

# Security & Vulnerability Audit — Zcloths Ecommerce

**Audit date:** February 2025  
**Scope:** Full codebase, Firebase, API routes, payment flow, auth, and configuration.

## Summary

Severity	Count
Critical	3
High	5
Medium	8
Low	6

## Critical

### 1. Payment amount mismatch (coupon vs Razorpay order)

Field	Value
Severity	Critical
File	src/app/checkout/page.tsx (lines 219–230, 238–241)
Risk	Server creates Razorpay order for <b>cart subtotal only</b> (no discount). Client opens Razorpay with <b>discounted total</b> ( <code>finalTotal * 100</code> ). User either pays full amount while UI shows discount, or payment/verification can fail.
Exploit	User applies coupon, sees discounted total, completes payment; either overcharged (full amount) or flow breaks.
Fix	1) Extend create-order API to accept <code>discount</code> and optional <code>couponCode</code> ; 2) Server validates coupon server-side and creates Razorpay order with <code>verifiedTotal - discount</code> (in paise); 3) Client passes <b>only</b> <code>orderId</code> from API and uses API-returned <code>amount</code> for display; do not send <code>finalTotal * 100</code> from client.
Best practice	All payment amounts must be computed and enforced server-side; client must never dictate the amount charged.

### 2. Sensitive data stored in Firestore (payment signature)

Field	Value
Severity	Critical
File	src/app/api/razorpay/verify/route.ts (lines 107–114)

Field	Value
<b>Risk</b>	<code>razorpay_signature</code> is stored in <code>processed_payments</code> . Signatures are cryptographic material; storing them increases impact of a Firestore compromise and is unnecessary for idempotency.
<b>Exploit</b>	DB leak or misused admin access exposes signatures; combined with other data, could aid replay or analysis.
<b>Fix</b>	Store only <code>payment_id</code> , <code>order_id</code> , <code>user_id</code> , <code>verified_at</code> , <code>status</code> . Remove <code>signature</code> from the document.
<b>Best practice</b>	Do not persist cryptographic material (signatures, raw tokens) longer than needed for verification.

### 3. Firestore `isAdmin()` can throw and break rules

Field	Value
<b>Severity</b>	Critical
<b>File</b>	<code>firestore.rules</code> (lines 12–15)
<b>Risk</b>	<code>isAdmin()</code> uses <code>get(/databases/\$(database)/documents/users/\$(request.auth.uid)).data.isAdmin</code> . If the user document does not exist (e.g. new Google sign-in before client <code>setDoc</code> ), <code>.data</code> on null causes rule evaluation to fail, denying the request.
<b>Exploit</b>	New users or race conditions (sign-in before user doc created) get permission denied on any rule that uses <code>isAdmin()</code> .
<b>Fix</b>	Use <code>get(...).data.get('isAdmin', false) == true</code> or check existence first: <code>let userDoc = get(...); userDoc != null &amp;&amp; userDoc.data.isAdmin == true</code> .
<b>Best practice</b>	In security rules, always handle missing documents and optional fields so evaluation does not throw.

## High

### 4. Auth middleware logs token length and UID

Field	Value
<b>Severity</b>	High
<b>File</b>	<code>src/lib/auth-middleware.ts</code> (lines 35, 40, 43, 51–52)
<b>Risk</b>	<code>console.log</code> of token length and UID in every authenticated request. In production this can fill logs and leak user identifiers; token length can aid fingerprinting.
<b>Exploit</b>	Log aggregation or compromised logs expose which users hit which endpoints and token characteristics.

Field	Value
<b>Fix</b>	Remove or guard all auth-related <code>console.log/console.error</code> with <code>process.env.NODE_ENV === 'development'</code> .
<b>Best practice</b>	Do not log auth tokens (or their length), and minimize logging of UUIDs in production.

## 5. CSRF: requests without Origin/Referer are allowed

Field	Value
<b>Severity</b>	High
<b>File</b>	<code>src/lib/csrf-protection.ts</code> (lines 79–88)
<b>Risk</b>	When both <code>Origin</code> and <code>Referer</code> are missing, <code>validateOrigin()</code> returns <code>true</code> . Direct API calls (cURL, Postman, server-side) are allowed. Malicious site can trigger requests that omit these headers (e.g. redirects, some fetch modes).
<b>Exploit</b>	Attacker crafts a flow that causes the victim's browser to send a request without <code>Origin/Referer</code> ; if auth is via cookie or pre-filled token, request may be accepted.
<b>Fix</b>	For state-changing or sensitive endpoints, require <code>Origin</code> or <code>Referer</code> when present; if both missing, deny (or apply stricter checks, e.g. custom header + server-side token). Do not default to allow for missing headers.
<b>Best practice</b>	Treat "no <code>Origin/Referer</code> " as untrusted for sensitive operations; require explicit allow-list or same-origin.

