Exploring the PortSwigger XXE and SQL injection Vulnerabilities

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Introduction to the topic

The security of web applications is of the greatest significance in a digital environment that is becoming more linked. These apps are becoming more complicated, which increases their vulnerability to attack by threat actors. XML External Entity(XXE) injection and SQL injection are two common methods of attack that continue to be a problem for cybersecurity professionals. If these flaws are not fixed, they may result in data breaches, the loss of sensitive information, or even the compromise of an entire digital ecosystem. “This attack happens when a badly configured XML input containing a reference to an external entity In addition to other system effects, this attack may result in the revelation of sensitive information, a loss of service, server-side request fraud, port scanning from the perspective of the machine hosting the parser, and other effects.”[1]

Within the strong framework of PortSwigger’s web security academy, our journey through this huge topic takes us into the world of XXE and SQL injection vulnerabilities. Through the web security academy, PortSwigger, a major provider of web security solutions known for its main offering, Burp Suite, has strengthened its commitment to cybersecurity education. The wealth of information available on this free online platform, which includes interactive laboratories, lessons, and challenges, is intended to help both security beginners and experts. “SQL injection, sometimes referred to as SQLI, is a popular attack method that uses malicious SQL code to manipulate database backend and access data that was not meant to be displayed.”[2]

I will begin a journey of research within the parameters of this study, analyzing the complexity of XXE and SQL injection vulnerabilities. These dangers, which are frequently sneaky and difficult to spot, put the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of web applications and the data they depend on at risk. Both academic and practical expertise will be a part of our journey. I will obtain an understanding of how these vulnerabilities function, how to recognize them in the field, and most importantly, how to mitigate them successfully by going into real-world examples and carefully developed exercises provided by PortSwigger.

I will explore the complex of XXE and SQL injection vulnerabilities as I make my way through the PortSwigger ecosystem, ultimately increasing our toolkit in the continuous struggle for web security. So get ready to start this fascinating trip where knowledge and action merge within the huge expanse of PortSwigger’s Web Security Academy.

Methodology

Become familiar with the PortSwigger web security academy platform before you start exploring. Consider spending some time exploring its UI, which has helpful materials including lessons, laboratories, and challenges regarding XXE and SQL injection issues. Start a research journey together to become familiar with the platform's layout in order to build a solid theoretical foundation. Learn the definitions, fundamental concepts, and potential dangers that XXE and SQL injection vulnerabilities pose to online applications by going into their basic fundamentals. Recognize their importance in relation to web security as a whole. After you've established your theoretical foundation, access the PortSwigger web security academy. Create an account or log in, depending on how comfortable you are using the site. Make sure you have the right authorizations before exploring material with a focus on XXE and SQL injection. Browse through the specific modules, courses, or labs within the web security academy that are designed to give practical experience and real-world scenarios for learning and managing these important vulnerabilities.

XXE injection

Exploiting xxe using external entities to retrieve files

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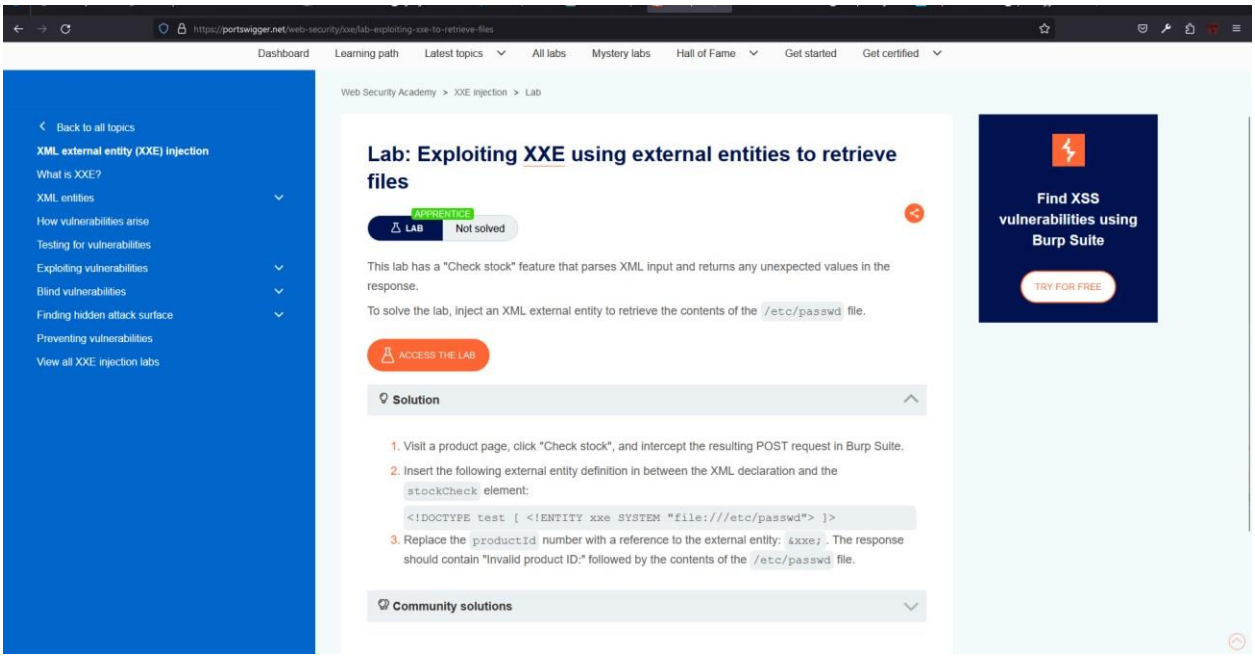
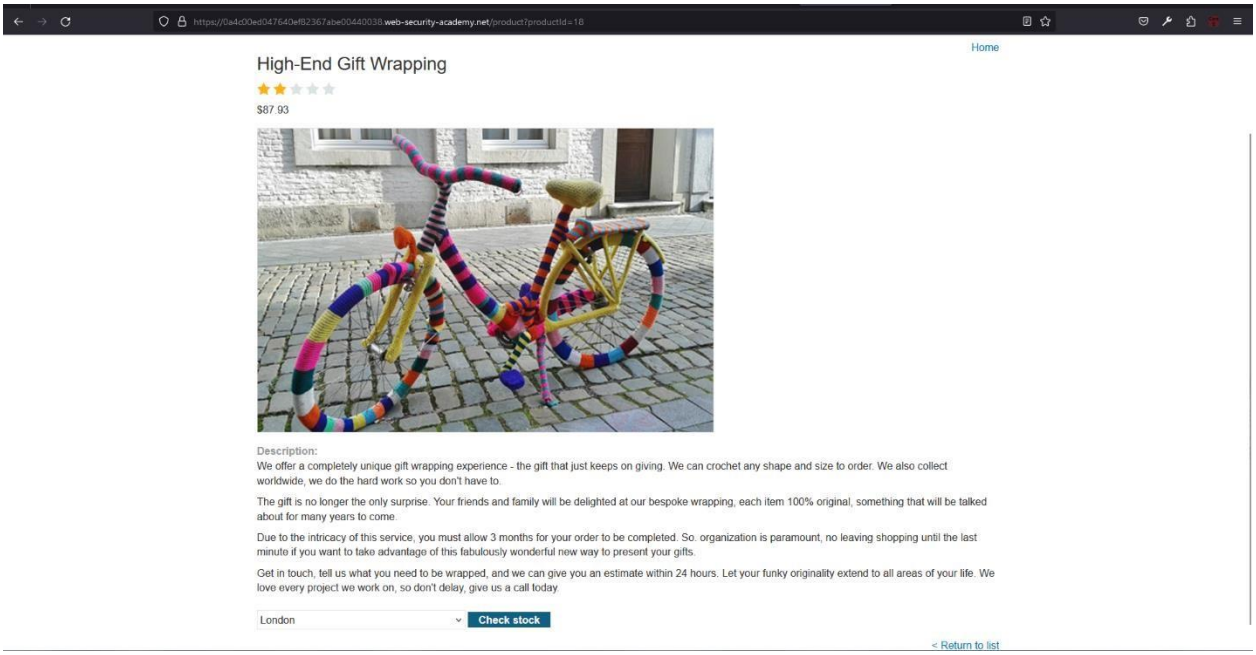
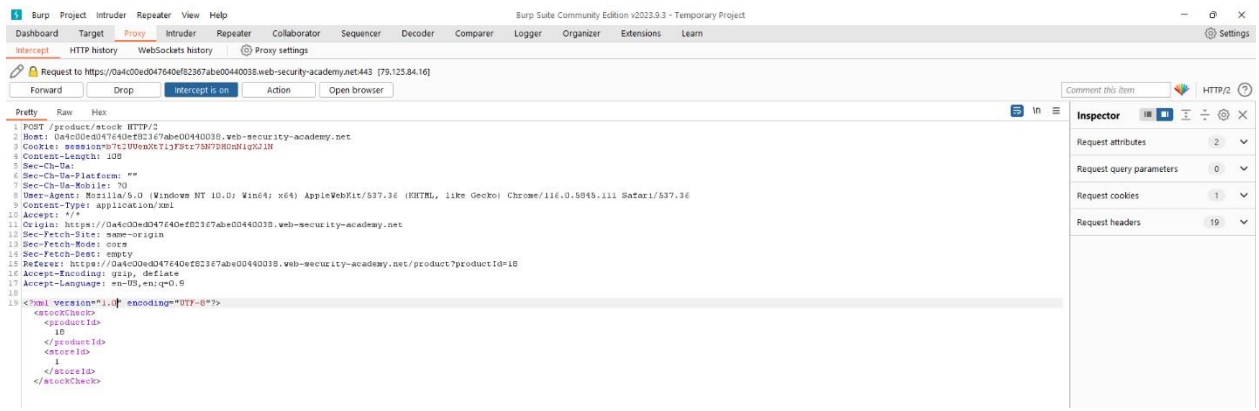
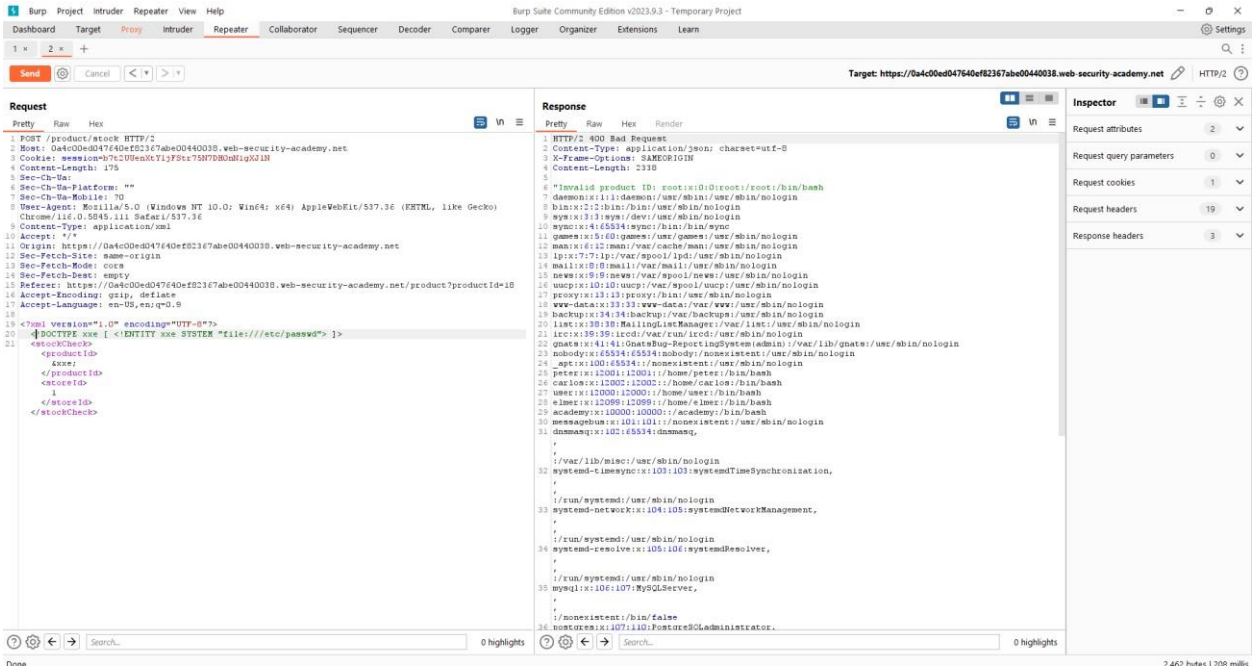






Send this code to Repeater. Change the XML code “<!DOCTYPE test [<!ENTITY xxe SYSTEM "file:///etc/passwd">]>” and replace the product id as “&xxe;”, Now click the send button and solve the level.



Exploiting xxe to perform SSRF attacks

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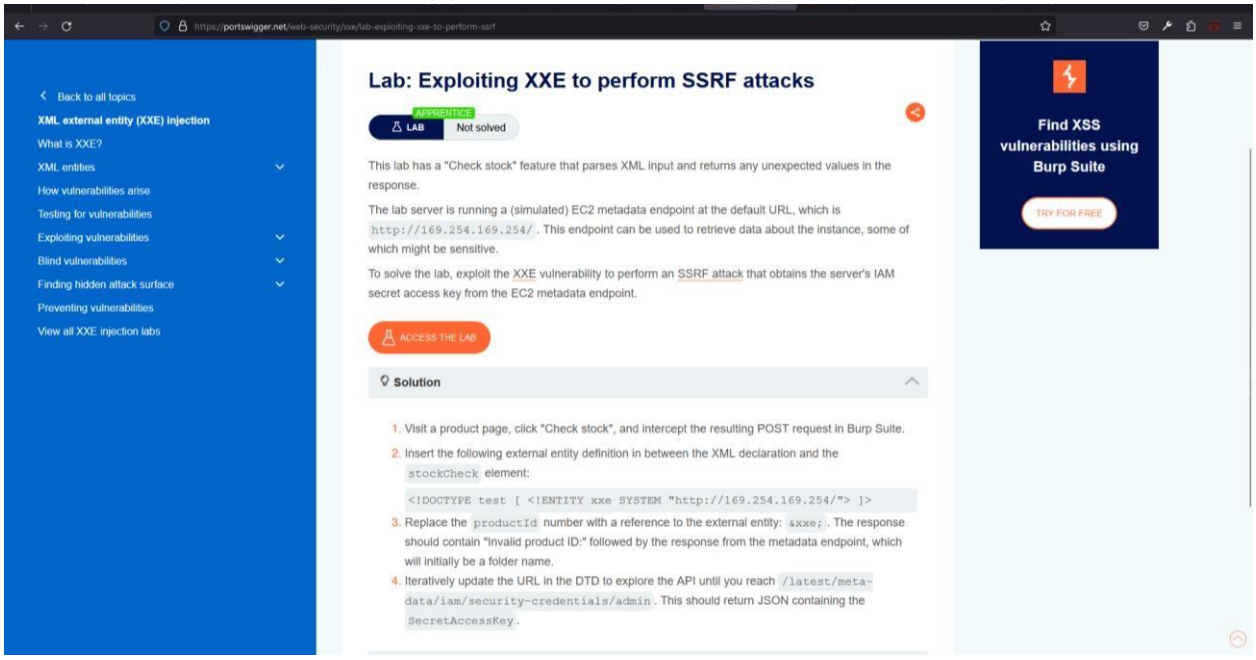
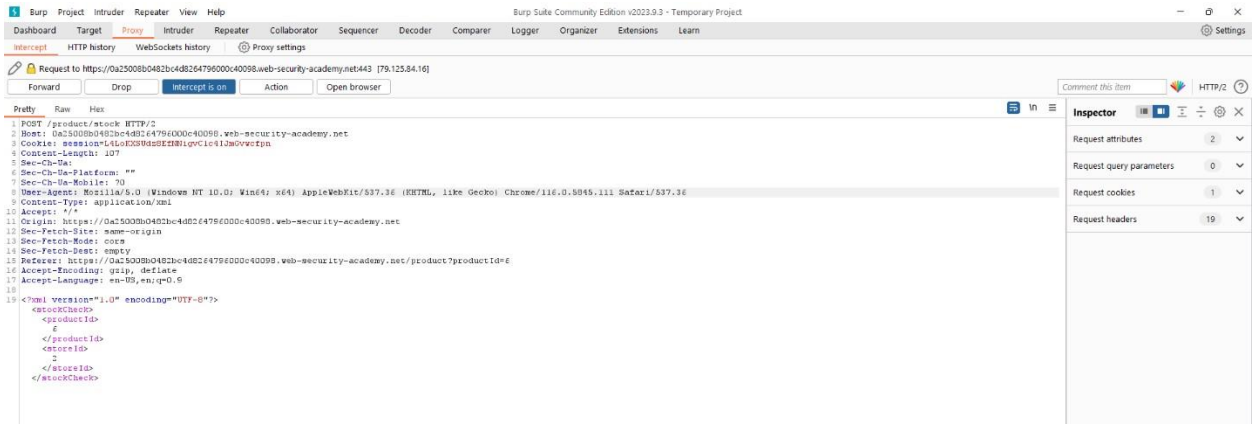
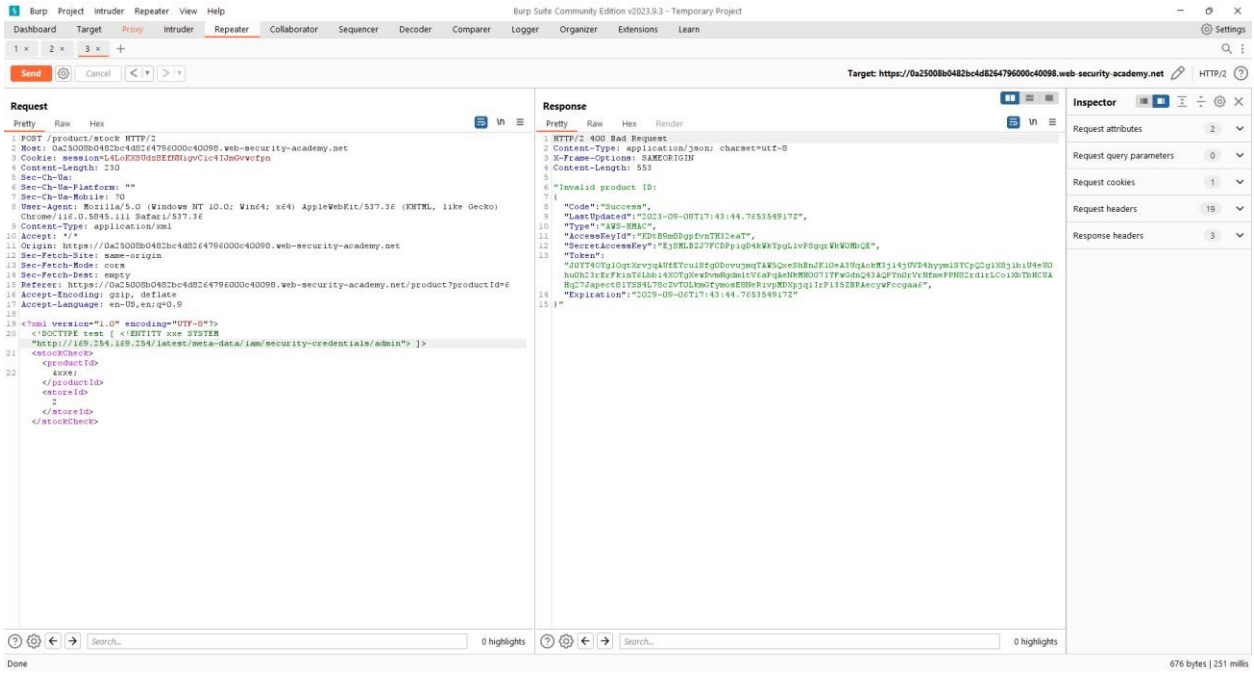
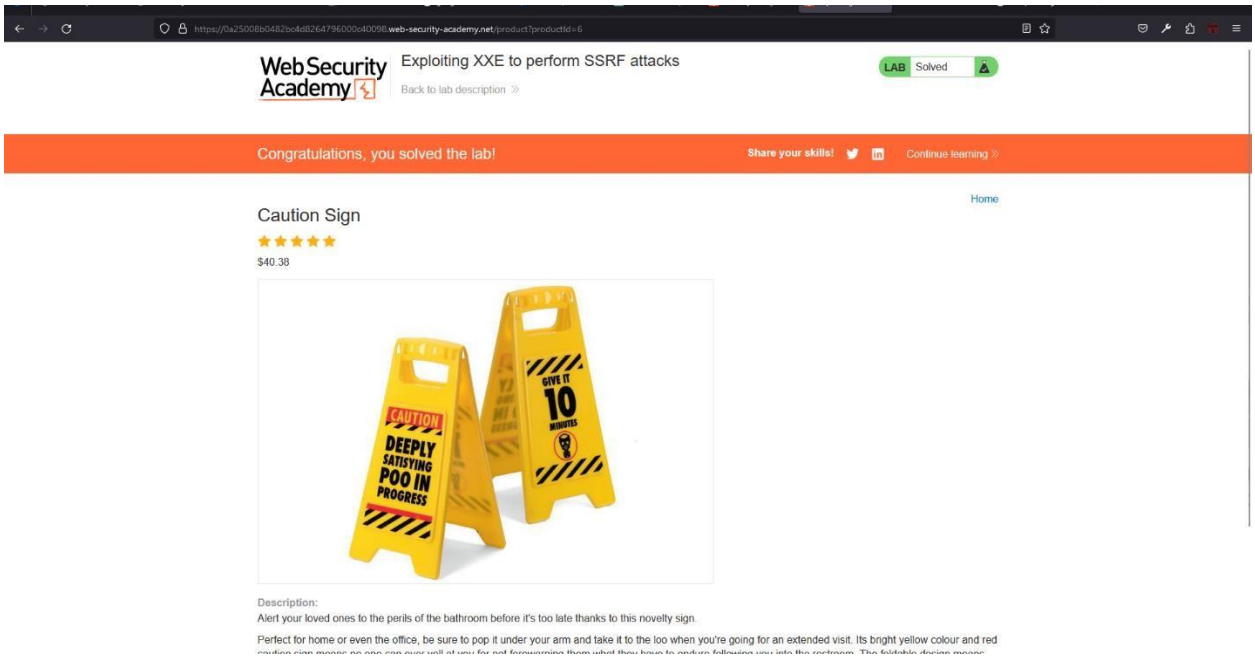




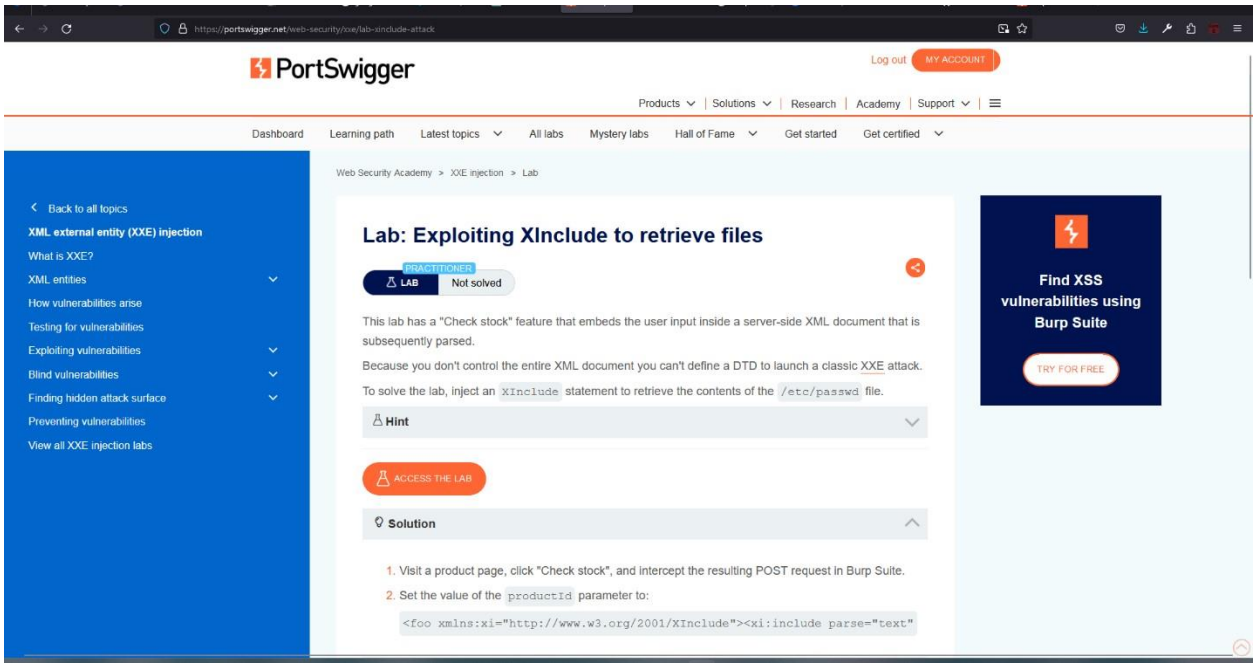
To repeater, send this code, and adjust the XML code to “<!DOCTYPE test [<!ENTITY xxe SYSTEM "file:///etc/passwd">]>”. Replace the product id as “&xxe;”. To explore the API, iteratively update the URL DTD until you reach “/latest/meta-data/iam/security-credentials/admin” and send.

