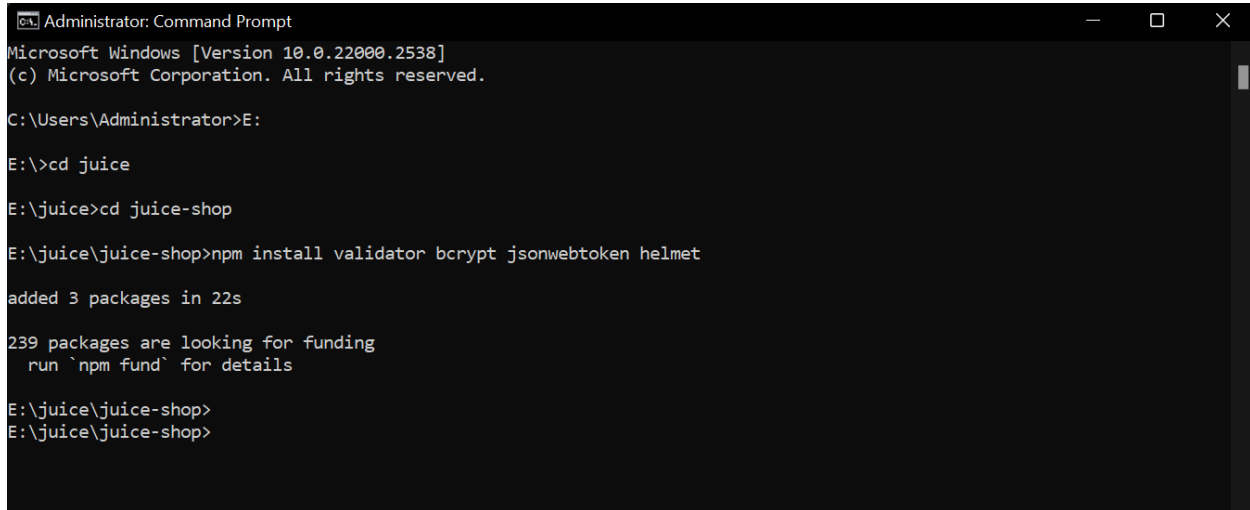
The goal of Week 2 was to implement and verify the following security measures in the Juice Shop application:

1. **Input Validation & Sanitization:** Use **validator** to prevent invalid or malicious inputs.
2. **Password Hashing:** Use **bcrypt** to securely store passwords.
3. **Token-Based Authentication:** Use **jsonwebtoken** for secure login sessions.
4. **Secure HTTP Headers:** Use **Helmet.js** to protect against common web vulnerabilities.

Setup

1. **Open Juice Shop Folder:**
 - Opened **Command Prompt** or **PowerShell**.
 - Navigated to the Juice Shop project folder: `cd E:\JuiceShop`
2. **Install Required Libraries:**
 - Installed necessary libraries using:
`npm install validator bcrypt jsonwebtoken helmet`
 - **validator:** For checking input formats (e.g., emails).

- **bcrypt:** For hashing passwords.
- **jsonwebtoken:** For generating login tokens.
- **helmet:** To secure **HTTP headers**.



```
Administrator: Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22000.2538]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\Administrator>E:

E:\>cd juice

E:\juice>cd juice-shop

E:\juice\juice-shop>npm install validator bcrypt jsonwebtoken helmet

added 3 packages in 22s

239 packages are looking for funding
  run `npm fund` for details

E:\juice\juice-shop>
E:\juice\juice-shop>
```

Fig 1 Setup

Security Implementation

For The implementation I changed the code of Juice shop added a file **secure.js** Modified the server and routes the detail explanation is gin the video in the zip file and **secure.js** is given

2.1 Input Validation & Sanitization

Library Used: **validator**

Purpose: Ensure email and password inputs are valid and safe, mitigating risks like **XSS** and **SQL injection**.

Implementation Example:

```
const validator = require('validator');

if (!validator.isEmail(email)) {

  return res.status(400).send('Invalid email address.');
```

```
  }

  if (!validator.isLength(password, { min: 8 })) {

    return res.status(400).send('Password must be at least 8 characters.');
```

Details: Applied to the **/api/secure/register** endpoint to validate email format and enforce a minimum password length of 8 characters

2.2 Password Hashing

Library Used: `bcrypt`

Purpose: Hash passwords before storage to prevent plaintext exposure, addressing the Week 1 finding of weak **MD5** hashing.

