# Natas Lab Report - Levels 0 to 8

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## Level 0 → Level 1

#### Objective:

To find the password hidden in the HTML source code of the webpage.

#### **Key Skill Learned:**

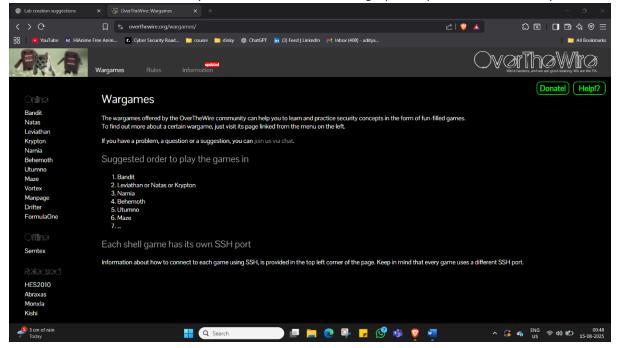
Basic HTML inspection using browser tools.

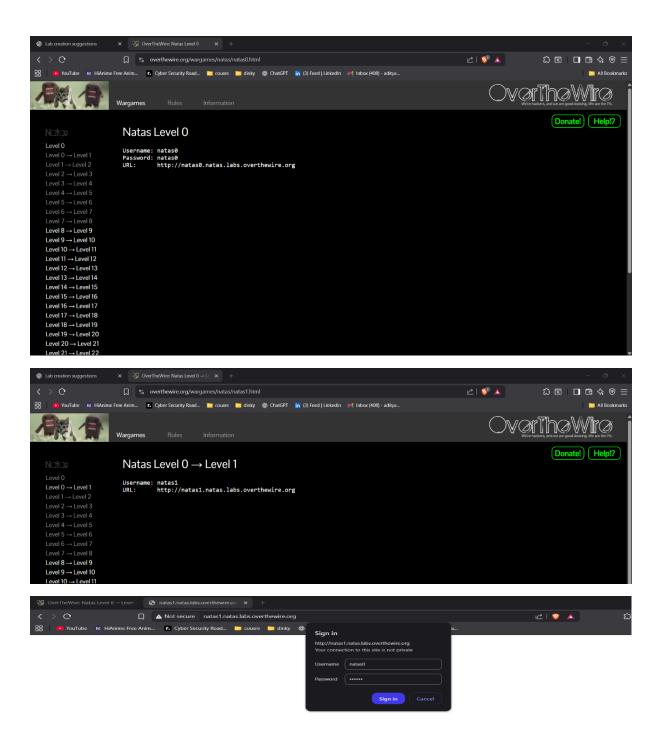
#### **Detailed Steps:**

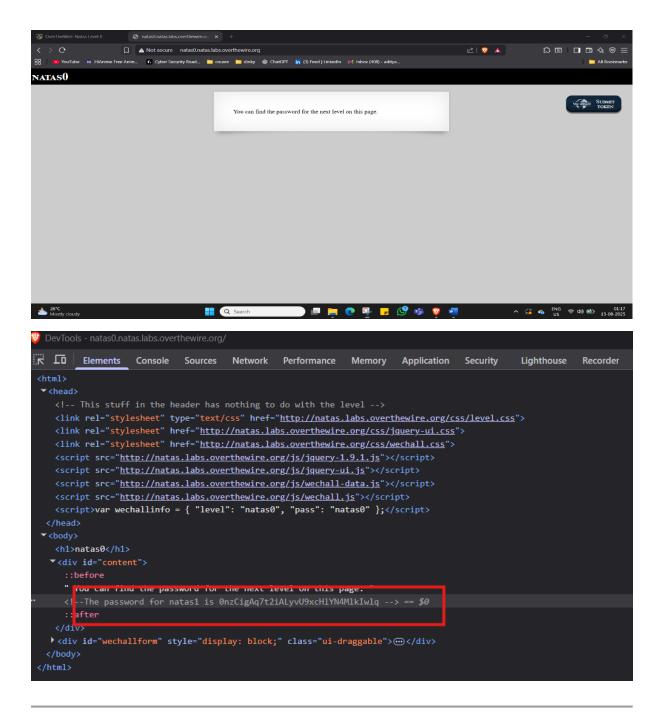
- 1. Open the URL for Natas Level 0:
- 2. http://natas0.natas.labs.overthewire.org
- 3. Enter the username and password provided (natas0 / natas0).
- 4. Once logged in, right-click anywhere on the page and select **View Page Source**. Alternatively, press Ctrl+U to open the HTML source directly.
- 5. Scroll through the HTML code and look for comments in the form:
- 6. <!-- The password is XXXXXXXXX -->
- 7. Note down the password for Level 1.