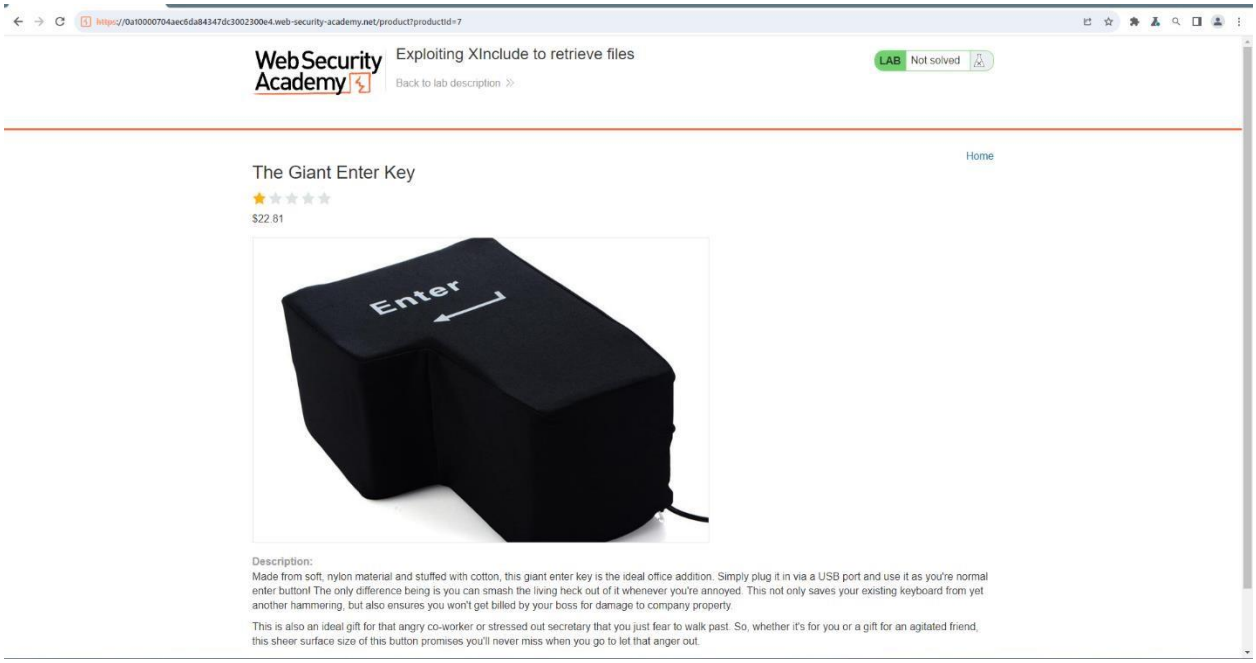


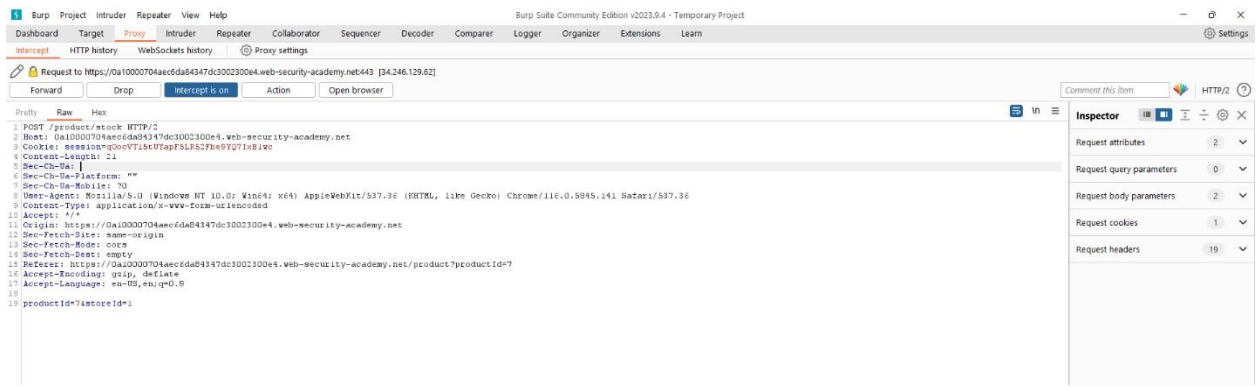


Exploiting XInclude to retrieve files

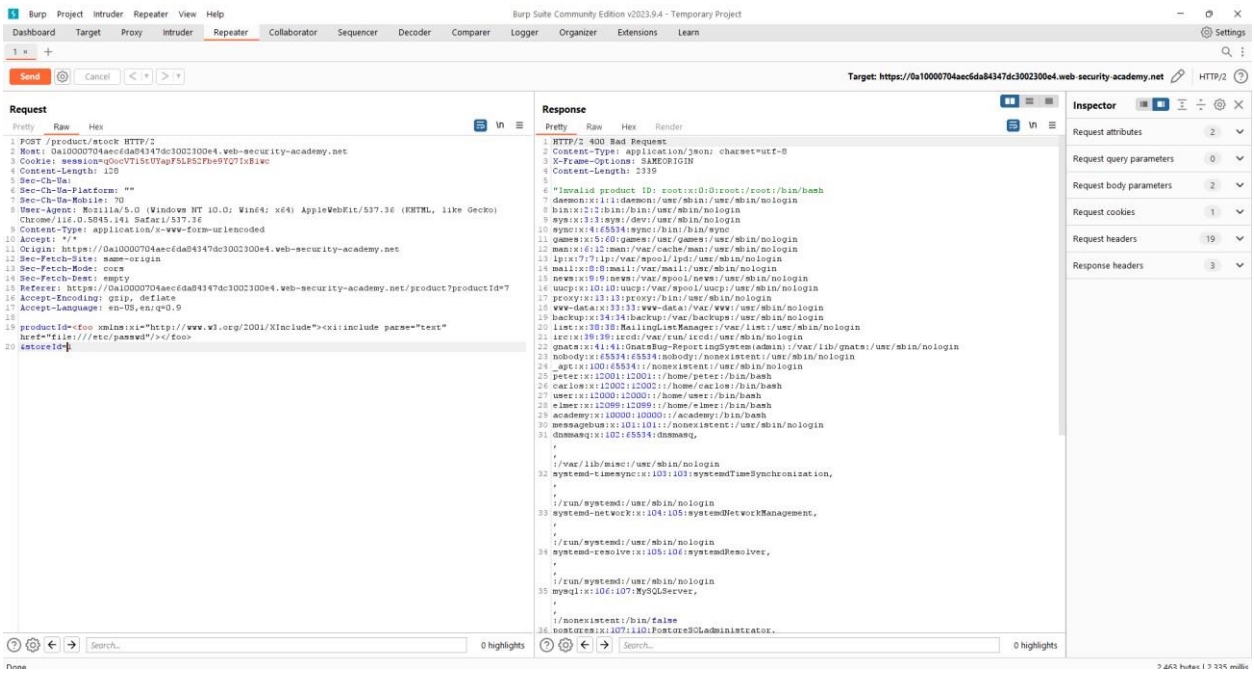
Visit the product page and click “view details” and click “Check store”. Then use Burp Suite to block the ensuing POST request.

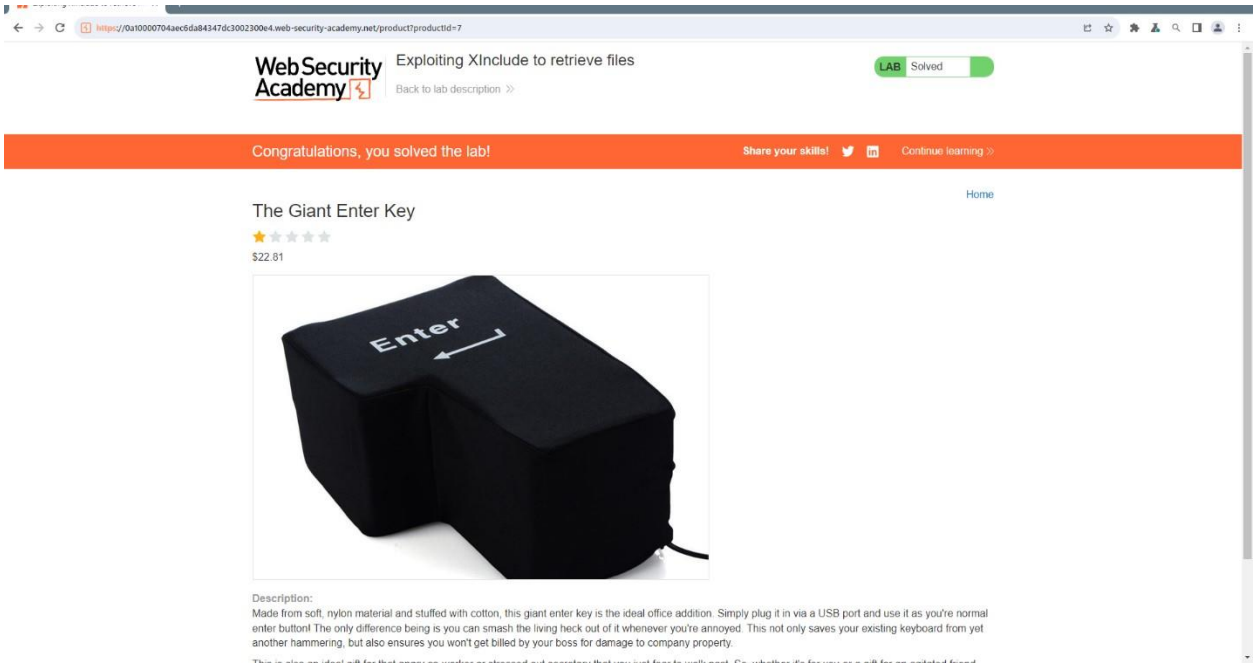






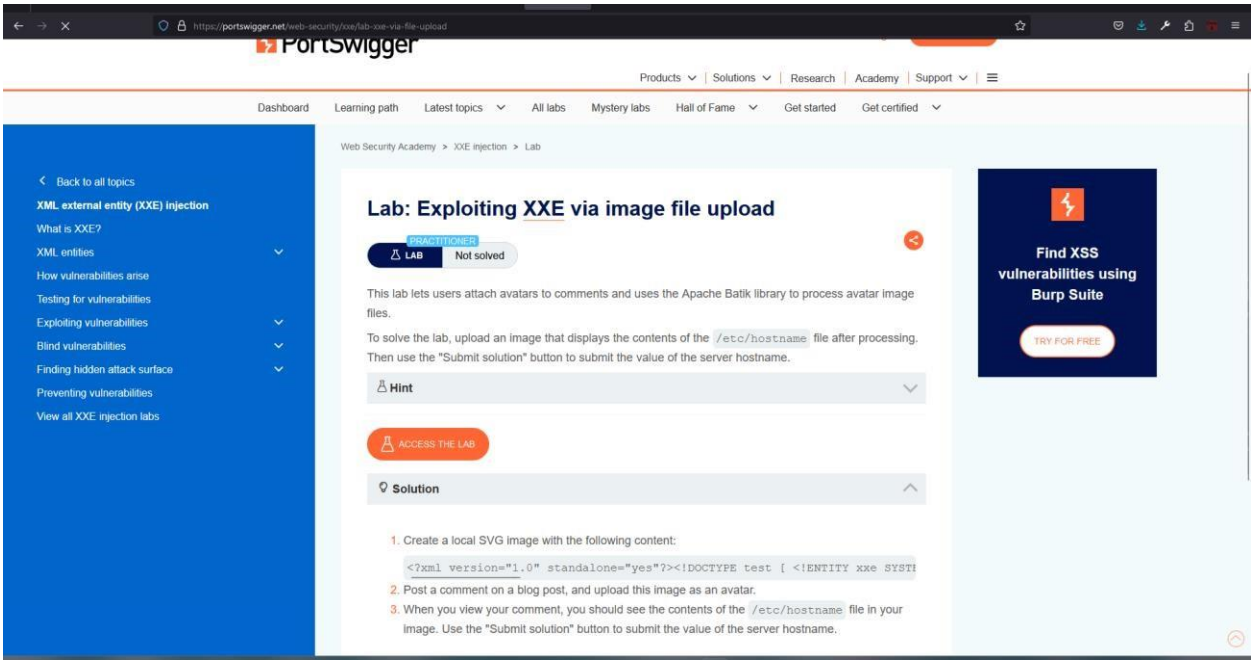
Now right-click on the proxy and send it to the repeater. Then change the product id as **(<foo xmlns:xi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XInclude"><xi:include parse="text" href="file:///etc/passwd"/></foo>**)

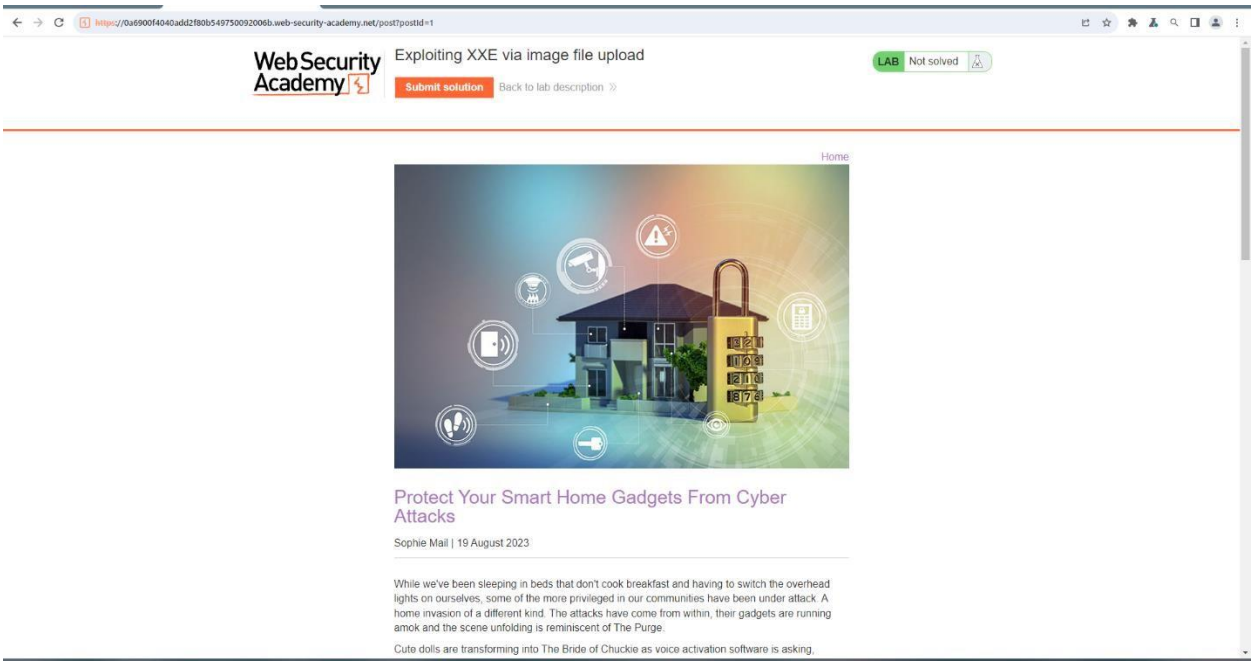


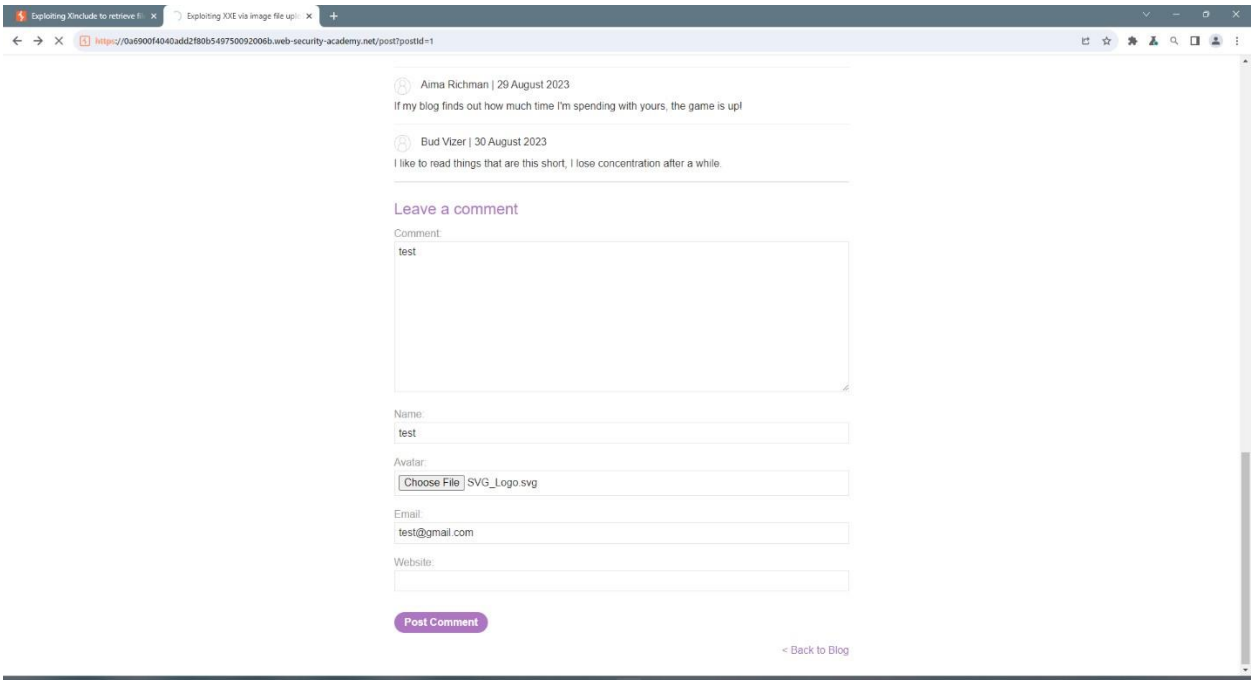


Exploiting xxe via image file upload

Visit the blog page select “view post” and fill in the comment field. The subsequent POST comment should be blocked using the Burp suite.



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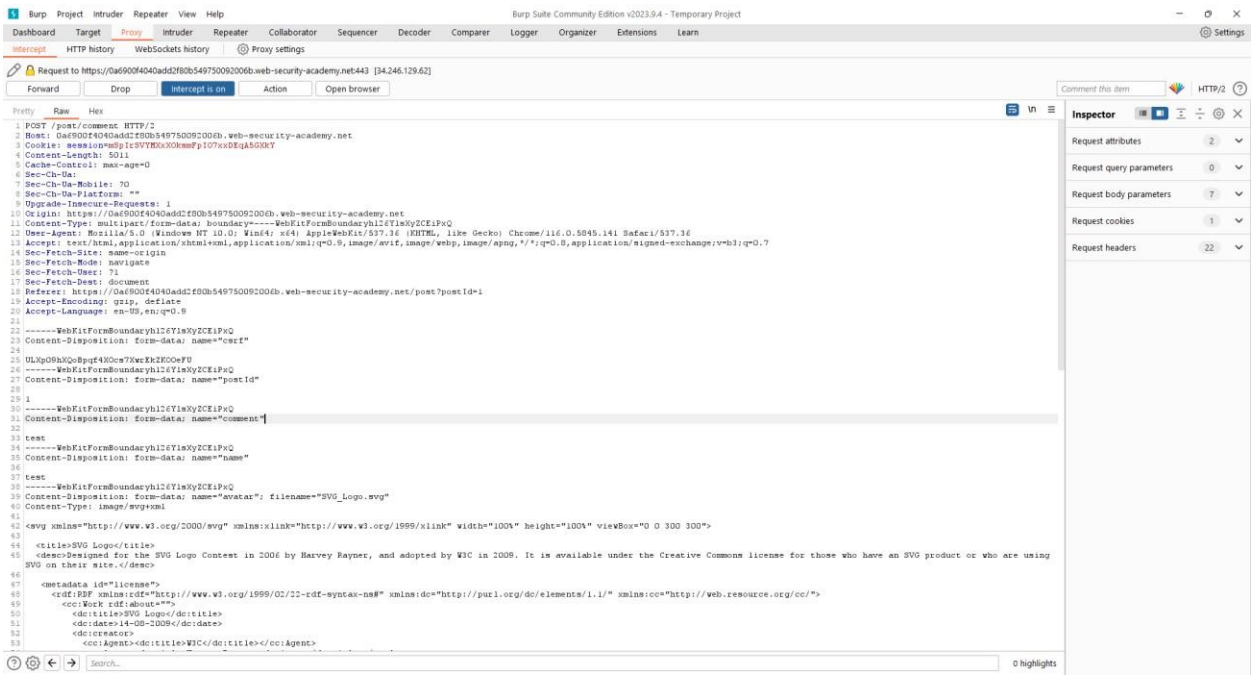
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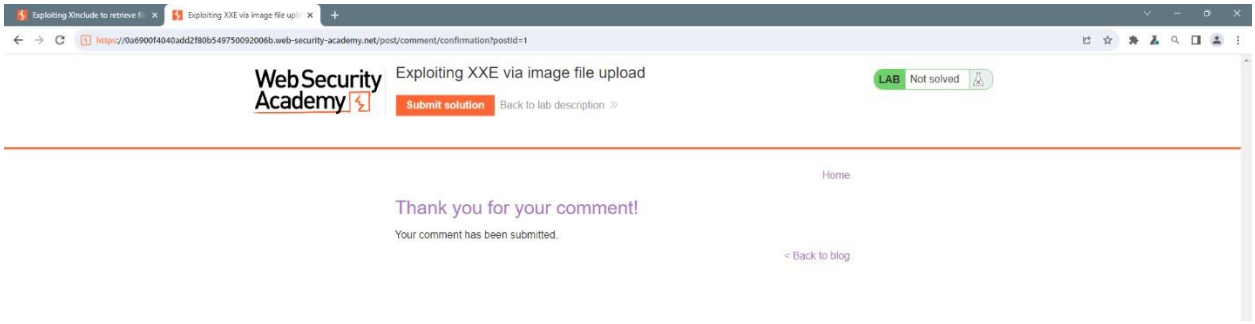
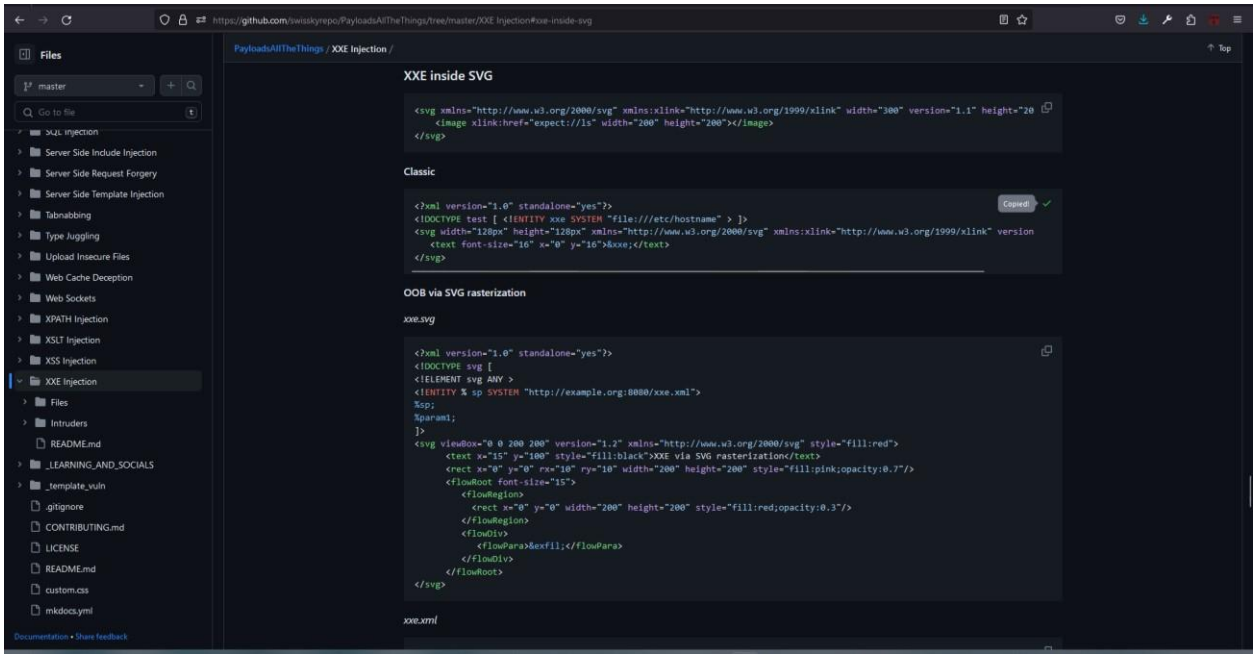
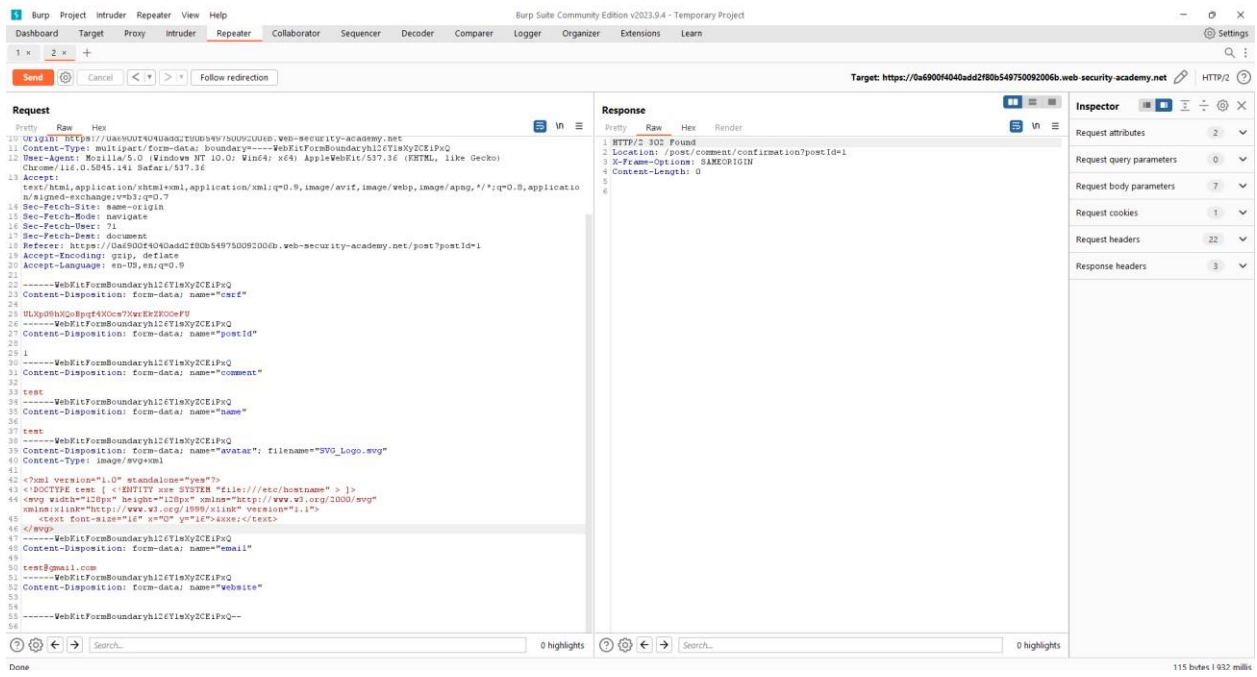
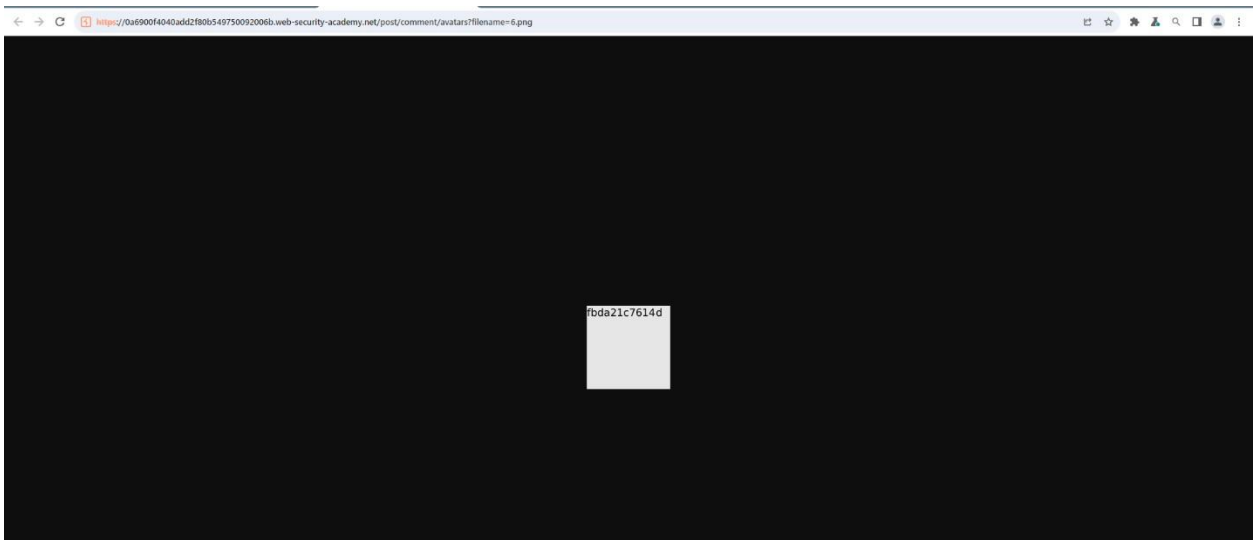


