

Security Assessment Findings Report



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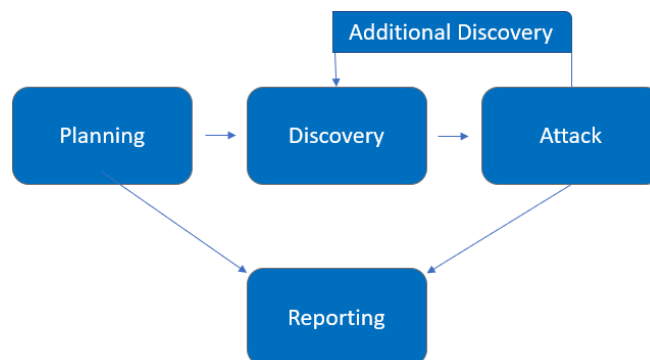
Assessment Overview

From May 28th, 2024 to June 1st, 2024, SafeGuard Solutions conducted a penetration test on Jay's Bank Application. The assessment aimed to identify and report vulnerabilities within the application according to the specified rules and guidelines.

The phases of penetration testing activities included:

- Planning: Gathering customer goals and obtaining rules of engagement.
- Discovery: Performing scanning and enumeration to identify potential vulnerabilities, weak areas, and exploits.
- Reporting: Documenting all found vulnerabilities and exploits, failed attempts, and company strengths and weaknesses.

This assessment adhered to ethical standards and guidelines, prioritizing professionalism and confidentiality throughout the testing process.



Assessment Components

Internal Penetration Test

This emulated the role of an attacker from within the application's network environment. The objective was to scan the network and identify potential host vulnerabilities, focusing on the application's functionalities, user account mechanisms, authentication methods, web interface, API, database interactions, and data handling processes. The internal penetration test aimed to uncover vulnerabilities such as SQL injection, XSS, and authentication/authorization issues within the application.

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.
Informational	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

Assesment	Details
Internal Penetration Test	167.172.75.216

Scope Exclusions

- The penetration testing scope covers all aspects of Jay’s Bank Application, including its functionalities, user account mechanisms, authentication methods, web interface, API, database interactions, and data handling processes.
- The focus is on identifying vulnerabilities such as SQL injection, XSS (Cross-Site Scripting), and authentication/authorization issues within the application.

Client Allowances

- Prohibited from conducting attacks that could damage the application's data or infrastructure.
- Prohibited from exploiting vulnerabilities that could grant access to the server (e.g., RCE, privilege escalation).
- Must avoid DoS/DDoS attacks that could disrupt the availability of the application's services.

Executive Summary

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

Scoping and Time Limitations

During the penetration testing, several vulnerabilities were identified within Jay's Bank Application. These vulnerabilities include broken access control, XSS (Cross-Site Scripting) vulnerabilities, and potential SQL injection vulnerabilities. The testing aimed to uncover such vulnerabilities to assess the overall security posture of the application.

Testing Summary

During the penetration testing of Jay's Bank Application, a comprehensive approach was adopted to identify vulnerabilities.

The initial phase involved the use of Gobuster to enumerate endpoints utilized by the application. This revealed several endpoints, including /register, /login, /dashboard, and /profile.

Subsequent testing uncovered major vulnerabilities, including XSS (Cross-Site Scripting) attacks and Broken Access Control. These vulnerabilities were identified through proactive testing methodologies, such as manipulation of JavaScript code and Burp Suite analysis.

The presence of these vulnerabilities underscores the importance of addressing them promptly to mitigate potential security risks. Immediate remediation measures, such as implementing input validation and access control mechanisms, are recommended to enhance the overall security posture of Jay's Bank Application before its public release.

Tester Notes and Recommendations

1. Broken Access Control: Utilizing Burp Suite, a broken access control vulnerability was discovered within the application. This vulnerability could potentially allow unauthorized users to access restricted functionalities or resources. It is recommended that proper access controls and authorization mechanisms be implemented to mitigate this risk.
2. XSS (Cross-Site Scripting): By modifying JavaScript code, an XSS vulnerability was successfully exploited, allowing the injection of arbitrary scripts into the application's web interface. To mitigate this vulnerability, input validation and output encoding should be implemented to prevent malicious script injection.

These findings highlight the importance of conducting thorough security assessments and implementing appropriate security measures to protect against common web application vulnerabilities.

