

# Secrets in Source 2

<https://hackerdna.com/labs/secrets-in-source-2>

*SecureVault Technologies* claims their website is completely secure with advanced source code protection. They've disabled right-click, blocked developer tools, and implemented detection systems to prevent any snooping. But is client-side security really as strong as they think? Put your skills to the test and see if you can uncover the secrets they're trying so hard to hide!

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**Platform:** HackerDNA

**Difficulty:** Very Easy Level

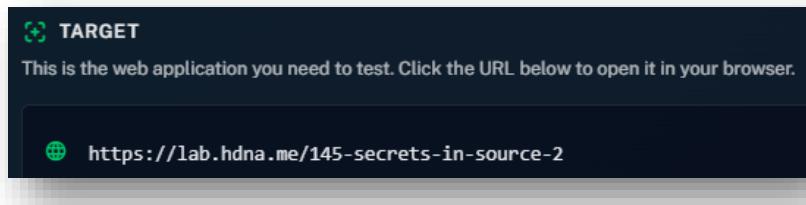
**Flag Points:** 5 (1 flag worth +5 pts)

*\*Additional points can be earned by doing a community Writeup*

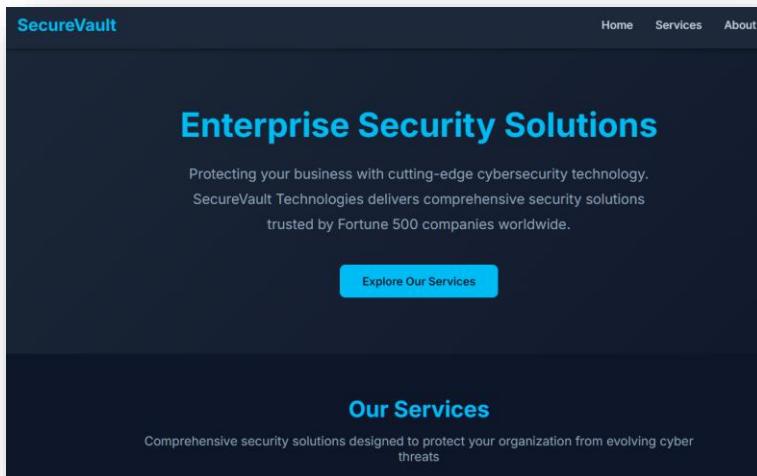
**Objective:** This lab is designed to identify hidden credentials and the flag by inspecting the webpage's client-side source code, then use the exposed information to access the protected area and submit the flag.

**Target Example:** <https://hackerdna.com/labs/secrets-in-source-2>

Once the machine is ready, click the provided target URL in your Lab.



Example:



## Open Developer Tools

- Press F12 on your keyboard.
- Go to the Sources tab.
- Look for JavaScript files such as:
  - script.js
  - auth.js
  - main.js
  - or any file that looks custom to the lab.

\*Secrets in the Source labs always hide something in these files.

## To Bypass the DevTools Blocking (Easy Trick)

1. Open a new empty tab
2. Press F12
3. Now paste the Target URL into the address bar and load it
4. DevTools will stay open – the page can't block it

Alternatively you can Hold **CTRL+U** to force-view the page source.

## Inspect the JavaScript

Inside the script file, look for:

Hard-coded **username**

Hard-coded **password**

A flag or a reference to a flag file

(e.g., flag.txt, /flags/flag-user.txt, etc.)

## You will typically see something like:

```
if (username === "admin" && password === "SomePassword!") {  
    // success  
    fetch('/randomfolder/flag.txt')  
}
```



```
262     <!-- Secret Flag: /s *****_*****_****h/flag.txt -->  
263     <!-- Don't even try to view the source, it's protected! -->  
264  
265     <nav class="navbar">  
266         <div class="nav-container">  
267             <div class="logo">SecureVault</div>  
268             <ul class="nav-menu">  
269                 <li><a href="#home">Home</a></li>  
270                 <li><a href="#services">Services</a></li>  
271                 <li><a href="#about">About</a></li>  
272                 <li><a href="#contact">Contact</a></li>  
273             </ul>  
274         </div>  
275     </nav>
```

## Extract the Credentials

Write down:

- **Username**
- **Password**
- **Flag** (if visible)
- Or the **path** to the flag file

This is the core of the lab.

## Log In

- Return to the login page.
- Enter the username and password you found in the script.
- Click **Login**.

If the lab doesn't have a login page, it may instead have a button that reveals the flag after the script runs.

## Retrieve the Flag

Depending on the lab version:

- The flag may appear directly on the page after login.
- Or you may need to open the referenced file in the browser: Example:  
<https://lab.hDNA.me/.../flag.txt>

Copy the flag exactly as shown in screen shot above.

## Submit the Flag

- Return to the HackerDNA lab interface.
- Paste the flag into the submission box.
- Click **Submit** to complete the lab.

**Example:** A blank screen will appear for a code.

Example: f\*\*\*\*\*\_\*\*\*\*\_\*\*\*\*\_\*\*\*\*\_\*\*\*\*\*9

Copy this code as it appears and paste in the designated field in the lab.