## 6. Shiprocket API routes lack CSRF and rate limiting

Field	Value
<b>Severity</b>	High
<b>Files</b>	<code>src/app/api/shiprocket/create-shipment/route.ts</code> , <code>rates/route.ts</code> , <code>track/route.ts</code>
<b>Risk</b>	Create-shipment, rates, and track use <code>requireAuth()</code> only. No <code>requireValidOrigin()</code> , no rate limiting, no Zod validation. Authenticated abuse (flooding, cross-site use) is easier.
<b>Exploit</b>	Attacker with a valid token can spam create-shipment or rates; or a malicious site can trigger requests in the user's context.
<b>Fix</b>	Add <code>requireValidOrigin(request)</code> and <code>withRateLimit(request, highLimiter/mediumLimiter, user.uid)</code> ; validate request body/query with Zod (or equivalent) on create-shipment and rates.
<b>Best practice</b>	All authenticated APIs that change state or call external services should have CSRF and rate limiting and validated input.

## 7. Razorpay verify stores full payment payload in idempotency doc

Field	Value
Severity	High
File	<code>src/app/api/razorpay/verify/route.ts</code> (lines 107–114)
Risk	Entire verification payload is not stored, but the stored doc includes <code>signature</code> (see Critical #2). Duplicate attempt response (lines 65–73) returns <code>original_verification</code> and references to payment/order IDs.
Exploit	Over-exposure in API response and in stored docs increases impact of any leak.
Fix	Do not store signature; do not return <code>original_verification</code> in response; return only <code>verified</code> , <code>already_processed</code> , <code>order_id</code> (if needed for client).
Best practice	Idempotency records should hold minimal identifiers and timestamps; API responses should not expose internal verification timestamps.

## 8. COD orders bypass server-side cart/amount verification

Field	Value
Severity	High
File	<code>src/app/checkout/page.tsx</code> (lines 181–186)
Risk	Comment states “COD orders bypass server-side cart verification.” Order is created from client <code>orderData</code> only; no server check of cart contents, prices, or totals.
Exploit	Manipulated client (DevTools, modified app) could submit COD orders with wrong items, quantities, or totals.
Fix	Add a server API (e.g. <code>POST /api/orders/validate-cod</code> ) that accepts cart item IDs and quantities, validates against Firestore product prices and business rules, returns allowed subtotal/discount/total; create order only after validation and use server-computed totals.
Best practice	Every order path (online and COD) must validate cart and totals on the server before creating the order.

## Medium

### 9. Rate limiter fails open

Field	Value
Severity	Medium
File	<code>src/lib/rate-limit.ts</code> (lines 179–184)
Risk	On Redis/Upstash error, <code>rateLimit()</code> catches and returns <code>null</code> (allow). Under Redis outage or misconfiguration, all requests are allowed.

Field	Value
<b>Exploit</b>	Attacker can abuse payment or other critical endpoints when Redis is down.
<b>Fix</b>	For critical tiers (e.g. payment), consider failing closed: on error return a 503 or 429 with Retry-After instead of allowing. Document and test behavior.
<b>Best practice</b>	Define fail-open vs fail-closed per tier; protect payment endpoints with fail-closed or fallback in-memory limits.

## 10. Webhook does not update order status

Field	Value
<b>Severity</b>	Medium
<b>File</b>	<code>src/app/api/razorpay/webhook/route.ts</code> (lines 104–155)
<b>Risk</b>	Events like <code>payment.captured</code> and <code>payment.failed</code> only log; TODOs for updating order status and sending confirmation are not implemented. Order state in Firestore can stay “processing” after payment success/failure.
<b>Exploit</b>	Operational confusion, support burden, and risk of fulfilling unpaid orders or not fulfilling paid ones if client verification fails.
<b>Fix</b>	Implement webhook handlers: on <code>payment.captured</code> update order status (e.g. “paid”) and trigger confirmation; on <code>payment.failed</code> update to “failed” and optionally notify; use idempotency (already in place) and safe Firestore writes.
<b>Best practice</b>	Payment webhooks must be the source of truth for payment status and must drive order and notification state.

