

Module 11: Session Hijacking

Lab 1: Perform Session Hijacking

Lab Scenario

Session hijacking allows an attacker to take over an active session by bypassing the authentication process. It involves stealing or guessing a victim's valid session ID, which the server uses to identify authenticated users, and using it to establish a connection with the server. The server responds to the attacker's requests as though it were communicating with an authenticated user, after which the attacker is able to perform any action on that system.

Attackers can use session hijacking to launch various kinds of attacks such as man-in-the-middle (MITM) and Denial-of-Service (DoS) attacks. A MITM attack occurs when an attacker places himself/herself between the authorized client and the server to intercept information flowing in either direction. A DoS attack happens when attackers sniff sensitive information and use it to make host or network resource unavailable to users, usually by flooding the target with requests until the system is overloaded.

As a professional ethical hacker or penetration tester, you must possess the required knowledge to hijack sessions in order to test the systems in the target network.

The labs in this exercise demonstrate how to hijack an active session between two endpoints.

Lab Objectives

- Hijack a session using Caido
- Intercept HTTP traffic using Hetty

Overview of Session Hijacking

Session hijacking can be divided into three broad phases:

- **Tracking the Connection:** The attacker uses a network sniffer to track a victim and host, or uses a tool such as Nmap to scan the network for a target with a TCP sequence that is easy to predict
- **Desynchronizing the Connection:** A desynchronized state occurs when a connection between the target and host has been established, or is stable with no data transmission, or when the server's sequence number is not equal to the client's acknowledgment number (or vice versa)
- **Injecting the Attacker's Packet:** Once the attacker has interrupted the connection between the server and target, they can either inject data into the network or actively participate as the man-in-the-middle, passing data between the target and server, while reading and injecting data at will

Task 1: Hijack a Session using Caido

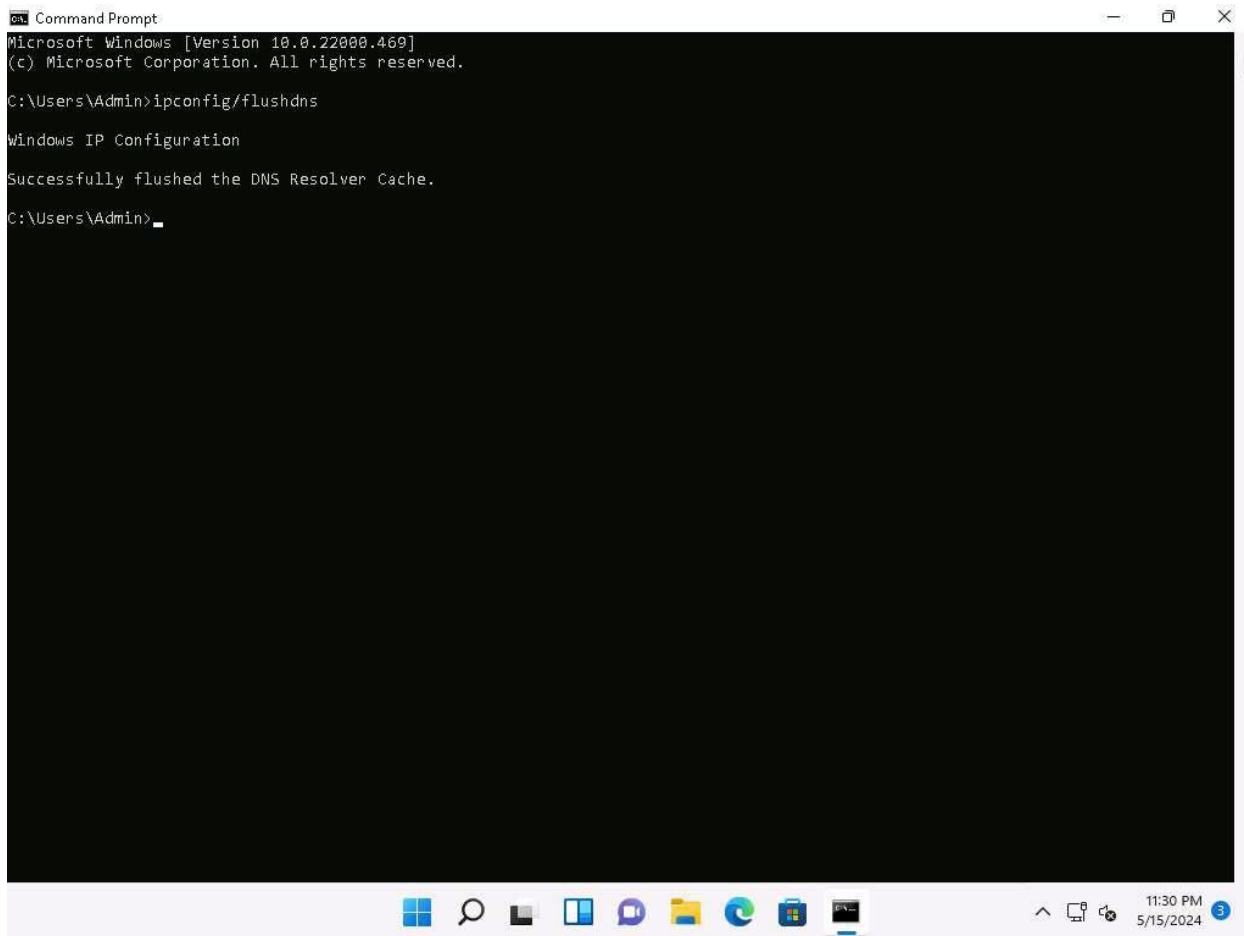
Caido assists security professionals and enthusiasts in efficiently auditing web applications. It offers exploration tools, including sitemap, history, and intercept features, which aid in identifying vulnerabilities and analyzing requests in real-time. Users can modify incoming requests using Forward

and Tamper tools, enhancing testing customization and system security comprehension. Automation is facilitated through the Automate tool, allowing for faster vulnerability discovery by testing requests against large wordlists. Caido's intuitive UI simplifies security testing for both novices and experts with clear navigation and user-friendly controls.

Here, we will use Caido to perform session hijacking on the target machine.

Before starting this task, we need to configure the proxy settings in the victim's machine, which in this task will be the Windows Server 2019 machine.

1. Click [Windows 11](#) to switch to the **Windows 11** machine. Login using **Admin/Pa\$\$w0rd**.
2. Click windows **Search** icon on the **Desktop**, search for **cmd** and launch **Command Prompt** from search bar.
3. Run **ipconfig/flushdns** command to reset dns cache and close the Command Prompt.



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Command Prompt
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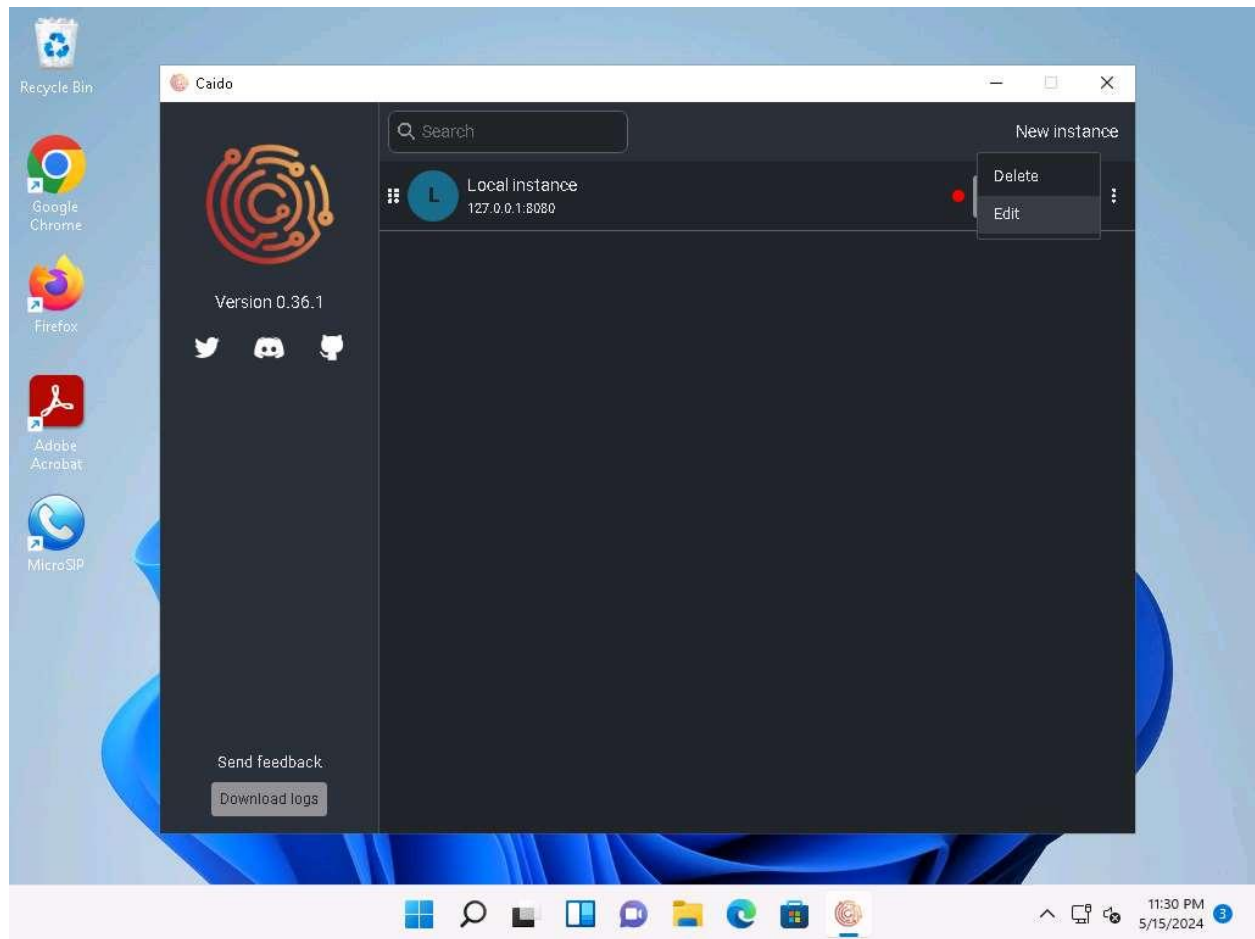
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Windows IP Configuration

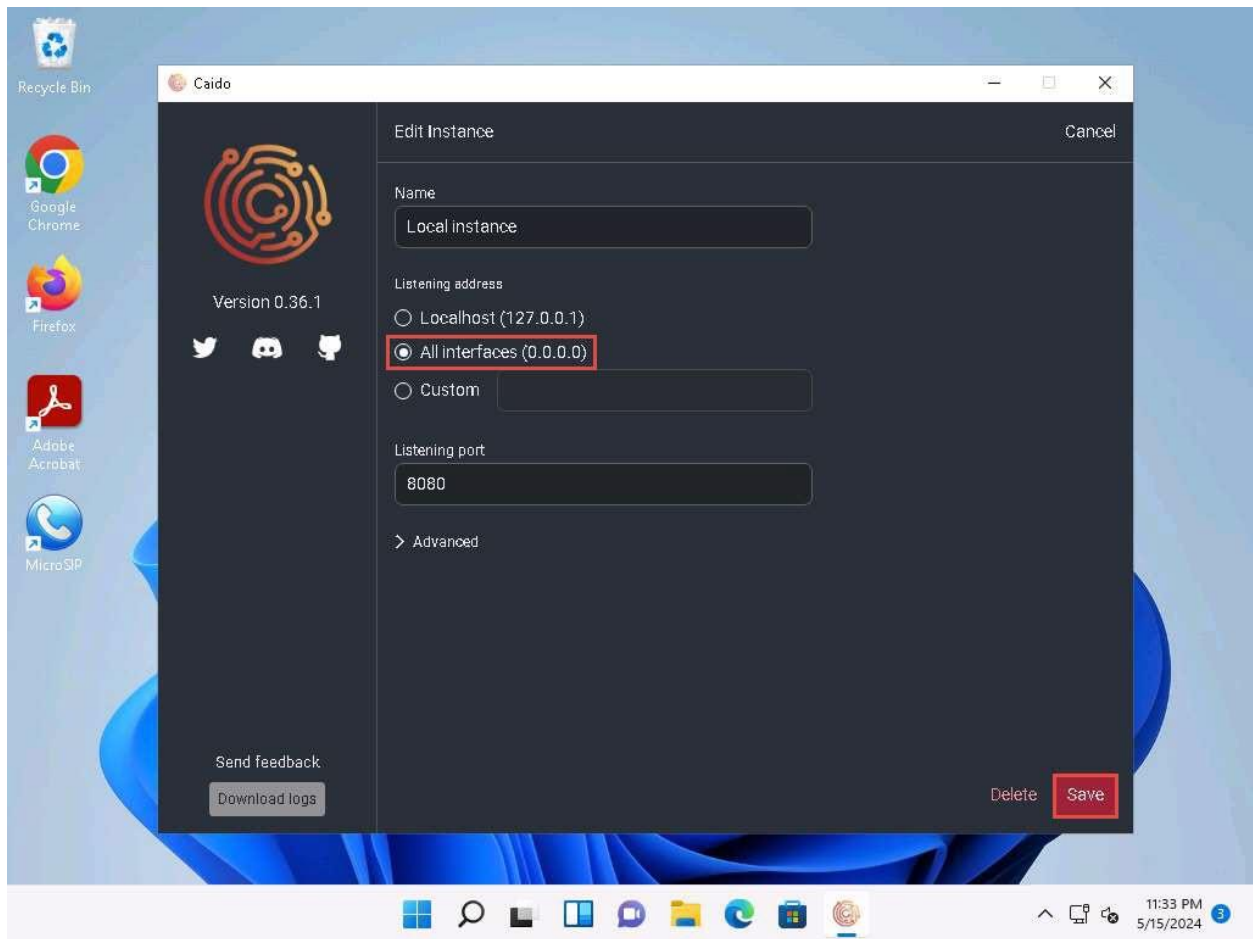
Successfully flushed the DNS Resolver Cache.

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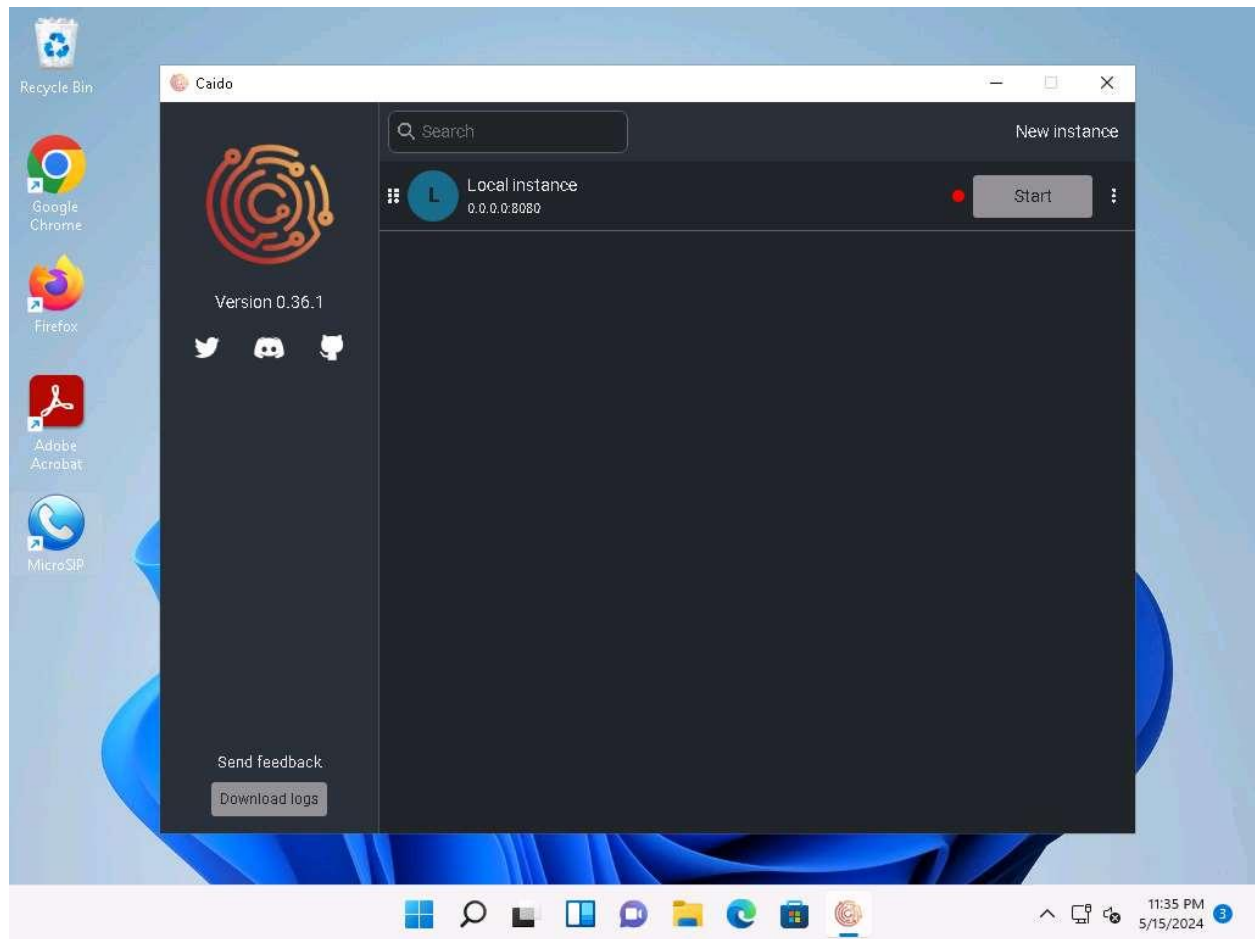
4. Click windows **Search** icon on the **Desktop**, search for **Caido** and launch **Caido** from search bar.
5. **Caido** application window appears, click on **menu** besides Start button and select **Edit**.



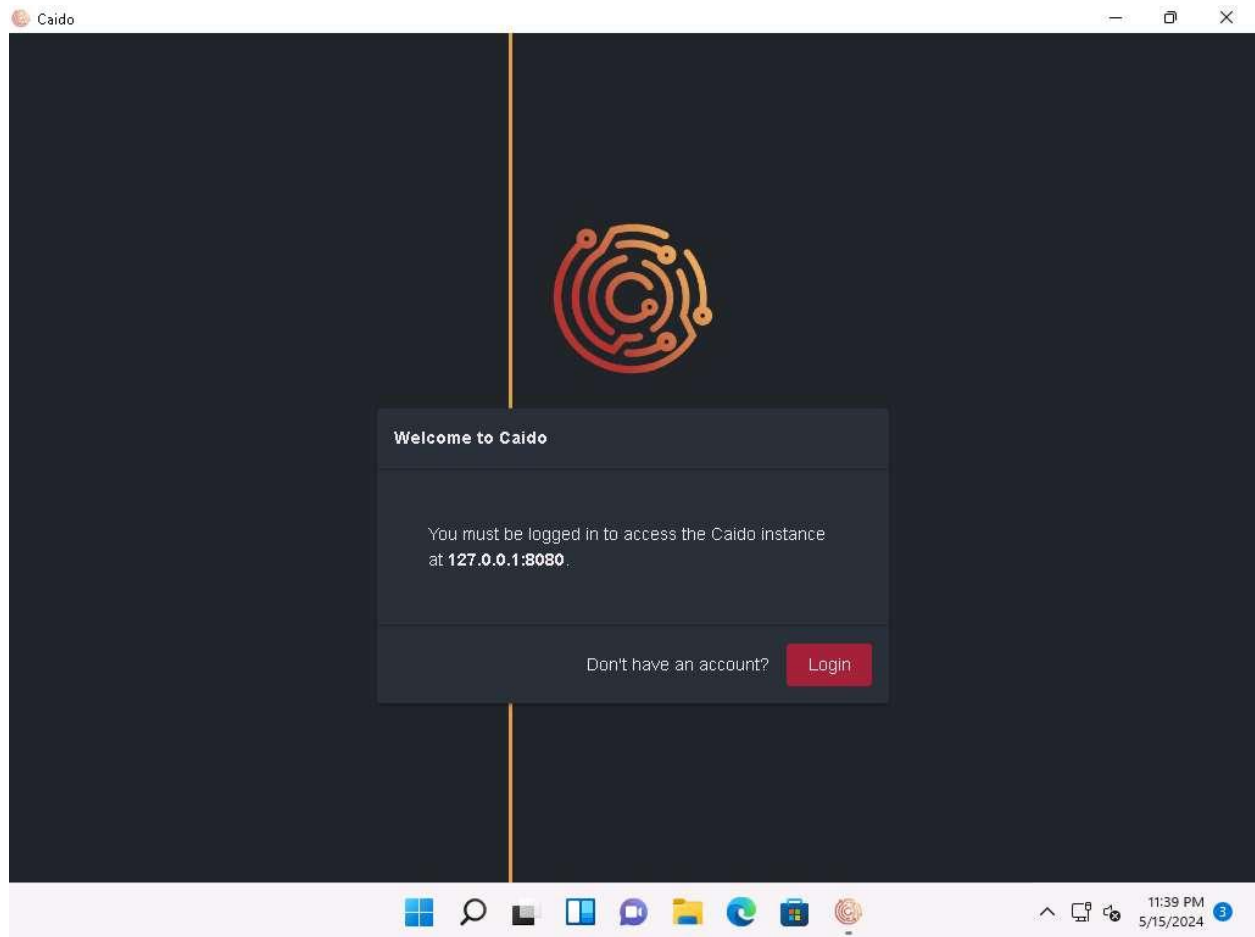
6. In **Edit Instance** window, click on the radio button besides **All interfaces (0.0.0.0)** to listen on all the available network interfaces and click on **Save**.



