

**ATTACK  
DEFENSE**

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Name	Excessive Data Exposure I
URL	<a href="https://attackdefense.com/challengedetails?cid=1919">https://attackdefense.com/challengedetails?cid=1919</a>
Type	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 255.255.255.0 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,LOOPBACK,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:~#
```

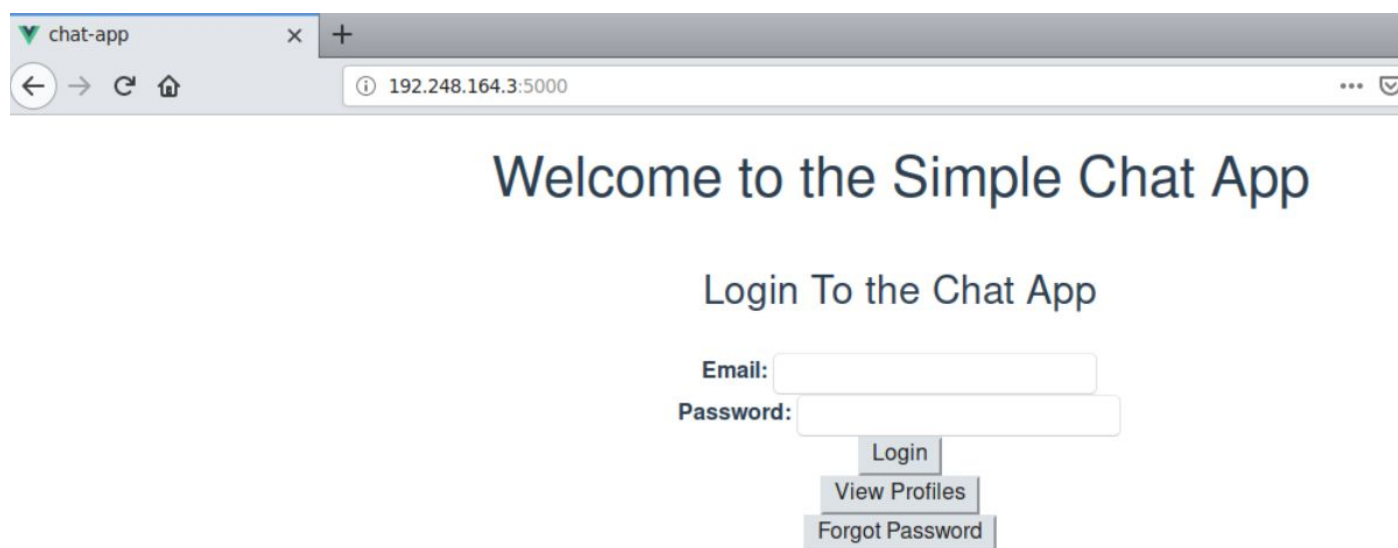
The IP address of the machine is 192.248.164.2.

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

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

Open the following URL in firefox.

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