## 11. Test endpoint exposes token prefix in dev

Field	Value
<b>Severity</b>	Medium
<b>File</b>	<code>src/app/api/test-shiprocket/route.ts</code> (lines 10–15)
<b>Risk</b>	Returns <code>tokenPrefix: token.substring(0, 10) + '...'</code> . If <code>NODE_ENV</code> is ever mis-set in production, or route is deployed without env check, this leaks token material.
<b>Exploit</b>	Information disclosure; combined with other flaws could aid token guessing (unlikely but bad practice).
<b>Fix</b>	Remove this route before production, or never return any part of the token; return only <code>{ success: true }</code> in dev.
<b>Best practice</b>	Do not expose any segment of secrets in any environment; use separate “health” checks without secrets.

## 12. Next.js config references missing packages

Field	Value
Severity	Medium
File	<code>next.config.ts</code> (lines 35–38)
Risk	<code>optimizePackageImports</code> lists <code>lucide-react</code> , <code>date-fns</code> , <code>lodash</code> . These are not in <code>package.json</code> . Build may warn or tree-shaking may not apply as intended.
Exploit	N/A (build/config only).
Fix	Either add the packages if used, or remove them from <code>optimizePackageImports</code> .
Best practice	Keep config in sync with actual dependencies.

## 13. Storage rules use hardcoded `(default)` database

Field	Value
Severity	Medium
File	<code>storage.rules</code> (line 13)
Risk	<code>firestore.get(/databases/(default)/documents/...)</code> hardcodes default DB. If you ever use a non-default Firestore database, storage rules will still read from default and admin check may be wrong.
Exploit	Misconfiguration when using multiple databases.
Fix	Prefer <code>firestore.get(/databases/\${database}/documents/...)</code> if Storage rules support it; otherwise document that only default DB is supported.
Best practice	Avoid hardcoding database IDs in rules when variable is available.

## 14. FCM token merge may overwrite array

Field	Value
Severity	Medium
File	<code>src/lib/push-notifications.ts</code> (lines 28–32)
Risk	<code>setDoc(userRef, { fcmTokens: arrayUnion(currentToken), ... }, { merge: true })</code> . With Firestore client SDK, <code>setDoc + merge: true + arrayUnion</code> typically appends; behavior should be verified. If it ever replaced the array, previous tokens would be lost.
Exploit	N/A (reliability only).
Fix	Prefer <code>updateDoc(userRef, { fcmTokens: arrayUnion(currentToken), lastUpdated: serverTimestamp() })</code> so <code>arrayUnion</code> is clearly an update operation.

Field	Value
<b>Best practice</b>	Use <code>updateDoc</code> + <code>arrayUnion</code> for appending to arrays; avoid <code>setDoc</code> + <code>merge</code> for array fields unless documented.

## 15. Login/signup redirect query not used

Field	Value
<b>Severity</b>	Medium
<b>File</b>	<code>src/app/login/page.tsx</code> (no use of <code>searchParams</code> ); checkout uses <code>?redirect=/checkout</code>
<b>Risk</b>	Checkout (and orders) send users to <code>/login?redirect=...</code> but login always redirects to <code>/</code> . UX: after login user lands on home instead of checkout or order page.
<b>Exploit</b>	N/A (UX only).
<b>Fix</b>	In login (and signup), read <code>searchParams.get('redirect')</code> , validate it is same-origin and path-only (e.g. <code>/checkout</code> , <code>/orders/123</code> ), then <code>router.push(redirect    '/')</code> .
<b>Best practice</b>	Use redirect parameter for post-login navigation and validate to prevent open redirect.

## 16. Duplicate type definitions for Order/Review/Coupon

Field	Value
<b>Severity</b>	Medium
<b>Files</b>	<code>src/types/index.ts</code> , <code>src/types/schema.ts</code> , <code>src/contexts/order-context.tsx</code>
<b>Risk</b>	Order, Review, Coupon, Address defined in multiple places with small differences. Can cause bugs when one place is updated and another is not (e.g. <code>paymentId</code> , <code>shipmentId</code> ).
<b>Exploit</b>	N/A (maintainability and consistency).
<b>Fix</b>	Centralize in <code>src/types</code> (or <code>schema</code> ) and re-export; use a single source of truth for API and UI.
<b>Best practice</b>	Single canonical type definition per domain entity.