Key Strengths and Weaknesses

The following identifies the key strengths identified during the assessment:

1. Burp Suite was effectively utilized to identify broken access control vulnerabilities, showcasing proactive testing methodologies.
2. The identification of XSS vulnerabilities through manipulation of JavaScript code demonstrates thorough assessment of the application's security.

The following identifies the key weaknesses identified during the assessment:

1. Broken access control vulnerability indicates potential unauthorized access to restricted functionalities or resources within Jay's Bank Application, posing a security risk.
2. XSS vulnerabilities could allow malicious actors to inject arbitrary scripts into the application's web interface, potentially leading to client-side attacks or data theft.

These findings underscore the importance of addressing these vulnerabilities promptly to enhance the overall security posture of Jay's Bank Application before its public release.

Vulnerability Summary & Report Card

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

Internal Penetration Test Findings

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Critical	High	Moderate	Low	Informational

Finding	Severity	Recommendation
Vulnerable to XSS (Cross-Site Scripting)	High	Implementing secure installation processes involves several key measures. Firstly, a repeatable hardening process should be established to swiftly deploy environments with proper security measures, ensuring consistency across different environments while automating setup efforts. Secondly, a minimal platform configuration should be adopted, removing unnecessary features and components to minimize the attack surface. Regular review and update of configurations, particularly in response to security advisories and patches, is essential, alongside a focus on cloud storage permissions. Employing a segmented application architecture enables

		<p>secure separation between components or tenants, supported by security directives sent to clients for policy enforcement. Finally, an automated process should verify the effectiveness of configurations across all environments, ensuring consistent and robust security measures.</p>
Vulnerable to Broken Access Control	High	<p>Involving implementing robust authentication mechanisms, such as multi-factor authentication and secure credential storage, alongside defining granular authorization policies and access controls based on the principle of least privilege. Secure session management practices should be implemented to prevent session hijacking, and comprehensive audit logging enabled to track user activities and detect unauthorized access. Regular security assessments, including penetration testing and code reviews, should be conducted to identify and remediate potential vulnerabilities, ensuring the overall security posture of systems and applications is maintained.</p>

Technical Findings

Penetration Test Findings

Vulnerable to XSS (Cross-Site Scripting) – 167.172.75.216 (High)

Description:	A reflected cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerability enables a remote attacker to execute arbitrary JavaScript code in the browser-based web console. It is a type of injection, in which malicious scripts are injected into otherwise benign and trusted websites.
Risk:	High
System:	167.172.75.216
Tools:	Manual
References:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CVE-2021-41878• CWE-79