#### Outcome:

Password for Level 1 successfully obtained. Password: OnzCigAq7t2iALyvU9xcHlYN4MlkIwlq







#### Level 1 → Level 2

## Objective:

Find the password hidden in HTML, but bypass right-click restrictions.

## **Key Skill Learned:**

Bypassing basic JavaScript restrictions in the browser.

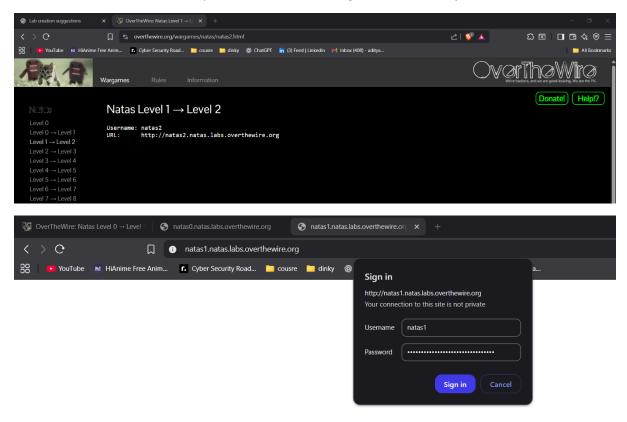
#### **Detailed Steps:**

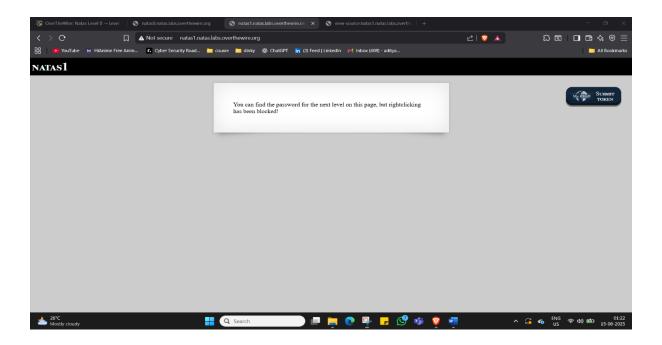
- 1. Open the Level 1 URL and log in using the Level 0 password.
- 2. Right-click is disabled on this page.
- 3. Press Ctrl+U to directly open the page source code.

4. Locate the HTML comment containing the password for Level 2.

#### **Outcome:**

Password for Level 2 successfully obtained. Password: TguMNxKo1DSa1tujBLuZJnDUlCcUAPII





#### Level 2 → Level 3

#### Objective:

Find the password hidden inside an image file.

#### **Key Skill Learned:**

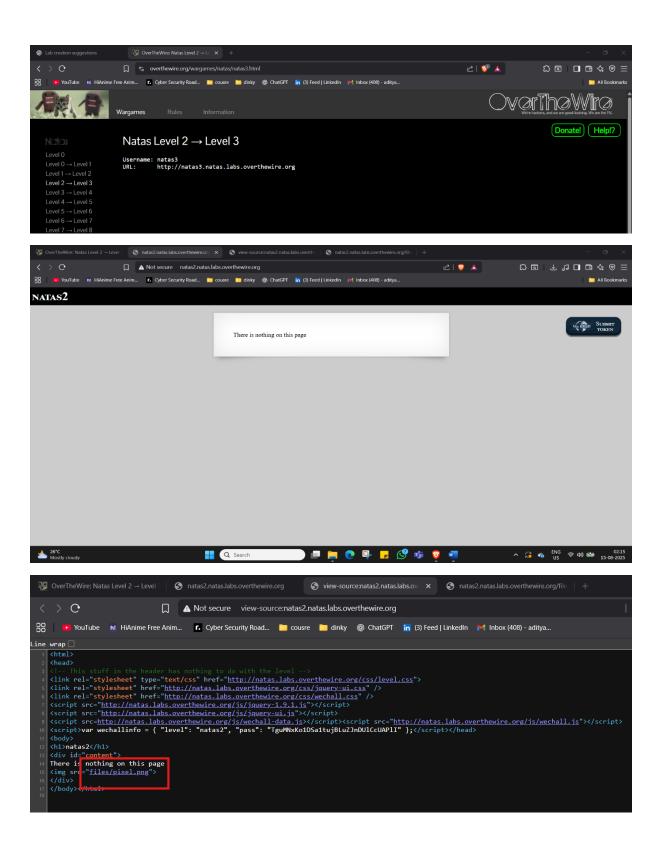
Viewing and extracting data from file metadata.

