# Project cyber security:

# **OWASP Juice Simulated Attack**



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# **Introduction:**

Attacking the OWASP Juice Shop involves exploiting common vulnerabilities to understand web application weaknesses and how attackers exploit them. The Juice Shop is intentionally designed with security flaws, making it an excellent platform for learning penetration testing.

#### **Executive Summary**

This penetration testing engagement aimed to identify vulnerabilities in the OWASP Juice Shop web application, designed for educational purposes. The testing simulated common real-world exploits to demonstrate how vulnerabilities can be identified and exploited.

# **Key Findings**

- Admin Path Enumeration: Hidden administrative paths were discovered through URL analysis.
- Brute Force on Admin Credentials: Lack of rate-limiting allowed successful guessing of admin login credentials.
- Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) in Product Search: User input in the product search bar was not sanitized, enabling arbitrary JavaScript execution.

#### **Critical Vulnerabilities**

- 1. Admin Path Exposure: Sensitive paths can be easily discovered.
- 2. Weak Authentication: Brute-force attacks can compromise admin credentials.
- 3. XSS: Insufficient input validation allows for script injection, risking session hijacking.

#### Recommendations

- Obfuscate Admin Paths: Make administrative routes less discoverable.
- Implement Rate-Limiting: Protect login mechanisms with rate-limiting and account lockout after failed attempts.
- Input Sanitization: Enforce input validation to prevent XSS attacks.

#### Scope and Methodology

**Scope**: Focused on the OWASP Juice Shop web application, testing all functionalities and hidden paths.

Approach: A black-box testing methodology was employed, simulating an external attacker.

### Tools Used:

- Burp Suite
- Hydra
- Gobuster
- OWASP ZAP
- Dirb

# **Vulnerability Findings**

#### 1. Admin Path Enumeration

- Description: Identified sensitive admin paths using Burp Suite and Gobuster.
- o **Risk**: Attackers can exploit these paths for unauthorized access.
- Remediation: Implement access control and obfuscate routes.

#### 2. Brute Force on Admin Credentials

- Description: Successful brute-force attack on admin login without protections.
- o **Risk**: Unlimited password guesses can lead to unauthorized access.
- Remediation: Implement account lockout and enforce strong password policies.

#### 3. XSS in Product Search

- Description: Input in the search bar executed arbitrary JavaScript due to lack of sanitization.
- o Risk: Potential session hijacking or data theft.
- Remediation: Apply input sanitization and security headers.

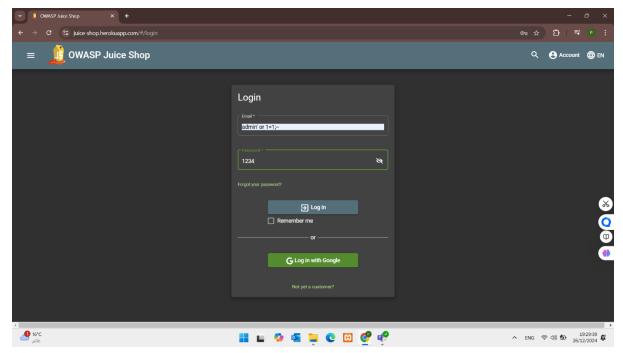
# Conclusion

The OWASP Juice Shop exhibits several critical vulnerabilities:

- Admin Path Enumeration: Sensitive paths are easily guessable.
- Brute-Force Vulnerability: Lack of login protections allows attacks.
- XSS: Insufficient input sanitization leads to script execution.

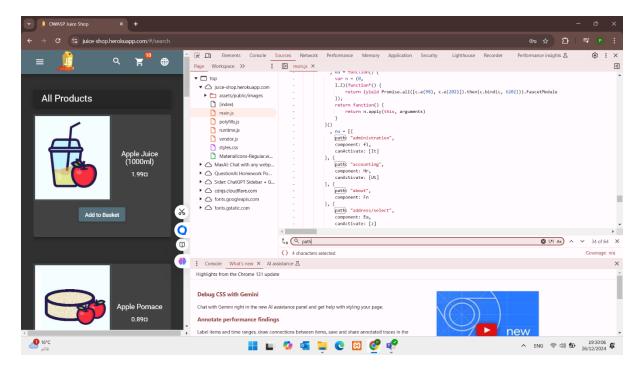
#### Recommendations

- Obfuscate admin paths and implement access control.
- Use rate-limiting and account lockouts for login systems.