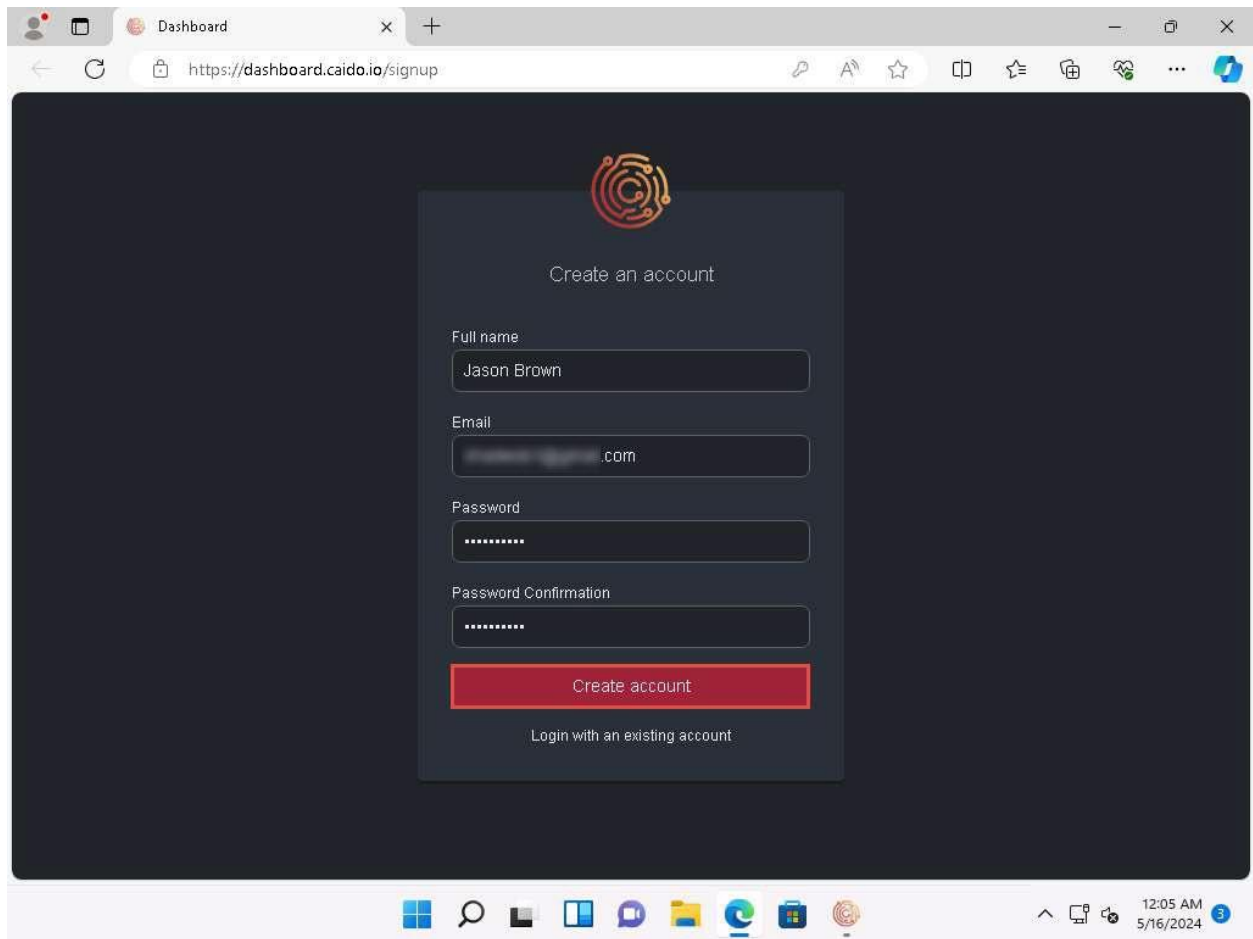
7. Click on **Start** button to start the local instance.



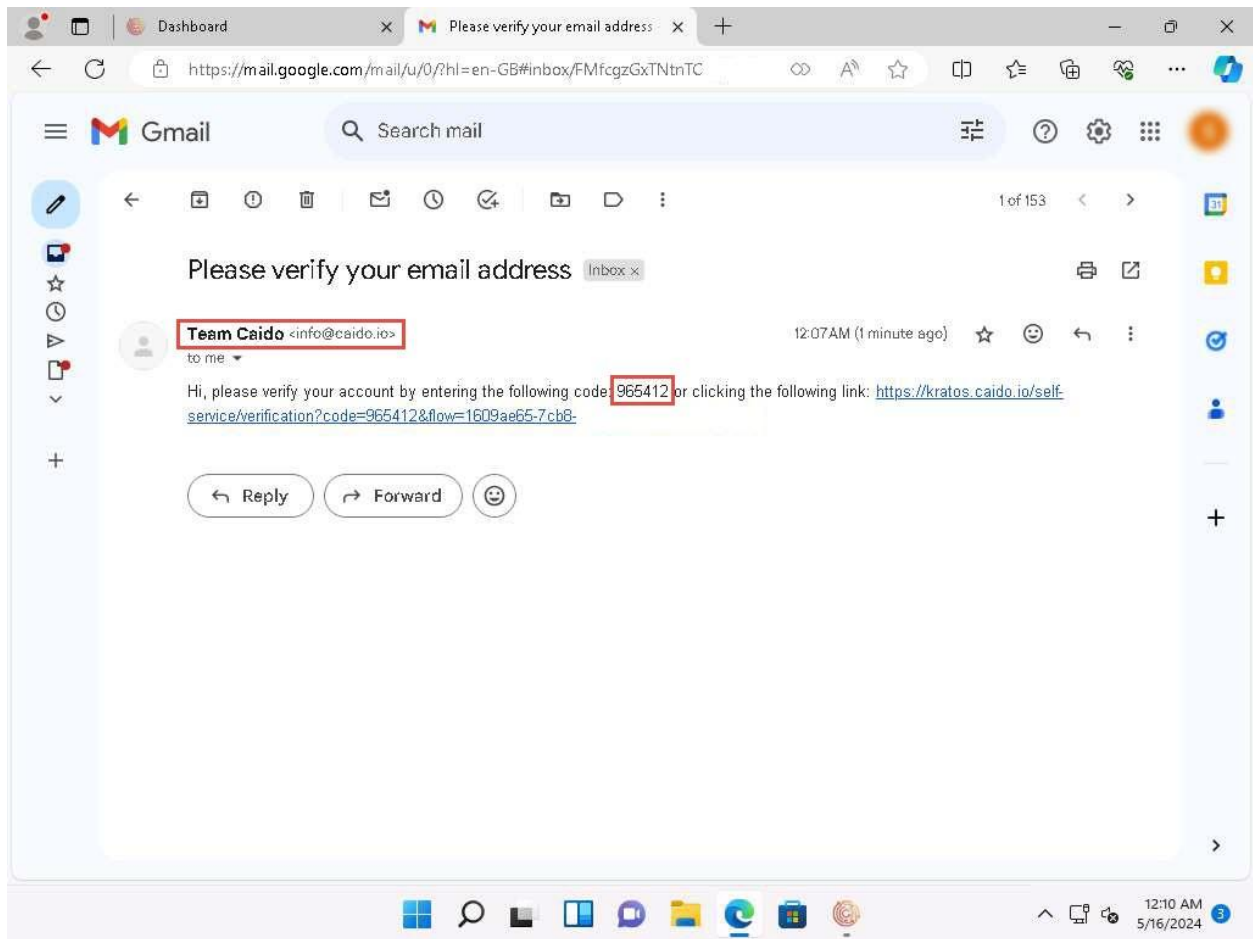
8. **Welcome to Caido** pop-up appears, click on **Login** if you have an account already. If not, select **Don't have an account?**, you will be redirected to Dashboard.



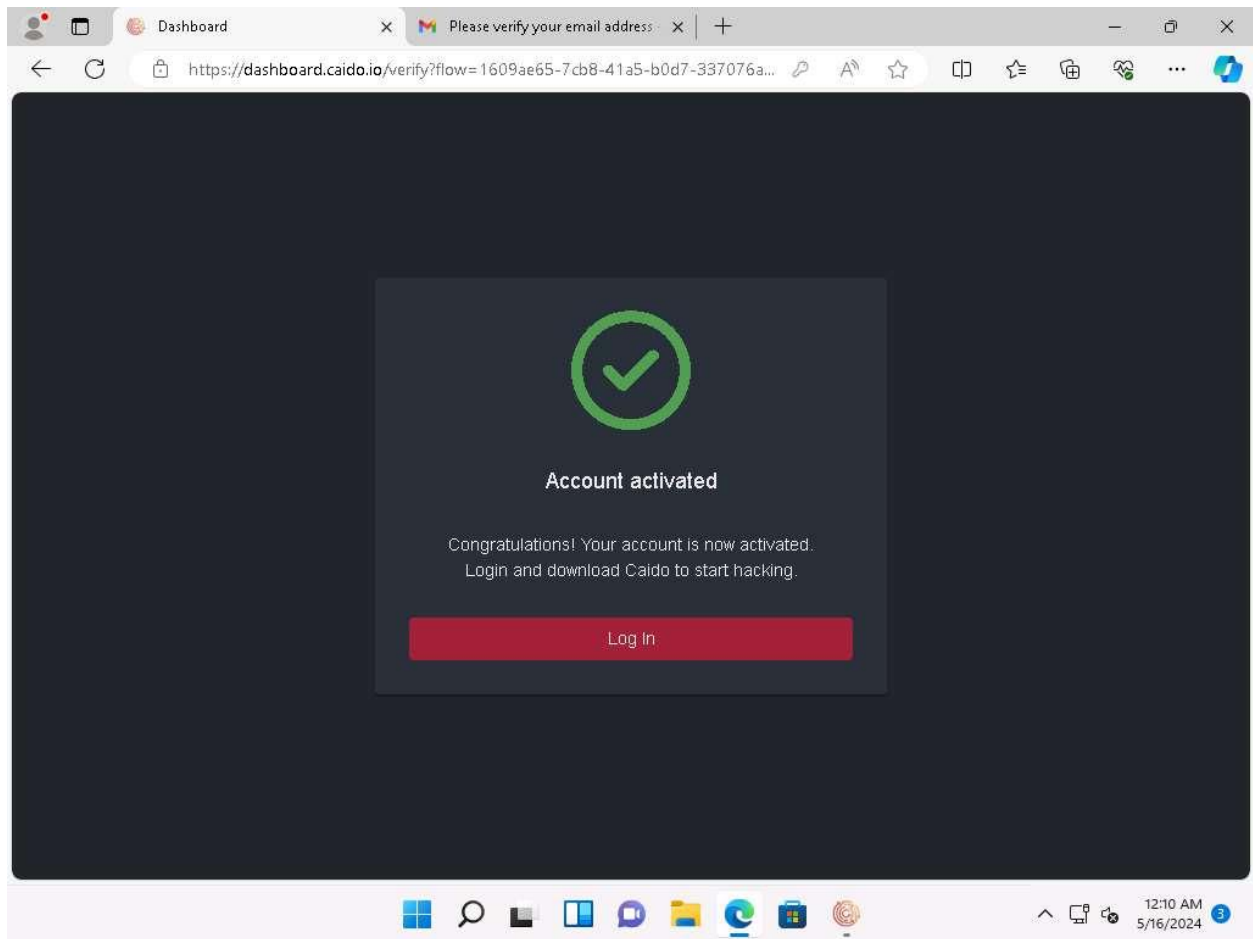
9. **Create an account** window appears, here fill in the details and click on **Create account**.



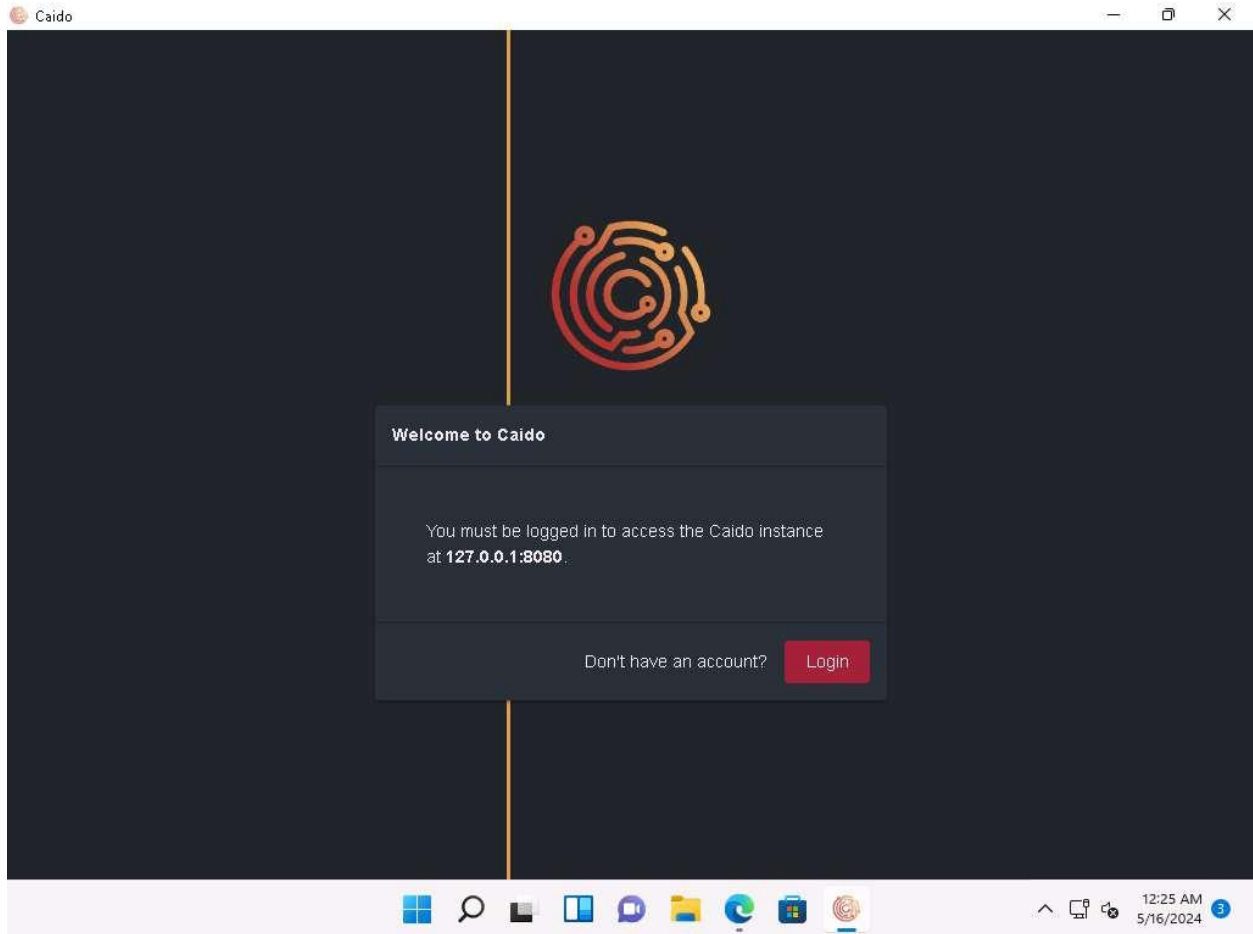
10. Login to your mail account, you will receive a verification mail from **Team Caido** copy the code and paste it in the Caido verification window.



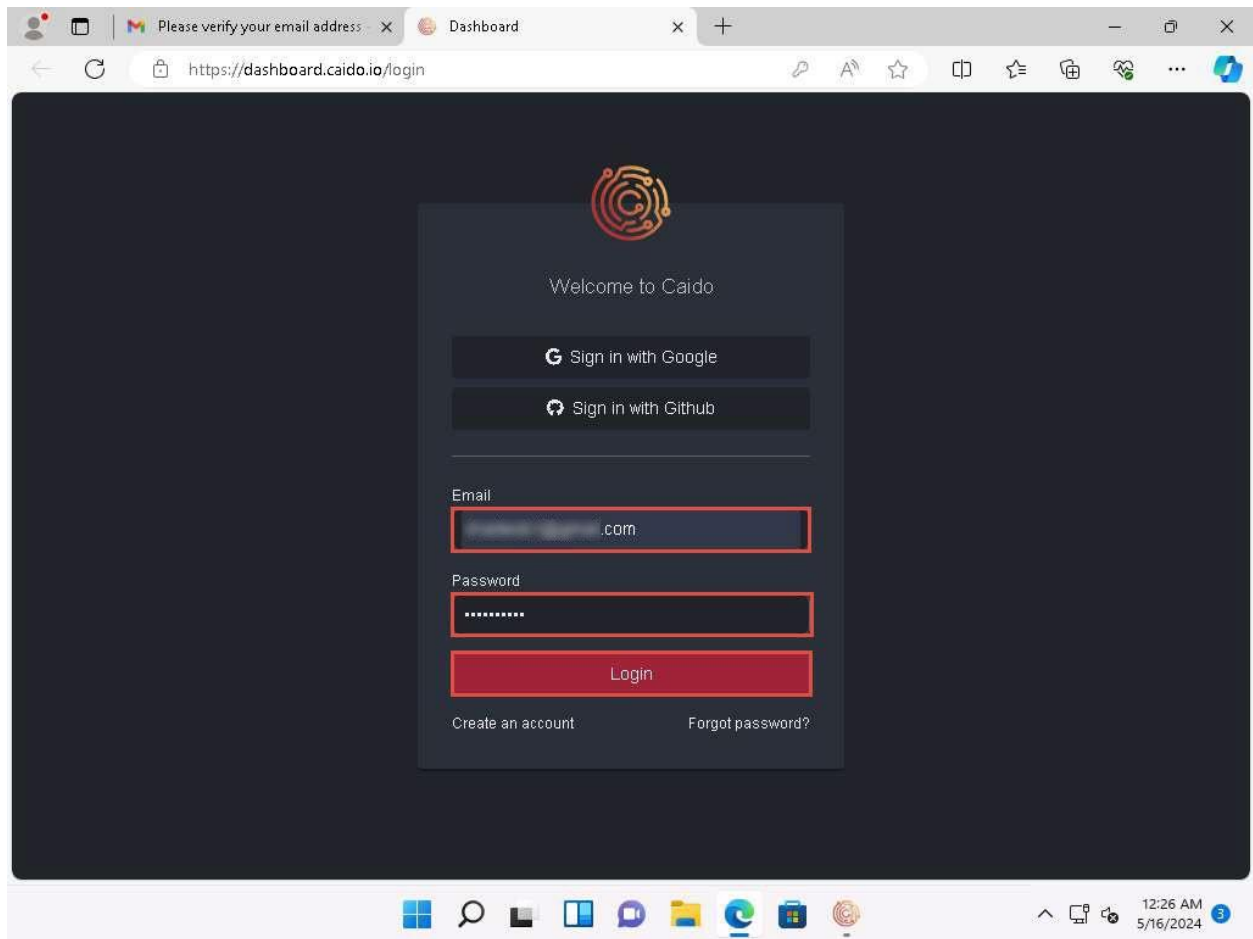
11. After entering the code, your account will be activated as shown in the screenshot.



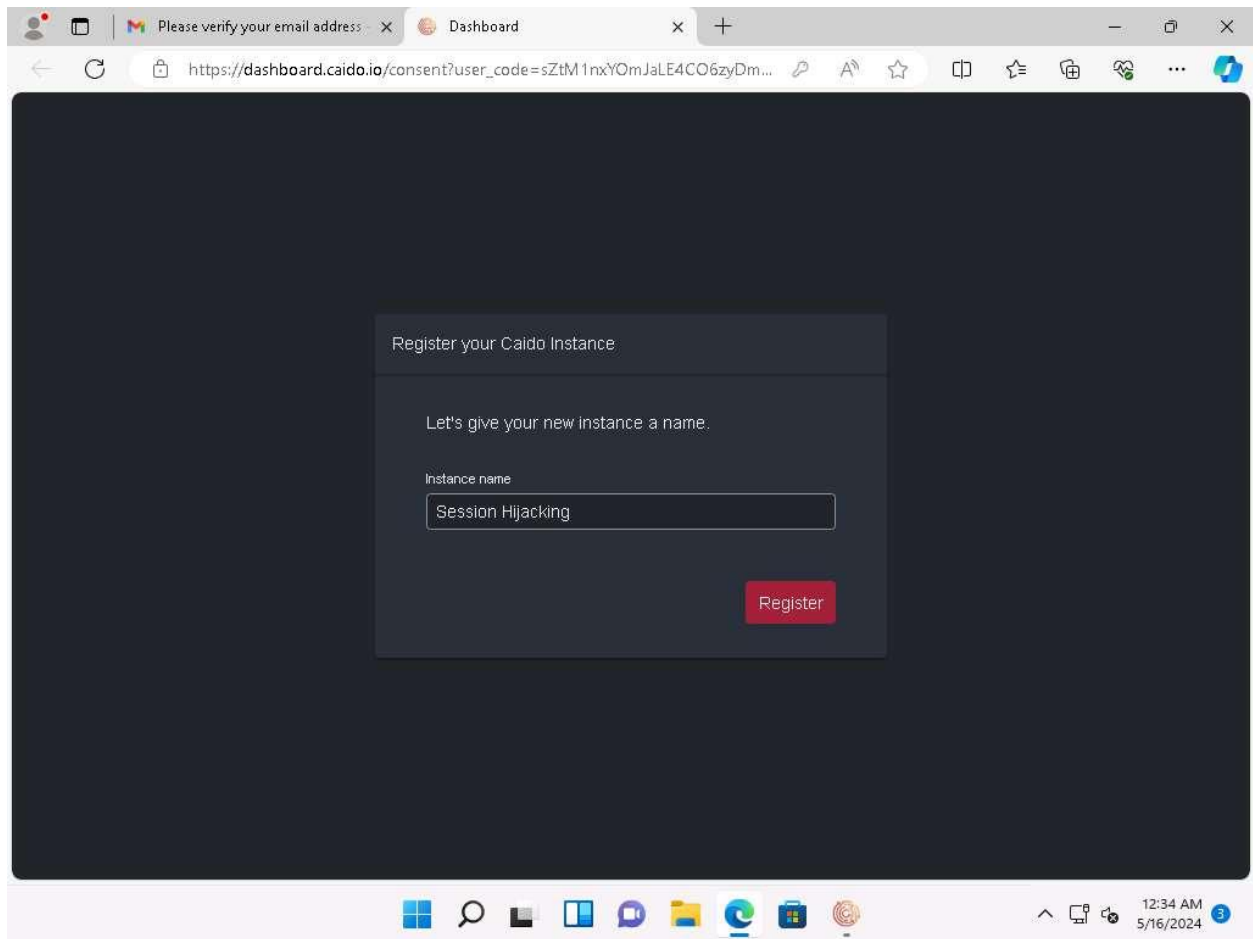
12. Navigate back to Caido application, in **Welcome to Caido** pop-up click on **Login**.