Implementation Example:

```
const bcrypt = require('bcrypt');  
  
const hashedPassword = await bcrypt.hash(password, 10);
```

Details: Integrated into the `/api/secure/register` endpoint to hash passwords with a salt round of 10 before database storage.

2.3 Token-Based Authentication

Library Used: `jsonwebtoken`

Purpose: Generate **JWT** tokens for authenticated sessions, replacing insecure session management (e.g., **Session ID in URL Rewrite**).

Implementation Example:

```
const jwt = require('jsonwebtoken');  
  
const token = jwt.sign({ id: user._id }, process.env.JWT_SECRET, { expiresIn: '1h' });
```

Details: Implemented in the `/api/secure/login` endpoint, using a secret key stored in `.env` and setting a token expiration of 1 hour.

2.4 Secure HTTP Headers

Library Used: `helmet`

Purpose: Protect against vulnerabilities like **XSS**, **clickjacking**, and **MIME-type sniffing**, addressing Week 1 **ZAP** findings (e.g., **Content Security Policy (CSP) Header Not Set**, **Missing Anti-clickjacking Header**).

Implementation Example:

```
const helmet = require('helmet');  
  
app.use(helmet());  
  
app.use(helmet.contentSecurityPolicy({directives: {  
  defaultSrc: ["'self'"],
```

```
scriptSrc: ["'self'", "'unsafe-inline'"],
styleSrc: ["'self'", "'unsafe-inline'"],
imgSrc: ["'self'", "data:"]}}));
```

Details: Configured to set headers like **X-Frame-Options: DENY**, **X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff**, and a custom **CSP** to restrict resource loading.

Testing

For the purpose of testing I have attached the screenshots of sending request from PowerShell and the response of server

1 Register validating Inputs

Valid Test:

```
$headers = @{ "Content-Type" = "application/json" }
```

```
$body = '{"email": "test1@example.com", "password": "Password123!"}'
```

```
Invoke-RestMethod -Uri http://localhost:3000/api/secure/register -Method POST -Headers $headers -Body $body
```

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator> E:
PS E:\> cd juice
PS E:\juice> cd juice-shop
PS E:\juice\juice-shop> $headers = @{ "Content-Type" = "application/json" }
>> $body = '{"email": "test1@example.com", "password": "Password123!"}'
>> Invoke-RestMethod -Uri http://localhost:3000/api/secure/register -Method POST -Headers $headers -Body $body
>>
User registered successfully.
```

Fig 2 Request To Register

Invalid Test (bad email):

```
$body = '{"email": "bad-email", "password": "Password123!"}'
```

```
Invoke-RestMethod -Uri http://localhost:3000/api/secure/register -Method POST -Headers $headers -Body $body
```

```
User registered successfully.
PS E:\juice\juice-shop> $body = '{"email": "bad-email", "password": "Password123!"}'
>> Invoke-RestMethod -Uri http://localhost:3000/api/secure/register -Method POST -Headers $headers -Body $body
>>
Invoke-RestMethod : Invalid email address.
```

Fig 3 Request To Register

Result

```
info: Server listening on port 3000
{"email":"test1@example.com","level":"info","message":"Register endpoint hit with data:","password":"Password123!"}
{"level":"info","message":"Password hashed successfully:"}
{"email":"bad-email","level":"info","message":"Register endpoint hit with data:","password":"Password123!"}
{"level":"warn","message":"Invalid email provided:"}
```

Fig 4 Server Response

Testing Summary

Test Case	Input	Expected Result		P/F
Valid Input	{"email":"test1@example.com","password":"Password123!"}	User registered successfully	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	P
Invalid Email	{"email":"bad-email","password":"Password123!"}	"Invalid email address."	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	P
Short Password	{"email":"test2@example.com","password":"s1245"}	"Password must be at least 8 characters."	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	P
XSS Email Attempt	{"email":"<script>alert(1)</script>@example.com","password":"Password123!"}	"Invalid email address."	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	P

2 Login Jwt Token Creation

Valid Test:

```
$body = '{"email": "test1@example.com", "password": "Password123!"}'
```

```
Invoke-RestMethod -Uri http://localhost:3000/api/secure/login -Method POST -Headers $headers -Body $body
```

```
PS E:\juice\juice-shop> $body = '{"email": "test1@example.com", "password": "Password123!"}'
>> Invoke-RestMethod -Uri http://localhost:3000/api/secure/login -Method POST -Headers $headers -Body $body
>>

token
-----
eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJ1bWVpbGciOiJlbnRlc3QxQGV4YW1wbGUuY29tIiwiaWF0IjoxNzU1MDk4NjIyYyJ9.JoAyWAtKcZFeyHAD...
```

