Jay's Bank Penetration Test Report

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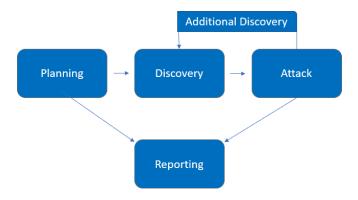
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Assessment Overview

From May 28th, 2024 to June 1st, 2024, SafeGuard Solutions engaged Jay's Bank to evaluate the security posture of its application infrastructure compared to current industry best practices that included an internal network penetration test. Phases of penetration testing activities include the following:

- Planning Customer goals are gathered and rules of engagement obtained.
- Discovery Perform scanning and enumeration to identify potential vulnerabilities, weak areas, and exploits.
- Attack Confirm potential vulnerabilities through exploitation and perform additional discovery upon new access.
- Reporting Document all found vulnerabilities and exploits, failed attempts, and company strengths and weaknesses.



Assessment Components

Internal Penetration Test

An internal penetration test emulates the role of an attacker from inside the network. An engineer will scan the network to identify potential host vulnerabilities and perform common and advanced internal network attacks. The engineer will seek to gain access to hosts through lateral movement, compromise domain user and admin accounts, and exfiltrate sensitive data.

Finding Severity Ratings

The following table defines levels of severity and corresponding CVSS score range that are used throughout the document to assess vulnerability and risk impact.

Severity	CVSS V3 Score Range	Definition
Critical	9.0-10.0	Exploitation is straightforward and usually results in system-level compromise. It is advised to form a plan of action and patch immediately.
High	7.0-8.9	Exploitation is more difficult but could cause elevated privileges and potentially a loss of data or downtime. It is advised to form a plan of action and patch as soon as possible.
Moderate	4.0-6.9	Vulnerabilities exist but are not exploitable or require extra steps such as social engineering. It is advised to form a plan of action and patch after high-priority issues have been resolved.
Low	0.1-3.9	Vulnerabilities are non-exploitable but would reduce an organization's attack surface. It is advised to form a plan of action and patch during the next maintenance window.
Information al	N/A	No vulnerability exists. Additional information is provided regarding items noticed during testing, strong controls, and additional documentation.

Risk Factors

Risk is measured by two factors: Likelihood and Impact:

Likelihood

Likelihood measures the potential of a vulnerability being exploited. Ratings are given based on the difficulty of the attack, the available tools, attacker skill level, and client environment.

Impact

Impact measures the potential vulnerability's effect on operations, including confidentiality, integrity, and availability of client systems and/or data, reputational harm, and financial loss.

Scope

Assessment	Details
Internal Penetration Test (Jay's Bank Website Mockup)	• 167.172.75.216

Scope Exclusions

Per client request, SafeGuard Solutions did not perform any of the following attacks during testing:

- It is not allowed to carry out attacks that can damage data or application infrastructure.
- It is not allowed to exploit vulnerabilities that can provide access to the server (e.g., RCE, privilege escalation).
- Avoid DoS/DDoS attacks that can disrupt the availability of application services.

All other attacks not specified above were permitted by SafeGuard Solutions.

Client Allowances

Jay's Bank provided SafeGuard Solutions the following allowances:

- Permitted to search for and identify vulnerabilities in the Jay's Bank application.
- Focus on application vulnerabilities such as SQL injection, XSS, and authentication/authorization issues.
- If possible, the discovered vulnerabilities can be exploited to access other user accounts, but only within the application (not the server).

Executive Summary

SafeGuard Solutions evaluated Jay's Bank application internal security posture through penetration testing from May 28^{th} , 2024 to June 1^{st} , 2024. The following sections provide a high-level overview of vulnerabilities discovered, successful and unsuccessful attempts, and strengths and weaknesses.

Scoping and Time Limitations

Scoping during the engagement did not permit denial of service or social engineering across all testing components.

Time limitations were in place for testing. Internal network penetration testing was permitted for five (5) business days.

Testing Summary

The application assessment evaluated Jay's Bank internal application security posture. From an internal perspective, the SafeGuard Solutions team performed vulnerability scanning against the IP address provided by Jay's Bank to evaluate the overall patching health of the network. In addition to vulnerability scanning, the SafeGuard Solutions team performed XSS scripting, HTTP intercept, and SQL injection to evaluate other potential risks.

SafeGuard Solutions discovered that there are vulnerabilities inside the IP address 167.172.75.216. Specifically, XSS scripting can be used to exploit the web application through the /register endpoint. Furthermore, HTTP intercept can be used to change other users' passwords. These vulnerabilities were then exploited using methods such as SQL injection, manual scripting, and man-in-the-middle intercepts.

Ultimately, these vulnerabilities have not been exploited and examined properly since the team did not succeed in proving the authenticity of the risks that could be caused by the vulnerabilities found in scans.

Tester Notes and Recommendations

Testing results of the Jay's Bank website application are indicative of an organization undergoing its first penetration test, which is the case here. Many of the findings discovered are caused by missing security headers. These security headers allow hackers and other unethical parties to exploit cross-site scripting (XSS).