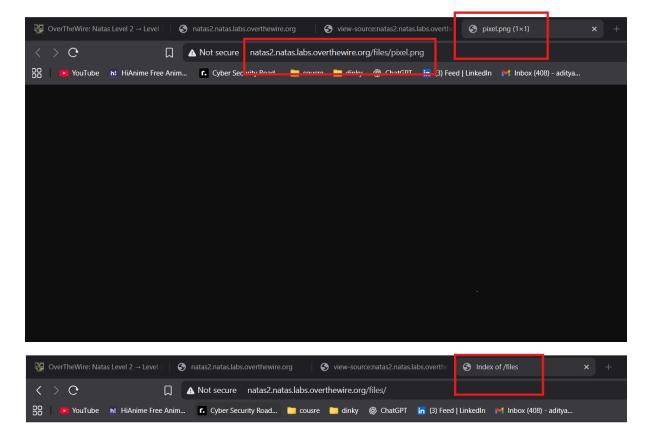
# **Detailed Steps:**

- 1. Log in to Level 2 using the Level 1 password.
- 2. Open the HTML source and find an image file link.
- 3. Download the image file to your system.
- 4. Use strings image.jpg in a terminal or an online EXIF viewer to inspect its metadata.
- 5. Locate the password hidden within the metadata.

## Outcome:

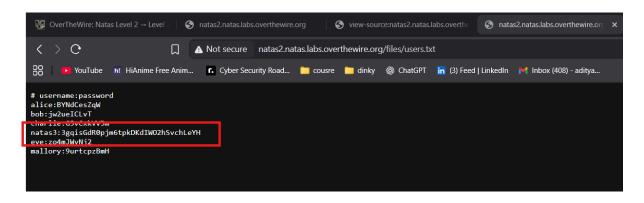
Password for Level 3 successfully obtained. Password: 3gqisGdR0pjm6tpkDKdIWO2hSvchLeYH





# **Index of /files**





# Level 3 → Level 4

## Objective:

Find the password hidden in a restricted directory.

## **Key Skill Learned:**

HTML source analysis and hidden directory discovery.

# **Detailed Steps:**

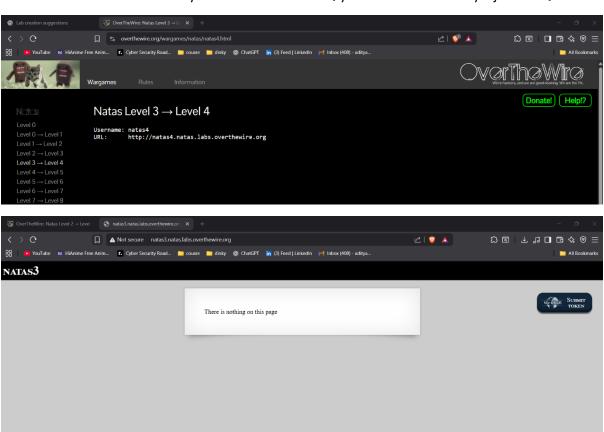
- 1. Log in to Level 3 using the Level 2 password.
- 2. View the HTML source and find a comment pointing to /s3cr3t/.
- 3. Visit http://natas3.natas.labs.overthewire.org/s3cr3t/.