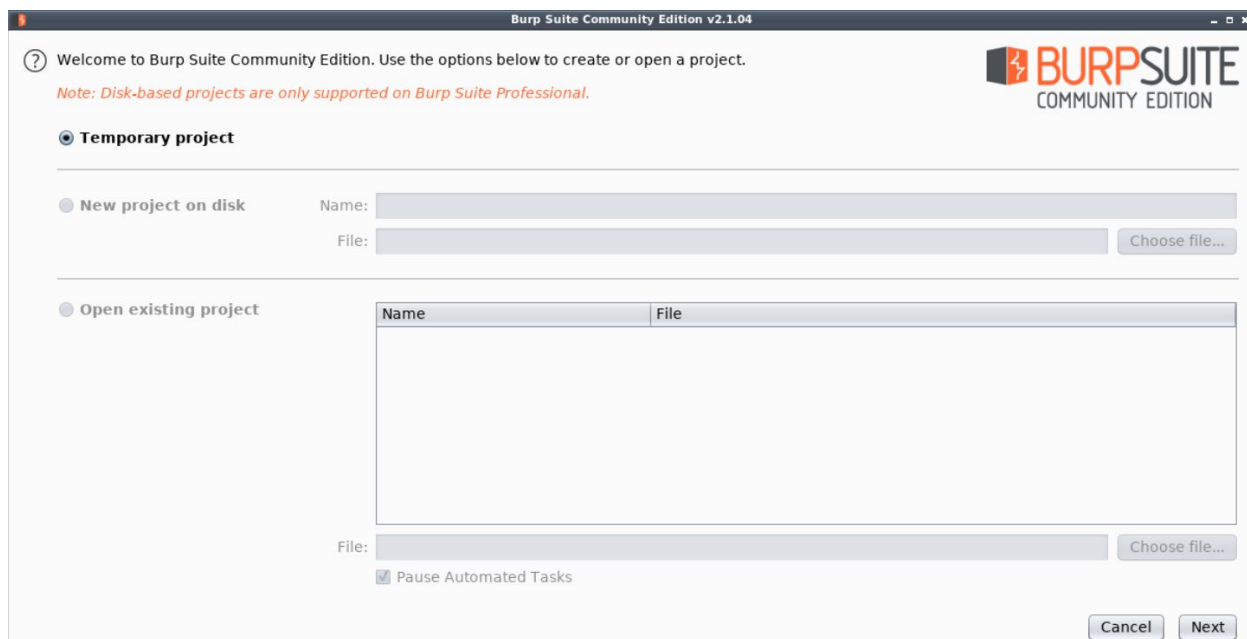
**Step 3:** Configuring the browser to use BurpSuite proxy and making BurpSuite intercept all the requests made to the API.

Launch BurpSuite.

Select Web Application Analysis > burpsuite

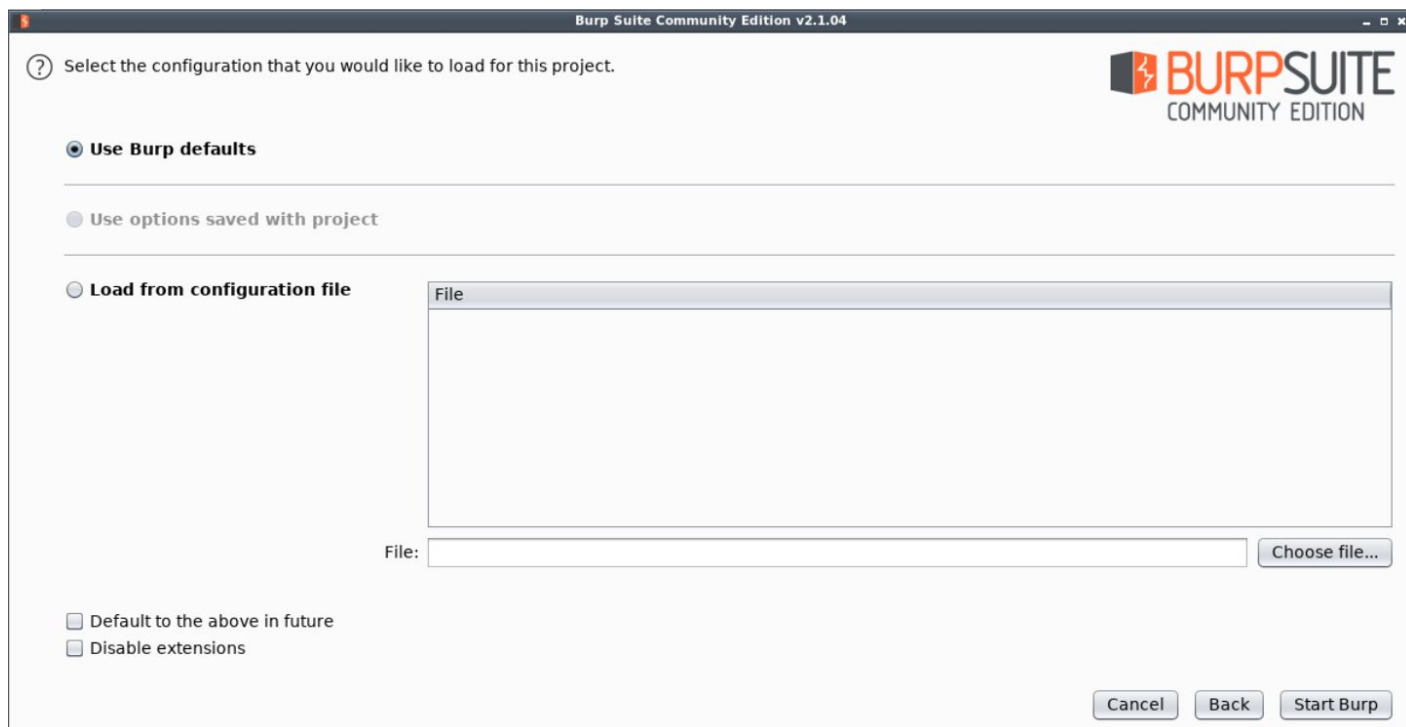


The following window will appear:



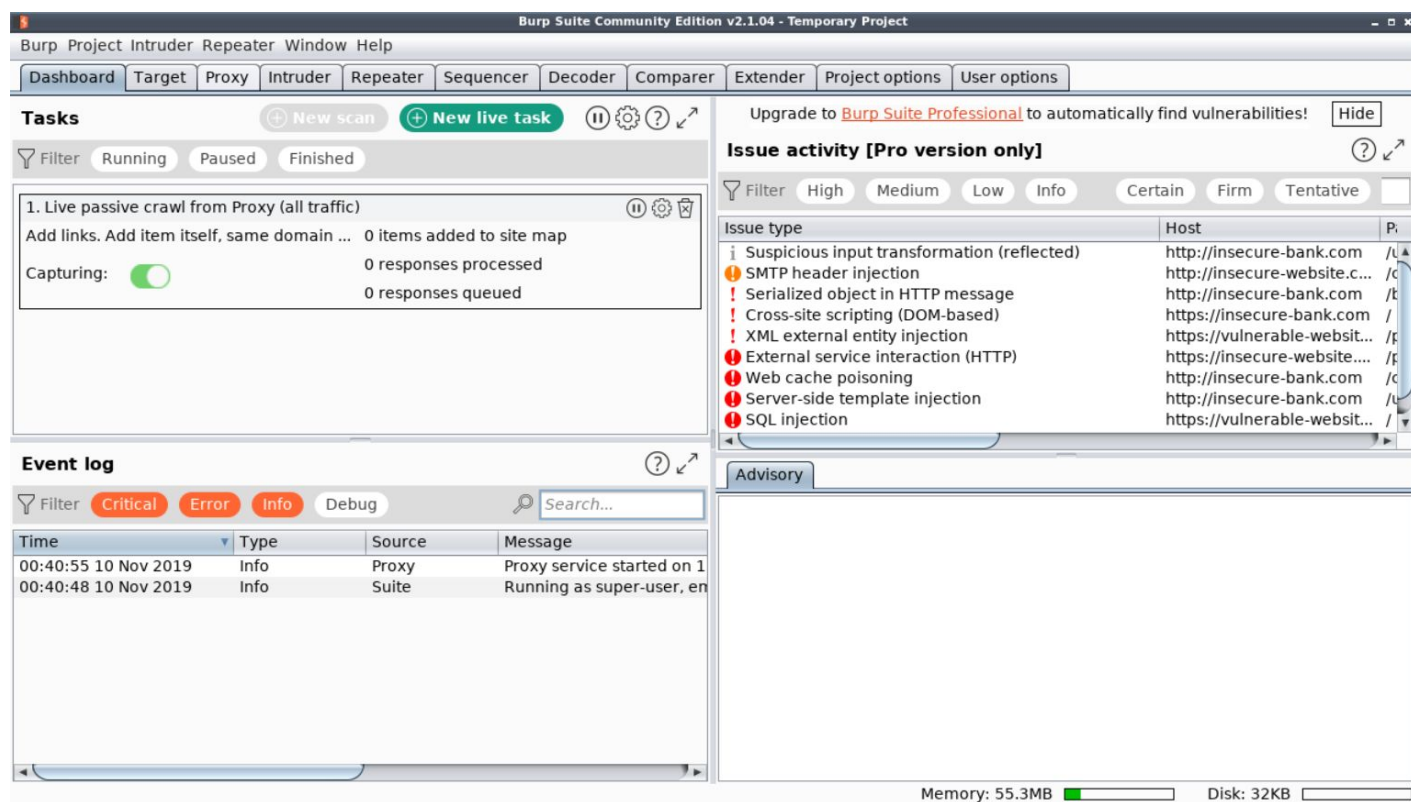
Click Next.

