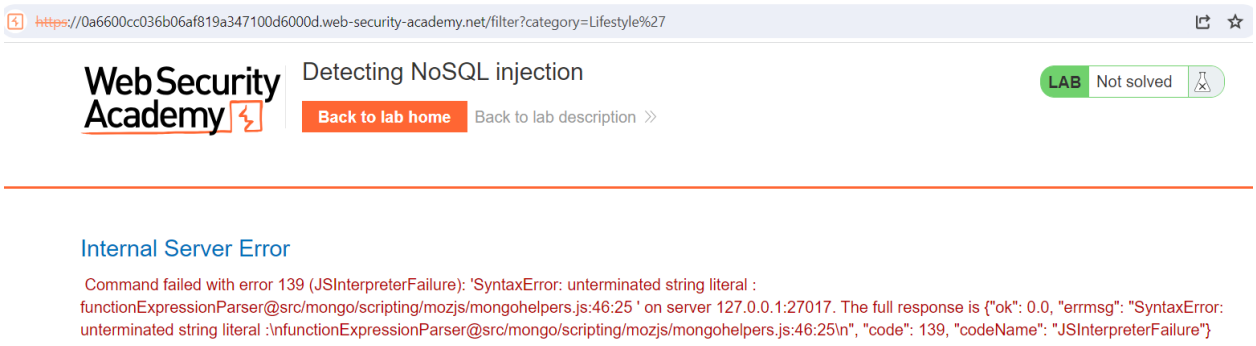
NoSQL injection

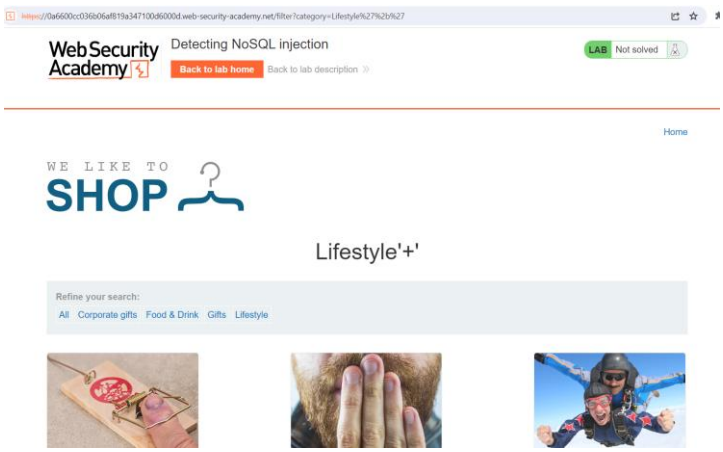
LAB 103 Detecting NoSQL injection

Dealing with websites catalogue, I tested it on SQL injections, by adding single quote mark ‘ in the end of category parameter inside URL and faced such error:



Examining the error message, I can see that the service uses MongoDB that does not use SQL queries, so further it will be tested on NoSQL injections.

As next thing, I tried to inject a valid JS payload into URL: ?category=Lifestyle’+’, fully encoding it into URL:

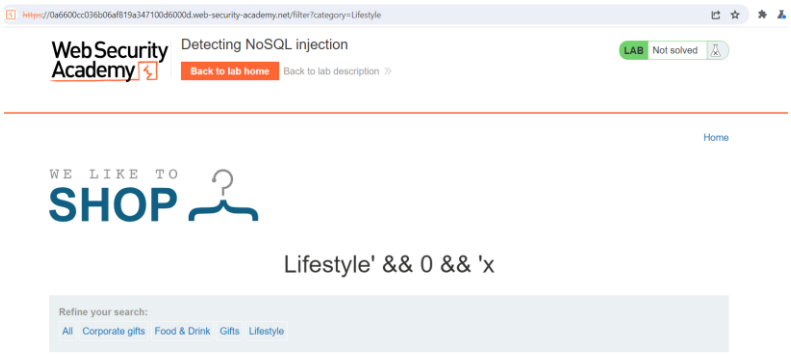


Now, I do not see any error.