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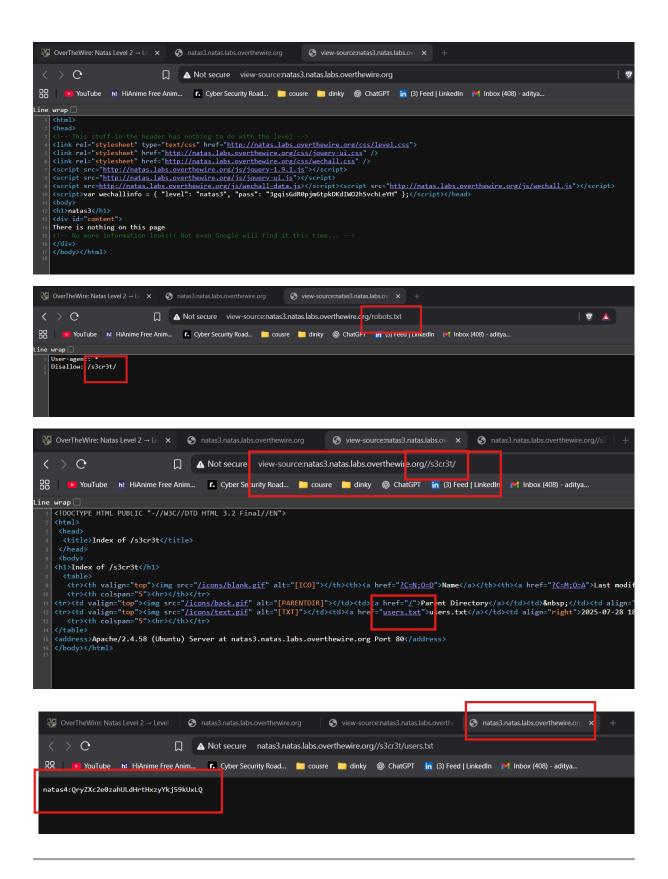
4. Open users.txt to get the password for Level 4.

## Outcome:

Password for Level 4 successfully obtained. Password: QryZXc2e0zahULdHrtHxzyYkj59kUxLQ



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#### Level 4 → Level 5

#### Objective:

Read a file in a directory that is not directly linked on the page.

# **Key Skill Learned:**

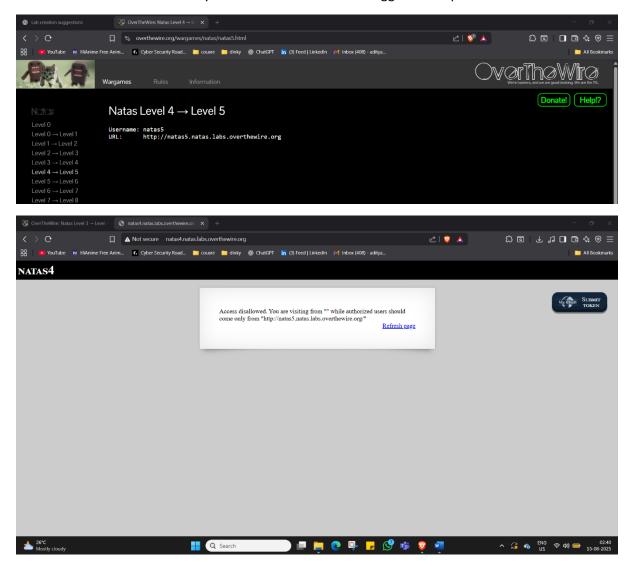
Directory traversal via URL manipulation.