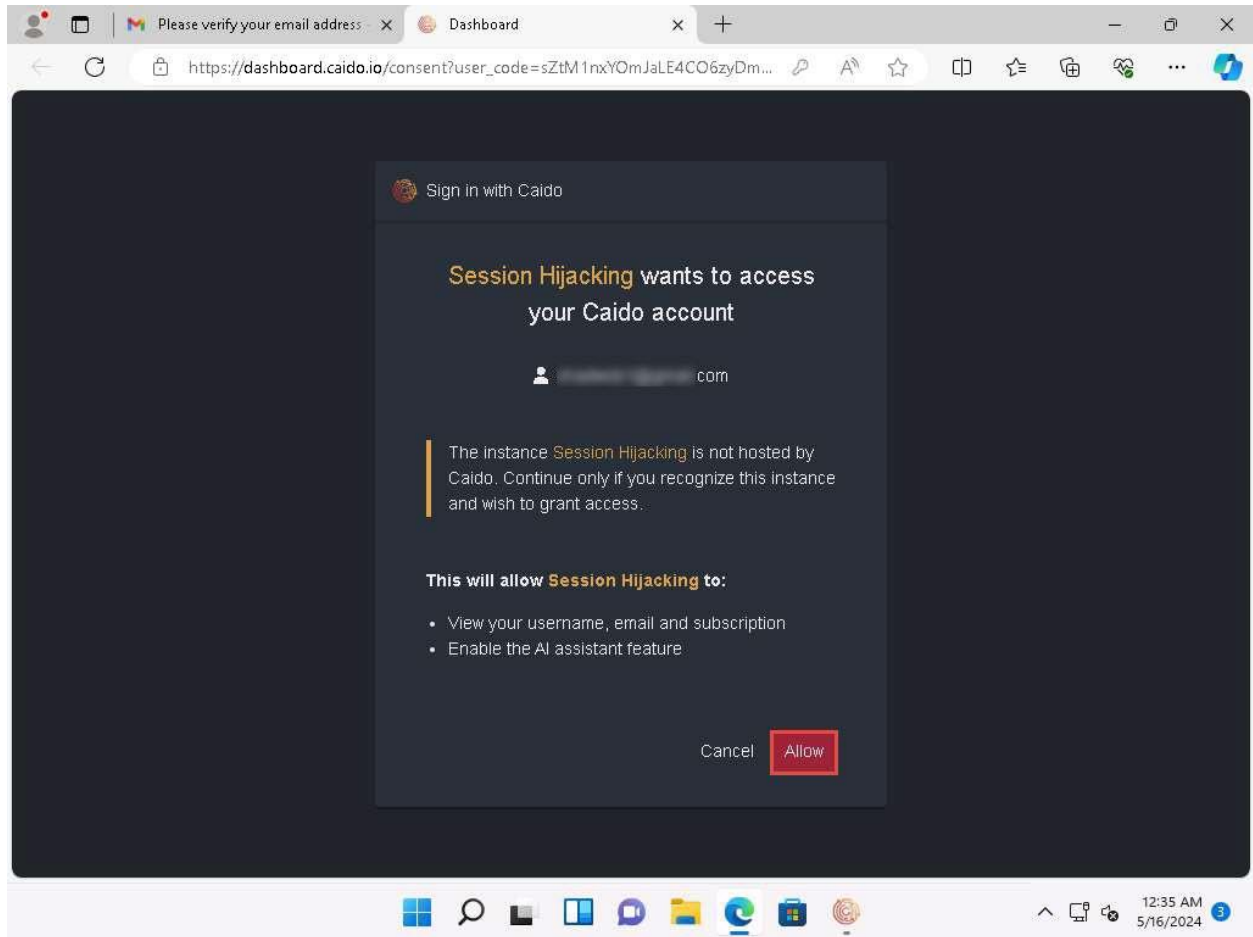
13. **Welcome to Caido** page will appear, enter your credentials and click **Login**.

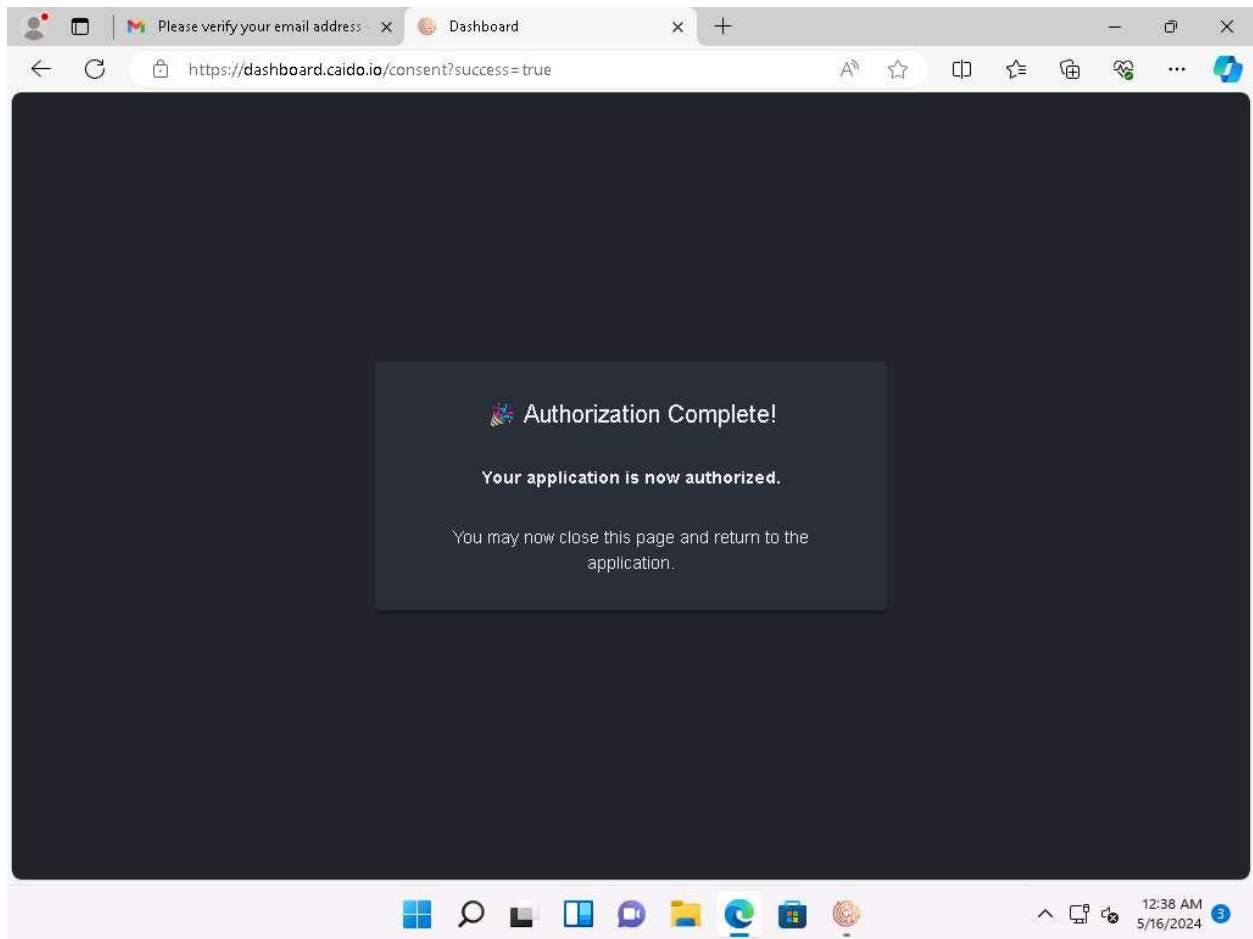


14. Once logged in, **Register your Caido Instance** pop-up will appear. Type **Session Hijacking** and click **Register**.



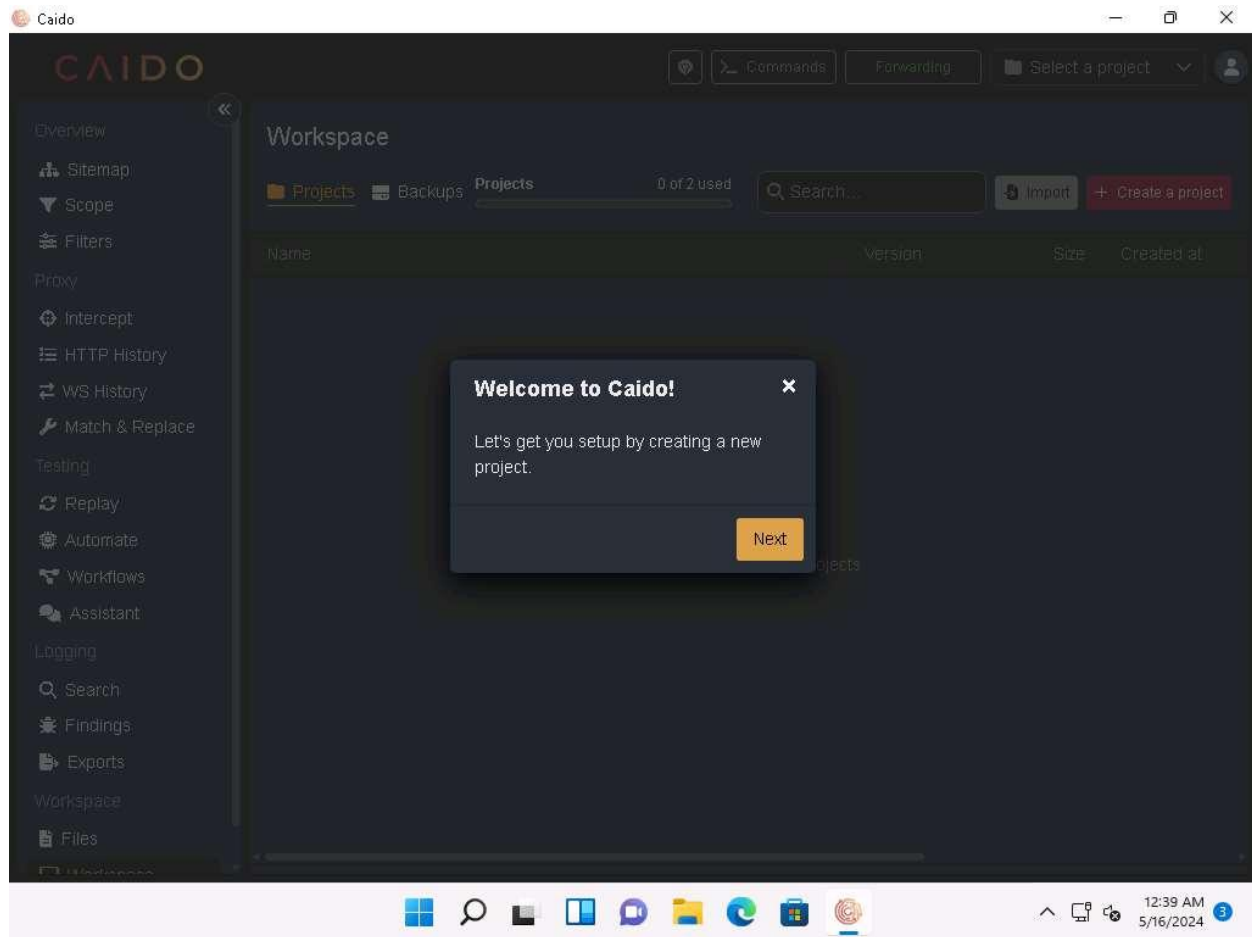
15. **Sign in with Caido** window appears, click **Allow** to allow the access. **Authorization Complete!** pop-up appears, close the web browser and return to the application.



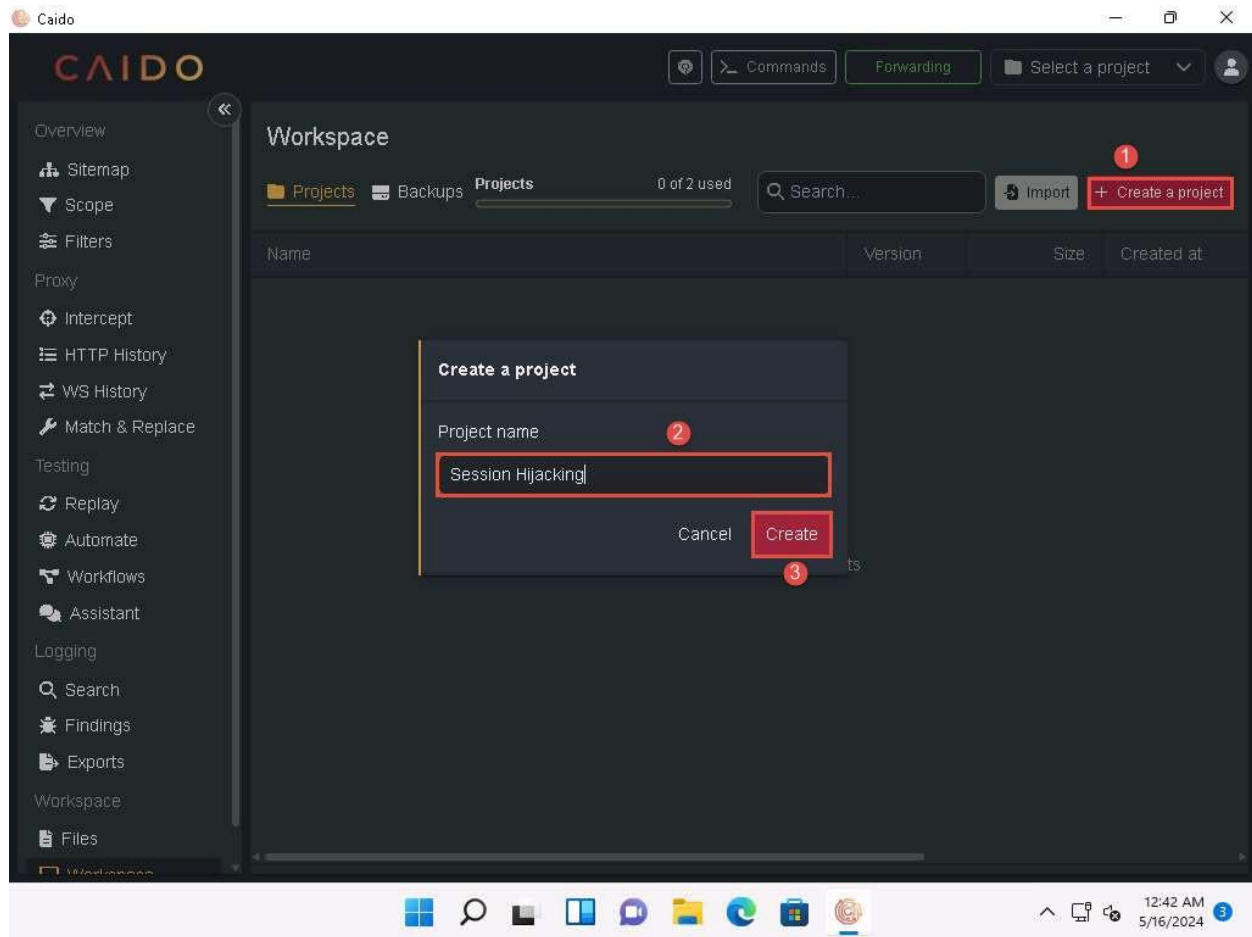


16. The **Caido** main window appears.

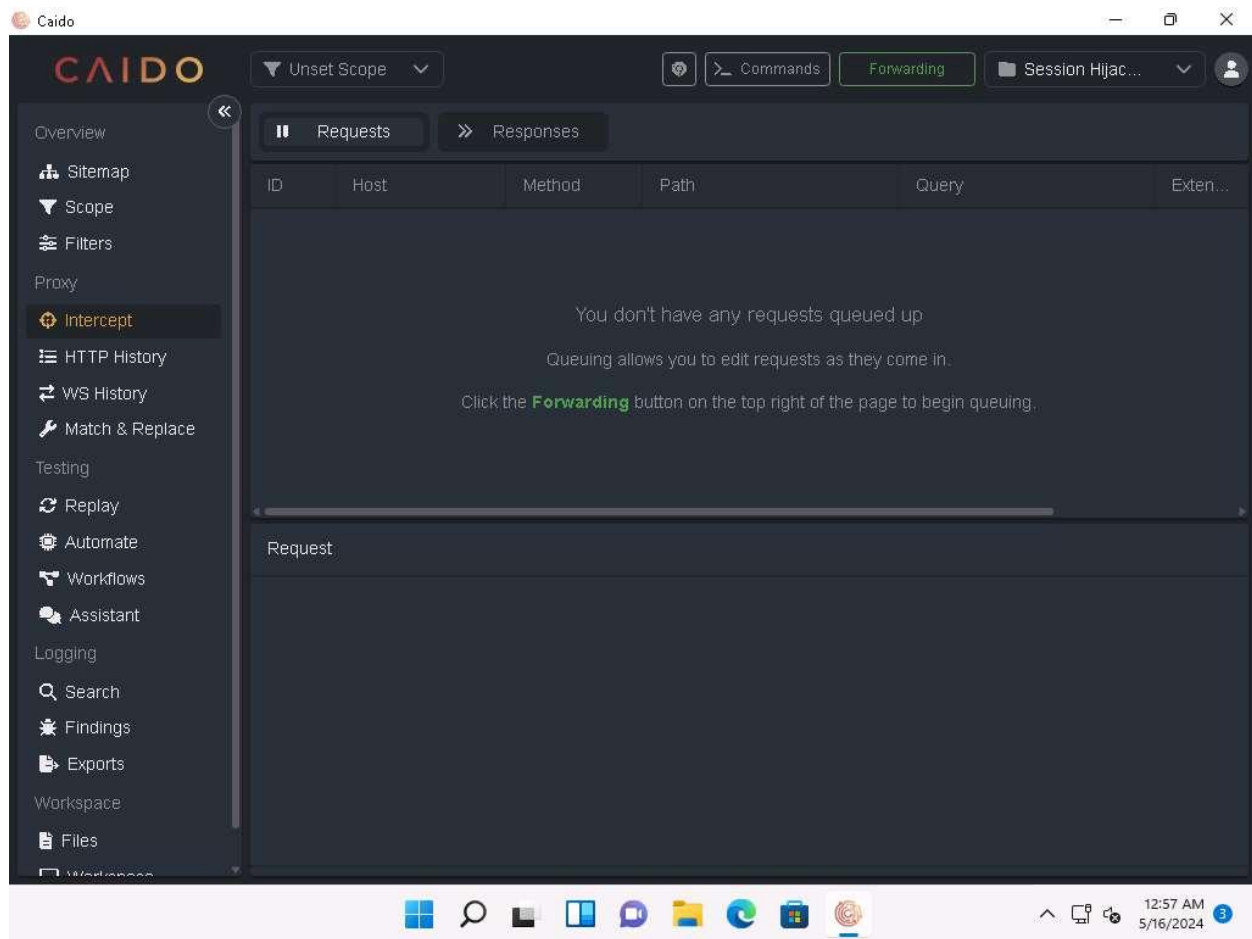
If a Caido pop-up appears, click **Next** or **Ok** in all the pop-ups.



17. Click on **+ Create a project** button to create a new project. **Create a project** pop-up appears, name it as **Session Hijacking** and click **Create**.