Finally, click Start Burp in the following window:



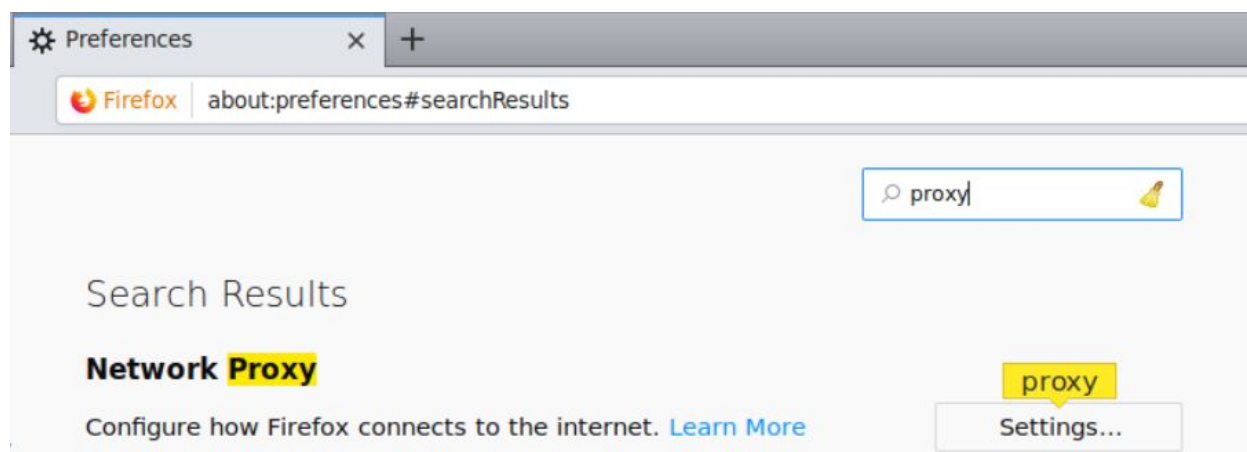


The following window will appear after BurpSuite has started:

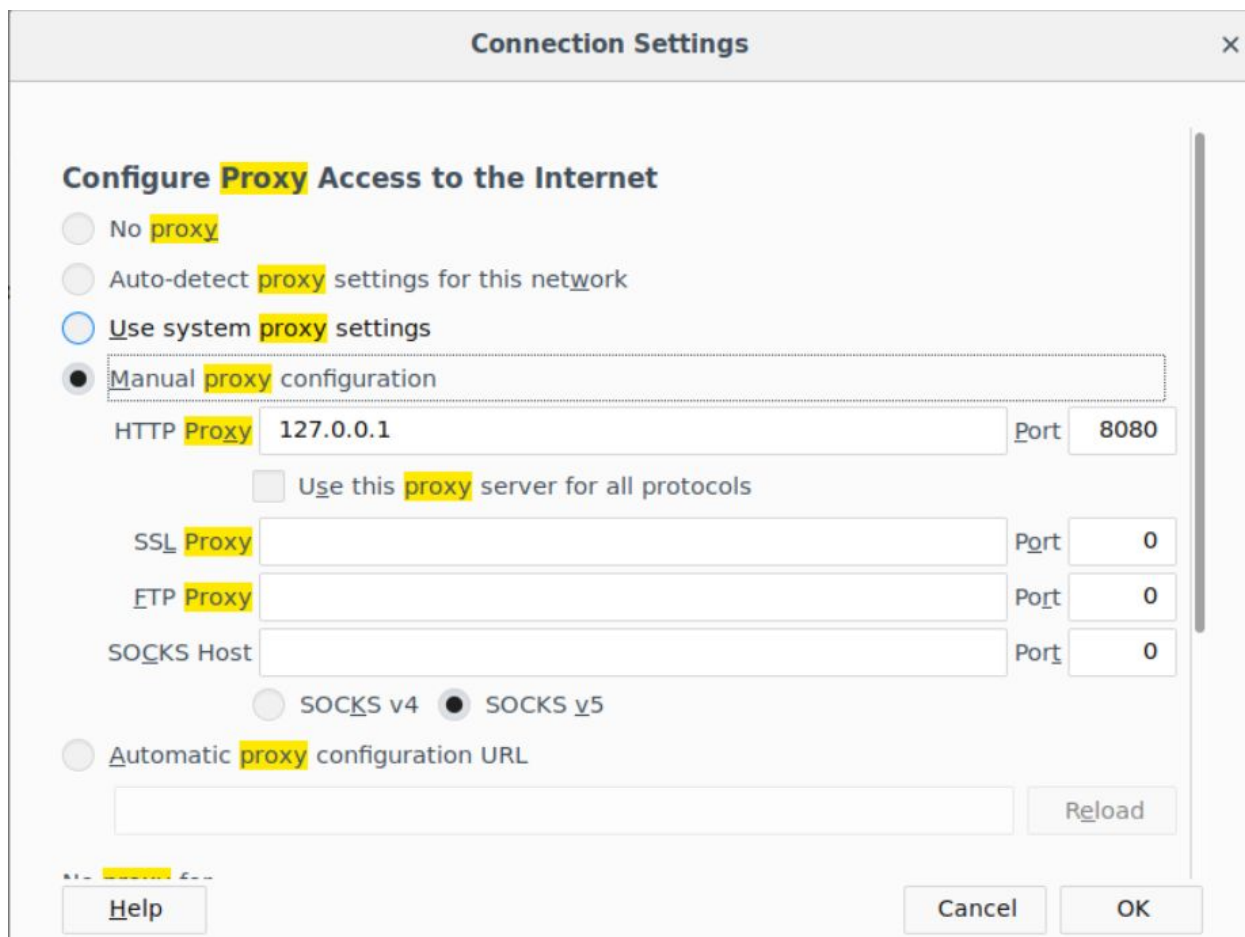


Configure the browser to use the Burp proxy listener as its HTTP Proxy server.

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.



**Connection Settings**

**Configure Proxy Access to the Internet**

☐ No proxy

☐ Auto-detect proxy settings for this network

☐ Use system proxy settings

☒ Manual proxy configuration

HTTP Proxy  Port

☐ Use this proxy server for all protocols

SSL Proxy  Port

FTP Proxy  Port

SOCKS Host  Port

☐ SOCKS v4 ☒ SOCKS v5

☐ Automatic proxy configuration URL

Click OK.

Everything required to intercept the requests has been setup.

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