## Low

## 17. CORS / security headers not explicitly set

Field	Value
<b>Severity</b>	Low
<b>File</b>	Next.js config / middleware (none found)

Field	Value
<b>Risk</b>	No custom CORS or security headers (X-Frame-Options, X-Content-Type-Options, CSP). Next.js and Vercel provide some defaults; explicit policy is missing.
<b>Fix</b>	Add middleware or headers in <code>next.config.ts</code> to set X-Frame-Options, X-Content-Type-Options, Referrer-Policy; consider CSP in report-only first.
<b>Best practice</b>	Define security headers explicitly in one place.

## 18. Coupon validation is client-only

Field	Value
<b>Severity</b>	Low (in addition to Critical #1)
<b>File</b>	<code>src/services/coupon-service.ts</code> (client-side Firestore read)
<b>Risk</b>	Coupon validity and discount are computed on the client. Already covered by Critical #1 for payment; for COD, same issue: client can fake coupon.
<b>Fix</b>	Implement server-side coupon validation in create-order and COD order APIs; apply discount only after server validation.
<b>Best practice</b>	All pricing and discount logic must run on the server.

## 19. Error boundary does not report to monitoring

Field	Value
<b>Severity</b>	Low
<b>File</b>	<code>src/components/ErrorBoundary.tsx</code> (lines 37–40)
<b>Risk</b>	Errors are only logged to console; no Sentry or other reporting. Production errors may go unseen.
<b>Fix</b>	In <code>componentDidCatch</code> , call Sentry (or similar) if <code>NEXT_PUBLIC_SENTRY_DSN</code> is set.
<b>Best practice</b>	Send client errors to a monitoring service with sanitized context.

## 20. No explicit index for users subcollections

Field	Value
<b>Severity</b>	Low
<b>File</b>	<code>firestore.indexes.json</code>



Field	Value
<b>Risk</b>	Queries like <code>users/{uid}/orders</code> with <code>orderBy('createdAt', 'desc')</code> may rely on single-field indexes. If you add <code>where</code> + <code>orderBy</code> later, composite index will be required.
<b>Fix</b>	Add composite indexes for any <code>where</code> + <code>orderBy</code> on <code>users/{uid}/orders</code> or addresses when needed; document required indexes.
<b>Best practice</b>	Define indexes for all production query patterns.

## 21. Shiprocket track response returns `courierName` as ID

Field	Value
<b>Severity</b>	Low
<b>File</b>	<code>src/app/api/shiprocket/track/route.ts</code> (line 32)
<b>Risk</b>	Response sets <code>courierName: shipment?.courier_company_id</code> (numeric ID), not the courier name. Frontend may show a number instead of name.
<b>Fix</b>	Use a name field from <code>tracking_data</code> or map <code>courier_company_id</code> to name if available in API response.
<b>Best practice</b>	API response shape should match frontend expectations and naming.

## 22. Dependency audit not automated

Field	Value
<b>Severity</b>	Low
<b>File</b>	<code>package.json</code> (no audit in CI)
<b>Risk</b>	Known vulnerabilities in dependencies may not be caught before deploy.
<b>Fix</b>	Run <code>npm audit</code> (or equivalent) in CI and fail on high/critical; schedule periodic updates.
<b>Best practice</b>	Automate dependency checks and treat high/critical as blocking.

## Positive findings

- **Razorpay create-order:** Server-side cart validation, Firestore price lookup, and amount in paise.
- **Razorpay verify:** Signature verification, idempotency via `processed_payments`.
- **Razorpay webhook:** Signature verification, idempotency via `webhook_events`, rate limiting.
- **Auth:** Firebase ID token in Authorization header; `requireAuth` used on sensitive routes.
- **Validation:** Zod used for create-order, verify, and webhook payloads.
- **Firestore rules:** Per-user and per-resource rules; products public read, write for admin.
- **.env.example:** Documents required variables and rotation; no secrets committed.

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## Recommended priority order

1. Fix Critical #1 (payment/coupon amount server-side).
2. Fix Critical #2 (stop storing signature) and #3 (isAdmin() null-safe).
3. Add server-side validation for COD (High #8) and coupon (Critical #1 / Low #18).
4. Harden CSRF (High #5) and add Shiprocket protections (High #6).
5. Reduce auth logging (High #4), then address Medium/Low items.

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*End of Security & Vulnerability Audit.*