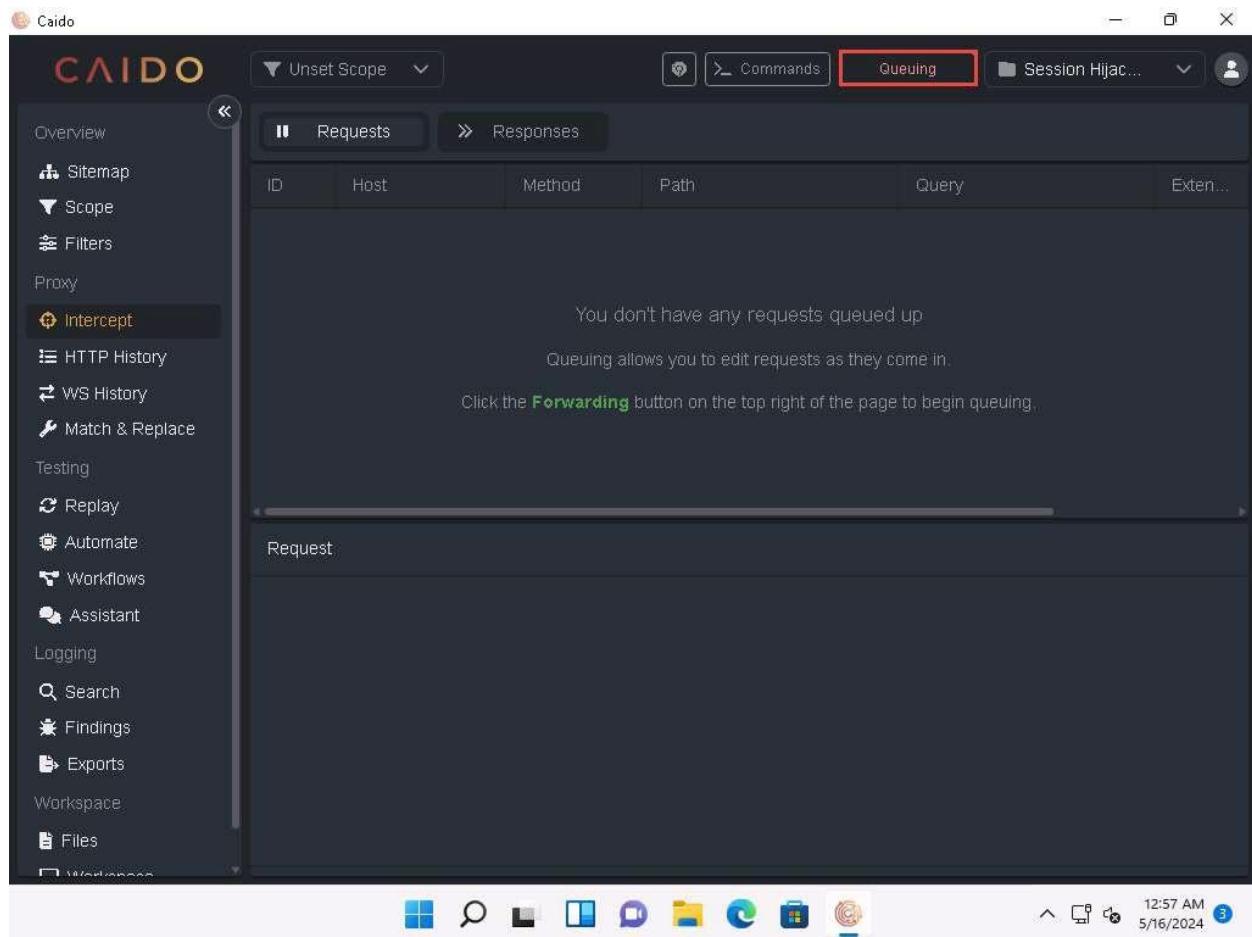


18. Click on **Intercept** option on the left pane, as shown in the screenshot below.



19. Click the **Forwarding** icon and wait until it changes to **Queuing**. This button will trap and display the next response or request from the victim's machine in the **Intercept** tab.

The **Forwarding** icon turns automatically from green to red.

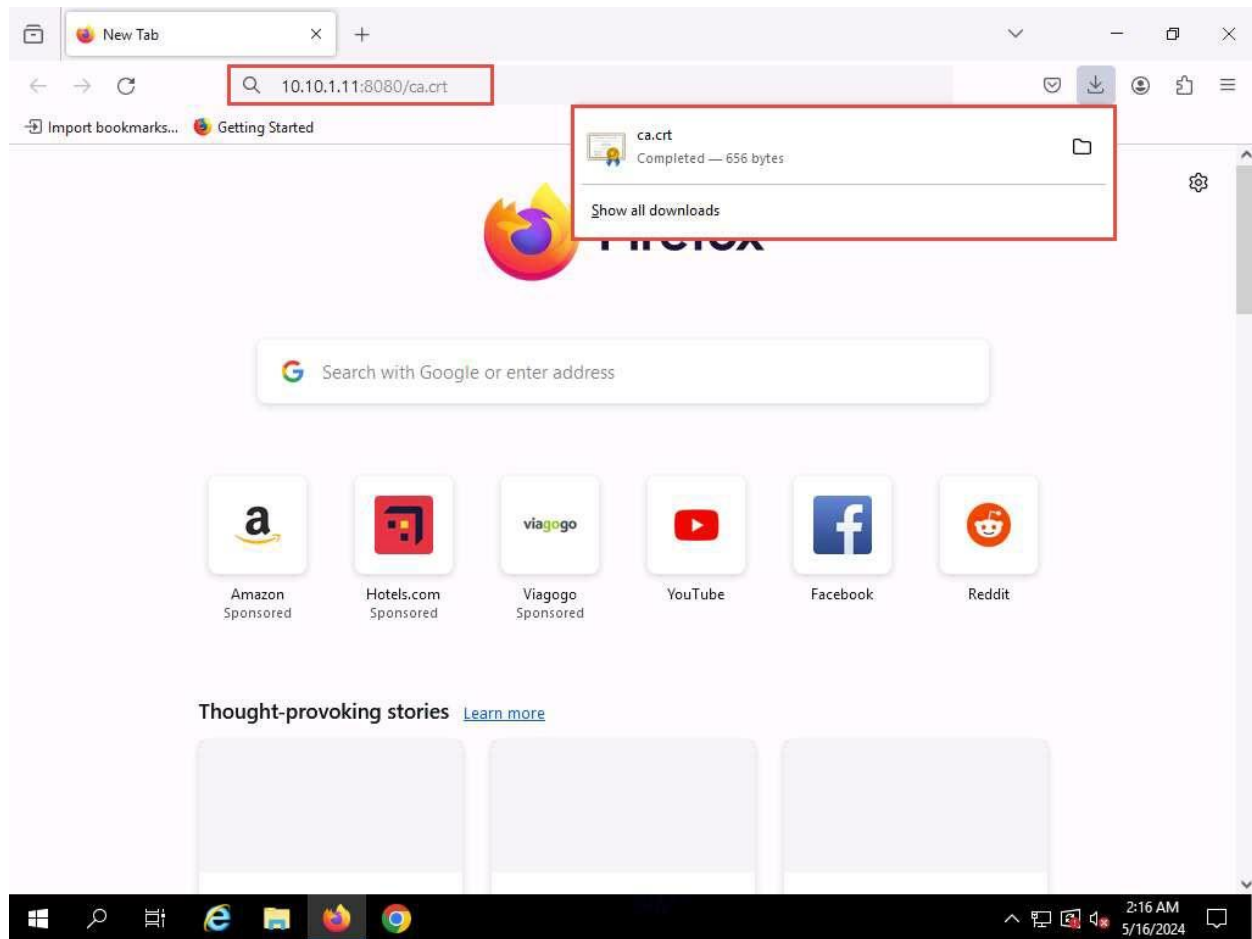


20. Click [Windows Server 2019](#) to switch to the **Windows Server 2019** machine.

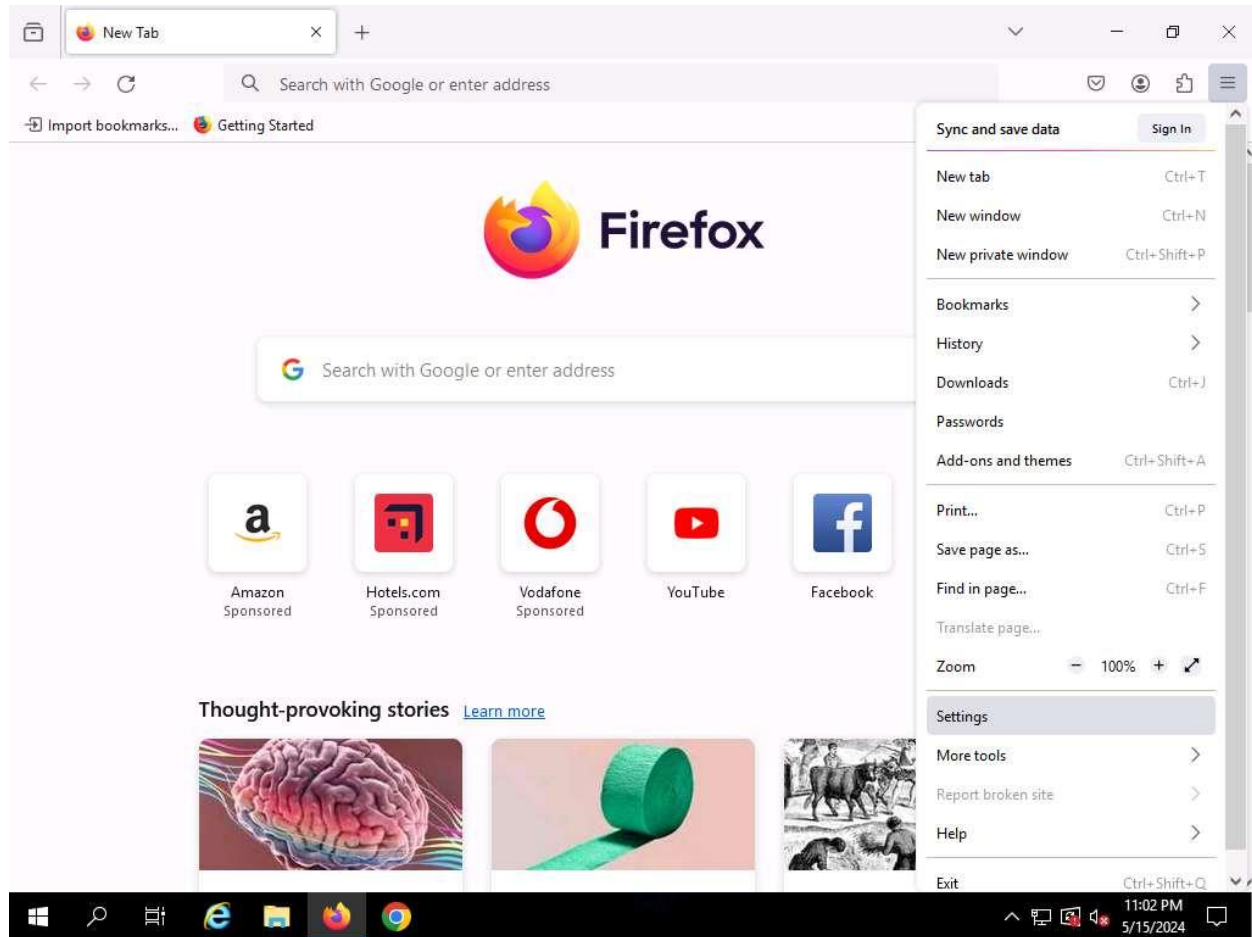
Click [Ctrl+Alt+Delete](#) to activate the machine and login using **Administrator/Pa\$\$w0rd**.

Networks screen appears, click **Yes** to allow your PC to be discoverable by other PCs and devices on the network.

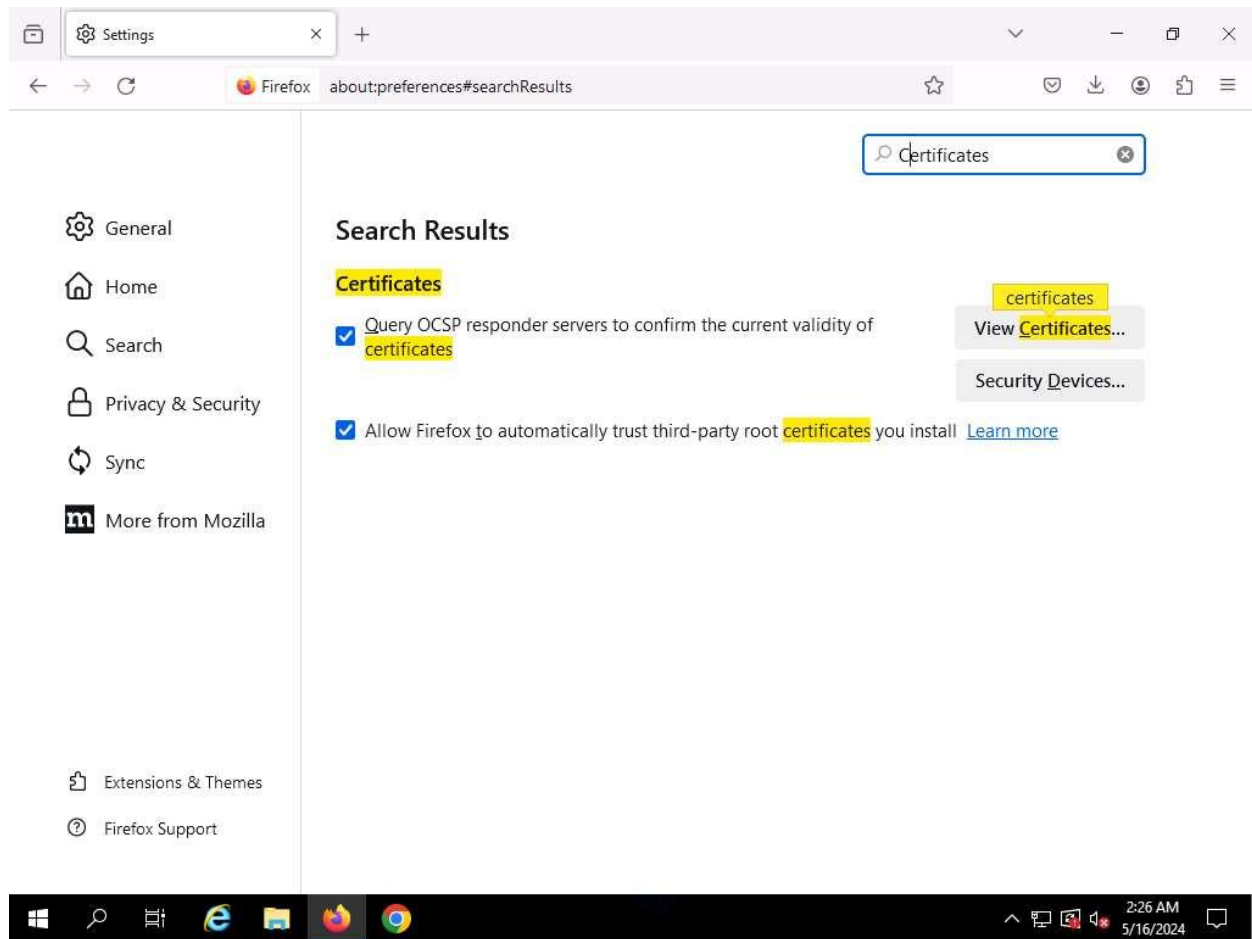
21. Open **Firefox** web browser and navigate to **http://10.10.1.11:8080/ca.crt**. CA certificate will be downloaded automatically as shown in the screenshot.



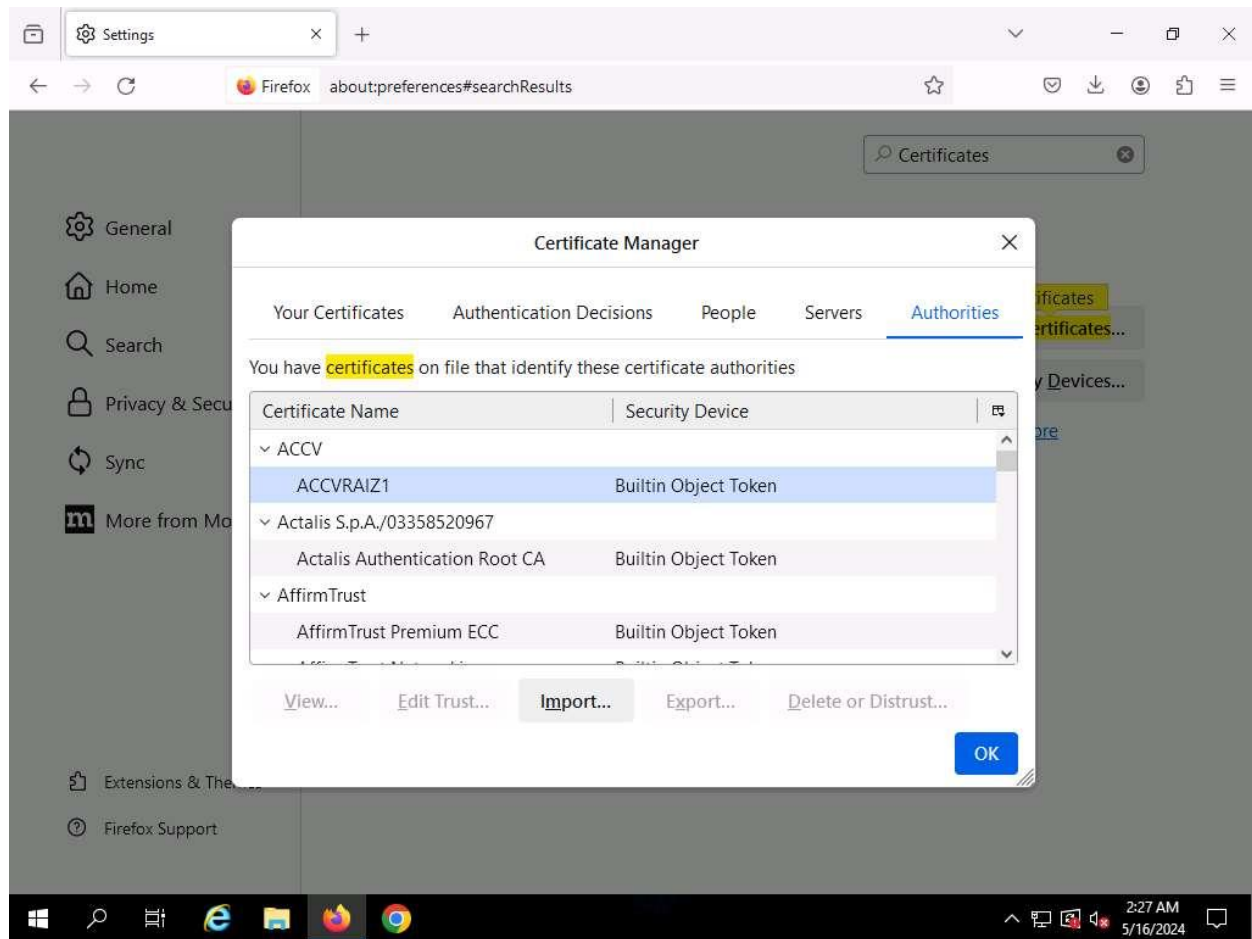
22. In **Firefox** web browser, select **Settings** from the context menu.



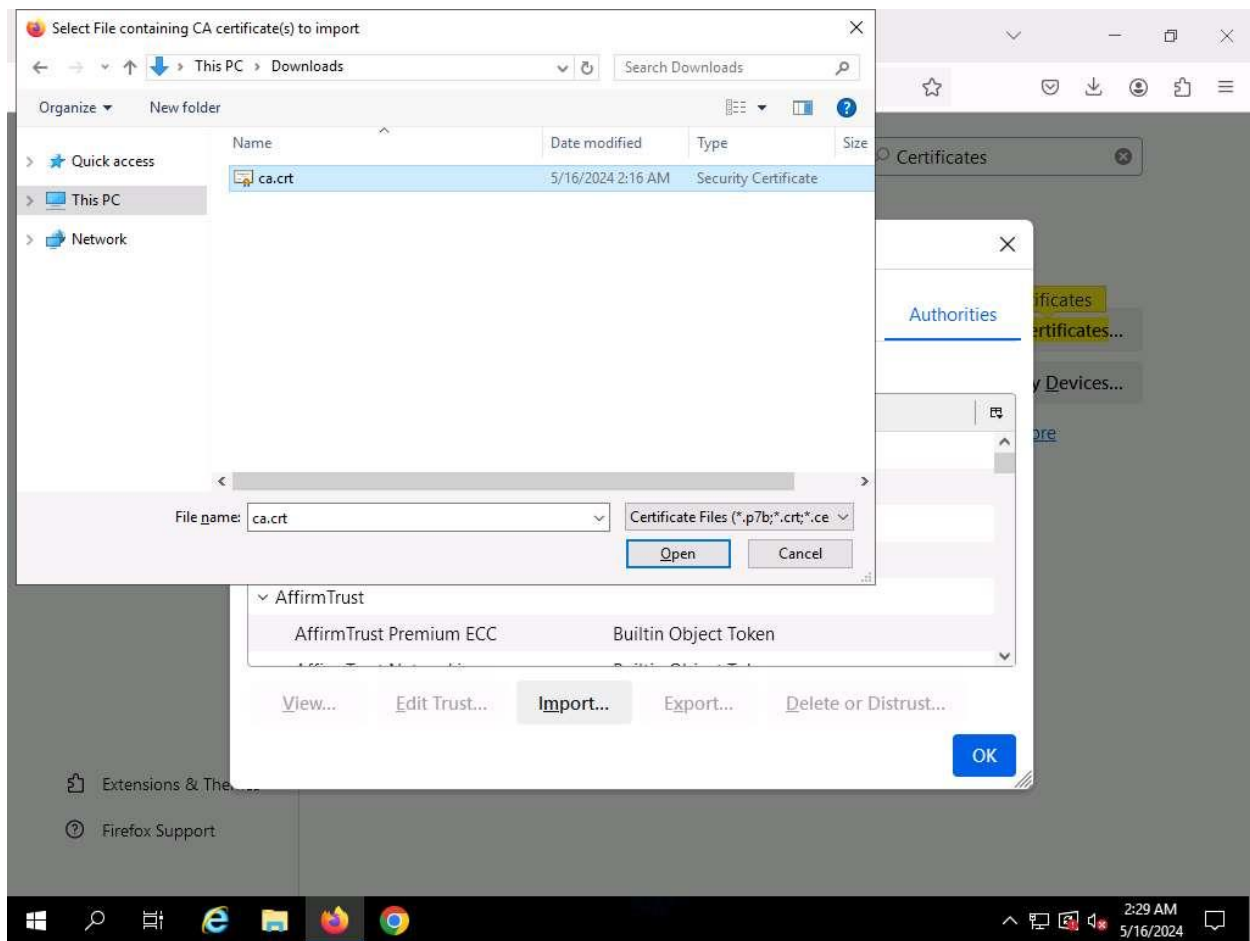
23. On the **Settings** page, search for **Certificates** and open **View Certificates**.