## Welcome to the Simple Chat App

### Login To the Chat App

Email:

Password:

Click on the View Profiles button to view the profiles for different users.

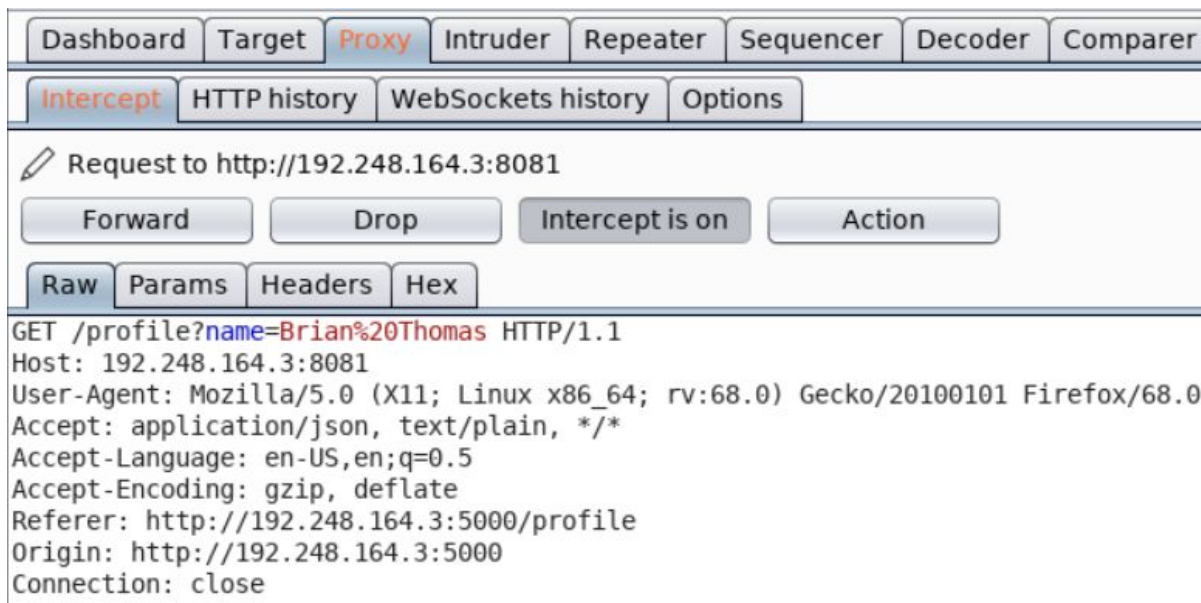


## Welcome to the Profile Search Page

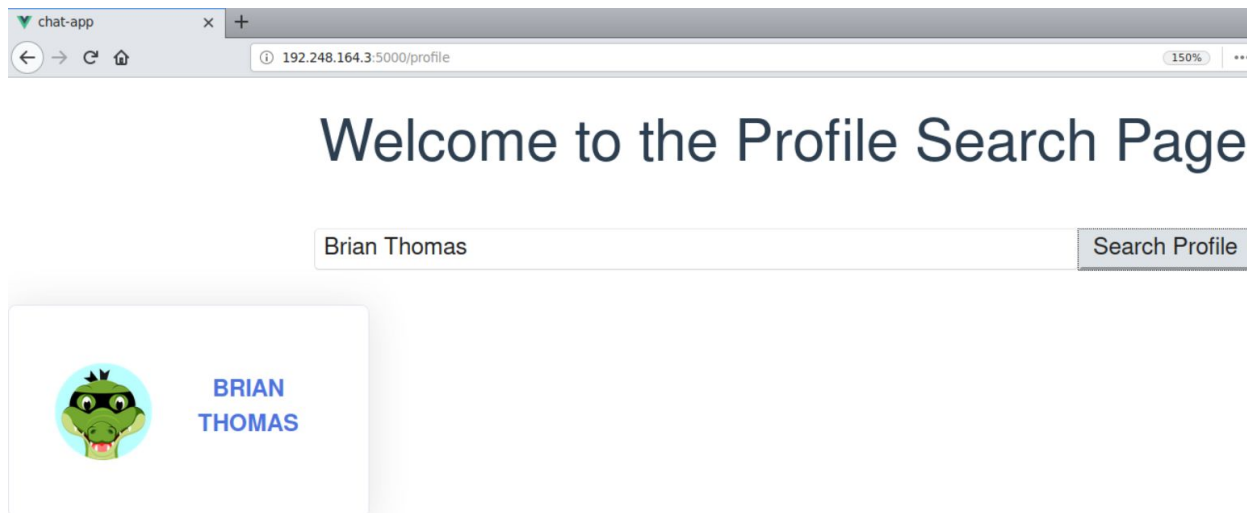
**Note:** Make sure that intercept is on in BurpSuite

Enter the name "Brian Thomas" to search for that user's profile and click on the Search Profile button.





Forward the above request.



The response on the web page shows the user avatar and their name.

Check the raw response returned by the Chat API in HTTP History tab of BurpSuite.

Dashboard Target Proxy Intruder Repeater Sequencer Decoder Comparer Extender Project options User options

Intercept HTTP history WebSockets history Options

