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Important Note: This document illustrates all the important steps required to complete this lab. This is by no means a comprehensive step-by-step solution for this exercise. This is only provided as a reference to various commands needed to complete this exercise and for your further research on this topic. Also, note that the IP addresses and domain names might be different in your lab.

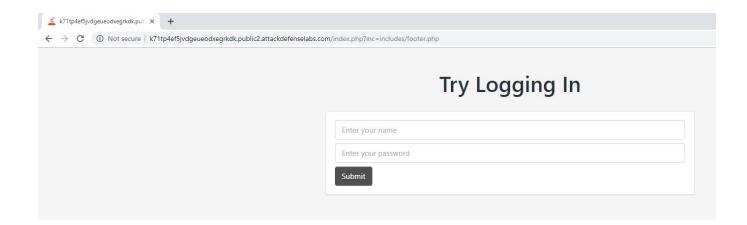
The home page content is protected with a login page. In order to view the content of the page, the user has to provide the right credentials. The credentials are stored in a file on the same server. And, due to a permission misconfiguration a sensitive access control file used by the web server is accessible/visible to the unauthenticated user. Also, the web app itself is vulnerable to LFI (Local File Inclusion).

Objective: Your task is to read the credential file's name from the accessible access control file, get the credentials by exploiting the LFI, access the web page content and retrieve the flag!

Solution:

Step 1: Inspect the web application.

URL: http://k71tp4ef5jvdgeueodxegrkdk.public2.attackdefenselabs.com



The "inc" GET parameter is vulnerable to LFI attack.

Step 2: Check the files present in "includes" directory.

URL: http://k71tp4ef5jvdgeueodxegrkdk.public2.attackdefenselabs.com/includes/



Step 3: View the ".htaccess" files.

URL: http://k71tp4ef5jvdgeueodxegrkdk.public2.attackdefenselabs.com/.htaccess



URL: http://k71tp4ef5jvdgeueodxegrkdk.public2.attackdefenselabs.com/includes/.htaccess



Restrictions are imposed by ".htaccess" file on "cR3d3NtlalS.conf" file. The "cR3d3NtlalS.conf" file cannot be accessed directly.

URL:

http://k71tp4ef5jvdgeueodxegrkdk.public2.attackdefenselabs.com/includes/cR3d3NtlalS.conf



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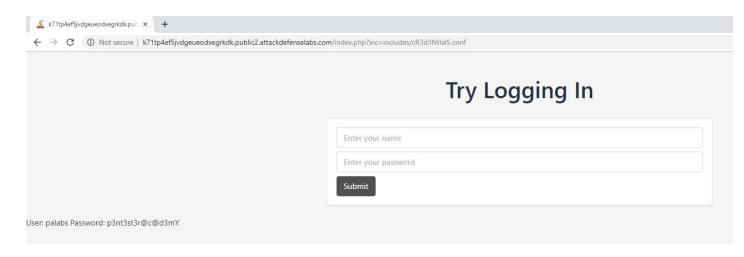
You don't have permission to access /includes/cR3d3NtIalS.conf on this server.

Step 4: View the content of "cR3d3NtlalS.conf" by exploiting the LFI vulnerability.



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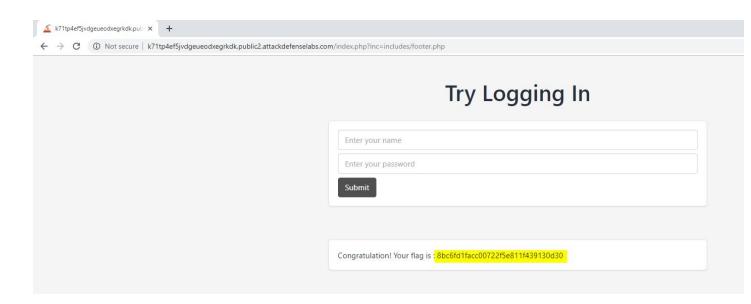
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Step 5: Login to the web application with the discovered credentials.

User: palabs

Password: p3nt3st3r@c@d3mY



Flag: 8bc6fd1facc00722f5e811f439130d30

References:

1. Apache httpd (https://httpd.apache.org/)