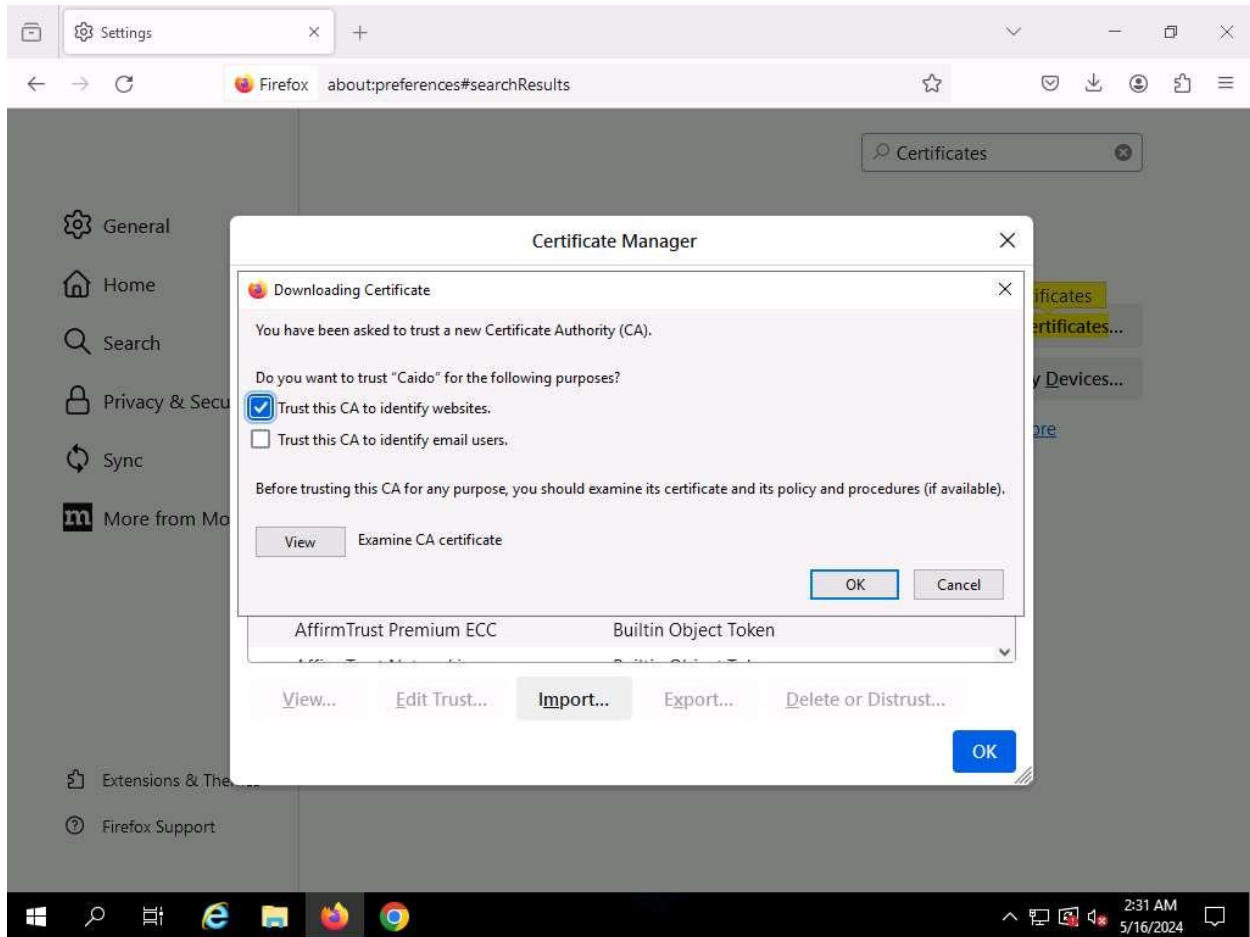
24. Navigate to **Authorities** tab and click on **Import...**



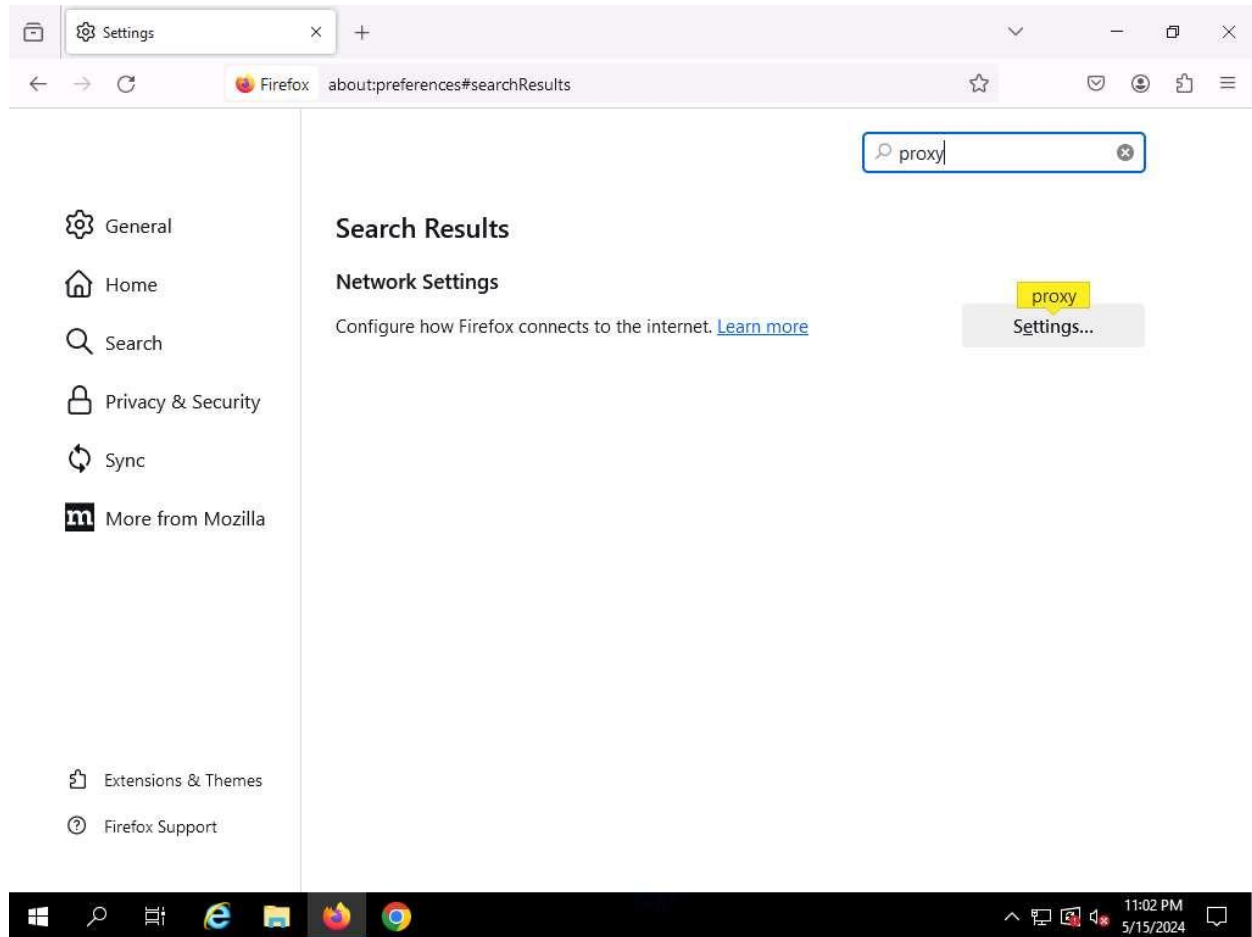
25. In **Select File containing CA certificate(s) to import** window, select the recently downloaded **ca.crt** file and click **Open**.



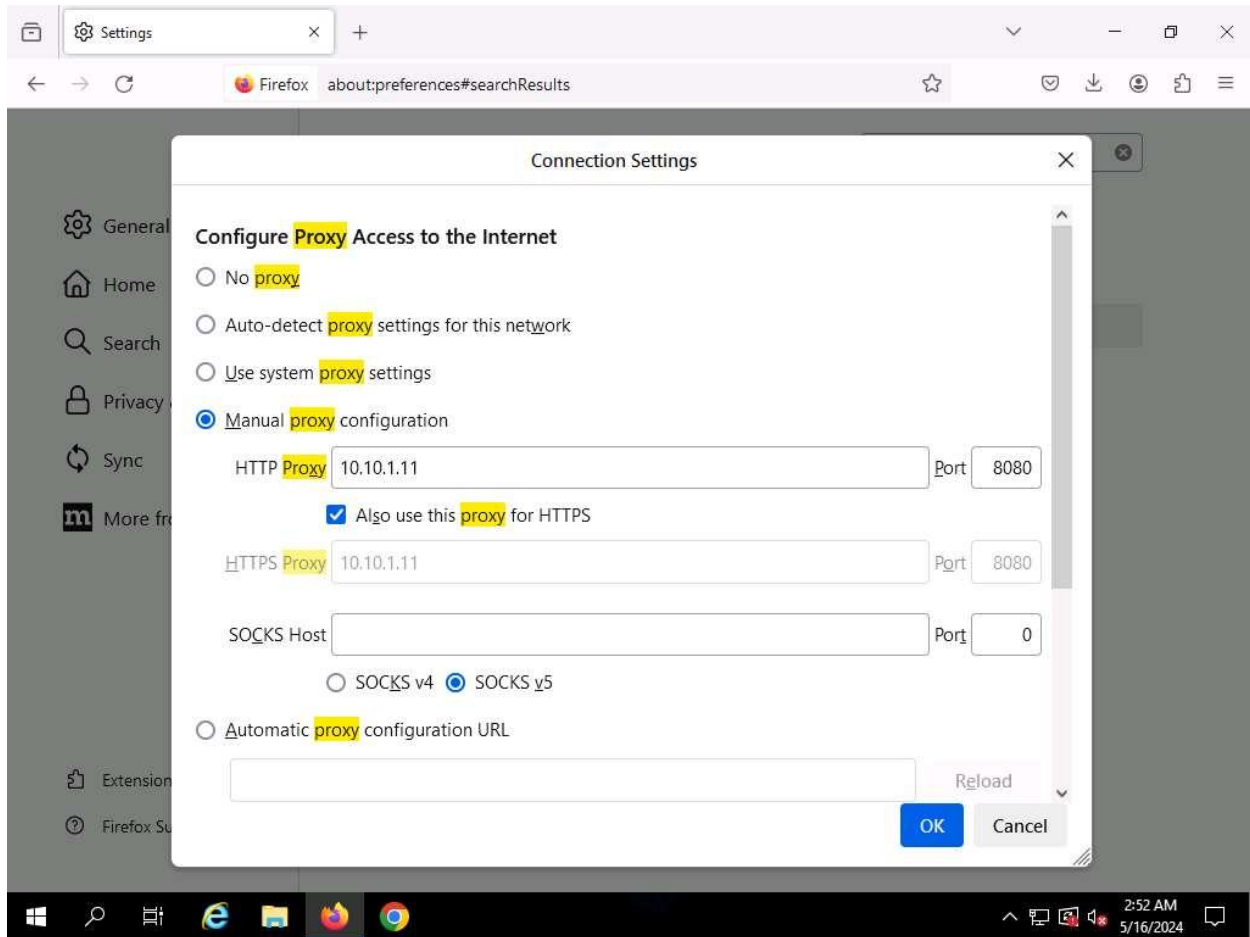
26. When prompted, click the **Trust this CA to identify websites** checkbox and click on **OK**.
Click **OK** in the **Certificate Manager** window.



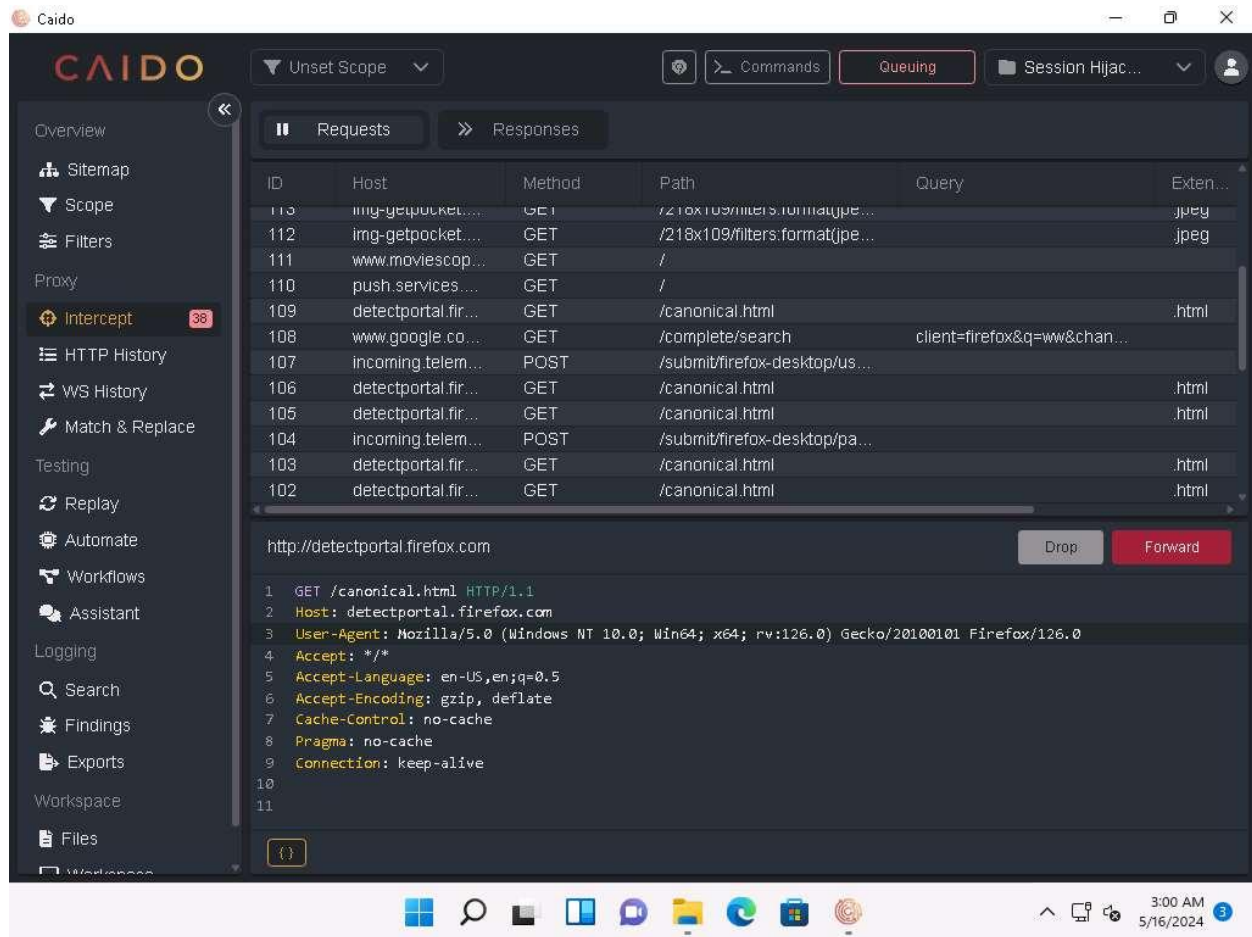
27. On the **Settings** page, search for **proxy** and open it.



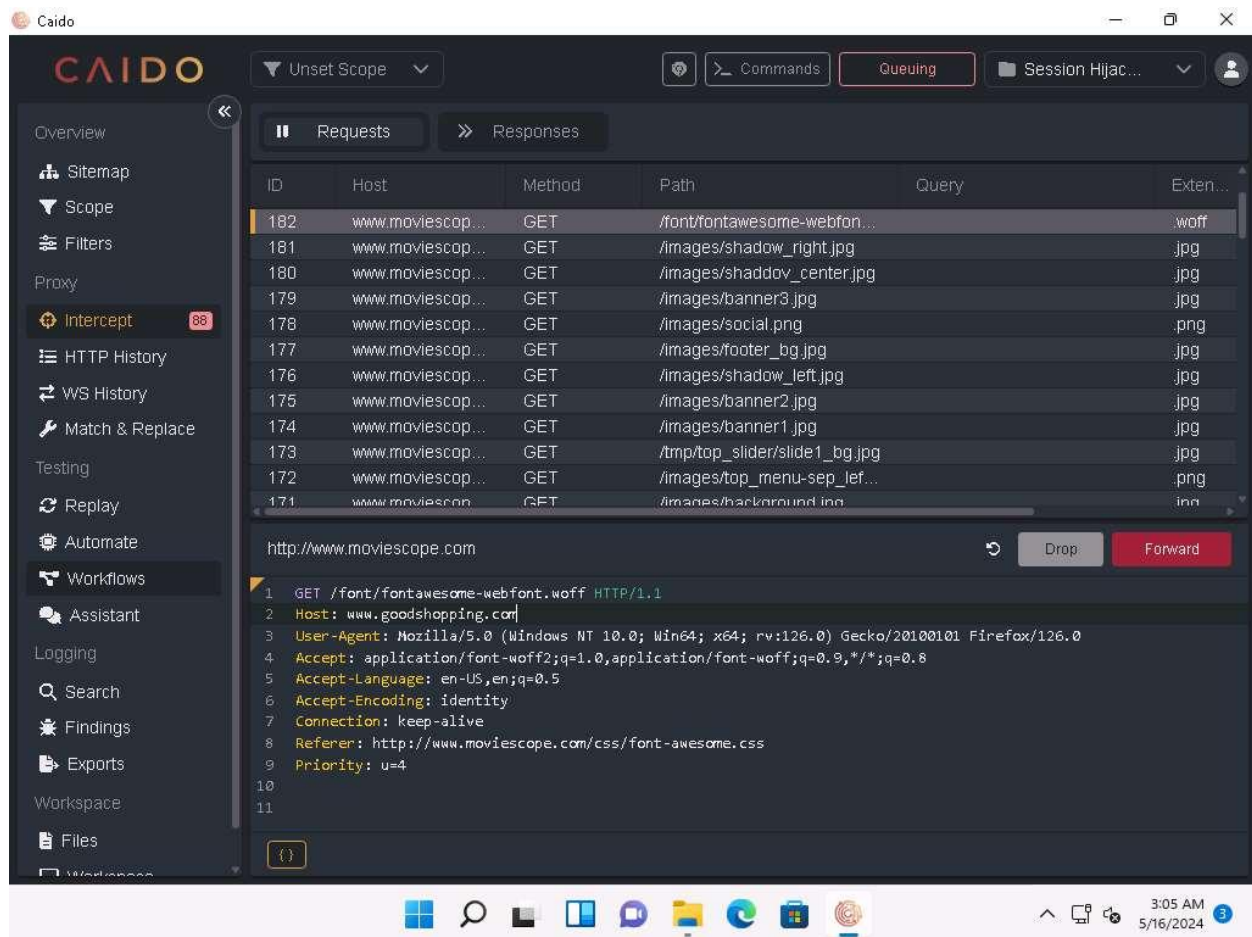
28. **Connection Settings** page appears and click **Manual proxy configuration** to configure a proxy.
29. Set HTTP Proxy to **10.10.1.11** and port to **8080**, check the **Also use this proxy for HTTPS** box and click **OK**.



30. After saving, close the **Settings** and browser windows. You have now configured the proxy settings of the victim's machine.
31. Open a new tab in **Firefox** web browser and place your mouse cursor in the address bar, type **www.moviescope.com** and press **Enter**.
32. If a message appears, stating that **Your connection is not private**. Click the **Advanced** button.
33. On the next page, click **Proceed to www.moviescope.com (unsafe)** to open the website.
34. Now, click [Windows 11](#) to switch back to the attacker machine (**Windows 11**) and observe that **Caido** has begun to capture the requests of the victim's machine.



35. On the **Requests** tab, for all **www.moviescope.com** requests, modify **www.moviescope.com** to **www.goodshopping.com** in all the captured **GET requests** and **Forward** all the requests.