Evidence

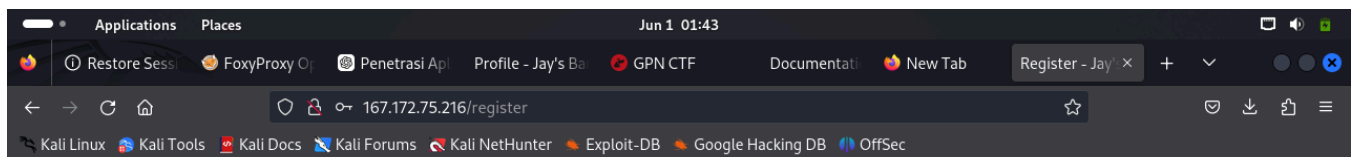


Figure 1: 167.172.75.216/register

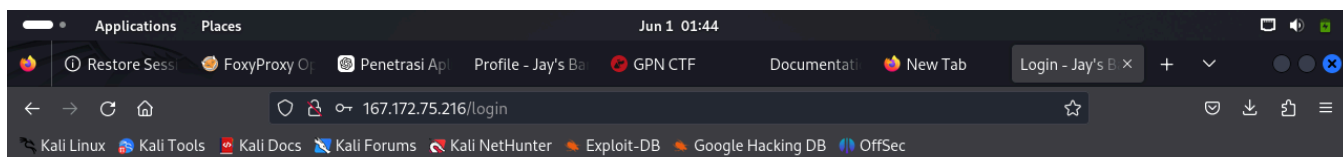


Figure 2: 167.172.75.216/login

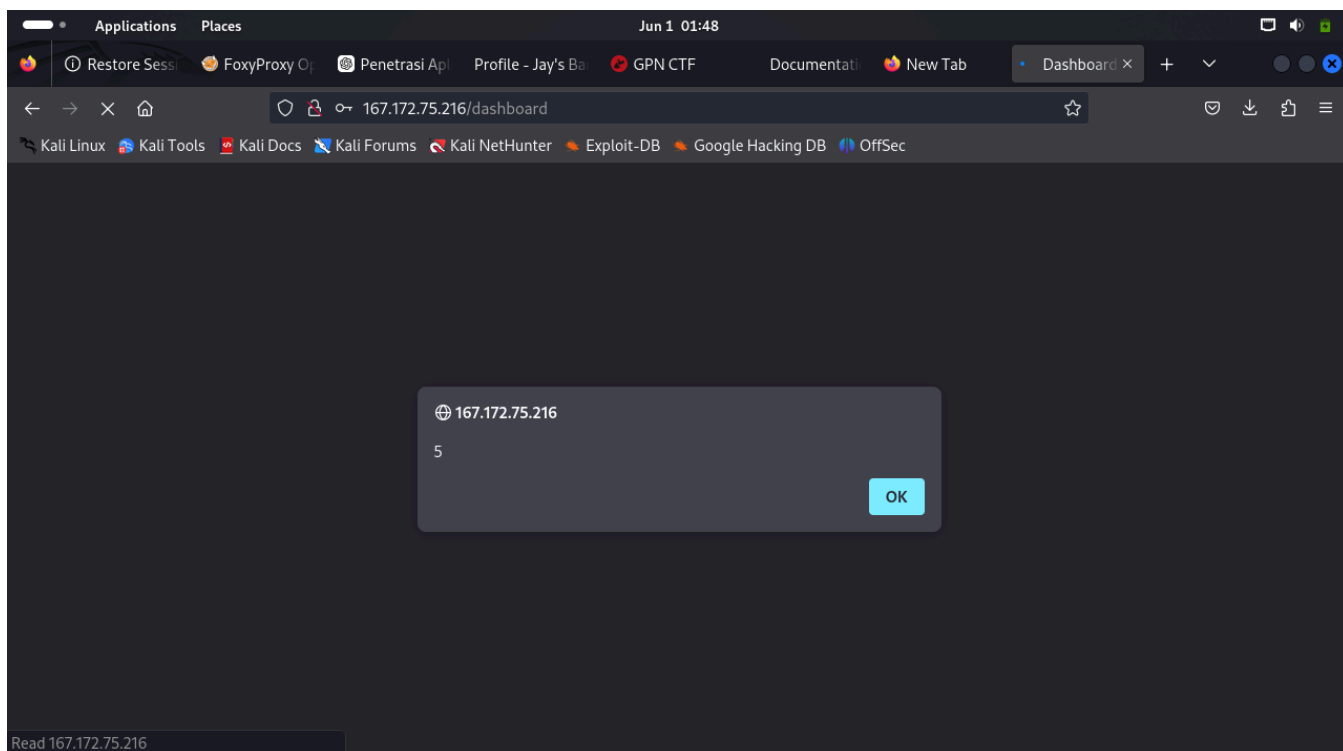


Figure 3: Login Result - Alert

Remediation

Implementing secure installation processes involves several key measures. Firstly, a repeatable hardening process should be established to swiftly deploy environments with proper security measures, ensuring consistency across different environments while automating setup efforts. Secondly, a minimal platform configuration should be adopted, removing unnecessary features and components to minimize the attack surface. Regular review and update of configurations, particularly in response to security advisories and patches, is essential, alongside a focus on cloud storage permissions. Employing a segmented application architecture enables secure separation between components or tenants, supported by security directives sent to clients for policy enforcement. Finally, an automated process should verify the effectiveness of configurations across all environments, ensuring consistent and robust security measures.

Vulnerable to Vulnerable to Broken Access Control – 167.172.75.216 (High)

Description:	A Broken Access Control vulnerability in Active Job versions $\geq 4.2.0$ allows an attacker to craft user input which can cause Active Job to deserialize it using GlobalId and give them access to information that they should not have.
Risk:	High
System:	167.172.75.216
Tools:	BurpSuite
References:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CVE-2018-16476.• CWE-284

