### **Government Secrets DB**

"A CTF Extravaganza" – OPERATING GUIDE

### **Credentials:**

- Windows WebServer VM:
  - Uncle:P@ssedU1
  - o Admin:@dm1n1sR00t
    - All security question answers are 'abc123'
- Government Secrets DB (The website)
  - o Admin: @dmin5rul3Z

### Instructions:

- Restore VM to 'Good' snapshot for clean state. Boot up and log in to 'uncle' user. DO
   NOT TOUCH ANYTHING AFTER LOGGING IN!
  - a. 'START\_WEBPAGE.bat' is set to run upon log in and any clicks or keystrokes WILL
    mess this script up.
    - i. If this script gets messed up, close all windows and click the 'START WEBPAGE.bat' icon on Desktop.
  - b. Everything is good to go once you see a Firefox window with the comments page ('Everyone's a Critic') auto refreshing every 5 seconds or so.
- 2. Confirm SentryHD is up by checking the HMI. It is running on ports 81 and 444.

# **Upkeep:**

- 1. Keep an eye on the comments page and make sure that 'Admin' is constantly refreshing and loading ALL of the comments.
  - a. If comments are not loading due to a disgruntled web user, click 'REFRESH\_DB.bat' icon on Desktop.
    - i. This will clear comments DB. You may need to re-input URL to 'localhost/comments' if XSS was clever enough to redirect you.
- 2. IF IP CHANGES link to backend of site will be broken
  - a. Update 'server\_ip' variable inC:\Users\uncle\HAVIC\_XSS\_2\react\_front\constants.js and run 'yarn build' inC:\Users\uncle\HAVIC\_XSS\_2\react\_front\ directory

# **Future work:**

- Admin bot is vulnerable to XSS manipulation. Alerts and redirects will break the script. I
  plan on implementing an autodetect feature that will wipe comments DB clean every
  time a user breaks the refreshing script.
- 2. I want to plant more hints.
  - a. Flag 1: leave a comment stating that the Admin is currently on and checking the
  - b. Flag 3: mention something about a UPS manager inside of the box