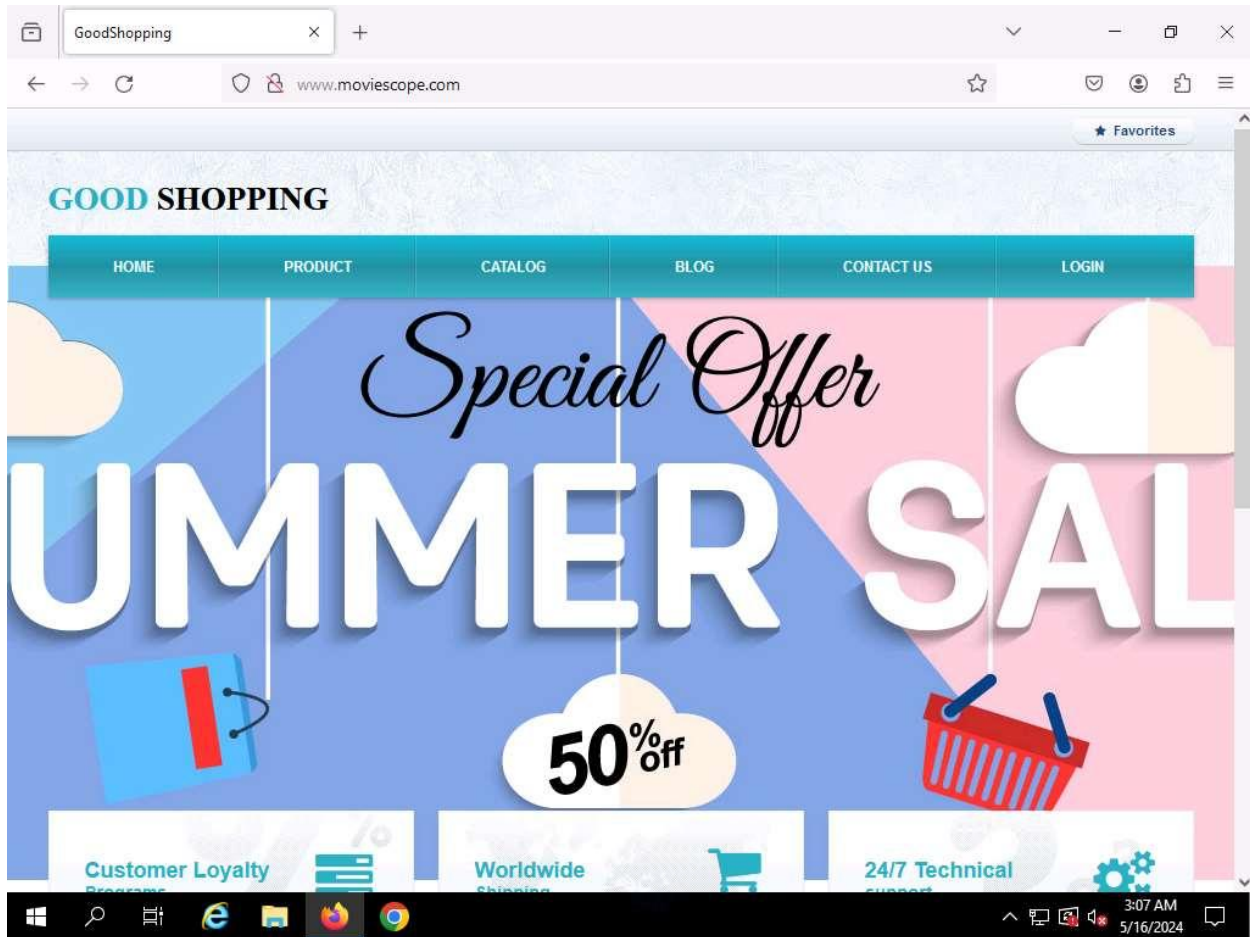


36. In a similar way, modify every **GET** request captured by **CAIDO** until you see the **www.goodshopping.com** page in the victim's machine. You will need to switch back and forth from the victim's machine to see the browser status while you do this.

If you do not receive any request or you see a blank Requests tab then switch to **Windows Server 2019** machine and refresh the browser to capture the request again.

37. Now, click on [Windows Server 2019](#) to switch to the victim's machine (**Windows Server 2019**); the browser displays the website that the attacker wants the victim's machine to see (in this example, **www.goodshopping.com**).

38. The victim has navigated to **www.moviescope.com**, but now sees **www.goodshopping.com**; while the address bar displays **www.moviescope.com**, the window displays **www.goodshopping.com**.



39. Now, we shall change the proxy settings back to the default settings. To do so, in the **Firefox** browser, select **Settings** from the context menu. On the **Settings** page, search for **proxy** and open it. **Connection Settings** page appears, check **No Proxy** radio button and click **OK**.
40. This concludes the demonstration of performing session hijacking using Caido.
41. Close all open windows and document all the acquired information.

Question 11.1.1.1

Use Caido tool on the attacker machine (10.10.1.11) to hijack a session established when a user on the victim machine (10.10.1.19) visits the website www.moviescope.com and redirect to www.goodshopping.com using the Firefox browser. Under which section does the Responses tab is located.

Task 2: Intercept HTTP Traffic using Hetty

Hetty is an HTTP toolkit for security research. It aims to become an open-source alternative to commercial software such as Burp Suite Pro, with powerful features tailored to the needs of the InfoSec and bug bounty communities. Hetty can be used to perform Machine-in-the-middle (MITM) attack, manually create/edit requests, and replay proxied requests for HTTP clients and further intercept requests and responses for manual review.

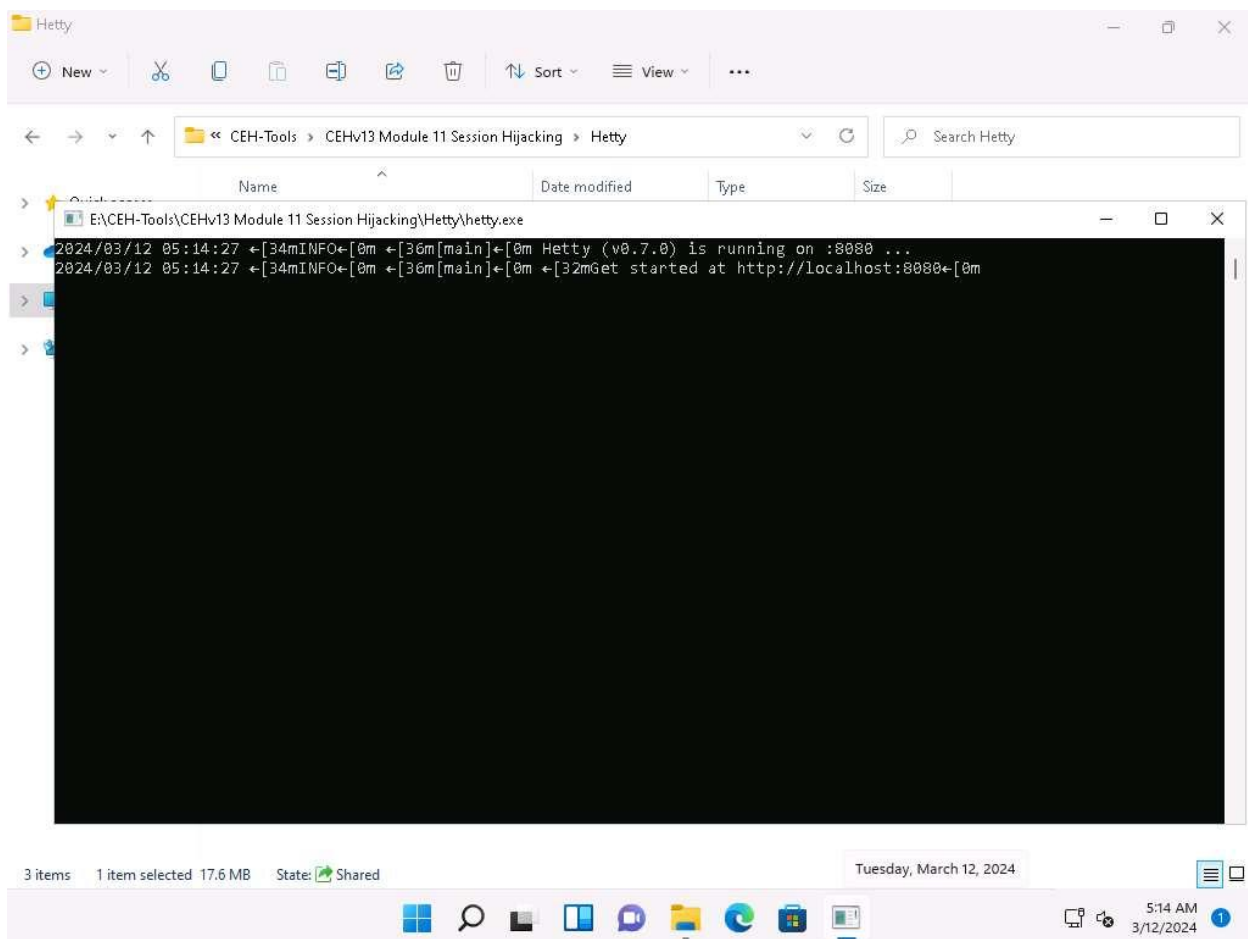
Here, we will use the Hetty tool to intercept HTTP traffic on the target system.

Here, we will use **Windows 11** machine as an attacker machine and **Windows Server 2022** machine as a target machine.

1. Click [Windows 11](#) to switch to the **Windows 11** machine.
2. Navigate to **E:\CEH-Tools\CEHv13 Module 11 Session Hijacking\Hetty** and double-click **hetty.exe**.

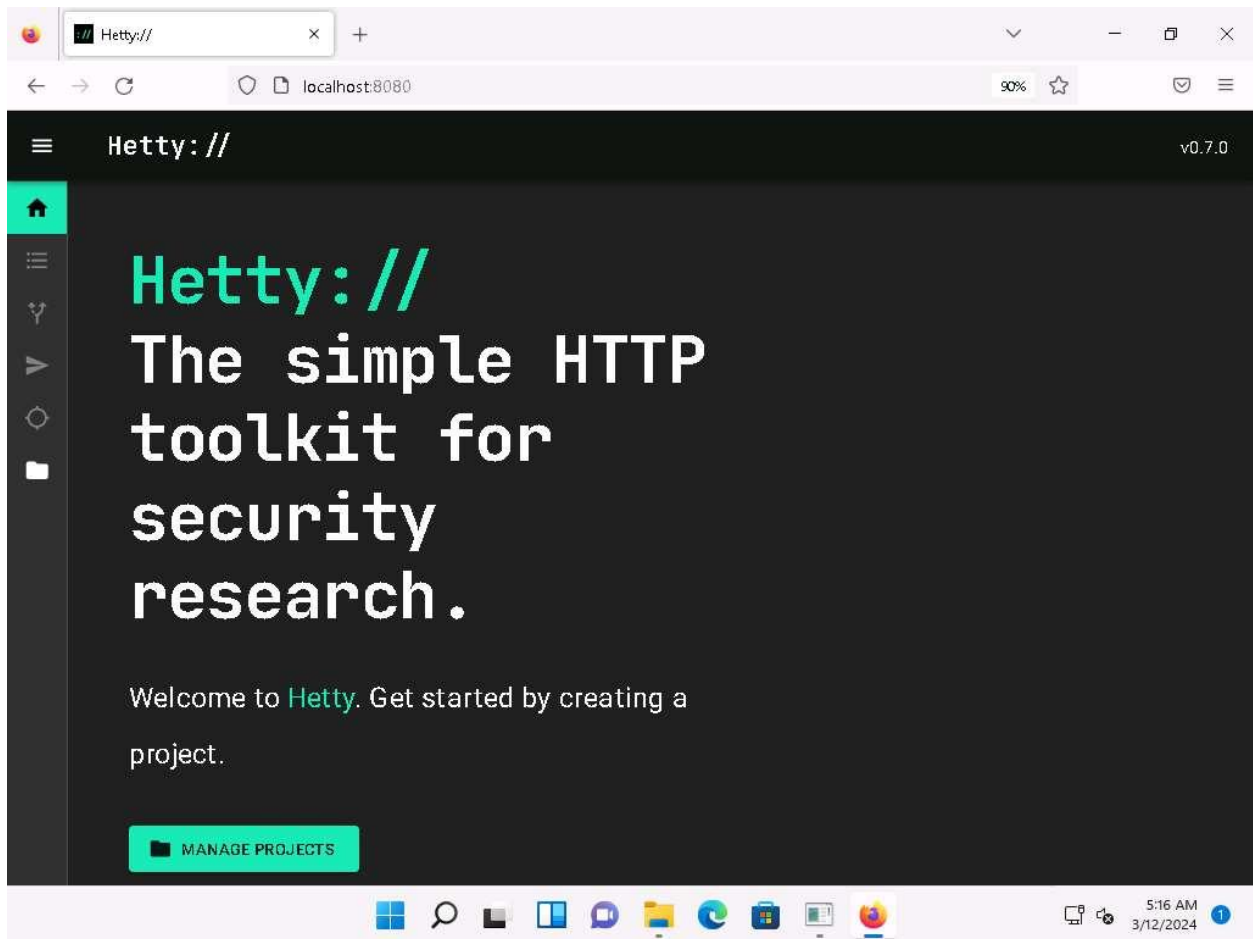
If an **Open File - Security Warning** window appears, click **Run**.

3. A **Command Prompt** window appears, and Hetty initializes.

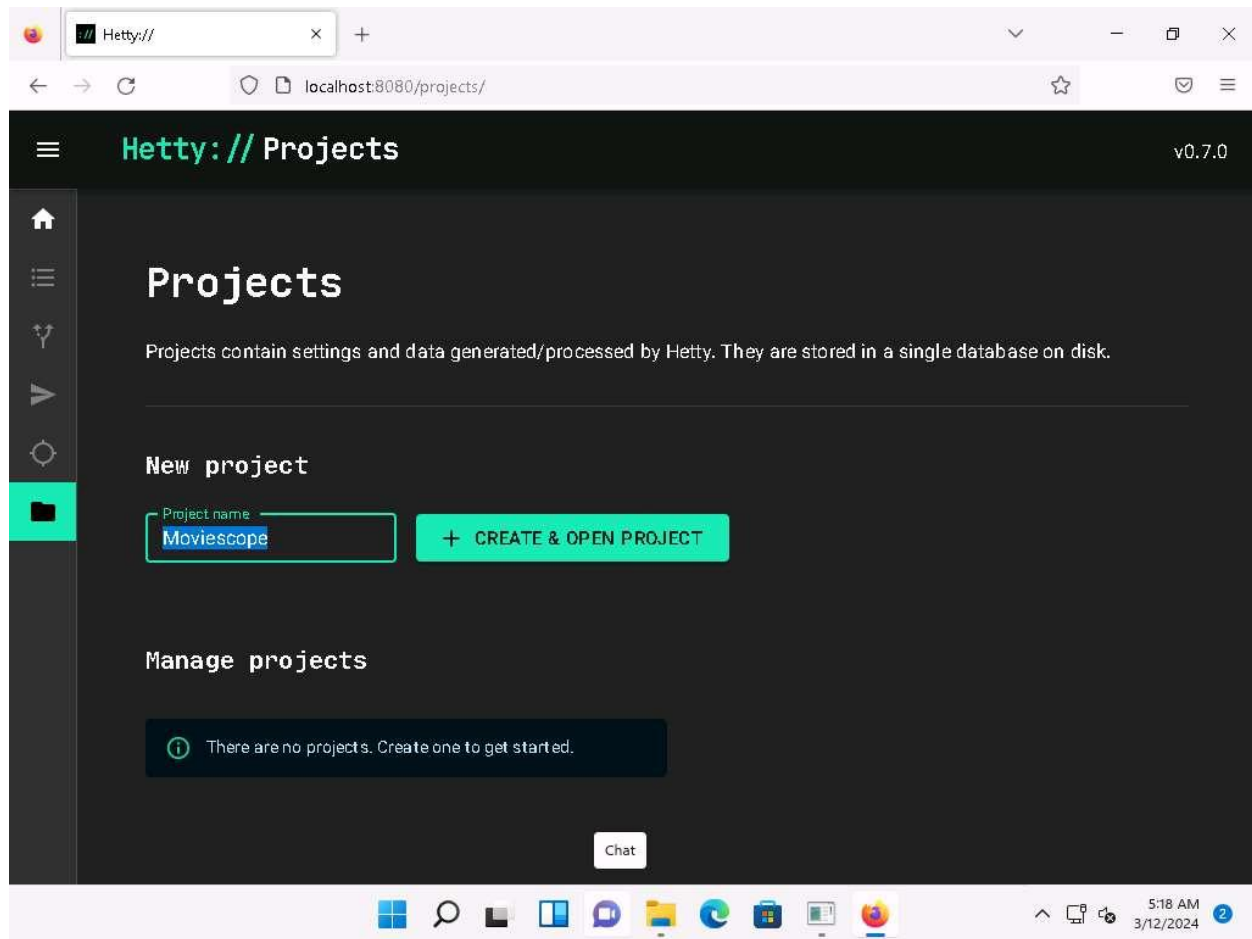


4. Now, minimize all the windows and launch any web browser (here, **Mozilla Firefox**). Go to **http://localhost:8080** to open Hetty dashboard.

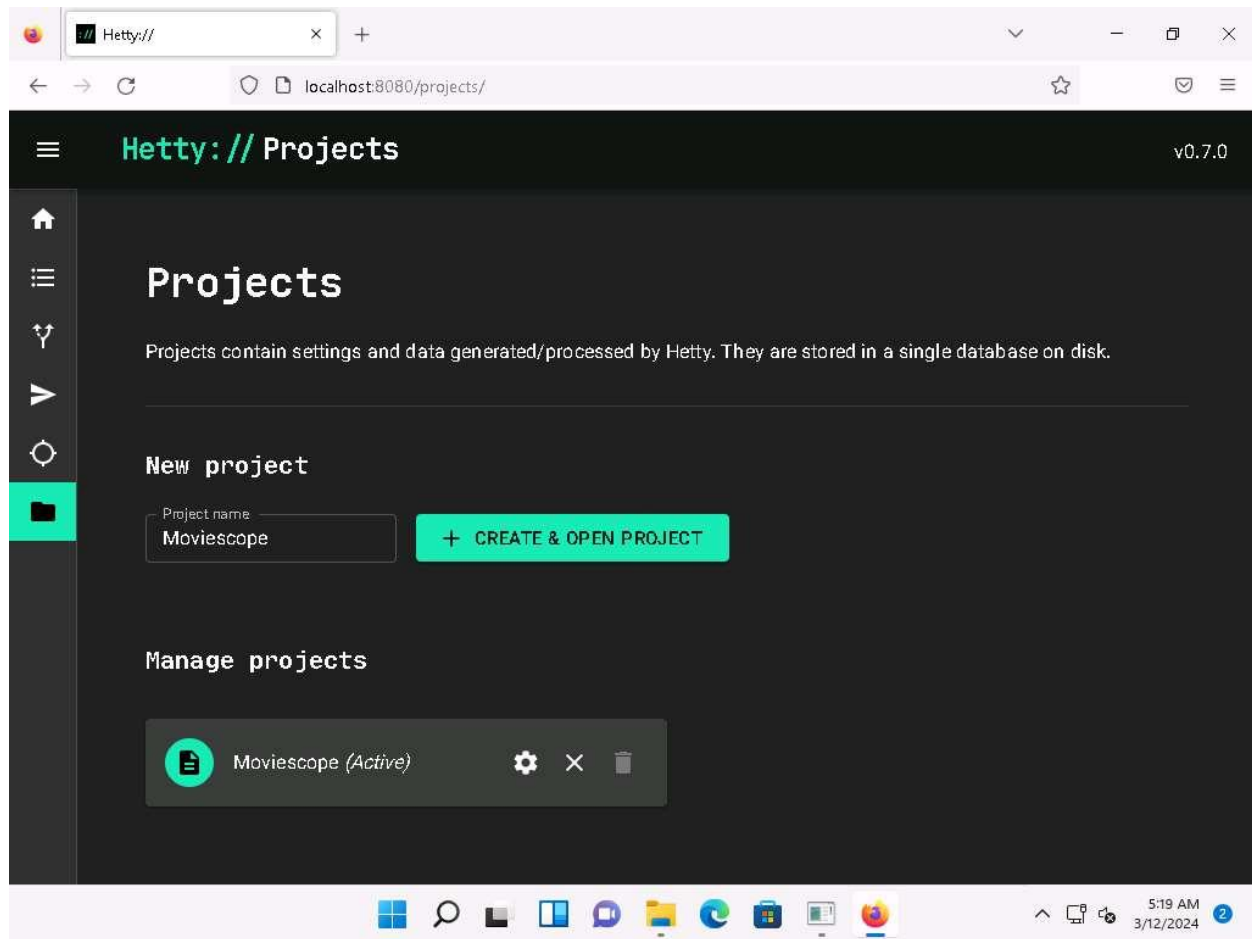
5. In the Hetty dashboard, click **MANAGE PROJECTS** button.




