

GitHub Documentation Pack for Snackr

(Vulnerable Web App)

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README.md

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# Snackr - Vulnerable Web Application
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Introduction

Snackr is a deliberately vulnerable web application developed for academic and learning purposes. The goal of this project is to demonstrate how common web application vulnerabilities occur in real systems and how they can be identified, exploited in a controlled environment, and mitigated using secure coding practices.

This project is intended for use in classrooms, security labs, and self-learning environments.

Technology Stack

- Frontend: React (Create React App)
- Backend: Node.js with Express
- Containerization: Docker and Docker Compose

Scope of the Project

The application intentionally contains multiple security flaws aligned with the OWASP Top 10. These vulnerabilities are included to help learners understand attacker behavior and defensive techniques.

How to Run the Application

Using Node.js:

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```bash
npm install
npm start
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Using Docker:

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docker-compose up --build
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## Intended Audience

- Students learning web security
- Cybersecurity labs and demonstrations
- Academic research and evaluation

## Warning

This application is intentionally insecure. Do not deploy it on public servers or production environments.

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⚠️ DISCLAIMER.md
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# Disclaimer  
  
This project is an intentionally vulnerable web application created strictly for educational and academic purposes.  
  
The application must only be executed in a local or isolated testing environment. Any attempt to deploy or use this software against real-world systems without explicit authorization is strongly discouraged.  
  
The authors and contributors are not responsible for any misuse, data loss, or damage resulting from improper use of this project.
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VULNERABILITY_REPORT.md

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# Vulnerability Assessment Report  
  
## Overview  
This document describes the security vulnerabilities identified in the Snackr web application. Each issue was analyzed in a controlled local environment and is documented for educational purposes only.  
  
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## 1. Injection Vulnerabilities (SQL / NoSQL Injection)  
  
**Affected Area:** Authentication and user input handling in backend routes  
  
**Description:**  
User-supplied input is processed directly by the backend without sufficient
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validation or query parameterization. This allows crafted input to interfere with database operations.

****Impact:****

- Authentication bypass
- Unauthorized data access

****Root Cause:****

Lack of input validation and use of unsafe query construction.

****Mitigation:****

- Use parameterized queries
- Enforce strict input validation

2. Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

****Affected Area:**** User input rendered in frontend views

****Description:****

The application reflects user-controlled input back to the browser without proper output encoding.

****Impact:****

- Execution of arbitrary JavaScript
- Session compromise

****Root Cause:****

Missing output sanitization before rendering user data.

****Mitigation:****

- Encode output
- Validate and sanitize user input

3. Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)

****Description:****

State-changing requests lack CSRF protection mechanisms.

****Impact:****

- Unauthorized actions performed on behalf of authenticated users

****Mitigation:****

- Implement CSRF tokens
- Use SameSite cookie attributes

4. Broken Authentication

Description:

Authentication and session management mechanisms are weak or incomplete.

Impact:

- Account takeover
- Privilege escalation

Mitigation:

- Secure session handling
- Enforce proper authentication checks

5. Insecure Direct Object Reference (IDOR)

Description:

The application exposes internal object identifiers without enforcing authorization checks.

Impact:

- Access to other users' data

Mitigation:

- Enforce server-side access control

6. Security Misconfiguration

Description:

The application runs with development configurations and exposed services.

Impact:

- Increased attack surface

Mitigation:

- Disable debug modes
- Restrict exposed ports

OWASP Mapping

- A01: Broken Access Control

- A03: Injection
- A05: Security Misconfiguration
- A07: Identification and Authentication Failures

ARCHITECTURE.md

System Architecture

Overview

The Snackr application follows a simple client-server architecture designed for ease of testing and demonstration.

Components

- React-based frontend for user interaction
- Node.js backend handling application logic
- Docker containers providing isolated execution

Data Flow

1. User interacts with frontend
2. Requests are sent to backend APIs
3. Backend processes input and returns responses

Trust Boundaries

- Browser to server boundary
- Server to container environment

THREAT_MODEL.md

Threat Model

Threat Actors

- Unauthenticated attacker
- Authenticated malicious user

Assets

- User credentials
- Application data
- Session tokens

Attack Surface

- Input forms

- API endpoints
- Configuration files

Assumptions

- Application is executed locally
- Tester has authorization to perform security testing

FINAL NOTE

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