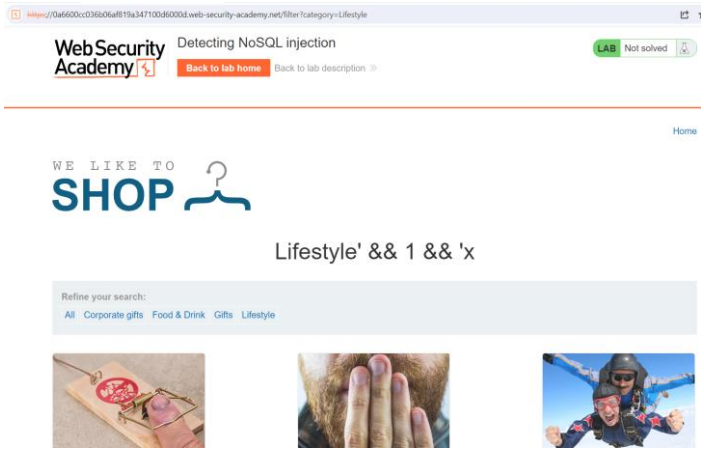
The next thing worth testing is to check if it is possible to operate with Boolean expressions. I prepared a simple payload for this, that will trigger a false condition:

?category=Lifestyle‘ && 0 && ‘x

The result:

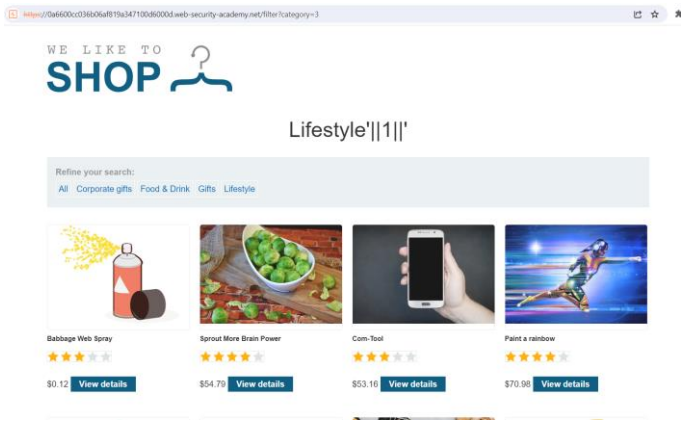


It does not show any products in any of categories (because it's false condition). And for true condition, we should change to: Lifestyle' && 1 && 'x



Now, the products of 'Lifestyle' category are available.

Constructing a payload that will always trigger a true condition will reveal unreleased products:



Lab's done!

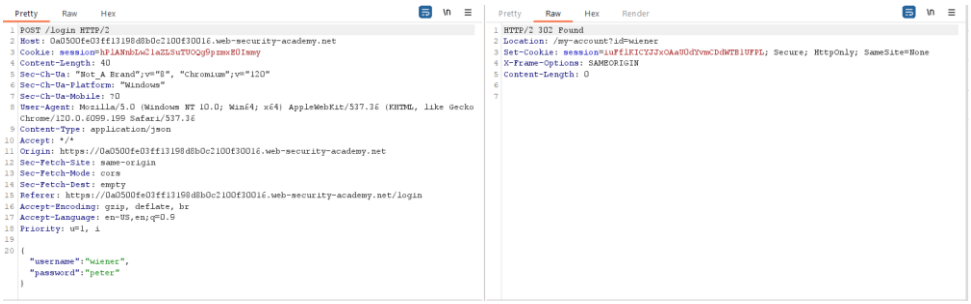
Congratulations, you solved the lab!

LAB 103 [Exploiting NoSQL operator injection to bypass authentication]

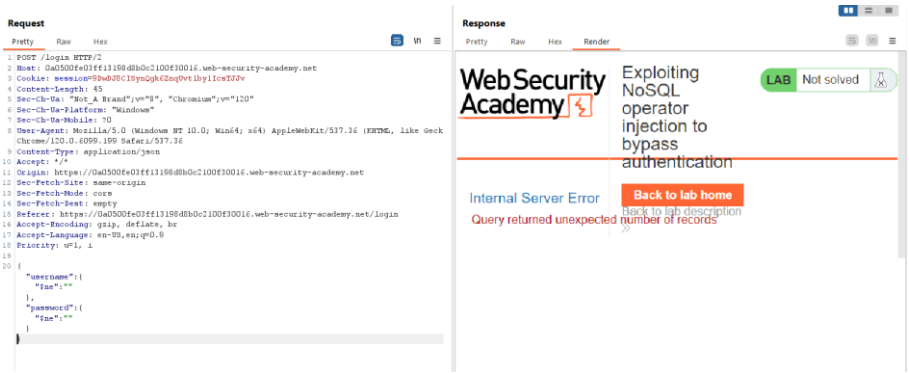
Valid credentials: `wiener:peter`

Goal: log in as administrator

Browsing the website, I tested the functionality for logging in and tried my valid credentials, Here are the contents of POST /login:

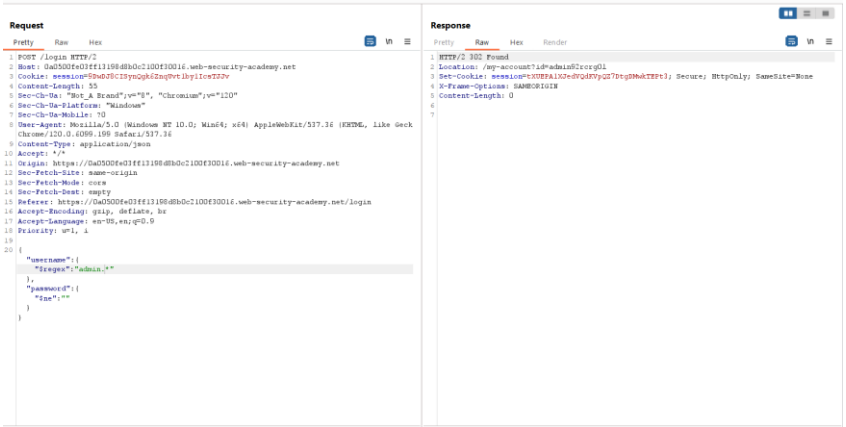


Since it is known, that MongoDB is used, I prepared a NoSQL injection using operators $ne (not equal) and tried to bypass the authentication functionality, The following payload will grab all existing fields for username and password:

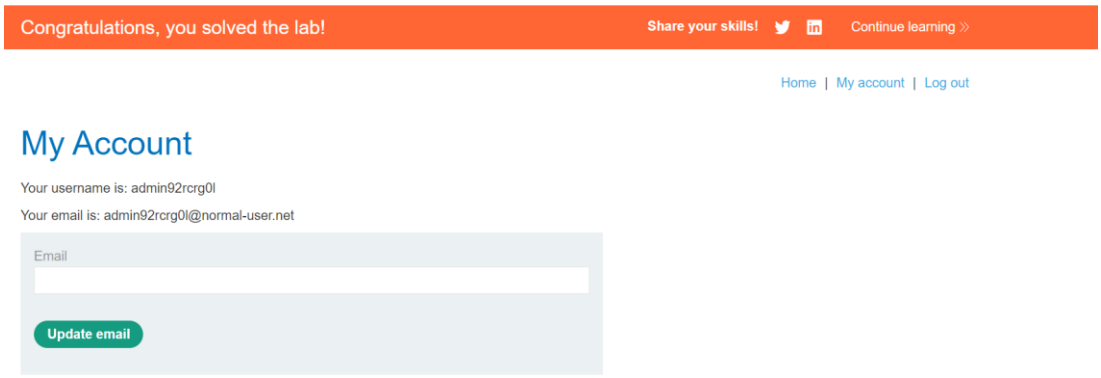


As expected, I cannot log in as multiple users, so I changed the username parameter to {“$in”: [“admin”, “administrator”]}. However, the result ended up with error “Invalid username or password”, so I had to change the payload to

{“$regex” : “admin.*”}, to find any username, containing admin in the beginning:



It resulted to a successful log in as admin92rcrg0l



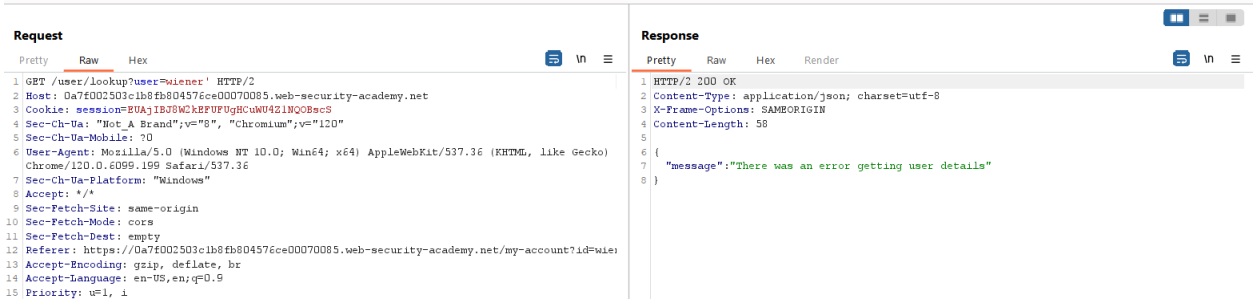
LAB 104 Exploiting NoSQL injection to extract data