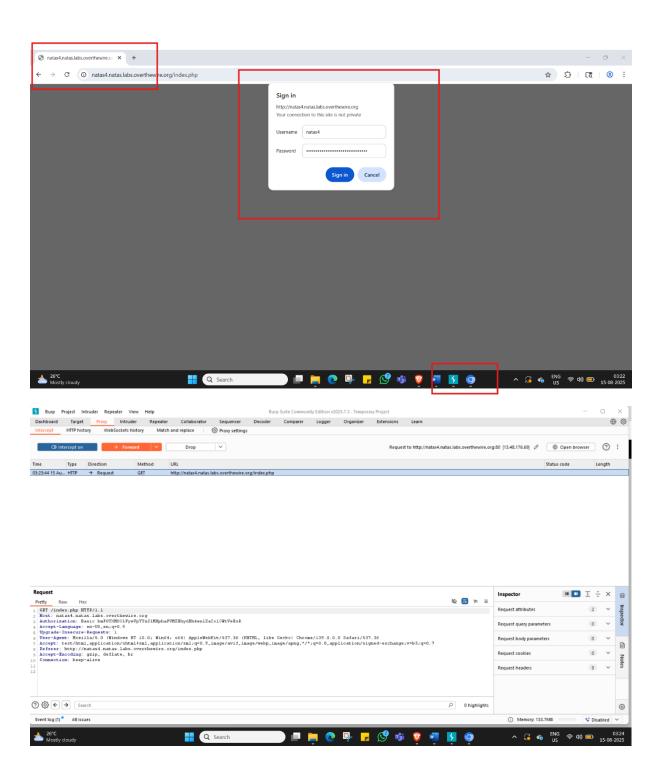
# **Detailed Steps:**

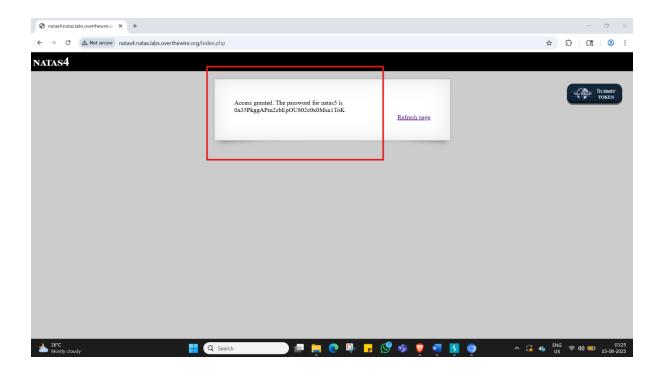
- 1. Log in to Level 4.
- 2. In the HTML source, locate an <img> tag pointing to /files/....
- 3. Remove the image name in the URL to access /files/.
- 4. Find password.txt in the directory listing and open it.

#### **Outcome:**

Password for Level 5 successfully obtained. Password: 0n35PkggAPm2zbEpOU802c0x0Msn1ToK







## Level 5 → Level 6

## Objective:

Change a cookie value to gain access.

# **Key Skill Learned:**

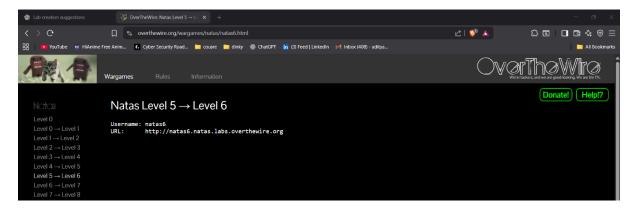
Cookie manipulation in browser Developer Tools.

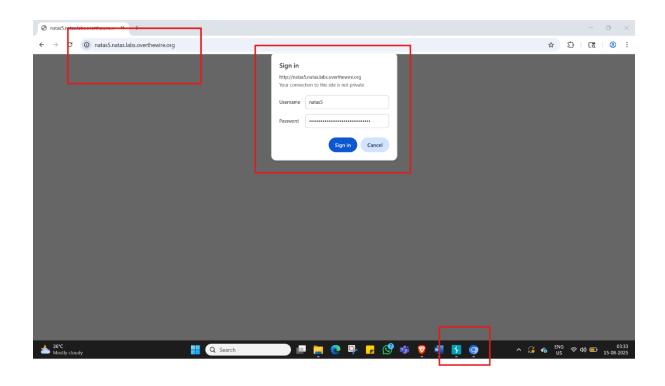
# **Detailed Steps:**

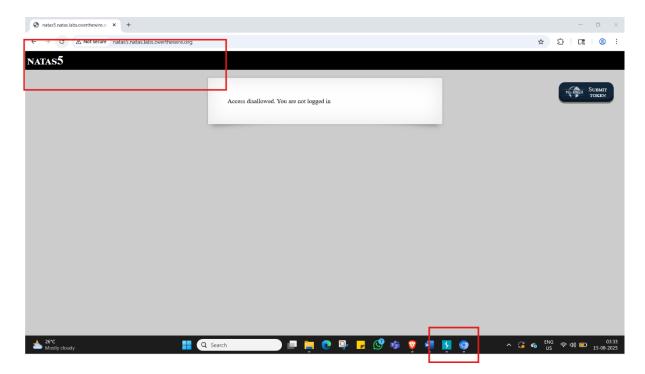
- 1. Log in to Level 5.
- 2. The page says: "Access disallowed. You are not logged in."
- 3. Open Developer Tools  $\rightarrow$  Application  $\rightarrow$  Cookies.
- 4. Change loggedin=0 to loggedin=1.
- 5. Refresh the page to reveal the Level 6 password.