Filter: Hiding CSS, image and general binary content

#	Host	Method	URL	Params	Edited	Status	Length	MIME type	Extension
14	http://192.248.164.3:8081	GET	/profile?name=Brian%20Thomas	✓		200	406	JSON	

Request Response

Raw Headers Hex Render

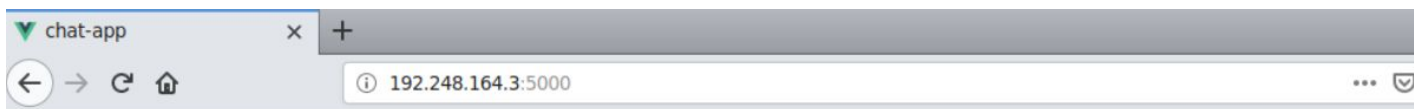
HTTP/1.0 200 OK  
Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8  
Content-Length: 179  
Access-Control-Allow-Origin: http://192.248.164.3:5000  
Vary: Origin  
Server: Werkzeug/0.16.0 Python/2.7.15+  
Date: Mon, 09 Dec 2019 15:01:30 GMT

```
{
  "profile_pic": "/profile-pics/pic-20.png",
  "bday": "07-09-1993",
  "ip": "154.73.235.121",
  "acct_date": "28-09-2019",
  "user": "Brian Thomas",
  "email": "brianthomas@chat-api.com"
}
```

Notice that the response contains a lot more information that it is displayed on the web page.