Valid credentials: `wiener:peter`

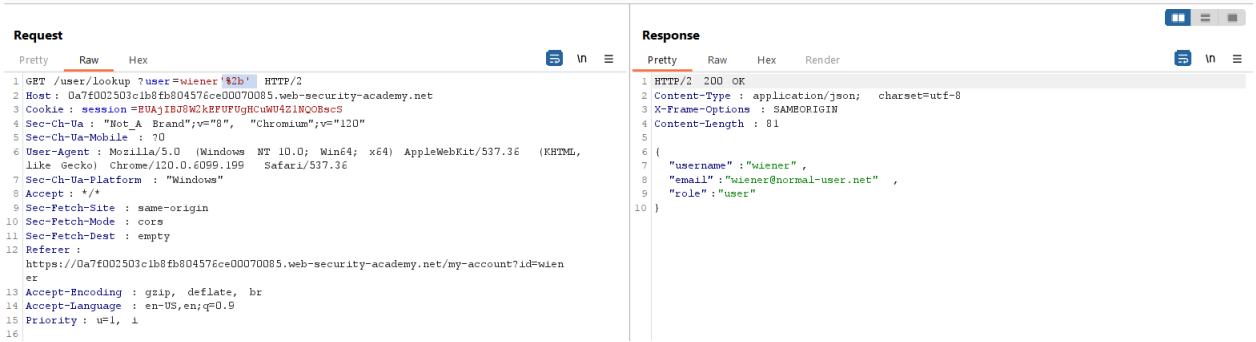
Goal: log in as administrator

The user lookup functionality for this lab is powered by a MongoDB NoSQL database. It is vulnerable to NoSQL injection.

Here is standard test for SQL Injection.

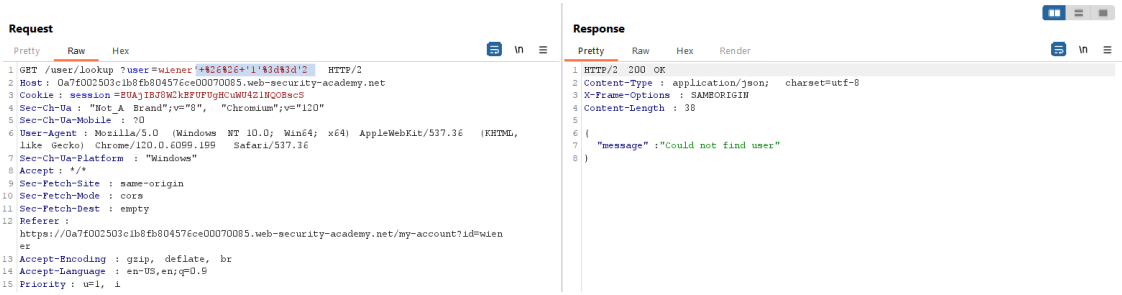


Now, trying to inject a valid JS payload:

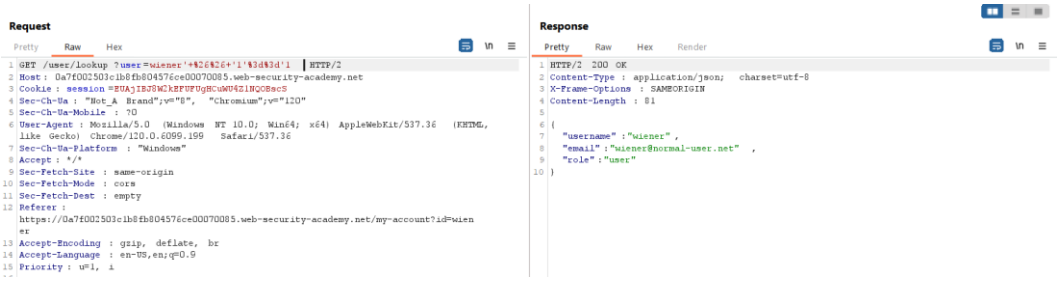


Great. Now, it returns something and it is a .json data.