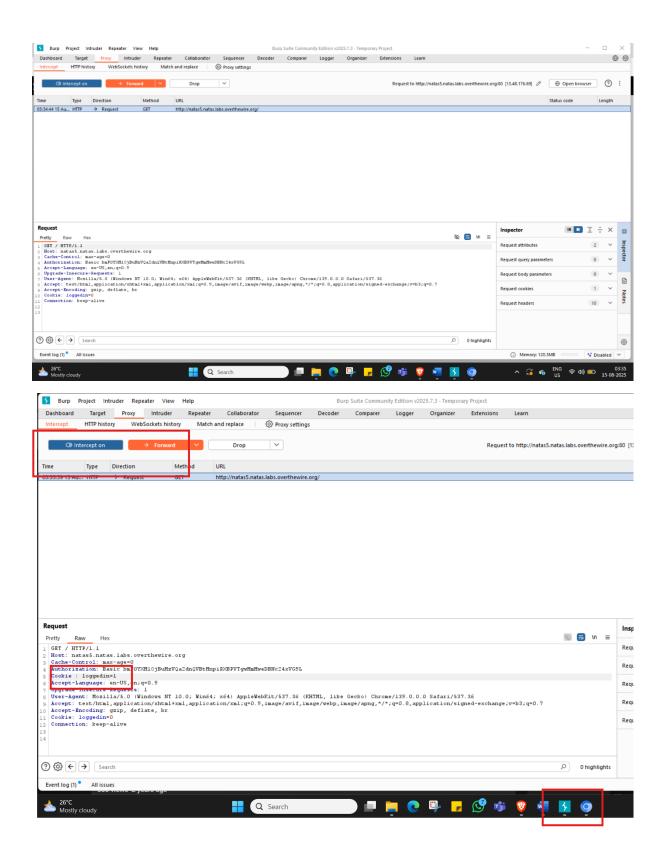
# Outcome:

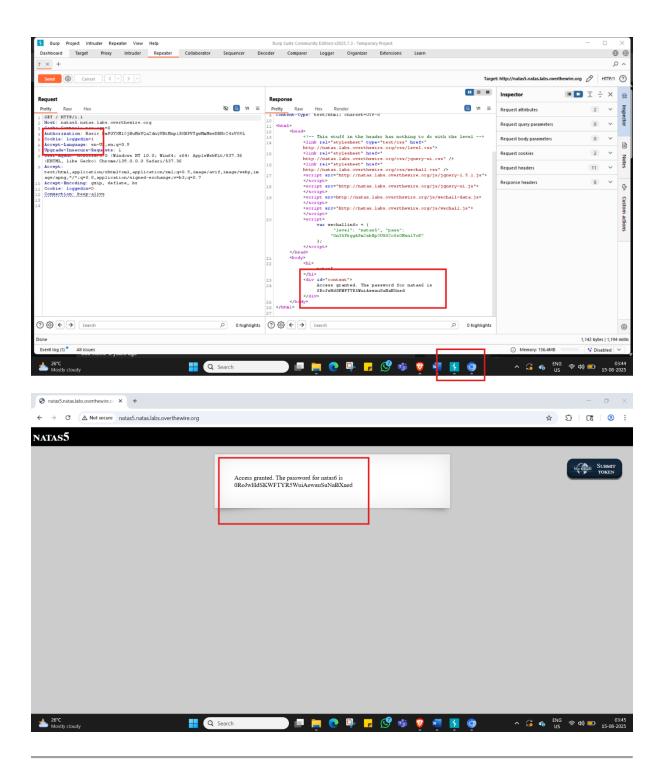
Password for Level 6 successfully obtained. Password: ORoJwHdSKWFTYR5WuiAewauSuNaBXned











# Level 6 → Level 7

# Objective:

Guess the location of a hidden file.

# **Key Skill Learned:**

Filename guessing and direct access attempts.