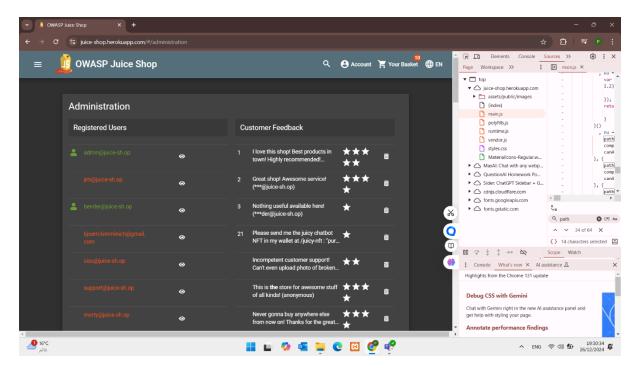
**Step 1: Identifying Admin Credentials** 

The first goal in our testing process was to obtain the administrator's username and password. To achieve this, we utilized an SQL Injection payload: admin' or 1=1;-- This payload is designed to bypass authentication mechanisms by exploiting SQL vulnerabilities. It allows us to bypass the email or username field validation and input any password to gain access. By injecting this code, we effectively force the query to return a valid result, granting access without requiring the correct credentials



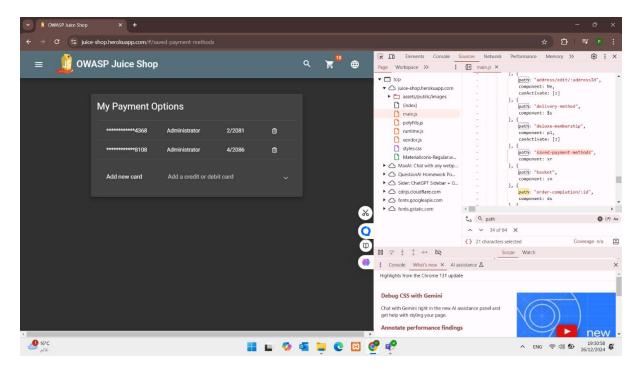
**Step 2: Inspecting the Website** 

After bypassing the login, the next step is to inspect the website's code. Using the browser's developer tools (accessible via F12), we navigated to the "Sources" tab and located the main file. We performed a search for the keyword path to identify potential administrative endpoints. From there, we found the "administration" path, which led us to a section where we could search for and access all user data. This step allowed us to analyze the user directory and potentially exploit further vulnerabilities.



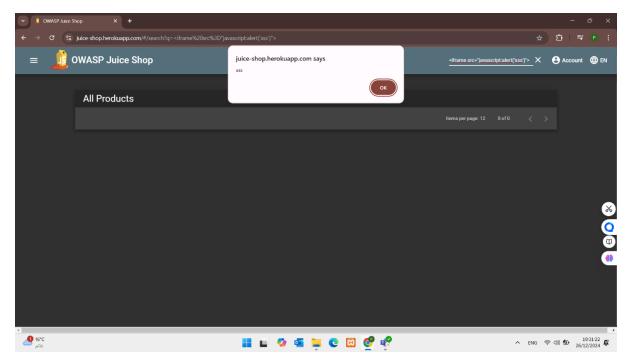
**Step 3: Accessing User Data** 

At this stage, we successfully located the **administration** path, which revealed all user accounts on the system. By inspecting this section, we were able to view and analyze the user data stored in the application.



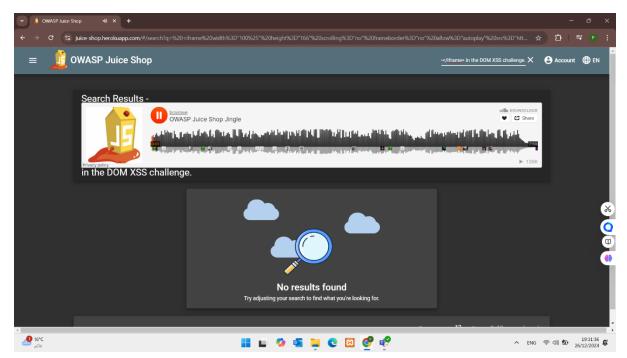
**Step 4: Inspecting Saved Payment Methods** 

Next, we performed the same procedure as before, but this time we focused on the **saved-payment-methods** section. Using the browser's developer tools, we searched for relevant paths and discovered sensitive information related to saved payment methods. This allowed us to analyze stored payment details and explore any potential vulnerabilities within this part of the application.



Step 5: Exploiting XSS via Search

At this point, we performed an XSS attack using the search functionality. We injected the following code into the search input: <iframe src="javascript:alert('xss')"> This payload exploits the lack of input sanitization and allows us to execute JavaScript within the page. In this case, it triggers an alert with the message "xss", demonstrating the vulnerability and confirming that the application is susceptible to cross-site scripting (XSS) attacks.