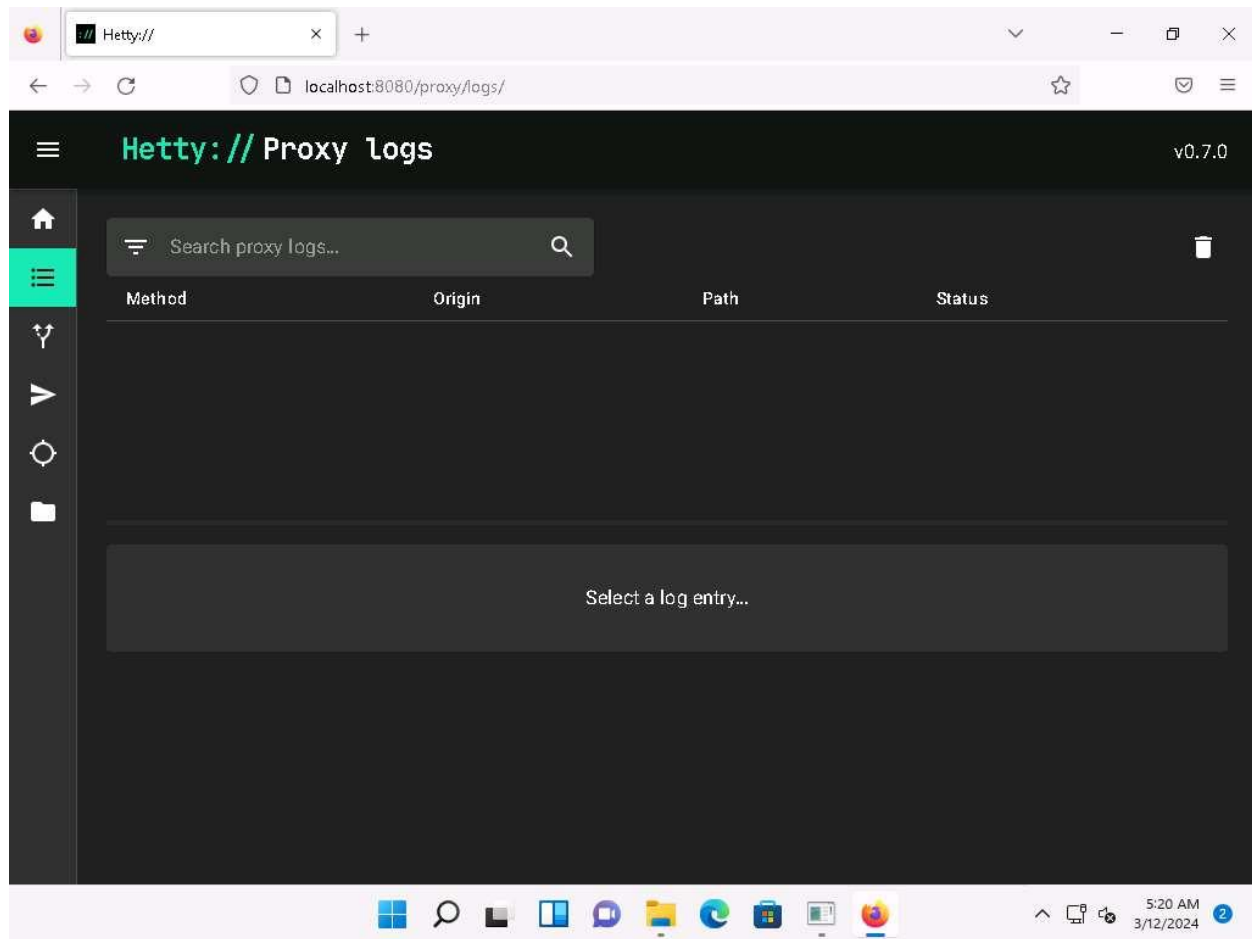
6. **Projects** page appears, type **Project name** as **Moviescope** and click **+ CREATE & OPEN PROJECT** button.



7. You can observe that a new project name **Moviescope** has been created under **Manage projects** section with a status as **Active**.



8. Click **Proxy logs** icon () from the left-pane.
9. A **Proxy logs** page appears, as shown in the screenshot.

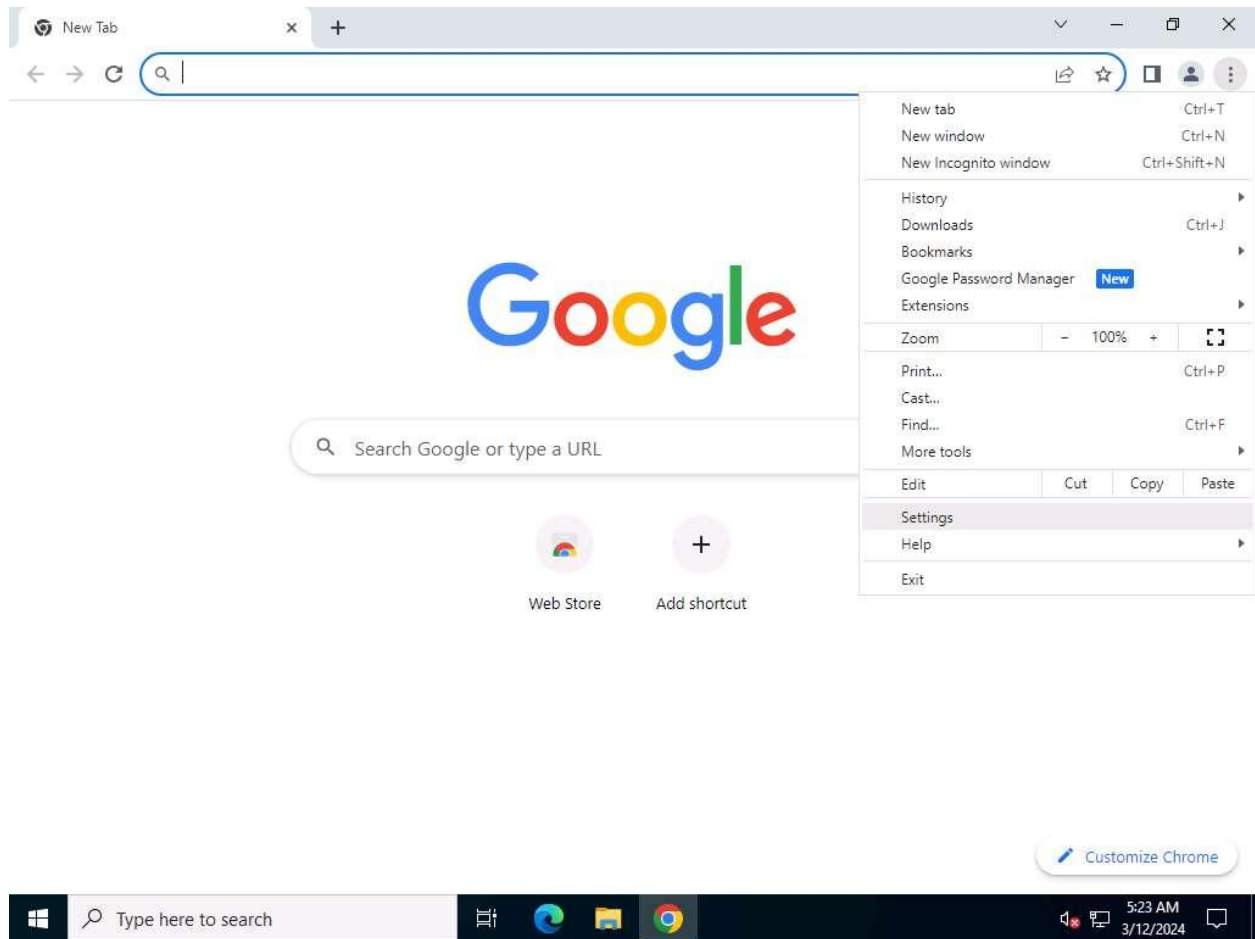


10. Now, click [Windows Server 2022](#) to switch to the **Windows Server 2022** machine.

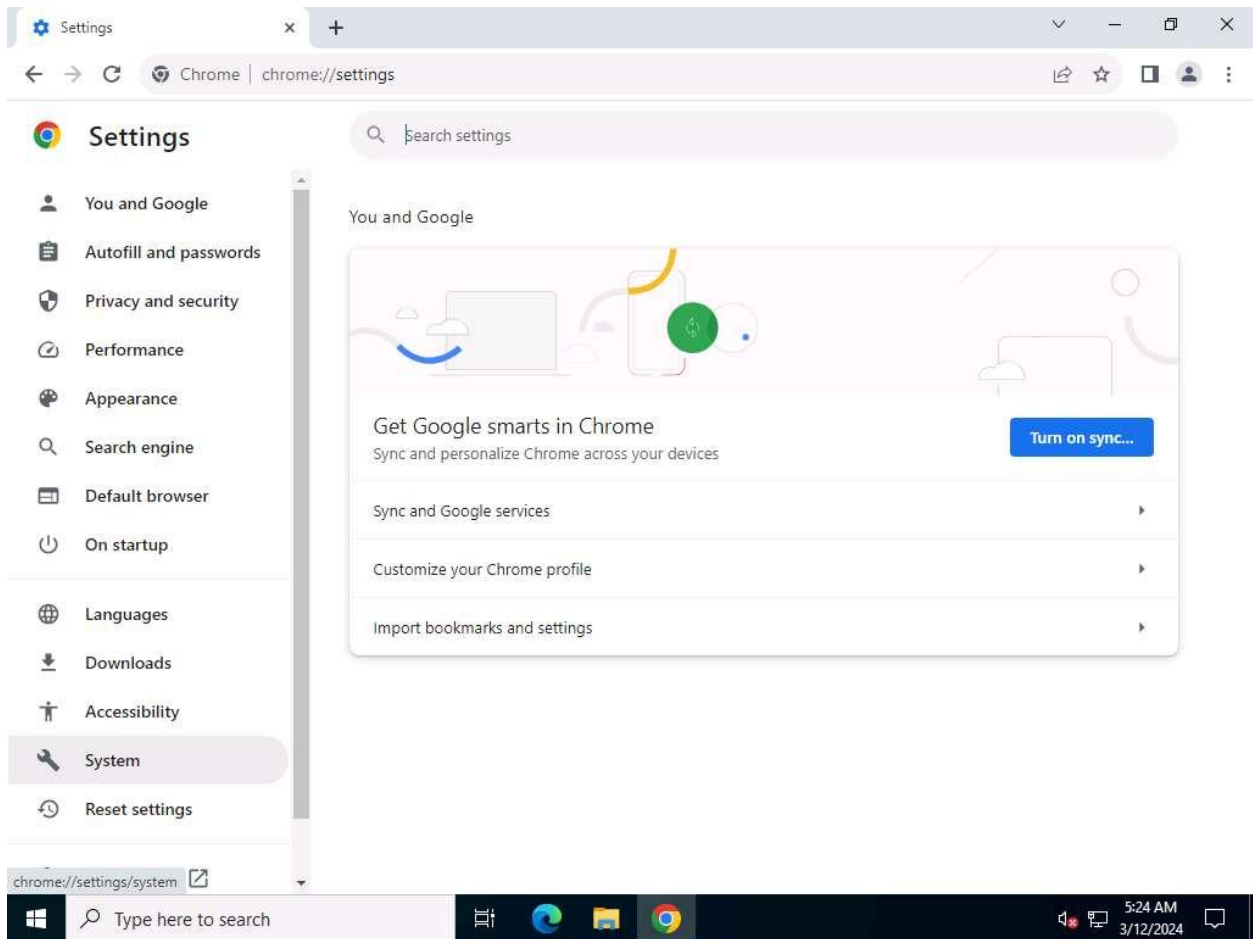
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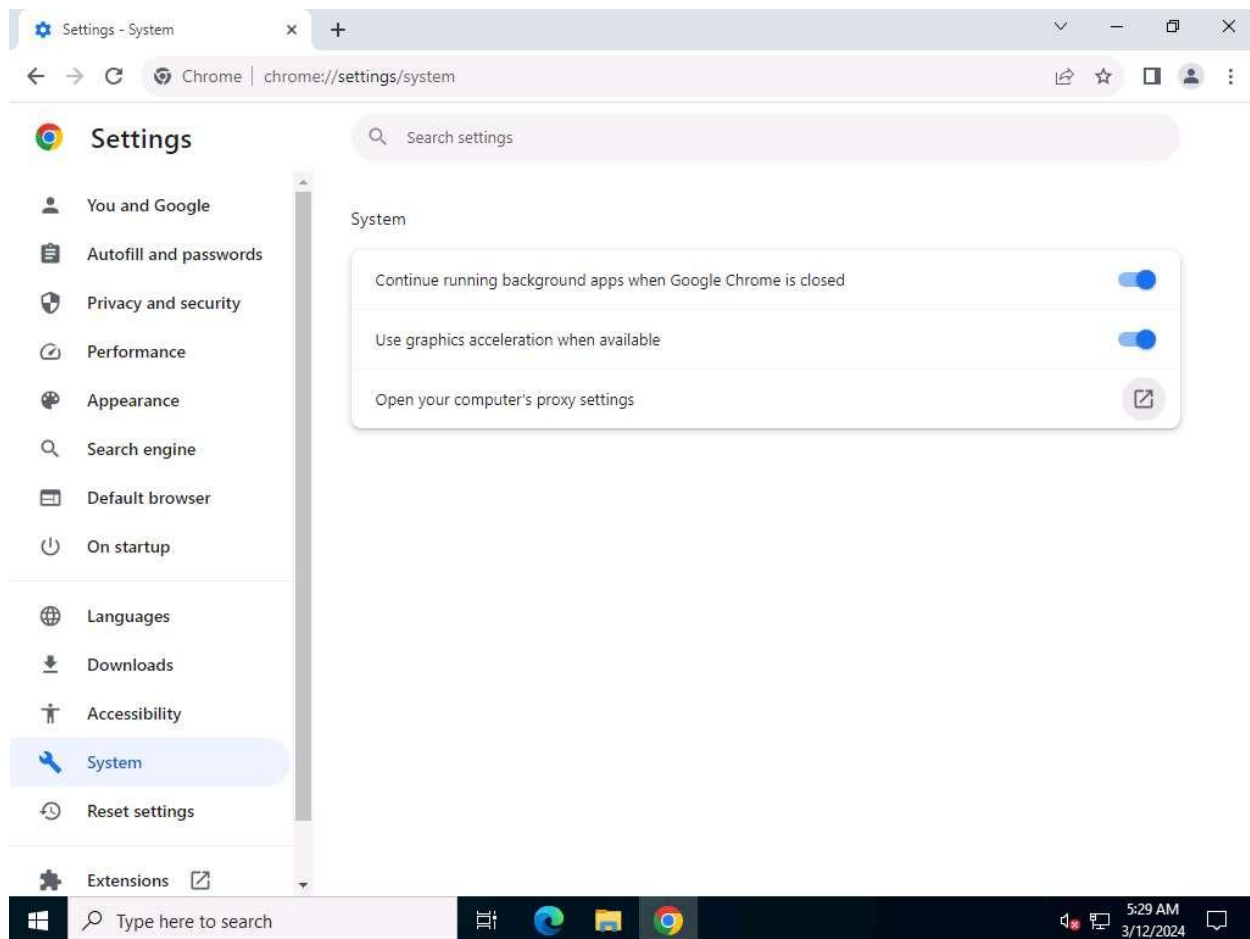
11. Open **Google Chrome** web browser, click the **Customize and control Google Chrome** icon, and select **Settings** from the context menu.



12. On the **Settings** page, scroll-down and click **System** in the left-pane.



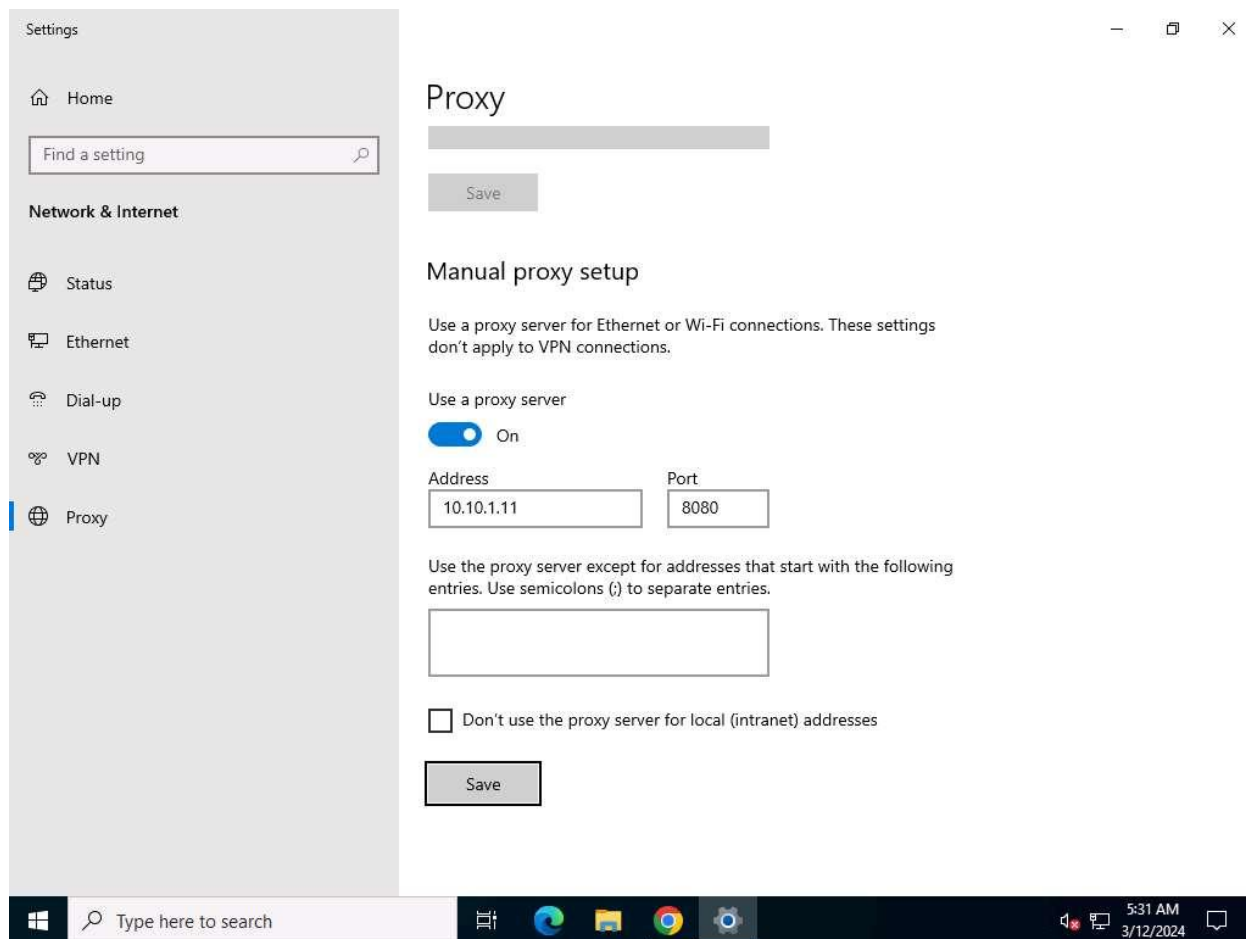
13. Scroll-down to the **System** section and click **Open your computer's proxy settings** to configure a proxy.



14. A **Settings** window appears, with the **Proxy** settings in the right pane.

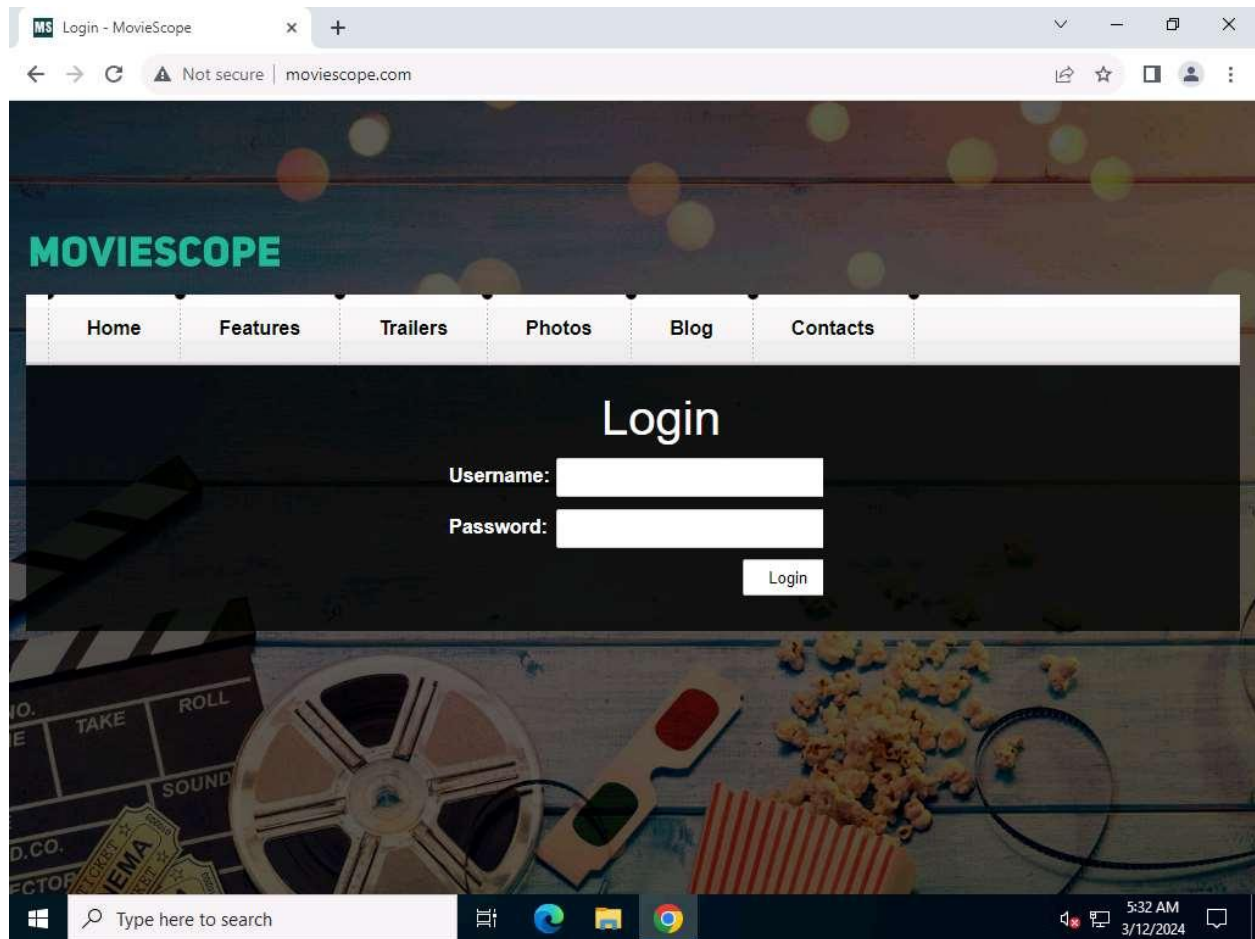
15. In the **Manual proxy setup** section, make the following changes:

- Under the **Use a proxy server** option, click the **Off** button to switch it **On**.
- In the **Address** field, type **10.10.1.11** (the IP address of the attacker's machine, here, **Windows 11**).
- In the **Port** field, type **8080**.
- Click **Save**.