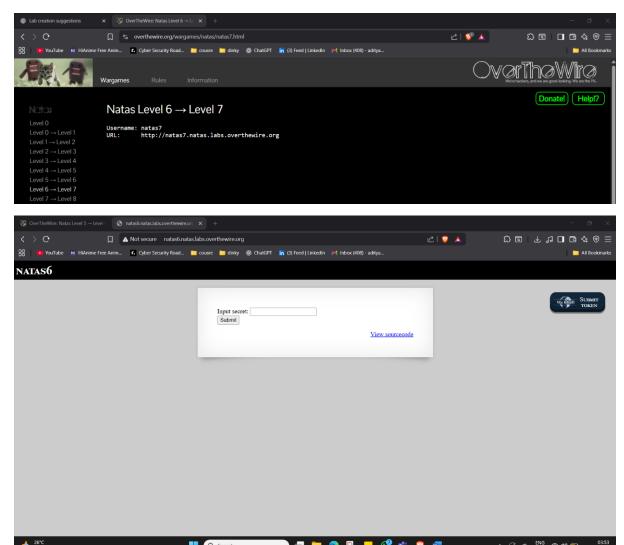
# **Detailed Steps:**

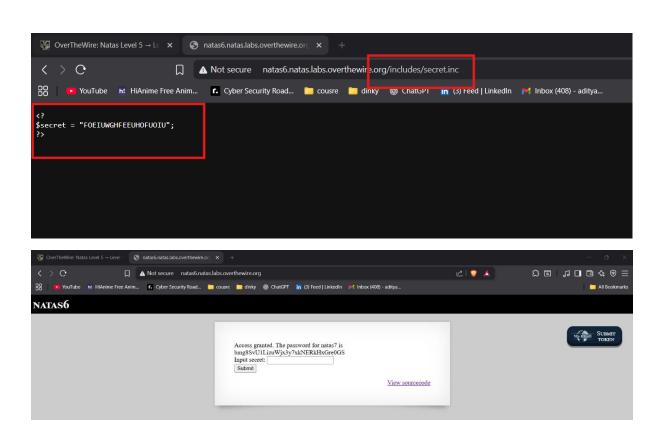
1. Log in to Level 6.

- 2. Page hints that the secret is in /includes/.
- 3. Visit /includes/ → directory listing is blocked.
- 4. Guess common filenames like /includes/password.inc.
- 5. Found password for Level 7.

## Outcome:

Password for Level 7 successfully obtained. Password: bmg8SvU1LizuWjx3y7xkNERkHxGre0GS





# Level 7 → Level 8

# Objective:

Exploit a URL parameter to read a server-side file.

# **Key Skill Learned:**

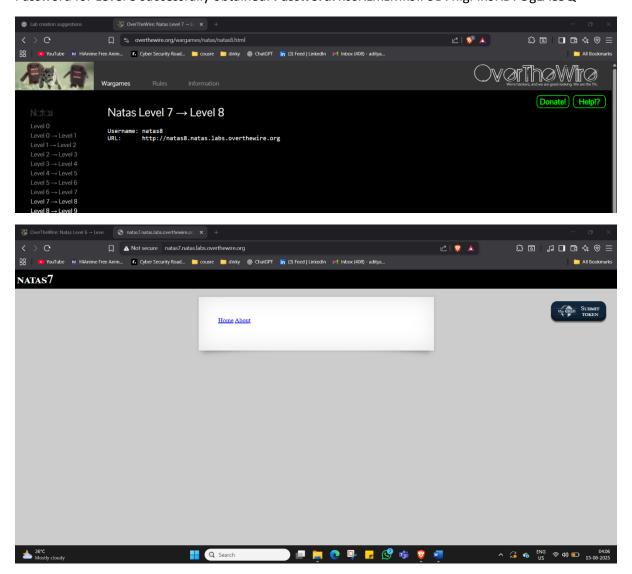
Local File Inclusion (LFI) via parameter tampering.

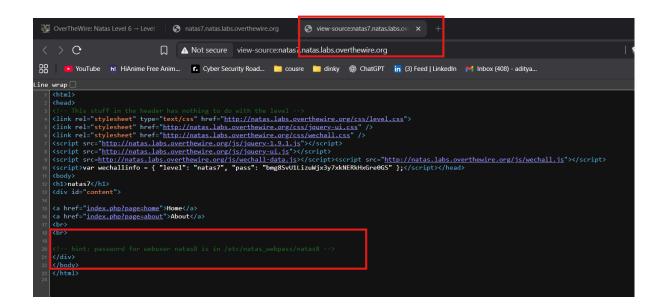
# **Detailed Steps:**

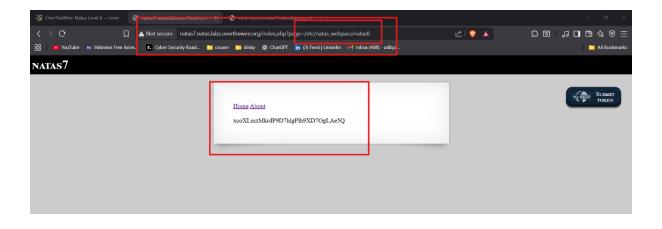
- 1. Log in to Level 7.
- 2. URL contains page=about.
- 3. Change it to:
- 4. page=/etc/natas\_webpass/natas8
- 5. The page displays the password for Level 8.