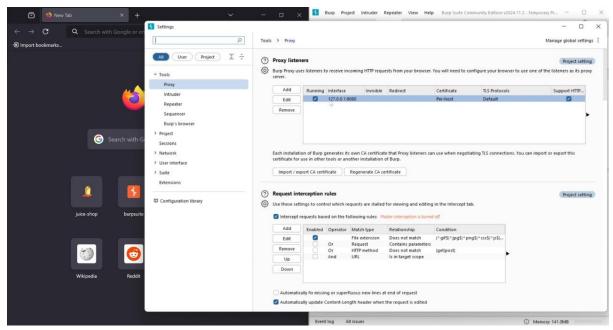


Step 6: XSS via DOM Injection

In this step, we exploited a similar XSS vulnerability, but with a different payload. Instead of using a simple JavaScript alert, we injected the following code into the application:

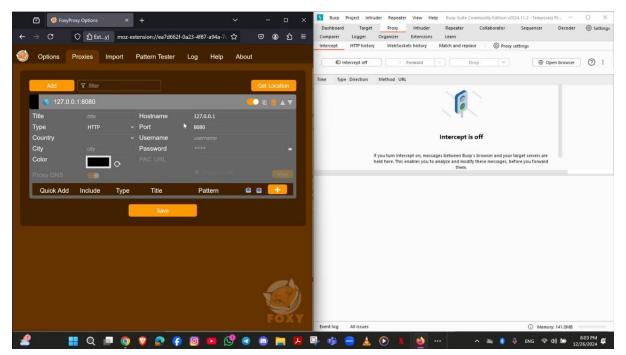
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This code embeds a SoundCloud player directly into the page. Although the payload is not malicious by itself, it demonstrates the vulnerability in handling user inputs within the DOM. The attack takes advantage of improper input validation, allowing us to inject external content that could potentially be used for more harmful purposes if combined with other malicious code. This is an example of DOM-based XSS.



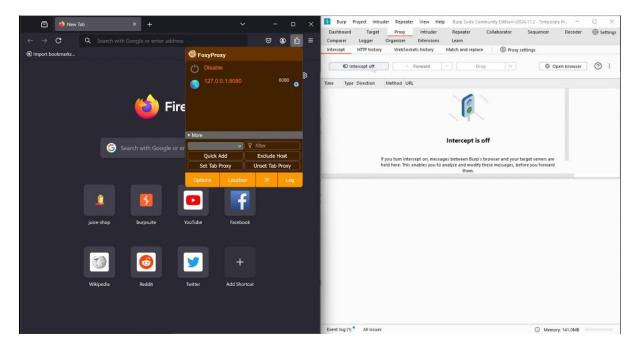
Step7:

Firstly we wanted to know the IP and the PORT of the burp suite to connect it with the foxyproxy of the firefox



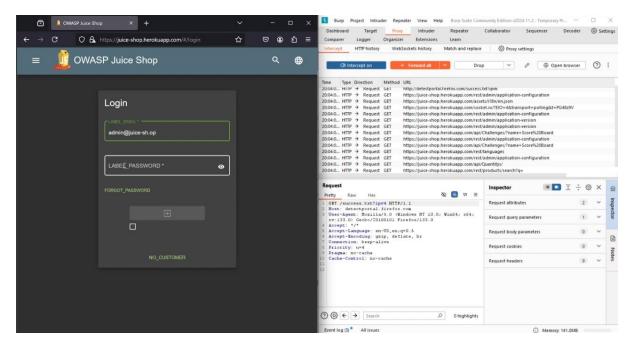
# Step8:

Then we open the foxyproxy on the firefox And put in the hostname the IP of the burp suite and put the port number of the burp suite in the port



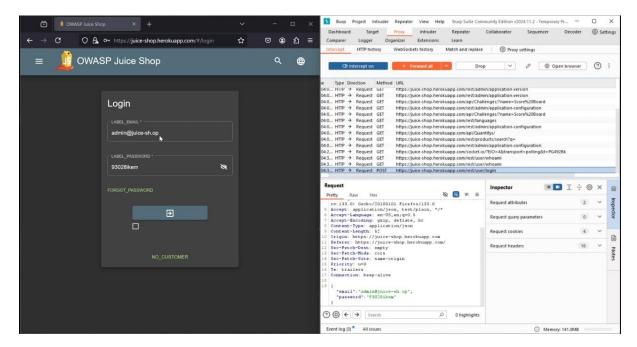
# Step9:

Then we enable the proxy .. and then open the intercept in the burp suite so any request we do is send and shown in the burp suite



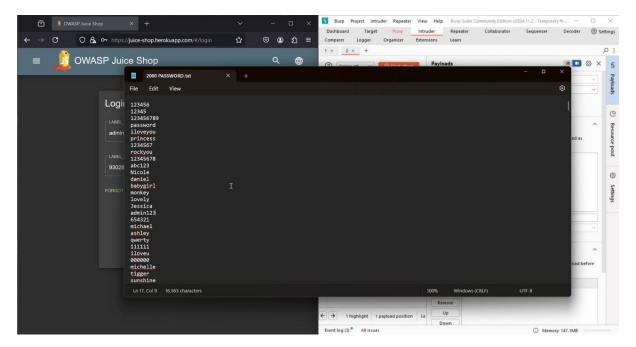
# Step10:

Then we open the site and enter the email "admin@juice-sh.op" and type any password so we can get the post code in the burp suite which we will attack with



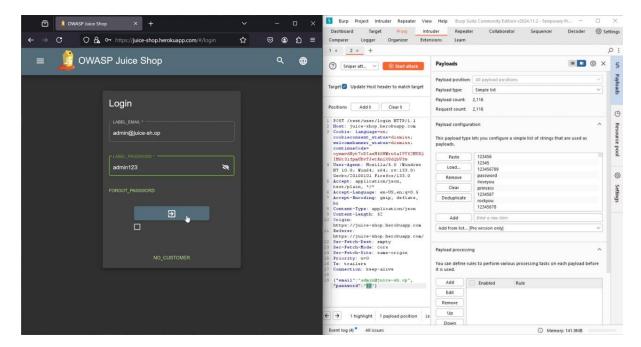
# Step11:

Then we have received the email and password in the post of the burp suite



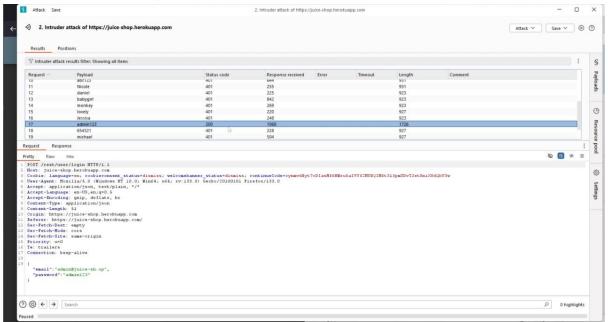
# Step12:

This is a txt file that includes a lot of passwords and one of them should be the password we needed



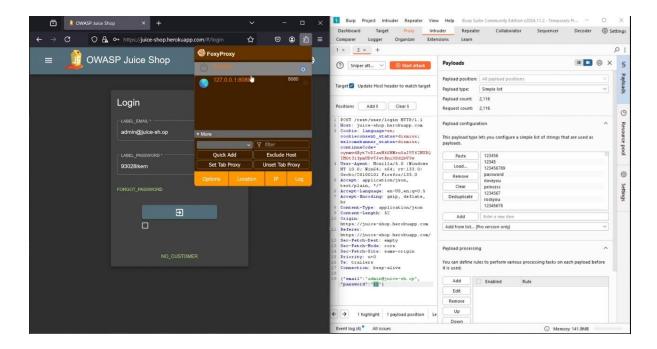
#### Step13:

We will send all the post code to the intruder to start the attack and then remove the password we have just written to make the attack with and put instead of it "Add\$\$" and go to the load and choose the txt file of the passwords and then start the attack

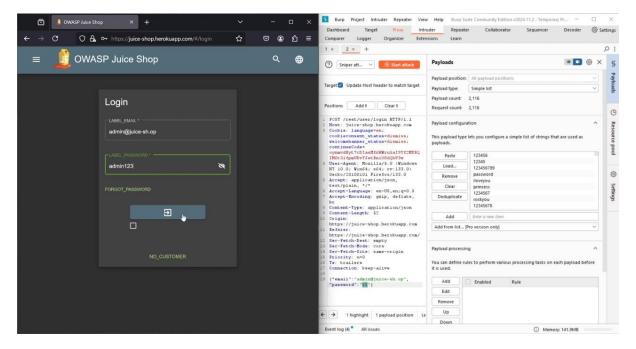


#### Step14:

After we have started the attack every wrong password will give a status **code 401** .. and the only one correct password which is **admin123** will give **200** and we click on it and will see the email we have written **admin@juice-sh.op** and password which **admin123** 

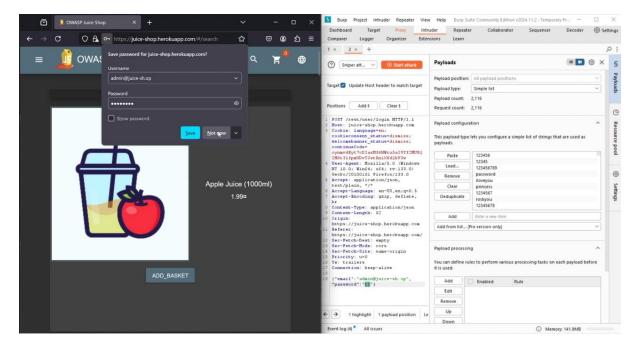


**step15:** Then we disable the foxyproxy in the firefox of the burp suite



# Step16:

16. After we have disabled the proxy we will enter the site and write the email "admin@juice-sh.op" and the password which we have known admin123 and log in



Step17:

Log in successfully