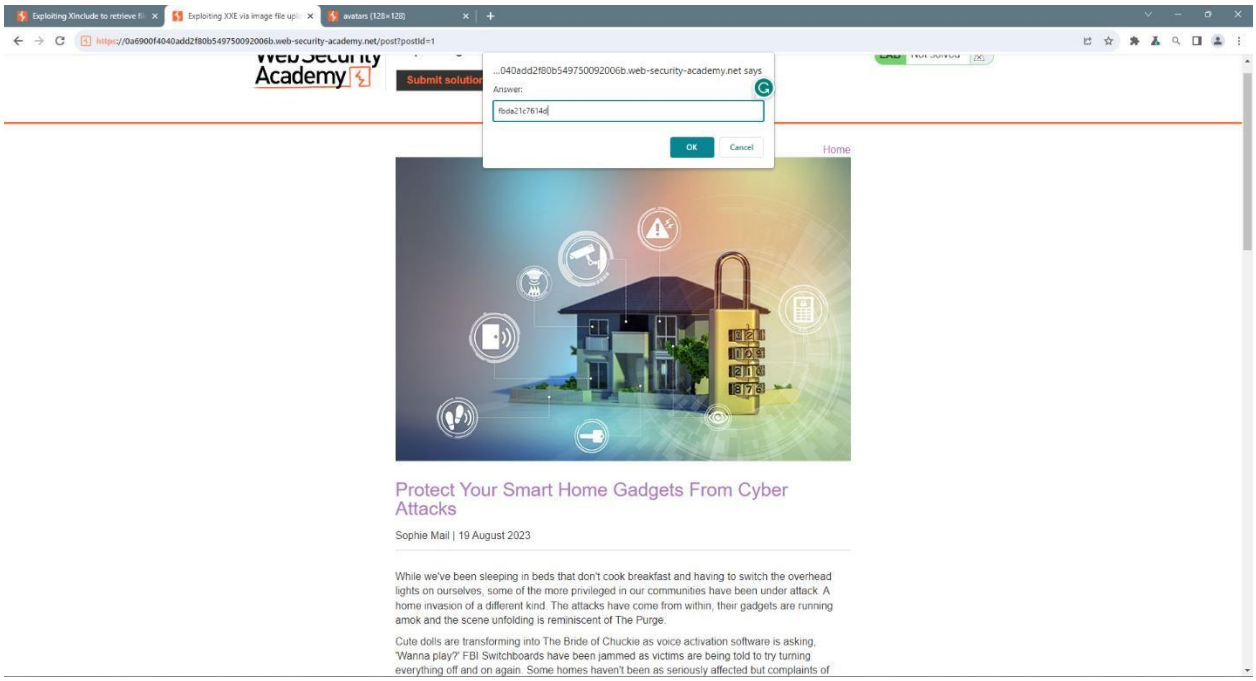
Now send the proxy code to the repeater. Go to the “payloadAllTheThings” GitHub page and find the “XXE inside SVG” code, so copy that code and paste it after the image code which we added.





Send it and refresh the browser. Now we can get a test image and a code on it. Type that code on submit a solution and submit it.

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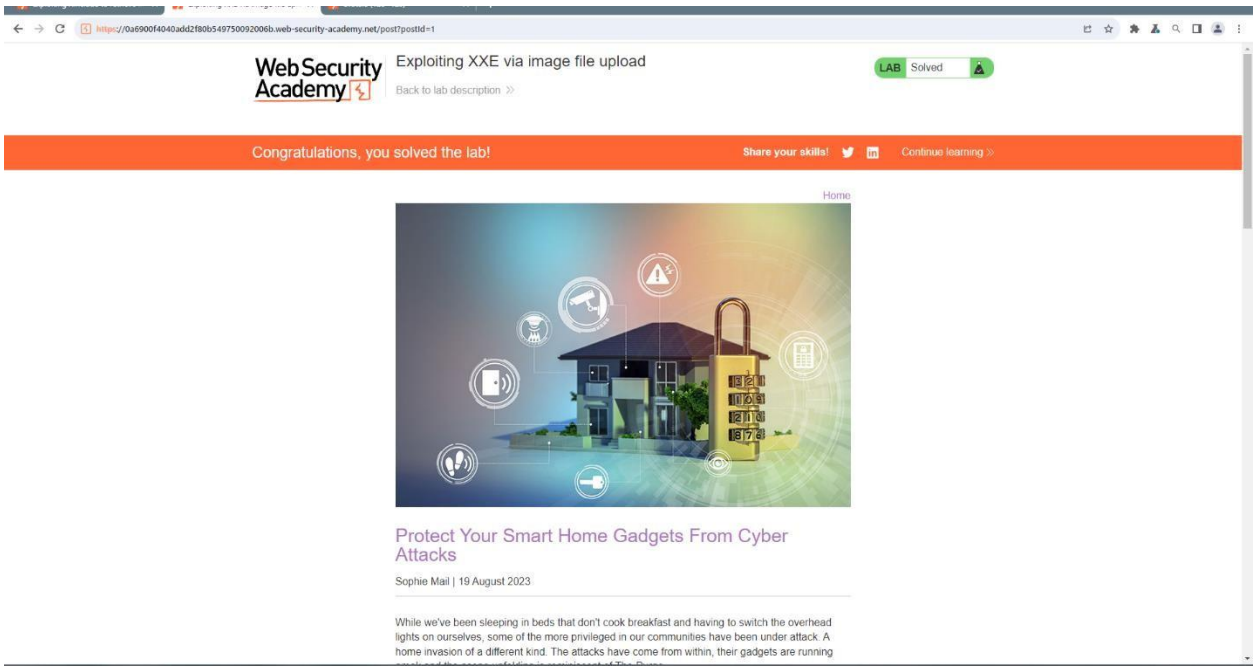
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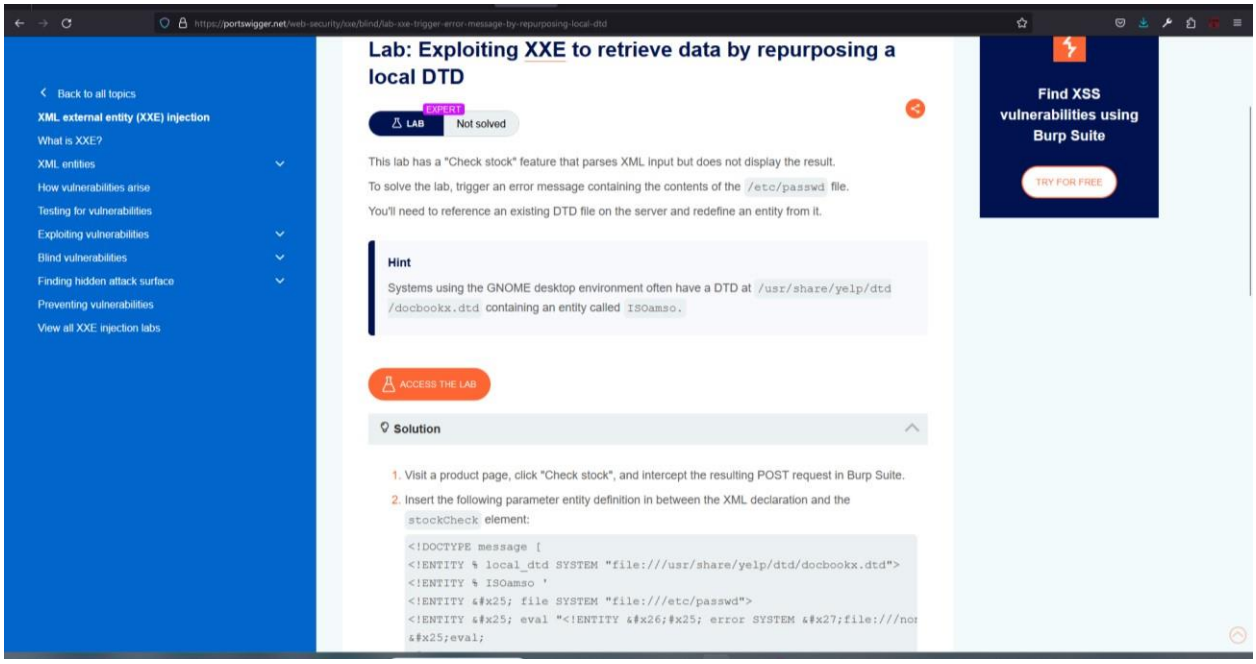

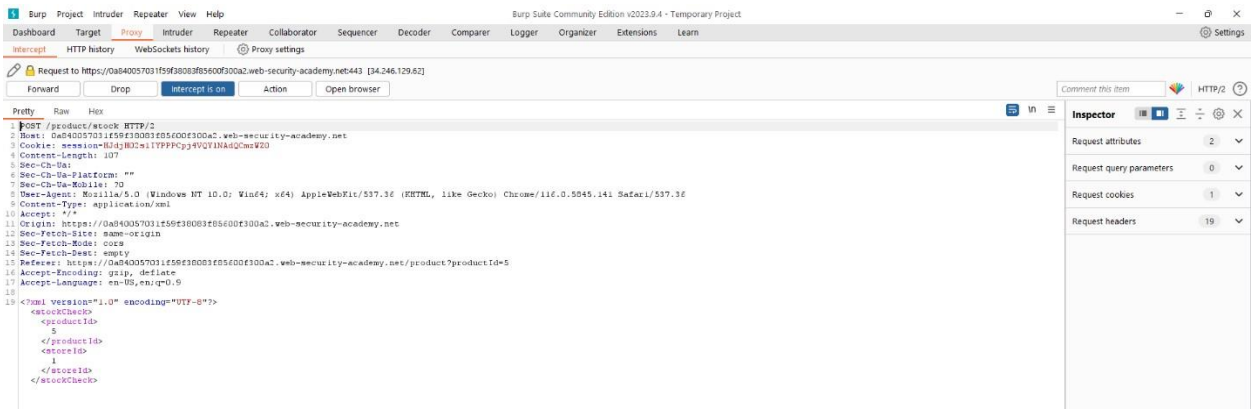

Change the code like this.

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[

<!ENTITY % local_dtd SYSTEM "file:///usr/share/yelp/dtd/docbookx.dtd">

<!ENTITY % ISOamso '

<!ENTITY % file SYSTEM "file:///etc/passwd">

<!ENTITY % eval "<!ENTITY % error SYSTEM 'file:///nonexistent/%file;'>">

%eval;

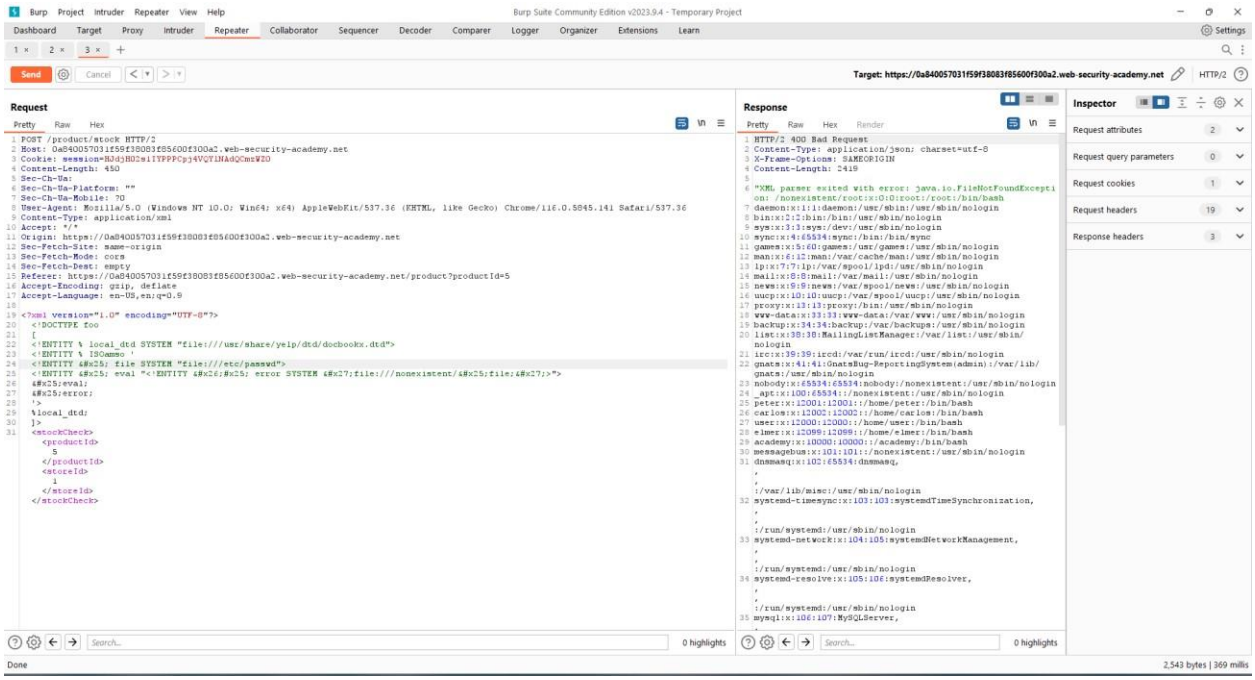
%error;

'>

%local_dtd;

]>”

Solve the solution.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<!ENTITY % ISOamso '
<!ENTITY % file SYSTEM "file:///etc/passwd">
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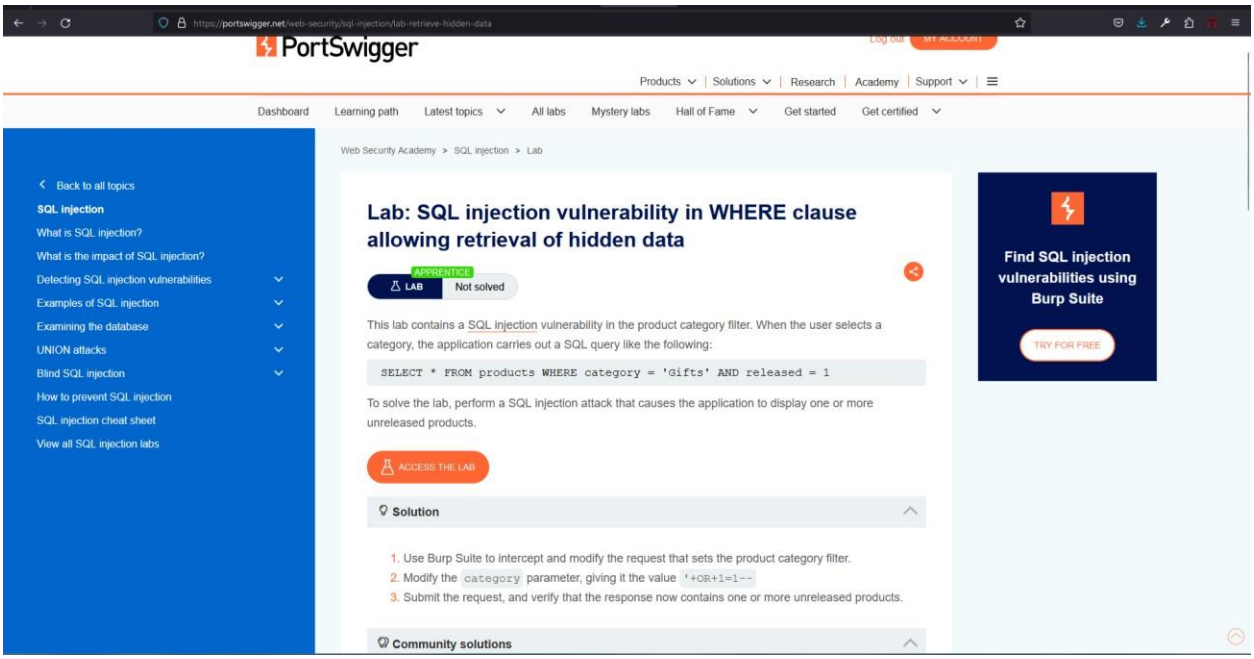
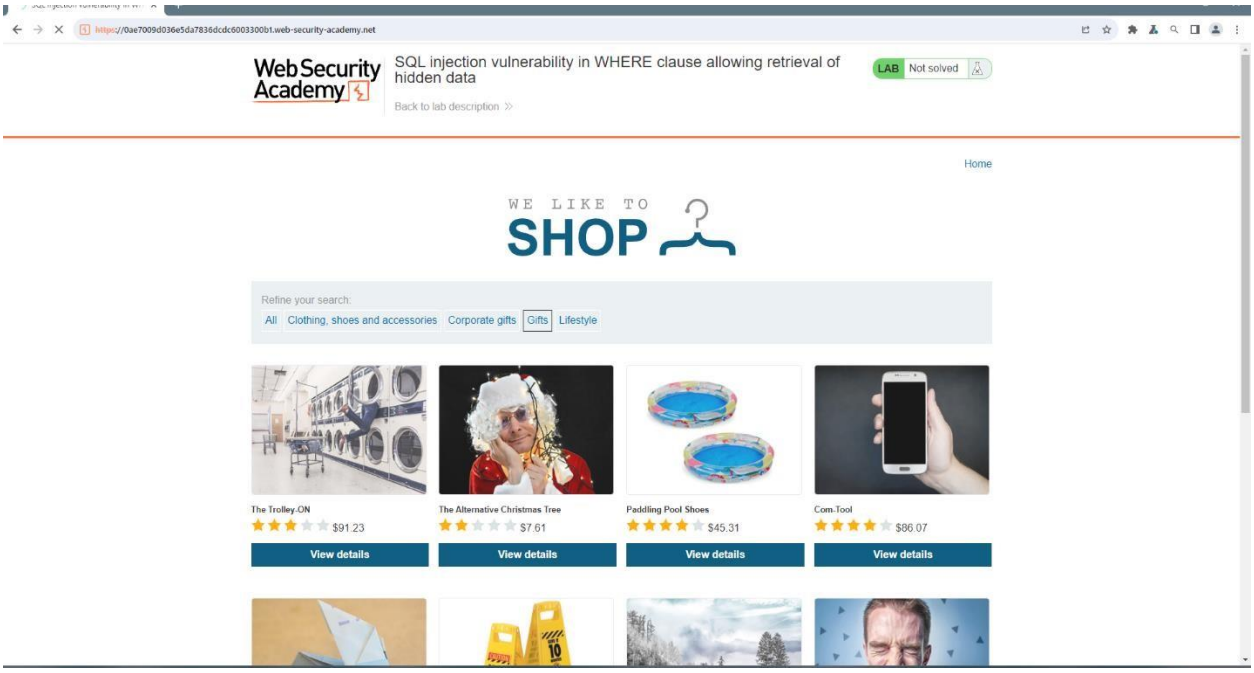
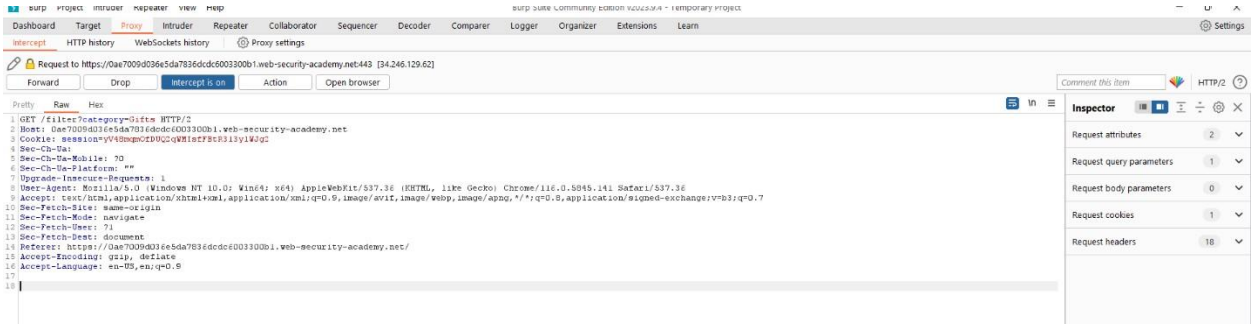
SQL Injection

SQL injection vulnerability in where clause allowing retrieval of hidden data

Go to the shop page click “Gifts” and open Burp Suite and POST the request







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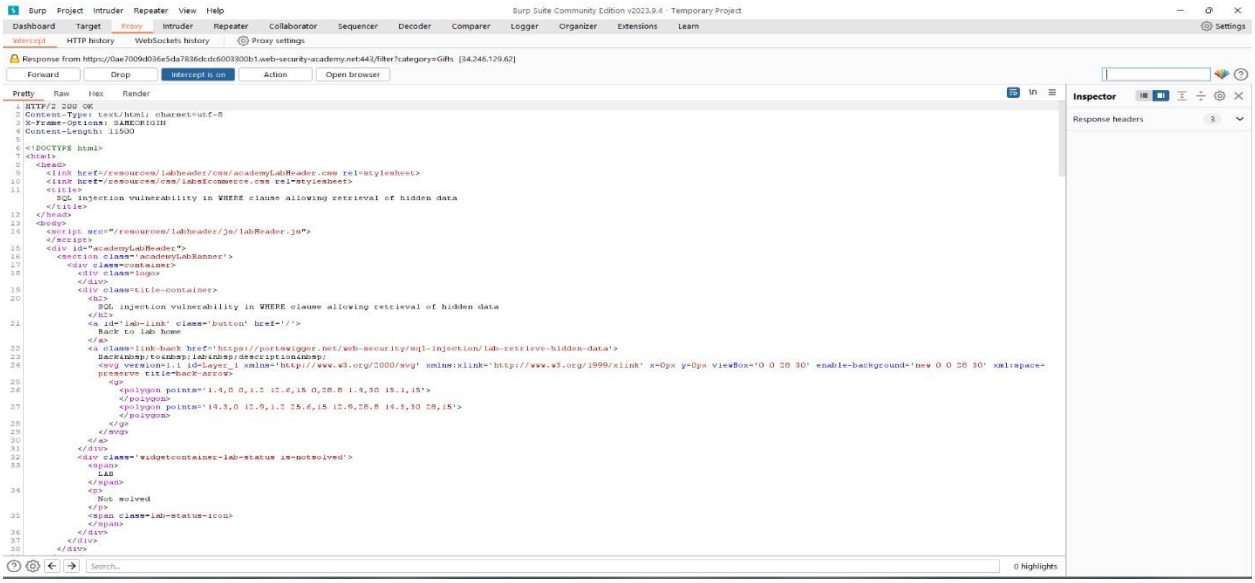
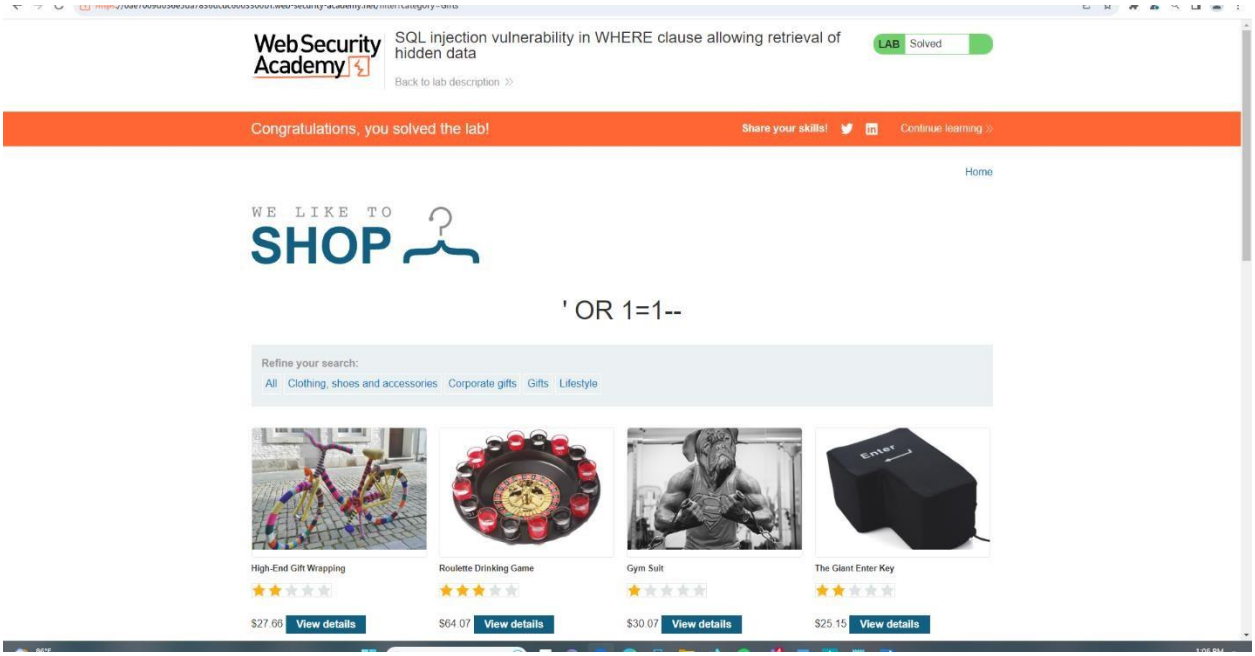
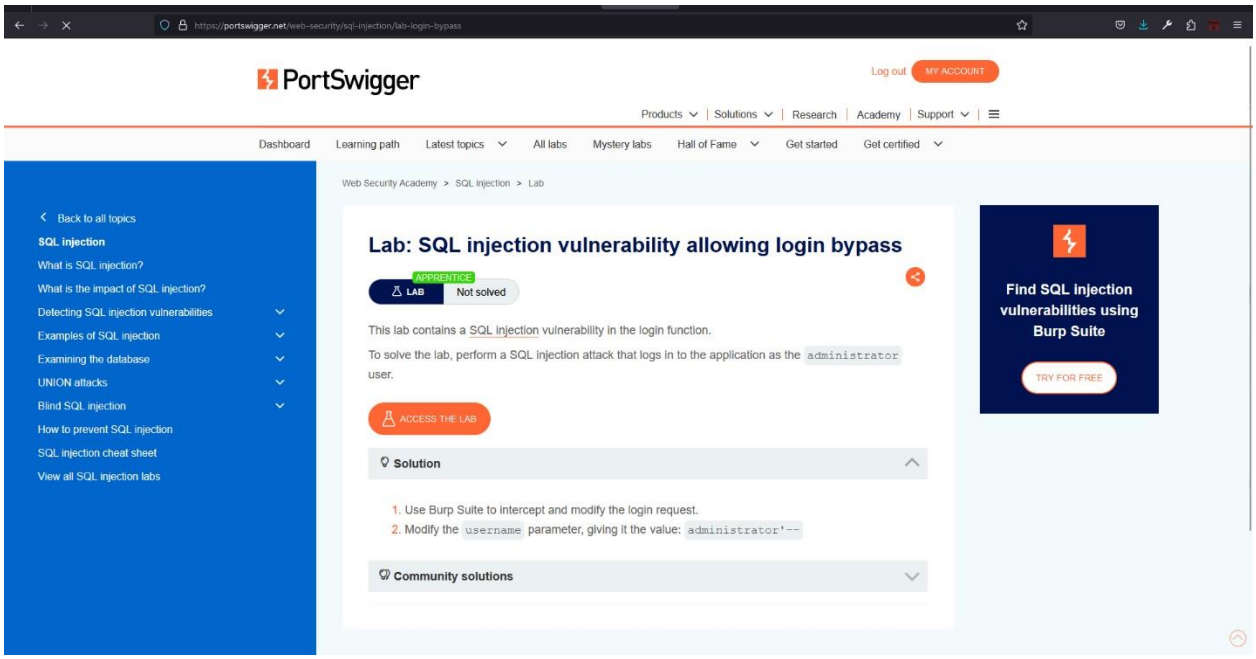
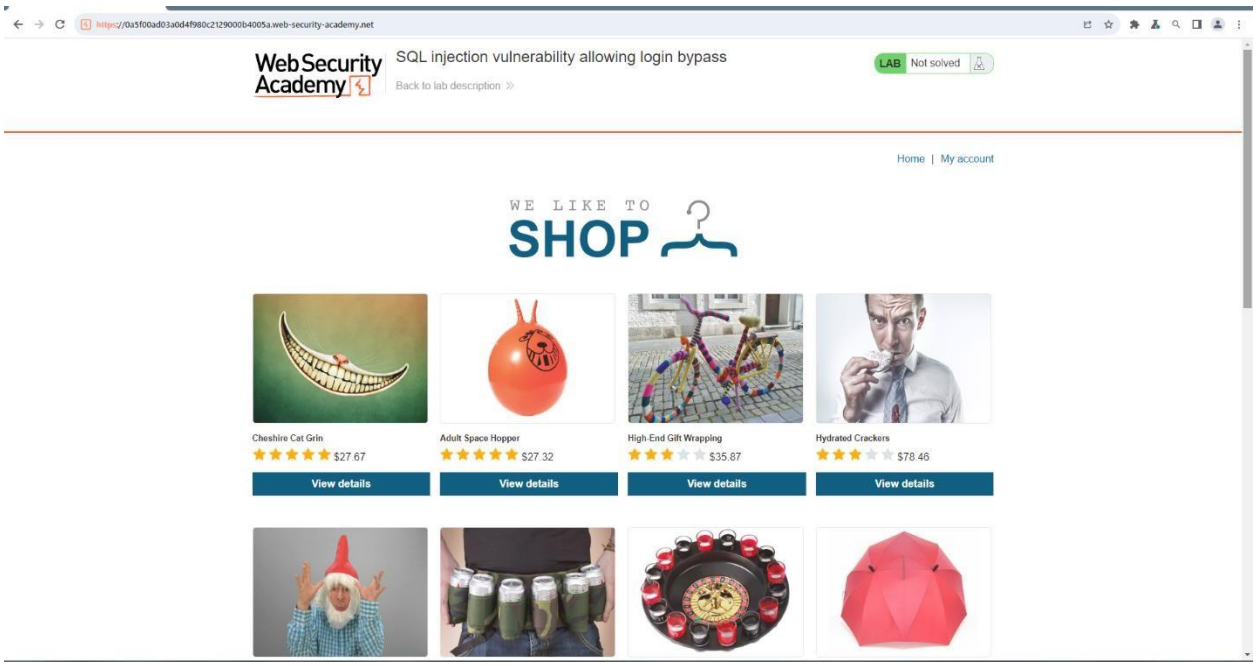