Evidence

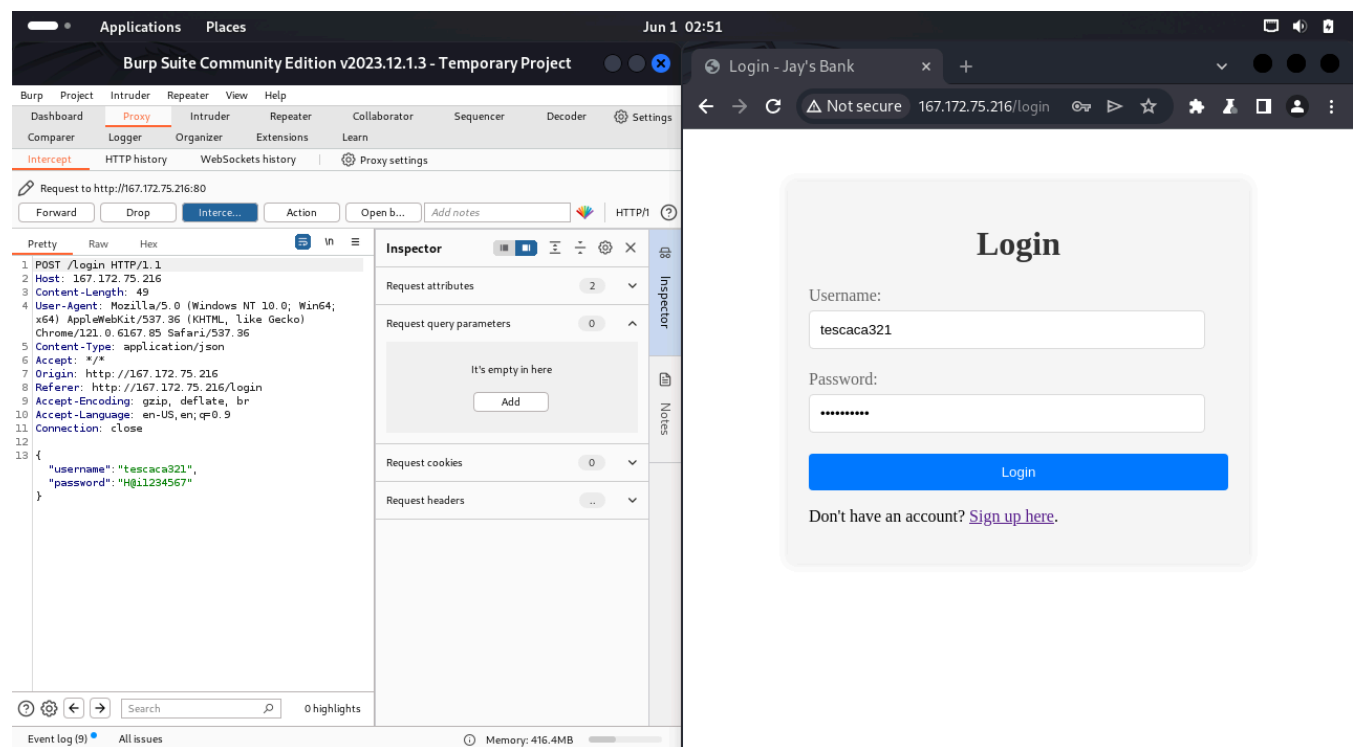


Figure 4: Login with the 1st username and password

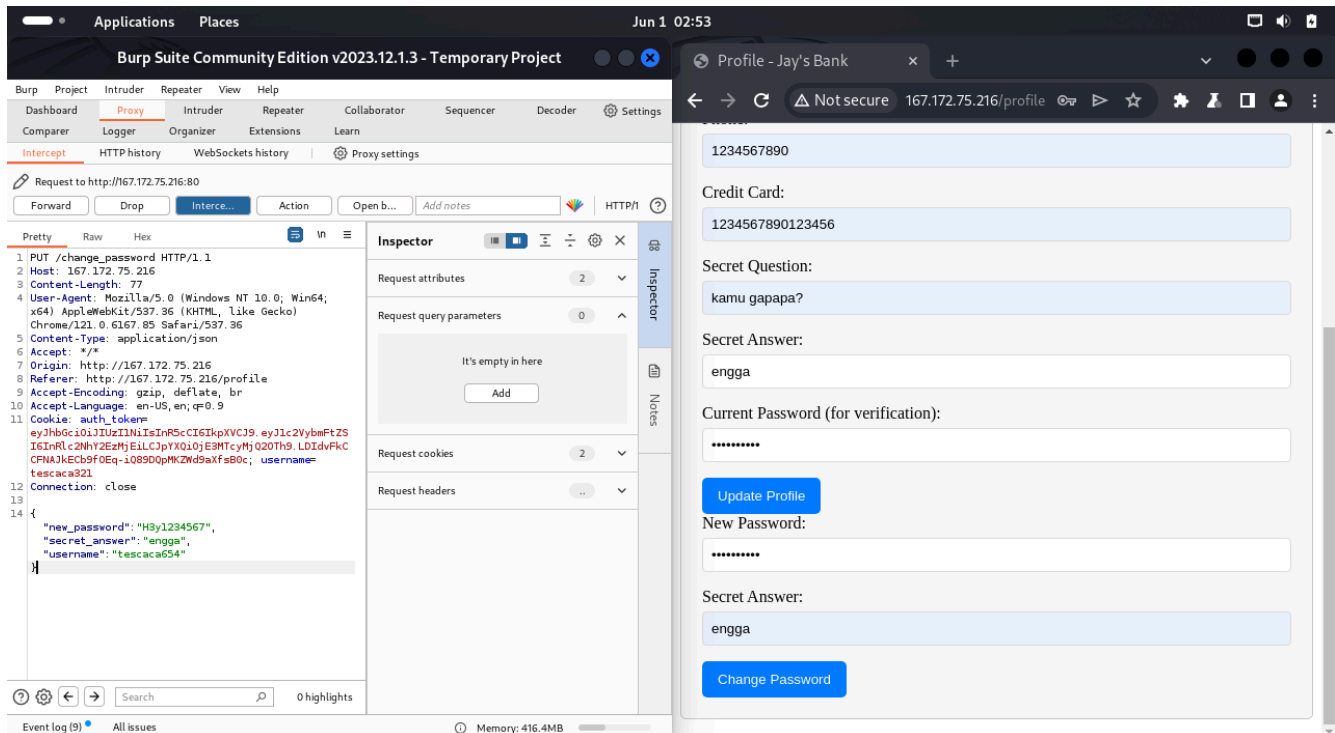