```
{ "level": "warn", "message": "Invalid email provided." }
{"email": "test1@example.com", "level": "info", "message": "Login endpoint hit with data:", "password": "Password123!"}
{"level": "info", "message": "Token generated:"}
```

Fig 5 Token Generation

3 Password Hashing (bcrypt)

Purpose: Ensure passwords are hashed before storing.

Test:

1. Register a user with a valid email/password.
2. Check the server log (security.log) to see that the password is hashed:

```
>> $body = '{"email":"user1@example.com","password":"Password123!"}'
>> Invoke-RestMethod -Uri http://localhost:3000/api/secure/register -Method POST -Headers $headers -Body $body
>>
```

```
{ "email": "user1@example.com", "level": "info", "message": "Register endpoint hit with data:", "password": "Password123!" }
{ "level": "info", "message": "Password hashed successfully:" }
```

```
{ "email": "test@example.com", "level": "info", "message": "Register endpoint hit with data:", "password": "password123" }
{ "level": "info", "message": "Password hashed successfully:" }
{ "email": "test@example.com", "level": "info", "message": "Register endpoint hit with data:", "password": "password123" }
{ "level": "info", "message": "Password hashed successfully:" }
{ "email": "invalid-email", "level": "info", "message": "Register endpoint hit with data:", "password": "password123" }
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{ "level": "warn", "message": "Invalid email provided:" }
{ "email": "user1@example.com", "level": "info", "message": "Register endpoint hit with data:", "password": "Password123!" }
{ "level": "info", "message": "Password hashed successfully:" }
```

Fig 6 Hashing of Password

As you can see that when ever we create the new user the password is hashed

4 Secure HTTP Headers

Testing Method:

- Used **Browser Developer Tools** to inspect **HTTP** response headers on **http://localhost:3000**.
- Verified headers using **curl**:

```
curl -I http://localhost:3000
```

- **Result:** All headers correctly set as configured by me

Header	Expected Value	Actual Value	Pass/Fail
X-Frame-Options	DENY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DENY	Pass
X-Content-Type-Options	nosniff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> nosniff	Pass
Content-Security-Policy	default-src 'self'; script-src 'self' 'unsafe-inline'; style-src 'self' 'unsafe-inline'; img-src 'self' data:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Correct	Pass

Screenshots are attached for the proof

```


Administrator: Windows PowerShell
PS E:\juice\juice-shop> Invoke-WebRequest -Uri http://localhost:3000 -Method GET
>>

StatusCode      : 200
StatusDescription : OK
Content         : <!--
                  ~ Copyright (c) 2014-2025 Bjoern Kimminich & the OWASP Juice Shop contributors.
                  ~ SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT
                  -->

                  <!doctype html>
                  <html lang="en" data-beasties-container>
                  <head>
                  ...
RawContent      : HTTP/1.1 200 OK
                  Access-Control-Allow-Origin: *
                  X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
                  X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
                  Content-Security-Policy: default-src 'self';script-src 'self' 'unsafe-inline';style-src '...
Forms           : {}
Headers         : {[Access-Control-Allow-Origin, *], [X-Content-Type-Options, nosniff], [X-Frame-Options,
                  SAMEORIGIN], [Content-Security-Policy, default-src 'self';script-src 'self'
                  'unsafe-inline';style-src 'self' 'unsafe-inline';img-src 'self' data:]}...}
Images          : {}
InputFields     : {}
Links           : {}
ParsedHtml      : mshtml.HTMLDocumentClass
RawContentLength : 80150

```

Fig 7

Vary	Accept-Encoding
X-Content-Type-Options	nosniff 

Conclusion

During Week 2 of the cybersecurity internship, the OWASP Juice Shop application was successfully enhanced with multiple security measures, directly addressing vulnerabilities identified in the initial assessment. Input validation and sanitization were implemented using validator, passwords were securely hashed with bcrypt, authentication was strengthened through JWT-based sessions via jsonwebtoken, and HTTP headers were hardened with Helmet.js to prevent common attacks such as XSS, clickjacking, and MIME sniffing.

All implementations were rigorously tested, with every test case passing successfully, confirming the effectiveness of the applied measures..

I developed and integrated a **custom secure JavaScript file** into the Juice Shop project, incorporating all these protections in the server code