## Outcome:

Password for Level 8 successfully obtained. Password: xcoXLmzMkoIP9D7hlgPlh9XD7OgLAe5Q







#### Level 8

# Objective:

Decrypt an XOR-encrypted password.

#### **Key Skill Learned:**

Using Python/CyberChef for decryption.

# **Detailed Steps:**

- 1. Log in to Level 8.
- 2. Page shows encrypted data and mentions XOR encryption.
- 3. Use Python or CyberChef to XOR the data with the correct key.
- 4. Extract the password for Level 9.

## **Code to extract:**

import base64, binascii

encodedSecret = "3d3d516343746d4d6d6c315669563362"

# Step 1: hex  $\rightarrow$  bytes

step1 = bytes.fromhex(encodedSecret)

# Step 2: reverse

step2 = step1[::-1]

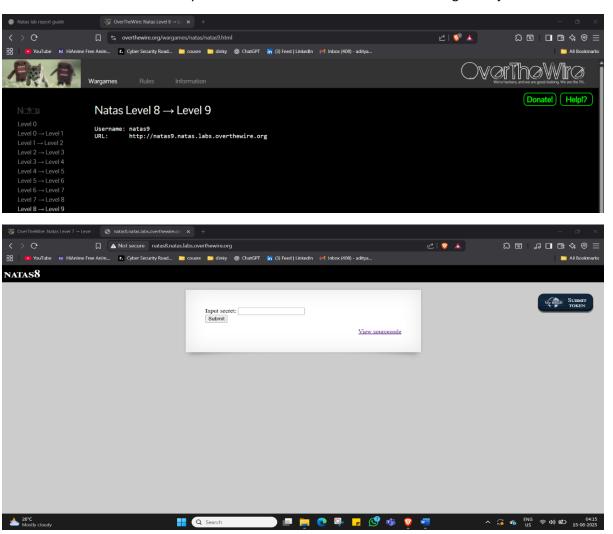
# Step 3: base64 decode

secret = base64.b64decode(step2)

print(secret.decode())

## **Outcome:**

Password for Level 9 successfully obtained. Password: ZE1ck82lmdGloErlhQgWND6j2Wzz6b6t



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       <script src="http://natas.labs.overthewire.org/js/jquery-1.9.1.js"></script src="http://natas.labs.overthewire.org/js/jquery-1.9.1.js"></script</pre>
       <script src="http://natas.labs.overthewire.org/js/jquery-ui.js"></script>
      <script src=http://natas.labs.overthewire.org/js/wechall-data.js></script
<script>var wechallinfo = { "level": "natas8", "pass": "<censored>" };</s</pre>
       <body>
       <h1>natas8</h1>
       <div id="content">
       <?
       $encodedSecret = "3d3d516343746d4d6d6c315669563362";
       function encodeSecret($secret) {
            return bin2hex(strrev(base64_encode($secret)));
      if(array_key_exists("submit", $_POST)) {
    if(encodeSecret($_POST['secret']) == $encodedSecret) {
           print "Access granted. The password for natas9 is <censored>";
            } else {
           print "Wrong secret";
       ?>
       <form method=post>
      Input secret: <input name=secret><br>
       <input type=submit name=submit>
       </form>
       <div id="viewsource"><a href="index-source.html">View sourcecode</a></div</pre>
       </div>
       </body>
       </html>

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Level	Objective	Key Skill Learned	Outcome
0→1	Find hidden comment in HTML	Basic HTML inspection	Password found
1→2	Bypass disabled right-click	Browser DevTools usage	Password found
2→3	Check image metadata	EXIF/strings analysis	Password found
3→4	Access hidden folder	HTML source analysis	Password found
4→5	Directory traversal	URL path manipulation	Password found
5→6	Cookie manipulation	Web storage editing	Password found
6→7	Guess hidden files	Filename guessing	Password found
7→8	Local file inclusion	Parameter tampering	Password found
8	XOR decryption	Cryptography basics	Password found