Figure 5: Change the password on web and change username on BurpSuite proxy

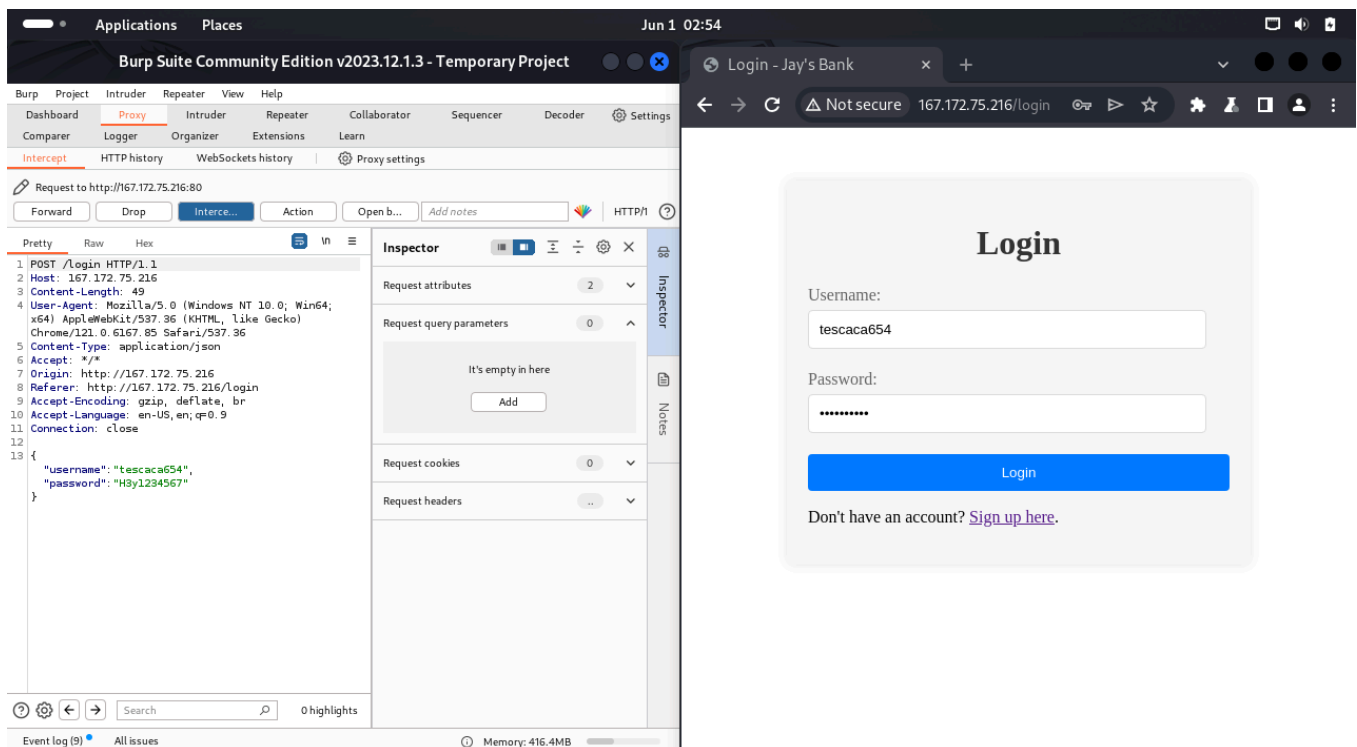


Figure 6: Login with the 2nd username and the 1st

username's password