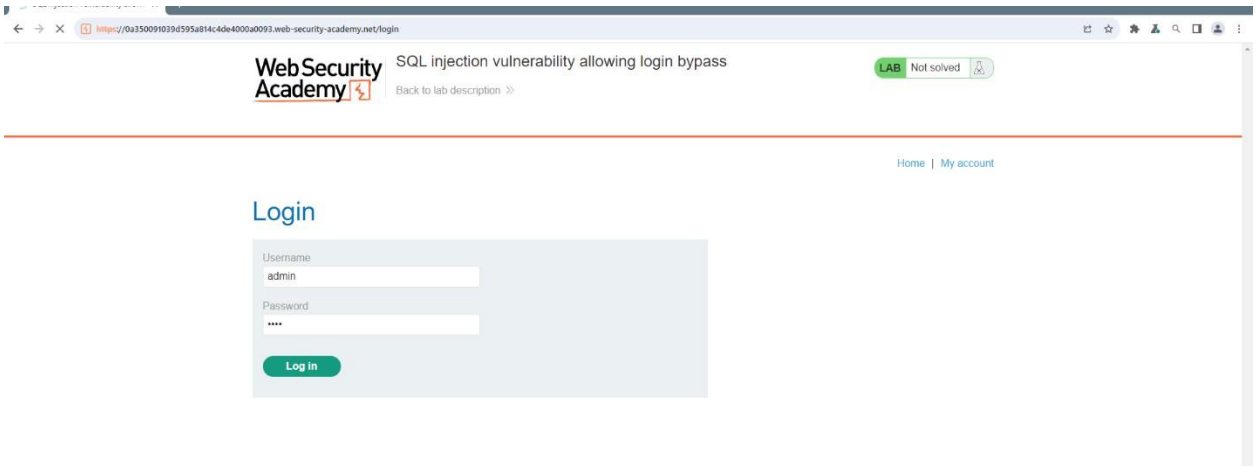


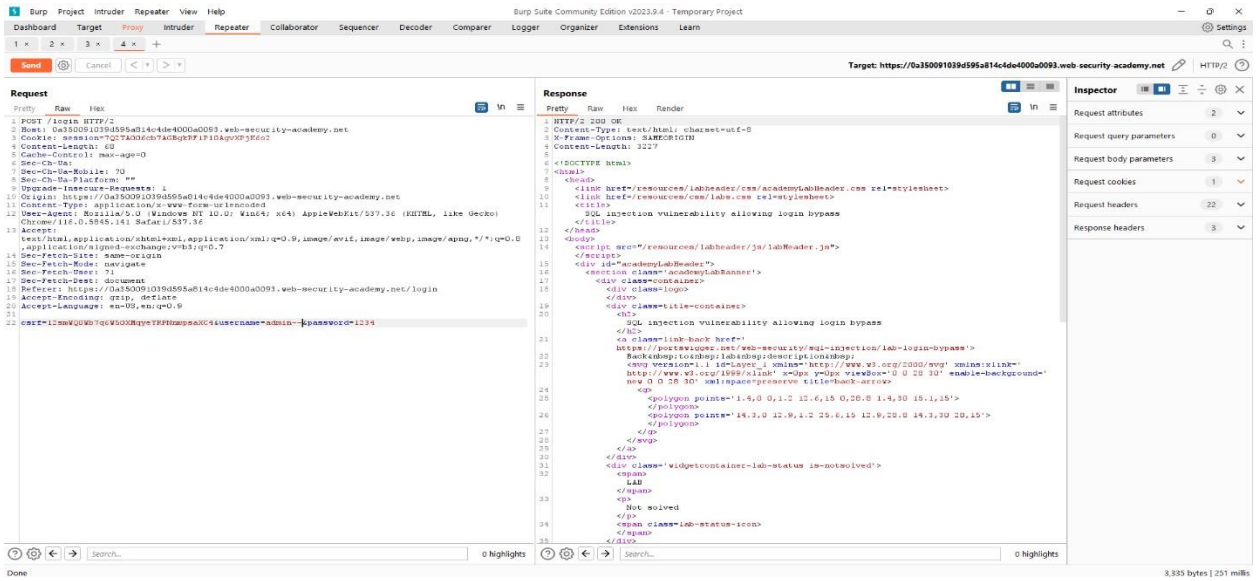
SQL injection vulnerability allowing login bypass



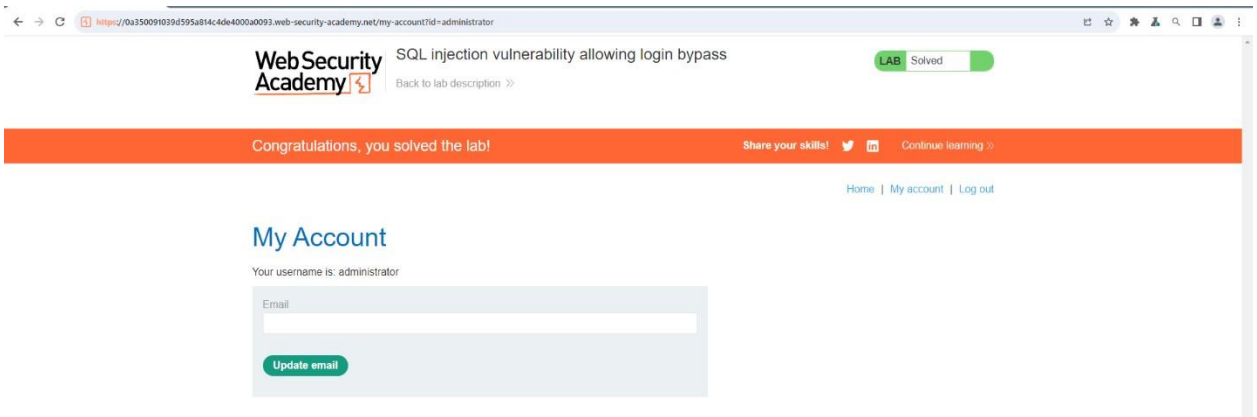
Go to the product page first. Choose any item and click “My account”. Then give a random username and password and use Burp Suite to block the next post request.





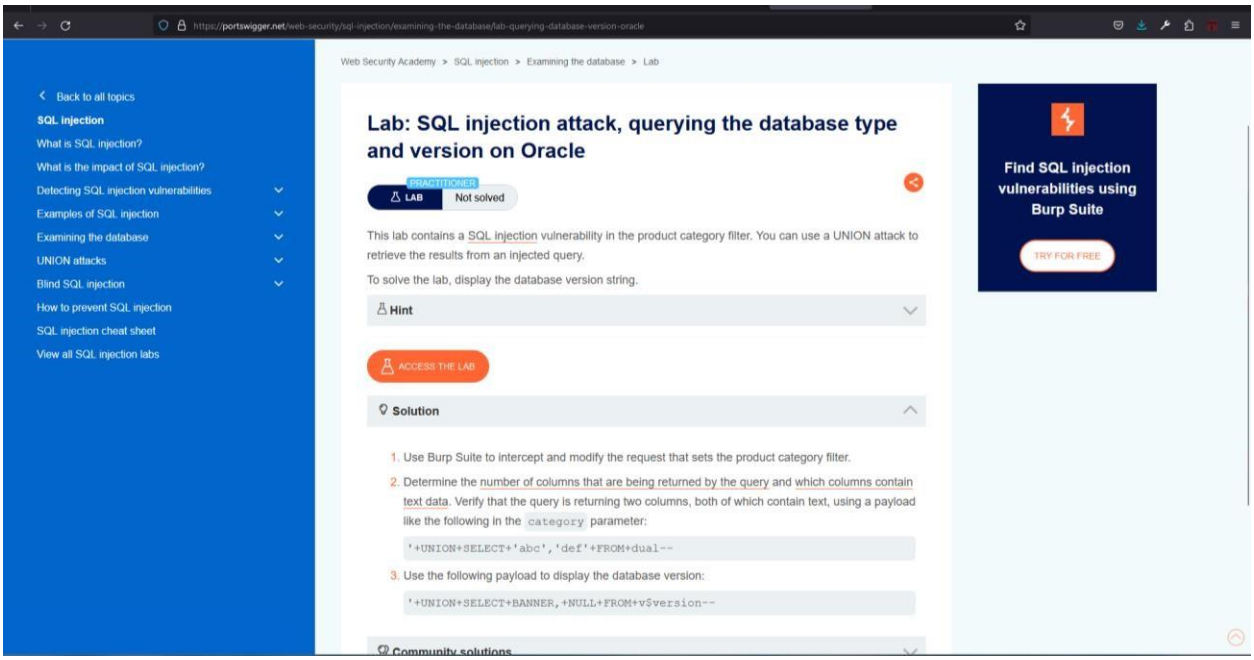


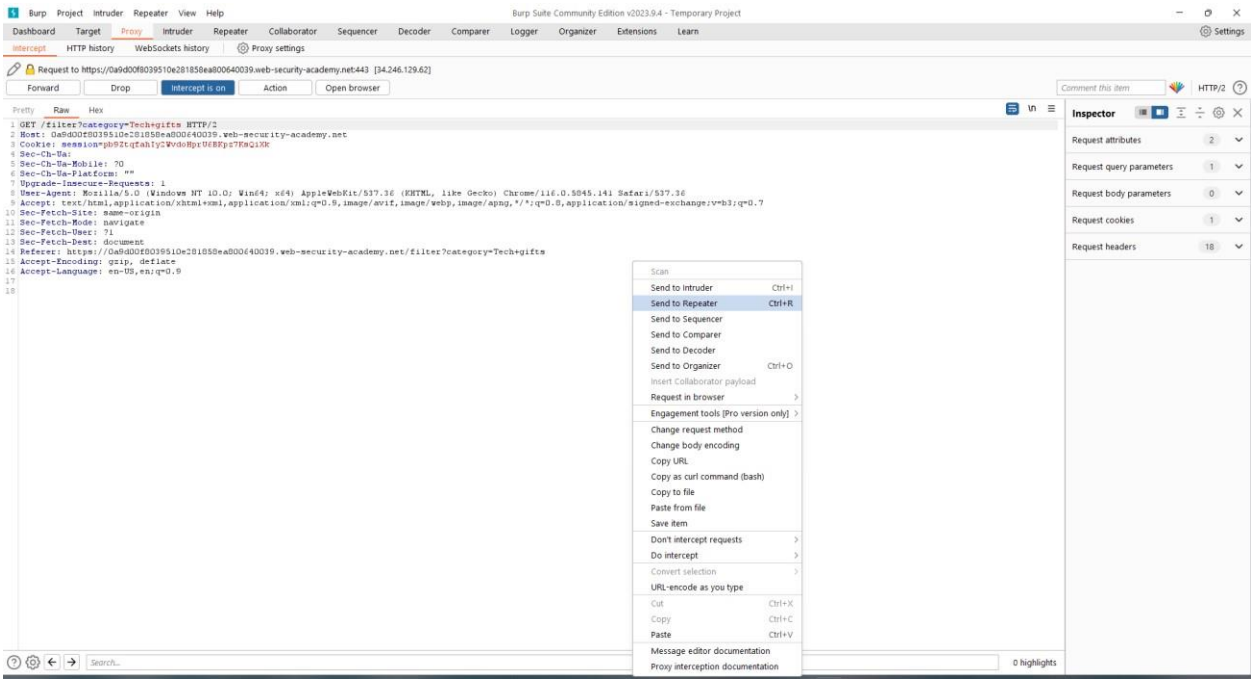
Modify the username, giving it “administrator’- -"



SQL injection attack, querying the database type and version on Oracle

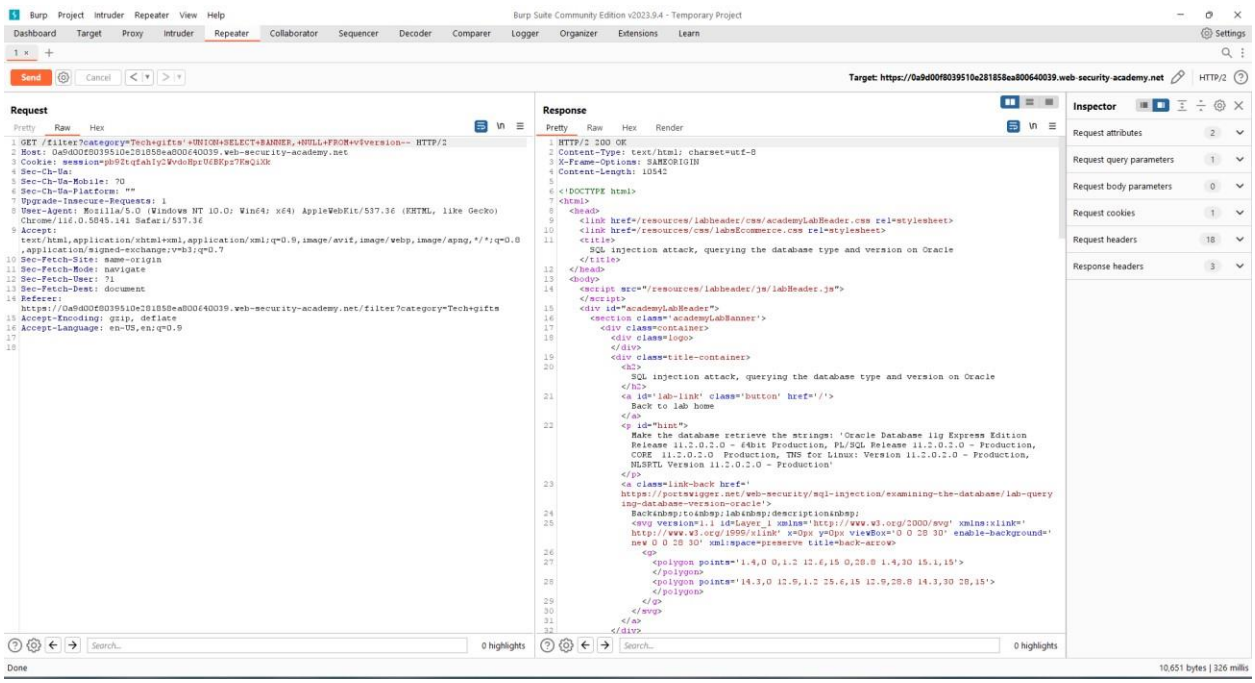
Go to Burp Suite to modify the request. Visit the product page click “tech gifts” and post the request to the Burp Suite.





Send the request to the repeater and change the first line to this.

“'+UNION+SELECT+BANNER,+NULL+FROM+v$version- -"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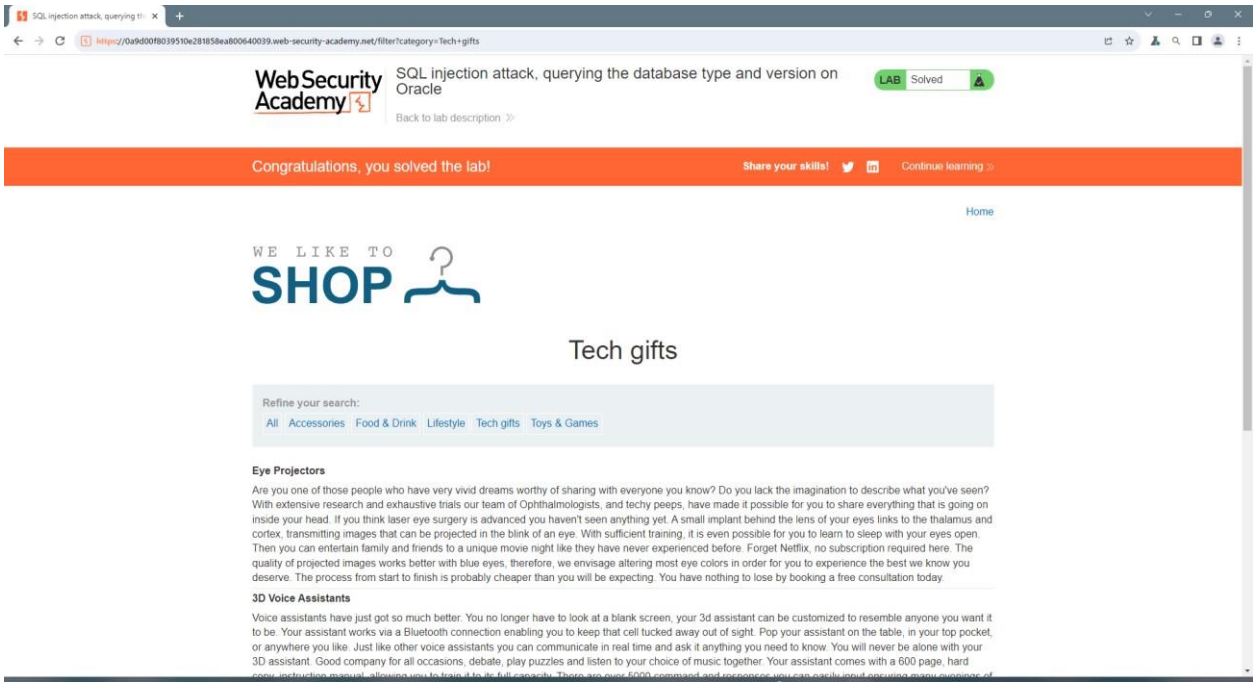
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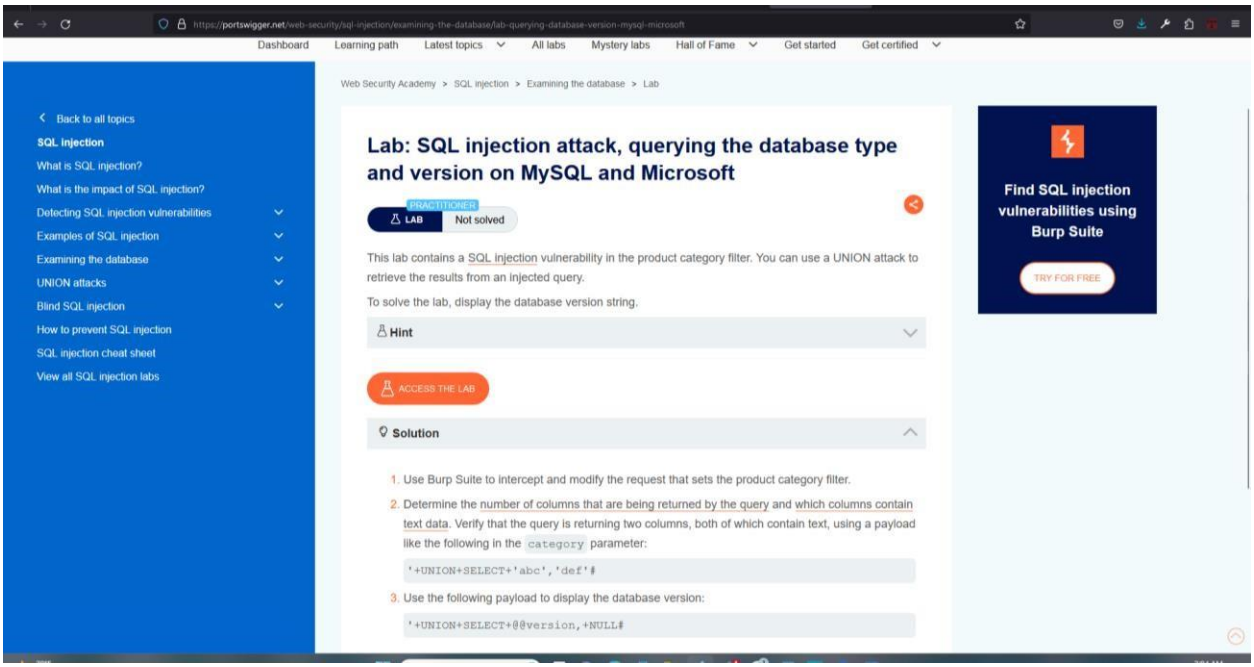
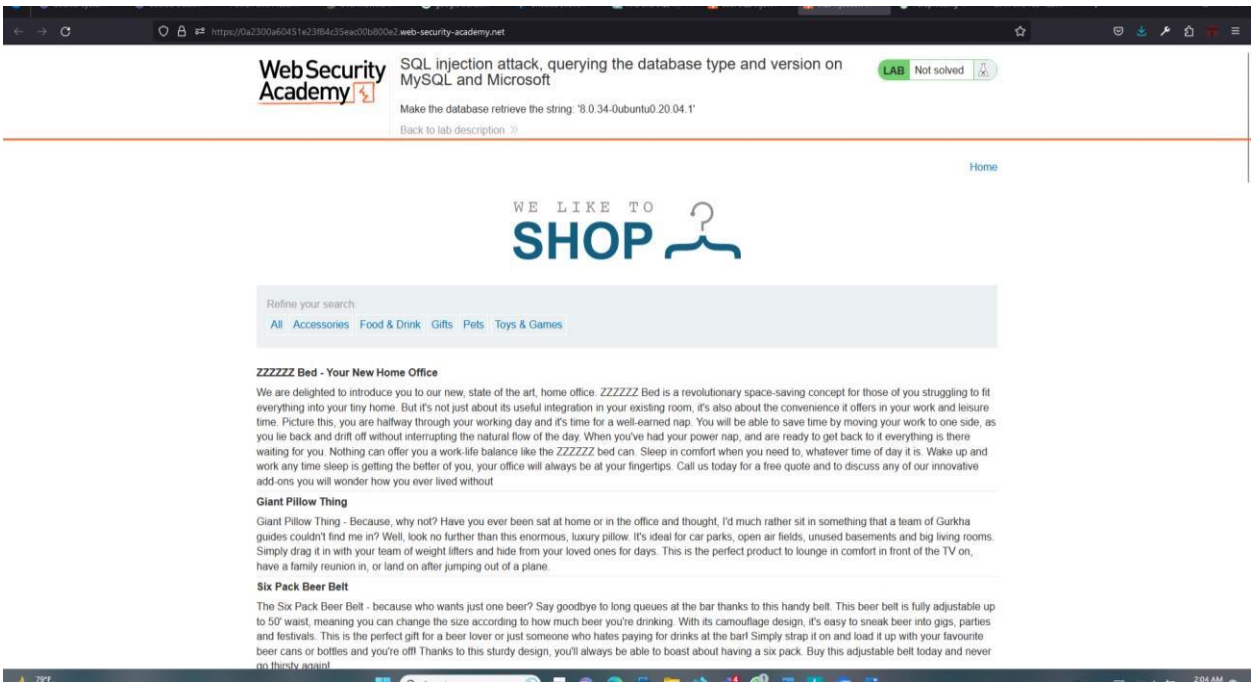
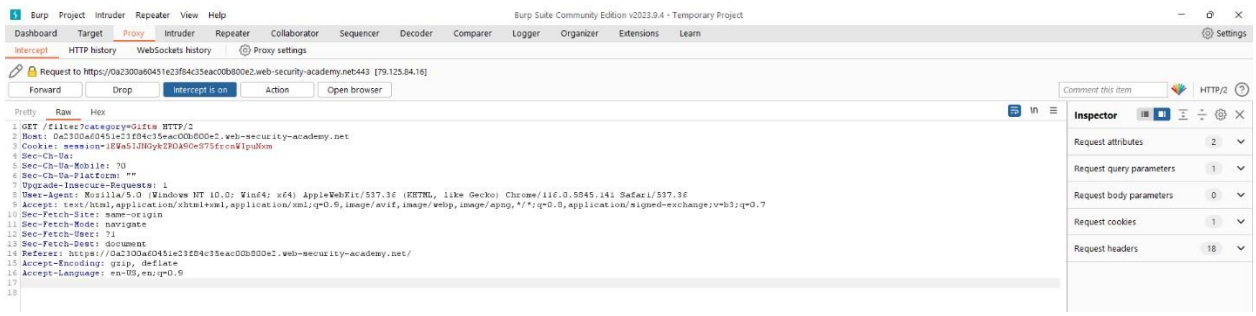
SQL injection attack, querying the database type and version on MySQL and Microsoft