During testing in the IP address 167.172.75.216, there was also a possible exploitation method in the web application found in CVE-2023-37528. This exposes the website to the vulnerability of XSS and cross site scripting attacks.

Security Strengths

During the assessment, the SafeGuard Solutions team identified several strengths in Jay's Bank internal application security posture. One of the notable strengths is the implementation of dynamic values in web forms and SQL queries. This approach significantly reduces the risk of SQL injection attacks. By using prepared statements and parameterized queries, the application ensures that user inputs are treated as data rather than executable code, thereby preventing attackers from injecting malicious SQL commands. Additionally, the use of dynamic values in web forms enhances security by validating and sanitizing user inputs before processing them, which helps in mitigating common web vulnerabilities.

Security Weaknesses

Despite these strengths, the assessment also revealed some critical weaknesses. The application was found to be vulnerable to Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) and HTTP intercept attacks. Specifically, the SafeGuard Solutions team discovered that XSS scripting could be exploited through the /register endpoint. This vulnerability allows attackers to inject malicious scripts into web pages viewed by other users, potentially leading to session hijacking, data theft, and other malicious activities.

Moreover, the assessment highlighted the risk of HTTP intercept attacks. It was found that an attacker could intercept HTTP requests and responses, enabling them to manipulate the data being transmitted. For instance, by intercepting and altering HTTP requests, an attacker could change other user's passwords without their knowledge. This weakness exposes the application to significant security risks, including unauthorized access and data breaches.

Overall, while Jay's Bank has implemented strong measures to protect against certain types of attacks, the presence of these vulnerabilities indicates a need for further improvement in securing the application against XSS and HTTP intercept threats.

Vulnerability Summary & Report Card

The following tables illustrate the vulnerabilities found by impact and recommended remediations:

Internal Penetration Test Findings

0	1	0	0	
Critical	High	Moderate	Low	Information al

Finding	Severity	Recommendation
Internal Penetration Test		
ITP001: XSS (Cross site	High	Input Validation and Sanitization
scripting)		

External Penetration Test Findings

0	1	1	0	0
Critical	High	Moderate	Low	Information al

Finding	Severity	Recommendation
External Penetration Test		
ETP001: HTTP Intercept	001: HTTP Intercept High Use Security Headers:	

Technical Findings

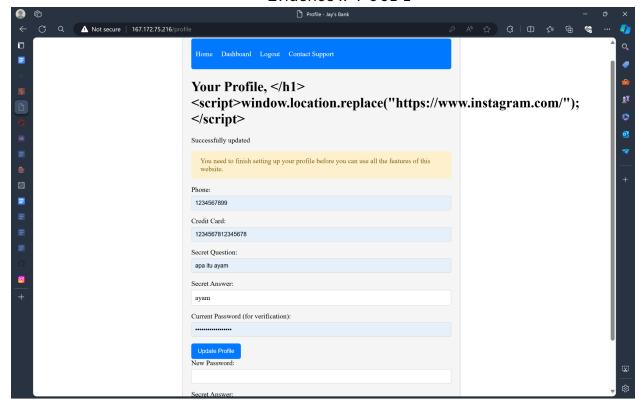
Internal Penetration Test Findings

Finding IPT-001: XSS Scripting

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Description:	Allowance to login and register with Javascript		
Risk:	High – This attack is effective in web application environments and allow the attacker to exploit the database via register and login form		
System:	Website Aplication		
Tools Used:	Bing Browser		

Evidence

Evidence IPT-001-1



Evidence IPT-001-2

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Kir3CVDe_H54DQFrfZa89bGPE_sN8OOw/view?usp=drive_link

These are the recordings of the result of the attack

Remediation

Input Validation and Sanitization

- Validate Inputs: Ensure that all user inputs are validated against a whitelist of acceptable characters. This helps to prevent malicious code from being processed.
- Sanitize Inputs: Use libraries or frameworks to sanitize inputs by escaping characters that could be interpreted as HTML or JavaScript. For example, convert <, >, &, and " to their respective HTML entities.

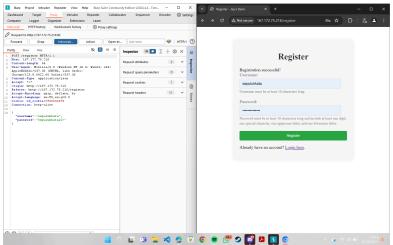
External Penetration Test Findings

Finding IPT-001: HTTP Intercept

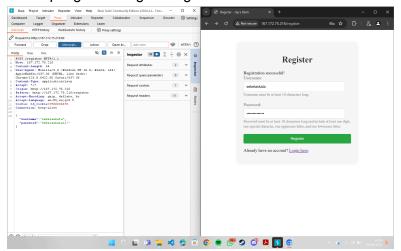
Description:	Attacker can intercept and change the password of other user via Burp Suits
Risk:	High – This attack effective if the attacker knows other users username
System:	all
Tools Used:	Burp Suite