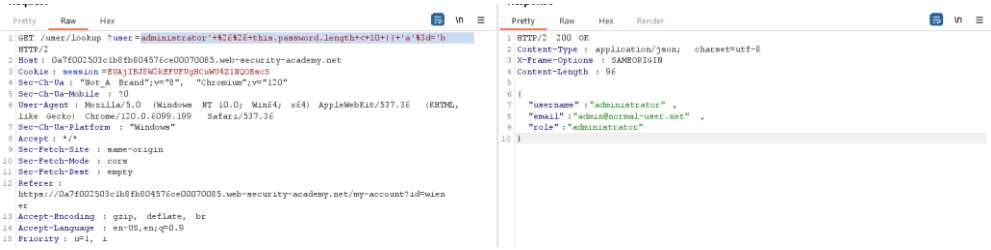
Now, let's test for Boolean statements and not forgetting to URL encode my injections. Here is the result for false condition (?username=wiener' && '1' == '2):



It ends up with an error "Could not find user", which is obvious, because it is false condition. With true condition (?username=wiener' && '1' == '1):

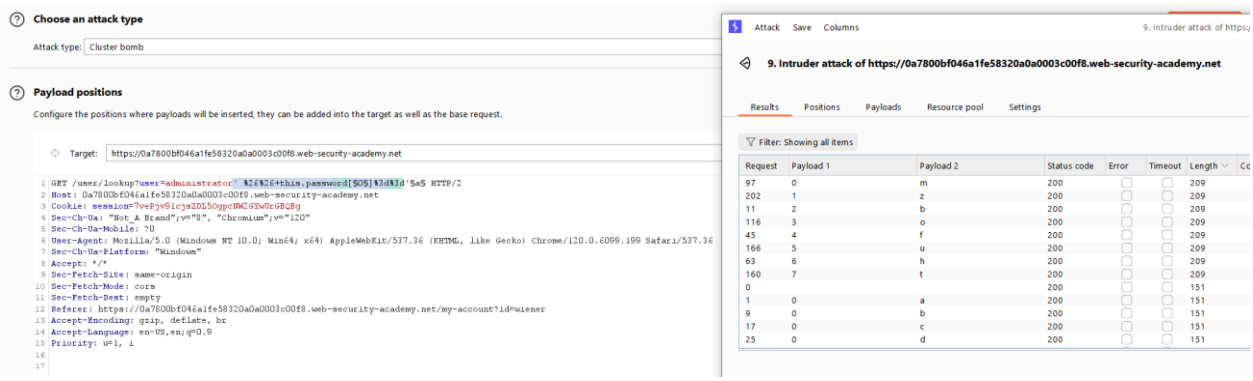


Therefore, it is possible to inject Boolean conditions and, therefore, one could exploit it and execute mongoDB functions. Let's figure out the length of the 'administrator' password by injecting ?user=administrator' && this.password.length<10 || 'a'=='b. If the password length is less than 10, it must return data for administrator user: his role and email:



Iterating left, up to password length equal 8, I finally trigger false condition, meaning that password is exactly 9 characters long.

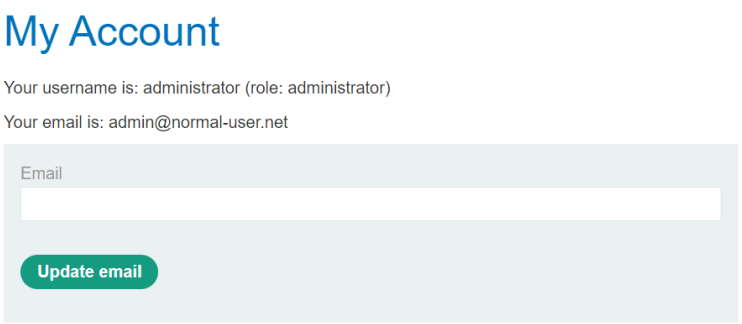
This can be easily bruteforced by Burp Intruder's Cluster bomb attack. To do this, I sent the request to Intruder and modified the payload to ?user=administrator' && this.password[0] == 'a and applying brute force on password string index (numbers from 0 to 7 with step 1) and symbol it is being compared to (for sake of simplicity, just lowercase letters a-z):