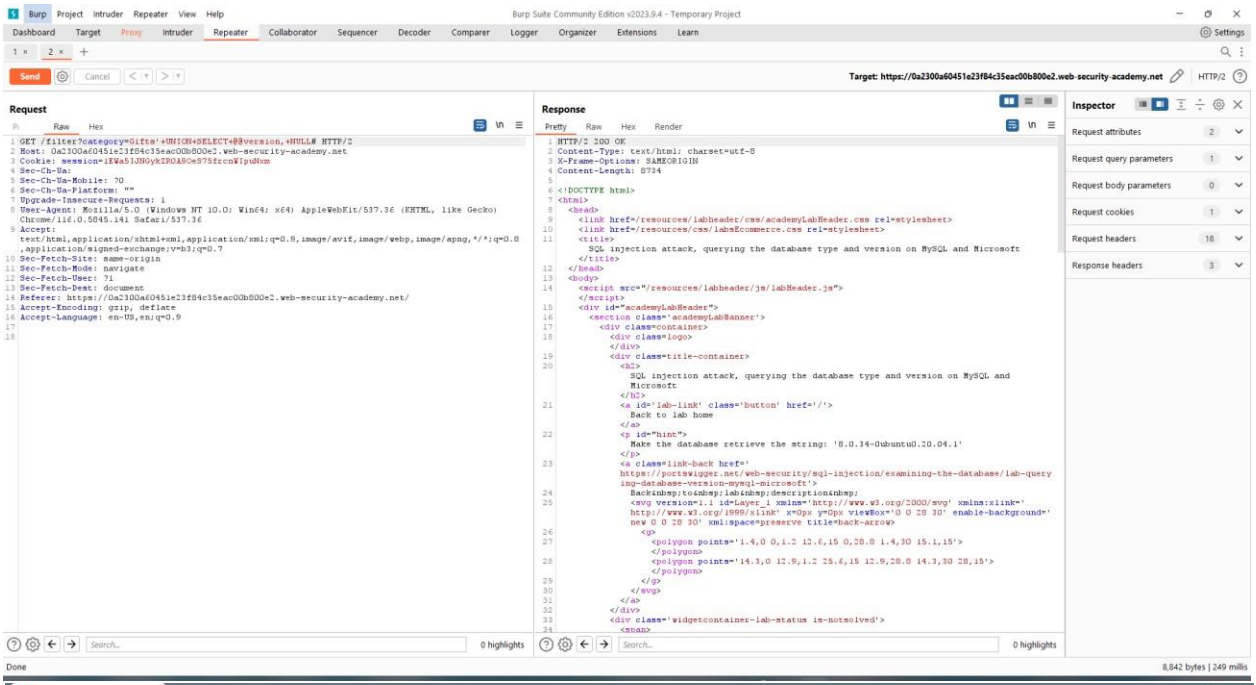
Go to the product page category filter and click on “Gifts”. Get the request to the Burp Suite to it.

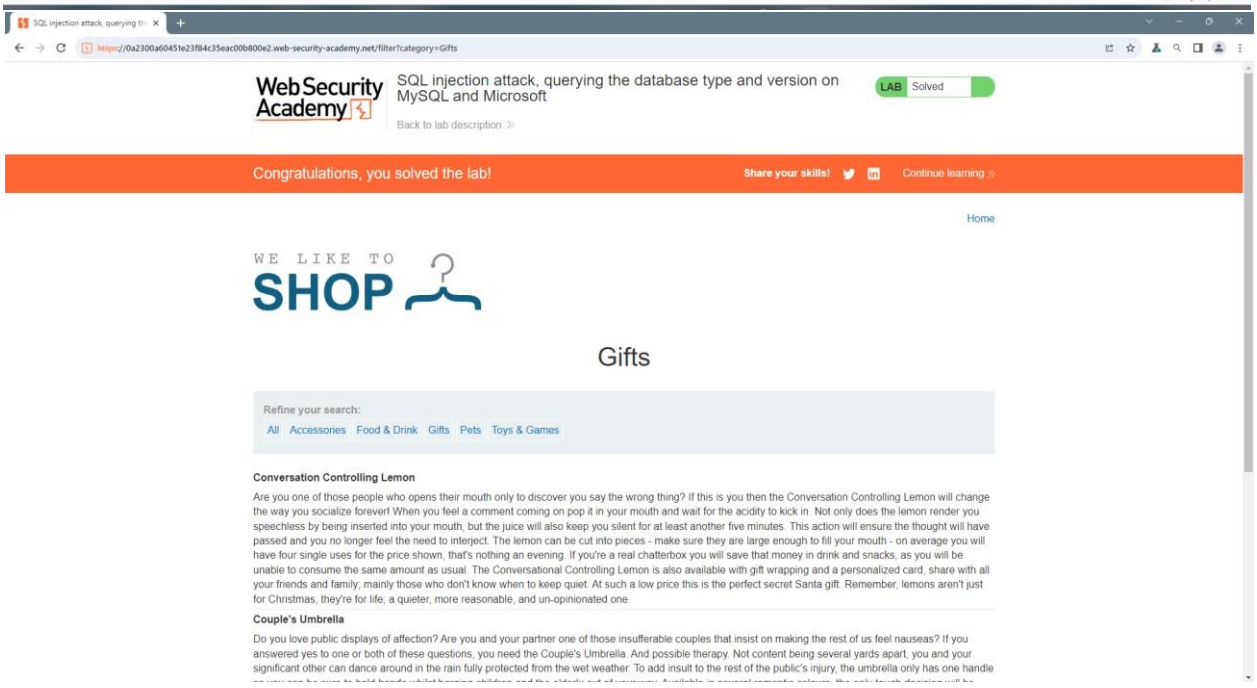






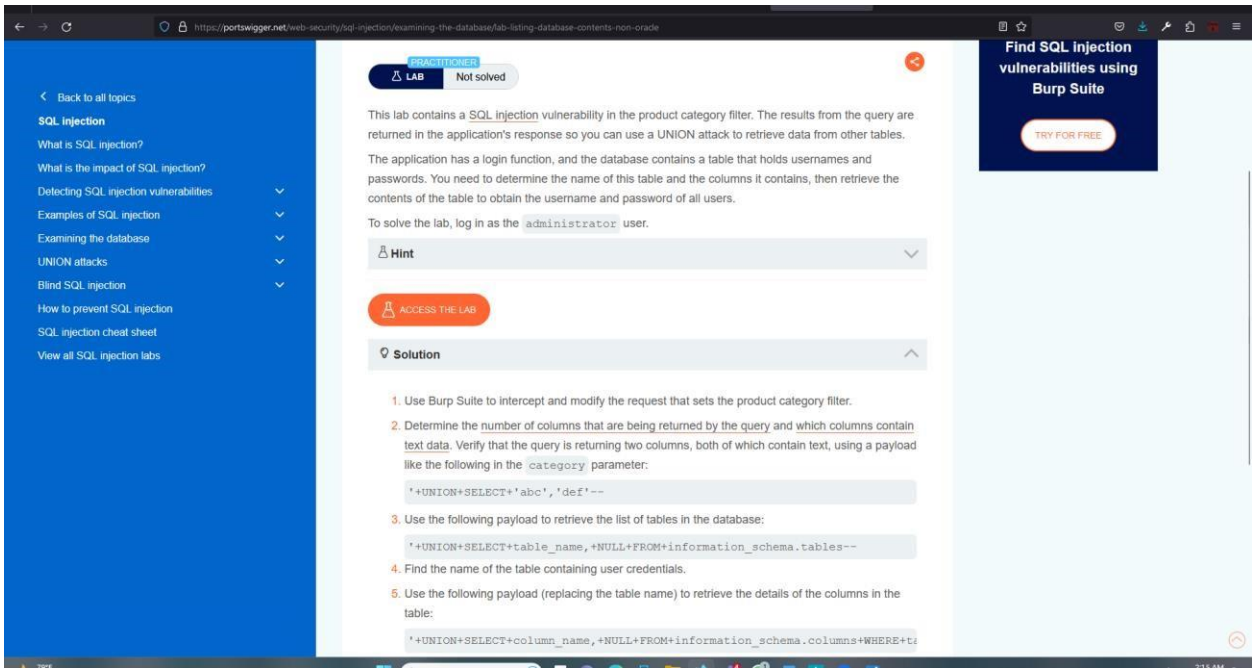
Send that request to the repeater. Change the first line to **“'+UNION+SELECT+@@version,+NULL#”.**

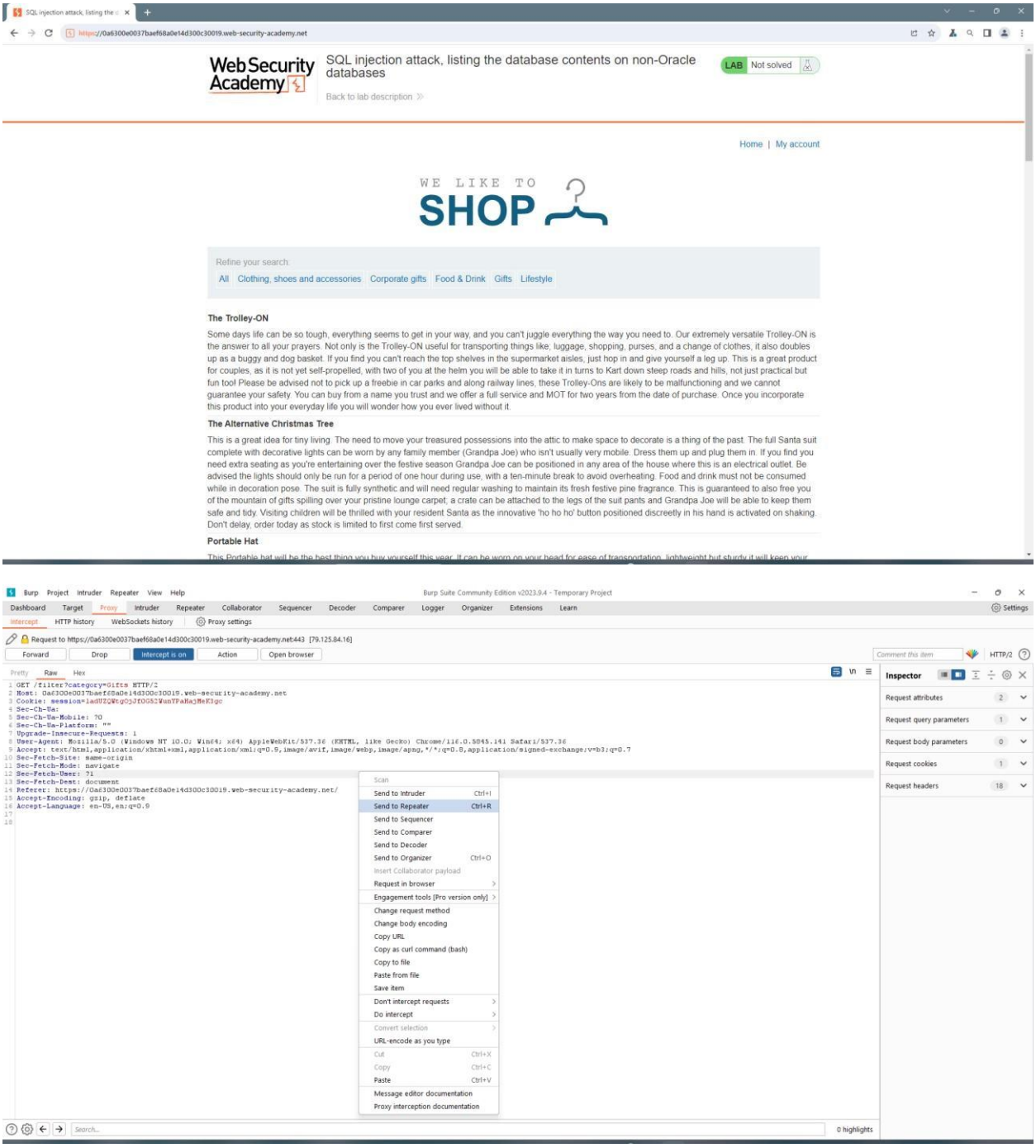




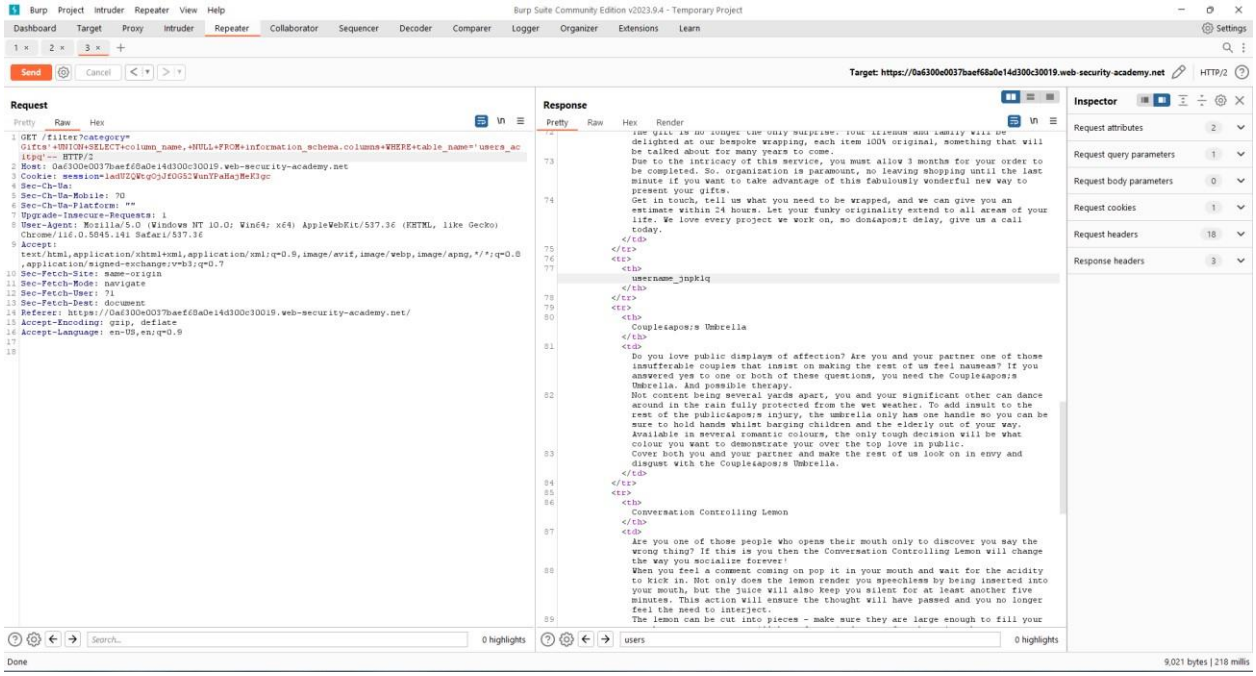
SQL injection attack, listing the database contents on non-Oracle databases

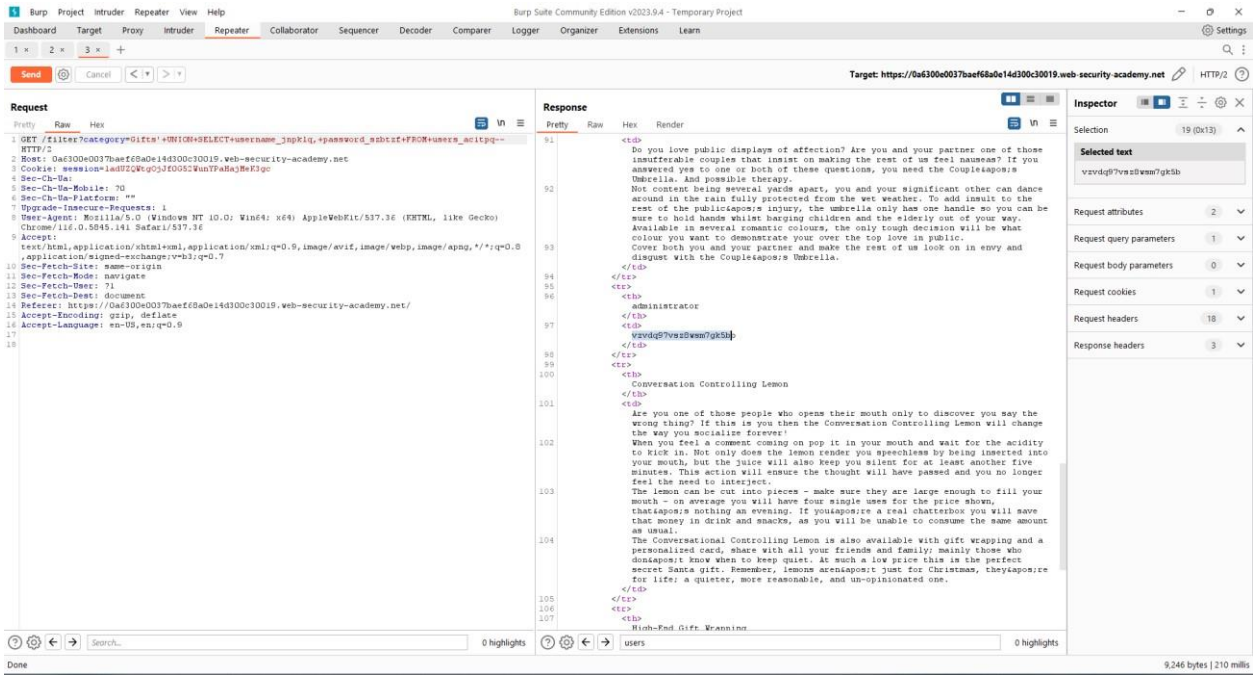
Go to the website and click “Gifts” and get the request on Burp Suite.



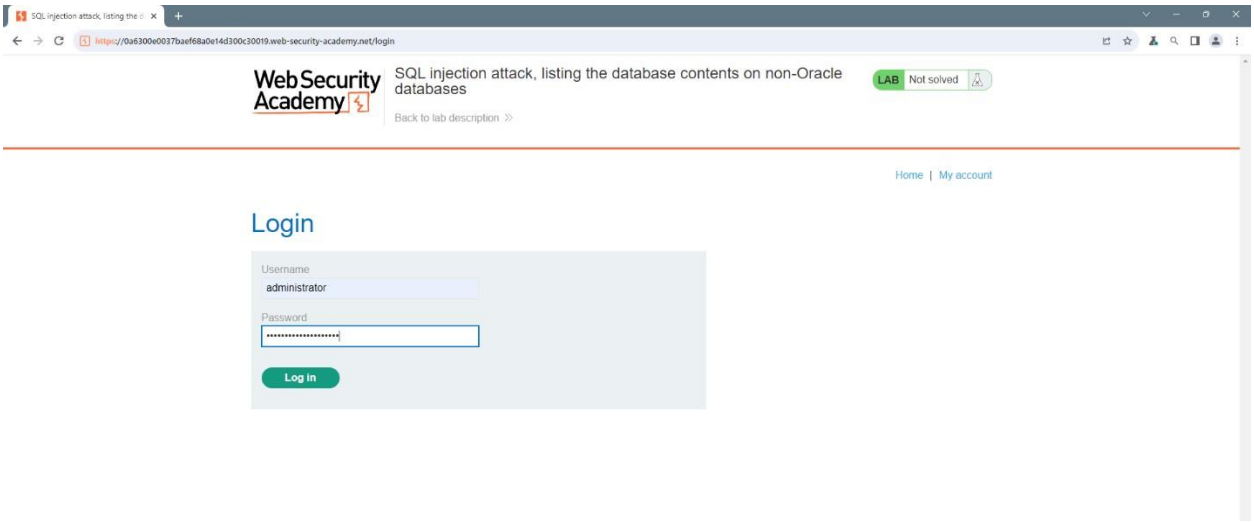


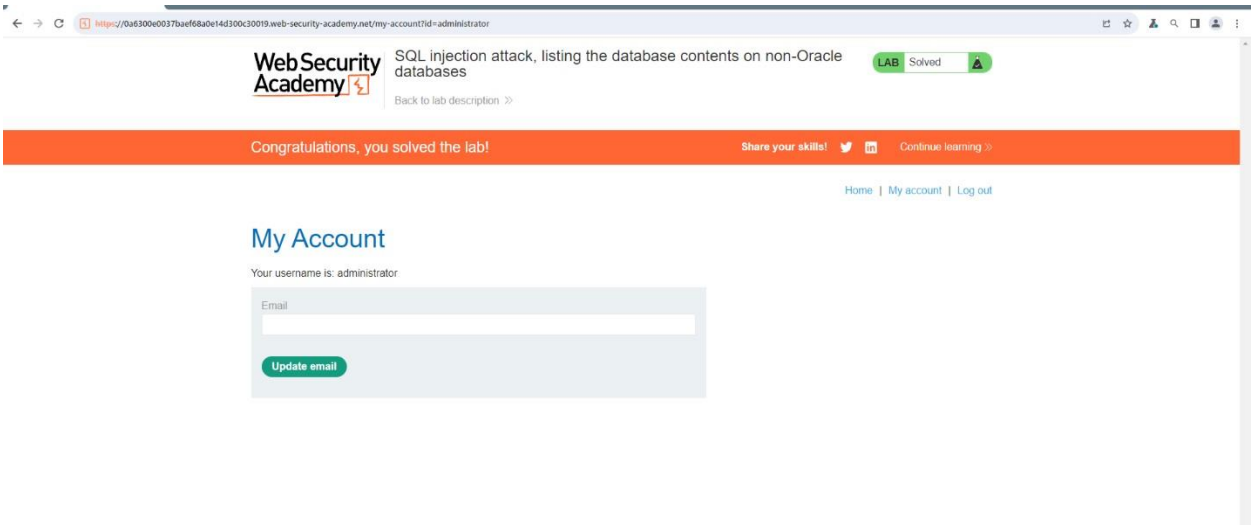
Change the code and get a username. Using that username modify the code.





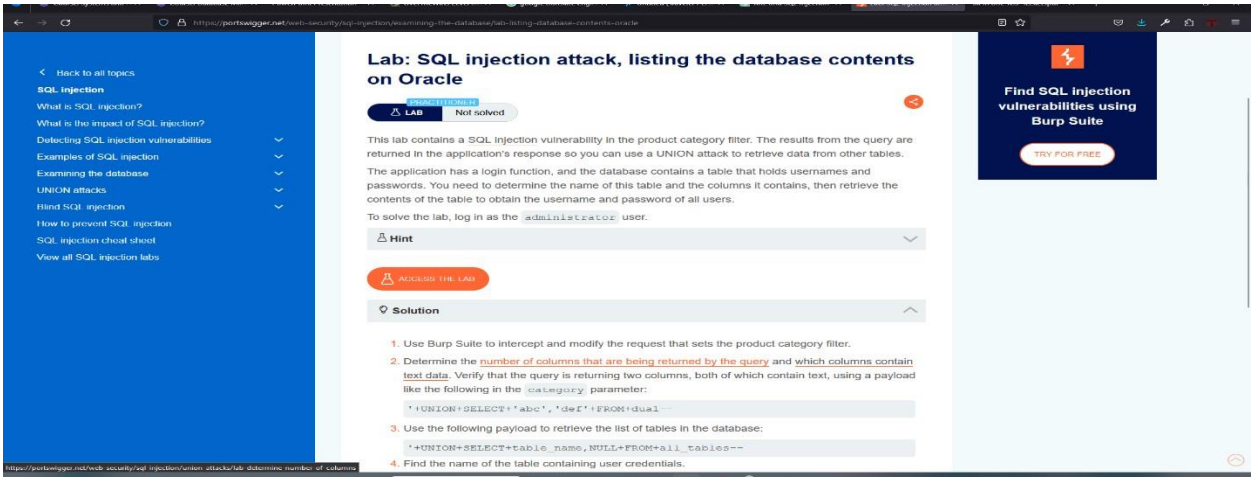
Now we can find the username and password. Using them login to the website.