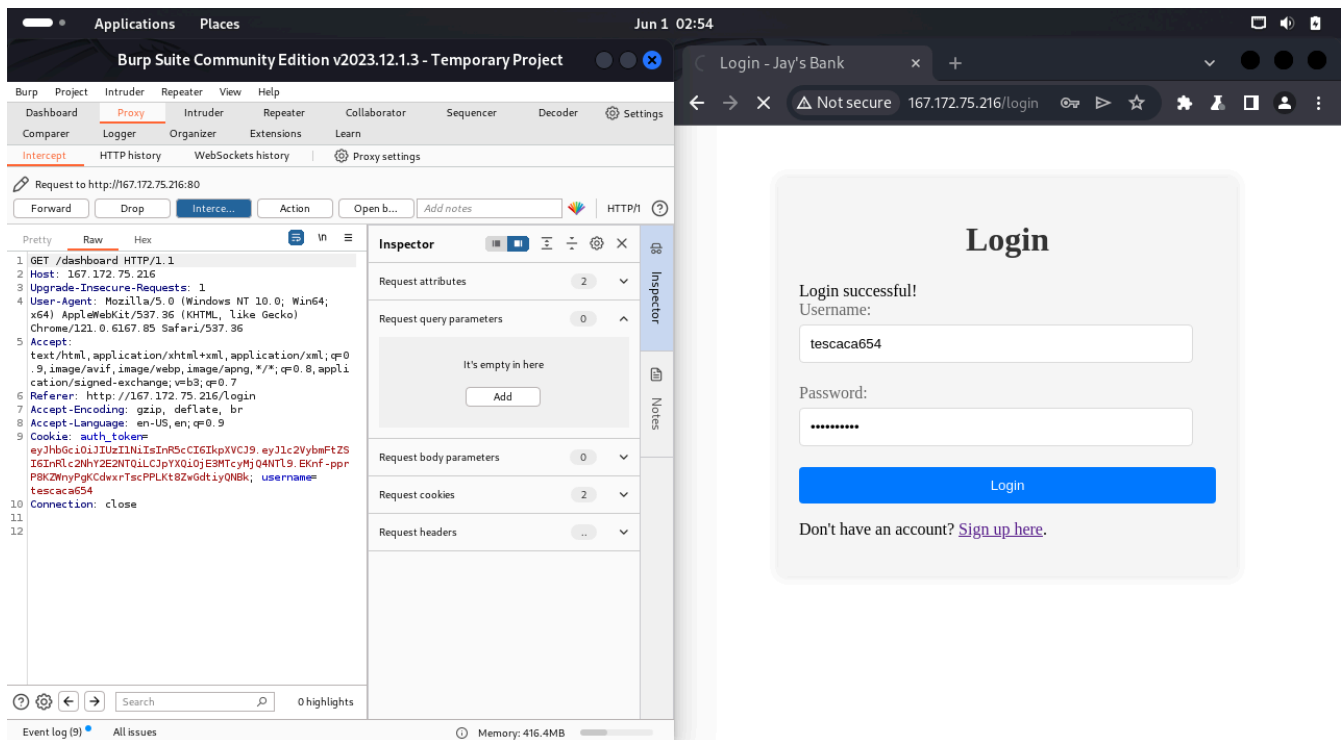


Figure 7: Login successful for the 2nd username

Remediation

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