The returned data contains the birth date, IP address, email and account creation date for the specified user. This information is sensitive and could lead to account compromise.

Return back to the starting page.



## Welcome to the Simple Chat App

### Login To the Chat App

Email:

Password:

Login

View Profiles

Forgot Password

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

Click on Forgot Password button.

## Proceed here to reset your password

Answer these questions correctly to proceed

Your registered Email ID
Date of Birth: DD-MM-YYYY
Residence City. Example: Seattle
Your mother's maiden name.

Reset Password

This page contains a set of questions to be answered before proceeding forward to change the password.

Since some of the information was revealed by the API when the user profile was requested, using that here.

To figure out the city of residence, use any Geolocation API to get the city corresponding to the IP address of the user revealed from the API response.

Using <https://ipinfo.io> to determine the city using the IP address of the user:

The screenshot shows the IPinfo.io website. The main heading is "The Trusted Source for IP Address Data". Below it, a text block states: "With IPinfo, you can pinpoint your users' locations, customize their experiences, prevent fraud, ensure compliance, and so much more." Below this, it says "Fast • Accurate • Trusted by 100,000+ businesses and developers since 2013." There are two buttons: "SIGN UP FOR FREE" and "CONTACT SALES". A note below the buttons says "No credit card required." On the right side, there is a search bar with the IP address "154.73.235.121" entered. Below the search bar, a JSON object displays the IP information:

```
{
  "ip": "154.73.235.121",
  "city": "Lusaka",
  "region": "Lusaka",
  "country": "ZM",
  "loc": "-15.4067,28.2871",
  "timezone": "Africa/Lusaka",
  "asn": {
    "asn": "AS37185",
    "name": "ISAT Africa Zambia Ltd",
    "domain": "isatafrica.co.zm",
    "route": "154.73.235.0/24",
    "type": "isp"
  },
  "company": {
    "name": "ISAT Africa Zambia Ltd",
    "domain": "isatafrica.co.zm",
    "type": "isp"
  }
}
```

At the bottom right, there is a "Try:" section with three buttons: "Your IP", "8.8.4.4", and "AS15169".

Source: <https://ipinfo.io>

As revealed from the IP address, the corresponding city is Lusaka.

## Proceed here to reset your password

Answer these questions correctly to proceed

brianthomas@chat-api.com

07-09-1993

Lusaka

Reset Password

Click on Reset Password button.



# Proceed here to reset your password

Change the password to 123.

# Proceed here to reset your password

# Proceed here to reset your password

Password was successfully changed!

The password was changed successfully.

Login to the web app using the modified credentials:



**Username:** Brian Thomas

**Password:** 123

## Welcome to the Simple Chat App

### Login To the Chat App

Email: brianthomas@chat-api.com

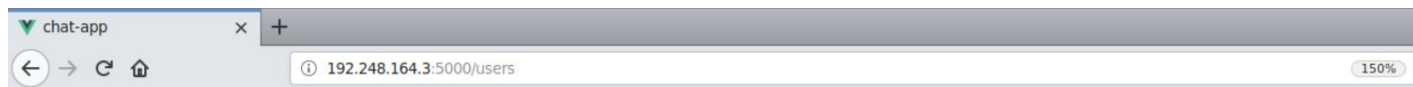
Password: 123

Login

View Profiles

Forgot Password

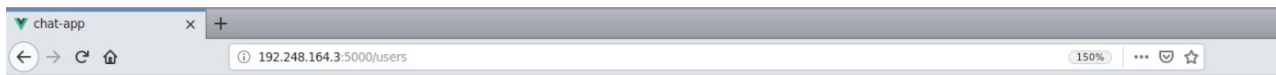
**Step 5:** Retrieving the Golden Ticket.



## Welcome Brian!

Golden Ticket

Click on Golden Ticket button to get the Golden Ticket.



# Welcome Brian!

**Golden Ticket:** This\_Is\_The\_Golden\_Ticket\_a87ab184f3bb331bb68c677

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## References:

1. OWASP API Security ([https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP\\_API\\_Security\\_Project](https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP_API_Security_Project))