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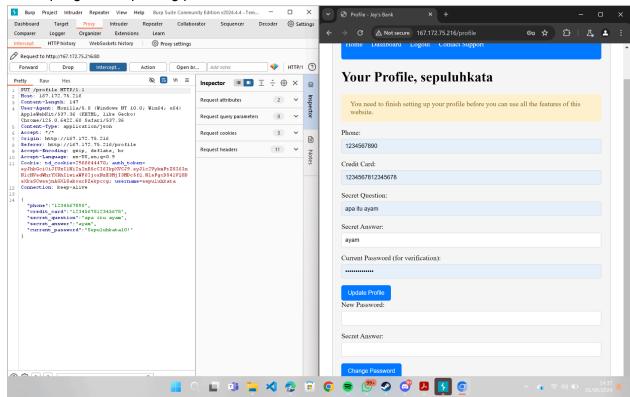
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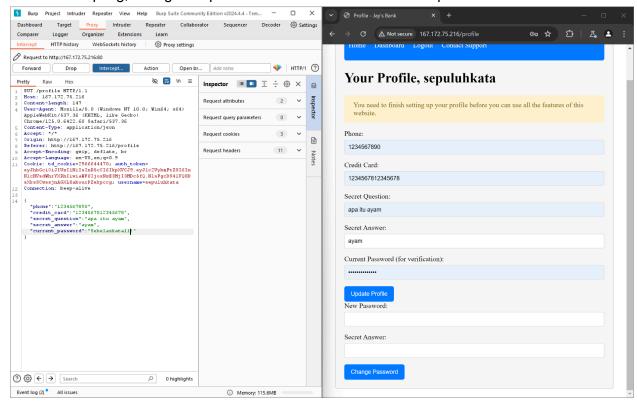
2. Intercepting while registering 2nd account



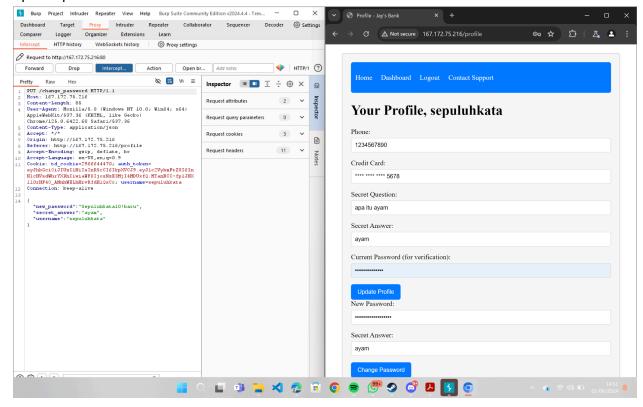
3. Intercepting while updating profile 1st account



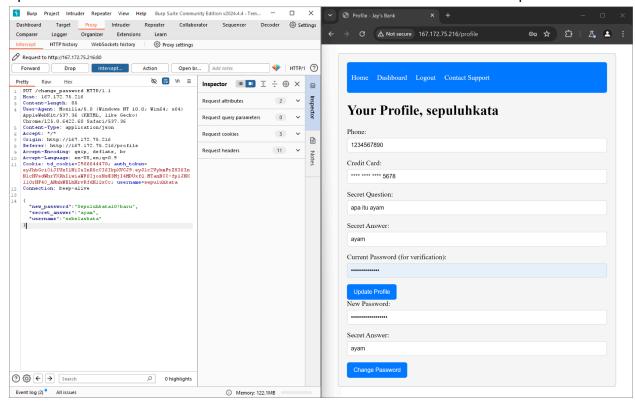
4. While intercepting, change the password of the 1st account on burpsuite



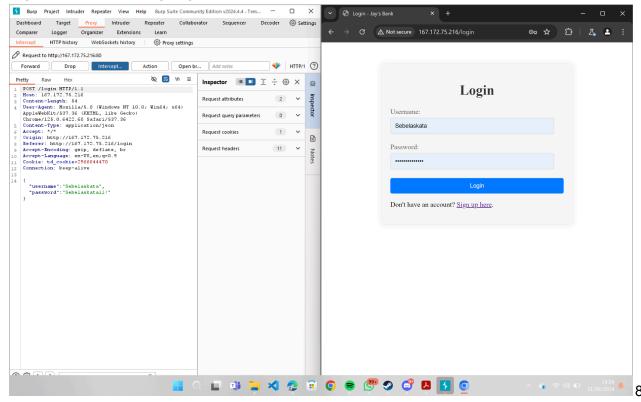
5. Update password of the 1st acccount



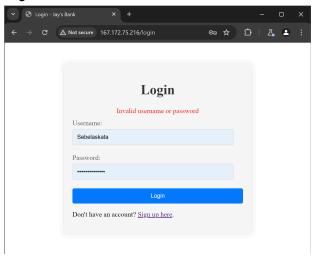
6. Update username of the 1st account into the 2nd account username on the burp suite



Login 2nd account using original 2nd account password



Login failed



Remediation

Use Security Headers:

- Content Security Policy (CSP): Implement a robust CSP to restrict the sources from which scripts, styles, and other resources can be loaded. This can prevent the execution of malicious scripts.
- HTTPOnly and Secure Cookies: Mark cookies with the HttpOnly and Secure flags to prevent them from being accessed via JavaScript and to ensure they are only transmitted over HTTPS.