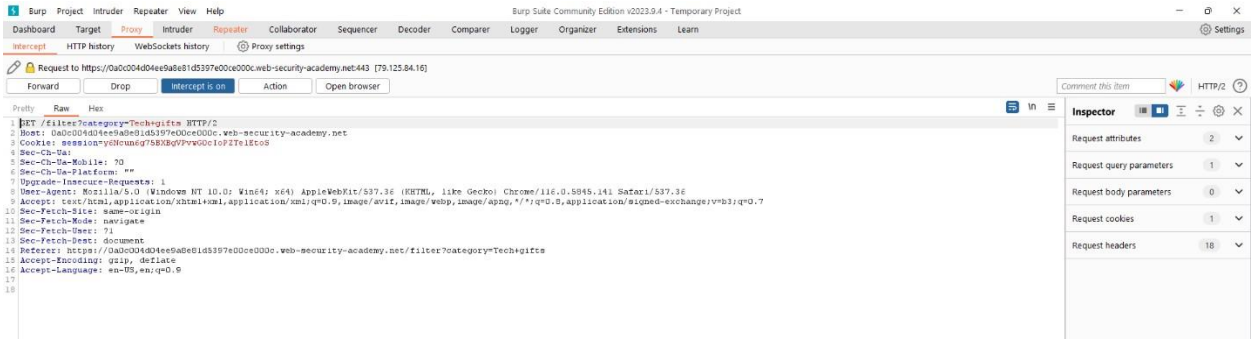




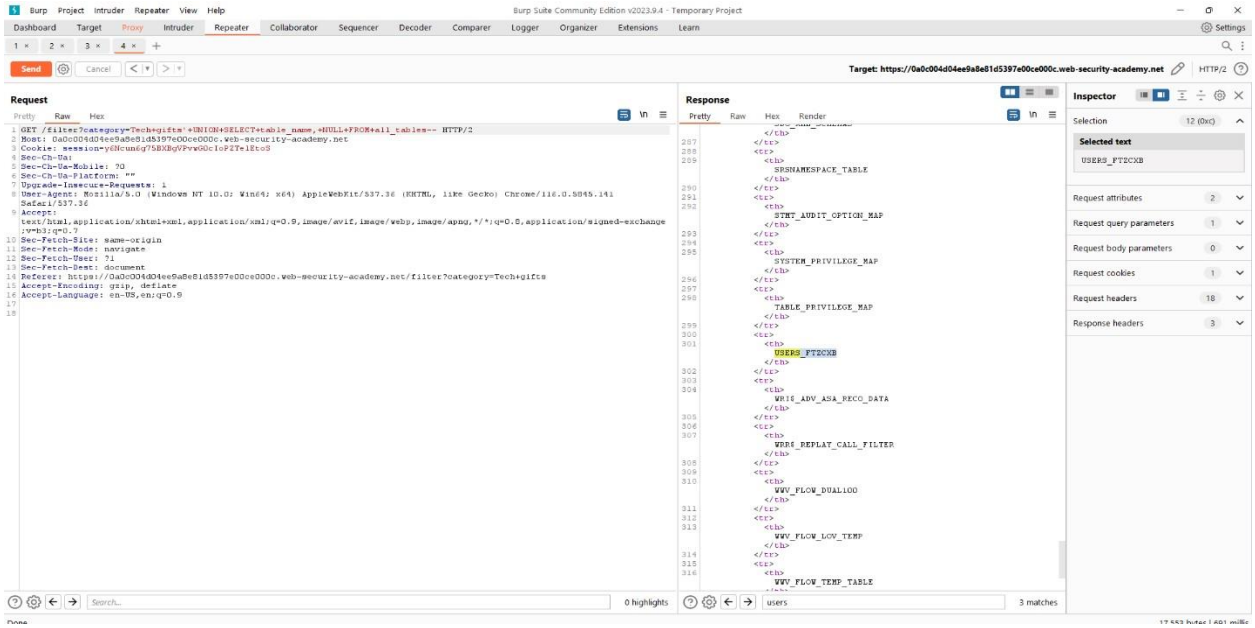
SQL injection attack, listing the database contents on Oracle

Go to the website and click “gifts”. Get a request to the Burp Suite

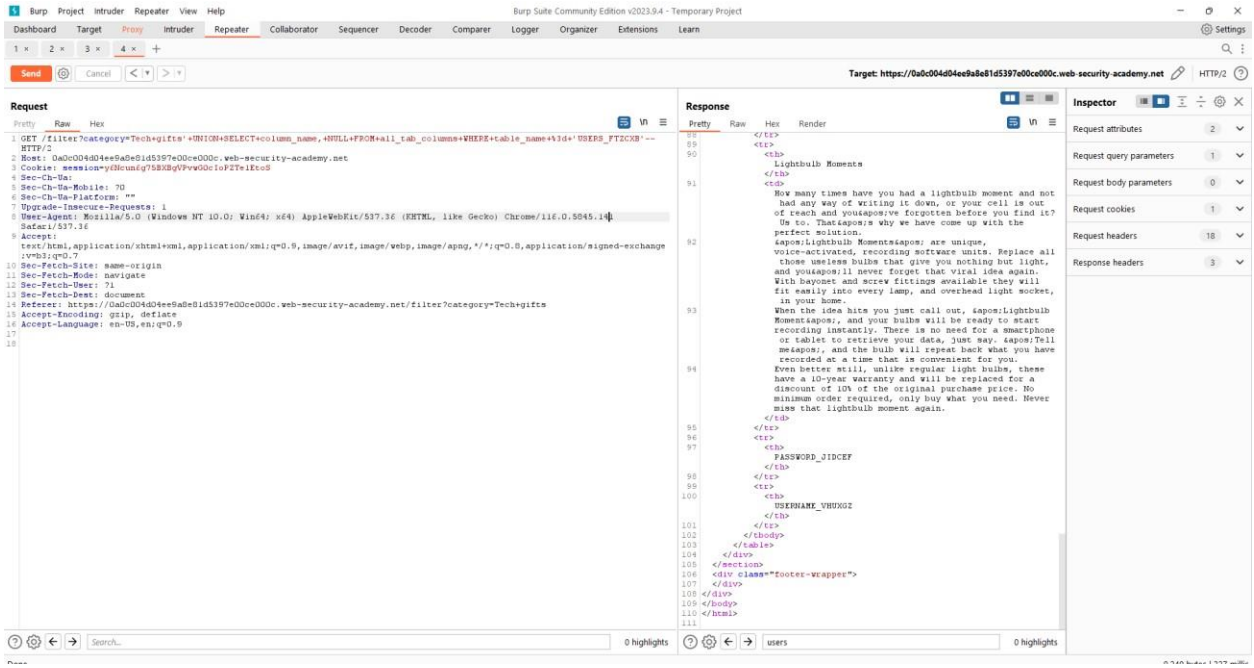




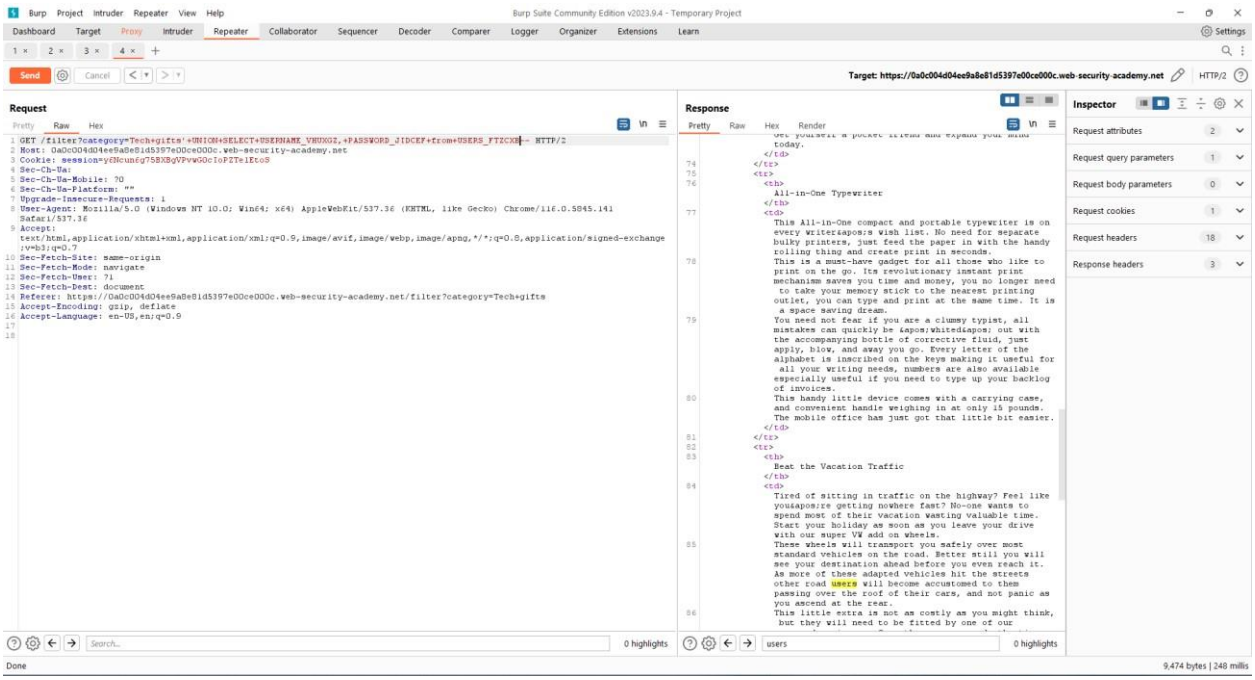
Send it to the repeater change the code and get a username first.

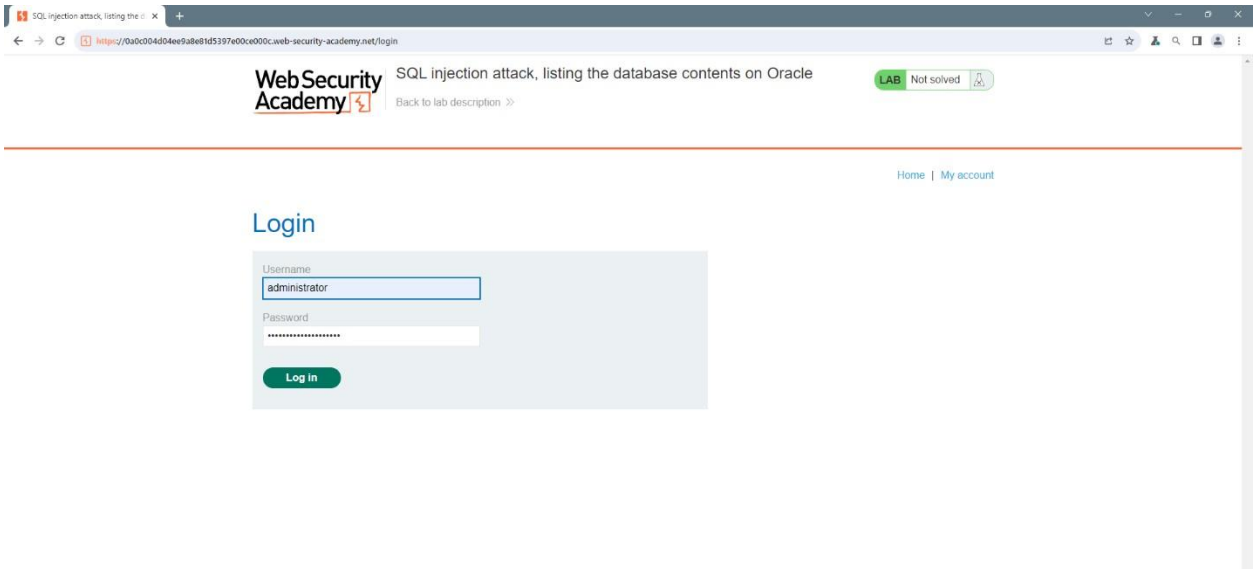


Again modify the code using that username and get another username and password.



Using that username and password again modify the SQL code and get the username and password for the website login.

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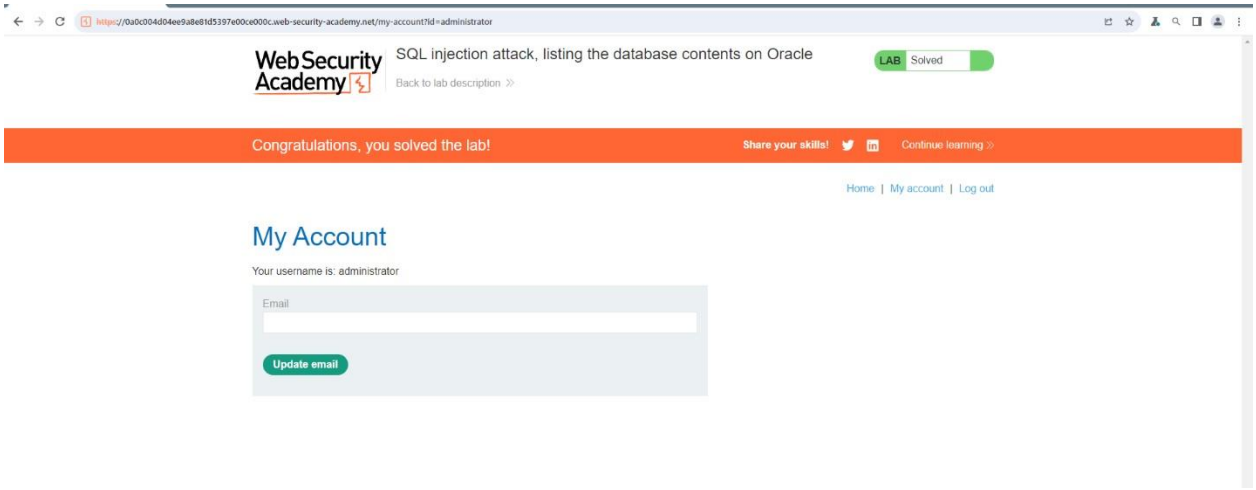
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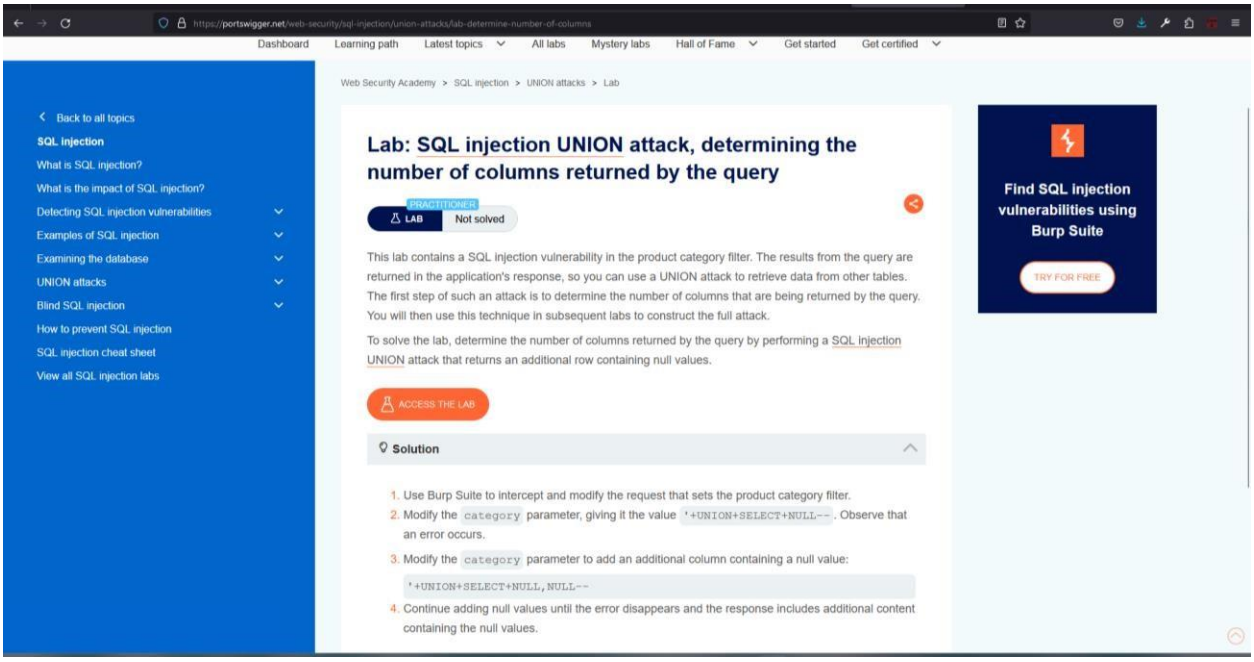
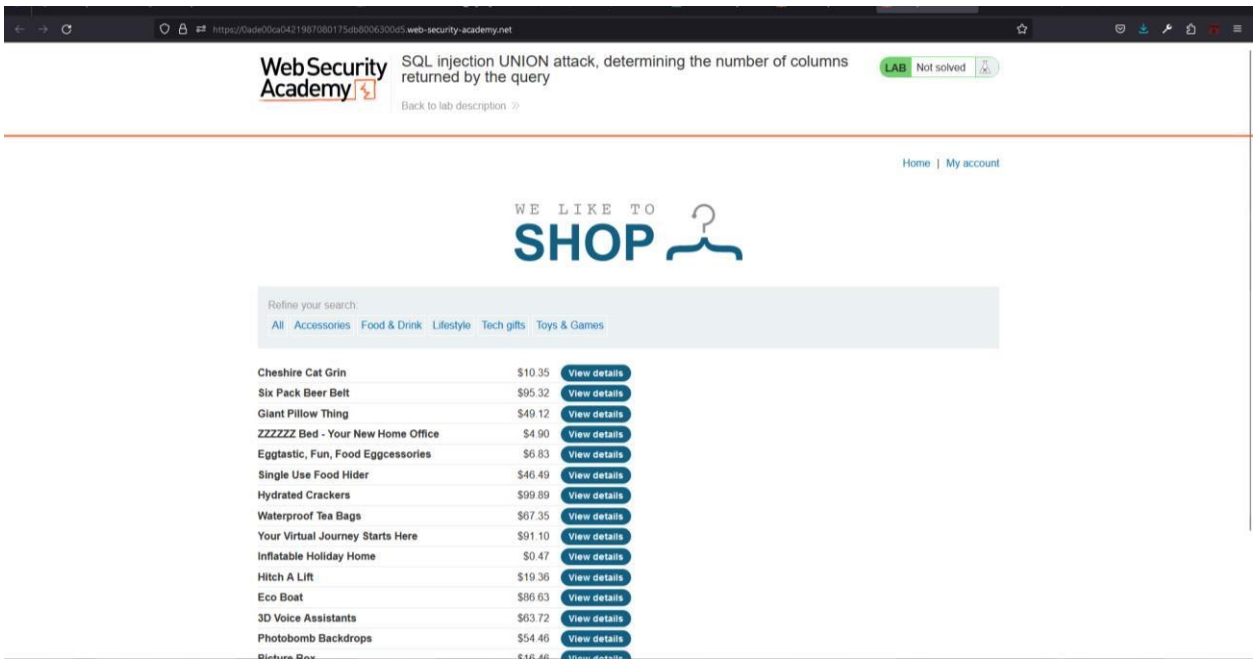
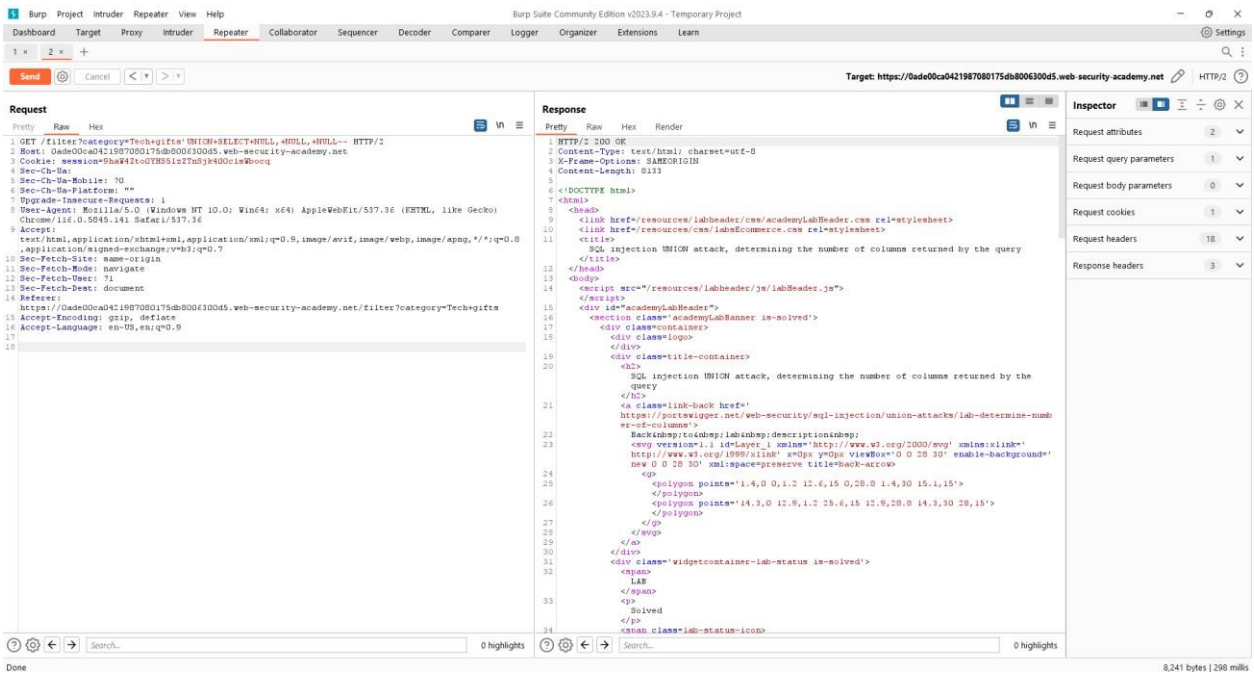


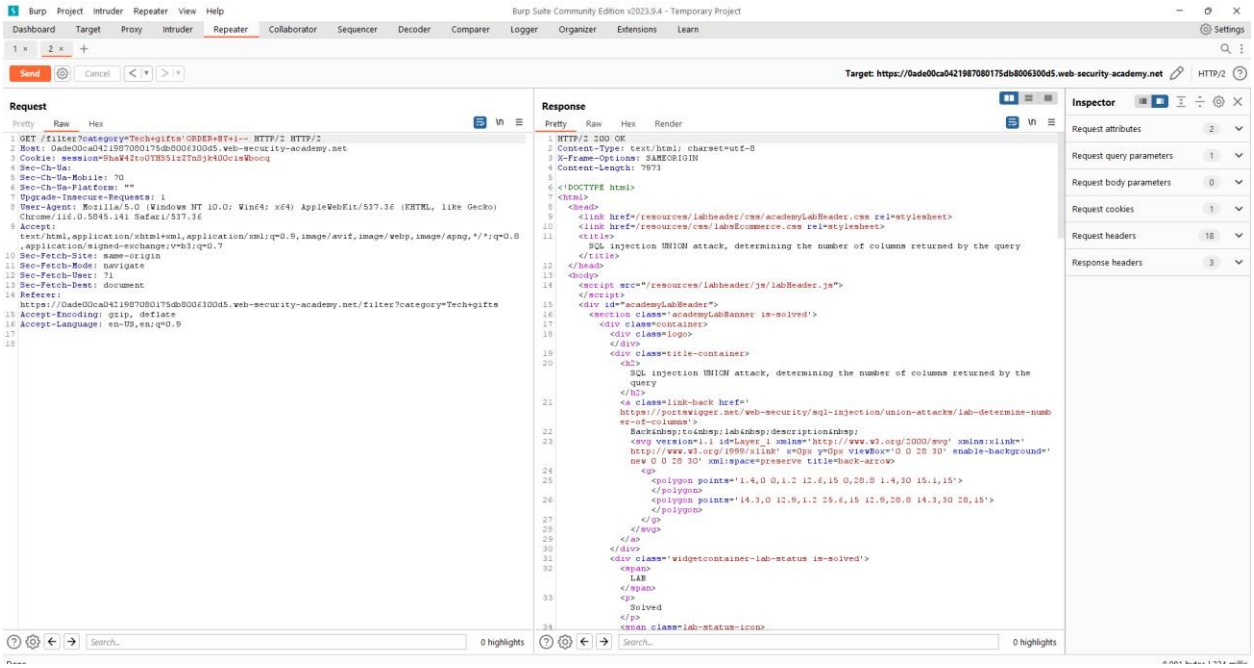
Go to the website and POST the request to Burp Suite.



Select the gift on the webpage get the request to the repeater, and change it.