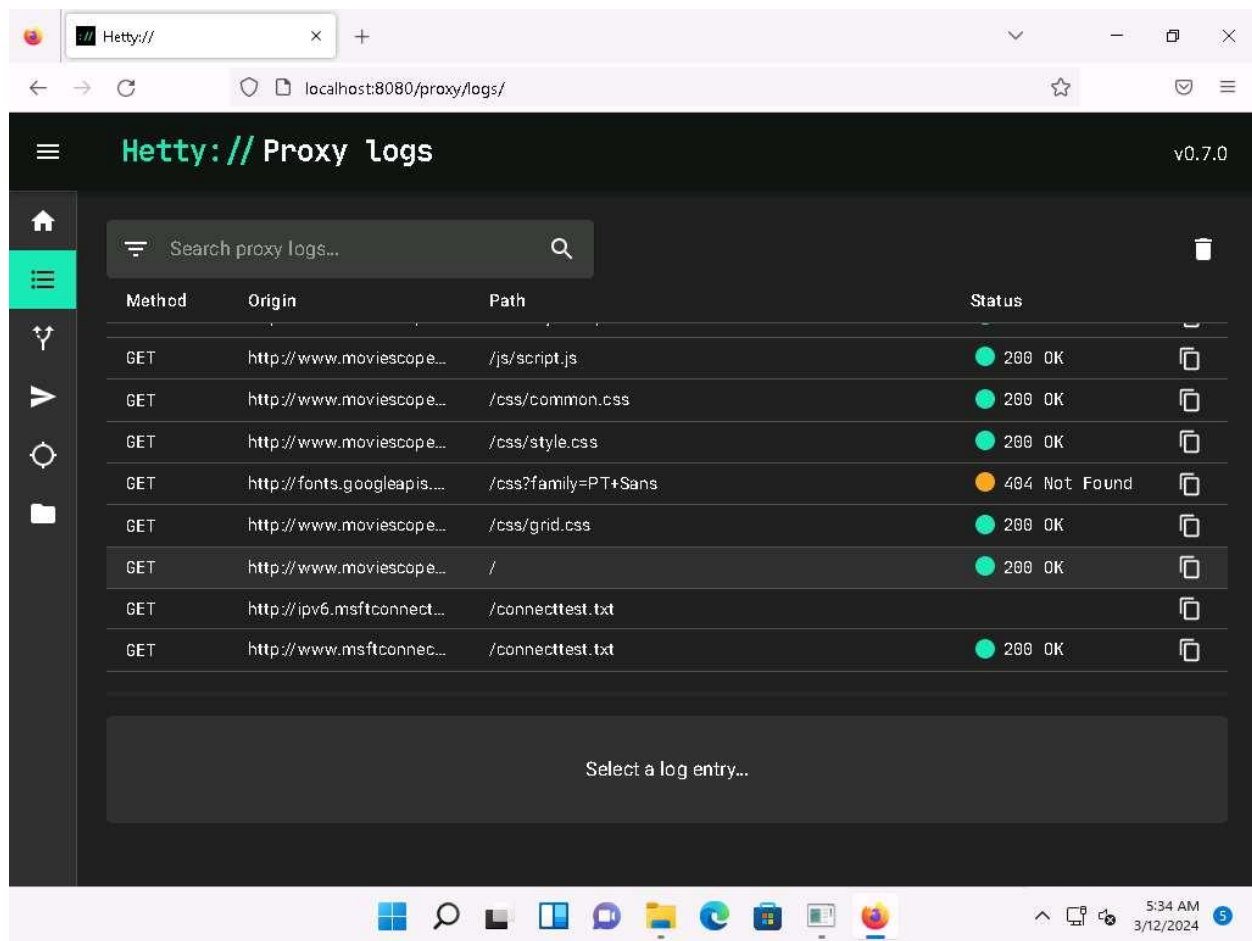
16. After saving, close the **Settings** and browser windows. You have now configured the proxy settings of the victim's machine.

17. Now, in the web browser go to **<http://www.moviescope.com>**.



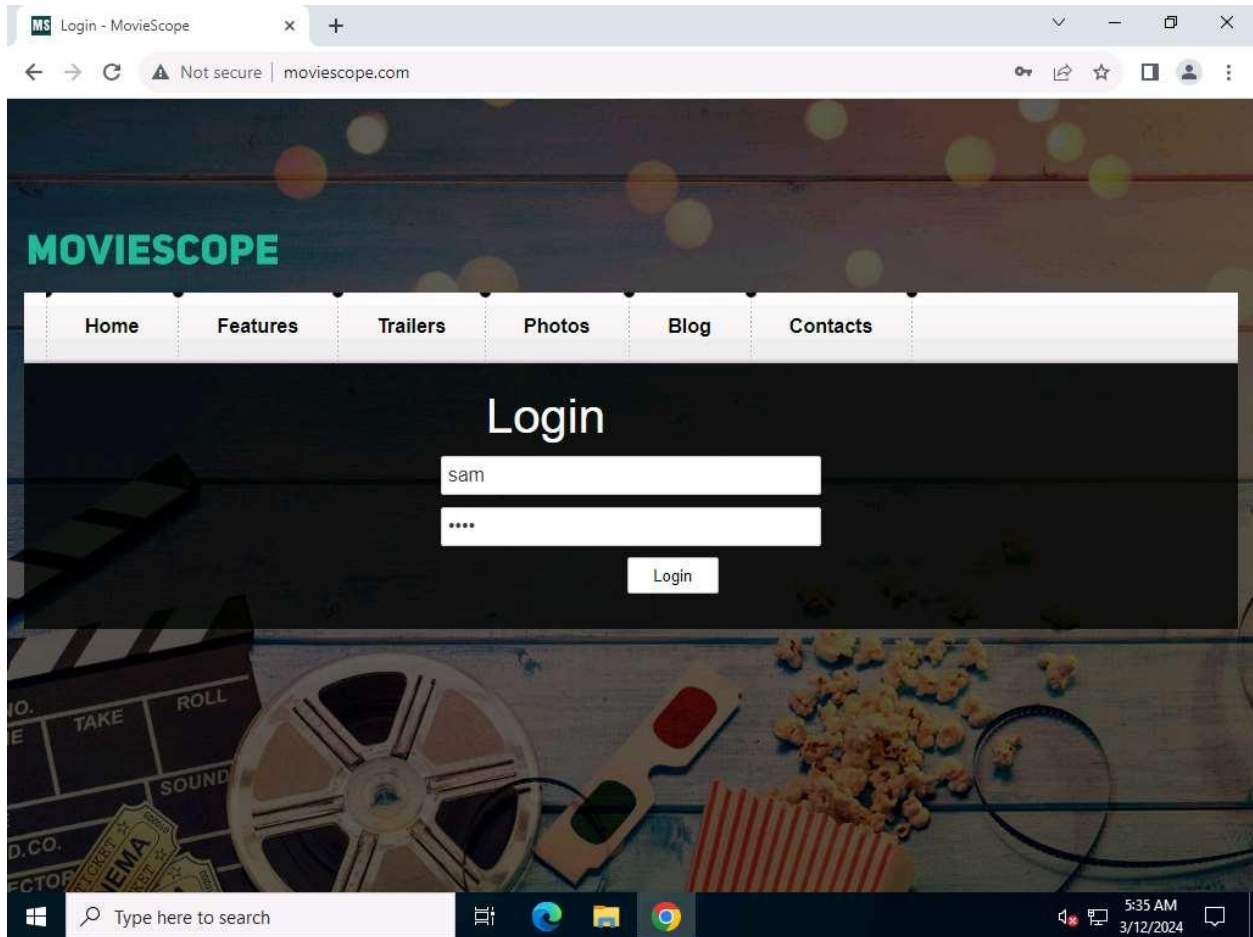
18. Click [Windows 11](#) to switch to the **Windows 11** machine.

19. You can observe that the logs are captured in the **Proxy logs** page. Here, we are focusing on logs associated with moviescope.com website.

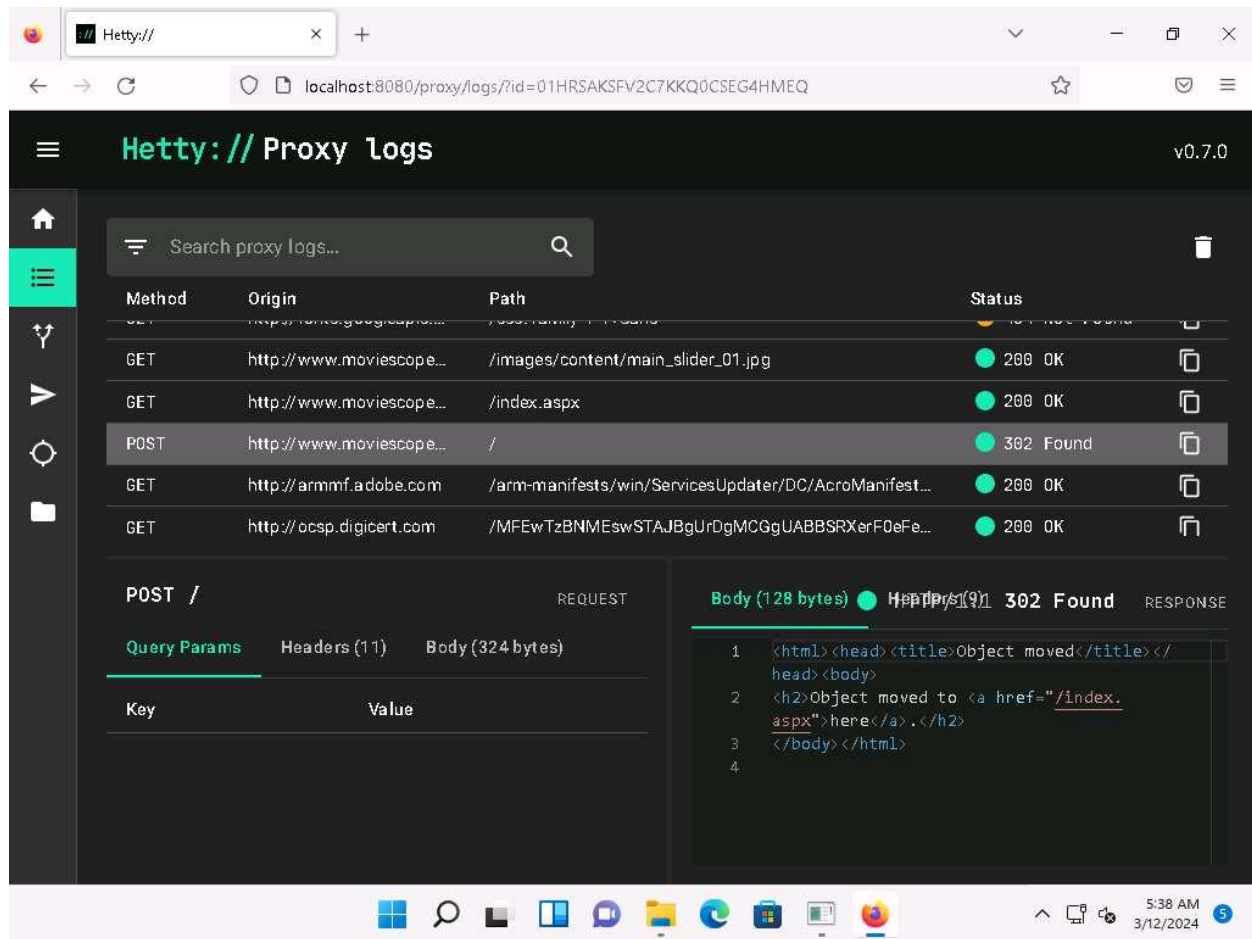


20. Click [Windows Server 2022](#) to switch back to the **Windows Server 2022** machine.

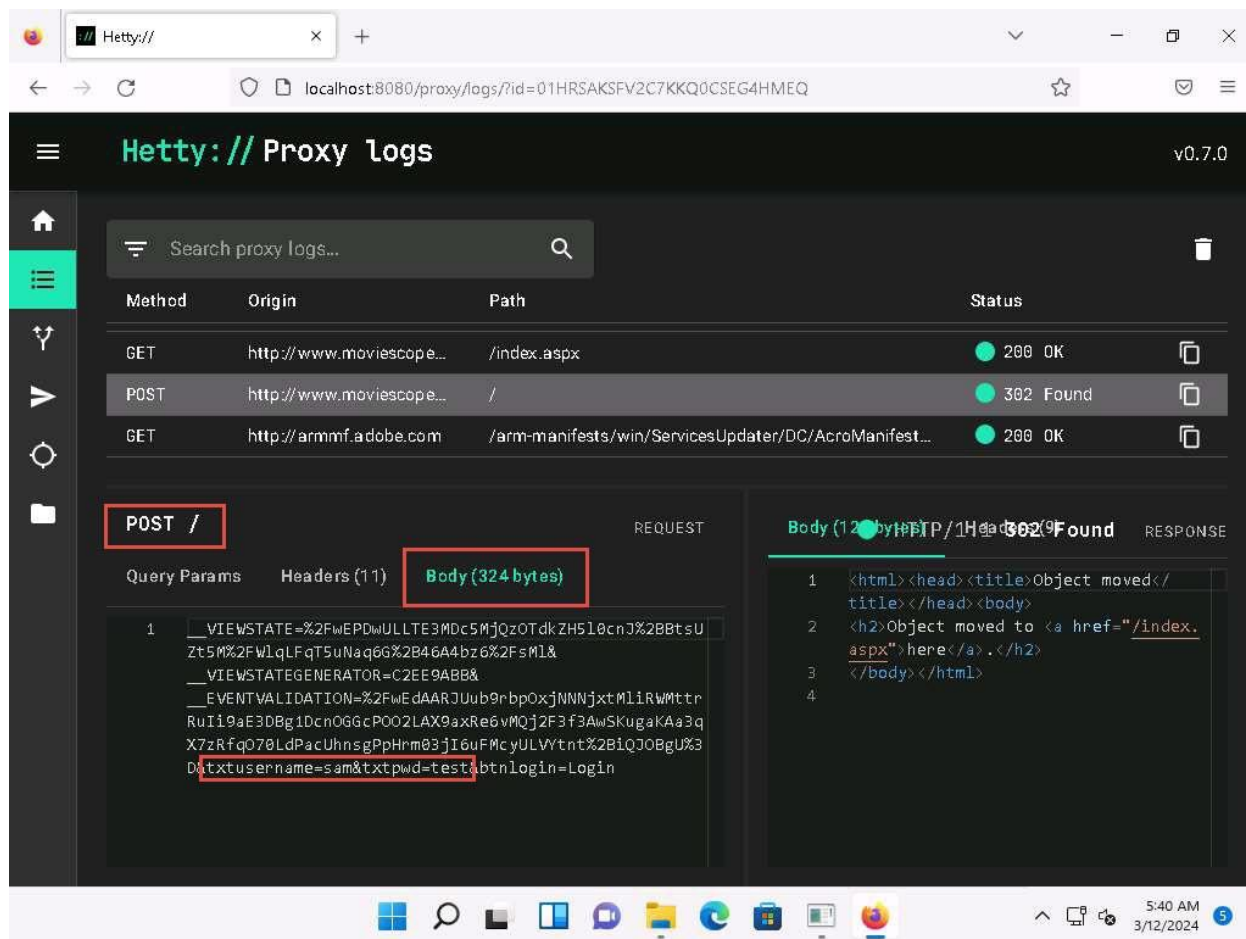
21. In the **MovieScope** website, login as a victim with credentials as **sam/test**.



22. Now, click [Windows 11](#) to switch to the **Windows 11** machine.
23. In the **Proxy logs** page, scroll-down to check more logs on moviescope website. Check for **POST** log captured for the target website.



24. Select the **POST request** and in the lower section of the page, select **Body** tab under **POST** section.
25. Under the **Body** tab, you can observe the captured user credentials, as shown in the screenshot.

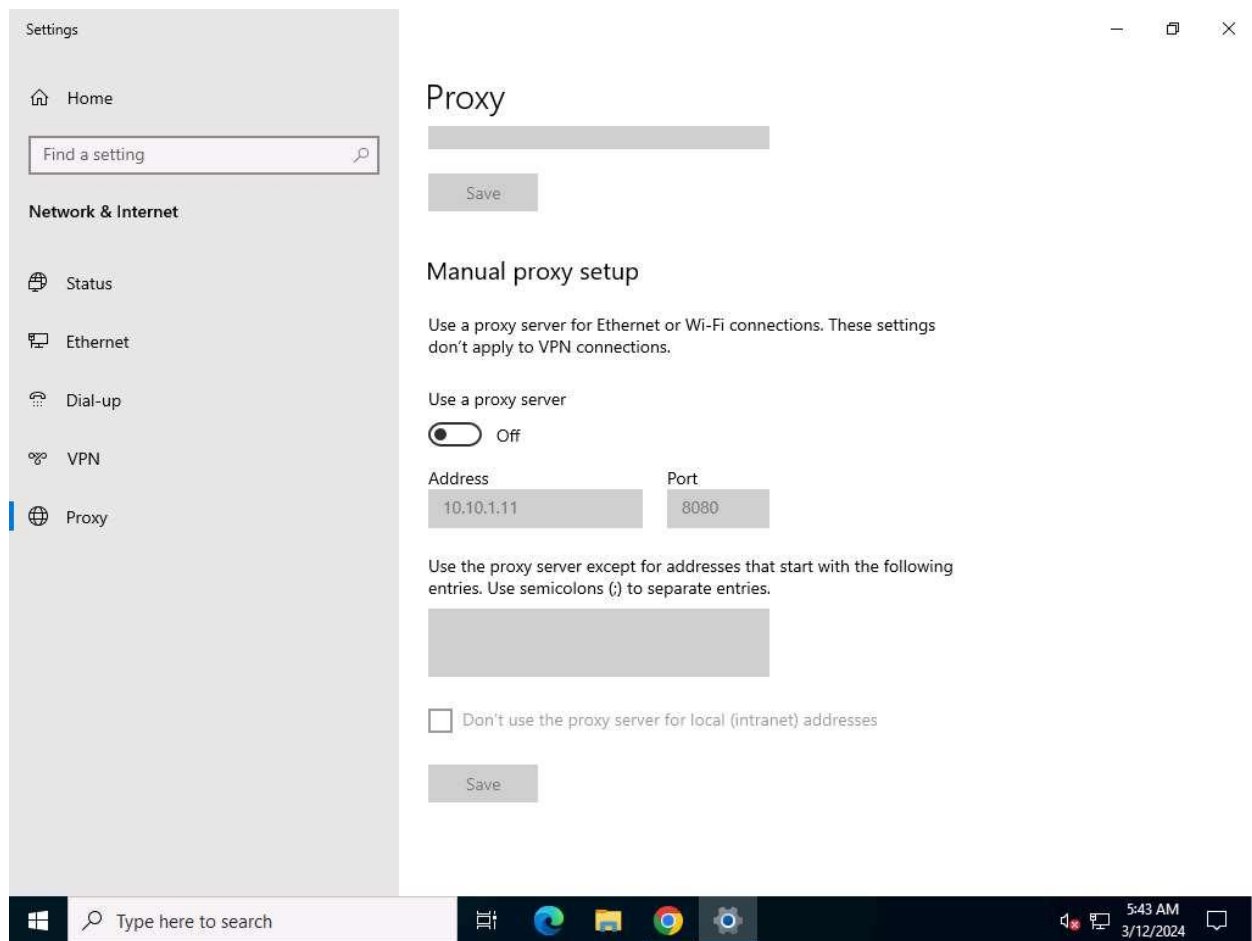


26. The captured credentials can be used to log in to the target user's account and obtain further sensitive information.

27. Now, we shall change the proxy settings back to the default settings. To do so, click [Windows Server 2022](#) to switch back to the **Windows Server 2022** machine and perform **Steps 13-15** again.

If you are logged out of the **Windows Server 2022** machine, click [Ctrl+Alt+Delete](#), then login using **CEH\Administrator / Pa\$\$w0rd**.

28. In the **Settings** window, under the **Manual proxy setup** section in the right pane, click the **On** button to toggle it back to **Off**, as shown in the screenshot.



29. This concludes the demonstration of HTTP traffic interception using Hetty.

30. Close all open windows and document all the acquired information.

Question 11.1.2.1

Use the Hetty tool to intercept HTTP traffic on the Windows Server 2022 machine. Enter the url that was entered in the address bar of the browser to open Hetty dashboard.

Question 11.1.2.2

Use the Hetty tool to intercept HTTP traffic on the Windows Server 2022 machine. What was the password that was captured in Hetty tool by intercepting traffic of Windows Server 2022?