Filtering the result by password indexes and response length (the successful attempts will have different length among the other), I discovered the password from the admin account:

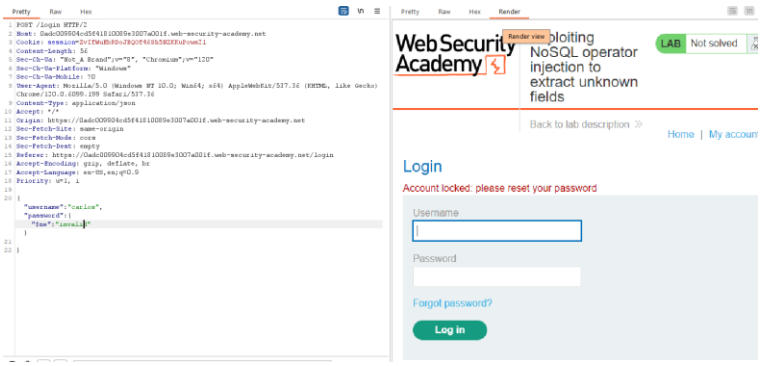
Password: mzbofuht

Logging in:



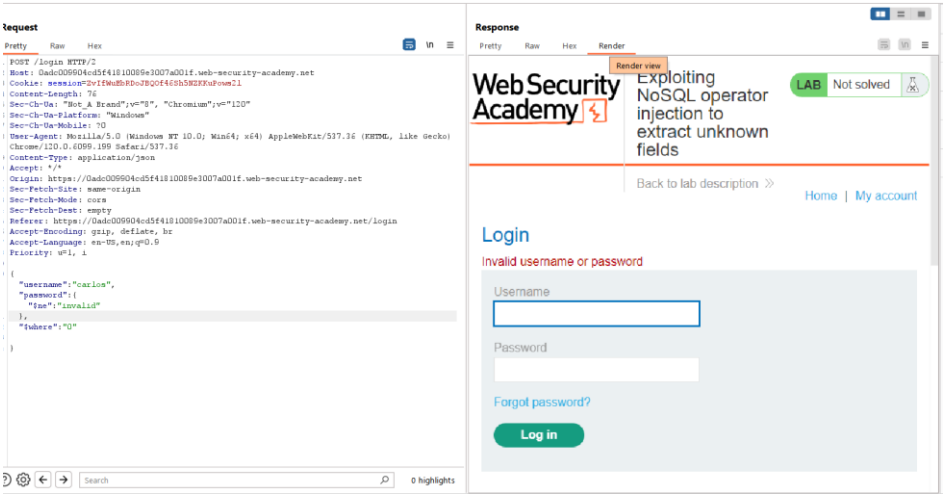
LAB 105 Exploiting NoSQL operator injection to extract unknown fields

This lab has a functionality of password reset. Playing around with log in page, I noticed that entering wrong password leads to "Invalid username or password". However, if I add an additional parameter {"$ne" : "invalid} into the json inside POST login, I will hit the following error:

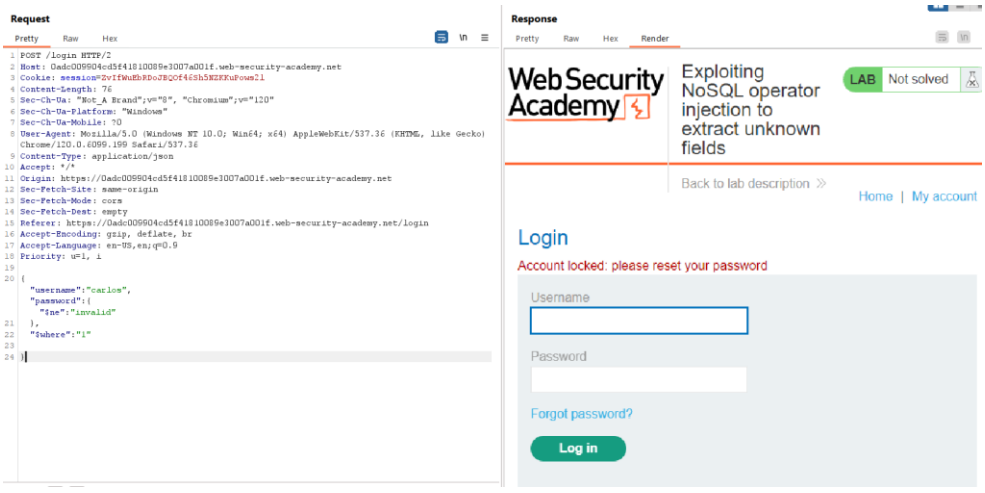


Password reset requires an access to email client, so I will not be able to change it directly.