Again change the request and send it. This time you can solve it



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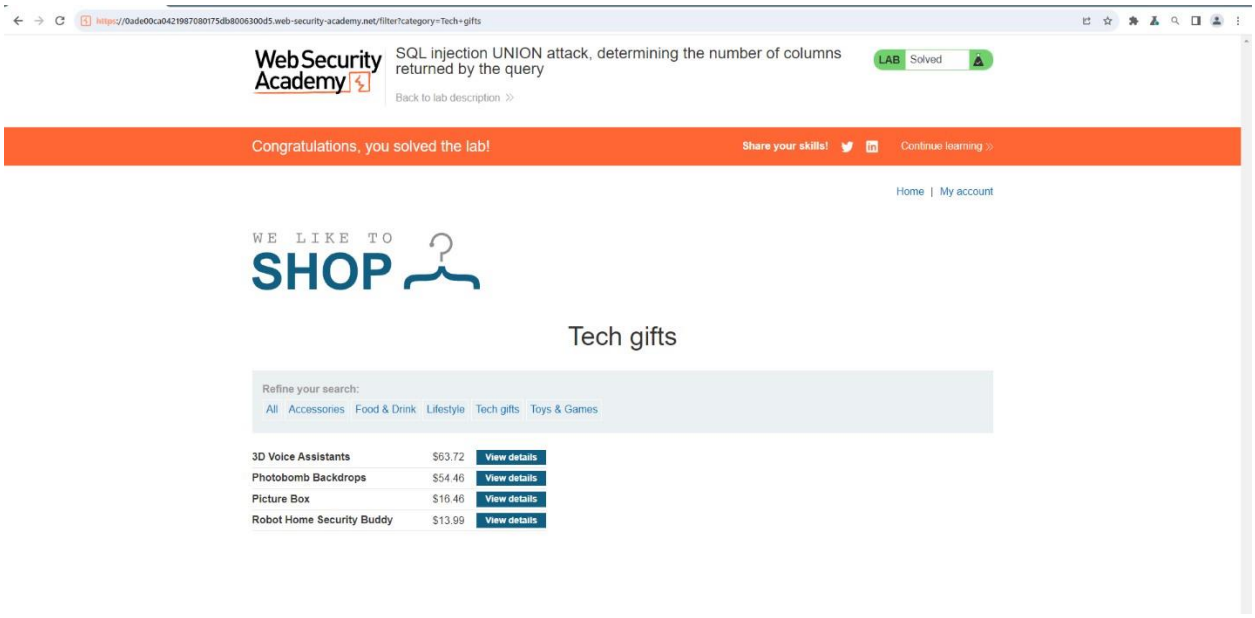
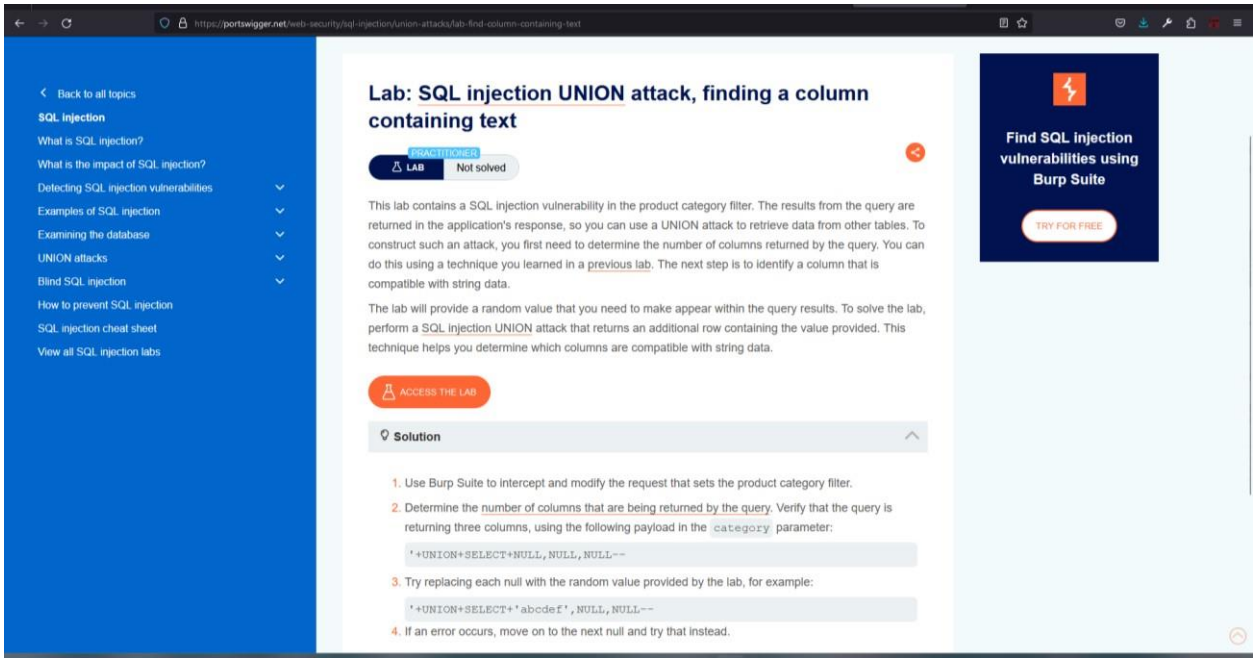
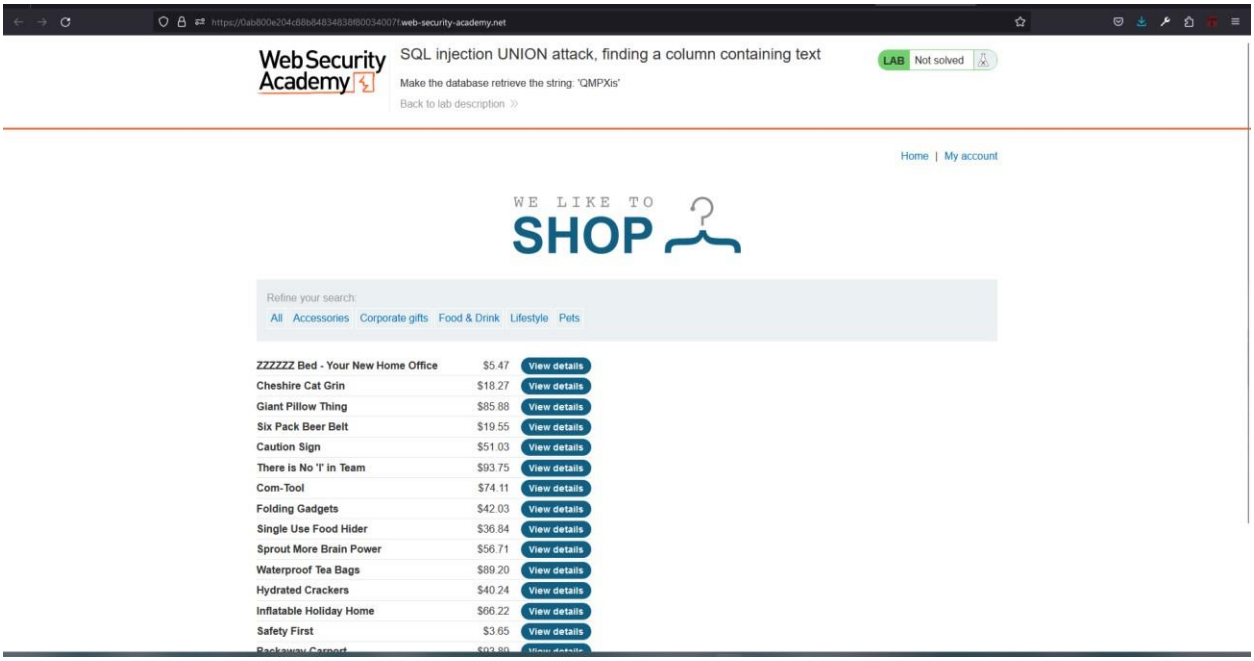


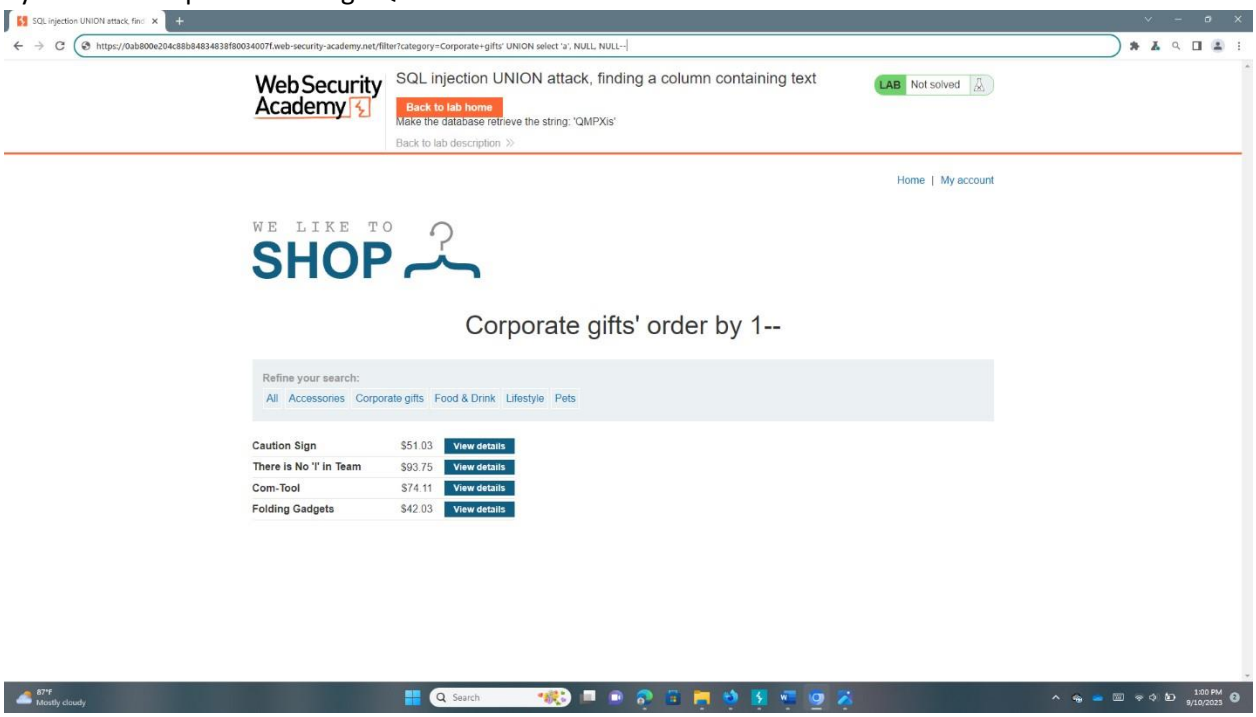
SQL injection UNION attack, finding a column containing text

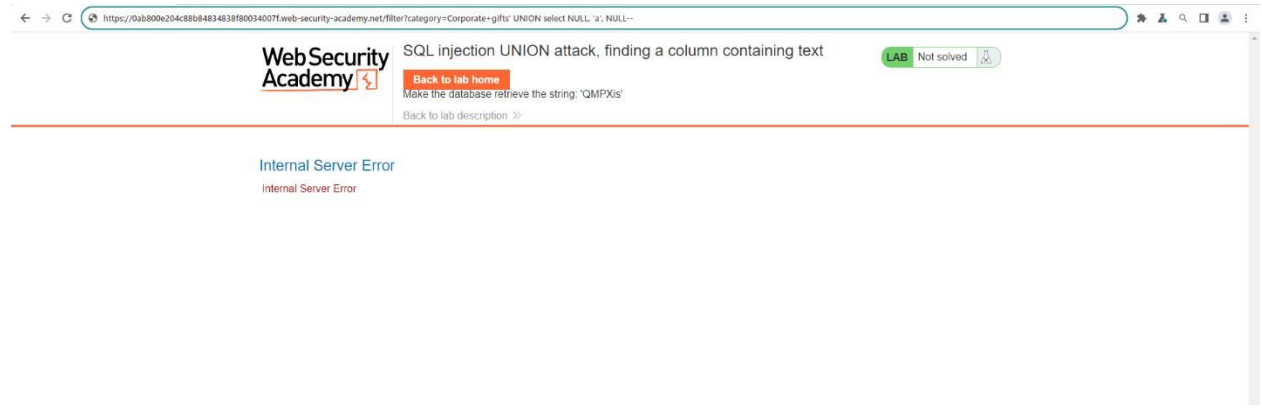
Go to the webpage and click on the “gift”



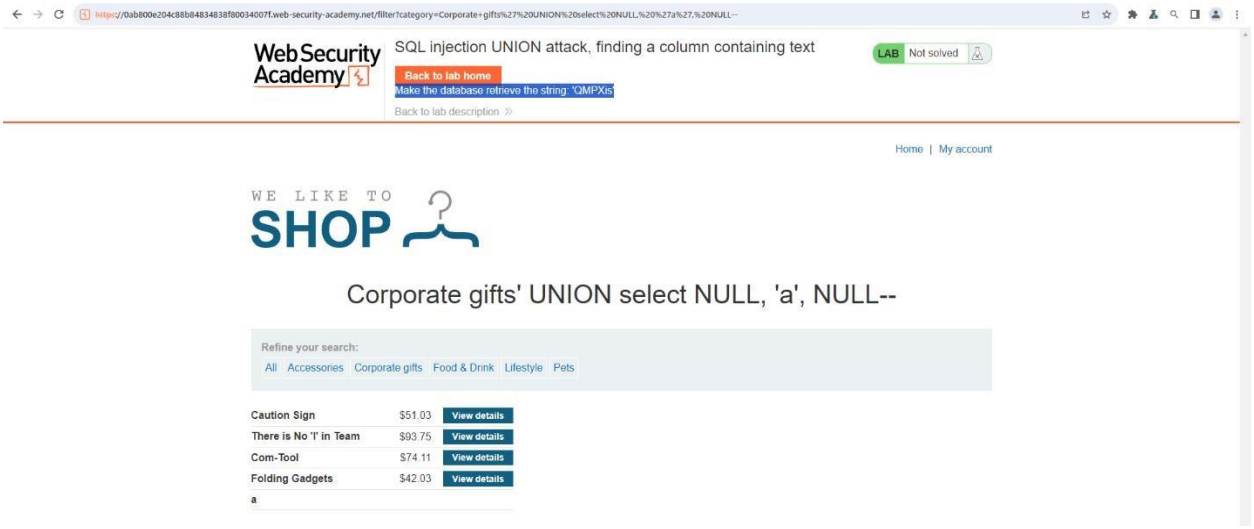


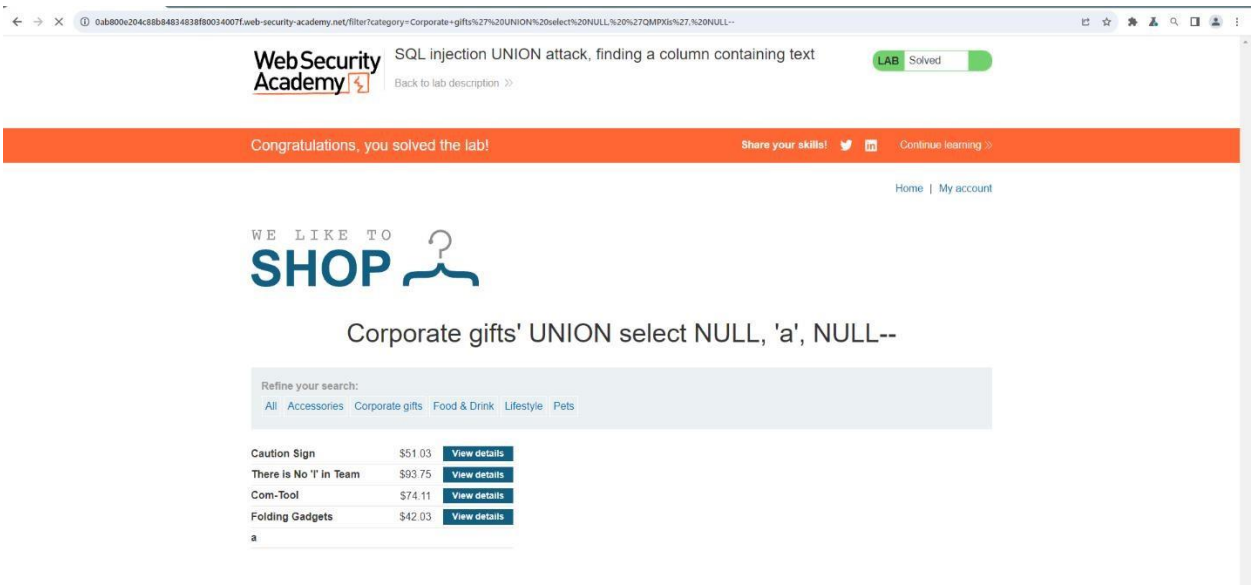
Try to solve the problem using SQL commands.





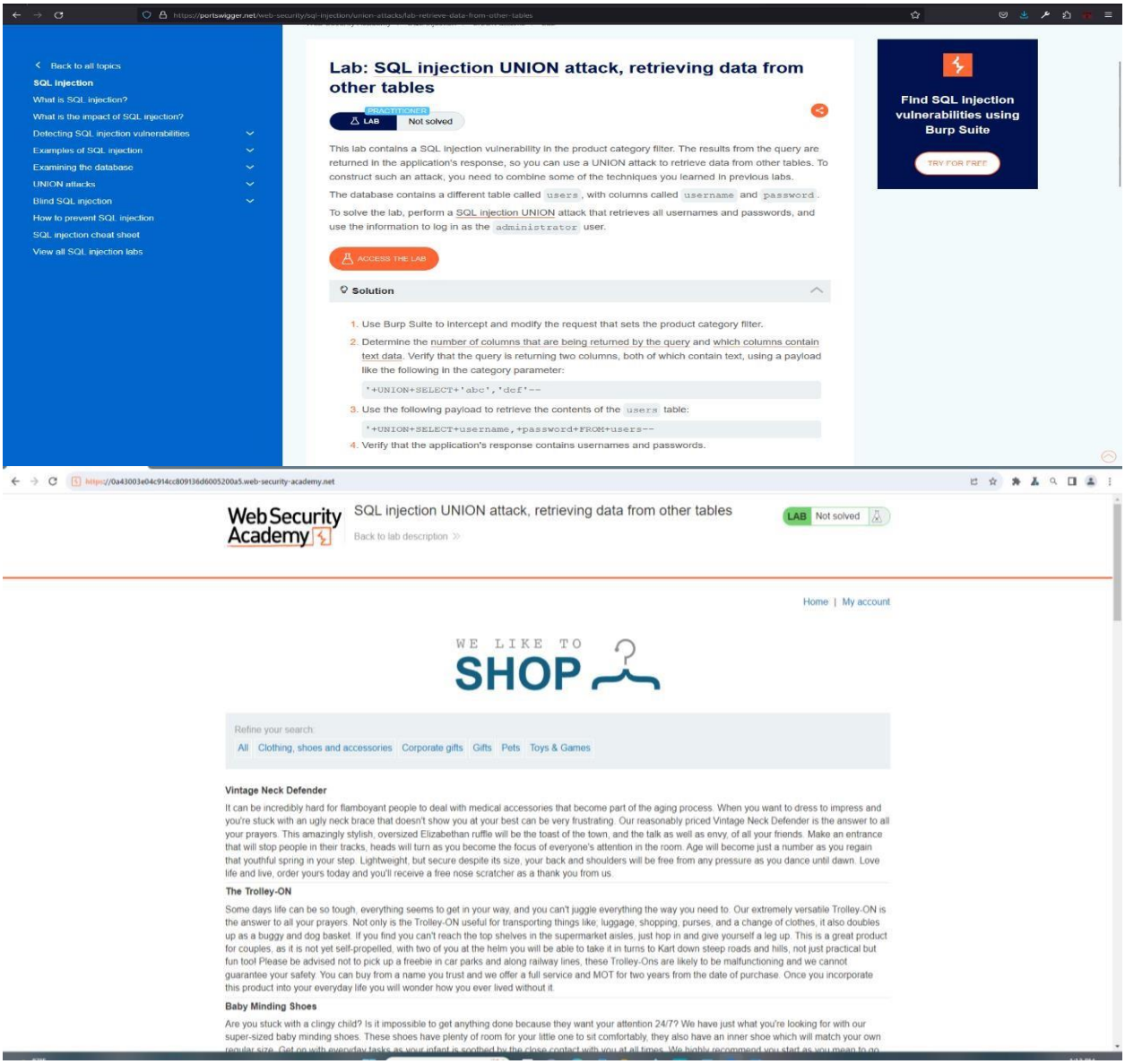
Change the URL using SQL commands. But they show us that 2nd null command should be a string and they give us that value.



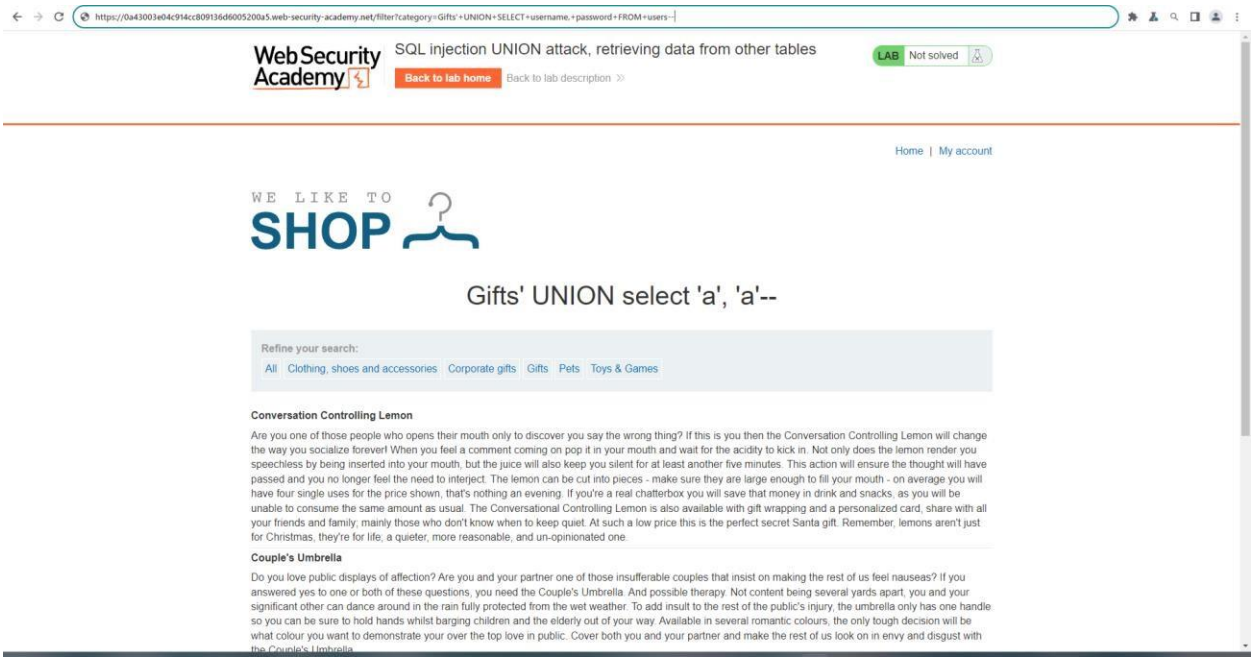


SQL injection UNION attack, retrieving data from other tables

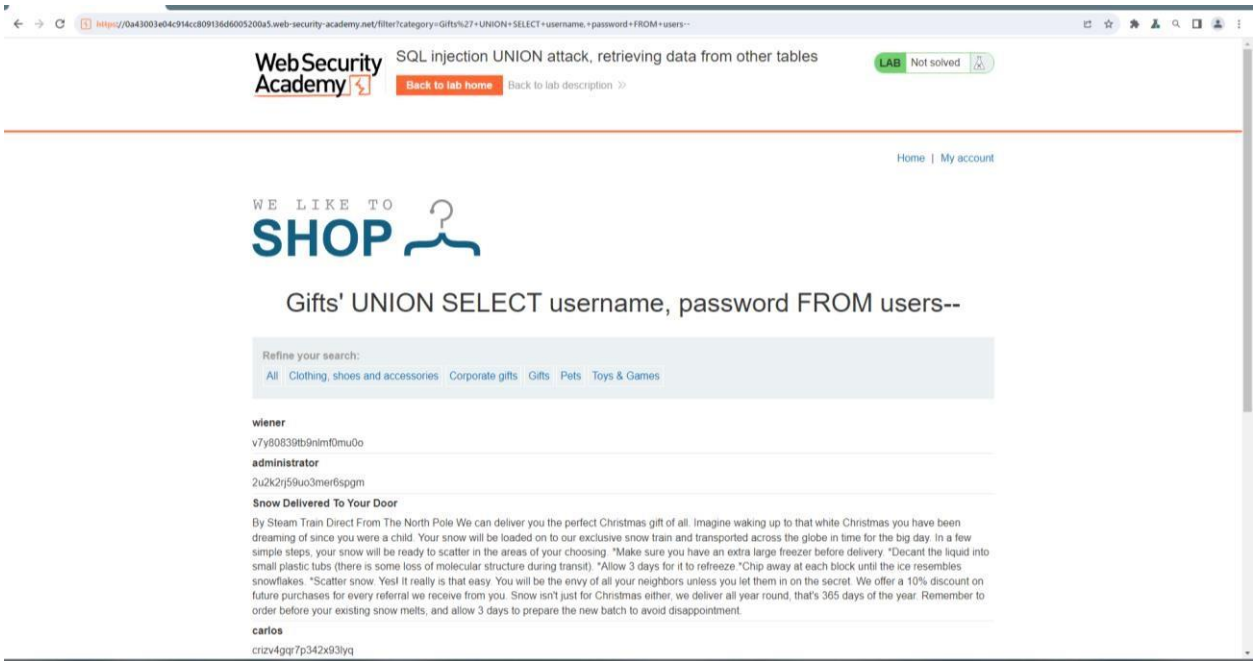
Go to the website and click on the gift.



Now modify the URL using SQL commands.



Using the given command you can get the username and password. Choose the administrator username and password and log into that website.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SQL injection UNION attack, retrieving data from other tables
Back to lab home
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LAB Not solved
Home | My account
WE LIKE TO SHOP
Gifts' UNION SELECT username, password FROM users--
Refine your search:
All Clothing, shoes and accessories Corporate gifts Gifts Pets Toys & Games
wiener
v7y80839tb9nlmf0mu0o
administrator
2u2k2rj59uo3mer6spgm
Snow Delivered To Your Door
By Steam Train Direct From The North Pole We can deliver you the perfect Christmas gift of all. Imagine waking up to that white Christmas you have been dreaming of since you were a child. Your snow will be loaded on to our exclusive snow train and transported across the globe in time for the big day. In a few simple steps, your snow will be ready to scatter in the areas of your choosing. *Make sure you have an extra large freezer before delivery. *Decant the liquid into small plastic tubs (there is some loss of molecular structure during transit). *Allow 3 days for it to refreeze.*Chip away at each block until the ice resembles snowflakes. *Scatter snow. Yes! It really is that easy. You will be the envy of all your neighbors unless you let them in on the secret. We offer a 10% discount on future purchases for every referral we receive from you. Snow isn't just for Christmas either, we deliver all year round, that's 365 days of the year. Remember to order before your existing snow melts, and allow 3 days to prepare the new batch to avoid disappointment.
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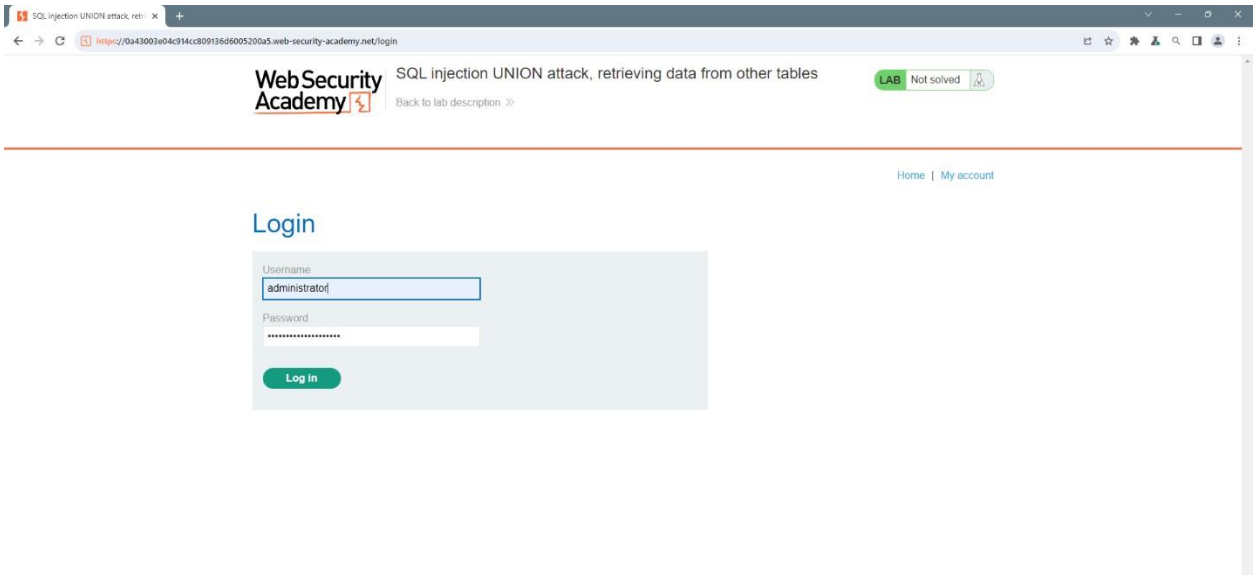
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administrator
Password
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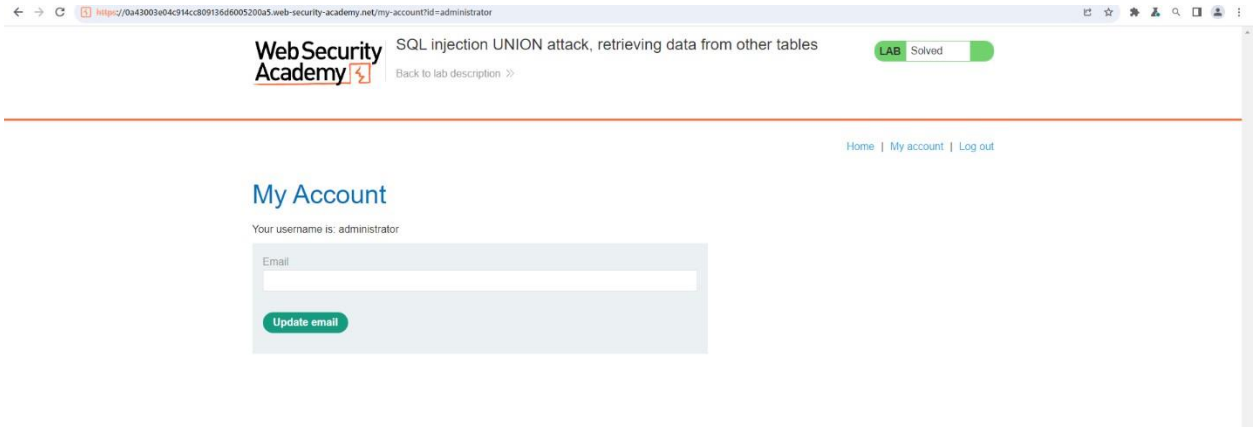
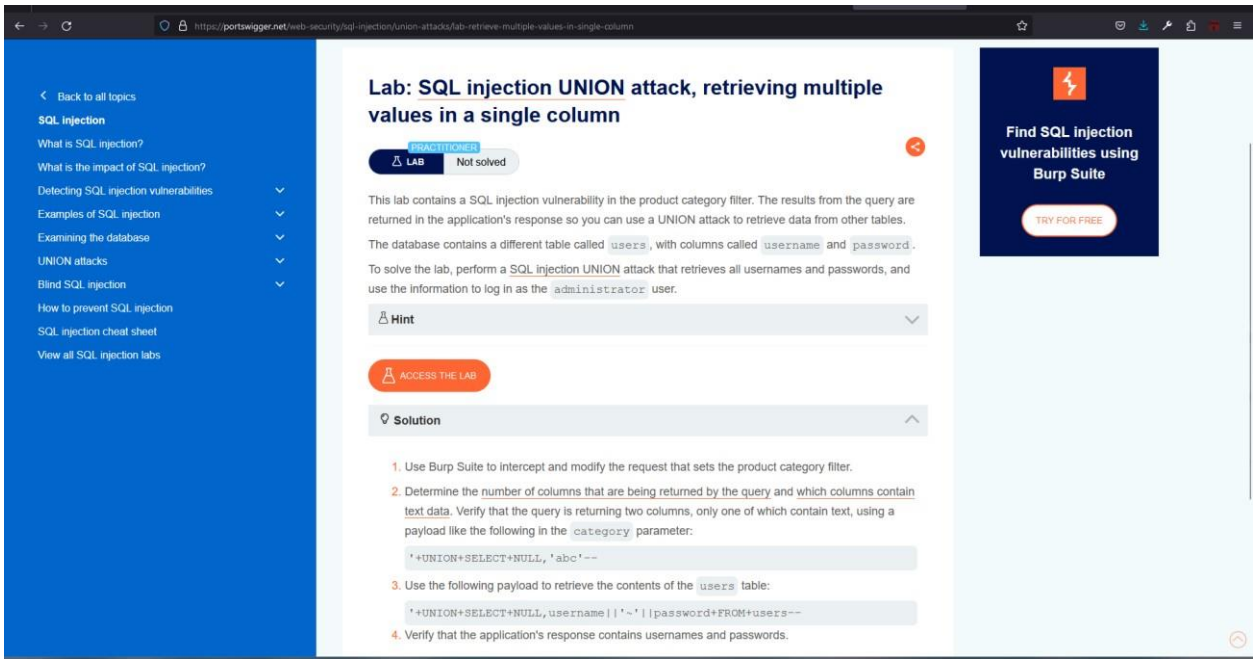
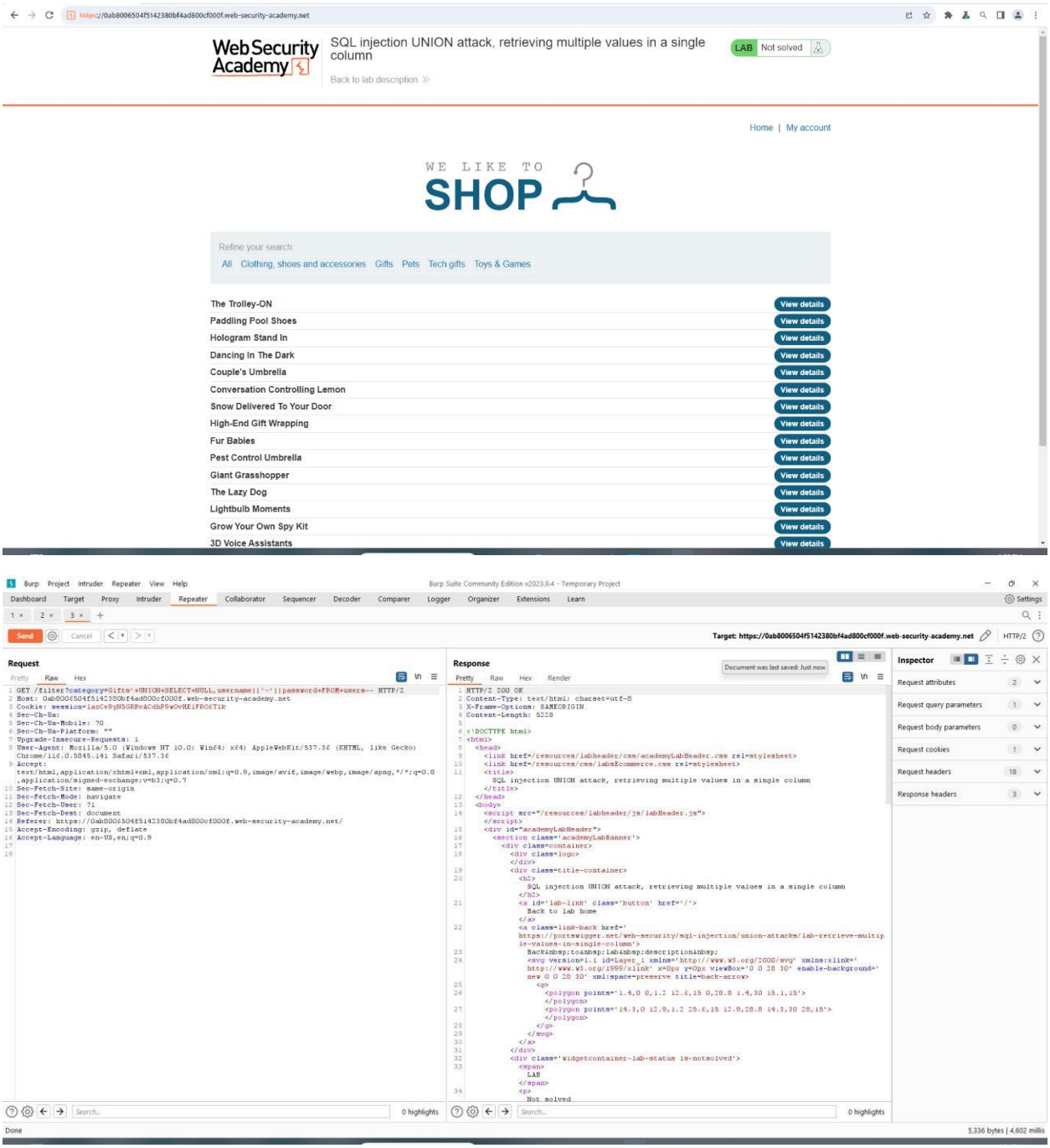


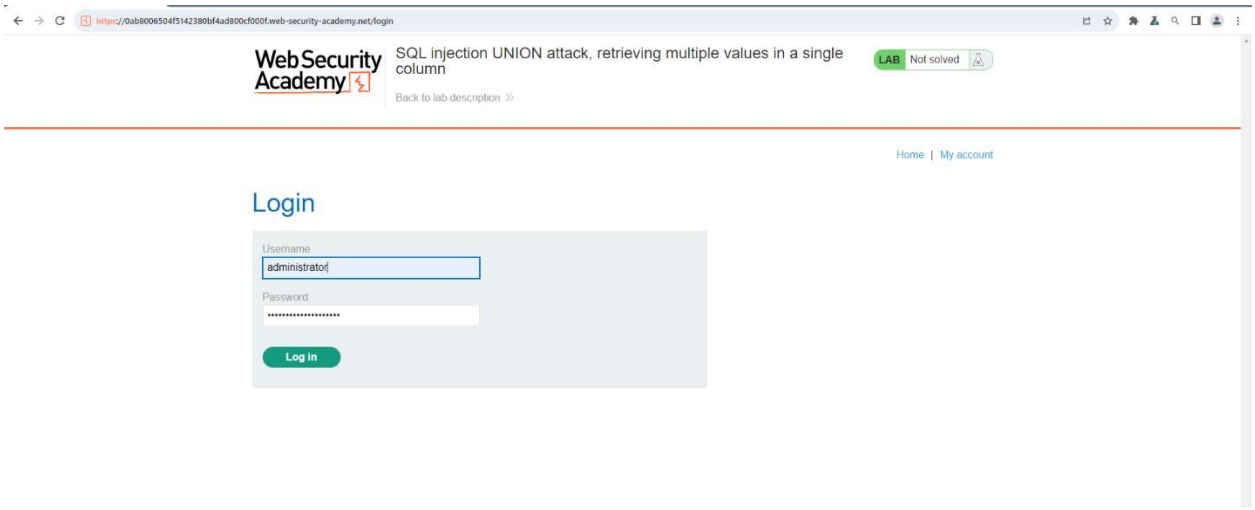
SQL injection UNION attack, retrieving multiple values in a single column

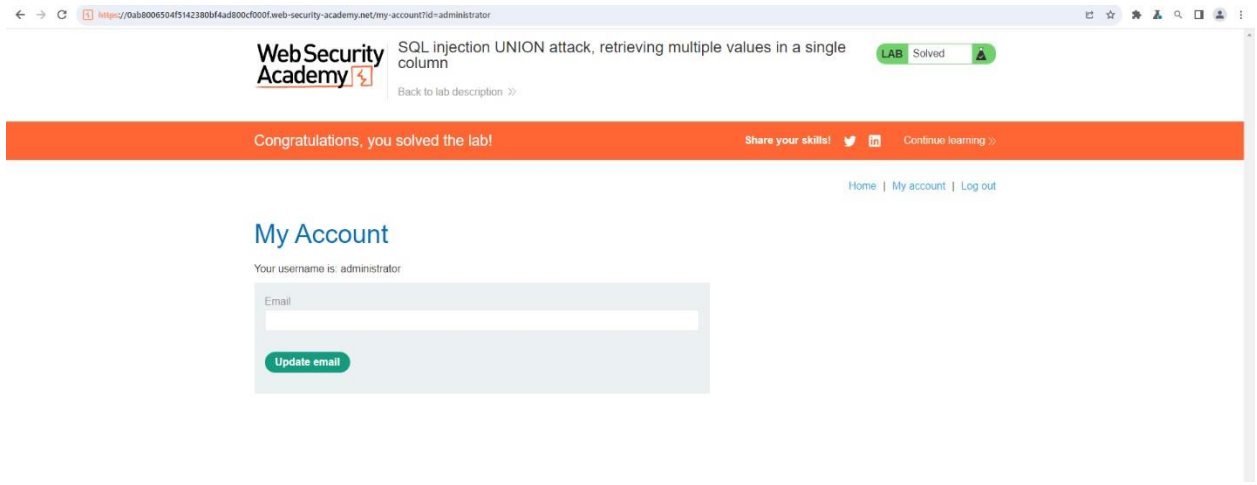
Go to the website and click on the gift. Now you are on the gift page. Now post the request to the Burp Suite.





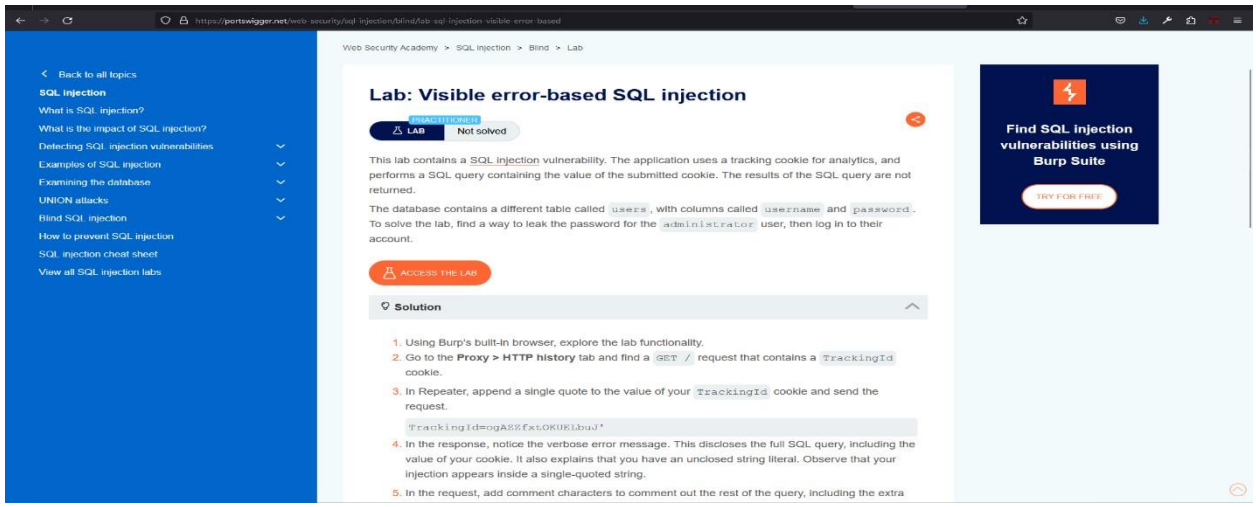
Change the request using the given as a hint. Now you can find the username as administrator and the password. Using them log into the website.

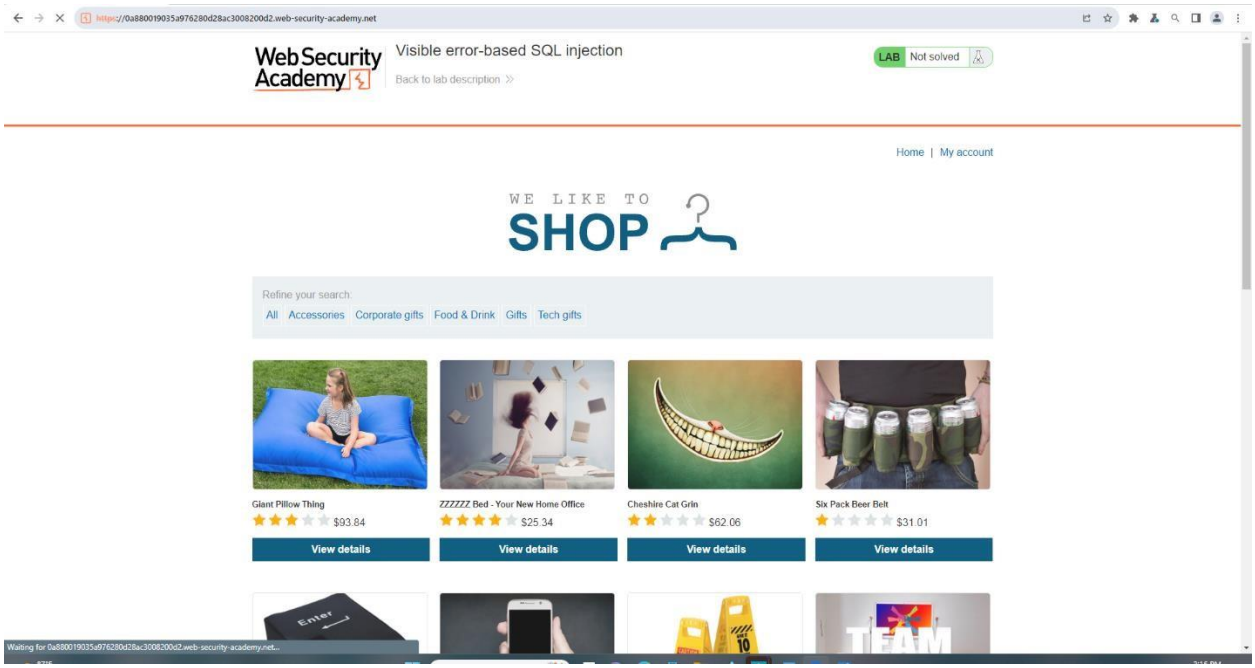




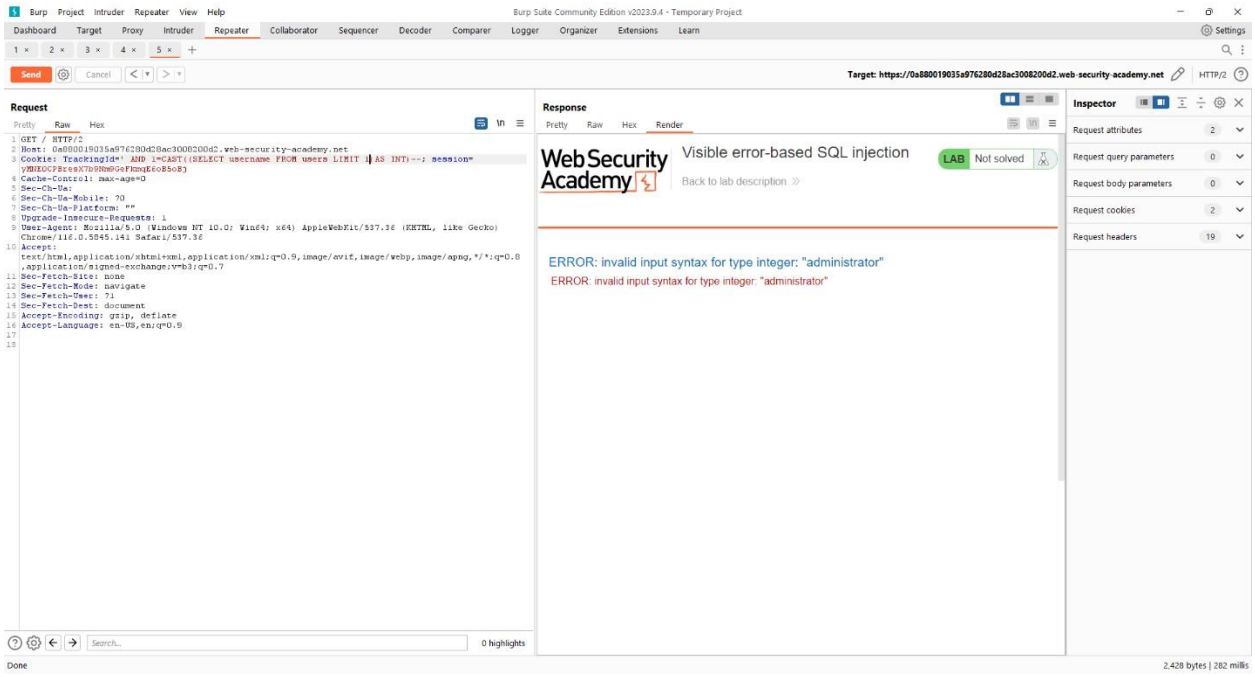
Visible error-based SQL injection

Go to the given website and POST the request to the Burp Suite.

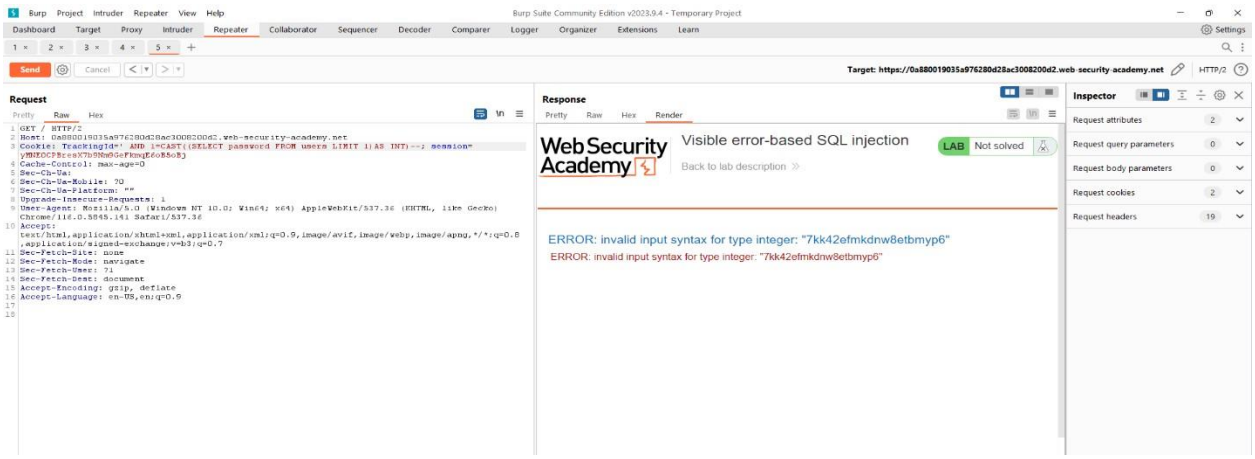




Send the request to the repeater. And modify it.



Again modify it using a password against a username. Using that username and password log into the website.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Settings
Send Cancel
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HTTP/2
Request
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3 Cookie: TrackingId='+ AND 1=CAST((SELECT password FROM users LIMIT 1)AS INT)--; session=
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4 Cache-Control: max-age=0
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6 Sec-Ch-Ua-Mobile: ?0
7 Sec-Ch-Ua-Platform: ""
8 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
9 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko)
Chrome/112.0.5545.141 Safari/537.36
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,application/signed-exchange;v=b3;q=0.7
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12 Sec-Fetch-Mode: navigate
13 Sec-Fetch-User: ?1
14 Sec-Fetch-Dest: document
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16 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.9
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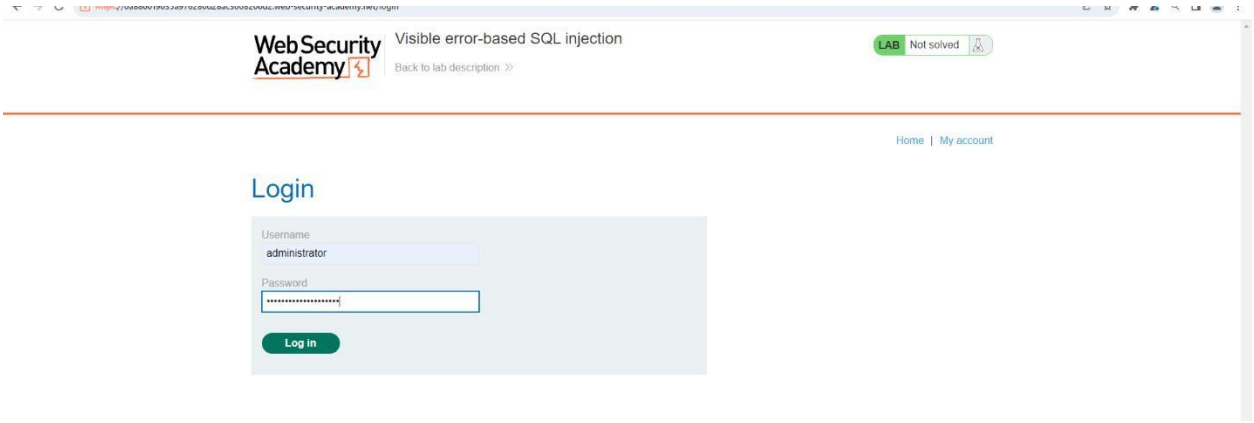
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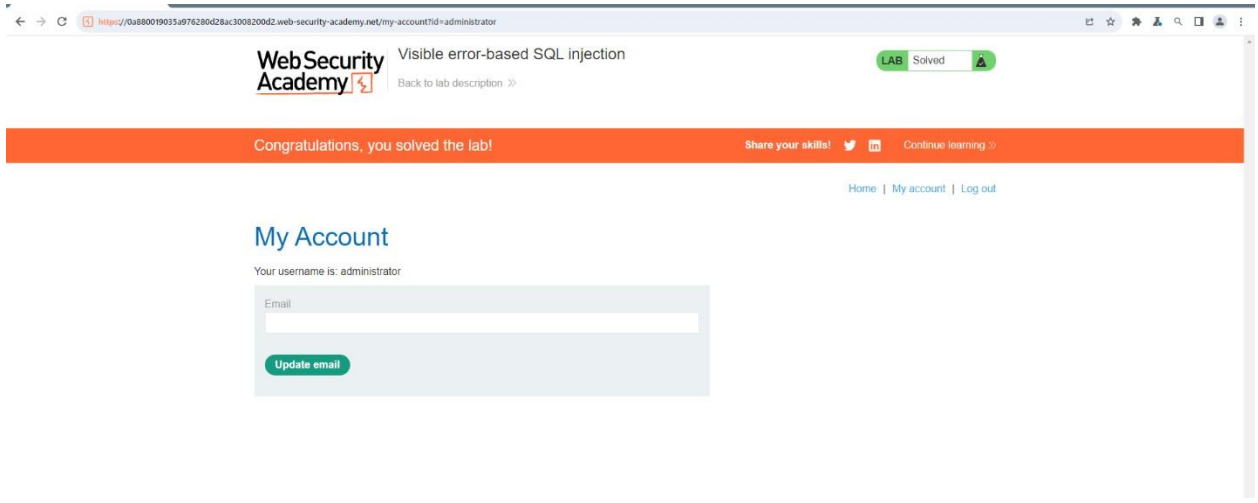
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Continue learning
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My Account
Your username is: administrator
Email
Update email

Conclusion

With the extensive materials of the Web Security Academy as a foundation, I began an investigation of the PortSwigger XXE and SQL injection vulnerabilities, blending concept with practical knowledge, Via this research, I came to understand how crucial it is to know about and prevent these weaknesses in the constantly changing internet safety environment. I started out by getting familiar with the PortSwigger service and learning the basics of XXE and SQL inject vulnerabilities. I became aware of the dangers they might offer to sensitive data, files, and websites, which increased the importance of my investigation. I went into the Web Security Academy's practical world after gaining academic expertise. I involved myself in practical laboratories, lessons, and tasks that offered models and actual situations for identifying, exploiting, and mitigating XXE and SQL injection vulnerabilities. In addition to deepening my awareness, this practical training gave me invaluable abilities that are essential for defending websites from these consistent dangers. The PortSwigger Web Safety Course has proven to be a priceless tool, and we stay steadfast in our dedication to continued education and attention in the field of web security.

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