At this point, I decided to check if the application is vulnerable to java script injections by modifying the request with “$where” : “0” false clause:



And with valid one I am receiving a different error message, meaning that the website has such vulnerability:



Next thing to do is to discover and identify the unknown fields. For this purpose, I had sent the request into Burp Intruder and constructed an injection:

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"$where":"Object.keys(this)[1].match('^.{§§}§§.*')"
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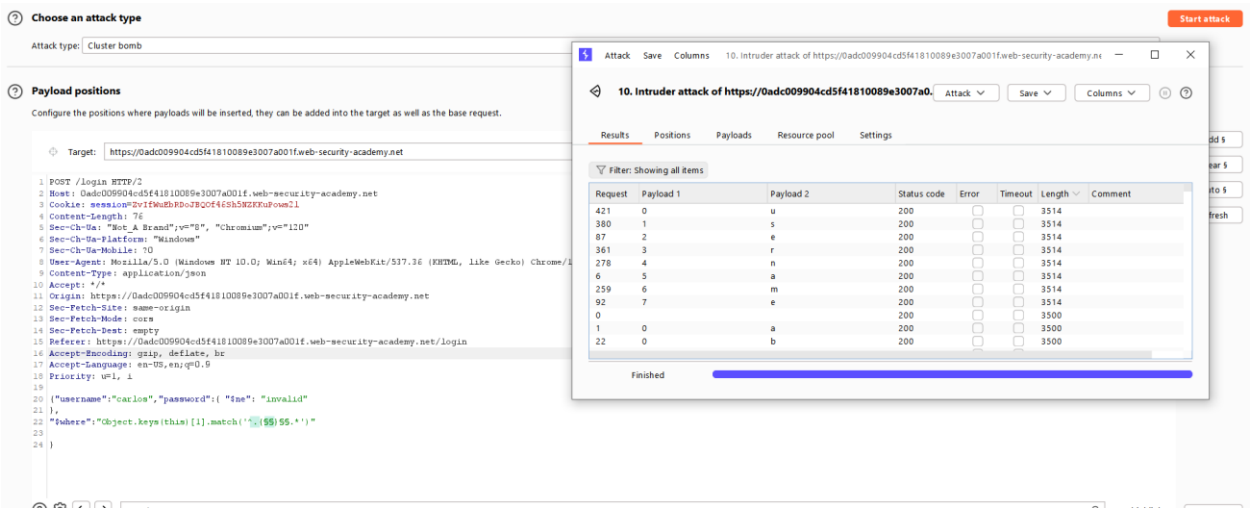
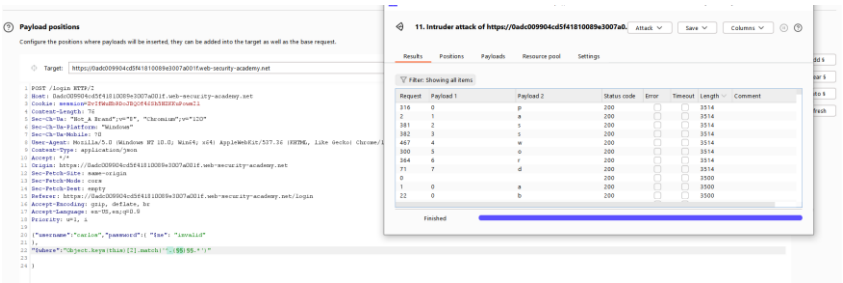
This will evaluate each character of the 1st parameter by one, using a-z, A-Z, 0-9 range. I assumed that there are 20 characters long parameters and applied Cluster bomb attack:

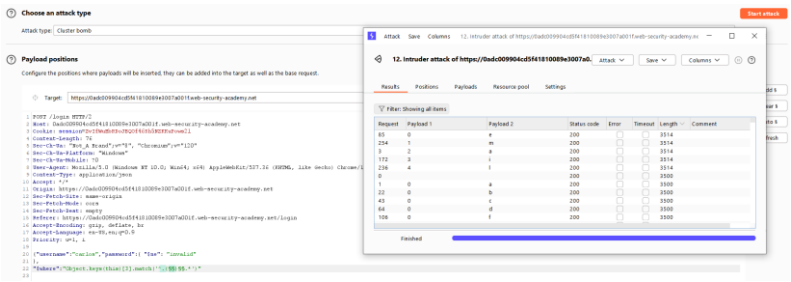


Once done, I discovered 1st field to be ‘username’. Iterating the index, I can find other columns:

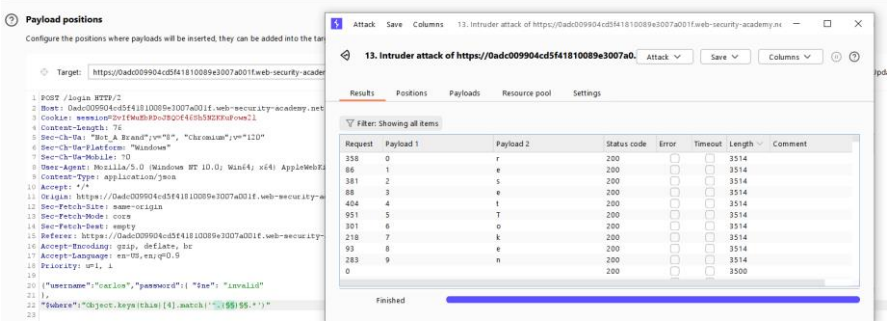
password



email



resetToken



The last one is particularly interesting, as it can be also bruteforced in same manner, character by character. Let's try to check if it is present. Most likely, it is on /forgot-password endpoint: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"Invalid token"
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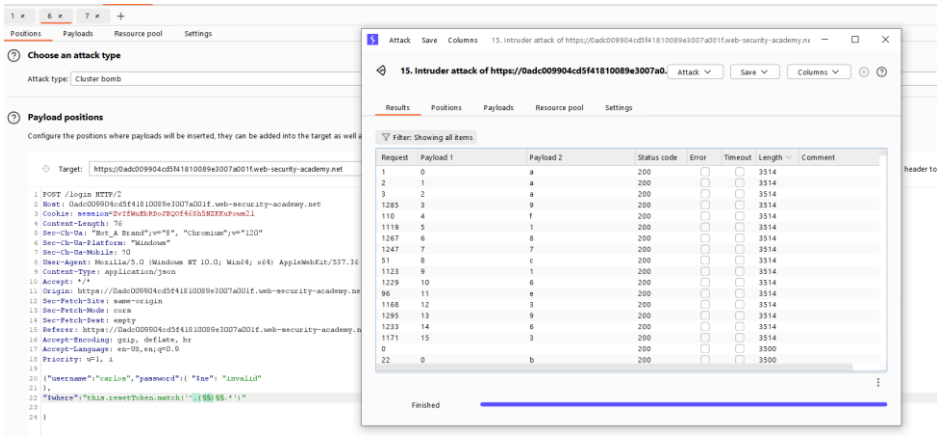
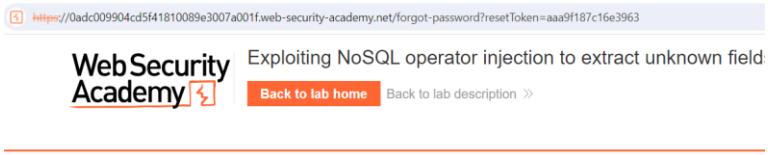
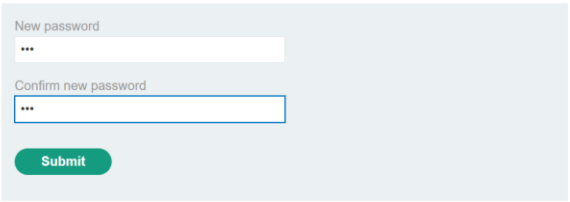
Having the positive error, I can proceed to bruteforce:



resetToken=aaa9f187c16e3963

Inserting it instead of 'invalid' value used before and I was welcomed by Password change window:





Now, I am able to log in as 'carlos' with new password: